



INSIDE MOTION

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Preamble

The Merry Month of May being upon us, expectations are high that Spring-time might finally manifest itself by bringing some warmer (and drier) weather.

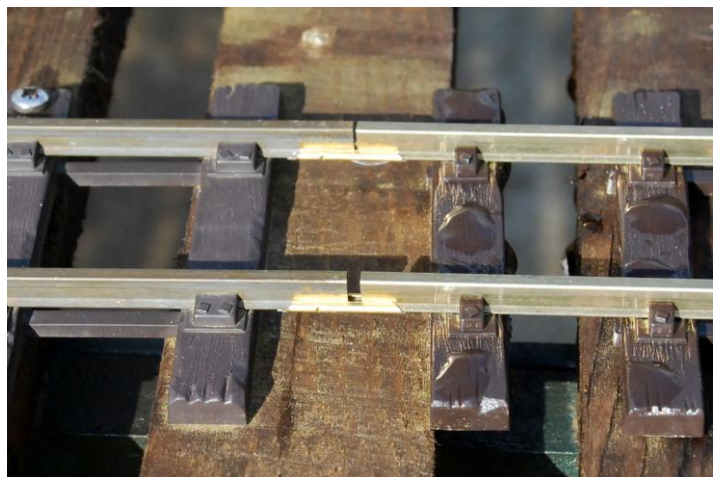
Club matters

Public Running

The first Public Running session of the New Year was blessed by nice weather and a large turnout by the public. Three locomotives were in steam, but two of them suffered minor problems early on and the Club's electric loco. was pressed into service for a while so that the usual two trains were kept in operation.

A reminder that donations made at these events bring in much-needed additional revenue (the Club cannot survive on subscriptions alone) and also need people to man them. On this occasion, there was a shortage of Station Stewards and Train Guards. If you would like to help with either of these roles, even for an hour or so each time or in a reserve capacity to cover "comfort breaks", please let the Secretary know.

Garden Railway



left – Breaking the Ceremonial Ribbon (Linda Nicholls) right – Golden Fishplates

The long-awaited extension is now finished – the last "Golden Fishplates" (we don't do spikes in the UK) were pushed home on Sunday 16th April as the final piece of track was laid. A few test runs with a loco. and rake of wagons revealed no major running problems, though the track will require some minor fettling in a couple of places.

Crossing Gates

The Crossing Gates retrieved from the now-defunct BMEG railway at Beamish have found a new home at TSMEE. They proved to be a perfect fit across the grass by the vehicle access gates, and make a much more robust and visually pleasing alternative to the plastic chain rigged for Public Running events. Unlike the chain, however, they are a permanent fixture.



Workshop Tips & Tricks

Steve Lowe has proposed resurrecting the idea of workshop sessions, run by himself and Mick Jordison, where particular topics of interest to Members would be demonstrated, for instance tool- and cutter grinding. Do let Steve or Mick know if you have something in mind.

Surplus Table

Assorted Gardening Implements and Woodworking Tools. Donor – Linda Nicholls

Postamble

A very slim issue indeed, I'm sure you'll all agree, but the reason is the cataract in my right (strong) eye has made doing this kind of work increasingly difficult. It's due for correction in mid-May, but might mean that there'll be no IM in June.

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