

“WHISTLEBLOWER”

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FARNHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

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EDITORIAL – Jon Faulconer

May is with us and Monday should have been the Club's Open Day; however, along with so many other events across the Nation, not to be. On the up side, 2 weeks later on the 17th the restrictions reduce still further and Members can use the Club Room once more and the Hall from 1400 on Wednesday afternoons. The “Rule-of-6” is still applicable which is why the Club Admission Rota at the end of Whistleblower has been put together.

For your information, the Secretary has the clearance from the Chair of the Wrecclesham Community Centre and relevant emails are below:

22-April: **Secretary's e-mail to WCC:**

The Club members are champing-at-the-bit to get together again at the WCC. In the meantime, we have been having Rule-of-6 sub-group outdoor events in member's gardens.

We have put together an 'Admissions Rota' for dates between 17-May and Sun-20-Jun (unless Gov't advice changes) that will continue the Rule-of-6 whether in the Club Room or on Wednesday afternoons the Main Hall.

If the Main Hall is in-use, the plan is to use the rear entrance and put a Notice on the Alarm system to say that there are others on-site.

All our former rules & guidance to members, as posted on the Hall doors, will continue to be applied, e.g. wiping surfaces with disinfectants, etc.

30-April: **From PAT FROST Chair of Wrecclesham Community Centre:**

I met with the team at the centre yesterday afternoon and we talked about you returning. We agree you could return but that (as you say in your email) it must be limited to 6 at a time and if you use the kitchen - it will be limited to 2. It is important that you abide by any instructions issued by the Govt. and as you say when you have finished all surfaces and handles (inc. those in the toilets) should be wiped down. We will expect you to police your members.

Once again, I would like to say a big thank you for all you have done to improve the Club Room.

Finally, the next Edition of Whistleblower will be distributed Sunday 16 May 2021, please let me have your articles by Saturday 15 May 2021.

23rd APRIL OO9 MEETING – Alex Holt

Alex has provided some of the photos he took of the OO9 Meeting at Richard's property on 23rd April. Have to comment that the back scenes on the boards are complemented by the weather and setting where the boards have been laid out, no doubt a great day out for those involved.





WHAT'S ON AT PENDON – David Harrington

Members may find something of interest in the Pendon Museum update. The Museum models English rural life as it was in the 1930s and there are several events / activities that are open to all (not just “Friends”).

Their website is: [Pendon Museum, bringing the past to life - Abingdon, Oxfordshire](http://www.pendonmuseum.org.uk/)

PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION RESTARTING - Julian Evison

For a number of years now, Richard Winstanley has been gathering up plastic milk bottle tops which have been collected by members and sending them for recycling to raise money for charity. At the moment Richard is unable to continue with this, so I've agreed with him that I would take over in the interim. We have quite a number of tops at the club already which I will collect, but more are always welcome as we restart the club.

The plastic milk bottle tops can be any colour, but must be clean and free of any paper, rubber or foil insert. Please ensure nothing else is collected as contamination is a problem. The tops are recycled and the funds benefit Chestnut Tree House, <https://www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk/> , a children's hospice with branches in Sussex and Hampshire.

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		Early May Bank Holiday – Open Day CANCELLED
Mon 17 May	OO9	1st Rule-of-6 Clubroom gathering - See 'Daily Admission Rota' below
Wed 19 May	N	1st Rule-of-6 Clubroom then Hall at 14:00
Weds 26 May	P4	2nd Rule-of-6 Clubroom then Hall at 14:00
Mon 31 May		Spring Bank Holiday – usually a Group Open Day – TBA
Wed-02-Jun	OO9	3rd Rule-of-6 Clubroom then Hall at 14:00
Wed-09-Jun	OO	4rd Rule-of-6 Clubroom then Hall at 14:00
Wed-14-Jun	O	5th Rule-of-6 Clubroom then Hall at 14:00
14 Aug		Evening preparation for Farnham OO9 Show
15 Aug		Farnham OO9 Show (OO9 Society & others invited): WCC Hall
Sat 11 & Sun 12 Sep		REC (Railway Enthusiasts Club), Woking CANCELLED TINGS (The International N Gauge Show, Warwickshire Event Centre, CV31 1XN [As at 26-Feb: Advance tickets not yet avail.]
Wed 06 Oct	ALL	Briefing for Show 18:30 in Clubroom/Hall
Fri 08 Oct	ALL	Set-up Club Show – <i>from late afternoon</i>
Sat 09 & Sun 10 Oct	ALL	F&DMRC Annual Club Show , Aldershot [Most of the layouts that were invited for 2020 will be attending.]
Sat 27 & Sun 28 Nov		Model Railway Show: Warley
Wed 08 Dec		19:15 for 19:30 start - AGM (details to follow) [within 2 months of Club's year-end; voting only for paid-up 'Full' members].
Sat 11 & 12 Dec		Wickwar (N): Manchester MRC , Barnes Wallis building, Manchester, M1 7JA Decision by MMRS mid-July earliest
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 (P4): a Show somewhere (tba)
Sat 25 & Sun 26 Jun	--	Wickwar (N): Perth Show
Sat 10 & Sun 11 Sep	--	REC (Railway Enthusiasts Club) , Woking Leisure Centre
Fri 07 Oct	ALL	Set-up Show – <i>from late afternoon</i>
Sat 08 & Sun 09 Oct	ALL	F&DMRC Annual Club Show , Aldershot [Wickwar and ??]

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@farnhamrc.org.uk and Secretary@farnhamrc.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 & 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	??
	Wed 19-May	N	Yes	Yes after 2 pm	??
	Thu	O	Yes	Not available	??
	Fri	OO	Yes	Not available	??
24-May	Mon	OO	Yes	Not available	??
	Tue	OO9	Yes	Not available	??
	Wed 26-May	P4	Yes	Yes after 2 pm	??
	Thu	N	Yes	Not available	??
	Fri	O	Yes	Not available	??
31-May	Mon	O	Yes	Not available	??
	Tue	OO	Yes	Not available	??
	Wed 02-Jun	OO9	Yes	Yes after 2 pm	??
	Thu	P4	Yes	Not available	??
	Fri	N	Yes	Not available	??
07-Jun	Mon	N	Yes	Not available	??
	Tue	O	Yes	Not available	??
	Wed 09-Jun	OO	Yes	Yes after 2 pm	??
	Thu	OO9	Yes	Not available	??
	Fri	P4	Yes	Not available	??
14-Jun	Mon	P4	Yes	Not available	??
	Tue	N	Yes	Not available	??
	Wed 16-Jun	O	Yes	Yes after 2 pm	??
	Thu	OO	Yes	Not available	??
	Fri	OO9	Yes	Not available	??
Mon-21-Jun is planned Gov't STEP-4 : We await Covid progress and new Gov't Rules.					

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.