

WHISTLEBLOWER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FARNHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

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EDITORIAL

Firstly, thanks are due to Mike Le Marie for organising the Christmas Dinner this year at the Hen and Chickens at Lower Froyle. Good food and good company, but maybe 2018's quiz could be a tad easier!

Secondly, the plea for articles has been met by a deafening silence, so this is necessarily a short edition of Whistleblower. Articles on any railway or model railway subject are welcomed. If you need help with writing something, please contact me.

Julian Evison (Editor)

AGM RESULTS

For those of you unable to attend, the key points from the Annual General Meeting were as follows.

The out going Treasurer (Les Inwood) gave an overview of the club finances (healthy) and recommended that we continue with the current subscription rates.

We have three new main office holders: Richard Puddephat (Chairman); Andrew Wrobel (Secretary); Martin Woods (Treasurer). They were elected without dissent, but with much thanks to the outgoing members. The Exhibition Manager remains Noel Leaver and the Group Representatives are: Greg Phillips (N); Wilf Pateman (00); David Harrington (009); Richard Harris (P4); Julian Evison (0).

The next AGM will be on Wednesday 5th December 2018.

Full minutes will be published in due course.

MODEL RAILWAY WORKSHOPS

One of the great benefits of joining a model railway club is the wide variety and depth of knowledge on a whole host of subjects. To help spread this knowledge, we are going to run a series of workshops starting at 19.00 on Wednesday 10th January in one of the smaller meeting rooms at the clubhouse. These aren't 'masterclasses', but introductions to some of the core skills of building and running model railways.

The provisional list of workshops is included in the club diary at the end of Whistleblower. Please come along to as many as you like. If you feel like you would like to run a workshop

on a relevant subject please contact David Harrington.

ARTEFACTS FOR SALE – DEADLINE 15TH JANUARY – Mike Le Marie

This is a reminder of this notice published in the last Whistleblower. 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 Mike Le Marie.





RAILWAY MODELLING 90 YEARS AGO – thanks to David Harrington

(From the inaugural edition of “Model Railway News” of January 1925)

“How many model railway clubs are there in this country? We only know of three – the Model Railway Club of London, the Wimbledon Model Railway Club, and the new club at Mill Hill School. If any others have been formed we should be glad to hear of them. Now that the M. R. News provides model railway men in any district with the means of getting acquainted, we have no doubt that the club movement will develop rapidly. Mr A. W. H. Pealling, of 108 Forest Road, Dalston, would like to get into touch with model railway enthusiasts in his district with a view to forming a local club. Later on, we shall publish the rules of the Model Railway Club of London, which will serve as a useful basis for the constitution of any new local club.”

CLUB DIARY TO END MARCH

Date	Running Night	19:00hrs Workshop [Provisional dates]	Layouts at Exhibitions
2018			
Wed-03-Jan	O		
Wed-10-Jan	N	Basic Electricity [David Harrington]	
Sat-13/Sun-14-Jan			Garsdale Head [Mike Le Marie's layout]: Bognor Regis Club show
Wed-17-Jan	P4/OO9	Track Laying (part-1) [Mike Le Marie]	
Sat-20-Jan			Garsdale Head [Mike Le Marie's layout]: Egham Club show
Wed-24-Jan	OO	Track Laying (part-2) [Mike Le Marie]	
Sat-27/Sun-28 Jan			Wickwar: Southampton MRS show, Eastleigh
Wed-31-Jan	TBA	Baseboards [Andrew Wrobel]	
Sat-03/Sun-04-Feb			Brixcombe (P4): Stafford Railway Circle show, Stafford
Wed-07-Feb	O	Soldering [Robin Baker]	
Sat-10/Sun-11-Feb			Haydon Square E.1(0): Bournemouth Model Railway exhibition, Hamworthy
Wed-14-Feb	N	Simple Rolling Stock Maintenance [Julian Evison]	
Sat-17-Feb			St.Mary's [Julian Evison's layout]: Kenavon Model Railway show, Reading
Wed-21-Feb	P4/OO9	Decals and Transfers [Noel Leaver]	
Wed-28-Feb	OO	Card Buildings (part-21) [Noel Leaver]	
Sat-03/Sun-04-Mar			Haydon Square E.1(0): Romsey Model Railway exhibition, Romsey
Wed-07-Mar	O	Card Buildings (part-2) [Noel Leaver]	
Sat-10/Sun-11-Mar			St.Mary's [Julian Evison's layout]: Basingstoke & N. Hants exhibition
Wed-14-Mar	N	Card Buildings (part-3) [Noel Leaver]	
Sat-17/Sun-18-Mar			Wickwar: Nottingham MRS exhibition
Wed-21-Mar	P4/OO9	Scenery (part-1) [tbd]	
Wed-28-Mar	OO	Scenery (part-2) [tbd]	

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