



Chairman's Thoughts

Littledown Parks Department have kindly removed the hedge from the rear of the Engine Shed ready for the container to be installed. They also levelled the ground with their tractor so we can construct the concrete pads that will support the container. This saved a great deal of back breaking work, and moves this project on considerably.

The electrical work to replace the distribution board in the Engine Shed has been completed. This should cure the trip problems we have had in the past, and supplies the Workshop and new security lighting.

Malcolm Smith has kindly offered to run an induction scheme for new Members, following on from the good work George does with the paper information that is supplied on joining the Society. The idea is that a new Member will be shown how we safely run our operation, from dropping down the gate post to coupling up carriages and the safe use of the Bendy Beam and Turntable. Also included will be a demonstration of driving on our track, carrying out an emergency stop and guarding duties. Hopefully this scheme will start shortly and will help to make our Society more inclusive and welcoming to new Members.

Best wishes.

Peter Burton



Editor's Ramblings

The Soldering Courses will happen - but not until the container is in place and the Engine Shed is cleared. It is intended to extend the Workshop to accommodate the mill that we have been given and the Soldering Courses will be held in the Engine Shed. I intend to send Members who have asked to join the Courses a questionnaire to ascertain what they already know about soldering and what time and day of the week would suit them best. If you are interested in enrolling for these courses please contact Dick.

The recent meeting held to discuss the construction of a Gauge 1 track, possibly with 0 Gauge and Gauge 3 circuits as well, at Littledown produced some useful and constructive progress. The location suggested originally, inside the main track at the Station end, proved to be a non-starter due to insurmountable problems with safe access. A different location is being investigated and proposals will be drawn up. In the meantime it would be very helpful if Members who have **any** interest in 0 Gauge, Gauge 1, Gauge 3 and 16mm NG would please let me know.

The annual Christmas Party will not now take place at the December Meeting, but will become a New Year Party at the January Meeting. The December Meeting will still be held at Muscliff with mince pies instead of biscuits.

Ron Barson has told us that the Annual Dinner will not be held in January but later, possibly March.

Dick Ganderton

B&DSME Diary Dates

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| 15 th November 2017 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
<i>Mike Webber will be presenting a talk entitled Two Valley Railways.</i> |
| 7 th December 2017 | Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
<i>Gordon Miles. Please let Gordon know.</i> |
| 10 th December 2017 | Santa Special; Littledown Miniature Railway. (Note this is a Sunday event!)
<i>Volunteers are needed for this event.
Please contact Peter Burton.</i> |
| 20 th December 2017 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre, Shillingstone Drive, Bournemouth BH9 3LR.
<i>No Christmas Party as it has been moved to the January Meeting. There should be mince pies instead of biscuits and we could be seeing Bob Devereux's latest cruise pictures!</i> |

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Subscriptions will be accepted from your receipt of the December *Newsletter*.

The list of members will close on 31st March 2018. Our rules state that Members who have not paid by the 31st March shall cease to be Members.

The Membership Secretary will be at the Littledown track on every running day from Wednesday 13th December 2017 until 31st March 2018 and at all Society Meetings at the Muscliff Community Centre.

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The Jon Egging Trust

At our October Meeting Ruth Wright and Allie Hack, from The Jon Egging Trust gave us a very interesting talk on the work that The Trust does in Dorset with its Blue Skies programmes for young people.

They were presented with a cheque for £250 from the Society by Chairman Pete Burton and Peggy Ganderton, who co-ordinated our Charity Day.

To round off their presentation they had arranged a special video for us of the Red Arrows in action.



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On Sunday 10th December at
Littledown Miniature Railway
The Littledown Centre



10.30am – 2.30pm £6.00 per child

Children will receive a gift. Mince Pies for Mum & Dad
Advanced bookings recommended
No Credit Cards

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