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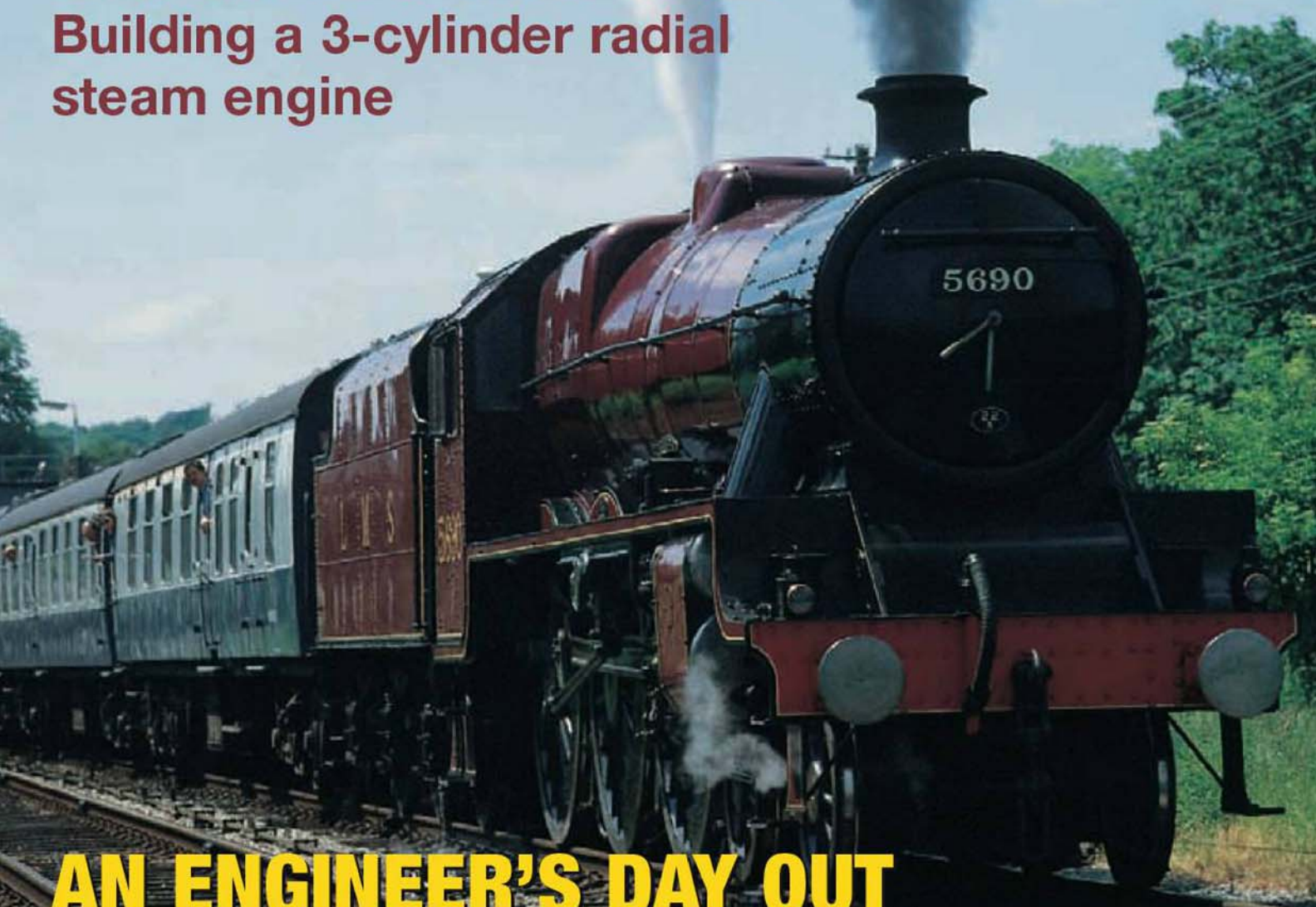
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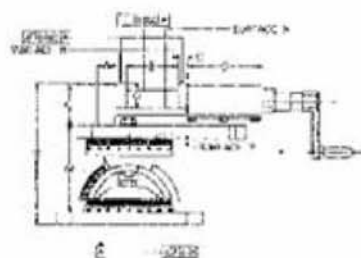
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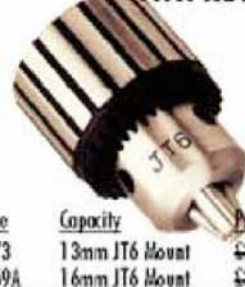
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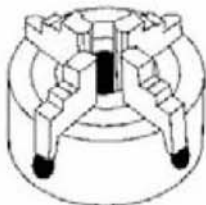
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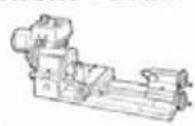
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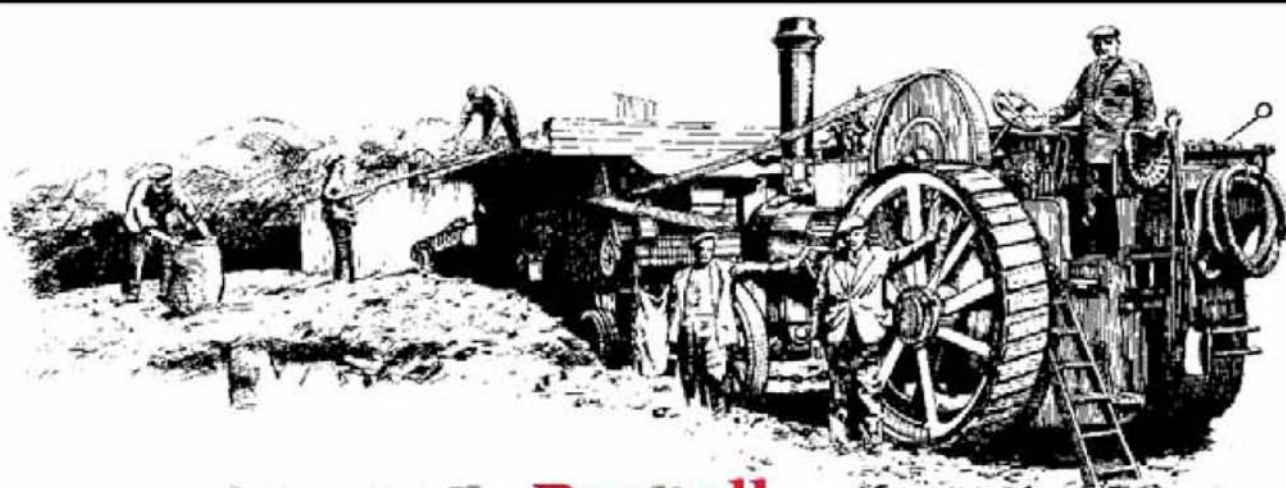
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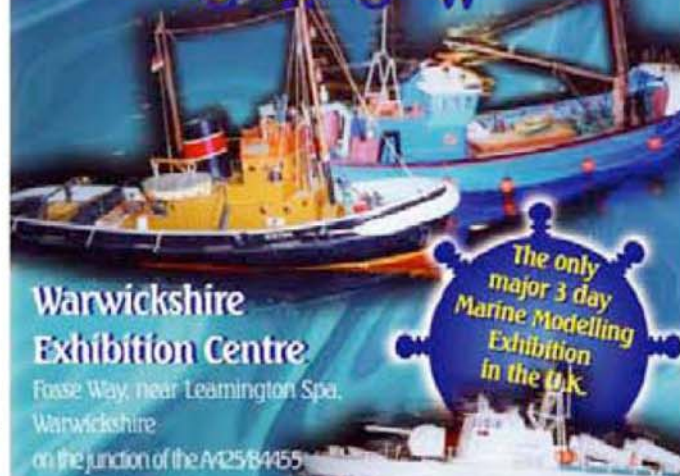
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# SMOKE RINGS

With the Editors

## Countryman's Steam

We hasten to preface the following with the assurance that this is definitely *not* an obituary! Along with many readers who have made contact to enquire, we have been much concerned about the absence from these pages of our much respected contributor John Haining whose series describing the construction of a Sentinel S-type steam wagon commenced in *M.E.*4138, 26 January 2001 and ran for six instalments, the last of which was published in *M.E.*4159, 14 December 2001.

News came to us by way of Cherry Hill that our concerns regarding John's health and well being were unfounded, and shortly before the recent Usk show we learned from John's wife Ann that he had been finding the pressure of preparing material for publication on an unremitting monthly basis had become rather too much. After this year's event, we understand that John and Ann have also decided to relinquish the organisation of the display of model engineering in the Model Tent at the Usk Show.

Together with Colin Tyler, John's first constructional series for this magazine commenced with their 2in. scale Fowler BB ploughing engine which was introduced over 36 years ago in *M.E.*3300, 1 July 1966. Readers soon became aware of the quality of this material and the series was enjoyed as much by armchair modellers as by those who had decided to build the engine.

Steeped in the Sentinel tradition, John's knowledge of agricultural and road steam has both breadth and depth while his eminently readable style of writing conveys not only his authoritative understanding of such matters, but also his love of the countryside and its farming folk and communities.

The Fowler BB was followed by a succession of occasional articles on full-size traction engine practice, a style which has been a feature of John's writings over the years. Colin Tyler also continued

to write for *Model Engineer* and in *M.E.*3377, 19 September 1969 he and John began their next constructional series, this one describing the construction of a Kitson and Hewitson ploughing engine c1862, this and the Fowler BB representing the first and last engines of John Fowler (Leeds) Ltd. Sadly, in due course the partnership came to an end with Colin's untimely death. John, however continued writing and many further designs from his drawing board were featured in these pages, including his Durham and North Yorkshire agricultural traction engine, a Suffolk dredging tractor and his innovative *Caradoc*, a 3in. scale RH2 steam tractor in the 'modern mode'.

After such a long and distinguished association with *Model Engineer* magazine we thank John for the extent of his contribution, respect his decision to step back from regular appearance and hope that despite the unwelcome effects advancing years he will enjoy his retirement, remain as one of our respected Consultants and perhaps even regale us now and then with the occasional reminiscence of the steam engines and the country folk with whose lives he was so closely associated.

## Use it or lose it!

Model engineering classes start at Southgate College every Tuesday evening 7-9.30pm from 1 October 2002. This course was under-subscribed last term and is under threat of closure. There is a wide range of machinery and a tutor on hand to advise and instruct. A few minutes from Southgate tube station on the Picadilly line, the college would welcome extra students for this course. You decide what to build and the equipment is there to do the work. Phone 020-8982-5050 to enrol.

Oxford College of Further Education currently runs an evening class from 5.45-8.15pm. Officially open from 6.30pm, the workshop is usually open earlier. It is a good class but unfortunately



*It was with a 2in. scale Fowler BB ploughing engine that John Haining and Colin Tyler made their M.E. debut in 1966. Among many other artefacts of considerable interest, an example of the prototype is displayed at Armley Mills, Leeds Industrial Museum (call 0113-263-7861). Leeds was the home of John Fowler & Co. until the Steam Plough Works finally closed in 1974. John Fowler is reputed to have been inspired to invent steam ploughing after witnessing for himself the effects of the Irish potato famine.*

numbers have dwindled and those attending feel the college may not allow it to continue unless numbers increase. Anybody interested in joining should contact Derek Sherwood 01865-761212 for further information.

## Castings for The Junior

Fay Grimmett of L. A. Services tells us that they have had some difficulty with the supply of castings for *The Junior* i.e. engine currently being described by Stan Bray. She apologises for any delay caused and, confident that the problem has now been overcome, is sure that customers should have received their orders by now.

## 25 years on!

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## CHUCK the MUDDLE ENGINEER

by B. TERRY ASPIN





# POST BAG

## Hairpin clips

SIRS, - In *Post Bag* (M.E. 4173, 12 July 2002) Mr. R.G. Marden seeks a source of small hairpin clips for a  $\frac{3}{16}$ in. dia. shaft, with an enclosed diameter of  $\frac{9}{64}$  inch. These are available from McMaster Carr in the USA. Many other sizes are also offered at reasonable prices. I have no connection with them except as a satisfied customer.

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## Peregrine

SIRS, - As the builder of the A4 locomotive depicted in the *Fringe* IMLEC article published in M.E. 4175, 9 August 2002 I would like to attempt to correct the impression I must have given your reporter Neil Read. In the notes I prepared I tried to explain that the model was intended to depict the locomotive in its condition during the period stated at the end of 1947, and not that this class of locomotive was only painted in the blue livery for this short period.

The A4s were in fact painted 'Garter Blue' from the inception of the streamlined London to Edinburgh 'Coronation' express service in 1937. The earlier silver and green liveried locomotives were then gradually repainted in this livery.

During the war years they lost their side valances and their blue livery became plain black under a coating of grime. In 1945, the LNER slowly started to get back to the earlier standards and one of the first visible signs was the repainting of locomotives in their earlier pre-war liveries. I well remember my first sight of a brilliant blue 'streak' on a Doncaster to Leeds local service often used as a running-in turn for ex-works locomotives.

Hence *Peregrine* is in 'Garter Blue' with stainless steel letters and numbers but without the original side valances, and is numbered 34 instead of the original 4903, a condition it was only in from November 1947 until renumbered 60034, renamed *Lord Faringdon* and lettered British Railways in March 1948 — and since I built it, it was

my choice anyway! And incidentally it was called *Peregrine*

because they catch ducks!  
Tony Wall, Yorkshire.

## M. Maurel's object

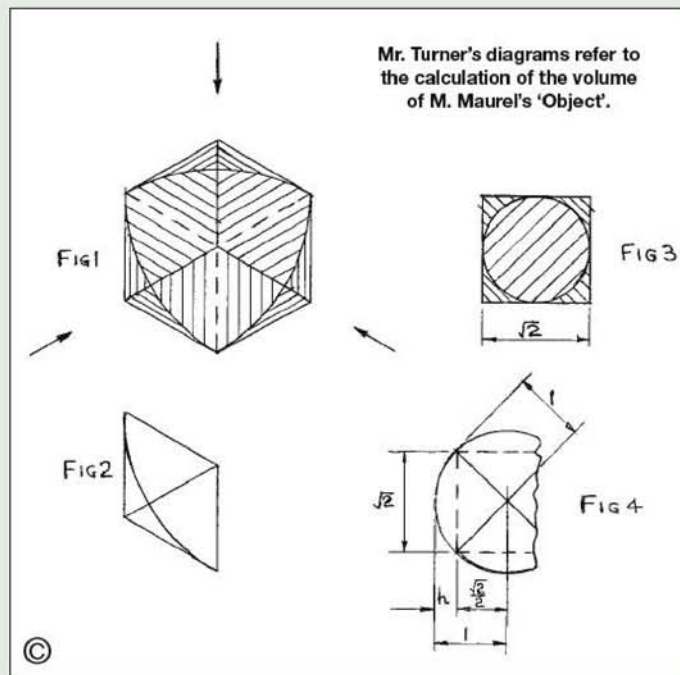
SIRS, - In a previous *Post Bag* letter (M.E. 4170, 31 May 2002) concerning the article by M. Maurel on his 'Object', (M.E. 4165, 22 March 2002) I happened to mention the volume of the object. Some enquiries have been made about the way this volume may be calculated, so what follows is an explanation of my method.

Figure 1 is an isometric perspective diagram of the common space at the intersection of three identical cylinders each with a radius of one unit and mutually perpendicular, i.e. M. Maurel's 'Object'. The diagram is similar to M. Maurel's diagram in M.E. 4165 with the addition of three dotted lines. The cylinders are not shown but the three arrows are on their centre lines. The viewpoint is midway between two horizontal arms of the cylinders and looking down at an angle from above. All the faces in view are portions of cylindrical curves of radius one unit.

If the full lines on the perimeter of the diagram, together with the three dotted lines, are viewed as a 3-D solid, it can be seen that they outline a cube. On each face of this cube we have a sort of pyramid but, instead of being flat, the four faces are curved portions of a cylinder. Opposite faces of each pyramid are parts of the same cylindrical surface that can be seen to continue to adjacent pyramids to form a complete circle around the object. It may be seen that the volume of the object can be considered to be the volume of a central cube added to the volume of six curved face pyramids.

To determine the volume of this cube we need to know the length of the edge. The diagonal on the face of the cube is equal to the diameter of the cylinders, i.e. two units long, so the edge of the cube is the hypotenuse of a right angled triangle whose apex is at the centre of the face, the other sides each being one unit long (fig 4). So the edge length is  $\sqrt{(1^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{2}$ , and from this we get the volume  $(\sqrt{2})^3 = 2 \times \sqrt{2}$ .

We already have an imaginary construction, the internal cube. We now need to imagine a central sphere with a radius of one unit. This will just touch the apex of each pyramid and the mid-point of each edge of the cube, as well as making a complete circular contact with the cylindrical surfaces.



There are three of these circles of contact, one in each plane. If we take a cross-section along one of the faces of the cube, the pyramid on that face is separated as shown in fig 2 and a segment of the sphere is cut off, embedded in the pyramid.

Figure 3 is a view of this cross section looking directly onto the face of the cube. The square has a side of length  $\sqrt{2}$  and the circle, which is the border of the cut off sphere, just touches the four sides. Although the sphere is imaginary, its border is shown as a full line. The area of the square in fig 3 is  $\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2} = 2$  and the area of the circle is given by  $\pi \times (\sqrt{2}/2) \times (\sqrt{2}/2) = \pi/2$  so the ratio of the areas is  $2/(\pi/2) = 4/\pi$ .

If any other section of the pyramid is taken parallel to the face of the cube we get a smaller square, the border of the pyramid at that section, with a circle inside, the border of the sphere, a smaller version of fig 3 and the areas of the square and circle have the same ratio  $4/\pi$ .

Cavalieri's theorem says that if two solid objects have the same height and their cross sections at any equal height above and parallel to the base have areas that always have the same ratio, then the volumes of the objects are in the same ratio. It follows that the volumes of the pyramid and sphere segment are in the same ratios as the areas of the square and inscribed circle.

To find the volume of the pyramid it is only necessary to find the volume of the segment of the sphere cut off at the face of the cube and multiply it by  $4/\pi$ .

The volume of a segment of a sphere is  $\pi \times h^2 \times (r - h/3)$  where  $r$  is the radius of the sphere and  $h$  is the height of the segment measured from its base. As the radius is one unit,  $h$  is found by subtracting from one the

distance between the centre and the face of the cube. The cube has an edge of  $\sqrt{2}$  so  $h = (1 - (\sqrt{2}/2))$  as shown in fig 4.

Substituting these values in the formula, the volume is given by  $\pi \times (1 - (\sqrt{2}/2))^2 \times (1 - (1 - (\sqrt{2}/2))/3)$  which simplifies to  $\pi \times (8 - 5\sqrt{2})/12$ .

The volume of the pyramid is found by multiplying this volume by  $4/\pi$ , which comes to  $(8 - 5\sqrt{2})/3$ .

As there are six pyramids this value has to be multiplied by six, resulting in  $16 - 10\sqrt{2}$ . After adding on  $2\sqrt{2}$ , the volume of the cube, the final volume of the object is  $16 - 8\sqrt{2}$ .

H. D. Turner, Wakefield.

## Matters arising

SIRS, - I would like to take up a small amount of column space in *Post Bag* with a few points arising from M.E. 4175, 9 August 2002.

1: Monty Ellis discussed simplifications to his lathe tool height gauge. I submit a minimalist setting gauge, for use with any tool-post with a screw adjustment for tool height. In use, the tool is swung around so that the tip is over the bed, not the cross-slide. The adjusting screw is backed off so that the tool is low. The gauge is held with the left hand, its end resting on the lathe bed with the step over the tool tip. The tool is then raised with the right hand.

It is almost impossible, and fortunately undesirable, to hold the gauge perfectly still. The left hand will sense the point at which the rising tool arrests the movement of the gauge clearly. After a few trials to get the feel, it is possible to set the tool height within 0.001-0.002in. with your eyes closed.

To set a parting tool in the rear tool-post, a bit of  $\frac{1}{4}$ in. square is mounted at centre height in the front tool-post and the parting tool then set so that it just lands on that.





Mr. Paterson's 'minimalistic' tool height setting gauge in use.

An obvious enhancement would be to add some sort of foot so that the gauge will stand on its own. In fact, the freedom to rock slightly is fundamental to its operation. This particular example is set for a nominal  $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. centre height and will need a little fine-tuning with a file for a particular lathe.

2: *Model Engineer* includes an index of advertisements. This is a good thing, but it would be even better if the advertising pages were numbered!

3: Dennis Fielder raised the perennial problem of errors in drawings. As part of a 'Teach myself CAD' exercise I played with DesignCAD 2000. A number of interesting possibilities arose. My Hewlett Packard inkjet printer will print on tracing paper, so a proof copy, at the same scale as the original that was being copied, can be laid over the original. Discrepancies are then obvious.

Use of tracing paper is subject to only one sheet being added to the white paper stack at a time (paper feed becomes erratic if more than one sheet of tracing paper is present). Extra drying time is required to avoid smudging, as tracing paper is less absorbent than ordinary copy paper.

DesignCAD 2000 can print a large drawing as a number of A4 tiles, but selecting a print window of a large drawing would be far less wasteful of time and paper.

DesignCAD 2000 supports 256 layers which are analogous to transparent sheets which can be superimposed one on the other. The user decides what goes on what layer and which layers are active (i.e. visible and/or editable) at any time. The text book use is for services like electrical supplies or pipework in a building floor plan. The electrical supply layer can be switched off, when not required, to avoid clutter.

Assuming a steam locomotive

(what else do model engineers make?), set a reference point (0,0) at rail level below the buffer beam shown at the left hand side. Draw the frame outline on layer 1 using absolute co-ordinates, i.e. relative to (0,0). Put the frame dimensions on layer 2. If the valve gear is between the frames, show that on layer 3, with key dimensions for valve events on layer 4 and manufacturing dimensions for the valve gear on layer 5. And so on, until all the information required for a general arrangement/section is present, with the lettering and lining on the top layer — 256 layers will go a long way. Everything is shown in its correct position in space. Choosing appropriate layers (e.g. the frames and the stretchers) will highlight any discrepancies between them.

All this is based on a side elevation. For items that also require another view, such as a front view of the chimney to show the smoke-box radius, that can be added to the dimension layer. DesignCAD 2000 also supports animation, controlled by an integral BASIC program, so the completed drawing could be stripped off, layer by layer, from the lettering down to the bare frames and back. This is now more of an educational toy than a design tool but it is still using the same basic data.

Speaking (writing?) of educational toys, the Locomotive Publishing Co. of yore produced cardboard models of Walschaerts and link valve gears. These must be suitable candidates for re-invention, probably as computer simulations.

Back to drawing errors. This idea, if developed, would allow a design to be 'assembled' without cutting metal, using a low cost CAD program. I believe that it might be the basis for a self-checking system for drawings that may help to reduce errors in future designs.

All we need now is an army of computer-literate volunteers to redraw all the existing designs.

R. G. Paterson, East Lothian.

### Machine tool bible

SIRS, - I refer to the letter concerning the above from Jim Evans in *M.E.* 4174, 26 July 2002. The main problem with producing such a volume is the sheer range of different manufacturers' products that the neophyte is likely to be offered. Were I to be asked for advice, I would take a different approach and assess viability for purchase on two basic lines of appraisal.

The first concerns the type of modelling to be undertaken, namely small, medium or large.

- 1: Small being clocks, railways up to about  $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. gauge, small aero, automotive to about  $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.:1ft. scale, small traction engines, boats, and the like.
- 2: Medium being railway to 5in. gauge, traction engines to similar scales, etc.
- 3: Large being  $7\frac{1}{4}$ in. gauge and generally larger projects.

The second is a cruelly objective assessment of condition of the machinery.

- 1: Filthy, with beaten up slide faces around the work area, scars and chipped paint everywhere, rusty pulleys, 'all sloppy' and no trace of oil.
- 2: Dirty with beaten up slide faces around the work area, 'all sloppy', chipped paint and little or no trace of oil.
- 3: Dirty with clearly worn parts, some movement in slides, chipped paint, and some evidence of lubrication.
- 4: Clean but not recently made so, worn, just detectable movement in slides, chipped paint, and slight sheen of oil.
- 5: Clean, evidence of slight wear, paint chipped, smooth movements, and slight sheen of oil.
- 6: Clean, usage marks on slides, no paint chips, 'taught' feeling to controls, and a slight sheen of oil.
- 7: New.

The first assessment will require the advice of an experienced model engineer as to size. I would suggest that 'small' means a pillar drill to hold up to 0.25in./6mm dia., a lathe to about 3in./75mm centre height, smallest vertical mill holding up to 0.375in./9mm cutters. 'Medium' means a pillar drill to hold up to 0.5in./12mm dia., a lathe of the gap-bed type of about  $3\frac{1}{2}$ in./80mm centre height to 5in./125mm, 'Large' means anything within reason bigger than this.

The second assessment means that '1' should be avoided like the plague, it will break your heart and pocket and is fit only for the scrap yard. '2' and '3' should be avoided unless you are desperate and have no intention of doing any accurate work, ever! Repairs and spares will

probably cost more than a new machine. '4' will do for a time particularly if you are broke. When you cease to be broke, it can be reconditioned within reasonable cost; a reground bed is cheaper than a new machine! '5' and '6' are what most impecunious model engineers should aim for, as this will give you many years of good service. The lucky few go for '7' No further comment is necessary.

There are exceptions to the above; sometimes close examination of a filthy and apparent class '1' wreck reveals that under all the filth is a virtually unused machine. An idle machine at the back of a machine shop accumulates muck very fast. It also gets used as a 'dumping ground', which makes it look even worse. I make no other comment than that application of a little practical psychology may be required when purchasing this one.

Notwithstanding all of the above, what the neophyte will end up with is what all the ex-neophytes have, namely a workshop containing a disparate collection of machinery ranging from the antique to modern, most of the acquisition of which was unplanned, most being bargains that were 'come-by' unexpectedly.

Peter King  
Christchurch, New Zealand.

### Colour on drawings

SIRS, - May I express my own opinion about the use of colour on drawings? Colour can be useful and helpful if used with taste, but I should like to see some order in its use. In assembly or arrangement drawings it can discriminate between the various components to make things clearer, whereas in an ordinary drawing of a single component it probably serves no useful purpose.

However, there are some rules which I believe should be followed. All dimensions, centre lines, construction lines and comments should always be black, otherwise a drawing starts to look like a child's colouring book! New technology is fine if it remains a servant rather than a master.

D. A. G. Brown, Rutland.

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A view of the Author's completed Cygnet Royal steam engine. The three  $\frac{5}{8}$ in. bore x  $\frac{1}{2}$ in. stroke cylinders of are spaced 120deg. apart around a central crankcase. This configuration makes the engine self-starting.

### S. J. Curtis

describes the construction of an unusual radial steam engine designed by E. T. Westbury.

#### Part I

“And now for something completely different” as the well-known catch phrase has it! Having completed my last project, and pondering on what to make next, I chanced upon the *Cygnet Royal*, in the Woking Precision Models catalogue. It struck me as an interesting challenge and a marked contrast to conventional steam engines. I obtained the drawings and, after perusal, made my decision, collected the castings from Woking Precision and, from my conversation with the previous owner of this business Dennis Harris, it transpired that although he had sold quite a few kits, he had not heard of one being completed. For a moment my heart sank until I reminded myself that E. T. Westbury had designed this engine, whereupon there was an instant revival of enthusiasm and

# BUILDING THE CYGNET ROYAL

confidence was restored! So, here goes! Some small detail changes have been made and these will become apparent as we proceed.

### Crankshaft

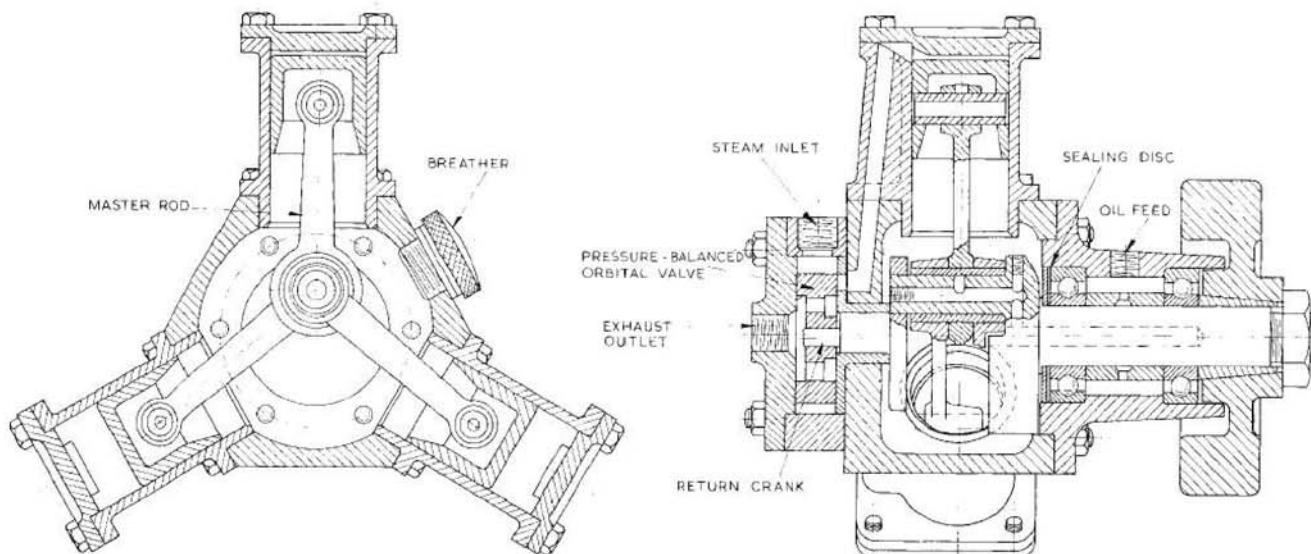
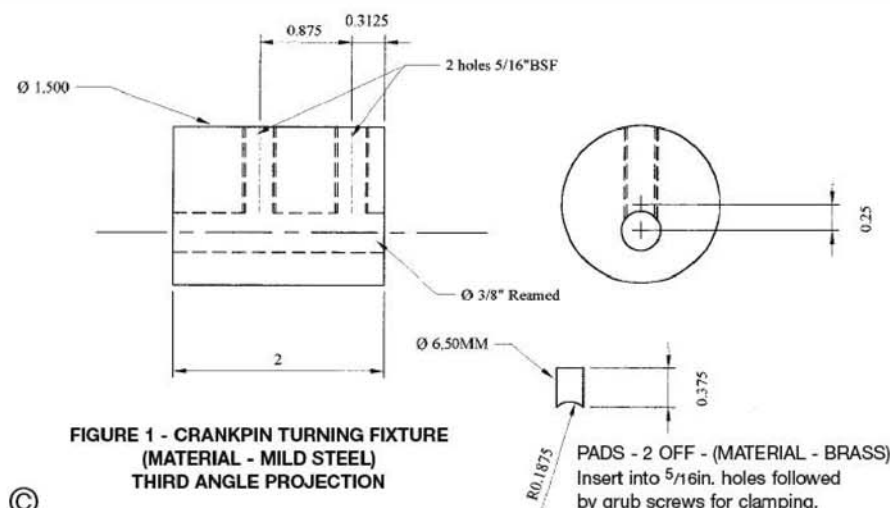
Turn down a piece of bright, mild steel bar to 1.250in. dia. for a length of a little over 3 inches. Rough out and finish-turn the journal to  $\frac{3}{8}$ in. dia. using one of the ball races as a gauge to provide a push fit. Turn down and thread  $\frac{5}{16}$ in. BSF the first  $\frac{3}{8}$ in. as per the drawing. Part off to a total length of 2.8125 inch. Protect the journal in a reamed and split aluminium bush and reverse in the chuck.

To turn the crankpin, I used an eccentric jig (see fig 1) in the 3-jaw chuck in preference to offsetting in a 4-jaw chuck (photo 2). Starting with a low speed and a small cut, increasing both as the intermittent cut and diameter are reduced,

to produce the crankpin. If time is at a premium, saw away some of the excess material beforehand. Before removal from the jig, drill the oilway 2.30mm and tap 6BA x  $\frac{1}{4}$ in. for the end plug.

Re-chuck, using the aluminium bush, and drill the  $\frac{1}{8}$ in. dia. oil passage in the crankshaft. Transfer to the dividing head on the milling machine and drill the radial oil-ways 2.30mm dia. in the crankpin and crank disc. Change to an end mill and mill the flats on the end of the crankpin. Mill the balance weight profile on the crank disc. Note: for simplicity I turned the crank disc  $\frac{3}{16}$ in. thick; additional weight can be affixed later if found necessary.

Transfer to the rotary table and remove 0.100in. from the circumference adjacent to the crankpin. Tap the radial oil way 6BA x  $\frac{1}{8}$ in. for the plug. Remove from the rotary table, place in



THE "CYGNET ROYAL" RADIAL STEAM ENGINE  
 $\frac{5}{8}$ in. bore x  $\frac{1}{2}$ in. stroke









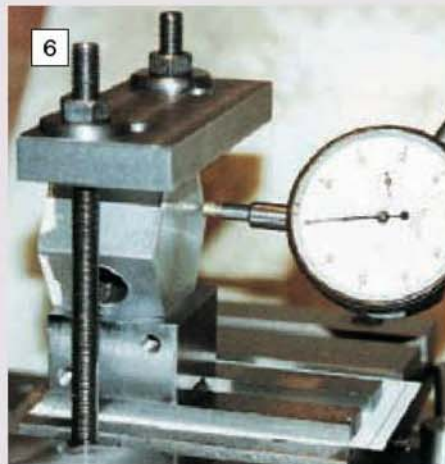
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The first machining operation on the crankcase. The casting has been fettled and is mounted in the 3-jaw chuck for facing.

The next stage is to mount the casting on the cross-slide with the facet with the cored hole uppermost, to bore out the crankshaft housing register. On a Myford Super 7 lathe you need to prepare a 1.187in. thick packing piece with top and bottom faces parallel. The packing thickness is given by the calculation:

Packing thickness =

Centre height above cross slide - (1.750/2)

This establishes the position of the centre of the casting above the cross-slide. Now clamp the casting onto the cross-slide and, using a DTI on the rear face, line it up at 90deg. to the lathe axis (photo 6). Next, align the centre of the casting with the lathe axis. This is best done by lining up the rear side of the casting with a pointer in the chuck and zeroing the cross-slide dial. Wind out, noting the number of turns of the feed screw, until the pointer is aligned with the far side of the casting. Divide the distance travelled by two and



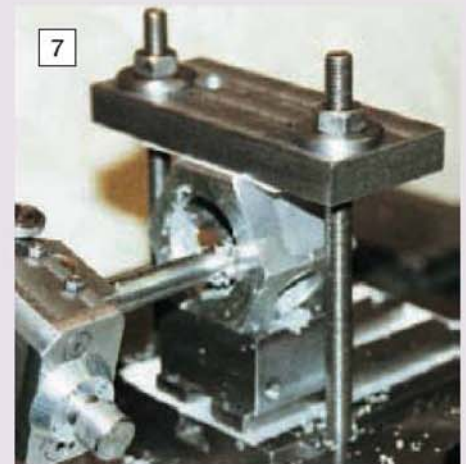
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Aligning the casting prior to boring. The crankcase has been bolted to the boring table of the lathe for this operation. Note the packing.

wind in the cross-slide by that amount being careful to allow for any backlash in the screw!

Lock the cross-slide. Drill and ream the  $\frac{3}{8}$ in. hole in the rear of the casting. Spot face with a  $\frac{5}{8}$ in. slot drill. Using a boring head, produce the  $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. dia. register for the crankshaft housing using the previously made mandrel as a hole gauge (photo 7). Remove from the cross-slide, thoroughly clean out any swarf, then fit the casting onto the mandrel and secure with a washer and nut.

Place in the chuck on a dividing head on the milling machine table and clock one of the previously milled faces level (photo 8). Mill all six faces to finish at  $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. across flats. Set the maximum depth of cut  $\frac{1}{4}$ in. above the mandrel, which is  $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. diameter (photo 9). Centre the spindle above the centre line of the mandrel and  $\frac{3}{4}$ in. from the rear face of the casting, and bore out the cored cylinder registers to  $\frac{3}{4}$ in. diameter (photo 10).

Before dismantling the set up, drill and tap for

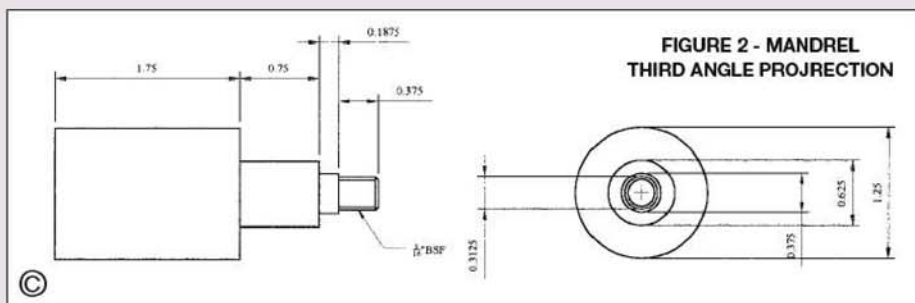


**7**  
Boring the register for the main bearing housing with an offset boring head. Note the paper under the packing piece to avoid bruising the table.

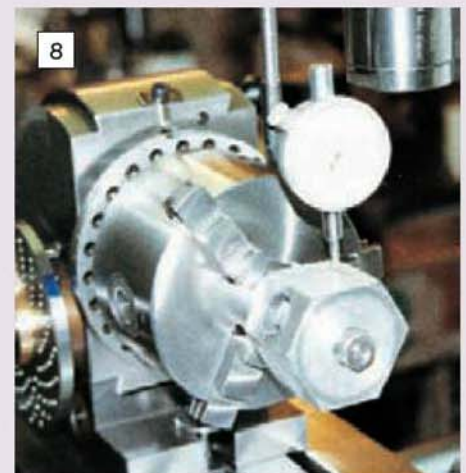
the crankcase breather. I also drilled and tapped for the provision of a drain for removal of any condensate that may accumulate in the crankcase. Next, set up on the rotary table to mill out the steam ports (photo 11). For a 60deg. arc at  $1\frac{1}{32}$ in. radius, using a  $\frac{3}{32}$ in. slot drill, the table movement is 44 degrees.

The remaining operations, steam passages and tapped holes, should be left until the various mating components are completed.

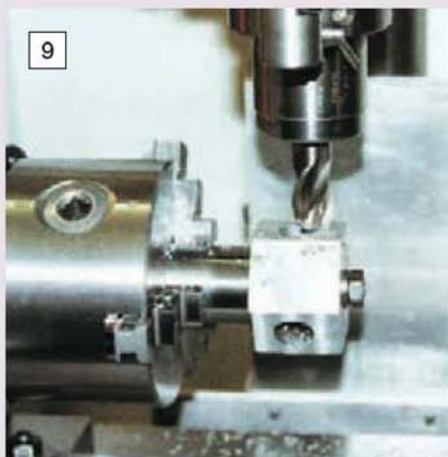
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**FIGURE 2 - MANDREL  
THIRD ANGLE PROJECTION**



**8**  
Setting the crankcase up in the dividing head with a DTI such that one of the faces on the casting is parallel to the milling machine table



**9**  
Milling the crankcase on its six facets. This photo shows how the casting is clamped to the mandrel and held in the dividing head chuck.



**10**  
While the part is still clamped to the mandrel in the dividing head, the cylinder registers can be machined with an offset boring head.



**11**  
Milling the ports in the rear face of the crankcase using the rotary table on the milling machine.



## Peter Spenlove-Spenlove

recalls the first time he was shown the use of a lathe and offers much useful advice for the tyro.

When I was a young boy I watched our local plumber refurbishing a batch of brass gas lighting fittings on his ancient lathe. Although most garages had one lurking somewhere, this was the first time I had seen a lathe in action. This lathe was treadle driven and the brass parts were gripped in a 3-jaw chuck. A tailstock drill was used to clear muck from the bore while emery cloth was used to brighten the outside prior to lacquering. On being called out, the plumber let me do the rest. It was fun and I was hooked.

He introduced me to H. J. (Bert) Dyer who taught me a lot in subsequent school holidays. As a contributor to *Model Engineer*, he suggested I should start reading it. The plumber's small lathe had no other accessories and I didn't know about catch plates, centre holes and turning between centres. It was some months later when I saw Bert turning a shaft between centres, having first removed the headstock chuck and drill chuck and fitted two pointed things in the exposed holes. This was indeed a far cry from sand papering parts for gas light fittings!

Some readers could currently be starting from scratch too, like me, with a very old lathe and a mysterious box of bits and pieces. Without a 'how to' book or an experienced engineer friend to help sort things out, an absolute beginner might assume, as I did, that the chuck is all you need. The cutting tools and drill chuck are pretty obvious and soon sorted, but what about the remaining bits in the box. No need to bother with them. The lathe works, so shove them under the bench until an 'expert' calls.

Maybe the illustrations from a 1920s 'how to' book could be your expert. The lathe is a typical small flat belt driven machine with fig 1 showing normal turning between centres. Figure 2 shows how to bore a cylinder or face the curved (part of a circle) saddle of, say a traction engine cylinder.

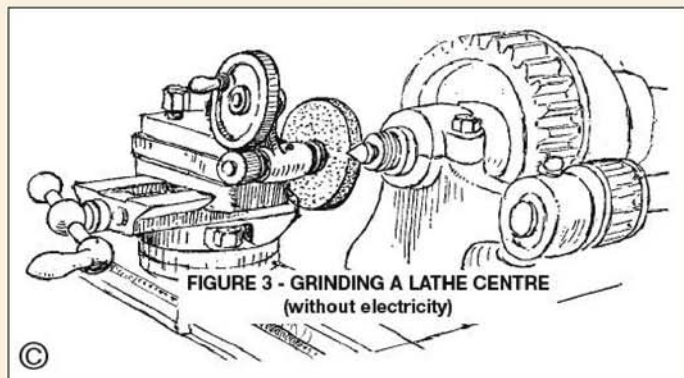


FIGURE 3 - GRINDING A LATHE CENTRE (without electricity)

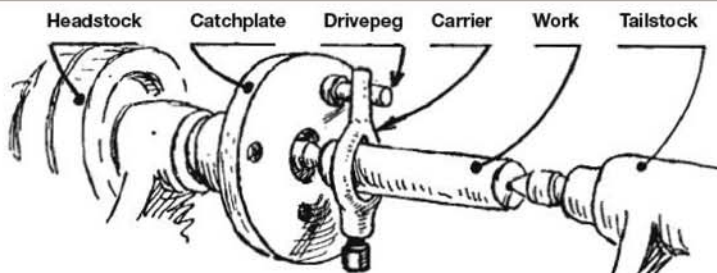


FIGURE 1 - TURNING BETWEEN CENTRES  
Carriers, drivers or dogs as they are variously called, are placed on one end of the work to drive it between the lathe centres.

In this case the lathe drives a stout bar with a cross-hole to hold a small cutting tool. A grub screw allows this tool to be moved out to cut the bore a bit bigger. This is repeated until the correct radius is achieved. It may be a slow process, but a true parallel hole should result.

Figure 3 may not have so much relevance today but when lathes were foot driven, this was how you would have worked on items that were too hard to turn. You simply treadled the lathe and turned the grinding wheel by hand. The grinding spindle assembly was clamped in the

hold timber in place. Seafarers use the term too. Why the name of man's best friend should be given to clamps and spikes and other such gadgets is a mystery to me.

You may come across different spellings of the same word too. I have come across five or six different spellings for the word 'reamer' in old books. Much of this was caused by regional phonetics — the word was written as it was pronounced. Modern communications have largely resolved this issue.

Readers sometimes advertise in *Model Engineer* for an instruction manual for an early machine tool. In fact, very few makers issued one. A few prominent makers such as Myford and Southbend issued an installation and servicing manual. A few included a spare parts and accessories list. If obtainable, these are useful for identifying the parts that are missing off an old machine. If you have access to the internet it is well worth checking [www.lathes.co.uk](http://www.lathes.co.uk) to see if any information is available for your machine.

Being mostly power driven today, machine tools are potentially dangerous. Most points are obvious but they can cause accidents, even if the machine is foot powered. Roll your shirt sleeves up, or better still, wear a short sleeved shirt. Don't wear a sloppy sweater, it's better to wear a buttoned up workshop jacket. Tuck your tie inside your shirt, it's better not to wear a tie at all. Don't wear a watch or a bracelet or rings when you're using machinery. Tie back long hair, or better still, tuck it inside a cap. Always remember to remove the chuck key before starting the spindle. If you don't it might fly out and hit you and/or damage your lathe. Keep small children away from your machinery, little fingers can so easily get trapped in gears or belting. When checking work in process, stop the machine completely and watch out for sharp cutting tools while you measure or test fits.

Make sure your eye protection suits you — and use it! Brass or cast iron swarf flies off the tool at high speed so watch your eyes. Other metals produce a ribbon swarf which is usually very sharp and hot. Stop the machine and remove it with pliers or a hook. Never use your fingers and never remove swarf when the machine is running. These points also apply to milling machines and even the small, humble drilling machine. They can all bite you when you least expect it!





*The Author's finished engine on its test bed surrounded by the associated instrumentation.*

### Frank Taylor

describes how he machined the sump casting for his interesting hot air engine.

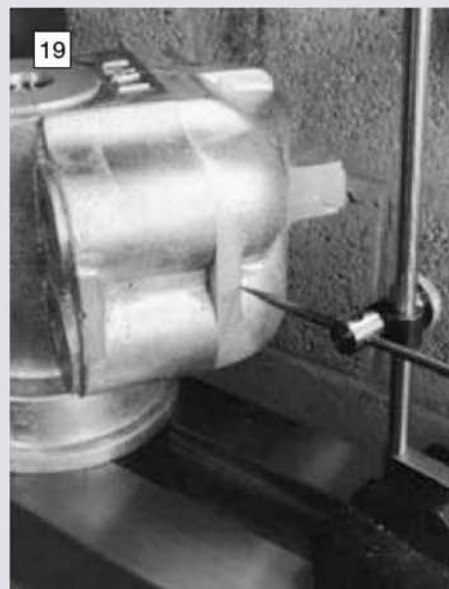
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# A BURNT AIR ENGINE

Work on the sump casting began by placing the square protrusion in the 4-jaw independent chuck and machining the gasket face. The sump was then offered up to fit nicely to the crankcase and the holes for the locating pegs drilled. As the yoke guides are in the sump, it was very important that the sump retains an exact position relative to the crankcase. Any error is likely to cause fouling or jamming when bolted up and identification of the exact problem would be very difficult to discover.

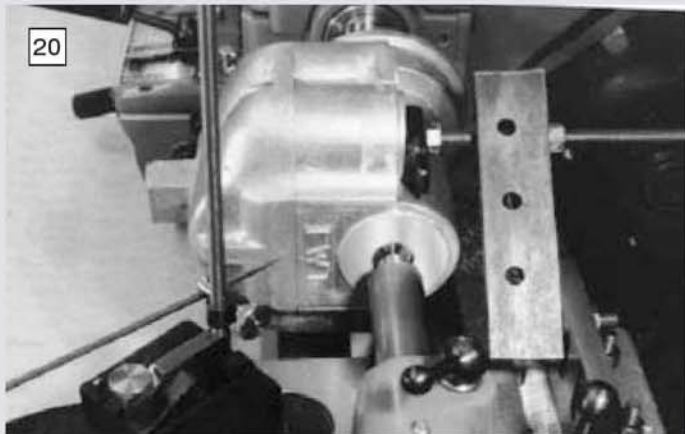
The method used to transfer the between-cylinder centre line, which was used to position the cylinders and to align the crankshaft, is shown in photo 19. Photograph 20 shows how the crankshaft, mounted between the lathe centres, supported the crankcase. The threaded rod fixed to a piece of angle iron gave further support.

Before the sump was fitted, the crankcase gasket face was aligned vertical to the lathe bed by adjustment of the nuts on the threaded rod. The sump was then offered up on its locating pins. In this position the vital centre line was transferred to the sump.

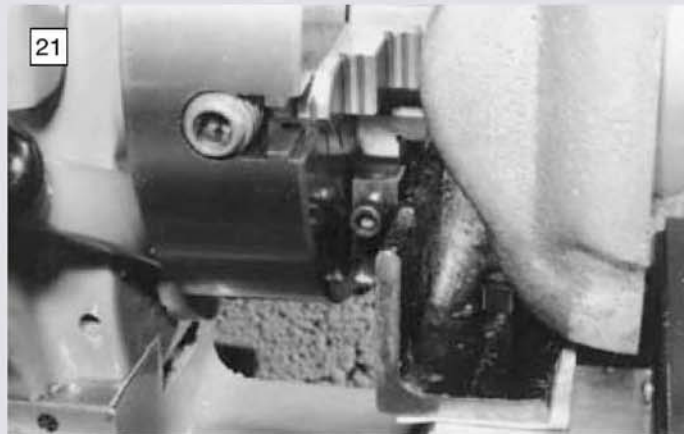


*Transferring the between-cylinder centre line to the sump casting using a surface gauge.*

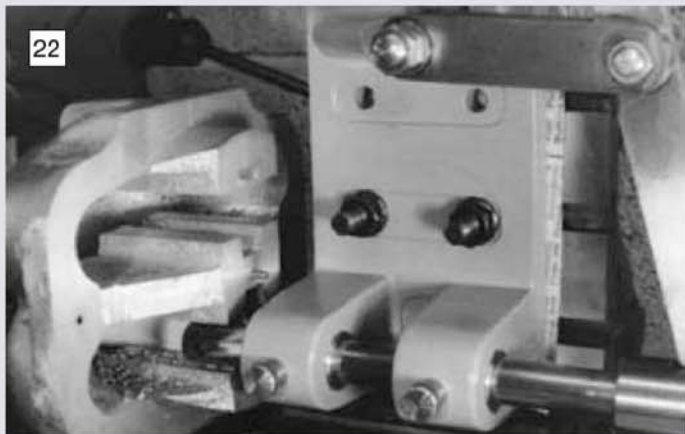
The next operation was to cut the slots in the sump to accommodate the hardened steel yoke guides. Before this could be done, the casting had to be returned to the 4-jaw chuck and set to run true. A pin had already been put in at lathe centre height when the face was turned, and this was used to set it up with a dial gauge. It was also necessary to set the datum lines truly horizontal. This was achieved with the special fitting shown in photo 21 which I have found useful on many occasions since.



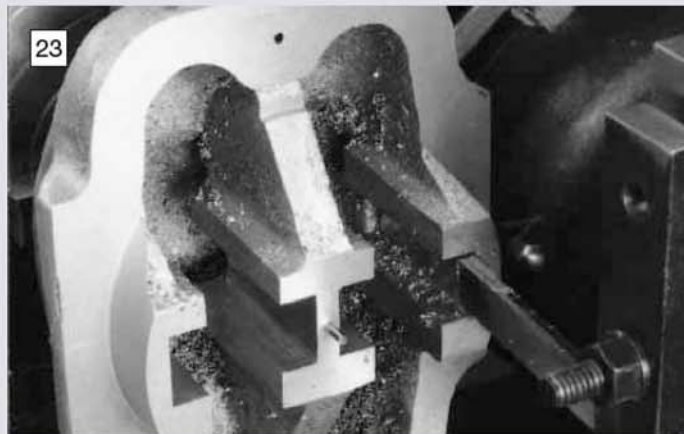
*Further marking out was completed by mounting the crankshaft between centres and using this to support the crankcase casting.*



*The method used to lock the 4-jaw chuck while providing means for limited angular adjustment. The device is simply constructed from angle iron.*



*Using the home made slotting attachment mounted on the vertical slide to machine the yoke guide slots for the hardened steel inserts.*



*Finishing the sides of the slots with a specially ground tool racked to and fro using the saddle.*





**24**  
*Finishing the bottom of the slots with a dental bur. Better attention to casting design would have avoided this by providing a through slot.*



**25**  
*Milling the slot liners from gauge plate. This was a nice easy job as it utilised the lathe power cross feed. Table travel is towards the reader.*



**26**  
*Machining the slot in the special aluminium alloy fixture used to hold the slot liners for finish machining.*



**27**  
*Finishing a slot liner gripped in the specially prepared fixture. This device worked well and enabled the parts to be finished without distortion.*

The fitting is a piece of angle with two blocks welded on. These blocks straddle the lower jaw of the chuck and are threaded and fitted with cap screws. Adjustment of these screws gives a small range of rotational movement and, when tightened, prevents the chuck from turning. Setting up on either of the vertical or horizontal centre lines was a 'doddle' and gave the four positions necessary for machining the slots which carry the hardened steel yoke guides that followed (photos 22, 23 and 24).

The bulk of the metal was removed using my home made slotting attachment (photo 22) mounted on the vertical slide. With the slotter handle high in the air and out of the picture, this was tough on the right arm muscle. The full depth was cut at this stage, leaving the sides of the slots a little undersize. The sides of the slots were finished to size with a specially ground tool clamped to the vertical slide (photo 23). Racking the saddle back and forth provided motion. This gave a good accurate result, but I regard it as ill treatment of a lovely machine. I was comforted by the fact that only a small amount of metal had to be removed. Note the centring pin mentioned earlier and one of the locating pin holes.

An error occurred somewhere when the pattern for the core of this casting was made. It was intended that all slots would be open ended to allow the cutter to clear. As can be seen (photo 24) the slot is not clear and the end of the slot was a bit messy. However the mess cleaned up quite nicely with a dental burr.



**28**  
*Machining the blocks that run in the slot liners using the faceplate. The pair on the opposite side of the faceplate are hidden by the tool post.*

### Slot liners

These were made from gauge plate in an attempt to minimise distortion when hardened. I felt that the thin U-shape would be prone to twisting. The liners posed a holding problem which was solved by the use of a special jig.

With power cross feed (photo 25) this is the sort of nice easy job where you can sit back, sip a 'cuppa' and watch the wheels go round. The liner was soft-soldered to a piece of plate which was packed up to the correct height and bolted to the cross-slide. The cross-slide was set to move outward, that is, towards the operator, to avoid the problems encountered in climb milling. After the cutting shown, the two uncut parts in the centre were removed to

produce a shallow U-shape. When finishing to size, it was essential to ensure that all four slides were identical and that the slot was perfectly parallel to the edges. I chose the following method, involving another casting.

An aluminium alloy block was cast and slit as shown (photo 26) and the boring head used to cut a slot equi-spaced either side of the centre line. Cutting in this manner produced backward and forward forces on the cross-slide and small movement due to backlash. Out of sight of my camera is a weight hanging over a pulley to give this slide sufficient bias to prevent movement.

The engine slide was then gripped by tightening the cap screws (photo 27) without distorting the work, and the slide slot finished to the accuracy required. At the outset, I had my doubts about the method and was anticipating trouble, but it all worked out well. The job was finished by hardening and lapping.

Remaining items for the sump were four identical blocks to slide in the identical slides (photo 28). These were cut on the faceplate but this apology for an illustration was arranged with one pair of blocks neatly hidden behind the tool post.

I don't enjoy the photography because it takes up precious time and interrupts the job. This loss of continuity sometimes causes me to produce errors.

●To be continued.





# THE JUNIOR

## A STATIONARY

### INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

**Stan Bray**

describes how he machined the crankcase covers for this attractive and deservedly popular little i.c. engine.

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There are two covers on the sides of the crankcase. One contains the timing gear and this also forms a housing for a main bearing as well as that of the cam. The other, in addition to sealing the crankshaft housing, carries the other main bearings. Both are good clean castings which require the minimum of machining.

#### Main bearing housing cover

Although this is a good casting (photo 12), it is inevitably unlikely to run true of its own accord. So, gripping it by the large stepped section, it should first be set up in the 4-jaw independent chuck with the centre boss which will act as the bearing housing adjusted to run as nearly true as possible. Once set up to your satisfaction, the outer and smaller diameters are straightforward turning operations. The boss can also be trued and finally drilled for the bearing (photo 13).

The casting can now be reversed and gripped by the small diameter. A 'floating' centre interposed between the work and a tailstock centre used in conjunction with a dial gauge can be used to set the casting to run true (photo 14). This might be thought of as an unusual set up, but a normal centre finder won't work, because the hole is too large. Small pieces of shim brass or aluminium should be interposed between the chuck jaws and the work as a means of preventing damage to the machined surface as the jaws are tightened. Once correctly set, it is quite easy to finish the necessary machining.

Six holes are required around the edge through which studs are passed to secure the casting to the crankcase. Readers will have different ideas on how to make these. Experience suggests that three model engineers asked for advice regarding a machining operation will offer half a dozen methods! The easiest method is to do the dividing while the casting is still held in the lathe. For those with limited equipment, the divisions can be obtained by using one of the change wheels in conjunction with a detent, a method that has been described innumerable times in these pages.

Builders with a dividing head can of course use that. Whether or not the holes are drilled with the casting *in situ* will also depend on the equipment available in the workshop. If there are no facilities to drill the casting while it remains in the chuck, a centre punch holder is required. This need only be a piece of rectangular bar with a hole drilled along its length, and

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The aluminium alloy casting for the main bearing housing cover was clean and of good quality.

a tapped hole cross drilled for a screw to clamp the punch. This gadget is mounted in the tool post and the point of the punch set to centre height.

The carriage is wound smartly towards the workpiece until the punch hits the casting on which it should leave a mark sufficient to allow a centre drill to start a hole. Repeat at all six positions before releasing the casting and taking it to the drilling machine to drill the holes tapping size. These holes should then be deburred.

Alternatively, the piece of rectangular bar could be drilled an easy but not sloppy clearance for the punch. Align the punch with the casting and hit it *once* and *once* only with a small hammer. Repeat this for all six holes.

Having drilled the holes tapping size, using the cover as a jig, their positions can be transferred to the crankcase. Those in the cover can then be opened out to clearance size and the holes in the crankcase tapped.

There are two further holes in the cover, both tapped 7BA. At  $\frac{11}{32}$ in. centres they are positioned on a line  $\frac{1}{2}$ in. below a 45deg. angle through the centre of the cover, the first set  $\frac{1}{8}$ in. off centre as shown on the accompanying drawing. These holes are used to secure the governor lever bracket to the cover and I suspect that attempts to mark them out to match holes previously made in the

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Set up for machining the outer face and bore of the main bearing housing cover.

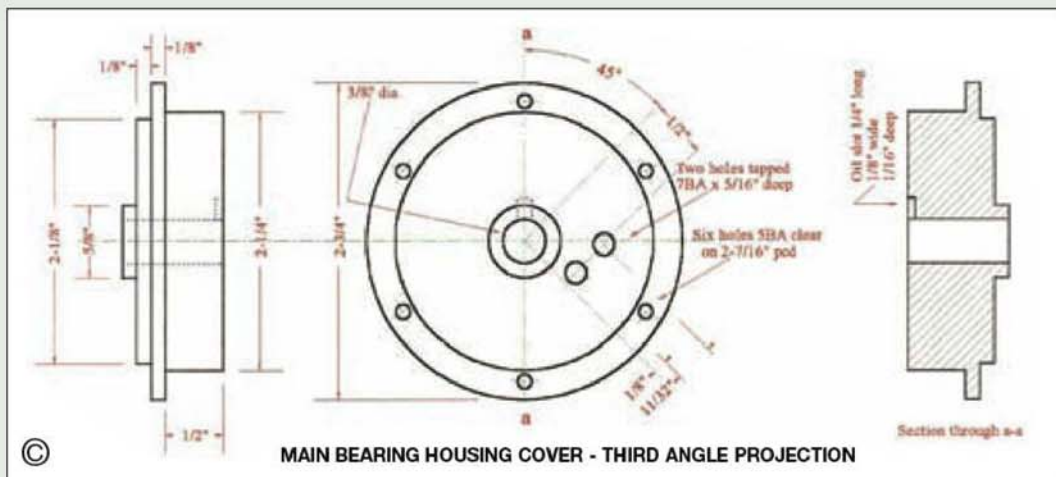
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Finding the centre of the bore after reversing the cover in the chuck using a centre and dial gauge.

bracket would prove to be a real nightmare. I suggest that the centre line of the holes is clearly marked, together with the position of the left hand hole which can be drilled and tapped. When we come to the bracket it can be bolted to the single hole, aligned with the scribed line and used as a jig for the second hole.

It only remains now to make the oil-retaining slot which is the same as the one in the crankcase. This one is easy enough to produce







The timing case cover casting showing the extended boss referred to in the text.



Make a start on the timing case cover by machining the back to size in the 3-jaw chuck.



The casting has now been reversed in the chuck and a small centre mark made.



After making the centre mark as a marking out aid, the bosses can be machined to length.



The cover was stuck to a block of steel using double sided tape and the centre picked up.



The outer face and edge can now be machined. Cut into the support block to complete the edge.

by milling, unlike that in the crankcase which was very difficult to get at.

Three bronze bearings will be needed in total. One of these is for this cover and there is no reason why they should not be made now in readiness for fitting.

### Timing cover

Unfortunately the timing cover is less straightforward than the main bearing housing and takes a little more time to set up. It is a considerably thinner casting with two small bosses cast on. The larger of these is obviously also used in the casting process and is much longer than required (photo 15). If left like this it gets in the way when setting up so I suggest that a start is made by shortening it but leave sufficient material so that it can be machined.

As with the others, this casting is sufficiently accurate to allow the back face to be machined with the minimum of fettling necessary beforehand. It can be gripped in the 3-jaw chuck for this operation as accurate concentricity at this stage is not important. I found that  $1/16$ in. thick brass packing was required between the jaws and the casting to bring the latter out far enough for

machining (photo 16). These were stuck to the chuck jaws with double-sided adhesive tape to stop them falling about as adjustments were made. A slight discrepancy on the original general arrangement drawing shows a recess to allow for location of the cover in the hole, while the detailed view of the part shows it as plain. We understand that the drawings presented with these articles will be the ones supplied in future with the castings.

It is of course always handy to have a locating lip, but since one of the two holes is for a crankshaft bearing, the problem of accurate alignment will also require consideration. If the lip is machined on, very careful marking out will be necessary to get things properly lined up. Without the lip, adjustments can be made easily.

The two bosses both have holes in them; one, as detailed above, is for a main bearing. The other is for the camshaft and neither is concentric with the outer edge of the casting, which complicates matters a little. Assuming your 3-jaw chuck is reasonably accurate, start by gripping the casting in it and making a tiny centre with a small centre drill (photo 17). The faces of the two bosses can also be trued at this stage (photo 18).

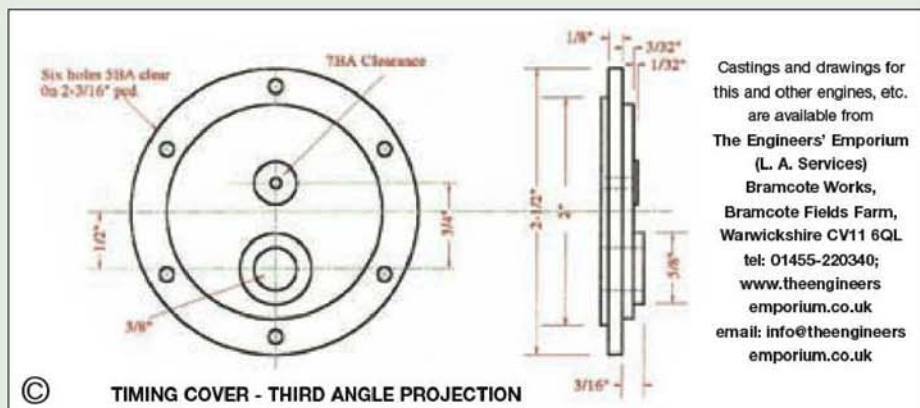
The outer rim now has to be machined true to the centre mark just drilled, so it is not practical to hold the casting in a chuck. I resorted to my time-honoured technique of sticking it to the trued face of a block of mild steel, using double-sided adhesive tape. If you choose to follow suit, make sure when doing this that all traces of the white spirit which you have been using as a cutting fluid have been removed from the back face of the casting; a drop of washing-up liquid helps here. The mild steel block can be gripped in the 4-jaw chuck or on the faceplate if you prefer and the cover centralised by using a centre finder in the indent made with the centre drill.

The centre finder which I normally use wouldn't fit between the bosses and so I had to make a special one with a  $1/8$ in. dia. body and  $1/16$ in. dia. probe. This was fitted into a pin chuck, which in turn was supported on the tailstock centre. It was then possible to adjust the cover accurately so that the outside rim and outside edge of the face could be machined true (photo 19). Double sided adhesive tape is fine if only light cuts are taken in order to avoid stripping the casting from its adhesive mounting. A modicum of common sense should ensure that the method is quite safe (photo 20). Please understand that it is important that the surfaces to which the adhesive tape attaches on both the block and casting must be absolutely smooth and free from oil/grease.

After machining has been completed, a sharp tap with a wooden mallet in a sideways direction should separate the casting from the block. If it doesn't, give it a generous spray with WD40 or similar and leave it overnight after which it should come away easily.

The holes in the two bosses can be marked off from the centre that was used to set the casting in the lathe and can either be drilled at this stage or left until later. The six holes for the bolt down studs can also be drilled.

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### Richard Stephen

describes how to make and fit the front section of the centre arbor before continuing with further work on the motion, dial and hands.

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The front section of the centre arbor and the centre arbor cock are shown in fig 28. This section of the centre arbor should be made from blue pivot steel. I turned my arbor from a length of 4mm dia. steel. Blue steel turns quite easily with correctly ground tools, however most readers may prefer to fabricate the arbor. For this you will need a 30mm length of 2mm dia. blue steel or equivalent. Draw the temper from about 5mm from one end. This will make it easier to drill the 1mm hole for the pin.

Begin by drilling a 2mm dia. hole about 8mm deep in a scrap length of 6mm dia. brass rod. Insert the softened end of the blue steel rod and secure with Loctite screwlock. Cross drilling the 1mm hole will be much easier as the 6mm rod is easier to hold and there is much less likelihood of a small drill snatching as it breaks through the 2mm dia. rod. Gently heat the brass rod to remove the blue steel rod.

The remainder of the arbor can be made from EN1A mild steel as the arbor runs in a ball race in front and, as before, the pivot is 0.8mm dia. high-speed steel drill rod. Take a 15mm length of mild steel rod, face the end and drill and ream a 2mm dia. hole 8mm deep. Using Loctite high strength retainer, fix the blue steel rod into the hole. Allow the Loctite to cure. Very gentle warmth will accelerate the curing process. Hold the 2mm dia. rod in a collet or true chuck and machine the rest of the arbor. Drill a 0.8mm dia. hole for the pivot and secure the drill rod in place using Loctite. Cut off 3mm for the pivot and finally grind the pivot to its final length of 2.5mm.

The recess in the front bar for the 3mm ball race can now be counterbored as previously described, and the race fitted. Fit the arbor in the ball race and measure the distance between the surface of the front bar and the rear shoulder of the arbor. This measurement, plus 0.25mm, will be the height of the centre arbor cock. The remaining dimensions of the centre arbor cock are given in fig 28. The cock is best made from a solid piece of brass 8 x 12 x 35mm. Drill the holes for the 2.5mm dia. aluminium bronze bush, retaining screw and the 1mm dia. register pin.

### Fitting the centre arbor cock

Begin by facing off a short length of 15mm dia. brass or steel rod. Drill and ream a 3mm dia. hole through the piece of rod. Using Loctite screwlock, fix the length of true 3mm silver-steel rod into the hole with about 25mm protruding from the faced end. Pass the 3mm dia. rod through the 3mm dia. hole for the centre arbor in the front bar and thread on the centre arbor cock. Clamp the cock in position on the front bar. The cock will be correctly positioned when, with the faced end of the 15mm rod pressed against the front face of the front bar, the 3mm rod can be easily turned with the fingers.

Drill the 1mm dia. hole for the register pin.

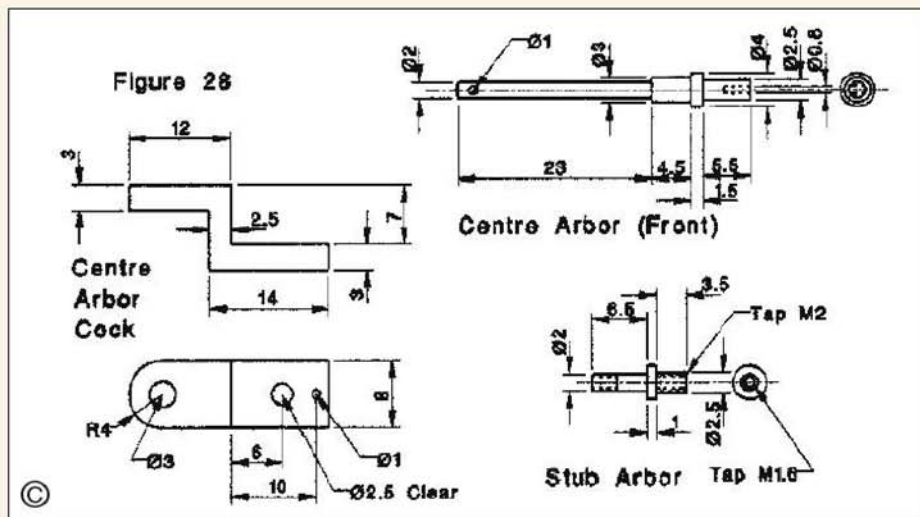


The centre arbor cock in position in the clock together with the respective wheels and pinions.



The dial and hands of the clock. The Roman numerals are best engraved mechanically.

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Insert the register pin in the cock and reposition the cock using the register pin to locate it. Check that the 3mm dia. rod still turns easily, clamp in position and drill and tap the 2.5mm dia. hole for the retaining screw. The aluminium bronze bush can now be made and fitted in the cock. Insert the ball race and the arbor and fit the cock in place. The arbor should spin freely with a small amount of end shake.

### Motion work

The motion work used in the clock is unusual in that it uses large count pinion wheels. Instead of the usual 6 tooth minute wheel pinion, the motion work for this clock uses a 16 tooth minute wheel pinion. The details of the motion work are given in Table 2. The cannon pinion and minute wheel pinions can be made either of steel, hardened and polished, or from hard brass. The dimensions of the wheels are shown in fig 29.

Cut the teeth in the wheels and the two pinions

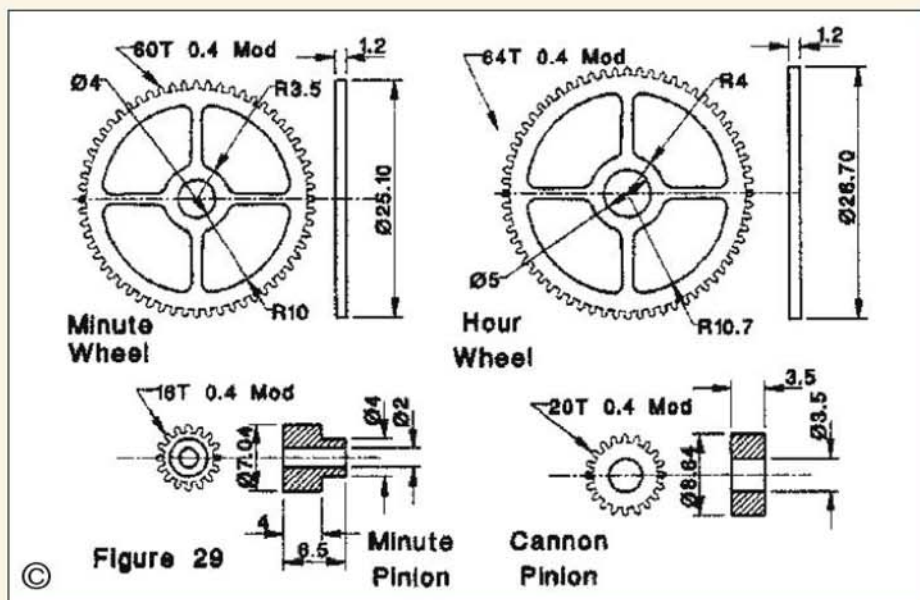
Table 2

|               | No. of teeth | P.C.D (mm) | Full dia. (mm) |
|---------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| Minute wheel  | 60           | 24.0       | 25.1           |
| Hour wheel    | 64           | 25.6       | 26.7           |
| Cannon pinion | 20           | 8.0        | 8.64           |
| Minute pinion | 16           | 6.4        | 7.04           |

All wheels and pinions 0.40 module

not forgetting to cut a couple of spares of each while everything is set up. Before crossing out the minute and hour wheels don't forget to polish the teeth as previously described. Holes will need to be drilled in the pinions when you have finished cutting the teeth. Drill a 3.5mm dia. hole in the cannon pinion to fit on the minute pipe. The cannon pinion is 3.5mm long. The minute pinion is turned down to 4mm dia. for 2.5mm, and a 2mm dia. hole drilled. The minute pipe, hour pipe,





hour hand collet and the washer for the front of the minute hand are shown in fig 30.

The tension spring is unusual in that it is a 2mm I/D compression spring fitted inside the minute hand pipe. The spring presses against the shoulder on the center arbor which extends through the front bar. Peter Bradley introduced me to this method for tensioning the minute hand several years ago since when I have found it superior to the more usual leaf spring. The stub arbor illustrated in fig 28, on which the minute wheel and pinion runs, is made of silver-steel and hardened and tempered.

### Planting the motion work

Set the motion work up on the depth tool. A long 2mm dia. runner will be needed for this. The theoretical arbor spacing for the motion work is 16mm. Set the arbors at this spacing and position the wheels. Check that the motion work runs smoothly. Remove the runner from the drilling jig and insert the 3mm dia. end of the other runner into the 3mm dia. centre arbor hole. Position the jig centrally below the centre arbor and drill a 3mm dia. hole through the front bar.

This hole must now be expanded to 3.5mm dia. to take the end of the stub arbor. The safest way to expand the hole without accidentally shifting the centre is to drill it on the milling machine. I have a 50mm length of 6mm dia. silver-steel with one end ground to make a centre. Fix the centre in the drill chuck, locate the hole in the front bar and press the bar firmly against a drilling board. Clamp firmly in position. Remove the centre, fit a 3.4mm dia. drill and expand the hole, finishing with a 3.5mm dia. reamer.

Assemble the centre arbor and the motion work and check that it still runs smoothly. The 3mm dia. centre arbor hole in the front bar should now be expanded to 3.5mm diameter.

### Dial

The dimensions of the dial for the clock are given in fig 31. Unfortunately, apart possibly from the hands, the dial is the one (and in my opinion the most important!) part of the clock, about the making of which I can offer little advice. There are four options:

- 1: Hand engraving,
- 2: Chemical etching,
- 3: Machine engraving,
- 4: Getting someone else to make it.

If you are an expert with a hand graver there is no

doubt that a hand engraved dial is by far and away the most stylish and best choice.

Chemical etching involves the use of corrosive chemicals best kept well clear of the workshop. With care, etched dials are good, provided CZ108 brass is used.

For most amateur clock makers the last two options are possibly the only practical ones but for myself, I do not like asking someone else to make the one part of a clock which everyone looks at.

This leaves machine engraving as the final option. If you have access to a pantograph engraver and the appropriate copy, this is a viable option. The dial for the prototype was engraved on my Wabeco CNC mill. If you are heavily into clock making it is almost worth retro-fitting a CNC set-up on your milling machine simply to make dials. The cost of the CNC would be soon recovered with the saving on dials.

Fitting a poor dial to a clock you have possibly spent months making is a complete waste of time.

### Hands

The design of the hands which I made for my clock is shown in fig 32. I have tried many different designs for hands but always revert to the Brueget style which I consider to be both simple and elegant.

The best material I have found for hands is the steel from a cheap cross-cut wood saw blade which is a little less than 1mm thick. The steel is

rather hard and a bit difficult to work but this disadvantage is more than offset by the stiffness of the steel which enables very delicate hands to be made without sacrificing strength. When finished, the hands must be brought to a high polish, carefully degreased and then remain untouched by bare fingers until they have been blued.

The spring collet for the hour hand is illustrated in fig 30. The only tip I can offer when making the collet is to leave the diameter well oversize when you cut the slits with a slitting saw. If the diameter of the collet is reduced to its final thickness before slitting there is a danger of the teeth of the saw snatching. Once the slits have been cut, the diameter can be reduced to its final size, the collet being supported by inserting a length of 5mm dia. rod and taking very light cuts with a very sharp tool.

Use Loctite to retain the hour hand securely on its collet and then rivet the hand firmly in place, using an old lathe back centre.

### Fitting the dial

The dial is attached by two screws which pass through the front time bar, through two spacing pillars and screw into two lugs soft soldered onto the back of the dial. The dimensions of these parts are given in fig 33. The height of the pillars is best determined when you are fitting the dial in place as this depends on the final positioning of the hands.

To fit the dial correctly in position you will need a 125mm square piece of 1.5mm thick Dural or other aluminium alloy sheet, or any other sheet metal which happens to be to hand. Mark the centre, scribe two circles equal in diameter to the inside and outside diameters of the dial and mark a line to pass through the centre (fig 34). Now drill two 1mm dia. holes on the line midway between the two circles (fig 34) and a 3mm dia. hole in the centre.

Fit the front section of the centre arbor and the front arbor cock in position on the front bar. Pass the centre arbor through the centre hole in the Dural sheet and align the centre line (uppermost) on the Dural sheet with the centre line of the front bar. Clamp the Dural sheet to the front bar. Mark the positions of the two 1mm dia. holes in the Dural sheet on the front time bar using a 1mm dia. drill.

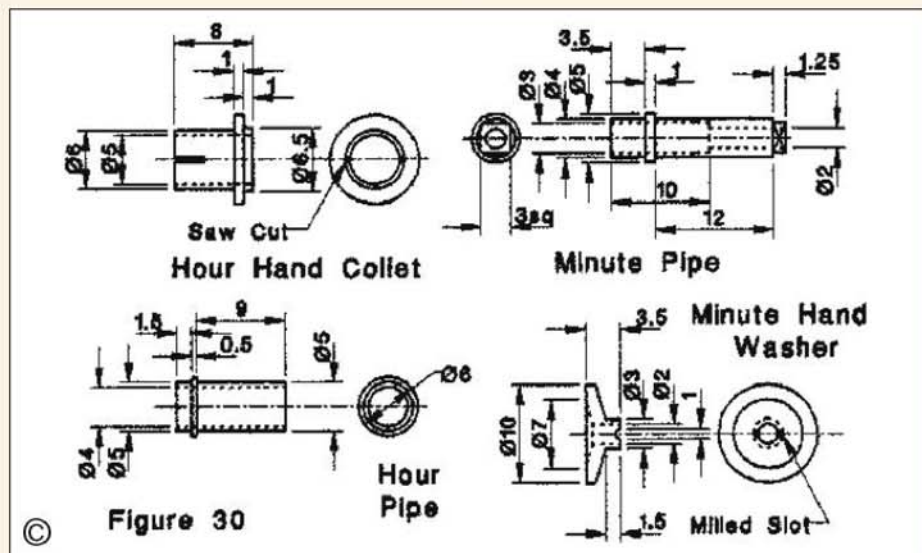
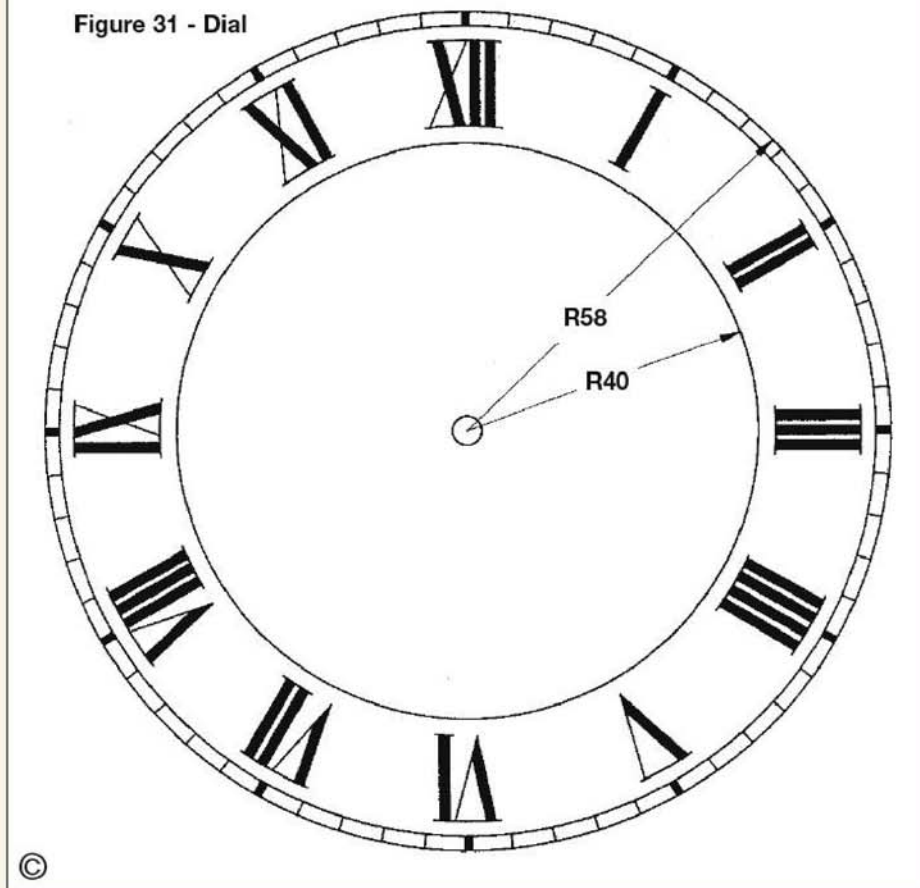




Figure 31 - Dial



Remove the Dural sheet from the front bar and place the dial on top of the Dural sheet, lining up the 12 and 6 with the scribed line and the outside and inside circumferences of the dial with the scribed circles. Clamp the dial and the Dural sheet firmly together. Mark the positions of the two 1mm holes on the back of the dial, again using a 1mm drill.

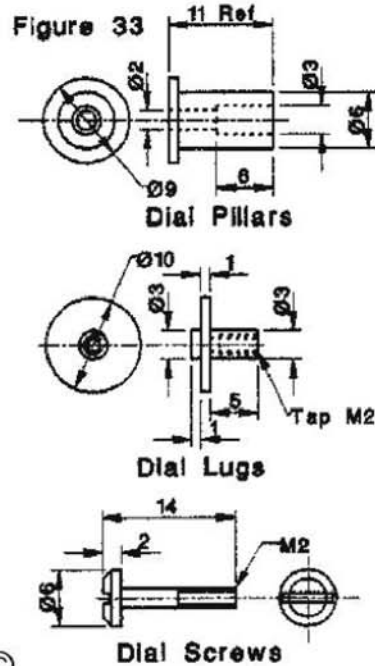
Clamp the dial on a drilling board onto the table of the milling machine and locate one of the 1mm holes marked on the back of the dial using the centring microscope. Drill a 2mm dia. hole 1mm deep in the back of the dial. Replace the drill with a 3mm dia. slot drill and expand the hole to 3mm diameter. Pick up the second hole and drill it. *Take care not to drill through the dial.* Check that the dial lugs fit snugly into the holes drilled.

Tin the area around the holes and the lugs with

soft-solder. Smear a little flux on both tinned areas; locate the lug and heat with a small flame until the solder melts. Repeat the process for the second lug. Carefully remove any solder that is visible and wash off any remaining flux using detergent and hot water.

Drill the 2mm dia. holes in the front bar using the milling machine, using the centring microscope once more to locate the positions of the holes. The dial can now be screwed in position. The final height of the dial spacers can be determined when the hands are fitted. A 1mm separation between the dial face and the hour hand and between the hour hand and the minute hand is about right.

With the dial fitted, the engraving on the dial can be filled. The best filler for dials is slow setting epoxy, coloured black with candle black.



Hold a scrap of sheet metal in a candle flame until a good deposit of soot appears on the metal surface. Allow to cool. Mix some slow set epoxy in the middle of the soot and incorporate the soot into the mixture. Smear the mixture into the engraving and warm the dial very gently until the epoxy runs. This will ensure that the epoxy thoroughly penetrates the engraving. Leave overnight to allow the epoxy to fully cure.

Excess epoxy can be removed with 500 grit wet and dry abrasive paper. This is best done in warm water to which a squirt of washing up liquid has been added. The surface of the dial can now be grained using 1200 grit wet and dry abrasive paper. Wash off the dial, dry with paper towel and silver immediately. Finally lacquer the silvering and the back of the dial.

Assemble the entire movement and run it for as long as you can be bothered to keep replacing the balls as they drop off the wheel. My movement will run with two balls in slots close to the '9 o'clock' position. With all eight balls in place there is plenty of power to spare!

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Figure 32

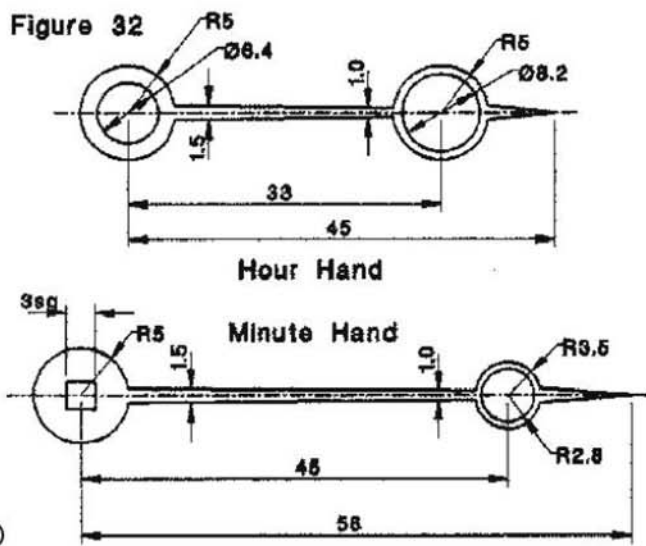
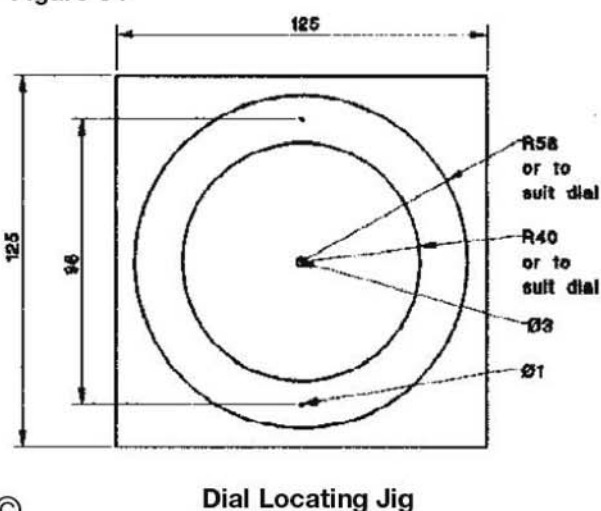


Figure 34





## Neville Evans

discusses a few more facts about the prototype locomotive before commencing work on his new design with a description of the frames and buffer plates.

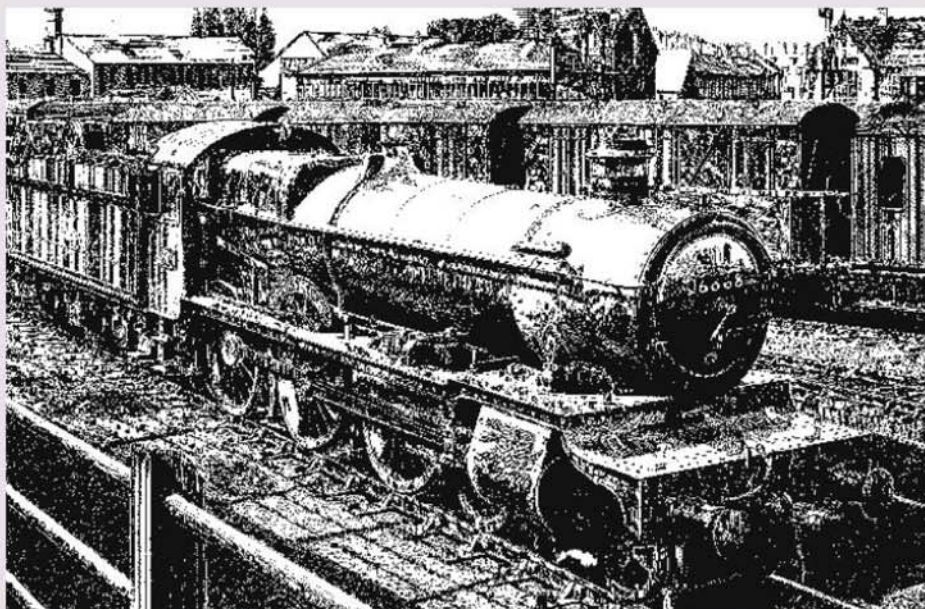
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The frames of the Great Western outside cylinder locomotives were unique in British practice. Churchward used bar frames which extended from behind the cylinders up to the buffer beams and plate frames from the rear of the cylinders to the rear drag beam. This rather strange arrangement evolved from American practice, in which the bar frames continued the length of the locomotive. The Americans, however, mostly used Wootton type fireboxes for their larger engines. Owing to the greater height of the generous American loading gauge, these wide fireboxes could sit on top of the bar frames. Churchward wanted to use narrow fireboxes set between the frames and therefore was obliged to use plate frames at the rear of his locomotives in order to fit in the maximum width of box.

In America, it was not unusual for the two cylinders and the smokebox saddle to be made as a one-piece casting which, of course, contained all the live steam passages as well as the exhaust ports. Churchward was much taken with this arrangement but found that he was unable to make a one-piece casting. Because he wanted to cast his cylinders integral with the smokebox saddle, he had to be content to have them cast in two halves. To save the expense of unnecessary pattern making, the two halves were similar, which meant that when bolted back to back, the cylinder bores obviously had to be parallel to the centre line of the locomotive. This had nothing to do with any prejudice against inclined cylinders which he used on most, if not all of his inside cylinder locomotives, it was just simple economics and common sense.

The other locomotive that was built with the No. 1 boiler was No. 97, the prototype of the 2800 class, which was the standard heavy freight engine with 4ft. 7in. coupled wheels. This locomotive used the same cylinder castings as the 2900s, and to avoid fouling station platforms, the cylinder centres had to be lifted by 2 1/2 in. above the centre line of the wheels. As the 2900s used the same cylinders, they were also given the 2 1/2 in. offset. Normal practice with separate cylinders would be to incline them, but Churchward was unable to do this for the reasons given. At the time, I think Churchward was being criticised by some members of the Great Western board for making such elaborate, expensive locomotives, and therefore any slight economy would have been worthwhile.

The 'Courts', which were the last of the 2900s, were turned out with the cylinders dropped 2 1/2 in. so that their centre line coincided with the centre line of the coupled wheel sets. Presumably the Great Man felt that his position was now strong enough to lash out on a new pattern, having proved that the 'Saints' were by far the best engines in Britain.



# PENRHOS GRANGE

## Frames

I have shown three drawings of the frames in side view. The complexity of the design means that it would be too difficult to get all the detail in even two views. The plan view will follow in the next, gripping episode. When I first looked at the General Arrangement drawing of the 'Grange', I was immediately struck by the differences between these frames and those of the 'Manors'. As I said in the previous article, the 'Grange' has much greater depth over the coupled wheels to give greater rigidity and strength in this area. The frames are also, of course, longer at the rear end to accommodate the larger firebox of the No. 1 boiler. I do not think that scale bar frames and prototypical cylinders and saddle are justified in a 5in. gauge model, although Trevor Shortland's 6100 2-6-2 tanker does incorporate all these features. The huge expense of pattern work and that of the intricate cylinder casting necessarily precludes this approach to the model and I'm sure that the average modeller would prefer a locomotive that doesn't cost the earth and which can be built over a reasonable time span.

Starting at the sharp end then, I have made the buffer plate, or should we call it the buffer beam, I'm never quite sure, closer to scale thickness and have incorporated a brass rectangle as a front stay and support for the beam. The outside portion is braced by two 1/16 in. plate stays, and the whole set-up should be quite rigid as well as closer to prototype in outward appearance.

Most of the rivet detail on the buffer beam has to be dummy, the snap head rivets being recessed into the rear of the plate. The plate is fastened to the brass stay by means of 6BA countersunk screws. You can either Linish off the slots, or fill the slots with one of the many proprietary fillers after assembly. The buffer plate and the stay can then be left as a finished assembly. Incidentally, on the full size 'Manor', the largest rivet heads on the buffer beam are 1 1/2 in. diameter which is 0.132 in. to scale. As the head sizes of small rivets seem to vary quite a lot, I suggest you measure some up and choose the most appropriate shank diameter. The buffers and draw hooks are as detailed by Martin Evans for *Torquay Manor*.

Note that although the later batch of 'Manors' was built with the parallel shanked buffers which had eight bolts, four large to hold them onto the beam and four small, to tension the buffing spring, the early 'Manors' and the 'Granges' used the older type with only four bolts. Later in their tragically shortish lives most of the 'Granges' sported the parallel buffers as can be seen in many of the later photographs.

## Frame doublers

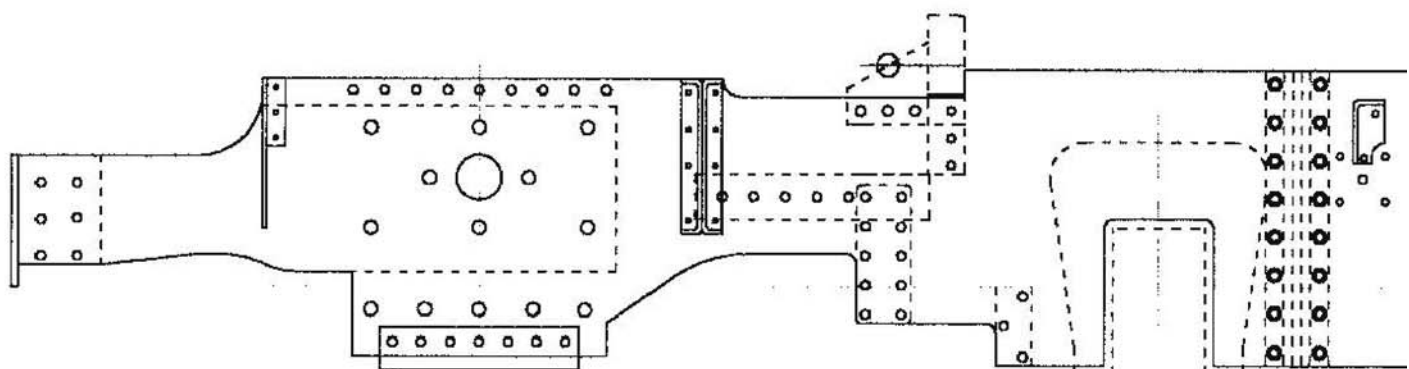
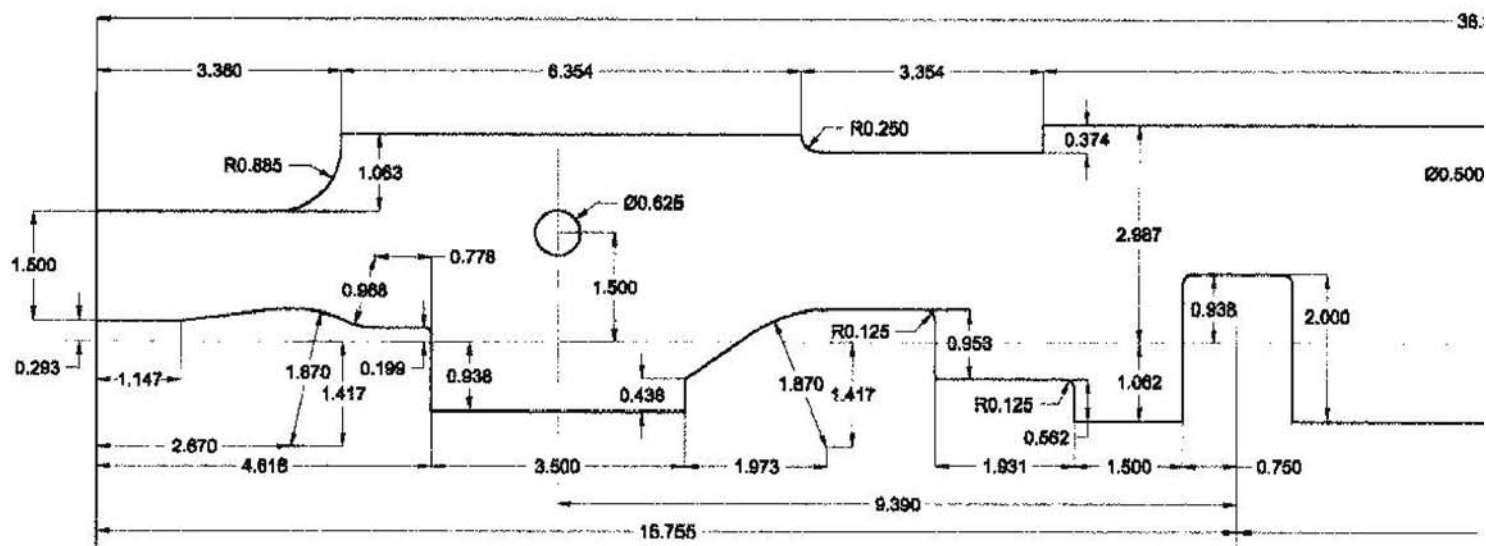
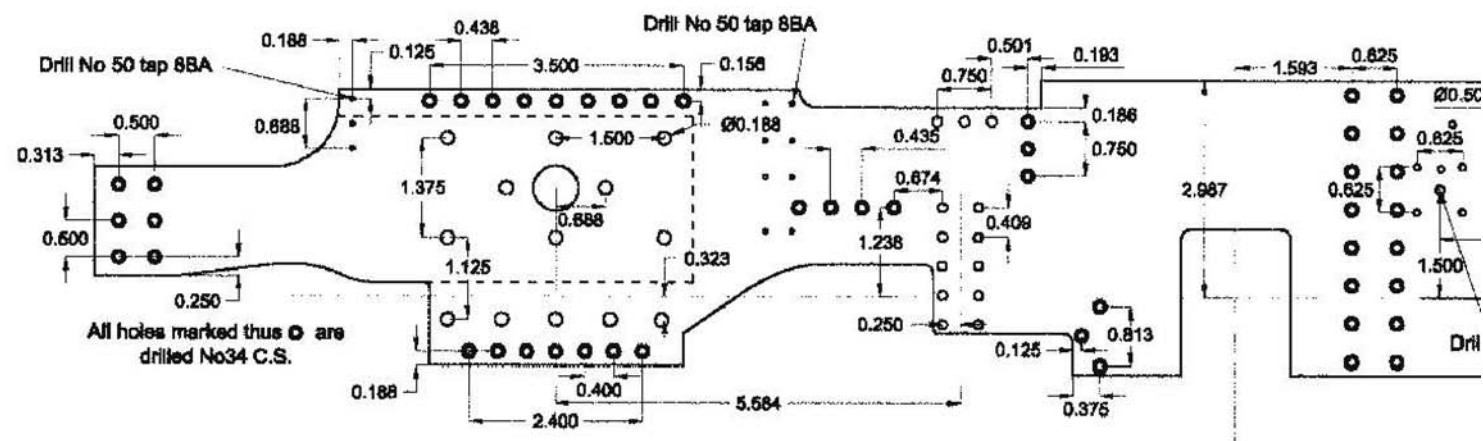
There are 1/8 in. or 3mm doublers stretching from the buffer plate to the rear of the cylinders. They have the effect of stiffening the rather shallow front end, and giving a base for the distinctive GWR smokebox saddle. The doublers are fastened by a line of 1/16 in. rivets about 1 in. apart and 1/8 in. from the outside edge of the plate. The bogie and bogie stay are as described for *Torquay Manor*. I shall be detailing the rest of the stays because of the greater depth of the frame and the fact that the cross member to the rear of the driving axle is vertical in the 'Grange', as opposed to the angled stay on the 'Manor', which, of course, is necessary because of the sloping firebox tubeplate of the 'Manor'.

The horizontal stay has unequally placed bolt holes because the two rear holes are also used to locate the motion bracket. Once the position of the motion bracket has been fixed, then the holes can be spotted, drilled through and tapped. The frames are from 3mm CR4 steel. If you use 1/8 in. plate (assuming you can get it) then remember to reduce the total width of all the various stays by 0.012 in. The front block will of course have to be thinner by 0.024 in. due to the doubler plates. Laser cut frames will be available from Practical Scale at reasonable cost. One of the great advantages of laser cut frames, which actually are not much more expensive than the cost of the steel plate, is that any worries about warping after cutting disappear.

The drag box is cut from solid brass. This adds a great deal of useful weight where it's most needed, as well as giving the back end a really secure fixing platform. The rear plate is as close to scale as I can get it, including the two rubbing plates for the tender buffers. The holes which appear behind the coupled wheels are for the brake hanger pins. ▶

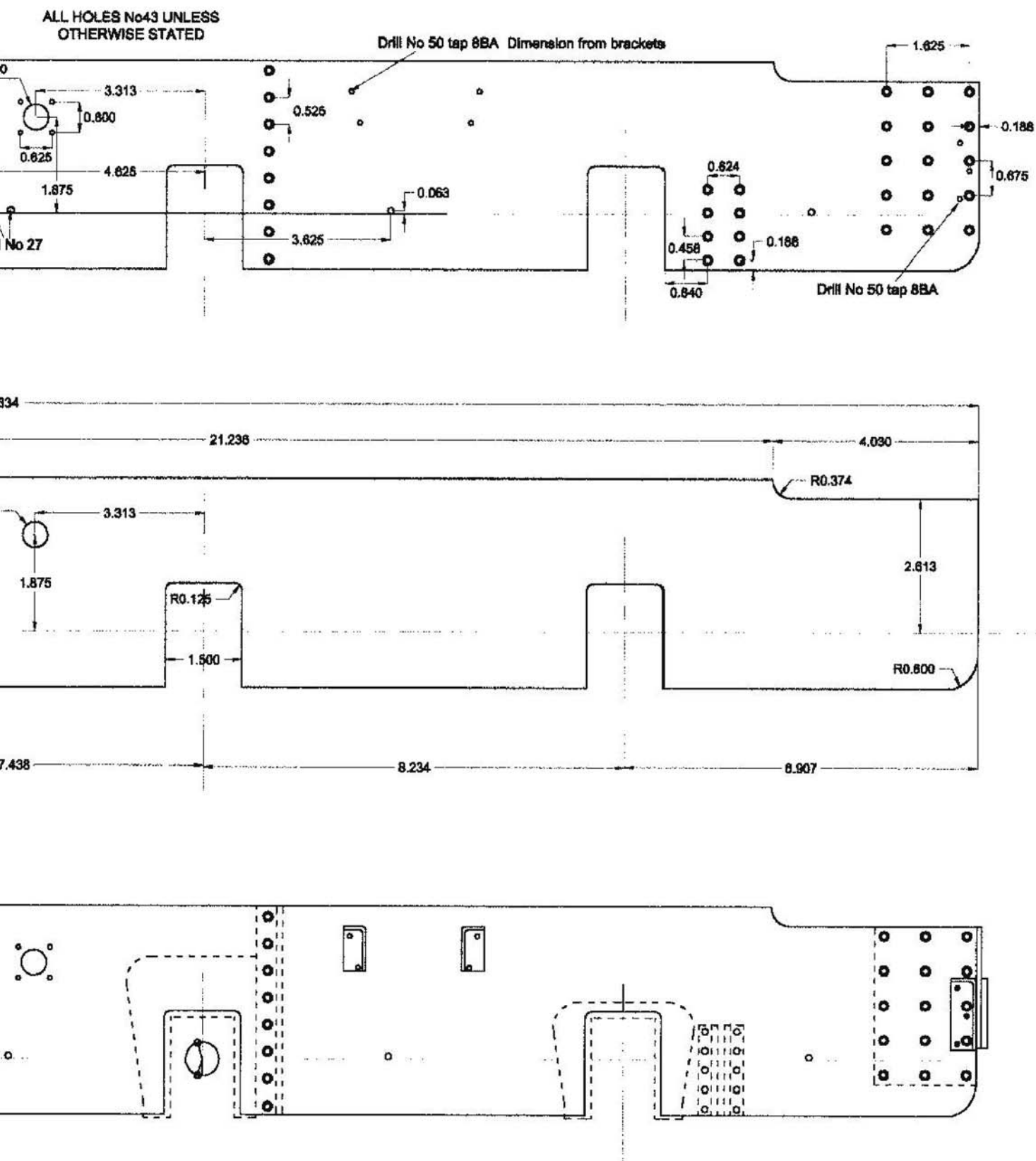


# GWR 68xx No. 6868 *PENRHOS GRANGE*



*PENRHOS GRANGE* MAIN FRAMES: 3mm or 1/8in. bright mild steel.





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I suggest that you consider Doug Hewson's lovely lost wax castings for these complex hangers, which can be stuck on and the bolting holes can be drilled through at a later date.

These frames have been designed to use the *Torquay Manor* piston valve cylinders as detailed in *M.E.* 3450 (6 October 1972). I must say that I like this design very much, the only snag that I can foresee is that the height of the valve chest above the piston rod centre line is set at 1.812in. whereas the scale dimension is 1.737in., as the distance between the cylinder bore and the valve bore on the 'Grange' and the 'Manor' is 1ft. 7<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>in. The 'Saints', 'Halls' and 'Counties' have 1ft. 5<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>in. between the bores, which of course scales out at 1.560in. at 1.063in.:1ft. for 5in. gauge. While I'm pretty sure that the offending 0.075in. can be lost in the cylinder casting to achieve scale dimensions in the 'Grange', I don't think that we can lose over <sup>3</sup>/<sub>16</sub>in. so that these cylinders can be used for the 'Halls', etc., I am therefore offering a design for built-up cylinders which will fit the bill for both these locomotives and the 'Granges', as it will be easy to just alter the cylinder end plate dimensions to suit. The valve gear can be left as per *Torquay Manor* which has given excellent results in the past, or the eccentrics altered to my roller bearing design.

The other item that should be included with the frame drawing is the main hornblock arrangement. I can do no better than to ask you to follow the *Torquay Manor* drawings and to use either the standard hornblock which I shall detail in the next article, or to use Martin Evans' excellent design which shows separate horncheeks and leaf springs.

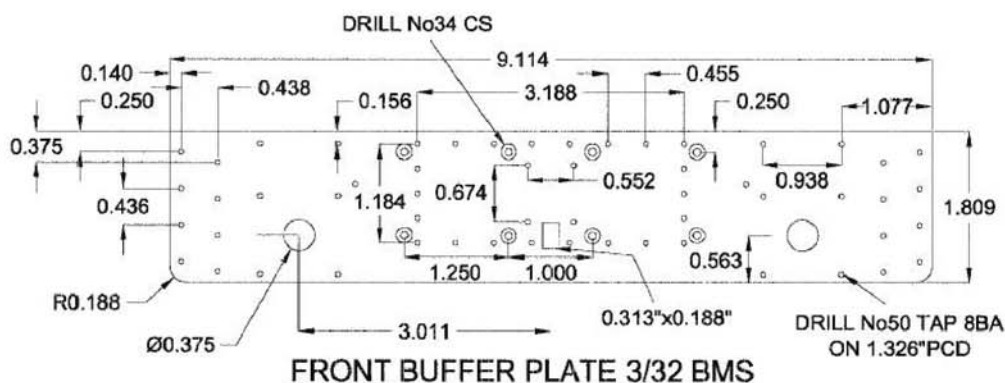
The photograph which accompanies this article was taken by Simon on the occasion of the first

outing of the Hughes 5F 2-6-0 generally known as the 'Crab' for obvious reasons. This superb model was built by Robin Young of the West Wiltshire Model Engineering Society. As Chris Rayward said to me the other day "There may not be so many locomotives being built these days, but the overall quality is rising all the time."

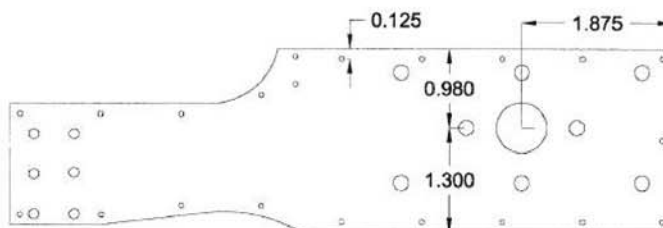
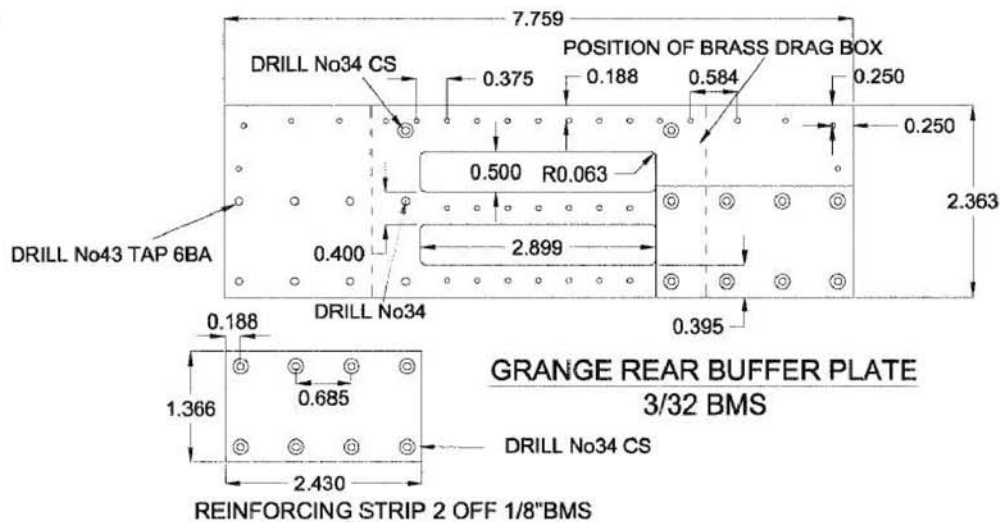
### **Torquay Manor**

Drawings (15 sheets, code LO940) for *Torquay Manor* by Martin Evans are available from Highbury Nexus Plans Service (call: 01322-660070). *Torquay Manor* was described in consecutive issues *M.E.* 3440, 5 May 1972 (Vol. 138) to *M.E.* 3475, 19 October 1973 (Vol. 139).

●To be continued.



Drill all rivet holes 1/16". The outer 8 holes use 0.132" rivet heads. All other rivet reads are 0.110"



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# SAVAGE'S *LITTLE SAMSON* in 3in, 4in. (and other) Scales

## Martin Wallis

deals with the connecting rod.

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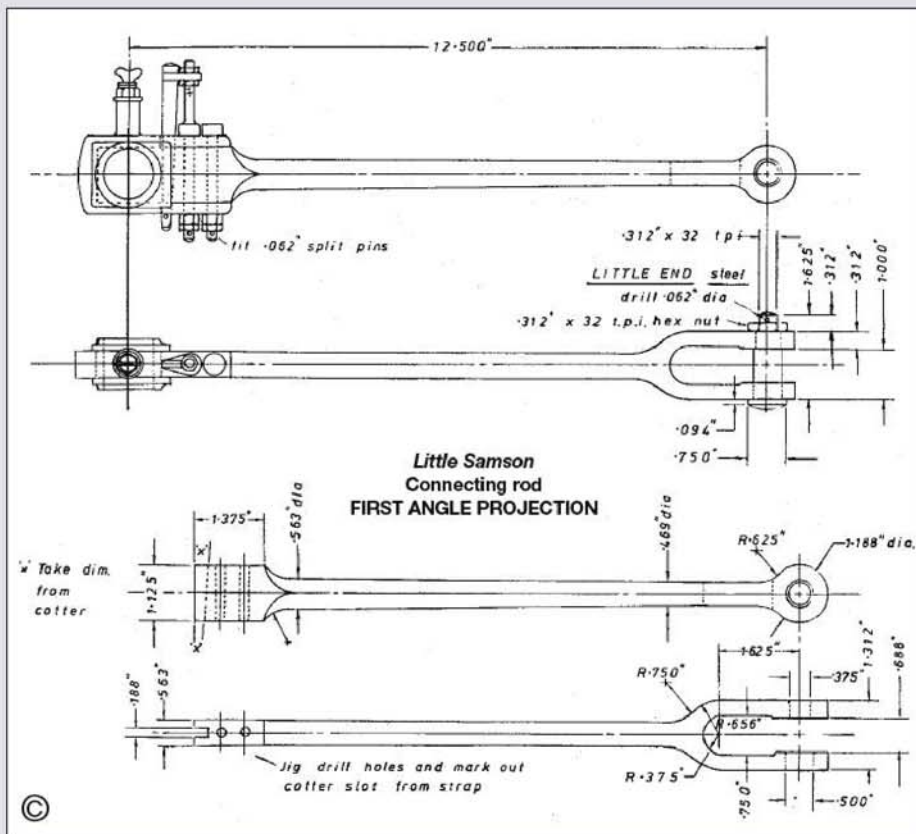
**T**his time we start in earnest on the motion work, or top works as some folk prefer.

**L** When working hard, for example on a heavy haulage demonstration, the motion is doing the job for which it is designed: producing horsepower. For me an engine's motion is at its best on a warm summer's evening, after a day which has been busy enough to keep the rally organisers happy, just ticking over quite effortlessly, without a sound of any sort.

The model drawings state mild steel as the material for the connecting rod. A minority of builders may prefer to use stainless steel or subsequent electro-plating to keep the rods bright, but it is important that all parts, including the nuts, bolts and other fixings are in the same material or finish. If not, the shine on the plate will simply accentuate the tarnish on the nuts and fixings. If stainless steel is chosen, remember that stainless comes in many grades, some of which don't machine very easily, and some which are not particularly 'stainless'! Years ago I was advised to make the motion on my 1 1/2in. Allchin from stainless steel on the grounds that such small motion work is the very devil to keep clean. This I did, and was very pleased with the result, but did find some of the stainless (odd bits from other peoples' scrap boxes) was very hard going in every meaning of the word.

## Making a start

Making the connecting rod requires an organised and sequential series of operations. First a suitable piece of bar or rod needs to be selected. This is mounted either between centres or between a chuck and a centre. The bulk of the material is then removed from the middle section. The majority of the metal removal may be achieved by parallel turning using power feeds. However, the final few cuts need to be at a taper. Readers fortunate enough to have a taper turning attachment



may continue to use power feeds but others will be using the topslide, which is really no great hardship. It is unlikely that the topslide will have enough travel, so two passes will be necessary. Great care should be taken to blend the two cuts into each other. An alternative would be to set the tailstock over, but my advice is that if the lathe is turning parallel, leave well alone.

A milling machine is then used to put the flats on each end, one for the big end strap and the

other to be split to form the sides or 'forks' which fit around the crosshead. Two different methods of machining away the material between the forks are shown in **photos 6 and 9**.

## Buttons

The radius on the little end forks may either be filed or machined. If filed, 'buttons' may be made. These are discs of metal, rather like large washers, which are held against the work with a



A 3in. scale connecting rod from stock large enough for both the big end and forked little end. Visible behind the cross-slide, a taper turning attachment set to the required angle is in use. With its feed screw removed, the cross-slide can follow the taper turning attachment setting. (Photo: S. Nipper)



David Hall is using the top slide to machine the connecting rod on his 3in. Little Samson. The rectangular bar from which it is being cut will not accommodate the forked little end which will be made and silver-soldered in place later. (Photo: B. Camps)





**3** John Freeborn machined his 4in. connecting rod from large rectangular stock. EN1A steel is much more difficult to get in rectangular bar form and the intermittent cut must have been unpleasant. (Photo: P. Kybert)



**4** Once roughed out, the connecting rod was then mounted in a dividing head, or as here a rotary table 'on edge' to machine the flat surfaces. A Myford fixed steady proved just the thing to serve as a tailstock. (Photo: S. Nipper)

bolt or other fixing through the little end. Engineering texts seem to prefer the buttons to be hardened, filing continuing until contact is made. In my younger days a file was a week or two's pocket money and the idea of running my precious files against a known hard surface did not appeal. My buttons were therefore left soft and as such were considered disposable. Photograph 11 shows two buttons, one each side of the fork, ready to file the radius. An excellent finish may be achieved with buttons, a final polish completing the job to perfection.

If you choose to machine the little end radius, the forks should be located on the axis of a rotary table using a fitted pin to locate it, and the rod is then clamped firmly using the usual studs and nuts from a clamping set. The alternative is to mount the little end on a post and to rotate it very carefully by hand. This method was adopted by John Freeborn for his 4in. *Little Samson* and is illustrated in photo 8. Should a builder be considering this set up I must emphasize that

should the cutter grab the work the results could be disastrous. The feed, i.e. pulling the rod around the post, must not be 'climb' milling. Climb milling is where the cutting action is trying to pull the work into the cutter and not pushing it away, as is usually the case. In John's own words "This was a dangerous operation and really the rod should have been mounted on and rotated by a rotary table." Very light cuts are essential. Builders who own a disc abrasive machine are sure to prefer to clamp a plate with a suitable locating pin onto the table and round off the rod end by this means which is safe and effective.

To complete the little end, the two different sized holes need to be drilled and reamed for the little end pin. By rights, the little end pin should be made from silver-steel and hardened and tempered. However, if left soft it will certainly still give many years service before a replacement might need to be considered.

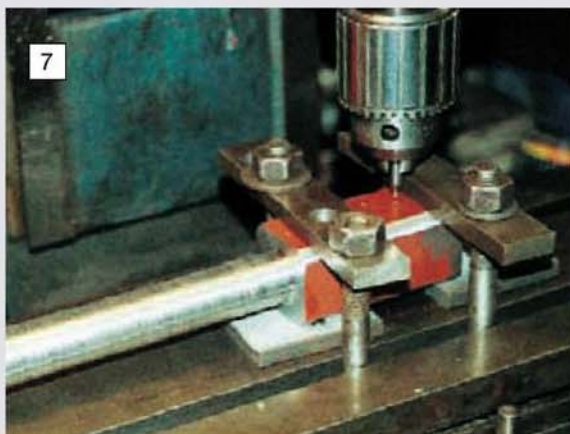
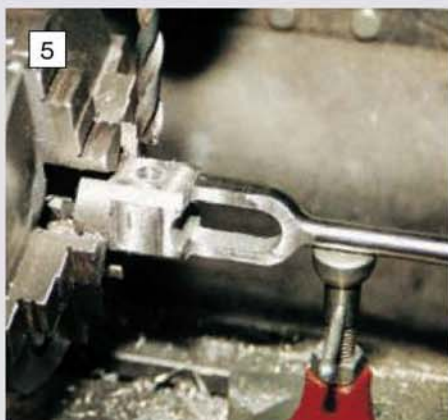
The rod is completed by machining the slot for the cotter (photo 14) and drilling the holes for the fixings which hold the strap. However, the slot is probably best made to fit the cotter and the holes certainly should be jig drilled from the strap, so we will need to leave the finishing of this piece for the moment.

### Strap mystery

The fly in the ointment with the connecting rod assembly on *Little Samson* is the big end strap. The

*Left: the little end is drilled in the dividing head using the same set up as when the sides were milled thus ensuring that the hole is exactly at 90deg. to the surfaces. (Photo: S. Nipper)*

*Right: the material between the little end forks was removed with the rod clamped firmly to the machine table. (Photo: S. Nipper)*

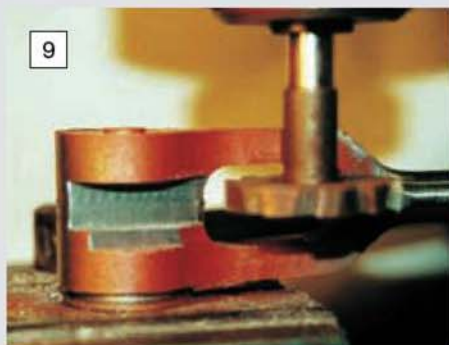


**7** Left: a similar set up to photo 6 except in 4in. scale. (Photo: P. Kybert)

*Right: this operation must be attempted with the greatest caution. John is wearing heavy gloves to protect his hands which must be kept well clear at all times. Climb milling must be avoided at all costs and eye protection worn in case the cutter picks up and shatters. (Photo: P. Kybert)*

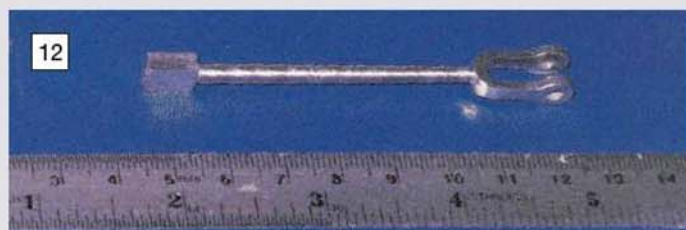
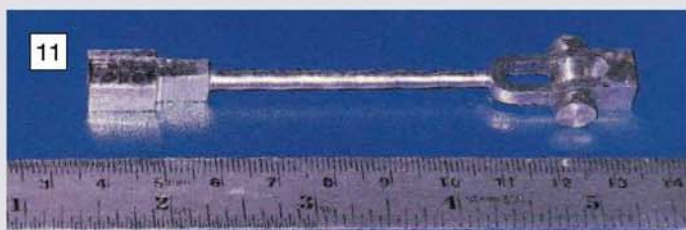






Above: John's connecting rod is now ready for the attachment of the big end strap and bearings. In 4in. scale it is a substantial piece of metal. (Photos 9 & 10: P. Kybert)

Left: a Woodruff or T-slot cutter can be used to remove the material between the little end forks.



In contrast, Jonathan Milne-Fowler's 1in. scale connecting rod is only 3in. long. Both ends have substantial chucking spigots still attached. Note the filing buttons either side of the little end.

The same 1in. scale connecting rod with the chucking spigots removed. (Photos 11 & 12: J. Milne Fowler)

My preference would be to cut the strap from the solid. If, as is popular, the oiler is an add-on piece, it could alternatively be made by pulling a piece of strip around a former. The material would need to be considerably thicker in section to give a machining allowance after bending as the corners are sure to 'neck' or thin down when pulled around the former, removing metal from exactly the place where it is most needed. The bends need to be as tight as can be achieved so the bending process is best carried out at red heat.

If you choose to cut the strap from the solid, beware of bright mild steel which contains all sorts of cold working stresses. These will be released as machining proceeds. The best advice is to normalise the material before machining it by heating to red heat, keeping it hot for a couple of minutes to 'soak' through, and then letting it cool down in the hearth away from any draughts. By this means, the stresses will be released and the crystalline microstructure refined to ensure that the steel is at its toughest for the work and provides the best possible machined finish.

Alternatively, rough out the strap first, leaving it a little oversize all over, and then take small finishing cuts to bring it to size.

### Big end bearing

The big end is taken from a piece of bronze or gun-metal bar. A pattern for a casting for the big end was not prepared since a piece of bar was considered a much cheaper option. However, a re-evaluation might be sensible as, apparently, some of the *Little Samson* castings are cheaper than bar material! Builders, quite correctly, look at the price of a casting and wonder if cutting the item from a piece of bar is cheaper. A builder recently checked the price of the back axle driving centre (basically a round lump of cast iron) against purchasing a length of cast bar. I understand that the casting was considerably cheaper and was quite surprised.

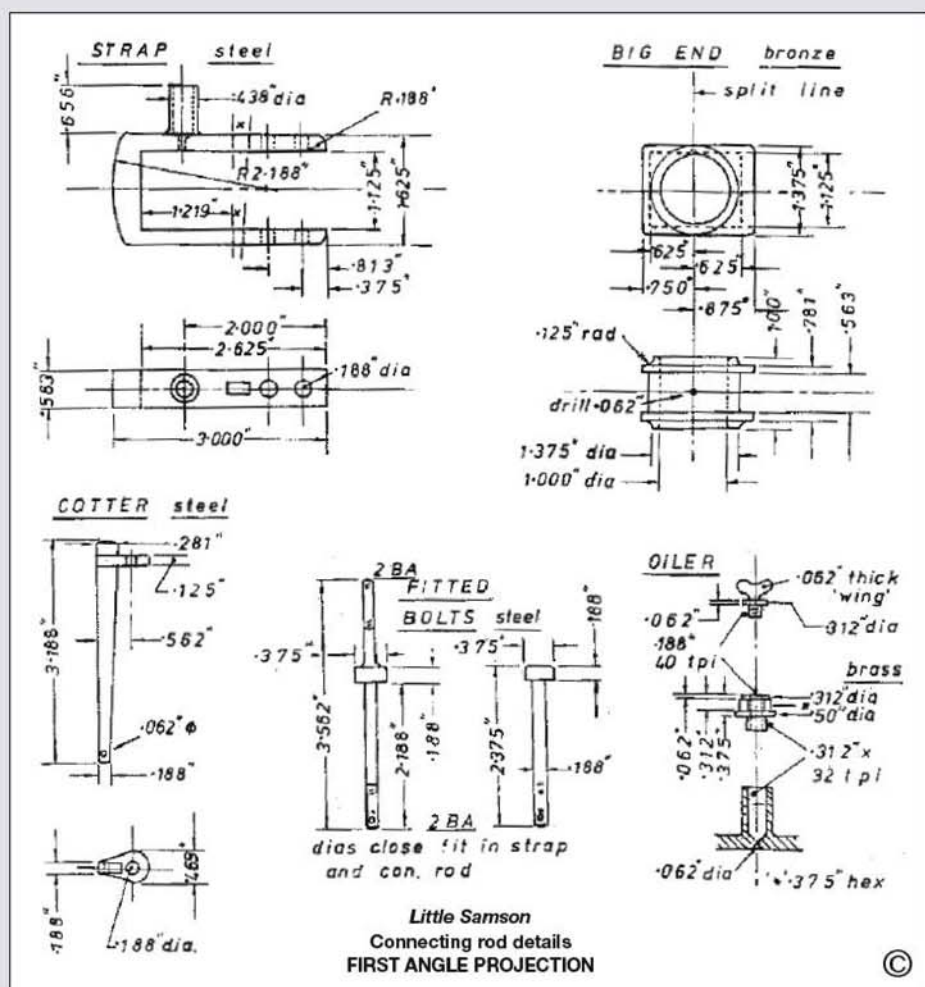
The big end halves should be roughed out all over to ensure all the faces are truly at 90deg. to each other and the two halves then re-assembled by soft-soldering. I simply stack the pieces up with a little electricians' resin cored soft-solder wire between them and gently warm them until the solder melts and the two drop together. The now-united block is then machined accurately all over. The strap is used as a gauge for the slots;

the bearings should just slide in with neither tightness or slack. The big end hole is then drilled and reamed; this is probably best done in the strap as otherwise the bearing may need to be chucked on the quite fragile bearing flanges. The bore in the brasses (bronzes?) will need to be radiused at each end to conform to the radii on the big end journal. A stub mandrel is therefore turned so the bearing just wrings on; one side is then relieved and the bearing is then turned around for the other.

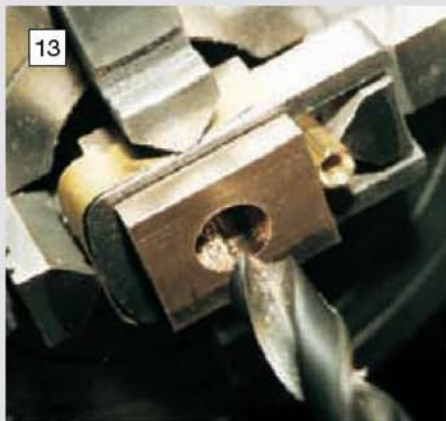
A minimum of heat is used to separate the two halves. Simply hold the bearing on a piece of rod in a gentle flame and wait until they fall apart. A rub on a 'Scotchbright' pad will soon restore their lustre.

### Careful drilling

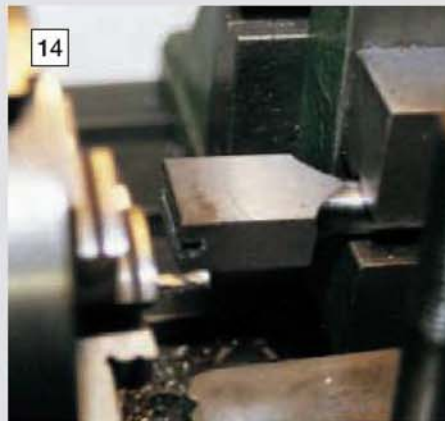
The big end may then be slipped into the strap and the strap in turn slid over the connecting rod. The holes for the pins may then be drilled. Take great care to ensure that the axes of the big and little ends are truly parallel. This condition may be checked







**13**  
Stan's drilled big end was bored and reamed to size. The two bearing halves were split and re-assembled by soft-soldering. The bearing is held in the strap for easier chucking. (Photo: S. Nipper)



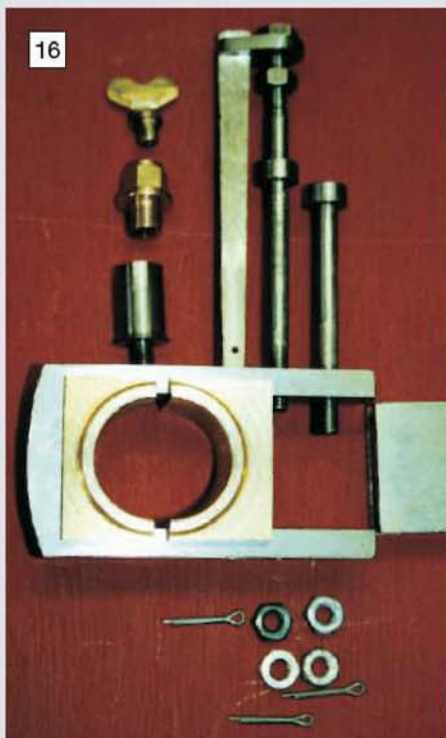
**14**  
It's good to see a vertical slide in use for milling. All my milling was done this way for many years. The cotter slot is being cut in the end of the rod which has been set to suit the angle of the cotter. (Photo: P. Kybert)



**15**  
A view of John's connecting rod and crosshead. Note that the little end bearing is simply a circular bush which is considerably easier to make and quick to replace if needs be. The little end pin is stepped to prevent the forks being pulled together when the retaining nut is tightened. (Photo: P. Kybert)

by fitting a reasonable length of silver-steel or ground bar through the big and little end journals and carefully checking the distances between their ends and that they reveal no wind (twist).

The pins should be carefully turned to a snug fit in their holes. A good fit is needed to ensure correct alignment.



**16**  
Big end components. The wing shape on the oiler cap is exactly as draughted by WPW. (Photo: P. Kybert)

## Cotter

The last remaining item to make is the cotter, which closes the big end bearing around the journal. Should wear take place a tiny amount of material may be removed from the mating faces of the bearing halves, or packing removed, so the bearing may be closed around the journal.

The taper on the cotter is not important but it should certainly match the taper in the strap and rod assembly. It is a bit of a 'chicken and egg' situation; either make the cotter first and then make the slot in the rod and strap to fit it, or the other way around. Readers will note the cotter butts directly against the bearing brass. It is usual to insert a steel packing piece between the two to spread the load on the bearing but none was detailed by WPW.

With space at a premium, it seems wise not to add such a packing piece but builders are of course welcome to do so should they wish.

## A rather a delicate item

Recently published pictures of the 12in.:1ft. scale *Little Samson* has generated some interest, so to contrast them with some dimensions from its 1in.:1ft. scale baby sister in Australia seems entirely appropriate. In Jonathan Milne-Fowler's own words, the 1in.:1ft. scale connecting rod is "rather a delicate item to machine."

Many, if not all of the dimensions are exceedingly small. For example, there is only 0.010in. of bronze bearing material where the split brasses meet. Not wishing to make the bolts for the big end strap smaller than 10BA, the thickness of the big end was increased by 0.015in. making it 0.150in., a fraction over-scale. To machine such a slender rod, chucking blocks were left on each end (photo 11). The rod was initially turned parallel at 0.140in. dia. and the tailstock then set over by 0.020in. for the taper turning.

The scale diameter of the taper at the small end is just 0.112 inch. Every care and minute cuts were needed when turning such relatively long lengths at such a small diameter. The rod was then transferred to the milling machine for further operations following exactly the same routines as for its larger sisters. The oiler was made a little over-scale with a wing screw top threaded just 8BA to make room for a more useful quantity of oil.

## Misadventures

The subject of connecting rods brings to mind a full-size *Road Steam* misadventure. After the public had departed, a certain three-speed road locomotive left a rally field in the early evening for a run to the local pub. Little to report there, but later on the engine returned in the tow of a large recovery vehicle — vintage of course.

As ever when something has gone amiss plenty of folk were watching, giving advice and generally getting in the way.

The following day, the Monday after the rally, all was quiet and I was raising steam for my own journey home. While waiting, I went across to ask the owners, who were working on their engine, what had happened. It seems that at some stage in the engine's history the fitted bolts that hold the big end strap to the rod had been replaced by ordinary mild steel studding. The studding had eventually given up and the big end had simply come to bits. Fortunately, the connecting rod had dropped clear of the rotating crankshaft, but the strap and bearing assembly, still on the crankshaft, hit the boiler crown leaving quite a mark and the strap was bent almost beyond recognition. The owners had arranged for a new strap to be wire-cut from plate overnight and were in the process of fitting it. Proper fitted bolts were, no doubt, used!

In the case just related the engine was brought to rest all too abruptly. Much more worrying is the other scenario where an engine runs away. I am only aware of two such incidents in recent times, but I guess there must be more. The first was the result of simple ignorance — taking an engine out of gear on a hill without properly scotching the wheel(s).

The second happened to an experienced engine driver, and is certainly no reflection of his engine handling abilities. The engine's HP slide valve buckle had become seriously worn and had been repaired by a silver-solder fabrication. This had come apart and, in consequence, the slide valve ceased to be properly connected to the valve gear. Not only would the engine not run in this condition but also, since an engine's primary braking is through the motion, the braking was lost as well. The engine ran down a hill, which fortunately was not too steep, but the steersman was unable to manoeuvre quickly enough at the bottom to make a turn before the engine decelerated on a subsequent uphill section.

The engine ended up in an unfortunate lady's front garden, but happily no one was injured. An insurance payout replaced her front hedge but did nothing to restore the crews' nerves.

●To be continued.



**Keith Wilson**

describes the operation and construction of an effective ejector for his locomotive.

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(M.E. 4178, 20 September 2002)

This item spreads itself along the right-hand side of the boiler just behind the handrail. In fact the exhaust pipe up to the chimnuck is located by three special brackets that also support said handrails. It is made up from the 3-section ejector 'input' section plus the cone section, leading into the long coned part and in turn to the exhaust pipe. This leads right forward to the 'elbow' fitting that turns the air/steam mixture into the smokebox, thence up the chimnuck.

This system works well (or Swindon wouldn't have used it) and occasionally too well in some respects, for with an isolated engine (one by itself) it emits noises of a snorting, rasping nature, to the great delight of children of all ages as it is distinctly vulgar. This entrancing phenomenon is known to GWR men as 'cracking the vacuum', but since by definition a vacuum is nothing it is not over-easy to understand whence this name originated, although it is a bit nicer than using the obvious word which rhymes with 'carting'. In full size practice, the device can pull a vacuum of 25 inches.

Vacuum is normally measured in inches. Sounds daft. But it means that if you fill a tube sealed at one end with mercury then up-end it with the open end below the mercurial surface, the mercury will run out of the tube until the resulting column is almost exactly 30in. high, corresponding to an atmospheric pressure of 14.7 pounds per squinch. Note for ease of calculation that this means that 1in. mercury (or just 1in.) means about 1/2 pound per squinch pressure. (Squinch = my shorthand term for square inch.) Thus 25in. means that the mercurial level at this pressure would be (30 - 25) inches high, an 'absolute' pressure of some 12 1/2

pounds per squinch. This may not seem much, but with a full-size brake cylinder 30in. diameter it amounts to 8835lbf. (pounds force) a little short of 4 tons force. Enough.

In our sizes and boiler pressures, 22in. seems about the limit, but even as low as 10in. provides all the force we need. In fact with a 'scale' 30in. cylinder we have a force of 55lbf., which is more than enough to give you a nasty pinch if you get fingers in the wrong place. Now we all know about old 'square cube' (I trust) and in this case he is working on our side, for locomotive weights in 7 1/4in. gauge are something like 1/316 of full-size weights. (Cube of scale factor: 7.8 plus about 30-50% to allow for overscale thickness of plates, etc.) In other words, weight (or mass) goes down as the cube of the scale factor, but with the same degree of vacuum, the force reduces as the square of the scale factor.

To further illustrate this, about 5 years ago my eldest son was trying out one of my 7 1/4in. Kings. Running on Fred Beacham's splendid track near Grandborough, he was 'doing the knots' when the vacuum pipe 'twixt engine and tender came adrift. Driving wheels and tender wheels instantly locked and the finishing distance 'twixt his nose and the chimnuck was not great.

I expect a casting will be available for this lot, but I have had little difficulty in building it up piecemeal.

At the extreme left is a non-return valve. This is a tricky one, not to make, but to be vacuum-tight. I use this term in preference to air-tight because of the low pressures involved. If you make this valve with an O-ring seat it will be better, but the O-ring must be captive, i.e. prevented from rising, otherwise, the ball will not lift but ball and O-ring will rise as a unit, and be most reluctant to return. In practice, it is much easier to keep the ejector working all the time.

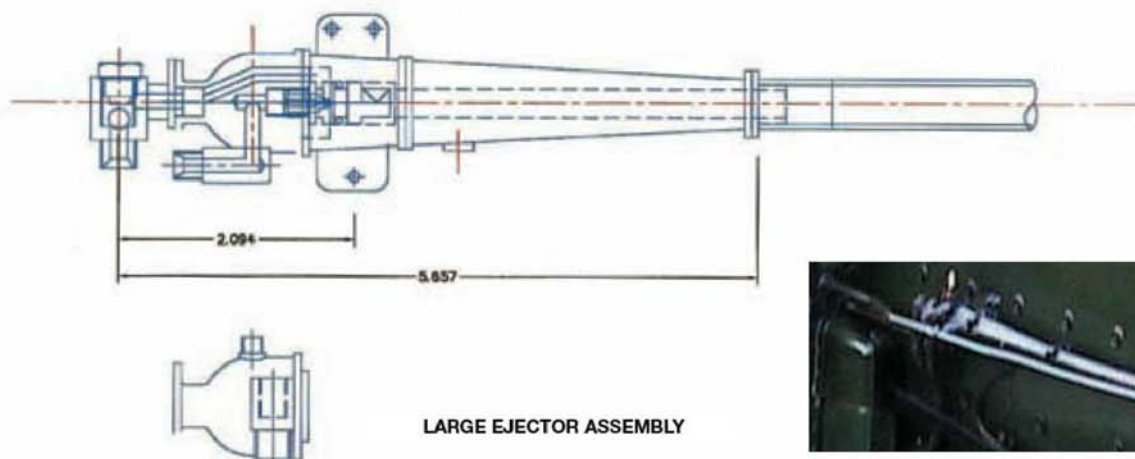
## SAINT CHRISTOPHER

### A GWR LOCOMOTIVE for 7 1/4in. gauge

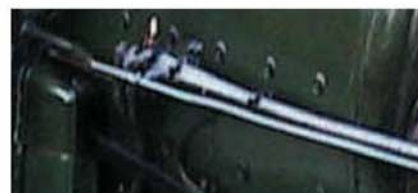
There are several reasons for this. The first is that a vacuum brake system (as you will soon discover for yourself) is a posh term for a series of leaks tied together with pipes. A pinhole in full size is annoying, but that same pinhole in our sizes will knock the vacuum for the proverbial six. Old square-cube in the case of leaks works against us. Don't concern yourself with steam consumption. The 1/32in. diameter hole in the steam cone won't even affect a 3 1/2in. gauge locomotive, let alone our Saint or 47. Further, the air inlet when brakes are applied (anchors thrown out?) is far greater than the ejector's exhausting powers.

This non-return valve (NRV) is bolted to the next section by a triangular flange. This is dead to scale and not as tricky to make as it may seem. Note carefully the location of the main steam-pipe into this portion. It is downwards at 45deg. towards the boiler although parallel to the main body. It is important to get the two sets of holes through this body part. They must be completely independent. In the case of the full-size beast, there are four sets of cones in this item. The main steam-pipe mentioned above feeds three of these, while the lesser steam pipe coming in at the top feeds the fourth one. Thus there are two systems, the 'small' ejector (the fourth one) and the three together (the 'large' ejector). However, those who decide that they will try to get this set-up inside the 'scale' outside profile will earn my respect ... and sympathy. I don't say it cannot be done, I do say it ain't gonna be done by me.

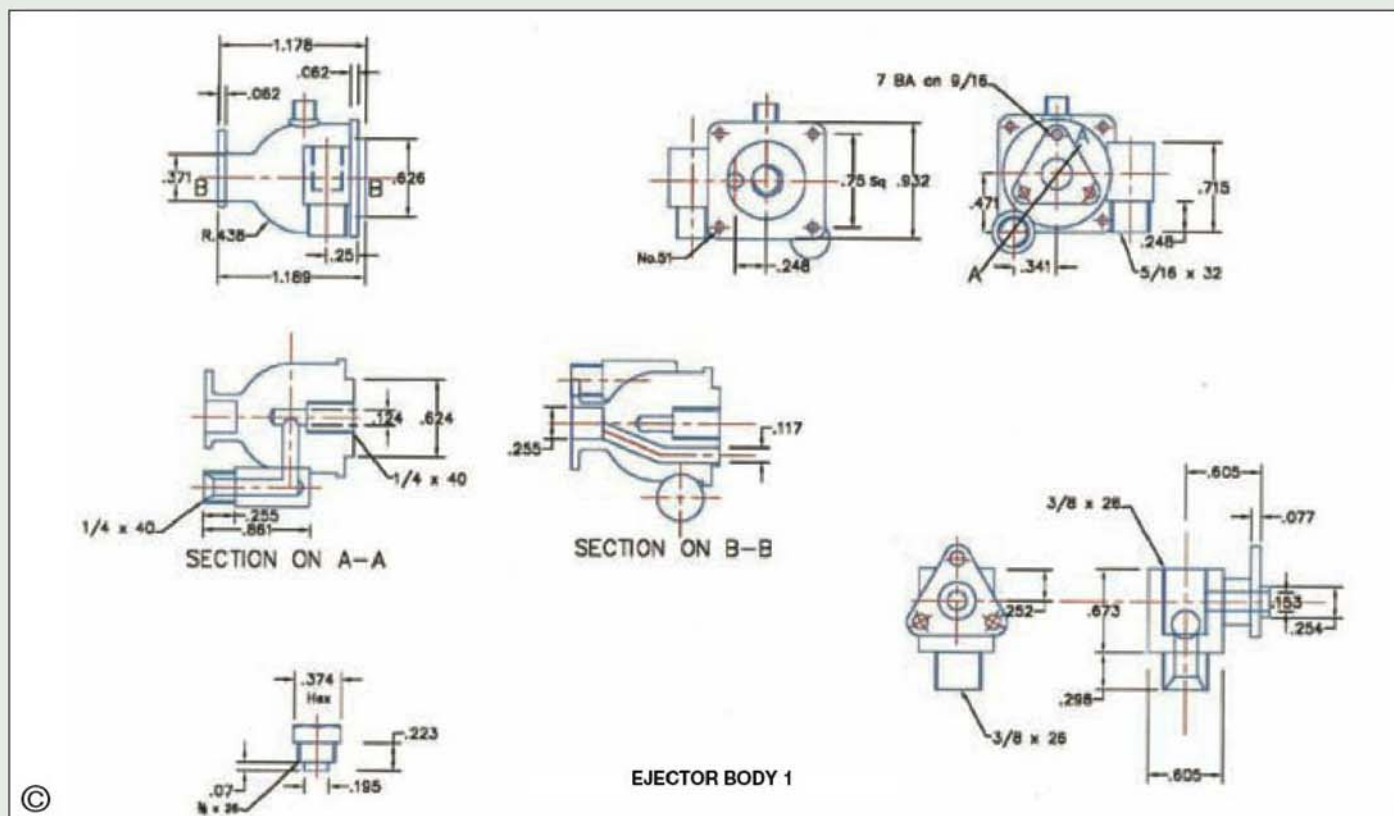
The small clack on the outside of this part takes vacuum from the small ejector to couple into the main train pipe well forward of the cab. I'm not sure exactly where this connection is, but probably about the same point as the air pump. The reason for this is to pull any moisture in the system well clear of the control valve in the cab for if said



LARGE EJECTOR ASSEMBLY







EJECTOR BODY 1

moisture should freeze up and block the train pipe then it would make application of brakes rather difficult! Actually, (belt and braces, as well as carry a bit of string) there is a valve on the tender that will let air into the train pipe, but it is not obvious, nor can I recall seeing it on the Swindon drawings.

The next section: body 2, is much simpler, for it can be made in one piece (as shewn) with a dummy joint. The outside is a fairly plain turning job as, in fact, is the inside. The dummy joint is easy, just avoid turning away the square section at this point, trimming it to size later. It is just possible to insert 10BA bolts through the little holes in the corners of this joint. Put the heads towards the larger diameter, it is then easy to do up the appropriate nuts. The joint between this and the first section must be absolutely tight, no ifs or buts here. The slightest trace of a leak will prevent a reasonable performance, usually completely.

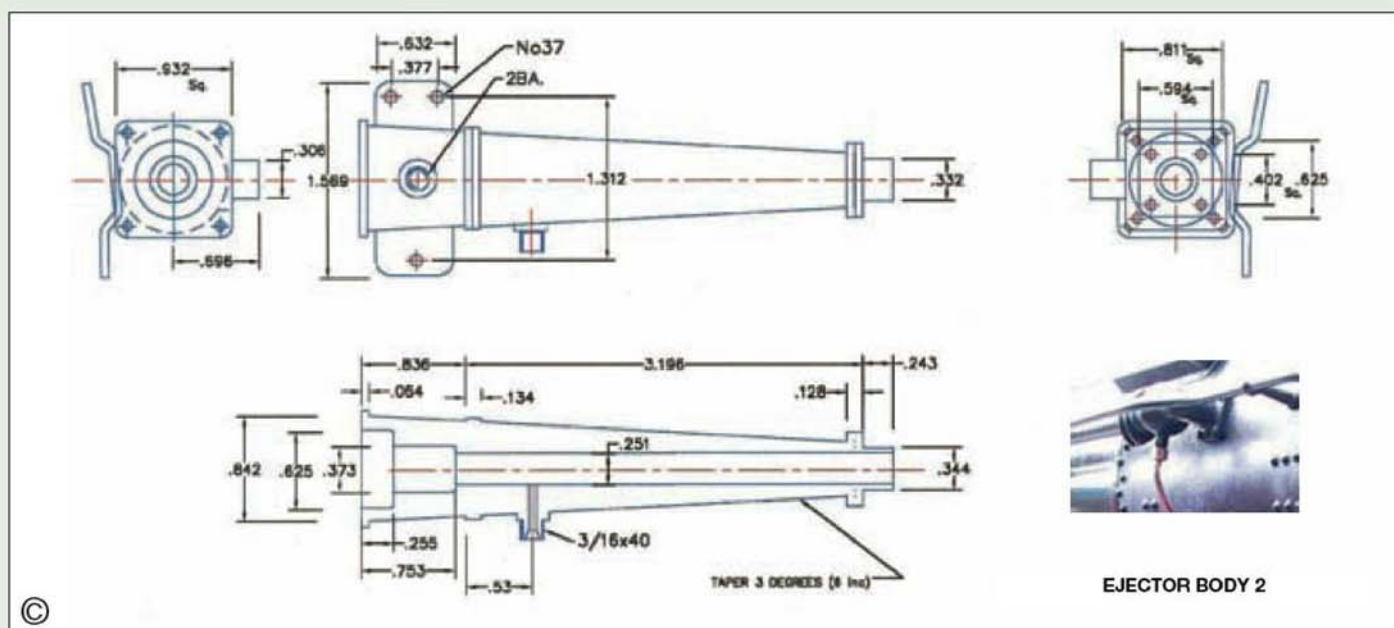
The little spigot or union hanging down about 1/2in. from this joint is a drain. It is fitted up with an open-ended 3/32in. pipe which tucks down to just below the footplate.

I have just spotted an intriguing error in my drawing, too late to correct because it's already gone to the printer. The extreme right-hand end has two sizes shewn, it should fit into the end of the 7/16in. diameter exhaust pipe. It can be silver-brazed or soft-soldered here, one less joint to worry about. The 2BA tapped hole into this item is for a handrail support, and the bent-up bracket is to attach the whole shebang to the boiler cladding.

The elbow at the front can be built up from bits, with a silver-brazed joint at 45 degrees. On no account omit the sliding joint with the long ejector exhaust pipe, for if you do you will get lots of trouble when you first raise steam, for the

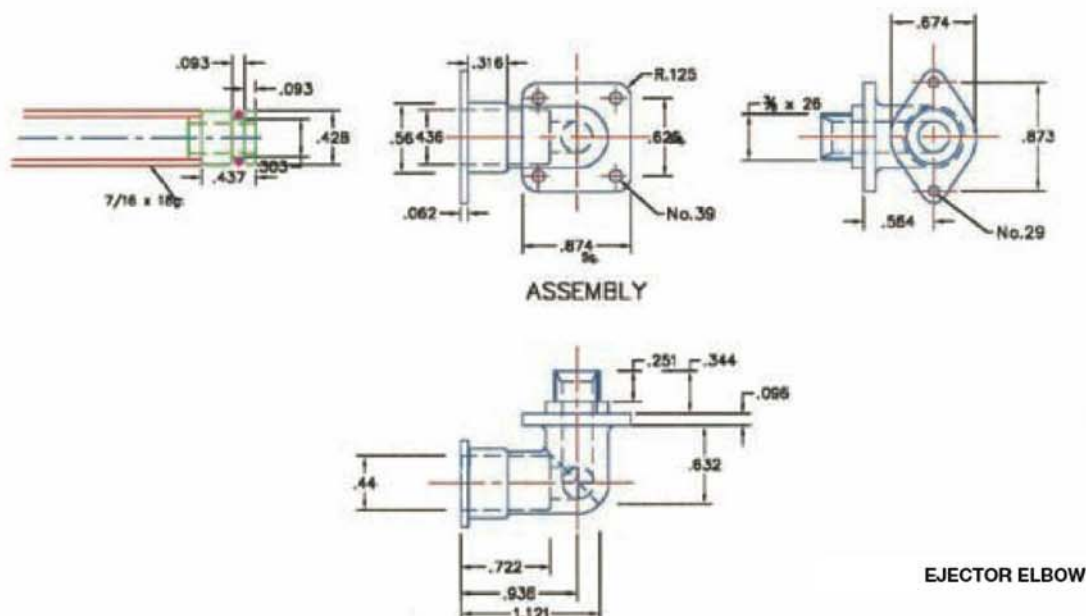
boiler will lengthen by about 3/16in. (roughly) but the exhaust pipe won't lengthen until the ejector is used. Thermal expansion makes the sliding joint imperative. There is another little drain pipe here, omit it not.

The actual ejector is drawn rather larger than full-size. To make it you will need a couple of small taper reamers. One needs to be fairly long, at 6deg. included angle, the other is 12deg. included angle. Neither is needed of super-precision. If you turn the tapers on the end of a fairly long piece of 5/32in. diameter silver-steel it is easy to either file or mill away just half this diameter to give the cutting edge. Harden and temper to light straw and when complete it may be sharpened if necessary on a flat oilstone; part off to convenient length afterwards. Incidentally, I keep a spare one of these reamers handy on each lathe; they are very useful for removing interior sharp edges.



EJECTOR BODY 2





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In theory the steam entry to the steam cone should be tapered, but works very well if made as drawn. All those that I have made this way (at least 19 so far) have slammed up the vacuum to 18-20in. on air testing. Another fascinating test is to couple up the ejector to a 6 litre milk carton, turn on and watch it crushed flat in a few minutes.

The dimensions shewn for the venturi section are not 0.001in. critical, but it's better not be too far out. It is extremely important however that there is no leakage — absolutely none — around the joint between cone and venturi section. Bond it in with something like Loctite 252 or 532; soft-solder it if you like. The two O-rings form a seal with the venturi. I have just noticed an omission in this drawing, there must be a 1/16in. hole right across the venturi section where the 0.062in. groove is shewn. It must be there to let the vacuum out(?) This hole must of course be drilled before

the steam cone is implanted. The square section on the end is to aid in screwing the ejector into the main body, or in removing it when desired.

To get this system to work properly it is needful to proceed step by step. If you can knock up a test rig it will be well. Connect this to a vacuum gauge. If you haven't got one then a bit of clear plastic tube leading down into a bucket of water will help, although you won't get a high reading this way. Once you are happy with the suction (a finger pressed across the end of the pipe will teach you much) then insert it into the main body, check again.

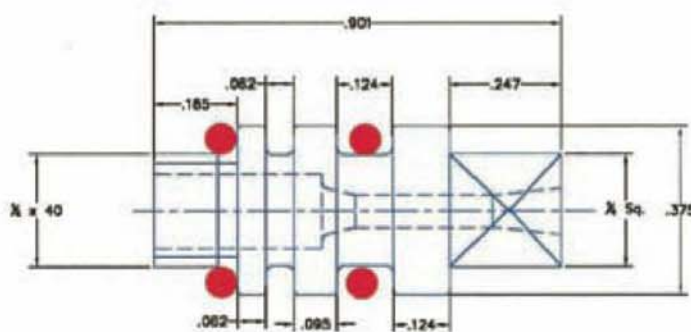
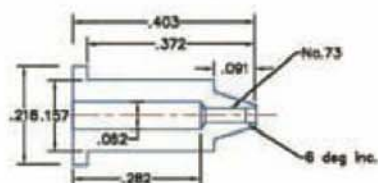
It is virtually impossible to do a pressure check on the whole brake system (for one thing it would cattle-up any vacuum gauge used) so the only way is step by step, loosening joints one at a time and re-tightening them, disconnecting units one by one and putting a finger over the hole. This will isolate the leak(s). You won't even get much fun with a stethoscope, although it may be worth a try.

I had an interesting case of this a few weeks ago; I was called in to check on a vacuum system on one of my Kings. On putting the air-line onto I had replaced the missing front vacuum pipe. The tender pipe was badly holed too but it made no difference. I then found that some wiseguy had replaced the pipe 'twixt engine and tender with one too long, this had of course bent up and kinked. Shortening this a little made the system okay, and a fresh pipe on the rear of the tender completed the job.

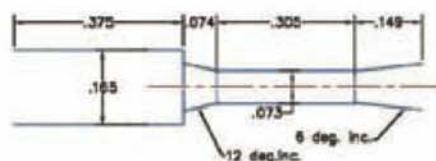
I have searched for a good photograph of this ejector mounted on its locomotive, without as much success as I would wish. However, herewith close up of the ejector cone system, plus a shot of the elbow joint on John Hancocks' *Thirlestaine Hall*. Some details can also be seen on the picture of a King appearing in last *Logger* article.

●To be continued.

#### EJECTOR CONES



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# AN ENGINEER'S DAY OUT THE NORTH PENNINES



*Henschel 0-4-0 tank engine Helen-Kathryn seen on the South Tynedale Railway during August 2000. (Photo: Dr. T. M. Bell)*

**Roger Backhouse**  
visits the Killhope Lead Mining  
Centre and the South Tyneside  
Railway Preservation Society.

**T**he high Pennines of County Durham, North Yorkshire and Cumbria form one of the bleakest and most unspoiled parts of England. It is deservedly an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' drawing walkers, bird watchers and mountain bikers. Yet even in this remote area there is still much to interest an engineer. The region once had some of the richest lead mines in England.

Lead mining was started on a large scale in the

18th century when the London Quaker Lead Company began developments. Unlike coal, usually laid down in near-horizontal seams, lead is more often found in near-vertical lodes. The mining techniques were different, usually tunnelling into a hillside and then excavating upwards and downward along the 'stope' or vein of lead ore. The lead ore, usually galena, was then taken to surface for crushing and processing to concentrate it ready for shipment or smelting.

One of the most important centres is at the head of Weardale where the Killhope Lead Mining Centre is now well managed by Durham County Council. In this remote location it was difficult to transport all the coal needed for steam drainage so the mining company erected the largest diameter water wheel to be seen working

in England. (The *Lady Isabella* Water Wheel at Laxey in the Isle of Man is even larger. It too drained lead mines.) The wheel pumped water from the nearby mine via a series of rods.

The mine itself is a narrow tunnel into the hillside serving also as a drainage adit. Visitors are suitably equipped with helmets and boots to enter the mine and see re-creations of old lead mining techniques. Inside the mine is another smaller water wheel helping to pump water from the mine. Such underground water wheels were once quite common.

On the surface, the principal activity is ore dressing and the treatment plant has been re-created. Ore was crushed using stamps, then subjected to a flotation process. Much of this cold and wet work was once carried out by boys, but now children



*Alston signal box from Ainderby, with Hunslet No. 9 in foreground.*



*South Tynedale Railway No. 9 Hunslet diesel awaits passengers.*



*Lead ore processing: washing crushed ore.*



*Killhope's water wheel at the head of Weardale.*





South Tynedale Railway, Signalbox interior (from Ainderby Yorkshire).



Henschel 0-4-0 tank engine Helen-Kathryn, taking water on the South Tynedale Railway.



Equipment in the smiths workshop at Killhope Lead Mining Centre.

quite enjoy finding lead ore in the rocks extracted from the mine. The ore was then taken to be smelted, and at one time this was carried out nearby. One method employed a long chimney built up a hillside, vapours from roasted ores being condensed on the chimney walls. Both lead and silver could be extracted in this way. The remains of one nearly a mile long are at nearby Rookhope.

By the late 19th century, lead mining in Weardale was in difficulties. The exhaustion of richer seams and competition from overseas led to great hardship among miners with many emigrating. Lead mining lasted up to the 1940s at Nenthead on the west side of the Pennines. Here too, remains of the mine can be seen and, while not as spectacular on the surface as Killhope, much more of the underground workings can be visited. Pictures of the locomotives used in this mine are displayed at a nearby pub.

## Steam

The major local town is Alston, the highest market town in England. It was also a mining centre which attracted a branch of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway from Haltwhistle, opened in 1852. It survived Beeching cuts but finally closed in 1976. Part of the line south from Alston has now re-opened as a 2ft. gauge preserved line operating a service during school holidays and at weekends as far as Kirkhaugh. The South Tynedale Railway Preservation Society managed to acquire and relay track to Gilderdale by 1986

and Kirkhaugh by 1999. The Society plans to extend to Slaggyford at a later stage and will launch a fund raising appeal to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the opening of the line.

The run down the valley makes a thoroughly pleasant ride. Although the bridges and earthworks were originally engineered for double track, only single line was laid. Alston Station is much as it was, but the signal box nearby is a fully equipped rebuild of one acquired from Ainderby, Yorkshire, operating manual lifting barriers. Modern engine and carriage sheds are nearby.

Trains are hauled by a variety of steam and diesel traction. The locomotives are an interesting mix and worth a visit alone for anyone interested in overseas steam locomotives. Those in use or

readily visible at the time of writing include an 0-4-0 Henschel tank engine, *Thomas Edmondson*, a Hunslet 0-4-2 tank, *Chaka's Kraal*, used for sugar cane trains in South Africa, another privately owned Henschel, *Helen-Kathryn* and a Hudswell Clark diesel mechanical *Naworth*. A Polish 0-6-0 tank engine, *Naklo*, is currently being restored but is expected to re-enter service this year.

## Details

South Tynedale Railway, The Railway Station, Alston, Cumbria CA9 3JB; tel: 01434-381696 or 01434-382828 (talking timetable) [www.strps.org.uk](http://www.strps.org.uk) (new members of the Preservation Society welcome)

Killhope Lead Mining Centre, tel: 01388-537505 [www.durham.gov.uk/killhope](http://www.durham.gov.uk/killhope)  
Nenthead Mines, tel: 01434-382037; [www.npht.com](http://www.npht.com)

## Getting there

Although the area is remote, all locations are served by public transport. Even Nenthead has a limited bus service, reaching what is probably the highest bus garage in England! Though not as well known as the Yorkshire Dales, Weardale remains an attractive valley and the scenic bus rides are alone worthwhile.

Details of routes, times and fares from North East Traveline 0870-608-2608 (7am-8pm daily) or Durham County Council bus information [transinfo@durham.gov.uk](mailto:transinfo@durham.gov.uk)



A second Henschel 0-4-0 tank engine, this one named Thomas Edmondson.



Ore tubs and mine entrance at the Killhope Lead Mining Centre.



# CLUB CHAT

With Stan Bray

## UK News

Despite having been busy with yet another bumper rally, members of **Guildford MES** found time to support the local Disability Challengers Fun Day and were able to donate a tidy amount towards the overall sum of £8,000 raised. The society also encourages youngsters throughout the year with their now annual Young Engineer Competition which involves a project for the youngsters to complete. An event for individuals, competitors are urged to obtain advice from their school staff, parents and others. This year's project was the construction of a vehicle to be powered by means of elastic bands to run on a 2 1/2in. gauge track. Unfortunately, the number of entries was well down on previous years and it is believed that the challenge may have been a little too difficult. Judged by a panel of professional engineers, children between the ages of 9-14 from all Surrey schools were invited to participate. The winner was Adam Cudlip from Epsom and Ewell High School. Chris Noble,

his prize and the Shield at the rally in July. Chris was one of the judges, and his company sponsored the competition. Club Awards for 2002 were also presented during the rally as follows: *Hodgkiss Cup*: Geoff Moore; *Mike Comben Cup*: Folkert Rosen; *Jim Bamford Cup*: James Finch; *Warco Trophy*: Peter Breakwell; *Jeffrey Shield*: Josef Glyass; *Bill Percy Cup*: John Carter; *John Brotherton Shield*: Tony Rest; *16mm Narrow Gauge Cup*: Derek Foster; *Brian Barrow Cup*: Pierre Bender; *Streeter Cup*: Alan Jensen; *Tracy Tools Trophy*: Martin Cooke.

As a way of showing their appreciation for the use of their track site on Three Counties Water Company land, members of **North London SME** annually sets aside a day on which members entertain the management, staff, families and friends of their hosts. Blessed with a warm and sunny day, this year's event gave the society the opportunity to show its visitors the good use they make of the land. There was a large turnout of members representing



A busy rally day at the West Riding Small Locomotive Society track begins quietly in the steaming bays.

all the club activities with passenger hauling locomotives, garden gauge railway, boating pool, slot car track, and steam road vehicles all in operation. This, together with a constant flow of refreshments, ensured that the visitors really had a day to remember. The first marine section open day of the season was also a great success. Visitors began to arrive before the 10am official opening time and kept on appearing until mid-afternoon. Following a period of free sailing, the steering competition was run and was won by Mark Wiltshire.

There have been two major events for members of **West Riding Small Locomotive Society** this year, their own annual rally and the *Sweet Pea* rally. Their own rally suffered mixed fortunes: on Saturday, the weather was fine and warm and

visitors arrived early, so many in fact that at one stage there was a queue to make use of the new locomotive unloading facilities and with so many locomotives present, for a while it was necessary to double up at the steaming bays. Unfortunately, it poured with rain on the Sunday and apart from a nucleus of visitors who had stayed overnight, visitors and members of the public were conspicuous by their absence. Even so, there was sufficient interest for a reporter from Radio Leeds to interview several owners of models. The society's annual awards were presented at the event. The trophies for the Best Completed Locomotive and Best Non-Locomotive Model went to Rex Stephenson while John Drewell received the award for the Best Un-completed Locomotive. Attracting visitors from five clubs

# CLUB DIARY

A minimum of 6 weeks notice is required for diary entries. Clubs and Societies are asked to include a telephone number for the assistance of would-be visitors.

## OCTOBER

To 20 October Talyllyn Railway. First Class for Sunday Lunch.

Enquiries: 01654-710472.

18 Rochdale SMEE. Video Night. Contact Mike Foster: 01706-360849.

18 Romford MEC. Adrian Tatum: Colchester Model Railway Club.

Contact Colin Hunt: 01708-709302.

18 Romney Marsh MES. Video Evening. Contact John Wimble: 01797-362295.

18 Steam LS of Victoria. Gathering. Contact Graham Plaskett: (03) 9750-5022.

18 Chesterfield MES. Running Day. Contact Mike Rhodes: 01623-648676.

19 National 2 1/2in. Gauge Ass'n. Hook Get Together.

Contact Clive Young: 01233-626455.

19 Steam LS of Victoria. Club Run. Contact Graham Plaskett: (03) 9750-5022.

19 STEAM - Museum of the GWR. Meet the Railway Workers.

Information: 01793-466646.

19 York City & DSME. Gary Hall: 3D CAD Modelling.

Contact Ken Bateman: 01904-421445.

19/20 Claymills Pumping Engines. Open Days. Contact: 01283-509929.

19-24 Meridienne Exhibitions. Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition at The International Exhibition Centre Donington Park, Nr. Derby (M1 exit 24). 10.30am-5.30pm daily, last admission 4pm, (Wed: 10.30am-8pm). Adults £7, Senior Citizens £6, Children £4, Family (2+3): £20. Enquiries: 01926-614101.

19-24 Guild of Model Wheelwrights at Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition.

Contact Biddy Hepper: 01492-623274.

20 Bedford MES. Running. Contact Ted Jolliffe: 01234-327791.

20 Frimley & Ascot LC. Club Run. Contact Bob Dowman: 01252-835042.

20 N. W. Leicester SME. Running Sunday. Contact John Elliott: 01455-847040.

20 Oxford (City of) SME. Running. Contact Chris Kelland: 01235-770836.

20 Peterborough SME. End of Running Season. Contact Tony Meek: 01778-345142.

20 Rugby MES. Running. Contact David Eadon: 01788-576956.

20 Saffron Walden DSME. Running Day. Contact Ken Archer: 01763-852911.

20 Surrey SME. Members Invitation for a Steam-Up.

Contact John Cook: 020-8397-3932.

20 York City & DSME. Running Day. Contact Ken Bateman: 01904-421445.

21 Lancaster and Morecambe MES. AGM. Contact Harry Carr: 01524-411956.

21 Peterborough SME. AGM & Auction. Contact Tony Meek: 01778-345142.

21 STEAM - Museum of the GWR. Gary Wragg: The Making of Milestones

Museum, Basingstoke. Information: 01793-466646.

22 Historical MRS (E. Lancashire/N. Manchester Group). John Cockcroft:

Finishing Models. Contact John Sykes: 01706-823989.

22 Romney Marsh MES. Track Meeting. Contact John Wimble: 01797-362295.

22 Sutton Coldfield MES. Simon Topman: Manufacture of Whistles.

Contact Roger Timings: 0121-308-5875.

23 Chingford DMEC. John Marsh: 'Narrow Gauge' Film Night.

Contact Martin Masterson: 0208-989-5552.

23 Harrow & Wembley SME. AGM. Contact Dr. Roger Greenwood: 020-8427-2755.

24 Cardiff MES. Keith Richards: Further Tales from the Mines.

Contact Trevor Jenkins: 029-2075-5568.

24 Leyland SME. Meeting. Contact Alan Wilson: 01942-715072.

24 Reading SME. Winter Talk. Contact Graham Bustin: 01189-615450.

24 STEAM - Museum of the GWR. Tim Bryan: The Churchward Revolution.

Information: 01793-466646.

24 Worthing DSME. Jonathan Minns: The Engineerium, Hove.

Contact Chris Devenish: 01903-268158.

25 Hereford SME. J. Sinclair & Dr. Fenn: The Hereford-Shrewsbury Line.

Contact John Arrowsmith: 01432-265151.

25/26 GW Soc. (Didcot Railway Centre). Photographers' Evenings.

Contact Jeanette Howse: 01235-817200.

26 Historical MRS (Bristol Area). An Afternoon with the Wessex Armchair

Modellers. Contact Gerry Nichols: 0117-973-1862.

26 Hornsby ME. Family Day. Contact Ted Gray: 9484-7583.

26 Melton Mowbray DMES. Club Dinner. Contact Phil Tansley: 0116-2673646.

26 Northampton SME. Night Run. Contact Pete Jarman: 01234-708501.

26/27 Southland SME. Great Little Train Show. Contact Peter Stark: 03-21-89702.

26/27 STEAM - Museum of the GWR. Day out with Thomas.

Information: 01793-466646.

27 Ascot LS. Members' Steam-Up. Contact Tony Alderman: 01932-854393.

27 Elmdon MES. Running at Museum of Transport, Wythall.

Contact Chris Giles: 0121-458-1291.

27 Great Western Soc. (Didcot Railway Centre). Steamday.

Contact Jeanette Howse: 01235-817200.

27 Krynna SME. Steam Day. Contact Chappie Chapman: 044-533-0355.

27 Leighton Buzzard NG Rly. Halloween Haunting. Enquiries: 01525-373888.

27 MELSA. Sunday in the Park. Contact Graham Chadbone: 07-4121-4341.

27 Ottawa Valley Live Steamers. Steaming Day. Contact John Bryant: 761-1109.

27 Steam LS of Victoria. Working Bee & Barbecue.

Contact Graham Plaskett: (03) 9750-5022.

27 Woking MRS. Open Day. Contact Ronald Dewar: 01932-343331.

28 Bedford MES. Wainwright's Autumn Collection.

Contact Ted Jolliffe: 01234-327791.

28 Hornsby ME. Meeting. Contact Ted Gray: 9484-7583.



## In Memoriam

It is with the deepest regret that we record the passing of the following members of model engineering societies. The sympathy of staff at *Model Engineer* is extended to the family and friends they leave behind.

George Loryman  
Lou Riley  
Dennis Parker

Guildford MES  
Docklands & East London MES  
Erewash Valley MES

across the North of England, everyone who attended the *Sweet Pea* rally was able to use the track for as long as they wished.

There was plenty of support for the annual **Model Steam Road Vehicle Society** rally with just about every type of model traction engine and many other vehicles taking part. As usual, the highlight of the event was the road run, no easy task to organise with such a wide variety of scales among the models. Careful planning before the rally ensured that all engines had a reserved pitch on the rally field, and the use of two-way radios assisted the organisers to run the event without any obvious hitch. A barbecue on Saturday evening provided club Chairman Tony Putterill with the opportunity to announce that he would be standing down at the AGM on 21 October. While everyone was sorry to hear this news it was also appreciated that he has held the post for the past five years, during which he has guided the society through several enforced changes, and it was generally felt that he deserves to be allowed to enjoy the hobby without the ties inevitable for the Chairman. During the rally, the Mayor of Tewkesbury presented the *MJ Trophy* to Jim Etheridge for his 3in. scale Allchin.

At the end of July, Erewash Valley MES celebrated in style the

10th anniversary of the opening of the track at Borrowash. As well as the more conventional activities such as running locomotives, nattering, eating, and the like, a number of side shows had been arranged, including a display of models and photographs, tombola, and face painting, all of which took place under the guidance of their very own Fat Controller, complete with top hat and frock coat. A supply of food and drink was maintained throughout, but with so many people present it was touch and go as to whether there would be sufficient to satisfy everyone. Like all the best stories, it seems to have worked out all right in the end. Several members are looking forward to November when the society boiler-making course will start again. This takes place on Saturday afternoons and provides an opportunity to construct a copper boiler under the watchful eye of more experienced members, thus providing useful experience in this aspect of model engineering while saving money to boot!

If the increasing number of rallies is anything to go by, and it surely is, interest in the **Ground Level 5in. gauge Mainline Association**

continues to grow. It has become necessary to seek a volunteer to take on the position of events co-ordinator to remove the load at present borne by the association's small committee. To honour the memory of the late Peter Smallwood who did much to set the society on its way, a seat has been installed at the Gilling track of Rydale SME, which could be considered as the association's spiritual home. The growing interest in the construction of 5in. gauge goods wagons is reflected in the large number that now appear at rallies. An article which could be of interest to clubs about to lay or relay track is featured in *Turnout*, the excellent society magazine, and concerns the purchase from Dumfries Plastics Recycling Ltd. at Dumfries in Scotland, of recycled plastic for use as sleepers. The material has apparently been found to be quite satisfactory.

With the ready availability of desk top publishing for users of personal computers at home, **Chingford DMEC** is one of several societies which now produces a very professional looking newsletter in the form of a small format (A5) magazine invariably packed with

articles of interest. It is unrealistic for the club to consider the production of such a publication from members' subscriptions alone and relies on revenue from the advertising it contains to defray costs. To express their appreciation to those who support them in this way, the society held an Advertisers' Fun Run to which all the advertisers and their families and friends were invited. A good number availed themselves of this opportunity to pay a visit during which a copious supply of refreshments was laid on and they were invited to ride on any of the trains they wished, an invitation that was taken up by most. The weather was kind, giving the club the opportunity to say a big 'thank you' to them for their support, without which the society would find things very difficult indeed. Improvements continue to be made to the very fine set up at Ridgeway Park; the station has been given a face lift, and it has been decided to build a track for garden gauge models on top of a carriage shed with a very low roof.

A lot of heavy concreting work is being carried out by members of **Sutton Coldfield MES** and those involved will breathe a sigh of relief when it has all been finished. Cost was not the only consideration when it was decided that the society should do the work, it was felt that the inaccessibility of the area

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involved made it doubtful that a contractor would have been prepared to take on the job. Once this task has been finished it is proposed to enlarge the clubhouse and a planning application has accordingly been lodged with the local council. A letter from a local resident objecting to the application was published in the club newsletter but it is hoped that this will not stop the necessary permission being granted. All this work has not prevented the society acting as hosts to some 200 or more visitors from Sutton Coldfield Railway Society. This super event included a barbecue at which a mountain of sausages and another of burgers all disappeared rapidly when the hungry hordes set about them. The National 2½" Gauge Association also visited and once again all available food was quickly devoured requiring further provisions which had to be hastily organised! A visit to Little Hay is always popular with members of the association, not only because it is an excellent track, but also due to the close ties since it was one of the venues used when the association started.

Like many clubs, St Albans

DSME supports charity. In this case Work Aid and, as there is no income from public running, money is raised from raffles and the sale of small tools and materials on club evenings. A considerable amount is raised this way which eventually finds its way to groups in East Africa. Throughout the summer good use has been made of the track at Chipperfield to which they have access, with a resulting increase in interest in model locomotives among members. The latest copy of the club newsletter features an article detailing the history of the site, which was opened in 1947 by J. N. Maskelyne and has remained in private ownership ever since, although at least one society, now defunct, is known to have used it. In an earlier report (M.E. 4175, 9 August 2002) we noted that John Hart's locomotive had been made available for use by St Albans club members. We would like to rectify any misunderstanding by reporting here that the society is fortunate that ex-member John Hart's widow and son have agreed to the loan of his locomotive to the club for use and enjoyment by members.

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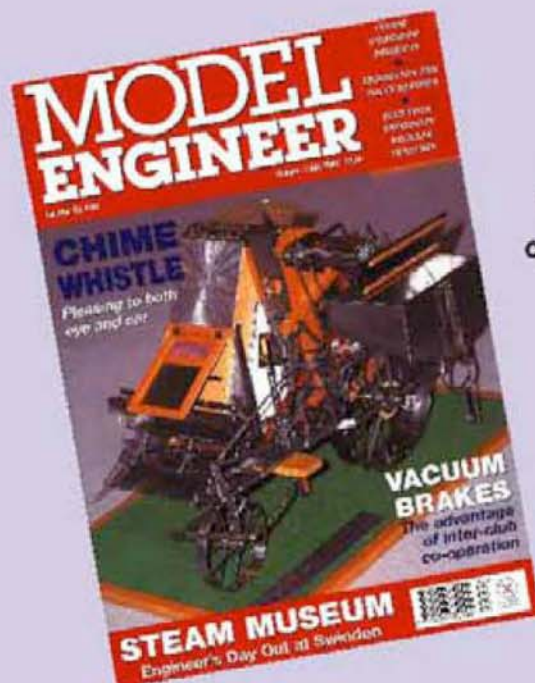
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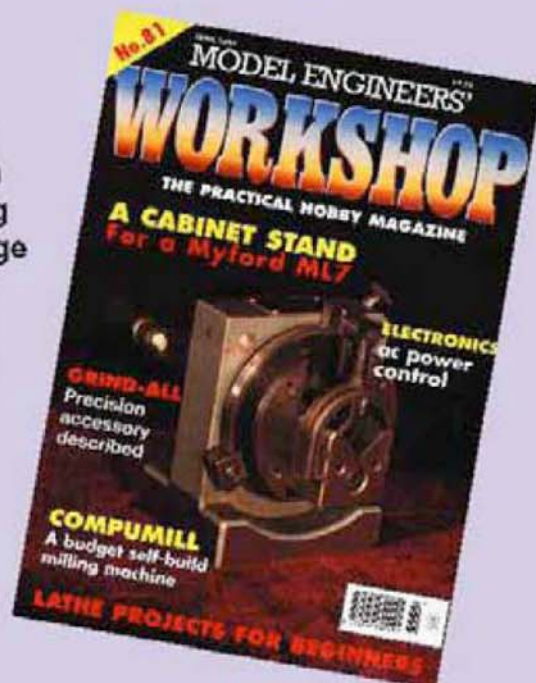


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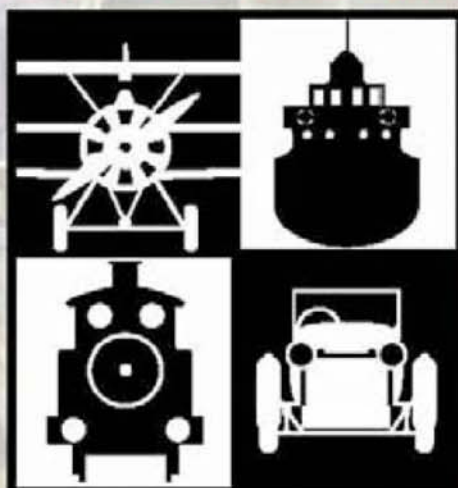
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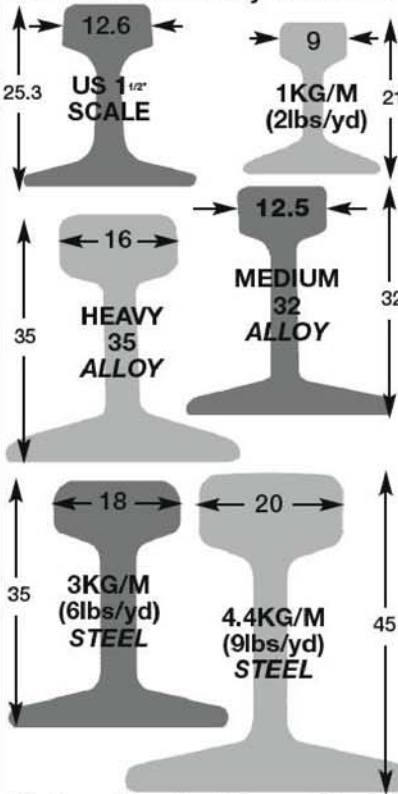
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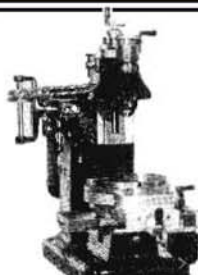
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- Swing over bed: 229mm
- Swing over cross slide: 133mm
- Distance between centers: 500mm
- Spindle bore: 19mm
- Taper in spindle nose: MT3
- Morse 1/2" x 1/4"
- 6 Speeds: 100-1800rpm
- Net weight: 100kg

STANDARD EQUIPMENT:

- 4" 3-jaw chuck with 2 sets of jaws
- 7" 4-jaw chuck with reversible jaws
- Steady rest • Follow rest
- MT2 Dead centre
- MT3 Dead centre
- 4-way tool post
- Face plate
- Tool Box & Tool Kit
- Tail & Splash guard



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### Model B-Super

- Swing over bed: 420mm
- Distance between centers: 500mm
- Mill drill spindle taper: 19mm
- Tailstock barrel travel: 80mm
- 7 speeds: 60-1300rpm
- Swing over cross slide: 160mm
- Spindle taper: MT3

STANDARD EQUIPMENT:

- Draw bar: MT2
- Cross slide travel: 180mm
- Morse 1/2" x 1/4"
- Net weight: 155kg
- 4" 3-jaw chuck
- 2 dead centers
- 1/2" drill chuck
- Change gears
- MT3 chuck arbor



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### Centurion

- Swing over bed: 420mm
- Distance between centers: 520mm
- Mill drill spindle taper: MT3
- Tailstock barrel travel: 80mm
- 7 speeds: 160-1360rpm
- Swing over saddle: 160mm
- Spindle taper: MT3

STANDARD EQUIPMENT:

- Draw bar: MT2
- Cross slide travel: 210mm
- Morse 2 x 1/4"
- Net weight: 230kg
- 4" 3-jaw chuck
- 2 dead centers
- 1/2" drill chuck
- Change gears
- MT3 chuck arbor



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### Champion Mill

- Drilling Capacity: 20mm
- Face Mill Capacity: 63mm
- Number of Speeds: 4
- Spindle Taper: MT3
- Motor: 1/2HP

End Mill Capacity: 25mm  
Table Size: 150x300mm  
Speed Range: 400-1600rpm  
Tilting Head: 90° Left & Right



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### Eagle 25 Mill/Drill

- Mill/Drill Capacity: 25mm
- Table Size: 190 x 585mm
- Fine Feed
- Number of Speeds: 12
- Speed Range: 100-2150rpm
- Spindle Taper: MT3

STANDARD ACCESSORIES:

- 1-13mm Drill Chuck & MT3 Drill Chuck Arbor
- Eagle Face Mill Cutter
- T3 Tapping Vice
- MT2 Drawbar
- NTR Switch Gear
- Interlocked Chuck Guard
- Manual and Parts List



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### Eagle 30 Mill/Drill

- Mill/Drill Capacity: 32mm
- Table Size: 210 x 740mm
- Fine Feed
- Number of Speeds: 10
- Speed Range: 80-2300rpm
- Spindle Taper: MT3
- Spindle Travel: 130mm
- Tapping Head

STANDARD ACCESSORIES:

- 1-13mm Drill Chuck & MT3 Drill Chuck Arbor
- Eagle Face Mill Cutter
- V100 Machine Vice
- MT2 Drawbar
- NTR Switch Gear
- Interlocked Chuck Guard
- Manual and Parts List



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### 626 Turret Mill

- Milling Capacity: 25mm
- Drilling Capacity: 32mm
- Table Size: 152 x 740mm
- Fine Feed
- Number of Speeds: 9
- Speed Range: 190-2100rpm
- Spindle Taper: MT3 on RB
- Tapping Head
- Morse 1/2"



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STANDARD ACCESSORIES:

- One Jack Lubrication
- Halogen Work Light
- Machine Stand
- Drawbar
- Manual and Parts List

### Craftsman Gap Bed Lathe

- Swing over bed: 300mm
- Swing over saddle: 170mm
- Spindle bore: 36mm
- Cross slide travel: 150mm
- Tailstock barrel taper: MT3
- Range of speeds: 50-1250rpm
- Morse 1 1/2"
- Net weight: 390kg

STANDARD EQUIPMENT:

- 6" 3-jaw chuck with 2 sets of jaws
- 8" 4-jaw chuck
- Steady rest
- Follow rest
- Steady
- Face plate
- Splash guard
- Threading dial
- 4-way turret tool post
- 3HT dead center
- T-tipped cross slide
- Halogen work light



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### Super LUX Mill

- Milling Capacity: 25mm
- Drilling Capacity: 32mm
- Table Size: 240 x 800mm
- Fine Feed
- Number of Speeds: 6
- Speed Range: 95-1600rpm
- Spindle Taper: MT3
- Tapping Head
- Morse 1/2"



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STANDARD FEATURES:

- Powered Head (optional)
- Cut Inch Guard
- Angle Tapping Head
- Manual and Parts List