

Newsletter

Between the Lines

**NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT
MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**

7 8 9 10 11 12

Spring /

Summer 2022

ADMIT ONE to Platform

NOT VALID ON TRAINS

Issued subject to the Bye-Laws, Notices
Regulations and Conditions of the Railway

1 2 3 4 5 6



C O N T E N T S (of key articles)

From the Editors Cab Window	Page 2
Chairman's Ramblings	Page 3
Club Torque	Page 4
Caption competition	Page 5
Spirit level wagon	Page 6
Layout metal trestles & Shed painting	Page 7
Forthcoming events 2022	Page 8
Club fridge for sale	Page 9
Club Uniform	Page 10



From the Editors Cab Window

Welcome to the Spring / Summer newsletter. We are still in Spring but summer is only just around the corner. I thought I ought to get something out to the membership, as we have a lot to relay to you all.

I would like to draw your attention to the request on page 4 for exhibition help and items for the Tombola please. Our exhibition is approaching fast and we are in need of items for this.

For a chance to get some free ink cartridges, please let the editor (that's me) know what printer you have. I need make, model and ink cartridge product number.

Don't forget any member can submit articles for publication in the club newsletter. Just send them to me at wizzo@hymek.net That is what Roger has done (see page 5), although in this case he might regret doing so.

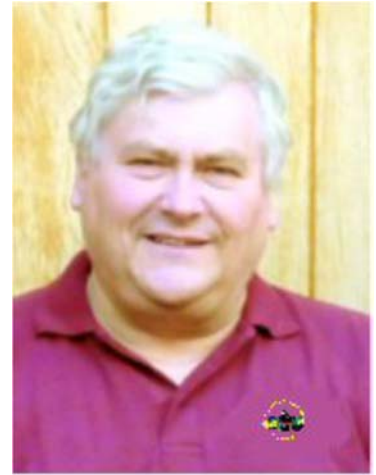
Colin

Chairman's Ramblings

Dear Members

I do hope this copy of my ramblings finds you all in one piece. As I look out of my workshop window it looks like Spring but go outside and it certainly does not feel like it.

Still back to happier things. The club is still up and running well at the moment, and the layouts seem to be behaving themselves. The new wall is now rebuilt at last in the carpark, and this means 2 more parking spaces are now available. We have had problems with parking by people picking up their children from the Scout hall next door and have warned several people not to park in the hall carpark in the last few weeks. The chain that we have in the entrance to the hall is due to be replaced by a new vertical lifting barrier in the next few weeks and I am told is under construction at the moment. I do not know if the gate will be fitted with flashing warning lights!



We have a couple of local shows coming up in the next few months and details of these will be made available shortly.

Regarding my ongoing search for a new venue for the club, as usual no luck. However if any member of the club wins millions of pounds on the lottery, remember we are your best friends!

The new layout supports we purchased recently seem to be working well, especially as they will allow us to run all club layouts at different heights. Something we could not do before. Also we are due to pick up the Castle Station layout this month from the station where it has been on display for several months and hopefully start work on the fiddle yard to convert it into a continuous oval.

Work is progressing on Kingsthorpe and I wish to thank Andy, Steve, and Paul for all their efforts to make it a good layout to operate. They are in the process of installing a new DCC system which should be more robust and easier to fault find when in operation at shows.

I would also like to thank John Walker for his sterling efforts with his sales table every Thursday evening where bargains for club members can always be found.

I was watching on You tube today a video by the Watercress line preserved railway group showing part of the early history of their work to rebuild the railway into what it is today, after its purchase from British rail. It bought back lovely memories for me when, with my brother in law Roy (now sadly deceased) we used to visit it when we were in the area. I do admire the way they persevered when lots of people said it could not be done.

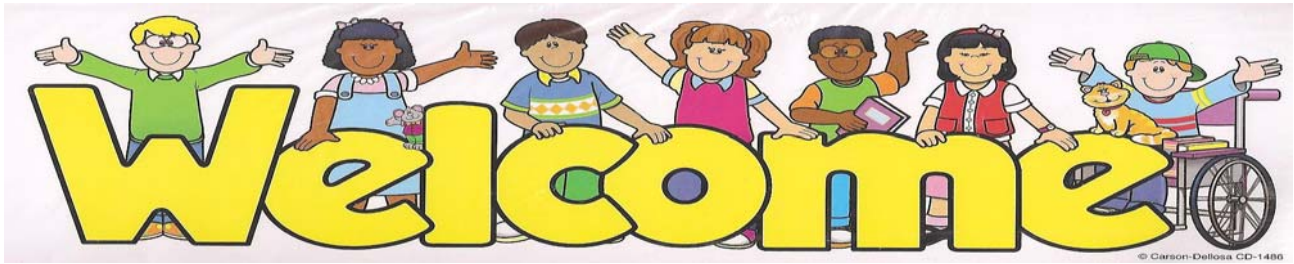
It certainly says something about the British spirit.

Best wishes

Les Pace

Chairman NDMRC

Club Torque



The Club is pleased to welcome the following new member(s):

Roy Marks

Club Exhibition 2022 — Roade

There is a supply of flyers advertising our club exhibition in August that you can take to distribute where you think fit. Just ask Colin or Craig for some.

Will you please let Craig know if you can help on the day. We need as many people as possible.

If anyone works for, or knows of anyone who may want to advertise in the programme, then again let Craig know please. It's £25 for an advert.

TOMBOLA

Its that time again when we must appeal for 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 2022. Also if you donate anything that is breakable or delicate, then please mark this clearly on the bag or box you bring it in please so that it does not get broken. Unfortunately in the past some glassware was donated and it got broken.

Caption Competition



Roger has sent this photo of himself and thought it would make a good Caption Competition item. If you can think of a PRINTABLE caption for the photo then please sent it to the editor whose email address is wizzo@hymek.net . We won't print the obvious caption which is of course : "You haven't got time to pose for the camera".

Spirit Level Wagon

by Colin Tarry

To determine how level or not level my layout is, I have devised a small wagon with a mini spirit level, to do the job.

The wagon I use is Bachmann open type.

Firstly I purchased a brand new wagon for the job. This way there will be no wear in the axle boxes thereby getting the wagon sitting evenly on four wheels.

The mini spirit level came from either Ebay or Amazon. There are many differing types available. Initially I wanted to get a T shaped one that would indicate a gradient and cant. But this type does not fit in the wagon. I did think of utilising just a wagon chassis with the T type fixed directly to the chassis. But my layout did not allow the clearance required. But it's the gradient I'm mainly interested in, so this wagon does the job.

The next job is to marry the two items up. I started with getting a ground base that was level using a 'Daddy' spirit level. Next the wagon is placed on the level base, and the spirit level inside the wagon. Next the spirit level has to be calibrated i.e. it must be sitting level. Just because the wagon is brand new, does not guarantee its sitting level. Next, if required, I used very thin Plasticard shims to get the spirit level to sit level. When happy with the calibration, glue it all in place with a THIN liquid glue.



Layout Metal Trestles - WARNING

by Colin Tarry

Most of you will know that we are now using the new metal trestles for supporting both the N gauge test track and junior layouts upon.

However I must add a warning that there are some sharp edges on the metal work so please be careful when handling these items. Two of our members have already had cuts inflicted on them, one quite badly.

We are going to number each set and then with a grinding wheel remove any sharp edges we come across. It will take time to modify all the units.



Shed Painting

With approach of hopefully better weather we need to get some preservative onto the storage shed. It has not had any added for a couple of years due to obvious reasons, but is certainly now showing signs of needing some TLC. With good weather and lighter nights I'm hoping we can get a coat on during our Thursday evening meets. Unfortunately we can't set a date as it depends not only on the weather on the day but also that the shed is bone dry from any previous rain we have had. We have the Ronseal preservative in the shed along with brushes, decanting receptacles and gloves.



If you want to help it will be a call on the night. You will need to wear old clothes and it is advisable to bring your own eye protection.

Forthcoming Events

St Matthews Summer Fete

2nd July 2022 13:00-16:00

The Club has been invited to display a layout at this event.

Once we have seen how much room we can have then we'll decide what we are taking.

Soar Valley Model Railway Club Exhibition

21st/22nd August 2022

We have booked to attend the above event with the club's Multi-Gauge Demonstration layout. The SVMRC exhibition is being held on the weekend of 21st/22nd August 2022 at Loughborough Grammar School.

We have indicated to them that we require 8 operators. Nearer the time we will be seeking the names of members who wish to attend. If we get more than 8 on each day then we will need to ration who attends on what day(s).

Northampton Heritage fair

11th September 2022

We have been invited to display a layout at either Abington Park Museum or Northampton Museum & Art Gallery. Due to parking restrictions in town we will display at Abington Park. We now need to decide which layout to take. We've got time to sort that out.

Rushden Historical Transport Trust—Model Weekend

17th/18th September 2022

This year we are taking Les's O gauge layout Eastbridge and Colin's N gauge layout Jims Junction. We can't take the demonstration layout due to the financial cost of doing so. As a club we don't get any expenses. To hire a van costs over £300.

We will be asking for volunteers to help nearer the time. For new members who wish to help, we do ask that you are present wearing the club uniform. See Colin if you wish to purchase some uniform. Details on page 11.

Fridge 4 Sale

The Club is selling its larder fridge. We purchased this in 2018 for our exhibition at Cogenhoe. It has only been used once, hence the decision to sell it. We are offering this to club members first. It cost £210 when new but we are selling it to members for £50. If you would like to purchase this larder fridge then please make your interest known to any committee member.

The model is a Beko LSG1545DW

- 145.7 x 54.5 x 61 cm (H x W x D)
- Capacity: 250 litres
- Auto defrost
- Water dispenser (no plumbing required)
- Wine rack to keep your bottles chilled
- Reversible door to suit any kitchen layout.
- Energy efficiency rating A+
- Annual energy consumption 132 kWh

The fridge comes with its 28 page manual.



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.



ITEM	GENDER	PRODUCT No	SIZE	PRICE
Polo shirt	Mens	R539M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£28.00
Polo shirt	Mens	R539M	3XL, 4XL	£32.00
Polo shirt	Ladies	R539F	8,10,12,14,16,18	£28.00
Polo shirt	Ladies	R539F	20,22	£32.00
Polo shirt	Childs	R539B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£28.00
Sweat shirt	Unisex	R762M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£33.00
Sweat shirt	Unisex	R762M	3XL, 4XL	£34.00
Sweat shirt	Childs	R762B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£33.00
Fleece	Mens	R870M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£37.00
Fleece	Mens	R870M	3XL, 4XL	£39.00
Fleece	Ladies	R870F	8,10,12,14,16,18	£37.00
Fleece	Ladies	R870F	20,22	£39.00
Fleece	Childs	R870B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£37.00
Cap	Unisex	BC015	One size fits all	£14.00

These prices are correct as at 1st December 2021. These prices are subject to change. When ordering please bear in mind that the cost may be greater than shown here.

Club Information

Committee Members

Les Pace (Chair Person)
Richard Deacon (Secretary)
Craig Dawkins (Exhibition Manager)
Cliff Simpson

Colin Tarry (Treasurer)
Michael Castledine

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

Email: feedback@ndmrc.org

Club Night: Thursday

Meeting Time: 19:30—22:00

Venue: Hardingstone Village Hall

High Street, Hardingstone,
Northampton, NN4 6DA



Secretary: tel: 01604 890275

email: rjd156@btinternet.com

Non Committee Positions

Newsletter Editor - Colin Tarry email: wizzo@hymek.net
Sales Officer - John Walker email: pamjohn38@btinternet.com

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.

DISCLAIMER

Any views expressed in this newsletter are those of the individual contributors and not necessarily those of the Northampton and District Model Railway Club, its Officials or Members unless so stated.