

# “WHISTLEBLOWER”

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FARNHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

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## EDITORIAL – Jon Faulconer

I’m afraid that this Edition of Whistleblower is short. No acceptable excuse offered other than family have descended on the Faulconer household and the 2 year old Tasmanian Devil insists on total supervision from her grandparents.

The Government has relaxed the COVID restrictions still further and now we are back in the Clubhouse with the use of the Wrecclesham Community Centre Main Hall on Wednesday without the rule-of-6. It was great to see the O Group with Haydon Square out and the N Group discussing their planned new display based on Okehampton Station together with the Meldon Viaduct and Quarry. Additionally, there was activity going on in the Clubroom – the Club is definitely running once more.

The next Edition of Whistleblower will be Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, grateful for your articles and photos on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

## FDMRC OO9 GROUP OPEN DAY – SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Reminder to all that we have the OO9 Group Open Day coming up next month on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August in the WCC. The show opens to the Public at 1000 hours and will run through to 1600 hours. This event has been listed in the Club Diary for some time and, hopefully, there will be good turnout from both Members and the Public.

**Anti-Covid Measures.** Everyone will be encouraged to wear a mask. This includes the Public, Exhibitors and Club Members whether they are on duty or not. Likewise, sanitisers will be available and all windows throughout the WCC will be opened fully to ensure that all the rooms inside the building are ventilated. We will also be encouraging 1 metre Social Distancing to be observed.

**Volunteers.** There is a requirement for volunteers to help with parking and managing the flow of people around the building – my intent is for the tasks to be shared out rather than have just a few people doing the whole day.

**Parking.** Would all Club Members park on the road and avoid using the WCC car parking spaces, as you will appreciate the space available is very limited and we need to keep them free for the Public.

# F&DMRC DIARY

'Daily Admission Rota' for Clubroom Covid usage is now '*Defunct*'

Clubroom available from ~09:00. Wednesday running (Hall usage) starts at **14:00**.

If someone else is using the Hall, members **MUST NOT** enter Hall or Kitchen before 14:00.

'Run'g' = Priority use of Hall; ALSO tidy/vacuum Clubroom AND lock-up

'4 Run'ng Sequence' per Month will resume Wed-01-Sep: 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>		
Wed 28 Jul	<b>N</b>	'N Next Layout' Planning in Hall. OO9 may ask to set-up & practice in some of the Hall.
Wed 04 Aug	<b>P4 &amp; OO9</b>	OO9 offered set-up & practice in whatever Hall space avail. 'N Next Layout' Planning in side-room.
Wed 11 Aug	<b>OO9 &amp; P4</b>	OO9 set-up & practice. P4 offered use of extra Hall space. 'N Next Layout' Planning in side-room.
Sat 14 Aug	-	Evening preparation for Farnham OO9 Show
Sun 15 Aug	-	Farnham OO9 Open Day (OO9 Society & others): WCC Hall
Wed 18 Aug	<b>OO</b>	<detail of activity awaited>. 'N Next Layout' Planning in side-room.
Wed 25 Aug	<b>spare</b>	'N Next Layout' Planning in Hall if space avail., else side-room.
Wed 01 Sep	<b>O</b>	Restart of the '4 Run'ng Sequence' each Month. 'N Next Layout' Planning in side-room.
Wed 08 Sep	<b>N</b>	'N Next Layout' Planning in Hall.
Sat 11 & Sun 12 Sep	-	<b>TINGS</b> (The International N Gauge Show), Warwickshire Event Centre, CV31 1XN [Advance tickets <b>required</b> and now available] Please advise Secretary re. numbers for Car(s) Transport & Day.
Wed 15 Sep	<b>P4 &amp; OO9</b>	<detail of activity awaited>.
Wed 22 Sep	<b>OO</b>	<detail of activity awaited>.
Wed 29 Sep	<b>spare</b>	
Wed 06 Oct	<b>O ALL</b>	<detail of activity awaited>. <b>Briefing for Show 18:30</b> in Clubroom/Hall
Fri 08 Oct	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Set-up Club Show</b> – from late afternoon
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.]
Sat 27 & Sun 28 Nov		<b>Model Railway Show: Warley</b>
Wed 08 Dec		<b>19:15 for 19:30 start - AGM</b> (details to follow) [must be within 2 months of Club's year-end; voting only paid-up 'Full' members].
Sat 11 & 12 Dec		<b>Wickwar (N): Manchester MRC, Sugden Centre, M1 7HL.</b> <b>Decision by MMRS mid-July still awaited</b>
Wed 15 Dec		Dinner (optional) 18:30 for 19:00 @ TBA [possibly The Mill House, Odiham]
Wed 22 Dec		<b>Last Club Day of the year</b>

DIARY 2022 – ALL are subject to change / cancellation		
Date	Run'g	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Sun 16 Jan		<b>Astolat show:</b> Julian's 16.5mm layout; poss'y OO9 members' layout 'Straight & Narrow'. Richard Meyjes Rd, Guildford, GU2 7AD
Sat 05 & Sun 06 Feb	--	<b>Wickwar (N) and Brixcombe (P4):</b> FEBEX, Alton
Sat 25 & Sun 26 Jun	--	<b>Wickwar (N):</b> Perth Show
Sat 10 & Sun 11 Sep	--	<b>REC (Railway Enthusiasts Club),</b> Woking Leisure Centre
Fri 07 Oct	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Set-up Show – from late afternoon</b>
Sat 08 & Sun 09 Oct	<b>ALL</b>	<b>F&amp;DMRC Annual Club Show,</b> Aldershot [Wickwar and ??]

## AND FINALLY:

Attached are some more photos from the Club photo album. I'm afraid that I don't have a date or even the venue, although I note that the terminus is Ash Green. I am sure there are Members that remember the event, as it looks to have been a great garden party and the live steam gave lots of enjoyment to all present:



