



Chairman's Thoughts

As the fine weather continues our thoughts are turning to the six weeks of school summer holidays, and once again we plan to run on Fridays as well as the usual Sundays and Wednesdays.

We really do need your help for this, we need station staff, guards and of course drivers, so please help if you possibly can.

The *Ellie* project goes from strength to strength and the article in *Engineering in Miniature* magazine, certainly stimulated more interest. My lubricator is nearly finished and I know Dick is waiting for us all to finish this part of the project, so he can teach us how to silver solder it together.

Anyone interested in building an *Ellie*, please speak to Dick.

Remember, Wednesday 13th June is our annual visit to the Wimborne Gauge 0 Guild at the Allendale Centre, always a most enjoyable event. On the following Wednesday, 20th June, we return the compliment and invite the Wimborne Gauge 0 Guild, together with members of the local Gauge 1 fraternity, to our Littledown track for a barbeque and evening running session. Both events start at 19.30.

The ladies have asked for Members to provide cakes for the BBQ evening, please.

Best wishes.

Peter Burton

The Station Flower Beds

The station gardens are fun to be involved with. Over the years groups of Members have come together to create them and they are often admired.

For the last few years, Sheila and Pippa have had much pleasure tending them, with help from others. We are not experts. We just like to try and make them look cared for and colourful.

We are both now finding it more difficult to get time to spend down at the track and would very much welcome a few more Members to help weed, deadhead, water, neaten edges, tie back and so on.

If you enjoy it you may like to bring in your own ideas. There are a few tools in the toilet block.

Both Sheila and Pippa will be at the barbecue on 20th June. If you have any questions you may contact Pippa Wheatley.

Pippa Wheatley



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B&DSME Diary Dates

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| 13 th June 2018 | Visit to GOG; 7.30 pm. Allendale Centre, Wimborne.
<i>We are guests of the Gauge 0 Guild. Take your 0 Gauge and 16mm trains to run on their test track. Always a very good evening and well worth making the effort.</i> |
| 20 th June 2018 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway.
<i>Barbeque. We will be inviting members of the Gauge 0 Guild and Gauge 1 Association Local Area Groups to join us for the evening. We will be running trains all evening so red tail lights would be advisable. Cakes needed, please.</i> |
| 5 th July 2018 | Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
<i>We will try out using the new Lounge area at the Engine Shed.</i> |
| 18 th July 2018 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre, Shillingstone Drive BH9 3LR.
<i>AGM. Please make every effort to attend.</i> |

Project *Ellie* Progress Report

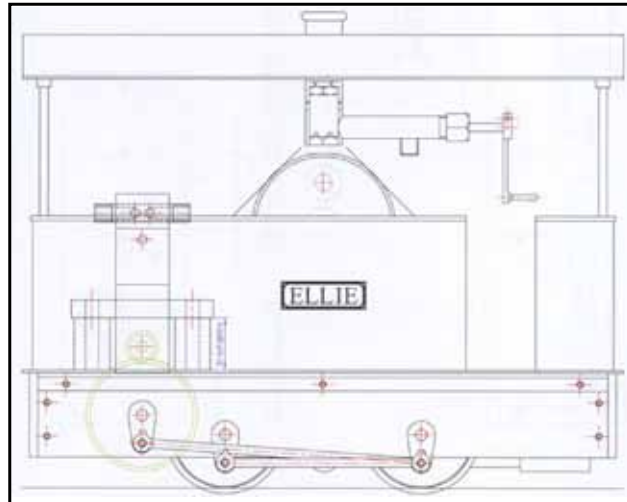
There is not a lot to report on Project *Ellie*. Various participants have been frantically making the parts for their lubricators as part of their lathe course activities and some of the more experienced have managed to complete their boilers and have them successfully pass the initial hydraulic test.

Several have been making a lot of steel swarf turning their wheel blanks into *Ellie* wheels.

John Hoyle is working away developing the ceramic burner and I have a design for the gas tank. The new test regulations for gas tanks and boilers are now out so we have altered our test procedures to deal with these. The main changes are that gas tanks now have to be tested to 400 psi regardless of whether you use straight butane or a butane-propane mixture. Up to now we have been testing gas tanks at 600 psi.

You can still join Project *Ellie*; if you are interested please contact me.

Dick Ganderton



Fawley Refinery Tours

Exxon are starting their tours of Fawley Refinery again. If any Members are interested in going on one of these organised tours Charlie Betteridge has agreed to try to organise a visit. Previous tours proved to be very interesting and well worth the effort of attending. You can indicate your interest by sending an e-mail to editor.bdsme@gmail.com

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Data Protection Officer

Security

All Members are reminded that if they use any of the facilities at Littledown they are responsible for ensuring that they put everything away and **securely lock up before they leave**. Recently the Station and several parts of the track were left unlocked. Also, if you use the facilities you **must** fill in the Log Sheets.

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