

# Pukemiro Junction



T H E B U S H T R A M W A Y C L U B I N C .

## GREETINGS

Subs continue to trickle in, thank you. Many thanks to all who have included a donation.

## AGM

This was held on 18/3/2012 and attended by 17 members. The following were elected unopposed:

Chairman: B. McLuckie  
 Secretary: C. Swabey  
 Treasurer: C. Jenner

Committee: G. Coker, R. Stratford, R. Foster and A. Turner.

Elliot Baptist and Jan Jenner did not stand for re-election and as there were no more nominations, those above are the 2012 committee.

The 2011 accounts were presented to the meeting but not accepted until an explanation of the smaller amount of the motor overhaul of 402. The explanation is that the accounts show amounts minus GST, as we claim that back.

Nothing contentious was raised at the meeting.

## SHUNTING SCHOOL

This was held on the morning of 18 of March and was pretty well attended. Our new shunting leaflet was given out, discussed and practiced.

## APRIL OPEN DAY

A really fine day meant that crowds came visiting. The first train, with one carriage, was full, and the next with two cars was also full. The 2:30 train

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**“The  
 large print giveth,  
 but the  
 small print taketh away.”**

**Tom Waits**



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**SAFETY REFRESHER COURSE**

To be held Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30am.  
All operating members are requested to attend.

**OPEN DAYS**

The next ones are:

<b>May</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>1st</b>

Please turn up and help with these days.

**WORKING BEES**

These days are very important to keep our railway running, there are always jobs to do. The next ones are:

<b>April</b>	<b>29th</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>27th</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>24th</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>29th</b>

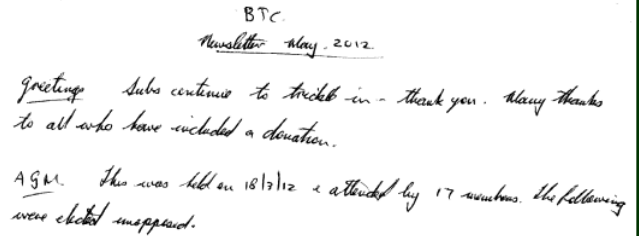
was much less full and we cancelled the 3:30 pm train.



**THE NEWSLETTER**

**A Look Behind The Curtain**

The first link in the newsletter chain is Colin Jenner. He writes the main body of the newsletter down on paper in his unmistakable hand writing.



This is then sent in the mail to Colin Swabey. He has mastered the fine art that is reading CJ's hand writing and transcribes it into plain (readable) text in a word document on the computer.

BTC Newsletter May 2012

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AGM

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This is then emailed to me, Elliot Baptist. I take the plain text (and extras like photos) and use a publishing program to turn it into the full newsletter you are reading now. This is then output as a PDF file that is sent to Colin Swabey who emails it out to club members, and also to Bruce McLuckie who prints it out and posts it to technophobic club members.

Many thanks to all those who turn up and help with these days. We could certainly do with a few more.

**MARCH WORKING BEE**

Not a lot of members turned up this day but those that did were kept busy.

Gail was seen weed-spraying in the morning, helping Jan clean out the kitchen in the station and then oiling the points in the afternoon.

Jan and Gail also worked out what needed to be bought for open days.

Guy and Elliot were busy on the Peckett.

Derek and Robin were working on the #3 car.

**ASSESSOR**

Our long time assessor, Peter Jones, has stood down from the role. He says he doesn't have enough time, as he still works up to 50 hours a week and has at least two other hobbies plus a large property to keep tidy. His annual visits will be missed. Thanks Pete for your efforts at keeping us on the straight and narrow.

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Our new assessor will be Terry Benner of Hamilton. He carried out a special audit on us during the late 1990's.

**T R A C K W O R K**

Ian B. carried out the 6 monthly inspection of our track early in March. There are a few small things to be fixed but nothing major. Ian B. and I (CJ) spent ½ a day, starting at the top end of the line, tightening loose fishplate bolts, loose spikes and replacing some fish plate bolts. In all we did about 1km of line.

Our CW crews have spent another 2 days replacing sleepers at the top end of the line, so we are now another 25 metres closer to Glen Afton.

Richard and Chris Lucas weed-sprayed the whole line in mid-March.

**H U T R E N O V A T I O N S**

Battery electric crew are busy tidying up a hut at the Junction. So far they have re-clad one end, put in a new door frame, levelled the hut up, connected up the power supply and a host of smaller jobs.

**N E W P A R T S**

Bob Mann has sold his house in Penrose. Next problem is what to do with all his years of accumulated 'stuff'.

Ian Jenner and Chris brought down a truck load of largely Climax parts recently. They also brought down some other general steam parts that we can use.

**D R I V E W A Y**

A local grader has graded the drive up to the Junction.

**P E C K E T T 1 6 3 0**

Quite good progress on this since last newsletter. The side tanks and cab roof are back in place. The new cladding is covered in cardboard so it doesn't get scratched.

A real good turnout on 25<sup>th</sup> March saw 8 members working on the loco.



A new steam pipe between the valve in the cab and the left hand injector was completed and fitted. A new line to the blower was bent to shape. The air reservoir on the front of the cab was fitted. The safety valves have been fitted to the steam dome. The cab front windows have been fitted and Ian B has welded a couple of patches in the bunker.



**C B 1 1 7**

This must have been the quickest survey at the Junction for many years. The old weld repair was again x-rayed to see whether there were any cracks radiating out from it.

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Thankfully there weren't and The loco was back in steam by mid March.



**CLIMAX 1650**

This was visited by the boiler inspector in mid-March to discuss some cracks that have shown up at the stay and stud holes of the inner firebox, where the sections of the outer wrapper have been cut out

**NO. 3 CAR**

The new bottom plate is in place, as are all the studs and a lot of the nogs.



**TRACTOR**

We bid on Trade me for two of the type of tractor we need but they both sold for more than we could afford.

A local 'expert' came out to look at the tractor and reckoned the problem was just a burst pipe. He spent quite a long time grovelling around with a small torch peering into the underneath of the transmission.

By the end of day one he had the front end loader bucket off and the tractor dismantled enough to part the front section from the gearbox the next day.

Next day, with the tractor in two halves, he quickly found a very small diameter copper pipe had fractured. This pipe is used for pressure testing the transmission, and so is very rarely used. The pipe was removed and the hole plugged.

The next job was to re-assemble the tractor, a job which took a few hours.

He also adjusted the brakes which had been on the dodgy side for a while.

We haven't had the account yet but it will certainly be less than buying a new tractor.



Bob is still working on the new end piece that fits under the roofs. It is in place but needs a bit more fiddling.



# The Photo Gallery



CJ in his natural habitat, under the Peckett.



**PHOTO CAPTION  
COMPETITION**

Why hello there fellow comedians, who's up for a challenge?

**Who can come up with the funniest caption for this photo on the left?**

Feel free to do it as a normal caption (see top left), or for speech bubbles (see top right). The winner gets their caption printed with the photo in the next newsletter.

Send you submissions to:  
[secretary@bushtramwayclub.com](mailto:secretary@bushtramwayclub.com)  
 With the subject line:  
 'May photo caption competition'  
 Or in person at an open day/working bee

Entries close on the June open day

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