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*A full view of the model with makers Jack Slipper and Sam Leedham*

# DOWNSIZING IN 1951!

**You may remember that in the January edition of Community Matters we mentioned three old films of Fawley and the New Forest had been put onto DVD to raise money for the New Forest Film Archive Project. Through the DVD sales £3,000 has been raised for the project. If you would like to buy one of these DVDs – Fawley Achievement, Oliver Kite’s Fawley and Forest Heritage – visit the New Forest Centre in Lyndhurst or their website on [www.newforestcentre.org.uk](http://www.newforestcentre.org.uk) They are also available at the Waterside Herald office in Hythe and we have donated copies to Hythe library.**

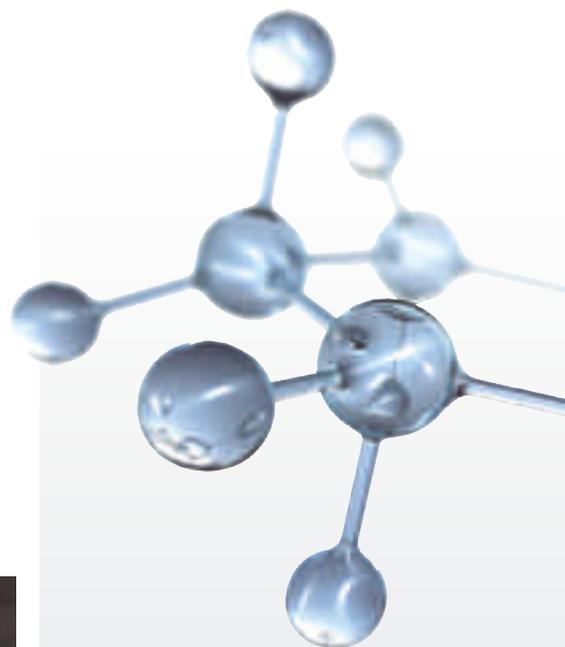
Thanks to the publicity around these films another previously unknown short film has been found, 'Refinery in Miniature'. Made by the Esso Film Unit in 1951, this features the construction of a remarkable scale model of the new refinery, based on the original architect's drawings. The model was made in great detail, with some of the

parts being almost microscopic in size. The current Administration Building was made partly out of old files! Over 100 yards of wire were used in the model, along with plywood, cardboard, brass rod, perspex and steel wool.

### Did you know Sam Leedham?

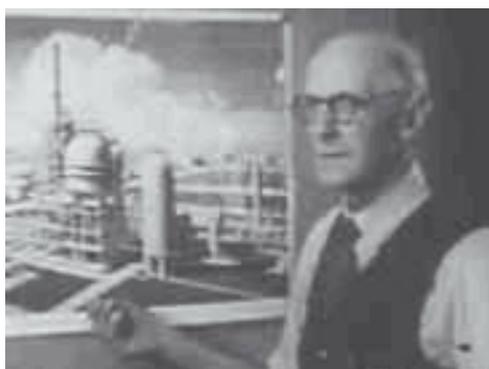
The three men who made the model were not professional model makers but were Esso employees taken off their "normal" jobs. The draughtsman was Norman McCain and the model was built by Sam Leedham and Jack Slipper. We've been able to trace the families of Norman and Jack but we were told that they are now both sadly deceased. Their families knew about the model but had no idea the film had been made and were delighted to hear of its existence. However, we haven't been able to trace Sam Leedham's family. Did you know Sam? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the Community Affairs Department at Fawley if you have any news.

## COMMUNITY MATTERS



**WELCOME TO OUR JULY 2010 EDITION OF COMMUNITY MATTERS.**

*If you would like to know more about us or have any queries, please ring 02380 892511 and ask for Community Affairs*



*Do you recognise Sam Leedham?*



*One of the units being hand painted*

Photography by Ian Jackson & ExxonMobil Employees  
Produced by Francesca Toma  
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# Come on a refinery tour

The tours of the refinery this year are proving both popular and successful. Comments from recent visitors have included:

- “It is reassuring as a local resident to see that security, safety and the environment are top priority”
- “Very impressed with the environmental control and consideration to residents”
- “Made me feel Esso is a human company and is approachable”
- “I did not realise how much effort is made to protect the environment and enhance the natural areas surrounding the plant.”
- “An overall brilliant experience”

Each tour is open to residents in the **SO31 and SO45 postcode areas only**. Visitors must be over 16 and up to three people are allowed per household. All visitors must bring personal identification



Visitors on a tour

(either a valid photographic driving licence or a passport). To comply with security regulations, this information may be subject to external verification. If you do not have a passport or photo driving licence and still want to come then please contact Lynda on 023 8089 6133.

Each visit starts with an introductory talk about the refinery. For instance, did you know most European tyres contain butyl rubber produced at Fawley? Or that the water we return to Southampton Water after using it is often cleaner than when we extracted it?

The talk is followed by a coach tour of the site (please note that visitors aren't allowed to leave the coach during the tour). All tours take place on weekdays, between 1.30pm and 4.00pm. If you would like to join one, please email [lynda.nwike@exxonmobil.com](mailto:lynda.nwike@exxonmobil.com) or send a postcard or letter to: Community Affairs, Esso Refinery, Fawley, Southampton, SO45 1TX, giving your full name and address. We will then post an application form to you.

## Send an application form to:

Full Name: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode:.....

Telephone Number:.....

Email: .....

Objective in visiting Fawley Refinery: .....

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Does anyone in your party have mobility problems?.....

Do you have a photo passport or driving licence? Yes  No



For office use only

The visit will consist of an introductory talk followed by a coach tour of the site. Visitors will not be permitted to get off the coach at any time during the visit. Security searches may occur through bag searches therefore it is recommended that visitors do not bring bags on the tour with them. Only the person(s) named on the letter of confirmation will be able to attend the tour. ID, in the form of a valid passport or driving licence, will need to be produced in order to gain entry into the site.



## A BLAZING SUCCESS!

Seven-year-old Ross (in the red jumper) from Dibden Purlieu won the recent Community Matters competition to name Fawley's new fire engine. Fire and Response Group's Phil Rixon and Community Affairs' Francesca Toma took the

new fire engine to Ross' school, Orchard Infant School, where they were joined by Ross' two friends and headteacher Julia Pillon. And the name Ross came up with? Blaze!

## A Deeper Shade Of Green

**The refinery is constantly looking at ways of enhancing its waste management. In recent months, this has led to a massive increase in the level of recycling taking place.**

All of the refinery's waste is managed by Veolia Environmental Services (VES). Items such as wood and cardboard are recycled in skips on site. Previously, general waste was taken to a landfill site. This left the refinery with an overall recycling figure of between 20 and 25%.

However, Mike Merluk, VES's Contract Manager, has been looking at ways of improving this figure. He recently discovered a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) near Romsey. This has an automated plant that grades all of the waste and uses magnets to extract metallic items. As a result, it achieves recycling figures of between 80 and 85%.

### **Skipping away**

All of the site's general waste skips are now sent to the MRF for processing. As an added environmental benefit, the facility is slightly nearer than the landfill site that Fawley was using previously, which has reduced the amount of fuel used in transporting it.

Mike comments: "We are already well on the way to increasing the site recycling figures to over 85%, with less dependence on landfill. I am continuing to look at ways of reducing Fawley's dependence on landfill even more." Gary Briggs, the site's Waste Managing Co-ordinator, says: "Mike and his team have done a tremendous job. We had originally set them a target of 80% for recycling for this year, but we've already exceeded this figure. We've therefore set a new target – we want to achieve a goal of zero waste to landfill by the end of this year."

*A rotating Trommel which separates waste materials for further recycling*



# A Lepe Of Good Faith

*Beach art work completed by children from the local community*

For the past year, Fawley Refinery has been helping to fund the role of Coastal Ranger, based at Lepe Country Park. This role was developed as part of a partnership project between Hampshire County Council and the New Forest Park Authority. The key aim of the role has been to promote the special qualities of the National Park and to foster greater understanding and enjoyment of the environment.

The Coastal Ranger, Leanne Atkinson, has been very busy over the past year. Thanks to the funding from ExxonMobil, she has been able to expand her role considerably, so that it includes work in schools and the local community. Leanne has been very busy working with a large number of local schools, both in class and at various coastal locations. She has also worked with different community groups, with activities including walks, talks and a Shoresearch project.



At Lepe, the Coastal Ranger has developed a close working relationship with Friends of Lepe Country Park and its conservation volunteers. Recent projects have included park maintenance tasks, the further development of Lepe Point pond, and general training and conservation work. There have also been various events that have included children's activities.

ExxonMobil is continuing to provide funding for the Coastal Ranger over the coming year. This will enable Leanne to build upon the success of her first full year of activities. Nigel Burt, the refinery's Community Affairs Manager, says: "Leanne's done a great job over the past year – she's exceeded all of our expectations and we are looking forward to another year of great activities."

*Children showing off their handmade coastal bird masks*



## competition

*This month Community Matters is giving you the chance to win a dinner for two at the Zen Garden Thai Restaurant at SenSpa, Careys Manor. Tantalise your taste buds with the exciting and mouth-watering fragrances of delicious Thai dishes*

*served in the unique surroundings of the Zen Garden Restaurant. The Thai palace inspired gold murals, bamboo ceiling and serene Zen garden create a tranquil and calming atmosphere, the ideal setting to enjoy a relaxing meal.*

**Answer the following question correctly to enter this month's competition.**

**What is the name of the FRG's new fire engine?**

**Remember, you have got to be in it to win it!**

Please send your answer on a postcard, with your contact details, including telephone number, to: Community Matters Competition, Community Affairs, Esso Refinery, Fawley, SO45 1TX.

You can also enter the competition at [www.fawleyonline.org.uk](http://www.fawleyonline.org.uk)

**The deadline for entries is Tuesday 31 August 2010.**

