

NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY

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MEMBERSHIP

The increase in membership since the first news-sheet was issued is gratifying. We can now look forward to the future with more certainty in planning for members interests and requirements.

COUNTY AGENTS

It is proposed to appoint County Agents to co-ordinate the activities of members residing in the same area. Applications are invited from any members who would like to act as County Agents for the under-mentioned districts :

Worcestershire (to include Warwickshire)

Surrey (to include Kent)

Berkshire (to include Wiltshire)

Staffordshire (to include Cheshire and Notts.)

Any members who would like to act as County Agents in other counties with a view to enrolling further members should also apply to the Hon. Secretary.

Mr. C.V.Burkard is County Agent for London and the Home Counties. His address is 39 Grasmere Ave., Hounslow, Middx.

EXHIBITION

A stand has been booked at the Leeds Model Railway Society's exhibition at the Corn Exchange, Leeds on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 6th, 7th and 8th next. Offers of help with models, etc., should be addressed to the Exhibition Secretary, NGRS (Mrs J.M.Cope), 49 Stanmore Crescent, Leeds 4; value of models should be stated so that insurance arrangements can be made.

A 7mm.-scale locomotive is required for running on the Society's TWO-RAIL layout now under construction. No specific design is stipulated, but a reliable, sturdy model is obviously essential for exhibition use. Offers, with price required, should be sent to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

NEWS

R.H.&D.R. One of our members advises us that a footbridge has been built at New Romney Station linking the up and down platforms with one of the bay platforms, and a new siding has been put in from the turntable running next to Capt. Howey's bungalow, to accommodate the 4-4-0 Rolls Royce loco instead of it being stored in the carriage sheds.

Ex-W.H.R. "RUSSELL". Another member reports seeing this loco working on the 2' 0" gauge section of the Goathorn Railway earlier this year in well-kept condition. It is presumed that the nameplates on this loco are the original ones. The same member mentions seeing "Jersey No.1" of the Torrington and Marland line being broken up, it being the last of their steam locos.

SPECIAL NOTICE

British Railways are considering closing the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway (2' 6" gauge) and the Society has been given the option of acquiring the line in toto should this happen. Further enquiries are pending, but any member who is interested, and can offer any practical advice or assistance, is asked to get in touch with the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible in the meantime.

INFORMATION

MICHELIN TOURING MAPS (1925/30). These maps, based on the Ordnance Survey of the time, show many extinct mineral railways, some narrow gauge. Any members coming across any of these or other vintage maps of not less than half-inch scale showing railways, is asked to get in touch with Mr. D. Nichols, 1 Broomfield Terrace, Leeds 6, stating if they are willing to donate them to the Reference Department.

NORTH WALES NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY. Mr A. Pratt of 10 Hawthorne Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham 30, is anxious to get in touch with anyone who has done research work on this line.

ASHOVER LIGHT RAILWAY. Mr R. Sharp, of 65 Bloom Street, Stockport, Cheshire, is anxious to get in touch with anyone who can supply tickets, photos etc. of this line.

LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY. Mr P. Halton, of 18 Eden Crescent, Leeds 4, requires photos of old No.3, 0-6-2T "Donegal", and locos 9 and 17.

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