

As mentioned earlier The Christmas bash this year is on 7th December 2021 and will be held just around the corner from the Club at...

Holey Molies
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Kick off is 18.30. A FREE buffet will be supplied.
The premises are also licensed... Ho! Ho! Hic!

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RE-OPENING ISSUE

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EDITORIAL

Welcome back to everyone after the Governments enforced shutdown due to Covid 19. We finally had our 2020 AGM in September of this year. At this Meeting Ray Stewart stepped down as Chairman, Dave Bywater was elected to take over from him. We would like to put on record the club's thanks to Ray for his efforts during his tenure in office. His last act was particularly popular, a round of drinks for all in attendance, something we are keen for the new Chairman to continue! At the same AGM Peter Garrod, Tony Finch and John Hicks were re-elected for a further three year term. On a slightly sadder note we heard that in the period since the last newsletter the ever popular Allan Makepeace had sadly passed away, as had former member Malcolm Hutchinson, our thoughts are with their respective families. Happily we would like to welcome new members Ken, George, Mark and Paul to our club.

EVENTS

The Christmas bash this year is on 7th December 2021 at Holey Molies. The details are on the back of this edition of the Newsletter. There will also be a Raffle (prizes needed please) and a quiz, time to hone your wits!

It is also proposed that in the Spring we visit the Wensleydale Railway for a tour of the running sheds and possibly a trip along the line.



Pictured on the right at the Autumn 2018 Open Day demonstrating and offering advice on all things DCC is the late Alan Makepiece in the cap and John Myers seated in typical school teacher arms folded pose.

DCC Test Layout 'OO'

Generously Alan's family have bequeathed his DCC test layout to the Club. It has appeared at both Open Days and Main Exhibitions a number of times and will be a useful asset for both club members and the visiting public.

Von Ryans Express (working title) **German Narrow Gauge**

John Myers has acquired for the club via a donation some very nice German narrow gauge rolling stock. Based on the Harz system in the former East Germany the stock comprises a kit built loco and railcar along with a couple of coaches and some wagons it is proposed that a small layout, DCC controlled, should be built to showcase these items. If you would like to help John please get in touch with him.

Hambleton Park 'OO'

After lying dormant for a while members have restarted work on the electrics, with the intention of getting two running tracks for the Open Day. After much head scratching this was achieved. The over large hillside has been trimmed to a more manageable size. Mark a new member has constructed four of eight new lighter jumper cables to replace the heavy grey ones previously used. It was nice to see it running at the Open Day. David Flannigan has been building stock at home during the lockdown. Thanks go also to the Turner brothers, Martin Smith, Brian Abbey, Paul Moore, Ken and George for all their work.

Kettlewick Bay 'OO'

Thanks to Dick, John and Keith for getting this layout to the stage where it can be used for members to run their OO stock on a club layout. Some tidying up of the electrics still remain to be done and a lighting system devised. It may also be featured in a future issue of Railway Modeller. It ran well and was positively received by our visitors at the open day.

Guisborough 'OO'

Presently stored in Martin's unit, the back scene and front fascia boards have been repainted running faults rectified. The turntable requires some work after the original motor failed. A ground signal also requires some work, otherwise it is running well. It may be going to Scarborough at Easter 2022.

Middleton in Teesdale 'OO'

As with Stopgap and Northallerton this layout remains in storage awaiting any further invitations to exhibitions.

AROUND THE LAYOUTS

Modular Layout 'OO'

Keith and Howard have commenced construction of a further two boards and are progressing well. The committee have sanctioned the funding of the materials for the two fiddle yards, progress continues intermittently on some of the other boards.

Hornby Dublo 3 Rail 'OO'

This layout has been worked on as and when Howard and Geoffrey have taken a break from other projects, it ran very well during our recent open day and got a lot of positive comments from the public.

Farnby 'O'

When put up there were one or two electrical and point issues. After fettling it ran very well throughout the Open Day and in the longer term provides a welcome facility for club members with 'O' Gauge stock to give it a run. Thanks to Peter and James for manning it at the Open Day.

Picton P4

It ran quite well for Geoff and David at the Open Day with a couple of minor track alignment issues identified. Tony has commenced work on some scenicing and the next baseboard has been constructed. A new development seen in the club for the first time was the use of Radio Controlled battery powered locomotives (provided by a visitor). These were very impressive and obviously negate any current issues due to mucky track/wheels etc. The only slight downside is the present limited battery life, typically about 1 ½ hours.

Skinningrove Project P4

After being in abeyance whilst the Mining Museum has been closed Dave B, Peter and Geoff attended a meeting at the Museum to discuss the way forward. As a result we now know exactly how much space we have to work with and where. Therefore we have restarted Skinningrove Days at Club; these will be every Tuesday during club hours. The first of these took place on the 16th of November when a scale 120' section of track was constructed. Could we please ask for as many club members as possible to get involved. The Mining Museum is hoping to reopen in September 2022 when we will start to install the layout.

Rosedale 'EM'



This project has been brought to fruition by a wide cross section of the membership including the Turner brothers, Martin, Geoff and Peter. It has been built to high standard and impressed our visitors at the Open Day. It is due to run at our Open Day and Main Exhibition next year, plus it has an outline invitation to appear at the Skinningrove Ironstone Museum next November alongside the Skinningrove project.

Thornaby 'N'

Keith had his layout running for the Open Day in its usual quirky way! As with the three rail project he has been otherwise engaged with Howard with the Modular layout.

Newtown Junction 'N'

As with Thornaby Dave Lethbridge had his layout running on the open day, Being able to have a good running session gave him a list of priorities to tackle. Firstly with new member Paul they have been engaged in fully wiring the layout and this process is ongoing.

West Bowling 'N'

Echoing the comments above Jim also had his layout running, he is perhaps a little further on than Dave and his thoughts have now changed to doing some scenic work ably assisted by other club members.

Byr-A-Cyrliog '009'

Although due to be running at the Open Day this was not possible due to Adam having other commitments. Otherwise it is in full working order. It has an invitation to attend a show in Scarborough in July 2022.

Stockton 'N'

Whilst being operated at the Open day a problem arose with one of the points, this has since been changed, as has a troublesome piece of track work. John Sunley and Paul Winner with occasional help from Mickey continue to work through the glitches.

Northallerton 'N'

Whilst awaiting possible invitations to several shows this layout is presently in store. It will require putting up before any such shows for testing purposes.

Stopgap 'EM'

As with Northallerton this layout is also presently in store awaiting further orders. It has been proposed to revamp the electrics but nothing has happened to date.

Thomas 'OO'

Shona Winner ran this layout for the benefit of our younger visitors at the recent Open Day. As always it proved very popular. Apart from a bit of a clean it needed very little attention to get it running, even though it has been stood for a considerable period of time.

Annual Exhibition 2022

Recently Martin Smith, Peter Garrod and Tom Bain attended a meeting with a representative of Stockton College at Redcar to discuss next year's exhibition. This has now been confirmed and will take place on the 6th and 7th of August. We have been offered a different part of the college this year, the lecture theatre; this space will be easier to lay out than the Atrium we have used previously. After a further visit to measure up the serious work of planning the show can commence.

Club Sweat Shirts/Polo Shirts

If you would like a Club Sweat shirt or polo shirt please get in touch with John Myers with your required size. These come with an embroidered Club Badge and if required your name.