

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 another club member in then please be ready to move your vehicle in order to let them out.

DO NOT block anyone in who is NOT a Club member

From the Editors **Cab Window**

Welcome to the Autumn 2019 edition of the Club newsletter.

Colin



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We welcome the following new members to our club :

**Peter Donabie, Parry Thompson
Jacob Portas (jnr)
Ray Woodberry**

Club Night Demonstration Layout Dates 2019

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

November 8th & 22nd
December 6th & 20th



**All dates are subject to
change**

If you use the demonstration layout 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 demonstration layout and then conveniently disappear when its packing up time.

Chairman's Ramblings

Dear Members

As I sit here writing my ramblings, as usual looking out of my workshop window on a wet and cold day where the birds are shivering and the squirrels are busy with their nuts, I cannot help but notice as I get older the years seem to be getting shorter. Gone are the lovely days of the summer when the rain was warmer. Autumn draws on towards winter when our hobby of model railway building and operation indoors in the warm, seems more inviting. However I hope you will all still want to visit the club on a Friday and enjoy the company of all the other railway model enthusiasts.



We recently had our annual general meeting and most of the committee were re-elected. However I do ask that we could do with some new blood to take the place of those who stood down. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those members who did not stand again, for their input in the past. The club now seems very busy on most Fridays, and the new junior test track is a great addition for the younger members of the club.

I still have not had the chance to return the Castle station layout to the club as we are still hoping to clear some space in the shed for it. We have now provisionally purchased some saw horses to see if these could be made to be a universal support for all the club layouts, as they can be easily adjusted to any suitable height.

We have had no recent parking problems; however I am asking at the next village hall meeting whether we may be able to hire the complete hall on a Friday and if so what the cost may be.

As you know I have stood down as exhibition manager and as no one has expressed an interest so far, we have not booked the hall at Roade for 2020. So unless someone steps up, there will definitely be no show next year. As you may be aware, most members are, let us say not in the full flush of youth, so I have to confirm what I said at the club's AGM in that I have introduced a new unwritten rule— it is against the rules to die. AND THAT'S OFFICIAL!

Best wishes for the future including Christmas and the New Year

Les Pace Chairman

Road Exhibition

RADIO
NORTHAMPTON



[Top]
Jules from
BBC Radio
Northampton
Treasure
Quest with Mr
Topham Hat
from Sodar
and Les.



Photos Colin Tarry

[Left]
Mr Topham Hat with Les
while he talks to
Jonathan Vernon Smith
of Radio Northampton's
Treasure Quest
programme.

Some pictures from the Roade Exhibition

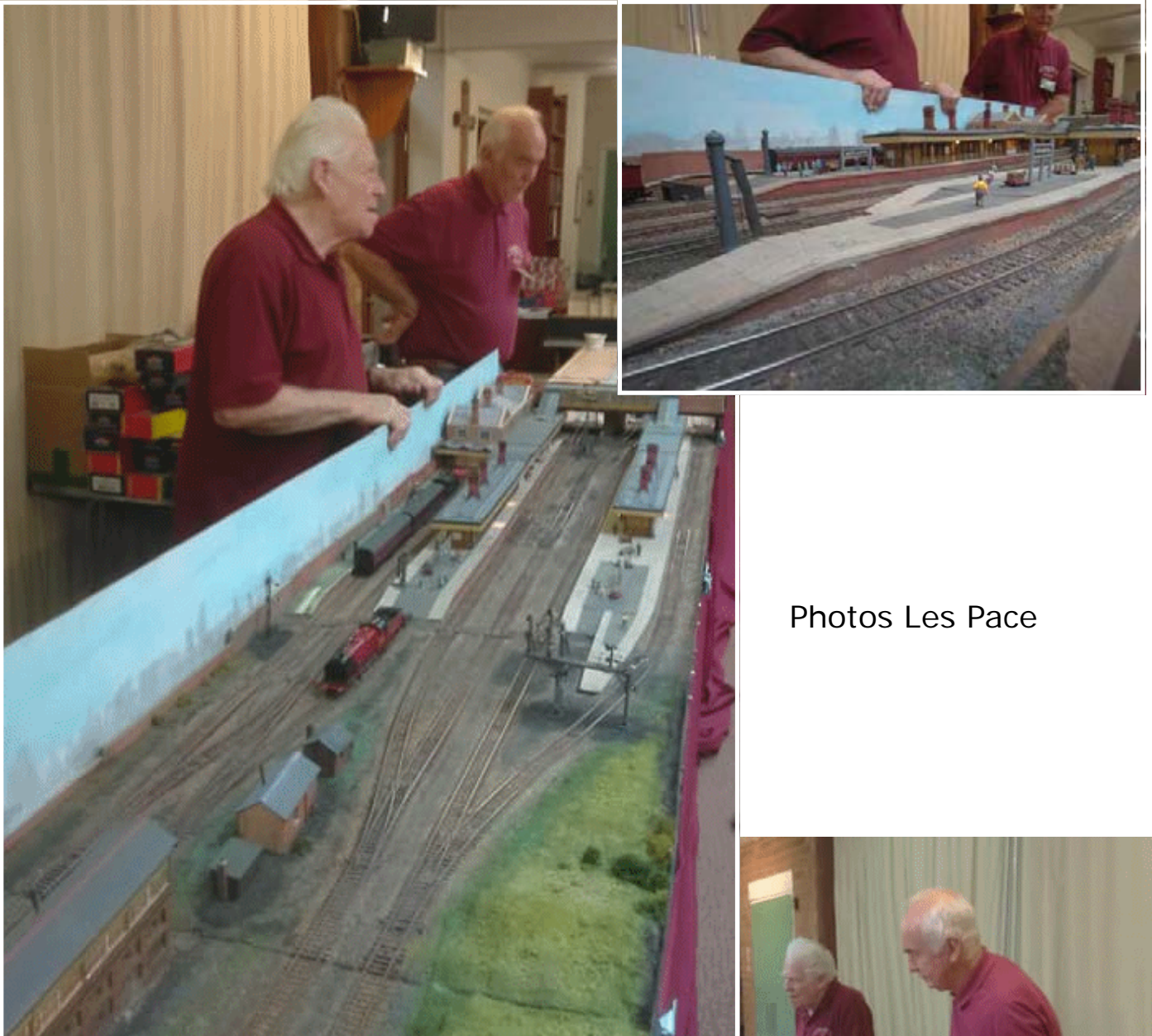


Photos Colin Tarry



Daventry MRC Exhibition

On 5th October our club took the Northampton Castle Station layout to the Daventry model railway exhibition at the Daventry Methodist Church hall.



Photos Les Pace



Loughborough MRC Exhibition

Over the weekend of 31st August and 1st September our club took the Multi Gauge Test Track (now known as the Demonstration Layout) to the Soar Valley Model Railway Club exhibition at Loughborough Grammar School. Unfortunately we don't have any photos.



The Club Totem sign, which we display when exhibiting layouts, sales stands and any other events where the Club is represented, has now been made double sided. We thank member Mick Mumford for getting this done. This is has its own wooden box in which it is kept. This is to mainly protect it from being broken.



Northampton Heritage Fair

On 14th September Northampton held a Heritage Fair. The N&DMRC was invited to take a layout for exhibition at the Abington Park Museum.

Photo Les Pace



Junior Demonstration Layout



The junior demonstration layout is now fully operational with four circuits. This layout is proving very popular with our younger members.

Photo Cliff Simpson



50th Anniversary Dinner

The Club held its anniversary dinner at the Brampton Halt on Saturday 7th September 2019.





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Bernard Kelly

(1930— 2019)

At the funeral of Bernard, the Club was represented by John Baxter, Michael Castledine, Les Pace and Colin Tarry.

His eulogies (of which John read one of them), reference was made to his Christian faith, his love of gardening and of railways.

Bernard was a member of the Friends of Eastfield Park, and a Heritage Board has been erected since his funeral, which was opened by his son, Richard, and daughter, Susan on Sunday 27th October 2019,



In Loving Memory of



Bernard Kelly

5th October 1930 - 29th August 2019

Nene Valley Crematorium
305 Doddington Road
Wellingborough
NN8 2NX

Thursday 12th September 3:00pm

dedicated to his memory. Most of the work for it was due to his efforts.

Bernard was also a member of the Northampton Prostate Cancer Support Group, for whom he did a lot of work when it first started. Anyone is welcome to join them for their meetings.

Memories of Bernard



[above] Bernard (front right) poses for a club photo on 20th November 2013. In the photo are three other members no longer with us.



[left] Bernard concentrating as he lines up the tracks on the former Greenford layout fiddle yard.



[right] Bernard (left) chats with Mick Mumford at club on 4th January 2019. This is probably one of the last times we saw him at club.

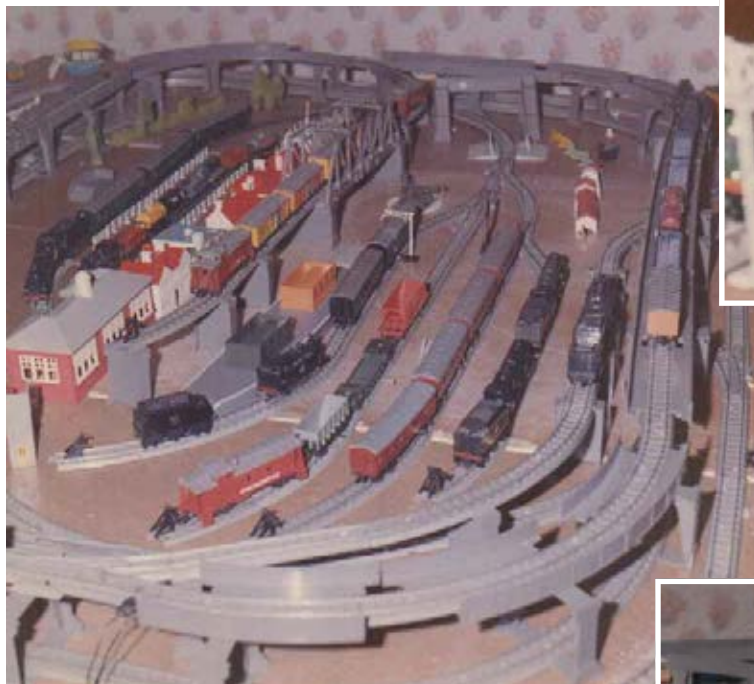


[above] Bernard having just cut out the turntable aperture on the Club's former Greenford layout on 27th October 2010.



[left] Bernard (centre) on a club outing to the Didcot Railway Centre on 6th August 2011.

Mick Banister's Memories of His Fathers Layout



These pictures show Tri-ang model railway items as they were in the 1960s.



Club Uniform

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.

Club Information

Committee Members

Les Pace (Chair Person) Colin Tarry (Treasurer)
Richard Deacon (Secretary) Michael Castledine

Web site: <https://ndmrc.org>

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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.

