



Editor's Ramblings

The now traditional exchange of visits between ourselves and the local Gauge 0 Guild Group took place in June. We visited them on the second Wednesday at the Allendale Centre, Wimborne when they had their test track in operation and provided refreshments. It was, as always, a very pleasant evening chatting and watching the trains go past.

The following Wednesday we hosted them and the local area groups of G1MRA and MERG at Littledown, running throughout the evening with the BBQ ably driven by Ron Barson with Marjery on the tea urn.

The AGM is next up, again with a BBQ and the August Meeting is the popular Fish & Chip Supper. The Order Form for this is included with this *Newsletter* so that you can get it back to me in good time.

BH Live is running their Family Fun Day in the park on Sunday 31st July 2016. Last year we were caught by surprise with this event, but we have been warned well in advance to expect hordes of passengers. Please try to get down to the track as we will need all the help we can muster. Please let me, or a Committee Member, that you intend to help - only those Members who let us know in advance will be catered for by Marjery!

Our charity for 2016 is **The Friends of Dolphin**, conceived in 1979 by the Rotary Club of Parkstone to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Rotary International.

Charity Day at Littledown Miniature Railway is Sunday 7th August 2016 - make a note in your diary and come along and help.

John Hoyle has once again organised the Running Rota for the School Summer Holidays. This extra operation brings in much needed extra revenue for the Society as well as keeping up our reputation in the local Community. You do not need to be able to provide a locomotive as the service is run using *Littledown Castle*. If you are not already on the Rota there is nothing to stop you coming along to help. You will find the Rota is on page 4 of this *Newsletter*.



Kevin Patience tries out his 5" Gauge Stirling Single. (Photo Dick Ganderton)

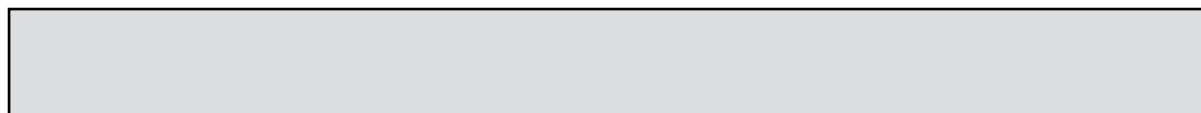
Dick Ganderton

Society Baseball Hats

John Roberts now has some club baseball hats in stock, 2-tone navy and royal blue, embroidered with the Society logo. He also has a stock of thermally lined woolly hats, also embroidered. All hats are £10 each.

He would also like to remind all Members that Society shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and jackets can be supplied and can include your name under the logo.

See John at the track or contact him by e-mail sales@bearbiz.co.uk or telephone 023 8086 6002 or 07831 442250. There is a price list on the notice board in the Engine Shed.



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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 next Committee Meeting will be held in Training Room 1, The Littledown Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th September 2016. The Minutes of the July 2016 Committee Meeting will be available for perusal at the AGM.

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 July 2016 will be anticlockwise and August 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 July 2016 and 7th & 21st August 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

- 27th July 2016 Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway.
AGM. Please make every effort to attend to ensure that we have a quorum! Followed by BBQ.
- 31st July 2016 Family Fun Day. Littledown Miniature Railway.
Please note that this is a Sunday. We need your support to run the railway for passenger hauling from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. We anticipate be very busy! Contact Dick by e-mail if you can help.
- 7th August 2016 Charity Day. Littledown Miniature Railway.
Please note that this is a Sunday. Our Charity this year is Friends of Dolphin.
- 17th August 2016 Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway.
Fish & Chip Supper. Order Form with this Newsletter. Return to Dick with payment, please,

No TechChat Meeting in August.

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 *Model Engineer* library is fully up to date, with some recent additions donated to the Society by a person unknown. A box of the magazines was left for my attention in the Engine Shed, and I do not know the person's identity. Anyway they were gratefully received and added to the library, with the duplicated copies donated to the Swanage Railway for their bookstall at Corfe Castle.

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

Peter Burton

For Sale

In preparation for Barry Linger's lathe classes the Society is replacing the old Myford ML4 lathe in the Engine Shed with a more modern one.

The lathe has the same spindle nose as later Myford Series 7 lathes and is equipped with a 4" dia. 3-jaw chuck, a 4" dia. 4-jaw chuck and a 7" dia. faceplate. It also has a couple of drill chucks and some Myford lathe tools. The leadscrew is fitted with a Myford Super7 graduated handwheel and has tumbler reverse. There are some change wheels. Single phase electrics with a Myford control switch and a no-volt switch. Mounted on raising blocks in a full-size steel drip tray.

Sensible offers are invited from Members. Further information is available from Dick Ganderton.



North Wilts Model Engineering Society
Coate Water Railway (Swindon, Wilts)

**You are invited to join us for the official
opening of our track extension on: -**

Saturday 17th September (no public running)
and
Sunday 18th September (public running)

Please apply by the email below or by post to the Chairman -

Ken Parker, 26 Tyburn Close, Grange Park, Swindon, Wilts. SN5 6BY
with SAE to reserve a place.

Full details will be sent by return.

Closing Date Thursday 1st September 2016

Email: kennth.parker1@ntlworld.com or Tel: 07710 515 507



School Summer Holidays 2016

Running Rota from Friday 22nd July to Friday 26th August

Please be on site by 1030 and be prepared to stay and close up until 1700.

Passenger carrying normally from 1100 – 1600.

The Team of the Day should devote themselves to manning the station and passenger carrying with *Littledown Castle* or a privately owned locomotive using two carriages, unless there are sufficient passenger trains provided by other Members to make the Society Train redundant.

Changes to the Rota are the responsibility of the person making the change; please alter the Master Copy in the Engine Shed and let me know.

ACCIDENTS, however trivial, must be recorded in the Accidents Book and Secretary George Wheatley be informed without delay. The first named person on the Rota is responsible for doing this.

Please make sure you fill in the Running Log for the day.

Midweek Running Rota 2016

Friday 22 July	Dick Ganderton	Phil Drake	Les Lilley	John Hoyle
Wednesday 27 July	Bob Devereux	Mick Baker	Derek Sawyer	Charlie Betteridge
Friday 29 July	Dave Martin	David Nicholson	Ron Barson	Margery Barson
Wednesday 3 August	John Hoyle	Gordon Miles	John Roberts	Carol Roberts
Friday 5 August	Brian Williams	David White	Irene Kent	Charlie Betteridge
Wednesday 10 August	George Wheatley	Glyn Tandy	Pippa Wheatley	Barry Linger
Friday 12 August	John Roberts	Mike Clay	Carole Clay	Dick Ganderton
Wednesday 17 August	Dave Finn	Dave Martin	Phil Drake	Chris Brown
Friday 19 August	Gordon Miles	Margery Barson	Ron Barson	Dave Knight
Wednesday 24 August	Barry Linger	Sheila Ray	Derek Sawyer	Kevin Patience
Friday 26 August	David White	Glyn Tandy	Irene Kent	Bob Devereux