



## Chairman's Thoughts

July is an important month in the Society's year, as we hold the AGM on Wednesday 19th July at 19.30, the venue being the Muscliff Community Centre. Please try and attend this important meeting, as it is your chance to vote for or against the Management Committee and Directors of the Society. Sandwiches and cakes will be provided after the AGM.

The recent lovely summer weather has brought many visitors to our railway, especially on Sunday 25th June when we took in excess of £300. There was an event in the Littledown park which brought in many more visitors than we would normally see. Unfortunately, we had very few Members to assist with the running of the railway, and therefore they had to work extremely hard.

All of us that regularly run on Sundays and Wednesdays would love to see more Members attend, especially with your locos. Even if it's a non-runner bring it along, put it on the Steaming Bays and chat to fellow Members, our Society really is a superb sociable place to be, and if you are like me, I always enjoy talking railways and locomotives.

The next big event at the track is on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July, this is the Littledown Family Fun Day and I hope we have a queue the length of the platform for rides. Please come and help if you can.

Barry Linger is standing down from the Committee at the AGM after many years of service. On behalf of the whole Society I would like to thank him for all his efforts, especially the work he has put into the new Lathe and Training Courses. Thank you Barry, you will be sorely missed.

I hope to see you at the track soon.

*Peter Burton*

## Editor's Ramblings

Four generations of the Baker family turned up at Littledown recently. My picture shows the proud great grandparents, Mick Baker as guard and Marg driving the recently revamped *Sheddon Wheals*. Behind greatgrandmother is two year old Lucy, her mother Clare, and grandmother Tessa. The Baker family had a great time in the park as their other granddaughter, Zoe, was over from the USA.

Don't forget that the AGM will be held at Muscliff Community Centre on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017, starting at 7.30pm prompt. We cannot have a BBQ at Muscliff so the Ladies have arranged for us to have sandwiches and cakes instead after the Meeting. Please make the effort to turn up to this important meeting

*Dick Ganderton*



## A Message To Our Lady Members From Peggy

Hi, Ladies. First, I would like to thank all the ladies who gave so much help for the visit by the Dementia Group. It was a lovely afternoon and the visitors were so friendly and really enjoyed their cream teas and rides on the trains.

The next item is the AGM at Muscliff. We are having food and I have spoken to some ladies, but if anyone else wants to help please bring something savoury. No scones, please, as we will have sandwiches.

We will need to give some thought to who is going to organise the food at events and Meetings. It would also be desirable to have a lady on the Committee, so get your thinking caps on. I am not able to return to do this as my health is not good enough, but I can always bake a cake!

*Peggy Ganderton*

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## B&DSME Diary Dates

- 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.  
*AGM. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting to ensure that we have a quorum! Sandwiches and cakes will be provided after the AGM.*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 Tech-Chat; **No Tech-Chat Meetings in August and September.**
- 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017 Charity Day. Littledown Miniature Railway.  
*Please note that this is a Sunday. Our Charity this year is The Jon Egging Trust.*
- 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017 Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway.  
*Fish & Chip Supper. Order Form on page 5 of this Newsletter. Please return with payment to Dick by Monday 14th August 2017. **No money, no fish & Chips!***

## Committee Matters

**T**here will be no Committee Meeting in August. The September Committee Meeting will be held in The Littledown Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

*George Wheatley, Secretary*

## Bernie Luckham

**B**ernard John Vey Luckham, known to us as Bernie, passed away on 17th June 2017.

Bernie had been a Member of the Society for many years and enjoyed the monthly Meetings at Muscliff. He had been unwell for some time



## Workshop Lathe

**E**ver since the new lathe arrived in the workshop there have been enquiries as to who may use it. It is the policy of the Committee to make it available to as many Members as possible, provided this is compatible with safety, both of the operator and of the lathe. The Committee encourages as many Members as possible to be able to use the lathe, which is why we are running Lathe Courses for those who as yet, do not have the necessary skills.

Currently there is still much work to do to complete the new workshop, including completion of the electrical supply. Until this work is finished the lathe cannot be used on a regular basis. In order to make some use of it in the meanwhile it was decided that until the workshop was completed it would only be used by those pupils on the Lathe Course under the supervision of the three tutors, Barry Linger, Gordon Miles and John Hoyle. Only the tutors have a key to the locked lathe cabinet at present.

Certain safety rules for lathe use have been posted in the workshop and all those operating the lathe must adhere to these.

Merlin has made some very good suggestions on how we 'control' the use of the lathe and the Committee has taken these on board. A list of experienced engineers is being drawn up now with the help of Merlin, and any Members who wish to be added to this list must apply to the Committee for consideration. This list will be posted in the workshop in due course.

An update on the latest situation will appear in the next *Newsletter*.



## For Sale

I have reluctantly decided to sell my 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Gauge Jessie Class loco *Edith* due to time and financial constraints. It would be great if she she could stay at her 'home shed'.

Jessie Class loco, built aprox 2007 (copper boiler by Cornish Boilers), low mileage, axle pump, hand pump and injector (the latter two need slight adjustment), rocking grate. Boiler hydraulic certificate expires 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018, needs new steam test certificate.

I have an hydraulic lifting table with rails attached to go with the engine, as well as the usual tools.

Offers in the region of £5,500 sought.

Enquires and inspection welcome.

Telephone Chris (01202) 659211.



## Fareham & District Society of Model Engineers Invitation

Fareham have invited North London to visit our track on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, and I understand that, as there will only be about six members from North London visiting us, the invitation is being thrown open to other clubs whose members may like to run on the Fareham track.

This will be a low stress affair and an opportunity for those of your members who may wish to get a little experience on other tracks with no competitive or public running involvement. Electric, IC or steam would be equally welcome.

Set your SatNav to **PO15 5DZ**. Map users come off the M27 at Junction 9 and head for Fareham. At the big roundabout take the first exit to Segensworth East/'Recycle Centre'. This is Barnes Wallace Road. Follow it to the end. At roundabout take the second exit to Cartwright Drive. 250 yards later turn left for Titchfield and Wickham. Look for Fareham Society on the right!

If catering, other than tea and coffee, is required please let me know [marlingearing@hotmail.com](mailto:marlingearing@hotmail.com)

**Linda Gearing**

**Fareham & District Society of Model Engineers**

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