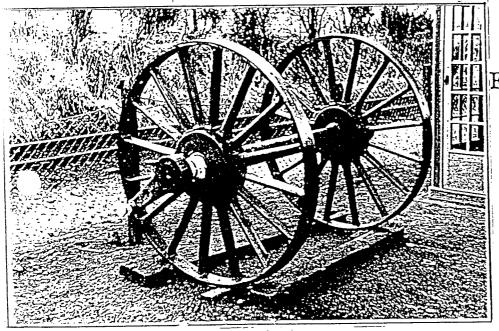
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THE LEADING WHEELS, MINUS TYRES, DISPLAYED JUST BY THE EXCEPTIONALY RARE COMBINATION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK AND POSTAGE STAMP MACHINE AT DINTING. LION IS SAFELY DISMANTLED IN THE SHEDS THERE. NOW WHERE ARE THE REST OF THE OLCO VOLUNTEERS? MORE MEMBERS ARE STILL URGENTLY NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH THE MEASURING AND MOVING OF STRIPPED' DOWN PARTS. PHONE BARRY SMITH; -0625 828351. JOINING THE TEAM NOW IS PROBABLY ANYONES LAST CHANCE FOR ANOTHER FIFTY YEARS.

- GLANCING BACK WARDS - LOOKING FOR WARDS -

Most members will be reading this with less than fifty days to go before the never to be repeated 150th. birthday of *LION* is upon us.

This is actually the thirteenth issue of LIOSHEART since that sunny Sunday in 1984 when a few enthusiasts got together in order to plan to celebrate this 'once in a lifetime' occasion. Actually some of our members were not only around, but can remember the Centenary in 1938. One of our members has living relatives who were involved with the rescue from the Prince's Dock in 1929 and we look forward to making a suitable photographic record of their appearance at one of our many 'eaming dates this year.

veral youngsters who are part of OLCO today are only going to be in their late fifties or early sixties by the time the bi-centenary comes around in 2038.

Our youngest member will be remembered by those who were at Crewe last year for his superb impression of Charles Kingsley's very Victorian character Tom, the chimney sweeps lad in the novel The Water Babies.

Much, we suspect to the despair of his Mum and delight of his Dad, it is the early chapters where Tom is actually climbing the chimneys that he likes imitating best! Who can doubt that he will be driving LIOH in fifty years time? and still younger than many of our very active oldsters who are giving their wholehearted support to OLCO today.

1933 is not just for looking back over the last one hundred and fifty years, it is for looking forward to the next fifty years and making sure we hand over the Heritage we have been lucky enough to be entrusted with in better shape than we found it.

BIG YEAR AHEAD FOR OLCO AND LION

POSSIBLE 38 DAYS STEAMING ALREADY PLANNED

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED

NINETEEN EIGHTY EIGHT AT LAST and the year which every member has been looking forward to. There can be no doubt that once reassembled LION will be able to stand the pace and 'work' (as opposed to just being 'operated') soldidly throughout the next seven months. We feel certain that OLCO will be able to stand the pace almost as well as LION, after all if we were not keen we would not have joined.

Nevertheless the commitment to a minimum of thirty eight days in steam' is is an incredibly heavy one.

Remember that YOU do not have the monopoly of an 'onerous job', 'family commitments,' 'poor health,' 'duty to other organisations,' 'lack of cash', etc.

About 95% of the membership can quite genuinely claim any three out of a number perfectly good reasons for not coming to to support major events, especially the last one. Travel and accomodation does not come cheap but as an organisation we do try minimise the cost individuals with car sharing and listing lower cost accomodation. Obviously family commitments will not allow every member to attend every steaming date, although it is surprising just how many will be at almost every one, please do not rely on the "Oh there'll be someone there" and decide to have time off. YOUR presence is just as important as anyone else. The planner on the back page is specially designed to help you plan your own life around LION's very special year.

OLCO_NW MEETING

OLCO NORTHWEST; A few of the members of this very active group at one of their regular meetings in No.93 Ashton Road Newton-le-Willows. (The halfway point of the L.& M.Railway.)



From L to R; Len Belk, Vernon Smallwood (who lives there), Eddie Ball and Bob Lloyd. Eddie and Bob have organised the LIONBADGES and LIONSWEATERS fully described on the opposite page under £IONSALES. In February of this year the NW team had the OLCO stand at yet another model railway exhibition with great success. They have also made some progress at Dinting despite the snowdrifts.



SPRING 1988

Excursions on the Worth Valley Railway with the 114-year-old Steam Locomotive

BELLEROPHON

SUNDAYS 10th and 24th APRIL 8th, 15th and 22nd MAY 1988

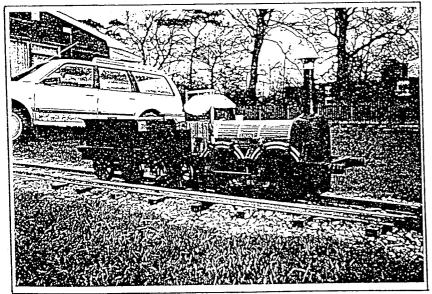
Ordinary Fares Apply

These trains are IN ADDITION to the normal Worth Valley Railway Service

Enjoy an afternoon riding behind the Award-Winning locomotive BELLEROPHON and help towards the Vintage Carriages Trust's new Ingrow Carriage Shed: the Worth Valley Railway has generously agreed that a major part of the fares (less the cost of coal) will go towards the estimated fifty thousand pound cost.

Whilst every endeavour will be made that BELLEROPHON will be available for the above special trains, we must remember that the locomotive celebrates his/her 114th Birthday this year and that we cannot absolutely guarantee this availability. Should you wish, and before travelling, ring the Worth Valley Railways "Talking Timetable" (0535-43629) for up-to-the-minute information.

WORLD'S FIRST 71/4" G LION?

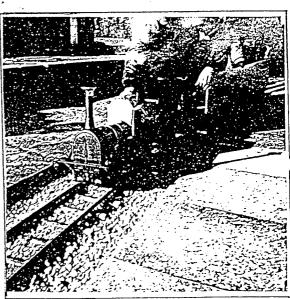


ERIC LINDSAY'S eighth scale version of LION. It is a pity that we cannot reproduce the original colour prints. The special OLCO castings which can be obtained from £IONSALES produced by David Royle have been used. Eric has designed the boiler from first principles and copies of the design can be obtained via the Hon. Secy. Like the prototype it is very light on coal and water and pulls well. Time set aside for modelling is being intruded upon more and more by such

ADRIAN JARVIS ARTICLE IN RAILWAY MAG

- LION 150 FEATURE IN RAILWAY WORLD

For anyone who has not seen RAILWAY WORLD Vol.45 io. 76 dated April 1988 it would be well worth investing £1.30 in a copy. The first part of Adrian Jarvis's article entitled "LION 150" is on p.218. For the illustrations some of the lesser known pictures of LION have been selected. OLCO is mentioned in some detail because we are now acknowledged to be part of the engine's history. Adrian's inimitable style of dry humour comes across very well and the May issue is one very much to look forward to.



mundane matters as earning a living! However we hope to see this magnificent beast steaming alongside her larger sister on more than one occasion in this year of all years.

A.G.M AT CREWE

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CREWE HERITAGE CENTRE

AT 3 p.m. ON SATURDAY 30th. JULY 1988
TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL DINNER IN TP

LION WILL AGAIN BE PRESENT AND IN STEAM.

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DRIVING PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE WILL BE MANDATORY

Barry Smith is compiling a list of members willing to be instructed on the driving of steam engines and earning a certificate of Competence Drive LION

A certificate issued by Barry and countersigned by Adrian Jarvis will be mandatory before anyone will be allowed to take the controls unsupervised.

As outlined in LIONSHEART No.12. a knowledge of the age and delicate nature of the working parts will form part of the test together with a proven ability to care for EVERY aspect of operation. Not just 'wait for the whistle open up and go' but cleaning, oiling, firing etc as

Now would be a good time to start getting involved with the measuring and cataloging of the working parts if you have any ambition to drive LION.At least you will be able to see for yourself just how flimsy pieces are that make the the 01 d Ladv-work.

With some thirty eight steaming days already scheduled for this sesqui-centenary year the opportunities on offer for an 'in depth' involvement with a preserved engine are arguably amongst the the most offered the amongst comprehensive enthusiasts anywhere in the world.

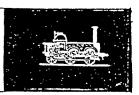
YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION YET? IT WOULD BE A PITY TO MISS OUT ON THE FUN.

The planner on the back page will help you to select possible dates for personal tuition and testing. Please phone Barry Smith 0625-828351 but remember a day or two's help with the working parts BEFORE LION goes back together is rather expected, or to paraphrase a recent book title, there is a lot of Grime and not too much Glory.

The last issue also contained 4 details of Susan Parrots 'Sewing and Lacemaking Circle' and the study 19th. Century dressmaking techniques.

On pages 6 & 7 of this issue will be found one of Susan's basic patterns for a ladies which can be finished off as desired. Members wishing to join her sewing circle for join her sewing ocassional tuition ocassional tuition may make tontact via the Hon. Secy. family ties make it difficult for Susan to travel any great distance from Loughborough but we sincerely thank her for her contribution to OLCO.

LIONSALES



Following the tremendous success of LIONBUS sales it has been decided to allow those members who were unable to visit any of the sites this year the benefit of MAILORDER.

LION: - The famous 'Yellow Book' by Adrian Jarvis.

£ 1.00

RAILWAYS in BRITAIN 1826-1827:-

By Deynhausen and Dechan, Reprint of a contemporary study;

pp83 plus 5 plates:£ 5.00

GEORGE PARKER BIDDER: - Our Chairmans biography of one of his other Gt-gt-grandfathers. The story of "The Calculating Boy" who worked alongside Stephenson and Brunel and whose viaducts have now been restored to carry the Docklands Light Railway which opened this pp.518 £21.00

LIONPRINT: A full colour reproduction 18" X 12" of LION at Edge Hill Station c.1840 from the painting by J.W.Petrie. Excellent value even though the engine is portrayed in her post 1930

BELLEROPHON: The story of the salvage and restoration of a famous Haydock locomotive built as recently as 1874 and restored even more recently in 1985.

Written by the Chairman of OLCO.NW who was primarily responsible for getting the V.C.T. to preserve this very fascinating and unique example of an oldish locomotive from the later years of Queen Victoria's reign: pp.48 £ 2.40

LIONSWEATERS

LIONSWEATERS or CARDIGANS: Machine knitted to first class quality. Any colour with the OLCO logo and 'Triangle' on the left breast in any contrasting colour of choice. An OLCO NW. Enterprise

VIDEOS; VHS or BETA.

VICTORIAN STEAM RAILWAYS: A superb collection of archive film by John Huntley. Also features BELLEROPHON working at Haworth. £17.50

THE EDWARDIAN SCENE 1902-1912; This sequel to the one above eagerly awaited. Please order through OLCO. It helps raise funds.

<u>TITFIELD THUNDERSOLT: OLCO</u> has aquired the last remaining stock of this well known film. Sadly there are only one or two left at the time of writing: £30,00

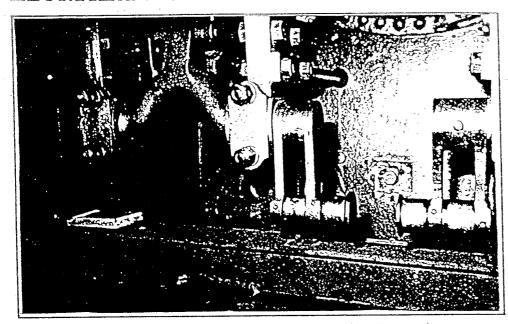
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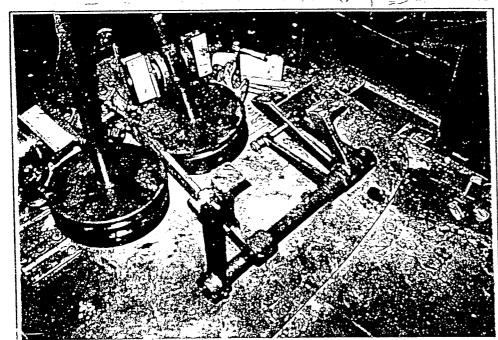
LIONBADGES: Metal brouch type lapel badges. 1"diameter. 'LION in the TRIANGLE' logo and "OLD LOCOMOTIVE COMMITTEE" legend. Paid up members only. An OLCO NW enterprise

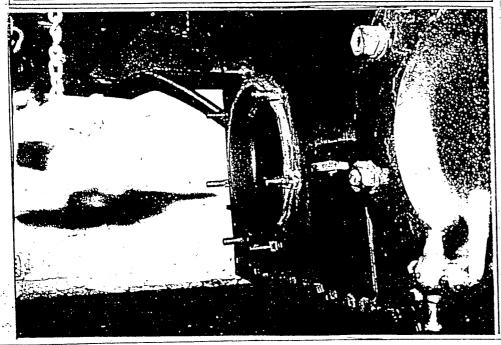


ibing members of OLCO may order at the above prices Post . Overseas members will be asked to contribute to the p. & p. Subscribing members of OLCO may order at the according to the weight of the item.

LIONPARTS EXAMINED FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS







HOPES FOR LION TO BE RE-ASSEMBLED

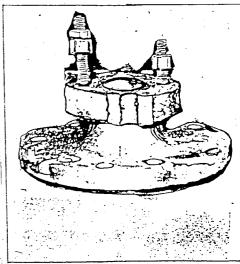
IN TIME FOR MAY STEAMING Looking at these pictures members could be forgiven for wondering if LION, like Humpty Dumpty will ever get put together again. At the moment the first scheduled steaming date looks impossible but progress, we are assured, is being made.

The top L.H. picture is of the "wagging banana". This moves the slide valve over the piston and is actuated by the link with rollers on the end hanging straight down. The Gabs, driven by the excentrics on the cranked axle, engage on one or other of the rollers to wag the "banana" which allows the valve to admit steam alternately to the front and rear of the piston.

Roth pistons are shown in the next picture, notice how nother are in relation to the interval of the pistons in a car engine that most people are used to seeing. Also in the picture are the "gallows" which is the operating links of the fact.

linkage for the Gabs.
Pushing the reversing lever on the footplate forward moves the "gallows" linkage upwards raising the two gabs which have their forks pointing up, into the roller within the hanging arm, thus operating the "wagging banana". This changes the valve setting and LION will, on opening the regulator, move backwards. The other two gabs have their forks pointing downwards and drop onto the roller on the outside of the hanging arm when the reversing lever is pulled back to make the engine go chimney first.

The lower picture shows the front cover of the R.H.Cyl erremoved.



THE REAR COVER OF THE PH.
CYLINDER SHOWING THE BROKEN G
WHICH HAS TO BE REPLACED.
A STEEL BLOCK IS BOLTED TO EACH
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CYLINDER. THE 'TEMPORARY' REPAIR
WAS MADE IN 1980!

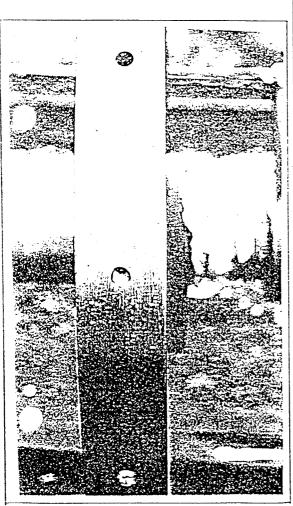
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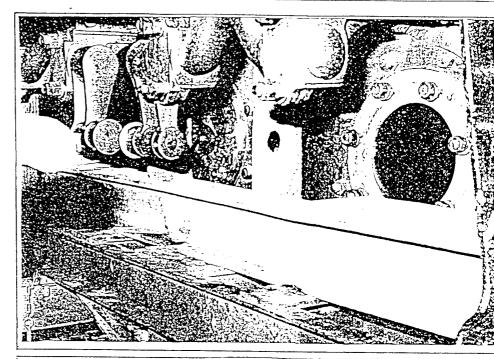
The top R.H. picture shows both the hanging arms for each "wagging banana". The rear cover of the cylinder has been removed for repair. (See small picture at the bottom of opposite page.) The temporary repair to get fion home from Keithley was one of those 'bodges' that all the experts said "could not be done". Well it was done and worked very well. In fact few people who helped to operate during the intensive steaming programme last year realised such a repair had ever been done.

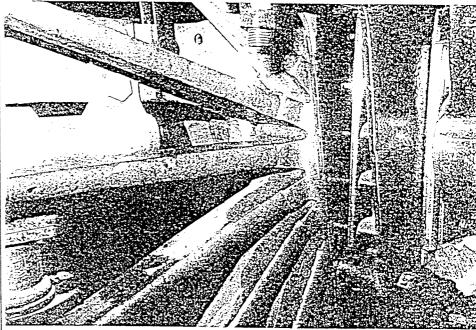
The centre dicture illustrates one of the hubs of the 18 spoke wheels on the crenked axle. Compare this with the hub of one of the 16 spoke leading wheels in the lower R.H. picture. So far nobody knows why there is a difference.

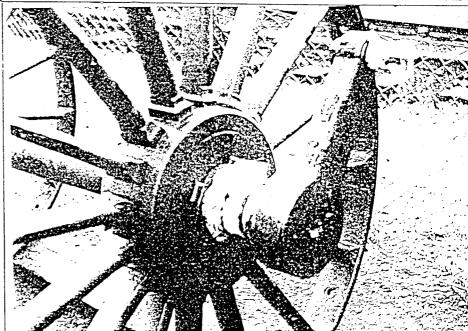
However once the activities of 1983 are dehind us CLCD will resume the research programme that has been started and hopefully find out the answer. The picture below shows the rim of the leading wheal with the tyne-removed. The holes are for the stude which bolted the old tyre in place. Modern techniques make this much less necessary nowadays. The stude will be replaced but ocesibly only as

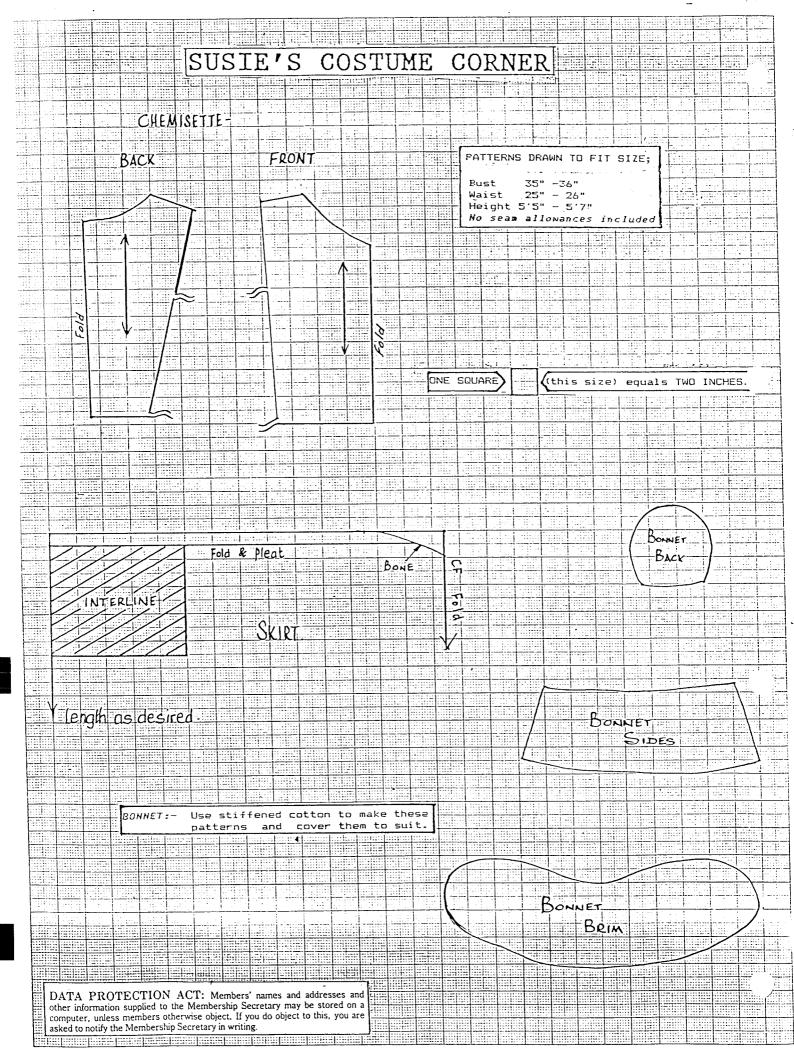
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