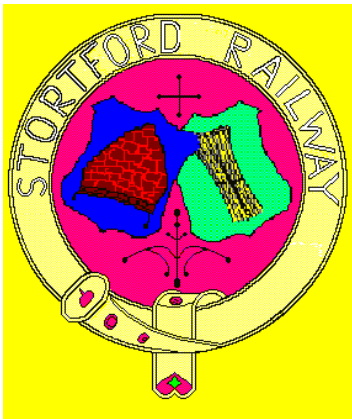


The Stortford Railway



The Stortford Railway is a 7¼ gauge line in a back garden in Bishop's Stortford, Herts., England.

The railway demonstrates how it is possible to create a real narrow-gauge railway in a domestic setting without too much expense.

The Route

The route consists of a circle of track about thirty feet across with a siding, two connections to a stock shed, and a line to the main station platform. Journeys are normally in an anti-clockwise direction.

Locomotives and stock

The first loco on the railway was No 3 (vehicles are numbered as built; 1 and 2 are rolling stock). This loco is named "Embling". It is a four-wheeled battery-electric based on an underframe built by Pfeifferbahn. It has two ¼ horse-power motors.

The second battery-electric loco is No 6 "Pilgrim of the Night", built entirely at Stortford. This loco is an 0-4-4-0 articulated machine, based on "Carnegie" built for the 18 inch gauge Woolwich Arsenal Railway. "Pilgrim" is powered by a one horsepower motor and is a very capable addition to the fleet.



Both Nos 4 and 6 have controllers by Parkside Railways.

Railcar No4 is an articulated vehicle with a sit-astride seat for passengers. Originally powered by a Sinclair C5 motor, it now has two ¼ horsepower golf trolley motors under the driver's seat. Batteries are under the bonnet and the control is by a 4QD unit. This railcar design is inspired by the Walker articulated cars of the County Donegal Railways and is great fun to use as it provides an instant train.



Stortford stock consists of a road van, No 1, based on LSWR practice, an open wagon, No2 and a passenger coach, No 5, based on a Lynton and Barnstaple design.

Open Days

Generally there is an Open Day each year when the railway gives rides in aid of All Saints' Hockerill, the local Church.

Contact

Contact the railway to arrange a visit through the website: www.stortfordrailway.co.uk, or by telephone to 01279 831565