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Editors Bits



Welcome one and all to the latest newsletter No 18, I can't believe its 4 1/2 years I have been producing the PADMEC Newsletter, its about time I got it right. I have made a number of errors in the boiler test log in the last newsletter when transferring the details in to the log, my apologies. The club has now come to the end of the running season with the portable and permanent tracks and it has been an interesting year. Following the production and distribution of the 2010 colour brochure, there has

been a significant increase in the number of public who have attended the permanent track at Brightling Road recreation ground. On some run days the donations at the permanent track have been higher than monies taken at some of the portable track events, at long last we appear to be moving in the right direction with the public attendance at the permanent track seeing many families at most run days.

I am now in a position to confirm that after looking hard at our possible move to Stone Cross Nursery, that the council are to recommend to the club members at the AGM, that we do not continue with the move away from Brightling Road recreation ground, as every effort made over the last 3 years (to action the vote made by the club members) to look into the possibility of moving away from our current site; should be stopped to allow us to plan to improve our current site and conditions on site. A significant factor in the councils recommendation is that there has been a number of unsuccessful portable track events at both possible sites Knockhatch and Stone Cross and there has also been a change in our relationship with Polegate Town Council, which is becoming very positive towards PADMEC and they are intending to improve the facilities at the recreation ground including a road.

It is hoped over the winter to carry out improvements at Brightling Road to the station area to allow better and safer passenger control while public are waiting for train rides, this is due to the increase in public at the track, along with some track repairs and improvements, therefore it is hoped that many of our members will be come down to the track and have a go. It is also hoped to provide an additional container at Brightling Road to be used as an on site club room moving the current kitchen out of the original container allowing more storage and a small workshop bench. GE 10/10

PADMEC Chairman stands down after 11 years in charge

Dave Newman who has given 16 years to the PADMEC council and 11 years as chairman was up for re-election this year, but following his recent illness Dave has had time to think while he recovers and at long last has come to his senses, deciding to think about getting better. Dave will not seek re-election, therefore, we will need a club member to stand for being on the club council, with one of the council member being elected as chairman by the members.

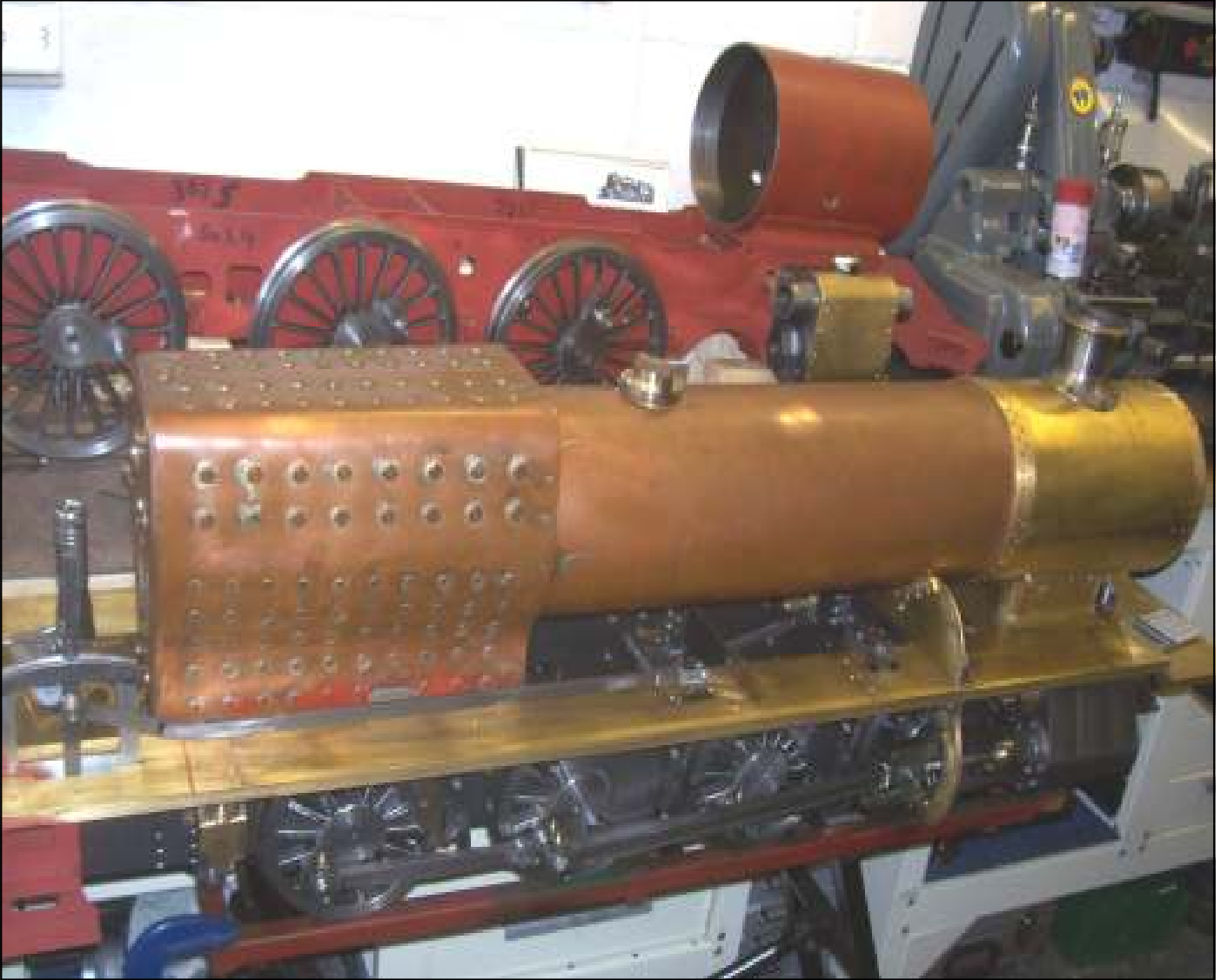


Dave Newman tending his Britannia "Alfred the Great" at our track on public running duty June 2006 (when we still had the footbridge at the station). GE 10/10

Dave is expected to attend the 2010 AGM and deliver his chairman's report for the last year which I am sure will be quite moving. Dave intends to remain as our main boiler inspector working with Jim Hoad and myself. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Dave for all his service to the club and its members over the years and thank him for his support and guidance with the boiler inspector roll, his humour at the council meetings when we discuss those important issues and for being just a great bloke who is prepared to help anyone new to our model engineering hobby. Thanks Dave for all you have done. GE 10/10

Meanwhile back at Jan's Place.....

As per usual Dave Newman and myself attended Jan's home to carry out boiler testing on his 7 1/4 gauge Tom Rolt. Jan Rottier who is a prolific locomotive builder is progressing well with his latest locomotive projects. Apart from his own locomotives Jan is often requested to look at and repair others locomotives or parts. It is truly amazing just how much work he carries out in the year between boiler tests.



The photo above shows inside "The Works" showing some of the fine work currently in progress. The locomotive at the rear is being rebuilt by Jan, from a part built one Jan acquired, he has rebuilt and modified the frames, the loco in the foreground has wheels that Jan has machined out of cast iron blanks rather than using castings. Both locomotives are 7 1/4 gauge and they will be run at Bentley where Jan is also a member. The Bentley track which is located at The Bentley Wildfowl Park near Uckfield has a 7 1/4" & 5" gauge ground level track. GE 10/10

Views at PADMEC Sunny Summer Day 2010



Station view at Brightling Road station as Dave Newman leaves the station with his Britannia and two carriages of passengers. GE 10/10



With passengers off the single carriage train being driven by Keith Nicks, Keith tends his loco before moving through the station to collect the next load. GE 10/10

Electrics Locos perform well at the last September run day



With Dave Newman recovering from his recent illness and Keith Nicks away at a family event, it fell on the younger (perhaps not so old) club members to provide the rides for the public running on the last September run day. It was an opportunity to use our electrics as the main motive power with the club Simplex in a supporting role. It was interesting that the children wanted to have goes on both the steamer and electrics enjoying many rides all afternoon. GE 10/10

Paul Pitfield driving my class 35 Hymac which is a modified kit locomotive from our former club member Robin Neighbour who owns Model Engineering Supplies (Bexhill) Ltd (usual disclaimer) and is now about 8 years old. Later in the day we put on another trolley to help provide additional capacity for passengers. Easy and fun to drive. GE 10/10



Paul Pitfield and Jim Hoad took turns in driving the club Simplex during the afternoon GE 10/10

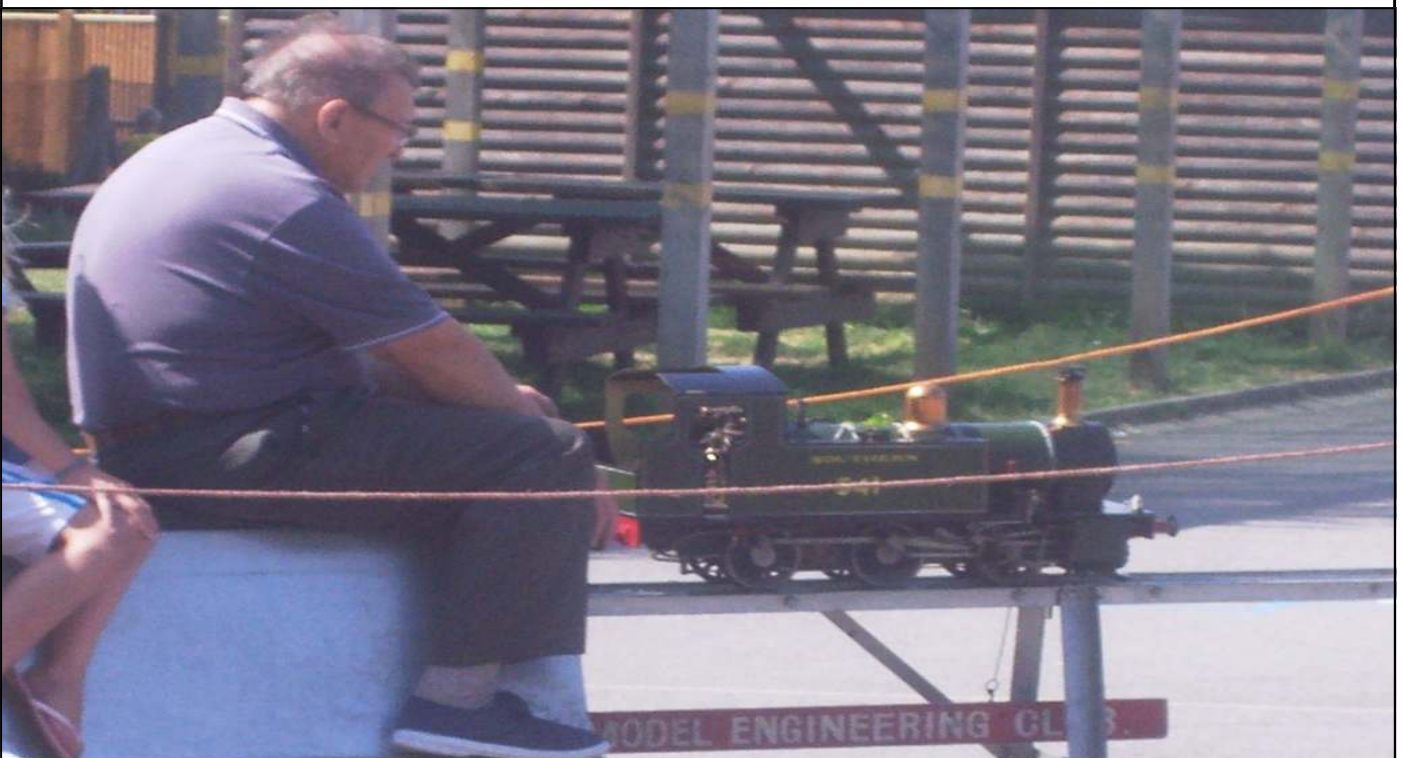


Chris White enjoyed himself by driving an electric double header, front loco is my modified "Robin" kit from MES (Bexhill) Ltd and Chris's own Phoenix loco. GE 10/10

PADMEC portable track event Polegate Play Scheme 2010



The boys were out with the portable track at the Polegate Play Scheme during the summer, the track was in operation all day allowing local children to come and ride as often as they liked the only time the rides stopped was during the



lunch break. We were well looked after by the staff at the school with drinks and biscuits, Robbie driving above, with Keith and George their efforts were greatly appreciated by the children and staff. GE 09/10

Birthday Party & New Electric Loco for Chris White



During August, club member Clare White arranged to hold a birthday party for husband Chris and their son Jack who both have birthdays in August, at our PADMEC track. Unfortunately it was a very rainy day which almost put the dampers on the special surprise, but the rain stopped long enough for Clare and the family to present Chris with a new electric 0-4-0 locomotive, Chris was able to run on the greasy track with both his son Jack and daughter Alice, Keith who also ran his Speedy to provide rides for

the other guests, took his opportunity to have ago on Chris's new loco. Chris's new loco is one from Phoenix (usual disclaimer) the 5" gauge electric loco manufactures and it is hoped that it can be used during



public running to enable the steam loco drivers to have a break or come off and dispose of their locos while the electric finishes the day. Clare had put on quite a spread which was set out in a gazebo on the main field where most guests sheltered from the weather, only coming out to have rides behind both locos on duty. While the weather was not at it's best all present were pleased that Chris and Jack were able to have some fun and enjoy themselves. GE

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Polegate and District MEC Christmas Meal 2010



The above photos from the 2009 PADMEC Xmas meal, this year we will be holding the meal again at The Lavender Line, Isfield near Lewes, in the Station Booking Hall, the date will be Friday 17th December at 7.30 pm cost £16.00 per head. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment GE 10/10

Out and About, at Hove Park home of BHSME



How about a bit of topiary ? The photos above show the south end of the Hove Park track, David Pratt advised me that the council cut the hedge in the shape of the train and maintain the hedge. GE 09/10

POLEGATE & DISTRICT M.E.C.

LECTURE PROGRAMME 2010

All meetings are at the Polegate Community Centre, Windsor Way, Polegate and commence at 7.30pm.

November 11th **“Annual General Meeting”**

December 10th

“Steaming up the Devil’s Nose” **Ian Wright**

Please Note:- If members know of Speakers on suitable topics would they please inform the Programme Secretary David Pratt : Telephone No 01323 645872 Who will be pleased to consider any information.

AND ANOTHER NEW DRIVER PASSES OUT !!!!



Paul Pitfield receiving his “Passed” driver certificate from Keith Nicks , Paul becoming our latest qualified driver to be able to “do his bit“ at PADMEC Public running events. GE 10/10

Paul Pitfield received his model steam locomotive driver “Passed” certificate from club treasurer Keith Nicks at the September club meeting. Keith has been kind enough to make his LBSC designed “Speedy” locomotive available for many new drivers over the years and has helped and encouraged many towards becoming steam loco drivers. Our congratulations go to Paul and our thanks go to Keith for his continued support to new drivers. GE 10/10

NAME	MODEL	GAUGE	HYD CERT No	HYD TEST DATE	EXPIRY DATE	STEAM CERT No	STM TEST DATE	EXPIRY DATE
ARCHER R	BOXHILL	5inch gauge	SF113112	14/08/10	13/08/14	ST124784	14/08/10	13/10/11
ARCHER R	SWEET PEA	5inch gauge	SF109613	10/05/07	09/05/11	ST124777	12/09/09	11/11/10
AYRES P	BETTY	3.5inch gauge	SF109620	04/03/10	03/03/14			
BROWN R	SIMPLEX	5inch gauge	SF109621	10/04/10	09/04/14	ST110496	10/04/10	09/06/11
BROWN R	SIMPLEX	5inch gauge	SF113109	FAILED				
DANBY G	SUPER SIMPLEX	5inch gauge	SF113113	11/09/10	10/04/14	ST124787	11/09/10	10/11/11
DANBY S	B1	5inch gauge	SF111605	22/04/07	21/04/11	ST110489	11/07/09	10/09/10 E
DANBY S	SWEET PEA	5inch gauge	SF113101	14/04/07	13/04/11	ST110499	08/05/10	13/04/11
EVANS G	BETTY	3.5inch gauge	SF115401	19/07/08	18/07/12	ST132303	10/07/10	09/09/11
EVANS G	ROB ROY	3.5inch gauge	SF109619	12/09/09	11/09/13	ST110495	12/09/09	11/11/10
EVANS G	RUBY	5inch gauge	SF115402	13/08/08	12/08/12			
HOAD J	S15	3.5inch gauge	SF113102	09/06/07	08/06/11	ST110500	10/07/10	08/06/11
HOAD J	VERT BOILER	6 inch dia	SF113106	09/02/08	08/02/12	ST124767	18/10/08	17/12/2009 E
LLEWELLYN J	ATLANTIC	2.5inch gauge	SF109623	10/04/10	09/04/14	ST110497	10/04/10	09/06/11
LLEWELLYN J	DYAK	2.5inch gauge	SF109617	08/09/07	07/09/11	ST124783	14/08/10	13/10/11
LLEWELLYN J	FAYETTE	2.5inch gauge	SF109618	19/07/08	18/07/12	ST124786	11/09/10	10/11/11
LLEWELLYN J	GLADSTONE	5inch gauge	SF109626	14/08/10	13/08/14	ST132304	14/08/10	13/10/11
NEWMAN D	BRITANNIA	5inch gauge	SF113108	13/03/10	12/03/14	ST124781	10/04/10	09/06/11
NICKS K	ENTERPRISE	5inch gauge	SF109622	FAILED				
NICKS K	SPEEDY	5inch gauge	SF109624	08/05/10	07/05/14	ST110498	08/05/10	07/07/11
PADMEC	METRO	5inch gauge	SF113110	08/05/10	07/05/14	ST127452	13/08/00	12/10/2009 E
PADMEC	SIMPLEX	5inch gauge	SF109616	11/08/07	10/08/11	ST127454	14/08/10	10/08/11
PADMEC	SWEET PEA	5inch gauge	SF113104	11/08/07	10/08/11	ST110485	13/08/08	12/10/2009 E
PARRY H	MASIE	3.5inch gauge	SF109625	10/05/10	09/07/14	ST132302	10/07/10	09/09/11
PETTITT T	BURRELL	4inch scale	STW123	20/05/09	19/05/13	ST132301	10/07/10	09/09/11
PETTITT T	BURRELL	3inch scale	SF109601	18/03/06	17/03/10	ST110484	13/08/08	12/10/2009 E
ROTTIER J	TOM ROLT	5inch gauge	SF109615	11/08/07	10/08/11	ST110488	11/05/09	10/07/2010 E
ROTTIER J	TOM ROLT	7.25inch gauge	SF113111	15/06/10	14/06/12	ST124783	15/06/10	14/08/11
WAIT D	POLLY	5inch gauge	SF113107	10/10/09	09/10/10 E	ST124780	10/10/09	09/10/10 E
WAIT D	PUG	5inch gauge	TBA			TBA		