

WHISTLEBLOWER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FARNHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

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EDITORIAL

It started out being wet and miserable this morning (Saturday), so I'd no excuse to not start pulling together this weekend's edition of Whistleblower. That said, as the day developed, the sun came out and I have had to resist the strong temptation to be outside enjoying the fresh air.

Daily access to the Clubhouse appears to be working well and the Chairman has provided the Daily Access Rota for the next 4 weeks, which is included in this Edition, along with the Secretary's up to date Club Diary. Additionally, Richard has mentioned that *"Some groups have more members attending than others but I can fully understand that some members may be a little wary of meeting under current circumstances. However, can I urge as many members as possible to join the virtual gatherings held each month – details of the next one can be found in this edition of Whistleblower."*

For those of you that have not yet looked through their November edition of Railway Modeller, Julian Evison has an article published of his O-16.5 narrow gauge layout. The model is St Mary's, a station inspired by the Welshpool & Llanfair Railway and the article includes several great pictures of the model including rolling stock and infrastructure. Some pictures below with more on the Club web site.

The next edition of Whistleblower is planned for Sunday 18th October. Please maintain the flow of articles and let me have them by Saturday 17th October.

Jon Faulconer



Scenes from Julian Evison's St Mary's from the F&DMRC web site

ZOOM MEETING 1500 SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER – Julian Evison

Topic: F&DMRC Club Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 11, 2020 15:00 London

Join Zoom Meeting (*Ctrl & Click to follow*)

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DIESELS IN THE VALE – David Harrington

In December 2018, the Pendon Museum at Long Wittenham, Abingdon, Oxon hosted a special weekend for visitors, in which a number of trains in the Vale were hauled by heritage diesels.

Normally only available to Friends of Pendon, a video of that event is available [here](#) (*Ctrl + Click*) for a limited period. Even if diesels are not "your thing" the video contains some great shots of the Vale scene.

WHEEL CLEANING – Noel Leaver

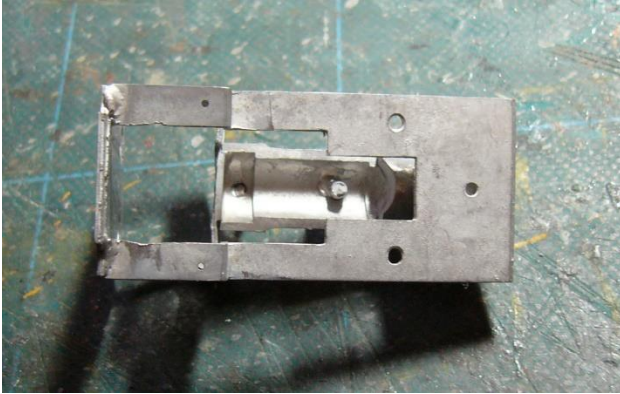
I read David's article on wheel cleaning with interest, I've used all those methods at times. But for regular cleaning of wheels I avoid anything abrasive like fibreglass brushes as they put small scratches on the wheel which in turn gives new dirt something to grip on to. Provided the wheel is reasonably clean I use a cotton bud dipped in a solvent like IPA, which polishes the wheel rather than scratches it.

To turn the loco wheels so I can get at the hidden parts I have a short length of track with enough power on it to turn the wheels, put the loco on the track while holding it and let it move 1/4 turn forwards before lifting it off to clean the next section of wheel (it strikes me this is much easier with DC than DCC). I clean all my loco wheels after each exhibition, and locos using American style pickup - one side on loco, other side on tender - I clean every day at exhibitions. Other stock gets cleaned about once every 2 years.

A MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE Julian Evison

Some time ago I remembered that lurking in my drawer of unbuilt kits was a Roxey Mouldings Hampton Waterworks Kerr Stuart 0-4-2T body - a long term resident! Also, in the drawer was a Minitrains F&C outside framed 0-4-0 chassis and I started to wonder what happens if the two should meet.

Because the loco kit has been designed for the Ibertren Cuckoo or Bachman dock shunter the footplate chassis plate cut out is rather a different shape to that needed for the Minitrains



chassis where the motor is vertical in the cab. So, the first thing to do was to extend the cutout backwards as far as possible to the rear cab sheet. I found this easiest to do by soldering the footplate to the rear cab sheet and then filing the foot plate all the way back. All the raised sections on the inside of the cab sheet need to be filed away too, which is why I soldered the pieces together only at the edges.

Photo 1: Modifications to the footplate

I also thinned the front cab sheet between the spectacle plates as much as I could in order to clear the flywheel on the motor. It is all a very tight fit!



The chassis also needs work doing to it. The plastic moulding which forms the outside frames runs round the whole chassis and also forms the cylinders, the bottom of the smokebox saddle and a horizontal shelf running either side of the motor. This shelf needs to be removed completely - happily a pair of snips and filing will do the job. The plastic files quite easily and this removes the top of the smokebox saddle and the top of the cylinders until all is level.

Photo 2: Modifications to the chassis

The plastic at the rear of the chassis also needed to be thinned as much as possible. By then it was clear that the loco would be an 0-4-0T rather than the original 0-4-2T. This is because the motor and gearbox go exactly where the pony truck should be. While you could put in a dummy representation of the wheels, the problem is not great as the Minitrains chassis coupled wheelbase is much longer than that of the original and things do not look out of proportion.

The body kit itself goes together nicely with just a bit of a clean-up of the castings. The coupler blocks are soldered in place with the rear one being filed flush on the inside in order to clear the chassis. Finally, with the front buffer beam in place, the 'prong' at the front of the

chassis needs to be removed. This seems to be made of sintered metal so I used a small saw to remove it.



Finally I filled a couple of the gaps with Squadron putty which I find easier to use than Miliput. I then added on the smokebox door handwheel, drilled the holes for the handrail knobs and fitted the handrail. This proved quite fiddly.

Photo 3: Completed loco before painting

The next stage was to prime and then paint. Originally I thought about the replicating the 'supershine' condition of the original, but as it will not be a model of the real thing I will followed my preference and painted it black without lots of shiny bits. So, after a once over with Halfords Grey Primer, an overall coating with a black rattle can went well. After that I picked out various bits of pipework and spectacle plates and painted the cab interior cream. Narrow Planet builder's plates and name plates finished things off nicely.



Photos 4 & 5: The finished article - 'Jest'

My own feeling is that the Roxey 'Hampton' and the Minitrains F&C chassis make quite a happy marriage – I am glad I introduced them to each other.

F&DMRC DIARY

Recent changes in **yellow**. Running starts at **14:00** in WCC (Wrecclesham Community Centre) Hall.

Heading 'Run'g' = **Priority use of Hall from 2pm; ALSO Tidy/vacuum Club Room AND Lock up**

DIARY 2020 – ALL may change if vaccine available		
Date	Run'g	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Wednesdays: Clubroom available from ~09:00 [use rear entrance]; Hall from 14:00.		
Wed 07 Oct	O	Week 4 [4 of 4-week cycle]
Sat 10 & Sun 11 Oct	--	F&DMRC Annual Club Show, Aldershot CANCELLED

DIARY 2020 – ALL may change if vaccine available

Date	Run'g	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Wed 14 Oct	N	Week 5 [1 of 4-week cycle]
Wed 21 Oct	OO	Week 6 [2 of 4-week cycle]
Wed 28 Oct	009	Week 7 [3 of 4-week cycle]
Mon 01 Nov	--	Start of new Club Year [fees due]. Secretary to issue Formal Notice of AGM , viz. min. 28 days prior to AGM.
Wed 04 Nov	O	Week 8 [4 of 4-week cycle]
Wed 11 Nov	N	Week 9 [1 of 4-week cycle]
Wed 18 Nov	OO	Week 10 [2 of 4-week cycle]
Wed 25 Nov	009	Week 11 [3 of 4-week cycle]. Final date for receipt by the Secretary of AGM Agenda items and Nominations (proposed & seconded in writing); viz. min. 14 days prior to AGM.
Wed 02 Dec	O	Week 12 [4 of 4-week cycle]
Wed 09 Dec	N	Week 13 [1 of 4-week cycle] AGM at 19:30 via Zoom [within 2 months of Club's year-end, voting only for paid-up 'Full' members]. To help co-ordination, Executive may meet (distanced) in Secretary's garage !!
Wed 16 Dec	OO	Week 14 [2 of 4-week cycle]
Wed 23 Dec	009	Week 15 [3 of 4-week cycle] Last Club Day of the year

DIARY 2021 – ALL are subject to change / cancellation

Date	Run'g	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Wed 06 Jan	O	Week 16 [4 of 4-week cycle] 1st Club Day of the New Year
Wed 13 Jan	N	Week 17 [1 of 4-week cycle]
Wed 20 Jan	OO	Week 18 [2 of 4-week cycle]
Wed 27 Jan	009	Week 19 [3 of 4-week cycle]
More to be added		<i>The following are known about events / Shows</i>
Mon 03 May	--	Early May Bank Holiday – usually a Group Open Day
Mon 31 May	--	Spring Bank Holiday – usually a Group Open Day
Sat 12 OR Sun 13 Jun	--	Farnham OO9 Show (other Clubs invited): WCC
Sat 26 & Sun 27 Jun	--	Wickwar (N): Perth Show
Sat 09 & Sun 10 Oct	ALL	F&DMRC Annual Club Show , Aldershot [Most of the layouts that were invited for 2020 will be attending.]
Wed 15 Dec		Dinner (optional) 18:30 for 19:00 @ The Mill House, Odiham
Wed 22 Dec		Last Club Day of the year

DIARY 2022 – ALL are subject to change / cancellation

Date	Run'g	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Sat 05 & Sun 06 Feb	--	Wickwar (N): Alton
??		Brixcombe at a Show

F&D MRC CLUB ADMISSION ROTA 12/10 – 6/11

N.B. REMEMBER NO MORE THAN 6 MEMBERS ON THE PREMISES AT ANY ONE TIME.

WEEK	DAY	DATE	GROUP	CLUB ROOM	MAIN HALL	Hall in use by other groups
5	Monday	12/10	OO9	Yes	Not available	NO
	Tuesday	13/10	OO Gauge	Yes	Not available	NO
	Wednesday	14/10	N Gauge	Yes	Yes after 2 pm	NO
	Thursday	15/10	O Gauge	Yes	Not available	YES
	Friday	16/10	Open to all**	Yes	Not available	YES
6	Monday	19/10	O Gauge	Yes	Not available	NO
	Tuesday	20/10	OO9	Yes	Not available	NO
	Wednesday	21/10	OO Gauge	Yes	Yes after 2 pm	NO
	Thursday	22/10	N Gauge	Yes	Not available	YES
	Friday	23/10	Open to all**	Yes	Not available	YES
7	Monday	26/10	N Gauge	Yes	Not available	NO
	Tuesday	27/10	O Gauge	Yes	Not available	NO
	Wednesday	28/10	OO9	Yes	Yes after 2 pm	NO
	Thursday	29/10	OO Gauge	Yes	Not available	YES
	Friday	30/10	Open to all**	Yes	Not available	YES
8	Monday	2/11	OO Gauge	Yes	Not available	NO
	Tuesday	3/11	N Gauge	Yes	Not available	NO
	Wednesday	4/11	O Gauge	Yes	Yes after 2 pm	NO
	Thursday	5/11	OO9	Yes	Not available	YES
	Friday	6/11	Open to all**	Yes	Not available	YES

NOTE: ** To be booked via the Secretary on a first come – first served basis. Minimum 2 up to a maximum of 6 members.

Use only the entrance direct to the basement and the Club Room if the Main Hall is occupied

Do not go into the main entrance when anyone other than Club members are on the premises.

Wipe down door handles, light switches etc. whenever you use the main entrance and of course very importantly in the club room as the cleaner doesn't go in there.

Toilets can be used if no-one other than Club members are on the premises but must be sanitised when locking up.

RAJP

1/10/2020

AND FINALLY, THE QUIZ – Mike Le Marie

Mike has provided another of his hidden Wordsearch puzzles; however, no clues to guide you this time. Be warned, it is obviously more devious than previous Wordsearches as I admit that I have found only one of the names thus far, good luck:

Chief Mechanical Engineers:

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F A I R B U R N V Y N C H U B M D N E L W U S T
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ADAMS
COLLETT
FAIRBURN
IVATT
RAVEN
THOMPSON

BILLINTON
DEELEY
GRESLEY
MAUNSELL
RIDDLES
WAINWRIGHT

BULLEID
DRUMMOND
HAWKSWORTH
PICKERSGILL
STANIER
WORDSELL