



INSIDE MOTION

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Preamble

I noted last month that this issue, if it happened at all, would be a bit late, 'cos even Editors need an occasional holiday (Iceland was very nice, thanks for asking). It is, of necessity, rather brief, but contains some important dates for your diaries.

Club matters

Public Running

Despite the weather being good, May's event was a bit of a disappointment as the numbers visiting were well down on what might have been expected for the time of year. Attendance was, at best, sporadic, and the day finished with only one train in operation.

Open Day

The TSMEE Open Day this year will be held on **Saturday 13th June**. Hot and cold food and hot beverages on offer all day. Invite friends and other Clubs.

Annual General Meeting

The TSMEE Annual General Meeting will be held at **2:00pm on Sunday 28th June**. Please make every effort to attend as this is about how YOUR club is run.

DRO

The Myford Super 7 lathe in the workshop now sports a fancy new digital read-out (DRO). The installation was done by Brian Nicholls and Mick Jordison who will, no doubt, be willing and able to provide comprehensive instruction and demonstration of its use.



Left – the Control Panel & Read-out Right – the encoders at the rear of the slides

It's worth noting that the cost of this upgrade was met from monies generated by Public Running – a good reason for you to support these events whenever and however you can so that similar luxuries can be afforded in the future.

Memorial Bench

A rather nice traditional-style park bench, in memory of Bill Lancaster, has been installed in the raised-track viewing area.



It is awaiting a commemorative plate and then presentation to and dedication by his family can be arranged.

Driving through the Park

A gentle reminder that, when driving through the Park, you must **switch on your hazard indicators** and keep your speed to **10mph** or less. Extreme courtesy should always be shown to other users, especially those on foot and with children. Bear in mind that vehicular access is a concession, not an entitlement, and careless or irresponsible conduct could lead to withdrawal.

Postamble

As announced at last year's AGM, I am giving up the editorship of the Newsletter this year. I may produce one last issue in June to carry a report of this year's proceedings, but then that's it from me. Unless someone else picks up the reins, it's unclear how communication with and between members will continue into the future.

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