



# City of Newport Model Engineering Society

## H D Wilkins Memorial Trophy

### Description

The trophy is awarded for locomotive driving skill on the club track.

### History

Mr H.D. Wilkins was an early member of the then St Mellon's Model Engineering Society. The trophy was presented to the society by his widow in 1968.

### Trophy Management

The trophy will be presented annually. It will be awarded at the society social evening held in the first quarter of the year. If a social evening is not held then the trophy can be awarded at a time to be decided by the committee.

The trophy will be held by the winner for a period of 11 months, after which it must be returned to the event organiser to enable sufficient time for the next winner's details to be engraved on the trophy. A smaller plaque is then awarded to the winner, which can be retained.

### Competition Rules

The idea is to give the driver a basic test of driving skills. The competition will take place at the Glebelands club site and a judge will be appointed by the committee.

Entrants may use any suitable locomotive; not necessarily their own.

If there is only one entrant the cup will be awarded on successful completion of the test.

The committee will consult with the judge prior to the start of the competition should the weather be of concern. The competition may be deferred in the event of inclement weather.

### The Test

1. The train will be prepared in the steaming bays by the driver (and friends) then driven to the station. The judge will inspect the train in the station.
2. The train will be loaded with at least one passenger, guard and the judge. The judge will observe the loading and unloading of passengers and management of departures/arrivals. Passengers should dismount and remount the train for the second lap.
3. The driver will complete two laps of the track, pulling into the station on each lap.
4. The judge will observe the negotiation of the inner loop, outer loop and points.
5. The judge will observe the driver through signals.
6. On the second lap the driver will have an incident to handle (the judge will observe).
7. Dispersal of the train to the steaming bays will be observed by the judge, who will be looking for controlled reversing and negotiation of points.

### Marking

1. The train inspection 0 - 5
2. Driver at signals 0 - 5
3. Arrivals at station and departures from station 0 - 5
4. Loading and unloading of passengers 0 - 5
5. Quality of ride, stop / starts etc, both laps to be considered 0 - 5
6. Handling of incident 0 - 10
7. Reversing the train and traversing the points on return to steaming bays 0 - 5

## **Notes**

All movements in the station will be directed by station staff or judge.

At least one passenger should be loaded for the second lap. It would be ideal to have two passengers for each lap changing after lap one.

No account should be taken of steam engines taking coal or water.

On arrival at the station, the driver should stop the train at the right place for passengers to get off. And then to move the train to the correct position to take on passengers.

The judge can appoint helpers as required.

The makeup of the train must have room for driver, passengers a guard and the judge.

## **Guidance to Drivers**

The driver should prepare the train and loco in the steaming bays to be ready for the start time the driver has been allotted.

The driver will be called to the station from the steaming bays when the judge is ready.

You should proceed when asked to the far end of the platform, ready to pick up the guard, passengers and the judge.

The judge will let the guard know when to leave the station.

You will then be expected to drive round the outside loop and then back into the station, stopping at the first part of the platform to allow passengers to alight. the driver must take into account signals etc at all times.

You will then be asked to move to the other end of the platform to pickup different passengers.

The judge will let the guard know when to leave the station for the second lap, which will include an incident for the driver to deal with.

Then back to the station, to drop off passengers and judge.

The judge will then watch the driver, traverse the points as the driver returns to the steaming bays.