

“WHISTLEBLOWER”

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FARNHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

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Tomorrow, Monday 17 May, the COVID Measures relax still further and we can start using the Clubroom once more; additionally, on the Wednesday afternoons the Main Hall will be available. The Admission Rota at the end of this Edition of Whistleblower details allotment of dates for each Group to use the facilities for the next 5 weeks up to 18 June. Further relaxations are expected with the Governments Step 4 for the recovery and are yet to be announced.

For those that participated in the monthly Club Zoom Calls, please be aware that none has been arranged for May, as there has been no call for one thus far.

I have a message from Andrew Wrobel:

“**WANTED:** Some square plastic conduit or whatever, 4-6cms (ideally 5) on each side. This to form Faller roadway tunnel(s) on the grandchildren’s ‘OO’ layout that Andy Brown and I are making. Please e-mail AndrewWrobel@icloud.com .

Take care and enjoy the Club slowly opening up.

PS. Lots of Railway magazines will be the Clubroom from Wednesday.”

Finally, the next Edition of Whistleblower will be distributed Sunday 30 May 2021, please let me have your articles by Saturday 29 May 2021. It would also be great to have some photos of Members reusing the Club facilities.

GROUP PLANS FOR THE USE OF CLUB FACILITIES

Below are the Group Leaders plans for the reuse the Club facilities on the days allotted in the Admission Rota (attached at the end of Whistleblower). Obviously, these are initial intentions and, bearing in mind good military doctrine that “no plan out lives first engagement”, these plans will probably be updating as we go downstream:

OO9 Group – David Harrington. The OO9 Group has its sights set on its Open Day on 15th August. All activity between now and then will be aimed at ensuring that at least 8 out of its “Straight and Narrow” collection of 10 boards are ready for showing at that event. At the moment we’re occupied by a motley collection of electrical problems, track alignment and scenery improvements, none of which are serious but which demand attention in the immediate future. We can then shift focus to practising running trains as a group. So, it’s important that we maximise every Club-allocated space to meet as a group or at least in mini-sessions between here and 21 June, and, just as importantly, thereafter.

The club-allocated slots are:

- Monday 17 May, Clubroom only all day, (min of 2, max of 6)
- Tuesday 25 May, Clubroom only, all day (min of 2, max of 6)
- Wednesday 2 June, We have use of Hall (from 2pm until late) and Clubroom all day (min of 2, max of 6)
- Thursday 10 June, Clubroom only, all day (min of 2, max of 6)
- Friday 18 June, Clubroom only, all day (min of 2, max of 6)

So, Wednesday 2nd June is our next “sole-use” chance to use the Hall. There are no more such chances until after “Freedom Day” on 21 June, when there are only 8 more Wednesdays until our Open Day, most of which will have to be shared with other Groups.

On 2 June, our primary aim will be to ensure snag-free running end to end and reach a decision, based on that and on other factors (such as the need to ensure run-around facilities at each end), on the preferred order of interconnect. We can then use that agreed configuration whenever we can negotiate shared use of the Hall for practice sessions.

P4 Group – Richard Harris. The P4 group currently plan to use the Clubroom from late morning and the Hall from 14:00 on our allocated Wednesday 26th May. I am hoping all 5 UK based members and associate members will be present for a full running session with Brixcombe.

We have no firm plans to use Clubroom access on our other days in the schedule. If any group fancies taking over one of our non-Wednesday slots, please contact me - chances are it will be ok.

N Group – Greg Phillips. The N Gauge Group have the Hall Wednesday and two parallel sessions that can accommodate twelve. Suggest those intent on attending on Wednesday should contact Greg and he will work out a rota.

O Group – Julian Evison. The 0 Gauge Group has been through the days allocated to us in the period 17th May to 21st June and will be present as follows. The key holders name is in bold:

- Thursday 20th May am: **Robin**, Pete S
- Thursday 20th May pm: **Robin**, Pete S, Ed
- Friday 28th May am: **Julian**, Pete S, Robin
- Friday 28th May pm: **Julian**, Pete S, Robin, Ed
- Monday 31st May am: **Robin**, Tim
- Monday 31st May pm: None
- Tuesday 8th June am: **Julian**, Tim, Pete S, Robin, John
- Tuesday 8th June pm: **Julian**, Pete S, Robin, Ed, John
- Wednesday 16th June am: **Robin**, Tim, Pete S, John
- Wednesday 16th June pm (when we have use of the Hall): **Robin**, Jim, Ian G, Ed, John, Peter L.

Only the afternoon of 16th June is over-subscribed, so we have a 'first reserve'. For any other session, please contact the key holder if you would like to join or can't make it.

Please remember we need a minimum of two people in the club room for any session, so it is important to stay in touch.

OO Group – Wilf Pateman. Request forms have been sent out by email to all OO Members for them to complete to let Wilf know when they would like to attend so that he can compile a rota to manage the Rule of 6. At this time, he has not had many responses. Please complete the form and return it to Wilf as soon as possible.

MD MODELS KERR STUART 60HP DIESEL - OO9 – Alex Holt

Recently I've completed another OO9 narrow gauge locomotive kit, this time an MD Models Kerr Stuart 60hp Style kit for the Kato 11-109 Chassis. The kit is based on the 60hp Kerr Stuart Diesel locomotives introduced in the late 1920s, but it has a number of differences from the prototype so that it can fit the Kato 11-109 chassis.

The kit is a 3D printed bodyshell which comes with a small detailing pack containing a driver, coupling blocks, brake pipes, oil cans, a loco jack, a bucket and a toolbox. The kit is a very good quality print, although quite a bit of clean up and filing of the supports is needed to get a perfectly smooth finish.



After the bodyshell was to the standard I wanted it to be, I washed the bodyshell in white spirit to make sure any contaminants were off the body before starting the assembly process. The coupling blocks were glued on first and the rest of the details included in the kit were painted before being added to the main body at a later stage. As long as the coupling blocks are glued flush with the bottom of the buffer beam then they are at the correct height for OO9 Peco NEM Couplings, its only getting them centred horizontally that is a little difficult.

For painting the model, I first started by giving it two coats of Humbrol Enamel Primer, sanding in between each coat and making sure there were as few imperfections to the body as possible.



For the livery of this locomotive, I've chosen to paint it in an RAF Blue Livery. The bodyshell has been painted using Vallejo Sky Blue and the frames using Vallejo Black. I've used some Railmatch Oily Steel paint for the exhaust and the sandbox lids, as I thought this would be a decent enough looking metallic colour. Masking tape is required between the cab sides and frames to get a perfectly straight finish in this area, I've also had to use masking tape around the rear of the cab as well.

Smaller details such as the loco jack, oil cans and toolboxes were painted before being added to the model. I used Rose Gold for the oil cans, Black for the loco jack and Dark Sea Grey for the toolbox. The bucket I lost when cutting it off the sprue so I ended up using a red bucket I had left over from doing scenic work. After adding the small details, it was time to add transfers to the model. For transfers I've used Modelmaster RAF Roundels on the sandboxes and some Railtec SR wagon numbers for the loco numbers, as the style felt like a good fit for the livery. I've then added some generic builders' plates on the cab sides below the numbers. The model has then been given a coat of matt varnish before adding the windows to the cab from a sheet of clear acrylic packaging that has been recycled.



The next stage was adding the figures, one of the figures I've used for the loco crew is included with the kit, the other is one of my own I've painted to match. Both figures have been painted using Vallejo Blue for the overalls, Pale Sand for the skin and Black for the hair and boots on the figures. These have then been glued in strategically to disguise where the clear acrylic sheet has been used for the windows at the rear of the cab which was rather noticeable beforehand.

The final step of building the model was adding the Kato 11-109 Chassis to the model. The chassis needs minimal modifications, only requiring the clips to be filed off so that it can sit straight under the body. The chassis is then held in place by blue tack as the front and rear of the chassis and a small amount between the chassis and the side of the body. This is enough to secure it semi permanently, as it can be disassembled if required but is secured strongly enough to be picked up and pull trains without any issues.



NEW LAYOUT PART 9 – Jim Edwards

Jim continues to make great progress with his new layout, as he describes below:

Board 1. The level crossing kit from Peco was made up and fitted into place. At the moment it is static but planning on having it moving.



Gate keeper hut was made and fitted. (Skytrek resin kit).



A change in plan was made. In place of the houses, I have made some more hills the same way as previously mentioned.



I have now started on the station low relief building. The kit is a moulded plastic type.



I am adding styrofoam to the walls to add strength and depth because the station is on the front of the layout.



The interior detail will be added. The doors and windows are made from 3 sections.



F&DMRC DIARY

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 17 May	OO9	1 st Rule-of-6 Clubroom gathering - See 'Daily Admission Rota' below
Wed 19 May	N	1 st Rule-of-6 Clubroom then Hall at 14:00
Weds 26 May	P4	2 nd 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	3 rd Rule-of-6 Clubroom then Hall at 14:00
Wed-09-Jun	OO	4 rd Rule-of-6 Clubroom then Hall at 14:00
Wed-16-Jun	O	5 th 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 – from late afternoon
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 – from late afternoon
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@farnhammrc.org.uk and 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 & 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.