



## Editor's Ramblings

The Polly Rally on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May was a great success, the visitors really enjoyed our track and facilities, so a big thank you to everyone who helped on the day. Special thanks must go to Margery and Ron for the superb spread of food and the barbecue in the evening.

Personally it was a real treat to see so many locomotives in action and the steaming bays packed with people preparing their engines, it is no exaggeration to say the Society was buzzing and alive.

There is no reason given nice weather that the Society couldn't have this atmosphere every Sunday, we have 150+ members, but sadly we don't see very many locos at the track.

We could really do with your help on the Society's running days, our visitors love to see a variety of engines, so please come along, run your engine, drink tea and chat engineering and railways.

Barry, John and Gordon are doing a superb job with the lathe training courses, and now that the Society's lathe is installed in our new training workshop it will go from strength to strength. We hope to be able to carry out other training courses in the future, such as silver soldering, so watch this space.

Please remember our monthly meetings at Muscliff Community Centre on the third Wednesday of the month. Malcolm Smith has arranged some excellent guest speakers and his brother, Graham does a fabulous film show with a railway theme. Please look at the *Newsletter* for details.

I hope to see you at the track soon.

**Peter Burton**



*The Polly Owners Group believes in catching them young. This is Brynn enjoying himself. (Photo Mick Baker)*

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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.

Graham Smith film shows are always interesting. He is managing to find films for the main feature on subjects that seem to follow highlights in my life. His previous show featured the White Pass & Yukon Railway. I spent my 70th birthday riding on this fascinating line! Last month he found a documentary on a day in the life of Waterloo Station. Starting with the beehives on the roof it finished with the departure of the 1.04 am Newspaper Train. I travelled on this train 55 years ago down to Devonport to board an RFA oil tanker bound for Trinidad. I wonder what his next film will feature!

**Dick Ganderton**

## AGM Food

Ladies, if you can do the food that we have talked about for the AGM it will be appreciated. If any other Ladies would like to help a small donation of a savoury item would be great.

If you want to help I can be contacted on 01202 822701 or [peggy.ganderton@gmail.com](mailto:peggy.ganderton@gmail.com)

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## B&DSME Diary Dates

- 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway.  
*Barbeque. We will be inviting members of the Gauge 0 Guild, Gauge 1 Association and MERG Local Area Groups to join us for the evening.*
- 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.  
*Gordon Miles. Please let Gordon know.*
- 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.*
- 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. More details on how to order next month.*



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Dear John,

As Secretary for the Polly Owners Group may I pass on our sincere thanks to Bournemouth and District SME for hosting the POG Spring Rally.

Please pass on our thanks to all your members who made us so welcome and the day a success.

A big thank you also to everyone who put on such a good lunch and looked after us all so well during the day and provided such a wonderful BBQ in the evening.

The track, as always, was a pleasure to drive round and it was interesting to see the changes made since our last visit to Littledown Park.

Please accept the enclosed cheque as a donation to the club.

May we wish you and B&DSME a successful running season.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Mortimer



## Polly Owners Group Rally 2017

The Polly Owners Group held their 2017 Rally at the Littledown Miniature Railway. Here is a selection of photographs taken by Mick Baker.



Neil Mortimer, Secretary of the Polly Owners Group, looks on while the front end of this Polly V was taken apart and then successfully reassembled.



Above: The new Prairie 2-6-2T is arguably the best looking Polly yet.

Left: Yes, we can all see that it's not a Polly, but Neil Mortimer's *Dolgoch* certainly looked stunning sitting on the Steaming Bays at Littledown.



## For Sale

**M**artin Evans *Speedy* 1500 0-6-0PT 5" Gauge.  
Hydraulic Test due on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020  
Steam Test due on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

Boiler Copper - unknown year of manufacture.  
Internal boiler inspection looks very good.

I have all the paperwork plus a manual for the loco.

This engine runs very well, she really needs a Winter project to rub the paint work down and repaint her. The loco is painted in green, but the actual locos working out of Paddington in bygone days were black.

She has an axle pump, but in all honesty these never work very well, an injector which is the best working injector I have ever worked with (fills the boiler really fast as long as you have +60 psi) and picks up every time. I put in a hand pump and also a water feed if you have a tender tank. This can be a hand pump, or an electric pump (as I used), it's cheating so I am told!

The loco is very responsive on the throttle and will happily pull people around the Littledown circuit with the minimum of fuss.

If you are really interested, you can view the loco, but I would suggest firing *Speedy* up and running her on my rolling road, or if you can run on the Littledown track.

I am looking for £4,000 ovno

There are better examples of a *Speedy* 1500 around, but some of these engines seem to command a price tag of just under £6k, so really this engine is a bargain, but lacks some detail. There is nothing wrong with this loco, so please don't think the price reflects any issues.

Contact Kevin on 07881 708176 if you have any questions, happy to help.



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## Southampton SME 3½" Day

**S**outhampton Society of Model Engineers will be holding a 3½" Day on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at our Riverside Park, Nursery Road, Southampton SO18 1PQ track from 10.00am to 16.00pm.

This is a personal invitation to your Society for any of your members who are interested to bring their locos and join us on the day.

Please contact our Chairman, David Goyder, for further information, and advice upon any attendees.

Telephone: 02380 421201 or e-mail: [dgoyder@fidelio.ltd.uk](mailto:dgoyder@fidelio.ltd.uk)

*David Goyder*

*Southampton Society of Model Engineers*

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## Hereford SME Open Days

**Y**ou are invited to the Hereford Society of Model Engineers Open Days at Broomy Hill on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July from 10am onwards. We will be running for the public on the 10<sup>th</sup> July and offer you the option of pulling members of the public.

Our site covers about five acres by the River Wye, on the edge of Hereford. We have a 7¼" and 5" gauge ground level track and a 5" and a 3½" gauge elevated track. We also have a Gauge 1 Garden Railway, Model Boats on the 30 x 20m pond and plenty of level and uneven ground for Traction Engines and Tanks (model ones).

Teas & Light Refreshments will be available.

Parking for about 70 cars and space for caravans and campervans. Check our website [www.hsme.co.uk](http://www.hsme.co.uk) for further details of the site. The 'Finding Us' page gives the location, zoom in on the Google Earth map to see the track layout.

If you are intending to bring along models for running please let me know by e-mail [tim@timmj.plus.com](mailto:tim@timmj.plus.com) or phone me on 01544 318457. This will assist us in the usual logistics and for smooth running on both days. We have a visitors' leaflet available with full details for visiting, camping, running on the track and booking a place, which I will send as a PDF attachment.

*Tim Morton Jones*

*Hereford Society of Model Engineers*