

The Whistleblower

January 2011

MEMBERS COMMUNICATIONS

As you can see, the committee have decided to publish a newsletter to all members to keep them informed of what is happening at the club. The plan is to issue this twice quarterly. The Whistleblower is a members communication vehicle so if you have something to say or advise please submit this to the editor to be published. Apart from the usual feedback from the committee and event organisers we are looking for content that you feel will be of interest to the membership.

COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

The first committee meeting of the New Year was held on 12th January. There are a number of immediate issues being addressed.

- Clive Jackson has resigned as club secretary. Robin Baker has agreed to stand in temporarily until a new secretary is elected. An Emergency General Meeting will take place on 26th January for this election. A calling notice will be posted so put forward your nominations in plenty of time.
- WCC clubroom and hall annual rent rise. The Chairman and Treasurer are in negotiations with the hall committee to agree this at present.
- The additional hire of the main hall from 3.00pm is proving difficult as this is having a negative impact on club reserves. The committee has decided to discuss this with the club membership at the EGM on 26th January to find an acceptable way forward. Please see the EGM calling notice.
- Following the point raised at the end of the AGM by Ian Gordon regarding the clubroom facilities, a number of improvements will be made over the next 6 weeks. This will include a group rota to wash up, empty dustbins, clean the room, etc each week. Also a rearrangement the clubroom will be made to create more table space for modeling. Please help us to improve this facility.
- Paul Martin has agreed to update the website more often however this depends upon the layout groups providing content. Please ensure your group regularly gives Paul your input. To publicise the club and its activity we need a good window to the outside world.

EXHIBITON DIARY

23rd January - Weydon Rd at Bristol O Gauge

5th/6th February - Weydon Rd at Alton

12th/13th March - Greenfield Sidings at Basingstoke

..... April - Basingstoke at Melksham

2nd May - O Gauge open day at the Club (£1 entry)

.....May - Greenfield Sidings at Loddon Vale

PROGRAMME FOR CLUB NIGHTS

Date	Event	Subject
January		
Wed 5	0 gauge running night	O gauge running track
Wed 12		Committee meeting
Wed 19		
Wed 26	00 gauge running night	Test track
February		
Wed 2	0 gauge running night	O gauge running track
Wed 9		
Wed 16	Presentation	Weathering <u>with</u> an Airbrush (Ron Patterson)
Wed 23	00 gauge running night	
March		
Wed 2	0 gauge running night	
Wed 9	Social evening	Pancake night lead by Robin Baker
Wed 16	Presentation	Weathering <u>without</u> an Airbrush (Mick Raybould)
Wed 23	00 gauge running night	
Wed 30		

ANNUAL EVENTS

The club hold a number of events throughout the year. In order to ensure these are well organised and patronised we are looking for help to organise these.

- The club annual dinner. Planned for the evening of Friday 1st April. Ron Patterson will co-ordinate this so please watch for the notice in the next few weeks.
- A summer club outing?? This has been put forward as something we may want to consider this year - current suggestions are to visit the McAlpine or Pendon museum. Please let the Secretary know if you are interested.
- The annual modelling competition. Normally held in early September every year on a club evening, however recently this has been poorly supported. Are the members interested in holding this and would it be better to have a members model display evening and remove the competitiveness? Let us have your inputs.
- The club open day. To be held on Sunday 30th October - the club layouts being erected will be Greenfield Sidings (OO) and Brixcombe(P4). The committee are looking for somebody from the N & O groups to lead the organisation of this starting well ahead of the event.
- The photographic competition. This is held every year jointly with Astolat and Liphook MRCs in November. This is an excellent event but needs organising - is there a member who is prepared to organise the Farnham end of this??

LAYOUT CORNER

Calling all groups - give us your input and we will publish it. The size of this box depends on your input - lets try and make this much bigger for the next issue