

WHISTLEBLOWER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FARNHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY

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EDITORIAL

Only a short edition this time which mostly features announcements of forthcoming events. More content to follow in the next edition. Do feel free to send me any model railway or railway related items that you would like to have featured.

CLUB EVENTS – David Harrington and Mike Le Marie

Don't miss these planned activities in the coming weeks:

- On Monday 29th May our OO Group will be holding its first Open Day from 10.00 to 16.00 – please come along and lend your support (and active help if asked). Superb bacon sarnies are guaranteed! See additional information from Wilf below.
- On Wednesday 7th June Mike Le Marie is leading a visit to Pecorama – so far he has about a dozen takers, If you have not put your name down and would like to come please contact Mike either at the club or email at mjandcjemarie@btinternet.com as soon as possible.
- On Wednesday 14th June Chris Nevard, the photographer from Model Rail magazine, will be visiting us again, this time to take pics of Wickwar which we hope will be at least as good as those he took of Brixcombe recently.
- On Friday 16th June several members will be visiting the GCR model-cum-steam gala event. In the 3 years of its existence this event has become one of the best of its kind. Details are on the club noticeboard.
- On Sunday 25th June the OO-Group's children's layout will be showcased at the Wrecclesham Fete. Built by Charles Joliffe and his team the layout will be raffled at our Annual Exhibition in October in aid of a local charity "Parkside".
- On Friday 9th September the N-Gauge Group will set off to its favourite annual pilgrimage to TINGS at Leamington Spa.

- On Wednesday 13th September the Club will hold its Modelling Competition. If you intend to enter, NOW is the time to start thinking about what you intend to astonish and delight your friends with and to start building!
- On the weekend of 14th and 15th October the efforts of Noel and Mike in putting together our annual show will bear fruit as we decamp to the Connaught Centre (soon to change its name to Alderwood – same place, different title)
- On Sunday 19th November the Club will hold its annual Open Day, involving all our scales and gauges. Once more the kitchen will yield up its aromas of sizzling bacon. So all hands to this particular pump to repeat the success it's enjoyed over the years.
- Our AGM is to be held on Wednesday 6th December. This is your chance to vote for a new Committee (the old one has run its 3-year course)
- And to round off the year we will hold our Christmas Dinner. Mike Le Marie has agreed to take over from David Taylor as the Christmas Dinner co-ordinator. He has made a provisional booking at the Hen & Chicken pub located between Farnham & Alton for Wednesday 13th December. This pub can offer us an exclusive room with a maximum seating capacity of 38 and a cost of about £20 per head. The one possible disadvantage is that it is a carvery type buffet service for the main course. Before confirming the booking Mike would like to hear the views of other club members.

00 GROUP REPORT – Wilf Pateman

LAYOUT REPORT

The New 00 Gauge layout is now starting to take shape. The track work is now complete and ballasting is progressing well, I am sure Alan has started up a building firm and I think he is trying to out do Wimpy as his houses and shops appear at a much faster rate. David Bristow has spent many long hours working out the control and wiring needed for the new layout then committing it to paper so hopefully we will know what's what when we come to start on that phase of the build.





Bridge Street & Greystone End Station Approach Road

00 GROUP OPEN DAY

We will be holding our open day on Monday 29th May 10.00–16.00. Setting up will be on Sunday afternoon 15.00hrs. If you are able to assist with any of the tasks needed to make this a successful day please let Wilf know. Help from other groups will be most welcome

CLUB DIARY

2017	Running Night	Event	Notes
Wed 24 May	00 gauge		
Sat 27 May		Club Layout at Northolt MRC	Haydon Sq E.1.
Mon 29 May		OO Gauge Open Day	Clubroom
Wed 31 May			
Wed 7 Jun	0 gauge	Visit to Pecorama	See Mike La Marie
Wed 14 Jun	N Gauge	Chris Nevard photographing Wickwar	
Fri 16 Jun		Visit to GCR modelling show	See noticeboard
Wed 21 Jun	00/P4 gauges		
Sun 25 Jun		Children's 00 layout at Wrecclesham fete	
Wed 28 Jun	00 gauge		
Wed 5 Jul	0 gauge		
Wed 12 Jul	N Gauge		
Wed 19 Jul	00/P4 gauges		
Wed 26 Jul	00 gauge		
Wed 2 Aug	0 gauge		
Wed 9 Aug	N Gauge		

Wed 16 Aug	00/P4 gauges		
Wed 23 Aug	00 gauge		
Wed 30 Aug			
Sat 2 Sep		Club Layout at Guidex, Telford	Weydon Road
Sun 3 Sep		Club Layout at Guidex, Telford	Weydon Road
Wed 6 Sep	0 gauge		
Wed 13 Sep	N Gauge	Club Modelling Competition	
Wed 20 Sep	00/P4 gauges		
Wed 27 Sep	00 gauge		

Would club sections please keep me (Julian) informed of exhibition invitations. Likewise for club members who are attending exhibitions with their own layouts.

Julian Evison (Editor)