



On track: Above left, seven-year-old Marcus Leith-Snow, whose mum Sarah organised the miniature railway club, and left, Janes Stevens, seven, takes the controls. 110444 **PHOTOS: MIKE SWIFT**

Mum starts train reaction

FUN and friendship were just the ticket at a miniature railway club specially geared towards autistic children.

More than 60 children and their families went to the Engine Shed's maiden session at Katesgrove Children's Centre in Elgar Road on Saturday.

Youngsters got to grips

with model steam, diesel and electric locomotives including Hornby, Brio and Thomas The Tank Engine sets, while parents chatted and shared advice over tea and refreshments.

Organiser Sarah Snow, from Tilehurst, founded a sister club in Romford, Essex, last year, on behalf of her son Marcus Leith-

Snow, seven, who suffers with the neurological disorder which affects social interaction.

She said: "It was a really great first session and we are looking forward to welcoming more families to join us."

The club meets on the last Saturday of every month from 11am-2pm. There is a suggested £1 donation towards refreshments.

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Train of thought: Alan Hobbs shares his passion for model trains with four-year-old Wilfred Leith-Snow, 110444

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