



Editor's Ramblings

A much smaller *Newsletter* this month - only two pages! I am always open to articles from Members. Why not write something about your latest project, or somewhere interesting that you have visited? We had a very enjoyable Meeting last month - Graham always puts on a really professional film show. I find the period adverts and trailers fascinating, but the feature film was of particular interest to me as Peggy and I actually had a ride on the White Pass and Yukon Route Railway on my 70th birthday. Unfortunately not steam hauled but, nevertheless, still very memorable. If you didn't attend you not only missed a very interesting film but also on the free food that Margery had laid on to make up for the loss of our Christmas party.

The subject of the illustrated talk by Stephen Robson at our next meeting is interesting. Here is Stephen's introduction to 'Battle of Britain 1935'. *The dark months and incredible deeds of the few in 1940 are well covered in many books and films. A battle experienced, well trained, well motivated and larger force was prevented from gaining air superiority by a small number of novice fighter pilots in novel aircraft types. How could the few succeed against such overwhelming odds? This illustrated talk covers the situation between WW1 and WW2 when politics and economies had reduced the military to dangerously low levels. The rise of the Luftwaffe and Nazi Germany at that time with Britain's slumbering reached a critical stage in 1935. The talk shows how a range of people, their vision and inspiration enabled a system to be created that was able to prevent Nazi Germany from gaining that air supremacy needed for an invasion.*

Stephen's previous talks have been excellent and well worth listening to.

Dick Ganderton

Tech-Chat

Hi to you all. I am not normally one to put pen to paper or finger to keyboard, however, following last night's Tech-Chat I was totally bowled over and feel I must say something. I was astonished at some of the items that were shown and explained by some of our members. The bits and pieces shown were things that were futuristic, electric, electronic whiz bang, engineering and much chin wagging, all of which was really interesting. Want to know what these items were? Then come along for an informal chat over a cuppa and see what others in our Society are conjuring up.

With my lack of engineering skills and knowledge I find Tech-Chat a place where I can ask many questions and gain info.

Please remember that we are all members of a 'Model Engineering Society'. We, as a club, have a very wide variety of subjects that we enjoy as hobbies and it was a real eye opener to see some of these in operation and to be able to gain a little knowledge about some of these amazing things. We often think that we are only a Railway club, as much of our Society revolves around 'the railway' down at Littledown. If you have an interest that doesn't get talked about much then bring it to Tech-Chat and informally tell us a little about it.

Brian Williams

B&DSME Diary Dates

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| 15 th February 2017 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm Muscliff Community Centre, Shillingstone Drive, Bournemouth BH9 3LR.
<i>'Battle of Britain 1935'. An illustrated talk by Stephen Robson showing how the vision and inspiration of a range of people enabled a system to be created that prevented Nazi Germany from gaining that air supremacy needed for an invasion.</i> |
| 2 nd March 2017 | Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
<i>Gordon Miles. Please let Gordon know.</i> |
| 15 th April 2017 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm Muscliff Community Centre, Shillingstone Drive, Bournemouth BH9 3LR.
<i>Richard Knott's Annual Video Show.</i> |

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16mm Update

To all 16mm steam locomotive owners.

Just a timely reminder from your friendly boiler testers, Gordon and Glyn. Your steam locos are now due for their Annual Steam and Gas Tank Test. We would like to get this task completed during February and March, so please help us.

You should present us with your engine ready to fire up with the gas tank full, together with your 2016 Test Certificate. These tests can be conducted on a Wednesday or Sunday and it would also help if prior notice could be given to Gordon or Glyn.

Do not forget that we run the Garden Railway on the first and third Sunday every month, weather permitting, of course. The next dates are 19th February 2017 and 5th & 19th March 2017.

Gordon Miles, Glyn Tandy & David White

Subscriptions

Subscriptions became due on 1st January 2017. Thanks to all of you who have paid.

Amounts due are as follows:

Ordinary Member:	£26.00
Family Member:	£27.00
Associate:	£7.00
Country Member:	£13.00 (includes Partner)

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Payment in Cash direct to the Membership Secretary (George Wheatley)

Every payment must be accompanied by a completed Renewal Form. In the case of direct payments to the bank the completed form must be sent to the Membership Secretary (George Wheatley).

Subscriptions will be accepted at the Track on all running days until the end of March after which membership will be considered terminated if you haven't paid.

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January Party Evening

Thank you to all who donated raffle prizes. Tickets sold totalled £42.00 and we had a kind donation of £5.00. A cheque for £47.00 was sent to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and their acknowledgement letter is on the Notice Board in the Engine Shed.

Thanks also to Margery for a lovely Supper.

Finally thanks to Graham Smith for his Film Show.

If you didn't attend, you now know what you missed!!

Irene and David



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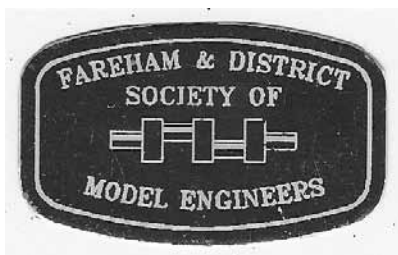
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Catering—
See below

Fareham & District Society
of Model Engineers (F&DSME)

Spring Electric Day

Saturday 22nd April 2017



Venue Address:

F&DSME
'The Railway Field'
Sedgensworth Road
Titchfield
Fareham
Hampshire
PO15 5DY

F&DSME wish to extend a warm invitation to attend our Diesel-Electric event ('Electric Day') which has been expanded to include Autumn and Spring running.

Start time: The Railway Field will be open from 09:00 with running from 10:00.

Track gauges: 3.5" + 5" raised and 7 1/4" ground level

Refreshments: Hot and cold drinks throughout the day + light lunch. ([Please advise of numbers attending \(by phone/e-mail\) for catering purposes](#))

Location/Directions: Please see maps on page 2.

Any queries then please don't hesitate to contact me.

See you on the day,

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