



## Chairman's Thoughts

The recent warm weather has seen much activity at the track, which is fantastic to see. Let's hope we have a good summer and knock lots of rust off our permanent way!

Mike White has made good progress with the new *Model Engineer* library cupboard and the lounge area of the Engine Shed has been transformed by the reinstatement of the windows, which bring in do much natural light. Thank you to all involved in the hard work that is taking the Society forward.

Bob has recently returned from his world travels, hopefully we shall be able to talk him into doing a presentation of his experiences at a future Muscliff meeting.

This month's meeting is a talk by Glyn Tandy about helicopters. Glyn was a helicopter engineer, so knows his subject well. I hope to see you at Muscliff on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Best wishes.

**Peter Burton**

## Editor's Ramblings

The new Data Protection laws are almost upon us and the Society has to implement some changes to the way we handle the data on our Members that we hold. Obviously we have to obtain and keep on our records enough data to enable us to maintain and keep in contact with our Members.

In future the only officials of the Society keeping records of Members will be the Membership Secretary and the Treasurer who need to have Members' names, addresses and e-mail addresses, the Company Secretary who needs to maintain a record of the names of all Members and the *Newsletter* Editor who needs names and addresses, e-mail or postal, to be able to send out the monthly *Newsletter*.

The Society doesn't sell or divulge Members' information to any third party and all data collected and held will be kept securely.

On a happier note, Members recently ran the railway on a Saturday so that the family of one of our older lady Members could give her a surprise for her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Nessa Rouse was amazed when she arrived at Littledown to find, not only several older Members, but just about her entire family. They enjoyed their time at the railway before they took her for a surprise cream tea at a local hotel.

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## B&DSME Diary Dates

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| 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2018  | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.<br><i>Glyn Tandy will give a talk on his experiences as a helicopter engineer.</i>   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018  | Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm.<br><i>Gordon Miles.</i><br><i>Please let Gordon know.</i>  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 | Visit to GOG; 7.30 pm. Allendale Centre, Wimborne.<br><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 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 | Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway.<br><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.</i> |

## Project *Ellie* Progress Report

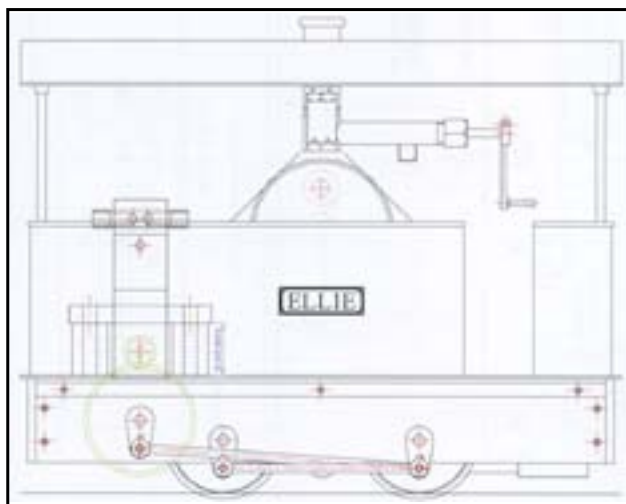
**M**y cut-off bandsaw has been kept very busy recently as I produced 18 *Ellie* Boiler Kits and 13 Wheel Blank Kits. The initial idea was to make a dozen of each, but so popular has Project *Ellie* been that I ended up making a further half a dozen boiler kits. All have been bought and it is not proposed to make anymore in the immediate future.

The next stage will be to hold boiler making sessions for those that need tuition. These will probably be held at Littledown with groups of a maximum of four Members in a group.

The laser cut brass parts to make the basic frame for the single cylinder oscillating engine as described in the *Ellie* book have now been delivered. As I ordered two sets I will now be able to progress with the development of the twin cylinder engine!

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

**Dick Ganderton**



## Fawley Refinery Tours

**E**xxon 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](mailto:editor.bdsme@gmail.com)

## Harlington Visiting Clubs Day

**H**arlington Locomotive Society would like to extend an invitation to your members to come along on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to run your engines on our track at High St, Harlington, Hayes UB3 5ET.

Our club has 1200ft of 5" and 3½" Gauge raised steel track in private grounds with a ruling gradient of 1 in 120. We will provide driving trolleys and to avoid the risk of damage to our anti-tipping rails, we would ask that you use these and not your own. They have a simple bar coupling for connecting to the locomotive.

A current boiler certificate (where appropriate) and insurance certificate will be required.

There is on site car parking and refreshments will be provided for all visitors.

We look forward to seeing you at Harlington and if you are able to come then can you please let our Secretary, Ian Keleher, know of approximate numbers in your party so that we can ensure there is adequate catering.

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Wimborne Model Engineers would like to welcome anyone wishing to attend.

After the success of the first 'Anything Goes Gala' held in 2017, we are proud to announce the return of this hugely popular two day event!

**SATURDAY** - 11am to 8pm  
Members and Visitors day ONLY

**SUNDAY** - 11am to 4pm  
Public Running day  
(Visitors Welcome)

If you are interested in joining or want to know more, email Ryan ;-  
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