

April 2006

Steaming Ahead



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Good News Roger Timings is back at home having been in hospital since before Christmas. We all wish him well and hope to see him at some of the events later in the year.

The Carriage project continues with finished components

arriving from members who have been busy at home machining. Work has started on the carriage shed so it will accommodate the new coaches. The club diesel passenger coaches have been modified to the same seating configuration and are now

ready to be repainted. The club diesel is undergoing some maintenance and modifications in between events. All the high level track coaches have been fitted with a standard coupling with built in locking pin.

TRACK LAYING

Friday 7th Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th April
Please come and help if only for a hour or so

Events This Month—April

Tuesday 25th April Wylde Green Library
150 Years of Foden Engineering-

By Norman Smedley

Club News in Brief:

- Help to make parts for new rolling stock we still need more volunteers please.
- Recruitment drive for new members watch the press
- Watch out for some Saturday Afternoon steam up days

New Members

The following application for membership were approved by the board on Tuesday 4th March
Associate member **Marion Rous**

Dates for Your Diary

May 21st Model Works Owners Rally -Balleny Green
June 13th AGM - Wylde Green Library
June 30th, 1st & 2nd July-Diesel Weekend-Balleny Green
Aug 6th 2½ Rally -Balleny Green
Aug 13th Garden Party - Balleny Green
Nov 11th Bonfire night—Balleny Green
Dec 3rd Santa Special 1– Balleny Green
Dec 10th Santa Special2– Balleny Green

This news letter will only work with your input

Visit Bratch SSWW Pumping Station

Bill Colman has a friend who has organised a private steaming of the Bratch SSWW pumping station at Wombourne South Staff at 2.45pm on Friday 16th June. The entry cost to our members will be £5.00. The station will be open to the public the next day.

The station was built in 1895 to house two 400 ton triple expansion steam engines each 55ft high. "Victoria" has been lovingly restored by Len Crane the well known Wolverhampton steam engineer and is now a magnificent sight. We hope to steam at about 3.00pm but you are advised to come earlier to view the machine stationary. We expect that Len will show our party round.

There is a very good website at www.thebratch.org that gives full technical details of the engines and the Gothic style Grade 2 * listed building housing them.

Group transport is not being provided but directions to the station will be given to those going.

If you are interested to go please contact Bill Colman on 0121 308 0099 or wtc@colman.demon.co.uk

Wylde Green

Drill sharpening by Derek Brown

First my I thank one of our new members Bill Betts for coming to the rescue with the loan of his digital projector and for coming and setting it all up for us.

We had a better than usual turn out, the first half of the evening was a talk and slide show on drill sharpening, and after tea we had a superb demonstration on how to put the theory into practice and as a bonus I came away with four expertly sharpened drills all I have to do now is make the rest of my drills match these and according to Derek some of them have had a interesting life.

Remember Amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic.

Subscriptions for the year April 2006-April 2007

Full Member	£52.00
OAP Member	£40.00
Associate Member	£15.00
Junior Member	£11.00

Please note subscriptions were due by 31st March 2006

Boiler Inspectors

Colin Davis
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Peter McMillan
0121 308 2957

Stan Jones
01827 63983

Barry Kefford
0121 350 5743

Richard (Dick) Smith
01827 12758

Neal Harrison
0121 378 3992

N.B. Should you require the services of a boiler inspector, please contact one beforehand. Please do not simply arrive at the ground and assume that there will be one available.

Sutton Coldfield Railway Society 35th Annual Model Railway Exhibition 29th & 30th April 2006

**Bishop Walsh School
Wylde Green Road**

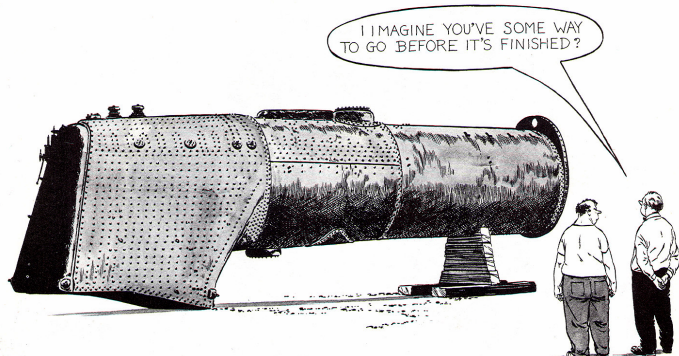
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We will be Exhibiting at this event all offers of display models or help over the two days to Peter McMillan

0121 308 2957

Copy dates for future news letters:-

Tuesday 25th April for May
Tuesday 30th May for June
Tuesday 27th June for July
Tuesday 25th July for Aug



This Months Quote:

To play it safe is not to play.

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Have you sent any comment or requests ????

SUTTON COLDFIELD MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

MARCH 2006 TUESDAY "HORT" TEAM AND LOTTERY NOTES

Well, last month (Feb report) I said 'the weather had been very cold' but this month (March) you can add 'wet, cold and windy. Now it's April and showers as well?

Early in the month Bill Coleman returned from his 4/5 week trip down under in New Zealand; at about the same time I left for two weeks in Cyprus and sunshine. However, in spite of the lack of sunshine in Little Hay the team continued clearing up the site. The copses have been cleared of rubbish and strimmed, banks cleared of bramble and strimmed, the holes in the drive filled in, the fire points around the track finished off, fencing been worked on for the tunnel bank and access to the maintenance store improved etc., etc.

A couple of members have commented on the laurel and boundary hedges being a bit low. Yes they have been cut back but with good reason. The boundary hedge was again trimmed back to force additional new shoots and for it to thicken up -- it will now be allowed to grow to about 6'0". The laurel grows very fast and is

cut back to it's current level in order to make it easier to maintain -- if you feel it should be higher then we would welcome your assistance maintaining it.

Non of us are getting any younger and therefore, as far as possible we are endeavouring to ensure the site can be maintained without having to put members safety in jeopardy or using specialist machinery, other than when absolutely necessary.

On the lottery carriage project work has continued but see elsewhere for details as I've not yet caught up with the team working on them.

Thank you to those members who responded to my request for suggestions for the 'next lottery application' and the Lucas Battery isolating switch.

Finally, the SVR News No 152 had a 'Please Note' that caught my eye recently. It basically said *'If you wish to contribute anything towards the assets and facilities of the society, then please get permission. We*

don't want to upset members who donate items without permission, only to find them in the skip because they are unsuitable'. **Do they mean the contribution or the person contributing???????**

Eric Davies

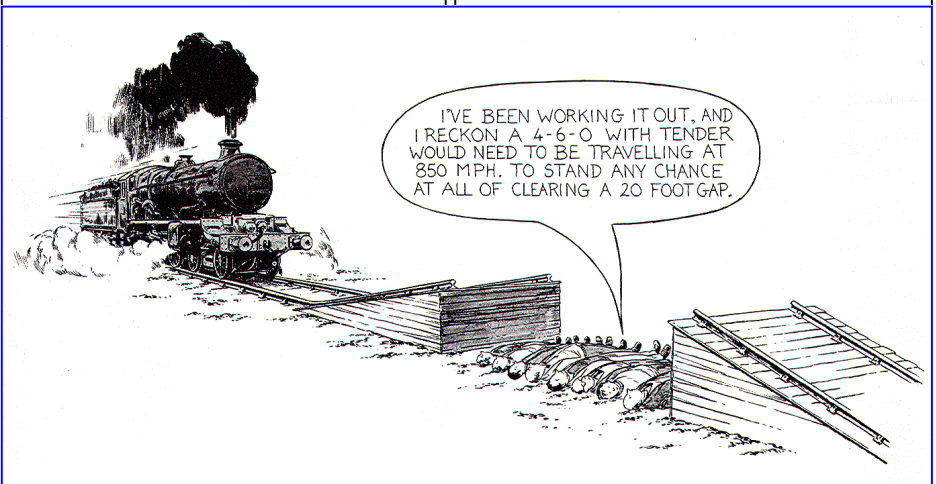
DIESEL WEEKEND 1ST/2ND JULY

The weekend of 1st/2nd July will see the first, of what is hoped to be an annual event, at Balleny Green – a weekend devoted entirely to diesel out-line locomotives.

This will be a public event, widely publicised in both the Model press and also local newspapers, in an attempt to raise the profile of our Society and increase membership, particularly from the younger sector.

We have invited several manufacturers to have trade stands, and have received an encouraging positive response, particularly to our request that the public be allowed to not only ride behind the products on show, but also to drive them – **under strict supervision!**

Garry Tyso



(All Tuesday Evening meetings start at 7:45pm unless otherwise indicated)

Sat & Sun 8+9th Apr 2006	(Track-renewal working party)		BG
Sat & Sun 15+16th Apr 2006	(Track-renewal working party)		BG
Tue 25th Apr 2006	150 Years of Foden Engineering	Norman Smedley	WGL
Sat 29th Apr 2006 & Sun 30th Apr 2006	SCMES stand at Sutton Coldfield Railway Society Model Railway Exhibition Bishop Walsh School Wylde Green Road Sutton Coldfield	Sat 10.00am-6pm Sun 10.00am-5pm Contact: Peter Mc (0121-3082957)	
Mon 1st May 2006	Bank Holiday Steam Up	(10:00am onwards)	BG
Sun 14th May 2006	Birthday Party		BG
Sun 21st May 2006	Model Works - Owners Rally		BG
Mon 29th May 2006	Bank Holiday Steam Up	(10:00am onwards)	BG
Sun 4th Jun 2006	First Sunday of the month Steam-Up	(10:00am onwards)	BG
Sun 11th Jun 2006	Erewash Valley MES visit to Balleny Green		BG
Tue 13th Jun 2006	Annual General Meeting		WGL
Sun 25th Jun 2006	Two Birthday Parties : 11:00-1:00 3:00-5:00		BG
Fri 30th Jun- Sun 2nd Jul 2006	Diesel Weekend		BG
Thu 20th Jul 2006	Sutton Coldfield Railway Society visit to Balleny Green	(7:00pm onwards)	BG
Sun 6th Aug 2006	National 2½" Gauge Association Rally		BG
Sun 13th Aug 2006	Garden Party		BG
Sun 20th Aug 2006	Birthday Party		BG
Mon 28th Aug 2006	Bank Holiday Steam Up	(10:00am onwards)	BG
Sun 3rd Sep 2006	Kids West Midlands		BG
Sun 17th Sep 2006	Birthday Party		BG
Sun 1st Oct 2006	First Sunday of the month Steam-Up	(10:00am onwards)	BG
Sun 8th Oct 2006	Birthday Party		BG
Sat 11th Nov 2006	Bonfire Night		BG
Sun 3rd Dec 2006	Santa Special I		BG
Sun 10th Dec 2006	Santa Special II		BG
Tue 26th Dec 2006	Boxing Day Steam-Up	(10:00am onwards)	BG
Mon 1st Jan 2007	New Year's Day Steam-Up	(10:00am onwards)	BG