

# **“PUSH WHISTLEBLOWER**

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

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## **EDITORIAL – Jon Faulconer**

Not only are we enjoying some fine weather currently, but the relaxation of the lockdown restrictions has allowed a first step forward to returning towards normality. There are more relaxations still to come, but now Club Members can now get together, albeit in small groups. To this end, Andrew Wrobel has provided an Admission Rota to the Clubroom and Main Hall (attached at the end of this Edition); it allocates the dates that Groups can access the Club's facilities. Obviously, there is a big health warning that COVID could cause these plans to change at short notice. Likewise, heaven help anyone who spills anything on the new flooring or marks the fresh paintwork in the Clubroom – Wilf will have you .....

We have another Club Zoom Call organised by Julian Evison for Wednesday 21<sup>th</sup> April. Login details are below and, hopefully, we will have a good showing of Club Members.

Noel Leaver has sent through an interesting link, it is the Minatur Wunderland Musical Train. Well worth a watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBNHmUT3GPg>

Meanwhile, David Harrington observed that that when President Macron heard the 41 gun salute, he wasn't quite sure what it was. So, he hoisted a white flag, just in case.

Finally, the next Edition of Whistleblower will be distributed Sunday 2 May 2021, please let me have your articles by Saturday 1 May 2021.

## **CLUB ZOOM CALL – 3pm Weds 21<sup>st</sup> April – Julian Evison**

The next club zoom call will take place at 3pm on Wednesday 21st April. All are welcome to these informal events. In most cases just clicking on the internet link below will take you in to the meeting.

Topic: Club Zoom Call

Time: Apr 21, 2021 15:00 London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7862331543?pwd=VUcrY3l5TURWTHVkem1KVVA4Tml3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 786 233 1543

## ANOTHER LOCKDOWN PROJECT: THE “PUSH & PULL” – Ian George

Almost 10 years ago I spotted on the 0-gauge section of eBay a model of a push-pull fitted ex LMS Jinty tank, a very rarely modelled variety. The rarity is not surprising because of the 477 Jintys built, only 7 were fitted with push-pull operating gear. The LMS type push-pull gear was vacuum-operated and carried on the side of the smokebox.



All 7 were initially based at Swansea and from that outpost of the LMS empire they were used on push-pull passenger trains along the Welsh valleys. Regional boundary changes under BR in the mid 1950's saw those operations transferred to the Western region and the 7 push-pull Jintys were subsequently scattered widely across the rest of the BR LM region to sheds including Nuneaton, Lancaster, Bank Hall (Liverpool) and Newton Heath (Manchester) before being withdrawn between 1962 and 65. Photos show them retaining their push-pull gear

right up to withdrawal, although given the abundance of Ivatt and Standard push-pull fitted Mickey Mouse tanks and the increasing dieselisation of branch line passenger services, it must be questionable how many Jintys actually used their push-pull gear in these later years.

The model was attracting little auction interest, possibly because the seller was based in Canada, and I was able to acquire it for a reasonable price. The seller then contacted me to say he also had an unbuilt kit for an LMS push-pull coach which he could do for a good price, combine postage etc. Well, who could resist! The parcel arrived a week or so later and after examination the coach kit was placed in my stash cupboard to await its turn in the building queue.

Then, by a co-incidence, a few weeks later at a Gauge 0 Guild show I spotted a kit-built ex LMS push pull coach very nicely built and painted in BR lined maroon. See *photo*.

I couldn't resist buying it, and as I didn't need 2 such coaches my unbuilt kit remained at the back of my stash cupboard for years until, looking for a lockdown project to pass the time, I retrieved it and decided to make a start.



Before starting work, I did some enjoyable research during which I discovered that these LMS push-pull coaches (motor trailers to give them their correct LMS name) were based directly on standard 57' non-corridor brake thirds. Some brake thirds were converted to motor trailers while on the production line, others were conversions of already finished brake third coaches. Not really wanting a second motor trailer I realised that I should be able to "reverse engineer" my motor trailer kit back into a standard LMS brake third.



I would need to build a replacement for the "driving end", changing the 3 windows back to 2, and then omit the push-pull features that hung on that end of the coach, such as the extra vacuum hoses, prominent sun-visors, windscreen wiper, bogie guard irons etc.

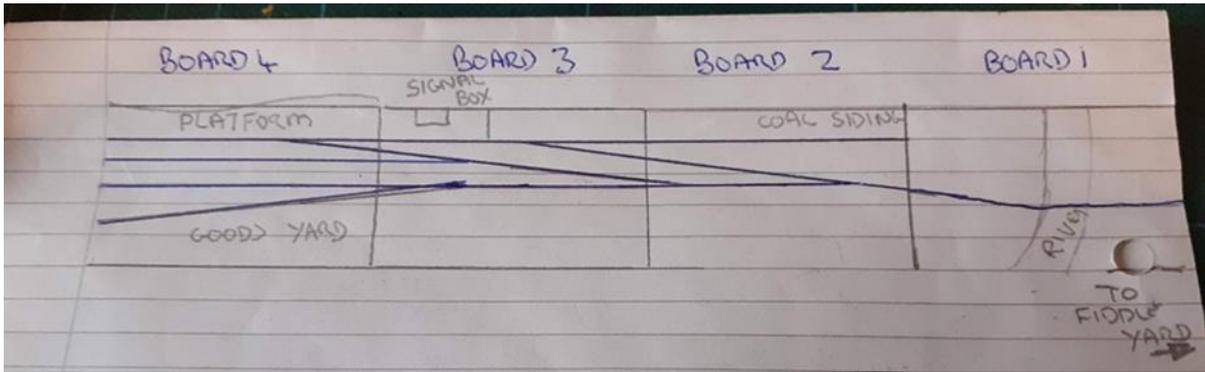
I would then need to build a new coach-end that had the features found on a non-corridor brake.

It seemed to be do-able so armed with several photographs for guidance I set to work and after several weeks of happy modelling, involving some scratch-building and using some parts out of the "spares box", the new brake third was finished. It now represents a brake third built in 1933 to diagram D1735 and is an interesting coach in that it represents the change-over in style from the earlier LMS coaches to the more modern Stanier designs. As such it has the older style roof with the long, curved rain-strips and large "torpedo" roof ventilators, combined with the new Stanier style of flush sided body-work that dispensed with the previous panelled sides that had prominent beading strips running along the sides and around the windows. *Photo below of the brake third highlighting the new coach end.*



The finished model was spray painted with a GWR Freight Grey roof and a Halford's Ford Burgundy Red body, a spray of Tester's "dullcote" to seal the decals and tone things down, then finally weathered using dry brushing and powders to represent a well-used coach in faded BR lined maroon livery. In that format these coaches lasted in service until 1966. As such it should be useful addition to the fleet for Haydon Square.

## NEW LAYOUT PART 8 – Jim Edwards



With the static grass dried on Boards 2 and 3, Slater's fencing was fitted and painted around the front hill. Bushes were fitted with a hot glue gun, these are Woodland Scenic clump foliage light and dark green. Small leaves were fitted around the base of the trees, this is from the Little Leaf Company. Coloured scatters were sprinkled over the static grass and Bushes glued down with watered down PVA. Woodland Scenic trees were glued in place with the 23cm ones at the front and the 17cm ones at the back.





The house kits have moved on with the painting of the brick work and doors. When dried windows and doors were fitted in place. Glazing and curtains was added to the window. Now waiting for down pipes and gutters to come before adding roof tiles.

Question? What name to call the layout? I started to look for places in the south Devon area on the map and found a small village south of Exeter with the soil colour. I have now named the layout Mamhead



## THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE

A mother was working in the kitchen, listening to her five-year-old son playing with his new electric train set in the living room. She heard the train stop and her son saying, "All of You b\*\*\*\*\*ds who want off, get off now, 'cos we're in a hurry! And all of you b\*\*\*\*\*ds who are getting on, get on now, 'cos we're going down the tracks!"

The horrified mother went in and told her son, "We don't use that kind of language in this house. Now I want you to go to your room and stay there for TWO HOURS! When you come out, you may play with your train, but I want you to use nice language."

Two hours later, the son came out of the bedroom and resumed playing with his train. Soon the train stopped, and the mother heard her son say, "All passengers who are disembarking the train please remember to take all of your belongings with you. We thank you for travelling with us today and hope your trip was a pleasant one!"

She hears the little boy continue, "For those of you just boarding, we ask you to stow all of your hand luggage underneath your seat. Please remember that there is no smoking on the train. We hope you will have a pleasant and relaxing journey with us today."

As the mother began to smile, the child added...

"For those of you who are pissed off about the TWO HOUR delay, please see the Fat Controller in the kitchen!"

## AND FINALLY, ENGINE SHED QUIZ - Mike Le Marie.

Here are the answers (in **Bold**) to the quiz that Mike set for the last Edition. He listed the names of BR steam locomotive depots of the 1950'/60's and asked for you to name the town or city they were located in.

1. Longsight - **Manchester**
2. Edge Hill - **Liverpool**
3. Bescot - **Birmingham**
4. New England - **Peterborough**
5. Eastfield (also Polmadie and Corkerhill) - **Glasgow**
6. Kingmoor (also Upperby and Canal) - **Carlisle**
7. Bowes Bridge - **Gateshead**
8. Bricklayers Arms – **Southwark, London**
9. Laira - **Plymouth**
10. Dairycoates (also Botanic Gardens and Springhead) - **Hull**
11. St Margarets (also Haymarket) - **Edinburgh**
12. Bath Road - **Bristol**
13. Colwick - **Nottingham**
14. Holbeck (also Neville Hill) - **Leeds**
15. Devons Road – **Bow, London**

## F&DMRC DIARY

### Recent changes.

Clubroom available from ~09:00 [use rear entrance].

Wednesday running starts at **14:00** in Wrecclesham Community Centre Hall.

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

Runn'g Sequence: O, N, P4/009 and OO

DIARY 2021 – ALL are subject to change / cancellation		
Date	Run'g	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
<i>The following are known about events / Shows – all subject to change</i>		
Mon 03 May		<b>Early May Bank Holiday</b> – Open Day <b>CANCELLED</b>
Mon 17 May	OO9	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Rule-of-6 Clubroom</b> gathering - See 'Daily Admission Rota' below
Wed 19 May	N	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Rule-of-6 Clubroom</b> then <b>Hall</b> at 14:00
Weds 26 May	P4	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Rule-of-6 Clubroom</b> then <b>Hall</b> at 14:00
Mon 31 May		<b>Spring Bank Holiday</b> – usually a Group Open Day – TBA
Wed-02-Jun	OO9	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Rule-of-6 Clubroom</b> then <b>Hall</b> at 14:00
Wed-09-Jun	OO	<b>4<sup>rd</sup> Rule-of-6 Clubroom</b> then <b>Hall</b> at 14:00
Wed-14-Jun	O	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Rule-of-6 Clubroom</b> then <b>Hall</b> at 14:00
14 Aug		Evening preparation for <b>Farnham OO9 Show</b>
15 Aug		<b>Farnham OO9 Show</b> (OO9 Society & others invited): WCC Hall

Sat 11 & Sun 12 <b>Sep</b>		<del>REC (Railway Enthusiasts Club), Woking</del> <b>CANCELLED</b> <b>TINGS</b> (The International N Gauge Show, Warwickshire Event Centre, CV31 1XN [As at 26-Feb: Advance tickets not yet avail.]
Wed 06 <b>Oct</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Briefing for Show 18:30</b> in Clubroom/Hall
Fri 08 <b>Oct</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Set-up Club Show</b> – from late afternoon
Sat 09 & Sun 10 <b>Oct</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>F&amp;DMRC Annual Club Show</b> , Aldershot [Most of the layouts that were invited for 2020 will be attending.]
Sat 27 & Sun 28 <b>Nov</b>		<b>Model Railway Show: Warley</b>
Wed 08 <b>Dec</b>		<b>19:15 for 19:30 start - AGM</b> (details to follow) [within 2 months of Club's year-end; voting only for paid-up 'Full' members].
<b>Sat 11 &amp; 12 Dec</b>		<b>Wickwar (N): Manchester MRC, Barnes Wallis building, Manchester, M1 7JA</b> <b>Decision by MMRS mid-July earliest</b>
Wed 15 <b>Dec</b>		Dinner (optional) 18:30 for 19:00 @ The Mill House, Odiham
Wed 22 <b>Dec</b>		<b>Last Club Day of the year</b>

DIARY 2022 – ALL are subject to change / cancellation		
Date	Run'g	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Sat 05 & Sun 06 <b>Feb</b>	--	<b>Wickwar (N): Alton</b>
??		<b>Brixcombe (P4): a Show somewhere (tba)</b>
Sat 25 & Sun 26 <b>Jun</b>	--	<b>Wickwar (N): Perth Show</b>
Sat 10 & Sun 11 <b>Sep</b>	--	<b>REC (Railway Enthusiasts Club), Woking Leisure Centre</b>
<b>Fri 07 Oct</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Set-up Show</b> – from late afternoon
<b>Sat 08 &amp; Sun 09 Oct</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>F&amp;DMRC Annual Club Show, Aldershot [Wickwar and ??]</b>

## F&DMRC CLUB ADMISSION ROTA

### Gov't STEP-3 : min 2, max. 6 members on the premises at any one time

The Club's Constitution [chap. 9.1], Handbook [chap. 6.1] and 'Health & Safety Policy' all refer to the safety and well-being of members. In re-opening the Club's activities, remember:

- the Club reserves the right to refuse membership or otherwise restrict attendance where the safety of other members appears likely to be compromised through wilful or accidental neglect of Government Infectious Diseases' guidelines, rules or regulations;
- **each Group Leader** will decide their own way of controlling numbers and ensuring fairness of occupancy;
- until further notice, an 'Attendance Log' **must** be completed by all attendees;
- in the event of a member testing Covid-19 'positive' at any time, the Club's Secretary and Chair **must** immediately be informed by phone or e-mail:  
[Chairman@farnhammrc.org.uk](mailto:Chairman@farnhammrc.org.uk) and [Secretary@farnhammrc.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@farnhammrc.org.uk) ;
- there is no pressure to attend, it is each member's choice as to when comfortable to come.

<i>Week</i>	<i>Day &amp; Date</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Club-room</i>	<i>Main Hall</i>	<i>Hall in use by other body</i>
17-May	Mon	OO9	Yes	Not available	??
	Tue	P4	Yes	Not available	??
	<b>Wed 19-May</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes after 2 pm</b>	??
	Thu	O	Yes	Not available	??
	Fri	OO	Yes	Not available	??
24-May	Mon	OO	Yes	Not available	??
	Tue	OO9	Yes	Not available	??
	<b>Wed 26-May</b>	<b>P4</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes after 2 pm</b>	??
	Thu	N	Yes	Not available	??
	Fri	O	Yes	Not available	??
31-May	Mon	O	Yes	Not available	??
	Tue	OO	Yes	Not available	??
	<b>Wed 02-Jun</b>	<b>OO9</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes after 2 pm</b>	??
	Thu	P4	Yes	Not available	??
	Fri	N	Yes	Not available	??
07-Jun	Mon	N	Yes	Not available	??
	Tue	O	Yes	Not available	??
	<b>Wed 09-Jun</b>	<b>OO</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes after 2 pm</b>	??
	Thu	OO9	Yes	Not available	??
	Fri	P4	Yes	Not available	??
14-Jun	Mon	P4	Yes	Not available	??
	Tue	N	Yes	Not available	??
	<b>Wed 16-Jun</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes after 2 pm</b>	??
	Thu	OO	Yes	Not available	??
	Fri	OO9	Yes	Not available	??
<b>Mon-21-Jun is planned Gov't STEP-4 : We await Covid progress and new Gov't Rules.</b>					

**Sat & Sun:** To be booked via the Secretary on a first come, first served basis. NB. There was little use in 2020, so most requests should be OK.

If the Main Hall is occupied use only the Basement entrance and the Clubroom. The keyholder to place 'Notice of Railway Club presence' on alarm console.

Wipe: door handles, light switches, etc. when leaving the Clubroom.

If the Keyholder needs to access the Main Entrance, wipe the touched door handles, light switches and alarm system; also place the 'Railway Club are on-site' notice on alarm console.

Toilets must be Dettol sprayed after use.