

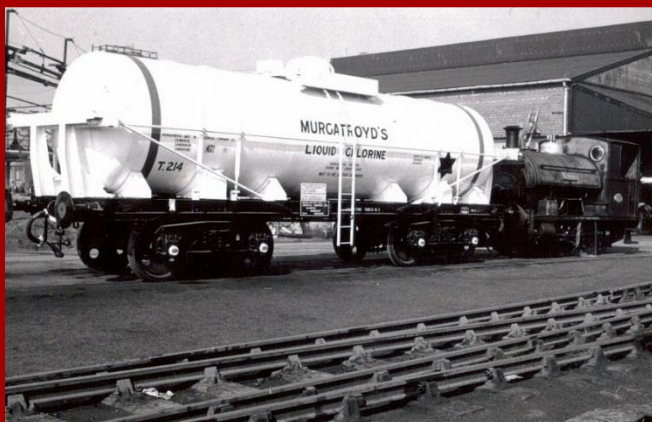
The Importance of the Railway

The railway had a huge part to play in the Industrial Revolution, the quickest and cheapest way to transport goods through an ever-growing railway system. At the Brook's Lane works there were two spurs off the main line, as many as four sets of tracks running in between the Brine Pump house and the open pan buildings. The lines go around the works, around the yard, stores and the engine shed.

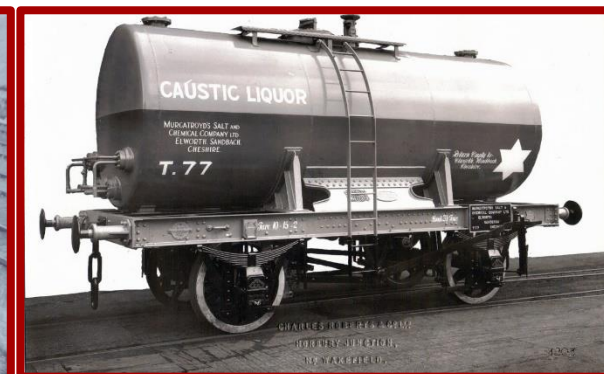
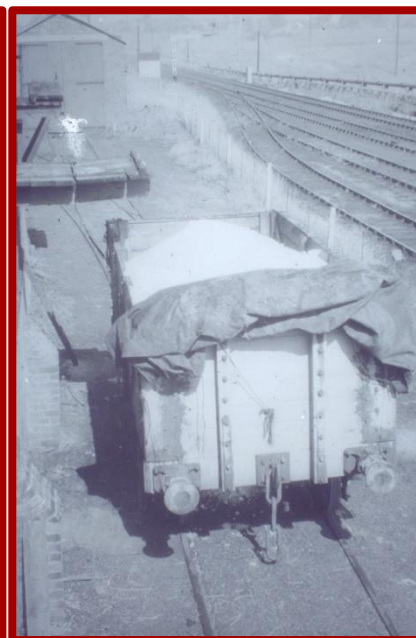
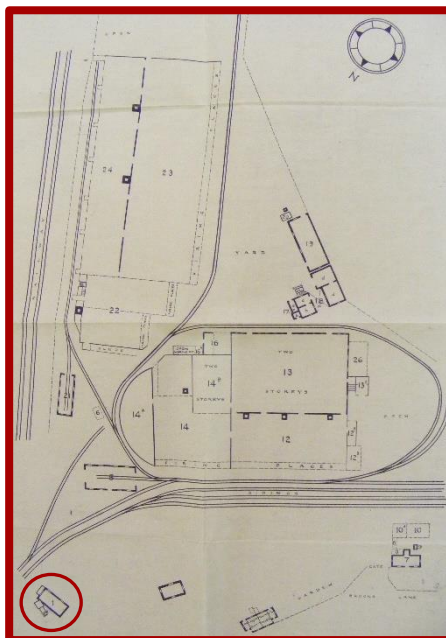
Our more famous engine was 'Cordie' named after Cordelia Levinstein. Built in 1939 by Peckett of Bristol, she's a standard M5 class works no 1964, 4ft 8½ gauge. Cordie moved to Elworth to help move tankers into position and was broken up on site by J&H Coppenhall in March 1969



Cordie – taken by Tom Hough in Sept 1960



The old and the new, Cordie in her final years moving a Liquid Chlorine tanker ready for transport



Far Left: The layout of the tracks around the Open Pan Works in the 1950's. **Our pump house is circled.** Left: Filing point for common salt onto rail wagons, the engine shed can be seen in the background. Taken in 1960. Above: Murgatroyd's Caustic Liquor tanker taken by Charles Roberts. Note the wagon plate at the back T.77, now on display on site.