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A new loco at Pinewood

EDITORIAL - Andy Cross

Welcome to the first edition of 2015. Thanks to some great submissions from our members and some outstanding images, this edition really is packed full of goodies! Please keep them coming in.



Gnigel gnome bringing in the signal truck

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FROM MY CHAIR - Ray Grace

Well, we are up and running for the 2015 season! The winter maintenance is completed, the railway is in good order and is ready for us all to enjoy.

The first public running session was disappointing having been badly affected by wet and cold weather, however I am pleased that subsequent public running has returned to previous levels.

Whilst on the subject of public running please make a note in your diary that we have two additional public events that I hope you will support. The Pinewood site is holding a "Pinewood Festival" on Sunday 5th July and we have agreed, as on previous occasions, to support the day by providing public running, and tickets as raffle prizes. We will need a good deal of membership support on this long day (including locos) so please come along and help out if you can. The second date for your diary is Wednesday 15th July when we will be offering an hour of free rides to the children (and their mums) of the "Flying Start" pre-school adjacent to our site. This has become an annual event and enhances our "good neighbour" credentials and is also much appreciated by the children and the Pinewood site management.



This month's cover star in all her glory

I was sorry to hear that past member Denis Evans has not been well and I am sure that we all wish him a speedy recovery. As a result of his illness Di has been unable to commit to selling public running tickets this year. In the meantime I am delighted that Rosemary Brotherton, Helen Marney and Sue Quilliam have “stepped into the breach” and have volunteered to run the ticket office for us. Many thanks to the three of them, it is much appreciated by all of us.

I suppose that it is something to do with the poorish weather in March and April but member attendance on members running days has been poor. I am hopeful that improving weather will result in more members (and their families) with their locos turning-up to enjoy a day on our railway.

Finally, as we look forward to an enjoyable Summer on the railway we can take a rest from heavy maintenance and consider what we need to do for the future. We have in mind some exciting improvements!

Best wishes to you all and your families and I look forward to seeing you at Pinewood this Summer.



Alice makes her first appearance at Pinewood

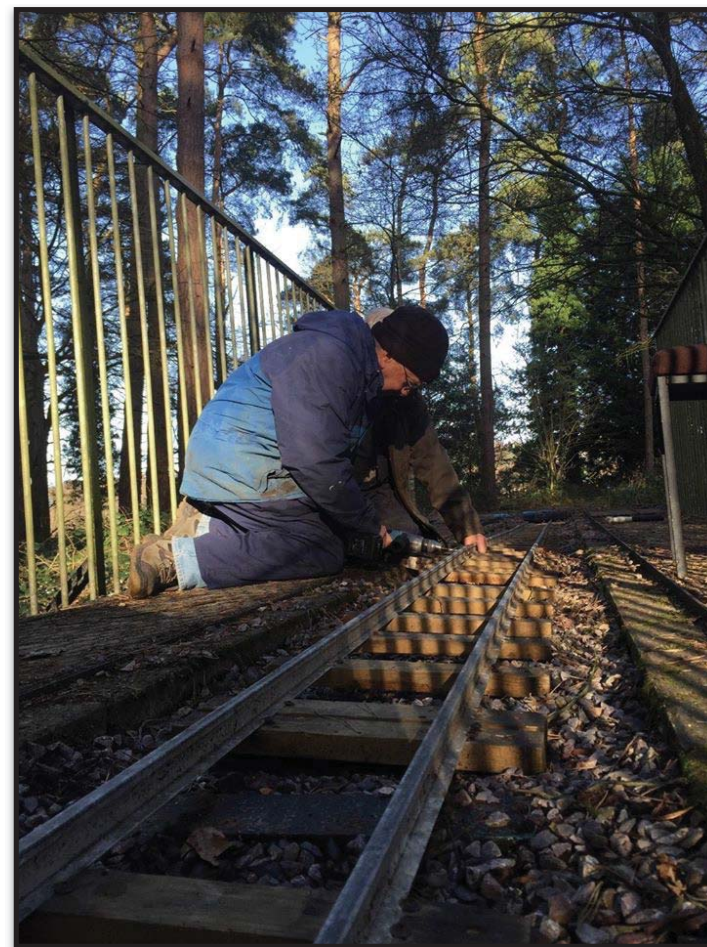
CHIEF ENGINEERS REPORT

David Simmonite

After all the hard work of the winter it's nice to see our railway up and running smoothly for the new season. The bridge track has now been completely replaced.

Work is well under way for another set of points as you leave the station. This will prove very useful for a loco to 'escape' on running days and not hold up the passengers in the station.

Also a fine job has been done by Derek Tulley of putting vacuum braking on all of our rolling stock, which will be capable of operation by vacuum fitted locos or battery powered pump sets in the guard trucks.



"It's too chuffing cold to be doing this today!"

IVOR THE ENGINE - Ed

Well it had to be called that really didn't it? More on Peter's Welsh narrow gauge engine the the next issue of the NPE.





FROM THE ASHES - Alistair Harvey

As some members may remember, this loco was donated to PMR some years ago in a rather forlorn, seized, state and lay in outside storage for a few more years. I mentioned to various members over a period of time that I was keen to build my own loco, but wasn't quite sure where to start. The rusting hulk of the loco was kindly offered to me as a restoration project.

Unfortunately, due to a change in my personal circumstances, I was unable to commit the time to Pinewood and was absent for around two years as a consequence. Although I had made a start on the loco, it also fell to pretty much the same fate and spent most of this time in my garage.



The loco in it's refurbished state

As time went on it was pretty clear that I had neither the time, knowledge or tooling to complete the project, but by a stroke of luck (if you can call it that) I was made redundant and suddenly found myself with some spare funds. Excited by this I immediately got searching for someone to restore the loco for me.

Many, many google searches later, I came across CMD Engineering who are based down in Kent. I initially sent Chris at CMD some photos to see if he could take on such a project, and thankfully he was very happy to help.

A couple of months later I drove down to Kent with the loco where Chris met me with a cup of tea to discuss what options I had. One of these options was to retain the existing engine and transmission, Chris was even certain he could get the old two stroke engine working! However, it was decided that the current setup with only a 96cc engine would not pull much more than a driver, let alone a train. I wanted the ability to be able to pull at least two coaches so it was decided to fit a more modern system of a petrol engine and an Eaton No.7 hydrostatic transmission.

The progress so far is that the loco has been stripped of all its old parts, the frames and bodywork have been cleaned, a new engine and transmission has been fitted. There have been some teething problems with getting adjustment on the layshaft so Chris is reworking the gearing to get round the problem.

As you may notice in one of the photos Chris has also designed some side skirts. These are purely cosmetic but helps hide the rather open wheel base.

It will be finished in a dark green with over sized oval buffers and wasp stripe buffer beams to create more of an industrial look.

At the time of writing this, the loco is nearing completion and is now in the cosmetic stage of painting. Fingers crossed by the time this goes to print it will already be at Pinewood, somewhere the loco and I will hopefully be able to spend more time now.



Editor's note: As you can see from the pictures here Alistair has since taken delivery of the completed loco and it is running well at Pinewood.

JUNIOR ENGINEERS - Andy Cross

I'm pleased to announce that both Mark and Joseph have now become full members of our railway. I would like to take this opportunity thank them for assisting me in many activities on the railway during their time as Juniors. They have been a credit to the railway and to themselves, and it's great to see that they still have the same enthusiasm that they have always shown.

If you know someone aged between 10 and 16 who would like to join us for Sunday mornings, bring them down, we'll always be glad of the help and they'll definitely learn some new skills while they are here.



Matthew gets some tips and tricks from Tim

GNIGEL & GNORMAN - Andy Cross

After the success of the reindeer stables for the Santa Specials I had been looking to find some more things to put around the track to amuse the children (and big kids too). Imagine my surprise when a trip to my local Asda came up with the perfect thing. Giant garden gnomes! I immediately purchased a pair of them without any hesitation. To say they are a hit with the public is an understatement. I have since found out that Gnorman does in fact have a wife 'Gnorma' and 2 children 'Gnicola' and 'Gniel'. Maybe they will turn up at Pinewood sometime in the future, who knows?



Gnigel saluting the passengers from his new home in the woods

KONIG'S 'NOT SO' KOMEDY CORNER - Ed

It would be very tempting to work out exactly what Paul is thinking in this picture (mainly about the state of his wallet I might suggest), but with Alice currently undergoing some rather serious work it's probably best to just let us all wonder. Get well soon Alice.



"Locos, can't live with 'em..."

PINEWOOD PUBLIC RUNNING OIC ROSTER - 2015

Date	Officer In Charge	Assistant
June 21st	Tim Caswell	John Keane
July 19th	Paul Konig	Richard Smith
August 16th	Derek Tulley	Ken Thornton
September 20th	Roger Marney	Keith Briault
October 18th	Trevor Hill	Mark Campling

Santa	Officer In Charge	Assistant
December 6th	Ray Grace	tba
December 13th	Andy Cross	tba

Please note: if you are unable to attend on the day shown on the roster, or would like to volunteer for a role, please let Ray Grace know as early as possible.

PINEWOOD DIARY DATES - 2015

Date	Event	
June 7th	Members Running	10.00 - 16.00
June 21st	Birthday Party	11.00 - 13.00
	Public Running	13.30 - 16.00
July 5th	Pinewood Festival	11.00 - 16.00
July 19th	Birthday Party	11.00 - 13.00
	Public Running	13.30 - 16.00
August 2nd	Members Running	10.00 - 16.00
August 16th	Birthday Party	11.00 - 13.00
	Public Running	13.30 - 16.00
September 6th	Members Running	10.00 - 16.00
September 20th	Birthday Party	11.00 - 13.00
	Public Running	13.30 - 16.00
October 4th	Members Running	10.00 - 16.00
October 18th	Birthday Party	11.00 - 13.00
	Public Running	13.30 - 16.00
December 6th	Santa Special	11.00 - 15.30
December 13th	Santa Special	11.00 - 15.30

