

WHISTLEBLOWER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FARNHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

December 2019 Edition

EDITORIAL

As I mentioned in the last Whistleblower. I will be stepping down as Editor of Whistleblower from the end of January. I am delighted to say that John Faulconer has volunteered to take over. You get one more edition from me, then over to him.

Please make every effort to come to the AGM on Wednesday 4th December. It is an important opportunity for you to have a say on the Club's direction.

Finally, don't forget the Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 18th December.

Julian Evison (Editor)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 4th DECEMBER – Andrew Wrobel

The AGM of the F&DMRC (Farnham & District Model Railway Club) will be held in the Wrecclesham Community Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th December 2019.

The agenda is as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM
3. Matters arising from those Minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers (see Note 1)
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner
8. Opening time of 2pm – has it worked?
9. Magazine Subscriptions – continue Trial?
10. Rental of a Broadband connection at the Centre, only for use by members
11. Purchase of a 3D Laser cutter/engraver
12. Date of 2020 AGM

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Andrew Wrobel

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held this year on Wednesday 18th December at 6:00 for 6:30pm [food-start]. This year's location is The Mill House, North Warnborough, Odiham, Hants, RG29 1ET. While the cost is the same as last year (Two-course £23.95; Three-course £28.95 per person) we believe the location is more atmospheric and has a better menu. The menu can be found at the end of this edition of Whistleblower. Food order and cheque payable to 'Andrew Wrobel' on Wed-04-Dec-2019, if not already done.

RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED ANDROID TABLETS – Andy Brown

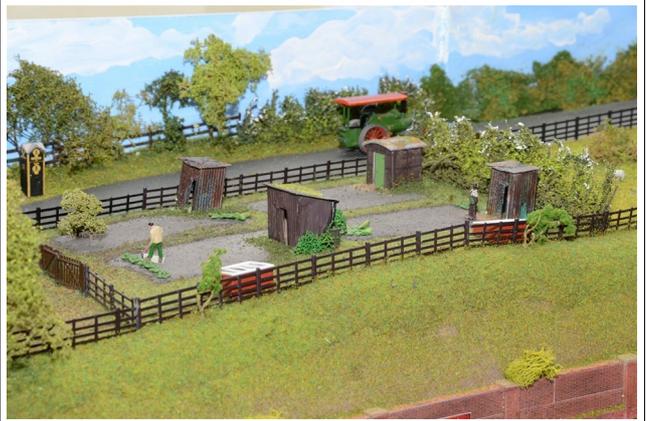
As many of you know we've been using a Wi-Fi tablet on Wickwar for control of vehicles of the Faller roadway system. We've now extended that system to incorporate sounds (I know you've all heard them....) and train detection, so I'm looking at the possibility of adding a couple more tablets for the train operators. Rather than buying new ones I thought I'd first see if you have any unwanted tablets 'lying around' at home.

The spec is not especially important, since the only requirement is for a reasonably modern browser. I mentioned Android tablets as they're what I'm familiar with, so am most likely to be able to use, but I'm happy to try an iPad if that's what you have! I'll do any necessary reconfiguration, but best to delete any personal stuff first before donating it! If there's a charger that goes with it, all well and good, but that's not essential.

CLUB OPEN DAY: 17th NOVEMBER – Richard Harris

The Annual Club Open Day took place on Sunday 17th November. Here are a selection of photos from the event.







FULL LAYOUT AUTOMATION

Iain Morrison, who gave us a very informative talk on full layout automation, has passed on some links which may be useful for anyone wanting to take this further.

Here is the presentation: https://1drv.ms/p/s!Ao1ne9s-Kky3hLFFIXYTd_iNfnOusw It is fully hyper-linked and clicking on any underlined text will take the viewer to the site with more information.

There is also more information on Railcom if you don't have it on your locos and these links will take you to the transmitters that can be fitted to any loco to provide a Railcom signal.

<http://www.esu.eu/en/products/accessories/railcomr-transmitter-unit/>

<https://www.aandhmodels.co.uk/15105-lrc100-railcom-transmitter-module-5-pack-5000-p.asp>

Lastly, Iain demonstrated a camera and here is a link to get it,

https://www.ebay.co.uk/sch/i.html?_from=R40&_nkw=sq13&_sop=15

If people want to get hold of Iain all they have to do is click the envelope at the end of the presentation and that will open an email on the PC ready to fill in and send to him with questions.

CLUB DIARY – Andrew Wrobel

Recent changes in **yellow**. Running starts at **14:00** in the Hall. 'Run'g pm' = Priority for use of Hall AND tidy/vacuum Club Room + Lock-Up

DIARY 2019		
Date	Run'g pm	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Wed 04 Dec	O	AGM @ 19:30
Wed 11 Dec	N	
Wed 18 Dec	P4/009	Last Club Day of 2019 Christmas Club Dinner (optional) 18:00 for 18:30 @ The Mill House [see Nov. 'Whistleblower' & Club Noticeboard]

DIARY 2020		
Date	Run'g pm	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Wed 08 Jan	O	1st Club Day of the New Year
Sun 12 Jan	--	Brixcombe (P4): Astolat Model Railway Circle, Surrey Sports Park, Richard Meyjes Road, Guildford, GU2 7AD
Wed 15 Jan	N	
Wed 22 Jan	P4/009	GPC meeting at 2pm

DIARY 2020

Date	Run'g pm	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Sat 25 & Sun 26 Jan	--	Haydon Square (OO): Southampton MRS, Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh
Wed 29 Jan	OO	
Sat 01 & Sun 02 Feb	--	Wickwar (N): Stafford Railway Circle – County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford, ST18 0BD
Wed 05 Feb	O	
Wed 12 Feb	N	
Sat 15 Feb	--	St.Mary's (7mm NG) [J.Evison's layout]: Tonbridge MRC at The Angel Centre, Tonbridge
Wed 19 Feb	P4/009	
Wed 26 Feb	OO	
Wed 04 Mar	O	
Wed 11 Mar	N	
Sat 14 & Sun 15 Mar	--	Kinlochlagen (N) [Mike Le Marie's layout]: Basingstoke & North Hants MRS, Aldworth School, Western Way
Wed 18 Mar	P4/009	
Wed 25 Mar	OO	

F&DMRC Christmas Dinner & Quiz 2019

[for members & partners]

Wed-18-Dec-2019 at 6:00 for **6:30pm** [food-start]

The Mill House, North Warnborough, Odiham, Hants, RG29 1ET

this is same cost as last year's venue; but more organised, atmospheric and better Menu

Two-course £23.95; Three-course £28.95 per person

Food order and cheque payable to 'Andrew Wrobel'

on Wed-27-Nov or latest Wed-04-Dec-2019 [also AGM day !!]

below: [VG=Vegan, V=Vegetarian, GF=Gluten-free]

Starters

Butternut squash soup with sage-roasted pumpkin seeds (v)

Chicken, truffle and herb terrine with wild mushroom chutney

Courgette and quinoa rösti with mint, cashew nut and pickled carrot salad (vg)(gf)

Smoked mackerel, orange and fennel salad with horseradish cream (gf)

Wild boar and chorizo meatball in slow-cooked tomato ragu (gf)

Deep-fried Cornish Brie with pickled cranberry salad and mulled pear chutney (v)(gf)

Mains

Roast turkey and traditional accompaniments (gf)

Braised feather of beef in red wine, glazed shallot and fondant potato (gf)

Baked cod with lemon, parsley crumb and crab risotto (gf)

8oz sirloin steak with peppercorn sauce, roasted mushrooms, tomatoes, and chips (£5 supp) (gf)

Slow-roasted belly pork with black pudding bubble and squeak and cider jus (gf)

Chestnut mushroom bourguignon pie with olive oil mashed potatoes and tenderstem broccoli (vg)(gf)

Puddings

Christmas pudding with brandy sauce (v)(gf)

Blackcurrant cheesecake with Sicilian lemon sorbet (v)(gf)

Roasted pineapple with spiced oat granola and coconut ice cream (vg)(gf)

Dark chocolate torte with cherry sorbet (v)(gf)

Toffee and pecan meringue roulade with Bailey's ice cream (v)(gf)

Local cheese with grapes, chutney and biscuits (v)

Drinks payable by yourself, can be at Bar or the tables

For beers: <https://www.brunningandprice.co.uk/millhouse/beer/>