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 Lanz Bulldog tractor was built following
 detailed research and measurement of an
 original tractor encountered by accident
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This working model was awarded a
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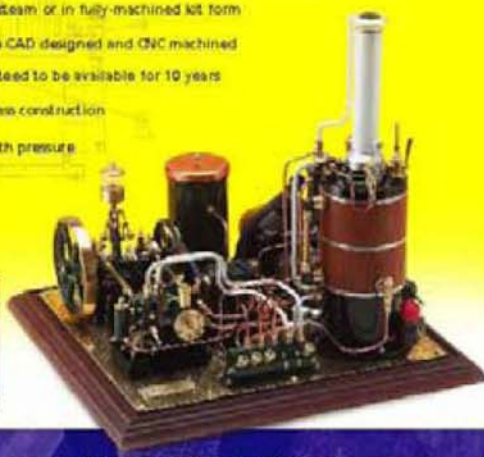


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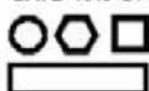


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D1	5/32 - 3/16 - 1/4 - 5/16 - 3/8.	04.10
D2	7/16 - 1/2 - 5/8 - 3/4.	09.20

BRASS ROUNDS

E1	1/8 - 3/16 - 1/4 - 5/16 - 3/8 - 1/2.	11.10
E2	1/16 - 3/32 - 5/32 - 7/32 - 9/32 - 7/16 - 9/16 - 5/8. 16.85	

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F1	1/8 - 3/16 - 1/4 - 5/16 - 3/8.	09.45
F2	1/4 - 5/16 - 3/8 - 7/16 - 1.	19.25

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BRASS ANGLE

H1	1/4 x 1/4 x 1/16 - 5/16 x 5/16 x 1/16	
	3/8 x 3/8 x 1/16 - 1/2 x 1/2 x 1/16	08.60
H2	5/16 x 5/16 x 1/16 - 3/8 x 3/8 x 1/16	
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N3	1/8 x 1/4 - 3/8 - 1/2 - 3/4 - 1	14.75
N4	3/16 x 1/4 - 3/8 - 1/2 - 3/4 - 1	20.65
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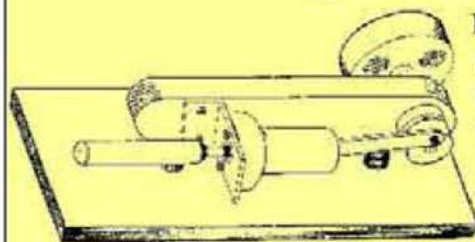
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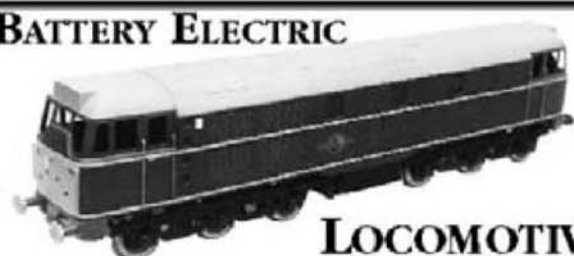
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Bringing railway safety to life

Arriva Trains Northern is set to improve the way it shows children across West Yorkshire the dangers of playing near railway lines, thanks to a donation from a group of railway model enthusiasts.

The Skipton and District Railway Society has created a special model that will help the train operator improve youngsters' understanding of the risks associated with going near railway lines.

The model, which was made by representatives from the society, provides a detailed three-dimensional representation of a scene on the railway where children are trespassing and will prove a valuable teaching aid for the train operator's local school liaison officer Chris Leech.

Commenting on the donation, Chris said: "This superb tool will help me realistically demonstrate to local children what kind of dangers they could face if they were to trespass onto local railway lines, and the potential consequences of their actions."

"The model is very well constructed and I have no doubt that it will play a major role in my programme of visits to schools across West Yorkshire in the future."

Trevor Shaw, chairman of the Skipton and



Chris Leech (left), Arriva Trains Northern schools liaison officer and Trevor Shaw, chairman of the Skipton & District Railway Society with the model.

District Railway Society, said: "We are delighted that the skills and expertise of the society could be put to practical use. We make a lot of models which means there are often materials going spare. We decided to put them together and make the model. I hope it proves useful for many years to come."

Progress

We know that many readers enjoyed the article about the GWR King and its epic run to Paddington (Keith's Column M.E. 4179, 4 October 2002). Recently, whilst researching another subject entirely in Volume 9 of *Model Engineer*, we happened upon the story of a railway journey that took place in 1903; on Thursday 4 June to be exact. It seems that the Society of Model Engineers (now the SMEE) decided to take a day trip to Doncaster to visit the Great Northern Railway works based there. This must have been quite an adventure in 1903 when many people never left the parishes in which they were born.

The party took the 9.45am dining-car express from Kings Cross hauled by "one of Mr. Stirling's 7ft. 7 1/2in. singles (Number 871) built in 1892". The first 76 miles of the journey were reeled off in fine style and Grantham, the first stop, was reached after 80 minutes. Simple arithmetic would suggest that the next 40 or so miles to Doncaster would be achieved in approximately 45 minutes giving an overall journey time of a little over two hours. However, it was not to be. By Retford the Stirling single was running short of steam and a "four-coupled" engine was attached to the train to complete the journey, which was accomplished at "just before 1 o'clock". The reason for the problems is not clear but the "engineers" on the engine blamed "bad coals" and "clinker" so some of the excuses trotted out at IMLEC and SELEC are not new!

I suppose a journey time from London to Doncaster in approximately three hours must have seemed remarkable in 1903. We checked with the timetables to see what the journey time would be now and, travelling at a similar time, the journey would take 1hr. 33min., so some progress has been made in the last 99 years.

Just in case you are wondering, the trip to Doncaster went well and was voted a success by the members who attended.

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Model locomotive design

SIRS, - I would like to thank Neville Evans for his kind words (*M.E.* 4176, 23 August 2002). I too believe that *Torquay Manor* was one of my best efforts. I have had many letters from builders of *Torquay Manor* who were greatly pleased with both the appearance of this engine and its performance on the track. I am sure that *Penrhos Grange* will prove equally successful.

Regarding the matter of colour on drawings, I think this is quite attractive where details are concerned but feel that dimensions are much clearer when drawn as black on white. **Martin Evans, West Sussex.**

Octogenarian's view

SIRS, - Mr. Warren's letter (*Post Bag M.E.* 4174, 26 July 2002) prompts me, another octogenarian, to pen a few thoughts in reply.

His letter poses many questions, some of which are unanswerable, even if I knew Mr. Warren personally. I can only say that if one is active and in reasonably good health it should be quite possible to engage in the fascinating and sometimes frustrating pursuit of model engineering well into one's eighties.

One's mental processes do slow down with age, I think we must accept that. In my own case a solution to a machining problem which some years ago would have been immediately apparent now takes a little longer to resolve, and occasional forgetfulness can be very annoying.

Even some degree of physical disability need not preclude model engineering activities. In my own case an arthritic leg means that walking or standing for a short time becomes quite painful, but I spend several hours in my workshop most days. I can file reasonably accurately while sitting down and have increased the height of a stool so that I can often sit at the lathe or mill. This is not recommended for anyone who is fully active. I have an electrically assisted cycle, which enables me to visit the local club track about four miles a way.

Mr. Warren says he has purchased a lathe, which I think is an essential piece of equipment. He does not say if he has any engineering experience. If he has he will not have to learn the basic skills and this will save some time. I would suggest starting on a fairly simple model, not less than 3 1/2 in. gauge if a locomotive, but have the boiler commercially made. This will save time and ensure a



The two early stationary engines rebuilt by Mr. Alan Ashberry one of which bears the date 1868.

sound component. One of the simpler stationary engines can also make an attractive model. If Mr. Warren likes woodwork a simple boat, steam powered, is another possibility.

And now for a bit of philosophy. I have come to realise that even if one cannot finish one's project there is the pleasure one has derived from working towards that end. As someone once wrote "*It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive.*" If I was a younger man I would not necessarily hold that view!

Finally, it is a great benefit to have an understanding wife or partner who will not mind you being in the workshop for a few hours from time to time. I am blessed in having such a wife.

Louis D. Parke, Oxfordshire.

Derek Warren replies:

I thank Mr. Parke for his kind and most welcome letter. It is gratifying to learn that there are others within my age group who are still busy with their model engineering projects. Also that, while I appreciate that most of us become subject to various aches and pains as the years pass, we may well be able to continue to do so even though it may be at a lower level of concentration.

A few months ago I had the opportunity to purchase a small lathe at a reasonable price, and this seemed a good omen for the future. It is a Clarke 'Metalworker' (300mm between centres and 180mm dia. swing). Not a Myford ML7 I fear but hopefully good enough for me to decide if I want to invest in something better later. This is the point, of course, how much later for anything? It was humorous discussion on this factor which prompted my somewhat tongue-in-cheek letter to *M.E.* requesting information concerning what projects I might indeed yet have time to complete.

Mr Parke's suggestions as to how I should start are much appreciated. After a visit in late July to the Fareham (Hampshire) Club's Railway Weekend (a great show with literally thousands of visitors) and conversations with some of the exhibitors, I came away with two possible ideas.

First was clocks, which rather took my fancy, and second was a small stationary steam engine. Anything larger would, I felt, be too ambitious, at least for the moment.

There were numerous examples of both at the show, as well as scores of locomotives and traction engines of all types and sizes in addition to the dozen or so locomotives of all gauges pulling trains of excited children (and parents) around what seemed like miles of tracks. With a large lake, many radio controlled boats under sail as well as steam and other power, and a whole host of other models of every kind one could think of, it was a show well worth a visit, certainly a show for me to revisit another year for further ideas.

Mr. Parke's letter has been most helpful and I am indebted to him for the advice and suggestions given therein. I am a subscriber to *Model Engineers' Workshop* and have been able to purchase some past copies of that magazine. It looks as if, for me, this next winter is going to be a very busy one.

Rebuilds

SIRS, - I enclose photographs of two models that I have just finished rebuilding. I received them as a box of bits and pieces with the various parts of the two engines all mixed up. They were accompanied by a request from the owner for me to put them in working order once more.

It took some time to sort out the various parts and establish which bit fitted which engine. The box of components had been in a cellar for some considerable time so they all needed a good clean before repainting. I also had to re-make two or three damaged parts plus a couple which were missing altogether.

The brass boilers were thoroughly inspected and this revealed some cracks on the outside surface. This did not worry me however as the engines will never be steamed again. In fact, I am not sure they could ever be made to operate on steam without further major work.

Assembly of the two engines was not the problem I imagined it would

be. The various parts fitted together very well and it was a big thrill to see them running on air.

Much of the work involved with the engines was done by hand. For example, the flywheels were repaired using hand methods. On one engine the contra gear which operates a countershaft had to be made, and this was hand cut.

All in all they are a very interesting pair of engines and I am very pleased to have been involved with their reconstruction. The original wick burners of the engines have survived and one engine carries a plate bearing the maker's name and a date of 1868.

Alan Ashberry, Hertfordshire.

Hot air engines

SIRS, - In view of the current series of articles in *M.E.* by Mike Thurgood on his Heinrici hot air engine I thought the enclosed photograph and a few comments might be of interest.

The photograph shows a model of the Westbury version of the engine, which I constructed a few years ago using the drawings published in the original 1964/65 articles but without the use of any castings. All of the components were fabricated or machined from the solid, including the flywheels, which were turned and milled from solid steel discs probably resulting in more swarf than flywheel! Like Mr. Thurgood, I used thin walled stainless steel tube for the hot end of the displacer cylinder in order to minimise heat transfer by conduction to the cold end.

The snag with this approach is that the heat transfer from the burner flame to the air inside the cylinder is also reduced. I therefore brazed a short copper section to the lower end of the stainless steel tube where the flame impinges. In my model the upper (cold) section of the displacer cylinder is an integral part of the body fabrication. Most of this fabrication is of steel but the inner tube forming the cold section of the displacer cylinder is brass. This again was to improve heat transfer to the cooling water, although of minor



Mr. Norman Barber's Heinrici style hot air engine built without the use of castings.

significance since the major resistance to heat transfer in this area is the gas/metal interface. Furthermore, I have never found it necessary to use cooling water — the engine runs quite happily for half an hour or so with no cooling.

The A-frame fabrications are fitted with removable caps and proper brasses rather than the split housings used in the Westbury design, an arrangement that I deplore.

The furnace is fabricated from sheet steel, the edges of the various panels being machined to the correct bevel and the whole silver-brazed together. The inner surfaces are lined with 1/4in. thick asbestos type heat resisting material. The model is fired with a small burner designed to use butane from the cartridges sold for small 'blowlamp' type burners.

The engine runs very well at about 450-500rpm, the almost completely silent operation always being a source of fascination to me. **Norman R. Barber, Essex.**

Scrap

SIRS, - I was interested in your comment on mistakes under the heading *Scrap* in a recent *Smoke Rings* editorial (*M.E.* 4178, 20 September 2002).

Some years ago I bought a large, quarter chiming/flatbed movement made by Gillet & Johnston of Croydon. This movement had been vandalised and many parts stolen. The large casting was machined on its upper surface and the bearing brasses were secured to this machined surface with 1/2in. Whitworth screws, which located in

blind tapped holes in the casting. When I was dismantling the movement I noticed that one of the Whitworth bolts holding a pair of brasses to the casting was much shorter than the other three. I made a mental note to replace the bolt with one of the correct length. However, after the overhaul, when I was re-assembling the movement, the new bolt would only enter a short distance.

When I shone a torch into the hole I saw the broken end of the 1/2in. tap at the bottom of the hole! Fortunately it was the extreme tip of the tap which had broken and there was sufficient length of thread above the broken tap to provide a satisfactory hold for the bolt.

I often wonder what would have happened had the tap broken higher up. How would they have got it out? **John Wilding, Sussex.**

Dynamos

SIRS, - Back in *M.E.* 3863, 15 December 1989, a book entitled *The Homebuilt Dynamo* by Alfred T. Forbes was reviewed.

This particular book was originally published in Auckland, New Zealand but despite considerable time spent on the Internet I have been unable to locate either the author or publishers.

Does any reader know where I can obtain a copy of this book, which will be eventually used for teaching students?

All reasonable expenses will be refunded.

James C. Wells, Saudi Arabia.

Pickle acid

SIRS, - Mr. G. F. Hennessey's desire for 96% Sulphuric acid (*Postbag*, *M.E.* 4178, 20 September 2002) sends cold shivers down my spine. He is seeking a very dangerous substance that certainly has no place in the model engineer's workshop. Let me put the matter straight.

So-called concentrated sulphuric (96% and specific gravity 1.8) reacts violently with water to such an extent that it explodes violently if water is added to it. In contact with the skin it rapidly burns and attacks tender organs such as eyes with greater speed than one can obtain help.

If it is carefully added to water great heat is released, but this reaction finishes by the time the acid is about 78% concentrated; further mixture with water from this stage is docile, with no further release of heat. So called battery acid, with a concentration of about 40% and a specific gravity of about 1.3 is therefore quite safe to mix

with water and is available in the motor trade.

This battery acid is still very corrosive and must not come into contact with the skin. Diluted further, about 10 times, it is less of a danger and is the correct strength for our pickling needs.

Sulphuric acid is an important raw material in the chemical industry and it is the cheapest of the common acids. Hydrochloric, if concentrated, fumes dangerously and wreaks havoc in the workshop; it is also bad news if used for pickling stainless steels. Nitric acid is dangerous to the skin, even when diluted significantly and is a powerful oxidising agent, just what is *not* required when pickling copper! Phosphoric acid, although relatively expensive, does pickle steel well and creates the ideal surface on which to apply paint; it is available in the motor trade, Jenolite being a recognised trade name.

All the above acids are inorganic, or 'mineral' acids and exist in solution as hydrogen and mineral ions (charged particles). Consequently they are said to be 'strong' acids. In this sense strength has nothing to do with concentration of a solution.

There are many organic acids, all containing carbon atoms, many of which occur in nature. None is as strong as the mineral acids, their hydrogen ions not being completely dissociated in solution. The most common include

Formic: ant, bee and wasp stings; poisonous, so don't use it!

Oxalic: rhubarb leaves and other plants; quite expensive.

Acetic: vinegar, an impure form, leaves unhelpful deposits.

Malic: apples and other fruits; very weak and of no use to us!

Salicylic: birch trees and some shrubs; the base of aspirin.

Citric: lemon, lime, orange; just the right strength for model engineering.

From the above you will gather my strong preference for citric acid, above all others as a brass pickle, though it's not really good for removing silver-solder flux. It is as well to remember that some bugs thrive on citric acid, so if it is stored, do not forget to add a drop or two of

household bleach to half a pint of solution to keep it sweet. I see no point in looking for another acid, as citric is sold by health food shops and home brewing specialists.

To recapitulate, my armoury of pickles is: citric for brass and copper components, very dilute sulphuric for major jobs and the removal of flux and finally, phosphoric for the descaling and dulling of steel components. One further word of caution regarding your sartorial elegance: even 2-3% sulphuric acid gives rise to 'holey trouser syndrome', as I well know to my cost; so don't do your pickling in your dinner jacket, or it may end up looking like a gruyere cheese.

D. A. G. Brown, Rutland.

Spring wire clips

SIRS, - I am pleased to report that I have managed to locate a company able to supply me with suitable spring clips, and would like to thank our editor for publishing my original request (*M.E.* 4173, 12 July 2002) for help in locating a source of supply for the above.

My thanks are also due to the number of readers whose helpful letters I received via the editor. I especially thank Peter Spenlove-Spenlove who wrote to me twice. One of his letters included detailed instructions as to how I might manufacture my own clips.

In case other readers need similar clips, the name of the firm is Springmasters Ltd., Arthur Street, Lakeside, Redditch, Worcestershire B98 8LF, tel: 01527-521000. Minimum order is £10, plus VAT and postage.

R. G. Marden, London.

Mils

SIRS, - In reply to the query by John Walford about angular measurement, the use of 6400mils is derived from the mil-radian. From artillery spotting, a shift of 1 yard in 1000 yards was also called a mil.

There are $2\pi \times 1000$ (6283.185) mils in a circle and I think that 6400 was the best rounded up approximation they could come up with. Its circular measure is thus 1:1018.6

John D. Walker, Perth, Western Australia.

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The Author's clock; its elegant lines would fit it well for any domestic environment.

Peter Heimann

introduces his fine new project with a brief description and specification before commencing construction with the plates.

●Part I

Early in 1999 I wrote a series describing the construction of a 'Workshop Regulator Clock'. In my view, by its very nature, this type is a real engineer's scientific instrument, heavily constructed with no frills but when carefully made capable of very accurate timekeeping. In years past, not only were these clocks to be found in the clockmaker's workshop but also the great engineers often had one in their office. Isambard Kingdom Brunel certainly had one! As there is no motion work on a traditional regulator, the seconds, minutes and hours are indicated on three separate dials. This means reading the time requires rather more than a

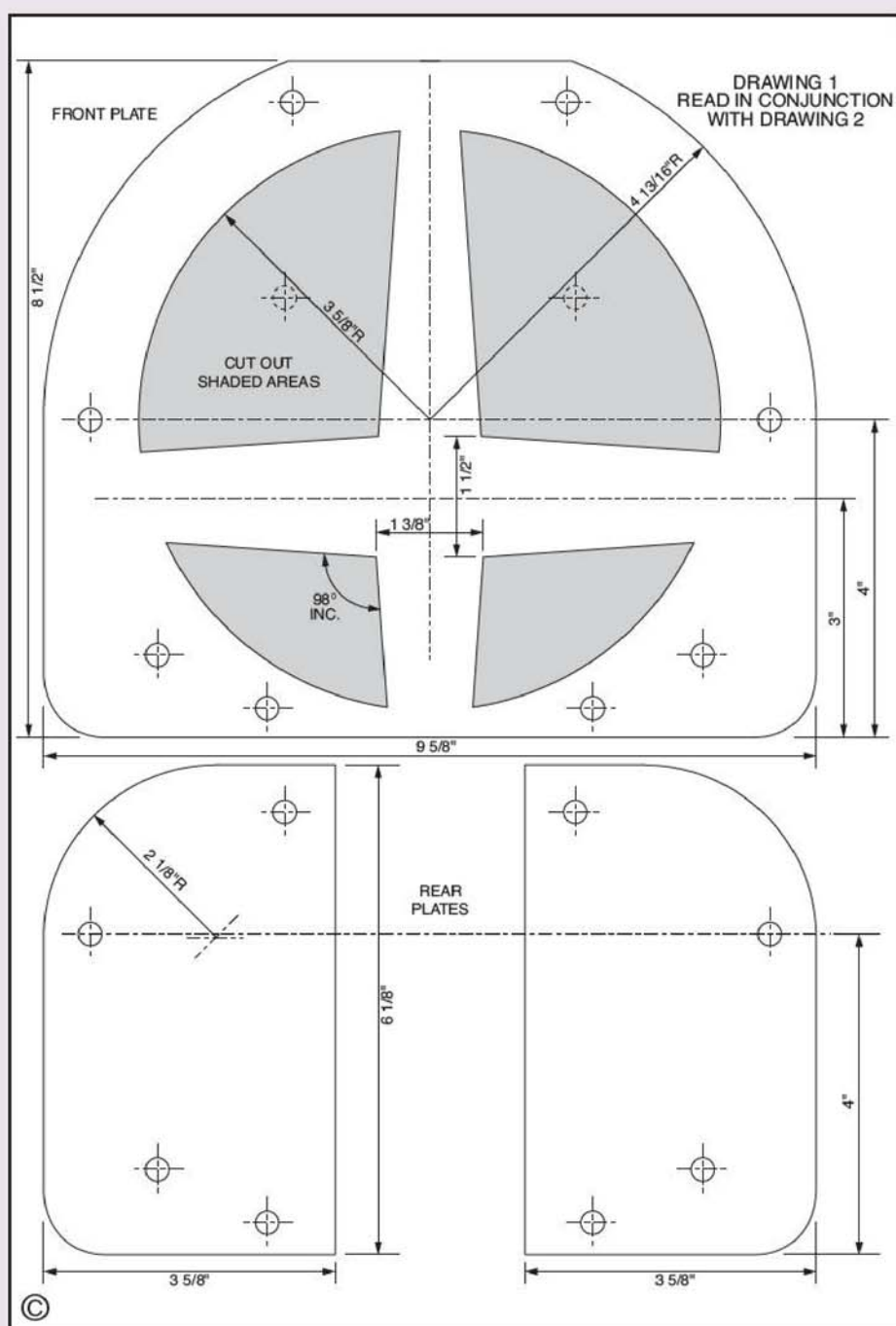
MONTH-GOING REGULATOR CLOCK

fleeting glance! These clocks usually run for eight days per winding.

Our current regulator project bears many similarities and is of almost the same physical dimensions. But it does have motion work thus showing the hours and minutes against a conventional 10in. dia. chapter ring with a big and a little hand. It runs for a month, in fact 32 days, per winding. One can therefore come back home from holiday to the comforting sound of ticking,

rather than a hateful, deadly silence! The front plate is 'skeletonised' so that the wheels and escapement can be seen in action, which adds greatly to its appeal. The glazed wall-hanging case measures only $51\frac{1}{2} \times 12 \times 6\frac{1}{4}$ in. internally and I submit that it will make a welcome and practical addition to the home. Photo 2 is a front view of the movement.

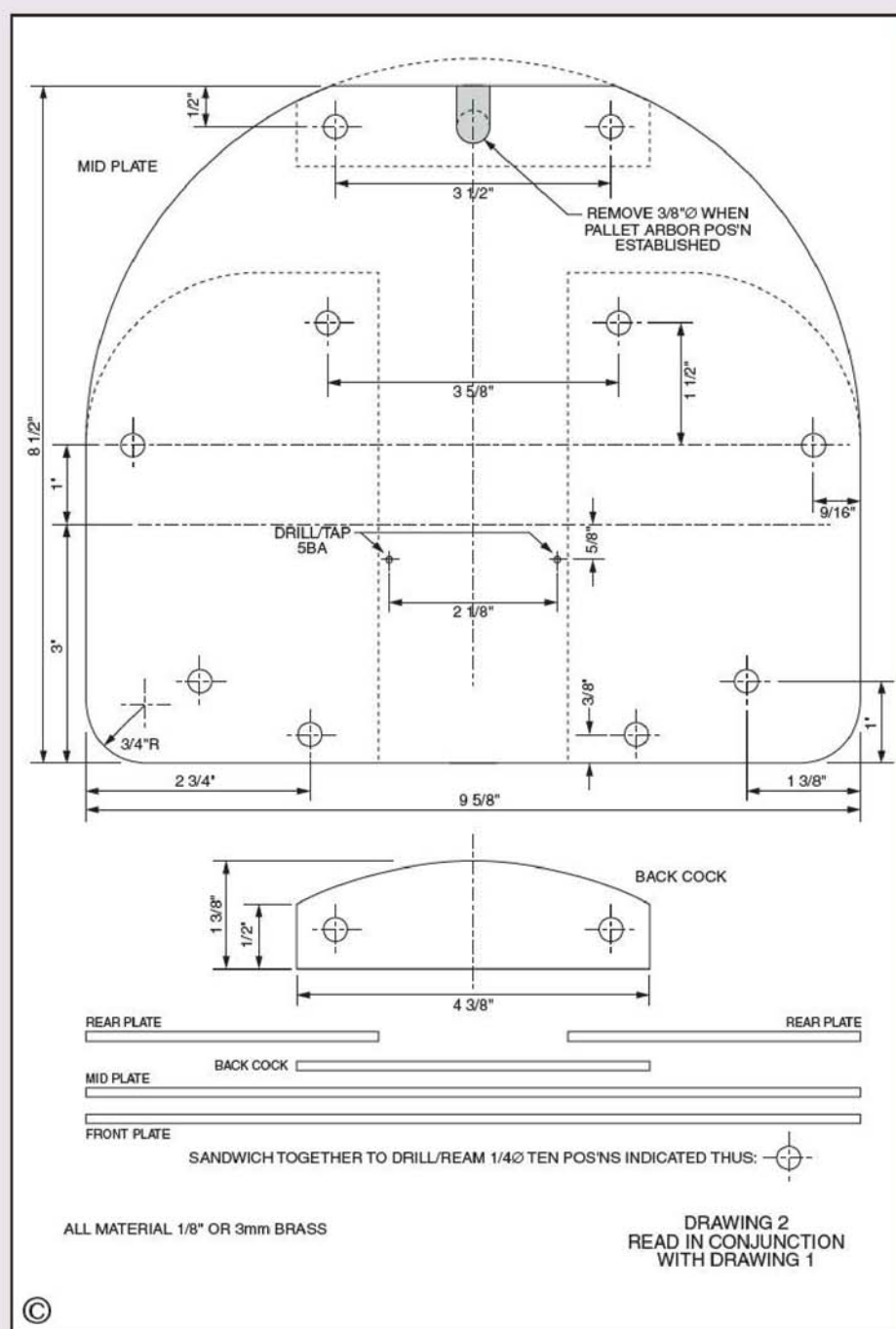
A brief specification is as follows. The clock is a month-going regulator with a 'seconds'



compensated pendulum, dead beat escapement, adjustable pallets spanning 8-teeth of the 30 tooth escape wheel, adjustable (eccentric) bushes for the pallet-frame arbor, eccentric 'centering' for the motion work, optional seconds indicator, 10in. dia. silvered chapter ring and is of twin-framed construction with a skeletonised front plate. All arbors up to and including the center run in ball races, the third and escape wheel arbor are fitted with end stones, winding is anti-clockwise, the pendulum bob and weights are 2in. dia. lead filled brass tubes.

More work is involved with this model than with the previous one; it will take longer to construct but the level of difficulty and skill required is no greater. As before, all work, including the glazed case, can be carried out in the average

model engineer's workshop. I have a Boxford ME 10, a lathe that will just accept the 10in. dia. chapter ring. This is the greatest swing required. For constructors without this capacity, there should be no difficulty in obtaining this item from 'outside'. Generally, my comments on tooling in the previous series apply equally. Those of you who have built the workshop version, will be well away. I use a home-made, direct division plate mounted on the lathe mandrel and a home-made milling/drilling spindle mounted on a vertical slide. These cover both gear cutting and pinion trunnion drilling as well as 'engraving' the chapter ring with Roman numerals. An illustrated description of these processes will follow at the appropriate time. Gear teeth modules are 0.8 and 0.6. All the divisions required can be achieved from 120, 96, 90 and 64



Material List

Brass sheet (finished sizes)

9 5/8 x 8 1/2 x 1/16in. (or 3mm): 2 off.

6 1/8 x 3 5/8in.: 2 off.

4 3/8 x 1 3/8in.: 1 off.

10 x 10 x 1/16in. (for chapter ring): 1 off.

Brass round

1 1/4in., 1in., 3/4in., 1/2in., 1/4in. diameters:

6in. of each.

5/16in. dia.: 50in. total length.

Brass hexagon

3/8in. A/F: 12in.

Brass tube

2in. dia. x 16 gauge: 32in.

Brass wheel blanks

4in. dia. x 3/16in.: 2 off.

2in. dia. x 3/16in.: 2 off.

3in. dia. x 1/8in.: 1 off.

2in. dia. x 1/8in.: 6 off.

2 1/2in. dia. x 1/16in.: 2 off.

2in. dia. x 1/16in.: 8 off.

Gauge plate

1 off: 3 x 3 x 5/32in.: 1 off.

Steel cheese head screws

10BA x 1/2in., 100 off.

Blue pivot steel

No. 67, No. 60, No. 56: 1 bundle each

Invar rod

1/4in. dia. or 6mm: 1 length

Material suppliers

Mr. I. T. Cobb,

8 Poplar Avenue, Birstall, Leicester LE4 JDU;
(0116-2676063).

Repton Clocks,

48 High Street, Repton, Derby;
(01283-703657).

E.K.P. Supplies,

The Old Workshop, Bratton Fleming,
nr. Barnstaple, Devon EX31 4SA;
(01598-710892).

P. P. Thornton (Successors) Ltd.,

The Old Bakehouse, Upper Tysoe,
Warwickshire CV35 0TR; (01295-680454).

Goodacre Engraving Ltd.,

Trumpton Avenue, Meadow Lane,
Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 2GB;
(0115-9734387).

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1 Ellen Street, Portslade, Brighton BN41 1EU;
(01273-421321).

Cousins Material House,

Unit J Chesham Close, Romford,
Essex RM7 7P3; (01708-757800).

H.S. Walsh & Son, Ltd.,

243 Beckenham Road, Beckenham,
Kent BR3 4TS; (0181-7787061).
Also in London and Birmingham.

hole plates which simplifies the manufacture of a plate if one is not available.

I am keen to encourage individual variation and personalisation to detail and method rather than strict adherence to prototype within the parameters of wheel count and layout. In my view, herein lies the fundamental difference between our model engineering, where we build a detailed scale model of a prototype (visions here of rivet counting), and clock making which, generally speaking, is not 'modelling' at all but building full size.

It is interesting to reflect that in spite of this difference, model engineering and amateur clock making have always been compatible bed fellows as is evident by browsing through past issues of *Model Engineer*. However, the freedom of not having to stick rigidly to specification does have a price. Read the drawings in advance to make sure that any divergence will not create future problems (and, indeed, that I have not made errors with dimensions shown). In the main, I have stuck to imperial measure but there will be instances when metric dimensions should be substituted depending on the material available.

Materials

With regard to material, 'compo' brass sheet is by far the easiest to work. It is usually dead flat and comes highly polished and protected. It is also very expensive. For the prototype clock, I deliberately used ordinary brass sheet in the form of offcuts and even scrap from my local 'Smiths'. This did need some straightening, considerable elbow grease to polish and a very gentle feed on gear cutting but my goodness, it did save a lot of cost! As a point of interest, there is a precedent. At work, we sometimes come across old, nicely made clocks with *mild steel* plates, just brass bushed for bearings. Clearly, it must have made commercial sense at the time.

I suggest contact with your nearest Smith Metals Centre, also a call to Mr. I. T. Cobb who took over stock when Crafts for 4 Seasons ceased trading. This will be worthwhile in connection with brass as well as wheel blanks. Invar rod for the pendulum is not easy to find but I know that Repton Clocks do stock this in 6mm diameter.

Ball races will be best sourced from your local bearing and transmission specialists. Here it pays to compare price between imperial and metric sizes and modify the drawing specification accordingly.

E.K.P. Supplies manufacture very good BA screws which 'blue' beautifully. P. P. Thornton supply gear cutters.

Messrs. Goodacre Engraving Ltd. would, no doubt, be able to quote for the chapter ring but doing this yourself is an interesting exercise if your lathe is of sufficient capacity (minimum 10in. swing).

Meadows and Passmore Ltd. are able to supply blue pivot steel and list this in Stubbs Wire Gauge under No. 67 (for 0.031in.), No. 60 (for 0.040in.) and No. 55 (for 0.050in.). This firm also



The clock movement removed from its case to reveal the skeletonised front plate through which the motionwork is clearly visible.

lists suspension springs and phosphor bronze weight line.

Subject to the usual disclaimer, addresses and telephone numbers of all these suppliers and several others are appended. Their catalogues will be found to be a mine of information.

To help with forward planning and cost calculations, the main material requirements are listed in the panel.

Making the plates

We will now make a start on the plates, which are all 1/8in. or 3mm thick. It pays to protect the surfaces with thin adhesive paper as much and for as long as possible in order to save a lot of hard work later. When marking out, be sparing with the scriber; I find that a sharp hard pencil is a good alternative. The sheet metal must be as flat as you can get it, especially the mid-plate. The others, particularly the skeletonised front plate will tend to follow when clamping together. Drawings 1 and 2 refer. The plan is to build up a sandwich of all the plates for drilling the ten 1/4in. dia. reamed pillar holes very accurately, so that the sandwich can be dismantled and reassembled without trouble.

Mark out the front plate completely, as per drawing 1, including a light centre pop at the centre position shown 4in. up from the bottom. Do not cut out the hatched areas at this stage but concentrate only on the outlines. The front and mid-plates are the same shape and the two rear plates are also alike. To avoid later confusion, determine the best side as the front and mark the rear. The back-cock shown on drawing 2 will be a little tricky to position in the sandwich. It may be best to leave this oversize initially, say 4 1/2 x 1 1/2in., with one good straight edge. A strip of similar thickness material 1 3/8in. wide with straight parallel edges placed between the top edges of the rear plates and the bottom edge of the back cock will locate this accurately in the sandwich.

The traditional method of locating the layers of a two-part sandwich is with tapered pins. In our case, I suggest making half a dozen really accurate diameter bolts and nuts. The clamps holding the sandwich together can then be replaced by these bolts as drilling and reaming

progresses. I cannot over-emphasize the importance of positional and relative accuracy for these ten 1/4in. dia. holes. Before taking the stack to pieces, mark the 4 13/16in. radius on the back cock.

The next stage is to skeletonise the front plate by removing the sections shown hatched on drawing 1. Although I have a milling machine and rotary table, I find it quicker to do this sort of job by chain drilling, sawing and filing. Whatever method is chosen, all edges must be square with sharp corners and well finished. On this type of construction, every bit of the clock shows! On drawing 2 I also show two 5BA tapped holes in the mid-plate. These will not be used until much later, but it is just as well to deal with them now. Needless to say, all holes should be well de-burred.

●To be continued.



Christmas cards from The Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway

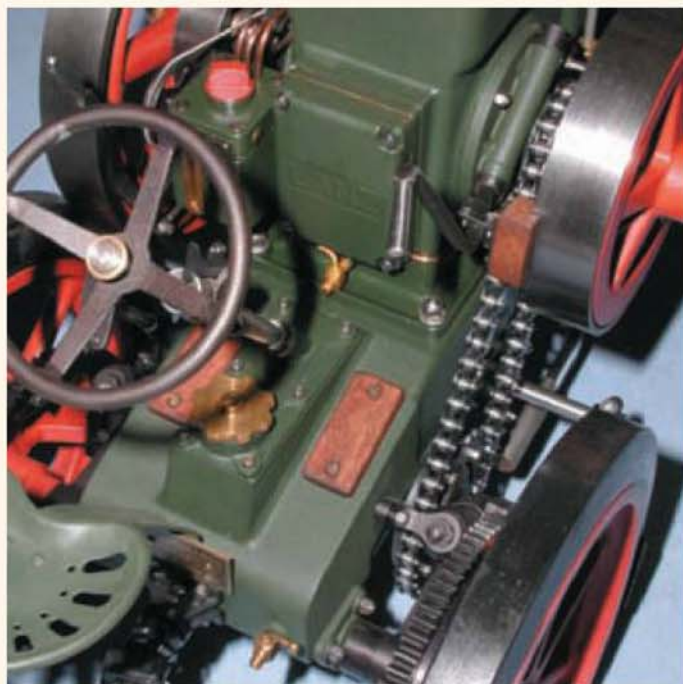
This nostalgic artist's view of red-liveried ex-Antigua Sugar Co. 0-6-2 No. 12 Joan rounding the curve towards Heinarth with a passenger train for Llanfair is featured on the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway Christmas card for 2002.

The cards cost £2.95 for ten, £7.95 for 30 or £12.95 for 50, all post free and are available from R. E. Cartwright, Owl Halt, Manor Road, Sealand, Deeside, N. Wales CH5 2SB (tel: 01244-815273). Please make cheques payable to W&L Sales Ltd.

COVER FEATURE



The Author's model was awarded a Gold Medal and the Edgar Westbury Trophy at MEX 2000. (Photos: Mike Chrisp)



Herbert P. Stumm

in Germany is a prolific modeller. He researches and builds superb models of unusual prototypes and here describes his working tractor.

●Photographs by Eva Stumm.

Following the first World War, German farmers were short of fuels like petrol and diesel. Dr. Fritz Huber of Messrs. LANTZ/Mannheim (now John Deere) designed a tractor with an engine based on Englishman Herbert Akroyd Stuart's invention. This engine ran on almost any liquid fuel including crude oil, tar oil, spirit, vegetable oil, etc., the only alteration necessary when the driver wanted to switch from one type of fuel to another being the hot bulb.

The operation of this 2-stroke engine differs to that of a diesel. With a diesel, air is compressed into the combustion chamber and fuel is injected into the hot air at top dead centre. A very high compression ratio, of the order of 20:1, is required. The Akroyd Stuart engine, however, injects fuel into a pre-heated hot bulb chamber when the piston has already passed bottom dead centre. The fuel evaporates but because there is a lack of air, cannot burn. Combustion takes place when the rising piston forces fresh air into the combustion chamber. Compression is fairly low, of the order of only 5:1. To prevent premature combustion, the connection between the chamber and the cylinder was reduced to a relatively small bore.

The design of the tractor is simple and foolproof so that farmers could do their own repair work; there were only two ball races on the entire tractor. When the farmer wanted to start the engine, the hot bulb had first to be pre-heated for some 20 minutes using a petrol blow torch. The flywheel was then turned in one direction and the engine started to run in the opposite direction. The tractor is equipped with two brakes, one of which acts on the hind wheels, the other on the rim of the small flywheel. The lever of this brake also actuates the clutch which is integral with this flywheel (fig 1).

Lubrication was by means of a 'Bosch' oiler which is a box filled with oil and housing a nest

of small individual oil pumps driven by a tumbler. This made it easy for the driver to determine and adjust the precise amount of oil for every single lubricating point by means of a screwdriver.

Cooling was simply by evaporation and involved a large chamber in the cast-iron chassis which contained water. Another chamber in the chassis was used as a silencer with the exhaust at the bottom of the chassis. This arrangement was soon altered to a normal exhaust pipe and this chamber became useful for other purposes such as a toolbox. The hind wheels were connected to the engine via a chain, a differential gearbox and spur gears.

The tractor was available in several different versions; one was fitted with ribbed cast iron wheels for farm work, another with rubber tyres for transport (maximum speed approximately 5-7mph). There was also a 'light railway' version and last, but by no means least, the engine alone

was available for use as a stationary engine. It was given the name 'Bulldog' by the LANTZ staff because from the front it reminded them of that particular breed of dog. The 'Bulldog' was a commercial success and was built until the late 1940s during which time many improvements were made. The tractor and its characteristic noise (similar to that of a 'Field Marshall') has since become a legend for vintage tractor enthusiasts. A good many are preserved in Germany.

Investigation

The idea to build a model of the 'Bulldog' came to mind during a visit to the Technical Museum at Sinsheim. Two of these types of tractors are exhibited here and I took several photographs just in case (photo 1). Lesson No. 1: every model engineer should always have some measuring equipment ready in his pocket; you never know when you might need it! Unfortunately for this

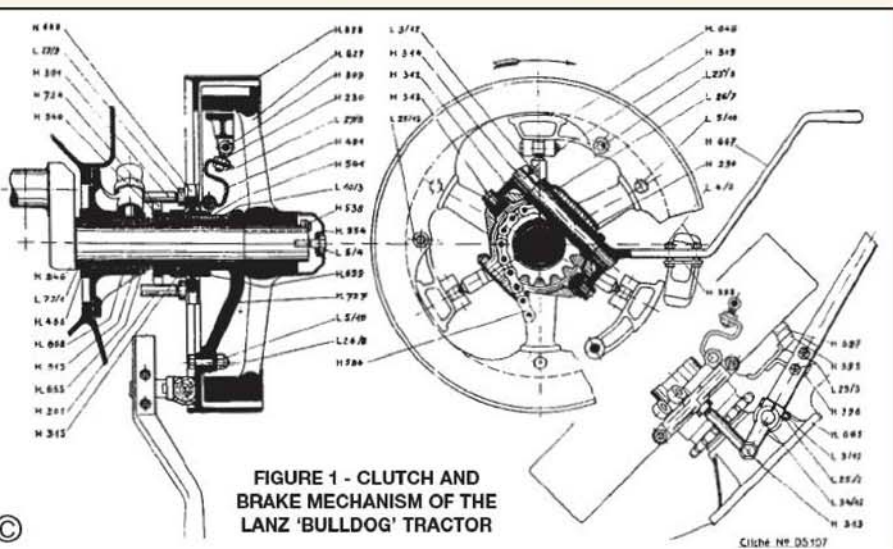
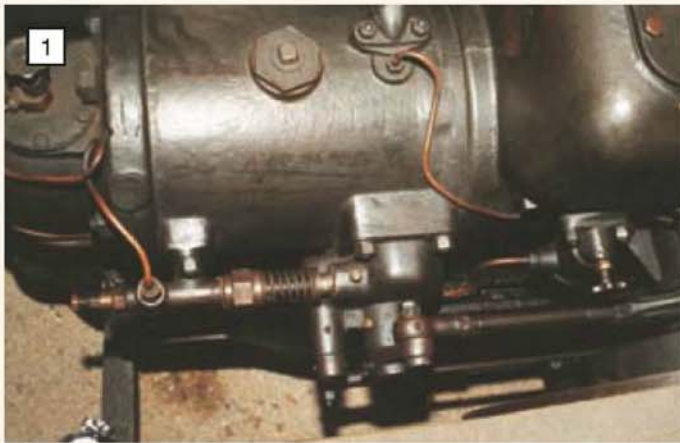


FIGURE 1 - CLUTCH AND BRAKE MECHANISM OF THE LANTZ 'BULLDOG' TRACTOR



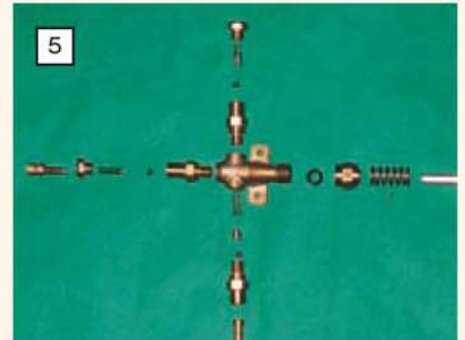
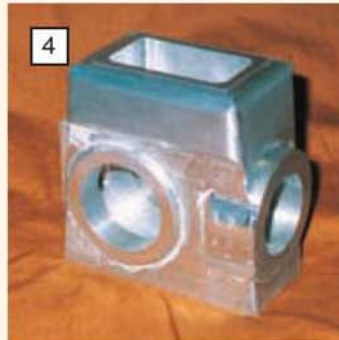
The injection pump system on the prototype.



A motorway detour led the Author to a seat on the real thing.



The chassis and crankcase were carved from solid chunk of aluminium alloy.



An exploded view of the injection pump.

visit, I had not, so I was unable to take any measurements at this time. Just a few days later a friend gave me a book about the history of Messrs. LANZ which included some drawings (figs 1 and 2) and pictures. Based on the data and information which this book contained I was able to make a start.

The results of further investigations at tractor meetings were poor and although most people were friendly and willing to help, the only owner of an early Bulldog who lived in my neighbourhood was not. We sometimes have to rely on good fortune and at a model engineering exhibition in Leek in Holland I count myself very lucky to have met a model engineer from Hamburg who knew a lot about LANZ. He kindly offered me a nearly complete parts list of an early Bulldog including pictures of every part of the tractor (fig 3). With this list I could achieve a high degree of fidelity to the prototype.

The chance to see a real 'Bulldog' came at last when my wife and I were on our way home from Northern Germany. Caught up in a motorway traffic jam we decided to leave at the first available opportunity. Travelling through a small village, my wife Eva spotted a signpost to a little country museum and suggested we should break our journey. "Let's drop in" she said. Inside we found a very old but real 'Bulldog' dating back to 1926. I was allowed to climb onto it (photo 2), to inspect everything, to turn the flywheels and whatever I chose to touch or try. This time I had a tape measure with me and was able to take and record as many measurements as I could. What follows is an account of my investigations.

The 2in. scale model

I seldom make drawings before I start work on a model, and only prepare workshop sketches if a particular part is too complicated to carry all the dimensions in my mind. Sometimes, to avoid mathematics and to make sure that things fit together I use my CAD program. With the exception

of flywheels, which are relatively cheap and can be found at exhibitions as surplus items, I prefer to work without castings. In my opinion, pattern making pays off only if you have to build the wheels of a 4-10-4 locomotive!

The first parts to be made were the chassis and the crankcase (photos 3 and 4). Carved from solid aluminium alloy blocks which were to hand they involved milling, turning and a lot of filing and sand-blasting to achieve the appearance of castings. The four wheels were made in the same way from four offcuts of the same material. The cylinder, cylinder head and crankshaft bearing plates were made from brass to facilitate subsequent silver-soldering of the brackets and bosses.

The cylinder liner was turned from a bar of

good quality cast iron from which I also made the piston rings. My technique for piston rings may seem a little odd to the experts, but it works for me. I turn rings to the exact inner diameter of the cylinder liner, split them, spread them apart by approximately 2-3mm with a nail or whatever happens to be handy, and heat the whole lot to dull red. After slow cooling, the nail is removed to leave a gap which provides the ring with the necessary spring. The gap, of course, closes when the ring is fitted into the cylinder bore.

The piston was turned from a suitable aluminium alloy while the crankshaft was fabricated from silver-steel with bright mild steel crank webs which were pinned and silver-soldered in place. To permit experimentation with different com-

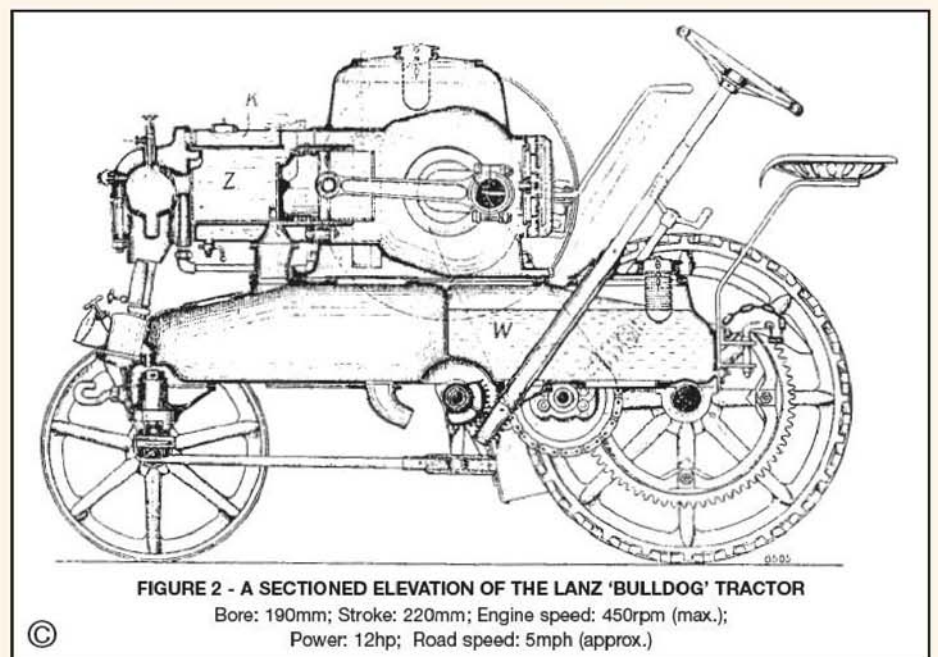


FIGURE 2 - A SECTIONED ELEVATION OF THE LANZ 'BULLDOG' TRACTOR

Bore: 190mm; Stroke: 220mm; Engine speed: 450rpm (max.);
Power: 12hp; Road speed: 5mph (approx.)



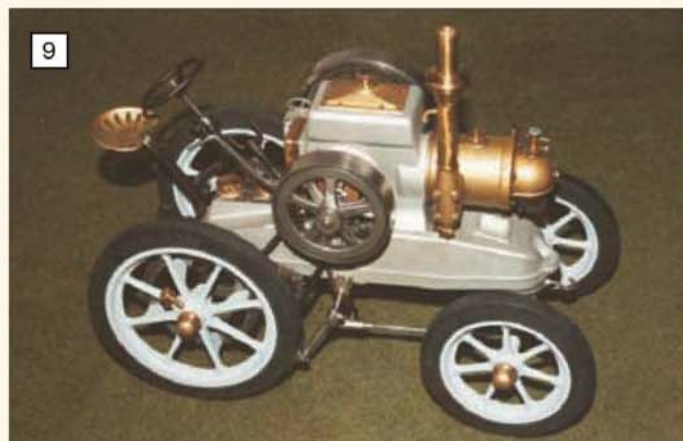
The rear axle with the differential gearbox on the left-hand side.



Steering is by worm and half-wheel on a common axle with the rear brakes.



The rubber tyres were cut from old lawnmower wheels (top left).



The completed model, successfully tried and tested, awaits a coat of paint.

pression ratios and various fuels, I turned up several stainless steel hot bulbs. The connection between combustion chamber and hot bulb is sealed with an annealed copper ring.

The bright mild steel connecting rod is fitted with Oilite bearings, split at the big end. The air inlet valve consists of three brass plates: the valve plate with thin stainless steel reeds, a filter plate with bronze gauze, and the lid. The big flywheel is fitted with a regulator and an eccentric to drive the fuel pump (photo 5), and the water pump. These pumps are fabricated from brass with stainless steel ball valves and pistons. Engine speed is altered by the stroke of the fuel pump by means of a small lever-operated gearbox (see photo 1) connected between the eccen-

tric and pump. The regulator doesn't work in this small scale, but it is fitted for aesthetic reasons.

All small fabricated silver-soldered parts were sand-blasted and lightly gilded to give them the appearance of cast bronze components. The small flywheel (see fig 2) has the clutch integral and drives the differential gear via a commercial chain (photo 6). The gears are all spur gears and were cut on the milling machine using a dividing head. Four very small gears had to be made for the differential gearbox which proved to be a rather fiddly job. Fortunately, making the four other gearwheels (module 1), which connect the gearbox to the hind wheels, was a more straightforward job.

Steering is by half-worm wheel and worm on a common axle with the rear brakes (photo 7).

The exhaust pipe was turned from brass and then chemically blacked. The heating torch was made from brass using parts (orifice and filling valve) from a cheap commercial small gas soldering torch (one of those little blue ones). It can be filled with lighter fuel gas. I couldn't manage to fit the 'Bosch' oiler with individual pumps for every lubricating point so I integrated the assembly into a single small pump and distributed the oil by means of small orifices. The pump is driven by the crankshaft and I used a steel spring belt as per the prototype.

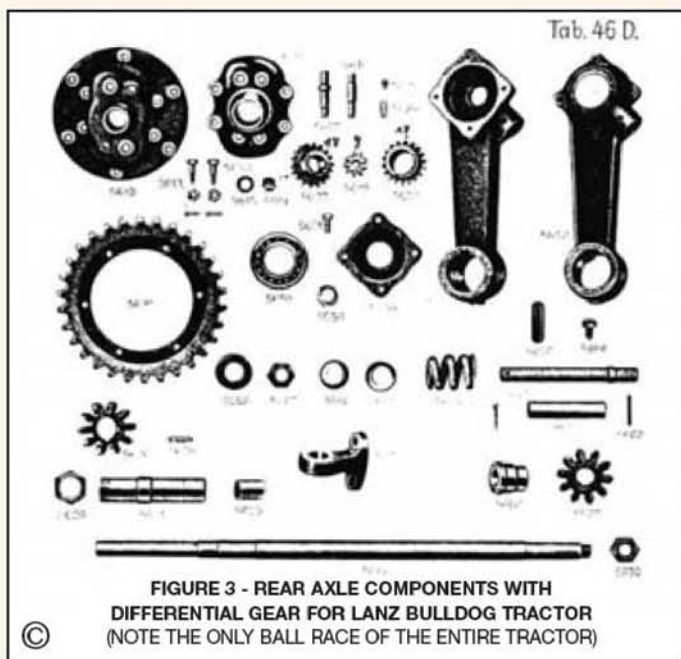
Lots of other small parts had to be made, including pipework, grease cups, lids, cocks, foot plates, seat, hooks, etc., totalling some 350 individual items, some of which were fabricated. This figure doesn't include the studs, nuts and bolts!

When the engine was finished, I was able to carry out some experimental work on different fuels and compression ratios. Unfortunately, the flywheel mass wasn't sufficient (you can't scale nature!) to allow me success in reaching the low speed and the characteristic 'puff-puff' noise of the prototype. To get the engine to run, I had to disconnect the regulator and change over to a kind of slip eccentric (nature again!) to achieve the correct injection timing. The engine ran fairly fast and produced a lot of smoke in my workshop. Eva was not amused!

As the model was to represent a 'Gummi-Bulldog' (a rubber Bulldog) used for road transport, rubber tyres had to be fitted. These were made from old lawn mower wheels sourced from car boot sales (photo 8). I had to visit every car boot sale in the area for quite some time before I found four rubber wheels of the size needed. They were turned on the lathe, sharpening the tool every minute; you wouldn't believe how quickly the tool wears when you turn rubber! The lettering was cast in black silicone and glued into milled recesses on the sides of the tyres. Finally, to complete the model the tyres were Loctited onto the rims.

My 'Bulldog' was finally ready for the last stage before completion — painting (photo 9). I used etch primer for the aluminium alloy and the brass parts, then applied a filler and finally sprayed a matt green acrylic finish. Incidentally, this shade of green was one of the original liveries in the old days, the characteristic LANCZ blue only came about in the 1930s. The wheels were painted red.

I kept no record of the actual number of hours I spent building my 'Bulldog', but the work took up about 18 months of my spare time.





Left: tank side nameplate secured using blind nuts.



Right: maker's nameplate on the back of the tender.

FABRICATED MODEL NAMEPLATES

D. A. G. Brown

explains his techniques for producing these prominent items.

I have long admired the beautiful nameplates etched by Diane Carney for small models. However, there are applications in which fabrication is more appropriate, or perhaps you are just looking for a challenge! My own experimentation with home-made plates started with pattern-makers' letters many years ago, but I have now harnessed the might of the home computer to assist in making the appropriate artwork and offer some practical tips on a method which I find highly successful. I shall deal with the subject in the following three sections:

- 1: Generation of artwork.
- 2: Cutting out and finishing of lettering, etc.
- 3: Fixing of letters to the background material.

Generation of artwork

It is quite remarkable how the home computer has developed in the past dozen years, in many cases becoming a master rather than a slave to do the menial work. I regard mine as a slave and spend as little time as possible sitting in front of it. I enjoy myself far more in the workshop!

I am not a graphic artist, so I leave it to the designers to produce the fonts that look right and are aesthetically acceptable. The proportions and spacing of the letters are very subtle; so do not try 'improving' them! Have a careful look at a set of upper case letters, drawing a horizontal line along the tops and bottoms of the E and T. You will see that the rounded letters such as the O and S protrude noticeably below and above the lines. If they do not the overall effect looks wrong. Just ask any sign writer (if you can still find one these days) or better still examine his work on the sides of vans and lorries.

Not surprisingly, I use CAD to generate my artwork, but you can just as easily use one of the artistic packages or office programmes which seem to be 'bundled' with most computers purchased from high street stores. I shall deal with three examples, each of which has its own unique points to illustrate.

First, let us consider the nameplate for my 7¹/₄in. gauge Hunslet *Tony Priest* (photo 1). I chose Helvetica font, but reduced the aspect ratio from 1 to 0.8, thereby squeezing the width of the letters to make them more appropriate to my needs. I told the computer not to fill the letters, which meant that it printed them as outlines. The significance of this move will become apparent when you come to cut them out. I also produced the border around the letters to an appropriate

shape. Thus, the whole spacing and layout of the job was determined. Using a computer, it is then a simple matter to alter the scale of the work and to print to the size required (fig 1).

Secondly, let's look at the maker's name discs. In my case, these fit on the front of the cab and the back of the tender and were again laid out in Helvetica font. This time the lines of letters were 'exploded' to enable them to be bent around into elliptical shapes to match the border. Here I was attempting to imitate the original Hunslet name discs which were fixed to the cab sides, and this I have achieved to my own satisfaction. In making this move, it is important to retain the correct letter and word spacing so that the words look right when printed (photo 2).

My third example is for the LNER A4 locomotive. After the Second World War, the cabside numbers and tender letters on these locomotives appeared in stainless steel cut-out form. These were cut to a specific font designed by Eric Gill, an Art Deco designer, and were known as Gill Sans. Sans is short for 'sans serif', denoting a plain letter form without curlicues and it was adopted by the LNER in its house style (Gill had been hired by the Railway company to form its public relations image).

The problem which I faced was that I did not have any reference to a Gill Sans font on my computer; Helvetica was quite close, but with some significant differences. The procedure I adopted was to write 'LNER' in the required size (1³/₃₂in. high letters), but with an aspect ratio of 95%, and then to explode the line of text twice, thereby breaking it up into individual strokes and curves. Comparison with true Gill Sans revealed that most of it was a very good likeness, except for the letter 'R' which had to be doctored to come into line with the 1930s style. This was quite a simple operation involving normal CAD editing techniques. During this operation, the locomotive's 1946 number 5 was also altered in a similar way and the assembly of numbers and letters is shown in photos 3 and 4.

Cutting out the lettering

The artwork was printed on a sheet of special sticky paper. This is the only material I have found to have the tenacity to resist mechanical cutting operations without stretching or shrinking. It is removable by soaking once the work is complete. The gum is a vesicular product, which means that it is applied as tiny beads to the paper



Top: Fig 1 - Artwork for a nameplate, generated on a computer using a CAD program and printed onto adhesive paper.

Above: the letters have been stuck onto stainless steel and cut around. The upper set are finished and polished; the lower set show how the paper sticks tenaciously to the metal. The outlines are still visible through cutting oil stains.

Left: this artwork is printed exactly full-size on sticky paper, which in this instance is pink. Several copies are made, easily done when using a computer! The bottom letters have been filled, not recommended for cutting around.

surface and appears as a matt, clear film. I have tracked down a supply of this paper and can supply small quantities by post.

To make most nameplates, the commonest material is brass; so the lettering should be stuck on to an appropriate sized piece of say 18 or 20 gauge material. This must be absolutely clean; a surface abraded with fine emery cloth is most appropriate. In applying the gummed paper use the minimum of water to wet it (as one of my friends says "One lick okay, two licks and the gum has gone!") Water is best applied by means of a small sprayer.

I have found it very easy to cut around the profiles of the letters, within 0.005in. of finished size, using a Hegner saw with, say a No. 9 'Gold Snail' blade. I have found that a Burgess band-saw is a bit fierce for the job, so a wider berth must be taken. At this point, the wisdom of leaving the letters unfilled becomes apparent, the fine lines of print still being just visible after the cuts. I am sure that the process can also be carried out with a piercing saw, much to the benefit of the arm muscles! It then becomes a simple job to finish the letter edges with needle files and an accuracy of ± 0.002 in. is easily attainable. Study the artwork and note that the vertical and horizontal strokes of letters are not necessarily all equal.

You should now have a pile of neat, finished



Our contributor at East Herts Miniature Railway. The name and maker's plates are clearly visible on the saddle tank and cabside.

letters and numbers. Note that surrounds or edgings should be cut out madly big on outside dimensions for finishing later.

Fixing the lettering

I shall assume that the background material will be, say $\frac{1}{8}$ in. brass plate, although thinner metal may be appropriate. First, decide how the plate is to be fixed to the model. I chose two 6BA screw studs in each case located behind the cover of lettering or edging. These can be fixed in place by silver-soldering or even Loctited before any lettering is applied. Eventually my plates are affixed to the model by blind nuts and small fibre washers, thus being suitable for the water space, while always being removable for repainting.

Now we come to the question of fixing the letters on to the background. During my experimentation, I found that it was quite easy for solder to form a

skating rink and for little letters to finish up in the wrong places. Follow these instructions and that should not happen.

First, generously tin the back sides of the letters (and edgings) with Multicore solder which contains resin flux. The brass should now be noticeably thicker than it was originally. Now mark the layout of the artwork on the background, coat the background material with resin flux and lay the lettering out on the background surface to the markings as above. When you are happy with the appearance of the lettering, heat the whole lot up gently, applying most heat from beneath the brass plate. You should first see the flux go fluid and then the solder melt and flash around the letter edges. It seems that in this process the solder is drawn into the joint by capillary attraction without causing the pieces to move. Finally, clean up the fluxed areas, paint the background and stand back to admire your work.

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Should you wish to purchase a small quantity of suitable gummed paper, I can supply packs of 25 sheets for £5 including postage (UK). I can be contacted through our Editor as usual via the M.E. Editorial Office, PO Box 310, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP3 8AX.



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The steam plant is mounted on a polished electro-lacquered brass plate and hardwood base, measuring 420 x 390mm. The 89mm diameter vertical boiler is of multi-tube, silver-soldered heavy gauge copper construction, fitted with ceramic gas burner with main and pilot jets, electric ignition, water and steam pressure gauges, safety and vacuum valves and whistle. Gas flow is regulated by a control valve that cuts the main burner in and out to maintain steam pressure, and it is pressure tested to 140psi.

The mill engine contains crankshaft, eccentric and big end bearings of a sealed ball type,

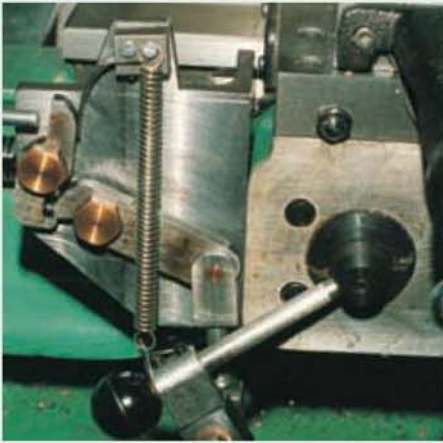
concealed to look like plain bearings but giving long life and zero maintenance. A boiler feed pump and steam lubricator are fitted, together with belt-driven dynamo with voltage regulator and lamp standard. Other features include a dummy but fully operational ball governor and adjustable load damper, a cylinder and steam chest drain, valves and sump.

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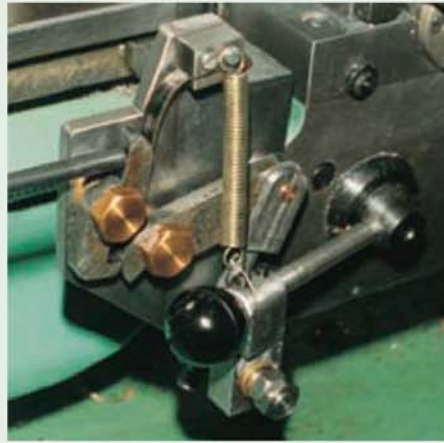
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The half-nut quick-release mechanism fitted to the Author's lathe. Here the unit is shown with the half-nuts engaged with the leadscrew.



The unit with the half-nuts disengaged. The mechanism locks the half-nuts together during engagement. Release is by way of a spring.



The actuator rod which triggers the release lever is screwed to the front of the lathe, only suitable when no quick-change gearbox is fitted.

QUICK-RELEASE HALF-NUT MECHANISM

Rowland Lowe

describes a device designed for Myford Series 7 lathes which, once made, will convince most builders of its usefulness when machining to a shoulder and screwcutting.

The device to be described has been found to be a very effective accessory for my Myford Super 7 and would be equally applicable to most of the Series 7 range. A trigger mechanism holds the leadscrew half-nuts engaged, and when this contacts the adjustable stop, the nuts are rapidly released.

Experience has shown that disengagement takes place with a very good degree of repeatability and that the machine can be run with confidence at relatively high speeds with power feed to the leadscrew.

Two important applications have been extensively used. The first is machining up to a shoulder at a constant feed for optimum finish. This has proved much faster than hand feeding using the leadscrew handwheel to determine the manual disengagement point, not only because of the higher speed, but the point of disengagement is determined by the stop and is constant in relation to the workpiece. If the leadscrew handwheel is used to determine the shoulder position, disengagement of the half-nuts may upset the relationship of the leadscrew to the half-nuts and affect the handwheel reading.

Such errors cannot occur with a fixed stop. Avoiding mistakes by withdrawing the tool and leaving the half-nuts engaged while reversing the leadscrew by its handwheel rather than the apron traverse loses much time. The exact positioning of successive shoulders can be ensured by use of the stop collar shown on the stop rod in the photograph, and minor adjustments can be made by use of the top-slide index.

The second main application is in screwcutting, especially up to internal and external shoulders. In these cases a runout groove is normally made with a parting tool to allow manual disengagement

with some allowance for variation. As the width of this groove is limited, speed needs to be restricted to avoid errors and spoilt work. Another disadvantage, especially when the threaded length is short, is that a significant length may be sacrificed to the runout groove. With the mechanical method, this is not necessary. When the leadscrew is released, the tool continues to cut a runout groove around the work without traversing further, and on the final cut the work is left with a runout groove of the minimum size, the same width as one thread.

The fitting has proved so useful that it is left permanently in place on my lathe. If not required,

it can easily be isolated by temporary removal of one of the 5BA bolts from the top spring block, unhooking the tension spring attached to it, and slipping the trigger behind the leaf spring to relieve this tension — quicker done than described! The clasp nut lever then operates normally. Construction is shown in the sketches and photographs.

Materials come from the odds and ends box and partly depend on what is available. The bracket was from a piece of scrap angle, the only major adjustment being the fly-cutting of a small flat on the inner face to give a suitable surface for the head of the mounting bolt to sit truly. The method of mounting on the lathe is not seen in the

QUICK RELEASE MECHANISM FOR MYFORD SERIES 7 LEADSCREW
FIRST ANGLE PROJECTION

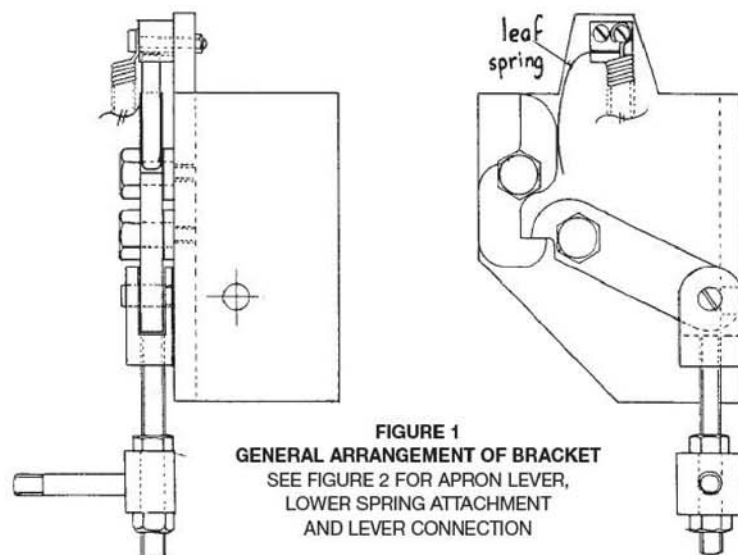


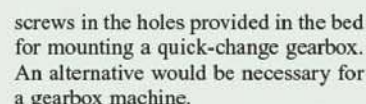
FIGURE 1
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT OF BRACKET
SEE FIGURE 2 FOR APRON LEVER,
LOWER SPRING ATTACHMENT
AND LEVER CONNECTION

STANDARD ITEMS REQUIRED:

- 3 x 1/4in. BSF NUTS, 7/16in. A/F
- 1 x LEAF SPRING FROM CLOCK SPRING OR STEEL SHIM STOCK
- 1 x TENSION SPRING 1 3/4in. FREE LENGTH
- 1 x 2BA GRUB SCREW 2BA x 3/16in. LONG
- 2 x 6BA GRUB SCREWS 6BA x 1/8in. LONG TO FIX LEAF SPRING
- 2 x 5BA x 1in. LONG BOLTS & NUTS .

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The stop rod itself and mounting are not detailed. The stop is a plain rod about 1/4 in. dia. mounted as convenient to strike the trigger. On a change wheel machine, as can be seen in the photograph, it can be mounted in the holes drilled in a block secured by



Final adjustments to the trigger mechanism should be made on trial assembly. For the best operation, the cocked trigger should be set vertical with its trip face horizontal and the corresponding face on the lever also horizontal.

You'll not need much use of this fitting to convince yourself of its usefulness!



Hand-drawn technical drawing of a mechanical bracket assembly. The drawing includes a side view on the left and a top view on the right.

Side View (Left):

- Vertical plate with a height of 3".
- Horizontal flange at the bottom with a width of 2" and a thickness of 1/4".
- 8-1m drill hole in the flange.

Top View (Right):

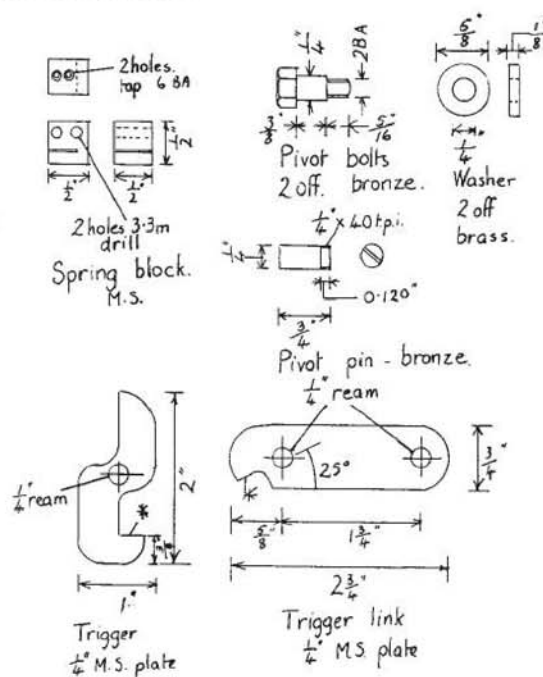
- Bracket with a vertical leg and a horizontal leg.
- Vertical leg: width 1", height 2".
- Horizontal leg: width 3 1/4", height 1 1/2".
- Two holes in the horizontal leg, spaced 2 3/4" apart, with a center-to-center distance of 1 1/2" from the right edge.
- Hole in the vertical leg, 1" from the top and 1/2" from the right edge.
- Note: "locate from spring block" with arrows pointing to the holes.

Detail View (Bottom Left):

- 5/16 BSF bolt
- M.S. washer
- 0.75" ϕ d
- 0.32" ϕ d
- 0.06" thick

Bracket (Bottom Right):

- Bracket M.S.



* Adjust working surfaces on trial Assy. and case harden.

FIGURE 3
BRACKET AND TRIGGER

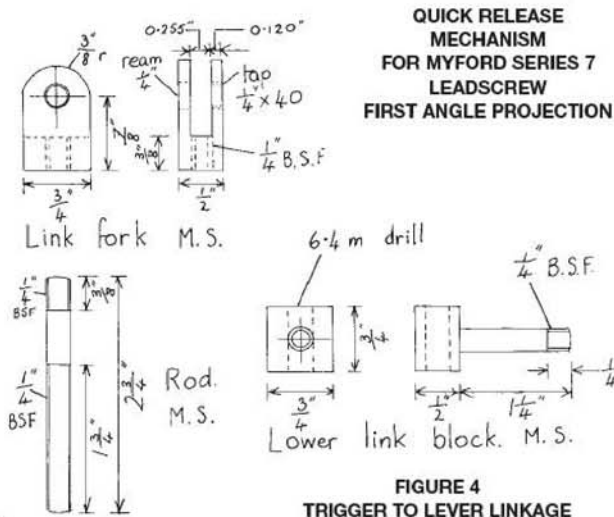
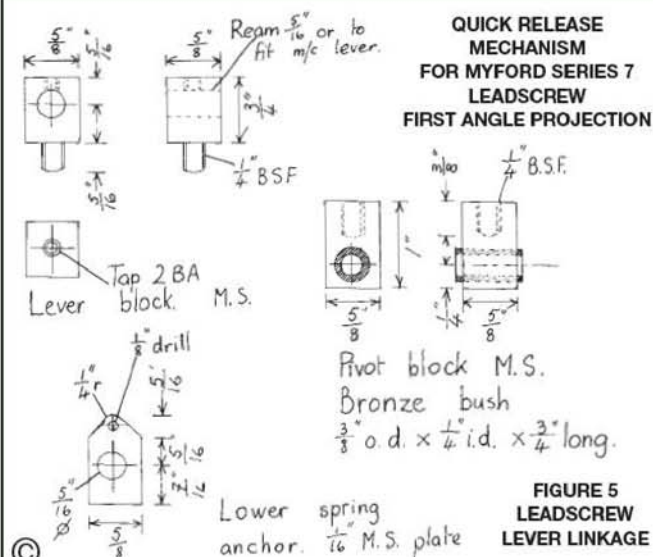


FIGURE 4
TRIGGER TO LEVER LINKAGE



**FIGURE 5
LEADSCREW
LEVER LINKAGE**

A HEINRICI HOT AIR ENGINE

Mike Thurgood

finishes off the flywheels and describes how he assembled the top cap into the displacer tube.

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(M.E. 4181, 1 November 2002).

A final swarf-cleaning run through the threaded hole on the crankpin flywheel is shown in photo 26. This clean-up was necessary because I use a Tapmatic 1 fluid, even when tapping cast iron, and the cast iron dust won't blow out until the fluid has dried out.

The original Heinrici drawing for the model shows a $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (approximately 9.5mm) dia. silver-steel crank pin with a $\frac{1}{4}$ in. x 32TPI thread. I changed this thread to $\frac{5}{16}$ in. x 32TPI to improve the retention of the crank pin in the flywheel. Being readily available, I used 10mm dia. 316 stainless steel rod for the crank pin, threading one end to suit the threaded hole in the crank flywheel.

I drilled a transverse hole through the other end of the crank pin specifically for the purpose of tightening and releasing it when gripping the flywheel. I had good reason for doing this, first because I didn't want to spoil the appearance of the crank pin by machining a hexagon or flats at some point along it. Second and more importantly, if there is ever a need to remove the crankshaft assembly with the 'A'-frames without removing the power piston and cylinder, the crank pin must be readily removable.

But that isn't the end of the story either, because if there is ever a need to remove the power cylinder, the body has first to be dismantled

from the stand/firebox, two of its six mounting studs being otherwise inaccessible. (Although the Westbury design shows just two mounting studs for the power cylinder, I used six for reasons which will be explained later)

I thought I would further improve the security of the crank pin by threading it to a slight interference fit for the thread in the flywheel. However, cast iron is fairly easily worn down after a few threadings. I also made the crank pin longer than required for the big end of the power piston connecting rod because I had an idea in mind for driving a proposed water pump. However, after some further thought, I abandoned this means of driving the pump.

The top end of the displacer piston tube was next dealt with. This has a bronze cap which is silver-soldered into its upper end (photo 27). The end cap is threaded to take the screwed end of the displacer piston rod. It also has an as-cast conical indent which matches a corresponding projecting internal cast integral cone, and at the upper end of the water jacket insert.

In the original Westbury design, the cone on the insert (see figs 4a and 4b, M.E. 4175, 9 August 2002) provides the metal for the threaded holes for the screws used to attach the insert to the body casting. However, I didn't adopt this attachment method for reasons discussed earlier in this series. The cone also provides a greater thickness of material and therefore rigid support for the displacer piston rod but, as also previously explained, I used a relatively long manganese bronze bush instead.

I don't know if the method of attaching the insert to the body with screws going into the projecting cone inside the former was Heinrici's

original idea. Unfortunately, neither Volumes 1 nor 2 of the recent Lindsay publications: *Hot-Air Engines* (available from Camden Miniature Steam Services; tel: 01373-830151), which give quite a number of US patents, includes any for the Heinrici engine. Maybe he didn't take out a US patent. Without access to one I can't check his original design, and I don't think that the Head of the Engineering Department at Stellenbosch University is likely to permit me to dismantle theirs to find out!

The thread in the cap for the displacer piston has to be truly parallel to the axis of the tube so that the piston runs truly axially in its cylinder when attached to its piston rod. Some thought was required on how best to ensure parallelism when silver-soldering the cap.

First, both ends of the stainless steel tube were squared off in the lathe to the required length. Length adjustment to provide a gap of about 1.5-2mm between the lower end of the displacer piston when at the bottom of its stroke, and the bottom end of the displacer cylinder, is accommodated by adjusting the length of the latter before silver-soldering its bottom end cap. I didn't consider the length of the displacer piston to be critical to within a few millimetres.

The threaded cap was turned to give a light push fit in the end of the displacer piston tube. The stainless steel tube I used is a seam welded type with an average wall thickness of 1.5mm but with a slight internal weld ridge along its length. Although acceptable for most purposes, the tube wasn't truly round, but they do stand square over lengths of at least 1 metre, which is much longer than the length of the displacer piston. If the thread in the cap doesn't end up truly concentric,



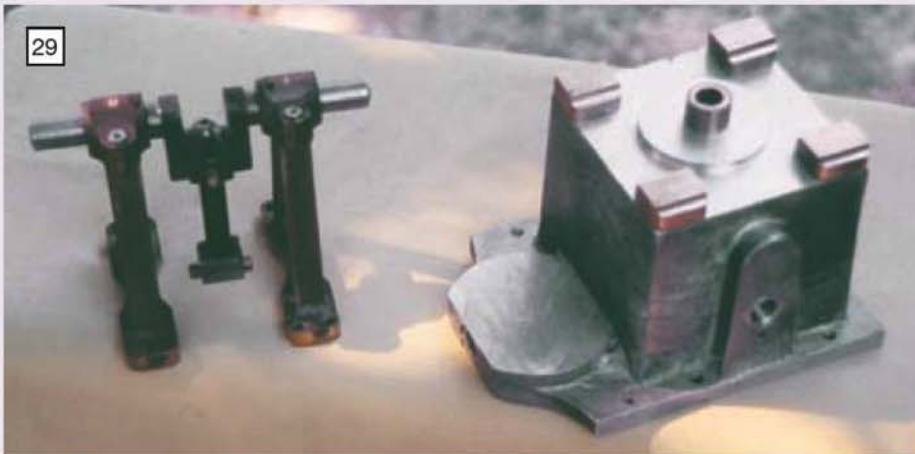
Left: cleaning debris from the $\frac{5}{16}$ in. x 32TPI threaded crankpin hole. A more secure joint results from the choice of this larger thread than the $\frac{1}{4}$ in. BSF specified (see text).



Centre: displacer cylinder with its upper end cap silver-soldered in place. The bronze end cap is internally coned to match the insert through which the bronze displacer piston rod bush passes (see figs 4a and b, M.E. 4175, 9 August 2002). The test piston rod and locating core are also shown, the latter is bored 10mm to centralise the test piston rod during silver-soldering (see text).



Right: the components shown in photo 27 assembled for silver-soldering the upper cap into the stainless steel tube. The test rod is screwed into the top cap and located in the register hole in the lower insert to provide axial alignment of the thread in the upper cap. Parallelism of this threaded hole with the tube axis was considered to be more important than concentricity. The rolled/seam welded displacer cylinder tube has an internal ridge at the weld and is not truly cylindrical (see text).



Above: the 'A'-frame raisers in position on the engine body (right).



Right: the second part-assembly, with the 'A'-frames on their raisers and the displacer piston connecting rod now clear of the piston rod bush (compare with photo 23, M.E. 4181, 1 November 2002).

at least it won't be more than a few thou. out which hardly matters for a displacer piston.

Whether or not off-centre, much more important is the requirement of the displacer piston rod to be aligned truly parallel to the axis of the tube. Eyeballing the job during silver-soldering is not good enough to ensure adequate parallelism so I had to devise a method.

I made and fitted an insert at the other end of the tube, drilled with a hole to take the test rod which would then be positively located at each end of the piston tube. The parts used are shown in photo 27, and assembled in photo 28. I reckoned that by doing the job this way, as long as the test

rod inside the tube is truly parallel to the tube axis then it should be equally parallel when threaded from the outside into the upper cap. In the event, this proved to be the case.

Digressing for a moment, it's always a surprise to me how sometimes the most useless pieces of scrap metal – "Why am I keeping this?" – can come in useful. Thus the lower insert shown on the right in photo 27 was turned from the plug for an iron casting made by the Foundry Group of the Western Province Live Steam Society some ten years ago! I had kept it for luck, or whatever. Modern tungsten carbide tipped lathe tools make such a difference when turning such a rough

piece of metal. However, having turned about 25% of the metal from it, maybe I have lost an equivalent amount of luck!

When I introduced photo 23, which shows the first assembly of parts, I mentioned that raising blocks were required to allow the little (forked) end of the displacer piston connecting rod to clear the bronze bush for the displacer piston rod. Four were machined from brass stock. The assembly with its raising blocks is shown in photos 29 and 30. Note that the flat area seen on the left of the body at its base in photos 23, 29 and 30 is the mounting platform for the power cylinder.

●To be continued.



Narrow gauge locomotive from Cheddar Models

Samson is based on a Bagnall narrow gauge locomotive of the 'Gibraltar' type which was a simple four-coupled locomotive designed to run on portable or permanent light railways in common use in plantations, mines and quarries. It ran on railways from 2ft. 6in. gauge to 5ft. 6in. gauge and was fitted with a marine type boiler adaptable to burn wood, coal or oil.

The miniature version of *Samson* available from Cheddar Models in both gauges 1 and 0 differs from the original in that the Bagnall Patent valve gear has been replaced with a most interesting simplified valve gear to suit radio control in these smaller gauge models. The side tanks have not therefore had to be cut away to accommodate the prototype's lifting links. In all other respects, it is a reasonable representation of the full size locomotive.

Samson's boiler is made of copper with all joints silver-soldered. It is fired by a ceramic gas burner. At the burner end, the firetube has a combustion chamber with cross-tubes; the firetube tapers down to 22mm dia at the smokebox end. The locomotive is gas fired,

fuel being supplied from a refillable footplate mounted gas tank which is supplied with a Certificate of Testing.

Samson's standard boiler equipment includes water gauge, boiler filler valve, safety valve, pressure gauge and syphon. Each boiler is numbered and supplied with a Certificate of Testing. Maximum working pressure is up to 60psi (4 bar). The slide valve cylinders are 5/8in. (just short of 16mm) bore and stroke.

General features include controllable lubricator, sprung axleboxes, bronze bushed coupling and connecting rods, lost wax cast headlamp and whistle, and insulated spoked wheels set outside the frames.



Samson is fitted with a simple but unusual valve gear.



A complete radio control system for proportional forward and reverse speeds is included and supplied.

Weight in working order 8.14lb.; boiler capacity approximately 200ml; running time 20-30 minutes on one filling; haulage capacity on level track over 60lb. 28kg.

Finished in mid Brunswick Green or in black, *Samson* is supplied ready to run (RTR) with a Futaba 4-Channel Skyport 40MHz FM Radio, NiCd batteries and mains charger (UK orders only). Overseas orders are supplied with a 40 MHz AM radio or similar.

Samson is available in both gauge 1 and gauge 0 versions for £995 (VAT included UK, plus £10 carriage UK) from Cheddar Models, Sharpham Road, Cheddar, Somerset BS27 3DR; tel: 01934-744634; fax 01934-744733; www.modelsteam.co.uk

Mike Chrisp

describes a visit during which Neil and he saw some very fine model engineering created by a husband and wife team working in their own individual areas of interest.

May King and her husband Bob live in a village in Kent conveniently located for their active life style with regular outings to the Welling DMES and Chelmsford SME club tracks. In the past, Bob has been Secretary of both societies, serving ten years with each and May is an Associate Member of Welling DMES. With family in New Zealand, they make regular trips to the antipodes and have a great fondness for that country to the extent that they have been welcomed as Honorary members of Southland Model Engineers.

Those who know them will be aware that Bob is a prolific builder of locomotives and that May has created two 'room boxes', one a 1:12 scale miniature of their garden shed and the other a model of Bob's workshop to the same scale. Both of May's miniatures have been successfully shown at previous Model Engineer Exhibitions but Bob declines to submit any of his work for competition following inaccurate criticism by a well known modeller. May and Bob are both very keen to promote modelling activities for young people and have done so in a practical way with their own children and grandchildren and any others seeking assistance. Bob donated a cup to be awarded by Welling DMES for the best model by a junior member displayed at their annual exhibition. Regrettably, due to a lack of entries, this has not been awarded for the last couple of years.

Their promotion of the hobby among the young probably stems from the fact that they were both teachers. May trained as an infant teacher, a profession which she followed for some 40 years; Bob was a teacher for a similar period, retiring in 1988 after 25 years as head teacher of two primary schools. May took *Hobbies Weekly* as a child and was encouraged in practical craft activities by her father who she explained was very clever with his hands. He also spent much time trying to build perpetual motion machines and built kites to fly at holiday



GRANDMA'S

times. At the age of 16 years and while still at school, May purchased a fretsaw which she used to make a variety of things from the plywood with which her father complied with the wartime window blackout regulations. May still uses her fretsaw to this day.

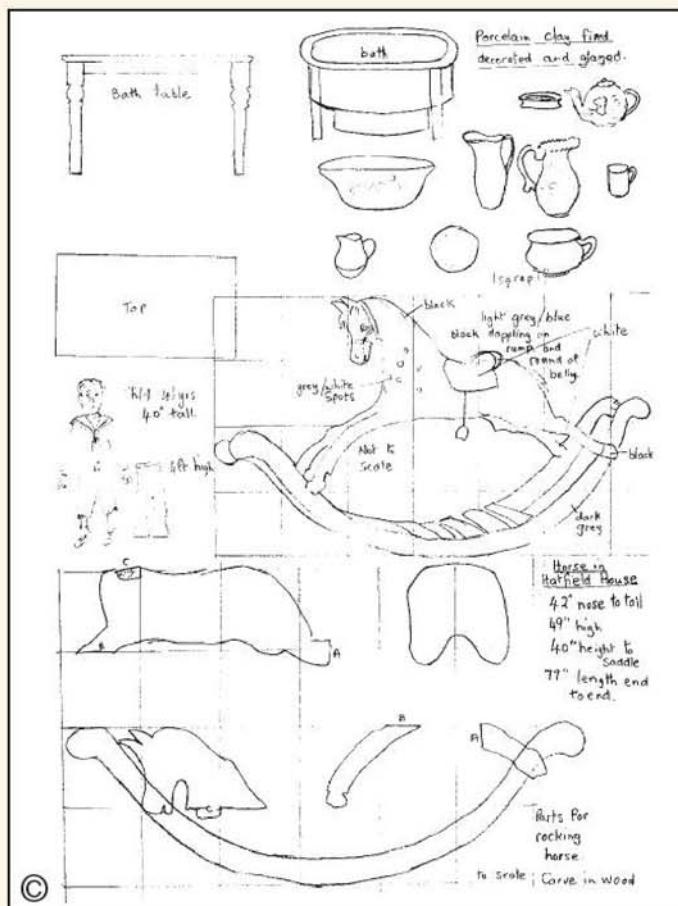
Bob and May have been together for nearly 50 years and early in their married life they formed the Moulsham Marionettes; Bob made the structures and May dressed them. Their stage was some 14ft. wide and 10ft. high and for some ten years they gave shows all around Essex to Sunday school parties and the like. Their reminiscences include recollections of an occasion when they entertained 1000 children at one sitting, of Andy Pandy and Muffin the Mule, popular television puppets at the time, and of a

lethal contraption involving a metal plate in a water tank to dim the electric lights for their performances of *Hansel and Gretel*. The marionette theatre is still alive and well; the Kings' youngest son has taken it over and still gives performances.

May's inspiration for her 'room boxes' came from seeing one displayed on the Model Wheelwrights' stand at an exhibition. "I can make one of those" she declared, and started work on her miniature garden shed. The pleasure



May King made the tiny porcelain teapot and the other glazed pottery, as well as the abacus and the slate, which she selected and split herself.





TREASURES

of making this and the successful outcome prompted her to have a go at making a miniature version of Bob's workshop. The research for the workshop was easy, she claimed, all she had to do was pop out to the shed to measure what was there! For the record, the machines all work and May was awarded the Welling DMES Shield for her 1:12 scale workshop. She came second in the club competition two years previously with her garden shed.

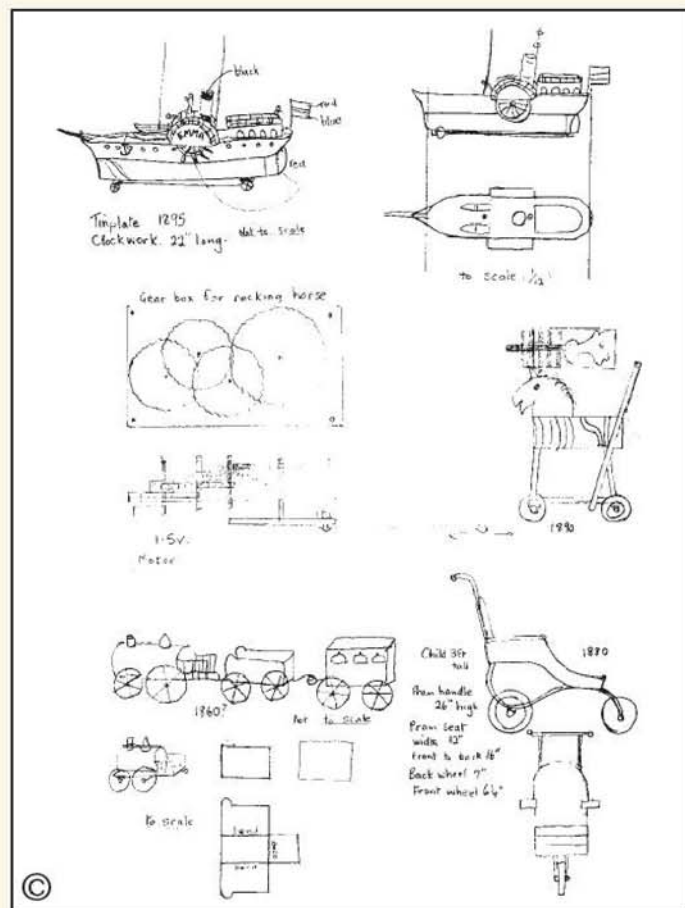
For her third project, May chose something to celebrate the Millennium: a miniature replica of a Victorian child's nursery of 100 years ago. Everything in her model, also to 1:12 scale, would have been available at the time. The furniture, including an old carpet and table, would have been brought from other parts of the house; it would have been unusual for new items to have been purchased for the nursery. May's nursery project took some two years to complete, half of

rider; she then devised a mechanism to animate the rocking action which involved a gearbox and small electric motor.

The wall lights were bent up from fine bore brass tube, fitted with lampshades carved from scraps of PTFE retrieved from Bob's workshop scrap box. The grain of wheat bulbs are illuminated using a single strand of insulated wire inside the tube with the tube itself serving as the return conductor. The fire also uses a small bulb hidden beneath chips of wood and is set in a carved wooden fireplace painted with black acrylic paint and rubbed all over with a soft pencil to give it the sheen typical of a blackleaded finish. The wire fireguard was made from strands of copper wire retrieved from flexible mains cable. The mesh was woven with the aid of a sewing needle, stretched over a wire frame and painted black.

May made all the pottery items herself. Having attended adult education pottery classes for a number of years she was perfectly capable of throwing the miniature porcelain pots herself and firing, decorating and glazing them too. Although Bob has a lathe in his workshop, May does not have a lathe herself, so she uses her bench drilling machine for turned components. The item to be turned is fitted into the drill chuck, a makeshift toolrest arranged and such tooling as appropriate pressed into use including small files, saws and the like. A woodcarver friend gave her some special polish and so May has been able to produce the necessary turned items for the miniature furniture required in her Victorian nursery.

The child's slate is a sliver of real slate from a Welsh quarry; needless to say, May split it from a larger piece herself and fitted it into a little frame. The paddle steamer is based on an original Victorian toy. The paddle wheels revolve by way of a flexible shaft powered by a gearbox beneath the floor. The shaft is actually a piece of plastic tube which absorbs any slight misalignment between the gearbox below floor level and the model placed on top of the miniature chest of drawers. The trains too are based on original contemporary Victorian toys. May made the wheels by marking out and cutting a central spoked portion onto which she soldered a washer or a wire ring which she then filed to form the tread. One of her Southland model engineer friends produced a 12V



May King's Noah's Ark with some carved beechwood figures (above). The illustrations on the left are of pages from her notebook.



The lamp is made of brass pieces with a carved scrap of PTFE for the shade.

motor with built in gearbox to animate the 'clock-work' engine. The bucket was rolled up from a piece of tinsplate and a small disc soldered into the bottom for a base before being suitably decorated as a seaside bucket and spade set.

Apart from the grain of wheat bulbs for the lighting, and the associated connecting wire, switches and batteries, plus the electric motors and gearwheels for the gearboxes, May has made everything else herself. The wallpaper came as a sample length of dado trim from a local DIY store and the carpet started out as a piece of plain fawn doll's house carpet. May designed the pattern she required and painstakingly drew it and coloured it using felt-tip pens. Since the synthetic carpet material was non-absorbent, it



May still uses the fretsaw she bought as a teenager at school.

took simply ages to dry and has adopted a somewhat faded look which suits the notion that furniture would have been taken to the nursery from elsewhere in the house. The pictures were cut from magazine illustrations.

May works in an upstairs room; warm, comfortable and well lit, it is furnished with a desk retrieved when it was thrown out from a local bank. Being substantial, it makes an ideal workbench. The items in May's Victorian child's nursery are normally stored safely away to avoid dust and possible damage, however her granddaughters are allowed to play with the model because they are very careful and well aware that they are playing with 'Grandma's Treasures'.

Following a fascinating morning spent hearing about May's work and looking at her model, we were shown Bob's locomotives and workshop. A prolific model engineer, Bob has built six locomotives including LBSC's *Speedy* which was built to published drawings, a true Ffestiniog



The bucket was rolled up and soldered, and the wire handle fitted before decoration.

Railway double Fairlie, built without drawings, *Mountaineer* to Don Young's design, *Conway* to Martin Evans' design and built for their younger son, a New Zealand Railway Ab Kingston Flyer built without drawings, and a recently completed 2-4-0+0-4-2 NZR Mallet built with reference to a photocopy enlargement of a general arrangement on a postcard. This article is not the place to feature these fine locomotives, but if I reported that we were impressed with what we saw, it would be the understatement of the year!

Our thanks to May and Bob King for their welcome and hospitality are coupled with gratitude for all the time and trouble to which they had both gone to prepare for our visit.



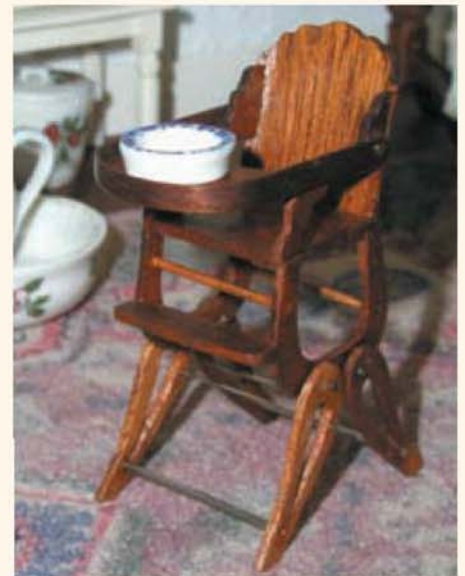
Hadmade pottery and a miniature portrait set off the 'blackleaded' fire surround and wire guard.



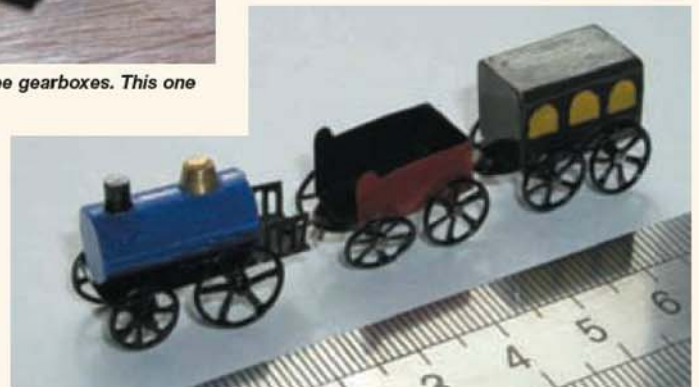
Paddle steamer Emma sits on top of a chest of drawers through which a flexible plastic shaft transmits drive from a gearbox to the paddle wheels.



Beneath the floor are three gearboxes. This one drives the rocking horse.



Ingeniously designed to convert from a high chair to a rocking chair, May used staples for hinges.



One of the tiny trains with fabricated wheels with tinsplate spokes surrounded with a washer to provide the tread. The rule shows millimetres.

LETTERS TO A GRANDSON

M. J. H. Ellis

describes his technique for setting work in a 4-jaw independent chuck before returning to the Bridge Duplex transmission system.

●Part XLV continued from page (M.E. 4181, 1 November 2002)

Dear Adrian, before I answer your question about the Bridge Duplex, there is something relating to the workshop which I would like to say before I forget it.

Suppose that you want to mount work in your 4-jaw chuck so that a point defined by the intersection of two lines scribed at right-angles runs as true as possible. This problem arose frequently in connection with my experimental injectors. For a good many years, I would have made a light centre-pop at the point of intersection, and used a loupe and what I call a 'point indicator' (just an old 1/4in. end-mill, ground to a fairly slender point) held in the tailstock drill-chuck as index, to show which way the work needed to be adjusted.

This technique worked tolerably well but I found by accident what I think is a better way. I no longer make a centre-pop at the intersection but use the point indicator to set each of the scribed lines (set to a vertical position) as near as possible on the lathe axis. It does not matter if the point of the indicator is not precisely on the axis itself because I just get the line close to it, make a mental note of which way and by how much the line is away from it, and then give the chuck a half-turn and see how the difference then looks. Then I do the same with the other scribed line, and find no difficulty in getting the work set up as I want within 0.015in. or so.

You may object that it complicates matters if the adjustments require all four chuck jaws to be moved every time. But in practice, I can't remember the need to do so ever having arisen. When, like the injectors, the work is rectangular, you will naturally scribe the lines parallel to the sides of the rectangle whereas if the work happens to be circular, you have a free choice as to how you hold it in the chuck, but preferably with the scribed lines aligned with the chuck jaws.

Having got the work close to where I want it, I make the final adjustment by bringing up the point indicator into gentle contact with the work, and giving the mandrel two or three turns by hand. The point will, of course, make a mark on the work and if this does not lie on the point of intersection, I make the small correction needed and try again, this time letting the point press a little harder so that the original mark is obliterated by a deeper and broader one.

It is seldom that the desired result is not achieved in three tries of this sort, but if I have been too ham-fisted, it is time to take out the point indicator and replace it with the smallest (1/8in.) of the centre drills. It will leave a shallower but broader crater, but it is no more difficult to see with the loupe if it is in the right place. I make no secret of my mistakes, and on one occasion I still had not got it right, and had to change to the next larger (3/16in.) centre drill. "Dyfâl donc a dyr y garreg" they say in Wales which means "It



Using a pin to locate the intersection between marked lines aligned with the chuck jaws.

is by repeated blows that the rock is broken" but I don't know whether the proverb originated in the slate quarries or not.

Nothing is important

Now I had better try to avoid any further enticing discursions, and return to the subject of the telegraph. "You talk" you say, "as though two separate currents can flow in a circuit at the same time. How can that be?" Well, of course they cannot, although there is nothing to prevent the current coming from more than one battery. But if it makes things easier to understand, and no inaccuracy results, it is convenient to pretend that they can. Before you condemn this kind of thinking as dishonest, let me point out that it can show very respectable credentials.

The whole of the mathematical treatment of magnetism, for example is based on the concepts of isolated magnetic poles and lines of force, neither of which really exist. Again, in a work on transistors, the reader is advised "to consider (holes as) equivalent to positively charged electrons; that is, particles with mass equal to the mass of the electron and charge equal to that of the electron but of opposite sign." In other words, one has to imagine 'nothing' as being 'something'.

I'm sorry, but I feel myself on the point of yielding to the temptation to tell you the riddle with which I introduced a talk I was invited to give to a group of school children concerning the Channel Tunnel. It is always a good thing to engage the interest of one's audience with the very first sentence, so I asked them:

"What is it that if a soldier were afraid of it, he would be likely to be given a medal; you say that you can see it, but you cannot tell its colour; and although it is not poisonous, if you ate it you would be certain to die?"

The children made valiant efforts to provide me with an answer, and perhaps it was hoping too much to expect to hear it: 'Nothing'. But I wanted

to make the point that there are times when 'nothing' is extremely important. In the case of the Tunnel, all the work of excavation and the construction of the lining were no more than the means to the real end; the provision of a continuous region of emptiness through which the trains might run. Incidentally, I believe that in a suitable location, such as a worked-out quarry, 'nothing', in the form of vacant space for dumping rubbish, fetches about £2 a cubic yard.

Superposition theorem

In the case of the Duplex, justification for imagining two independent currents arising from the batteries at the two ends of the circuit, is to be found in the Superposition Theorem. You won't want an elaborate exposition, and it will be sufficient for me to say that in the one case which matters, (i.e., when both keys are down), it shows that the current which actually flows in any branch of the circuit is equal to the sum of the two notional currents which would flow if each battery were removed in turn, leaving in its place only a resistance equivalent to its small internal resistance.

But to all intents and purposes these are the same currents which would flow if only one of the stations were transmitting. As we already know that when only, say station 'A' is sending current, it does not affect its own relay, it follows that if station 'B' now sends a marking current as well, only this current from 'B' will affect 'A's relay. In other words, the effect on the relay at 'A' is the same, whether or not 'A' is transmitting, and, of course, the same applies at 'B'.

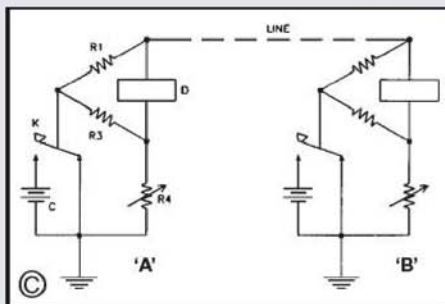
Another way of looking at it is as follows:

- 1: The operation of the circuit in only one direction is straightforward. Any elucidation is only needed when a marking signal is made from both stations at the same time.
- 2: When battery is connected to line at both ends, the circuit is symmetrically balanced. Consequently, no current flows in the line wire.
- 3: If no current flows in the line, it would make no difference to the current in the local circuit if the line were disconnected. Let us suppose that it is.
- 4: At both stations, the battery now produces a current in the local circuit. In particular, one arm of the bridge being out of action (vide (3)), current now flows through and operates the relay.
- 5: Note that if the key at, say 'A' is raised while that at 'B' remains depressed, the relay at 'A' remains operated to battery from line without interruption, since the current through it remains in the same direction.

I have now concluded as much as I need to say about the Bridge Duplex, and I intend to turn next to Edison's Differential system. I am nearly at the end of my letter, and do not think it worth starting on it now. Look forward to it in my next.

Let me end by saying that although for some perverse reason, perhaps because the apparatus was so beautifully made, I have always had more affection for the telegraph than for the telephone which gave me my living for over 40 years. I had no practical experience on the telegraph side, so I confine myself to essentials. In fact, when I entered the Post Office in 1935, only the teleprinter remained in use in the telegraph offices.

●To be continued.



THE HETTY WINDING ENGINE



Figure 1 - Engraving of the Rhondda Valley circa 1820 by Henry Gastineau, now in the National Museum of Wales.

Ed Cloutman

introduces a description of a unique winding engine with a fascinating review of the development of the Welsh coal mining industry.

Part I

This is the story of the Hetty Winding Engine in the Rhondda (rhon-the) which at this moment is undergoing restoration by the Pontypridd Historical Society under the direction of Brian Davies, curator of the Pontypridd (ponter-preeth) Museum. One cannot

mention the Rhondda without coal, the two are synonymous, so an insight into the South Wales coal-mining industry is included and forms an introduction to the Hetty engine.

The local mining industry is well presented in the Pontypridd Museum which is well worth a visit, and a few of the excellent models will be shown later. A small private museum will also be included in these articles. It concerns an important part of the social history of the Welsh Valleys and celebrates the famous Bracchis, Italian caf  s where miners and their families could have a hot meal and a smoke in the warmth of the shop and, of course purchase some of that excellent Italian ice-cream!

Background

An engraving by Henry Gastineau circa 1825 (fig 1) depicts the Rhondda valley near the site of the later Great Western Colliery, with wooded hillsides and meadows stretching down to the river which meanders its way to the sea at Cardiff. It presents a very rural and peaceful scene.

In 1908, Arthur Morris wrote "The River Rhondda is a dark, turgid and contaminated gutter, into which is poured the refuse of the host of collieries which skirt the thirteen miles of its course. The hills — have been stripped of their woodland beauty, and there they stand, rugged and bare, with immense rubbish heaps covering their surface." He goes on to say that the peace of the valley is broken by the din of steam engines, the whirr of machinery, the grating of coal screens, the hammering of smithies by day and by night.

Within a single generation, the population of the Rhondda increased from about 2,000 to over 150,000. Mining developed in all of the major valleys with names such as the Gwendraeth, Amman, Towe, Nedd, Dulais, Afan, Llynfi, Garw, Ely, Cynon, Taff, Rhymni, Sirhowy, Ebbw, Llywd and, of course the Rhondda.

The South Wales coalfield (fig 2) is composed of three main coal types, anthracite in the west, steam coal in the deep and middle ranges of the coalfield, and bituminous coal close to the surface. Anthracite has a high carbon content and while unsuitable for open grates or steam boilers, it is good for central heating furnaces and stoves for heating glasshouses and hothouses. The best steam coals burn with little smoke or clinker and give a bright, hot fire. Thus they are most suitable for the boilers of ships and locomotives. Bituminous coals produce smoke and gas, and are most suitable for use in open grates, the manufacture of gas, and for smelting metals.

The coalfield developed in stages as requirements changed, thus until the 17th century, mining was concentrated along the fringes of the coalfield where the coal lay near the surface and could be mined by open-cast or drift mining. Drift mines are tunnels which run into the hillsides to follow the coal seams more or less horizontally. This was made more cost effective by the close proximity of carboniferous limestone (fig 3) which lines the basin in which the coal measures lie, and thus outcrops at its margins. Hence many lime-works

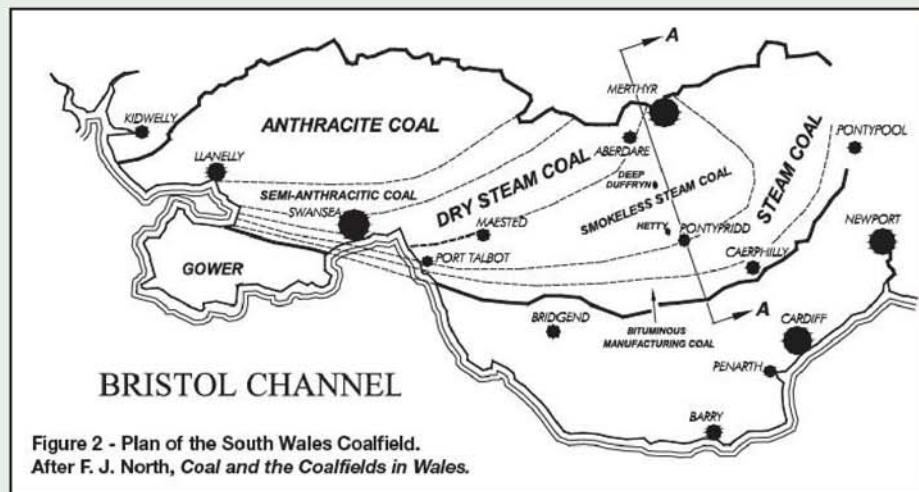


Figure 2 - Plan of the South Wales Coalfield. After F. J. North, Coal and the Coalfields in Wales.

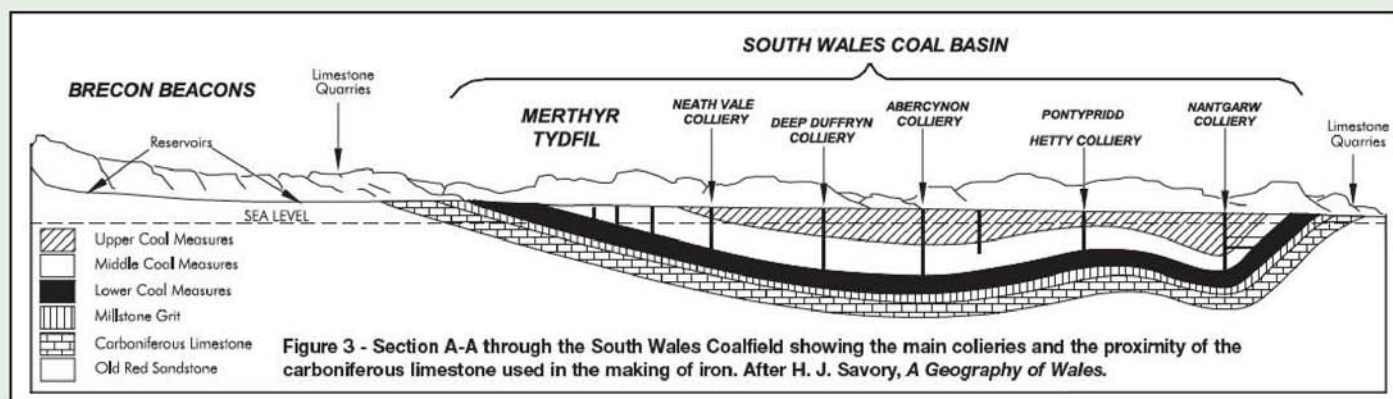


Figure 3 - Section A-A through the South Wales Coalfield showing the main collieries and the proximity of the carboniferous limestone used in the making of iron. After H. J. Savory, A Geography of Wales.

were concentrated in these areas. Most of the coal produced at this time was used in open fires and by some industries.

During the 17th and 18th centuries, more coal was required for the copper smelting industries. It was found to be more economic to send the ore from mines in North Wales and Cornwall to South Wales, than transport the coal to the copper mining areas. Thus the lower Swansea valley became the largest copper smelting area in Britain and Swansea, briefly, the largest town in Wales.

By the 19th century, coal was being used for the smelting of iron, and Merthyr Tydfil took its turn to be the largest town in Wales, with large ironworks at Cyfarthfa and Dowlais. The output of the ironworks was largely pig iron, most of which had to be carried on horseback or on carts down the Taff Valley to the port of Cardiff. This was a distance of some 25 miles and the difficulty of transporting the iron greatly restricted the expansion of the industry, leading to the development of the Glamorgan Canal. Barges could handle up to 25 tons of iron rather than hundred-weights.

The canal became very successful, and by 1799, congestion and the shortage of water in the upper reaches led to a Bill being presented to Parliament for the construction of a tramroad. Despite considerable opposition, construction of the Merthyr Tramroad between Merthyr and Abercynon began in 1800. Ownership was divided between the Dowlais, Penydarren and Plymouth ironworks. The iron rails were set on large stone blocks with a gauge of 4ft. 4in., the remains of which are still visible today (photo 1). Each rail was a yard long, weighed 56lb., and was held in place by a long spike. One horse was used to pull five full wagons downhill to Abercynon, carrying ten tons of iron. The same horse would then pull the empties back to Merthyr. Part of the original tramway is now a portion of the Taff Trail, a cycle-way from Brecon to Cardiff.

In 1803, Richard Trevithick was brought to the Penydarren ironworks to install high-pressure stationary engines which were considered more efficient than existing machinery. It was not long before it was decided to try one of his road locomotives on the Tramway, hence the development of the Penydarren locomotive. The hauling capacity of the engine was proved beyond question, but the experiment was short-lived because the weight of the locomotive caused the rails to fracture. Rather than scrapping the locomotive, it is probable that it was used as a stationary engine at the Penydarren Works.

The final stage in the development of the coal industry was the production of 'sale-coal'. This was coal that was produced primarily for export



Stone blocks on which the cast iron rails rested on the Merthyr Tramroad. The inset shows one of the stone blocks with spike hole.

and was used in the increasing numbers of coal-fires in homes in Britain and by other industries. The export trade led to the expansion of ports in Newport, Llanelli, Barry and, of course Cardiff and Swansea.

But it was the engineering associated with deep mines that interests us here. At first, mining was carried out in bell-pits which, as the name implies, were bell-shaped holes dug in the ground, joined to the surface by a short vertical shaft. From these, horizontal galleries were hand-cut into the coal seams and the coal winched to the surface by hand. A similar method was used in the Neolithic flint mines at Grimes Graves in Norfolk. If the pit flooded or collapsed, it was easier to dig another adjacent pit, rather than to pump the water out, or shore up the sides with timber. Furthermore, the pits did not have to be artificially ventilated.

By contrast, to reach the steam coal and anthracite at all but the edges of the South Wales coalfield required the sinking of deep shafts. Headings were driven from the vertical shaft and the coal seams worked from these. The excavated coal, and the miners would return along roadways. Other areas were cleared for the storage of machinery and trams, and to provide stables for the pit ponies.

Requiring wooden props to shore up the roofs and pumps and fans to remove water and ventilate the mines, these mines were expensive to operate. There was the constant fear of explosion from coal dust and methane gas 'fire-damp'. Suffocation caused by carbon dioxide poisoning 'choke-damp' was also a danger. Ever present was the threat of collapse and flooding, and the only light before electricity was by candle or oil

lamp. A series of underground doors was required to ensure that the ventilation worked correctly, the doors operating like valves, directing the incoming fresh air through all the workings. The stale air was drawn up from underground through the up-cast shaft, the clean air passing in through another. Initially, furnaces were used, either at the base or the top of the up-cast shaft; later, fans were used. Children as young as six, both boys and girls, would stand by the doors and open and shut them as required. They would work 12 hour shifts, often standing in total darkness and with the constant danger of being run over by a tram or trampled by a pony.

All of this can be experienced by a trip to Big Pit Museum at Blaenavon. You are kitted out with the correct miners' gear — lamp, lead battery pack, and helmet. It is a real mine and therefore all the relevant safety precautions are taken. You are taken through the roadways, shown the stable area and machinery; all that is missing is the dirt and noise. It is a very peaceful journey, not unlike a balloon ride, and is an experience that should not be missed.

To bring the coal to the surface and to transport the miners, some form of winding machine was required. In the early days this would have been man-powered, horses were used later. A water balance method was also employed which involved a water bucket attached to each end of a chain. The empty trams were placed on top of the upper bucket and the full ones on the lower one. Water was added to the upper bucket until it was heavy enough to lift the full tram and on reaching the bottom of the shaft the water was immediately drained off.

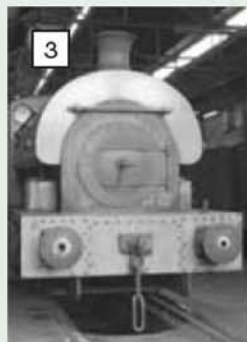
As production increased, and shafts were driven deeper, more efficient methods were required, and with the introduction of steam power, winding engines were the obvious successor. These were superseded later by electric power. Further engines were required to drive the ventilation fans and pumps.

The uses to which the steam coal was put is often reflected in the names of the coal companies, like 'Navigation', 'Naval' and 'Ocean', names which appeared on the sides of the coal trucks that trundled up and down the Valleys delivering their cargo to the ports of Cardiff, Newport, etc. Companies often boasted in their advertising that they supplied to the Admiralty, or to ships of the Cunard line including the *Mauretania* and *Lusitania*, or to the Royal Yachts and the railways.

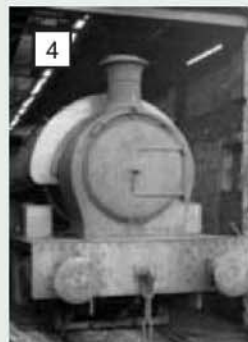
As model engineers, some readers may remember the Welsh Steam coal available for a short time in the 1960s from Deep Duffryn



The 44ft. diameter Waddle fan used to ventilate the coal workings in Deep Duffryn, Mountain Ash.



0-6-0 saddle tank locomotive No. 1859 Sir Gomer by Peckett & Sons of Bristol, built in 1932.



0-6-0 saddle tank locomotive No. 1885 by Hudswell Clark of Leeds, built in 1955.



34in. diameter x 6ft. stroke cylinders.



Piston valves by Worsley Mesnes.

Colliery, Mountain Ash. This amazing coal had an extremely high calorific value and would burn to ash with very little, if any clinker. I can remember that my 3 1/2in gauge tank engine would travel two laps of the Southampton track in Cobden Meadows (Riverside Park) on about two small lumps of this coal!

I visited Deep Duffryn in about 1973 and photographed the large Waddle fan (photo 2) that ventilated the mine workings. This was driven by a single cylinder steam engine. There were actually two cylinders, one each side of the crank, but only one was used at a time, the connecting rod swung over and connected to the other cylinder if servicing was required. The engine was removed and is now at Big Pit Museum.

The two 0-6-0 saddle tank locomotives were taking a well earned rest in the engine shed, side-by-side. No. 1859 *Sir Gomer* (photo 3), was built in 1932 by Peckett and Sons of Bristol remaining at Mountain Ash throughout its working life. The other engine (photo 4), No. 1885 was built by Hudswell Clarke of Leeds in 1955 and came from Lady Windsor Colliery.

The Hetty engine

The Hetty winding engine lies in the Rhondda Valley and began its life as part of the Great Western Colliery Company. In 1844, John Calvert obtained the rights to mine coal at Newbridge Colliery which was sunk to the No. 3 Rhondda seam at a depth of 50 yards. The colliery continued producing coal until 1897. Meanwhile he sunk another shaft to the No. 3 Rhondda seam at Gyfeillion at a depth of 149 yards. The shaft took three years to complete. The colliery was purchased by the Great Western Railway Company in 1854, worked profitably for ten years and was then sold back to Calvert.

Formed in 1866, the Great Western Colliery Company Ltd. sunk two more shafts to mine



Melling's Patent expansion valve gear.

the deeper steam coals, one of which was the Hetty. This shaft was 16ft. diameter and was sunk to a depth of 392 yards. The original winding engine was built by Barker and Cope of Kidsgrove, Staffordshire and installed in 1875. It had two 40in. bore by 6ft. stroke low pressure cylinders coupled to a 16ft. diameter drum using a flat winding rope. It ran for 30 years in this condition and raised some 6,000,000 tons of coal. In 1880 there was a spectacular over-wind which sent a sheave spinning over the roof of the engine house, which proceeded to demolish a house on the riverbank. Fortunately no-one was hurt.

By 1900 the Hetty engine had become obsolete, as the Great Western colliery increased its output and was briefly the largest colliery in South Wales. The rapidly increasing coal output,

and the depth of the Hetty pit required a more efficient engine.

Modernising the Hetty engine posed a problem in that it had to be accomplished while the pit was providing coal with as little disruption as possible. Due to the proximity of the railway and the road, it was not possible to construct a new winding house either behind, or across the other side of the existing pit head. Somehow the old engine had to be modified *in-situ*. Thus it was decided to fit new high pressure cylinders, 34in. dia. by 6ft. stroke, and piston valves by Worsley Mesnes of Wigan (photos 5 and 6). Melling's patent expansion valve gear (photo 7) was also fitted which required three eccentrics (photo 8).

The original 16ft. diameter drum was made of cast iron sections, bolted together. The new drum, (photo 9) was 15ft. diameter and made up of two sets of ten sections, split down the centre. This was to allow access to the original brake drum, which was retained. The original crank was also used. The spokes were steel sections supplied by Dorman Long of Middlesbrough and were riveted to the drum.

The new drum was designed to take round steel rope to replace the flat wire rope, a change which posed two problems. To retain the length of rope, either the diameter of the drum would have to be increased, or the drum made wider. Available space restricted both of these modifications, so instead, Hugh Bramwell, the colliery's chief engineer, designed a drum that would allow the rope to wind back on itself, the first large drum of this type in Britain. Thus the new drum was grooved to guide the rope across it, and the sides were shaped to ensure that the rope reversed its direction across the drum. It was Bramwell, incidentally, who was responsible for the Hetty modernisation programme.

●To be continued.



Three eccentrics to drive Melling's valve gear.



15ft. diameter drum converted from flat to round rope.

Keith Wilson

emphasises the importance of good size exhaust passages, discusses springing, and reports a recent gathering at Echills Wood.

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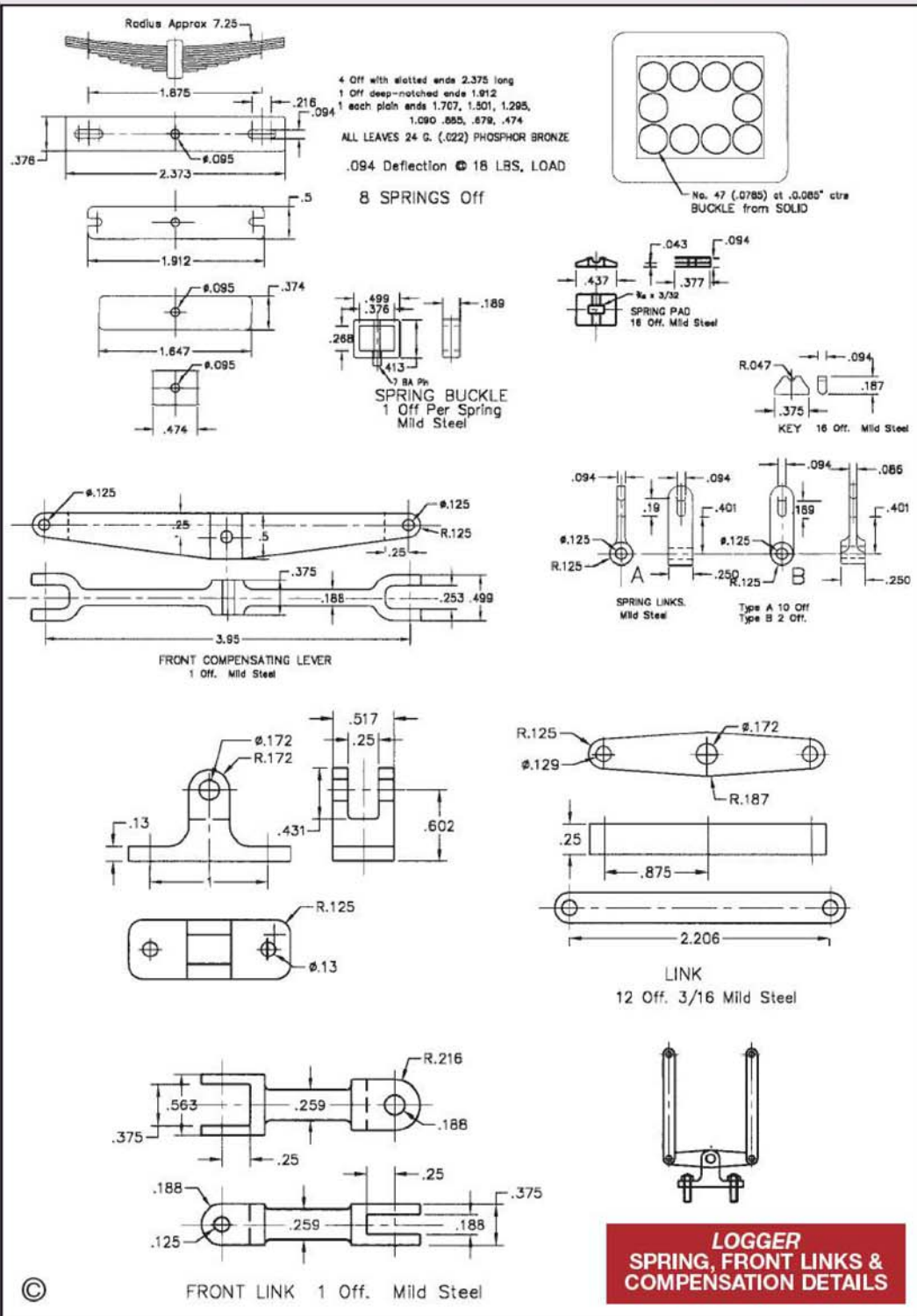
A few days ago I happened to visit the workhouse of a new friend 'somewhere up North'. I will not pass on any names because they might be misinterpreted, sufficient to state that the workhouse concerned did most certainly *not* perpetrate the horror I saw, and would shortly be dealing with it. Suffice it to say that he showed me an A4 in 7¹/₄in. gauge. My first glance revealed that it had but one chimney hole; A4s were double. But far worse was to follow. I saw the exhaust manifold for myself. I lie not, but the *exhausts* from the three cylinders (needing of course 6 connections one way or another) were 3/8in. O/D leading to a manifold with some 3/8in. holes in it! I'll not swear that the pipes were not 0.376in. O/D, but 3/8in. (0.375in.) was what they looked like, and were.

Seldom has my flabber been so gashed! It was complained that the engine neither steamed well nor would it run with any great gusto. Now, I am prepared to concede that it might have been a first attempt, but a casual inspection showed that many other details were quite well made. I know not who made it and do not particularly want to know, but if the builder wishes to contact me for some free advice under very strict conditions of secrecy (guaranteed) then an e-mail to keithgwrloco@fsbdial.co.uk could be to his advantage.

We all had to start sometime, and admittedly if there is no source of reference then ignorance is no shame, but to me the matter is a bit more than obvious. I would add that to make matters worse, the 3/8in. pipes were badly kinked where they had been bent "to reach the parts that other pipes couldn't reach."

I'm not aware of any laid down criteria for exhaust pipe size, and of course old square-cube works in our favour (volume of steam as scale cubed, area of exhaust pipes as scale squared, but at a rough guess for this locomotive I would insist on 3/4in. pipes, absolute minimum.

LOGGER & SLOGGER AMERICAN TYPE 2-8-2 LOCOMOTIVES for 5in. and 7¹/₄in. gauges



If memory is correct, I used 1in. on various 7 1/4in. Kings that I have built, with some success.

Enough! We'll pass over as quick as we can, the fate of that gray - that unhappy young man!

You never know when you might be paid a compliment although at times it can be difficult to be sure.

Recently I saw a club member (a friend, needless to state) about to drive a pole into the ground to hold up a piece of steel netting. It was only a temporary measure, but before he had hit the first thump I called across and suggested threading it through the mesh first; the meshes were about 4in. square. He looked straight at me, put on a fierce look and said after a few seconds, just before threading the pole: "I 'ate clever b.....ds!" At which we both had a hearty laugh.

Many years ago, resting with some of the local lads in a barn after assisting the farmer to bring in the hay, my eldest son and I were having a lovely argument, assisted (or punctuated, to the delight of all present) by some hearty but in the main unprintable name-calling. He finished one line by calling me a cross-eyed bird (at least it rhymed with bird). Up spoke a lad present in some horror "Are you going to put up with that sort of talk from your son?" To which I replied "Can you think of a better proof of love and trust?" Silence reigned while they thought that one out.

As I said, a compliment is not always easy to spot.

Spring is here!

Now there's no real doubt that coil springs are much easier to design and make than leaf springs, but there's also no doubt that the latter are better for main springing than coils, and give much better results to boot.

The reason for this is not hard to follow, for the internal friction between the leaves gives a certain amount of damping. In fact the system may be said to be critically damped, for the vibration associated with operation keeps this friction extremely low, yet still much greater than that due to coil springs. The overall result is that a coil-sprung locomotive will bounce up and down on its springs, while a leaf-sprung job will be far more stable with better adhesion and steadier running.

Whether compensation is much use in our sizes I know not; I have never yet used it on springing and am therefore not qualified to give an opinion. I suspect that old square-cube might work in our favour in this instance, but 'tis not even an informed guess! However, for those who

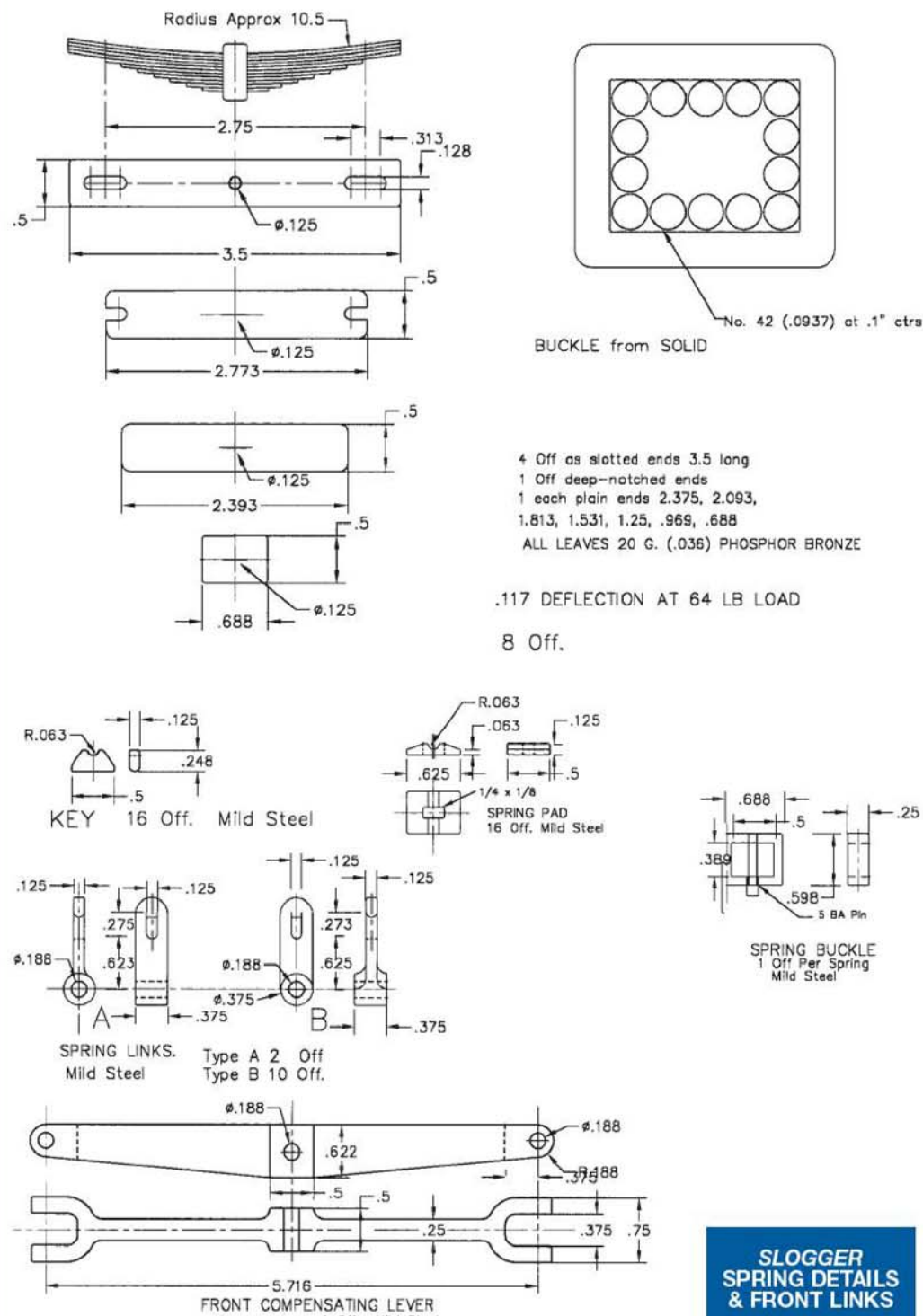
want it, I shew full details of the prototype as far as I can tell. I have dealt with the compensation as applying to the pony truck assembly and will describe the rest as we get to it.

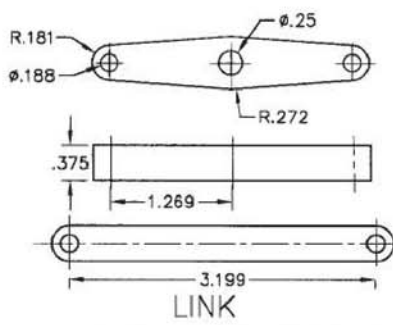
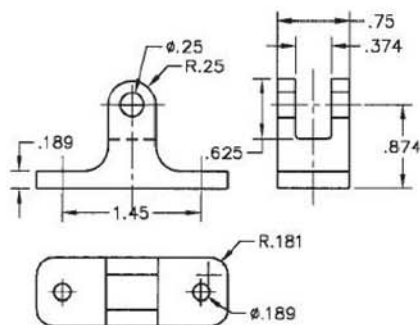
The easy way of making spring buckles is to bend them to shape over a bar as a former, silver-brazing the joint on completion. This has the disadvantage of weakness at the joint, so the apparently harder way turns out to be the easiest in the long run. Daunting though it may appear, I discovered that a whole engine's worth of buckles took but one afternoon of work - not very hard work at that.

Begin by making the jig from 1/8in. plate. This jig calls for great accuracy, but as my reader(s)

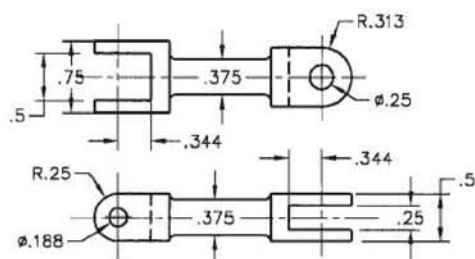
will be aware by now, we are all sitting on at least one jig-borer, whether it be called lathe, mill, or (poshly) milling machine. Use the various slides to locate the holes with a small centre-drill and follow through with a No. 46 (recommended). If this jig be clamped to a piece of 1/4in. mild steel plate, then poking the No. 46 drill through is something of a doddle. Run the drill at top speed, use some 'juice' (suds, cutting oil, whatever) and then open out to No. 42, or if you can manage it No. 39, preferably new. This will give minimum material to remove by hand. Drill sizes quoted here refer to the Slogger springs.

If the sheet is now placed strategically (a good word) over the partially-opened vice jaws, then

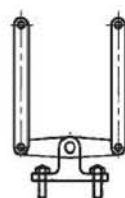




LINK
12 Off. 3/16 Mild Steel



FRONT LINK 1 Off. Mild Steel



**SLOGGER
COMPENSATION DETAILS**

colour. It is seldom in a day's run that ours are *not* lifted off the track, hence a system which gravity holds together is rather inclined to come unhitched in such circumstances. Now, I have no direct experience of this, but it seems to me that after assembly, life would be much easier if some silver-braze material were discreetly set into the key/pad assembly.

A word of warning on the part labelled 'front link'. It is quite easy to make, but take care that you make the two ends at 90deg. as shown. The same applies to some other links. It might well be that I am teaching my grandmother to suck eggs, but it is surprisingly easy to put the job in the vice in such a way that the slots come out parallel, which is not really much use. I cannot recall ever having done this myself, but I can guess

approximately what I would have said!

Many of us use small plastic trays or tubs for our supply of butter/spread/can't believe it's not steam oil; well, when no longer containing their original product they are just about perfect for small parts.

●To be continued.

resting a piece of mild steel on the bit-to-be-knocked-out and clouting it heartily with a hammer will remove said bit and leave very little cleaning-up to do. Machining the outside of the buckle is now the proverbial doddle. I have used this system to make buckles from $\frac{5}{8}$ in. thick plate.

Spring leaves are self-evident.

The various links and levers present little in the way of problems to make, but a problem exists in our size that is somewhat less in full-size. The various spring links and leaves are assembled or connected by wedge-type keys and pads. In full size, recall that the locomotive is seldom lifted off the track, in our case it is a hearse of another

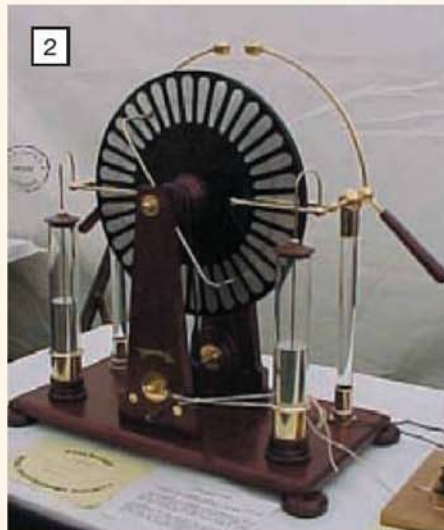
Free-for-all

The weekend of 26-27 October was intended as a free-for-all at the Echills Wood Railway in the National Agricultural Showground, Stoneleigh. We had a goodly number of visiting locomotives, among them two 0-4-0ST locomotives, a GWR 'Prairie', 'Hall' and 4-6-0 'County', a couple of *Highlanders* (Black 5s), a BR standard loco and a slightly larger black 2-6-0, to say nothing of some beautiful freight vehicles that made up a very fine sight as a goods train. Some 'homers' were there too, running on their own track, so to speak. Unfortunately, although the Saturday was a great success, the weather was not exactly encouraging for Sunday — as we all know. We were greatly surprised to have our first 'Santa Special' booking for the year 2003! I found great interest in the small 0-4-0s, for they were driven in the main by youngsters, and also in one of the 0-4-0 narrow-gauge types, for not often do we see young ladies owning and driving steam locomotives, and driving them exceedingly well too. I show four photographs, and have spent some time (without success alas) in searching for a '50 years younger' button on my computer.

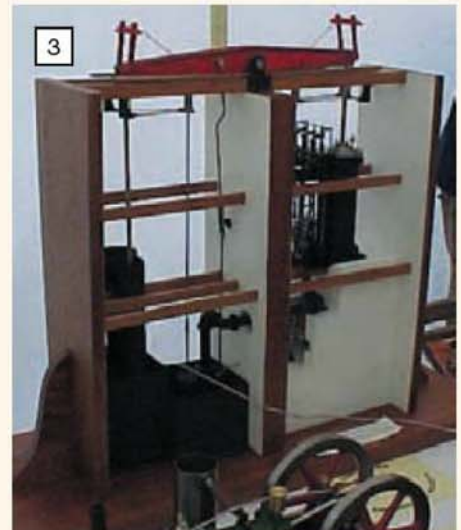




1
Bill Conner's half size Matchless G50 engine not only looked good but also sounded wonderful on its megaphone exhaust.



2
The Wimshurst machine built by James Finch as an A-level design project was made and finished to an exceptionally high standard.



3
John Day's model of the No.2 Crofton pumping engine set in a sectioned engine house conveyed the atmosphere of the full-size engine.

GUILDFORD 2002

Neil Read
reports on this popular annual event organised by Guildford SME.

I really will have to learn to keep my wits about me! It was in July that our Editor, offered me a ticket for the 35th Model Steam Engine Rally & Model Engineering Exhibition at the Guildford SME track in Stoke Park. I had only ever heard good reports of this event and so I happily accepted this somewhat uncharacteristic act of generosity. Then came the punch line—quoth he: "Now you're going to the event I'd like you to prepare a piece for the magazine." Truly, there is no such thing as a 'free lunch'.

However, the prospect of seeing the Guildford tracks, and the models and trade stands there dispelled any sense of foreboding and it was with a feeling of anticipation that I pointed the car southwards. Having reached the site I was immediately impressed with the standard of organisation. Parking was well sign-posted and controlled, entry was easily effected and the site well laid-out. Of course, with any outdoor event it helps to have the weather on your side and we were fortunate to have reasonably settled weather for that particular

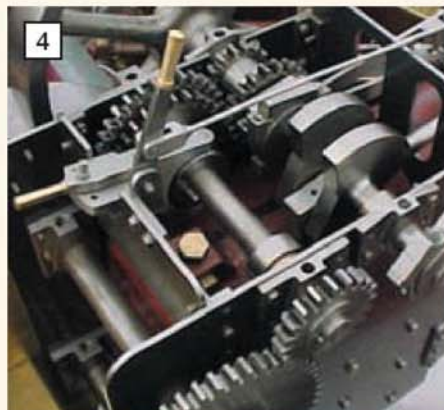
weekend. However, considerable effort had been taken to make the visitors feel welcome and little touches abounded. I particularly liked the provision of the two picnic areas where we could sit and eat our sandwiches without having to do battle with marauding insects.

The event itself encompassed just about every aspect of model engineering; locomotives, traction

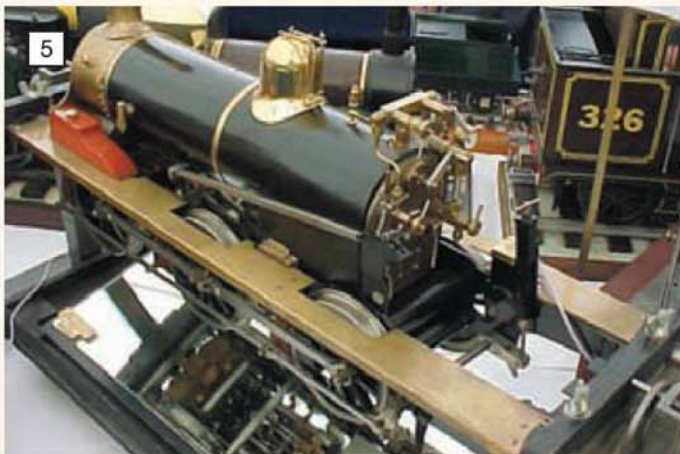
engines, I.C. engines, static models and boats were all represented, together with a good selection of trade stands. As is so often the case when reporting events of this nature the problem is not what to put in but what to leave out. The majority of the exhibits were of a very high standard and the exhibitors and the organisers are to be congratulated. I will take this opportunity to mention a few items that caught my eye and if I miss your favourite model or part of the event I apologise in advance. Lack of space makes it impossible to include everything seen in an event of this size.

In front of the main exhibition marquee was a demonstration area for model internal combustion engines. Among the other very fine engines on display was Bill Conner's half scale model of a Matchless G50 racing motorcycle engine c1962 (photo 1). This was a ready starter and had exactly the right exhaust note characteristics. It even showed some of the temperament of the prototype when the different climatic conditions, compared to Bill's workshop, affected the carburation. The sound of this engine starting was guaranteed to cause a migration of visitors over to the exhibition marquee, the better to hear the distinctive exhaust note.

Inside the marquee was a diverse range of models,



4
A close-up of the gearing and crank shaft on Peter Breakwell's 2in. scale traction engine.



5
Ron Roebuck's loco stand incorporated a mirror so one could admire the motion work of his LBSC Terrier tank engine.



6
The horizontal milling attachment for a vertical mill/drill exhibited by Mr. B. Hatcher showed considerable ingenuity and appeared well made.



7
'Tea break at the loco yard' and not a soul to be seen! This 16mm scale water tank and store shed diorama was built by Roger Hayward.



8
A close up of some of the detail work on the Savage galloping horses roundabout being modelled by Ernie Summerhayes.

instruments and tooling. The Wimshurst machine (photo 2) built by James Finch for his A-level design and technology project was exceptionally well made and finished and did much credit to its 17 year-old builder. We hope that James maintains his interest in practical engineering, as clearly his skills are well adapted to a wide range of options. We believe he would be particularly suited to clock making and we look forward to seeing other examples of his work in the future.

The 1:20 scale model of the 1846 No. 2 Crofton pumping engine by John Day (photo 3) was a fine representation of this famous old engine. Displayed in a sectioned engine house, the model captured the atmosphere of the prototype engine while permitting observation of the detail. The original engine was built by Harvey & Co. of Hayle in Cornwall and was rebuilt with its present 42in. dia. cylinder in 1904. The engine was used to pump water to the summit of the Kennet & Avon canal until 1958.

Peter Breakwell's part built 2in. scale Minnie traction engine (photo 4) enabled us to admire some of the engineering details that go into the building of a model traction engine. All too often the finely made gearing and other precision items end up hidden behind steel guards. In 2in. scale Minnie is quite a substantial model and we look forward to seeing this particular engine again when it is complete.

Mounted on a business-like display/building stand was Ron Roebuck's part built 5in. gauge LBSCR Terrier tank engine (photo 5). The provision of a mirror under this loco enabled visitors to observe the detail of the motion work without contortion or physical effort, and was much appreciated.

Milling is now a widely accepted process in the model engineer's workshop and many people in the hobby use the inexpensive imported mill/drills offered by a number of suppliers. These machines can undertake most of the work needed by model engineers but are not well adapted for operations with large slitting saws or side and face cutters. Such cutters are really designed for use on horizontal milling machines. Mr. B. Hatcher obviously had a need to use such cutters on his mill/drill and designed and built a horizontal milling attachment to facilitate this (photo 6). This well-made device would meet a need in many workshops and perhaps Mr. Hatcher may consider contributing a short article on his design.

Roger Hayward's 16mm scale diorama of a water tank and store shed (photo 7) entitled *Tea break at the loco yard* was good fun and was beautifully detailed. I am often impressed by the attention to

detail on exhibits like this and they always reward close scrutiny. The more you look the more you see.

A most unusual exhibit was the 2in. scale, Savage galloping horses roundabout by Ernie Summerhayes (photo 8). Although only part built this is already a substantial structure and we hope Mr. Summerhayes has allowed sufficient room to store and display this impressive model.

A model boat pool (photo 9) is always a popular attraction, particularly with the younger children. There were a variety of models on display ranging from an aircraft carrier to a mallard duck.

One of the high spots among the model traction engine fraternity was the grand parade held on Saturday afternoon. During this a trophy is awarded (kindly donated by Tracy Tools Ltd.) for the best presented engine and driver. This year the award went to Martin Cook driving Michael Gilkes' engine (photo 10). I am not sure what was appreciated more — the award or the cans of beer that came with it.

Photographing moving objects is not my forte but I did manage to get a shot of John Dalton's superb 5in. gauge Britannia William Wordsworth (photo 11) before it did its stint of passenger hauling on the track. There were so many fine locos. running that it seems churlish to pick just one, but I was impressed with the way that this particular loco handled its loads with neither fuss nor temperament.

As already stated the trade was very much in evidence and, judging by the smiles, I would say business was good. I hope they had a successful visit to Guildford. I certainly did and I would like to think that maybe Mike may offer me another free ticket next year!



9
A working model of a Flower Class Corvette cruises on the boat pool. Such ships were built for submarine hunting during World War Two.



10
Michael Gilkes, Martin Cook (at the controls) and their wives look pleased with their Tracy Tools Award for the Best Turned Out Traction Engine and Driver, and the cans of beer that came with it.



11
The superb motion work and paint finish on John Dalton's Britannia class loco William Wordsworth seen prior to being steamed when its faultless performance matched its appearance.

CLUB CHAT

With Stan Bray

UK News

Staff at *Model Engineer* would like to join with members of **High Wycombe MEC** in congratulating their ex-President and honorary member Laurie Watling on having reached his centenary. Although no longer an active modeller, Laurie still takes keen interest in society matters. The club was represented at his birthday party held in Gerrards Cross Nursing Home where he now lives.

Rapid progress is being made at Littledown, the new **Bournemouth DSME** headquarters. Now in place, the engine shed is wired for power and lighting ready for connection to a supply to be laid in by the local authority who will also pipe in mains water. They will connect the new toilet, currently being built, to the sewerage system. A good turnout of members every Sunday has ensured rapid progress. A wall of redundant railway sleepers has been erected to prevent earth slippage at a bank supporting a private road, and several tons of topsoil has been delivered and distributed for a grassed area on which people can sit and picnic once the railway is operational. A delivery of 6 tons of 'scalpings' will permit a base to be laid for the steaming bays, although the actual construction is likely to be held over until improved underfoot conditions prevail. In addition to all this effort at the new tracksite, the club newsletter has been revamped and is now being produced with the inclusion of a little colour, we assume with the aid of new computer Desktop Publishing software.

Despite a very harmonious relationship with their landlords, the **Bure Valley Railway, North Norfolk MEC** have had nothing but complaints from incomers who have bought properties adjacent to the track site, complaints which have been solely concerned with noise. It is difficult to understand on what grounds these complaints have been upheld for it seems beyond the realms of credibility that a few 3 1/2in. and 5in. gauge locomotives on a short length of raised track can make more noise than the full size railway. It is also completely unreasonable that on purchasing a house in an area where facilities already exist, these incomers can then successfully set about complaining about something which had been there a long time before their arrival, and making their own presence felt.



In common, we suspect, with many other clubs, members of North London SME found their track damaged during the severe gales experienced across the UK during Sunday 27 October 2002.

The philosophy of 'live and let live' seems to have gone by the board; such people should accept that when they move in to a location new to them, they should accept the prevailing circumstances. Notwithstanding all this, the complainants have had the last word and despite support from members of the local council and from the BVR itself, the club has been obliged to vacate the site. Fortunately, the BVR authorities have offered to help with the removal in any way possible, and the news is not all bad as the **North Norfolk Railway** has offered the model engineers facilities at Holt Railway Station and has even cleared a suitable area for their use. It now remains to be seen whether planning permission for a track will be granted by the local authority.

The annual **National 2 1/2in. Gauge Association** end-of-season get-together took place in October at St Paul's Church Centre in Hook and was as well attended as ever. A variety of models in various stages of completion were on display, creating interest and promoting discussion among those present. Members enjoyed an illustrated talk about Arthur Binfield, who was apprenticed to Henry Greenly, and heard about the models he had built and his association with Henry Greenly, Bassett Lowke and several other famous model engineers of bygone days. Ladies from St Paul's Church Centre supplied refreshments and the session was rounded off with the presentation by Mrs. Joan Williams of the *George Williams Trophy* donated in memory of her husband. This year it went to Peter Shaw in recognition of his outstanding work on behalf of the association.

At a recent AGM, Garry Garrett, former Chairman of **Docklands & East London MES** was made an honorary life member in recognition of his services to the society. He was responsible for the club's relocation to its present headquarters at Belhus Woods following a terrorist bomb in Docklands which resulted

in the termination of club meetings at their original headquarters. The Belhus Woods venue has proved very satisfactory and members have been able to develop a railway which is currently in process of being extended.

Following protracted negotiations with their District Council **Chichester DMES** has at last managed to negotiate a new lease for its track site, the terms of which are slightly more favourable than the council had originally suggested. It is now proposed to proceed with construction of a new station building for the raised track as well as improvements to the station used for ground level operations. It is also hoped that the club locomotive *Speedy* can be completed in time for the next running season, and that a start can be made on important track maintenance work, which may involve replacing some of the rail.

The new **Frimley & Ascot Locomotive Club** ticket office is making good progress, but sadly Paul Finn who, despite his severe disability, regularly manned the ticket office, has died and will not therefore be able to give it his seal of approval. However, as a mark of respect, and in memory of the considerable amount of work he carried out on behalf of the club, it is proposed to dedicate the new ticket office in his name. The 2003 AGM of the **7 1/4in. Gauge Society** will be held at the Frimley & Ascot track and in anticipation of the usual large turnout of locomotives for these meetings, several new storage sidings are being constructed. Although taking a low priority in comparison to the many other tasks, steady progress is being made on the club's 08 shunter.

West Riding SLS now own three locomotives: a 7 1/4in. gauge electric powered engine, a 7 1/4in. gauge scale model of the very early locomotive *Fire Queen*, and a 2 1/2in. gauge Tasmanian Garrett, the last two having been donated to the society by a Mr. Meakin. All three

models were in operation in mid-July making the occasion something of a red-letter day. The annual club trophy day, which is a form of efficiency trials, was held in September with nine participating models. Winner John Lockwood, with a 5in. gauge LNER 2-8-0 locomotive, was presented with the *Jack Scarth Memorial Trophy*. The runner up and therefore winner of the *Geoff Haythornethwaithe Trophy* was Tom Shevlin with a 5in. gauge GWR 'Manor' 4-6-0.

Graffiti is a major concern for **Maidstone MES**. Following the latest attack, the local authority's permission was sought to protect some of the buildings with anti-graffiti paint. The council responded by cleaning off all the graffiti, but having left the surfaces invitingly clean, how long it will be before the next attack is anybody's guess. Members who attend the club on Wednesdays have had a blitz on the buildings and have made considerable improvement. The inside has been completely redecorated, damaged plastering having first been made good, and the outside shutters were painted with anti-vandal paint. A lot of necessary external painting has also been done and the bench seating repaired and re-varnished. Work has also been carried out on the track, the ticket office renovated and the fencing repaired. Two windows have been bricked up, something which members would doubtless have preferred not to have had to do, but at least by doing so some of the vandalism and burglary problems may be prevented. The inevitable reduced internal illumination has been compensated by fitting brighter 'daylight' tubes in the fluorescent lights. All this effort has been accomplished by a small and dedicated band of volunteers. As well as entertaining children from Chernobyl, the society has run events for several charities, including the Alzheimers Society, and MENCAP.

As a result of the popularity of the smaller (garden) gauges, members of **Sutton MEC** have decided to install goods sidings around the outside of their layout. This will provide additional interest and enable shunting competitions to be organised. Last summer's extremes of weather have caused some damage to the layout, a heavy downpour of hailstones having damaged the felt in which the track has been laid, and the combination of heavy rain and hot sun having caused some of the baseboards to warp. These problems will be resolved during the winter when it is also hoped to incorporate

In Memoriam

It is with deep 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.

Paul Finn
Lionel Frerk
Peter Hodgson
Robert Houston
Sam Taylor

Frimley & Ascot Locomotive Club
Malden DSME
Taunton Model Engineers
North Norfolk MES
Chichester DSME

a removable section to allow ride-on mower access inside the layout. The extremes of last summer's weather have created other problems which might not have arisen in a 'normal' home counties summer, a considerable programme has therefore been scheduled for the other tracks, although these mainly involve civil engineering.

Taunton ME reports a very successful exhibition, the *alfresco* attractions proving to be particular favourites with the public. The Mayor not only extended his visit beyond his scheduled time but also took control of a 7¹/₄in. gauge locomotive, taking his wife for a trip round the tennis courts. We wonder if the mayor was one of the number of new members recruited during the exhibition which appears to be a regular means of introducing people to the club. A total of 40 members joined a trip to the Swindon Locomotive Shed at Williton where they were able to see a 'West Country' Class 4-6-2 locomotive and a sleeping coach of 1897 vintage undergoing restoration. In the event, having been scheduled to take place during the period of heavy rain experienced across the UK during the summer, the club's annual barbecue was held indoors this year. Nevertheless, all who attended seem to have enjoyed their evening, even if there were no trains to ride.

Of the many newsletters we receive regularly, several are so comprehensive and well produced that they are much better described as magazines. One personal favourite is the *Bulletin* from the Society of Ornamental Turners which is invariably packed with interesting technical articles, snippets of history, and news of the society itself. Receipt of each new issue invariably promotes the desire to join this dedicated band of enthusiasts who turn out such lovely work, and the latest issue is no exception. Also presented is information concerning a bursary competition designed to encourage talented turners wishing to achieve professional status. There are details too, of a society meeting held last May when William Thurlow was presented with an illuminated address in recognition of his work on behalf of the society over the last 30 years. Among the historical articles is an amusing and interesting account of ornamental turning in the eighteenth century when not only was King George III a skilled turner but so also were many ladies of the aristocracy. Anyone interested in learning more about this fascinating organisation is invited to contact the

Secretary, Nicholas S. Edwards, Kirklea, Park Road, Melchbourne, Bedfordshire MK44 1BB.

One of the annual Reading SME highlights is their annual efficiency trials which this year took place on 22 September. Seven entries included five 5in. gauge and two 3¹/₂in. gauge models. The winner was Rob Manley, driving fellow member Geoff Down's 3¹/₂in. gauge *King Arthur*. How pleasing it is to read of a 3¹/₂in. gauge locomotive beating its larger opponents in such an event! Intended winter work includes the re-organisation of the station area when, by moving the point work it will be possible to extend the departure platform and allow three trains into the station at any one time.

World News

South Africa

The problem of finding volunteers to collect tickets on public running days is more acute in some societies than others. In that it provides the opportunity to meet the general public and to enjoy repartee with the children, it is an activity to which some look forward and much enjoy. Others charged with the task take the opposite view, are reluctant to do it for any longer than absolutely necessary, and will do everything possible to avoid it, which can lead to sloppy operation. The committee of Centurion SME has decided to avoid this problem in the future by paying a non-member to do the job. Societies will have experienced difficulties with members who rarely or never attend meetings but who turn up on a running day and are somewhat, and not unrea-

sonably, put out when marshalled along with the general public. To eliminate the awkwardness of such encounters, particularly with a non-member as ticket collector, special identification tags have been issued to all CSME members and their close relatives who are entitled to ride free on the trains, and they are urged to be sure to wear them when attending at the track.

Canada

Participation in the Western Ontario Steam Threshers Association Annual Steam Show is one of the Bluewater MES calendar highlights at which a number of members exhibit their models. Although some might concede that there was a dominance of traction engines, this year the club display was particularly varied. The event is also seen as an opportunity to attract new members and any visitor showing particular interest receives copies of the club newsletter to offer further encouragement to join.

British Columbia SME seems to have a new recruit to its ranks although he has made no application to do so and has not yet paid any subscription. No one knows his name but everyone recognises him by his habit of sitting with one ear up and the other down, except when excited by the passing of trains when both ears are erected in celebration. Reference to a male gender in the foregoing note may be incorrect for this interested party, who has a favourite spot by a junction, is a rabbit with a love of trains and apparently no fear of humans. He, or perhaps she, is quite happy to

hop inside the clubhouse during meetings and is very content to watch the trains go by. Whether it will be willing to help out at working parties remains to be seen. We hear that the 5th annual Train Fest went well and attracted a large number of visitors some of whom arrived early Friday morning. More than 100 sat down to dinner on Saturday which involved the organisers in a hasty visit to the supermarket for extra food. The club borrowed the WRCA Mini Rail portable track to augment their own at the Atcheltz Threshers' Association annual Threshing Bee. The WRCAMR track had been built to the same drawings as their own and it was hoped that the two would be compatible. In the event, this interesting experiment was a success and resulted in a run of some 400ft., making it much more enjoyable than the more usual portable track events. All BCSME members have been much saddened by the passing of Bill Copeland, former Mayor of Burnaby, who had been a very good friend to the club, took a great interest in its activities and frequently attended the track, even after becoming incapacitated and confined to a wheel chair.

The use of pre-assembled track sections imported from Switzerland has enabled Alberta MES to make rapid progress with the 7¹/₄in. gauge railway at their site at Airdrie. Having laid a good solid bed on which to put the track, construction was rapid, and some contractors working nearby allowed themselves to be persuaded to use their heavy machinery to carry out some landscaping. The new clubhouse has been decorated in the style of buildings of the Canadian Pacific Railway and when complete the 11 acre site should become a major attraction.

Australia

A major effort by some members of The Steam Locomotive Society of Victoria has resulted in a large area of concrete being laid to provide an apron around the clubhouse. An area of concrete at the rear of the clubhouse that had become unstable has also been replaced as has some at the steaming bays which was becoming badly worn. The fact that so much was done seems to have been partly due to the arrival of an over-generous supply of readymix concrete! In an attempt to attract more members to running days a free barbecue is now available to all those who attend, thus making it even more of a social event.

SMEE members recently enjoyed an absorbing illustrated lecture by knowledgeable and enthusiastic Sentinel wagon owner Jim Hatfield, seen here pointing out some of the interesting details of a cylinder casting and connecting rod.



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.

NOVEMBER

- 29 Hereford SME. Video Evening. Contact John Arrowsmith: 01432-265151.
29 Malden DSME. Rummage Sale. Contact John Mottram: 01483-473786.
30 Cardiff MES. Childrens' Christmas Party. Contact Trevor Jenkins: 029-207-55568.
30 Oxford (City of) SME. AGM. Contact Chris Kelland: 01235-770836.
30 York City & DSME. Bits & Pieces. Contact Ken Bateman: 01904-421445.
30/1 Leighton Buzzard NG Rly. Santa Specials. Enquiries: 01525-373888.
30/1 December Rand SME. Year End Function & Christmas Party. Contact Colin Relief: (011)-763-6813.

DECEMBER

- 1 Cardiff MES. Santa Special Day. Contact Trevor Jenkins: 029-20755568.
1 Durban SME. Christmas Party. Contact David Martin: 031-5635755.
1 Ottawa Valley Live Steamers. Meeting. Contact John Bryant: 761-1109.
1 Reading SME. Running. Contact Graham Bustin: 01189-615450.
1 South Durham SME. Running Day. Contact B. Owens: 01325-721503.
1 Surrey SME. Members' Steam-Up. Contact John Cook: 020-8397-3932.
1 Teesside Small Gauge Rly. Meeting. Contact Bill Foster: 01642-710198.
1 Lancaster and Morecambe MES. Auction. Contact Harry Carr: 01524-411956.
2 Peterborough SME. Bits & Pieces. Contact Tony Meek: 01778-345142.
3 Romney Marsh MES. John Snell: Railways Around the World. Contact John Wimble: 01797-362295.
3 South Durham SME. AGM. Contact B. Owens: 01325-721503.
3 Stamford MES. Bits & Pieces. Contact David Ash: 01780-751211.
3 Surrey SME. Bits & Pieces. Contact John Cook: 020-8397-3932.
3 Taunton ME. Mike Johns: The Chertsey 7 1/4 in. Gauge Railway. Contact Don Martin: 01460-63162.
4 Chingford DMEC. Bits and Pieces. Contact Martin Masterson: 0208-989-5552.
4 Fylde SME. Christmas Lunch. Contact Alan Reid: 01253-882872.
4 Guildford MES. White Elephant Sale. Contact Dave Longhurst: 01428-605424.
4 Tyneside SMEE. Bring & Buy Sale. Contact Malcolm Halliday: 0191-262-4141.
5 Cardiff MES. Bits & Pieces with Newport MES. Contact Trevor Jenkins: 029-207-55568.
5 Leyland SME. Project Night. Contact Alan Wilson: 01942-715072.
5 Portsmouth MES. Meeting. Contact Bob Aldred: 023-92-523366.
5 South Lakeland MES. AGM. Contact Adrian Dixon: 01229-869915.
5 Sutton MEC. Bits & Pieces. Contact Mike Dean: 0208-657-5401.
6 Vale of Aylesbury MES. Mike Clemence & David Knapman: More Sounds of Steam. Contact Clive Ellam: 01296-623433.
6 Brighton & Hove SMLE. Christmas Film Show. Contact Mick Funnell: 01323-892042.
6 Chichester DSME. Christmas Dinner. Contact Brian Bird: 01243-542266.
6 Colchester SMEE. B. Dyes: Wheels of Ipswich. Contact L. G. Hammond: 01376-511686.
6 Maidstone MES. Video & Crumpet Night. Contact Martin Parham: 01622-630298.
6 North London SME. Social Evening. Contact Tony Dunbar: 01992-465625.
6 North Norfolk MEC. Christmas Dinner. Contact Gordon Ford: 01263-512350.
6 Rochdale SMEE. Geoff Dowden: Building a Private Owner Wagon. Contact Mike Foster: 01706-360849.
6 Romford MEC. Competition Night & Millennium and Rusty Titford Cup. Contact Colin Hunt: 01708-709302.
7 Brighton & Hove SMLE. Christmas Event. Contact Mick Funnell: 01323-892042.
7 Sutton MEC. Christmas Party. Contact Mike Dean: 0208-657-5401.
7/8 Amberley Museum. Santa's Fun Days. Contact Derek Kilburn: 01798-831370.
7/8 Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society. Santa Steam Trains with Thomas. Contact Kate York: 01246-472450.
7/8 Leighton Buzzard NG Rly. Santa Specials. Enquiries: 01525-373888.
7/8 Reading SME. Santa Specials. Contact Graham Bustin: 01189-615450.
8 Chichester DSME. Santa Specials. Contact Brian Bird: 01243-542266.
8 Frimley & Ascot L.C. Quiz Night. Contact Bob Downman: 01252-835042.
8 Malden DSME. Santa Specials. Contact John Mottram: 01483-473786.
8 N. W. Leicester SME. Santa Specials. Contact John Elliott: 01455-847040.
8 Surrey SME. Santa Specials. Contact John Cook: 020-8397-3932.
8 Sutton MEC. Track Day. Contact Mike Dean: 0208-657-5401.
8 Sutton Coldfield MES. Santa Special. Contact Roger Timings: 0121-308-5875.
8 Woking MRS. Santa Special. Contact Ronald Dewar: 01932-343331.
9 Bedford MES. Quiz Night. Contact Ted Jolliffe: 01234-327791.
9 Erewash Valley MES. Ladies Evening. Contact Jim Matthews: 01332-705259.
9 Melton Mowbray DMES. Auction. Contact Phil Tansley: 0116-2673646.

- 9 Saffron Walden DSME. Christmas Dinner. Contact Ken Archer: 01763-852911.
10 Chelmsford SME. Social Evening. Contact D. Blake: 01376-324205.
10 Dockland & E. London MES. Christmas Get-Together. Contact P. M. Jonas: 01708-228510.
10 Marx Steam & MEC. Meeting. Contact Mike Casey: 01624-861613.
10 Romney Marsh MES. Christmas Lunch & Steam-Up. Contact John Wimble: 01797-362295.
10 Sutton Coldfield MES. Wine & Mince Pies Social Evening. Contact Roger Timings: 0121-308-5875.
11 Basingstoke DMES. Meeting. Contact Ian Shanks: 01420-561741.
11 Chingford DMEC. John Baker: 'Precious Metal Bashing'. Contact Martin Masterson: 0208-989-5552.
11 Harrow & Wembley SME. Dennis Craig: History of the National Trust. Contact Dr. Roger Greenwood: 020-8427-2755.
11 Hull DSME. Social. Contact Brian Ryalnce: 01482-647032.
11 Leighton Buzzard NG Rly. Santa Specials. Enquiries: 01525-373888.
11 Norwich DSME. Meeting. Contact Paul Reed: 01603-462925.
11 St. Albans DMES. EGM. Contact Roy Verden: 01923-220590.
11 Staines SME. Christmas Rave Up. Contact Mike Kingham 01932-788793.
12 Cardiff MES. Questions & Answers. Contact Trevor Jenkins: 029-207-55568.
12 High Wycombe MEC. Meeting. Contact David Savage: 01494-527402.
12 N. W. Leicester SME. Chit Chat & Pint Night. Contact John Elliott: 01455-847040.
12 Reading SME. Alan Copeland: Tales of the Unexpected. Contact Graham Bustin: 01189-615450.
12 Sutton MEC. Gerald Quarendon: A Senior Highflyer. Contact Mike Dean: 0208-657-5401.
12 Worthing DSME. Christmas Social & Theo Whiteside Photographic Competition. Contact Chris Devenish: 01903-268158.
13 Hereford SME. Christmas Soiree. Contact John Arrowsmith: 01432-265151.
13 North London SME. Archive Films. Contact Tony Dunbar: 01992-465625.
13-15 Great Western Soc. (Didcot Railway Centre). Thomas Santa Specials. Contact Jeanette Howse: 01235-817200.
14 Erewash Valley MES. Santa Special. Contact Jim Matthews: 01332-705259.
14 Guildford MES. Christmas American Supper. Contact Dave Longhurst: 01428-605424.
14 Hornsby ME. Santa Visit. Contact Ted Gray: 9484-7583.
14 Surrey SME. Santa Specials. Contact John Cook: 020-8397-3932.
14 York City & DSME. AGM. Contact Ken Bateman: 01904-421445.
14/15 Amberley Museum. Santa's Fun Days. Contact Derek Kilburn: 01798-831370.
14/15 Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society. Santa Steam Trains with Thomas. Contact Kate York: 01246-472450.
14/15 Leighton Buzzard NG Rly. Santa Specials. Enquiries: 01525-373888.
14/15 Talylyn Railway. Santa Specials. Enquiries: 01654-710472.
14/15 Woking MRS. Santa Specials. Contact Ronald Dewar: 01932-343331.
15 Chichester DSME. Santa Specials. Contact Brian Bird: 01243-542266.
15 Frimley & Ascot L.C. Santa Run. Contact Bob Downman: 01252-835042.
15 Harlington L.S. Mince Pie Run. Contact Peter Tarrant: 01895-851168.
15 N. W. Leicester SME. Running Sunday. Contact John Elliott: 01455-847040.
15 Plymouth MSLs. Mince Pie Specials at Plym Valley Railway. Contact John Brooker: 01752-671722.
15 St. Albans DMES. Track Meeting. Contact Roy Verden: 01923-220590.
15 York City & DSME. Running Day. Contact Ken Bateman: 01904-421445.
16 Centurion SME. Mini Steam Meet. Contact Rudy Du Preez: 012-9886780.
16 Hornsby ME. Christmas Social Night. Contact Ted Gray: 9484-7583.
16 Lancaster and Morecambe MES. P. Burton: Diving in the Red Sea. Contact Harry Carr: 01524-411956.
16 Peterborough SME. Party Night. Contact Tony Meek: 01778-345142.
17 Chesterfield MES. Members' Slides. Contact Mike Rhodes: 01623-648676.
17 Northampton SME. Christmas Drinks. Contact Pete Jarman: 01234-708501.
17 Nottingham SMEE. Christmas Get-Together & Bits & Pieces. Contact Graham Davenport: 0115-8496703.
17 Surrey SME. Chairman's Evening. Contact John Cook: 020-8397-3932.
17 Taunton ME. Social Night. Contact Don Martin: 01460-63162.
17 West Wiltshire SME. Bring & Buy. Contact R. Nev. Boulton: 01380-828101.
18 Bournemouth DSME. Christmas Party. Contact Mike Baker: 01202-383653.
18 Chingford DMEC. Cheese and Wine Night. Contact Martin Masterson: 0208-989-5552.
18 MELSA. Meeting. Contact Graham Chadbone: 07-4121-4341.
18 West Riding SLS. Christmas Party. Contact David Batty: 01924-363908.
19 Cardiff MES. Club Chat. Contact Trevor Jenkins: 029-207-55568.
19 Colchester SMEE. Christmas Meal. Contact L. G. Hammond: 01376-511686.
19 East Somerset SMEE. Bring & Buy. Contact Cliff Almond: 01749-344735.
19 Leyland SME. Christmas Dinner & Dance. Contact Alan Wilson: 01942-715072.
19 Rugby MES. Christmas Social. Contact David Eadon: 01788-576956.
19 Sutton MEC. Quiz Night. Contact Mike Dean: 0208-657-5401.
20 Colchester SMEE. Quiz & Fizz Evening. Contact L. G. Hammond: 01376-511686.
20 Rochdale SMEE. Meeting. Contact Mike Foster: 01706-360849.
20 Romford MEC. Bring & Buy Sale (Members Only). Contact Colin Hunt: 01708-709302.
20 Romney Marsh MES. Video Evening. Contact John Wimble: 01797-362295.
21 Chesterfield MES. Running Day. Contact Mike Rhodes: 01623-648676.
21 Luscombe Valley Railway. Anti Shopping - Humbug Day. Contact Richard Knott: 01202-709833.
21 Talylyn Railway. Carol Train 7pm. Enquiries: 01654-710472.
21/22 Amberley Museum. Santa's Fun Days. Contact Derek Kilburn: 01798-831370.
21/22 Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society. Santa Steam Trains with Thomas. Contact Kate York: 01246-472450.
21/22 Great Western Soc. (Didcot Railway Centre). Thomas Santa Specials. Contact Jeanette Howse: 01235-817200.
21/22 Leighton Buzzard NG Rly. Santa Specials. Enquiries: 01525-373888.
21-24 Talylyn Railway. Santa Specials. Enquiries: 01654-710472.
22 Ascot L.S. Members' Steam-Up. Contact Tony Alderman: 01932-854393.
22 Plymouth MSLs. Mince Pie Specials at Plym Valley Railway. Contact John Brooker: 01752-671722.
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These notes are written purely for guidance. Full information is contained in the Competitors' Information booklet which is sent to every entrant as part of the information package. If you have an item and are unsure as to the Class into which it should be entered, leave that section blank and we will take care of it. The Judges have the right to move any competition exhibit into another class if they feel that by doing so its chances of gaining higher marks or a more appropriate award are improved.

If the item is offered as a Loan exhibit please indicate this by writing Loan on the form in the box identifying the Class. Loan models are not judged but carry all other privileges associated with competition entries.

Part built models are particularly welcome in the Loan Section; visitors like to see work in progress, and entry does not preclude the item being entered in competition when completed.

The classes listed below are those associated with mainstream model engineering.

Club exhibits

Where a club is exhibiting, each model should be entered on a separate entry form and clearly identified as a club exhibit by entering Loan/Club in the class section box. This ensures that we have a full record of all models on display during the show and facilitates matters of administration and insurance.

Additional forms

If you do not wish to deface your copy of the magazine we are happy to receive photocopies of the entry form, one for each model. We will be pleased to send out extra forms if required, so if you know of a modeller who is not a reader of one of our magazines but who you think may wish to participate, please advise them to contact our Exhibitions Office (01322-660070), or simply photocopy the entry form for them.

The success of the show depends largely on the number of models on display. Your work could well be the stimulus which inspires someone else to start in the hobby. There can be no doubt that this event is our showcase on the world of modelling in all its aspects. Every modelling discipline needs more and more participants, and it is by displaying not only the crème-de-la-crème, but also examples of work of a more achievable standard, that people are encouraged to join into the wonderful world of modelling, in whatever aspect.

We look forward to seeing a sample of your work at the show!

COMPETITION CLASSES

Engineering Section

- A1 Hot air engines.
- A2 General engineering models (including stationary and marine engines).
- A3 Internal combustion engines.
- A4 Mechanical propelled road vehicles (including tractors).
- A5 Tools and workshop appliances.
- A6 Horological, scientific and optical apparatus.
- A7 General engineering exhibits — not covered by the above

Railway Section

- B1 Working steam locomotives 1in. 1ft. scale and over.
- B2 Working steam locomotives under 1in. 1ft. scale.
- B3 Locomotives of any scale, experimental, freelance or based on any published design and not

- necessarily replicas of full size prototypes, intended for track duties.
- B4 Scratchbuilt model locomotives of any scale, not covered by classes B1, B2, B3, including working models of non-steam, electrically or clockwork powered steam prototypes.
- B5 Scratchbuilt model locomotives gauge 1 (10mm 1ft. scale) and under.
- B6 Kitbuilt model locomotives gauge 1 (10mm 1ft. scale) and under.
- B7 Scratchbuilt rolling stock, gauge 1 (10mm 1ft. scale) and under.
- B8 Kitbuilt rolling stock, gauge 1 (10mm 1ft. scale) and under.
- B9 Passenger or goods rolling stock, 1in. 1ft. scale and over.
- B10 Passenger or goods rolling stock, under 1in. 1ft. scale.
- B11 Railway buildings and lineside accessories to any recognised model railway scale.
- B12 Tramway vehicles.

Marine Models

- C1 Working scale models of powered vessels (from any period). Scale 1:1 to 1:48.
- C2 Working scale models of powered vessels (from any period). Scale 1:49 to 1:384.
- C3 Non-working scale models (from any period). Scale 1:1 to 1:48.
- C4 Non-working scale models (from any period). Scale 1:49 to 1:384.
- C5 Sailing ships and oared vessels of any period - working.
- C6 Sailing ships and oared vessels of any period - non-working.
- C7 Non-scale powered functional models including hydroplanes.
- C8 Miniatures. Length of hull not to exceed 15in for 1:32 scale; 12in for 1:25 scale; 10in for 1:16 scale; 8in for 1:8 scale. No limit for smaller scales.
- C9 For any model boat built from a commercial kit. Before acceptance in this class the kit must have been readily available for at least 3 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition and at least 20 kits must have been sold either by mail order or through the retail trade.

Model Horse Drawn Vehicle Section

- G1 Carriages and other sprung vehicles. (Omnibuses, trade vans etc.) Wagons, carts and farm implements. Caravans.

Junior Section

- J1 For any type of model, mechanical or engineering work, by an under 14 year old.
- J2 For any type of model, mechanical or engineering work, by an under 16 year old.
- J3 For any type of model, mechanical or engineering work, by an under 18 year old.

All entries will be judged for standard of craftsmanship, regardless of the modelling discipline, i.e. a boat will not be competing against a military figure. Providing a model attains sufficient marks it will be awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal.

Model Vehicle Section

- K1 Non-working cars, including small commercial vehicles (e.g. Ford Transit) all scales down to 1:42.
- K2 Non-working trucks, articulated tractor and trailer units, plus other large commercial vehicles based on truck-type chassis, all scales down to 1:42.
- K3 Non-working motor bikes, including push bikes, all scales down to 1:42.
- K4 Non-working emergency vehicles, fire, police and ambulance, all scales down to 1:42.
- K5 Non-working vehicles including small commercial vehicles (e.g. Ford Transit). Scale from 1:43 or smaller.
- K6 Any available body shells including Concours, in any scale or material, to be judged on appearance only.
- K7 Functional model cars/vehicles which must be able to move under its own power of any type. Can be either free-running, tethered radio controlled or slot car, but must represent a reasonable full size replica.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH CHALLENGE TROPHY

Rules and Particulars

1. The Duke of Edinburgh Challenge Trophy is awarded to the winner of the Championship Award at the Model Engineer Exhibition.
2. The trophy remains at all times the property of Highbury Nexus Special Interests Ltd.
3. The name of the winner and the date of the year in which the award is made will be engraved on the trophy, which may remain, at the discretion of Highbury Nexus Special Interests Ltd, in his/her possession until required for renovation and display at the following Model Engineer Exhibition.
4. Any item of model engineering work will be eligible for this Championship Award after it has been awarded, at The Model Engineer Exhibition, a Gold or Silver medal by Highbury Nexus Special Interests Ltd.
5. No model may be entered more than once.
6. Entry shall be free. Competitors must state on the entry form:
 - (a) That exhibits are their own bona-fide work.
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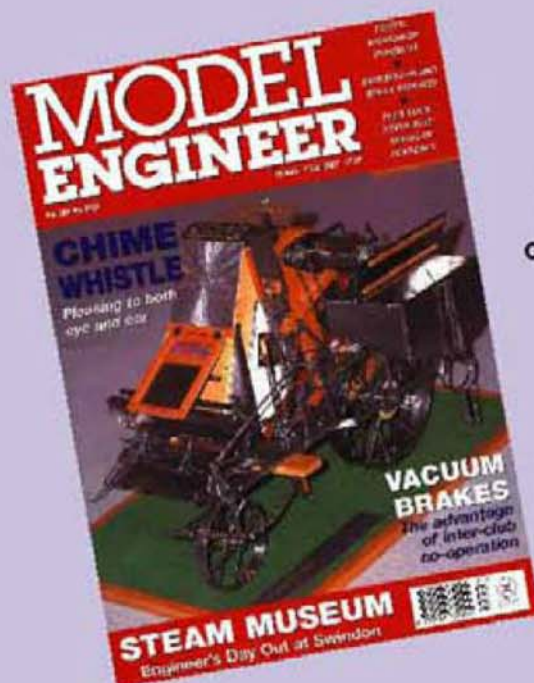
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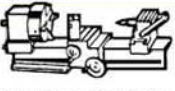
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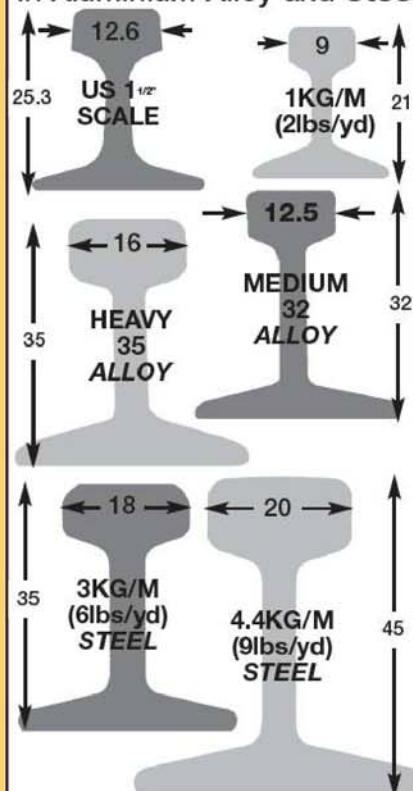
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TOM SENIOR M1 horizontal, 25" x 6" powered table, 1" arbor	£575
TOM SENIOR M1 V11, 25" x 6", 2 motor taper, 1" arbor Selection	£1,200 - £1,450
TOM SENIOR ELT MAJOR, 2 motor taper quill head head, powered 37" x 6 1/2" table in extremely nice condition	£2,200
TOS F100 AV vertical turret mill, 40 INT, 54" x 10" table, power all-ways. Please ring to view	£1,590
VICKROY AEW vertical mill, 30 INT swivel head, powered table 34" x 8", Very clean	£1,525

DRILLS

ANBGA 11 25 / 35 Radial Drill speeds (8) 100-2900 RPM. Just in	£1,425
ASBTH 14-54 601 M2 5mm Radial Drill. Immediate coming in	£3,500
POBCO 10" Bench, 8mm table	£325
POBCO 10" Pedestal drilling table	£345
MEDONOS 16" pedestal drill	£245
MEDONOS 2 Horse super pedestal drill	Choice £275
MEDONOS MPE 10 3 speed 2MT Bench 240 volts drill	£300
POLLARD-CORDA Pedestal 1271 nose	From £100
SIP HOP 600 B 12" / 2MT Bench Drill, table operated by rack, speeds: (16) 152 - 3000 rpm	new £175
STARTRITE Mercury 10" 4 speed bench drill	£225
STARTRITE Mercury 10" pedestal drill, 240 volts	As New £300
WARCO 2MT Pedestal 3 speed drill, speeds: 150-2200rpm, table operated by rack	£495

GRINDING / BUFFING

CLARKSON M20 Tool and cutter grinder	£650
JONES AND SHIPMAN 540 Surface Grinder Magnetic Chuck. Ex College/Gen no work	£1,590
MELFORD 12" Pedestal Grinder	£325
R.J.H. Buffing Machine, pedestal model Buffalo	£325
VICKROY Grinder, pedestal model	£145
VICKROY Buffers, pedestal models	Each £250

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TAYLOR HOBSON ENGRAVER - TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT	£900
BCA 12" horizontal / vertical rotary table. Very nice	£425
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BRIDGEPORT slotting head	£750
MARCOO broaching press	£425
TRANSARC 150 + Transit 1501	£425
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TOM SENIOR slotting head	£450
STARTRITE 12 x 6 Woodworking / non ferrous band saw	£590
DIAMOND fret saw, variable speed	£345
RJH BT 125 Fret saw, variable speed	£345
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FLAMEFAST LD300 Soldering Iron Solder	£75
GRANITE 16" x 12" Surface Plate	£140
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TRIUMPH Burned 4 Jaw Chuck	£245
TRIUMPH FACE PLATE D4	£70
VANCO LINSEER. Very nice	£345
JONES AND SHIPMAN Broaching Press + Stand	£375
CLARKSON 16" Radius Grinder Attachment	£425
ABB Inverter & 1/2 HP motor, wind up	£250
FLAMEFAST mounting bench	£100
SIP 7" band saw, horizontal & coolant	new £750
WELLSAW hacksaw	Choice £245 - £495
BRIDGEPORT High speed drilling head	£495
MYFORD dividing head	£305
STARTRITE 30 150 out off saw	£750
DUPLEX 220 toolpost grinder	£345
BOXFORD (Imperial only) thread dial indicator	£65
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ASWOOD 6" swivel machine vice	Each £345
BURNED, D13 6 Jaw Grip chuck	£345
VANCO, 1" liner / vertical + extractor	£495
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VERTEX Dividing head	new £245
VERTEX 6" - 8" - 10" rotary tables	new From £135
BOXFORD Turret attachment 4 1/2" + quantity of drill chucks	£555
MYFORD M27 / Super 7 rear tool post	£40
MYFORD 2545 rear tool post	new £40
MYFORD Vertical slide / fixed type (poly)	£50
OLIVER - Adrian Finer	new £49
LOCKWOOD quad headed 2mt Die Holder	new £40
LOCKWOOD quad headed 3mt Die Holder	new £40
LOCKWOOD Test Bar / 2mt Bored	new £39
LOCKWOOD Test Bar / 3mt Bored	new £42
MAGNETIC chuck - 1 1/2" x 6" fine pole. Never used	£325
TOM SENIOR Model E pedestal stand	£150
UNION tool and cutter grinder stand	£135
HARRISON Capitan type tool post	£175
50 INT Tooling, Selection	Just in
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STARTRITE 14-3-5 woodworking band saw	£775
ALGOSA OF 6001 Rapid Melting Furnace	£300
GARRO 610-2, 24" Bore and Pan general use forster	£355
MYFORD Burned Grip 3 Jaw Chucks	Bored £225
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RJH 4" Linseer / Vertical (fluid in Extraction)	£555
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MICROMETERS and associated measuring tools	Still packaged as new
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920 Lathe Deluxe

- Swing over bed: 229mm
- Swing over cross slide: 133mm
- Distance between centers: 500mm
- Spindle bore: 19mm
- Taper in spindle nose: MT3
- Motor: 1/4hp
- 6 Speed: 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 center
- MT3 Dead center
- 4-way tool post
- Face plate
- Tool Box & Tool Kit
- Turret & Sluice guard



£699

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Model B-Super

- Swing over bed: 420mm
- Distance between centers: 500mm
- Mill drill spindle taper: 19mm
- Tailstock barrel taper: 80mm
- 7 speeds: 60-1300rpm
- Swing over cross slide: 140mm
- Spindle taper: MT3

STANDARD EQUIPMENT:

- Draw bar: M12
- Cross slide travel: 180mm
- Motor: 1/4hp
- Net weight: 155kg
- 4" 3-jaw chuck
- 2 dead centers
- 1/2" drill chuck
- Change gears
- MT3 chuck adaptor



£725

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Centurion

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

STANDARD EQUIPMENT:

- Draw bar: M12
- Cross slide travel: 200mm
- Motor: 2 x 1/4hp
- Net weight: 230kg
- 4" 3-jaw chuck
- 2 dead centers
- 1/2" drill chuck
- Change gears
- MT3 chuck adaptor



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Champion Mill

- Drilling Capacity: 20mm
- End Mill Capacity: 25mm
- Face Mill Capacity: 63mm
- Table Size: 150x630mm
- Number of Speeds: 4
- Speed Range: 400-1640rpm
- Spindle Taper: MT3
- Tilting Head: 90° Left & Right
- Motor: 1/4hp



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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



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STANDARD ACCESSORIES:

- 1-1/2mm Drill Chuck & MT3 Drill Chuck Adaptor
- Eagle Face Mill Cutter
- T3 Tapping Tool
- M12 Drawbar
- NTR Switch Gear
- Interlocked Chuck Guard
- Manual and Parts List

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
- Tilting Head



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STANDARD ACCESSORIES:

- 1-1/2mm Drill Chuck & MT3 Drill Chuck Adaptor
- Eagle Face Mill Cutter
- V100 Machine Vice
- M12 Drawbar
- NTR Switch Gear
- Interlocked Chuck Guard
- Manual and Parts List

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 R/R
- Tilting Head
- Motor: 1/4hp



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STANDARD ACCESSORIES:

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

Craftsman Gap Bed Lathe

- Swing over bed: 300mm
- Swing over gap: 450mm
- Swing over saddle: 170mm
- Distance between centers: 570mm
- Spindle bore: 36mm
- Spindle bore taper: MT3
- Cross slide travel: 150mm
- Compound travel: 85mm
- Tailstock barrel taper: MT3
- Tailstock barrel travel: 92mm
- Range of speed: 50-1250rpm
- Motor: 1 1/2 hp
- Net weight: 398kg



£1550

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STANDARD EQUIPMENT:

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

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
- Tilting Head
- Motor: 1/4hp



£1500

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STANDARD FEATURES:

- Powered Head Elevator
- Cast Iron Stand
- Angle Tiding Head
- Manual and Parts List