

Chairman's Thoughts

Our Charity Day went off very well and we were able to donate £200.00 to the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease Dorset Group. As Chairman of the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease Dorset Group, I would like formally to thank all the members of the Society who took part on the day to help raise the money and for the donations of items for the tombola. This enabled us to make an additional sum of £132.00 on the bric-a-brac and tombola stall, making a grand total of £332.00.

I would like to give my special thanks to John Trew for helping the passengers part with their money on the day; he very rarely lets anybody get away without having a ride and making a donation.

The tombola stall had some very nice prizes and Merlin Biddlecombe was lucky enough to win a designer handbag, which, as the picture shows, suits him well. It's just right to hold those special loco cleaning kits he likes to give away as Christmas presents.

One thing that came out of the day was that we are still not giving guest badges to our visitors. Please, we do need to sort this out as it makes life difficult for the ladies supplying teas and coffee. It would also be helpful if members

could wear a B&DSME badge of some sort. If you do not have a club badge, either the enamel pin type or sew on cloth type, these can be purchased from Mike Mortimer at a very reasonable cost.

I believe the August BBQ went off well and a pleasant evening was had by all. Many thanks to Hillary and David for firing up the BBQ.

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.

Thank you to all those members who ran the Rota throughout the school summer holidays. It was very much appreciated.

The next **Committee Meeting** is on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm in the Littledown Centre.

David Martin



Merlin proudly displays his designer handbag, won on the Tombola Stall.

Editor's Ramblings

This issue is being rushed out just before I leave on a 6,636 mile train ride round the USA. In the intervals between trains I will be visiting some of my family on the Pacific West Coast and attending GEARS 2009 in Portland, Oregon. GEARS stands for Gas Engine And Reproduction Show and is being sponsored by the Portland, Mid Valley and Emerald Valley Model Engineering Clubs. It will be interesting to see what an American model engineering exhibition is like.

In the August Newsletter I credited David White with one of the Chernobyl children photographs. In fact, both photographs were taken by John Constantine and used with his kind permission.

We have suffered a bit of a set back with the batteries used in *Sheddon Wheels*. Supposedly the ultimate in battery technology for this type of application and only installed just before Christmas, one of the pair has decided that it doesn't want to play any more. Neil has the problem in hand and I understand that the batteries are being returned to the supplier for some form of resuscitation. In the meantime we are having to rely on Members offering their electric locos to provide the twice weekly passenger service at Littledown.

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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, give him a call on **01202 672613** and book your seats early.

Model Engineering Events

19th & 20th September 2009 Oregon GEARS 2009. Gas Engine And Reproduction Show, Portland, Oregon, USA. Sponsored by the Portland, Mid Valley and Emerald Valley Model Engineering Clubs. <http://216.197.127.227/index.html>

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	6 th September	Anticlockwise *	Wednesday	9 th September	Clockwise
Sunday	13 th September	Clockwise	Wednesday	16 th September	Anticlockwise
Sunday	20 th September	Anticlockwise *	Wednesday	23 rd September	Clockwise
Sunday	27 th September	Clockwise	Wednesday	30 th September	Anticlockwise
Sunday	4 th October	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	7 th October	Clockwise
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

* denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

B&DSME Diary Dates

- 16th September 2009 Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
George Paris - "A life time working for BR".
- 1st October 2009 Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
Gordon Miles. Please check with Gordon if you are attending to confirm that the venue hasn't changed.
- 11th October 2009 Trafalgar Day (Sunday); Littledown Miniature Railway.
- 21st October 2009 Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
Ladie's Night with George Wilson - "Dorset Land Marks".
- 1st November 2009 Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
Venue to be decided.
- 18th November 2009 Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
Richard Knott - Members' Video Evening.
- 13th December 2009 Santa Run (Sunday); Littledown Miniature Railway.
- 16th December 2009 Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
Annual Christmas Party.

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Luscombe Valley Happenings

www.luscombevalleysteam.com

- Autumn Run 5th - 6th September
- Humbug Day 19th December



David Boote

David Boote passed quietly away on Thursday 20th August after being unwell for some time.

David worked in engineering, including quite a long time at Wards, the lathe manufacturer, where he became a technical representative. In time he moved to Plessey in Solihull, when eventually an opportunity to move to Poole brought him to this area. He was a member of SMEE for many years, but the long journey to London for their meetings finally became too much and he decided to join us, which I like to think gave him enjoyment.

Although a relatively recent member, he quickly saw a need in the Society for someone to arrange our evening speakers. After recruiting me as his assistant and receiving Committee approval, he set about the task with vigour.

A life long involvement with and love of engineering made David fascinating company and although it is only fairly recently we got to know each other, I consider myself fortunate indeed to have had an opportunity to know him.

Last year David and his wife, Lorna, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their family in Birmingham.

Our Condolences to Lorna and family on their sad loss.

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

Golden Weddings

Two couples, John and Noni Hoyle and Mike and Carol Clay, recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversaries.

The Society congratulates them and wishes them many more years of happy marriage.

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

Important Notices

Littledown Harriers will be running their annual Littledown 5 Road Race between 9.30 am and 12.00 noon, on Sunday 13th September. This means that we cannot use our entrance during the race as they use it to exit and enter the Park.

On Sunday 18th October there is a Festival of Running for all the Schools. This should attract a lot of people into the Park and so could provide us with plenty of passengers, many riding for the first time.

Dave Finn

Thank You

Iwould like to take the opportunity to thank Richard Knott for the video presentation he gave to the Bournemouth Radio Club recently.

Under a reciprocal agreement, where one of their members would give us a talk about non destructive crack testing and one of us would give them a talk about our interest, Richard kindly agreed to talk about Luscombe Valley Railway, which, by all accounts, the radio club found most enjoyable

Brian Merrifield

Speedy News

The water pump eccentric straps have been machined and fitted, together with the pumps provided by Arnold Bloom. This was not quite as straightforward as I had hoped as I had to make two new rams, but it's all done and ready to go.

The next stage will be to rebush the connecting rods before repainting and assembly. It is good to see Speedy making progress at last, so it's fingers crossed for next Spring.

Brian Merrifield

John's Pet Midges

The John Hoyle Engine Works has been busy making a pair of Midge 'diesel' engines to add to John's collection. The picture shows one running on a test bench. The bead blasted finish to the crankcase is particularly attractive.

For Sale

Webster & Bennett Milling Machine. Good working order. Single phase. £250 ono. Collection only. **Peter** on **01202 258743**, (after 7th September) for more information.

