

Sussex Miniature Locomotive Society



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Dear all,

OH Boy what a week 35 in the shade in our garden at 11.00 on Wednesday.

That shade we bought has now come into its own.

Let's hope you are not reading this in the promised thunderstorms.

Great to see that the Covid 19 grip is loosening but I guess normal will be somewhat different for some time to come.

Hope you enjoy this week's edition.

Keep smiling and stay safe

Mike

Brief club house NEWS

The gardening teams are now in full swing and thanks to Mike P, Graham Miller, Dave Mattingley and Andrew S we are now getting the back area under control and looking lived in.

We had our second virtual committee on the 22nd to review all the quotes Andrew S has for re-roofing the club house. We have agreed on going with Kaycee Roofing LTD's proposal which now needs finalising and submitting to get clearance to proceed from the Trustees.

Some good news, we have just received a very welcome Covid 19 grant of £5000 from MSDC to help cover loss of business.

We started to review next year's 70th birthday and have fixed the main event to be on 29th May. This enables us now to start to search for a celebrity to be there on the day. As it is half the term week it was felt we may be able to carry

on the activities into the following week. A subcommittee has been set up to come up with proposals for the weekend. Please let us know if you have any ideas that you would like to put into the pot.

You may also have seen in the press that the MSDC store behind our site has got the go ahead for the development of the site to include several flats and houses (DM/19/3619)

The normal events we plan have been reviewed and the current suggested dates are:-

3rd April Easter opening with a bunny competition for the young people.

2nd May under 30's day

9th June Open Day.

10th July 24 hour run.

7th August Teddy Bears Picnic (New event)

28th August Double heading day.

25th September Late night run.

26th Final run day.

Re opening up the access to the club further we are keeping a close watch on the government's guidelines and as soon as we are sure that we can manage it safely it will happen.

Security still goes on and the team are still doing their rounds. Thanks to Andrew S. Andrew B. and Tom.

Wharfedale Article 11



Red Nose Day 08/03/2009



Earning its Keep 26/08/2008

Mike P.'s Musings No. 12A

Les Clarke

Why 12A? Well, I was not really superstitious until I had an uncomfortable experience in seat 13 on an aeroplane.

Having joked about it at check in, I realised after it's not wise to goad this number, ha,ha. But that's another story!



Les's engine No. 11 was a 5" gauge 4-6-0 Maunsell S15.

Les didn't know how he came to build it. He had no drawings, but wheels were available, no cylinders either, so he made his own patterns. He used his own Walchaert's valve gear, and his own (by now standard) boiler tube layout, same 1 1/8" scale, and finished the engine by 1975!

For some reason, Les was "never really happy with it"., but it ran well ,and was always a "four car engine".

It was sold to Les Warnett, and then went to Vince Williams. Last I heard of it, it was purchased by a member of the Guildford club.



Engine No. 12 was from the same mould.

S.R. King Arthur class "Sir Gareth". Les liked this engine, it was fitted with the Ashford 4000 gallon tender and ran well. He fitted it with his own valve gear again, and depicted the loco as running during the period 1928-36, that is with snifters on the smoke box, which itself was flush riveted in those days. 1 7/8" cylinder bore running at 80psi.

I looked up "765". It is one of the Scotch Arthurs, built by the North British Loco company in May 1925, became no. 30765 in S.R. days and was withdrawn in September 1962.

Les's loco took to the track in 1978, just 3 years after the S15, so you can see the speed at which Les could build an engine!

It seems that this too was purchased by Les Warnett, and then it went "walk about" for some time, until discovered with a dealer and, indirectly, came back to a club member about eight(?) years ago, still in more or less original condition. So it has been, once again, hauling passengers around Beech Hurst.

Mike P

Andrew Ellis painting quiz.

Painting 1. Ilfracombe harbour.

Painting 2. Shepherd and Dog Inn Fulking

Painting 3. Truro Cathedral.

News From Afar - 12.



Weather. Again, cold starts mostly overcast days. Rain Saturday last.

The picture above. "The *yellow-tailed black cockatoo* (*Calyptorhynchus funereus*) is a large cockatoo native to the south-east of Australia measuring 55–65 cm (22–26 in) in length. It has a short crest on the top of its head. Its plumage is mostly brownish black and it has prominent yellow cheek patches and a yellow tail band. Unlike other cockatoos, a large proportion of the yellow-tailed black cockatoo's diet is made up of wood-boring grubs; they also eat seeds."

Seen in my garden along with many other different parrots a different times during the year. Is able to remove your finger very easily.

No workshop this week _ Paul was sick and I am not talented enough for the procedure on Ajax.

Site works continuing.



Above - Friday 19ths workers. Kel - D - Darryl - Mick.

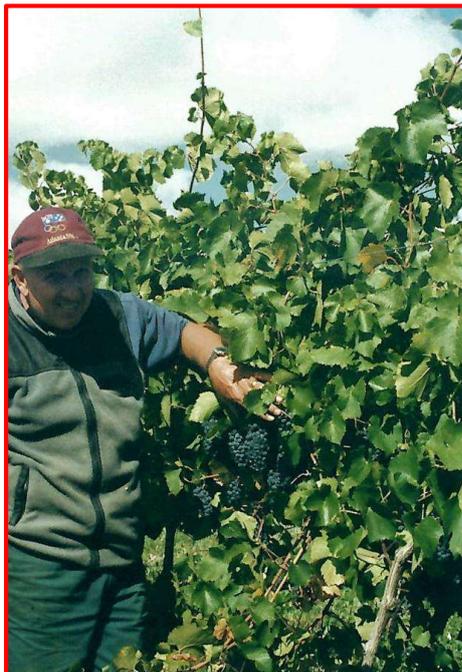
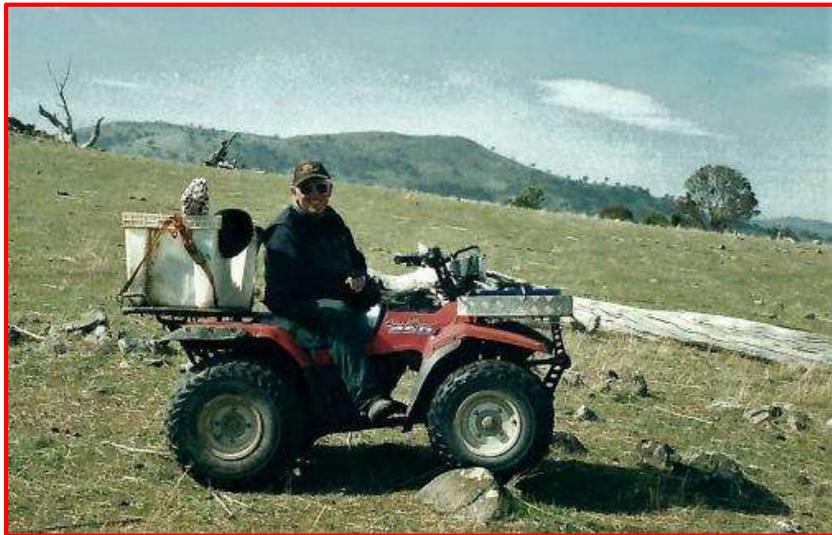


Darryl unloading more road base with the new station nearly ready for concrete. More as these works progress.

From a previous Chapter in my life.

Looking after 50,000 grape vines - 6 varieties.

The covered item in the rear tub is my shot gun. Side by side, Spanish 12 gauge. A nice gun. Along with it, not seen, are about 300 rounds. A mix of # 2's and # 7's. used to keep the birds in the air when close to harvest. Works well. The grape variety shown I believe is Shiraz from memory, very nice too. My vineyard career was quickly bought to a close when I managed to position myself between a tree and a tractor (Ferguson). Very painful and a close to a life ending experience. The John Deere was my office mostly. That Chapter ended in 2009.





Left. Overnight to Sunday the 21st was very wet with 1.5" in the gauge. Not quite enough to fill our tanks, but it did get them to around 85% capacity. Very handy. **Below.** The ever increasing supply of roofing iron.



We are awaiting confirmation that we can start public running again in a couple of weeks' time. Here's hoping.

Stay well. David - Canberra - 22nd June.

Space filler riddles.

I have lakes but no water, I have mountains but no stones and I have cities but no buildings. What am I?

There are two numbers whose product added to the sum of their squares is 109, and the difference of whose squares is 24. What are the two numbers?

Puzzle Corner.

Lorema's last week's Challenge.

Food Quiz.

- 1. Haddock. 2. Melton Mowbray. 3. Fortnum & Mason. 4. Sheep.**
- 5. Garlic. 6. Bedfordshire Clanger. 7. Derbyshire. 8. Eccles.**
- 9. Kendal (Mint cake). 10. Cranachan.**

Lorema's this week's challenge.

1. In which town was William Shakespeare born?
2. Which of the planets in our solar system is closest to the sun?
3. In terms of alcoholic drinks what do the letters IPA mean?
4. Of the 50 US States which is the smallest by area?
5. Which English National Park borders Scotland?
6. The city of Tallinn is the capital of which Baltic state?
7. In the stories by Rudyard Kipling, what type of animal was Rikki-Tikki-Tavi?
8. From which country does the cheese Gouda originate from?
9. In the classic U.K. version of Monopoly, which is the first railway station you encounter?
10. With which art movement would you associate Claude Monet?

Rays last week's challenge LN.E.R.

1	Printer paper	A 4
2	Pack of hounds	Hunt
3	Lincoln dart	Green Arrow
4	Heavy Horse	Shire
5	Sits on a board,	Director
6	Fishing port	Immingham
7	Scottish Valley	Glen
8	Doodlebug	V1
9	Royal residence	Sandringham
10	One Scottish town	Sterling Single

Rays this week's challenge. Sussex place names.

1	Bob's card game?	
2	Fifty female sheep?	
3	Female horses home?	
4	Arsenal 1 Chelsea 2?	
5	Dried grass and what bees do?	
6	Equestrian measure annoyed	
7	Holy Basin and feeling fit?	
8	A church emblem clutched.	
9	A shrub at loggerheads?	
10	Decaying church official	

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

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