

The monthly club
newsletter for
Bournemouth &
District Society of
Model Engineers

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Chairmans Thoughts

What can I say about the response to the turn out on Saturday 1st April the day panned out as follows, I arrived about 9.00 at the Muscliff Centre knowing that I had arranged for the first trailer to arrive at 9.30 how wrong could I be, help arrived and we started to lift the fist few slabs. We then wheeled them around to the front of the building and found one trailer had already arrived, so the first few slabs were loaded and by the time we had come back with more slabs another trailer had arrived then another and another. Then more help arrived to lift the slabs, we called for help in the form of the large four wheeled trolley, this was duly dispatched from Littledown where again a band of willing helpers were unloading the trailers at that end.

A long day was made short by many willing helpers and thanks to the ladies for making the teas and coffees and the lunch time soup and sandwiches. Thanks to you all it proves many hands and trailers do make light work. It made what could have been a long heavy day in to an enjoyable mornings work. All we need now is another award to cover the cost laying the slabs and the new fencing.

Now hopefully I can call upon you for some more help on Saturday 29th April 2006 from about 9.00 we have organised for a digger to do the heavy work laying the cable to the station building but help will be required in the laying of the cable and backfilling etc.

Peggy has asked if any ladies would like to make some cakes for our St Georges day run, sorry I should say would any persons like to make some cakes!

We are still looking for a new editor, I have not yet been overwhelmed with offers.

Last year Nicki gave the ladies a demonstration of her Hardanger needlecraft so if there is any other lady who would like to pass her skills onto the other ladies in our club say one Sunday in the summer, tea and cakes will be provided as I believe a pleasant afternoon was had by all.

We have now got a link to our website on Florida Live Steamers website at www.neflsri.com have a look as it has a link to Train Mountain and many others.

The Triple A Loco

Triathlon Wednesday 16th

August

For those amongst that know about this forgive me, for the majority read on. The club has organised a fun event for the design and trials of a loco. The event is held over three stages, hence the triathlon name, after public running on Wednesday 16th August at the club barbeque. One event will be Speed measured over 25yds, the other tractive effort to test the designs maximum pulling power up a 1:100 slope over a set distance of 10". Finally it's an Endurance trial to see how far your design will travel before the batteries run out.

The power for your design is supplied by 2 AAA batteries (now you see why 'triple A loco triathlon'! dam fiendish these doctors). The batteries will be supplied on the day in a lucky dip style. The other important facts you need to be aware of is the parts. The club will supply you with a basic kit of parts that comprise of, a motor, motor mount, battery box and bulb holder for the sum of £2 and they are available from the engine shed. Other than what's supplied, the design is entirely up to you as well as what bits you use, the gauge is approximately gauge 1 or 45mm, however the maximum back to back is 41mm entry sheets have detailed drawings. There are a few rules, they are, Power. 2 AAA Batteries (supplied). Motor. Medium torque 2mm shaft (supplied) Bulb holder (supplied) to be wired in parallel. A MES bulb will be inserted for the 'Endurance trial' by a race organiser. A hook must be provided on the drag beam to engage the chain of the weight wagon for the 'Tractive effort' trial. Both the battery box & bulb holder must be visible. No alterations throughout the trials are permitted. Only 1 loco per entrant is allowed. Derailments, during trials 1 & 2, 1 further attempt. During trial 3 (Endurance) 2 allowed, all 'enrailments' will be performed by a scrutineer. Further derailments will result in disqualification.

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(Except taken from entrance form by the editor)



Diary Dates

| Date | Event / Speaker |
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| 15-16-Apr | "Cobweb Run" Luscombe Valley Railway |
| 19-Apr-06 | Bits and Pieces (inc ladies items) |
| 23-Apr-06 | St. Georges Day run. Normal passenger hauling but help required from members, Flag pole Duties etc. |
| 10-May-06 | Joint visit with the Soton Soc. To Exbury Gardens, 1830hrs Approx. |
| 14-May-06 | Traction Engine Day at Littledown (Club traction engines only). |
| 17-May-06 | TBC |
| 14-Jun-06 | Visit to Wimborne Society O Guage Guild 19:00Hrs |
| 17-18-Jun-06 | Club open weekend, BarBQ on Saturday Evening, Club members help required over the weekend, for this event. |
| 21-Jun-06 | "0" Gauge Guild to visit Littledown, 1800 hrs until late. BarBQ. During the evening. |
| 19-Jul-06 | AGM + 2nd Bits & Pieces |
| 29-30-Jul | "Grand Charity Weekend" Luscombe Valley Railway |
| 16-Aug-06 | BBQ Littledown Triple A Triathlon |
| 20-Aug-06 | Charity Day. This year will be for the 'First Opportunity Group' |
| 9-10-Sep | "Autumn Running Weekend" Luscombe Valley Railway |
| 20-Sep-06 | Dick Ganderton - Railway Wheels and Track |
| 18-Oct-06 | Keith Shepard - The foundry and its technology in 2006 |
| 15-Nov-06 | Ladies night |
| 20-Dec-06 | Christmas Party |
| 23-Dec-06 | "Humbug Day" Luscombe Valley Railway |

Editors Bit

As the chairman has already mentioned, the slab move went well, Thomas and I arrived at 9:15 and by about 11 am it was all done what a fantastic effort at each end, reminds me of the old days when we had to get the track up and running, it seems such a long time ago that we were up to our necks in mud and water digging for victory. Whilst on the subject of the track I hope I am not the only person to have noticed work going on behind the scenes quietly and without any fuss by the Traverser gang. I was pleased to witness some very impressive engineering taking place

last Saturday, keep it up chaps, the Brit is looking forward to a steady traverse!
A plea has come from Peggy to me this month, and who am I to argue! Namely the St Georges day run, we are going to have a cream tea special and Peggy would like suitable cakes for a cream tea, Mmm I can taste the scones and jam already, I understand clotted cream is on the menu (should help the arteries). So help Peg out and rustle up the fruit scones or something equally as nice.
Last year it was requested that events by other societies be placed in the newsletter, these events were posted in the engine shed, so for those amongst us that can't always make meetings or the track, I will try and update as and when the secretary receives details and sends them on to me. So this month there is no member profile to make way for the following dates, maybe see you at some of them. Regards to all. 'The Editor in another airport departure lounge'!

13 - 14th May Merstham model steam show. Live steam model railways show in all gauges Plus the member's sales stand. Contact 01737 760400 for all further details
20 - 21st May Southern Fed. Spring Rally weekend at Bristol. Mixed gauges, camping facilities, Bbq. Saturday. Contact Don Cordall 01179624073
27 - 29th May Strumpshaw Steam Museum Annual Rally. Full size and model traction engines. Camping facilities, evening entertainment. Contact Lilian Butcher 01842 860832
10 - 11th June Harrow & Wembley 70th Anniversary. Mixed gauge, boating pool and exhibition. Camping facilities. Contact 020 8248 0442
10 - 11th June 16th Welsh National Locomotive Rally. Cardiff MES. Mixed gauges raised & ground level. 18" gauge electric tramway. Camping facilities, trade stands, buffet Contact Don Norman 01656 784530
17 - 18th June West Riding Small Locomotive Society. Steam Rally. Located at Tingley A650. Wakefield to Bradford road
26 - 28th Aug. Harrow & Wembley 70th Anniversary. Mixed gauge, boating pool and exhibition. Camping facilities. Contact 020 8248 0442

Exbury Garden Visit

I have been asked to make a list of names of the members and friends who would like to join the Southampton Model Engineering Society on a visit to Exbury Gardens on 10th May 6.30pm. If you would like to attend please can you add your name to the list at the evening meeting or give me a call on 01202 683701 (Brian Merrifield)

