



Chairman's Thoughts

I have received a very nice letter from our President, Dick Mantle, who has kindly donated his two battery electric locos to the Society and I would like to thank him for his very kind gift. All Dick asks in his letter is that they are both cared for and enjoyed for the rest of their lives.

We now have two member caretakers for the locos and they will be looked after by them, with the proviso that the names of the locos are not changed. Dick named the Hymek *Royal Engineer* after his National Service Corps, and the smaller of the locos was named *Archie* in fond memory of Val's dad. May both locos continue to give many years of service and pleasure at the track.

This seems to be the month for giving as I was contacted by Brian Merrifield who had been approached by the family of the late David Boot. David has kindly left the Society the sum of £500.00 to be used on either a project or purchasing an item for the Society's use. We are, therefore, open to good ideas on what the money can be spent on, please contact a Committee Member with your ideas.

Don't forget that the first main event of our year will be the Cream Tea Sunday/St. George's Day Run on Sunday 25th April, with normal passenger hauling. I wonder how many years will it be until we have to wait for St. George's Day to fall on a Sunday again?

The Entry Forms seem to be coming in, as well as bookings for caravan spaces, for our forthcoming IMLEC. Please keep the weekend of the 3rd & 4th July free, as the Society will need everyone to give a hand on the two days.

Various members have requested a copy of our Membership List. This would be possible if we could find a volunteer to take up the task of updating the list and spending the time finding out how many of our members are prepared to have their details passed on to others. This has not been done recently and we do not want fall foul of the Data Protection Act. So, if you want a list we do need somebody to take on the position of Membership Secretary.

It's lovely to have photographic records of the track and other events. However, due to the strange society we live in care must be taken when taking photographs as not everybody is keen to have their picture taken. So you must have the permission of the person you are taking the photograph of, especially if children are involved. This came to light recently when a father was accused of various things when he took a picture of his own child having a ride on a train.

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

David Martin



3rd & 4th July 2010

Editor's Ramblings

You may remember that back in November of last year our youngest grandson, Harry, had his birthday party on the Rhyl Miniature Railway. The photograph shows me riding in the cab of their twice size version of our *Sheddon Wheals*, named *Clara*. This is used by the RMR in just the same way that we use *Sheddon Wheals* - as a 'quick to get out, quick to put away' means of pulling passengers.

Steam engines are very nice, but very labour intensive. *Clara* is diesel mechanical at present and came from the Dudley Zoo Railway. I understand that there are plans to re engine it and change the transmission away from the jolting mechanical system currently installed.

Most of you will, by now, have seen the really good exposure the Society got in the 26th February issue of *Model Engineer*. The two-page article is the introduction to IMLEC 2010 and, hopefully, should bring in yet more entries to the competition.

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Model Engineering Events

20th & 21st 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.

7th to 9th May 2010

National Model Engineering & Modelling Exhibition, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate HG2 8PW. More information go to www.theharrogateshow.com/ or contact info@theharrogateshow.com or Tel: 08432 89 79 31

Direction of Running

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
Sunday	4 th April	Anticlockwise *	Wednesday	7 th April	Clockwise
Sunday	11 th April	Clockwise	Wednesday	14 th April	Anticlockwise
Sunday	18 th April	Anticlockwise *	Wednesday	21 st April	Clockwise
Sunday	25 th April	Clockwise	Wednesday	28 th April	Anticlockwise

* denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

B&DSME Diary Dates

- 4th March 2010 Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
John Hoyle. Please let John know if you are attending.
- 17th March 2010 Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
Richard Knott's Annual Video Show.
- 1st April 2010 Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
Patricia and Keith Dyer
. Please let Keith know if you are attending.
- 21st April 2010 Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
IMLEC 2010 Draw.
- 25th April 2010 Cream Teas and St. George's Day Run.
- 15th May 2010 Polly Rally, Littledown Miniature Railway.
Please note that this is a Saturday.
- 9th June 2010 Visit to GOG, Wimborne. 7.00 pm. Quarter Jack Suite, Allendale Centre, Wimborne..
We are guests of the GOG.
- 16th June 2010 Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway.
Entertaining GOG and MERG members. BBQ.
- 19th & 20th June 2009 Open Weekend; Littledown Miniature Railway.
Entertaining visitors from other Societies. (Visitors with locos have precedence over B&DSME Members.)
Help will be needed from our Members, please.
- 3rd & 4th July 2010 IMLEC 2010; Littledown Miniature Railway.

Luscombe Valley Happenings

www.luscombevalleysteam.com

Cobweb Run	April 17 th & 18 th .
Steam Enthusiasts Weekend	May 15 th & 16 th .
Summer Gala	July 24 th & 25 th .
Autumn Run	September 4 th & 5 th .
Steam Enthusiasts Weekend	September 25 th & 26 th .
Humbug Day	December 18 th .

2010 Annual Subscriptions

Mike Mortimer will be collecting Annual Subscriptions at the March Meeting. So bring your cheque book with you. Subscriptions are still £20 or £21 for you and your partner.

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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3 1/2" Gauge Open Day

Richard Knott is organising a one-day rally on April 24th exclusively for 3.5" Gauge locos at Littledown. There will be a competition for the best turned out loco and the best performer. (Richard will not be allowed to enter with his *Maisie*, seen here at Littledown!)

Also light refreshments, tea and coffee will be available throughout the day.

So come on, stop staring at that loco and get renovating. We know there at least a dozen or more lurking under shelves and benches out there.

See you there!



The beauty of 3.5" Gauge is that it is so much easier to handle. Isn't it time you gave your loco a make over?

Imagineering

Wanted HELP with promoting ENGINEERING in schools

Derek Higbee is hoping to run an Imagineering Club at Ringwood Junior School and would like assistance to help run the Club. If you can spare a hour or two then please contact Derek.

More details of what this Charity does can be found on the Imagineering web site <http://www.imagineeringweb.co.uk/index.shtml>

Derek would also like the person who he talked to about Imagineering on the coach to the London Model Engineering Exhibition to please contact him.



16mm Update

The 16mm Section has been quite busy over the past few weeks. We have run at Littledown as per schedule but in addition we were invited to the Gartell Light Railway Model Exhibition. Apart from Gartell's own 2ft gauge loco our *Pigeon Bottom* layout had the only engines in steam during the two days of the exhibition. In total we were able to demonstrate the steaming powers of 15 different locomotives ranging from a simple 0-4-0 tank to a large Shay. As most of the other layouts were 00 or N Gauge, our layout looked quite large by comparison. The hall had little or no heating so the steam effect was very effective and much appreciated by the visitors.

Our layout and its buildings also drew favourable comments from fellow modellers. As a result we have had three enquiries to attend other exhibitions in the Somerset/Dorset area, but with our ongoing commitments at Littledown, this may not be possible. We have to thank Graham and Richard for providing the transport for the equipment and to other members of the 16mm NGM for their help during the two days. By the way we still hold the unofficial record for dismantling and clearing the hall in the quickest time. I would say our Sunday afternoon crew were so well trained (excuse the pun) that they were able to complete the task whilst



other exhibitors were thinking about it, well done chaps!

Back to Littledown for the next few first and third Sundays of each month.

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