

Sussex Miniature Locomotive Society



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Dear all,

A week ago I left home feeling fit and healthy and 7 days later I feel as if I have been hit by an HST, but hey it appears to have been a successful removal of something my body did not need, so as they say no pain no gain.

Otherwise fingers and brain just about working. I have to commend the Princess Royal on its faultless management of my short visit to hospital. All the staff on Ansty Ward were wonderful. Many thanks for your kind thoughts. I hope you all are well and getting a bit more safe freedom. The big outside world is still in a state of chaos and I feel will remain so until there is a vaccination in place.

Stay safe
Mike

Brief club house NEWS

What a week we have had at the club.

Very good news from the MSDC, they have approved our risk assessment that we have developed to enable us as members only to have a fun run with our locos.

We are now able to offer the following:-

SMLS Members Covid-19 Fun Runs - Summer 2020

We now have approval from MSDC to use the track for members to run their locomotives without carrying passengers.

In order not to attract a crowd of onlookers, we have agreed with them that these runs will take place from 5pm until dusk.

Due to government restrictions on groups from different households, each evening will be limited to **a maximum of 6** members.

Please stay away if you are not driving because if we are seen to be crowding we will be stopped.

Only the designated key holder will unlock the clubhouse / open the engine shed etc. ... and they will sign everyone in - a true record of attendance is necessary should contact tracing be required.

To achieve this we will be operating a booking system that will be maintained by Andrew Strongitharm.

All the normal SMLS conditions to run will be strictly adhered to.

All members who book to run will be given a copy of the Covid-19 Risk Assessment and a Method Statement Form for Covid -19 which have been approved by the council.

There will be no access inside the clubhouse except for emergency use of the toilet.

We will start the first sessions as follows:-

Wednesday 5th - evening fun run

Saturday 8th - evening fun run

Wednesday 12th - evening fun run

Saturday 15th - evening fun run

Wednesday 19th - evening fun run

Saturday 22nd – evening fun run

Contact Andrew Strongitharm to book your slot.

Out of Ticket?

We are conscious that many locomotives are out of ticket and therefore if you would like to run your loco at one of these sessions and are in this position please discuss this with Andrew Strongitharm who will let you know the latest position on boiler testing

Latest on the roof.

As we have said before as we have permission to go ahead with the roof and we do have to clear the loft before the roof is started, the decision is to remove all from the roof and store sensibly in piles such as electrical, pneumatics etc. in the workshop until such time all the relevant people can review what is there and decide on what is essential to keep and should go back up.

We have set two dates for this emptying process

Saturday 15th - clearing the loft: 2-5pm.

Saturday 22nd – clearing the loft: 2-5pm.

We would like 3 -4 younger members to help on these days. If you are free to join the team please contact Andrew Strongitharm.

Again we need to stress **Please do not just turn up on the day** to help or watch as we will not be able to let you in the club house.

Tom found this on his security tour.



We also had a lucky escape last week which could have had a bearing on the starting of the fun runs because last Thursday Tom on his security rounds found this tree had fallen down. He reported it to Andrew S who immediately reported to the council and blow me down before we know it's cleared away.

Well done guys.

To add to this Andrew S is wandering by the station and suddenly realised there had been an onslaught on the jungle. True to their word MSDC have pruned it back further than we had requested to enable it to regrow back into a sensible hedge.



Andrew has sent in thanks to MSDC for their quick response to both actions
Whatever charm it is Andrew S has got he is making inroads into our communications with the MSDC. Many thanks Andrew.

Thanks again for the gardening team, Mike P, Graham Miller, Dave Mattingley Andrew S, Roy P and John Green. For continuing to offer their services and thanks to Tom and Andrew S and Andrew B for continuing to maintain the security patrols.

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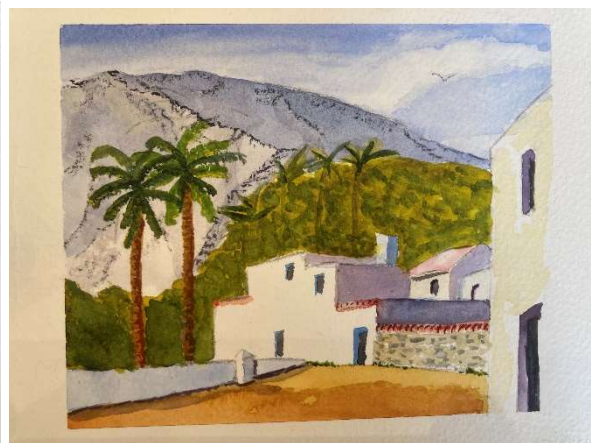
Stephen Hutton and the late Peter Chapman.
Taken during a visit from East Grinstead.



Geoff West with a visitor driving Wharfedale.

Andrew Ellis.

This week Andrew has included from his gallery a painting of a F1 car copied from a TV photo and couple of Spanish style buildings.



Dolls House continued:-

Below are photographs of some of the interior reconstructions Andrew has completed using dolls that were collected over many years from World of My Own miniatures and Crumpled and Rumpled.





Andrew E. To be continued:-

News From Afar.

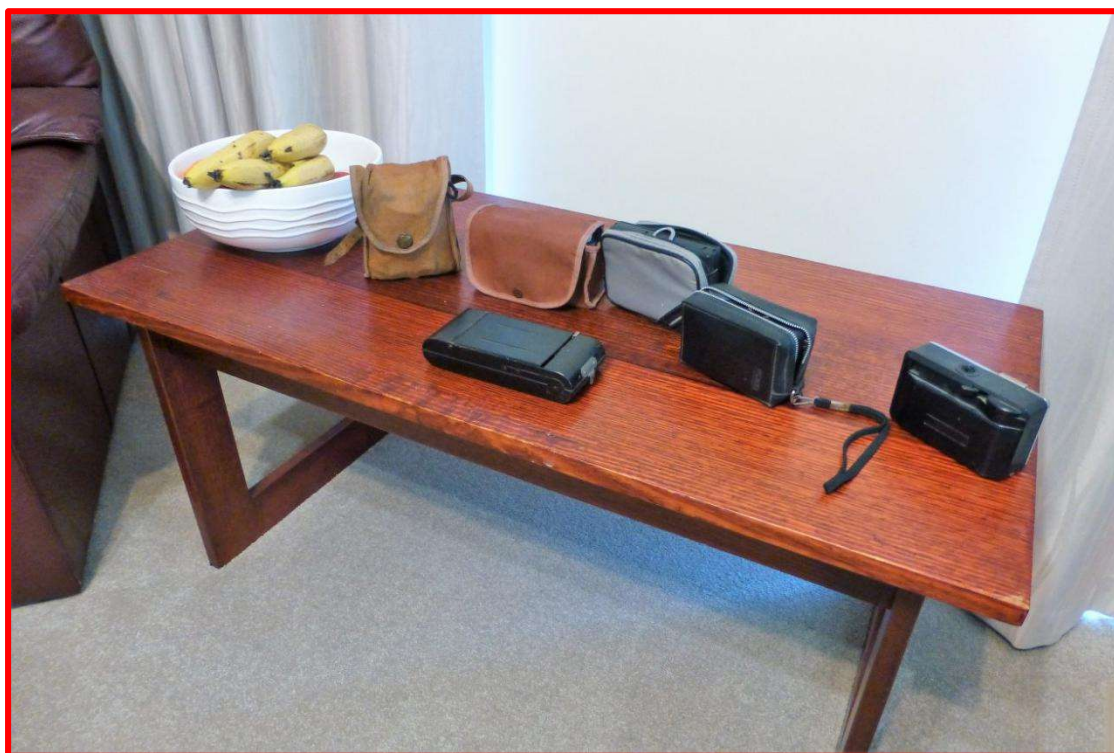


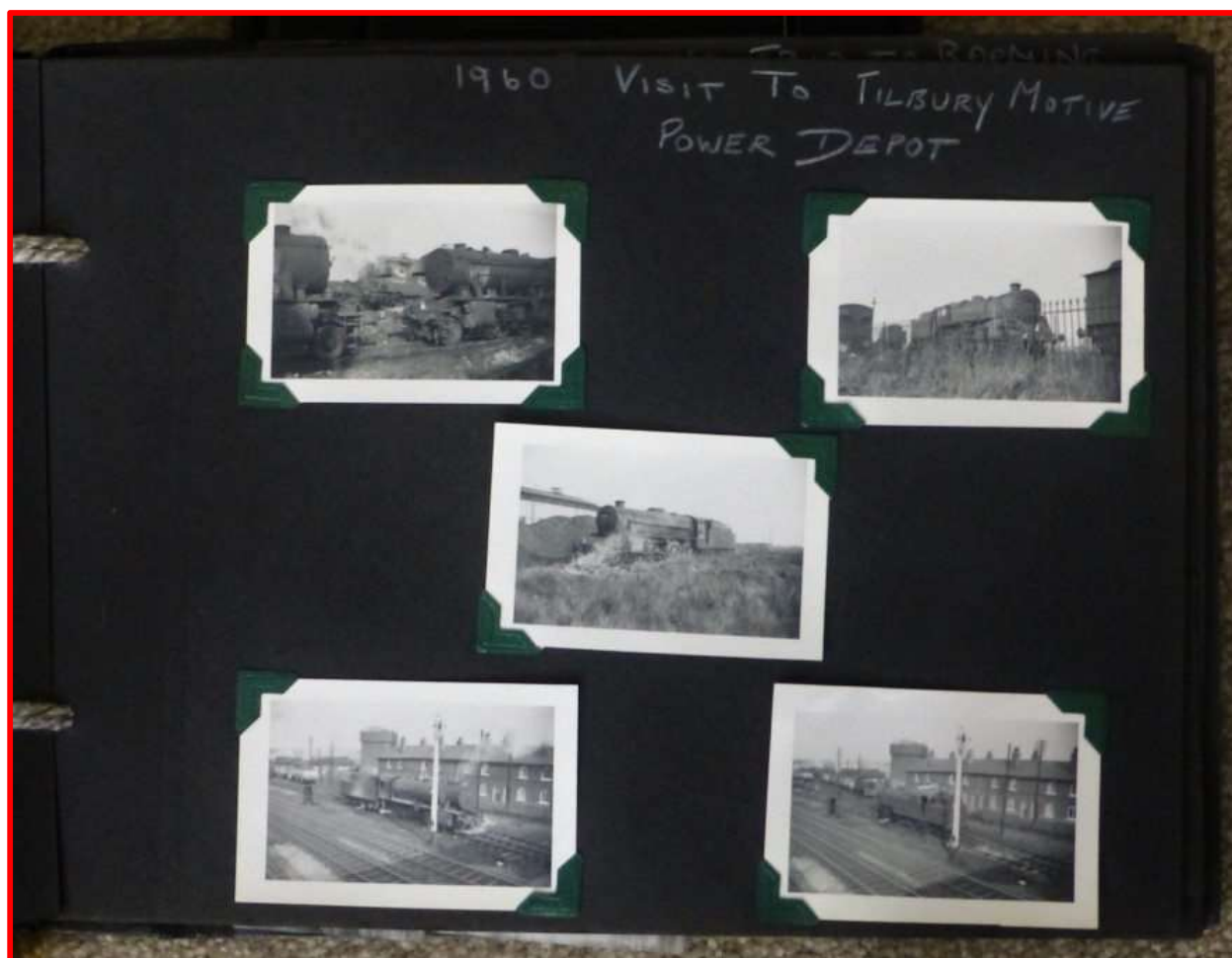
B....y.Winter



Following *Mike P.'s Musings No. 16*

I also took pictures like that, as probably many of us did, from a selection of cameras. Shown is a picture of my collection under cover. Can you guess what they are? If you can you must be the same or similar vintage to me. Under that are a couple of pictures in the same manner as Mike P's..





Myself
fishing at
Barming
on the
Medway
around
the same
time.

New Loco from Eric H.

Named 'Trojan'. He wasn't sure of the class, but thought it was of G.W.R. origin?
The "closest" I could find was: Caledonian Railway 264 Class.
The suspensions wrong among other things, but close. Ideas. ?



Track Work.



Left shows the track, moved to its new alignment. This was completed on Wednesday 22nd. The curve was 'eyeballed', and then checked with our mirror.

The picture shows the mirror which allows us to get a better idea of track alignment and any other deviations such as changes in super elevation. Saves your back also.



Public Run - Sunday 26th was cancelled due to persistent rain amounting to over an inch in total. That was the down side.

On a positive note our rain water tanks are now overflowing.

The following picture shows the cameras out from covers. A 'Brownie' twin lens reflex, another 'Brownie'. A 'Coronet', my wife's dads. A Kodak disc camera with a fixed zoom alternative, and two 'Instamatic,' variants.



Stay well. David - Canberra - 28 July 2020

Part 5 Norman Payne

A Boilersmith's Apprenticeship Cont:-

Rejoining the railway

After a break from the railway, some years later, following the end of steam, I re-joined BR in 1971 at Ashford Chart Leacon Electric Multiple Unit depot as a welder. I still had to do welding tests and Mr Digweed would come every six months to examine us. The pass mark was 87% and I usually managed to get 98%. However, if you failed the test you would have to attend Eastleigh for a refresher course, similar to the same situation when I worked on steam.

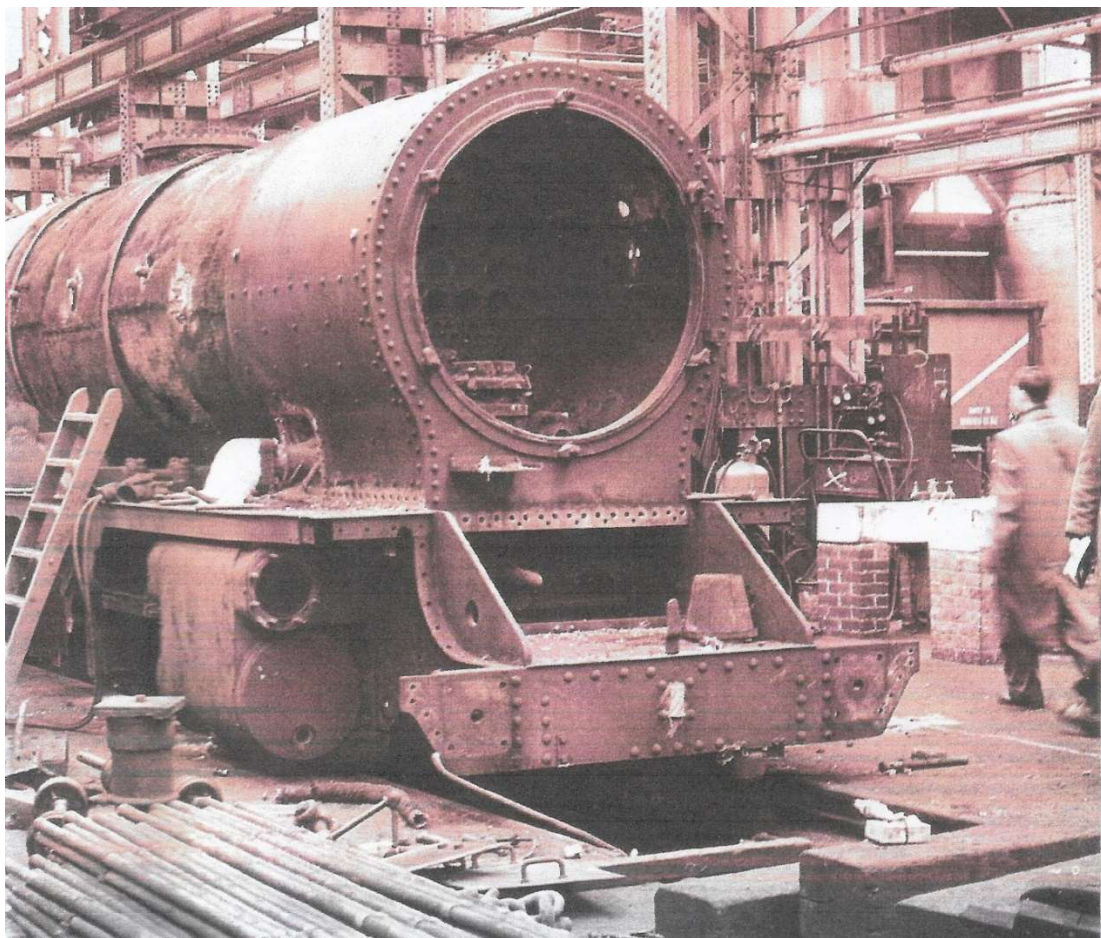
As for the rest of my career, I will briefly outline my other key milestones and achievements. After leaving Chart Leacon, in 1977 I joined the Bluebell Railway, taking charge of the workshop with the opportunity to transfer my knowledge, skills and experience to the staff there.

In 1983 I went self-employed carrying out contract repairs to locomotive boilers. One notable project in 1985 was to bring back six locomotive boilers from the Sudan and repair these to a servable condition in accordance with insurance authorities' standards. This formed part of the then well publicised appeal by Bob Geldof to provide food aid to this area.

From 1987 to 1994 I worked at both the North Yorkshire Moors and the Mid-Hants railways as boilersmith. Finally, I worked as a machinist in a food factory

as I wished to stay local to my family roots in the South East. Now retired for some years, I enjoy model engineering and visiting my local model engineering club railway line.

I am often asked what advice I would offer to those currently engaged in boiler maintenance in railway preservation. Whilst there is much skill and knowledge to impart, fundamentally my advice relates to cleanliness of boilers. For all the maintenance and restoration work to do with locomotives, you may as well forget about it- unless you are prepared to wash out the boiler correctly by using the proper equipment to ensure cleanliness. Nowadays there are modern water treatment systems that will make this work very much easier. Even so, railway operators need to ensure these measures are properly established.



The Ahford works, the location where Norman undertook much of his training. The business of this famous location is illustrated in this image of the facility at work on March 18 1962.

***The End,
Many thanks Norman.***

Puzzle Corner.

Lorema's last week's Challenge:-

1	B5 & E4	<i>Bacon and Eggs</i>
2	F4 & C5	<i>Fish and Chips</i>
3	T4 i2 T3 H4	<i>Toad in The Hole</i>
4	R5 B4 & Y9 P7	<i>Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding</i>
5	i5 S4	<i>Irish Stew</i>
6	W5 R7	<i>Welsh Rarebit</i>
7	C7 P3	<i>Cottage Pie</i>
8	L5 & B5	<i>Liver and Bacon</i>
9	B5 B5 O2 T5	<i>Baked Beans on Toast.</i>
10	S7 D4 & C7	<i>Spotted Dick and Custard</i>
11	B7 & M4	<i>Bangers and Mash</i>
12	S9 B10	<i>Spaghetti Bolognese</i>
13	C6 C3 C5	<i>Chillie Con Carne</i>
14	B5 & B6 P7	<i>Bread and Butter Pudding</i>
15	C3 A2 V3	<i>Coq au vin</i>
16	C6 B4 P6	<i>Corned Beef Pastie</i>
17	T5 & O6	<i>Tripe and Onions</i>
18	L5 M8 P3	<i>Lemon Meringue Pie</i>
19	F7 & M5 P4	<i>Faggots and Mushy Peas.</i>
20	C7 T5 M6	<i>Chicken Tikka Masala</i>
21	K8	<i>Kedgeree</i>
22	C6 & B8	<i>Cheese and Biscuits</i>
23	S9 P3	<i>Shepherds Pie</i>
24	J3 R4 P4	<i>Jam Roly Poly</i>
25	C7 C4 M4	<i>Chicken Chow Mein</i>

Lorema's this week challenge is:- Anagrams of parts of the human body.

1	abeelor	
2	adeefhor	
3	ahortt	
4	egontu	
5	deikny	
6	eelnps	
7	deeiimprs	
8	aacenprs	
9	abfii	
10	glnsu	
11	aeht	
12	aaellpt	
13	bceeellmru	
14	cccoxy	
15	eilrv	
16	adeinoox	
17	emnrstu	
18	eilpsv	
19	ailnv	
20	iprrstu	
21	aehtmr	
22	aeghoopssu	
23	ceilpv – degilr	
24	abeeerrtv	

My thanks go to all who keep sending me the material.

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