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Maidstone MES member Martin Parham with his winning GWR 2-8-0 at the Federation of Model Engineering Society's rally held at RSME on 18 September. Photo J Billard

FED RALLY SPECIAL

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A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

John Billard

What a day that was! The Federation Rally at our club on the 18th surpassed all our expectations and must have given a great boost to our standing at the federation and in the model engineering world generally. No less than 29 engines attended, 19 steam locos, 5 diesel outline, 2 petrol/hydraulic and three traction engines. Thanks to all our members who assisted with the planning, parking, coal and water, steam bays, keeping the tracks safe. putting out the furniture, mounting displays, teas and coffees and making over 80 lunches. And at the end of the day still being around to put it all away again! For all this I thank Peter Harrison for his leadership and Carol with Jackie providing food. It was all marvellous. Giving away free RSME mugs was genius making sure we didn't have to wash them up again!

Much of this PROSPECTUS records at least some of the event that will stay fresh in our minds for a long time.

All this took place just six days after our September public running which we think must have been the busiest ever with something like 1,600 rides taken. Crowd control became paramount and it was quite a tough day for the station staff. Do help us on these dates if you can.

I won't dwell too much on our last trustees meeting as a large part was taken up with final plans for the occasion above. I would like to announce that a track side meeting will be held on Sunday 10 October at 11 am to consider the future of the track extension project as I would like this to be on the agenda for the AGM on 21 October.

From the start of the 2022 season we shall be looking at new arrangements for private parties where we create a panel of members to be contacted for to assist in running the event and provide loco availability. The previous arrangement where we advertised in the monthly diary was a problem as we did not know who was to likely turn up. Details will follow in due course.



Happy queues at the 5th September public running.

Photo JB

RSME 2021 Annual General Meeting

Please be reminded that the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Reading Society of Model Engineers will be held in the Clubhouse, 82 Bath Road RG30 2BE on Thursday 21st October 2021 at 7.30pm.

Three Trustees are due to retire by rotation.

Potential nominees should ensure they have read Charity Commission Guidance notes CC3 and CC3a (available from the Charity Commission website) before their nomination is submitted.

Nominations must reach John Billard, Old Station House Twyford Reading RG10 9NA on or before 30th September 2021.

Each nomination must be signed by the nominee, and a proposer. The nominee should indicate their willingness to serve, that they are not disqualified under the Charities Act, and that they have read the Charity Commission Guidance Notes CC3 and CC3a.

Both nominee and proposer must be current members of the RSME

Any motions for consideration at the AGM need to be submitted to John Billard at the above address by 30th September 2021 and they must be proposed and seconded by current members of the RSME.

John Billard

For the Trustees
RSME

Note: A further reminder has been e mailed to members in view of the closure date; and a copy placed on the club house notice board.

RAISED TRACK EXTENSION MEETING

A meeting for all members is being held at the trackside and clubhouse on Sunday 10 October at 11 am to discuss the progress of the raised track extension.

As a consequence of Covid work on this project has halted and a report will be made at the AGM. However we thought we would seek members views on site before that happens.

As a reminder, local authority approval has been obtained and we have reserved funding in place. Considerable planning has been undertaken and work started on beams and concrete pads where the new line is to join the old..

We hope that you will be able to attend on 10 October.

WHAT A DAY THAT WAS!

The Federation of Model Engineering Society's Rally at RSME

18 September 2021



Above Check-In with Miriam while Stuart Kidd looks on.



Left Izzy Nelson's scale Savage traction engine "Firefly" with Michael Allwood's interesting red Burrell single crank compound.

Right The steaming bays were soon filling up with lovely engines.





Left From Rugby, Aubyn Mee's interesting petrol/hydraulic locomotives that ran in tandem for several hours.

Right The ground level steaming bay with left to right, David Wilkinson, Cliff Perry and his well regarded 35028 *Clan Line*, Ivan Hurst FMES, and Paul Naylor FMES.



Left Back to the raised track bays with Bracknell's Andrew Day's U class in the foreground, Simplexes close by.

Right Bracknell's Frances Mayall looks pleased with her 5" Conway.



Photos
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credited.

Above Geoff Elliott from Sutton Coldfield at speed with his 5" Duchess *City of Carlisle*. FMES Judge Peter Venn rides behind.

Right A late entry from Maidstone was Martin Parham's GWR 2884 class 2-8-0.





Left Aubyn Mee on the track with his petrol hydraulics.



Right Sue Parham from Maidstone and LBSC's Juliet "Jack". The little uns are best! This was a highly successful design with more Juliets built than any other.



Left From High Wycombe came Ray with his impressive 5" Royal Scot "The Royal Air Force".



Right A close up of Ray Line's Royal Scot at speed.

While all this was going on, Carol Harrison was busy preparing the lunches with the splendid result seen below.



Photo Peter Harrison



Left From Oswestry comes Alan Redgrave's GWR 1365 class pannier tank with a short train

A display of miner's and other lamps by Karl Trussler . In the background is Peter Wardropper's Jenny Lind and Alan Broodbank's 3 1/2" Hall under construction.



Left is GL5's Bill Hall with his Class 37 and a wonderful train of 30 private owner coal coal wagons.

....and the winner is.... Martin Parham with his GWRT 2-8-0 seen here with his trophy presented by FMES Secretary Peter Squire, right.



.... and then from RSME members tea and cake for everyone....



Finally, we must include from Kent Simon Batten and his 7 1/4" Sweet William "Chloe" having won the award, against stiff competition, for having Travelled the Longest Distance to the rally. Here he is on arrival.

Photo Peter Harrison



DIARY

October

Sunday	3rd	Public running	13.00 onwards
Saturday	9th	Club running	11.00 onwards
Monday	11th	Trustees meeting	19.30
Sunday	10th	Track extension meeting	11.00
Tuesday	19th	Club running	12.00 onwards
Thursday	21st	AGM	19.30

November

Sunday	7th	Public running	13.00 onwards
Saturday	9th	Club running	11.00 onwards
Monday	15th	Trustees meeting	19.30
Tuesday	23rd	Club running	12.00 onwards

Note: private parties are not being advertised at present—see explanation on page 2.

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The deadline for the November issue is 18 October

Contributions may be submitted in hard or soft copy to the editor.

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