

B&DSME News

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Chairman's Thoughts

Our first event of 2008 will be a **Cream Tea Sunday** on 20th April and Peggy has asked if anyone, male or female, would like to make some cakes, but please **only cakes** this time. Thank you. As you may have noticed the backs to the double prototype trolley has been modified and we now have the rest of the skirts and backs made up to modify all the remaining trolleys, so we should be able to run more than one two-trolley train in the future. Thanks to all those who have been working on this project.

Bob and Neil are progressing with the signalling and a basic plan should be available shortly for all to see. I believe that the new signal will have two positions so being used in what ever direction we are running. Mike Durham is getting on well with the goods wagon it will be a shame to use it.

I was very fortunate to have a Wednesday off after Easter and ran my *Polly* between the showers; it was nice to be the only one on the track except for 'The Shed'. One thing I would say is that it is easy to pack up if everybody mucks in. If you use the track you must be prepared to do your bit and not leave it to a few to clear away.

At the last Committee Meeting we spent part of the evening discussing Health & Safety and it is evident that it is something that cannot be ignored. We are all responsible, as members, for the safe operation of the day to day running of the Society, whether it be running our monthly meeting, Tech-Chat meetings or Wednesday and Sunday running at the track. So if you feel that something is being carried out that could cause harm to others please let somebody know. We are not conducting a witch hunt or apportioning any blame, but simply trying to protect everyone, members and public alike, from the possibility of having to endure a Health & Safety investigation.

David Martin

Editor's Ramblings

A short Newsletter this month. That doesn't mean that there's nothing going on in the Society - more a case of the very early Easter getting in the way of preparing the copy. The April Tech-Chat Meeting once again ranged over a variety of topics with a lot of discussion on solving the problems one of our newer members is having with the 5" gauge Winson 14xx chassis he is building.

With this Newsletter you will find a 'Telephone Chain'. John Hoyle spent a lot of time assembling this and Neil Horder kindly printed it. The idea is simple. When an important piece of Society information needs to be got out to Members quickly - such as a last minute change to arrangements, or the cancellation of an event - the 'Telephone Chain' enables this to happen. On receiving a telephone call from the Member 'upstream' of you, make a note of the message content and then telephone the two Members 'downstream' from you. If you are unlucky and cannot contact either of the two 'downstreamers', please then contact their two 'downstreamers'. Please note that this system is only to be used for urgent communications originating from the top. It is not for trivial chit-chat.

It is suggested that you locate your position in the 'Chain' and make a note of your two 'downstream' Members and their telephone numbers. If you receive your copy of the Newsletter as an attachment to an e-mail then, obviously, you will not receive the printed version. Instead you will receive an extra attachment in the form of a .pdf file of the 'Chain'. If you have difficulty in reading this file please contact me for a hard copy.

Dick Ganderton

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Speedy News

We now have a completely finished boiler with a hydraulic test certificate, sitting in my spare room waiting to be fitted to the loco. An enormous vote of thanks must go to Merlin who has produced a beautiful boiler that will provide many years of service. He has been supported by Martin Cuff who provided the equipment and place for the silver soldering to be carried out, right up to the beginning of winter. Only the last two or three soldering operations were done elsewhere with borrowed oxyacetylene equipment. So we owe Martin and Fatima thanks for their hospitality and support without which this project would have been very difficult to complete.

Coupling and connecting rods are being rebushed and drive pins sleeved by David Boot and cylinders are with Norman Kitcher having a thorough overhaul. Then there are a few little jobs left (which look like being mostly down to me) before popping it all back together. I have decided to allocate one day a week to this task and starting from this Newsletter will provide dates that I intend to be working on Speedy. Anyone who would like to call round on those dates to see how it is coming along, will be most welcome. It would be good to have some company and a little encouragement. Perhaps it would be as well to phone to make sure I will definitely be there before leaving home.

The first dates are Thursday 17th and 24th April and 1st May from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

Brian Merrifield

Direction of Running

Sunday	13 th April	Clockwise	Wednesday	16 th April	Anticlockwise
Sunday	20 th April	Anticlockwise *	Wednesday	23 rd April	Clockwise
Sunday	27 th April	Clockwise	Wednesday	30 th April	Anticlockwise
Sunday	4 th May	Anticlockwise *	Wednesday	7 th May	Clockwise
Sunday	11 th May	Clockwise	Wednesday	14 th May	Anticlockwise
Sunday	18 th May	Anticlockwise *	Wednesday	21 st May	Clockwise
Sunday	25 th May	Clockwise	Wednesday	28 th May	Anticlockwise
Sunday	1 st June	Clockwise *	Wednesday	4 th June	Anticlockwise

* denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

B&DSME Diary Dates

16 th April 2008	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>RNLI by David Howell.</i>
1 st May 2008	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Brian Merrifield
21 st May 2008	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>RCV Model Internal Combustion Engines by Ray Ivey.</i>
9 th June 2008	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Venue to be decided.

Other Events

Large Scale Model Rail
12th - 13th April 2008
The Warwickshire Exhibition Centre

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Luscombe Valley Happenings

Here are the LVR dates for 2008

Cobweb Run	12 th - 13 th April
Steam Enthusiast Weekend	3 rd - 4 th May
Gala Weekend	26 th - 27 th July
Autumn Running Weekend	6 th - 7 th September
Steam Enthusiast Weekend	27 th - 28 th September
Humbug Day	20 th December

