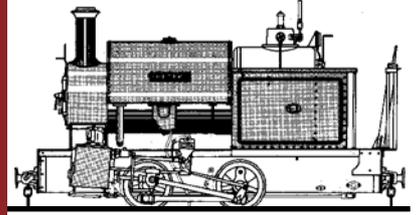


AMBERLEY
MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE
NARROW GAUGE & INDUSTRIAL RAILWAY COLLECTION



Railway Gala Weekend

Saturday and Sunday
14/15 July 2018



PETER

100 Years

1918 - 2018

Amberley Museum Railway Gala Weekend 2018

Welcome to another Gala event on the Museum railway.

The main focus of this year's event will be our 1918 Bagnall saddletank locomotive, *Peter*, which attains the grand old age of 100 years in 2018. As part of our locomotive cavalcade on both days, there will be a short ceremony with some (hopefully) short speeches; and cake. So do come and join us. Cake will be on a first come first served basis - please form an orderly queue behind the Rail Group!

Sadly, this year is also the last before *Peter's* 10-year boiler certificate expires. At the end of the season, after our Christmas opening in December, the fire will be dropped and *Peter* will then have to undergo a thorough overhaul, including work to the boiler as well as to the mechanical parts. To this end we are launching a Fund Raising Scheme to pay for this work. We have already set up opportunities for visitors to contribute to this fund and, as usual, if you are able to Gift Aid your donation, this increases what you give by another 25%. Forms to enable this will be available from the Museum Office.

This year we have a number of competing events - Wimbledon, Tracks to the Trenches at Apedale to which one of our locomotives has gone, and I understand there's a football match on somewhere as well. Hopefully there will still be enough people around to make our Gala Weekend a grand weekend out.

STEAM LOCOMOTIVES IN OPERATION THIS WEEKEND

Peter: WB2067/1918

As noted above, *Peter* celebrates its 100th Birthday this year. *Peter* was built as a 3ft gauge machine and 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 the embryonic Brockham Museum near Dorking, 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.

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 Association and came to Amberley when the two collections were amalgamated in 1982. Now that the original Groudle Glen line has been restored, *Polar Bear* has made regular return visits to the Island, the last being in 2016. Currently, a new locomotive is being constructed by the GGR using the original Bagnall design of *Polar Bear*; the new build will be called *Brown Bear*.

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 in 2017, 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 Penrhyn 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.

Motor Rail Simplex MR5863/1934 ex-Joseph Arnold, Leighton Buzzard, Beds awaits its next turn of duty behind the workshop.



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.

This year, the Cavalcade will also feature the serving of Peter's 100th years birthday cake and the launch of our fund raising scheme to pay for Peter's overhaul.

CONTRACTORS' MONORAIL

The Road Machines contractors' monorail, which is located along the path by Brockham Station, will also be in operation at times to be advertised.

DE WITT 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* cannot be operated this weekend but will be on display throughout Sunday along with a number of standard gauge wagons which have already been restored for the De Witt Kilns line. 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.



BURT, the standard gauge Motor Rail locomotive on the De Witt Kilns line with volunteer Tony Johnson. Burt will be on display on Sunday for photographs and information about the De Witt Kilns railway regeneration

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

Boorley Green Light Railway – 16mm Live Steam and battery electric – Peter Wallace – Betchworth Hall

The model comprises of a double track to facilitate the running of at least two different live steam or electric trains at any one time. Stock ranges from commercially available, kit built and scratch built items. The scale of the layout is 1:19 running on Peco SM32 track which equates to a 2 foot gauge railway and is entirely fictitious. It is set in the rolling countryside close to a disused slate quarry. A barn is under construction by local builders Wallace & Andrews.

Brockles Ghyll – 009 – Richard Glover – Railway Exhibition Hall

Brockles Ghyll is an intermediate station on the Yoredale Tramway, a roadside tramway in the Yorkshire Dales. There is a loop, allowing trains in both directions to pass, as well as a modest goods yard handling coal, milk and some farming supplies. The station is unstaffed: passengers purchase tickets from the guard and shunting movements are controlled by the train crew. Local farmers also load and unload the wagons if required.

Brown & Stickwell – 009 – Matt & Martin Lovell – Railway Exhibition Hall

This layout features the works of the Brown & Stickwell company, including a quarry and a process plant.

Chelwood Exchange – 00 – East Grinstead Model Railway Club – Railway Exhibition Hall

Chelwood Exchange is set on a truncated freight only branch line in the period 1960 -1964. The layout consists of three exchange sidings, a small cement depot and a loco road with refuelling facilities. The layout is entirely operated with 'green era' diesels, some early examples are depicted.

Cliffestowe – G45 – Brian Taylor – Railway Exhibition Hall

A G gauge layout based on a narrow gauge railway serving a small coastal town. The buildings on the backscene are based on a group once modelled by George Iliffe Stokes. 'The Railway Inn' actually represents 'The Running Footman Inn' in Mayfair, London.

Coleford – 009 – John Wilkes – Railway Exhibition Hall

Coleford is based on a real railway in the Forest of Dean, with history having been changed a little... The railway from Coleford to Monmouth had its origins as a 3' 6" gauge plateway; the Monmouth Tramway carrying coal, clay and lime to the river Wye at Monmouth. But it's been reinvented as a 2' gauge railway serving some quite different industries; gold processing, fashion clothing and a chocolate factory. John says of his layout, "I wanted to design something that was portable and not large. At the same time, I wanted something that was interesting to operate. I have always been a fan of unusual trackwork, and on Coleford, there are two different types of track; stone based chairs, and longitudinal sleepers. I used and abused commercially available track to construct these".

The layout featured in the May 2013 edition of the Railway Modeller, and has since been extended, nearly doubling its size.

Starbottom Lane – 009 – Richard Glover – Exhibition Hall

Starbottom Lane represents part of a narrow gauge roadside tramway somewhere in the Yorkshire dales. The front part of the model shows the line running along the verge of a road. The back shows a reserved section of track, where the line leaves the road and enters its own right of way through a rock cutting. A small halt with shelter has been provided, taking its name from the lane on which it stands. Few passengers board or alight here and trains rarely have to stop.

Surrey & Sussex Black Sheep Frem 0n30 modular layout

We are a small group of friends based in Surrey and Sussex who follow the Frem0n30 modular model railway standard. Using modules allows the group to temporarily set-up a large layout that requires more space than may be available permanently.

Wenvoe – 00 - Adrian Taylor – Railway Exhibition Hall

A circular 'modern image' quarry layout based in South Wales.

Societies

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.

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.

Colonel Stephens Society – Railway Exhibition Hall

The Society is for enthusiasts of the minor railways promoted and managed by Lt.Col. Holman Fred Stephens (1868 - 1931) who ran his railway empire from offices in Tonbridge. It publishes a quarterly magazine and the subscription is only £10 a year. For further information visit our website <http://www.colonelstephenssociety.co.uk/>

The nearest of the Colonel's railways to Amberley was the Selsey Tramway which opened in 1897 and closed in 1935.

Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways – Railway Exhibition Hall

Our railways run through the Snowdonia National Park in North Wales from the slate mountains of Blaneau 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.

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.

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.

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, and the owners of 4 Cor 3142.

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

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.

Twyford Waterworks Trust – Railway Exhibition Hall

Twyford Waterworks is a scheduled ancient monument located close to Winchester and 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

Harrison Brown Models – Railway Exhibition Hall

Harrison-Brown Models, Toys & Collectables is currently a web based business with a trade stand which attends various shows, events and exhibitions.

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

Smith & Sons books – Railway Exhibition Hall

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

Wheels of Southsea – Railway Exhibition Hall

We have an array of new and used model railways, books, many OO gauge die-cast models and N gauge too.



J Fowler Resilient JF21295 "Peldon" with the passenger train at Brockham during a previous Rail Gala.

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

Petrol locomotives day - Sunday 19 August

Our Petrol Locomotives Day is on Sunday 19 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 we have another 100th birthday, that of the "Protected" World War I Simplex. Yes - more cake!

Autumn Industrial Trains Day - Sunday 21 October

The final railway event at Amberley in 2018 is our Autumn Industrial Trains day on Sunday 21 October. Watch out for news on our website which will be updated as soon as full details are known - www.amberleynarrowgauge.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.***