

SOUTHWOLD RAILWAY NEWS

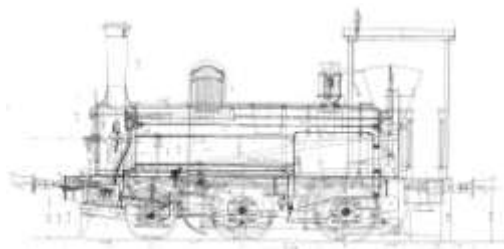
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The Southwold Railway was a 3'0" narrow gauge railway that connected Halesworth to Southwold from 1879 to 1929. The Southwold Railway Trust exists to preserve the memory of the line and pursue projects encouraging that.

FIRST PART OF LOCO ARRIVES IN SOUTHWOLD



The Southwold Railway Trust is building a fully working replica of the Sharp Stewart 1879 2-4-0 tank locomotive called "BLYTH" - No 3 - one of the two locomotives of this type which ran on the Southwold Railway throughout its fifty year history. Here are the "frames", the chassis of the locomotive, delivered to the Southwold Engine Shed on 4th March.



The general arrangement drawing is shown above. The 2-4-0 Club

has been set up to offer partners/sponsors the opportunity of buying £240 shares in the engine and, in so doing, sponsor a particular component such as a boiler tube, or wheel. The locomotive will be constructed in a Southwold workshop equipped with lifting gear and generously made available to the Trust by local builders Duncan & Son. The Loco Fund currently stands at £25,000 of the £120,000 needed. J.T.Pegg & Son, the metalworkers of Aldeburgh, has provided the frames, the structural base for the locomotive, Other components will follow.

OFFICIAL 2-4-0 CLUB LAUNCH

Railway Rabbit Stew and Trackside Fruit Crumble were served to ninety guests who attended the official launch of the 2-4-0 Club at the Engine Shed on 16th March. John Bennett, Chairman of the Trust thanked Club members for their support and invited others to join and support the project. Many did so. Finally, he invited Bernard Hill, to unveil the frames.



2-4-0 Club Launch

It is hoped that the locomotive will run at the SOUTHWOLD RAILWAY STEAM PARK shown below in the overhead photo of the model.



The Trust gained planning permission in February 2009 for a project to convert a 2 acre car breakers' site (Sole Bay Car Spares) into a steam park tourist attraction. The facility will house a Southwold Railway Museum, café, shop, workshop and engine shed, all in the existing shed on the site and run steam locomotives and rolling stock around a two foot gauge looped track. The site, which is at the end of Blyth Road very close to the old line at the Southwold end, will include landscaped gardens, a 40 vehicle car park and a section of three foot gauge track for "Blyth". At present the Trust is trying to discharge the access road and contamination conditions attached to the planning permission. There is also the possibility that the locomotive could run along the old trackbed further along the old line. To join the 2-4-0 Club visit the Southwold Railway Trust website.

www.southwoldrailway.co.uk



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