



Chairman's Thoughts

The Society's Annual Dinner at The Crooked Beam last month was a full house and we all had a very enjoyable night. The meal, the company and the surroundings were excellent as in previous years. Thanks, Dick, for organising the evening. We have booked the restaurant for next year – so make a note in your diaries for the last Wednesday in January 2011.

An enjoyable day out was had by all who went on our coach trip to the London Model Engineering Exhibition at Alexandra Palace this year. Unfortunately the coach was not as full as in previous years. Thanks to Mike Mortimer for organising the trip for us.

At the last Society Meeting Dave Finn asked for volunteers to come forward to buy the presents for the our Santa run in December. We have had one lady volunteer who is prepared to look after the buying of the presents for the under threes - quite a daunting task as they have to be CE marked and be suitable for the children aged up to three years. It would be appreciated if we could have another volunteer to source the presents for the other age groups.

The first main event this year will be our Cream Tea Sunday / St. George's Day run on Sunday 25th April. We will have normal passenger hauling, so help will be needed from members with locos on the day.

The *Maid of Kent* now has a new caretaker and we should be able to see it running at the track in the coming months. We also have two battery electric locos that need caretakers. If anybody is interested please contact one of the Committee Members for more information.

We have our first booking of children from Belarus on Wednesday 30th June - hopefully the weather will be kind to us again. This is all part of the Society's community involvement and all the members who have helped in the past have enjoyed the day helping the children enjoy themselves.

The next Committee Meeting is at 7.30 pm, 24th February 2010, at The Littledown Centre.

David Martin

Editor's Ramblings

Progress on the new unloading system has been made. The lifting table has been modified and the large hole at the end of the unloading spur has now been filled with concrete, with the rails for the lifting table embedded in it. Two of the flanged steel wheels now fitted to the lifting table came from the large double traverser at Kings Park, leaving just two wheels as the only parts of the traverser that haven't been reused. Hopefully Laurie would approve of what we have achieved at Littledown over the last seven years.

IMLEC 2010 at the beginning of July is not the only event we are hosting at Littledown this year. We have the Polly Rally on Saturday 15th May and our annual Open Weekend on Saturday and Sunday 19th & 20th June, making a very busy three months, so there are plenty of opportunities for you to help. Don't be shy, just offer your services to David Martin, Dave Finn or any Committee Member.

Dick Ganderton

IMLEC 2010

This is a short progress report on what is going on behind the scenes in preparation for IMLEC 2010. This is an important event for the Society and nearer the event we will be asking for your help to ensure that the two-day event runs smoothly. **Please make sure that you keep the first weekend in July clear.**

So far we have prepared an Entry Form Pack which is being sent out to anyone who applies. This consists of an introductory letter, the Rules governing entries and the Entry Form itself. Also included is a plain brown envelope with just the address to which the Entry Form has to be returned. So far 23 packs have been sent out and the notice has yet to appear in *Model Engineer*! The draw for places in the competition will take place at the Society's April Meeting.

We are well advanced with preparing the Programme, with a healthy response to a letter sent to all the well known model engineering suppliers soliciting advertising and some response to invitations to traders to participate with a trade stand. Dave Finn is looking after caravans and trade stands.

Mick Baker & Dick Ganderton



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Model Engineering Events

13 th & 14 th February 2010	Model Railway Exhibition, Gartell Light Railway, Templecombe, Somerset. 10.00am to 5.00pm Saturday, (4.00pm Sunday). Our 16mm NG members will be there with their <i>Pigeon Bottom</i> layout and the Gartell LR will be running a train service.
20 th & 21 st March 2010	Large Scale Model Railway Exhibition, The Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, Fosse Way, Nr Leamington Spa, CV31 1XN. THE Garden Rail Show - this is an exhibition for the bigger gauges. 0 Gauge, G Scale, Gauge 1, 16mm and more.

Direction of Running

Sunday	7 th February	Clockwise *	Wednesday	10 th February	Anticlockwise
Sunday	14 th February	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	17 th February	Clockwise
Sunday	21 st February	Clockwise *	Wednesday	24 th February	Anticlockwise
Sunday	28 th February	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	3 rd March	Clockwise
Sunday	7 th March	Clockwise *	Wednesday	10 th March	Anticlockwise
Sunday	14 th March	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	17 th March	Clockwise
Sunday	21 st March	Clockwise *	Wednesday	24 th March	Anticlockwise
Sunday	28 th March	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	31 st March	Clockwise

* denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

B&DSME Diary Dates

17 th February 2010	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>Phil Hosey, Air Safety & Accident Investigation.</i>
13 th March 2010	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>John Hoyle. Please let John know if you are attending.</i>
17 th March 2010	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>Richard Knott's Annual Video Show.</i>
1 st April 2010	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Patricia and Keith Dyer - to be confirmed.</i>
21 st April 2010	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>IMLEC 2010 Draw.</i>
15 th May 2010	Polly Rally, Littledown Miniature Railway. <i>Please note that this is a Saturday.</i>
16 th June 2010	Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway. <i>Entertaining GOG and MERG members. BBQ.</i>
19 th & 20 th June 2009	Open Weekend; Littledown Miniature Railway. <i>Entertaining visitors from other Societies. (Visitors with locos have precedence over B&DSME Members.) Help will be needed from our Members, please.</i>
3 rd & 4 th July 2010	IMLEC 2010; Littledown Miniature Railway. <i>Help will be needed from as many of our Members as possible, please.</i>

Luscombe Valley Happenings

www.luscombevalleysteam.com

Cobweb Run	April 17th 18th.
Summer Gala	July 24th & 25th.
Autumn Run	September 4th & 5th.
Humbug Day	December 18th

2010 Annual Subscriptions

Mike Mortimer will be collecting Annual Subscriptions at the February 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.

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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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Maid of Kent News

The *Maid* has had two Sunday steam ups recently, one prior to the Santa do and, of course, the Santa Run itself. The first one was to make sure that the engine was running well enough for the big event. Two trolleys quickly appeared and off I went. After two laps I realised that the **Shed** had been parked in the siding. This was the first time I had pulled two trolleys and this made the loco work quite a bit harder than with just one.

All went well, except that I noticed that the blast from the exhaust was rather fierce and pulled quite a lot of ash into the smoke box. Nick Feast, who drove the *Maid* on the Santa Run made the same comment. So, a new exhaust jet with a larger hole has been made and fitted and this has softened the exhaust blast.

I would like to say what a super do the Santa Run was. Everything ran well and the Ladies did a grand job with the Bacon Butties, Beverages and all the other goodies.

Merlin

Speedy News

Over the past couple of months there has not been a lot to report due to a problem with the valve settings. Merlin came over to have a look and pointed out the return crank was leading the crank pin, where normally it would be trailing. This is common knowledge to you, I am sure, but as I am just an old bloke who messes around with clocks, perhaps I can be forgiven for not realising. At this stage I must point out this was the original setting when the loco arrived here. Altering the return crank settings resulted in an engine that would not run at all and so started a search for an answer.

To cut a long story, Merlin, Ron Jeffrey and Ron Bettell kindly provided help and advice, which as has resulted in the making of some new parts to resemble Bill Perrit's IMLEC winning setup on his 1500. I am not suggesting our engine will be that good, but at least it should run reasonably well.

As I type this *Speedy* is running on air on just the left hand cylinder in both forward and reverse directions, so things are looking hopeful. Once the valve events are OK I expect the final re assembly to be fairly swift, certainly before the end of the summer. However, I have a pressing job that **has** to be finished very soon. My nine year old grandson, James, has requested I complete his battery electric loco SOOOooooon. Therefore, by the end of this month a wooden box will be made and *Speedy* will reside within until James is mobile. Mechanically his loco is complete, just requiring a body making, so that shouldn't take too long. Wish me luck.

Brian Merrifield

3 1/2" Gauge Open Day

I am planning an Open Day on Saturday 24th April 2010 at Littledown for 3 1/2" Gauge locomotives owned by B&DSME members.

There are many 3 1/2" Gauge engines in the Society and my hope is that this event will be well supported.

So, if you have a 3 1/2" Gauge engine, make a note in your 2010 diary.

Richard Knott

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

Ron Jeffrey

I would like to wish Ron Jeffrey a belated happy 90th birthday for Wednesday 27th January. Although we do not see him at our meeting these days, he remains an enthusiastic member of both our Society and Leeds Model Engineering Society, which he joined in 1934 when they were first formed.

Ron has taken an interest in the problems with *Speedy's* valve gear and on more than one occasion quoted LBSC dimensions from memory! His extensive library has provided plenty of reading material on Walschaert valve gear, for which I am extremely grateful

Brian Merrifield

For Sale

Some of the contents of the late Ted Rouse's workshop equipment is still available. Including a 3 1/2" Cromwell Toolroom Lathe, fully equipped on a bench stand, Pillar Drill, Arc Welder, 4 1/2" Vice, etc. Contact Dick on 01202 822701 or e-mail dick@graskop.demon.co.uk for more details and to arrange to view.

For Sale

Peter Lejeune has decided to sell both of his 3 1/2" Gauge locos as he is now finding it difficult to lift heavy weights. The locos are LBSC's *Hielan Lassie* LNER Pacific built by the late Ted Rouse and LBSC's *Netta* LNER 0-8-0 goods loco. The asking price is £1,500 each. Both have current Hydraulic Certificates.

Peter has indicated that he would like the *Hielan Lassie* to go to a B&DSME member, if possible. Contact Peter by e-mail at trainman1933@msn.com or telephone 01929 424650.

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