

**MALDEN AND DISTRICT SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS LTD.**

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**WHITSUN FETE**

CLAYGATE LANE, THAMES DITTON

*JUNE 4th 5th 6th*

**PROGRAMME**

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THE MALDEN AND DISTRICT SOCIETY OF  
MODEL ENGINEERS

This Society, founded in its present form in 1936, is now one of the largest of its kind in the country, perhaps even the world.

Its activities cover almost all forms of model engineering and kindred hobbies and include small gauge and passenger carrying railways, power boats, aircraft, racing cars and traction engines, electrical and general subjects, photography and cinematography, radio and public address, etc.

One of the biggest problems facing this Society has been that of obtaining a satisfactory headquarters. This has now luckily been partially overcome by the taking over of the large site in Claygate Lane, Thames Ditton. Before this could be done, however, it was essential that the Society should become a legal entity and thus have the power to hold property and to negotiate in its own name. Last year therefore the Society was registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893 to 1928, thus giving it the necessary powers.

In 1946 was built the 880 ft. multigauge continuous track at Ditton - this is the largest in the Home Counties and is now known all over the world. This year (1949) work has commenced on the first of the series of buildings to house the Society's many activities. Destined as the main workshops, it will be used as a temporary clubroom until the lecture and cinema hall is completed

Regular weekly meetings are held throughout the year where (in winter months) lectures, demonstrations, film shows and social gatherings are held. Power Boat Regattas, Locomotive Gala Days and Trials are held at intervals throughout the summer. Visits to other Societies and to places of interest are made, whilst the Society's two portable tracks are familiar attractions at fetes, flower shows and etc. throughout this area.

This Fete is being held to assist the Society to endeavour to complete the second section of its headquarters plan - the lecture and cinema hall during the present building phase.



Enquiries re membership should be made to Mr. Alan Smith, 26 Clifton Park Avenue, S.W.20. For Portable Track bookings contact Mr. M.B. Brazier, 20 Braemar Avenue, Wimbledon Park, S.W.19. All other enquiries to Mr. G.F. Tonnstein, 7, Thetford Road, New Malden.

Thanks are due to the many members and their wives who have worked so hard to make this show a success, and to you for your support of our efforts.

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### MAIN ATTRACTIONS

Exhibition of Models included in this display will be many prize winning exhibits from past "Model Engineer" Exhibitions held in London. The many partly finished models will allow visitors to see the amount of work put into these exhibits before completion.

Railway Rides. The Society's huge 880 ft. continuous multi-gauge track will be in use over all three days of the show. Children and adults will be equally thrilled with the grand rides on these trains hauled by real coal fired steam locomotives in miniature. Several world famous locomotives will be used over this weekend.

For those who like larger locomotives another attraction is the ground level railway where a fine model of the "Royal Scott" will be seen working. Rides will be obtainable on this track.

Traction Engine Rides. Small traction engines will pull wagon loads of children round a section of the grounds.

Demonstrations. On the Whit Saturday and Whit Monday frequent demonstrations of control line model aircraft flying will be given. See also the stand of Wilsons in the Exhibition Hall.

Fete. On the Whit Saturday and Monday side shows will be run. Several of these are unique and useful prizes are to be won. Raffle results will be announced at 7.0 p.m. on the Saturday and Monday.

Refreshments. Ice cream, teas, light refreshments will be available on all three days.

THE MALDEN SOCIETY STAND - Visit the Malden Society stand for answers to your queries, change for side shows, etc.