



NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

Newsletter



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Rules for Club Night Attendance At Hardingstone

- 1) If you make a drink, please wash your cup/spoon up afterwards. Please wipe up any spillages. Cups to be returned to the kitchen.
- 2) Don't create congestion in the kitchen. Please get your drink and return to the main hall.
- 3) Have you paid your subs? The money is mainly used to pay our Friday night hall rental, plus the cost of drinks. £2 per person please.
- 4) Please put away any tools, layouts, tables and chairs when you've finished using them. The shed will be unlocked on request.
- 5) A clear passage way **MUST** be maintained in the entrance foyer as they are emergency exits. Also please keep **ALL** other doors & exits accessible at **ALL** times.
- 6) The internal cupboard is to store small & valuable items only as space & access is restricted.
- 7) Please sign in at each attendance. This may assist us in knowing who to account for in the event of an emergency evacuation.

From the Editors **Cab**

We are fast approaching the end of another year. Its been a dramatic year for the Club with the change of venue. Sadly it caused some members not to be able to come any more because we had to change the evening. Also its big changes with the Club's OO gauge layout as we rebuild it into something we hope will be to exhibition standard. Read all about this on page 8.

Colin



CLUB TORQUE

Date of next Committee Meeting

A date for the next committee is Monday 29th January 2018. If there are any items for the next agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP.

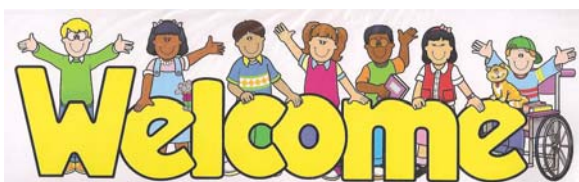
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Club Night Test Track Dates 2017 / 2018

22nd Dec , 19th January, 9th
February, 2nd & 23rd March, 13th
April, 4th & 25th May.



As we are not meeting as a Club on Friday 29th December, the above schedule has been adjusted to reflect this.



**To Our New Member
*Craig Dawkins***

Our Man at Warley

by Colin Tarry

A small number of us visited the Warley model railway exhibition at the NEC, Birmingham on Saturday 25th November last.

One of our Club members, Mick Mumford, was there with the Gauge 1 Guild running his loco. Mick's loco was a Spam Can called Tavistock. This was the nickname applied to the un-rebuilt Bullied light Pacific's. They were referred to as Spam Cans due to the fact that they were built during war time and their slab sided casing resembled the Spam Cans that so many people had as part of their food rations.



It is a meths fired live steam loco with the correct three cylinders (but without the chain driven valve gear).



A moment captured when Tavistock was at full gallop.



Not everyone running their locos has the honour of being watched by the Queen.



Exhibition Flyers — 2018

A large quantity of A6 size flyers have been printed to advertise our exhibition in August 2018. When you know you will be attending any model railway exhibitions or any other transport show/event then please take a quantity of flyers with you to be handed out. Please ask a committee member for some flyers .

**NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT
MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**



MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 18th AUGUST 2018
from 10.00am to 4.00pm

Cogenhoe Village Hall York Avenue
Cogenhoe Northampton NN7 1NB

Displaying a range of British &
International layouts in several gauges and scenarios.
Also a model boat display from the
Northampton & District Model Boat Club

Trade support – Demonstrations – Refreshments
Societies – Tombola

Adult £3 Child £2 Family Ticket (2+2) £8
www.ndmrc.org

A ~~Winter~~ Spring Coat Needed



We have deferred the painting of a wood preservative on the shed storeroom until next Spring.

The main reasons for this is that we did not get enough people offer to help with this task. Unfortunately now the weather is against us.



Have a look at this cartoon and think about the message its trying to relay!

David Shepherd CBE FRSA FGRA

by Colin Tarry



I was quite surprised whilst reading a railway magazine in WH Smith a month ago to discover that the “Man Who Loved Giants” — David Shepherd had died. He passed away on September 19th after battling Parkinson’s disease for 10 weeks prior to his death. I don’t recall hearing anything about his passing on the national media news either on TV, radio or the press. David Shepherd was born in London in 1931.

As railway enthusiasts we are (or I hope we are) aware of his interest in railway preservation and in particular the two big locos he personally owned until recently, namely a BR Standard 9F no 92203 which he named Black Prince and the BR Standard class 4 no 75029 which he named The Green Knight. Both locos were Swindon built (thought I would just mention that). Without him the East Somerset Railway probably wouldn’t be in existence.

As well as steam preservation, David Shepherd was a prolific campaigner for wild life preservation as well; in particular the fight against hunting elephants and the sickening trade in ivory.

All Change on the Western Region

by Colin Tarry

On 16th October 2017 the first of the new Hitachi Class 800 IEPs (Intercity Express Programme) trains went into revenue earning service. These trains will run between London Paddington and Swansea. Next year the service will be extended into Devon with Class 802s running to Exeter.



As the Great Western Mainline is not being electrified beyond Cardiff these IEPs are bi-mode trains. This means they can run either on their diesel engines or by the overhead catenary. Their diesel engines are MTUs—and we know where they had their railway origins. A clue is on the front cover.

The IEPs are being built by Hitachi at a factory in the north of England. Needless to say these trains will be the death knell for the HSTs.

WHO AM I ? - Identify the Club Member

In the last newsletter we posed this little puzzle for you to solve. Several clues as to the identity were given to help you identify one of our Club members.



These were the clues :

I live in a village off the Nene Valley

I'm interested in steam and electric traction both full size and model

I'm involved in model railway and model engineering exhibitions both locally and further afield

I belong to 2 U3A Groups one of which one is railway related

I've spent my entire career in engineering; a career in which I never lost my bearings.

I like to scratch build and assemble kits primarily with wagons and coaches

I have my own workshop which includes a lathe

The identity of the Club Member is:

Mick Mumford



If you would like to be a participant in this bit of fun, then please send the newsletter editor a few facts about yourself , not making it too obvious who you are. Lets see who is a budding detective.

ADVANCED NOTICE

Will all members please note that the N&DMRC will NOT be meeting at Hardingstone on Friday 29th December as the hall is unavailable—more precisely the heating will be turned off.

FOUR OAKES JUNCTION

by Colin Tarry

What is Four Oakes Junction you are asking yourself. This has been decided upon as the new name for the replacement Greenford layout. In response to the Club's request for a new name for the new layout; the response was zilch—no surprises there then. The E has been put into Oakes as there is a Four Oaks near Birmingham. As you can see from the colour of the above totem, like Greenford, the station and its architecture will be Southern Region influenced. This is because we will have some third-rail electrified lines and also we want to reuse the buildings we bought for Greenford some of which are in the Southern Art-Deco style.



This is a PROPOSED track plan of the station. It is hoped not to use any double slips. If we were powering the track solely via DCC then its not an issue, but analogue wiring makes it more complex. Until we can actually physically lay the track out on the base boards we will not have a true idea of what is achievable. We have had a go with the Peco paper templates but we were not convinced what we can get in the space.

We are looking to have the main platforms capable of holding 8 coach trains. This layout needs to be built to exhibition standard in terms of both scenic embellishments and operationally. The building process will require the right people with the right skills performing tasks within their capabilities. This means no bodgers, no members of the Heath Robinson Fan club and no "That'll do" mentality.

Four Oakes Junction requirements:

Here are some of the starting requirements we would like from the new layout. There will be other requirements so please have a think and let us know what else we require to make this layout successful. I know I'm probably expecting too much for members to respond to anything in the newsletter, but one day a miracle might happen.

- All the baseboards need to be stackable. This is for storage and transportability.
- As the baseboards will be stackable the only infrastructure that will be permanently part of the baseboards will be the station platforms and any wired signals/ lamps that can be laid flat.
- All scenery and buildings etc will be removable.
- The connections to the fiddle yard wiring & plugs needs to be simplified.
- Reduce the amount of legs used to support the fiddle yard.
- The layout will need to be wired to accommodate both analogue and DCC.
- When out on exhibition the layout period is 1950-1965. Only appropriate liveries and insignia to be used on stock.

This is just the start. We need to learn from the mistakes that were made on Greenford, Kingsthorpe and the old test track.



By having the boards stackable we can hopefully go to exhibitions without having to keep hiring a van.



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-THE GCR- MODEL EVENT

MODEL RAILWAY & ENGINEERING EXHIBITION
In conjunction with the Soar Valley Model Railway Club

I'm sure all Club members will be pleased to learn that we have been invited back to the Great Central Railway Model Event for 2018 being held on June 15th to 17th inclusive. I expect, as this year, we will set up on the Thursday (June 14th).

We shall just be taking the main Test Track as a Club. Les will be taking his O gauge East Bridge layout.

All the paperwork has been sent off, on which we are putting down 12 operators. Hopefully we will now get enough passes for everyone (entrance, car park and lunch voucher).

A track plan has been submitted for inclusion in the exhibition brochure along with a photo, an example of which is below. Trains posed for this photo at the Test Track night on 17th November. Unfortunately we could not include any members in this photo as their poses weren't suitable—I'll leave it at that.



European Union's General Data Protection Regulation

by Colin Tarry

I mentioned the above subject in the last newsletter and how we need to 'beef-up' our keeping of members data. This is a quick update to inform you of what has happened.

All members records have now been transferred to a N&DMRC customised database in MS Access. This has enabled much more automation of administrative tasks through the use of Visual Basic coding. As stated in the last newsletter, a requirement of the new legislation that comes into force next May, is that we have an audit trail. This basically means any data relating to members that is added, amended or deleted is traceable, i.e. what was changed, when and who by. The audit trail programming is now complete.

Colin Tarry Treasurer / Membership Secretary

Transport Collectors Fayre 2017

by Colin Tarry

On Saturday 18th November the Club had a sales stand at the above event held in the Abington Parish Rooms. It was manned by myself and our Sales Officer—John Walker.

We made about £25 profit for Club funds. Although this may not seem much, there were other intangible benefits namely giving out plenty of

flyers for our exhibition next year.

Also it was an opportunity to advertise the Club.

One or two people John talked to, seemed interested in the Club and were given details. We will just have to wait and see if this comes to fruition.



CHRISTMAS DINNER 2017

This years Christmas Dinner, like last year, was held at the Brampton Halt on Tuesday 5th December.





The Club wishes all its members and newsletter readers a
Very Happy Christmas and New Year

In particular we wish those members who are having
health issues or who are recovering from treatments of
various kinds, a speedy recovery and we look forward to
seeing you in 2018.

Club Logo

by Colin Tarry

At the last committee meeting a new logo for the Club has finally been agreed on.



This is our current logo—if you can call this a logo.

Our unofficial current logo is the one you find on the front of this newsletter and on our exhibition flyers. It never got officially adopted as our club logo as it was felt by some to be Western region biased.



Our new logo has no particular bias to any region. The next job now will be to produce a high resolution image that can be reproduced for what ever purpose we need it.

The new logo will form part of the Club's corporate identity and hopefully will portray the Club as embracing all aspects of railway modelling. Very often at exhibitions now, one sees most clubs logos being very graphical. Hopefully by us also having a graphic for our logo, this will stick in peoples minds. With our OO layout Four Oakes Junction now being built as an exhibition layout, having an attractive logo for our Club becomes more important, especially in helping to attract more new members.

Club Information

Committee Members

Les Pace (Chair Person)
Colin Tarry (Treasurer)
Richard Deacon (Secretary)
Michael Castledine
Roger Whiffin
Stephen Lloyd



Web site: www.ndmrc.org
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Club Membership Rates

Club membership runs from September to August or part of the calendar year, and ALL expire on the last calendar day of August, becoming due for renewal on the first of September.

Adult membership £60 per year, Junior membership £10 per year.
For adult members easy payment terms available. Please enquire.