

## Chairman's Thoughts

**C**ongratulations to Vanessa and William Powell on the birth of their daughter, Freya Jessica Powell, born Wednesday, 7th May at 5.00 am and weighing in at 7lb 13oz, a lady engine driver for the future.

Cream Tea Sunday on 4th May was our first event of the season with cream teas and cakes and it was well attended. Thanks to Peggy and all the other ladies for the catering. I had the pleasure of giving my grandson, Hugo, his first ride on my *Polly*. Perhaps he will take after his great-great-Grandfather who was an engine driver on the LMS.

At the last Committee Meeting we discussed parking on Sundays and it was agreed that the parking area is to be mainly for Members that are running Locos of all sizes. All able-bodied Members not running a loco on the main track or the 16mm Garden Railway should park in Littledown car park and walk up to the track. We did have problems with parking on our Cream Tea Sunday when a Member decided to park on the small slip road to our parking area, so that when you needed to get your car back to load up a loco the access was blocked to our driveway. So please do not park on our access roads, they are only to be used for access to the unloading and turning area.

It has come to my attention that one of the yellow trolley coupling bars that Merlin made has been taken off and modified to fit a Member's loco. They were not made for that purpose. It is the responsibility of the loco owner to provide his own coupling bar and not use the Society's ones. Detailed drawings of the coupling bar can be found on the Society's website. Also, please check before you go on the track that you do not have a coupling bar sticking out of the back of your trolley. You never know when you might need a push back to the traverser. Should you have a problem with any of the trolleys please make a note of it on the Running Log so that they can be attended too.

IMLEC 2014, on the 12th & 13th July, is getting closer and we need your help on the two days to make it a success. Please put your name down to help, even if it is for only half a day, David Finn will be looking for Members to put their names down on his list of helpers at our forthcoming monthly meeting at Muscliff.

*David Martin*

## Editor's Ramblings

**Y**ou should all be aware by now that we are hosting IMLEC 2014 at Littledown Miniature Railway over the weekend of 12th and 13th July. Whilst walking round the recent Harrogate ME Show we can across this very nice 5" Gauge LNER P2 2-8-2 built by John Cottam of Chesterfield. It so happens that this engine is entered to run on the Sunday at 12.20 pm. Just one of the very varied and interesting locomotives entered. Make sure that you see them by putting your name down as a volunteer helper!



The North Wales MES are now well advanced with their new track on the West Shore at Llandudno. During a recent visit to stay with Stella and Harry at Kinmel Bay I took Harry with me to visit the new site to see how they are getting on.

They have almost completed the first phase which will give them a complete circuit. The second phase will add more track inside the outer loop to double the length. The track is 3.5" and 5" gauges with aluminium rail on recycled plastic sleepers carried on a professionally built concrete block wall.

I'm looking forward to seeing the completed track and being able to have a run on it.

*Dick Ganderton*



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## Committee Matters

The June 2014 Committee Meeting will be held at the Littledown Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014. The Minutes of the May Committee Meeting will be available for perusal at the May 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 May 2014 will be anticlockwise and June 2014 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 18<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June 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](http://www.littledownrailway.co.uk)

## Insurance & Membership Lists

The Policy for the Society has been renewed. A copy of the policy has been placed in the desk in the Engine Shed. The original documents are held by the Secretary and can be viewed by arrangement.

For Members who wish to run their locomotives at locations which require evidence of Public Liability cover there are a number of copies of the Certificate at the back of the same folder as the copy of the policy. This will need to be signed by a Committee Member on an individual basis before it becomes valid.

The success of the redesigned Application and Renewal Forms has made it possible to keep our Membership Lists up-to-date and as all the Forms were signed, details can be distributed to other members. An abbreviated list, which omits addresses, can be obtained on application to the Secretary. A copy is kept in the desk in the Engine Shed.

*George Wheatley, Secretary*

## B&DSME Diary Dates.

21 <sup>st</sup> May 2014	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Phil Drake. Please let Phil know if you are attending.</i>
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	Visit to GOG; 7.30 pm. Quarterjack Suite, Allendale Community Centre, Wimborne.
18 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway. <i>Entertaining our friends from GOG, GIMRA &amp; MERG. Barbecue.</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	IMLEC 2014; Littledown Miniature Railway. <b>Your help is needed over the weekend to ensure that this event is a success.</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway. AGM.

## Luscombe Valley Happenings

[www.luscombevalleysteam.com](http://www.luscombevalleysteam.com)

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

## 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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## Merlin's Mutterings

I have a question for you; how many of you know where the first aid box is kept and if you do know how many of you can reach it? I will tell you. It has now been relocated to the top of the filing cabinet just inside the Engine Shed door. It can now be reached by anyone.

Next item from me is that I hope you have all taken note of the comments regarding the yellow trolley coupling bars in this month's *Chairman's Thoughts*.

That's all for this time - keep the locos running.

*Merlin*

## Peggy's IMLEC Catering Notes

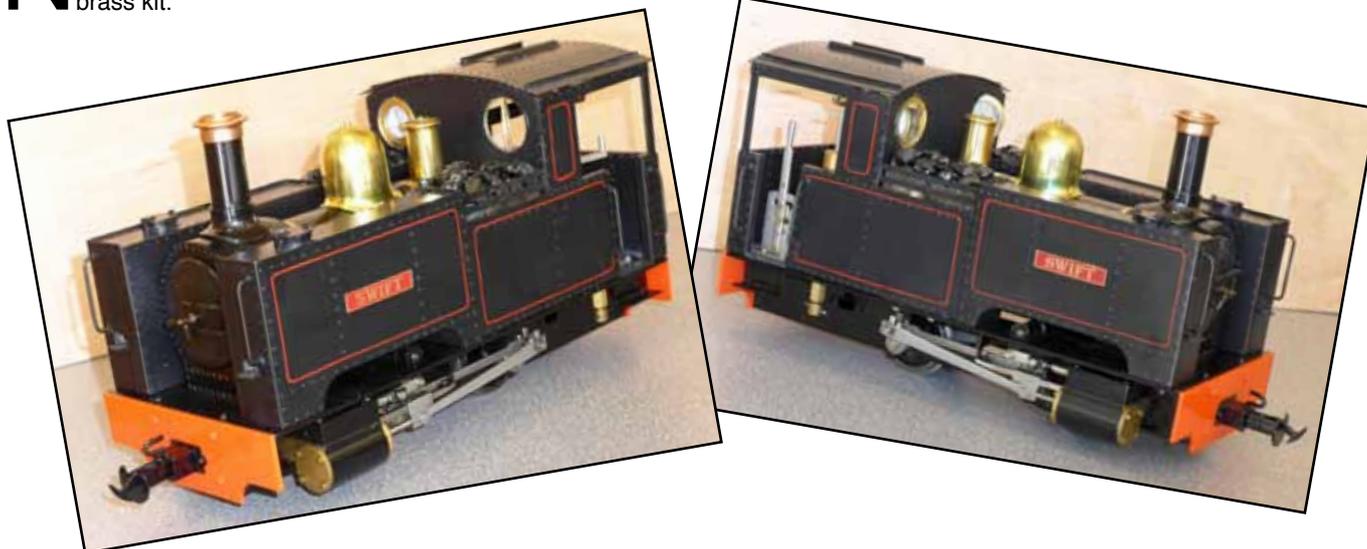
Thank you, ladies, for putting your names down to help. Pippa will soon be in touch with you so that she can organise a Rota. If you haven't already put your name down and still want to help, please contact Pippa.

If you have any questions regarding catering at IMLEC 2014 please don't hesitate to ring me on 01202 822701.

*Peggy*

## 16mm Update

No Update this month - Gordon has moved house and is still not yet organised! To fill in here are a couple of pictures of Alan Hodgson's latest 16mm loco. The power unit is an Accucraft *Ragleth* and the body was built from a SwiftSixteen etched brass kit.



## For Sale - Free!

Neil Horder has these pneumatic cylinders/bellows for disposal (no money required). No guarantees that they work or are fit for any purpose! He also has a small length of air tubing and some fittings as well.



## Zanzibar and the Bububu Railway

(Part 2)

by *Kevin Patience*

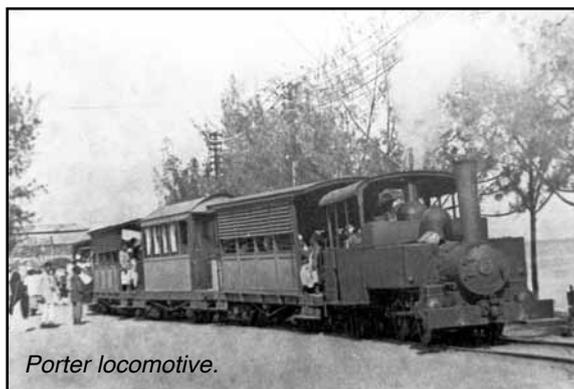
Meanwhile back in Britain there was a deep concern about the safety of the sea route to India, the jewel in the crown, and it was felt that if an opposing power gained control over the Suez Canal then the Empire and in particular India would be at risk. It was decided to control the head waters of the Nile and to this end a railway would be built across British East Africa from Mombasa to Lake Victoria. Metre gauge was chosen due to the availability of rolling stock in India and construction commenced in 1896. Five years later after innumerable difficulties ranging from wild animals, hostile tribes, massive earthworks, viaducts and severe inclines, the line reached Kisumu on the lake in December 1901 having covered 576 miles.

Back in Zanzibar an American trading company, Arnold Cheyney of Beaver Street, New York, approached the island's government with a proposal to build a three foot gauge line from Zanzibar town to the village of Mkokotoni, twenty four miles north of Zanzibar town. In September they were granted the concession but after a year had only completed seven miles of line to the village of Bububu using twenty pound per yard rail.

Five 0-4-4 tank locomotives were supplied by H.K. Porter of Pittsburgh and shipped to Zanzibar and the line opened to the public on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1905 and was known as the Zanzibar Railroad Company or the Bububu Railway. It proved extremely popular carrying all manner of passengers, goods and livestock. The journey took forty minutes depending on the number of delays due to people, carts and animals on the track. It became necessary to fit

spark arrestors to the funnels when it was found the locomotives often set fire to the thatched huts either side of the track. There were also numerous complaints from residents of Darajani about being scalded by hot water and steam and the interruption of funerals when the engine ran through the narrow street. In 1915 a causeway was built and the track realigned thus eliminating the everyday hazards of living on a railway track.

In 1911 the Zanzibar Government began to suspect the railroad company of underpaying their dues and the assets were taken over after the American company's finances were found to be suspect. The line continued to operate and a further new locomotive was ordered from Bagnall's to haul rock for the construction of the new port after the First World War. Motor transport eventually made the railway uneconomic and the line closed in 1929. Today the bridge abutments can still be seen and rails are in use as fences and door lintels. In 1985 the Tanzania Stamp Bureau commemorated the railway with an issue of a thirty shilling stamp showing a Porter engine and carriages.



*Porter locomotive.*



*Bububu departure.*

## FOR SALE



Accucraft Lawley 0-6-0T GWR Green manual live steam engine 45/32mm gauge,  
only steamed twice – £500.00

Also available – Set of 2 Lynton & Barnstaple bogie open wagons and a Lynton &  
Barnstaple goods bogie brake van - £100.00

Also 12 x 1 yard stainless steel Aristocraft 45mm track - £100.00



Please contact Dave on 01202 576656

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**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at Muscliffe Community Centre, Shillingston Drive, Bournemouth. At 1930hrs on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014.**

**All Directors, Officers and Committee Members of the Company retire at this Meeting.**

If you wish to nominate any member for any post please complete the Nomination Form at the bottom of this Notice and return it to the Company Secretary at the **Registered Office** of the Society by 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

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**BOURNEMOUTH & DISTRICT SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**TO BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY BY 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014**

I wish to nominate .....

To serve as. (See Article 33) .....

on the Management Committee of the Society for the year 2014/2015,

Signed .....

I wish to second the nomination of.....

as a member of the Management Committee,

Signed .....

I ..... having been nominated and seconded, am willing to serve on the Management Committee for the year 2014/2015 should I be elected.

Signed .....

Nominees for Company Secretary or Treasurer must also be prepared to stand as a Director.