

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

Newsletter



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A Happy Christmas and New Year to All Our Members and Readers

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

Here is the last newsletter of 2018. It has been an eventful year, and as with a lot of things in life, some is good and some is not so good.

As we go into 2019 we look forward to celebrating 50 years of the Club.

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



We welcome the following new members to our club :

Joshua Raven

Club Night Test Track Dates 2018 / 2019

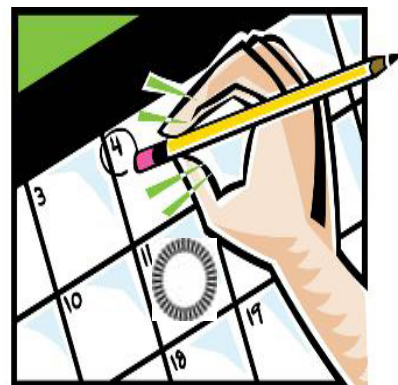
21st December 2018

For the time being we are increasing the number of evenings we are having the Test Track out. Below are the dates for 2019:

January 4th, 18th and 25th

February 8th and 15th

March 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th



**All dates are
subject to change**

Chairman's Ramblings



Hi All Club Members

As I sit here again at my desk in my workshop looking out on a dismal cold December day I am trying to cheer myself up remembering the great summer we had, however it does seem ages ago when it was so hot that the rails on my track on the garden layout warped in the heat.

I am very proud to have completed another year as chairman of this railway club and would like to thank you, the committee and all you members for all your support for the club and myself throughout the year. We have been getting on with our layouts this year and we have attended a couple of shows with the test track at Quorn and Loughborough and one at Roade with Castle Station. Also we now have a few new members that we wish to welcome and hopefully will enjoy the club meetings on Friday evenings. This year we have been able to move the O Gauge layout Kings Thorpe much more easily as John Walker built two great trolleys for it. Also we have decided to rebuild the large oval Four Oakes layout as soon as we are able to, and in the meantime to run Castle Station as an alternative end to end layout. Also members are currently building a new larger 4 road Junior Test Track to replace the old 2 road one, and they tell me that this will also have some sidings for storage.

I usually like to only highlight all the positives that the year has brought us, however we have just seen the damage to the ceiling in the hall, and it is evidently going to cost a few thousand pounds to repair, and will probably put that end of the main hall out of commission for quite a while. See page 9.

Also this year has been good in some ways but not so good in others. I, and the Club lost a good friend this year, when sadly Ralph Morbey passed away. He was always a cheerful and enthusiastic member and a great ambassador for the club. We also lost another ex-member Michael Tuffrey who passed away in April, and I have heard that our other honorary member Len Snelling is also very ill. As the majority of the club members are of a certain age I am afraid to say that this is a fact of life we will tend to live with.

I do hope however that 2019 will be a positive year and look forward to us completing some of the outstanding club projects. We have been invited again to The Great Central Model Railway Show at Quorn and to the next show at Loughborough and we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary exhibition this year in Roade village hall, and we are hoping to get Castle Station layout into one of the railway magazines to promote it, and the show.

I wish you all and your families a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and hope that all your railway related projects are successful.

Regards and keep those trains rolling

Les Pace

Chairman NDMRC



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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

N&DMRC members get a 5% discount under the following Terms & Conditions

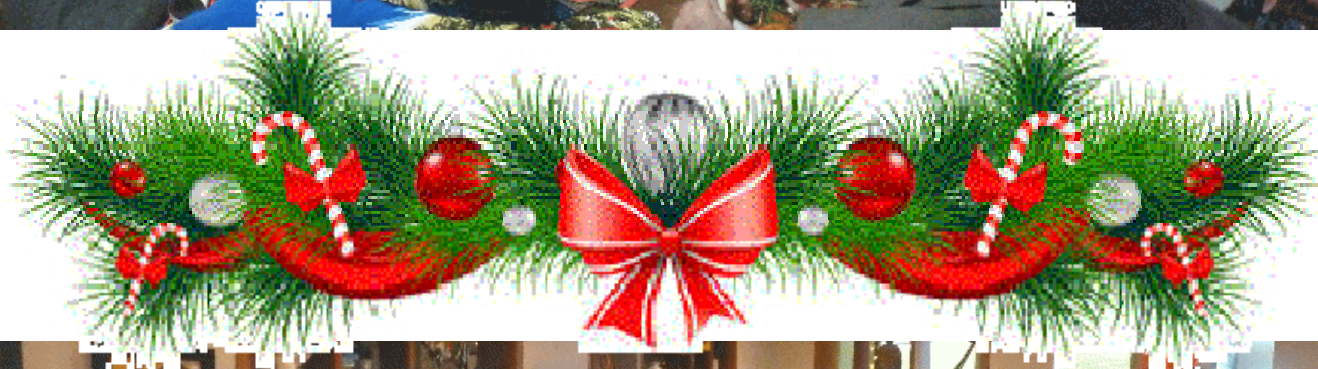
- Purchase must be over £5.00 and made within the Shop.
- Excludes all new Locomotives, as they have already been discounted by 15%
- All members MUST show their membership card at time of purchase



CHRISTMAS DINNER



On Wednesday 12th December the Club had its Christmas Dinner at the Hungry Horse located in Sixfields, Northampton. Below and over the page are some photos of the event.





Web Site and Facebook

Alan and Bridget have been continually adding to our web site. Please have a look at <https://ndmrc.org> . Also do not forget to look at our Facebook page - "Northampton and district model railway club".

Hardingstone Kitchen Cupboards—reminder

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

Hardingstone Hall Ceiling

As most of you will know by now there are problems with the ceiling in the main hall. The ceiling we normally see in the main hall is actually a false ceiling. Apparently part of the plaster from the main ceiling has fallen onto the false ceiling tiles causing them to buckle and fall in under the weight.

From what we understand the hall committee are trying to get the matter sorted. In the meantime the part of the hall affected will remain out of use until the problem has been remedied.



Some photos of the problem.



As we move into 2019, the Club gears up to celebrate 50 years of railway modelling.

The first part of our celebrations have already been realised with the issuing of our new regalia incorporating our new club logo. Quite a few members have now received their new regalia clothing. Please see page 11 for further details.

Miniature Fixings

by Colin Tarry

As some of you will know I also dabble with model lifeboats as well as trains. For my current build I needed some very tiny fittings of a nautical nature. Whilst on my search I found a supplier who made just what I needed. However some of the miniature fixings might also be of use to making model railway related items, so I thought I would just share these with you.

The supplier is Prime-Miniatures.

Their web address is <https://www.prime-miniatures.co.uk>

This supplier for example does brass and tin plated brass hex bolts and machine screws, with nuts and washers from size M0.6mm through to M2.0mm. You can also get threaded brass rod from M1.0 to M2.0mm.

Other items include eye bolts, bottle screws and clevis prongs.



Club Regalia

We are now taking orders for those wanting Club regalia, with our new logo on. To order items of regalia please get in touch with Colin Tarry.

Unlike our previous supplier, we no longer have to order under the constraints of requiring a minimum of four items. If you want any items you can order anytime.

In order to help you gauge (pun intended) the size of item you require there is information sheet available for the item you are interested in.

The following items are available:

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

All prices include VAT (Vampire Added Tax)

Please note that a £5 deposit will be required for EACH item ordered. As these items are personalised, we are unable to give refunds or do exchanges where incorrect sizes have been ordered.



The group photo taken around the Test Track recently—in old regalia.

The Peter Escott Collection



Club member Peter Escott shares with us some more of his photos from his many travels visiting various railway haunts and special events.

Firstly Peter attended and travelled on the special London Underground heritage 1938 stock they ran on Sunday 9th September 2018. The 1938 Tube stock is the one with the wooden windows, deep seats, art-deco lamp shades, and all those old fashioned adverts. The train ran trips on the Metropolitan line between Amersham and Harrow-on-the-Hill.



Some photos of the 1938 Tube stock in action



For Peters most recent trip, he went to Kettering on 17th November to see the former LMS Pacific "Duchess of Sutherland". This loco has run over the past few years in BR lined green livery, but has now been returned to LMS Crimson Lake.



Some photos of the Duchess in her new Crimson Lake livery. It may have been built at Crewe, but its designer was born and trained at Swindon.



Club Information

Committee Members

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



Web site: <https://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.