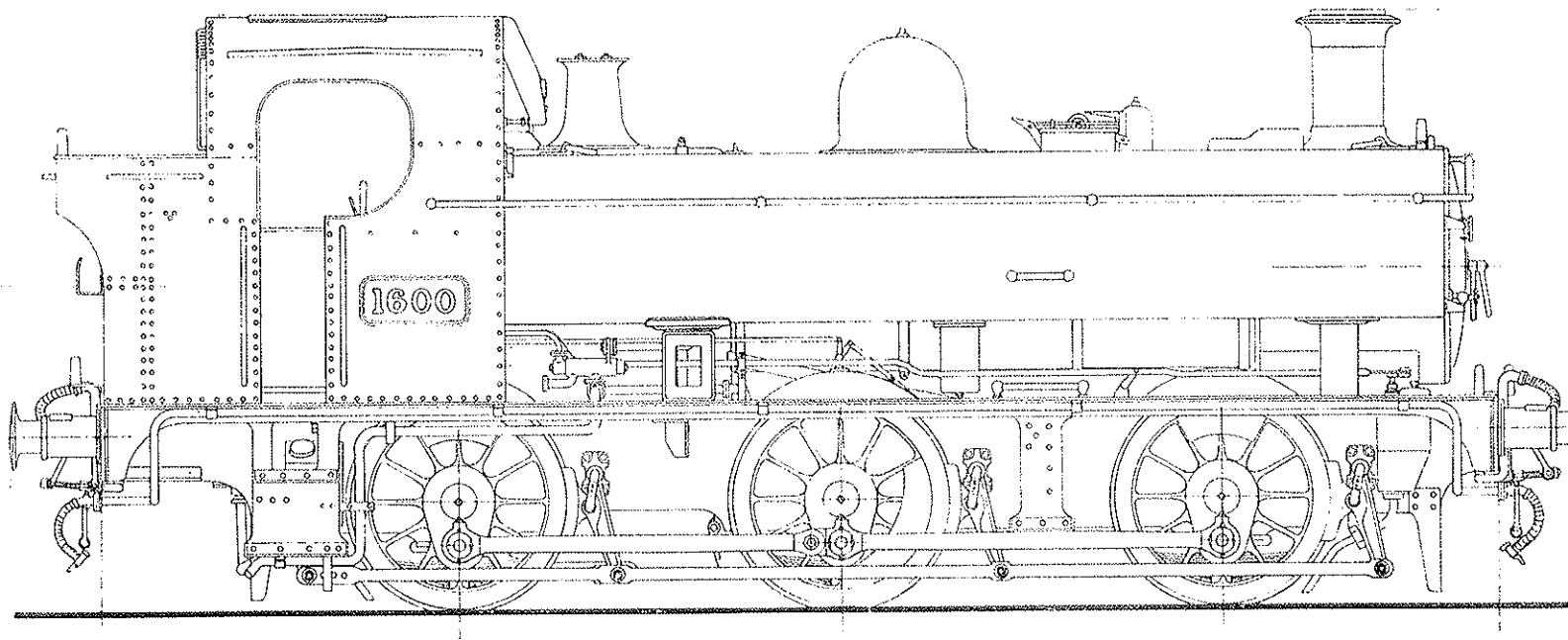


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E D I T O R I A L

The first meeting of the New Year was held appropriately at a new venue, namely the home of George Mitchell, away up in Brechin. We are very grateful to George for his excellent photographic display and local railway knowledge. Our thanks are extended to Mrs Mitchell for the most welcome supper which followed.

We have had occasion to be involved with two members of the group in a discussion on possible holiday resorts suitable for family vacations. Various localities were suggested including Lochore Meadows and Leven in Fife. After our meeting broke up, we reflected on the heyday of the Fife resorts with many special trains arriving during the Glasgow Fair Holidays. In particular we thought of Kirkcaldy and of the following verses.

THE BOY IN THE TRAIN

Whit wey does the engine say Toot - toot?
Is it feart to gang in the tunnel?
Whit wey is the furnace no pit oot,
When the rain gangs doon the funnel?
What'll I hae for my tea the night?
A herrin' or maybe a haddie?
Has Gran'ma gotten electric light?
Is the next stop Kirkcaldy?

There's a hoodie - craw in yon turnip - raw !
An' sea - gulls! - sax or seeven.
I'll no fa'oot o' the windae, Maw,
It's sneckit, as sure as I'm leevin',
We're into the tunnel! we're a' in the dark!
But dinra be frichtit, Daddy,
We'll sune be comin' to the Beveridge Park,
An' the next stop's Kirkcaldy.

He's chackit the tickets an' gi'en them back,
Sae gie me ma ain yin, Daddy;
Lift doon the bag frae the luggage rack,
I'll sune be ringin' ma Gran'ma's bell,
She'll cry, " Come in, ma laddie! "
For I ken masel' by the queer - like smell,
That the next stop's Kirkcaldy.

