

**NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT
MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**

Newsletter

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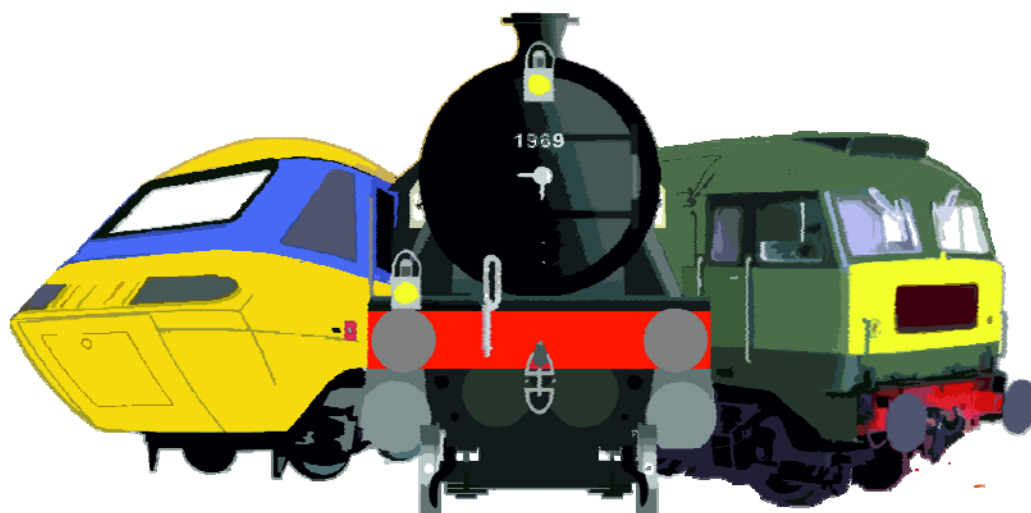
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Rules for Club Night Attendance At Hardingstone

- 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**

Its been a little time since the last newsletter. In fact May was the last issue. This has been mainly due to the heat and lack of rain.

Because we haven't had a recent newsletter this one is covering a lot of items.

Please read page 6 about our forth coming events.



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

Club Night Test Track Dates 2018

27th July (this will be test for the next day—Village Hall Fund Raising Day).

17th August—No club meeting

7th September AGM—no Test Track

28th September, 19th October, 9th November.



**All dates are
subject to
change**

Chairman's Ramblings

Hi All Club Members

As you may already be aware the club is presenting two shows shortly and I do hope you will be able to support us at both.

The first one is the open day at the Hardingstone Village Hall this Saturday 28th July from 10am to 4pm when we are hoping to raise some funds for the hall and hopefully attract a few new members to our club. We will need to set up from around 8am on the day so an early start with as much help as possible from your-selves will be welcome. We will have all available club layouts running, a club second hand table and possibly a couple of guest layouts. We will be providing light refreshments on the day and members are asked to assist where and when necessary. We do wish that if you have a club shirt, that you wear it on the day to promote the club. If the weather is fine then there may be a chance to run at least one of the layouts outside!

The second is our usual annual exhibition at Cogenhoe Village Hall on Saturday the 18th August 2018 from 10.00am to 4.00pm, and as already requested club members assistance will be required to make it a successful one. Another early start will be needed, this time from around 7.30 am. We are also hoping that we can set up some of the exhibits on the Friday evening as usual. We are taking the Kings Thorpe 0 gauge layout, and we will also be running a second hand stall and a Tombola. If you have any prizes for the Tombola then please bring them along to any club evening please.

For your information in September we have also been invited again by the Sour Valley club to exhibit the test track. This is a large show and the layouts are usually of a good quality. Please see page 6 for details.

We have also been recently contacted by the Roade Local History Society to the Roade Cutting 180th Anniversary Exhibition. They have requested that as we are a local club we could display something railway related at the show. We are currently in the process of building a working layout of Northampton Castle Station set in the 1960's, for the show. This layout is made up of buildings that were donated to us by the son of the builder, Mr Roy, when he passed away.

They are currently placed on some new baseboards that I have constructed recently. It is currently stored in my garage but I am hoping to bring it along on a club night for everyone to see in the flesh. The reason it is with me rather than at the club is the lack of storage space, and as it is a tight time schedule for the show it needs to be worked on more than once a week. However if you are interested in assisting with the project at any time then please let me know.

The Exhibition is being held at Roade Village Hall, Bailey Brooks Road, NN7 2LS over the weekend of Saturday & Sunday 8th/9th September. Opening times are Saturday - 12 noon - 18.00 and Sunday - 10:00 - 15:00. Exhibition Admission is FREE and there is ample parking. A Heritage Bus route is being organised by Northampton Heritage Transport (TBC) and there are refreshments available. There will be disabled access and facilities and a railwayana display. Historic Photographic and modern Video imagery. Roade Cutting Tours Society and Group representation and other exhibits and attractions. It should make for an interesting visit and as the local media are involved it will give the club some good promotion and advertising.

Best wishes

Les Pace

Chairman NDMRC

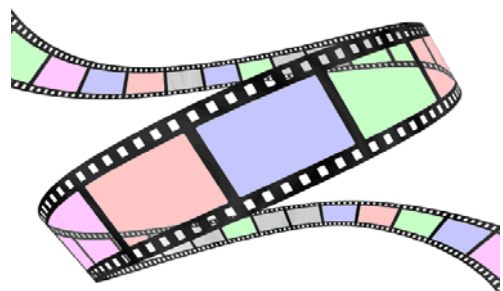
Club Night Refreshments

As a club we stopped the purchase of biscuits some time ago now when our annual biscuit bill was coming to over £300 per year. However we now work on the basis where members bring in and donate some biscuits to munch. Please donate some biscuits now and again.



Film Evening

In the last newsletter I enquired of the membership as to whether you wanted another film evening. As expected the response was zilch.



Club Events for 2018

Hardingstone Village Hall Fund Raising Day—Hardingstone

All users of the hall have been asked to do a fund raising event for the village hall. For our Club this will be on Saturday 28th July.

We are hoping the weather will be kind to us so that we can have the Multi Gauge Test Track up outside and some other layouts inside.

As well as a fund raising day for hall we are also treating this event as an open day for the Club in order that we can hopefully attract some new members.

As this is a fund raising day, will members please note that all drinks and eats from the refreshment area will have to be paid for. We suggest you bring your own pack lunch & beverages. There will be NO freebies.

N&DMRC Model Railway Exhibition—Cogenhoe

This is on Saturday 18th August. We will be holding an exhibition planning meeting at Hardingstone on Friday 10th August to allocate jobs to members. Hopefully this will not take all the evening up.

Sour Valley Model Railway Exhibition—Loughborough

We as a Club will be attending the above exhibition with our Multi Gauge Test Track on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd September. The venue is the same as last year— Loughborough Grammar School.

We have now had confirmation of our attendance. We will need volunteers for the day, but we are limited to eight. I will put out forms for those who would like to help. If we get over subscribed then we will limit who goes on what days.

Like last year there are some do's and don'ts on the electrical front. All mains equipment has to have a PAT test pass—no problem there. The other requirement is that we are NOT allowed to use cable reel extensions or multi socket adapters. We can only use multi way trailing extension leads. Again not a problem to us.

Multi Gauge Test Track—New and Amended Rules

The committee have received a number of complaints from within the membership regarding fairness of the running time slots and the ability to run their trains.

With immediate effect a new rule and reassertion of the existing rules is as follows: -

New Rule

- No member can pre-book more than two consecutive time slots on the same track or gauge during the same session. This will give members up to an hour to run their trains. However if after a members running slot ends and no one else needs the track then that member may carry on running their train(s).

Existing Rules

- At the end of a members booked running time slot, they must vacate the test track PROMPTLY. No excuses like we get " I just need to try this ". When your time is up—you're off. Again if after a members running slot ends and no one else needs the track then that member may carry on running their train(s).
- The "salmon" shaded areas on the test track booking form are time slots for the priority of junior members. Very often these members need to have the early time slots as they have to leave earlier than adult members. Will adult members please refrain from pre-booking time slots in the shaded areas. If on the night an early time slot is not being used by a junior member then an adult member can use those time slots. Shaded areas only relate to OO gauge as no junior members currently operate O gauge.

Hopefully Club members can self regulate themselves regarding the above. If not then "Nanny State" will intervene and we will appoint an overseer for the evening to manage the time slots.

Club Storage Shed

by Colin Tarry

As most of you should know by now our storage shed has recently had two coats of wood preservative added.

This was done by Les, Tony and myself.



Above

The shed colour
as supplied



Left

After application
of the Ronseal
preservative.

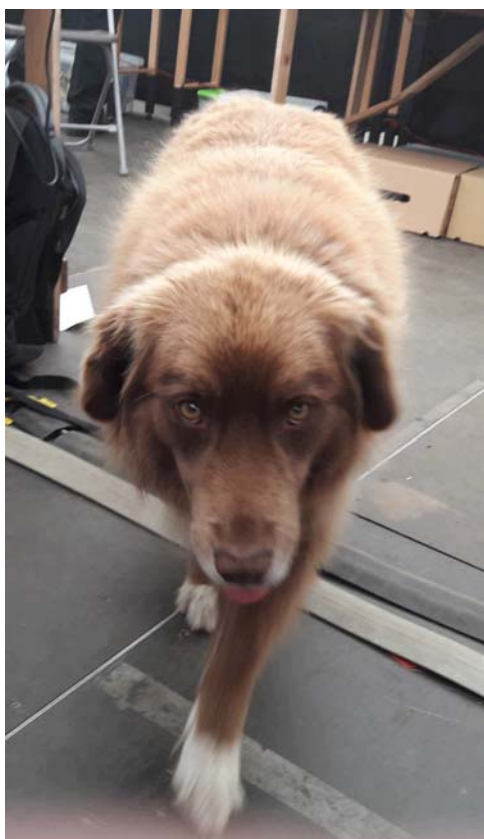
This should now give us protection over the winter months. The other job we need to do is to stop the water running inside the shed when it rains. We had to take off the threshold strip as it restricted the width when getting the trolleys in and out. We will be looking at putting something on the inside of the door; possibly a draught brush excluder. If anyone has any other ideas please let a committee member know (I won't hold my breath).

Great Central Model Event 2018



Above—A general view of the Club's Multi Gauge Test Track.

Below left—This is Bob who was on the layout behind us. He kept coming over to us because he liked to see the Western running—well it could be true.



Above—Les Pace's Eastbridge layout has a visitor in the form of D1010 Western Campaigner.

Chinnor & Princess Risborough Railway

By Colin Tarry

On 24th June last, we visited the Chinnor & Princess Risborough Railway. It turned out to be quite an eventful day as they had running a Class17 Clayton. I have to admit I didn't know much about the Clayton's on arrival but soon found out that no D8568 on the Chinnor railway is unique. In fact out of 117 built, it's the only one in existence.

After withdrawal in 1971, D8568 went on to see industrial use at Hemelite, Hemel Hempstead and at Ribblesdale Cement, Clitheroe, and was then secured for preservation.



Left & below

D8568 at Chinnor





Chinnor station



ex GWR small
Prairie no 5526
at Chinnor. This
is on the C&PR
Rly from March
2018 until Jan
2019. She is on
loan from the
South Devon
Railway.

On our visit the line was running as far as Thame Junction. A mainline connection is currently underway at Princess Risborough at platform 4. The official opening is currently on for the afternoon on Wednesday 15th August. From Northampton you can do a short drive to Banbury, park the car here and then catch a train to Princess Risborough using Chiltern Railways. There are no changes and the journey takes about 35 minutes and in the week the adult fare (without concessions) is about £18 return.



Yes, its that time again.

Will members please bring in a small prize gift each month for the Club's Exhibition Tombola. Keep an eye out for any supermarket special offers for example. A prize should be worth at least £1, be new or in very good condition and if perishable be 'in-date' by the end of September 2018.

There is a box in our Club store shed for tombola items to be collected and stored in.

On a Friday night nearer the exhibition the cloakroom ticket numbers will need sticking on the prizes and the corresponding draw ticket folding and putting in the draw drum. We still need help with this please.

Northampton & District Model Railway Club

**Notice is hereby given that the
Annual General Meeting
Will take place on Friday 5th October at
19:30 at
Hardingstone Village Hall**

Please note there will be NO modelling activities on this evening.



In 2019 the N&DMRC will be in its 50th anniversary year, since coming into existence. The exact date is not known but we have tracked it down (all puns intended) to have been in September 1969.

We would like to do something special during 2019 to celebrate this milestone. Will all members please have a think and come up with suggestions for what events we can put on or participate in.

The Milton Keynes MRC are also celebrating their 50th anniversary next year so perhaps we could do some thing with them. A possible is a quiz night. We could also invite the Daventry, Kettering and Olney Clubs along?

We have now received the first sample of a polo shirt with the new logo on. This will be brought along to show everyone on Club night. These will not be become available until 2019 as they are part of our 50th anniversary celebrations.

We will still have our names on the shirts but may be on the right hand breast pocket position.

As with regalia now, you have one if you want one. If not wear what you have now.



Buckingham Railway Centre

by Colin Tarry

On the Monday 7th May (Bank Holiday) we visited the Buckingham Railway Centre. Like our trip to the Chinnor railway it turned out to be a special day in that this was the last time that Chiltern Railways would be running their DMU service between Quainton Road and Aylesbury. Needless to say we had a ride down to Aylesbury and back.



As I understand it the reason this was the last ever rail link between Aylesbury and the Buckingham Railway Centre is due to the work progressing in re-opening Winslow station. The line through Quainton Road is currently only for freight, but this is now being upgraded for passenger use. It is proposed that the track through Quainton Road will be doubled. This will necessitate the platform with the station on to have its width reduced. To protect people on Quainton Road station from passing trains a security fence is to be built along the platform edges. This will have to be done sympathetically as Quainton Road station is a Grade II listed building. Here is an opportunity to connect the Buckingham Railway Centre with the main rail network and they don't seem to be pursuing this.



Committee Meeting Precis

A precis of the committee meeting held on

Monday 16th JULY 2018

Exhibition 18th August 2018

A full height fridge is still needed; a new one of our own is best option and kept at the store shed. Les will confirm declared insurance values before Richard seeks insurance for the show from Magnet. Sandwiches—90 only, to be delivered Friday morning. Michael will come over and meet them. Need to ensure keys are available.

Door rota needed. Will discuss at planning night. No one should take on parking role. Self parking. Traders will be allowed to park in the field. Gate closes 9 30am.

Great Central Model Event—Quorn

Les had verbal request for the Club to attend again in 2019

Layout revamps

Four Oakes Jct —Mega Points were asked for a quote to design a board for point control. Colin thought little necessity for one. Work progressing on layout sections for ease of and safe transport on the trollies.

Junior track— Bad joins, may be best to take pieces home to work on it as it is in constant use weekly. Needs full investigation for adding a 3rd track.

Kings Thorpe—Work progresses to get it reliable for the show.

Test Track Complaints—please see page 7 for full details

Web Site - Woefully out of date. Colin and Les to chase Alan. This statement is factually incorrect. Bridget sent us an update on 10th May stating that the new site was progressing well. Unfortunately Colin failed to reported this fact to the committee and have apologised to Alan for this glaring error which has caused him & Bridget much upset.

Hardingstone Village Hall Open day- East Bridge, the Test Track, Kingsthorpe and Bernard's layout will be on display.

Loughborough Show—1/2nd Sept. Van to be hired as last year.

Roads - 8/9 Sept. Les was liaising with the organisers for space to set out Castle Station.

General Data Protection Regulations 2018. Still a few Members not signed up.

Shed Colin, Les and Tony had given the shed two coats of preservative on 3rd and 13th July.

0 Gauge Gaugemaster controllers—Colin had reported that two had been returned after repair.

Richard Deacon – Secretary

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 Night: Friday

Meeting Time: 19:00—22:00

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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.