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News

Ground Level Track

Work has continued through the summer on the ground level track.



The return loop has now been dug out and filled with ballast. Ten tonnes of ballast have now been barrowed into the site.



Terry Neary is making the points for the ground level track, the first of which has already been installed near the tunnel.





Carriage Shed

The other main project which has progressed this year has been the erection of the carriage shed.



Peter and Mike have been working on fitting out the shed. The ground level riding trucks have been fitted with carrying handles.





Club Simplex

Jon Guilbert and Graham Burton have put in a huge amount of work to rebuild the club Simplex which has been out of service for several years. Unfortunately after all this work it failed its steam test and the boiler needs to be repaired. This is in hand.



Building Hudson

By George Adams – age 10

Hudson is a wooden 16mm train kit on Ebay which runs on 32mm wide track.



I enjoyed building it because it wasn't too hard to build. You only needed to buy some super glue so you can stick it together.



Hudson is based on a narrow gauge engine made by the Hunslet Co. in Leeds and you can see one at the Ffestiniog railway in Wales today.



I built Hudson in my dad's workshop where he builds his 3 ½" trains. I got Hudson for my 10th birthday back in January with this special chip that lets me control Hudson with my phone.



In lockdown I painted it a nice LNER apple green colour with red buffer beams using my Dad's air brush.



I also got some wagons to go behind Hudson like a nice little tool wagon with opening door so I could put stuff inside.



I also made a flatbed wagon that I put on a branch on so it looks like a chopped up tree and a fuel tank wagon so the people that chopped down the tree have some fuel to run their chain saws on.



I also got a brake van so all of the tree choppers can have somewhere to drink tea!



Me and my dad also made some transfers so we could make name plates. Dad had some special transfer paper that could print on name plates and they worked really well.



