

Dear Readers,

Engines on the Island of Sodor come in many different shapes and sizes. The Fat Controller's Railway is standard gauge, the Skarloey Railway is 2ft 3", and the smallest of all, the Arlesdale Railway, is 15".

The smallest engine on the island does not belong to any of these railways. She belongs to Ruth Hill, one of The Fat Controller's top engineers at Crovan's Gate Works. Her name is Christine (you can call her Chris), and she is 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " gauge.

These stories are about Chris and Ruth, though Ruth has kindly let Chris take the title. They both hope you enjoy their adventures.

The Author.