

**NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT  
MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**

# Newsletter

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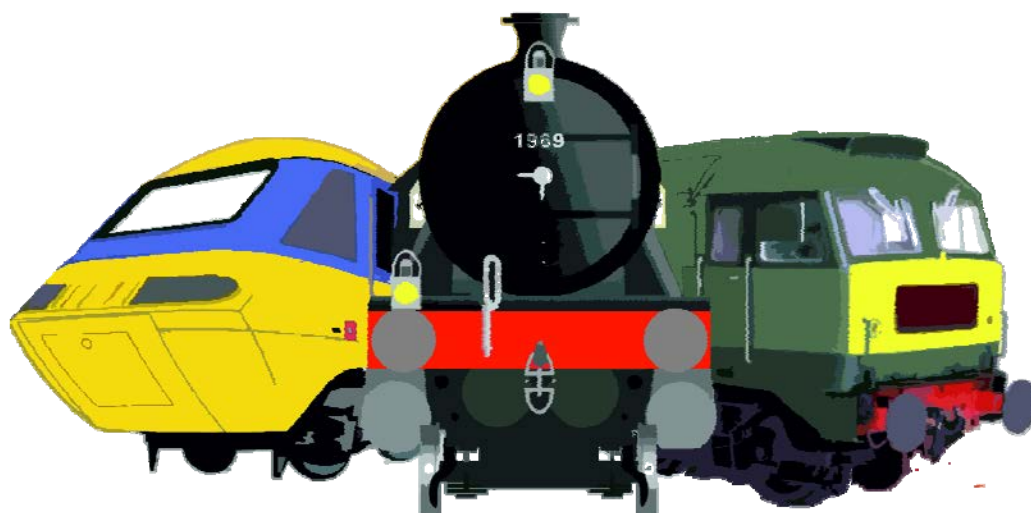
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### **Rules for Club Night Attendance At Hardingstone**

- 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.
- 8) Car Parking—If you have to block someone in then please be ready to move your vehicle in order to let someone else out.

## From the Editors **Cab**

The last newsletter was published in August and since then the Club exhibited the Castle Station layout at Roade. This event has had some positive results for the Club which are mentioned in the Chairman's Ramblings and in other other articles. At last the new regalia is ready to order—see page 14.



*Colin*

## **CLUB TORQUE**

### **Date of next Committee Meeting**

A date for the next committee tbc. If there are any items for the next agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP.

Email: [rjd156@btinternet.com](mailto:rjd156@btinternet.com)

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

There will be NO club meeting at Hardingstone on Friday 26th October as the hall is wanted for another event.



**We welcome the following new members to our club :**

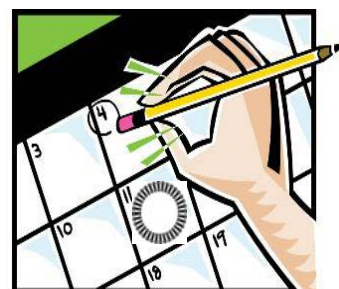
***Trevor Gilbert***

***Bill Spokes and Leo Billingham***

## **Club Night Test Track Dates 2018**

19th October, 9th November (because not meeting on Oct 26th), 30th November,  
21st December

**All dates are subject to change**



# Chairman's Ramblings

Hi All Club Members

After we had our AGM at the village hall, I thought that I would do a Chairman's Ramblings to remind you of what has happened recently and what is coming up in future at the club.



First of all I would like to thank all the members for attending the AGM and hoped that it was informative and enjoyable. I would also like to thank all the committee members for all the support that they have given the club and me over the past year and for agreeing to continue for the forthcoming twelve months. Special thanks must go to Colin Tarry who is not only our treasurer but looks after membership and assists me with the exhibition as well. Thanks to Richard Deacon for the laborious task of typing up the notes for our meetings and reminding us when we forget to do something we promised to do. Also to the other members of the committee who work behind the scenes to help run the club. Finally and most important of all, to you the members who attend regularly and help keep the club alive and ongoing.

We had attended a few exhibitions during the year with the test track, and had also shown for the first time the new Northampton Castle Station layout at the Roade exhibition. We are currently trying to get the layout into the Hornby magazine to promote the layout and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary show next year. There are also plans to connect it to the existing fiddle yard of Four Oakes so that it can be turned into an oval layout. The test track has been invited again to the Great Central show in June 2019 and the Soar Valley show in September 2-19.

Over the past year membership numbers have seemed to fluctuate a bit, but finished up OK.

We now have two lovely new transport modules for the Kings Thorpe layout, from the shed to the hall built by John. All we have now got to do is to learn how to use them.

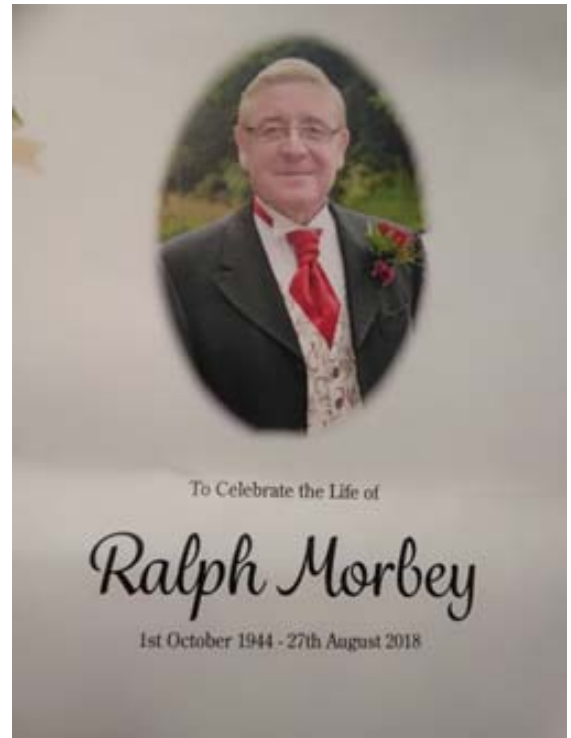
Four Oakes is undergoing a major refurb and may take a while to complete.

We also have plans to create a temporary layout for the junior members while the existing one is redesigned and rebuilt with more tracks.

Thanks must also go to Jim for bringing along regularly the N gauge test track, and we hope it will be popular at our show next year.

As you all now know it was with great sadness that we lost one of our honorary members this year. Ralph Morbey, who was a great friend and an enthusiastic member of the club, and also over many years the committee. We were extremely proud to hold a minutes silence at the AGM for his memory and we also want to send his widow Barbara all of our sympathy at this difficult time. Barbara has agreed to come along to the

Christmas meal with her grandson Josh and his fiancé, as she said that she had always looked forward to meeting members of the club, who she always felt were good friends. We do hope to make her very welcome.



We will be having our usual sales stand at the Transport Collectors Fair in November.

Regards and keep those trains rolling

*Les Pace*

Chairman NDMRC

# Club Events for 2018

October 26<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm      DAVENTRY CLUB VISIT

We have been invited to visit the Daventry Club at their new club venue on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October in the evening. This is possible as we do not have a meeting at Hardingstone, as the hall is being used for another event. Please let Les know if you want to come along so we can make the necessary arrangements.

December 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm for 7.30      CHRISTMAS MEAL

This years Christmas Meal will be at the Sixfields Pub—Hungry Horse (adjacent to Northampton Football Club Ground).

We are currently arranging this event and if you want to attend we would like a £5 deposit per person, as soon as possible and also your choice of food so that we can advise the Sixfields pub by the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. Please see pages 7 & 8 for the menu. A menu will also be available at Club on Friday.



## Facebook

from Les Pace

We now have a new site on Facebook which allows you to see what certain members are doing and where they have been recently.

From the comments I have received I get the feeling that some of you do not like the thoughts of being on Facebook, and do not want to use it. I have been on Facebook for quite a time now and find it quite useful as you can use it as much or as little as you wish. As we are a closed group, only members of the group can see the messages to and from you and anyone wishing to join the group has to be vetted before joining. The Face book page will be connected to our new website. Please let me know if you have any questions about face book and I will try to answer them as best as I can.





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# CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday 12th December 7.30 p.m.

Below are the menus. Forms will be available at Club on Fridays for you to select your choices. As usual the menu excludes drinks which must be ordered and paid for on an individual basis on the night. If anyone needs to go out for a cigarette you may have to smoke at least half a mile away from the building, also don't expect any candles on the tables.



## STARTERS

- **Slow roasted tomato soup**

*Served with a half baguette and butter (Vegan option available)*

- **Cranberry & orange chicken wings**

*Crispy chicken wings tossed in a sticky cranberry & orange glaze*

- **Prawn cocktail**

*Prawns on a bed of iceberg lettuce and tomato topped with seafood sauce and served with brown bread and butter*

- **Chicken liver pâté**

*Served with caramelised red onion chutney, salad garnish, toast and butter*

## MAINS

- **Traditional turkey**

*Served with roast potatoes, pig in blanket, Yorkshire pudding, stuffing, honey-roast parsnips, carrots, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, peas and gravy*

- **MAKE IT A BIG PLATE SPECIAL!**

Turkey with all the trimmings, just more of them! Only £1 extra

- **8oz\* Rump steak with peppercorn sauce**

Cooked to your liking, served with chips, half a grilled tomato, mushrooms, onion rings, peas and a creamy peppercorn sauce

- **Salmon with hollandaise**

Grilled salmon served with buttered new potatoes, carrots, peas and a smoked hollandaise sauce

- **Christmas pie**

Tender turkey layered on top of cranberry sauce and a cranberry, chestnut & pork stuffing with gravy, encased in shortcrust pastry and topped with a puff pastry lid served with mashed potato, peas and gravy

- **Butternut & cashew nut roast**

Served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, honey-roast parsnips, carrots, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, peas and gravy

- **Christmas cracker burger**

Toasted brioche bun with burger sauce and lettuce topped with a beef burger, grilled Camembert cheese, a turkey burger, maple bacon jam and finished with sage & onion stuffing. Served with coleslaw and fries

- **Butternut & cashew nut roast**

Served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, honey-roast parsnips, carrots, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, peas and gravy

- **Rainbow vegetable tart (Ve)**

Encased in rosemary pastry topped with linseed and sunflower seeds served with roasted new potatoes, kale, Brussels sprouts and a Napolitano sauce

## PUDDINGS

- **Limoncello drizzled cheesecake**

Vanilla cheesecake drizzled with Limoncello sauce and vanilla flavoured ice cream

- **Chocolate fudge brownie**

A rich chocolate brownie topped with cherry compote and vanilla flavoured ice cream

- **Toffee apple crumble**

A classic apple crumble drizzled with toffee sauce served with custard

- **Christmas pudding**

Served with custard

- **Chocolate & cherry torte (Ve)**

Served with maple syrup and vegan vanilla ice cream



## Web Site

Les and Colin have recently had another meeting with Alan and Bridget who are designing the Club's new web site. Development is now at an advanced stage and the new site will be going live soon. We will let you know when this happens.

## Hardingstone Kitchen Cupboards

Gaynor has recently allocated the Club two cupboards in the kitchen. One is immediately above the oven the other is right but one on the right hand side of the oven. These will be used to store our evening refreshment items in. Michael Castledine will be in charge of these.



## Christmas & New Year Club Meetings

We shall meet on Friday December 21st for the last meeting in 2018 and then meet again in the new year on Friday 4th January.

There will be **NO** meeting at Hardingstone on Friday 28th December





by Colin Tarry

On Sunday 14th October a group of us from the club visited the Hornby Electric Train Show at their new venue. This was the Arena in Milton Keynes. It was a bit of a disappointment. The catering or more precise the lack of it was dire. Also amongst the traders there were none selling tools, only those dedicated to selling locos and rolling stock. If they want to see us next year then they better improve things.





# Hardingstone Open Day

by Colin Tarry

This event which we held in July to both raise funds for Hardingstone village hall and promote our club, was a disappointment. In all we only raised about £60 for the hall, which meant we had around 30 people through the door. The amount of effort involved for such little return probably means we will not pursue this event another year.



John explains to some visitors that if they don't buy something then they will not get out of the hall alive.



# Cogenhoe Exhibition

by Colin Tarry

In August our Club held its annual exhibition in the village hall at Cogenhoe. At the time we then didn't know this would be the last time this event will be held in Cogenhoe. It was a successful day and a modest profit was made for club funds.



General view of the exhibition



Some boats on display from the Northampton & District Model Boat Club



Scenes from the Kings Thorpe O gauge layout





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Opening Times:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 9.30 - 4.00

Wednesday - 9.30 - 4.00

Thursday - 9.30 - 4.00

Friday - 9.30 - 5.00

Saturday - 9.30 - 4.00

Sunday - Closed

Julian, who is the proprietor of Wellingborough Trains and Models, is offering N&DMRC members a discount on their purchases.

He will give a 5% discount under the following Terms & Conditions

- Purchase must be over £5.00 and made within the Shop.
- Excludes all new Locomotives, as they have already been discounted by 15%
- All members **MUST** show their membership card at time of purchase

## New faces at Club Night

We very often get visitors who come to our Friday club nights. If you see a new face please go and talk them and make them welcome.

There is nothing worse than a visitor coming along and everyone in the club getting on with their task(s) and ignoring them. Nobody wants to go somewhere new and be left standing there like a lemon.

You don't have to be a high power sales man—just ask them if they are into model railways and do they have a layout etc etc. Also don't forget to offer them a tea or coffee and show them where the kitchen is plus the toilets. ***REMEMBER—that new face is a potential new club member.***







It has been suggested that in order to celebrate the Club's 50th anniversary, we visit the Great Central Railway at Loughborough and have a meal on the train. We are currently looking at having this on a Saturday in the summer of 2019. We will be putting forms out in due course, for those who would be interested in coming, to put their names down. Once we have studied the response we will advise you further.

## Club Regalia

We are now be taking orders for those wanting Club regalia, with our new logo on. Order forms will be available for completion on club nights.

The following items are available:

All prices include VAT (Vampire Added Tax)

**Polo Shirt** (*Club logo and member name*)

£20.00 each up to size 2XL. Sizes 3XL and 4XL are £22.00 each

**Sweat Shirt** (*Club logo and member name*)

£24.00 all sizes

**Fleeces Full Zip** (*Club logo and member name*)

£27.00 each up to size 2XL. Sizes 3XL and 4XL at £28.00 each

**Caps (Base Ball style)** (*Club logo only*)

£9.00 each plus VAT



**Please note that a £5 deposit will be required for EACH item ordered.**

# Road Exhibition

Over the weekend of September 8th & 9th the village of Road celebrated 180 years of the railway cutting that runs through the village. Our club took along its Northampton Castle Station layout.



This layout is made up of buildings that were donated to us by the son of the builder, Mr Roy, when he passed away.





# Daventry Visit

by Colin Tarry

On Tues 16th October four members of the Club's committee visited the Daventry Model Railway Club in their new premises near Staverton.

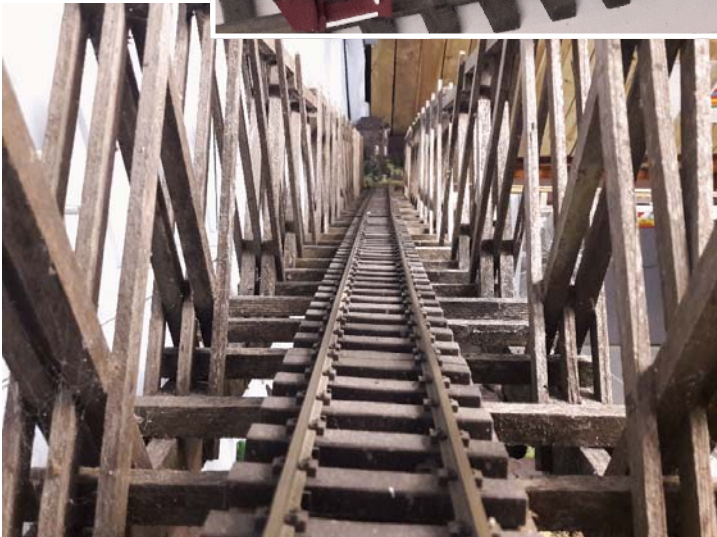
The building is owned by a businessman who is well into slot car racing, flying drones and of course model railways—mainly American railways.

On the upper floor there is a massive G scale track running all the way around the edge of the building, which at a guess has to be at least 80 feet long and 25 feet wide.

Following are some photos taken of that visit.



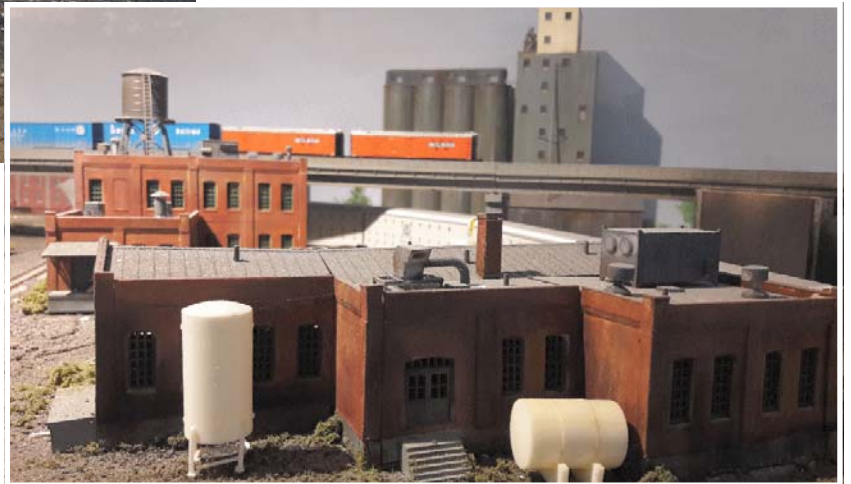
Two American  
G scale locos



Looking along one of the G  
scale trestle bridges.



Scenes from two of the many American themed layouts in presumably HO scale



Left—An English layout under construction

Below—One of the slot car circuits



# 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](http://www.ndmrc.org)

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Club Night: Friday

Meeting Time: 19:00—22:00

Venue: Hardingstone Village Hall

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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.