

B&DSME News

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Chairman's Thoughts

Our Charity Day went off well and we were able to donate £250.00 to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. The August BBQ, which had a bit of a damp start, was well attended and a pleasant evening was had by all.

The previous week I was in Austria with Diane where we stayed in St Wolfgang in the Salzkammergut region, very near Salzburg. The boast of the holiday resort is that it has the steepest cog railway in Austria. This has been running from St Wolfgang to the Schafberg mountain since 1893. In 45 minutes it climbs 1,190 metres over a length of 5.5 km to the top of the Schafberg mountain. The locomotives are among the oldest in the world. We were able to go up to the top on an oil fired loco and on the return journey we were fortunate to come down



on a coal fired loco pulling the Emperor Franz Josef's carriage, which had only recently been refurbished and you could smell the new paint and varnish. It only comes out when the weather is fine that also goes for the paddle steamer Kaiser Franz Josef I, which again had been refurbished. We could see the paddle steamer come and

go from the landing stage. This was just in front of our very pleasant hotel, which offered traditional Austrian food and hospitality.

It's the time of the year when we need to be thinking of the Santa Run and we will be circulating a list at the next Meeting for members to offer their help on the day. If we do not get sufficient offers of help the Santa Run will be cancelled.

Thank you to all the members who helped to run the Summer Holiday Rota. Once again it proved to be very worthwhile and was much appreciated.

The next Committee Meeting is at 7.30 pm Wednesday 24th September at the Littledown Centre.

David Martin

Editor's Ramblings

Only a very short Newsletter this month. The weather has been atrocious, really impeding progress on the retaining wall and traverser runway extension. If the wet weather carries on perhaps we could start a boat section in the excavations!

Dick Ganderton

The views and articles featured in this newsletter do not necessarily represent the views of the committee, officers and members.

Moors Valley Railway Evening

The evening at the Moors Valley Railway is set for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10th September. It will follow the usual pattern of riding behind various locomotives and looking round their workshops with tea and coffee, all for £5.50 for adults and £3.50 for children.

Tickets, from me, on the evening. Please find me and pay for your ticket as soon as you arrive. Car parking for the Moors Valley Railway has changed slightly since the last time we visited as a group and the procedure is now as follows: At the car park barrier take a ticket. Then, instead of driving into the public car park, follow the sign for the golfers' car park as usual. **Brian Merrifield**

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 is taking bookings.

Tech-Chat Meetings

The monthly Tech-Chat Meetings could do with a few more members attending. The format of each meeting is simple and informal - we discuss anything and everything to do with engineering, both model and full size, over a cup of coffee and a biscuit. Make a note in your diary to attend on the first Thursday of each month. You never know, you could become a Tech-Chat addict!

Direction of Running

Sunday	7 th September	Clockwise *	Wednesday	10 th September	Anticlockwise
Sunday	14 th September	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	17 th September	Clockwise
Sunday	21 st September	Clockwise *	Wednesday	24 th September	Anticlockwise
Sunday	28 th September	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	1 st October	Clockwise
Sunday	5 th October	Clockwise*	Wednesday	8 th October	Anticlockwise
Sunday	12 th October	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	15 th October	Clockwise
Sunday	19 th October	Clockwise*	Wednesday	22 nd October	Anticlockwise
Sunday	26 th October	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	29 th October	Clockwise
Sunday	2 nd November	Anticlockwise*	Wednesday	5 th November	Clockwise

* denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

B&DSME Diary Dates

- 17th September 2008 Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
Ladies' Night. Kingston Lacy House by John Hallet, National Trust.
- 2nd October 2008 Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
Keith & Patricia Dyer.
- 15th October 2008 Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
Speaker still to be finalised.
- 4th November 2008 Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
Venue to be arranged.
- 19th November 2008 Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
Anaesthesia Past & Present by Dr. John Hoyle.

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Luscombe Valley Happenings

Autumn Running Weekend	6 th - 7 th September
Steam Enthusiast Weekend	27 th - 28 th September
Humbug Day	20 th December

