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Chairman's Notes

I'm back writing my thoughts! Thanks once again for your kind wishes during my sabbatical and to the person who kindly filled this space for the past few months. We are always open to publishing members' articles as it makes a nice change to read the thoughts of others.

I was pleased to announce at our last Meeting that we have been awarded another Awards For All Lottery Grant. By the time this is published work should have started on the Disabled Ramps, bases for the Carriage Sheds and the second Station Platform.

By the time you read this it will be only a few days until our Santa Special, which is on Sunday 14th December. Please come along and help, it is usually very enjoyable and a worthwhile day for all and many hands do make light work.

The December meeting is our annual Christmas Party. Please bring cakes, crisps, sandwiches and snacks, etc. as per normal for the party. Prizes for the Christmas Raffle would also be gratefully appreciated.

I believe the seats on our annual trip to the London Model Engineering Exhibition at Alexandra Palace on Sunday 18th January 2008 are going well. If you want to go on the coach and haven't yet booked your seat see Mike Mortimer at the Meeting. Mike will also be pleased to take next year's subscription from you. It is staying the same as last year.

The Annual Dinner at the Crooked Beam Restaurant will be on Wednesday 28th January 2009. Dick will have enclosed a copy of the menu with this Newsletter so if you want to come get your cheque in as soon as possible as last year we were nearly at the capacity of the restaurant.

I would like to wish everybody a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

David Martin

Editor's Ramblings

Our Chairman is back again this month with a short 'Chairman's Notes' to get him back into the swing of thumping the keyboard.

The works to extend the traverser run to get access to the new Carriage Sheds, when they are completed, are almost finished. As you can see from the picture, the new wall looks very attractive now that it has been finished off with flat coping stones all round. Even with all the heavy rain we have had since completing the wall and concrete base there has been no evidence of puddles forming. The traverser rails now have stops welded in place to restrain the traverser from clouting the wall, but we could do with about 6" of rubber boat fender strip to act as a buffer.

As you will know by now, we have managed to get another Awards For All Lottery Grant and the contractor is due to start work on Monday 1st December. Because of this the track will not be operational on Wednesday 3rd December.

Don't forget that the December Tech-Chat Meeting is on Thursday 4th December. Although attendance at the recent Meetings has fallen off, the range of topics covered hasn't and we always have a very interesting evening.

Dick Ganderton





Santa Special 14th December 2008

The rosters for the forthcoming Santa Special event have been given to all those that volunteered. However, we do need members to help with erecting the scenery for Santa's Grotto on the day.

If you are able to offer to help with this essential part of the operation, please be at the track by 0900hrs. The more the merrier!

As usual, we need to move smartly if we are to be ready for the first train at 1100hrs.

Peggy has told me that she would like some cakes for the afternoon refreshments for helpers, please.

Dave Finn

2009 Annual Subscriptions

Mike Mortimer will be collecting Annual Subscriptions at the December Meeting. So, as well as the usual cakes and mince pies, bring your cheque book with you. The Subscriptions are still £20 or £21 for you and your partner.

Coach Outing - 2009 London Model Engineering Exhibition

A coach has been booked to the London Model Engineering Exhibition at Alexandra Palace on Sunday 18th January 2009. Leaving Littledown at 8.00 am, it will pick up at Meeting House Lane, Ringwood at 8.10 am. The coach fare will be £14.00 for adults and £7.00 for under 16s.

Mike Mortimer will be collecting payment for seats booked at the December Meeting. He still has a few seats left, call him on **01202 672613**.

16mm Update

Seasons Greetings to all our readers. Historically, wintertime is spent on maintenance of track and rolling stock rather than operation. Running on an outdoor track has to be dependent on the weather and this applies to Littledown as much as any of our home tracks. We remain optimistic for December for our First and Third Sundays, but we will not be running for the Santa Special run. It was suggested, but we decided that our efforts would be more appreciated in helping Father Christmas than running the 16mm. The little trains could cause a bottle-neck to the flow-through of visitors.

On the maintenance front we are building a double tunnel on the layout. Since we opened the Garden Railway children have been asking for a tunnel. We really do not understand the fascination for tunnels, but with few exceptions the children love them. The construction is well under way, but as it was made using ex-B&DSME passenger trolley wood, the tunnel is 'B&DSME Blue' and to our knowledge there aren't many blue hills around! (Try Googling on 'Blue Hills' – you will be surprised. Ed.) Hence we need some artificial grass (i.e. like greengrocer or florist matting material). If you have any spare or know where we can acquire some, please let us know.

Gordon Miles and Dave White



2009 Annual Dinner

The Society's Annual Dinner will take place at the Crooked Beam Restaurant, Jumpers, Christchurch on Wednesday 28th January 2009, 7.00 for 7.30pm. You will find the menu at the end of this Newsletter.

If you wish to attend, please send your menu choices, together with a cheque for the total amount, to Dick Ganderton, 'Graskop', 76, Dewlands Road, Verwood, Dorset BH31 6PN. Cheques made payable to B&DSME, please, it would be appreciated if you can do this as soon as possible, but no later than the January Meeting. As last year, there is a limit to the number of places available, so don't leave it too late to book or you could be disappointed!

Last year we tried a different table layout and we will use the same layout this time. If you want to organise yourself into groups, you must let me know beforehand so that I can arrange the seating accordingly.

Dick Ganderton



Speedy News

Last month I said that the superheater should soon be finished and fitted to the boiler, in fact it took longer to achieve than I originally thought. Happily it is now fitted and ready for service. With that done I decided to make the rear supports for the boiler, but before I could get that far a problem showed itself with the manufacture of the boiler.

The smoke box and boiler extended front tube plate are intended to fit together, however this was not possible owing to the two parts being different shapes. After tapping/beating the smoke box with a hammer they now fit together nicely. If you're reading this Merlin, don't worry, the boiler survived and is now sitting in the frames resting on its newly made mountings.

The next stage will be to make a start on the frames getting them ready for re assembly. I would like to grit blast them and wonder if anyone has access to a sand blaster with a cabinet big enough to take the frames. If you have then give me a call.

It was good to see Dave Martin back in action at last month's meeting looking his usual fit, healthy and smiling self. Long may it continue.

Brian Merrifield



Direction of Running

Sunday	7 th December	Clockwise*	Wednesday	10 th December	Anticlockwise
Sunday	14 th December	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	17 th December	Clockwise
Sunday	21 st December	Clockwise*	Wednesday	24 th December	Anticlockwise
Sunday	28 th December	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	29 th December	Clockwise
Sunday	4 th January	Clockwise *	Wednesday	7 th January	Anticlockwise
Sunday	11 th January	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	14 th January	Clockwise
Sunday	18 th January	Clockwise *	Wednesday	21 st January	Anticlockwise
Sunday	25 th January	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	28 th January	Clockwise

denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

B&DSME Diary Dates

4 th December 2008	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Dick Ganderton.</i> <i>Please let Dick know if you are attending.</i>
17 th December 2008	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>Christmas Party.</i>
8 th January 2009	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Note change of date! <i>Venue to be arranged.</i>
21 st January 2009	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>Speaker to be arranged.</i>
28 th January 2009	Annual Dinner; 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Crooked Beam Restaurant, Jumpers, Christchurch. Menu and details from Dick next month.
4 th December 2008	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Venue to be arranged.</i>

Newsletter By E-mail

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Luscombe Valley Happenings

Humbug Day 20th December

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Annual Dinner

28th January 2009

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

£17.50

Appetiser

S1 Melon & Fruit

Fanned Melon, seasonal fruit and berries, finished with a Fruit Puree

S2 Breaded Brie

French Brie, deep fried and served with an Apricot Chutney

S3 Prawn & Salmon Timbale

Plump Atlantic Prawns and flakes of Fresh Salmon bound with Lemon Mayonnaise

S4 Roasted Tomato Soup

Served with crispy croutons

The Main Plate

M1 Braised Beef Steak

Slowly braised in red wine with pearl onions and bacon and presented with a horseradish mash

M2 Herb Crust Salmon

Fresh Salmon Fillet, coated in a Herb Crust and finished with a White Wine Sauce

M3 Chicken Coq au Vin

Tender breast of Chicken, cooked in Red Wine with Bacon, Button Mushrooms onions and finished with Brandy

M4 Gammon Steak

Finished with fresh Pineapple

All main courses are served with freshly prepared Vegetables and Potatoes of the day

To Finish

Choose from Chef's selection of Home-made Desserts

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Freshly Brewed Colombian Filter Coffee & Chocolate Mints