

NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY

NEWS SHEET

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MEMBERSHIP

All members will receive a handout with this news-sheet which sets out the aims and ideas of the Narrow Gauge Railway Society. If you already have one, please pass it on to a friend who may also be interested in narrow gauge railways. If we can welcome one new member for each existing member before the year end, we shall have done fairly well.

Members joining after 30th April are credited with 50% of their subscriptions towards the following year. All annual subscriptions fall due on 1st November.

CONVENTION

If circumstances are favourable, a convention of narrow gauge railway enthusiasts will be held in Leeds towards the end of the year. Primarily it will be to enable NGRS members to get together for discussion and exchange of ideas, but members of the Tallylyn Railway Preservation Society will also be specially welcome. Further details as soon as possible.

MODELS

The building of a demonstration track for use at exhibitions is of prime importance, and so far a table-tennis table has been earmarked for use as a baseboard. A quantity of 3-rail "Formo" track lengths has also been set aside for permanent way construction. Two-rail operation is most desirable, but it is

suggested that the third rail be left in and camouflaged as a rack rail for the benefit of any member who may have a 3-rail locomotive. Otherwise, the third rail will be removed. Opinions, please, to the Hon. Secretary.

A suggestion has been made that the Society should purchase a locomotive for use on the layout, the money for this being raised by subscription as explained in the hand-out. Alternatively, perhaps one of the model-makers amongst us may feel like building one, to minimise expense? In the same way, it is suggested that perhaps each member who is modelling to 16.5mm gauge may care to construct one item of goods or passenger rolling stock.

NEWS

The main function of this news-sheet is, of course, to provide news of happenings in the narrow gauge railway world. Items of news from home and abroad concerning railways of gauges varying generally between 15" and 4'0" are of particular interest. If there is anything interesting going on in your district, involving a narrow gauge railway of any kind, send a note on a postcard please to NGRS News-sheet, c/o Hon. Secretary, NGRS, 49 Stanmore Crescent, Leeds 4, Yorkshire.

Here's an item you may have missed. The Snailbeach District Railway track was lifted during summer of last year, the locos being scrapped by Thos. W. Ward of Sheffield during late 1950. There is still a short length of track down at the Pontesbury end where, according to a correspondent, it is used by the Shropshire County Council in connection with their stone quarry there. Now that the Baldwin R.O.D. locos which were used on this line have been scrapped it would be interesting to know if that is the end of these locomotives in general. If you know of a Baldwin lying around anywhere in this country please send us a note.

PHOTOGRAPHS

It is proposed to issue a photographic list based on a composite list of individual members' negatives. Anyone interested in a certain item could deal direct with the owner of the negative, instead of a central pool of negatives being formed. Alternatively, individual members may care to advertise their sales and wants, as far as photographs are concerned, separately.

NOW AVAILABLE (by special arrangement):

- a) Series of five photographs (postcards) showing the Corris Railway 7½d. each. Cash with orders to the Hon. Secretary - postal orders to be made out to "D.S. George & Son" and crossed "& Co."
- b) Corris train at Llwyngwern (postcard) 6d. cash with order to Hon. Secretary - postal orders to be made out to "D. Nichols" at Leeds Post Office.

REFERENCE DEPT.

If any members or their friends have any photographs, books, prints, drawings, etc., of narrow gauge railway subjects which they would care to donate, loan or sell to the Society, please let us know.

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