

Chairman's Thoughts

The next Society Meeting will be at the track, on the 18th June, for a BBQ when we will be entertaining our friends from the local GOG Group, the local G1MRA Group and MERG, the track will be opening for running that evening. I will be lighting up the BBQ from 7pm. Cakes would be very much appreciated.

IMLEC is fast approaching and we still need help in getting the track ready for it, so please come along and help, the track needs strimming and the grass needs cutting now and just before the event. The Steaming Bay painting needs to be finished, so any help would be appreciated. Also your help is required on the 12th & 13th July to run IMLEC - after all, you all agreed at our Society Meeting that we do IMLEC.

I had a week in Austria with Diane and we went back to Kitzbühel. We decided to walk to St Johann, some 14km from Kitzbühel along the Romerweg (Roman Way) and we returned by train to Kitzbühel. During the week the 27th Kitzbüheler Alpenrallye took place with some 236 classic cars competing in three events; the Prolog: Kaiser-Rhunde (60 km), Grossglockner-Rhunde (260 km) and Zillertall-Rhunde (160km). The event was sponsored by the Volkswagen group.

We also visited the Jochberg copper mine and had a ride on a mine train (600mm gauge) into the mountain to see how it was last mined in 1926. We were told that the train would only go with four people, but we were lucky and he just took the two of us for our own private tour. We also made use of the one-day ticket on Austrian trains for 35 Euros. Up to five people can travel in Austria from 9.00 in the morning until 3.00 in the morning the following day - shame we do not have this type of ticket here.

David Martin

**Top: Car 4, 1933 MG K3 Mille Miglia
Bottom: Electric locomotive of the
Bergbau Kupferplatte - Schaubergwerk
seen at the Jochberg Copper Mine.**



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Editor's Ramblings

I never cease to be amazed at what appears for sale on eBay! Amongst the recent gems that have come up was one lot consisting of three driving wheel castings - yes, three!

The starting price was even more amazing at a mere £150. The description didn't even give the diameter, just that they were 2" scale, with two of them turned and one as cast. It went on to state that if you were looking you would know what you were buying. No bids so far, so if you fancy building an 0-3-0 steam loco for 10¹/₄" Gauge then get bidding.

William turned up at Littledown proudly showing off his new daughter, *Freya Jessica*, so I took a picture especially for the ladies. Vanessa was keeping a watchful eye on dad, of course. Give her a couple of years and she'll be driving dad's *Juliet* - probably renamed *Freya*!

Dick Ganderton

Nomination Forms

The last date for returning Nomination Forms has been extended by two days and is now Thursday 19th June 2014. A Nomination Form was included with the May 2014 *Newsletter*, but there is also one with this *Newsletter*. Peggy has decided to retire from the Committee after some eighteen years, so there is a vacancy for a lady Member to join the Committee.

Committee Matters

The July 2014 Committee Meeting will be held at the Littledown Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd July 2014. The Minutes of the June Committee Meeting will be available for perusal at the June 2014 Meeting.

George Wheatley, Secretary

Direction of Running

The way in which we alternate the direction of running at the Littledown Miniature Railway has been changed. The direction of running will now be clockwise for even months and anticlockwise for odd months. So June 2014 will be clockwise. However, because of IMLEC 2014, July 2014 will also be clockwise.

The 16mm Narrow Gauge Garden Railway will still be running on the First and Third Sundays of each month, weather permitting. The next dates are 15th June and 6th & 20th July 2014.

Engine Shed Mobile Phone

A Mobile Phone has been installed in the Engine Shed at Littledown for the convenience of Members. It can be used for outgoing calls on Society business and in an emergency. Members who are at the track can also be contacted if required. The number, 07879355399, is on the 'Contacts' page of the Society's Website www.littledownrailway.co.uk

IMLEC 2014



The new Bournemouth Dynamometer Car is now complete and has undergone some initial shakedown runs. It will now be subjected to some serious test runs with the Birmingham Car to prove the repeatability and accuracy of the electronics.

Dave Finn will be organising a familiarisation session at 10.30 am on Saturday 21st June 2014 for Observers and others involved in the running of the trains at IMLEC 2014

The event is to be run at Littledown Miniature Railway on 12th & 13th July 2014, so please keep these dates free in your diaries as we will need all the help we can muster to ensure that the event runs smoothly.

B&DSME Diary Dates.

11 th June 2014	Visit to GOG; 7.30 pm. Quarterjack Suite, Allendale Community Centre, Wimborne.
18 th June 2014	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway. <i>Entertaining our friends from GOG, GIMRA & MERG. Barbecue. Peggy would like some cakes, please.</i>
3 rd July 2014	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>John Hoyle. Please let John know if you are attending.</i>
12 th & 13 th July 2014	IMLEC 2014; Littledown Miniature Railway. Your help is needed over the weekend to ensure that this event is a success.
16 th July 2014	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway. AGM.

Luscombe Valley Happenings

www.luscombevalleysteam.com

Grand Gala	July 26 th & 27 th
Autumn Run	September 20 th & 21 st
Humbug Day	December 20 th

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Hereford SME Open Days

You are invited to the Hereford Society of Model Engineers Open Days at Broomy Hill on June 28th and 29th from 10am onwards.

Our site covers about 5 acres by the River Wye, on the edge of Hereford with a 7¹/₄" and 5" gauge ground level track and a 5" and 3¹/₂" gauge raised track. We also have a Gauge 1 Garden Railway, Model Boats on the temporary pond and plenty of level and uneven ground for Traction Engines and Tanks (model ones).

Teas & Light Refreshments will be available.

We have parking for about 70 cars and space for caravans and campervans. For further details of the site check out the website www.hsme.co.uk The Finding Us page gives the location, zoom in on the Google Earth map to see the track layout.

If you are intending to bring models for running please reply to Tim Morton Jones on 01544 318457 or by e-mail <mailto:tim@timmj.plus.com> This will assist us in the usual logistics and for smooth running on both days. We have a visitors' leaflet available with full details for visiting, camping, running on the track and booking a place which I will send as a PDF attachment.

Tim Morton Jones, Hereford Society of Model Engineers



HARLINGTON LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY

Affiliated to the Southern Federation of Model Engineering Societies

Visiting Clubs Day

Saturday 14th June 2014 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dear Model Engineers

We cordially invite you and your members to come along on the above date to run your engines on our track and I apologise for the short notice.

- ◆ 1200ft of 5"/3¹/₂", raised steel track in private grounds with a ruling gradient of 1 in 120. (**A current boiler and Insurance certificate will be required**).
- ◆ Diesel/Electric outlines also welcome.
- ◆ Driving trolleys supplied *
- ◆ A Gauge 1 layout for you to run your engines on. (G1MRA standards)
- ◆ Refreshments
- ◆ Car parking on site

*To avoid the risk of damage to our anti-tipping rails, we ask that you use our driving trolleys. They have a simple bar coupling to the engine.

Please do not put off by our proximity to Heathrow airport because the motorways are normally free flowing at the weekend. Leave the M4 at Junction 4, the first junction after the interchange with the M25, and then keep taking a left turn. Alternatively, the A4 meets Harlington High Street at a crossroads near the north east end of the Airport.

Finally, if you could let us know approximate numbers in your party, then we can arrange adequate catering.

We look forward to seeing you at Harlington.

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