

EVENTS

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

THE ANNUAL AGM is scheduled to take place on

TUESDAY 26TH OF APRIL at 19.00

VENUE – HOLIE MOLIES (PROVISIONAL)

**It is possible that A FREE buffet will be supplied!
Watch the Notice Board for details.**

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EDITORIAL

This issue contains updates on layouts and some important information relating to the increase in our energy costs. There is also some information on our forthcoming Spring Open Day and Annual Exhibitions'. Up for re-election at the A.G.M on APRIL 26th this year are Martin Smith and Geoffrey Allen. The club notice board will be kept up to date by Martin, so please take the time to look at it every time you come in so as to keep yourself in touch with what is going on.

IN MEMORIAM

WE ARE GREATLY SADDEND TO ANNOUNCE THE DEATH OF JOHN SUNLEY, SUDDENLY AT HOME ON TUESDAY 22nd OF FEBRUARY 2022, HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL AT THE CLUB R.I.P

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for all CLUB MEMBERS

Due to an almost 100% increase in what we pay for our electricity can we please ask all club members to turn off any lights/sockets etc as soon as you have finished with them. Our landlords have said they will absorb the increased standing charge which does help a little. Thank you for your Co-operation.

Report from Trustees Meeting on 12th of January

Amongst items discussed was the provision of more efficient heating for the modelling area. This works on an infra-red principal and basically heats the person not the space! Although the initial cost is about £200, running costs are much less than the system presently in use.

Rules are being drawn up for the modelling competition for members to be held at our annual show in August. For details of this and other club news please read the notice boards. We also discussed the operating ethos for Hambleton Park as the layout is progressing to the stage where this needs to be considered.

We would like to have some input from the club membership about this as this is something that the trustees feel should be done by those who will be running it.

Recently we have had some further water ingress on the mezzanine floor, after contact was made with the caretaker repairs were fairly quickly carried out and everything seems ok at present.

Early Days of DCC (Multiplex)

In March 1980's copy of Model Railways I came across the following quotations describing what was then termed Multiplex, today's DCC.

"we use the term multiplex in place of the totally inaccurate and misleading 'two wire tag' which was not devised or used by the designers and only creates confusion, since on the layout additional wire is needed. And

"The facility to run two trains on one track at once with multiplex control has been blown up out of all sense of proportion. As one of the commentators commented, if that's what you want, then multiplex, no matter what the make, is just a means of staging bigger and better crashes"

Hambleton Park 'OO'

As noted in the last newsletter many of the existing servo mounts have failed or are failing, Replacement units have been identified and some have already been acquired and fitted. Work continues on replacement servo circuit boards kits obtained from MERG. These require assembly by club members. Paul Moore has continued work on the replacement turntable operating mechanism.

Guisborough 'OO'

The turntable continues to be worked on after the original motor failed. A new gearbox/motor arrangement has been devised and is in the process of being constructed. A ground signal also requires some work, otherwise it is running well. After final testing has taken place in Martin's it will appear at Scarborough show on the 23rd & 24th of April this year.

Middleton in Teesdale 'OO'

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

Newtown Junction 'N'

Dave and Paul continue with the wiring of the layout and this process is ongoing. All the points are now working but there is a problem in getting the L.E.D's to work on the control box.

West Bowling 'N'

Jim has been concentrating on doing some scenic work and track ballasting,

Modular Layout 'OO'

Progress on some of the other boards for this project have still to resume, now that the weather is improving hopefully we will see some meaningful progress in the near future.

Farnby 'O'

This layout has received a definite invitation for an appearance at Perth Green in May. A recent running session has seen several items of new stock tried out. A thorough clean was also carried out. During testing problems with two of the points were identified and a missing lever box handle noted. This layout will be taken down for the Spring Open Day to free space for the erection and testing of Tees Steel. The repairs will take place when it is re-erected in Martins unit.

Picton P4

With the exception of the branch track work All the required track work has been laid, ½ chairs fitted and droppers installed. The next job is to cut the track where it goes over the board joint. Inter board dowels have been fabricated and fitted. Once the boards have been split ballasting will take place and the boards returned upstairs to free up floor space for other club members.

Tees Steel 'OO'

Along with Farnby this layout has also received an invitation to go to Perth Green in May. It will be put up for the Spring Open Day to allow it to be fully maintained and tested prior to the show. After Perth Green it is envisaged that it will return to store in Martin's unit.

Skinningrove Project P4

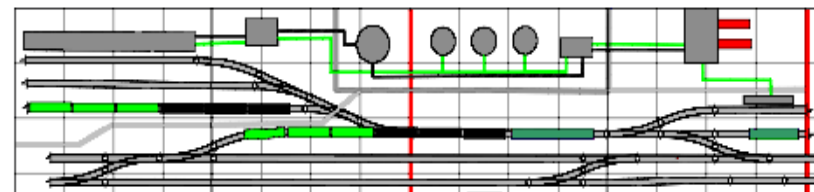
A final workable track plan has been devised and discussed with members of the Mining Museum staff during a recent visit to our club rooms. Whilst here, the opportunity was taken to show them Rosedale that they would like to display at the museum along with the Skinningrove project. Finally as mentioned last time could we please ask for as many club members as possible to get involved in this club project.

Rosedale 'EM'

Running at the Open Day and Main Exhibitions it has as mentioned earlier an outline invitation to appear at the Ironstone Museum in November.

Scratch building – Oil Tanks by Howard Wilson & Keith Cummins (Part 1)

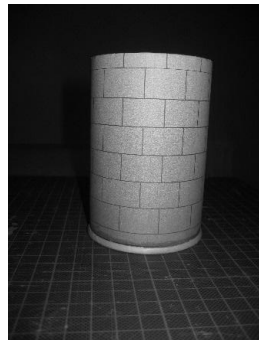
When Keith and I committed to building two “modules” for the Club Modular project we immediately decided that we didn't want to just watch trains pass by, we wanted some operational interest as well. Between 1971 and 1976) I was employed by Shell as a movement's operator and was involved in all aspects of loading rail oil tankers from shunting in the marshalling yard to loading on the rail gantry. I then persuaded Keith that something based around this would make a good model. The layout plan we came up with is very loosely based on Dalston oil terminal in Cumbria and also includes some aspects of the Inglenook shunting puzzle.



Obviously one of the major scenic aspects of the model was the oil tanks and with no reasonably priced proprietary items available we decided to scratch build them (it would also be more fun that way). \so where did we start



The basis for the tanks are cardboard “Bisto gravy” tubs they scaled up to 28` high and 19` diameter & being paper covered cardboard would be easy to paint or stick coverings to. Also, if turned upside down the lid provides a base. We decided to cover the tubs rather than paint them so a representation of the plate construction was drawn up using `Word` making each plate approx. 6` by 4` and gradually shading towards the bottom to give the impression of weathering.



To be continued

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.

Northallerton ‘N’

This layout has received an invitation to attend Darlington show on October the 1st & 2nd of this year, Perth in June 2023 and Wigan in October 2023 this layout remains in store and is planned to be put up in August after our main exhibition so that it can be fully tested before resuming its invitations to the exhibition circuit.

Stockton ‘N’

Little to report regarding progress on this layout at present due to several members of the team being in poor health.

Von Ryans Express German Narrow Gauge

Nothing new to report regarding this layout.

Kettlewick Bay ‘OO’

It remains the main OO DC/DCC layout for club members to test run their stock and is still to have the lighting system planned/built.