

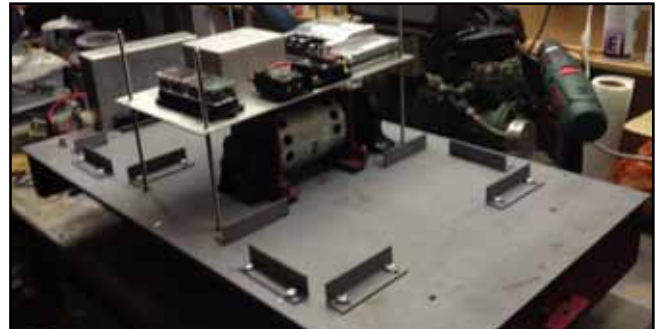


## Editor's Ramblings

The Chairman is in Hong Kong so there are no Ramblings from him this month. However, he did send me a brief e-mail.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF HONG KONG STOP HEAT STOP HUMIDITY STOP SMELLS STOP COOKING STOP PEOPLE STOP RUSHING PEOPLE STOP BIG NEW BUSES STOP OLD TRAMS STOP EVEN MORE HEAT STOP STAR FERRY STOP BRIDGES STOP GREAT UNDERGROUND RAILWAY STOP CONSTRUCTION STOP TALL BUILDINGS STOP OLD BRITISH COLONIAL BUILDINGS STOP CONCRETE JUNGLE STOP CONCRETE AND GLASS STOP BOATS STOP BAMBOO SCAFFOLDING STOP VERY SCARY VERY HIGH BAMBOO SCAFFOLDING HELD TOGETHER BY KNOTTED PLASTIC STRAPS STOP OPPRESSIVE BUILDINGS STOP A DIFFERENT LIFE! STOP

The major overhaul of *Sheddon Wheals* is progressing well. Neil is redoing all the electrics and electronics and the primary drive has been changed from a chain to a toothed belt. The wider footplate, needed to accommodate the larger batteries across the engine, has meant that a new body is needed. Bruce Baker and Derek Sawyer have offered to make an aluminium one, similar in construction to the one they made for *Littledown Castle*. Bruce has made a cardboard mockup to see how it looked and in the photograph he and Neil are seen looking at it in place on the revised chassis in Neil's garage. The top picture shows the new footplate with the new controller, a PGDT i140, along with the fuses and cutout, in place above the motor.



Ron Barson is working on the 2017 Annual Dinner and it looks as if it will be at the same restaurant as last year on the fourth Wednesday in January, so keep that evening clear in your diaries. This year's Dinner was very good so next year's should be worth attending.



Santa Trains will be running on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December - David Martin will be arranging everything as usual, so please respond to his calls for help. The pre-Christmas social at Muscliff is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

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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.

**Ron Barson, Secretary**

## Committee Matters

The next Committee Meeting will be held in Training Room 1, The Littledown Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016. The Minutes of the October 2016 Committee Meeting will be available for perusal at the October Meeting and in the Engine Shed.

**Ron Barson, 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 October 2016 will be clockwise and November 2016 will be anticlockwise.

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 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and 6<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November 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](http://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?

If you are presenting your loco for its 4-yearly Hydraulic Test please note that you cannot expect the Boiler Tester to provide the necessary blanking plugs. You should have a complete set of blanking plugs for each of your locos, one of which must have a **male** 1/4" x 40TPI fitting to allow the connection of the test pump and gauge. The threaded portion of this should be at least 3/8" (10mm) long with a 60 degree countersink to take a standard nipple.

Please pump the boiler up at home to check that there are no leaks.

### Boiler Testers

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Bob Devereux

Mike Mortimer

Barry Linger

Gordon Miles (16mm locos only)

## B&DSME Diary Dates

19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre, Shillingstone Drive, Bournemouth BH9 3LR. *Presentation of cheque to our 2016 charity, The Friends of Dolphin, followed by a short talk on their work. Following on from this we will have a Bits & Pieces Evening, please bring something to show.*

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.  
*John Hoyle. Please let John know.*

16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre, Shillingstone Drive, Bournemouth BH9 3LR.  
*Kevin Patience: The infamous 'Man-Eaters of Tsavo' - the story of the building of the 'Lunatic Line' across British East Africa at the end of the 19th Century.*

## 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 Stephen Loader. These have been gratefully received and will be 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*



### YOUR COMMITTEE 2016 / 2017

Members all report to Committee on various aspects of our Society. If any Society Member would like to raise an issue with Committee please contact the Committee Member responsible.

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