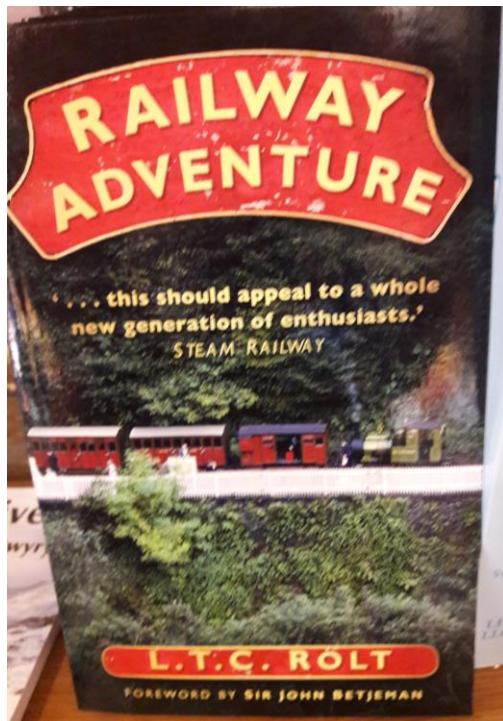


BOOKS ABOUT THE PRESERVATION OF NARROW GAUGE RAILWAYS

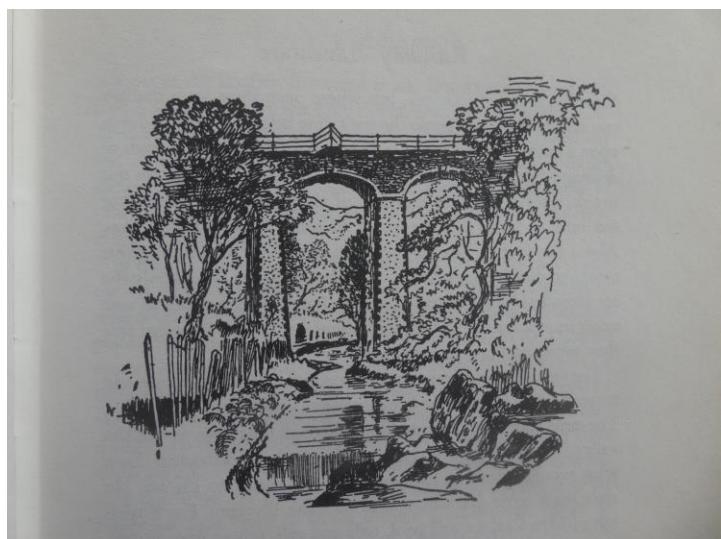
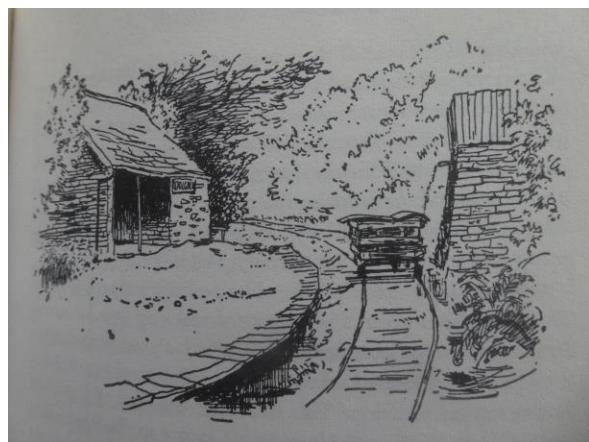
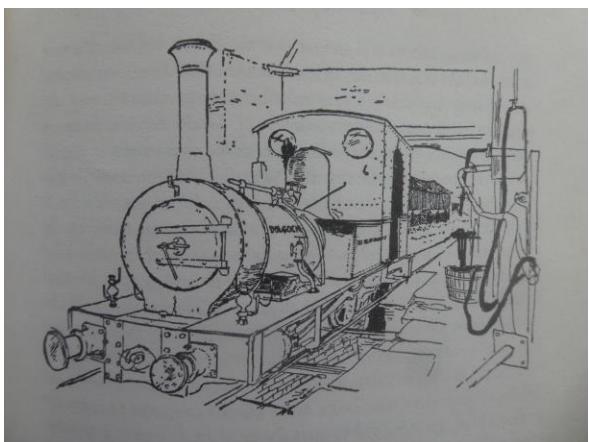
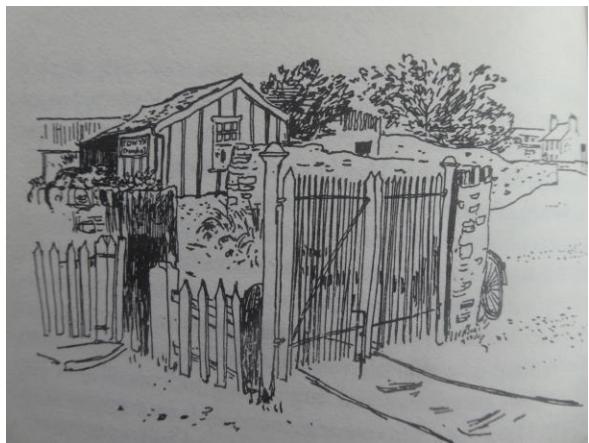
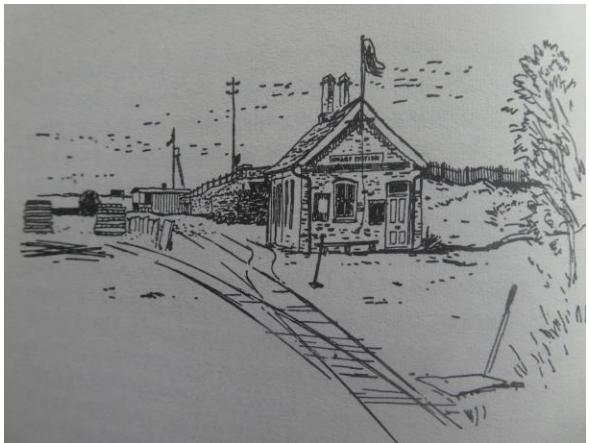
Railway Adventure by L.T.C. Rolt



The Talyllyn Railway was the object of the first of all preservation schemes in the world. When the Talyllyn Railway Preservation Society [TRPS] was founded in the autumn of 1950 – 70 years ago – the notion that a group of amateur railway enthusiasts could successfully take over and run a public railway was considered wildly optimistic. Particularly so, since the railway concerned had been quite literally run into the ground and was really fit only for scrap metal. But the gamble succeeded and the railway that you see today outside the doors of this museum is a lasting tribute to those early preservationists. Today, the example of the Talyllyn has been widely emulated, not only in Britain, but throughout the world.

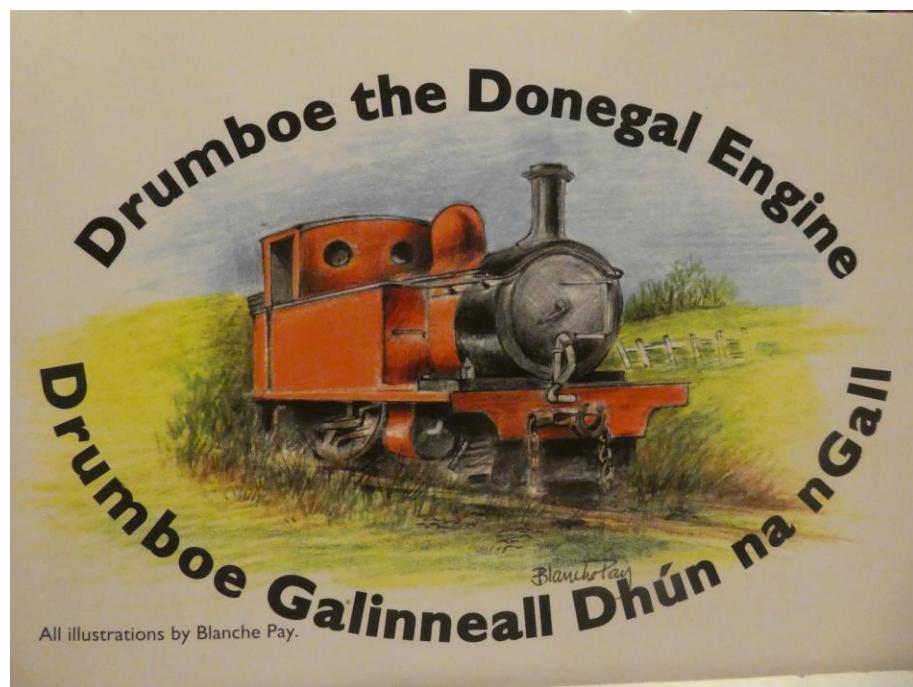
Railway Adventure, by Tom Rolt, presents a personal account of the events leading up to the formation of the TRPS and of his personal experiences in running the railway during the first two critical summers of 1951 and 1952. It is a remarkable tale of the trials and tribulations encountered; of the apathy of officialdom and the building blocks of today's Talyllyn.

It is essential reading for all who love the Talyllyn Railway, to the extent that it remains in print and a copy may be purchased from the Wharf Station shop!



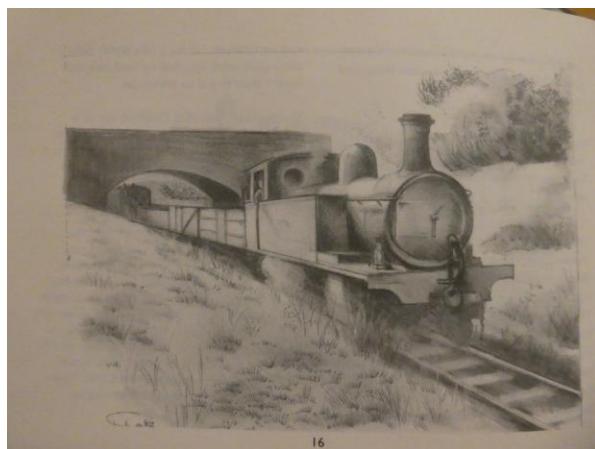
'Railway Adventure' contains these illustrations by James Boswell, themselves now a record of the Talyllyn Railway in the 1950s.

Drumboe the Donegal Engine

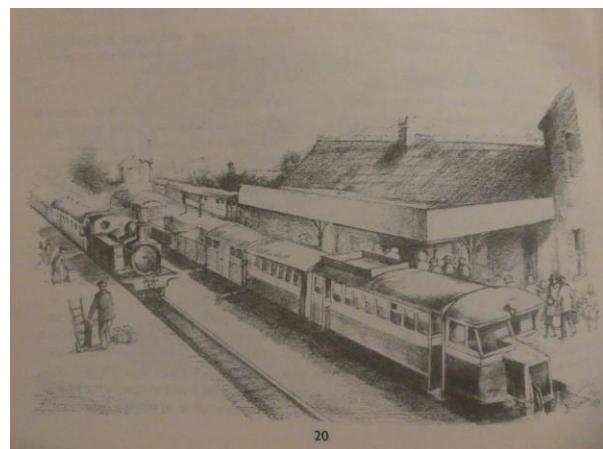


A book written by members in English and Gaelic by members of the County Donegal Railway Restoration Society and illustrated by Blanche Pay. It is a book written to raise funds for the restoration of the locomotive Drumboe. She was a County Donegal Class 5 2-6-4T, built by Nasmyth Wilson in 1907 and originally No.17 named Glenties. After fitting of a superheater in 1929, she had a tractive effort of 12,755lbs.

The story book tells of four children, who find the engine hidden in the undergrowth and rusting away. It transpires that their Grandfather had driven the engine and he tells them something of its working life. The story ends with it being taken away for restoration – a project that is on-going.



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