

Chairman's Thoughts

IMLEC NEEDS YOU



For IMLEC to be a success for this Society we will need all our members to do their bit over the 3rd & 4th July. As you may recall, it was put to the members and it was a unanimous decision by the members to take the event on. Please be prepared on the two days of the event to do many different tasks and fill in when required to do so. I know some of you have already been asked to join various teams and have already been given tasks, but this might need to change on the day.

We still have things to do before the event - the gazebos need mending, the site needs tidying up, the grass cutting, general gardening around the track and the driveway needs the bushes cutting back. So please, let us all muck in to put on an event we can all be proud of.

Be prepared to multi task on the day.

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Maid of Kent News

The Society's *Maid of Kent* was steamed on the Cream Tea St. George's Day run with the objective of showing the new custodian, Malcolm, how to steam and manage it. By the time I arrived, Mike Mortimer and Malcolm had the *Maid* coupled to the tender and all filled with water. I then carried on with a little instruction for Malcolm. Pressure came up and the safety valve lifted. As the Steam Test Certificate only had a few days to run we decided to carry out the necessary, which the loco duly passed.

Whilst on the track we had to alternate between Malcolm taking the controls and me driving when pulling passengers. At this point I invited Martin Cuff to drive and he carried on with instructing Malcolm and pulling passengers when the need arose. Martin also took charge of the procedure for getting the engine off the track and blowing down the boiler, as well as cleaning it ready for its next run.

Malcolm did manage to get a couple of circuits on his own, so, all in all, it was a worthwhile afternoon.

Merlin

Direction of Running

Sunday	13 th June	Clockwise	Wednesday	16 th June	Anticlockwise
Sunday	20 th June	Clockwise *	Wednesday	23 rd June	Clockwise
Sunday	27 th June	Clockwise	Wednesday	30 th June	Anticlockwise
Sunday	4 th July	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	7 th July	Clockwise
Sunday	11 th July	Clockwise	Wednesday	14 th July	Anticlockwise
Sunday	18 th July	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	21 st July	Clockwise
Sunday	27 th July	Clockwise *	Wednesday	28 th July	Anticlockwise

* denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

Please note the change of Running Direction for Sunday 20th June.

It is important that this change is strictly adhered to.

B&DSME Diary Dates

16 th June 2010	Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway. <i>Entertaining GOG and MERG members. BBQ. 16mm Garden Railway will also be running.</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. Cakes needed, please. 16mm Garden Railway will also be running. Direction of running must be clockwise.</i>
1 st July 2010	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>In view of the closeness to IMLEC 2010 this meeting has been cancelled.</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>
21 st July 2010	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliffe Community Centre. <i>AGM. Followed by Bits & Pieces.</i>

Luscombe Valley Happenings

www.luscombevalleysteam.com

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

* Not open to the public

You Are All Needed To Help

The Society's calendar is very crowded in June and July. Please ensure that you keep your diary free so that you can help run the events at Littledown.

Several other Societies are also running events that clash with our Open Weekend - please don't be tempted as we need your help at Littledown.

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Open Weekend & IMLEC 2010 Catering

IMLEC 2010. I would like to make up a rota for serving teas and coffees to Competitors and Members throughout the two days of this event. The duties involve just making teas and coffees for about one hour at a time. Competitors will come to the Engine Shed to collect their teas so no walking around will be involved. If you are able to help with this please put your name and when you would be available on the list in the Engine Shed. I would also appreciate some cakes for both the Open Weekend and IMLEC 2010. **Peggy Ganderton**

16mm Update

Members visiting the Society's 16mm facilities at Littledown will have noticed a new triangular base section has been added to the steaming bay area and what we rather grandly call our carriage and wagon sidings. In order to put on a display of our rolling stock we tend to bring along a wide range of assorted carriages and wagons. They will not all be in action on the main track, so they are stored on the sidings, which are at present limited.

Our intention is to increase the sidings by some 50 per cent and this can be achieved by re-aligning the existing two tracks to make way for a third. The problem in the past has always been the tight radius of the right angled curves involved. By inserting a triangular section we are able to maintain the required minimum 3' 6" radius curve for all three tracks.

The new base and protective cover have been made using existing materials (perhaps not elegant, but very cheap). We now await the purchase of four lengths of 16mm Peco NG flexible track to complete the task. The next project may be to add a few buildings and other trackside scenery to make the whole track scenic rather than looking like a test track. However, our big problem is vandalism. We would have to bring all the bits and pieces in and store them in the Engine Shed and we all know that space is at a premium. Any suggestions?

See you at Littledown on the first & third Sundays, weather and other events permitting.

Dave White & Gordon Miles

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

Editor's Ramblings

Computers are wonderful things - until they go wrong! My Mac decided to alter the privileges on its hard drive and in effect lock me out. Fortunately we were able to put the hard drive into my son's recently acquired Mac and recover all of the data - after a lot of time spent finding out how to unlock the files. Now I have a new 500Gb hard drive fitted - at a cost of around £40, a figure that a few years ago wouldn't have bought a 20Mb one!

The new unloading system is now almost finished - after having to rebuild the end wall twice! We have installed a vertical length of 95lb/yd bullhead rail as a deterrent to anyone trying to reverse into the wall! The system is in use, but we still have to fit the gas struts to hold the lid open and a lock to keep the rail ends aligned to the unloading spur. **Please don't try to use it on your own, particularly if you haven't had instruction in how to operate it.**

Ron Bettell has managed to fall over and break his shoulder. I'm sure that I speak for all of our members when I say 'get better soon, Ron, so that you can get back into the workshop'.

Dick Ganderton

Help Needed

One of our members, Jeff Rippon, who lives in Highcliffe, is looking for someone to finish his 3 1/2" Gauge *Rob Roy*, which he reckons is 95 per cent complete. He has the book and a full set of drawings and is willing to pay for the work. The general workmanship is to a good standard. It has full brake gear but this is removed for running in steam.

Jeff has prepared a list of the work that remains to be done, with photographs showing what he already has. If anyone is interested, send Dick an e-mail and he will forward the list and pictures on to you.

