

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.
- 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

Welcome to the Summer 2019 edition of the Club newsletter.

Colin



Club Torque



We welcome the following new junior member to our club :

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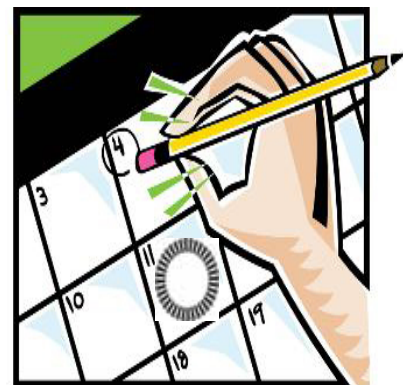
Date of next Committee Meeting

A date for the next committee is Monday 12th August. If there are any items for the next agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP.

Email: rjd156@btinternet.com

Club Night Test Track Dates 2019

All change again! We are now having this out every other week. Here are some dates of the Test Tracks running nights :-



14th & 28th June, 12th & 26th July
9th & 23rd August, 6th & 20th September

**All dates are
subject to change**

If you use the Test Track please help to erect it and dismantle it at the end of the evening. There have been a number of members recently who use the Test Track and then conveniently disappear when its packing up time.

Chairman's Ramblings

Dear Members

I am writing this ramble just after our weekend at the East Anglian Model Railway Exhibition which was their first show at Kettering after they had to leave the old venue at the Wood Green animal sanctuary. I was informed that the building they used there was demolished, partly due to finding asbestos in the roof.



At the show we displayed two of the four boards that make up the Castle Station layout that we rebuilt from the loft layout the club was donated by Timothy Roy when his father (the builder) Leslie Roy passed away. This layout was well received by the public and was helpful in promoting our 50th anniversary show in August. I am currently storing this layout in my garage as we have no room in the shed for it, however I will try to arrange to bring it along to the club when the fiddle yards are complete.

I have to apologise again to my colleagues at the show as we were allocated a 6 foot table and I took a chance as the layout was 8 feet long, which meant an overhang of one foot at each end that caused a little friction with the Society of Model Engineers who had a stand next to us, as our display encroached on their space.

We have been invited to take Castle Station next year to the show again, but this time we are to run it as a layout rather than a display item.

Thanks must go to everyone involved for all their assistance with the retrieval of this great layout, it is nice to think that all the work that Leslie Roy put into it can now be appreciated by others.

The date of our 50th anniversary show is now only two months away and we have a fully booked show that I am sure will be fun and entertaining.

We are holding it at the Roade Village Hall for the first time and with an increased parking area and good access from the M1 motorway we should get a good number of visitors. In the past we have got the mayor to open the show, and have even tried to get someone famous to do it. One year we invited Jools Holland to open the show but got no response, however when he actually turned up at our show at the Northampton School for Girls a few years back with some friends, he grumbled about the entrance fee!

Maybe a club member can assist with someone influential or famous person to open the show for us? Please let me know.

The club evenings seem to be going well, the only problem is with the limited parking and getting items out of the shed when it is dark and/or raining.

The Junior test track is now not far from completion, and the test track is now in operation every other week and seems to be as popular as ever.

We are still looking for an ideal alternative venue for the club, however all alternatives that have been suggested have so far not been suitable.

I was told by the Society of Model Engineers at the show on Sunday that they did not have the space or a building suitable for us at their Delepre Abbey site, so that prospective home is another to cross of our list.

We do need to clear out the shed on site again this summer (when it stops raining!), so we will need to arrange a date for this.

Also I am chasing to see if the lights in the shed can be powered from the hall's supply rather than from a temporary plug-in supply.

That's all for now, but finally I wish to welcome all the new members that have joined recently and hope you are enjoying the facilities.

Also to send best wishes to Bernard, a long term club member, who has not been able to come to the club for quite a long time and is rather unwell at present, and say that it was nice to see Betty (Len Snelling's widow) when she visited the club last week.

Les Pace

Chairman and Exhibition Manager



Ready for opening time at the East Anglian Model Railway show at Kettering.

[photo Les Pace]

Our Club stand at the East Anglian Model Railway Show over the weekend of June 8th & 9th at Kettering



More Photos from the East Anglian Model Railway Show



The illuminated book stall on the Club's Castle Station layout



No you weren't going to get away with it. If a layout had one on it, I would find it. Here is D1002 Western Pioneer in green livery.

Signs of the Past at Rushden Lakes by Colin Tarry

On a recent visit to the Rushden Lakes Shopping Complex just off the A45 near Rushden, I noticed traces of the old railway. In fact it was whilst sitting in Nandos having our lunch, I glanced out of the window and got a surprise in seeing a disused railway bridge. There was still building work going on there when I took these photos, but the old bridge can be seen.



left—A view showing the railway bridge and the old overgrown track bed that passes over the top of it.

below—A view showing the railway bridge marked with the red arrow in relation to the new CineWorld building.





above—A view showing the railway bridge in relation to the new shopping complex buildings. The buildings in the lower left hand part of the image are the BP garage, the Travel Lodge and Buddies.

below— The yellow arrow indicates the bridge position, whilst the yellow line shows the route of the old railway line into Rushden Station.



I thought I would get these photos while it was still there. I expect over the next 12 months the bridge will get demolished and the embankment levelled or even built on. Another part of our railway heritage gone for ever.

The N&DMRC will be attending the following events during 2019

Soar Valley Model Railway Club Exhibition

HEART OF THE MIDLANDS"MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION"

31st Aug/ 1st September 2019 at
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Burton Walks
LOUGHBOROUGH
LE11 2DU



As in previous years we will be taking the multi-gauge test track. Attendance sheets will appear nearer the time for those wishing to help, to register their interest.

Northampton Heritage Fair

14th September 2019 at
Abington Park Museum
Abington Park
Park Avenue South
NORTHAMPTON
NN1 5LW



As we celebrate the Club's 50th anniversary it is appropriate to the Northampton Castle Station layout. Attendance sheets will appear nearer the time for those wishing to help, to register their interest.



New Logo and Regalia for 50 Years



If you still haven't got any of the Club's new uniform/regalia then it can be ordered any time. Quite a few members have now received their new regalia clothing. To order or for further information please see Colin Tarry. Also have a look at page 12.

50th Anniversary Dinner

The Club is holding its anniversary dinner at the Brampton Halt on Saturday 7th September 2019. Please book the date now. I have now been sent a menu by the Brampton Halt, which will be put out on Friday club nights.



On booking your place we will be collecting a £5 deposit per person who wishes to come. We are limited to 30 people so it will be on a first come and deposit paid basis. Also we need to limit each member to one guest. You will need to state in advance what you wish to eat. The balance payment of your meal(s) will need to be paid by Friday 16th August.

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.

Attendance at Club Invited Events

When the N&DMRC is invited to attend an exhibition or event with a layout, static display or sales stand, the organiser(s) will usually set a limit as to the number of Club members who can participate. We are as a Club now laying down some ground rules, which at the next AGM we will propose to have integrated into the Club's Rules & Constitution.

- The names and number of members who are attending an event or exhibition on behalf of the N&DMRC, will be arranged and agreed in advance by the club's committee. A record of their names and on what days they are attending (where applicable) will be kept on file.
- All club members who attend an event without obtaining advance agreement will be treated as ordinary visitors and be required to pay the normal admittance fee to gain access to the event.
- There will be occasions when a number of allocated passes issued by an event organiser will be insufficient for a N&DMRC activity to operate effectively. An example of this is where less than seven passes would be issued to operate the Multi-Gauge Test Track. In these circumstances club members authorised to assist in the event, who do not get a pass, will need to purchase admission tickets to the event and then seek reimbursement from the Club at a later date.
- Those club members representing the Club at an event will be required to wear the Club's uniform.



We are in urgent need of items for the Club's Tombola that we operate at our annual exhibition. Please bring in any new items or items that are in very good condition as prizes. If you wish to donate anything that is edible or drinkable will you please make sure that it has a use by date not expiring before 1st October 2019. Also if you donate anything that is breakable or delicate please mark this clearly on the bag or box you bring it in so that it does not get broken. Unfortunately last year some glassware was donated and it got broken.

The New Junior Test Track

The wiring up continues. Hopefully not long to go now before the first train runs on the layout.



[Photos] Alan Owen & Colin Tarry

Thank goodness they invented the hot glue gun.
That is until you get the glue on your fingers.
I can confirm that nobody's vocabulary got out of hand.



N&DMRC Exhibition - Roade

Saturday 24th August 2019

As this will probably be the last newsletter before our exhibition, here is some information for all members about this event.

In the near future each member will be emailed an exhibition information pack. In past we have noticed problems because some members weren't in the loop as to what was happening. This was a committee fault and our exhibition manager has acted to rectify this.

We will be emailing all members with a floor plan and list of whose exhibitors and traders attending. This should ensure that everyone knows the same information.

Due to the recent vandalism at the Market Deeping Show at Stamford last month, we are not setting anything up until the Saturday morning of the show.

Finally we would like all members to publicise this event as much as possible from now and up to the day. There are plenty of flyers to hand out so please pick some on Friday club night. We will also email each member with an A4 poster file for printing off if required. If you place this in a prominent public place this would be good.





The waiting room—the question is—whose first to see the dentist?

Dirty Cups

Despite an appeal in the Spring newsletter for members not to leave their used cups or unwanted cups with drink in, in the hall, the problem still exists. Admittedly the problem has reduced, but there are still one or two ignoring the request.

Will members please take their mugs to the kitchen and wash them up when they have finished with them. If you don't want to finish a drink you started then again take the cup to the kitchen, tip the unwanted drink away and then wash your cup please.

Its not fair on Michael or Liz, who each week have to clear peoples mess up, because of others laziness.



Club Information

Committee Members

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



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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.