



NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2024.

First of all, how nice to be able to report on a very successful month as regards activities at our West Shore, Llandudno site.

Apologies from myself for not being part of this success story due to family commitments.

NWMES GALA DAY - 27th July 2024.

The whole idea of the Gala Day was to give the public an idea of what our society was all about.

With many of the member's models on display, some static others fully operational on our miniature railway. Refreshments were available provided by our member's wives to which we are ever so grateful. Thanks to you all. Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Following a very successful day, members were able to socialize whilst participating in a members only barbecue.

Finally, at the end of the day Phil Roberts our Treasurer was able to confirm our society was £710.69p better off.

One of our regulars at any of these major events is Bill Winter, but due to a prior engagement he was unable to attend the gala. He was celebrating a rather special birthday. As a narrow-gauge enthusiast he spent the day at The West Lancashire Railway, I guessed correctly he was driving IRISH MAIL one of the Dinorwig Quarry Hunslets.

Hoping you had a fantastic day Bill.

HOPE HOUSE CHARITY DAY - 10TH August 2024.

This event was run on a similar style as our gala day. Again a very successful day raising £785.15p for this very worthwhile charity, our society rounding this off to £800.00p.

The committee wish to thank all members and their families for taking part in both of these very successful events.

15-inch Gauge Railway Material ?

Our committee has received a message from Arthur Roberts - Arch Motors.

I am the proprietor of Arch Motors, the scrap yard in Llandudno and I have been offered a quantity of 15inch gauge rail and rolling stock, electrically driven. If you are interested, please contact me on 01492 876900 asap.

Kind Regards,

Arthur Roberts.

SOLID FUEL TABLETS.

Recently issued regulations have banned the sale, purchase of or being in possession of what many of us call firelighters. These regulations state that it is an offence to supply a member of the public with any of the regulated substances if they do not hold a valid EPP Licence issued by the home office.

This threatens the humble Mamod steam engine operating on these tablets, but what about many members of the public that use these for barbecues, model engineers that use these for starting up a fire in their steam powered models. Are they all potential criminals?

CHESTER OPEN WEEK 2024.

Any of our members thinking of purchasing any new machine tools or other bits of equipment might want to consider visiting Chester Machine Tools open week being held on 23rd-27th September 2024.

Located at Hawarden Industrial Park, Clwyd Close, CH5 3PZ. You might pick up a bargain!

MIDLANDS MODEL ENGINEERING EXHIBITION.

Another date for your calendar -Thursday- 17th October 2024 to Sunday 20th October 2024. This used to be an annual pilgrimage for our members. Due to an increase in transport costs, this has made our trip on the coach rather expensive. Personally, I still miss these days out.

BOILER TESTING.

During the last boiler testing session new member, Deiniol turned up with a lovely 5" gauge Bagnall locomotive. Similar in size to a Sweet Pea the boiler is a standard locomotive type and not a marine boiler. Named CWELLYN, this is the lake between Waunfawr and Rhyd Ddu.



Although there was a minor leak on the whistle valve causing Martin not to reach maximum pressure during the steam test, I can't wait to see Deiniol and his loco steaming around our track.

Following Deiniol's test, Martin was busy testing Frank's LBSC Doris. For anyone not familiar with these names, this is a 3 1/2" gauge Black 5. No problems, this little gem goes as well as it looks.



Painted in early LMS livery, this loco is in pristine condition.

Frank has decided to sell this engine because he doesn't seem to have enough hours in a day to look after and run it. Having had a recent boiler test, this Black 5 is ready to go, and he would love if it would stay within our society.

It can be seen running at the track if anyone is interested, but as I said previously, all the members present at WSR were impressed how she performed. For full details contact Frank on: fsimpson1@btinternet.com

WEST SOMERSET RAILWAY.

Whilst our members were busy preparing and taking part in our Gala I was having a few days with my family down in Somerset. Staying in Minehead quite a few visits were made to the WSR. I thought you'd like to see a couple of photos of the locos on duty. Both



turned out immaculately, they had been expertly brush painted with hardly any brush marks visible.

Witherslack Hall with the colorful early BR emblem.



Betton Grange, a new build locomotive built from donor parts as no Grange locos had been preserved.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This year's meeting will be held at Craig y Don Community Centre on the 3rd September 2024 at 19:00. (7 o'clock)

This is when you can choose who you want to represent our society on the committee. If you have any issues on anything involving our society, this is your chance to have your say. Please mark this date on your calendar. This is a very important meeting.

ANGLESEY MODELLER AND COLLECTORS EXHIBITION AND ANGLESEY VINTAGE RALLY

Every year I get an invite to the annual show of the Anglesey Modeller and Collectors club (AMACC). The history behind this is linked to the talks that I have done for NWMES. About twelve years ago the chairman, of the AMACC Clynog used to ask me if I had done any talks to our society and if he liked the subject then he would ask me if I would do it again for his club. I then started getting invites to exhibit at his show which was then held at the Gaerwen village hall.

The members of this society are a mixture of collectors and modellers of varying degrees of skill. One of the extreme modellers is a chap called Ian who lives in Llanaelhaearn, His passion is military vehicles that he scratch builds using 3D routed and printed parts. All his models are to museum quality and have to be seen to be appreciated.



As you can see Ian makes a bespoke case for each vehicle and at the show he works on his latest model.

Another interesting model was of the Crosville mobile workshop, the chap that made this used to own the full size one. He made this model when he had to sell the full size one because of his age and it was becoming too much for him. This was very detailed model with workbench with vice and tools inside.



My contribution was to display my collection of Hornby Dublo and Wrenn locomotives. This started when I came across the train set that my parent bought me when I was 13 after seeing a layout that used to come to these exhibitions.



This collection has grown following visits to Toy and train fairs and ebay purchases. This display encourages many to stop and talk to me about their models that they have stored away at home or what they had when they were growing up.

Most of the exhibits are of commercial models and some will display these laid out on a table but others will put together a diorama to show the type of environment these vehicles worked in.



The next event that I was invited to was the Anglesey Vintage Rally, as usual this event was well attended by exhibitors with a wide variety of interests covered. I was in the model hall showing Holy War and promoting the society and most of my leaflets went over the two days.



Here again there were many types of exhibit on display too many to show here but here are a few.



Some of the horse drawn vehicles by a chap from Nefyn, some of you may have seen these in the midlands model engineering exhibition over the years.



This was a 3d printed traction engine that was next to me that included the figures as well.

Outside there was two of our members' traction engines belonging to Trevor and Eric.



Here's one that could be described as a bombproof mobility scooter.



The show this year was a great success breaking even on the first day, so here's to next year when God willing I will attend again.

Martin, thanks for this very interesting article. As I've said before, a few articles from our members could make these newsletters much more interesting, and make my work a lot easier.

NEW MEMBERS.

Having already mentioned new member Deiniol from Conwy, can I also mention Ray from Holyhead and Brian from Llanddeiniolen near Bethel, Caernarfon. A warm welcome to you all. CROESO!

FINAL REMINDER!

AGM 3RD SEPTEMBER 2024 AT CRAIG Y DON COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 19:00. (7 o'clock). Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Best Regards,

Harold Jones.