



Between the Lines

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 Winter 2019 edition of the Club newsletter.



You will see looking through it, I have decided to give it a revamp.

One page you need to take particular note of is 6. This covers the Hardingstone Village Hall closure over the festive season.

Colin



The Committee would like to
wish the Clubs members
and ITS newsletter readers



A Very Happy Christmas and New Year

Club Torque

Club Night Demonstration Layout Dates 2019 / 2020

We are now having this out every other week.
Here are some dates of the demonstration layout
running nights :- **December 20th**

January 3rd, 17th & 31st February 14th & 28th



**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

Where has 2019 gone? It only seems a moment ago when it first started. As I sit in my workshop typing my ramblings to the sound of falling rain, which seems to be almost constant lately, we have just had the Christmas meal and there is only one more meeting before Christmas and we will be running the exhibition/demonstration layout.



This year has seen the junior layout created and the exhibiting of the Castle station layout at our, and other shows. Our show was very successful and raised a good sum to finance the club's projects in the future. As you know I have passed on the exhibition manager's post to Craig and he is doing a great job and I do feel I have left it in safe hands. You may be aware that the show at Roade will be on the 15th August and we are working on the Kingsthorpe layout to be hopefully ready for it. We are currently modifying it to DCC to make the operation a lot simpler.

In the new year, hopefully we can push forward with some new projects, and as you know we are experimenting with some new metal saw horses to support our layouts instead of the wooden legs we used in the past. We are also hoping to modify Castle station into an oval layout next year and using the fiddle yard for another new layout to replace the redundant Greenford/Four Oakes one. Subject of course for storage being available for both layouts.

At the AGM this year a couple of the committee members decided not to stand again so if anyone is interested in becoming a committee member then please let us know. It is not too demanding and will not take up too much of your time.

We do have problems now and again with parking and we were thinking of hiring the whole building on a Friday to alleviate this problem, however at present the extra cost of this may be too much.

The club's Facebook page is available to all members who are interested in keeping in touch with each other. Several members use it regularly and if you need any further information on joining us then please let me know.

Finally if anyone knows of a suitable venue for the club which has a cheap rent, lots of parking, easy access and sole use by us, or failing that a very rich friend or relative who will finance the club, then please let me know!

Hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year and that 2020 is good for you.

Les Pace Chairman

The Chairman's Christmas Joke

An Englishman, a Frenchman, a ravishing blonde and an old lady are sharing a compartment on a train as it winds its way through the Alps.

Every now and then the train passes through a tunnel, during which time the compartment is plunged into complete darkness. On one such occasion, a ringing slap is heard and as the train passes back into daylight, the Frenchman is rubbing his sore, red cheek.

The old lady thinks, "I bet that dirty Frenchman fondled the blonde and she struck the pervert."

The blonde thinks, "I bet that filthy Frenchman was looking to grope me in the dark, mistook the old lady for me and she slapped him."

The Frenchman thinks, "I bet that perfidious Englishman touched up the blonde in the dark and she slapped me by mistake."

The Englishman thinks, "I can't wait for another tunnel so I can slap that French twat again."

Weekly Subscriptions

We have the old problem again of some members not paying their weekly subscription or only paying partially what they should pay. Members attending the Club are required to pay £2. This covers your contribution towards the hire of the hall plus your bottomless beverages.

Where two persons attend who are not both paid up club members, then only one lot of £2 is payable. If the problem does not rectify its self then we'll do what we had to do when at Kingsthorpe—we'll collect the monies as you come in.





I Don't Believe It!

They have a track side sign at Dawlish on the Devon coast with a leaf symbol on it; presumably leaves on the line warning! I would have thought leaves on the line was the least of their worries on this section of track.



Christmas & New Year Club Meetings



We shall meet on Friday December 20th for the last meeting in 2019 and then meet again in the new year on Friday 3rd January.

There will be **NO** meeting at Hardingstone on Friday 27th December

Pictures from the Christmas Dinner



Everyone tucking in at the Elwes Arms in Great Billing.



2020 Roade Exhibition—Good News

As you know at the last AGM, our Chairman and Exhibition Manager Les stood down as Exhibition Manager. He has done this job for a number of years and anyone who has been involved in the organisation of our annual shows will be aware of the tremendous amount of work that goes on throughout the year behind the scenes, and on the day, performed by the Exhibition Manager.

The situation was that if no one else was willing to take over, then 2019 would have been our last Exhibition. This was sad as that show was an all round success, especially as it was in our 50th anniversary year.

The Committee is pleased to announce that Craig Dawkins has offered to take on the role. He will obviously need help and support as he finds his feet , so if he asks you to do something for the show, please say "yes — I would be delighted to help". The job of Exhibition Manager is made that much easier by sharing the duties, but Craig has to be the front man; on the day and the weeks and months before.

As we now have an Exhibition in 2020, the venue at Roade Village Hall has been booked for SATURDAY 15th AUGUST 2020. Please plan your summer breaks around that date. We were aware that the Bank Holiday Saturday this year wasn't convenient for some Members and visitors alike. Our exhibition in 2020 we will be a week ahead of Milton Keynes Silver Fox Exhibition, set for the 22nd August.

Craig's email address is craig.dawkins60@gmail.com

Richard

Secretary

N&DMRC

Northampton Transport Collectors Fair

by Colin Tarry

On Saturday 16th November the Club had a sales stand at the Northampton Transport Collectors Fair, being manned by John Walker and myself. This event was held at the Abington Parish Rooms on Park Avenue North. Although from a financial point of view we didn't make vast amounts of money for the Club, it was an opportunity to advertise ourselves. Several members of the public were spoken to about our club so hopefully we will get some new members.



This event is organised by the 794 Bus Preservation Group, who as you may recall had a stand at our Roade exhibition this year. This is an organisation that we are developing a good working relation with. We provide them with a stand at our

exhibition and they give us a sales slot at their fair free of charge. They also distribute a good number of our exhibition flyers at the many events they attend during the year.



In 2020 the Northampton Transport Collectors Fair will be held on Saturday 14th November at Roade Village Hall—a NEW VENUE.

HOMEWORK

Something for you to think about or research over the festive season.

What item invented by an employee of the GWR works at Swindon in the 19th century, is still used today on our railways?

Just to give you a slight start, a clue is its to do with wheels.



Name It! - Test Track / Demonstration Layout

As you are aware, and if not you will be now, we had to rename the Multi Gauge Test Track as a Demonstration Layout. This was because no exhibition organisers wanted it as they had their own test tracks. However a layout called a Demonstration Layout doesn't sound very inspiring either. The challenge is on, to find a name for the layout that will want organisers to want it. We need the club membership to come up with a name. Someone has suggested as an example Two Gages. All have a think and let me know your suggestion.



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Help the Aged Cross the Line

by Colin Tarry

It has no doubt come to many members notice that there appears to be an increasing number who find it difficult to limbo under the Demonstration Layout. There is good news; the Gauge1 Society, and in particular the Yorkshire Section, have the answer. Instead of going under the layout they go over it. They have made their own footbridge. I don't know whether it has a weight limit.



This is what we need to build. This is what the Gauge1 Society had at Warley.

I saw it in action and it worked very well.



A Day Out at the Warley Exhibition by Colin Tarry

A few of us from the Club went to the Warley Model Railway Exhibition at the NEC on Saturday 23rd November. As a group, myself, Richard Deacon and Michael Castledine went. While there I saw at a distance Ray and Parry, Alan and Henry. There could have been others as well.

We managed to get there and back on the train alright, despite the threat of industrial action by the RMT. Initially when we first arrived at Castle Station we were told to get on a Poynter's coach, and this would take us to Rugby via Long Buckby. The idea being once at Rugby we then catch a Pendolino or the like. However, having been sitting on the bus for about 10 minutes awaiting departure, we were then herded off this and onto a train they had found.

I wasn't really enamoured by the quality of the layouts this year. There was nothing I would call outstanding. There were two layouts that appealed to me; one was Lough MPD and the other Holly Park.

Lough MPD was a Western Region layout, as the name suggests, of a motive power depot during the transition period of steam to diesel. At one end and centre were the steam locos of the former GWR plus one or two interlopers. At the other end, where I was were the diesels of BR (W). Now let's think what sort of traction did the Western Region go for in their choice of diesels—Oh yes Diesel Hydraulic. As the picture overleaf shows, on shed was a Hymek, Western, D800 Warship and D600 Warship.

The other layout that appealed to me was Holly Park. This layout brought back memories for me when my father was alive and he built me and my brother a Hornby Dublo 3-rail layout. As my father died when I was only 11, anything I see relating to HD 3-rail always brings back poignant memories. I still have all my 3-rail track, locos and rolling stock.

Lough MPD



Holly Park



Club Uniform

If you wish to, order any items of Club Uniform then please get in touch with Colin Tarry.

In order to help you gauge (pun intended) the size of item(s) you require there is information available in the club folder.

The following items are available:

A price list is also in the club folder.

All body clothing has the club logo on and your name.

The cap only has the club logo.

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.

Unfortunately from the 1st December there has had to be a price increase, which is detailed in the matrix below.



ITEM	GENDER	PRODUCT No	SIZE	PRICE
Polo shirt	Mens	R539M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£22.00
Polo shirt	Mens	R539M	3XL, 4XL	£25.00
Polo shirt	Ladies	R539F	8,10,12,14,16,18	£22.00
Polo shirt	Ladies	R539F	20,22	£25.00
Polo shirt	Childs	R539B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£22.00
Sweat shirt	Unisex	R762M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£26.00
Sweat shirt	Unisex	R762M	3XL, 4XL	£27.00
Sweat shirt	Childs	R762B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£26.00
Fleece	Mens	R870M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£29.00
Fleece	Mens	R870M	3XL, 4XL	£31.00
Fleece	Ladies	R870F	8,10,12,14,16,18	£29.00
Fleece	Ladies	R870F	20,22	£31.00
Fleece	Childs	R870B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£29.00
Cap	Unisex	BC015	One size fits all	£11.00

Soar Valley Model Railway Exhibition



Some pictures of the Club's Exhibition (Multi Gauge Test Track) at the Soar Valley Model Railway exhibition over the weekend of Aug31st / Sep 1st 2019.

In the last newsletter I said I couldn't post any photos as we didn't have any. However Tim Amos did take these so here they are.



Club Information

Committee Members

Les Pace (Chair Person) Colin Tarry (Treasurer)
Richard Deacon (Secretary) Michael Castledine
Craig Dawkins (Exhibition Manager)

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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.

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