

WHISTLEBLOWER

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EDITORIAL

One of the benefits of club membership is that you are always learning. Last Wednesday's talk by Noel Leaver on the Faller car system was a case in point. Of course, I had seen these things in operation, but never knew much about the details. What a revelation it was and the 'home-brewed' add-ons of Hall Effect detectors and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) chips were all fascinating. Will I ever use any of this? Perhaps not, but it is still good to know of the possibilities, just in case.

We have a new contributor this month in Colin Freeman, for which many thanks to him. I only have two more articles 'in stock', so more are always welcome, otherwise you will get my essays on 'what I did on my holidays....' (like this time).

Julian Evison (Editor)

UPDATING A TRIANG 3F LOCO – Colin Freeman

I bought this loco on EBay checking photos and description very carefully. I examined the lining and loco number which were both in good condition and the chassis was original with coarse wheels.

Fortunately I already had a loco with a later Triang Hornby chassis, which I swapped with another loco chassis. The rear coupling hole was not "Tapped". At the model engineering exhibition I purchase an 8BA high carbon steel "threading tap"(I guessed at being a British model)Chassis. This did the job, I would normally recommend high speed drills and taps, but in this case the chassis was a "soft" die cast Chassis. The axles of the tender wheels were pushed out. The tender bearings we drilled out to 2mm to glue in the Pinpoint bearings as seen in the picture below. This allowed modern wheels to be fitted. I will need to upgrade the tender wheels from disk to spoked wheels at a later date! The lining and decals were lacquered for protection.

I am very proud of the final result. It now runs superbly on Greenfields.

8BA tap



Class 3F loco



2mm pinpoint bearings



A QUICK QUIZ – Ian George

You will remember Ian asked the question at which station would you find a couple of signs? The answer is:



THE DRIVING CREEK RAILWAY – Julian Evison

The railway began as a potter's way of getting clay from the hillside to feed his kilns. He found his friends enjoyed riding on it, aided by a few beers and gradually it grew in to a line 3.5km long and a major tourist attraction on the North Island of New Zealand.



The vehicles are all built on site and are diesel power to hydraulic motors on the axles.

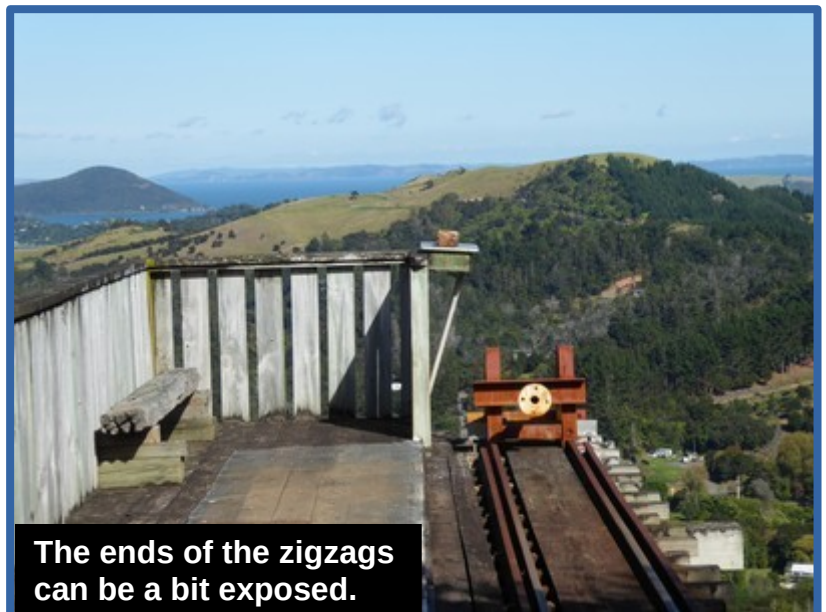
Here are the kilns which are why it all started



The train climbs through fern forest over trestles and via reversing stations



The most spectacular piece of engineering is a double deck bridge over a ravine which carries one track above another.



The ends of the zigzags can be a bit exposed.



The view from the top, from the "Eyefull Tower", over the Hauraki Gulf is spectacular.

CLUB DIARY – Andrew Wrobel

Recent changes in **yellow**. Running starts at **14:00** in the Hall.

'Run'g pm' = Priority for use of Hall, AND tidy/vacuum Club Room + Lock-up

DIARY 2019		
Date	Run'g pm	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Wed 05 Jun	0	
Sat 08 Jun	--	St.Mary's [J.Evison's layout]: 7mm NGA 40th Anniv'y Exhib'n, Town Hall, Burton on Trent, DE14 2EB
Wed 12 Jun	N	
Fri 14 to Sun 16 Jun Set-up on Thu-13	--	Wickwar (N): GCR (Great Central Railway), Quorn Station, LE12 8AG
Wed 19 Jun	P4/009	
Wed 26 Jun	00	
Wed 03 Jul	0	International [formerly American] Running Night Hot Dogs & Pancakes from ~18:30.
Sat 06 & Sun 07 Jul	--	Aldermouth (0) [J.Edwards's layout]: Basildon MRC, [40th Exhib'n], James Hornsby School, Basildon, SS15 5NX
Wed 10 Jul	N	
Wed 17 Jul	P4/009	
Wed 24 Jul	00	
Wed 31 Jul	Any	2pm GPC meeting.
Wed 07 Aug	0	
Wed 14 Aug	N	
Wed 21 Aug	P4/009	
Wed 28 Aug	00	
Wed 04 Sep	0	
Sat 07 or Sun 08 Sep		Statfold Barn Railway 'Road, Rail & Ale Day' https://statfoldbarnrailway.co.uk/events/road-rail-ale/ Chair is putting together a Club Outing proposal, trip by train.
Wed 11 Sep	N	
Sat 14 & Sun 15 Sep	--	Kinlochlagen (N) [Mike Le Marie's layout]: TINGS, Warwickshire Event Centre, nr. Leamington Spa
Wed 18 Sep	P4/009	
Wed 25 Sep	00	
Wed 02 Oct	0	2019 Club Modelling Competition
Sat 05 & Sun 06 Oct	--	St.Mary's (7mm NG) [J.Evison's layout]: Fareham MRC Exhibition, Fareham Leisure Centre, PO16 7JU
Wed 09 Oct 7pm	N	Annual Club Show BRIEFING [Noel]
Fri 11 Oct evening	ALL	Prepare the Club Show
Sat 12 & Sun 13 Oct	ALL	F&DMRC Annual Club Show , Aldershot; Wickwar (N); Brixcombe (P4)
Wed 16 Oct	P4/009	
Wed 23 Oct	00	
Sat 26 Oct	--	St.Mary's (7mm NG) [J.Evison's layout]: Expo Narrow Gauge, White Oaks Leisure Centre, Swanley, BR8 7BT

