

## Chairman's Thoughts

The clock has started ticking towards early July 2010 when the Society will be hosting IMLEC for the third time in its history and the first time at the Littledown track. Mike Baker and Dick Ganderton have agreed to be the main organisers of the event, but we will need every member to do their part. We still have to agree an exact date, but this should be sorted within the next few weeks. It is a chance for us to publicise our track and put us on the map, ensuring more visitors and locos in the future.

We are also hosting the Polly Owner's Club Rally on the third Saturday in May next year.

On Sunday 3rd May we held our very successful Cream Tea and Cakes Sunday. Thanks Peggy and all the other ladies for the catering and thanks to the sun for shining on us.

Our next Meeting is on 17th June and it will be at Littledown and not at the Muscliffe Centre. The local Area Groups of the Gauge 0 Guild and MERG will be visiting us on that Wednesday evening. I will have to get the BBQ out of moth balls for that night and, of course, locos will be needed to give rides. Peggy would also like some cakes for our guests.

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June are the Society's Open Days, so come along and help promote our facilities. Our Charity Day is on Sunday 2nd August and this year it will be in aid of the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease (NACC). Please come along and support this event.

The next **Committee Meeting** is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at The Littledown Centre.

*David Martin*

## Editor's Ramblings

The big news this month is that we are running IMLEC at Littledown next year! It will be 24 years since Bournemouth last hosted this prestigious event, when we were at Kings Park. Mick Baker and myself are handling the main organisation of the event and for the majority of our membership there will not be a lot of involvement until the actual weekend. However, we still have a lot of preliminary work to do before we can really get on with the detailed planning.

As you can see from John Hoyle's photographs, the first Trolley Shed is starting to look good. We have tried four bogie trolleys and one four wheeler in it and they actually fit with enough room for John's patent trolley retaining mechanism. This will prevent trolleys



from rolling out of the shed and falling into the traverser well. John has made the mechanism and we hope to fit it on Wednesday so that we can fine tune it.

Bob is going to display his mastery of laying Purbeck stones to build a 'tunnel mouth' to finish off the entrance, after which we can clad it with the corrugated steel sheets. These are plastic coated in a dark green colour to blend in with the background hedge.

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## Model Engineering Events

6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2009	19th Welsh Locomotive Rally. Cardiff Model Engineering Society, The Railway, Heath Park, Cardiff, S. Wales. <a href="http://www.cardiffmes.com/">www.cardiffmes.com/</a>
13 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2009	Harrow & Wembley Society of Model Engineers Open Days. Roxbourne Park, Field End Road, Ruislip, Middlesex. HA4 9PB (Opposite Venue 5). <a href="http://www.hwsme.org.uk/">www.hwsme.org.uk/</a>
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2009	Cambridge Model Engineering Society, Fulbrooke Road, off Grantchester Road, Cambridge CB3 9EE. Andrew Clarke, 01223 880639, after 7 pm. <a href="http://www.cambridgemes.co.uk/">www.cambridgemes.co.uk/</a>
18 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2009	Guildford Model Engineering Exhibition, Stoke Park, Guildford.
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2009	Frimley Lodge Miniature Railway, Visitors' Open Days. Details from Peter Gardner on 01252 54199. <a href="http://www.flmr.org">www.flmr.org</a>
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2009	Bristol Model Engineering & Hobbies Exhibition, Thornbury Leisure Centre.
16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2009	Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition. Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, Fosse Way, Nr Leamington Spa CV31 1XN.

## Direction of Running

Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Clockwise*	Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Anticlockwise
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> June	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> June	Clockwise
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> June	Clockwise*	Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> June	Anticlockwise
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> July	Clockwise
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> July	Clockwise *	Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> July	Anticlockwise
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> July	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> July	Clockwise
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup> July	Clockwise *	Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Anticlockwise
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> July	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> July	Clockwise
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Clockwise	Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> August	Clockwise

\* denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

## B&DSME Diary Dates

4 <sup>th</sup> June 2009	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Engine Shed, Littledown Miniature Railway. Please let Dick know if you are attending:</i>
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2009	Annual visit to Gauge 0 Guild; 7.00pm. Quarter Jack Suite, Allendale Centre, Wimborne. <i>Bring your 32mm gauge locos and rolling stock to run on their test track.</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2009	Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway. <i>Entertaining GOG and MERG members. BBQ.</i>
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2009	Open Weekend; Littledown Miniature Railway. <i>Entertaining visitors from other Societies. (Visitors with locos have precedence over B&amp;DSME Members.)</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2009	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Peter Lejeune, Please let Peter know if you are attending.</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2009	Annual General Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre, Shillingstone Drive, Bournemouth.

### Newsletter By E-mail

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### Luscombe Valley Happenings

[www.luscombevalleysteam.com](http://www.luscombevalleysteam.com)

Gala Weekend	25 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> July
Autumn Run	5 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Humbug Day	19 <sup>th</sup> December

## 16mm Update

**O**h dear! The months pass very quickly these days. It seems only yesterday that we were preparing the May 'Update'. We are told this is normal with age, but it's not the whole story.

Activity at Littledown, whether it be in the construction of the carriage sheds or general maintenance in all gauges, seems to take up more of our time at Littledown this year. With 16mm at least we can do the majority of the work at home at our leisure,

although our garden tracks do demand fine weather and a respite from domestic chores for their maintenance.

In the case of 16mm we are now into our 'Garden Runs', which, if you include the Littledown 16mm days, means most Sundays. Some of these tracks are elevated, as at Littledown, others are at ground level and one combines the two. Most are quite scenic and fit into the garden scene whilst others are plain but functional.

In the past, members and their families

and friends have been invited to one of these layouts. Plans are afoot to include such a visit this year. The layout in question has been extended with some unique features since our last visit, so pray for fine weather. More details in the July 'Update'.

In the mean time why not bring your 0 Gauge or 16mm equipment to Littledown and give it a run on the First and Second Sunday of each month - you will be able to give Dave & Gordon a rest. **Dave White & Gordon Miles**

### Members' Video Evening

**A**t my last Video Evening at the Society's Meeting in February it was mooted that as numerous Members had various DVDs, VHS videos and computer material that they would like to show, I would agree to provide my projector to enable you to show your videos next winter.

This has now been arranged for the Society's Meeting at Muscliff on 18th November.

You can contact me to discuss your requirements by e-mail:

**Richard Knott**

### President's 80th Birthday

**D**ick Mantle, the Society's President celebrated his 80th birthday with a surprise party of relatives and close friends.



Here we see Dick cutting the special birthday cake, which had a model of an LNER A4 Pacific steam locomotive in Garter Blue mounted on the top instead of the traditional 80 candles.

### George's Injector Tester

**G**eorge Wheatley doesn't do things by halves!

Some time ago he became interested in injectors and decided that he needed to be able to test them, along with safety valves and other boiler fittings.

Having borrowed another member's test boiler he proceeded to make an Injector Tester. A new vertical test boiler was commissioned from Cheddar Valley Steam and the Injector Tester duly



built. Everything is mounted on a wooden backing board and very nice it looks. He still has to sort out the springs that provide the simulated boiler pressure against which the injector has to 'inject', but he tells me that it does work.

Now, where did I put all those old injectors?

### Dick's Marie-E Success

**D**ick managed to confound Members of the Society by managing to successfully steam his 5" Gauge DonYoung Marie-E, completing nine laps of the Littledown track without running out of puff!

Dave Finn took the loco round for the first four laps, proving that it can be done, before handing over to Dick.

There is no truth in the rumour that Dick is proposing to enter for IMLEC!



Photo by Mick Baker

### Cakes Needed

**P**eggy would like cakes for the Meeting on Wednesday 17th June at Littledown, when we are entertaining members of the local Gauge 0 Guild and MERG Area Groups.

## For Sale

The contents of the late Ted Rouse's workshop, including his 5" Gauge *Galloping Goose* battery electric railcar and his 3 1/2" Gauge 4-6-2 *Heilan Lassie* steam locomotive. Workshop equipment includes a 3 1/2" Cromwell Toolroom Lathe, fully equipped on a bench stand, Pillar Drill, Small Linisher, Kennedy Power Hacksaw, Compressor, Arc Welder, Clarke Lift Table, 4 1/2" Vice, etc. Contact Dick on 01202 822701 or e-mail [dick@graskop.demon.co.uk](mailto:dick@graskop.demon.co.uk) for more details and to arrange to view.



3 1/2" Gauge 4-6-2 *Heilan Lassie*, fitted with new Cheddar Models copper boiler in August 2004. Hydraulic Boiler Certificate expires April 2011. ▼



## A Video Library

Lena Adams has kindly donated Derek's collection of VHS videos to the Society to form a library. I am proposing to keep the videos at my home, as I think that they would deteriorate if kept in the Engine Shed. I intend to catalogue the collection and hope the listing will appear in the next *Newsletter*. Members will be able to borrow up to four videos at a time and keep them for a maximum of four weeks. Collection, by prior arrangement, can be made at the Engine Shed on Wednesdays or most Sundays; from the monthly meetings at Muscliffe; or from my home address.

**David White**

## For Sale

Fobco Star Bench Drill; 1/2" Single phase motor; excellent condition. Sought after quality British drill. £150.

Myford Swivelling Vertical Slide (68/2) with vice. Good condition in original box. £75.

Simplex 0-6-0T locomotive 5" Gauge. Well made. Excellent runner. Recent Boiler Certificate. £3,000 ono.

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