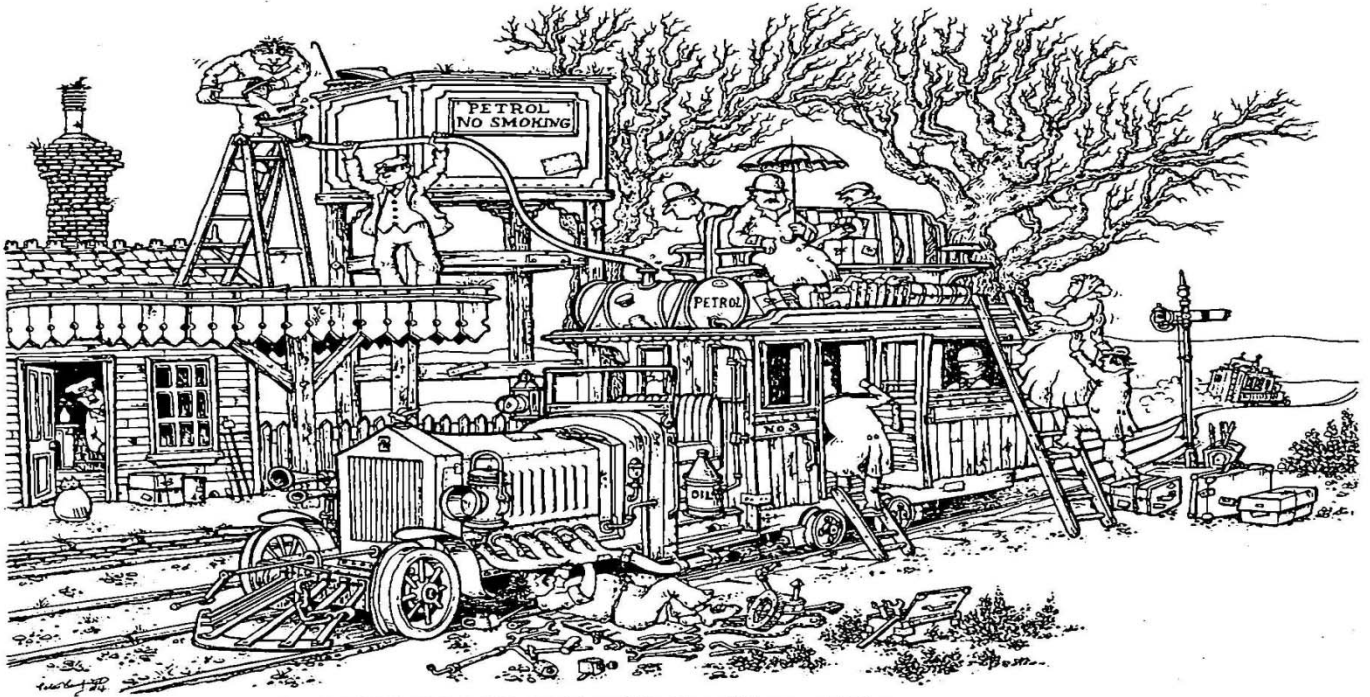


# Smokebox May 2011



**A ROLLING ROYCE RAILCAR.** Wortlebury, Wiltshire and Wittermouth Railway  
A railcar at Rampsham Road on the WW&W. According to Mr Frank Nuthatch of Hampshire these cars were armour plated during WW1 and towed rail mounted guns, although just where they towed them is not certain as the extra weight reduced speed to a slow crawl. At the end of hostilities the plating was removed to form the sides of cucumber frames in order to produce the vital ingredient for the famous Wiltshire cucumber sandwiches, served in the art deco style buffets which were attached to the railcars during the 30s.

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## May Smokebox

Following favourable feedback we will be reviving the BAGs modelling trophies this year, they will be awarded at SIB, they will be on display at our club meeting just to refresh your memories they are as follows:

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| "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 |

We have now booked the Hall for Steam in Beds 2011 which will be on the Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December; at the moment we have no plans to change the format from previous years. But if you do have any suggestion how you think it could be improved do please let me know.

## 2011 Meeting Dates

The following are the club meeting dates for 2011:

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| 1st May inc. P/G      | 5th June             |
| 3rd July              | August no meeting    |
| 4th September         | 2nd October inc. P/G |
| 6th November inc. P/G | 3 December SIB 2011  |

Prayle Grove will be attending those dates marked P/G

## **Association Decauville Project Victory**

This Project is on temporary hold following Keith Dyers period of ill health, Keith and the Association hope to re-launch the Project in the near future, subject to his recovery.

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## **Exhibitions 2011**

It's a bit quiet on the exhibition front at the moment. There have been a couple of enquiries for Papplewick Green but no firm invites.

I have been approached by the Association to see if we would be interested in taking "Ridgmont" to the AGM in 2012, as you are aware it is being held at East of England Showground, Peterborough. I have indicated that we would be happy to go, providing we can put a team together. It's worth noting that the Showground is 59 miles from Eaton Bray and Stoneleigh is 65 miles so the journey time is much the same.

**Andrew Neal** will be taking St Genny's to the Elsecar Show this year, it's a 2 day show to be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September. This is a big commitment for Andrew and Joy so I am sure they would welcome any support from the BAGs members helping to run the layout. Andrew will also be attending "The Great Coffee Pot Fest" at the Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway, see below for more details.

## **Garden Meetings**

Pete Newman will be holding his annual open day see the BAGs Web Site for details.

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

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Model Railway Exhibition**, 7<sup>th</sup> May, Queens School, Aldenham Road, Bushey, WD23 2TY, 10am – 4.30pm.

## **"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.

**Railex, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May**, Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Aylesbury, HP2 9PP. Visit [www.railex.org.uk](http://www.railex.org.uk) for more details.

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## **Pitstone Museum**

The Museum re-opened its doors for the 2011 summer season on Easter Monday; the weather was very kind with plenty of sunshine. This will be Wags Wharf's 3rd year at the museum and having previously been on the Exhibition circuit for a number of years the team thought it was time to give it some TLC. As a result the Beam Engine and Boiler has had a number of improvements including all the pipework being replaced and re-aligned giving better access and control. In addition all the electrics and wiring have also been replaced and the controllers upgraded to Gaugemaster Controllers with Feedback which will give improved control of loco speeds and reliability. If you have not visited the Museum it is well worth a visit, Wags Wharf is just one of many excellent exhibits to be seen, they also do a very nice line in Rolls and Cakes if you get peckish during your visit. There is a copy of Museums leaflet attached which gives details of its Location, Opening Dates, Times and Ticket Prices or visit the Museums Web Site at [www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk](http://www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk)

## **Gas Supplies**

We have a quantity of Butane and Butane/Propane mix available, prices below :

Butane	277g Canister	£3.50	Box of 12 £35.00
Butane/Propane Mix	350g Canister	£4.25	Box of 12 £41.00

**Chris Pretty**