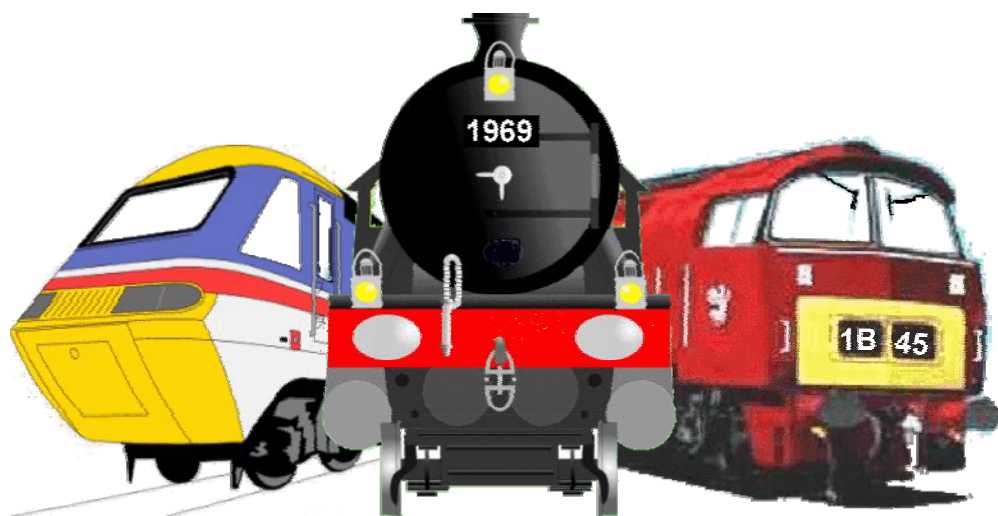




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Rules for Club Night Attendance At Hardingstone

- 1) If you make a drink, please wash your cup/spoon up afterwards. Please wipe up any spillages.
- 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 Wednesday night hall rental, plus the cost of drinks. £1.50 per person please.
- 4) Please put away any tools, layouts, tables and chairs you've used at the end of the evening.
- 5) A clear passage way **MUST** be maintained in the entrance lobby area as an emergency exit. Also please keep **ALL** other emergency exits accessible at **ALL** times.
- 6) Please sign in at each attendance. This ensures we know who to account for in the event of an emergency evacuation.

From the Editors **Cab Window**

As a Club we've finally made it to Hardingstone.

Following our move we acquired our new Test Track. And if that's not enough for an action packed month, we are now gearing up for our new Test Track's visit to the Great Central Model Event at Quorn. *Colin*



CLUB TORQUE

Date of next Committee Meeting

A date for the next committee is Monday 26th June 2017. If there are any items for the agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP.

Email: rjd156@btinternet.com

Club Night Test Track Dates 2017

We are currently running the NEW Test Track each Friday up until the model event at the Great Central Railway later this month.



Exhibition Flyers

A large quantity of A6 size flyers have been printed to advertise our exhibition in August. 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. These are kept in our filing cabinet drawer in the Club's store cupboard.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB



MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 19th AUGUST 2017
from 10.00am to 4.30pm

Cogenhoe Village Hall York Avenue
Cogenhoe Northampton NN7 1NB

Displaying a range of American, British & Continental layouts in several gauges and scenarios

Trade support – Demonstrations – Refreshments
Societies – Tombola

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



HARDINGSTONE

Our first Club evening at Hardingstone was on Friday 19th May 2017. Key holders for the village hall are Les Pace, Colin Tarry & Michael Castledine.

For those of you who have not yet been there then the full address of the location is Hardingstone Village Hall, High St, Hardingstone, Northampton NN4 6DA.

For the time being the attendance format is the same as now, that is you pay £1.50 per weekly visit until we get things sorted out.

Kitchen

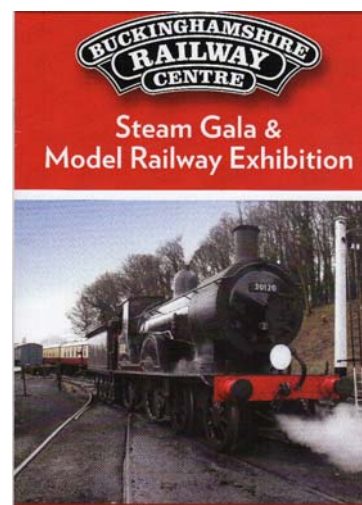
We've had two visits to Hardingstone and the first problem has arisen. The problem being tea drips across the kitchen floor to the waste bin from used tea bags. What we'll do is get a container to be put on the work top and you can put your used tea bags in there. Then we just empty the container into the waste bin at the end of the night. I suspect at the end of the night Michael is cleaning the floor hence we've had no complaints yet.

Buckingham Railway Centre Steam Gala & Model Railway Exhibition 2017

by Colin Tarry

On Bank Holiday Monday (May 1st) we visited the above event at Quainton Road Station. Fortunately for most of the day the rain stayed away.

In our opinion one of the big let downs at the Buckingham Railway Centre is the catering. Their kitchen area seems to have the potential to produce hot meals, but all they provide in this respect is sausages, bacon, chips and baked beans.



Within the main building the former GWR Castle Class locomotive No 5080 "Defiant" was still on display. This is due to return to Tyseley soon to be fully over hauled and returned to main line working. I'm hoping that air brakes will not be fitted. Unfortunately after the fitment of these a loco starts making horrible noises, but it may be a main line requirement now. Defiant will be replaced by a NRM loco namely LNWR 2-2-2- "Cornwall".

Between Aylesbury and Quainton Road a shuttle service was being run using a single car DMU or 'Bubble car' as they were known. I believe this was being operated by Chiltern Railways.



It was good to see that work is now well advanced on the restoration of the former GWR locomotive No 6989 "Wightwick Hall". She has passed her boiler test and should be steamed for the first time later this year.



Giving rides up and down the line, as short as it is, was split between a GWR Pannier tank no 9466 and a T9 4-4-0 no 30120.



Inside the main building were the model railway layouts.



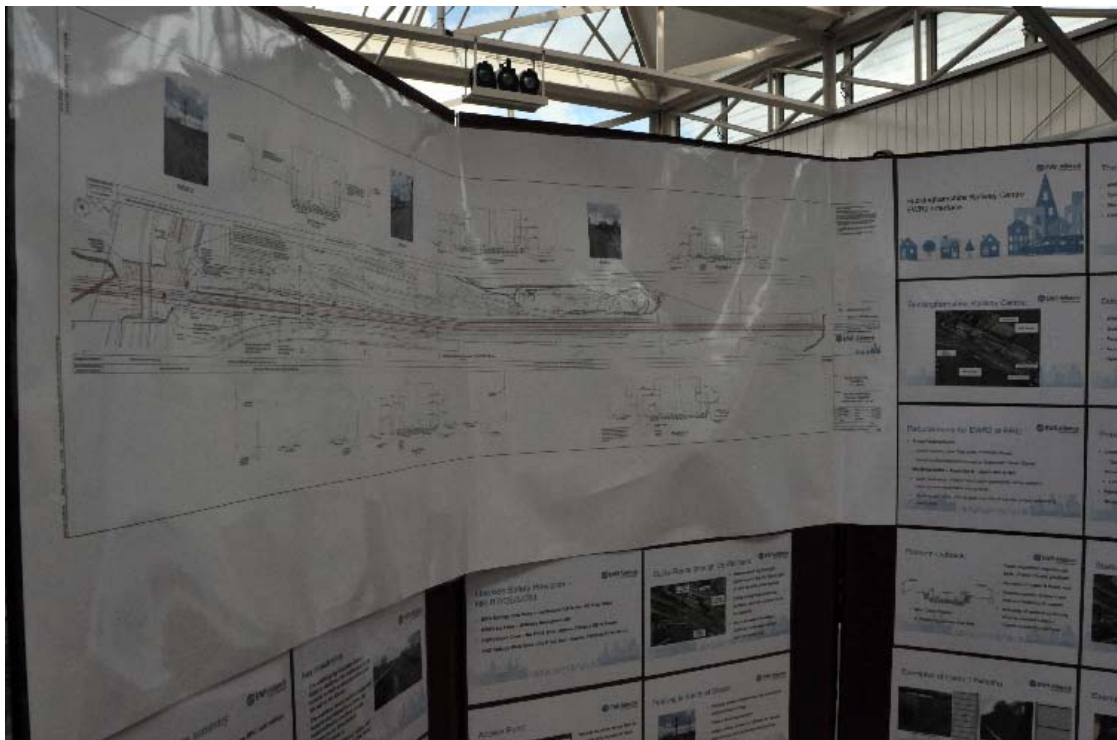
A general view inside the main building which is the original 1851 station building that was dismantled at Oxford in 1999-2000 from the former Oxford Rewley Road station site.



This is the O gauge layout "Walden's Halt". This layout is a mix of Hornby tin plate, Ace, Darstead and Bassett-Lowke. You will notice the N&DMRC exhibition flyers on the table in the fore ground. These actually went very well. Right down the far end running on a short length of track was a Gauge 1 class 66 with sound.



Tri-ang Railways layout with a Minic Motorway system.



Also on display were the plans how HS2 could decimate the Buckingham Railway Centre. But HS2 don't get it all their own way as the Quanton Road station building is Grade II listed.

Club Information

Committee Members

Les Pace (Chair Person)
Colin Tarry (Treasurer / Newsletter Editor)
Richard Deacon (Secretary)
Michael Castledine
Roger Whiffin
Ralph Morbey
Stephen Lloyd (Publicity)



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Club Membership Rates

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

Adult membership £35 per year, Junior membership £10 per year.