

Lea Bailey open days

Saturday May 19th & Sunday May 20th

Operating will be:-

Eimco 401 4wCA 'Whistling Pig'

Eimco 12B 2 ton rockershovel

Eimco 24 4 ton rockershovel

Simplex 4wD 21282

Plus visiting from Statfold

0-4-0CA 'Issing Sid'



Issing Sid at Lea Bailey in 2017

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Would you please note that the deadline for inclusion with the August 2018 Newsletter is the 31st July 2018.

Submissions are welcome that would be of interest to members of the LBLRS. These can be forwarded to me as text/disc by post or you can email or telephone. If you require anything returning please ask. Photographs, plans and drawings are acceptable as long as permission has been given by the copyright owner.



Eimco 24 in action



'Whistling Pig' with compressor wagon



Compressor wagon and Eimo 12B

Tracklaying at Lea Bailey



Delivery of 20 tons of ballast from Clearwell Quarry



New sleepers and ballast on curve



Taking up old track



Laying out rails for new points



Spreading clean ballast ready for track laying



Just one more rail to complete

Visitors to Lea Bailey over the last few years might have noticed that the track to the container was in need of some attention. The rails seem to have been held to gauge mainly by Forest mud. Finally, we have got round to relaying the track and also installing a set of points for a siding on which the new large Eimco rockershovel will be able to operate.



Passing the final test

Eimco news

Last autumn Nick visited Australia. While there, he went down the Central Deborah Gold mine (Bendigo, Victoria) and saw an unidentified rocker shovel on level three and on level one the Eimco 12B shown below.



Clayton 4wBE w/no 5961C of 1972

Richard is progressing well with restoration of this loco, so hopefully he will be able to bring it to Lea Bailey to show us later this year.



Loco on the rails outside Richard's workshop.

Meanwhile, on the UK Mining Ventures facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ukminingventures/posts/2019294188143636>) the company says 'Big excitement here in Weardale as we begin preparing the equipment for going underground on the Sutcliffe vein at the Diana Maria mine. Here is our newly refurbished Eimco ready for action being lifted from the Rogerley mine up to the Diana Maria portal Site.'



The last working underground Eimco in the UK?



New motor in place



Controller ready for installation

Lea Bailey Light Railway

Spring Open Weekend 19th & 20th May 2018



Return visit by "Issing Sid" air locomotive from Statfold Barn Railway



Demonstration line showing air-powered mining equipment working above ground



Our resident Eimco 401 air locomotive "Whistling Pig" in action



Rare Eimco 24 rocker shovel in operation — Its first known public display in UK

Simplex 21282 in action and four battery-electric locomotives on display with various wagons.
Sales stand with souvenirs, books, etc. Refreshments including home-made cakes.
We are hoping to offer guided tours through Euroclydon Tunnel, subject to access.
Free Parking. **Suggested donation of £5 per person for entry.** LBLRS Members Free.

By Car: 10 minutes from M50 at Ross-on-Wye

Public Transport: Nearest railway station is Gloucester
Bus 24 to Drybrook, 1½ mile walk, or 33 to Lea, 2 mile walk

Full directions at <http://www.lblr.fod.uk>



YouTube viewing figures

29th March 2018

I've been delving into the Analytics, there's actually lots of data available.

Sid is coming up to 300,000 and the Whistling Pig 170,000, both have slowed quite a lot now, but LBLR videos have had well over 60,000 views in the last 30 days.

This is the all time data for Issin' Sid (I have left out countries 26 –192), 96% of viewers were male of course.

United States	51,690 (18%)
India	26,651 (9.0%)
United Kingdom	19,612 (6.6%)
Germany	15,795 (5.3%)
Poland	11,680 (3.9%)
Indonesia	12,808 (4.3%)
France	8,025 (2.7%)
Japan	8,941 (3.0%)
Brazil	7,627 (2.6%)
Canada	6,922 (2.3%)
Russia	7,688 (2.6%)
Netherlands	6,119 (2.1%)
Australia	5,775 (1.9%)
Czechia	6,065 (2.0%)
Italy	6,122 (2.1%)
Thailand	8,064 (2.7%)
Hungary	5,162 (1.7%)
Romania	5,065 (1.7%)
Sweden	3,921 (1.3%)
Spain	3,933 (1.3%)
Taiwan	3,777 (1.3%)
Ukraine	3,598 (1.2%)
Denmark	2,920 (1.0%)
South Korea	2,915 (1.0%)
Vietnam	4,434 (1.5%)

And the same for the Whistling Pig (183 countries), 97% male

United States	51,394 (31%)
United Kingdom	10,616 (6.4%)
Germany	8,982 (5.4%)
Canada	6,047 (3.6%)
Poland	6,238 (3.8%)
France	4,575 (2.8%)
Australia	3,230 (1.9%)
Japan	3,384 (2.0%)
Netherlands	3,674 (2.2%)
Russia	3,878 (2.3%)
Czechia	3,476 (2.1%)
Brazil	3,306 (2.0%)
Indonesia	4,332 (2.6%)
India	3,980 (2.4%)
Hungary	3,141 (1.9%)
Italy	2,856 (1.7%)

Thailand	3,460 (2.1%)
Sweden	2,470 (1.5%)
Spain	2,110 (1.3%)
Romania	2,468 (1.5%)
Denmark	1,646 (1.0%)
Ukraine	1,861 (1.1%)
Argentina	1,615 (1.0%)
Mexico	1,533 (0.9%)
Taiwan	1,303 (0.8%)

There are over 50 of my steam rally clips uploaded and the rest of them amount to 100,000 views compared to Shrewsbury 2017 Rally which is closing in on 600,000! Of the rest only Graham Lee's steam shovel at Beamish has exceeded 10,000 and less than half have reached 1000 views.

I freely confess that I originally expected the LBLR clips to elicit as much interest as the steam rallies. Indeed that was roughly the case until Sid turned up on the scene, at which point the total views were almost 10,000. They now total over 600,000, with just 4 clips accounting for 93.4% of views.

Rob Dickinson

International Mining Games

Nick and Richard visited Cornwall last month to see the Games. Photo below is of rock-drilling contest. Apparently while interesting the events at the Games were not great spectator sports.



Open days absentee

'Murphy', our WR8, is unlikely to be running at either of the open days as new batteries are required, the current set now being rather tired.

Site Improvements

Two more improvements to the site at Lea Bailey have been undertaken this spring. The container and the steel tank have each had a coat of paint.



Not yet completed, but still a great improvement on the previous orange container.



And much better than the old rusty tank!



To finish, this is another photo from the UK Mining Ventures facebook page of their Eimco 12B being unloaded after refurbishment, ready to go underground at Rogerley. Then it will almost certainly be the only rockershovel working in a mine in the UK. I wonder what happened to the crawler-tracked Eimco 622 that used to sit outside the entrance to the Rogerley mine?

To all my readers, hope to see you at Lea Bailey on May 19th or 20th

Rob Needham

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