

The monthly club
newsletter for
Bournemouth &
District Society of
Model Engineers

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Chairman's Thoughts

I would like to begin my piece in the first issue of 2008 by wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

We were extremely fortunate that the morning of the Santa Special started dry, although with a cold wind. The scenery and decorations all went up easily and in no time at all the engines were in steam. Bacon and sausage rolls, followed by cups of tea were served up and we were ready for our 11am start. Thanks to Irene and David for taking on the task of all the bookings and issuing of the tickets on the day. Peggy and her band of Ladies, as usual, was kept busy in the kitchen keeping us all well fed, with tea and cakes going down well in the afternoon to finish off another successful day.

As soon as the last passengers had had their ride round and seen Santa, the scenery and decorations were quickly taken down and stored away for next year. Well done to everybody that helped on the day.

We will, however, need to look at the format for next year's Santa Special. We urgently need members to come forward to take on the task of the organising and booking, etc.

Projects for the New Year

1. Overhaul of the Bendy Beam.
2. Sorting out our driveway.
3. New storage for the trolleys and disabled ramp.

I thought it was time that our Code of Safe Practice was aired again, so Dick is publishing it in this Newsletter for all to read and take note.

David Martin



John Hoyle gets Alice ready for yet another visit to Santa's Grotto.

Editor's Ramblings

This issue of the Newsletter is a shorter than usual one - the Christmas holidays has upset the publishing schedule.

My pleas for you to let me have your menu options and payment for the Annual Dinner as soon as possible has resulted in the paperwork being buttoned up well before Christmas. Thank you all. If you didn't get your details to me early then I'm afraid that you've left it too late as I have reached the maximum number the restaurant can take.

Dick Ganderton

Annual Subscriptions

Mike Mortimer, our Treasurer, reminds all members that the Annual Subscriptions are due on 1st January 2008. The current rate is £20.00 for Members or £21.00 to include your partner. Payment should be sent to Mike at 18, Collwood Close, Fleetsbridge, Poole, Dorset BH15 3HF. Cheques payable to B&DSME, please.

Secretary's Notes

The Committee, having undertaken a risk assessment regarding clockwise running at Littledown, has decided that **no** reverse running (ie. backwards) shall be permitted, other than for shunting purposes, on clockwise running days. This will be reviewed when the track signalling is installed.

We are running a coach to the London Model Engineering Exhibition in January. The seats are going fast, so if you want to get on the coach you will have to let Dave Finn know as soon as possible.

Dave Finn

Newsletter By E-mail

If you want to receive your copy of the Society's monthly *Newsletter* as a .pdf file, attached to an e-mail, then you **must** let Dick know, by e-mail, sent from the computer you want to receive it on.

Direction of Running

Sunday	23 rd December	Clockwise	Wednesday	26 rd December	Anticlockwise
Sunday	30 th December	Anticlockwise *	Wednesday	2 nd January	Anticlockwise
Sunday	6 th January	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	9 th January	Clockwise
Sunday	13 th January	Clockwise	Wednesday	16 th January	Anticlockwise
Sunday	20 th January	Anticlockwise *	Wednesday	23 rd January	Clockwise
Sunday	27 rd January	Clockwise	Wednesday	30 th January	Anticlockwise
Sunday	3 rd February	Clockwise *	Wednesday	6 th February	Anticlockwise
Sunday	10 th February	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	13 th February	Clockwise

* denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

B&DSME Diary Dates

3 rd January 2008	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Brian Merrifield's,
16 th January 2008	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>The Operation of the Sandbanks Chain Ferry</i> by Brian Andrews.
20 th January 2008	Coach trip to London Model Engineering Exhibition, Alexandra Palace. Book through Dave Finn.
23 rd January 2008	Annual Dinner Crooked Beams Restaurant. Now fully booked.
7 th February 2008	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Venue to be decided.

Other Events

London Model Engineering Exhibition
18th - 20th January 2008
www.meridienneexhibitions.co.uk/

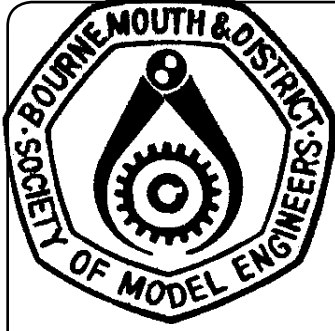
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Luscombe Valley Happenings

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





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Code of Safe Practice

1. All steam locomotives and other models in steam **must** have a current Boiler Certificate.
2. No model is to be steamed without a current Boiler Certificate, unless undergoing a boiler test under the supervision of a Boiler Inspector.
3. No steam locomotive or other model in steam is to be left unattended.
4. All preparation, lighting and disposal of locomotives **must** be carried out **only** in the steaming bays.
5. All locomotives used by Society members on the track **must** be fitted with, and use, bar type couplings conforming at least to the dimensions shown in the attached diagram. Coupling pins **must** have a safety latch or pin fitted. Other types of coupling may be used on locomotives owned by visitors to the track, subject to the approval of the Chief Engineer.
6. All locomotives or Drivers **must** carry a working audible warning device.
7. All persons driving trains **must** be fully paid-up members of the Society.
8. No person under the age of sixteen years may drive a train. Persons under the age of eighteen years shall not drive passenger carrying trains.
9. Persons excluded by Rules 7 & 8 may operate the controls of a locomotive provided that a person authorised to drive under Rule 7 & 8 sits immediately behind them, in such a position as to be able to take full control if necessary.
10. The Driver of a train is solely responsible for its safe operation.
11. All trains **must** be fitted with brakes adequate for the load carried.
12. Where a train is composed of more than the locomotive and the vehicle on which the Driver is riding, and if any other person is carried, a Guard shall ride at the rear of the train and be in a position to be able to operate the train's brakes as necessary. The Guard **must** be a member of the Bournemouth & District Society of Model Engineers.
13. It is the responsibility of the Driver of any train having used the Traverser to ensure that it is locked in the normal running position (main line connected and the spur away from the main line) and that he/she informs the Driver of the train running behind when he/she intends to leave the track and before operating the Traverser.
14. All Drivers and passengers must sit astride the driving/riding trolleys, facing in a forward direction.