



Chairman's Thoughts

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

The morning of the Santa Special started dry but very mild for the time of year. Everyone helped with the scenery and decorations and it all went up easily. In no time at all the engines were in steam, bacon sandwiches followed by cups of tea were served up and we were ready for our 10.30 am start. We were treated to soup, bread and cheese for lunch - thanks Margery for the work you must have done at home preparing the food then serving the helpers for lunch, it was much appreciated.

The double heading of some of the trains went well and with our 3-trolley trains our passengers were able to travel in comfort. I would especially like to thank Irene and Phil for sorting out the bookings. My thanks to the drivers as well, still you did not get wet or too cold this year.

With the last train out we were able to pack everything away. The day ended with teas & coffees. Thanks to Irene for sorting out all the presents and wrapping them and sorting it all out (not forgetting David White who did all the fetching and carrying). Thanks to everybody who helped on the day it made a lot of children and their parents very happy.

Our annual Christmas Party went off well with plenty of nibbles to be had. Irene and David White took charge of the party - luckily no singing of carols this year. We had various quizzes (sorry my picture quiz was not in colour) followed by the raffle. We were able to give the proceeds to Air Ambulance as one of Irene's guiders had used the service recently. Thanks to all the members who attended the party.

With the rain we have had over the past few weeks our parking area is very wet and will churn up very quickly. So the parking area by our entrance is only to be used by those who are running locos until the weather improves. This will involve parking in the main Littledown car park and walking up to the track. If you intend running a loco please turn your vehicle around on the hard standing area as we do not want to churn up the area by the engine shed. Please note that parking in Littledown's car park is limited to **three hours** during the week and unlimited parking at weekends. Also, if parking in the lay-by it is one hour only 365 days a year, you have been warned. You can get a 5-hour Parking Pass in the week if you go into Littledown and ask for one, but they only issue them on a daily basis.

David Martin

Editor's Ramblings

I have managed to create a spreadsheet listing the current status of all the Boiler Certificates issued by the Society. A paper version of the spreadsheet is posted in the Engine Shed. Please check that the details of the Boiler Certificates for your locomotives are correct. If you would like a copy of your entries in the list please ask me and I will e-mail your entries to you.

The menu for the Annual Dinner was sent to all Members before Christmas. Just in case you have lost it I have reprinted the menu on page 6 of this Newsletter. The form for you to let Ron Barson know what you want to eat is on page 4. Ron needs this returned, together with your payment, by the January Meeting on Wednesday 20th January 2015.

Brian Williams has 'volunteered' to give a talk at the January meeting on the 5" Gauge Shay he is building and a recent visit he made to see the real thing in action on the Cass Scenic Railroad in West Virginia. Please try to attend.

Have a healthy and happy 2016.

Annual Subscriptions were due on 1st January 2016. Please help George's sanity by filling in the Renewal Form and returning it to him with payment as soon as possible.

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Insurance & Membership Lists

A copy of the Society's Insurance 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 wanting to run their locomotives at locations requiring evidence of Public Liability cover there are copies of the Certificate at the back of the same folder as the copy of the policy. This needs to be signed by a Committee Member on an individual basis before becoming valid.

The new Application and Renewal Forms means we can keep our Membership List up-to-date. 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

Committee Matters

The January 2016 Committee Meeting will be held in Training Room 1, The Littledown Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th January 2016. The Minutes of the December 2015 Committee Meeting will be available for perusal at the January 2016 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 January 2016 will be anticlockwise. February 2016 will 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 17th January 2016 and 7th & 21st February 2016.

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

Boiler Testing

If you require a Boiler Test, please remember that you need to book it with one of the Boiler Testers. Also you should have all the paperwork with you - that's all the past Test Certificates and the *Written Scheme of Examination!* You have kept them, haven't you?

B&DSME Diary Dates

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| 20 th January 2016 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
<i>Brian Williams. Brian is building a 5" Gauge Shay and recently visited the Cass Scenic Railroad in West Virginia to see the real thing.</i> |
| 27 th January 2016 | Annual Dinner; 7.00 for 7.30 pm. The Manor, Salisbury Rd, Christchurch, BH23 7JG.
<i>Menu is on Pages 4 & 6 of this Newsletter. Ron Barson.</i> |
| 4 th February 2016 | Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
<i>John Hoyle. Please let John know.</i> |
| 17 th February 2016 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
<i>Stephen Robson. Charles Rolls and Britain's First International Aviation meeting.</i> |
| 3 rd March 2016 | Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
<i>Gordon Miles. Please let Gordon know.</i> |
| 16 th March 2016 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
<i>Richard Knott's Video Show.</i> |

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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IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

The Committee would like to remind Members that it is a condition of our Lease that they must only park their cars or motorcycles in the designated parking area. **There is to be no parking in the area around or near the Engine Shed, on the driveway or turning circle. There are no exceptions to this rule.** As soon as you have unloaded your engine and/or equipment you **must** move your vehicle to the parking area by the entrance gate. As parking spaces are limited please use the main Littledown Centre Car Park if you are not bringing a locomotive to run.

B&DSME Model Engineer Magazine Library

Please use the library as it is a wonderful source of information and there are many fascinating articles within. Please remember when borrowing a magazine from the Society's library, to complete the sign out sheet, which is attached to the storage cupboard door.

The library is updated regularly as new magazines are donated, so keep an eye on the index for the latest additions.

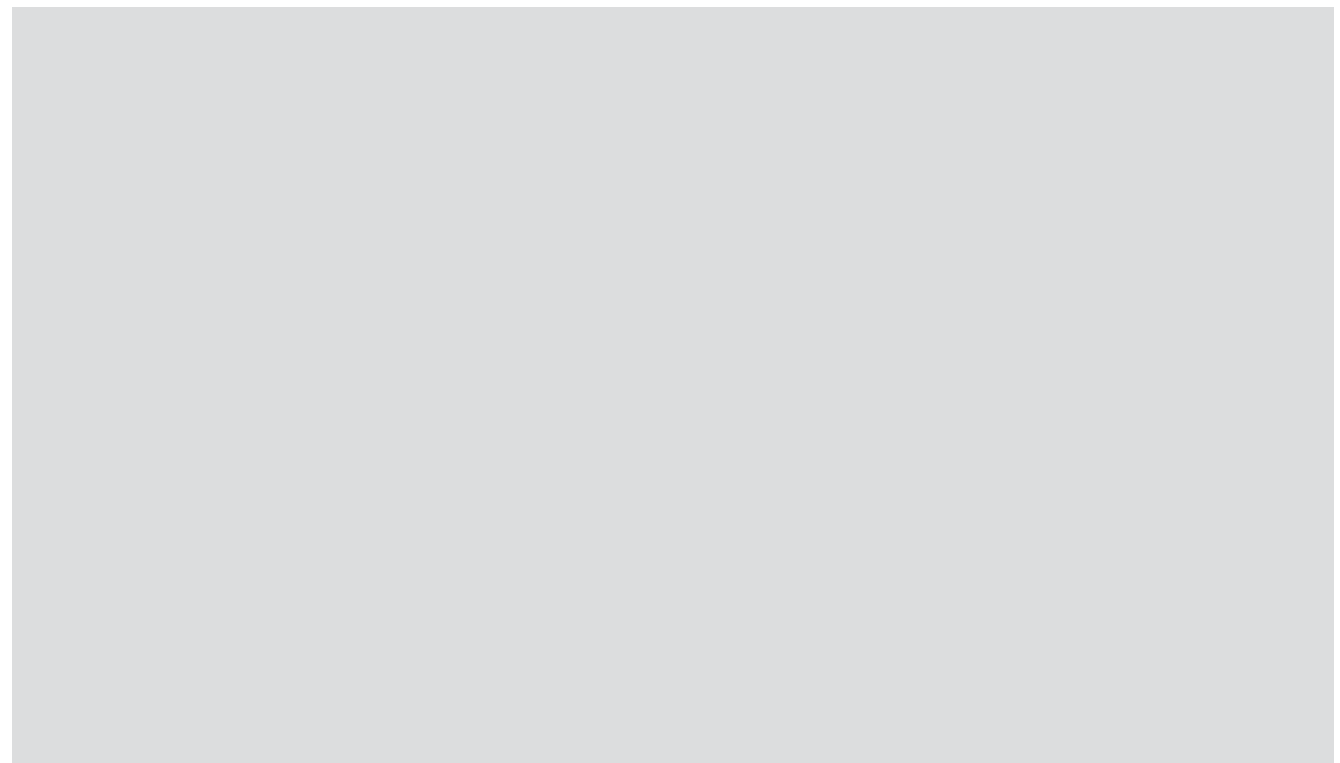
Please treat the magazines with care as many are fragile due to their age.

Peter Burton

Your Free Cloth Badge

You may remember that John Roberts offered a free badge to each member of the Society. I now have a small number of badges available. Please contact David White at the track or at Muscliffe. I can place further orders with John. Extra badges are available at £1.50 each.

David White



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For Sale

Hydraulic Lift and Compressor

Ill health forces sale. The lift is ideal for taking your loco off the bench to the car, etc and I also used it a lot when testing my loco at home.

The compressor was used for boiler testing and general test running of the loco.

Contact Paul Martin on:

paulmartin482@outlook.com for further details.

HYDRAULIC LIFTING TROLLEY

Ideal for transporting your 5" gauge loco (or other size) from bench to car etc, and for holding the loco when doing its steam test etc. out of doors at home.

Built specially by modifying a motorcycle servicing trolley, it has 5" gauge rails, but these could be easily moved for 3 1/2" or small 7 1/4" locos.

Overall size: 45" long (The rails extend beyond the trolley by a total of 18", but could easily be removed whilst transporting the trolley) and 24" wide.

Height: 24" minimum and 36" in fully raised position.

Operated by levers.

Provision for guard rails around the loco.

Hydraulics recently serviced.

Swivelling wheels (two are braked)

I have owned and used this for 15 years and it has always been kept nice and dry in the workshop.

I cannot provide a lifting capacity figure, but it lifted my GWR 2-8-0 Martin Evans goods and a 1/4 scale 0-4-0 narrow gauge loco (both 5") - separately, not together!

Price £165, **to a model engineer.**

Buyer collects from BH22.



COMPRESSOR

Made by Northern Tools.

1.5 HP with a 25L tank.

Max pressure: 116 psi (8 bar).

Oil free air delivery.

Physical size: 24" long x 24" high x 12" wide.

Purchased in 2008 and used about ten times per year since then.

Maintenance manual included.

Could, of course, be used for spraying.

Similar to Draper 24975, but 50% more powerful.

Amazon price £80.

Selling at £40.

Buyer collects from BH22.

