

Newsletter



**NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT
MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**

Between the Lines

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WINTER 2021

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From the Editors **Cab Window**

Welcome to the Winter 2021 edition of Between the Lines.

After being grounded for 18 months or so by the "bug", the Club was finally able to get out exhibiting again in September at Delapre and Rushden. You will find some pictures of these events further on in this newsletter.

They were to appear in the last newsletter but space prevented this as we had more important matters to report.

Lets hope 2022 will bring even more normalisation to our lives, and we can get to see some railway exhibitions.



Colin



**The Committee would
like to wish all our club
members and newsletter
readers a very
Happy Christmas and
New Year.**

Chairman's Ramblings

Dear Members

Here we are at the end of 2021, which has been a little better than the awful one before.

At least we managed to have our annual exhibition this year, which was very successful, thanks to the hard work of the new exhibition manager Craig Dawkins, and the sterling efforts of the other members of our club. Heres hoping that the 2022 show can go ahead without too many problems.



Our display at Castle Station, and the other few shows we attended this year will hopefully help to advertise our club to the outside world of model railway enthusiasts. Perhaps we will get a chance to attend other exhibitions as well, as the numbers increase. with our layouts, and to this end we have started to work on the refurbishment of the O gauge layout " Kingsthorpe".

It was good to see a busy evening at the club on Thursday evening with 3 layouts in operation and other work going on at the same time.

As you are aware the situation at the hall is not perfect, and when visiting the Daventry club today, where they house a pop up shop on the first Saturday of every month, selling second hand model railway items, I was a little jealous as they have their layouts set up, and do not have to take them down at the end of a club evening. Just like we did when I first joined the club, many years ago. So, as you may know for many years we have searched for a home for the club where we can also have sole use, and not have to share the venue and also have to take down the layouts every time we use them.

To this end I have recently been in contact with several people at West Northamptonshire Council concerning a possible venue for a permanent home at an enclosed grass site which houses a Terrapin prefabricated building called the Bective Centre near Weston Favell which was kindly shown to me by Cliff Simpson when I visited him at home recently.



It is currently out of use BUT the Youth Service may want to put it back into service at some stage, so I am not holding my breath that we will be successful. I was pleasantly surprised how helpful the people were at the council and two of them are currently looking into the enquiry for me, and they have said they will look out for other suitable buildings for us. Heres hoping!

In other news, we are due to open up the display at Castle Station from 10am to 12.30pm on the 11th December, and would be pleased if members would come along to support us.

On behalf of the committee, and myself, I do hope you have a safe Christmas and that 2022 will be a good year for a change!

Finally, if you are happy with the club please tell others, if not please tell us.

Best wishes

Les Pace

Chairman NDMRC

Soar Valley Model Railway Club—2022 Exhibition

We have booked to attend the above event with the club's Multi-Gauge Demonstration layout. The SVMRC exhibition is being held on the weekend of 21st/22nd August 2022 at Loughborough Grammar School.

We have indicated to them that we require 8 operators. Nearer the time we will be seeking the names of members who wish to attend. If we get more that 8 on each day then we will need to ration who attends on what day(s).



Christmas & New Year Club Meetings



We shall meet on Thursday December 23rd for the last meeting in 2021 and then meet again in the new year on Thursday 6th January.

There will be **NO** meeting at
Hardingstone on
Thursday 30th December



When Size Matters

Sizes in OO gauge in comparing a Great Western Castle against Stephenson's Rocket. The two locos are about 100 years apart in a development time scale.

Rules and Constitution

The Rules and Constitution of the Club have been updated from the additions, amendments and deletions agreed at our AGM in October last.



A copy of the Rules and Constitution can be found in the Club folder that is put out each week and located by the signing in sheet.



Delapre Abbey

by Colin Tarry

On Sunday 12th September last the club exhibited its Northampton Castle Station layout. This was part of the Northampton Heritage Fair which takes place annually.



Photos:
John Peet



Rushden Historical Transport Society
Charity No: 285535



MODEL WEEKEND

18th & 19th September
10am - 4pm

Model Trains, Cars and Boats
Live Steam O Gauge,
Traders, Refreshments
& More

Tickets

Adult - £5, Concession - £4.50

Child - £3, Family Ticket - £14

Rushden Station Goods Shed,
John Clark Way, Rushden,
Northants, NN10 0FW
www.rhts.co.uk 0300 302 3150



On the weekend of Saturday and Sunday the 18th and 19th of September last the club exhibited its Multi-Gauge Demonstration layout at the Rushden Model Weekend organised by the Rushden Historical Transport Society.



Photos: Colin Tarry





RUSHDEN

Photos: Ron Hedges



Northampton Castle Station at Northampton Station

by Colin Tarry

As many of you will know, the club is currently exhibiting its Northampton Castle Station layout at the towns main railway station.

As things stand at the moment this layout will be there until the new year, having been officially opened on Saturday November 6th. Some of you will have heard Richard on Radio Northampton the day before being interviewed about the layout.



WITH THE KIND SUPPORT OF THE
London Northwestern Railway



by Colin Tarry

Road Village Hall



The club had a sales stand at this event. We did a small amount of sales, raising funds for the club. We see this event more as an opportunity to raise awareness of the clubs existence than to make big money for the club.



John busy getting things ready

For the first time we were in a position to accept card payments on transactions which did give us a slight edge over some of the other traders.

The Northampton Transport Heritage brought along two preserved former Northampton Corporation Transport buses for people to have a ride on.



[left] ANH154
1947 Daimler

[right] V V 9146
1946 Crossley

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	£28.00
Polo shirt	Mens	R539M	3XL, 4XL	£32.00
Polo shirt	Ladies	R539F	8,10,12,14,16,18	£28.00
Polo shirt	Ladies	R539F	20,22	£32.00
Polo shirt	Childs	R539B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£28.00
Sweat shirt	Unisex	R762M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£33.00
Sweat shirt	Unisex	R762M	3XL, 4XL	£34.00
Sweat shirt	Childs	R762B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£33.00
Fleece	Mens	R870M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£37.00
Fleece	Mens	R870M	3XL, 4XL	£39.00
Fleece	Ladies	R870F	8,10,12,14,16,18	£37.00
Fleece	Ladies	R870F	20,22	£39.00
Fleece	Childs	R870B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£37.00
Cap	Unisex	BC015	One size fits all	£14.00

These prices are correct as at 1st December 2021. These prices are subject to change. When ordering please bear in mind that the cost may be greater than shown here.

Club Information

Committee Members

Les Pace (Chair Person)
Richard Deacon (Secretary)
Craig Dawkins (Exhibition Manager)
Cliff Simpson

Colin Tarry (Treasurer)
Michael Castledine

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Club Night: Thursday

Meeting Time: 19:30—22:00

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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 £60 per year, Junior membership £10 per year.

For adult members easy payment terms available. Please enquire.

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