

Chairman's Thoughts

It was good to see so many ladies at the last meeting; I hope everybody enjoyed an extremely interesting and amusing talk by Stewart Timbrell on *Discovering Dorset*. I managed to grab a photo of one of our members helping behind the counter on Ladies' Night. Sorry for the poor quality, but I only had my mobile phone to take it on. Yes, it is Dick, who is not often seen in this spot.

I must thank Brian Merrifield once again for organising all our speakers. He will soon be standing down, so we do need somebody to take over the task of organising speakers for our Meetings.

The other day I popped into the Engine Shed. It was nice to see that the walls had been clad and the shelving system erected, making it look a lot tidier in there. Please let's try to keep it like that!

As I mentioned at the Ladies' Night, we have now a full contingent of Santas for the 12th December. The presents have all been sorted this year and we have already been taking bookings for the day. It was good to see that our list of Volunteer Helpers for the day was filling up. David Finn will sort out all the jobs and let you know what you are down for nearer the event.

The next Committee Meeting is on Wednesday 24th November 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Littledown Centre.

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Editor's Ramblings

Only a short *Newsletter* again this month. I would like to get back to a four page *Newsletter*, but this would require some input from you, the Members. Try your hand at writing something about what you are doing in your workshop and send it to me.

Don't forget that Mike Mortimer has booked a coach to take us to the London Model Engineering Exhibition at Alexandra Palace in January. The cost of a seat on the coach is very reasonable and does mean that you can have a nap on the way home!

I will try to get the menu for the Society's Annual Dinner in time for the next *Newsletter*. In the meantime you can get ahead in the queue by letting me know if you want to attend. The last one was fully subscribed, so get your names down quickly.

The December Meeting is our usual Christmas Party. However, unless you all bring something seasonal to eat we will all go hungry.

Dick Ganderton

Coach Outing - 2010 London Model Engineering Exhibition

A coach has been booked to the London Model Engineering Exhibition at Alexandra Palace on Sunday 23rd January 2011. Leaving Littledown at 8.00 am, it will pick up at Meeting House Lane, Ringwood at 8.10 am. The coach fare will be £15.00 for adults and £7.50 for under 16s.

Mike Mortimer is taking bookings.

Santa Run 2010 Helpers List

Once again, your Society needs your help to run this event

It's that time of year again! The sun tan crème has hardly had time to dry and it's now time to think about that bloke with the long flowing beard and wearing a big Red Coat. This year the visit from Him is to be on the 12th December 2010.

I will be attempting to press gang as many as possible at the next two club nights. However, as they say, a volunteer is worth a thousand pressed men and you get the Queen's Shilling, or is it a Bacon Butty, for signing on. There will be a list in the Engine Shed for those who are unable to attend the monthly Meetings.

Please come along to the event anyway, but do not expect a job to be found for you on the day - or a Bacon Butty - as the rosters are prepared in advance.

Please contact Dave Finn

Direction of Running

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| Sunday | 7 th November | Clockwise * | Wednesday | 10 th November | Anticlockwise |
| Sunday | 14 th November | Anticlockwise | Wednesday | 17 th November | Clockwise |
| Sunday | 21 st November | Clockwise * | Wednesday | 24 th November | Clockwise |
| Sunday | 28 th November | Anticlockwise | Wednesday | 1 st December | Clockwise |
| Sunday | 5 th December | Clockwise * | Wednesday | 8 th December | Anticlockwise |
| Sunday | 12 th December | Anticlockwise | Wednesday | 15 th December | Clockwise |
| Sunday | 19 th December | Clockwise | Wednesday | 22 nd December | Clockwise |

* denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

B&DSME Diary Dates

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| 4 th November 2010 | Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Note change of venue. <i>Gordon Miles. Please let Gordon know if you are attending.</i> |
| 17 th November 2010 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliffe Community Centre. <i>EGM followed by Andrew Sharpe, 'Imagineering'.</i> |
| 2 nd December 2010 | Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Phil Drake. Please let Phil know if you are attending.</i> |
| 12 th December 2010 | Santa Special: Littledown Miniature Railway. <i>Please remember to put your name down as a volunteer.</i> |
| 15 th December 2010 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. <i>Annual Christmas Party. Please bring some seasonal food.</i> |
| 6 th January 2011 | Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Venue to be arranged.</i> |
| 19 th January 2011 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliffe Community Centre. <i>Speaker to be arranged.</i> |
| 26 th January 2011 | Annual Society Dinner. The Crooked Beam Restaurant, 2, The Grove, Christchurch BH23 2HA. <i>Dick Ganderton.</i> |

Luscombe Valley Happenings

www.luscombevalleysteam.com

Humbug Day

December 18th

For Sale

Unused.170' of 5" Gauge raised track, timber beams on steel supports at about 10' centres and a 5" Gauge bogie driving trolley. £400 ono. Contact: keith@cheminot.plus.com

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