

Chairman's Thoughts

It's that time of year again! The evenings are drawing in and it's started to get cold, but that should not deter us from still running our locos, as long it stays dry. Access is much better this year and the new roadway seems to have compacted down well. It could do with another roll, so we will have to sweet talk the Littledown groundsman into doing it for us.

Progress is moving on with the second carriage shed, with all the hoops in place and the rail welded up. Thanks to all those who have been involved. The first shed is now blending into the background well, with the bushes that Mike Durham planted growing well - it must be all the banana skins he's collected and used for compost.

Now onto another matter. The padlock that secures our bollard has been lost. This happened last Wednesday. When those fortunate enough to play trains went to leave, they found the lock was missing. It appears that the bollard was left down, but luckily not for too long. A temporary lock was found and the bollard secured.

We are presently looking into having a new lock made to the existing keys, otherwise it will be a costly exercise to buy a new lock and have around 60 keys cut.

Please, in future, **do not remove the padlock from the bollard when opening up.** OK, it is a bit tricky to open and close it, but it can be done. Also **the locking bar must be laid down facing the road and not the park.** Remember that on Wednesdays we have the school children coming into the park on their way to and from school and we do not want them fiddling with the bollard or playing with the lock. If you use it you must close it after entering or leaving - please do not think somebody else is going to do it.

Pictures of our Charity Day have been published in the NACC Newsletter and once again I would like to thank everyone who was involved on the day. This picture of Dave Finn attending to his 5" Gauge 4-6-0 B1, with myself keeping a low profile on the back, has also been published in a NACC publication.

The next Committee Meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th October in the Littledown Centre.

David Martin



Editor's Ramblings

I had a great trip around the USA by train - a brilliant way of travelling if you aren't in a great hurry and so cheap that it's unbelievable. What was incredible was that the trains were either early or on time, apart from the *Empire Builder*, which arrived just five minutes late into Chicago Union Station after a 2,257 mile journey.

I managed to get to The Gas Engine And Reproduction Show in Portland, Oregon, which lived up to its name. I only saw two locomotives in the whole show and only one, a part completed 3 1/2" Gauge Edgar Westbury 1822 LMS diesel shunter, was of real interest. Internal combustion engines formed the major part of the show and there were some superb examples. I will try to write a report for a future Newsletter - when I have managed to sort out my notes and pictures!

Our Chairman has mentioned the loss of the padlock for the entrance barrier. This is serious and could end up costing the Society a great deal of money. There is absolutely no need to remove the padlock itself from the lifting barrier - in fact it is very much easier to open the barrier if you leave the padlock in the main part of the barrier. Leaving it in the barrier also means that you cannot forget it, lose it or take it home in your pocket. Also it means that when you come to re lock the barrier you won't put it in backwards, making life very difficult for the next person who tries to unlock it. **Do not remove the padlock under any circumstances!**

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Coach Outing - 2010 London Model Engineering Exhibition

A coach has been booked to the London Model Engineering Exhibition at Alexandra Palace on Sunday 24th January 2010. 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. That's the same price as for the 2009 trip!

Mike Mortimer is taking bookings - book your seats early.

Model Engineering Events

16th to 20th October 2009 Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition. Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, Fosse Way, Nr Leamington Spa CV31 1XN.

11th to 13th December 2009 Model Engineer Exhibition. Sandown Park Racecourse.

Direction of Running

Sunday	11 th October	Clockwise *	Wednesday	14 th October	Anticlockwise
Sunday	18 th October	Anticlockwise *	Wednesday	21 st October	Clockwise
Sunday	25 th October	Clockwise	Wednesday	28 th October	Anticlockwise
Sunday	1 st November	Clockwise *	Wednesday	4 th November	Anticlockwise
Sunday	8 th November	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	11 th November	Clockwise
Sunday	16 th November	Anticlockwise *	Wednesday	18 th November	Anticlockwise
Sunday	22 nd November	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	25 th November	Clockwise
Sunday	29 th November	Clockwise	Wednesday	2 nd December	Anticlockwise

* denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

B&DSME Diary Dates

18 th October 2009	Juniors' Fun Run. Littledown Park. 10.00 am. Prize Giving at 3.00 pm. Sponsored by Castlepoint. <i>This event is in aid of the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance. We could benefit from this if we start running early.</i>
21 st October 2009	Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>Ladie's Night with George Wilson - "Dorset Land Marks".</i>
5 th November 2009	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Gordon Miles, Please check with Gordon if you are attending to confirm that the venue hasn't changed. October's Tech-Chat was cancelled.</i>
18 th November 2009	Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>Richard Knott - Members' Video Evening. See Page 3 for details of how to let Richard know what you want to show.</i>
3 rd December 2009	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Venue to be decided.</i>
13 th December 2009	Santa Run (Sunday); Littledown Miniature Railway.
16 th December 2009	Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>Annual Christmas Party.</i>
7 th January 2010	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Venue to be decided.</i>

Luscombe Valley Happenings

www.luscombevalleysteam.com

Humbug Day

19th December

Newsletter By E-mail

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

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Model Engineers For Just A Donation

John Hoyle has 32 years of the *Model Engineer* that he wishes to dispose of:

1958 - 1990: Unbound with one exception - 1971. Complete 1971 - 1987. All the others are missing either one or two copies. Each year is bound with string and copies are in chronological order. All are in good condition.

John would like them to go to someone who would value them and keep them as a set. He isn't keen on them being broken up and doesn't want anything for them other than a donation to the Society.

Speedy News

Speedy's frames are now painted after being sandblasted at Richard Knott's workshop. The wheels have also been painted and are fitted to the frames, coupling rods have been re bushed and fitted and the axle pumps fitted and new eccentric straps machined and fitted.

Norman Kitcher let me have the refurbished cylinders back recently when Merlin and I called over to see him. We left with enough bronze to make the connecting rod bushes, a bag of 6BA screws and a set of new drain cocks. While the cylinders are being refitted, George Wheatly has agreed to sandblast the remaining loco parts ready for painting.

The part about this project that I have enjoyed most of all is the time spent with people who have helped, so very special thanks to Norman for his superb work and generosity and the warm welcome given to Merlin and I the other day. Also to George and Richard for their help.

Brian Merrifield



The Derek Adams Video Library

Lena Adams has kindly donated Derek's collection of VHS videos to the Society to form a library.

I have catalogued the collection and the listing was sent out with the July 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

Members' Video Evening

At my Video Evening 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 at the Society's Meeting at Muscliff on 18th November.

Richard Knott

Visit to Mitutoyo

One of the things David Boote was working on before he died was a visit to Mitutoyo's premises in Andover. Recently I received a call from them asking for a date and this has been set for Wednesday 2nd December arriving between 7 and 7.30 pm and lasting for an hour and a half.

David had asked if they could show us tooling for measuring holes relevant to model engineering and that is what they plan to do. After this we will see examples of the range of tooling they manufacture including the exotic end of the spectrum. There will also be a buffet on arrival for those unable to dine before leaving home.

If you are planning to join us please could you let me know so I can let them have numbers for the catering.

Brian Merrifield

16mm Update

September has been a very busy month for us having running sessions on both days of each weekend, either at Littledown or at the Somerset & Dorset Group members' home tracks. We have even taken our portable layout *Pigeon Bottom* out on two occasions.

So we had hoped for a more restful October, but the signs are that we shall again be enjoying our chosen form of modelling to the full. On the 3rd October we travelled to a member's track at Poundbury for an evening meet under full night conditions. All locos and stock had to be fitted with operating running and carriage lights. Very atmospheric, and it started to drizzle to add to the realism. The next day, at Littledown, we had fine weather!

Such is the growing popularity of 16mm Narrow Gauge that the Association of Narrow Gauge Modellers are reporting a growth rate of two to three new members per day across the country.

We now have three B&DSME members building their own locomotives from scratch. Peter Lejeune has had his bare chassis steaming satisfactorily around the track at Littledown, while George Wheatley and Mike Clay are a little way off this stage, but report great satisfaction at progress to date with their *Brazils*.

Some track maintenance has been necessary, mainly track levelling. This is probably due to the dry weather affecting the underlying wooden base and supports. In addition the B&DSME Committee has given us their approval to extend our sidings to allow for greater coach and wagon storage on running days, the finishing touches are still to do but we already have put this extension to good use.

See you on the first and third Sunday of each month.

Dave White & Gordon Miles



Platform gossip on Bank Side Station, Littledown. David White, Margaret Baker, Carol Clay, Peggy Ganderton, Charlie Betteridge and Mike Durham.



The structure for the second Trolley Shed is progressing well, as these two pictures show. The next stage is to get the doors hung and then clad the structure in the same manner as the first one.

This 1942 Harley Davidson belongs to Dick & Peggy Ganderton's eldest son, Andrew, who lives in Battle Ground, WA. It has been residing in his lounge for around five years and during Dick's recent visit it received a lot of attention to put it back together again. Dick cannot even begin to imagine what anyone can see in something as primitive as this.

