

Welcome to this special Christmas edition of our newsletter. With the resumption of our meetings the need for a newsletter was not so important. However, we don't have a December meeting and I have been sent a few items that I thought worth sharing with everyone.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



My thanks go to our European honorary member, Jürgen for this festive photo. His modelling has appeared in many of our lockdown newsletters and he has been an active participant in the handful of Zoom calls we held earlier in the year. He has started a new project which is due to appear at the 7mm NGA Exhibition at Burton on Trent on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Unfortunately, I won't be there to see it or renew my personal acquaintance with Jürgen as I will be exhibiting at my local show in Hucclecote.

The latter half of 2021 saw a gradual return to meetings and exhibitions which I hope will continue into 2022.

Don't forget that we now meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month so our dates for 2022 are:

24th January, 28th February, 28th March, 25th April, 23rd May, 27th June, 25th July, 22nd August, 26th September, 24th October, 28th November.

In the meantime, I will take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I trust that Santa will give you all the modelling goodies that you have asked for!

I look forward to seeing any results of festive modelling or presents at our January meeting.



### Prototype inspiration from Rowland Binns:

Rowland sent these photos from the Ffestiniog Railway's Supporters Day held on the 10th October 2021.



From left to right and top to bottom:

The first photo shows Linda's boiler ready for its hydraulic test but in front of it is the upturned chassis, wheels and cylinders of the Bagnall 'Pixie' – the one once belonging to Teddy Boston. It looks to me so like a model under construction. The second photo shows a boiler on a wagon in the yard at Boston Lodge which is off the Single Fairlie 'Taliesin'. The third photo is of the other bits of 'Linda' and 'Taliesin' in the old loco shed. The fourth photo is 'Lyd' drawing the train into Boston Lodge halt to pick us up to officially open new south portal of Moelwyn tunnel.

### Narrow Gauge North:

The date for the 2022 Narrow Gauge North exhibition has been set for 12<sup>th</sup> March at Pudsey Civic Hall. Both 009 Society and 7mm NGA sales stands will be attending.



### Weathering inspiration – Robin Edwards:

Having a camera in the phone is extremely useful when you see something interesting when walking the dog. While these photos are of an old tractor and trailer they provide good examples of rust, weathered wood and the engine conditions typical of a small IC loco.



### Hornby Caledonian Pug 0-4-0 mechanism – Michael Beer:

As covered in previous newsletters, I wanted to do a 7mm scale double Fairlie but two mechanisms could be rather expensive. So I decided to use two Hornby Caledonian pugs and put up with the "pocket rocket" speed so widely condemned on internet forums. I was delighted to find they run smoothly and at sensible speed. I checked with Hornby Customer service who confirmed that the mechanism had been changed (2018) and I can count on similar performance from now on.

I then asked if anybody had suggested an upmarket 0-4-0 chassis with proper spindles, crossheads etc. The guy said "no - but I will pass it on."

I only asked 'cos I was so impressed by Simon Kohler and his young team on the telly.

### **More Exhibition News:**

#### **The OO9 Society (Swoon's Group) - Open Day and Exhibition**

The SWOONS Group open day will be held on Sat 22nd January 2022 at the Merryfield Hall, Copse Lane, Ilton, Somerset TA19 9HG. Opening Times: 10am - 4pm. Admission: Adults £3.00

#### **Trent Valley Area Group (7mm Narrow Gauge Association) - Open Day**

The annual Trent Valley Area Group open day, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Mickleover, Derby DE3 9GE will be held on Sat 29th January 2022 subject to Covid-19 guidance from the Government.

Opening Times: 10am - 4pm. Admission: Adults £4.00

An informal day to speak to like-minded modellers and demonstrators and consume bacon butties, cake, tea and coffee in copious quantities. Further details at <https://www.henmoredale.org.uk/>

#### **Narrow Gauge South:**

Narrow Gauge South 2022 will again be held at Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh, nr Southampton on Saturday 23rd April 2022. As usual both OO9 Society and 7mm NAG sales stands will be attending. More information is available on their web site: [http://www.narrowgaugesouth.org.uk/wp/?page\\_id=629](http://www.narrowgaugesouth.org.uk/wp/?page_id=629)

#### **51<sup>st</sup> Bristol Model Railway Exhibition**

Friday 29th, Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May 2022

The Bristol Model Railway Exhibition will be back in 2022. As in previous years it will be a 3 day show, opening at 13:00 on the Friday afternoon.

The exhibition team has been spending much time and effort to ensure the show has a secure future and the final agreement to hold the show has only just been reached. As a result of the need to ensure the show has a viable future the Association of Model Clubs Wales and West of England has entered into agreement with Warners, who also manage the London Model Railway Exhibition at Alexandra Palace amongst other shows. As a result, Warners will take on management of the exhibition and the Association will continue to supply the layouts.

I hope you are all keeping well and using your free time to good effect. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during 2022. Don't forget our first meeting of the New Year will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> January.

In the meantime I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and happy festive modelling.

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