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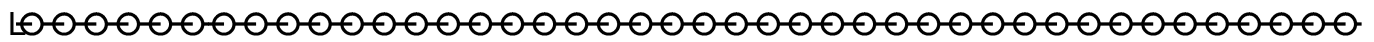
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Coming along nicely...

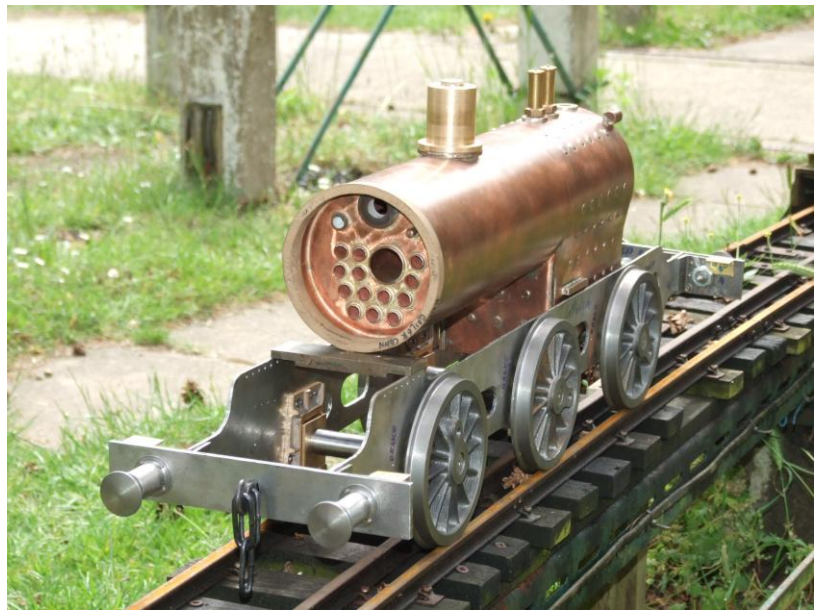
James Horrex's LBSCR new-build

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Cover story

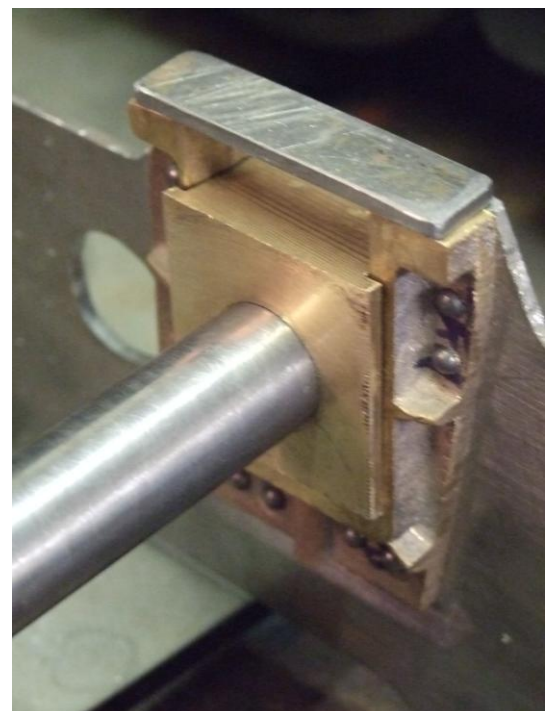
James's new-build LBSCR tank is coming along nicely. The cover pic shows what he has made so far. The boiler is largely complete and it's going to have a superheater too. The pics here show both ends. James has also fabricated the axleboxes, horn guides and wheelsets. James continues in his own words, *"Progress on my five inch gauge E2 is coming on slowly but positively and over the last few weeks I've been machining the axle boxes and the wheels. The wheels are complete and are waiting for their axles, the axle boxes are nearly done as well. All that they need now is the holes for the suspension springs drilling and tapping in the boxes and the keeps."*



Other things I've been doing on the engine include the smoke box saddle, round frame stretchers and the main frame stretcher. The saddle



has been made straight sided as it is the wrong shape for an E2. The casting will be used as the actual saddle with a cosmetic saddle that is the correct shape crafted around it. As it can be seen in the photos I already have my boiler complete which came with all of the proper paper work which will save me a considerable task and a lot of time. At the end of the month I'm visiting the AJ Reeves shop and I'm hoping to get most if not all of my boiler fittings whilst there and other bits and pieces to help keep my project going."





BOILER TESTING

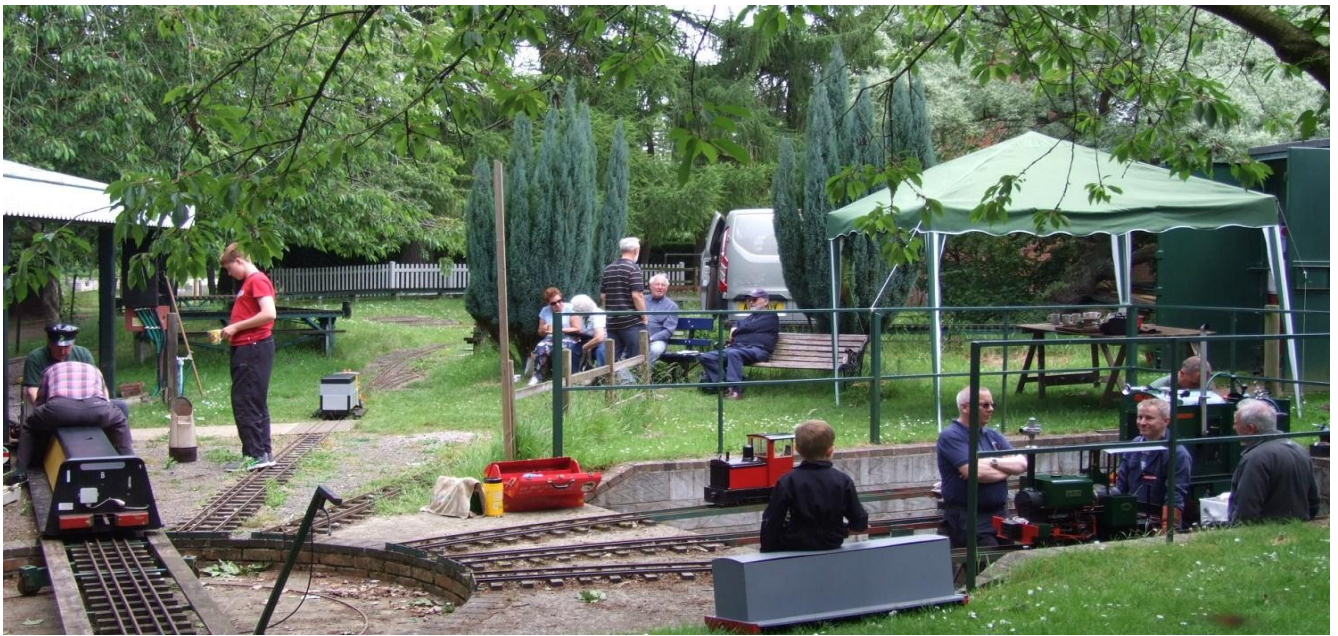
A service for members – by arrangement.

Contact the Chairman.

Maxitrak Owners Club visit Eaton Park

Saturday 10th June turned out to be a fine day and we welcomed the Maxitrak owners Club to Eaton Park for their annual run around our track. This year was rather better attended than previously and we had participants who had travelled from as far away as Warwickshire and Oxford. Two steamers attended along with a host of battery-electrics. One of the steamers dated back to the mid-1980s. The photos show a selection of the visiting locos.





All in all, our Maxitrak day was a great success and thanks to all our members who came along to welcome the visitors. The Maxitrak Owners Club chairman wrote to us afterwards,

I wish to thank your club for hosting the Maxitrak day on Saturday, as always a great day for us. You have a lovely track and we enjoy coming up to see you. Once again thank you for a great day

Trevor Solly (Chairman)

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE MEMBERS AREA?

ALL MEMBERS OF THE NDSME MAY GAIN ACCESS TO THE PRIVATE MEMBERS AREA OF THE NDSME WEBSITE. TO OBTAIN YOUR LOGIN DETAILS, CONTACT webteam@ndsme.co.uk WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Spotted on Youtube

How to accurately drill a hole in round bar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUTWtHOVyPI>

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that the NDSMEs insurance policy does NOT cover any members' locos or assets stored at Eaton Park. Members should ensure that their own insurances cover this eventuality, should they wish to store any locos, rolling stock or other items at the Society premises.

NOTICE

Norwich and District Society of Model Engineers Limited

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th August 2017 at 7.30 pm.

The Agenda and supporting papers will be sent out by post to all members so that they arrive by 19th July 2017 (being 21 days before the meeting which is the required notice period).

At the AGM, all directors, the company secretary and the treasurer will offer their resignation and also offer themselves for re-election. This will be voted on by the members present and by proxy.

If there are any nominations for the posts of director, company secretary or treasurer they need to be sent to the company secretary or any director by Friday June 30th 2017 at the latest in order for them to be printed as they must be sent out with the agenda.

If any member has a resolution they would like to propose they need to be sent to the company secretary or any director by Friday June 30th 2017 at the latest in order for them to be printed as they must be sent out with the agenda.

The business at the meeting will be conducted strictly in accordance with the agenda and after the close of the meeting there will be an opportunity for members to ask any questions.

COMEDY CORNER



Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Manager asked the young engineer fresh out of university, “*And what starting salary were you looking for?*”

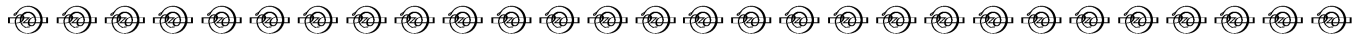
The engineer said, “*In the neighborhood of £100,000 a year, depending on the benefits package.*”

The HR Manager said, “*Well, what would you say to a package of £200,000 a year, 5 weeks holiday, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every 2 years – say, a red Mercedes?*”

The engineer sat up straight and said, “*Wow!!! Are you joking?*”

And the HR Manager said, “*Of course, ...but you started it.*”





Roundup – a peek into other society journals and onlines

Now, here's a thing, spotted on the Burnley & Pendle website. It's a two car articulated multiple unit. In the livery of *Furka Oberalp*, a Swiss metre gauge mountain railway. An interesting interpretation of the original vehicles



HSG216 and the NDSME

At the recent EGM, the Society adopted HSG216 as the guidance for all operations involving carrying non-members on the two railways at the park. If you are involved in any way with public operations, you should familiarise yourself with this document. It is currently available online at

<http://www.vulcan.works/media/hsg216.pdf>

and is also available on the Southern Federation website or in our members area. A copy is also kept at the clubhouse.



NDSME – affiliated to the Southern Federation and now the Northern Association – for the benefit of all our members!

Meeting Report -Bure Valley Railway visit June 14th

The 14th was a hot and sunny evening, the clubs special train left Aylsham station at 6.45pm on time behind *Blickling Hall* with 49 members and friends on board for a return journey along the pleasant Bure Valley. On our return Andy Barnes gave us a talk detailing the history of the line to the present time, explaining how the 15inch railway had had five owners before the present



owners. An engine shed had been added and the workshop was now much cleaner and well equipped. Stripped out was *Spitfire* under overhaul, the in house workshop team had already improved the valve gear and carried out other modifications to *Blickling Hall* which had much improved its performance and the

same was now being carried out on *Spitfire*. The engine shed was full containing around six diesel and steam engines. After the very informative talk we joined the ladies for refreshments in the coffee shop which made a pleasant end to the evening.



As recounted by Mike Fordham.

Do you know somewhere we could visit on one of our monthly meetings? Contact the chairman if you have any ideas and we will do our best to arrange if possible...



NDSME directors (committee) and officers as at June 2017

President	Neville Gower	Company Sec.	Jim McDonell
Chairman	Barry Fane	Membership Sec.	Allan Shirley
Treasurer	Jim McDonell	Publicity	Mark Rhodes

Other directors: Peter King, Dave Beeken, Roger Montgomery, Mike Riches and Philip Moore.

Bulletin distribution, *digital* – Allan Shirley, *hard copy* – Philip Moore. There are a number of other roles, such as meetings organiser, that need filling. Contact Barry Fane if you can help. The email is chairman@ndsme.co.uk



A message from the membership secretary...

Following the recent successful visit by the Maxitrak Owners Club we gained another new member bringing the total to 87. Welcome to Mr Matthew Kimmins from the West Midlands area.

The society's AGM will soon be upon us and the initial reminder has been sent by email and by post to those few without. The annual 'bunfight' will be everybody's opportunity to join the committee and run the club or just sit it out in the background. Will anyone oust me and take over the role of membership secretary? Please!? Seriously, I feel the club is a happier place to enjoy our passion and the public have not deserted us despite last year's problems. Under an assumed name I am this year's Santa Secretary. As yet, we await the first booking.

Allan

For Sale For Sale For Sale

Pete Otley has lots of model railway stuff for sale as he runs down his shop. These include, Model Railways - OO Gauge & N.Gauge All Construction materials including Scatter materials, Flock, Static Grass, Grass Mats, Hedge Foliage, Tree Foliage, Back scenes, Super quick Buildings, Figures in all Gauges, Dapol Plastic Kits, Knightwing, N Gauge Plastic kits, Model Plants, Various Vinyl Decals, Trackside Decals, Sankey Signs, Plasticard in White & Black, Brick Paper, Grain of wheat Bulbs, Grain of rice Bulbs, Various colour Led's, Brick embossed plastic sheets, PD Marsh Figures & Station Accessories, OO Gauge Canal boat Kits, Glues & Adhesives etc.

Building Materials – Piano Wire, Brass Wire, K&S Metal Extrusions (Brass Copper & Aluminium Rod, Tube, Sheet etc., Plastruct Plastic Extrusions, Balsa wood sheet Strips & Blocks, Mahogany Strip wood, Spruce Strip wood, Obechi Strip wood, Craft Tools, Foam Board

Plus a large range of model Boat & Model Aircraft accessories including Brass propellers, Propshafts etc., and a large range of vinyl Lettering & Decals for all types of models.

Contact Pete on 01692 652960



Brian Baker has a 7 1/4 Bridget 0-4-2 chassis for disposal. Although there is still some way to go, a lot of work has been completed to a reasonable standard, and it could shortly run on air. This is a manageable loco, castings for which are still available from Reeves. Included are a few drawings & a write up. Current cost of the castings included is over £1000 but he is looking for £375 from club members. Contact him for a viewing at [leighsteamer\(at\)btinternet.com](mailto:leighsteamer(at)btinternet.com) .



Summary of the Directors Meeting June 2017 at Eaton Park.

Amongst items discussed were...

Club house heating. Quotes received from two companies. After discussions the quote for heating designed for pitched roof rooms was deemed most suitable and passed. Final decision will be put to the members at the next members Wednesday meeting as per rules.

Junior members. After discussions it was agreed that the policies of other clubs be investigated before any decisions can be made. P King and M Rhodes to present findings at next meeting.

Date of A.G.M. was agreed to be 9th August 2017. All paperwork to be sent to members by post and to arrive at least 3 weeks prior to this date

The Treasurer advised that the bank balance was healthy, that we had raised £670 for E.A.C.H. and tabled the annual unaudited financial statements for the year to March 31 2017, the annual unaudited management accounts for the same period and the letter of representation addressed to the Company's accountants. After review and discussion the directors approved both sets of accounts and the letter of representation and authorised the chairman to sign all the documents on behalf of the board of directors.

Renewal of Northern Association of Model Engineers membership agreed

Request for replacement walki-talkies for use on ground level track. Allan Shirley to get prices

It was noted that the documentation HS216 that governs the running of miniature railways is being superceded and the new regulations should be available at the end of the year.

The treasurer showed a letter to the directors which was sent to four members of the Phoenix Model Engineering Club. This was to enquire about the two cheques sent to the NDSME

Some former members have returned the club keys they had in their possession.

Following the directive passed at the January 2017 meeting to obtain information regarding upgrading or building of new toilets at the club. D.Beeken said that an approximate estimate for new toilets would be around £10,000. He also stated that older members had difficulty in getting access to the present toilet when the raised track is in operation. Upgrading existing toilet as an alternative was discussed. No decision was made.

M Riches proposed that a briefing be given to all drivers prior to public running, by the station master regarding the signalling and station layout. This was agreed.

Santa Special discussed and progress was ongoing.

Other Notices

Parklands Railway (Hemsby) – open day for NDSME members. Tuesday 1st August, 1430 onwards.

Please note change of venue for formal meetings, from Angel Road to Eaton Park

Brandon & District SME invite NDSME members to a talk on making castings, on Sat June 24th starting at 1000hrs. See member's area for fuller details..

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

Brian Baker advises he has some extra items for disposal

An almost complete set of *Holmside* 71/4 gauge 0-6-0 casting, including wheels, cylinders stretchers chimney smokebox etc. All untouched £400 to club members (check Blackgates or Reeves prices)

.A set of 71/4 Lion, (Titfield Thunderbolt) Wheels and 2 off cylinder castings, with LBSC drawings. the old loco committee have 7 1/4 drawings £300



A working 5 inch gauge "*Canterbury Lamb*", a Canterbury & Whitstable Invicta class loco, with current hydraulic certificate, but needs a steam ticket. The loco needs tidying, and perhaps repainting (see photos) £1500



I also have the main wheel castings for a 5 inch Stirling single, price to be confirmed.

A part finished Stuart double 10, with parts & drawings to complete £200

Rob Roy, with boiler certificate, which is more or less complete, except for the tanks & cab, and has been dismantled for painting. nicely built, by an old friend, the loco has run on air, with drawings. £900

Brian's contact details above.

Parklands Miniature Railway

Invitation Day

This year we are holding our invitation day on Tuesday 1st August, when we hope you can come to see the railway operating for your enjoyment. We will have different trains and locomotives running during the afternoon from 2.30 pm, with activity stopping at 6.30 pm.

Parklands is a delightful 7¼ gauge railway, ⅔ of a mile long, not normally open to visitors, so it's your chance to visit, ride & watch the trains in operation. Although we do have narrow gauge locomotives on shed, and there is a new one to see this year, our main stock is of standard gauge locomotives, and its quite likely that you will see an LMS Duchess, or a Black Five or two as well as a dock tank, LNER A3, BR Britannia, or a Class Two, and the GWR has several 0-6-0 tanks. Although not all may be running at once, it is a chance to compare performances. We use scale passenger & freight stock, whilst having some "Toast rack Coaches" that offer a more comfortable ride. We make no charge for rides, but donations towards maintenance costs are always welcome, look for the "white lamps" on Parklands station.

Later on in the afternoon, the Witheridge Family will be operating their Barbeque to satisfy the demands of the inner man, women & children. We will also arrange for the ice cream van to make a special visit.

The Parklands Holiday Village site is in North Road, Hemsby, NR294HA, and we ask that you observe the site speed limit, and park sensibly on the lower part of the field. Please supervise any children you bring along carefully when on site.

This year we have all been working hard on the railway, with lots of small improvements, as well the completion of our "wood for plastic" sleeper programme, so please come and join us for a ride (or two) on Parklands Railway, relive the golden age of steam, and spot the changes.

Brian Baker

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