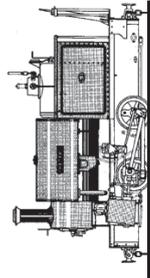


AMBERLEY
MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE
NARROW GAUGE & INDUSTRIAL RAILWAY COLLECTION



Railway Gala Weekend



**Saturday
and
Sunday
8/9 July
2017**

THIS ... IS THE 2017 AMBERLEY MUSEUM RAILWAY GALA WEEKEND

Welcome to another Gala event on the Museum railway.

After last year's visit by Jeremy Martin with his two German industrial locomotives from his private Richmond Light Railway, in Kent, this year's Gala is being devoted entirely to our own comprehensive collection of industrial locomotives and rolling stock.

STEAM LOCOMOTIVES IN OPERATION THIS WEEKEND

Polar Bear: WB1781/1905

Polar Bear is the Museum's oldest operational locomotive having been built in 1905 by Bagnall's of Stafford for the Groudle Glen Railway, a short tourist line on the Isle of Man. When that line closed in the 1960s *Polar Bear* was purchased by the Brockham Museum Trust and came to Amberley when the two collections were amalgamated in 1982. In 2016 *Polar Bear* returned once again to run on its original line to celebrate 120 years since the opening of the Groudle Glen Railway. A further excursion away from the Museum, in April this year, saw *Polar Bear* and crews taking part in the Ffestiniog Railway's Quirks and Curiosities event in Porthmadog although it was never established whether we were a quirk or a curiosity. Maybe it is best not to offer any opinion on this point!

Peter: WB2067/1918

Amberley's other resident steam locomotive, *Peter*, was built in 1918 as a 3-foot gauge locomotive and went to the Ministry of Munitions for War. It worked for Canadian Forestry Corps at Longtown, Cumberland. After the war *Peter* was reacquired by Bagnall's and was converted to 2-foot gauge for the Cliffe Hill Quarry Co in Leicestershire. Taken out of service in 1949, *Peter* eventually passed to members of the Narrow Gauge Railway Society and moved to Brockham, finally coming to Amberley in 1982 at the same time as *Polar Bear* when the two collections were merged. *Peter* was first restored in 1993 and passed into the ownership of the Museum in 2001.

Townsend Hook: FJ172L/1880

Although not an operational locomotive, *Townsend Hook*, built by Fletcher Jennings in 1880, is the collection's oldest locomotive. After an abortive project by a Hampshire engineering college to cosmetically restore her in the late 1990s, the loco returned to the Museum in pieces, the college having in the meantime, cancelled the course whose students were supposed to be doing the work. To add insult to injury, we then had to go and collect the bits at our own expense. A great deal of hard work has since been undertaken by a team which did not, by any means, include our youngest volunteers, far from it! The result is the gleaming loco you see today. The team of volunteers who worked on *Townsend Hook* were nominated for and won the Museum's "Volunteer of the Year" award, the first time that a group of volunteers rather than a single individual have taken the honours. *Townsend Hook* also visited Tywyn, headquarters of the Talylyn Railway, in Gwynedd, where she was included in a display of the last five extant Fletcher Jennings locomotives in the UK as part of the Talylyn Railway's 150th Anniversary celebrations.

TODAY'S TRAIN SERVICES

A frequent service of passenger trains will operate all day between Amberley, Brockham and Cragside. The RAF Fauld bogie coach plus either the two Lydd Ranges bogie coaches or the two Penrhyon quarrymen's coaches will form one train hauled by *Peter* or *J Fowler* diesel locomotive, Peldon, JF21295/1936. The second passenger train will be *Polar Bear* and our rake of Groudle Glen coaches. The passenger service will operate throughout the day until about 16:30.

We make no charge for travel on the Amberley Narrow Gauge Railway, although a souvenir ticket will be issued to each passenger. If you appreciate what we are achieving, and hope to go on achieving, please consider assisting us by making a donation. Whatever amount you feel able to give, you can be assured of our thanks and appreciation. If you are a UK tax payer, any donation may be enhanced using Gift Aid - details on how to do this may be obtained from the Museum Office.

At Brockham Station trains for Cragside will use Platform 1 and trains to Amberley will use Platform 2. There will be a few exceptions to this arrangement during the cavalcade and also towards the end of each day to enable us to take trains out of service while still maintaining the passenger service.

**If you need to cross the line at Brockham Station, please use the foot crossing.
Please do not walk across the tracks in the station.**

LOCOMOTIVE CAVALCADE

On both days we will continue our time honoured tradition and will display the locomotives in a cavalcade around the triangle at 15:00. To enable everyone to see and photograph everything no one will be permitted to stand within the triangle which will be cordoned off before the event commences. The cavalcade will be accompanied by a commentary so that you will not only be able to see the locomotives but also find out what you are actually seeing. Please comply with any instructions or requests made to you by event marshals.

CONTRACTORS' MONORAIL

The Road Machines contractors' monorail will also be in operation at times to be advertised.

DEWITT KILN STANDARD GAUGE LINE

Included in the Amberley Industrial Railway Collection is Burt, a standard gauge Motor Rail locomotive (No.9019) built in 1951 for Burt, Boulton and Haywood Timber at their Erith works in Kent. Burt was restored to working order, almost single handedly by volunteer Tony Johnson.

Burt will operate on Sunday only, hourly from 10:30 until 12:30 and 14:30 and 15:30. Latest addition in the development of the kiln area is the construction of the engine shed to house the locomotive, a project now in its final stages.

A number of standard gauge wagons have already been restored for the De Witt Kilns line but there are several more to be completed and funds are currently being sought for the restoration of two standard gauge wagons of 1918 and 1938 vintage. Both can be seen in the De Witt Kilns area where you will also find a mini-bookshop, donations box and further information.

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION - EXHIBITORS AND TRADERS

Once again, we welcome our visiting societies, traders and individual layout owners to the Museum. Stands are located in the Railway Exhibition and Conservation Hall, Betchworth Hall and the Hove Ticket Office building on Brockham Station platform.

Please also visit the Museum's resident traders in the Pottery, the broom maker, Friends' bric-à-brac shop and, of course, the Museum shop for your souvenirs of your visit.

Layouts

Hendricksville – On30 – Mr. P. Gardner – Railway Exhibition Hall

Having built exhibition layouts in OO, N and OO9 I felt it was time for a change of gauge. Up until March 2014 I was managing Train Times model shop in Eastbourne following the sad death of its owner, Trevor Hendrick, in August 2013. It was while I was working there that I got the inspiration for this layout. Trev was a brilliant modeller across a wide spectrum of railways, aircraft and war-gaming. One of the railway gauges that he modelled in was On30 so this layout is dedicated to his memory, hence the name Hendricksville. Some of his stock can be seen on the layout. It is set very loosely somewhere in the USA in the 1950s/1960s. Do not hesitate to ask questions.

Scratchy Bottom Halt and Cloud Cuckoo Creek – Gn15 – Mr. M. Walshaw – Railway Exhibition Hall

The layout represents a small part of Rowland Emmett's railway world, using Smallbrook Studio's cast resin kits. Because of the short wheelbase of the models, they work splendidly on curves as sharp as 1ft radius – technically known as 'corners' rather than 'curves'! The aim is to re-create in model form some of Emmett's railway cartoons and to show the mystified watchers the cartoons that they represent. A running slide show of Emmett's cartoons complements the operation of the railway and gives the operator time to recover his sanity. The name of the layout is typical of those found in Emmett's cartoons, such as 'Friars Ambling', 'Little Fingert' and 'Stygian Halt', but it is based upon a real place name in Dorset near Lulworth Cove. "Scratchy" comes from the difficulty of scratching a living from the poor soil and "Bottom" is often used in the name of a valley. "Cloud Cuckoo Creek" is a real Emmett creation. Other local Dorset place names will appear. The operators will, of course, enthuse for hours over Rowland Emmett and his creations.

Cuttinglye Wharf – 0-16.5 - Mr. L. J. Pineau (East Grinstead Model Railway Club) – Railway Exhibition Hall

It is a strange paradox, that the larger scale often suits the more compact layout. The idea behind Cuttinglye Wharf was to produce a layout more akin to diorama, allowing for a scene with as much detail as possible. The line period is the depression of the 1930s, and the location is a town somewhere South of London. The canal is entirely modellers' license, but could be on the arm of the Wey & Arun. All the buildings are scratchbuilt using plastic, cardboard and stripwood. Track is again hand built using code 75 track and copperclad sleeper strip. Operation is limited on such a small layout with only three points, but hopefully there is more to look at than trains moving. There is plenty to do to finish the layout. Please feel free to ask any questions regarding aspects of its construction.

Southeastern Tar Distillers – 0-16.5 – Mr. D. Ward (East Grinstead Model Railway Club) – Railway Exhibition Hall

A small tar distillery set in the South East of England and served by a 2ft 3in narrow gauge railway. Tar products are transported in tank wagons by rail and barrels by road. Three tar stills



and associated storage tanks are featured along with loading facilities. Control is by standard DC with pints, lights and isolating sections by laptop via a wireless link.

Lyn Valley – 0-16.5 – Mr. P. Hollins – Railway Exhibition Hall

Our Gala will be the debut for this layout, based on the Glyn Valley Tramway.

Sussex by the Sea – 00/009 – Mr. S. Nicholson – Railway Exhibition Hall

A branch line to Felpham set in 1918. A narrow gauge line serves a military camp.

Tallylyn Lake – 0-16.5 – Mr. B. Taylor – Railway Exhibition Hall

Imagine that the Tallylyn Railway, the world's first preserved line, rather than following a course high on the mountainside, had been built along the valley floor terminating by the picturesque Tallylyn Lake. Locomotives and stock on the layout are from a number of narrow gauge lines.

Totherend – 0-16.5 – Mr. R. Jones – Hove Ticket Office

Totherend is a terminus station on the Nether End Railway (NER). This is a totally fictitious narrow gauge railway somewhere in England. The NER connects with the mainline (and the rest of the world) at a junction. The date, like the location, is rather indeterminate at present. Aside from the passengers, there is much goods traffic including livestock, agricultural and other general merchandise, coal and beer.

Duffield Lane – 0-16.5 – Mr. D. Meany – Hove Ticket Office

Duffield Lane pit is a worked-out quarry with exchange sidings and is used for the storage of some rolling stock. It is one of many pits on this private estate and is linked by a main line to other parts of the estate. It has a limited clearance line to a processing plant and another line to nearby quarries via a 'concrete tube' tunnel passing under the road. Regular trains are formed of skip wagons with occasional goods trains serving the needs of the estate. The layout is presented as a 'work in progress' project with much scenic detailing to be completed.

East End Yard – 0-16.5 – Mr. P. Pilcher – Hove Ticket Office

East End Yard is a small narrow gauge layout with an industrial theme, demonstrating what can be done in a limited space.

Rheilffordd Rhaeadr – 16mm Live Steam – Mr. C. Cheney – Betchworth Hall

Rheilffordd Rhaeadr is a work in progress. Starting with the island platform station at its core, a level dumb-bell was added to the right of the station to provide 'out-and-back' running. Continuous running was achieved by adding a graded dumb-bell to the left of the station. Scenery and lineside features are now being added and finally there will be a waterfall (rhafael in Welsh, after which the layout is named). Come and admire the majesty of live steam operation – or drive the battery-powered diesel with its Lifeboat Train; we will help you avoid the live-steam trains on the same tracks...

Societies

Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways – Railway Exhibition Hall

Our railways run through the Snowdonia National Park in North Wales from the slate mountains of Blaenau Ffestiniog to the Harbourside at Porthmadog; then on through the awesome Aberglaslyn Pass to the shadows of Caernarfon Castle. Whether it is for a day trip or a longer holiday we offer a superb way to see the best of Snowdonia.

Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway – Railway Exhibition Hall

This unusual narrow gauge steam railway operates between the former mill at Sittingbourne and the active mill at Kemsley just under two miles away where there is a museum, shop and café.

We are open for Santa Specials in December and have events planned throughout the season – Easter to end of September. Please visit www.skfr.net for more information or talk to our staff on the stand who will be happy to answer your questions.

009 Society – Sussex Downs Group – Railway Exhibition Hall

The Sussex Downs Area Group of the 009 Society will be promoting narrow gauge modelling in the smaller scales as well as providing modelling demonstrations.

Lynton & Barnstaple Railway Trust – Surrey Area Group – Railway Exhibition Hall

The Surrey Group of the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway Trust attends several railway shows and exhibitions and is seeking volunteers to help on the group's sales stand; and to inform an eager public about their wonderful railway in North Devon.

The 7mm Narrow Gauge Association – Surrey and South Downs Area Groups - Hove Ticket Office

This stand displays the activities of the 7mm Narrow Gauge Association whose aim is to encourage the modelling of narrow gauge railways at a scale of around 7mm to the foot (1:43). The displays show examples of other layouts, list the benefits of membership and explain the different scales and gauges involved. Members will be on hand to answer your questions and provide further information.

Industrial Railway Society – Railway Exhibition Hall

The Industrial Railway Society was founded in 1949 and is now the leading organisation in the U.K. devoted to the study of all aspects, and all gauges, of privately owned industrial railways and locomotives both at home and overseas.

South Downs Light Railway – Railway Exhibition Hall

This 10 ¼ inch gauge line provides rides around a garden centre in Pulborough behind a variety of standard and narrow gauge outline stock.

Southern Electric Group and Network SouthEast Railway Society – Railway Exhibition Hall

The Southern Electric Group is the premier organisation for enthusiasts, historians, modellers and preservationists of the Southern Electric system, & the owners of 4COR unit 3142.

The Network SouthEast Railway Society is the one for all things to do with this business sector including 4CIG unit 1753.

Twyford Waterworks Trust – Railway Exhibition Hall

Twyford Waterworks is a scheduled ancient monument located close to Winchester which is open on selected days of the year to tell the story of water extraction, softening and supply from this site over the last 100 years.

Traders

Invicta Model Rail – Railway Exhibition Hall

South East London and Kent's model railway specialist. Selling OO, HO, N and OO9. Visit us beside Sidcup station, or online at www.invictamodelrail.com

Mainline & Maritime – Railway Exhibition Hall

Mainline & Maritime stock a diverse selection of books with a broad appeal – from those with a casual interest in the subject matter to the serious enthusiast looking for detailed information.

Smith & Sons books – Railway Exhibition Hall

Smith & Sons has the more unusual railway books and a good few on narrow gauge here and abroad.

Supercast Figures – Railway Exhibition Hall

Supercast offer a range of figures for model layouts in 4mm and 7mm scale as well as other railway related items.

Other stands

Ryde signal box display – Mr. D. Parker – Railway Exhibition Hall

A replica of the Isle of Wight railway signal box display from Ryde St. John's 'box; designed and built by Dave Parker. This is a faithful reproduction of the display after it was amended following the loss of steam in 1966 with replacement electric ex London Underground stock (re-named classes 485 & 486). A computer controls lights in the display to simulate real time train movements on the line from the Ryde pier head to Smallbrook Junction, based on genuine high summer timetables from 1979 to 1985. The original display is still operating in the signal box at Ryde but has been amended to reflect huge changes to the track layout.



THE AMBERLEY STEAM LOCOMOTIVE DRIVING EXPERIENCE

The course has, again, been so popular this year that only one more booking can be taken for 2017. But don't worry, we are already planning for 2018. Dates have not been fixed yet but if you are interested then please leave your details with the staff in the Museum Office and we will contact you in due course.

You get a whole day on the footplate and with only two people taking the course on any given day, you will get plenty of opportunity to drive and fire.

"Peter" is the locomotive used for the course.

Further details are on the Amberley Railway website, www.amberlynarrowgauge.co.uk which will also provide you with the history of the collection through all its developments including construction of the Exhibition and Restoration Hall, and the Cragside extension.

General information about the Museum, its collections and events can be found on the website: www.amberleymuseum.co.uk

DON'T FORGET WE HAVE TWO MORE RAILWAY EVENTS THIS YEAR

Petrol locomotives day - Sunday 20 August

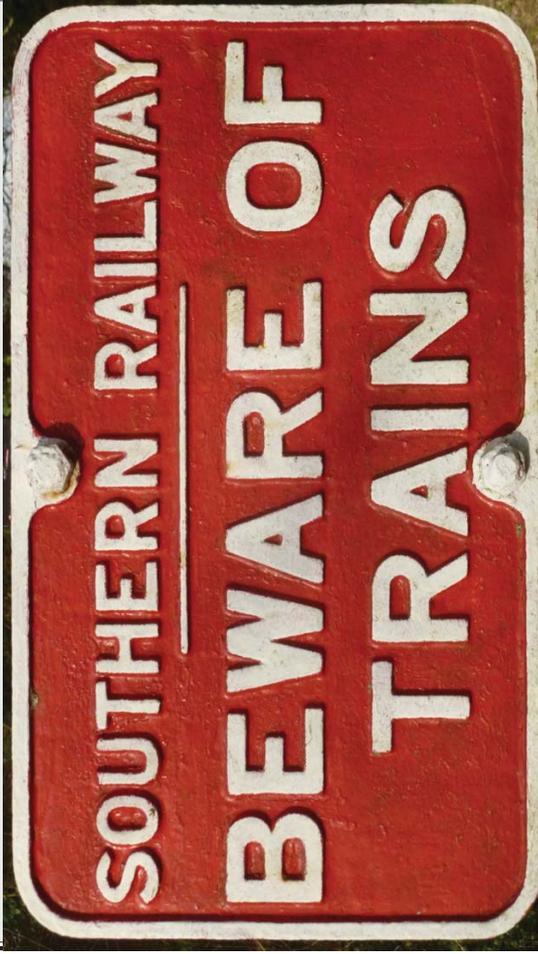
Our Petrol Locomotives Day is on Sunday 20 August when we shall be letting our petrol driven locos stretch their legs.

Included in this will be the Contractors' monorail, the Wickham power and trailer cars in passenger service and even the "Protected" World War I Simplex.

Autumn Industrial Trains Day - Sunday 15 October

The final railway event at Amberley in 2017 is our Autumn Industrial Trains day on Sunday 15 October. Watch out for news on our website which will be updated as soon as full details are known - www.amberlynarrowgauge.co.uk.

SAFETY on the Railway



For your own SAFETY, please

DO NOT WALK ALONG OR STAND ON THE RAILWAY TRACKS

When crossing them please keep a look out for moving trains.

If you have children with you

PLEASE KEEP THEM WELL SUPERVISED

especially in the area around the Railway Workshops, Exhibition and the Industrial Railway Line.

We regret that the TUNNEL is OUT OF BOUNDS to VISITORS as are the areas of the Museum beyond the Railway Workshop building, between and behind the Railway Exhibition Hall and the Milne Electricity Museum building, and the Industrial Railway Line behind the fence between the road and the Pottery.