



Chairman's Thoughts

Thank you to all who attended the AGM, we had a good turnout with 48 Members turning up for an excellent meeting.

The Committee has been strengthened with the addition of three new members, David Delaney, Malcolm Smith and Mike White, who are all very keen to move the Society forward.

We are currently looking into the possibility of acquiring a storage container to enable us to tidy the Engine Shed and make it into more of a clubhouse, the idea being to create a space that is clean, tidy and somewhere pleasant to meet.

Another project that is under consideration is to build a railway style canopy in front of the Station building that will also cover the siding. I believe that this will really improve the look of the Station and provide valuable shelter when the heavens open.

The previously mentioned list of Members, who are approved to use the Society's new lathe should be posted by the time these words are read. Any Members who would like to be added to the list must apply to the Committee for consideration.

Finally, thank you for your support in my appointment as Chairman, I will do the best I can for the Society and hope that you will come to the track and enjoy our facilities. We really do need more help and support on our running days.

Best wishes.

Peter Burton

Editor's Ramblings

Our annual Fish & Chip Supper is fast approaching. Unlike in previous years, Order Forms have not been coming in as fast as I would have expected. Does this mean that the event no longer has the appeal it used to have? I hope not, as it is an enjoyable evening with the opportunity to run into the evening. I have printed another Order Form in case you have misplaced the one in last month's *Newsletter*. Don't forget that the Meeting starts at 7.00 pm and is at Littledown, not Muscliff!

Our Charity Day this year was in aid of the John Egging Trust, set up in memory of the Red Arrows pilot who was killed at the Bournemouth Air Festival in 2011. Thank you to those members who helped to run the railway and make the day a success. The Trust supports young people aged 13-16, who find themselves in difficult circumstances, to overcome adversity and achieve their full potential.

Brian Williams has been recruited into the Boiler Testing team, initially as a 'Trainee Boiler Tester'. He will be conducting tests under the watchful eyes of one of the established Boiler Testers.

Dick Ganderton

Thank You From The John Egging Trust

Peggy received the following e-mail message from Ruth Wright at the John Egging Trust.

Good Afternoon Peggy,

Thank you so much for having us yesterday at your Charity Day. It was a great opportunity to share further awareness of the trust to the public and to meet with your railway members. Please pass on our thanks, too, for the railway rides and tea!

We managed to raise just over £115 in combined donations and merchandise sales, which is fabulous, thank you for giving us the opportunity to do this!

We look forward to seeing you again in October and providing a talk to your members about the work of JET and our Blue Skies programme.

It was lovely to meet with you all, and thanks again for your support in dedicating the day to the John Egging Trust, we are very grateful.

Kindest regards,

Ruth Wright

Regional Fundraising Officer - South.

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B&DSME Diary Dates

Tech-Chat; **There will be no Tech-Chat Meetings in August and September.**

16th August 2017 Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway.

*Fish & Chip Supper. Order Form repeated with this Newsletter. Please return with payment to Dick by Monday 14th August 2017. **No money, no fish & Chips!***

Committee Matters

There will be no Committee Meeting in August. The September Committee Meeting will be held in The Littledown Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th September 2017.

George Wheatley, Secretary

Workshop Report

Since the last *Newsletter* there has been further progress with the workshop.

Structurally, the sliding door has now been fitted by Ron Barson and Gordon Miles is in the process of constructing a lockable cupboard within which to keep lathe accessories.

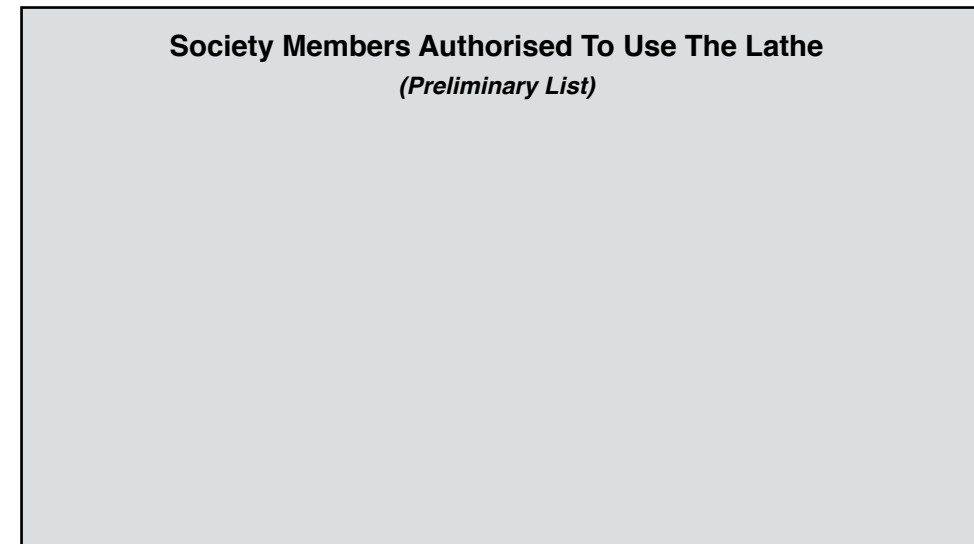
The new electrical wiring in the workshop is still to be completed, so there is only one power socket available at present. Hence it is still not practicable to use the lathe with its own dedicated power supply. Despite this restriction several items have already been machined by those on the Intermediate Lathe Course.

A preliminary list of those Society Members authorised to use the lathe has been posted in the workshop, together with the rules for use of the lathe that everyone must abide by. Anyone wishing to be added to the list please apply in writing to our Secretary, George Wheatley, giving brief details of your ability, whereupon your application will be considered at the next Committee Meeting.

If you wish to learn how to use a lathe then please apply to Barry Linger to enter the next Lathe Course. It is the policy of the Committee that anyone competent to use the lathe is encouraged to do so.

John Hoyle

Society Members Authorised To Use The Lathe (Preliminary List)



Newsletter By E-mail

If you want to receive your copy of the Society's monthly *Newsletter* as a .pdf file, in full colour, you must let Dick know, by e-mail, sent from the computer you want to receive it on.

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For Sale

I have reluctantly decided to sell my 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Gauge Jessie Class loco *Edith* due to time and financial constraints. It would be great if she she could stay at her 'home shed'.

Jessie Class loco, built approx 2007 (copper boiler by Cornish Boilers), low mileage, axle pump, hand pump and injector (the latter two need slight adjustment), rocking grate. Boiler hydraulic certificate expires 11th August 2018, needs new steam test certificate.

I have an hydraulic lifting table with rails attached to go with the engine, as well as the usual tools.

Offers in the region of £5,500 sought.

Enquires and inspection welcome.

Telephone Chris (01202) 659211.



Southampton Rolling Stock Day

Southampton Society of Model Engineers will be holding a Rolling Stock Day on Saturday 9th September 2017 at their Riverside Park track, Nursery Road, Southampton SO18 1PQ track from 10.00am to 16.00pm.

This is a personal invitation to any Bournemouth Society Members who are interested to bring their locos and join them on the day.

Please contact their Chairman, David Goyder, for further information and advice on attending. Telephone: 02380 421201 or email: dgoyder@fidelio.ltd.uk

Southern Federation of Model Engineering Societies



You are invited

to the Federation's Autumn Rally on the 9th September 2017. The Rally is being hosted by Fareham & District Society of Model Engineers.

Awards to be presented include:

- The Australian Association of Live Steamers (AALS) Shield and Trophy.
- The cup for the furthest travelled by a visitor whose locomotive runs at the Rally.

Facilities are:

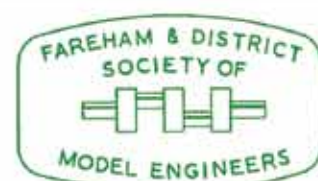
- Boating lake.
- Garden Railway.
- 5"/3½" raised track.
- 7¼" ground level track.
- Space available for model traction engines.
- Nearby caravan and camping. To book please contact Mrs R Scott, Drove Lea Farm, Mill Lane, Titchfield, Fareham, Hampshire. PO15 5DX Tel: 01329 841864. Email: rosemaryscott@freeuk.com

Catering is being provided, please contact Linda, details as below, to help the Club with numbers required.

For further details please contact Linda Gearing, 01489 894399,

Email: marlingearing@hotmail.com

The Railway Field, Segensworth Road (Lower),
Titchfield, Fareham, Hampshire, PO15 5DY



IMPORTANT

This page contains notices that do not change throughout the year. They will only be printed out with the January *Newsletter*. If you receive your *Newsletter* by post this will be the only time that you will get this page. It is, therefore, important that you **keep this page for reference**.

Insurance & Membership Lists

A copy of the Society's Insurance Policy has been placed in the desk in the Engine Shed. The original documents are held by the Secretary and can be viewed by arrangement. For Members wanting to run their locomotives at locations requiring evidence of Public Liability cover there are copies of the Certificate at the back of the same folder as the copy of the policy. This needs to be signed by a Committee Member on an individual basis before becoming valid.

The new Application and Renewal Forms means we can keep our Membership List up-to-date. An abbreviated list, which omits addresses, can be obtained on application to the Secretary. A copy is kept in the desk in the Engine Shed.

Secretary

Engine Shed Mobile Phone

A Mobile Phone has been installed in the Engine Shed at Littledown for the convenience of Members. It can be used for outgoing calls on Society business and in an emergency. Members who are at the track can also be contacted if required. The number, 07879355399, is on the 'Contacts' page of the Society's Website www.littledownrailway.co.uk

Boiler Testing

If you require a Boiler Test, please remember that you need to book it with one of the Boiler Testers. Also you should have all the paperwork with you - that's all the past Test Certificates and the *Written Scheme of Examination!* You have kept them, haven't you?

If you are presenting your loco for its 4-yearly Hydraulic Test please note that you cannot expect the Boiler Tester to provide the necessary blanking plugs. You should have a complete set of blanking plugs for each of your locos, one of which must have a **male** 1/4" x 40TPI fitting to allow the connection of the test pump and gauge. The threaded portion of this should be at least 3/8" (10mm) long with a 60 degree countersink to take a standard nipple.

Please pump the boiler up at home to check that there are no leaks.

Boiler Testers

Dick Ganderton dick.ganderton@me.com

Barry Linger

Gordon Miles (16mm locos only)

Bob Devereux

Brian Williams (Trainee)

Glyn Tandy (16mm locos only)

Mike Mortimer

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

The Committee would like to remind Members that it is a condition of our Lease that they must only park their cars or motorcycles in the designated parking area. **There is to be no parking in the area around or near the Engine Shed, on the driveway or turning circle. There are no exceptions to this rule.** As soon as you have unloaded your engine and/or equipment you **must** move your vehicle to the parking area by the entrance gate. As parking spaces are limited please use the main Littledown Centre Car Park if you are not bringing a locomotive to run.

B&DSME *Model Engineer* Magazine Library

Please use the library as it is a wonderful source of information and there are many fascinating articles within. Please remember when borrowing a magazine from the Society's library, to complete the sign out sheet, which is attached to the storage cupboard door. The *Model Engineer* library is fully up to date.

Please treat the magazines with care as many are fragile due to their age.

Peter Burton

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