



Chairman's Thoughts

September's Committee Meeting was a busy affair as we had lots of new items to approve after the summer break.

The Boiler Inspectors had a meeting in July when it was decided that the Society would no longer carry out any tests on a steel boiler. This decision was based on the fact that specialist equipment, together with the necessary expertise to use it, is required to carry out an inspection on a boiler of this type. Furthermore, it has been agreed that the Society will only accept a boiler certificate for a steel boiler from a professional or commercial organisation. This change does not affect copper boilers.

A Working Group was set up to discuss the maximum size of locomotive that would be permitted to run on our Littledown Miniature Railway. The reasons for limiting the size and weight of engines is for safety and track wear. A formula was agreed and will be published shortly. Thank you to Chris Apps for allowing his Wren locomotive to be examined for this purpose.

The Committee agreed that the very popular Santa Run should go ahead again this year, the date being Sunday 10th December 2017. As always, your assistance will be required, please, in any way you can.

Last, but not least, congratulations to Joel Keen who has started his Engineering Apprenticeship with Rolls Royce Aero Engines, we all wish you the very best Joel and look forward to hearing from you regarding this fabulous opportunity.

Best wishes.

Peter Burton

16mm Up Date

One thing you will note is the new light-weight anti-vandal covers on the long straight. In fact to prove the point I removed all the covers single handed except those covering the marshalling area and they are next on the list for attention. The intention is to leave the new boards white at present to allow any release agent on the surface to wash off naturally, the use of the green paint is under review, what do you think?

Another project in the pipeline is the junior 16mm track, we have been able to source most of the materials required from various supporters and we do thank them. The track covers have taken priority of late, but once the holiday season is over you should see movement on the junior project.

I would like to remind the 16mm supporters that we intend to continue running throughout the Autumn and Winter on the First & Third Sundays of the month, weather permitting.

Gordon Miles

B&DSME Diary Dates

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| 20 th September 2017 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
<i>Graham Smith has a variety of interesting and entertaining films to kick off the Autumn season. Graham shows are well worth watching.</i> |
| 5 th October 2017 | Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
<i>Gordon Miles.</i>
<i>Please let Gordon know.</i> |
| 18 th October 2017 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
<i>Our charity this year is the Jon Egging Trust and we will be presenting them with a cheque as a result of our Charity Day in August. They will also be giving a talk on the work of the Trust.</i> |
| 2 nd November 2017 | Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
<i>Venue to be arranged.</i> |
| 15 th November 2017 | Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
<i>Mike Webber will be presenting a talk entitled Two Valley Railways.</i> |

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Lathe Courses

Notice of a General Meeting

The B&DSMA Lathe Courses have been running for over a year and the Instructors feel that a General Meeting would be useful.

The object of the Meeting is to hear feedback from Students on content and progress to date and to plan a programme for the future – have the Courses been what you expected and where do they go next?

The Meeting is open to any Member who has been on one of the Courses or to future Students, so please come along and get involved.

The Meeting will be held in the Engine Shed at 10.30 am on Saturday 14th October.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Barry Linger

One group has completed their small single cylinder oscillating engines and John Hoyle's photographs show what they have achieved.



Ron Barson examines his small oscillating engine while Barry Linger and Gordon Miles, Lathe Course Instructors, look on. Photographs John Hoyle.



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(September 2017 List)

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