

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

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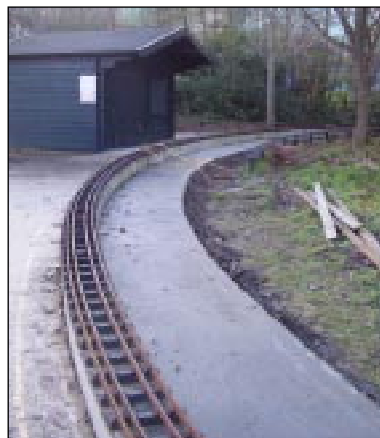
Chairman's Notes

Once again the work around the track was completed just in time. We now have a new disabled access ramp into the steaming bays and a ramp down from the unloading area. The two concrete bases for the carriage sheds have been laid and the proposed sheds will be built in the New Year. Also laid was the new base on the opposite side of the platform.

We will be laying a row of coping stones, 50 – 60mm high, either side of the beam the full length of both platforms. This will provide the anti tipping for the trolleys, so getting rid of the wedges that we have been using over the past years.

The Santa Special was well attended by members helping to set up and run the event. The morning started cold and frosty, but that did not deter the drivers from steaming up ready to run, ensuring that we were all ready for our first passengers who arrived on time. Peggy served us with a cooked breakfast in the morning and later a hot lunch. Many of the parents thanked the Society for running the event and the children all left happy with their gifts.

Once the last train had pulled into the station and the children had been in to see Santa that signalled the time to take everything down for another year and this could not have been easier, with all



present mucking in, enabling us to enjoy tea and cakes before leaving. Thanks to one and all for helping on a very enjoyable day.

Our annual Christmas Party went well, with plenty of food for one and all. The raffle was very successful with the fun booby prizes - I believe Jordan was delighted with his Lucky Bag. It was especially good to see Jean, Lena and Nessa at the party.

Projects for the New Year:

1. Sorting out the driveway.
2. New storage for the trolleys and handrails to the disabled ramp.

Committee Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 7th January 2009.

A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

David Martin



Editor's Ramblings

I hope that you all had a good Christmas - not too many calories so that you can still get into your overalls - and are looking forward to putting into practise all those New Year Resolutions that we always make but never seem to keep!

The contractor managed to get all the concrete laying finished so that it was hard enough to walk on during the Santa Special. It is amazing just what a difference the second platform and the two ramps to the Steaming Bays have made.

This Christmas I decided to give my eldest Grandson his own real lathe. Nothing exotic, you understand but a 2 1/2" EXE that is quite a bit older than I am. I spent some time stripping it down, repainting and refurbishing it. Fortunately he seemed to be delighted with it. So my shopping list for Alexandra Palace will include a some unmachined back plates, an 80mm 3-jaw chuck and a set of suitable lathe tools. His father is planning to fit it with a 24V DC motor from an invalid scooter run from a programmable controller to give speed control.

Dick Ganderton



A Note From Nessa Rouse

Please could you convey, through your Newsletter, my grateful thanks to everyone at the B&DSME for their kindness and support shown to me and my family at this sad time. The cards and messages are greatly appreciated. It is lovely to know Ted was so well thought of.

Thank you. Nessa

Richard's Schools

Richard Knott's long quest for a 5" Gauge 3-cylinder 4-4-0 Schools is finally over.

Southern Railway No. 905 Tonbridge is in as built form without the smoke deflectors. Apparently the builder of the model actually worked under Maunsell at Eastleigh on the design of the full size engine. You cannot get much better than that!

Here we see Richard giving it an outing at Littledown just before Christmas.



Trailer

Nessa Rouse wants to get rid of Ted's old trailer. She is offering it, for a small donation to her chosen charity, to a good home. To save Nessa being bombarded with calls contact Dick Ganderton first on 01202 822701 (home), 07796151553 (mobile) or by e-mail dick@graskop.demon.co.uk

Coach Outing - 2009 London Model Engineering Exhibition

The coach booked to the London Model Engineering Exhibition at Alexandra Palace on Sunday 18th January 2009 will be leaving Littledown at 8.00 am sharp. 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 still has a few seats left, call him on **01202 672613**.

Secretary's Notes

My thanks go out to all the members who helped at the 2008 Santa Special Day. Unlike last year, everything seemed to go very well, enough for the Chairman to ask the members who attended the Christmas Party the following Wednesday if they would like to do it again next year. The reply was a resounding yes.

Unfortunately for everyone involved, I have the list of all who volunteered, together with photographs of those that actually helped! Therefore, next October you will get a call.

Comments from several parents after their children had opened their presents were good and in particular families with disabled children expressed their thanks for our efforts.

The new access ramps certainly made it much safer for those with unstable feet to get into the steaming bays to have a look at the locos and to talk to the people preparing them.

If anyone has any thoughts on how we can improve the event for 2009, please let us know during the year, as I planning has already started slowly.

Wishing you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Dave Finn

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. The menu was included with the December Newsletter. There are still a couple of places left. Contact Dick if you want to be included, but no later than the January Meeting.

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



For Sale

Polly IV, 5" Gauge, 0-6-0 steam locomotive equipped with 6-wheel tender. For details and an advantageous deal for B&DSME members, telephone George Wheatley.



2009 Annual Subscriptions

Mike Mortimer will be collecting Annual Subscriptions at the January Meeting. So bring your cheque book with you. Subscriptions are still £20 or £21 for you and your partner. If you want to post your cheque, Mike's address is 18, Collwood Close, Fleetsbridge, Poole, Dorset BH15 3HF.

Auction

A short Auction will be held at start of the January Meeting of some miscellaneous items that we have been given. Included will be a 5" Gauge driving Trolley, a wooden tool cabinet with some small tools and the assembled frames and buffer beams of a 5" Gauge 0-4-0 battery electric locomotive.

Direction of Running

Sunday	4 th January	Anticlockwise *	Wednesday	7 th January	Clockwise
Sunday	11 th January	Clockwise	Wednesday	14 th January	Anticlockwise
Sunday	18 th January	Anticlockwise *	Wednesday	21 st January	Clockwise
Sunday	25 th January	Clockwise	Wednesday	28 th January	Anticlockwise
Sunday	1 st February	Clockwise*	Wednesday	4 th February	Anticlockwise
Sunday	8 th February	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	11 th February	Clockwise
Sunday	15 th February	Clockwise*	Wednesday	18 th February	Anticlockwise
Sunday	22 nd February	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	25 th February	Clockwise

denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

B&DSME Diary Dates

8 th January 2009	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Note change of date! <i>John Hoyle.</i> <i>Please let John know if you are attending</i>
18 th January 2009	Coach Outing, London Model Engineering Exhibition, Alexandra Palace; Leaves Littledown 8.00 am, sharp, Ringwood 8.10 am.
21 st January 2009	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>Derek Higby 'One Bike, Two Islands'. Preceeded by a short Auction.</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.
5 th February 2009	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Venue to be arranged.</i>

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Luscombe Valley Happenings

Cobweb Run	18th - 19th April
Gala Weekend	25th - 26th July
Autumn Run	5th - 6th September
Humbug Day	19 th December





Santa Special 2008
Photos by
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& Patricia Wheatley.

