

# WHISTLEBLOWER

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FARNHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

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### EDITORIAL

We are now heading for another lockdown due to the present surge of COVID-19. Below is a message from the Chairman on what this means for the Club. Please note that the Access Rota covers only the remaining period up to Wednesday 4 November and, likewise, the Club's Diary has also been amended accordingly. As the situation changes, you will be kept informed.

On a lighter note, David Harrington has a 4 foot by 8 inch length of lead sheeting that he is offering up to any member that would like it for their rolling stock. David assures me that the lead originated from his conservatory roof and that, despite his new hip joint, he has not been clambering around church roofs nicking lead. If anyone is interested, suggest you either contact David direct through [Farnhammrc@groups.io](mailto:Farnhammrc@groups.io) or to me and I will forward your request on.

Finally, the next issue of Whistleblower will be Sunday 15 November. Looks like a number of us are now going to be incarcerated at home rather more than expected for the next month, so how's about sending in some pictures of current and present projects, and I don't mean back garden leaf clearing as I can provide plenty of my own pictures of that. Grateful if you would let me have your articles, photos and links on Saturday 14 November to give me a chance to get Whistleblower assembled and out on the Sunday.

Jon Faulconer

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Who would have thought that we would have to go through this all over again!! It is with a heavy heart that I have to tell you that the Committee have decided that we have no choice but to suspend Club activities until at least December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It would be imprudent to say what will happen after that date at this stage but, rest assured, I will be contacting you again when have any further information. For this week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will operate as per the weekly schedule but from Thursday the Club will be closed.

Jon Faulconer will continue to publish Whistleblower on a fortnightly basis to keep everyone as involved in the Club as possible. Can I take this opportunity to thank Jon in particular but also all those who have supplied articles and things of interest over the last seven months. It has been a fantastic effort and I know it is appreciated by all members. However, Jon does need more to keep us going through this latest lockdown so please help him as much as you can.

With this edition you will receive the calling note for the AGM which will be “held” on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>. Requests for nominations for Club Officers are included but can I add my particular request for someone to step forward to take the post of Secretary. Andrew’s term of three years will be up and we do need someone to step into his shoes. Please do consider carefully if you could take on this role for the Club.

As you know, subs are due from November 1<sup>st</sup> and the Treasurer is looking forward to receiving your money. We really would like as many members as possible to pay by bank transfer; it does make his life a lot easier. Just to reiterate, the Club’s bank details are as follows:-

- 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**

And finally, the Modelling Competition. With now two lockdowns to put up with, there cannot be any excuse for not having some projects to put forward for the competition. We have already circulated the rules and how to enter and we really would like to have your entries as soon as possible. So dust your projects down, get photographing and then get your entries in a.s.a.p.

And above all – **STAY SAFE AND STAY WELL**

Richard Puddephatt

## MODELLING COMPETITION RESULTS

The 2020 Competition was announced last month and the instructions are listed on the Club’s website at [https://farnhamrc.org.uk?page\\_id=3779](https://farnhamrc.org.uk?page_id=3779).

For those of you that don’t have back copies of Whistleblower, Julian Evison has provided photos and details of the 2019 Competition winners.

**Scenic / Trackside:** Mike Le Marie with Yr Elen shed



**2mm Scale:** Mike Le Marie with SR and BR wagons.



**4mm Scale:** Chris Roberts with a GWR Permanent Way train.



**7mm Scale:** Robin Baker with his GWR Milk Brake Van.

**Younger Modeller:** Alex Holt with a rake of SECR Coaches.



**Modified Model:** Alex Holt with his ex-LNER A2/1 Pacific.



**Other Scales and Best in Show:** Wilf Pateman with his BR liveried Black Five



COVID means that entries will be by photograph and judged on-line. The closing date for your photographic entries is Tuesday 24 November with voting Friday 27 November. The winners will be announced at the virtual AGM on Wednesday 9 December.

## **009 REPORT – Mike Le Marie**

Four members of the group met at the club on Wednesday afternoon. Mike brought in one of his boards and the control panel which enabled Julian to test his newly built cassette fiddle yard and David & Alex adjusted the wiring on their module so that it could link satisfactorily as a slave board to other master boards. They also did some track cleaning and surplus ballast removal which greatly improved the running. The revised method of fixing the track over the board joints seems to be working well.

Progress is being made!

## ANSWERS TO THE LAST QUIZ – Mike Le Marie

The previous quiz was on the Nicknames of UK Diesel Locomotives and Multiple Units from the clues below:

1. *I am a busy little engine making up and pulling trains apart. I could be found all over the country. I am sometimes referred to as a 'Gronk' – **Class 8***
2. *I was to be found all over the Southern Region of British Railways although I did sometimes migrate further afield. Some of my class were built with narrower bodies and were given the nickname 'Slim Jims' – **Class 33***
3. *I started life on the West Coast Mainline but was later sent to the Western Region and at one time was also to be found on the mainline out of Waterloo. Some referred to me as a 'Hoover' – **Class 50***
4. *I am a product of the privatisation era and can be seen almost anywhere on the network in large numbers. I am rudely referred to as a 'Shed' – **Class 66***
5. *I was built in Glasgow but employed on the Western Region. Some referred to me as a 'Baby Warship' – **Class 22***
6. *I was built in various forms but the first of my class were named after British mountains hence I was referred to as a 'Peak' – **Class 44, also Classes 45 & 46***
7. *I received a nickname of 'CoBo' based on my unusual bogie axle arrangement – **Class 28***
8. *I was built for the Southern Region of British Railways and was referred to as a 'Thumper' because of my engine noise – **Class 230***
9. *I was one of the first mainline locomotive classes built for express passenger work. I started life on the London Midland and Eastern/North Eastern Regions. I became known as a 'Whistler' – **Class 40***
10. *I was another early locomotive but I only had a cab at one end. My nickname was 'Chopper' – **Class 20***
11. *I was built specifically for freight work in both the UK and Romania. I was sometimes referred to as a 'Grid' – **Class 56***
12. *I am one of the longest serving locomotives and have worked on everything from express passenger to branch line freight. Some of my number found their way to France and Spain to assist in the construction of high-speed lines. I have several nicknames one of which is 'Growler' – **Class 37***

## F&DMRC DIARY

Recent changes in **yellow**. Running starts at **14:00** in WCC (Wreccelesham 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.		
<b>NOTE: Due to Gov't Lockdown, the Club's Programme is again SUSPENDED from Thu-05-Nov-2020; the AGM will continue via Zoom.</b>		
Sun 01 Nov	--	Start of new Club Year [fees due]. Secretary to issue <b>Formal Notice of AGM</b> , viz. min. 28 days prior to AGM.
Wed 04 Nov	O	
Wed 11 Nov	N	
Wed 18 Nov	OO	
Tue 24 Nov 23:59	--	Entries for Club's online photo 'Modelling Competition' closes.
Wed 25 Nov	009	Final date for receipt by the Secretary of AGM Agenda items and Nominations (proposed & seconded) [viz. min. 14 days prior to AGM.]
Fri 27 Nov 00:01	--	View 'Modelling Competition' entries.
<del>Wed 02 Dec</del>	<del>0</del>	
Mon 07 Dec 23:59	--	Online votes for 'Modelling Competition' closes.
Wed 09 Dec	N	<b>AGM via Zoom at 19:15 for 19:30 start</b> [within 2 months of Club's year-end; voting only for paid-up 'Full' members]. To help co-ordination, Executive may meet in Secretary's garage. Winners of 'Modelling Competition' announced.
Wed 16 Dec	OO	
Wed 23 Dec	009	<b>Last Club Day of the year</b>

DIARY 2021 – ALL are subject to change / cancellation		
Date	Run'g	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Wed 06 Jan	O	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Club Day of the New Year</b>
Wed 13 Jan	N	
Wed 20 Jan	OO	
Wed 27 Jan	009	
<b>More to be added</b>		<i>The following are known about events / Shows</i>
Mon 03 May	--	<b>Early May Bank Holiday</b> – usually a Group Open Day
Mon 31 May	--	<b>Spring Bank Holiday</b> – usually a Group Open Day
Sat 12 OR Sun 13 Jun	--	<b>Farnham OO9 Show</b> (other Clubs invited): WCC
Sat 26 & Sun 27 Jun	--	<b>Wickwar (N): Perth Show</b>
Sat 09 & Sun 10 Oct	<b>ALL</b>	<b>F&amp;DMRC Annual Club Show</b> , 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		<b>Last Club Day of the year</b>

## F&D MRC CLUB ADMISSION ROTA 19/10 – 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
8	Monday	2/11	OO Gauge	Yes	Not available	<b>NO</b>
	Tuesday	3/11	N Gauge	Yes	Not available	<b>NO</b>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/11</b>	<b>O Gauge</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes after 2 pm</b>	<b>NO</b>

**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.