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MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**

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From the Editors Cab Window

Welcome to the Autumn 2022 edition of the Club newsletter.

The year marches on, and since the last newsletter the club has been out and about both exhibiting and putting on our own exhibition. You will find reports and pictures of these events with in this newsletter.



We held our 2022 AGM in October, at which several topics were discussed. One of those topics has made it into this newsletter; that being the matter of junior members and their parents and/or guardians. You can read our thoughts on this on page 6.

I hope to get another newsletter out before the years end, so all contributions welcome.

Colin

Chairman's Ramblings

Dear Members

As I write these ramblings there has just been a violent thunderstorm that was the worst we have had for a long time. Glad I removed the buildings from my garden layout that would have been possibly damaged.

We have recently had the AGM at the club and thanks go to all the members that attended. We now have an extra committee member, Stephen Lloyd to bore at our meetings in the future.

I hope that the committee covered all the things that you felt were important at the AGM and if you still have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I am glad to say that I now have the last two boards of the Demo/test track to upgrade the wiring on, and after that I can then assist the members working on the Kingsthorpe layout, as we are planning to take it to our show at Roade next year.

There are plans afoot for a new Club N gauge layout and we await the outcome of the planning for it.

Hopefully we can also start on the construction of the fiddle yard for Castle Station, however with the small amount of time we can allocate to it every week I feel that this could take some time.

Can I ask that possibly someone may want to add some scenics to the junior layout. This would make the layout more visually interesting.

Also, do not forget that you can ask John Walker to sell your unwanted model railway items for you, and the small commission charge will help raise money for the club.

Not sure if the new social area we are experimenting with will be a success but time will tell. Please see page 6 in this newsletter. Also, I was wondering whether any members wanted to do a demonstration or display for other members? - if so please let any committee member know.

Best wishes

Les Pace

Chairman N&DMRC



Club Torque



The Club is pleased to welcome the following new member(s):

Roy McGuire William Barnard (junior member)

New Committee Member

Appointed from our club AGM in October, we welcome Stephen Lloyd to the committee. To be more precise, welcome him back, as Stephen used to be on the committee. In his past roles he has been newsletter editor and publicity officer. We will see what we can get him doing this time.

TOMBOLA

It is a fair off to our next exhibition in August 2023, but its never too early to start collecting items for the tombola.

Please bring in any new items or items that are in very good condition as prizes. If you wish to donate anything that is edible or drinkable will you please make sure that it has a use by date not expiring before 1st October 2023.

If you get any unwanted Christmas presents and you don't know what to do with them, then please think of our tombola.

Also if you donate anything that is breakable or delicate, then please mark this clearly on the bag or box you bring it in please so that it does not get broken. Unfortunately in the past some glassware was donated and it got broken.

Caption Competition



We only had one response to our caption competition of Roger. In fact it was not so much a caption as a question, which read: "Is the shovel holding Roger up or is Roger holding the shovel up?"

The Parents and Guardians of Junior Members and their Retention

Les mentioned at the AGM in October, that we may not be retaining junior members, as parents felt awkward staying around and not being involved in club activities.

It was stressed that the Club has a Safeguarding policy, the key part of which insists that parents or guardians must stay with their child as club members do not have the CRB or equivalent qualification to look after other people's children and neither did they wish to in view of these regulations.

Les said we should try to make parents and guardians more welcome by engaging with them and set up a social space with a table and chairs as a coffee area. The aim of this area is for parents and guardians to socialise/chat with each other over a cup of tea or coffee etc..

In practical terms this will probably have to be on the left hand side of the hall as you enter, and be positioned just past the stack of chairs. Members will need access to the chairs and tables along with access to the signing in sheets.

We shall experiment with this idea and see how it goes. We will need to acquire a low height table for parents and guardians to put their drinks on. All the hall owned tables are at dining height, which is too formal.



The Clubs full Safeguarding Policy can be found in the Club Manual, which is normally to be found by the signing in sheet on club nights. There is a dedicated section on this topic within the manual.

Layout Metal Trestles

WARNING

Just a reminder for all members to be aware of the sharp edges on our metal trestles. All the trestles now have an identification number, so if you find one that is particularly troublesome, then please let a committee member know so we can deal with the urgent cases first.



The Clubs External Storage Shed

During the summer we managed to get a coat of wood preservative onto the external sides of our shed. This was the first coat to be applied for two years. Next year we will get another coat applied.



There is another important job that needs doing before the winter sets in and that is to deal with the door and the immediate floor area behind the door and the floor that is exposed outside.

When it rains the water is dripping off the door and causing the hardboard flooring to swell up. In addition we have another problem in that the water draining off the door is rotting away and delaminating the main flooring Sterling/Block Board that is exposed to the external elements.

We have a draught excluder door brush to be applied to the bottom of the door on the external side which hopefully will stop water from being blown into the shed. We just need to consider now how to deal with the floor that has become delaminated. Anyone with any ideas please let a committee member know please.

What have we been up to?

Report from Colin Tarry

It's been a busy year since the last newsletter, with the club attending the events shown on the following few pages. However the Northampton Heritage Fair due to take place on Sunday 11th, we had to pull out of as the venue they wanted us to be at (Northampton Museum & Art Gallery) was more hassle than it was worth basically.

St Matthews Summer Fete

2nd July 2022 13:00-16:00

To this event we took the Junior Layout, the N gauge Test Track and some display stands to show off some O gauge items. Craig managed to borrow a van which kept our exhibiting costs to a minimum.



Above—Craig keeps an eye on the Junior Layout

Below—Some of the other exhibits in the grounds plus a visit from the Northamptonshire Constabulary. Just prior to the police car arriving we had a fire engine here.



N&DMRC Annual Exhibition

On Saturday 13th August 2022 the club held its annual exhibition at Roade Village Hall. Here are some pictures of this event.



The exhibition was opened by Radio Northampton presenter Bernie Keith.



Not to be satisfied with just one Radio Northampton personality turning up, we had a second.

Here Jules from the Treasure Quest programme, visited us as one of her clues to find the 'treasure' .





A general view of the exhibition in the main hall at Roade.



Bachmann brought along their Thomas the Tank Engine layout.



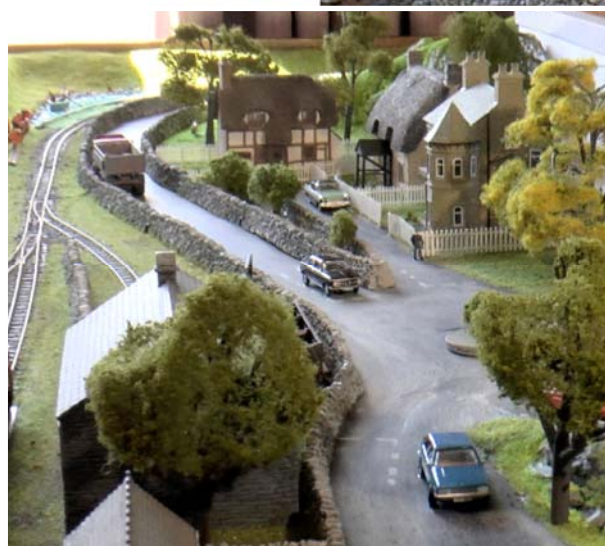
Left—Toot Hill is an HO gauge layout depicting the old Wild West

Right—Corby Model Railway Society brought along the layout they build for The Great Model Railway Challenge shown on Channel 5 called Terra Profugus.





Milton Keynes Model Railway Society brought along their N gauge layout Brinklow.



Quarry End is a narrow gauge layout. The scale is OO9



Cucknoe depicts a fictitious cross country route located somewhere in rural Northamptonshire circa 1956-1962. The layout is N gauge .



On the clubs Multi-Gauge Demonstration layout, an O gauge Western no D1023 Western Fusilier powers a 10 ten coach train plus Motorail around the layout.



Outside in the front car park we had a vintage bus provided by Northampton Transport Heritage. The bus is a 1946 Crossley. She was giving rides around Roade.

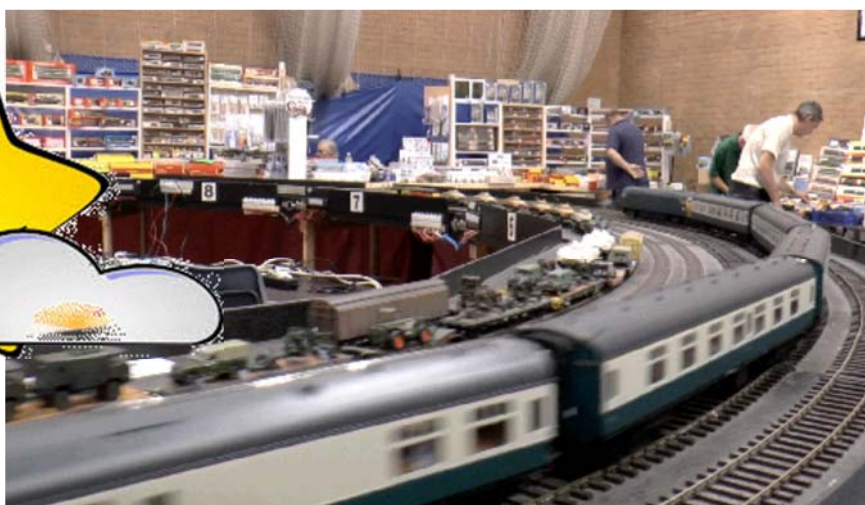
Soar Valley Model Railway Club Exhibition

Over the weekend of the 21st and 22nd August 2022 we attended the Soar Valley Model Railway exhibition at Loughborough Grammar School. To this exhibition we took our Multi-Gauge Demonstration layout. Sadly the event was marred by a break-in on the Friday evening, before the exhibition opened on the Saturday. A few traders lost valuable stock. But fortunately no layouts were badly damaged. Hopefully we will be invited back next year again.



Views of the clubs Multi-Gauge Demonstration layout.

An O gauge Western no D1010 Western Campaigner powers a 10 ten coach train plus Motorail around the layout.



For some, the day was just too much.
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Rushden Historical Transport Trust—Model Weekend

Over the weekend of the 24th and 25th September 2022 the club attended the Rushden Railway Model Weekend.

To this event we took the club's N gauge Test Track and another N gauge layout belonging to Colin T called Gimms Junction. (It has since been renamed Tumil St James.) An article on this layout will appear in a future edition of this newsletter.

Rushden Historical Transport Society
Charity No: 285535

**MODEL
WEEKEND**

**24th - 25th September
2022 10am - 4pm**

Model Railways, Cars,
Boats, Live Steam 0
Gauge & much more

Tickets
Adult - £5
Concession - £4.50
Child - £3
Family Ticket - £14

Buy on the day or prebook at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/rhts

Rushden Station, John Clark Way, Rushden, Northants, NN10 0AW
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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)
Stephen Lloyd

Colin Tarry (Treasurer)
Michael Castledine
Cliff Simpson

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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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