

NEWSLETTER - February 2022

Quite a few weeks ago Gary asked if I was willing to come up with "some kind of newsletter" to keep members informed of society matters.

Can I say I'm pretty hopeless with computers etc. If your happy with this standard of format, I'll carry on.

I'd like an idea of what you want . Any events etc please let know.

Bathed in near tropical conditions, it's amazing what a difference seven days can do !! The one thousand pound question today!! What are they doing in this photo?



Following the storms over the last few weeks members noticed the water tap and it's protective box were lying horizontal due to the box having deteriorated over the years, it now needs replacing. The ground surrounding the tap is sandy soil, so to establish a firm base for our new structure it was decided that we use one of the concrete slabs that we have on site. Phil turned up this morning with a diamond core drill to make a hole for the water pipe directly in the middle of the slab. To transport this heavy slab to it's final resting place was so easy, we placed it on one of our passenger trolleys, a slight push and it was literally downhill all the way. Having offloaded this slab, it was a case of discussing another of our projects.

During COVID, one problem was keeping the driver and guard , along with the passengers safe. Socially distancing was impossible. It has now been decided that the driver and guard shall be on separate driving trolleys and if this horrible pandemic returns, we could even separate the passenger trolleys ,if the guidelines will allow us.

Gary ,our very able Chairman has designed these trolleys and produced the major components to make five units,thanks to his company. Loads of other small components are required so these are produced by our members. Very satisfying knowing that something useful will have been produced as a team effort.

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At the moment all the steel components are unpainted, so this is another task that will be next on our agenda.

During our discussion, a gentleman called Richard paid us a visit. A member of Wigan MES, he has moved to Deganwy and is thinking of joining us at Llandudno. He's the boiler inspector at Wigan, drives a 5 inch gauge LNER three cylinder V1 tank loco, and at the moment is constructing a 5 inch gauge Rebuilt Merchant Navy class loco. A very useful potential member!!

Thanks to everyone who have given me positive comments as regards the article in the latest Model Engineer magazine. I'm very passionate as regards our model engineering society. Phil persuaded me to join in 1989, and every minute that I have spent with the society has been great. No real cross words with anyone.

With this in mind I felt someone had to promote ourselves and announce that we were opening for business Easter 2022, (depending on No Restrictions) so I did just that.

Member Robert Morgan, from Penrhyndeudraeth purchased Ifor Williams's 7 1/4 inch gauge Armstrong locomotive. Good luck with this beautiful loco and I'm sure all of us look forward to seeing the finished article. Other locos that Robert has completed include a five inch gauge Manor and a Hunslet quarry loco.

Hopefully, with warmer weather, and longer evenings, we'll start to see more activities at the track. Keith France's Simplex and the Brigadeer (Speedy) require exercising or come along with your own locos.

Looking forward to seeing you all.
Harold.