

### The Wensleydale Project

The 8' x 4' layout for the Wensleydale Railway Society (WRS) was finally completed and delivered to Bedale station on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2011. It received a totally delighted reception by Peter Harbord and the other members of the WRS present. I do not believe that they were expecting anything akin to the standard of what we provided for them – they were absolutely overjoyed with the result. Vic, Sylvia, Martin & I were treated to tea & stickies whilst the chaps there temporarily forgot they were meant to host our visit and disappeared off and played with their new 'toy' for a while! Peter presented the Club, on behalf of the WRS, with 6 round-trip tickets for the full-size railway as a gesture of thanks and intoned the availability of more should we wish. All there is left to do is to visit them again sometime soon with the plaque for the front of the layout that Martin procured – they are going to display a short write-up on the origins of the layout and our work to restore/rebuild it in time for the opening of their proper tourist running season around Easter.

I would like this opportunity to formally express my personal thanks to all that gave their time and efforts to this very successful project. Thank you all for your help

**Andy H.**

### Christmas Function

The little get together that we had had just before Xmas was greatly enjoyed by everyone. In addition we managed to raise over £40 for club funds from the raffle that Vic organised.

### Notes for your diary

**THE NEXT EXHIBITION MEETING IS TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY AT 19.00**

**BONUS BALL DRAW TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY AT 18.45**

**The closing date for matters to be discussed at the next trustees meeting is 14th March 2012**

**The next meeting of the trustees will take place on the 24th of March**

**The club AGM is to be held on the 17th of April**

**The closing date for material for inclusion in the next newsletter is 2nd of April.**

### Announcements/How to Contact us

If you would like to place an announcement in the club magazine, this could be a birthday, wedding anniversary, or other celebrations. Or you would like to announce a trip you want to organise, or a forthcoming exhibition that would be of interest or any other kind of announcement for all club members please send these to:-

Paul Reed Club Secretary, by text to 07985 475774, cleveland.mrc@hotmail.com or hand the information into Paul at anytime.



## **CLEVELAND MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**Issue 11 - Dated Thurs 26th January 2012**

### Editorial

**Welcome and a Happy New Year to one and all. This the first newsletter of 2012 contains articles on the progress of our club layouts, the Skinningrove project and the final update on the recently departed Wensleydale project! There is also a call to arms for all club members to assist with the initial planning of our 2012 Exhibition If you can help in any way or make any suggestions that will help us to make the most of what is our major fund raising exercise of the year don't be shy! As usual if you have any comments to make about the newsletters content or any other issue then please feel free to approach any of the trustees.**

### Trustee Matters

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>David Lloyd</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Paul Reed</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>David Bywater</b>
<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Martin Smith</b>
	<b>Geoffrey Allen (Vice Chairman)</b>
	<b>Andrew Heslington</b>
	<b>Ian Ward</b>

### Housekeeping

**Can we please re-emphasise the importance of keeping our new premises clean and tidy. Before leaving could you please tidy up any mess you may have made. Increasingly the job of keeping the place presentable has fallen onto the shoulders of a small number of members. I am sure you will agree that this is unfair. So please can you help us to maintain a pleasant environment for all. Thank you for your co-operation.**

### 2012 Exhibition

A first meeting to discuss the arrangements for this years exhibition took place on the 10th of January As we go to press letters have been sent out to all the exhibitors and traders plus those to four layouts we have had to decline this year due to space constraints. Dave Bywater & Martin will shortly be visiting the guest house we have previously used to discuss what discount we may be able to obtain for a block booking. A preliminary plan has been drawn up for the layout of exhibits/traders etc and new flyers for the exhibition drawn up. A new simplified exhibition poster is also being produced. The main outstanding priority is to set up a meeting with the College.

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### Monthly Bonus Ball Draw

The first draw took place on the 10th of January and with draw master Vic in charge and Joiner John releasing his big money balls an air of expectancy filled the room. The lucky punter this month was Alan 'the tea bag' with lucky 7. The next draw is scheduled for **Tuesday 7th February** there are still some numbers available so if you haven't got a number see Vic Goodsell, if you do have a number why not get a second one to increase your chances of winning. Remember every draw puts funds into the club coffers to help pay for our new facilities and ongoing projects.

### Proposed Club Chaplaincy

Trev the 'Rev' has very kindly offered to provide a chaplaincy service for club members. We will be asking Trevor if he will write a short piece for inclusion in the next newsletter. This will be something that club members can take advantage should they wish to do so.

### O' Gauge layout

Since the last newsletter the project has progressed on several fronts. Two of the baseboards have been constructed and the frames for the third have been prepared for assembly. Five Marcway point kits have been assembled by members of the project group and track laying has commenced. The bridge at the left hand end of the layout is now basically complete. The basic structure was constructed from 6mm Forex, a 3mm layer of DAS modeling clay was then added in stages and was then progressively embossed with the stone courses. The final painting and weathering has brought it to life and I think everybody agrees it looks impressive. The view through the bridge has been enhanced by the two wooden ballast buffer stops positioned under it where the trackwork at the left hand end of the layout terminates. When complete the layout is expected to be 4.5m x 0.61m. The platform piers are in the process of being constructed and will form the supports for the wooden planked platform. The group has also agreed on a name for the layout. It will be known as FARNBY. The next newsletter will contain a piece on the construction of the coal drops and engine shed.

**Martin**

### Skinningrove Project

A grant to enable us to purchase the rolling stock, track work and materials required has been gained from the North Yorkshire Moors, Coast and Hills Leader Small Scale Enhancement Scheme So we can shortly start work on the project in earnest with the aim of producing something concrete for schools and the public to view when the Mining Museum reopens for its 2012 season. On 17th of October last we had a meeting with Vicky Haire from Groundwork and Janette from the museum where we thrashed out the procedure for ordering everything all purchase orders have now been generated and the first one placed with Ambis.

Dave Bywater has put in an enormous amount of work getting all the quotes and forwarding them on to Groundwork within a very short timescale, thanks Dave.

A further meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November was held with Alan Pearce a museum & heritage consultant who has been approached by the Mining Museum. Myself, Martin, Dave Bywater and Howard subsequently attended a meeting at the Mining Museum on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December when the consultants presented their findings. Howard has managed to source from Germany of all places an engineer's plan of the Zig Zag dated 1916. This answered a number of outstanding questions regarding the location of several structures and features of the line and also revealed the existence of several features of which we were previously ignorant. We are also now in possession of two pictures of the elusive water tank, although blurred they do provide sufficient information to calculate its size and position. Could any club member let me or any trustee know if they would like to get involved, we really need your help!

**Geoffrey**

### Projects Roundup

Now that the WRS project is finished, we could finally move onto starting the new club OO layout (only a year overdue!); this was duly inaugurated between Christmas & New Year. Progress is very quick on this so far – we have nearly got the first 3 baseboards ready for track laying! Minor adjustments have had to be made to the track plan as we have gone along – but this sort of thing is to be expected with any project

The N gauge model of Northallerton continues to progress nicely too – I understand that by the time you read this John is aiming for there to be a complete circuit in operation???

Vic and John Collins' layout has had to take a little bit of a sideline recently due to Spital going up for it's pre-test before it goes on holiday abroad, and whilst John has his holidays abroad too! Other projects coming along nicely are Dick's layout and of course the O gauge layout, now named Farnby that Martin is leading (see separate article for details).

Well done everyone – it is very encouraging to see so much participation and use of the facilities by existing and new members alike – despite the recent cold spell in the weather – remember how cold it was at Boosbeck in the winter? No? Neither do I!

**Andy H**