

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

MODEL RAILWAY CLUB



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From the Editors Desk

Here we are nearly at the start of another year.

2025 has flown by so fast that the 2025 New Year edition of the newsletter was the only one I got published. From March onwards we were very tied up with the move from Hardingstone to Roade and the extra work that entailed.

It just leaves me to wish all our members a Happy Christmas and New Year. The evenings will start getting lighter now.

Colin



Chairman's Ramblings

Dear All,

Les here, wishing you well for Christmas and the new year 2026, and hope you have enjoyed being a member of the club up to now and are looking forward to playing trains for many years to come at our new venue in Roade. I do apologise that there have not been many ramblings in 2025 and hope to do better next year, and I also apologise that I could not make the last club evening at the Hall as I was unwell, but I am looking forward to the first one in January.



We recently had our Christmas meal at the Yeoman of England and I am glad to say that it was a lot better than last years at the Queen Eleanor. The food was well prepared and the overall service was very good. Thanks must go to Stephen Lloyd for organising and planning the event for us.

As you are hopefully aware we have finally now reorganised the garage, Additionally we have a new metal storage unit, be it very damp inside at the moment, behind the garage. The damp problem we are hoping to cure in the new year,. We have already managed to almost fill it up completely with items we have gathered together over the years. We have tried to organise everything on site so we find things more easily than before, but time will tell!

We have also rebuilt the framework that holds the Kingsthorpe layout so that it can be stored easily in the garage and transported by van to any show that we might be asked to attend. Thanks must go to members who put in a few hours on a few Wednesday afternoons to complete this very needed work.

We also plan to hopefully finish the Castle station layout some time next year so that it can also go to exhibitions in the future also.

The test track has also recently undergone some servicing and some improvements have been made, but as it is put up and down every week it does sometimes suffer from stress which does cause inconsistent running sometimes. The layout has been invited next year to a show in Coventry and it will be nice to see it out and about again as recently we have not been invited to any shows with this layout, which is a shame.

Ray and Bill are busy on their new N gauge layout named Raybill Junction, and the Junior layout Rheilffordd Nant-Y-Clag has been invited to the new model show at Wicksteed Park in April, along with other layouts from the club membership.

Some of the youthful members of the club will be embarking on a new 009 gauge layout now that their baseboards have arrived.

It is nice to see several new members attending the club and I am pleased to say that we have not lost any of our older members recently (including me) and I do hope this is something that will continue.

We are now really getting used to the new venue at Roade which as you know is much better than our old one at Hardingtonstone. However we do suffer from the fact that we do not have any facilities, or even much time available to us to work on new projects or repair and rebuild existing ones fully, due to these working restraints at the hall.

In 2026 we are hoping that existing funds will allow us to hire the hall on Wednesday afternoons to do this work if we can find the people to do it, as some members will not be able to attend due to other commitments.

That's all for now, so I just have time to wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year

Les Pace

Chairman
NDMRC



Club Website

The club now has a new web site designed by Henry.
Please take a look. www.ndmrc.org



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New Year Reconvine

The club will meet for the first time in the new year on Friday 2nd January.

New Membership Categories

At the Clubs AGM last October, it was decided to introduce a new membership category of Student member. This will cover members aged from 13 to 17 unless in fulltime education, in which it covers a member up to the age of 25. The reason for the change is that to call someone in their teens a junior, is not very endearing.

End of Year Grips from Mr T

I'm afraid I have got to have a bit of a moan now about certain issues.

1. Will all members, visitors & guests attending the club on Fridays please remember to sign in. We need to know who is at the club in case of an emergency situation.
2. The old chestnut of dirty and half empty mugs being left around the hall, has reared its head again. When you have finished your drink (s) for the evening will you please return your mug to the kitchen.
3. Garage door – if you go to the garage and you are the last person there will you please lower the door. This is especially important during the dark nights. Not everything in the garage belongs to the club. A part from this we don't want any of the clubs stuff being pinched.



The Club is pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined since our last newsletter

Maisie Gordge
Ian Cave

Samuel Hillyard
John Gilham

Railway 200

by Colin Tarry

2025 was the 200th anniversary of the first passenger carrying railway, and as a club we wanted to mark the occasion. This we did with an Open Evening on November 14th at Roade. Here are some pictures I took of the night. After these pictures were taken the number in the hall swelled to about 40.



We put on a good spread of refreshments.



Photos
Colin Tarry



Christmas Dinner

by Colin Tarry

The club's Christmas Dinner was held at the Yoeman of England, Wootton on Wednesday 3rd December. All photos Cliff Simpson (except the outdoor pic)



Events 2026

So far for 2026 we have the following events booked in.

Kettering Model Event

18th/19th April 2026

The club will be exhibiting a number of layouts at this NEW event. The venue is Wicksteed Park. Further details to follow when we get them.

St Matthews Church—Summer Fete

4th July 2026

We have again been invited to take a layout or two plus displays, like we have done in previous years, to St Matthews Summer Fete. We need to decide what we want to take. The event is open to the public from 13:00 until 16:00.

N&DMRC Model Railway Club Exhibition

18th July 2026

The venue for our club exhibition will be Roade Village Hall. More details nearer the time.

CovRail26

27th June, 2026

The club will be taking the Demonstration Layout.

There will be over 30 stunning layouts and 20 traders and live demonstrations. The venue is Finham Park 2, Torrington Ave, Coventry. CV4 9WT. Exhibition time is from 10.30 AM - 5.00 PM

The club will put out forms later on in the year for members who are interested in attending any of these events.



Club Uniform

If you wish to, order any items of Club Uniform then please get in touch with Colin Tarry.

In order to help you gauge (pun intended) the size of item(s) you require there is information available in the club folder.

The following items are available:

A price list is also in the club folder.

All body clothing has the club logo on and your name.

The cap only has the club logo.



Please note that a £5 deposit will be required for EACH item ordered. As these items are personalised, we are unable to give refunds or do exchanges where incorrect sizes have been ordered.

ITEM	GENDER	PRODUCT No	SIZE	PRICE
Polo shirt	Mens	R539M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£23.00
Polo shirt	Mens	R539M	3XL, 4XL	£28.00
Polo shirt	Ladies	R539F	8,10,12,14,16,18	£23.00
Polo shirt	Ladies	R539F	20,22	£28.00
Polo shirt	Childs	R539B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£19.00
Sweat shirt	Unisex	R762M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£24.00
Sweat shirt	Unisex	R762M	3XL, 4XL	£32.00
Sweat shirt	Childs	R762B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£23.00
Fleece	Mens	R870M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£36.00
Fleece	Mens	R870M	3XL, 4XL	£40.00
Fleece	Ladies	R870F	8,10,12,14,16,18	£36.00
Fleece	Ladies	R870F	20,22	£40.00
Fleece	Childs	R870B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£30.00
Cap	Unisex	BC015	One size fits all	£17.00

These prices are correct as at 1st March 2023. These prices are subject to change. When ordering please bear in mind that the cost may be greater than shown here.

Club Information



**Roade Village Hall
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Les Pace (Chair Person)
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Craig Dawkins (Exhibition Manager)

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Cliff Simpson Stephen Lloyd

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Non Committee Positions

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Club Membership Rates

Club membership runs from September to August or part of the calendar year, and ALL expire on the last calendar day of August, becoming due for renewal on the first of September.

Adult membership £72 per year, Junior membership £12 per year.

For adult members easy payment terms available. Please enquire.

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