

# North Wales Model Engineering Society

## West Shore, Llandudno, LL30 2PQ



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Sunday afternoon 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and I'm reflecting on our charity day yesterday. I'm sure every member and visitor in attendance enjoyed themselves very much.

Although this event was a joint effort by society members in general, I'm going to thank two individuals.

First, a young lady who was in attendance all day long keeping us fed and watered and even assisting with erecting the gazebo in quite stormy conditions.



Mrs. Tina Jones, our vice chairman's wife. I don't think she stopped all day; never mind the hours she must have spent at home before our big day. DIOLCH YN FAWR IAWN TINA.

The other individual is Frank Simpson. This quiet gentleman has been planning this event for the last twelve months. I'm sure most of his evenings at home must have involved some thinking of what needs to be done next as regards this event. If the event turns out to be a great success, as it was yesterday, I can guarantee you, Frank, that we as members all appreciate the hard work and effort that has been given by you. Thanks once again Frank.

Saturday started off in what can only be described as a gale, or typical West Shore weather. Every ten minutes or so we could see another heavy shower heading towards us. We all persevered with taking the pagodas out knowing that once erected we would be protected from the inclement weather. This was a major operation considering the weather conditions and was completed very efficiently with no injuries etc. (a real team effort)



Frank and part of his team enjoying a break.

Everyone involved were quite worried about the event being a flop due to the weather, I'm not sure who contacted Carol Kirkwood (the weather girl), but the weather improved, and visitors were seen at West Shore.

The Class 17 battery loco was used initially for passenger work whilst Martin was preparing his quarry Hunslet. This loco is named HOLY WAR, but for this event it was deemed inappropriate. Re named CARYS - (MRS. Hebenstreit) with a face and headboard in the shape of a TY GOBAITH logo, the loco looked superb and performed faultless.



Later the Hunslet was replaced by Richard's three-cylinder Gresley V3 tank loco. Another fine loco performing faultlessly. Thanks, Martin and Richard.



Another member we're always happy to see is Eric from Benllech on Anglesey along with his co-driver Trevor Butterworth with "HEN WRAIG", a 6-inch scale traction engine. This is not one of the largest 6" tractions, the main advantage is that this is manageable and can be transported in the back of Eric's van.



Before taking the engine up and down Mostyn Street a couple of times and I'm sure causing quite a bit of mayhem, I took this photo of young Benjamin sitting on the engine. Eric took the time to explain how the engine worked and what every part did as regards operation. **EVEN THE WHISTLE!!**

I'm sure this little boy will remember this for the rest of his life, and yes, he is the future of our hobby.

Diolch yn fawr unwaith eto Eric. (Thanks Eric)



Some of the exhibits shown under cover of the gazebo included, 5-inch gauge Polly belonging to Idris, LNWR compound locomotive belonging to Jim, quite a few Gauge 1 locomotives belonging to Tony, and a very fine scale model shotgun made by Gary, and finally four reciprocating engines linked together to form one engine. This was constructed by the late Ifor Wynne, a past member.

There was nothing fine scale about the mooning garden gnome, but he was about to be painted by quite a few children.

We had three traction engines in all on display. The other two being Mamod engines belonging to Benjamin and Tim. Both these machines were in actual steam.

Finally, to a marine theme.

A fine model of a Norwegian trawler all the way from Oswestry. I'm not sure if it came along the Llangollen Canal or down the river Dee

David Jones came up last year with a little gem in the form of a 5-inch gauge Great Western Pannier tank constructed by his late father-in-law.

His latest presentation is in the form of a STUART stationary engine. The workmanship is truly fabulous, a credit to his late father-in-law.



I hope I haven't missed anybody out.

As regards the models on display on the turntable, I thought I was quite a clever so and so in managing to take a photo of six locomotives in one shot.



Rear first.

Martin's Quarry Hunslet – CARYS,  
Class 86 scratch built electric loco.

STROUDLEY TERRIER. Both 5" gauge locos owned by Archie.

Front row, both Princess Marina and Rob Roy constructed by Owen Francis. Finally, LBSC Molly, based on the famous Jinty was constructed by Sid Owen, one of the founder members of this society and owned by myself for many years. (These three locos are 3 ½" gauge)

At the end of a very successful day, we were treated to a brilliant barbecue. Thanks to everyone involved.

Regards, Harold.