

# B&DSME News

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## Chairman's Notes

If you go down to the track today you're in for a big surprise. The roadway in has been completed by the contractor and we now have a limited turning circle. Please do not drive off the new roadway to unload by the 16mm track, as we still have to carry out some gardening work. Unload by the unloading ramp and walk round. This ramp now has a handrail, thanks to John Hoyle and his welding.

It is proposed that the ramp from the pathway to the steaming bays will have a handrail fitted and part of it will be in filled with timber railings to match the fencing around the steaming bays. The temporary piece of fencing will be returned to the end of steaming bay runway.

Many thanks to Bob Devereux, Mike Clay and David White for laying the concrete coping stones to form the anti-tipping rail around the platform. We can now do away with the chocks, which should make life easier. The manhole cover by the platform has been raised up to the new platform height and slabs have been laid around it. There is a two way connection fitted inside the manhole so we can have two hose pipes to service



Photographs by John Hoyle

the platform. Our new '15 Rides for £10' MultiRide Tickets are selling well and we now have two ticket punches for them.

Work has started on the structure for the trolley storage sheds - basically a very large cloche. Discussion has also been taking place on the supports for the rails and it seems this is likely to be a welded steel construction. Once the exact details of the prototype have been sorted, hopefully, it will be all hands on deck to get them built and installed.

A gardening party is needed around the new driveway to level out and seed the disturbed soil. At the far end of the track the contractor deposited some of the excess soil and this will need levelling, enabling us to get rid of the drop in levels, making it easier to run the mower around that end of the track.

The next **Committee Meeting** is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th March at the Littledown Centre.

**David Martin**



## Special Events for 2009

Sunday 3rd May  
Wednesday 17th June  
Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June  
Sunday 2nd August

Wednesday 19th August  
Sunday 11th October  
Sunday 13th December  
Wednesday 16th December

Cream Tea  
BBQ for Gauge 0 Guild and MERG at the track  
Open Weekend  
Our Charity Day will be in aid of the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease (NACC). I think it's their 30th Year.  
Monthly Meeting at the track, with yet another BBQ  
Trafalgar Day  
Santa Run  
Annual Christmas Party.

### Audrey Betteridge

Audrey was such a lovely lady. We will remember her at King's Park riding behind Charlie's engine. Later, at Littledown, she was always there when needed, helping in the kitchen, dispensing advice and cheering everybody up, in spite of the long journey she and Charlie had to make to get to the track from their home in Holbury, on the far side of the New Forest.

Famous for her cheese scones and lovely home made cakes, she could always be relied on to bake platefuls of them for the Society's special events.

Her many accomplishments included knitting - she was an expert with a knitting machine - craft work and computing, not forgetting over 50 years experience of keeping Charlie in check.

Mick Baker's picture shows Audrey, on the right, enjoying a joke with Margaret and Peggy as they 'tested' the then new traverser.

Rest in peace, Audrey, your friends at B&DSME will really miss you.



### Editor's Ramblings

I failed to get this issue out in time to remind you all about the March Tech-Chat Meeting. The February one was so well attended that John Hoyle's room was bursting at the seams with 15 of us squeezed round the table. The March Tech-Chat at Keith Dyer's saw eight of us enjoy Patricia's fancy biscuits and tea and coffee. Make a note of the April TC Meeting at Gordon Miles's on 2nd April.

The Meeting on the 18th March is a Bits & Pieces Evening, so please bring whatever you are working on to show us.

*Dick Ganderton*

### 2009 Annual Subscriptions - Final Reminder

Mike Mortimer is still collecting Annual Subscriptions for 2009. 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.

**We will be sad to lose you, but if you haven't renewed then this is the last Newsletter you will receive.**

### 16mm Up Date

Well! According to the Met. Office, Spring has officially arrived, but my built-in thermometer tells a different story. We 16 millers are a hardy bunch and none more so than those from north of the border. On the last running day in February we had a visitor at Littledown from just north of Edinburgh, David Beglin, who reported it to be warmer at our track than back home. He was impressed with our 7 1/4", 5" and 3 1/2" track, as well as the 16mm Narrow Gauge Garden Railway and even more so when he realised the time scale in which it had all been achieved. He has promised to bring a 16mm loco down with him in August.

Our small garden is showing signs of life and Carol has been busy weeding it, putting us men to shame. We would welcome any plants or small shrubs to fill the gaps following the harsh winter.

The Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers is now a fully fledged member of the Southern Federation, which we hope will encourage further interaction between fellow clubs and societies, as well as providing common insurance cover for all concerned. To get to this stage has taken much behind the scenes activity on behalf of the Southern Federation, Model Engineering Societies, The Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers and their various insurance companies. Many thanks to those concerned.

See you at Littledown on the first and third Sundays.

*Dave White & Gordon Miles*



# Diary Dates - Luscombe Valley - Model Engineering Events

## Model Engineering Events

18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	Large Scale Model Rail Exhibition. Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, Fosse Way, Nr. Leamington Spa CV31 1XN.
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	South West Model Engineering Exhibition, Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet.
8 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	Harrogate Model Engineering Exhibition, The Yorkshire Event Centre, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 8PW.
15 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	Southern Federation Spring Rally. Llanelli & District Model Engineers, Pembrey Country Park, Llanelli, West Wales. Further details from George Golightly on 01554 820745 or Ivan Hurst on 01252 510340. <a href="http://www.ldme.co.uk">www.ldme.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	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Clockwise
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Clockwise *	Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> March	Anticlockwise
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Clockwise
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	Clockwise	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Clockwise
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Clockwise*	Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> April	Anticlockwise
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> April	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	Clockwise
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup> April	Clockwise*	Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Anticlockwise
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> April	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Clockwise

denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

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18 <sup>st</sup> March 2009	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>Bits &amp; Pieces Evening. Please bring whatever you are working on.</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2009	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Gordon Miles, . Please let Gordon know if you are attending .</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>Kevin Patience "Building the Uganda Railway once known as the Lunatic Line"</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2009	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

Cobweb Run	18 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> April
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



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## Dave Finn Looks at Maunsell's N Class 2-6-0 Mogul Part 2

In Part I Dave Finn introduced us to Richard Maunsell's N Class Moguls, built at Ashford by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway and later by the Southern Railway. In this part he continues the story.

Members of the class were generally sent to Ashford for maintenance and overhauls until the works closed, when the remaining members of the class came under the works at Eastleigh for repairs.

The cost of building each locomotive in 1921 was £5,875. I do not think it would be possible to build a 5" Gauge live steam model for that today.

Woolwich Arsenal made more kits than were required by the SE&C and 12 were sold to the Midland and Great Western Railway in Ireland and assembled at that company's Dublin works. Bearing in mind the Irish railway system uses a broader gauge than ours, I wonder if longer frame stretchers were made or were the originals altered to suit?

The Great Southern Railway, the successor to the M&GWR, bought a further batch of 15, of which the last six had larger 6' 9" dia. driving wheels fitted.

There is a lot of information on these locomotives on the Internet. A Google search on Maunsell's 'N' Class Moguls quickly returned about 470 hits - one of which was Part I of this article in last month's Newsletter!

### Main Dimensions

Overall length, including tender:	57' 9½"
Weight:	103t 12cwt.
Driving wheels:	5' 6" dia.
Cylinders (2):	19" dia. x 28" stroke
Boiler Pressure:	200psi
Grate Area:	25sq ft.
Tractive Effort at 85% BP:	26,035 lbs

## A Postcard from the Himalayas

*Hi Everybody,*

*Well, here we are at 6000 feet above sea level in the Himalayas at Shimla. After five and a half hours in the 2ft gauge 'Toy Train' we were very pleased to see civilisation again! We were not actually hanging off the coach, but they were very full of 'all life' and with your luggage stacked around you! The other pictures show the view from the best hotel we have ever stayed in - fancy waking up to that view of the mountains every morning! Our room is the last roof light on the left. We would like to stay longer, but tomorrow (Tuesday) it's off back to Delhi, where we started, for one night and then onto 'The Palace on Wheels' for seven nights.*

*Cheers,*

*Richard & Connie*

*PS: Have just come back from a 90 minute Balinese massage - I am currently in heaven!*

