

Narrow Gauge Model Locomotive Efficiency Competition, Wrexham, 4-5th June 2005



1. 15 year old James Tilbury drives Jim Moyles' remarkable Beyer Peacock 0-6-2 onto the track. James drove extremely well by any standards and wound up in first place having celebrated his 15th birthday less than a week earlier!



2. Alan Reid's Sweet Pea hauls a longish train of slate trucks up the bank from the steaming bays, with observer Terry Vaughan keeping a close eye on things. Usually, it is Alan keeping a close eye on things as the Northern Association's Boiler Registrar.



3. John Hartup and his superb 3½" gauge K1 articulated locomotive managed to achieve 4th place despite several derailments due to instability of the 30-odd truck train on curves, the heaviest load of the day. The full sized K1 was the first articulated locomotive in the world, built by Beyer Garrett of Manchester for the Tasmanian State Tramways. It is now in possession of the Welsh Highland Railway where it is being restored to full operating condition.



4. Keith Tilbury, young James' father, approaching the end of an enjoyable run with his Polly 2. He was the last to run on the Sunday.



5. Northern Association Chairman Don Broadley presents the winner's trophy, a very attractive miniature slate truck, to James Tilbury. Standing behind is Paul Malin, chairman of the host club. Prize money was doubled this Jubilee year to £60, prompting speculation as to whether the builder or the driver would benefit, both being equally worthy in their different roles.