

THE NARROW GAUGE

No.5

Convention. In spite of the unfortunate setback at Whitsuntide, it is hoped that we may be able to hold our first Convention later this year at a centre more convenient to the majority of members. An agenda is now in course of preparation and any items which you would like to be included should be submitted to the Hon. Secretary before 31st August. If you have not yet sent in your suggestion for a convenient centre and suitable date, please do so as quickly as possible, so that suitable arrangements can be made in good time.

Talylyn Railway was featured in the B.B.C. Television Newsreel on the day after Coronation Day. Locomotive No. 4 "*Edward Thomas*", suitably decorated for the occasion, carried a headboard in Welsh denoting that the train it was hauling was a special one for the Coronation. Many people from outlying villages were able to journey into Towyn for the celebrations.

Pekoe-Tip at the top of the page has created quite an interest among our readers. It was supplied in 1894 to the Assam (Jokai) Tea Company by W.G.Bagnall Ltd., to whom we are indebted for the use of the block.

Technical details :- Cylinders - 5 ½" dia. x 9" stroke
Type - 0-4-2ST
Firebox - Circular
Gauge - 2' 0"
Tank Capacity - 140 gallons
Pressure - 140 pounds.

Isle of Man Railway. Readers of the late Ian McNab's book will be pleased to hear that Mr. C.E.Box, who supplied most of the photographs for the book, is prepared to supply copies of his photos at cost-plus-postage. Members who wish to take advantage of this generous offer should write direct to Mr. Box at 89 Larkfield Road, Churchtown, Southport, Lancs., quoting this announcement.

Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway. A special trip over this railway is being arranged for Saturday July 11th by Mr. R.T.Goodwright, 419 Station Road, Winsford, Cheshire.

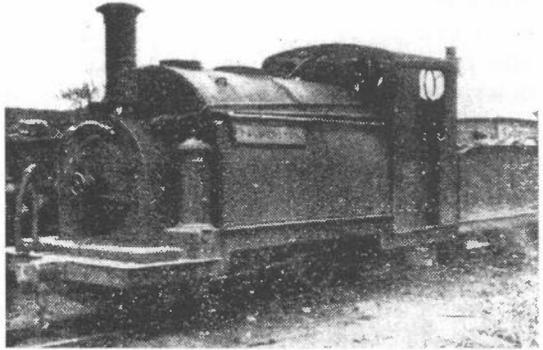
Brief details : meet main booking office Crewe 8.50 a.m., Crewe depart 9.13 a.m. (reserved accommodation), Welshpool arrive 11.28 a.m. (via Whitchurch).

Special train will convey passengers in open stock with seating accommodation, to Llanfair and return at a cost of 2/6d. per head. Time will be available for checking measurements and dimensions for drawings.

Welshpool depart 3.5 p.m. on return, Crewe arrive 5.12 p.m. (via Whitchurch). Fare Crewe - Welshpool 15/2d.

Full details can be obtained direct from Mr. Goodwright; early application is essential.

Locomotives of Note No. 1



(Block courtesy : "*Narrow Gauge Rails to Portmadoc*")

Palmerston is the last of a second pair of locomotives built by George England and Co. for the Ffestiniog Railway in 1864. As supplied, these engines had side tanks and no cabs, the valve gear was Allan's straight link motion, now seldom used. The class was the pioneer narrow gauge design for a railway, though there had been earlier narrow gauge engines for use on tramways where short hauls were made. Even on the Ffestiniog Railway, in the early days, these engines were only worked up-grade; all Portmadoc-bound traffic was worked by gravity.

J.I.C.Boyd

It is interesting to note that "*Palmerston*" was loaned to the Vale of Rheidol Railway during the 1914-18 war. (See "*Narrow Gauge Rails to Portmadoc*" pp.25-26.)

SPECIAL OFFER to NGRS members only, W & LLR rolling stock drawings. Original dimensions, black and white prints. Full details from Mr. R.G.Head, "Beeleigh", Linden Grove, Kidderminster. NGRS no. must be quoted.

LONDONDERRY AIR is a bit clearer since our last issue. A goods service is still being maintained by the L & LSR but current reports indicate that the line is due to close during June. Steps are being taken to ensure preservation of some items of interest and details will be announced shortly. Readers are advised to watch the technical press for latest reports on the L & LSR.

ISABEL is an 0-4-0ST locomotive (typing error in the recent supplement gave this as 0-4-2) and was built in 1896. Latest report indicates that she is being thoroughly overhauled and repainted prior to being mounted on a plinth at the Castle Engine Works of W.G Bagnall Ltd., Stafford.

Technical Details :-

Locomotive Number	- 1491
Cylinders	- 7" diameter x 12" stroke
Pressure	- 140 pounds
Tank Capacity	- 200 gallons
Circular Steel Firebox	
Gauge	- 2 ft.
Wheel Diameter	- 1ft. 9 ½".

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