



# MAIDSTONE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

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## Autumn 2017 Newsletter

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## Luke's Spot

Oh dear, my turn again. Its been a quiet period for me ME wise although by the time you get this I will have been to the Llanelli Autumn Rally at Pembrey Country Park with Tom, Chris, Alex and Andrew more of which will be in the next issue. Its sure to be a great weekend even with welsh weather.

This is a shorter issue, I'm saving a few things for the Christmas issue and this was just too early to get Llanelli into.

Also a request, if anyone knows of any dates that should be in the open days/rallies/exhibitions calendar, please send them to me at the usual email [luke.bridges@gmail.com](mailto:luke.bridges@gmail.com)



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# At the park

## Rolling Stock - Andy & Luke Bridges

As far as we are aware, all the trollies on the register are running well.

## Public Running - Dave Deller

The duty list is now only short of a loader on a couple of dates before the end of the season.

## Household and Catering - Pat Riddles

Everything ticking along nicely thanks to all those that have helped on the running days and club nights that I have been unable to attend.

I am delighted to tell you that the 2018 annual club lunch has been arranged for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January,

Details and menu choices all as per the attached sheet.

Please do come along it really is a super social event and will be great to see you.

## Club Locos - Tom Parham

**Enterprise** - Paul has finished repairing the loco for us, and it has now been successfully tested. However we are suspecting an issue with the right hand lubricator which needs further testing and investigation. The loco is currently operational.

**Frenchy** - The engine has starting 'breathing' heavily giving a smoky exhaust which we are not happy about. The decision has been made to buy a new engine, which we would like to include an electric start is possible. Frenchy is currently out of service.

**Gertie** - Currently operational

## Fuel - Tom Parham

We now have a supply of small coal, primarily for the use of the smaller loco. This is located in its own coal bunker of the racking next to the coal bins.



### Safety - Tom Parham

The First Aid box had been checked and was up to date. Members were asked to make sure that visitors sign the visitors book before driving a loco.

### Permanent Way - Dave Deller and Peter Kingsford

A complete survey on the condition of the track beams has been carried out identifying those in worst condition and in most urgent need of remedial work. A plan of action is being drawn up and work will begin soon. If you would like to see more detail of this, Jack has drawn up a survey results sheet detailing the worst affected beams, and what state of repair they are all in, inside the track and outside the track,

## Vandalism - Tom Parham

We have unfortunately been struck once more, however we were lucky that a passing dog walker interrupted the culprit and subsequently alerted us to the damage. They had started to break a hole in the roof, which was covered and fibreglassed during the following week, completed the following Sunday.



## Projects

As was mentioned previously we are planning to install a turntable. Probably at the end of a realigned headshunt. This hasn't been forgotten, and is still very much being thought about.

However, efforts have been given to the repairing of the track beams as mentioned previously which obviously taken precedence over the turntable project as they are critical to keeping out track running so smoothly and safely.

## Everything else

As well as everything else that gets done, there is always a list of jobs that can be undertaken by all abilities. If you spot something you think needs addressing, then please let a member of the committee know. Likewise if you would like to lend a hand or think you could turn your hand at something then please also ask a committee member if you are unsure and they can point you in the right direction.

# Caption Competition - Tom Parham



# Recipe for a Topps Annual Day Out

- Chris Hawkins

5 Engines

2 Caterers

1 Preschool – Kids, Parents, and Staff

1 dozen MMES Members

Take one slightly wet Wednesday morning in July and bring together with the ingredients above and you are left with an enjoyable day for all.

Ok so this is not really a recipe as such a but just a little account of one of the events that the club has hosted this summer that would probably go unnoticed by most members, so here goes, I'll let you know. The Owl and Pussycat Preschool (TOPPS) needed a venue for their Annual Day out.

TOPPS is the Preschool that my wife Donna is the deputy supervisor and approached me to see if the club would be interest and able to host the event as they had been unable to secure a suitable trip and it was looking like the kids were going to lose out this year.

Several members of the club jumped at the chance and offered to give the time up to help out for the day in driving their locos and undertaking the various tasks required on a normal days running at the club.

The Pre-school had offered to give a donation, and initially asked if they could just use the toilets because of the little ones as they planned to picnic on the grass beside the clubhouse. However due to the weather at the start of the day we offered the Clubhouse for their use.

With donation box set out, Rita and Marie made Coffees and Teas for the parents and staff of which was really appreciated all over and the kids had the added treat of some cakes that Rita had very kindly made. All of which, raised a small addition to the donation already provided.

All in all the club rain trains for the all between 11.00 and 14.00. There was no hustle or bustle but just a great combination of fun on the trains, further awareness of the club to another group of people and the ability for the Preschool members to mix and chat as they wouldn't normal preschool day. In fact, a good number of the staff and parents of the pre-school commented how much more enjoyable it had been compared to previous events as normally it would mean people went off in little groups rather than all mixing together on and off the trains.

The use of the Clubhouse also went very well considering the age of the kids and all was left fairly tidy on their departure with some very minor tidy away.

So the Preschool would like to extend their thanks for all involved on the day including, Rita and Chris, Dave, John and Marie, Gus, Mick C, Charles and anyone else i may have unintentionally missed off and are very much hoping is visit us again in the future.



# What is this?



This came up on eBay, can anyone identify it??

Hint : It was made by Stanley



Answer is over the page.....

# **BOILER CERTIFICATES EXPIRED OR EXPIRING BEFORE JANUARY 2018**

MR P.BAXTER	5" GAUGE SIMPLEX	08/07/2015
MR L.BRIDGES	3 1/2" GAUGE 2-6-2 BANTAM COCK	05/05/2017
MR N.F.CLARK	4 1/2" SCALE BURRELL	25/03/2016
MR C.DARLEY	5" GAUGE SWEET PEA	08/04/2015
MR D.DELLER	3 1/2" GAUGE BRITANNIA	21/06/2017
MR D.DELLER	5" GAUGE L1 4-4-0	22/10/2017
MR P.EVANS	4" SCALE RUSTON & PROCTOR	03/05/2015
MR A.HARDY	5" GAUGE BUTCH	04/05/2014
MR C.HAYMAN	5" GAUGE HOLDEN S69	21/05/2014
MR A.HULSE	5" GAUGE "LOCKWOOD"	23/04/2017
MR P.B.KINGSFORD	5" GAUGE MAID OF KENT	03/05/2017
MR P.B.KINGSFORD	5" GAUGE JERSEY LILLY	12/03/2017
MR P.B.KINGSFORD	5" GAUGE SF PACIFIC	24/06/2014
MR M.N.PARHAM	5" GAUGE STIRLING SINGLE	11/07/2016
MR C.PHILLIPS	5" GAUGE FIREFLY 2-6-2	09/07/2014
MR E.PLAYFOOT	5" GAUGE MIDLAND SINGLE	02/06/2016
MR E.PLAYFOOT	5" GAUGE PEPPERCORN A1	10/04/2017
MR E.PLAYFOOT	5" GAUGE ROYAL SCOT	23/04/2017
MR E.PLAYFOOT	5" GAUGE SIMPLEX	22/10/2017
MR J.PUTTIFER	5" GAUGE SIMPLEX 0-6-0	23/03/2014
MR G.SPENCELEY	3" SCALE BURRELL T. E.	12/08/2015
MR G.SPENCELEY	5" GAUGE 4-6-0 JUBILEE	01/12/2017
MR M.STARNES	5" GAUGE SIMPLEX	16/05/2016
MR P.STEPHENS	5" GAUGE 0-4-0 AJAX	04/05/2015
MR R.VANE	5" GAUGE FIREFLY	08/07/2015
MR J.WALKER	5" GAUGE POLLY 0-4-0	26/06/2016

If you have a boiler on the above list that is no longer in use, please advise Martin Parham.

Boilers with certificates expired for more than 3 years are not shown on this list.

To arrange a boiler test please contact two of the club boiler testers:

Dave Deller	01732 841194
Peter Kingsford	01233 712086
Martin Parham	01622 630298
Tom Parham	01634 254202
Edgar Playfoot	01892 722019
Bernard White	01634 841899

# Southern Federation AALS Trophy

Congratulations to Bernie White who was awarded the AALS Trophy which is given out at the Southern Federation Autumn Rally at Fareham for his 5" SR Merchant Navy



By the time you are reading this, Bernie will have been presented formally with the award at Mote Park, on the 30th September.

Bernie has formally won the AALS trophy as well for his Britannia

What is this? Answer.....  
As pair of Stanley saw-set pliers

# MMES DIARY DATES 2017/18

Friday 6 October:	Club Night
Wednesday 18 October:	Members Playtime Run
Sunday 29 October:	Last Public Running Day
Tuesday 26 December:	Boxing Day Run, Free Rides Given. 11am – 3pm
Sunday 28 January:	Club Lunch - Grangemoor, details on page 4 and attached

Friday Nights start around 7-30pm at the Clubhouse, evening runs a bit earlier.

Friday Evening Meetings are for members and associate members (their families), occasionally for members' friends, and for those who intend to join the society.

Donation minimum £1 per person for Friday evening meetings, unless otherwise stated for food if you are eating what is advertised for the Club Night.

Wednesday Playtime Runs generally start around 10-30am and finish early afternoons.

Events listed will only alter if an unforeseen situation means change is essential.

## Exhibitions in 2017/18

Thursday 19—Sunday 22 October: Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition

Friday 10 to Sunday 12 November: International Model Boat Show

Friday 19 - Sunday 21 January: London Model Engineering Exhibition

Sat 17 - Sunday 18 March: Midlands Garden Rail Show

Friday 11 - Sunday 13 May: National Model Engineering and Modelling Exhibition, Doncaster

## Some open days in 2018

Saturday 24 - Sunday 25 March: Llanelli Spring Rally

June: Gravesend Open Day

Friday 22 - Sunday 24 September: Llanelli Autumn Rail and Road Rally

Q: What do you call a locomotive with a cold?

A: A choo choo train.