

Velocipede

The 11th National Velocipede Rally
Sunday 10th July 2011
Froghall Station
Churnet Valley Railway
Staffs ST10 2HA

I missed out No 5 in the Newsletter numbering, it was either a senior moment or ordinary incompetence.

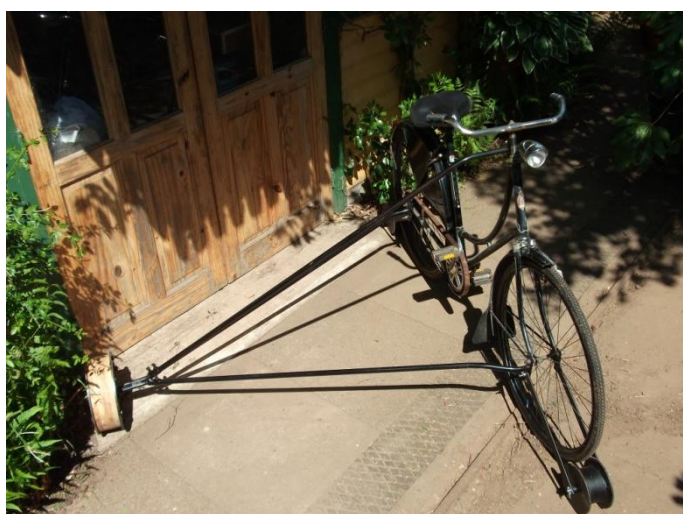
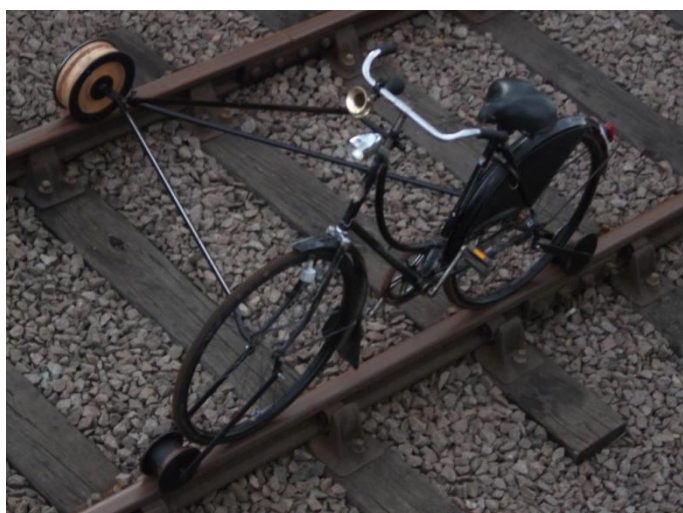
I didn't have to make the rivets for the Buda Restoration a blacksmith friend found some 3/8"x 1" Dome Heads for me. Jacqui.

This year's Rally

Machine Invites included, please please reply by email jackiethomas002@hotmail.co.uk or by post and I can then sort out free Churnet Valley train tickets and tea vouchers.

New Attender at Rally

Dutch Bike with outrigger and guide wheel conversion kit.

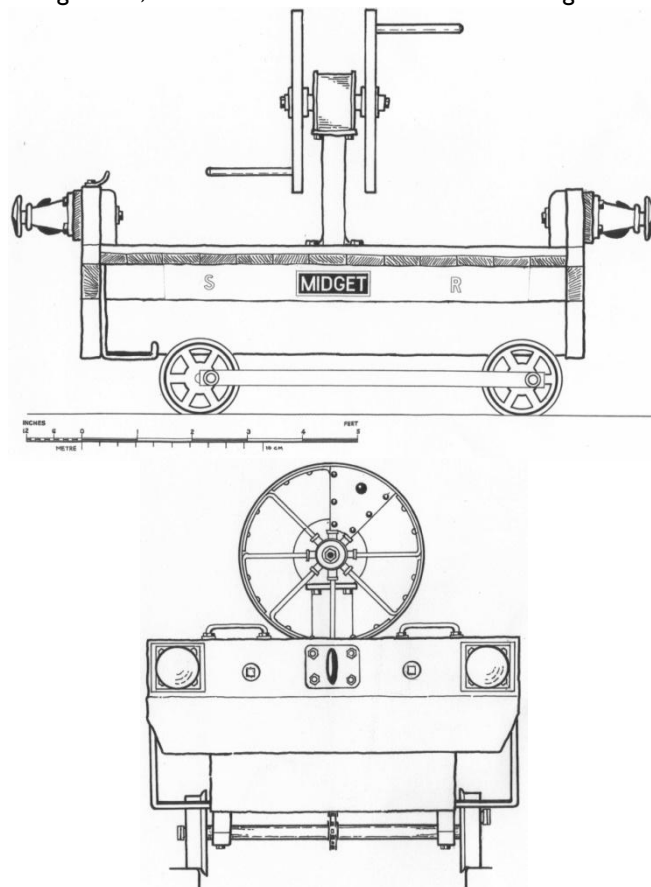


Help needed

I'm Searching for another book
"BICYLES IN WAR" by Des Smith
 To borrow or buy. Jacqui.

First drawing for book

See I have started honest! But clearing **A:** my mind and **B:** my table to make room for all the notes, photos, pens, rulers and light box, is a mountainous task for each drawing.



First draft, The MIDGET built in 1931 at the Ryde Works on the Isle of Wight.

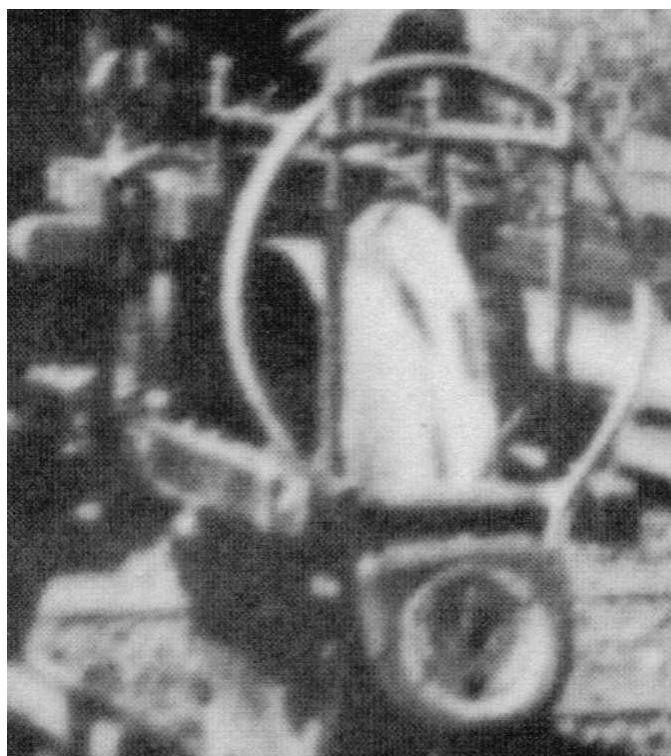
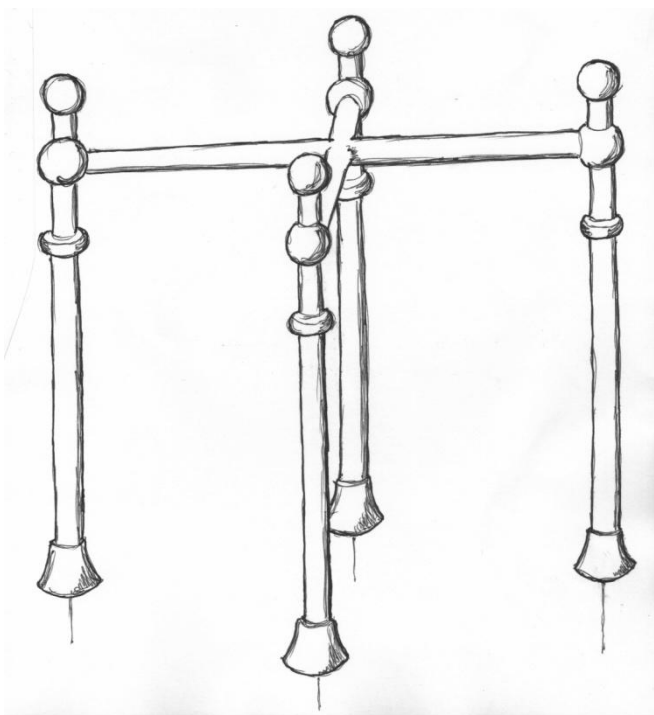
A Grand Day Out

Look up **STATFOLD BARN RAILWAY** on their website and make the charity donation to get a Ticket, and go. It will blow your mind – so many engines in steam, so many unusual ones, so many trains and so friendly and easy going with droolingly jealousy-making workshop tours – it's like preservation societies were 30 years ago, but so much better. Jacqui.

The Rally is for hand and foot powered machines only (no engine powered machines) SORRY

A tablet holder ?

Mike Grocock and Steve Kay have both very kindly sent me copies of the same picture of a velocipede on the Malton-Driffield line pre war with a tablet in its pouch hanging on the fanciest holder I have ever seen. I have seen a similar edifice only once before, it was on the pyramid frame of a pump trolley over the walking beam and I had no idea what it was for, thank you for answering a mystery. These tablets were for **Tyers No 6** machines and gave the holder possession of the line.



Conundrum

Noun hard question; riddle – I looked it up. I write this wearing my tin hat (1942 A.F.S. issue) and would like to broach a difficult and contentious issue, for the 2012 rally. Pump Trollys have never been invited to the National Velocipede Rally because they can go very fast and present a danger to fragile, valuable and elderly machines (which also describes operators like me who have bus passes).

BUT

There may be a way round this problem, if the Pumpers are grouped at one end of our line up with a big, heavy and slow machine between them and the rest of the lighter machines, (like the 12 seater Row Boat, it's a tank amongst hand powered machines).

AND

We ask the host railway (Churnet Valley) to provide an independent cautious brakesman for each pumper, not to pump but just to brake.

A UNANIMOUS DECISION

Please could all those bringing a machine, discuss this subject at the Rally on the 10th July and if we can all agree any rules, (not necessarily those above but any other suggestions too). This decision will have to be unanimous, I do not want any current attenders to drop out. Yes/No Ballot papers for a secret ballot will be arranged, if everyone is not in agreement it will not happen.

6 out of 12 machines attending last year had owners who also have pump trollys: Roger Fuller, Kevin Thomas, John Wilkinson, Neil Brooks, Tony Lyster and John Jolly so there is lots of first hand knowledge available to make a decision.

I have had a call from a pumper owner and said I would consult the attenders for a decision. Jacqui.