

WHISTLEBLOWER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FARNHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

December 2017 Edition

EDITORIAL

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Club Open Day. As you will read below, it was a successful occasion and I think everybody, visitors and club members alike, enjoyed themselves.

Next Wednesday is the Club AGM. By some miraculous process we have nominations for each position. This year's AGM marks quite a change out in the Committee as terms of office expire. To all of those who have worked hard on our behalf since their appointment, we should give our thanks and wish them more time for modelling.

Finally, a plea from me for articles. If you have anything you would like to offer on any (reasonably) related subject to railways or railway modelling, please send it to me or discuss it with me. It doesn't have to be perfect and I can always help you get your message across.

Julian Evison (Editor)

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT 8PM ON WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2017

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting.
3. Matters arising from those Minutes.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Election of Officers.

The following nominations have been received:

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Richard Puddephatt	Wilf Pateman	Terry Hillier
Secretary	Andrew Wrobel	Robin Baker	Greg Phillips
Treasurer	Martin Woods	Greg Phillips	John Elliott
Exhibition Manager	Noel Leaver	Richard Harris	Greg Phillips

OO9 Group Rep	David Harrington	Peter Tigg	Mike Le Marie
N Gauge Group Rep	Greg Phillips	David Harrington	Eric Adriaesen
OO Gauge Group Rep	Wilf Pateman	Dave Bentley	Ron Burnham
P4 Group Rep	Richard Harris	Jim Hampton	Ian Stockley
O Gauge Group Rep	Julian Evison	Robin Baker	Peter Twigg

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner.

8. Date of 2018 Annual General Meeting.

M J Le Marie
Secretary F&D MRC

Note: Following the end of the meeting there will be an opportunity for an open forum to discuss any topics not covered by the AGM.

Minutes of the last AGM can be found at the end of this edition of Whistleblower.

SUBSCRIPTIONS – A REMINDER

As agreed at last year's AGM the subscriptions for the membership year commencing November 2017 are now due. These are £75 for Full Members. There is a reduced rate for Associate Members, subject to application to the Committee. Please pay your subs to the Treasurer Les Inwood by cheque or cash. If you want to pay by bank transfer, please talk to Les to get details.

ARTEFACTS FOR SALE – Mike Le Marie

For many years the Club has had stored in the basement 2 railway artefacts. One is a Hunslet Diesel Radiator Plate and the other is a name board from Farnham Station. Having made enquiries as to their origin the Committee has established that it has the right to sell them and has decided to do so.

These items will be placed on the open market from 15th January. However, before that happens Club members are being given the opportunity to make an offer for them. The Committee has set a reserve price for each item. The two items are illustrated below. Anyone interested or wishing to inspect the items should contact the Secretary Mike Le Marie.



OPEN DAY – Julian Evison

The Club Open Day on 19th November went very well thanks to all those who worked hard to make it a success. We had 56 adult visitors plus uncounted children and made a profit of just over £300. Even more importantly we hope to have attracted three new members.

Clearly the layouts are the heart of what we show, but there were also other very important contributors: Terry and Keith put up many signs to guide the public to us; Eric and his team kept us well fed and amused; Terry and John did a grand job of running an impromptu second hand stall.

We were also able to hand over a cheque for £770 to the Parkside charity being the result of the layout raffle at the Club show. A fantastic achievement by the 00 group.

Here are a few photos of the day courtesy of Richard Harris. More to be found here: [Drop Box](#)



The Engine Room: Eric, Ron and Charles



Charles hands over the cheque from the raffle



Terry and John part people from their money



Liam makes sense of David's fevered imaginings



The two proprietors: Jim with Aldermouth and Mike with Kinlochlaggan



Chris and Greg enjoy Wickwar



Four Wise Men and Brixcombe



David and Conway keep them running



A good day of 'playing trains'.....

MR DAFTHHEAD DOES TRANSFERS – Ian George

Mr Dafthead saw a pair of hopper wagons for sale on Ebay; he put in a bid and was successful. When they arrived he was pleased to see that they were both in good overall condition, they ran well and best of all they were cheap. The only thing that needed to be changed was the wagon numbers that were prominently displayed on the hopper body sides. As with most ready-to-run models, they both displayed the same wagon number, 38047. Mr D. was familiar with the various methods for changing numbers on r-t-r models so he knew this should not be a problem.

Mr D's plan was to re-number just one of the wagons by amending the original number. He knew that the easiest option would be to carefully remove the last digit i.e. the "7" in the original number and replace that single digit. Mr D. went through his stock of transfers and found he was in luck. He had some transfers with the exact style, colour and size of font to match the originals.

Mr D. set to, carefully removing the last digit, the "7", from each side of the model, rubbing gently with a cotton bud taking care not to eat in to the underlying paintwork. He knew that a stubborn transfer could usually be removed by wetting the cotton bud in a tiny amount of white spirit, or iso alcohol, or T cut. The key element was patience and at last this was rewarded. The "7" had disappeared leaving the paintwork unmarked.

Mr D. knew that the next job was to cover the area where the new digit was to be positioned with a coat of gloss varnish and let it dry for a day or so. This gloss surface would help when positioning the new transfer and would also help to hide any of the backing film, thereby avoiding any

“ghosting” appearance in the final finish.

Mr D. was well pleased with his preparations and was ready to apply his new transfers. Having diligently read the supplier’s instructions he cut his new transfer from the sheet and applied it to the model, taking great care to ensure it was perfectly spaced and in line with the existing digits. After waiting a few days for the new transfer to dry properly Mr D. brushed on a thin coat of matt varnish over the new digit to cover the gloss varnish he had applied earlier to tone down the gloss finish and importantly, to protect the transfer.

Mr D. admired his handy-work. The new digit was a perfect match. He had done a good neat job. Mr D. placed his re-numbered wagon on the track alongside his other wagon. Mr D. was happy. But wait, something was wrong! Somehow both wagons still had the same number. The digit Mr D. had used to replace the original “7 “wasa “7”!! Mr D. was not happy.

Tips for fellow modellers.

1. Always write down on a piece of paper the number you are intending to create and keep that paper in front of you during the application of the transfers to your model. No matter how good you think your memory is you risk selecting a wrong digit or mixing up the order of the digits.
2. Always take time and care when removing an original transfer from your model. If you accidentally dig into the underlying paintwork it can be touched up again but with care it can be avoided. Patience!
3. Applying new transfers neatly isn’t difficult but it does take time and concentration. If you are rushed or distracted, stop, walk away and leave it for a better time.
4. If you are trying to re-number by changing a single digit, never be tempted to use a new transfer which isn’t an exact match to the original colour/ style/ font size. Don’t tell yourself the difference won’t be noticed; it will!
5. When positioning the new transfer take your time to ensure it is correctly positioned i.e. level, correctly spaced etc. If it’s even slightly “wonky”, re-position it. Don’t convince yourself “it won’t be noticed”. It will grin back at you every time you look at it.

Happy Modelling.

CLUB DIARY TO END MARCH

2017	Running Night	Event	Notes
Wed 6 Dec	0 gauge	Club AGM (20.00)	
Wed 13 Dec	N Gauge	Club Christmas Dinner	Hen & Chicken, Froyle
Wed 20 Dec	00/P4 gauges		
Wed 27 Dec	00 gauge	Club Closed	
2018	Running Night	Event	Notes
Wed 3 Jan	0 gauge		
Wed 10 Jan	N Gauge		
Sat 13 Jan		Club member's layout present at Bognor Regis Club show	Garsdale Head (Mike Le Marie)
Sun 14 Jan		Club member's layout present at Bognor Regis Club show	Garsdale Head (Mike Le Marie)
Wed 17 Jan	00/P4 gauges		
Sat 20 Jan		Club member's layout present at Egham Club show	Garsdale Head (Mike Le Marie)
Wed 24 Jan	00 gauge		
Sat 27 Jan		Club Layout at Southampton MRS show, Eastleigh	Wickwar (N)
Sun 28 Jan		Club Layout at Southampton MRS show, Eastleigh	Wickwar (N)
Wed 31 Jan	5th Wednesday		
Sat 3 Feb		Club Layout at Stafford Railway Circle show, Stafford	Brixcombe (P4)
Sun 4 Feb		Club Layout at Stafford Railway Circle show, Stafford	Brixcombe (P4)
Wed 7 Feb	0 gauge		
Sat 10 Feb		Club Layout at Bournemouth Model Railway Exhibition, Hamworthy	Haydon Square E.1 (0)
Sun 11 Feb		Club Layout at Bournemouth Model Railway Exhibition, Hamworthy	Haydon Square E.1 (0)
Wed 14 Feb	N Gauge		
Sat 17 Feb		Club member's layout present at Kenavon Model Railway show, Reading	St. Mary's (Julian Evison)
Wed 21 Feb	00/P4 gauges		
Wed 28 Feb	00 gauge		

Sat 3 Mar		Club Layout at Romsey Model Railway Exhibition, Romsey	Haydon Square E.1 (0)
Sun 4 Mar		Club Layout at Romsey Model Railway Exhibition, Romsey	Haydon Square E.1 (0)
Wed 7 Mar	0 gauge		
Sat 10 Mar		Club member's layout present at Basingstoke Club show	St. Mary's (Julian Evison)
Sun 11 Mar		Club member's layout present at Basingstoke Club show	St. Mary's (Julian Evison)
Wed 14 Mar	N Gauge		
Wed 21 Mar	00/P4 gauges		
Wed 28 Mar	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.

Appendix

Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Farnham & District Model Railway Club held in the Wrecclesham Community Centre on the 7th December 2016

Present: D Harrington - Chairman
M Le Marie – Secretary
Plus 28 Full Members

The Chairman opened the Meeting by welcoming all present and then asking the Secretary to confirm that the Meeting had been called in accordance with the Constitution and was quorate. The Secretary was able to confirm that this was the case.

Item 1 – Apologies for Absence.

Apologies had been received from Messrs Evison, Mulvey, Hampton, Webster, Edwards, Scambler, Leaver and Gerrard.

Item 2 – Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

The Secretary confirmed that the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting had been circulated to Members along with the Agenda and a copy had been displayed in the main hall since 3pm that afternoon. He therefore asked the Meeting to deem the Minutes read.

Proposed: D Bentley **Seconded:** A Ritches. Carried unanimously.

Item 3 – Matters arising from those Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

Item 4 – Chairman’s Report.

The Chairman gave a comprehensive review of the past year in a light hearted manner which was much appreciated by all present.

Item 5 – Treasurer’s Report.

The Treasurer gave a comprehensive presentation of the Club Accounts for the year ending 31st October 2016. He outlined the variations in income and expenditure from the previous year. He finished with the balance Sheet which showed that the Club Finances were in excellent shape. An observation from the floor suggested that the Club should organise additional events to replace the loss of income through the further lowering of interest rates. Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by I Gordon and seconded by W Pateman.

Item 6 – Election of Officers.

The following motion had been received:

We hereby nominate all members of the current committee – namely Messrs Harrington, Le Marie, Patterson, George, Pateman, Harris and Leaver – to serve for a further term of one year. In the event of any of those so named being unable to stand for election then we nominate the remaining members to serve for a term of one year.

Proposed: R Baker **Seconded:** Andrew Brown. Carried unanimously.

The Secretary then advised the meeting that the 3 Executive Officers will all have served a 3 year term and would normally be required to stand down as required by the Constitution. The General Purposes Committee had discussed this and it was agreed that 2 Executive Officers would stand down and one would serve for a further year as allowed by the Constitution. Which 2 would stand down would depend on volunteers coming forward to fill the vacancies. Volunteers could be co-opted later in the year so that in a position to take over, subject to election at the 2017 AGM.

Item 7 – Appointment of Independent Examiner.

Mr Kevin Desmond had confirmed that he was willing to appointed the Independent Examiner for a further year..

Proposed: L Inman **Seconded:** W Patterson. Carried unanimously.

Item 8 – Adoption of the Revised Club Constitution.

The Secretary outlined the reasons for producing a revised Club Constitution. The previous Constitution had been in force since 2006 and that it was good practice to review and update from time to time to ensure it still met the needs of the Club and was compliant with current legislation. No questions were forthcoming so the Secretary asked that the revised Club Constitution be adopted.

Proposed: A Wrobel **Seconded:** W Pateman

Item 9 – Appointment of a Club Member as a Trustee of the Wrecclesham Community Centre. Charity No: 1096978.

Mr K Wright stated that he believed it would be in the Club's interest for one of the members to be appointed as a Trustee of the Wrecclesham Community Centre. The Chairman responded that the appointment of Trustees was solely a matter for the Community Centre Management and that as sub-lessees any member serving as a Centre Trustee may well find themselves presented with a conflict of interests and would be obliged to act in the interests of the Centre. It was agreed without a formal vote to take no further action.

Item 10 – What approach to succession is strategic, thoughtful and practical for the challenges ahead at the AGM in December 2017.

Item requested by Mr K Wright. The Chairman stated that this item had been adequately covered under Item 6 and no further discussion was necessary. The meeting agreed without a formal vote taking place.

Item 11 – Discussion on the 2016 Annual Exhibition.

Item requested by Mr K Wright. The Chairman stated that much of the Exhibition had already been discussed but opened the floor for observations. The principle ones were the length of time taken to deliver tables and chairs to the Sports Hall and the disgusting state of the toilets. It was also commented that we must if necessary spend more on layout expenses in order to maintain the quality and reputation of the Show. The Exhibition Manager and his team were commended for their hard work and the Chairman thanked the many Club Members who had assisted over the weekend.

Item 12 – Date of the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

It was agreed that the 2017 Annual General Meeting would be held on the 6th December 2017.