



## **JULY 2025 NWMES NEWSLETTER.**

### **WEST SHORE ISSUES.**

#### **OUR HERO!**

Recently one of our members had a slight mishap on the track causing the Class 37 to de-rail.

Having re-railed the locomotive, for some reason there was no power. On closer inspection it was found that a few cables had become disconnected. With no one present knowing where to re connect these cables, it was a trial and error job until the motors worked.

Great, until it was found one bogie was going forward and the other backwards. It was now time to think what had been done to make one bogie reverse when it should be going forward. More head scratching until young Tim asked the question, "Why don't you turn the bogie round?"

For any person who knows Tim, he is very quietly spoken. Every one present seemed quite shocked when he made this statement.

Well done TIM, Thank you.

#### **OTHER ISSUES.**

Our society is still waiting to hear from the council as regards our new lease. Having seen the proposed new lease, we are eager to sign the new contract but the local council do operate at a different pace to most other companies. We are still waiting.

Whilst Colin, Frank and myself were digging a soakaway pit adjacent to our new clubhouse recently, we met two ladies one of which was not happy. She was saying she could not see the sea from the bottom corner of her garden due to our new clubhouse (and the containers). She has contacted the council to complain. At the moment, the less said the better.

Members have been painting our original steel container to match the clubhouse and the new container in a dark green colour.

Whilst we were giving the site a clear up following turning the original container through ninety degrees a nest of about forty lizards was found. These little creatures are probably a protected species so they were carefully removed to a safer location on site.

Public running has been definitely a hit or a miss so far. One Saturday the takings were two pounds. (That equates to one paying passenger).

We had an incident at the track last week involving three very "loud" males. Having seen our train from the beach café, they wanted to have a ride. My estimate, these were older than teenagers. Before commencing the ride, they were requested not to lean out from the passenger truck, and to keep their feet firmly on the boards.

Half way through the ride, one of them rolled himself off the truck then tried to jump back on causing a derailment. Although no real damage was made, the three of them just walked away having a big laugh. The outcome could well have been more serious.

In last month's newsletter I asked the membership what was happening at home, in their workshop or in some cases on their track.

John Davies from LLanfachraeth on the most Northerly point of Wales has certainly been busy. Landscaping his 7 1/4inch gauge track must take a lot of his time. Other than his Forney steam locomotive, John has a battery powered tramcar which has been given a major maintenance over the past few months.

All this work is being carried out in preparation to their annual BBQ & Train running day on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025. This year John and Jan are collecting money for the Air Ambulance. For anyone interested Please Contact John on, 01407 730641 or email at [janlewis.johndavies@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janlewis.johndavies@yahoo.co.uk)

## **IMLEC 2025.**

This efficiency trial has now taken place about a fortnight ago at Fareham in Hampshire. Our member and good friend from Ireland Callum Christie took part with his fine little Midland and Great Northern Railway 0-6-0 tender engine. Unfortunately, this track was unsuitable for the smaller locomotives having a rather steep gradient at one of the part of the circuit. I'm told that Calum unfortunately did not complete the half hour run. As he is attending West Shore on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, he will tell us all about the experience (I'm sorry I'll be absent).

## **GILLING 5 INCH GAUGE GROUND LEVEL MAINLINE OPEN WEEK END.**

Is it any wonder why Richard Stoddart enjoys attending this location.



This photo wasn't taken in the sixties of a standard gauge loco; it's Richard's loco at Gilling.



The 2nd photo is from a previous meeting.

These meetings are well worth watching on YouTube. The latest (May) meeting is now available. One part, shows coal being delivered by hopper wagons to the shed area, having offloaded the coal a re-mote control excavator then loads other wagons. All good fun and a must watch.

### **OUR WILD FLOWER MEADOW.**

This was our Vice Chairman Gary's project. Having prepared the ground with other members, it was felt once the flowers matured it was create a nice attraction for the general public and encourage biodiversity for local species in the area.





This photo above shows our chairman at the controls of the 37 and Gary acting as guard adjacent to the meadow. Another few weeks should have the flowers in full bloom. Viewed from the road there is a better view of these flowers. I was trying to be artistic by taking a ground level shot.

### **ANOTHER LOCO ON ITS MAIDEN VOYAGE.**

Last Wednesday David Jones our Chairman turned up at the track with his new locomotive. Purchased as a kit from Maxitrak this locomotive looks truly magnificent.

As a trainspotter, we used to call these Baby Sulzers. They all looked similar so I'm going to guess this is a Class 25. No doubt someone will tell me if I'm wrong.

Thanks to Tony Graham for the photograph.

I'm reliably informed that David was more than happy with his loco's performance considering it was on a shakedown run. He will be making a few tweaks, but that is the whole purpose of a shakedown run.

In my native language, "GWYCH" comes to mind!!(magnificent).



### **FUTURE EVENTS.**

#### **19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025.**

Our society will be holding a members Gala Day. We will be displaying our members models so please bring yours along. As I've always said, this is a social event so please turn up to make it another successful event.

**9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025.**

This is our charity day. "Hope House, Ty Gobaith" is our nominated charity. It's very difficult to put any words on paper the work that everyone at the children's hospice do. They need every penny to keep going, so I'm asking you once again, please turn up again with your models to display them to the public, in order we can make a small fortune for these very unfortunate children.

My good friend Frank Simpson and his wife Barbara spend a lot of time organizing these two events, once again I'm thanking them both for their valued contribution.

Best Regards to you all,

**Harold Jones.**

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