

WHISTLEBLOWER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FARNHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

November 2018 Edition

EDITORIAL

Once more we can look back on a highly successful Club Exhibition; numbers were up by 10% on last year which had already been a good one. The club second hand stall did a roaring trade and the raffle was a big success (see below). We have achieved this together and everybody who contributed can feel very proud of the result.

The first part of this Whistleblower is about three important subjects:

1. The **Annual General Meeting** on Wednesday 5th December.
2. **Subscriptions** for 2018/19 are now due – and you can now pay by bank transfer.
3. The **Club Open Day** on 18th November where hopefully we can get a few more people interested in joining us.

Please read and take action!

Julian Evison (Editor)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Andrew Wrobel

NOTICE OF THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the F&DMRC (Farnham & District Model Railway Club) will be held in the Wrecclesham Community Centre at **8pm on Wednesday 5th December 2018**.

Members wishing to have an item placed on the Agenda should submit their request, *in writing or by acknowledged e-mail*, to the Club Secretary to be received **on or before Wednesday 21st November 2018**.

The AGM will also elect the members of the Executive Committee and the GPC (General Purposes Committee) to serve until the 2019 AGM. The Executive Committee consists of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who have all completed only 1 of their maximum 3-year term of office and are thus all eligible for re-election. It is also necessary to propose and elect the GPC members, namely Exhibition Manager and Gauge (N, OO9, OO, P4 & O) representatives.

Nomination Forms have been available on the Club Noticeboard from **24th October 2018**. Nominations for all the above positions should be submitted using this Form to the Club Secretary to be received **on or before Wednesday 21st November 2018**. All nominations **must** include a Proposer and Seconder and **must** be accompanied by written confirmation from the candidate that they are willing to stand.

In addition to being posted on the Club Noticeboard, this will be e-mailed & posted [non e-mailers] to all members.

Andrew Wrobel [Andrew@Proj-X.co.uk]

Secretary

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Club year ends 31st October which means it is time to renew subscriptions. The annual subscription is £75 (Full Members). Please make cheques payable to 'Farnham & District Model Railway Club', or, preferably, make a bank transfer.

Details are:

- Account: Farnham & District Model Railway Club (some abbreviation may be required for specific bank systems)
- Sort Code: 40-21-05
- Account Number: 91036998
- Reference: Initial of first name and last name in full

For information only paid-up 'Full' members can vote at the AGM.

For those agreed to fall in the category of Associate Members the annual subscription is £20 and is also due now.

CLUB OPEN DAY 18th NOVEMBER – Mike Le Marie

I would like to remind all members that the Club Open Day will be held on Sunday 18th November 2018. Opening hours are 10am to 4pm. If you haven't done so then please put it in your diary.

This is our annual opportunity to show the public what we do here in the club rooms every week and to encourage interested people to become members. With this in mind I have themed the Open Day with the strap line of 'a typical Club day' and I have planned to include layouts (Wickwar and Haydon Square), both test tracks, the new OO layout boards being worked on, the 009 modules being worked on and tested and individuals working on their own projects but willing to discuss and explain them.

In order for the day to be a success we need a large proportion of the Club membership to come for all or part of the day. There is a huge variety of jobs to do on the day ranging

from parking, ticket selling, manning the second hand stall, running the layouts, providing refreshments etc. I will be putting a list up on the noticeboard for members to sign up. Additionally, we will need a team on Saturday late afternoon/early evening to prepare the hall and set the layouts/test tracks etc. up ready for Sunday.

Once again please do come along and support us even if you have not been able to come to the Club for some time.

Mike Le Marie
Open Day Organiser

CHARITY LAYOUT WINNER

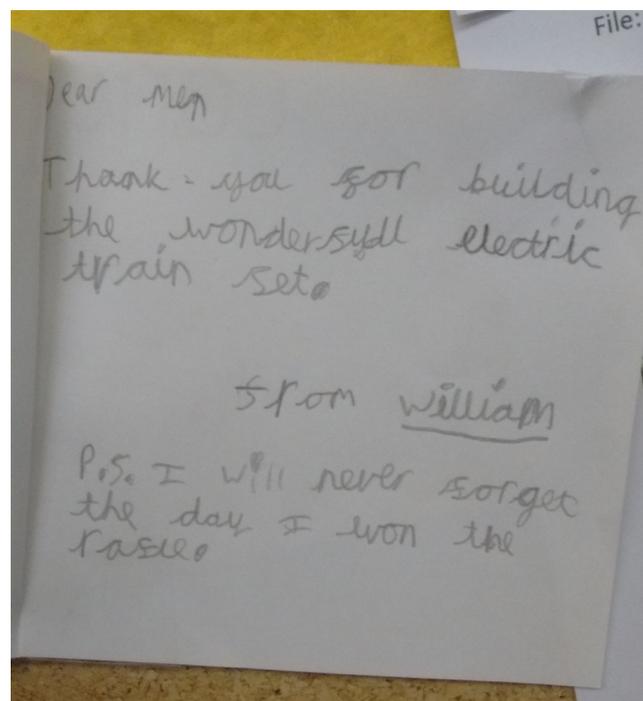
As you all will be aware the Club raffled a layout built by the N gauge group at the Club Exhibition. This raised approximately £1400 for the Woodlarks charity and was an excellent result for all the hard work put in to the build and in to drumming up support for ticket sales over the exhibition weekend.

The prize was won by a local family who came to collect the layout from the club rooms on 17th October. William, who won it could not have been more pleased and here is a photo of him at the controls with his parents and sister; Greg looks proudly on.



William kindly wrote us a thank you letter. While it is on the noticeboard, I think it is worth

repeating here:



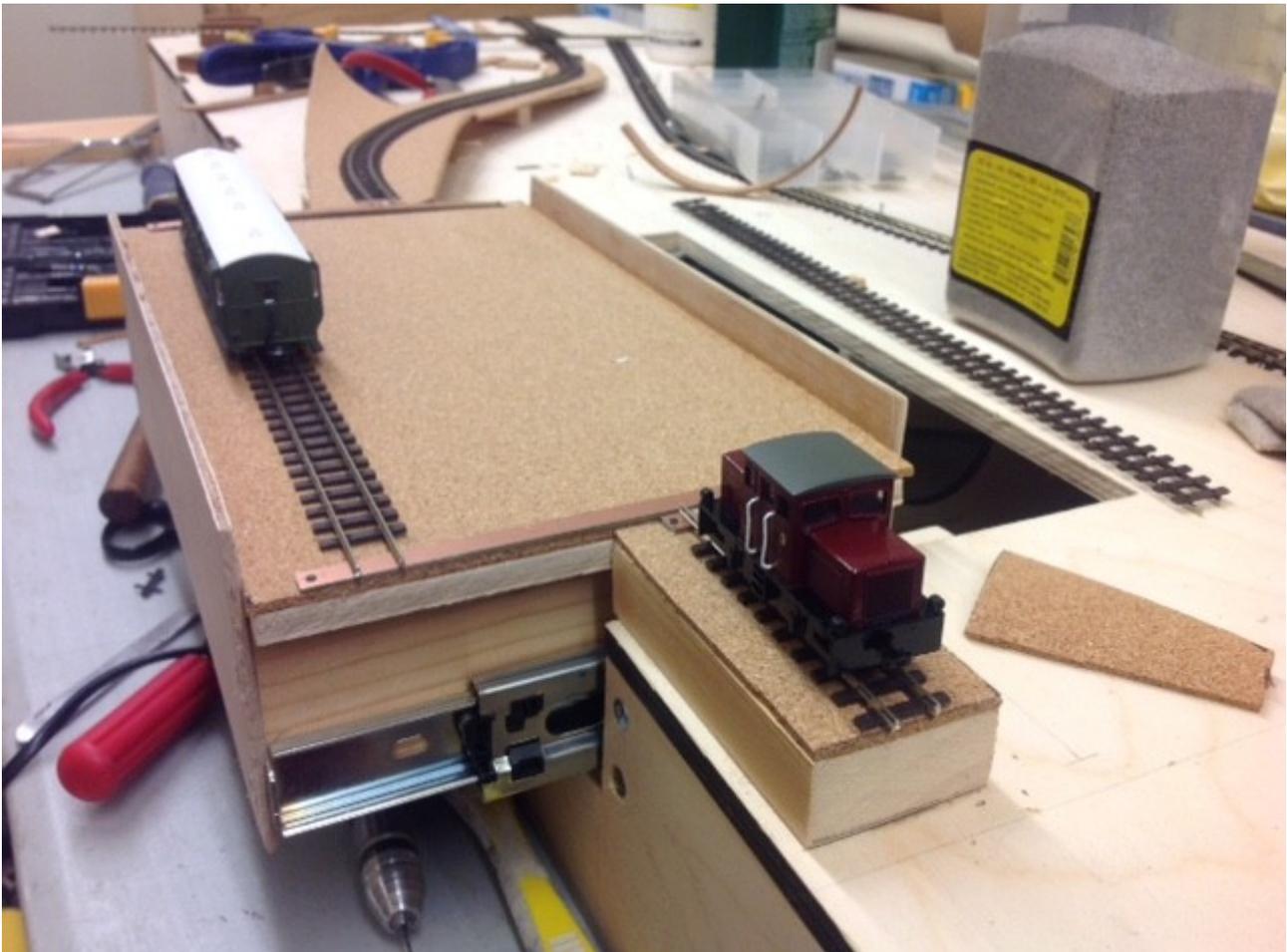
009 GROUP UPDATE – David Harrington

At the beginning of the year ten members of the club expressed an interest in modelling in 009 – 4mm models running on 2mm (N-gauge) track and representing the sometimes-Emmett-like world of narrow-gauge railways. the RTR UK market in 009 has now become a reality, with more stuff appearing by the month.

The Committee approved a request to form a 009 Group, and three or four meetings later the new Group had defined a way ahead based on a series of interlocking boards. Each board would be able to operate in a stand-alone posture. This design offers possibilities for individual members to design and build their own layouts while, at the same time, allows a longer layout to be assembled from individual boards during a Club running night or at an exhibition. The Club provided up-front funding (i.e.: on repayment) for the purchase of 14 boards, each 4ft x 18 inches. A supplier was selected and an order placed, for delivery in late January. Each member is now designing his own track and scenics against a pre-agreed overall theme that marries maximum individual creativity with a carefully blended colour scheme that won't jar too much when boards are linked together. Locos and rolling stock are individually owned by members which makes for the sort of wide variety that can be seen at any 009 show.

Because most Group members tend to model in other gauges, (Peter Capon, as an accomplished 009-er being the obvious exception) and dabble in 009 as a secondary activity, individual progress has been slow. David Harrington, as Group leader, seems to be bellwether, with track designed and laid and electrics (eventually!) sorted, thanks to considerable help from Andy Brown on the novelties of using servos as point motors. David is about to start on the sand-quarry scenery for his board.

Mike Le Marie has also started construction. Based on a Welsh theme the layout is to be a through line with a branch line leading up to an off scene slate quarry. The station area will have a single platform with a passing loop and a headshunt with a coaling and watering facility. Behind the station will be a small two road goods yard. Mike has installed the point work for the mainline/branchline junction to be known as Yr Elen Junction. He's also built a 4 road sliding traverser fiddleyard.



The photo shows the traverser with the first track trial fitted. Mike promises to do an article for Whistleblower in the near future explaining how he built it.

Julian Evison is not far behind and once preparations for taking Haydon Square to Warley are done, hopes to get started with track laying on the already prepared boards.

The Group hasn't set itself any targets for completion of the boards but we have aspirations towards showing what we've achieved at a Club Open Day and our annual show, as well as flying the Club flag at other shows. Hopefully, 2019 will be our year.

NEWS FROM BACHMANN – Mike Le Marie

I received the following press release from Bachmann on 26th October which I thought of interest to more members in the club.

QUOTE

At our annual Press Day held at the Churnet Valley Railway on Friday 31st August 2018, we outlined that our parent company, Kader, had opened a new model railway production facility in Gaobu to supplement the existing facilities at Shenzhen and Dongguan.

Although the Kader site in Dongguan was earmarked for redevelopment by the local authority, it was expected that production would continue in the medium-term whilst the new sites came onstream.

Unfortunately, we have been asked to vacate the site sooner than previously indicated and to facilitate this, staff from other locations have been engaged in the transfer of machinery, tooling and materials to the new Gaobu site.

This will regretfully lead to a temporary reduction in production capacity whilst reorganisation of our production facilities takes place, this is reflected in the information that is communicated to our customers and consumers.

Once the reorganisation is complete we shall be in a stronger position, with increased production capacity, that will allow us to deliver those models that are still outstanding, along with many more that are currently in development.

In the meantime, the following items are currently in transit and are expected to be released during the remainder of 2018: OO scale – Class H1, H2 & C1 Atlantics, Class 37 'EuroPhoenix', BR Mk1 POT Coaches, BR Mk2F Coaches (all types), FFA/FGA 'Freightliner Flats' and BR Mk1 Horseboxes. Further supplies of the N scale Class 3F 'Jinty' Locomotives are also due to arrive.

UNQUOTE

CLUB DIARY – Andrew Wrobel

Recent changes in **yellow**.

Date in 2018	Run'g Night	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Wed 31 Oct	Any	
Wed 07 Nov	0	
Sat 10 & Sun 11 Nov	--	St.Mary's (7mm NG) [J.Evison's layout]: Hampton Court Club exhib'n, Tolworth
Wed 14 Nov	N	GPC (General Purposes Comm) meeting
Sat 17 3pm (set-up) & Sun 18 Nov	ALL	Club Open Day [Sun 10:00 to 16:00, then put away. Organiser: Mike Le Marie]
Wed 21 Nov	P4/009	
Sat 24 & Sun 25 Nov	--	Wickwar (N) and Haydon Square E.1(0): Warley, Birmingham
Wed 28 Nov	00	
Wed 05 Dec 8pm	0 & ALL	AGM
Wed 12 Dec	N & P4/009	
Fri 14 Dec	Payees	Club Christmas Dinner @ 'The Sandrock'; Menu TBA.
Wed 19 Dec	00	
Wed 26 Dec	--	CLOSED

Date in 2019	Run'g Night	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Wed 02 Jan	0	Possibly open
Wed 09 Jan	N	
Sat 12 & Sun 13 Jan	--	Wickwar (N): Chiltern Model Railway Assoc'n, Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre, Lytton Way
Wed 16 Jan	P4/009	
Sun 20 Jan	--	Wickwar (N): Guildford Astolat
[Sunday set-up]		
Wed 23 Jan	00	
Sat 26 & Sun 27 Jan	--	Brixcombe (P4) Southampton MRS, Barton Peveril College, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 5ZA
Wed 30 Jan	Any	
Wed 06 Feb	0	
Sat 09 & Sun 10 Feb	--	St.Mary's (7mm NG) [J.Evison's layout]: Bournemouth MR Exhib'n, Hamworthy
Wed 13 Feb	N	
Sat 16 Feb	--	Greenfield Sidings (00) Tonbridge MRC, The Angel Centre, Tonbridge
Sat 16 & Sun 17 Feb	--	Wickwar (N): Milton Keynes (MKMRS) 50th, Stantonbury Leisure Centre, MK
Wed 20 Feb	P4/009	
Sat 23 & Sun 24 Feb	--	St.Mary's (7mm NG) [J.Evison's layout]: Eurotrack, Southampton.
Wed 27 Feb	00	
Wed 06 Mar	0	
Sat 09 & Sun 10 Mar	--	Haydon Sq. E.1(0): Basingstoke Club Exhib'n, Basingstoke
Wed 13 Mar	N	
Wed 20 Mar	P4/009	
Sat 23 & Sun 24 Mar	--	Wickwar (N): The London Festival of Railway Modelling, Alexandra Palace
Wed 27 Mar	00	

Please let Andrew know of any updates.