

Chairman's Thoughts

It was nice to see Lena Adams at the last Meeting and to be able to wish her well as she flies out to a new life in Australia. I must admit it was a bit unexpected to see her at the meeting, as I had brought a card with me for everyone to sign, so that operation had to be carried out 'under cover' you might say. But, as you can see, she was very happy to have her picture taken with the ladies.

Our Santa Special will soon be upon us and at our last Meeting we agreed on a date of Sunday 12th December. If you are interested in helping on the day, please put your name on the list that will be circulated at the next Meeting or let either David Finn or myself know by e-mail. It is very difficult to give people a job on the day if they just turn up. We will need guards, station marshals, drivers and general helpers. Knowing the number of members who will be coming helps Peggy ensure that everybody is fed.



Hopefully Jason from Coping with Chaos, the local charity that we adopted for our recent Charity Day, will be able to collect his cheque at the next Meeting.

David Martin

Editor's Ramblings

Only a short Newsletter this month. The calendar, coupled with our travels this month, has left a very small window in which to prepare the Newsletter.

The monthly TechChat Meetings do not seem to attract a large following, but those of us that do attend have a really great evening discussing all manner of things engineering.

The October meeting was no exception, with only four of us gathered round John Hoyle's table. My picture shows the remnants of the traditional TechChat biscuits and empty tea cups alongside a masterpiece that Barry Linger had put on the table.

This started off with a Mercer chronometer that Barry had acquired. The case was made for him by a friend using the wood from the leaf of an old mahogany table and is an accurate reproduction of a marine chronometer. Barry made all the brass fittings himself. He then went on to explain how he had made the detent for another Mercer chronometer movement that he had decided to restore. This involved using a



1mm diameter slot drill to mill away most of the metal to end up with a piece $\frac{3}{4}$ " long and only a few thou thick - on a Centec 2B mill! I can see an interesting talk for a future Meeting.

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Garage Sale

The remaining contents of Ted Rouse's workshop will be sold on Saturday 30th October 2010 starting at 11.00 am. Details of the location can be obtained from Mick Baker or Dick Ganderton.

Santa Run 2010 Helpers List

Once again, your Society needs your help to run this event

It's that time of year again! The sun tan crème has hardly had time to dry and it's now time to think about that bloke with the long flowing beard and wearing a big Red Coat. This year the visit from Him is to be on the 12th December 2010.

I will be attempting to press gang as many as possible at the next two club nights. However, as they say, a volunteer is worth a thousand pressed men and you get the Queen's Shilling, or is it a Bacon Butty, for signing on. There will be a list in the Engine Shed for those who are unable to attend the monthly Meetings.

Please come along to the event anyway, but do not expect a job to be found for you on the day - or a Bacon Butty - as the rosters are prepared in advance.
Please contact Dave Finn

Ron Bettell

Betté, Paul, Myke, Wendy and Chandra would like to thank everyone who sent cards and donations in memory of Ron. Your kindness has been a real comfort to them at this very sad time.

16mm Update

Apart from reporting that work on the new steaming area is proceeding apace, with the baseboard now permanently in place, there is not much to say about the 16mm world at Littledown. We would, however, remind you that we will be running the 16mm NG Garden Railway on the First and Third Sundays, weather permitting.

Gordon Miles & Dave White

Direction of Running

Sunday	10 th October	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	13 th October	Clockwise
Sunday	17 th October	Clockwise *	Wednesday	20 th October	Anticlockwise
Sunday	24 th October	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	27 th October	Clockwise
Sunday	31 st October	Clockwise	Wednesday	3 rd November	Clockwise
Sunday	7 th November	Clockwise *	Wednesday	10 th November	Anticlockwise
Sunday	14 th November	Anticlockwise	Wednesday	17 th November	Clockwise
Sunday	21 st November	Clockwise *	Wednesday	24 th November	Clockwise

* denotes 16mm Garden Railway open - weather permitting.

B&DSME Diary Dates

20 th October 2010	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliffe Community Centre. Ladies Night. <i>Stewart Timbrell, 'Discovering Dorset'.</i>
4 th November 2010	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Note change of venue. <i>Gordon Miles. Please let Gordon know if you are attending.</i>
17 th November 2010	Monthly Meeting; 7.30 pm. Muscliffe Community Centre. <i>Andrew Sharpe, 'Imagineering'.</i>
2 nd December 2010	Tech-Chat (Informal Discussion Meeting); 7.00 for 7.30 pm. <i>Phil Drake. Please let Phil know if you are attending.</i>

Luscombe Valley Happenings

www.luscombevalleysteam.com

Humbug Day

December 18th

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