

## LMC Diary

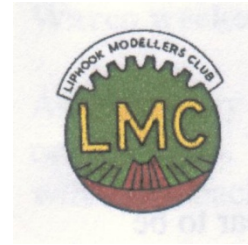
- 28th Sept**     **Talk and illustration on Photography**  
by Mark Saunders – meet at Bohunt reception
- 12<sup>th</sup> October**     **Wood turning demonstration**  
by Gary Renouf - in the usual Bohunt workshop
- 9<sup>th</sup> Nov**     **Committee Meeting**  
please let us know if you would like to stand for the committee at the AGM or if you have any suggestions for the committee to discuss
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov**     **Photographic Competition (details above)**
- 30th Nov**     **Annual General Meeting**  
  
Please try to attend the AGM -
- 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012**     **Grange Model Show at Midhurst**

There will be a raffle and tea/coffee and biscuits/cakes at all talks and the AGM

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Other events which may be of interest:

- 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Oct**     **Midlands Model Engineer Exhibition**  
Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, Lemington Spa
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**     **Model Engineer Exhibition**  
Sandown Park
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan**     **London Model Engineer Exhibition**  
Alexandra Palace



## LIPHOOK MODELLERS CLUB

### NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2011

#### Chairman's Chat

The season at Hollycombe started on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May with a night of boating activity on our pool. A variety of boats were sailed, from fast speed boats to slow old things. John C's lighthouse worked very well and looked the part and I think members enjoyed the evening.

On 15th May we took the 7¼" out to Fernhurst. This has been an annual event in recent years; this year the weather was kind to us and we made a reasonable amount of money for the club. This was the first outing with the new painted coach and it looked excellent - thanks to again go to Frank H for his efforts with the refurbishment.

On 21st May we went to Bill Watkins manor house to run on his garden railway track. Bills Manor Class engine, which was suffering from frost damage caused during last winter, was expertly repaired by Ian A, after which it ran well. A number of engines, including my Maxitrack Greyhound and Dixie the small steam engine, were run. Dixie was looked after by Callum C who also ran the Greyhound, Bills Manor Class, and our Charlatan double heading with Bills Charlatan.

Ann Watkins supplied tea and cakes and Callum C made some very good scones with jam and cream. It was a really great afternoon and I hope we can do it again in the not too distant future.

LMC would like to thank Bill and Ann for their hospitality and use of the garden railway.

On the Saturday 4th June we went out to Lurgashall village fete. This was a new venue, and we weren't sure what to expect. At first we were worried that there would not be many children and we thought we were going to be in for a fruitless afternoon but in the end we proved to be a very popular ride.

We were invited to this venue by John Wilding MBE. John is a famous clock maker and has written numerous books on the subject. He has very kindly donated a very large collection of bound back issues of Model Engineer dating back to 1946. These are available in the clubhouse for all to read.

Saturday 9th July saw us at Petworth; this is a popular event and this year was very successful. There were plenty of new attractions and we were given a good pitch right in the middle of everything. The presence of a good number of our members made life easier.

On the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 11th/12th June we attended the Bramshot and Liphook Art and Crafts show at the Millennium Hall. This is yet another new event that was very successful and was good promotion for the club. Exhibits included Ted's bridge, Frank's scratch builds and the new flight simulator, Doug's boats, Ron was building a new wooden sailing ship, Fred's steam boat was shown, Barry's 5" engine and steam engine models, Alan with his excellent models and also Rebecca K had sent some furry crocheted animals, John C with ducted fan speed boat and submarine; I think I have got everyone.

Wednesday 15th June was Railway night; the weather was cold and wet so we only ran the 'OO' gauge in the club house.

The 5" track is back together and has had new sleepers and new fine ballast added. Thanks go to Barry K and John C for working on the 5" and to Ian A who got the ballast (1 ton) from Chichester on his trailer. It is good to see members helping out with our on-going tasks

Wednesday 22nd June was the annual Summer BBQ night. This year we invited about a dozen visitors from other clubs. Alan K did a fantastic BBQ with stacks of bangers, hamburgers, chops, and a variety of vegetables, all cooked to perfection on the BBQ roaster. Ian A steamed two engines, Ian drove one and Callum C drove the other. Ian allowed many friends to drive his Romulus which was really popular. We were also very lucky with the weather as it had rained all day and stopped just in time for the evening. All together we had about 15 club members and 12 visitors. Doug J also got some boats going on the pond and, together with John Cs lighthouse, it all looked very impressive. It was a great evening enjoyed by everyone

Wednesday 20th July – was flying night. A few flights took place with helicopters but not much else as there was far too much wind which made things difficult. Next year maybe Doug J and John C may be able to give us a flying demo as they are getting into aircraft building and model flying.

The Boating Pool, was not been cleaned out this year but it has been treated with blanket weed control and is quite OK to use. The pool has seen quite a lot of use this year. The trick now will be to keep the leaves out during the autumn and winter!

Reece has taken over the running and modelling of the 'OO' gauge layout as Ron has resigned due to health and mobility problems. Reece will report back to the committee once he has worked out what we have left to do on the track. Hopefully we will get the layout completed in the not too distant future

Work continues on the 5" and 3½" Outside Railway. The new platform has been laid and the new engine shed and station is well under way, Ted H is in charge of the of the building work, we hope to finish the work by the end of the year.

**Don't forget, that you can use our facilities at Hollycombe every day of the year, so make use of it.**

### **Task list**

Apart from the on-going tasks, the following maintenance tasks

1. Clean and paint the 7¼" crossing gates
2. Clean and paint the 5" raised track

Let a committee member know if you want to undertake these tasks and we will provide the tools and materials.

### **Members suggestions**

None at present.....

**If you have any questions or queries, let us know and we will discuss them at our meeting**

It's dark now so we are back at Bohunt for the winter

Official Times are 7.30 – 9.00pm