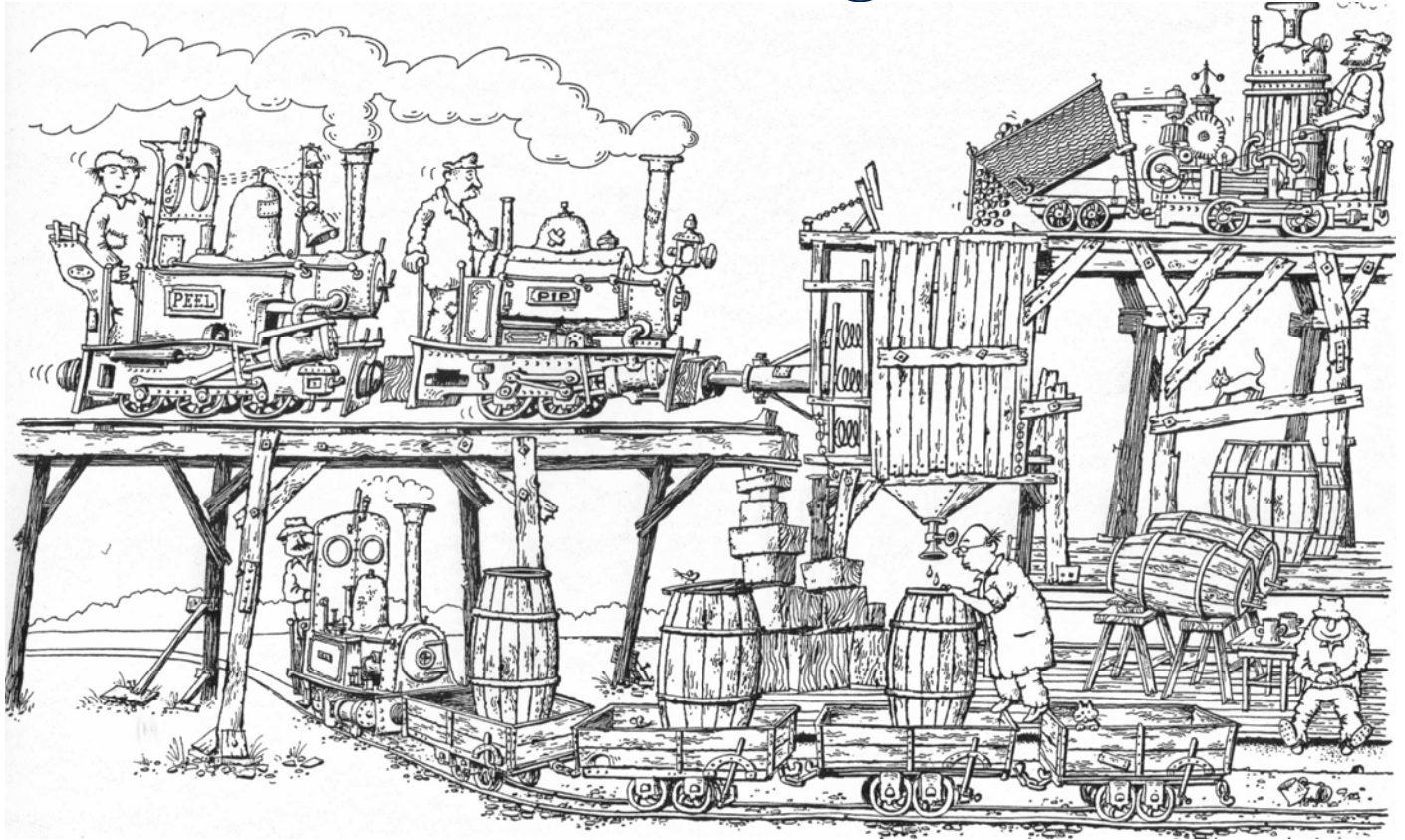


# Smokebox

## February 2011



**Joseph Orchard's Celebrated Steam Cider Press, Oakley Barrel Railway**

OBR operates a short narrow gauge line from the press down to transfer sidings with the standard gauge at Moggington Burtle. The use of locomotives to work the press is thought to be unique and undoubtedly adds a certain character to the taste of the final product.

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### **Feedback from January's Smokebox**

In the January Smokebox I asked for feedback on a couple of issues. Firstly, the date for this year's Steam in Beds, whether we should move it to November to avoid the snow or stick with December. Secondly, whether we should revive the BAGS modelling trophies/shields of which we have three. They are as follows:

"The Tim Grisdale Shield", awarded for Best Freelance Model

"The BAG Committee Shield", awarded for Best Prototype Model

"The Roger Goodall Trophy", awarded for the Most Novel Narrow Gauge Model

This trophy in memory of Roger Goodall was commissioned by Pauline his widow.

All three trophies will be on display at the next club meeting. I understand that there is another trophy "The Junior Shield" which was for any model by a junior member. This trophy has gone missing, there was no sign of it when we moved from the Scout Hall so if anyone has any knowledge of this trophy would you please let me know.

The amount of feedback was most disappointing; I received feedback from only 10 out of our total membership of 30 which I think is a pretty poor show. Of the members who bothered to respond the majority were in favour of sticking with December for SIB, as far as the revival of the BAGs trophies all were in favour, so get modelling, as in previous years the models will be judged and trophies awarded at SIB 2011. Just who will do the judging at SIB has still to be decided, members vote, public vote, your views please, let's try and have more than 10 this time.

## **2011 Meeting Dates**

The following are the club meeting dates for 2011:

6th February inc. P/G

6th March inc. P/G

1st May inc. P/G

3rd July

4th September

6th November inc. P/G

3rd April inc. P/G

5th June

August no meeting

2nd October inc. P/G

3 December SIB 2011

Prayle Grove will be attending those dates marked P/G

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## **Association Decauville Project Victory**

Those of you that have seen a copy of the January Smokebox will be aware of Fergus Morgan's proposal regarding the Association Project Loco. Any member interested in joining an informal group with a view to sharing ideas and helping other less experienced members should contact Fergus, I believe at present there are 4 or 5 members interested.

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## **Exhibitions 2011**

It's a bit quiet on the exhibition front at the moment.

We have been approached by the Leighton Buzzard Railway with a view to attending an exhibition they plan to hold later this year; as soon as I have more details I will let you know.

We have also had a request to take Papplewick Green to a Railway Exhibition in Milton Keynes in August; again I don't have any more details at present.

## **Other Exhibitions up and coming in the future**

Lincoln Garden Railway Show, 26<sup>th</sup> February, the Lawn in Lincoln, LN1 3BL, Contact 07908:557712

Abingdon Model Railway Exhibition, 5<sup>th</sup> March, White Horse Leisure Centre, OX14 3PJ.

Visit [www.admrc.org.uk](http://www.admrc.org.uk) for more details.

Midland Garden Rail Show, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March, Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, nr Leamington Spa.

Visit [www.largescalemodelrail.co.uk](http://www.largescalemodelrail.co.uk) for more details and advance ticket purchase.

16mm Association National Garden Railway Show, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Full details can be found in the 16mm Bulletin or on the Association Web Site, [www.16mm.org.uk](http://www.16mm.org.uk)

"The Great Coffee Pot Fest"

I have received details of a special event to be held on the 14/15 May at the Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway. The event has been organised by Alf Fisher to feature all types of Vertical Boiler locomotives including at least six 2ft. gauge coffee pot locos, in addition there will be a number of layouts of all scales including Andrew Neal's St Genny's. Contact Alf on 01923:770891 or email [alfred@fisherglass.plus.com](mailto:alfred@fisherglass.plus.com) if you have a suitable Loco to exhibit.

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As from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011, the cost of hiring the Hall at Eaton Bray has increased by 4%, the hire cost as well as our Subs has been held since we moved to Eaton Bray in April 2009. As you know our subs pay for the hire of the hall, we will need to review the level of subs when the time comes to renew them in September, in the meantime the club will cover the increase in costs.

**Chris Pretty**