

# The Whistleblower

February 2011

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

Following the EGM discussions on the hire of the WCC main hall on Wednesday afternoons, we have now renegotiated the rental cost for this with the WCC committee. The **good news** is that we have managed to get a significant reduction in the quarterly rental cost and, as a result, the club committee is immediately reducing the surcharge paid by members who use the main hall in the afternoons from £20 per quarter to £10 per quarter. The **bad news** is that the £10 surcharge is payable at the beginning of each quarter, the "pay as you use" option is being withdrawn.

## COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

A committee meeting was held on 9th February, the feed back to the members is as follows

- Layout group budgets have been agreed, please see you group leader for details.
- The EGM was held on 21st of January to elect a new secretary and discuss the use of the Main Hall in the afternoons. It was agreed to raise the annual subscriptions to £75 and charge the members who use the hall £20 p.q. (see above)
- The committee have started to raise additional income over and above subscriptions and exhibition. We will introduce Associate Membership, charge an entry fee for our open day and run a car boot sale in aid of club funds. Also each group has been tasked to raise £50 each this year.
- We continue to drive for new membership and want to reach 50 adult members by year end. Will all members get involved with this and offer ideas to meet the target.
- Is there anybody within the membership prepared to set up and run Ebay selling on behalf of the club. Please let us know.

## EXHIBITON DIARY

- 12/13th March - Greenfield Sidings at Basingstoke
- 10/11th April - Basingstoke at Melksham
- 2nd May - O Gauge open day at the Club (£1)
- 7th May - Greenfield Sidings at Loddon Vale

## THE CLUB ROOM

Have you noticed that we have started to tidy up the clubroom and storage room?? The plan is to provide a lot more modelling stations for members use and generally improve the facilities. We will also be publishing some "house rules" to ensure the clubroom is kept tidy - watch this space.

## PROGRAMME FOR CLUB NIGHTS

Date	Event	Subject
<b>February</b>		
Wed 2	0 gauge running night	O gauge running track
Wed 9		
Wed 16		
Wed 23	Presentation	Weathering <u>with</u> an Airbrush (Ron Patterson)
<b>March</b>		
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 annual dinner. To be held on the evening of Friday 1st April at the Sandrock. The menu and booking forms are on the notice board. Please submit your booking forms to Ron Patterson or Les Inwood.
- A summer club outing?? No feedback so far on whether this is required by the membership. Please let the Secretary know if you want this to happen.
- The annual modelling competition. Again no feedback as to whether this is required.
- The club open day. To be held on Sunday 30th October - the club layouts being erected will be Greenfield Sidings (OO) and Brixcombe(P4). We need a volunteer from the N & O groups to get this organised.
- The photographic competition. This is held every year jointly with Astolat and Liphook MRCs in November. Again we need a volunteer to organise the Farnham end of this.

## LAYOUTS

**N gauge group new layout:** After researching and comparing a wide number of potential prototype locations the group have narrowed it down from over a 100 proposals to 3 alternatives, Romsey Hants, Wickwar on the Midland route from Gloucester to Bristol and St Boswells on the Waverly route. Planning has already started on how the dual demands of DC and DCC control can be incorporated into the layout and the baseboards format. Further research is continuing into how the track plans fit into the planned layout size - a final decision will be made in February. Watch this space next month, Chris.

**O gauge group:** There is a lot of work outstanding on Weydon Road following the Bristol & Alton shows. This means that the proposal for the new small layout will slow down. The 'O' Gauge Open day is on 2nd May - jobs for the day are being allocated so if anyone from the other groups want to help operate, take the money, record visitors, look after the car park please contact me.

Don't throw Railway Magazines away - the group has started to distribute unwanted Railway Magazines with club labels to doctor's & dentist's surgeries and hospitals to publicise the club. Mick.

**OO gauge group:** The working weekend revealed several running faults on Greenfield Sidings - these have been rectified. The 3rd rail fouts certain stock items and will now be lowered. Additional scenic work has been done to the village/station corner and a pub has been sited on the hill by the folly. A fiddle yard stock plan has been agreed for Basingstoke show.