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Photo Richard Kelsey

Mid Hants Railway Gala:

This fine image of Ex Southern Railway locomotive 'Lord Nelson' was forwarded to me by Allan Durn, but it is only one of a magnificent collection which he was sent by Richard Kelsey. Richard is one of the organizers of the Dursley "Wings and Wheels" meeting held monthly. He joined SVTEC a couple of months ago when he came to our Club night with Ian Thomas who gave a presentation about the Dursley Donkey.

More information regarding Wings and Wheels can be obtained from the "Wings and Wheels" website which is www.wingsandwheelsociety.org.uk.

Lord Nelson was the doyen of her class, first out shopped in 1926, ironically the same year as the first Great Western King. Both being four cylinder 4-6-0s in theory their performance should have been comparable, but unfortunately the Southern engine never really realised its full potential until the draughting and cylinder design was completely rearranged under the auspices of O V Bullied just prior to WWII.

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Well, what a month this has become, I think it must be some kind of record for information on forthcoming events. It is fairly apparent that there is something in the future club outings for almost everyone thanks to the efforts of Mike Smith and John Keedwell. Both also contributed a good deal to this month's newsletter, along with Keith Bradley for his latest ditty, Allan Durn and Richard Kelsey.

Richard supplied the superb photos of the Mid Hants Railway steam gala, he sure knows how to get certain editors all steamed up! I'll make no apologies for the fact that this issue is almost exclusively devoted to Southern Railway locomotives, they all hold a place very dear to my heart, but I promise not to digress again at any time in the near future. The problem is, I guess, that everyone knows how easily led I am, and the slightest hint of anything steam driven on rails and I'm 'off on one'! Anyhow, my sincerest thanks to all our contributors this month.

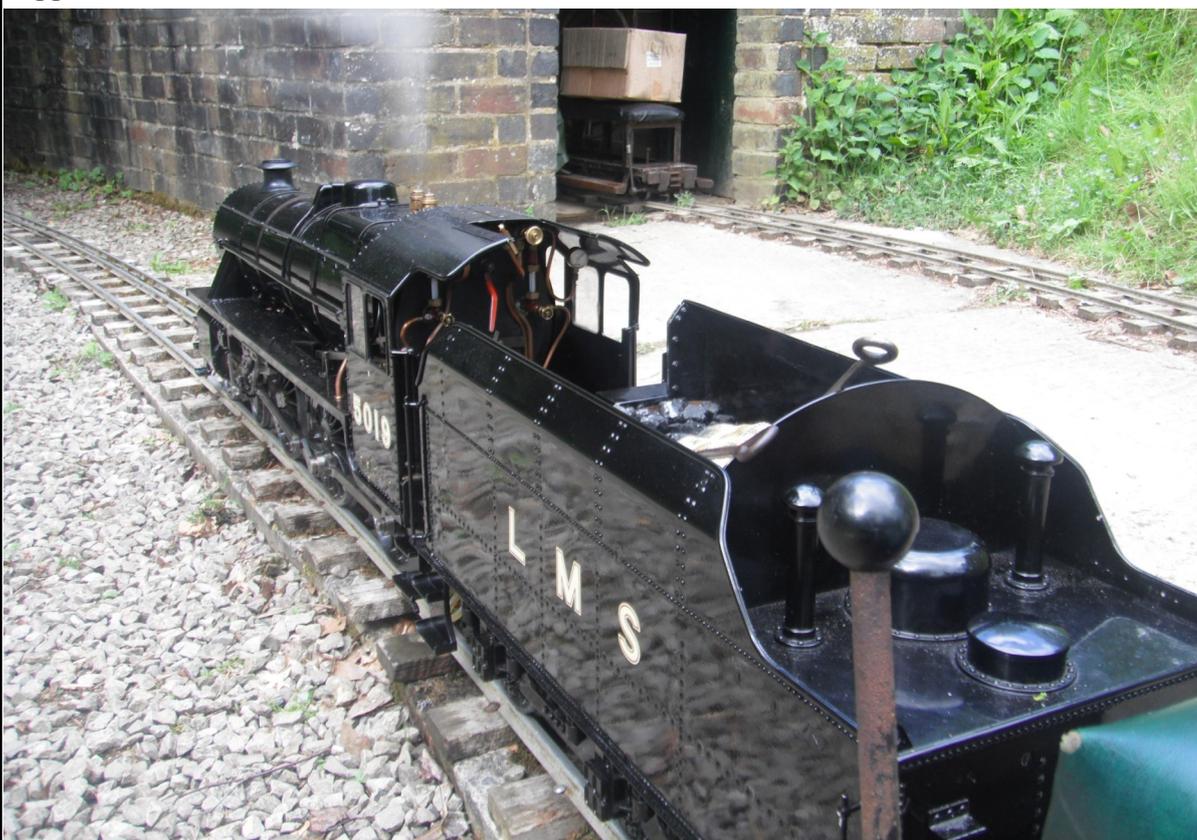
I must apologise also for including one non-transport related item this month, but I could not resist sharing the photo of this splendid building. I have another building photo for next month, which is very definitely transport related, but none the less impressive, wait and see!

I still have no more photos of the Morris Minor restoration, but persist in badgering Bob for them, he says that he has plenty, but is not very good with E Mails, so has to get his son in law to do it for him so I guess that is the cause of the hold up.

In the mean time if anyone has any photos or accounts of any ongoing project then I would be very pleased to be able to publish them in a future issue. My contact details are on the front page.

There has been a considerable amount of internal correspondence recently regarding the damage caused to the model railway track in Stratford Park by a tree having succumb to the strong winds witnessed recently. Very worthy sentiments, however, I must enlighten our members, the track is owned and operated by the Stroud Society of Model Engineers, as the correct name seems to escape everyone. I'm sorry if I seem a bit sensitive about this but I was one of the founder members of that organisation and still have a good deal of affection for it. Some of the other members at that first meeting were John Bond, Paul Wilkinson, Gordon Jones, Barry Blake, Paul Norman and his late Father, the late John Denley, Brian Wain, and Stan Gardner. There were more of course but these are the guys that remain in my memory such as it is!

The finance to create the track as it is more or less today, was raised by holding an exhibition in the Subscription Rooms, I wonder how many of our members can remember that event. The ball room was filled with models of all sizes, the centre piece being Ernie Cooke's quarter full size model of Stevenson's 'Rocket'. Once construction had begun at the park it was Stan Gardner and I that cut and transported all the hard wood sleepers, they were all cut to size on the old but large Wadkin circular saw that resided at BP Plastics carpenter's shop. I guess there are very few of the original sleepers left now, but it was a start. I often wonder what happened to that circular saw!!!!!!!



I think that the attached photo of Steve Jones' 5 inch gauge LMS black five at Stratford Park track in happier days may serve as inspiration to our members in their support of the work being carried on there following the tree incident. In the back ground is the carriage siding leading to the storage facility, both of which were added after the main line was completed. **Ed.**

Some more of those delightful locomotive photos:

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Below is a copy of the report written by Richard Kelsey for the 'Wings and wheels' group which Richard has kindly given permission for us to reproduce. Written with other enthusiasts in mind some of the terms may leave our members somewhat confused, but I will do my best to explain later in this issue **Ed.**

Subject: Mid Hants Rly Gala 8-3-14 - enjoy some pictures!

Hi Folks Last weekend myself Nick and Bill went to the Mid Hants gala – not 1 but 3 Bullied Pacific's in steam including Weighbridge! Met1 was also a guest and did not disappoint – shuttling up and down between Ropley and Alresford with a DEMU including its (English Electric engine running – Paul)!

Other guests were Braunton and the mighty Merchant Navy pacific - Clan Line, of which I was privileged to climb on board the footplate much to the amusement of Nick and Bill – but some one had to do it. I believe 4 other bullied Pacific's were there (in stages of rust and overhaul) Swanage/W Churchill/Sir F Pile and Bodmin, so that's 7 bullied locos in one place. The home fleet U Boat, Cheltenham and Nelson were also all running ok. Enjoy the snaps, and hope you like the Clan Line as a model shot.

Cheers R



Basking in the sunshine at Medstead and Four Marks station is rebuilt Bullied pacific locomotive of the Merchant Navy class 'Clan Line'. The adoration of the gathered enthusiasts is fairly obvious! Other Bullied locos mentioned by Richard being 34046 'Braunton', 34105 'Swanage', 34016 'Bodmin' and 34007 'Wadebridge', all of the West Country class. The final two being 34051 'Winston Churchill' and 34058 'Sir Frederick Pile', both of the Battle of Britain class. It's a bit of a misnomer really as the two classes were in effect identical but the West Countries were named after places in the West and the Battle of Britains were named after people and forces that were associated with the Battle of Britain in WWII.

Winston Churchill I guess needs little by way of explanation regarding the name, however the locomotive did have the sad duty of hauling the train which carried Churchill's coffin to its final resting place. Sir Frederick Pile may be less well known so I guess a few words about him will not go amiss. Sir Fred served in both world wars with distinction, during WWII he was General Officer Commanding, Anti-aircraft Command. Sir Frederick Pile should not be confused with Sir Felix Pole who had a Great Western Castle class loco named after him, he was general manager of the GWR from 1921 to 1929.

There are more of these delightful photos from Richard, but unfortunately space does not permit the full gambit in one month so the rest must follow at a later date. I dare not include them next month or some people may think I am biased!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Photos Richard Kelsey

Some more of those delightful locos:



Richard mentions in his write up 'Met 1 with a DEMU in tow', well, here it is! An Ex Metropolitan Railway tank engine hauling a train composed of a Southern diesel electric multiple unit. These multiple units were similar to standard Southern electric three rail stock except that they had an on board diesel engine which generated the power to drive the electric traction motors. I guess the restoration of this set has yet to be completed thus the need for the locomotive, although Richard does speak of the diesel engine being running. This next very atmospheric photo

to shows loco 34007 un-rebuilt Bullied light pacific of the West Country class, 'Wadebridge' and it would appear that she has been put in charge of a demonstration train of loose coupled goods wagons. These days people associate engines of this class, particularly those with the air smoothed casing (not streamlined) as being express passenger locomotives. Not so! Back in the days when steam ruled supreme it was not uncommon to see them on light goods duties. In fact a number of the pacifics were built during WWII as mixed traffic engines as there was a total government ban on building express passenger types.



Finally this is the image of a real work horse of the Southern, the Maunsell designed U class 2-6-0 a true mixed traffic engine, as much at home with a pick up goods as it was with a semi fast passenger train. Whilst on the subject of Locomotives built under the auspices of Mr Maunsell, his very successful three cylinder Schools class deserves a mention, the most powerful British 4-4-0 ever constructed. I believe its one of this class 'Cheltenham' to which Richard refers in his account.

Photos Richard Kelsey

We have arranged a series of boat trips on the restored section of the Stroudwater Navigation from Ebley Wharf to Dudbridge then through Ryeford Double Lock to The Ocean, Stonehouse.

Embarking from the Trip Boat Wharf opposite Ebley Mill, we will take a leisurely cruise east along the canal past the playing fields and under Hilly Orchard Bridge towards Dudbridge.

Turning around and cruising west will take us through us through the new housing development at Ebley and then out into the countryside to Ryeford Double Lock.

After passing through the locks we will head for Ryeford swing bridge and on to Stonehouse. Finally we will turn around at The Ocean, back through the locks and return to Ebley Mill.

The trip takes about four hours. The Cotswold Canal Trusts trip boat "Endeavour" carries a maximum of 10 passengers and is fitted with a lavatory.

Unfortunately there are no catering facilities on board, so please bring your own lunch. All trips depart at 11am from the Trip Boat Wharf and parking is available in the visitors' car park at Ebley Mill.

The cost of the trip is £15 per person and because of the limit of 10 people per trip, we have arranged a total of three trips on the following dates:

Trip 1: Sunday, 25th May, 2014

Trip 2: Friday, 30th May, 2014

Trip 3: Sunday, 22nd June, 2014

Please call Mike Smith on **01453 757995** or **079 895 49419** to reserve a seat on the boat. Please let me know the number of people you are booking for and on which trip.

If you are happy to book on any of the three trips, then please let me know because trip 2 is proving popular and filling very quickly.

Mike Smith.



Interesting building

Unfortunately nothing what so ever to do with transport or engines.

However, bear with me and permit me this one little indulgence.

I came across this beautiful building completely by accident and believe it or not it is no more than a quarter of a mile from the centre of Bristol! Situated on St Micheals Hill it is the Colston Alms House and it has obviously been lovingly restored. Founded by Edward Colston and built in 1691 it is now listed by English Heritage as a grade 1 listed building.

Forthcoming meetings:

From February 10th, club meetings will be held at:

Fromebridge Mill

Fromebridge Lane

Whitminster

Gloucestershire

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Monday, March 10th 2014

Kingswood Coal by David Hardwick

David Hardwick is a member of the South Gloucestershire Mines research Group. We will learn about the Bristol Coalfield, which stretched from Bitton in the south to Cromhall in the north, and was served by a horse drawn waggon way known as "The Dramway".

Monday, April 14th 2014

R A Lister and Company by David Evans

David Evans is the author of a book on the history of R A Lister and Company, sadly now long out of print. David will tell us about the life and times of the Listers', once one of Gloucestershire's major employers and still with us, but sadly now a shadow of its former self.

All indoor meetings are held in the function room of Fromebridge Mill, starting at 8-00pm.

Mike Smith

01453 757995

Imperial War Museum:

John Keedwell has asked me to remind everyone about the proposed visit to the Imperial War Museum as mentioned in previous issues, as more details have now become available. The trip is now confirmed as taking place on October the 26th 2014. The transport cost is likely to be around £13-00 per person depending upon the number of people wishing to attend.

I guess that this is likely to be a very popular outing and suggest that it may be prudent to book as early as possible in order to ensure a seat. To book contact John Keedwell on 01453 890920.

The Settle and Carlisle line:

I thought that perhaps a short note would be appropriate to reassure everyone that I have not forgotten the last part of the article on the Settle and Carlisle. I will include it in a future issue as I guess that all our members have had their fill of railways for a month or two. I would not have had the space to include it in this issue regardless of the other railway content.

Ed.

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For further information on forthcoming club events, see article submitted by Mike Smith, in this issue.

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It has been a little while since the last riveting and excruciatingly interesting missive has appeared but over the last few months a number of legislative changes have been announced or proposed which may be of interest to members.

The demise of the paper tax disc from late this year (probably October) has probably been noted by members as it has received significant press coverage but the requirement to provide proof of insurance when renewing VED (car tax to you and me) was waived from the end of 2013 and is probably less well known. This is now apparently checked by comparing the Taxed Vehicle database with the Insured Vehicle Database.

Again from the end of 2013 vehicles which are SORNed (Statutory Off Road Notification) will be automatically renewed each year. There is still a requirement to notify DVLA of any changes to the vehicle.

A piece of old news which members may have missed is that in the 2013 Budget VED exemption will now apply to vehicles registered before 1st Jan 1974.

The Health and Safety Executive has put forward proposals to change the requirements for the storage of petrol at home. They propose storage of up to 10 litres in marked plastic cans or up to 20 litres in metal containers.

The EU has for some time been looking at the testing regime for historic vehicles and have now defined what constitutes a "historic vehicle".

In simple terms it is one which was:

Manufactured more than 30 years ago,

Is no longer in production,

Is historically preserved in substantially original condition.

This is a Directive not a Regulation which means that each EU member may implement it according to their own practices and procedures. What this means is that the Dept of Transport may set testing regimes for historic vehicles as it sees appropriate for UK conditions. This MAY mean that the existing regime remains unchanged or that a new testing regime MAY be set for "historic vehicles" (ie over 30 years old) or a completely new regime defined. It is early days yet but it is almost certain that changes will occur at some point in the future.

As always these are my interpretations of what is going on and does not represent the views of SVTEC.
Keith Bradley 7 Mar 2014

Hi All

The following was in our parish magazine - The Painswick Beacon --

I believe this one is for us :-

--- fundraisers for the Cobalt Unit presented their cheques (annual occasion) --- Painswick, Woodchester Nailsworth, raised a stupendous £12,284 of which "The Kemble steam & vintage rally brought in £4,986", presumably that us - if it is then that's well done.

John Rhodes

STROUD VINTAGE TRANSPORT & ENGINE CLUB
LOCAL DRIVE-IT DAY. 26th APRIL 2014

We shall be gathering at the Fromebridge Mill Car Park from 10am. There will be bacon rolls and tea or coffee available at £2:50. We will be leaving between 11:00 and 11:30 with the intention of returning for lunch - this needs to be booked before we leave. Main course carvery £8:45, use the voucher below.

On here is a route map with guidance notes. There is also shorter route listed here.

Tractors and off road vehicles will take a different route as directed by Clive Osbourne and Tony Giblin

The Tractor Run along the Severn Bank over the last 2 years has been unique, words cannot explain the experience.

Contact Clive on 07831 134133 or Tony on 0775 4425621. The details and running times as main time.

Legend:- RAB = Roundabout. SO = Straight On. L = Left. R = Right. SP = Sign Posted.

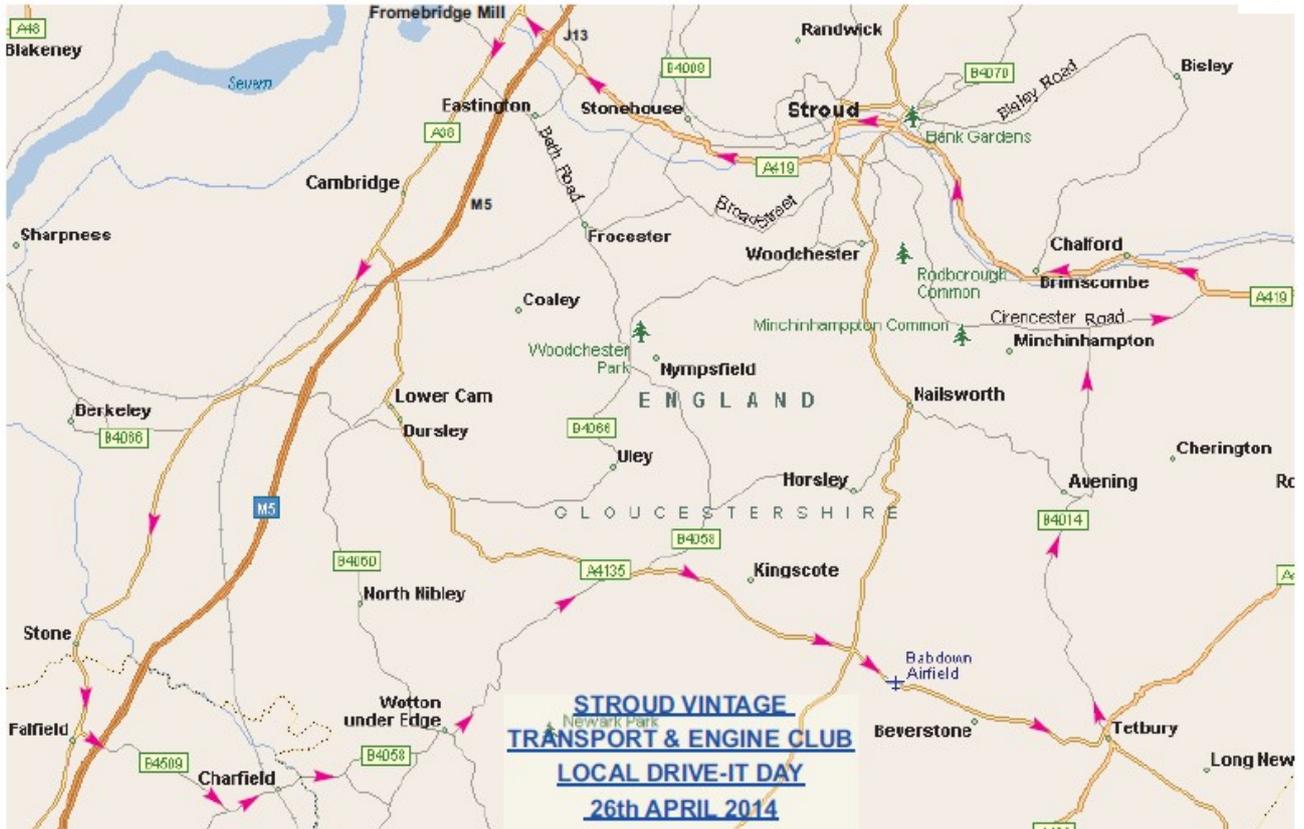
1. From the Fromebridge car park proceed to RAB and take 3rd exit.
2. South to Falfield (approx. 11 miles) and take L, SP Wootton-Under-Edge/Yate B4509.
3. At RAB take L to B4058 SP Wootton-Under-Edge.
4. At RAB (near Rennishaws) 2nd exit SO, SP Wootton-Under-Edge.
5. At T Junction (by Shell Bear Street Garage) **CAUTION** turn R downhill to Memorial RAB.
6. Turn L on B4058 SP Nailsworth/Tetbury up a steep hill (Rushmire).
7. At junction A4135 SO onto the A4135 passing the Hunters Hall on the right.
- 8.* At Calcot crossroads traffic lights SO through Beverstone into Tetbury passing Fire Station on right.
9. Take L, SP Avening B4014.
At junction pub The Cross Avening take R, SP Cirencester SO to T junction and bear R, SP Minchinhampton Common.
CAUTION - do NOT take Minchinhampton Only road.
10. SO to Ragged Cat pub. Turn R, SP Cirencester. **CAUTION** on to next RAB.
11. *Opportunity for a break at the Glider Cafe.*
At next RAB take the last exit, Cafe 50 yards on the right.
When leaving turn R to RAB and take 2nd exit SP Stroud, Chalford.
Continue on past Bristol Street Motors.
12. At RAB take a L on town bypass.
At next RAB take a R. At next RAB take a L, SP M5 (A419).
13. Next RAB first L, SP M5.
14. Next RAB 2nd exit SP M5.
15. Next RAB (Sainsburys) take 3rd exit SP M5.
16. Over the traffic lights (2 sets) to
17. Next RAB L first exit SP M5.
18. Over the lights to mini RAB, SO.
19. Next 3 RABs SO and over the M5 (Junction 13) to next RAB, 2nd exit is Frome Bridge Mill.

* If you choose the shorter route, turn left at Calcott Traffic Lights (No. 8 above), A46 through Nailsworth, through Woodchester, take L, SP M5. This will get you to No.14 above. Follow route to destination.



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