

“WHISTLEBLOWER”

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FARNHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

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EDITORIAL – Jon Faulconer

Starting September, I intend to reduce Whistleblower’s publication to monthly, rather than every 2 weeks. The fortnightly publication was introduced to keep the Club in touch with Members when the COVID lockdown first started and we were not able to get together for our regular Club gatherings. Although arrangements are not yet completely back to the pre-COVID norms, we are no longer prevented from our regular meetings in the Clubroom. My intent is to publish on the 4th Sunday of the month, so the next Edition of Whistleblower will be Sunday 26th September. As always, grateful if you would let me have your articles and photos on Saturday 25th September.

Additionally, Mike Brown is collecting requests for Club polo shirts. At the end of this Edition of Whistleblower are details of sizes and an Order Table for the information Mike needs. Note, this Order Sheet is also on the Notice Board in the Clubroom.

OUR OO9 OPEN DAY – David Harrington

Limited space in the Community Centre cramped our style a little on Sunday so we were able to show only 8 layouts – Coleford, Garreg Wen, Somewhere in France 2 (shown as a work in progress, but complete with cannon shots – so it was fortunate that we’d put him in a side room!), Kaninchenbau, which means rabbit warren – hence the random appearance and disappearance of trains, all computer-controlled. Ryedown Lane, River Crane Mill (on its first public outing) and Whimsy – a flight of Disneyesque fancy. The Club also showed “Straight and Narrow” our new modular layout of 10 boards that can be interconnected in a variety of ways.





Club's "Straight and Narrow" modular layout



Garreg Wen



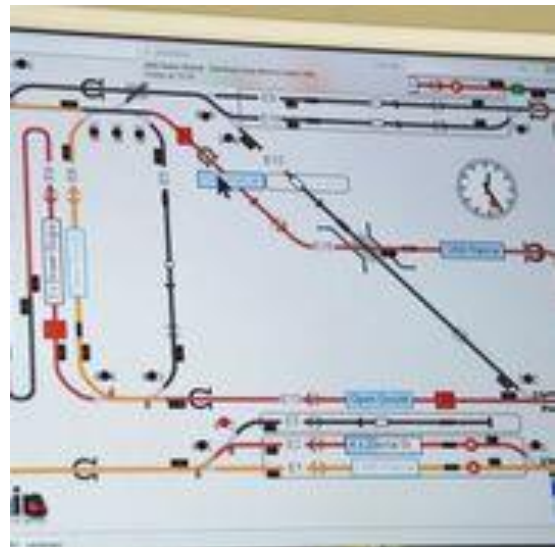
Coleford



Somewhere in France



Ryedown Lane



Kaninchenbau



River Crane Mill



Whimsy

There seems no doubt that Covid has generated a hunger for exhibitions such as this. Some 70 visitors enjoyed the show and we welcomed people from many places - from Rye to Exeter and from Southampton to the West Midlands. We also had a visitor from the Australian Model Railway Club (Queensland) which is based in Brisbane. The editor of Continental Modeller also showed up. The OO9 Society sales stand did good business and we saw lots of people clutching new goodies! Since the show we've received several messages from punters saying how much they enjoyed their visit

The inevitable and very necessary cake and bacon butties were ably served up by Clare Le Marie and her two enthusiastic helpers. We hope to do it all again in 2022!



Finally, David arrived with his team of professionals to clear the Hall.

F&DMRC DIARY

Wrecclesham Community Centre (WCC) Hall

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'g Sequence' per Month will resume Wed-01-Sep: O, N, P4 & OO9 and OO

DIARY 2021 – ALL are subject to change / cancellation		
Date	Run'g	Event / Layout at Exhibition/Show
Wed 25 Aug	spare	'OO' to erect new layout; 'Club Charity Layout' – ballasting; 'N' group next layout Plan discussion if Hall space permits.
Wed 01 Sep	O	Also 'Club Charity Layout' – ballasting, etc.; 'N' Planning.
Wed 08 Sep	N	'N Next Layout' Planning in Hall.
Sat 11 & Sun 12 Sep	-	TINGS (The International N Gauge Show), Warwickshire Event Centre, CV31 1XN [Advance tickets required and now available] Please advise Secretary, who is going early on the Saturday , re. numbers for Car(s) Transport & Day.
Wed 15 Sep	P4 & OO9	<detail of activity awaited>.
Wed 22 Sep	OO	<detail of activity awaited>.
Wed 29 Sep	spare	
Wed 06 Oct	O ALL	<detail of activity awaited>. 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.]
<More Wednesdays to be added>		
27/28 Nov		Model Railway Show: Warley Cancelled
Wed 08 Dec		19:15 for 19:30 start - AGM (details to follow) [must be within 2 months of Club's year-end; voting only paid-up 'Full' members].
11/12 Dec		Wickwar (N): Manchester MRC Cancelled
Wed 15 Dec		Dinner (optional) 18:30 for 19:00 @ TBA [possibly 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
Sun 16 Jan		Astolat show: Julian's 16.5mm layout; poss'y OO9 members' layout 'Straight & Narrow'. Richard Meyjes Rd, Guildford, GU2 7AD
Sat 05 & Sun 06 Feb	--	Wickwar (N) and Brixcombe (P4): FEBEX, Alton
Sat 16 to Mon 18 Apr		Wickwar (N): York MRS, York Racecourse, YO23 1EX
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 ??]

CLUB POLO SHIRTS – Mike Brown

I am about to order some club polo shirts – the green short sleeve shirts with the club name embroidered on it – that many members wear at exhibitions. If you want one (or even want to replace an old one) please complete this form and contact me. The embroidered polo shirt will cost about £20. It may also be possible to get sweat shirts or fleeces in the same shade of green and with the club logo on them.

Please fill in the form and give the size you need. In the past members have often found that they needed a shirt a size bigger than they expected.

S – 34/37 M = 37/40 L – 40/43 XL = 43/46 2XL = 46/49

Any ordered should be ready by the end of September.

All orders & any queries to Mike Brown – 01252 629609 or m.kennett-brown@virgin.net

Name	Phone No or e-mail address	Polo Shirt	Sweat Shirt	Fleece
Ann X Armpie – a fictitious member	Whitehall 1212	M	L	XL