



### Skinningrove Project



With the re-opening of the Museum for its 2012 season this is a good time to review progress to date and to outline both our own and the Museums aspiration for the coming year. last year we were awarded £5,000 from the **LEADER** scheme for materials & tools for phase 1.

Although much of the historical research has been done this will continue as and when further information crops up. Long term a new building is required to house the layout but in the short term we need to identify with the museum a suitable location to display progress to date. We will have a presence at the Museum this year where we will be demonstrating some of the skills needed to carry out such a project. Martin has constructed the first few baseboard frames, see below.



## CLEVELAND MODEL RAILWAY CLUB NEWSLETTER

**AGM TUESDAY 17TH APRIL**

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### Editorial

The AGM will shortly be upon us, please do not forget to fill in the requisite forms if you wish to propose someone for office. This years elections see Dave Lloyd(Chairman) Paul Reed (Secretary) and Ian Ward (trustee) retiring. If you feel you have something to offer please put yourself forward. On your behalf I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave, Paul and Ian for their unstinting efforts on the clubs behalf. We also carry the usual updates on club projects, a piece on the club Chaplaincy, a brief article on the proposed new mezzanine floor, plus some new items we hope will become regular features. If you have any comments to make about the newsletter content or any other issue then please feel free to approach any of the trustees.

### Trustee Matters

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

### Notes for your diary

**THE NEXT EXHIBITION MEETING IS TUESDAY 3rd APRIL at 19.00 in the boardroom**  
**BONUS BALL DRAW TUESDAY 3rd APRIL at 18.45 in the club rooms**  
**CLUB A.G.M TUESDAY 17th APRIL AT 19.00 IN THE BOARDROOM**

The next meeting of the trustees to be arranged after the A.G.M

The closing date for material for inclusion in the next newsletter is the 21st of May

## CLUB CHAPLAIN

A few notes on who a Chaplain is and what you might expect of him, within the context of Cleveland Model Railway Club.

I am first and foremost a Christian and am called to be of service and help whenever I am able, or wherever I am. I am bound by my ordination vows to hold in strictest confidence any conversations that I am involved in. The Spiritual and moral well-being of the Club and its members is the Chaplain's calling. He is called to uphold in prayer the activities of the Club and its members and to be available to anyone who desires to contact him on any matter. It does not matter if a member is a Christian or not, nor is it of concern what denomination a member is i.e. Methodist, Church of England, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Pentecostal. All are made in the image of God and are honoured and respected and if they need to call on the Chaplain, then he will respond with sincerity and compassion. Each person brings to the club what gifts and skills he has and I have seen how willing they are to share with others.

I feel called to do the same with the gifts and graces given to me.

**Rev. Trevor Haigh**

## O' Gauge layout 'Farnby'

Since our last update things have advanced considerably. Martin has finished building the coal drops & Dave Scott has painted/weathered them see photo below. Ian with great patience has painted the sides of all the trackwork laid to date. All continuity wires are in place as are some of the point motors and primary testing carried out. The engine shed and facilities are being built to freelance designs incorporating elements from three separate ex NER sheds, The shed doors/structure from Pateley Bridge, the proportions from Middleton in Teesdale and (when built) the water tank & crane from Leyburn. It has also been decided to extend the layout by one board for operational reasons.



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## 2012 Exhibition 7th of February & 6th of March meetings

Seven members were present at the meeting held on 7th February where progress on items discussed at the first meeting were revisited. It was reported that the required accommodation had been provisionally booked to be confirmed once we have had our meeting with Redcar & Cleveland College. After trying E-mail and phone calls, neither of which were successful Martin took in a letter on our behalf and had a brief chat with Dave Greensmith of the College. We were able to arrange a meeting with him for the 8th of March. Show flyers have been produced and are being distributed and two designs put forward for the show poster. After some discussion it was decided that both would be taken away and revamped in the light of the points raised. It was further decided that a final decision on which to adopt would be made at the next meeting (6th of March). Exhibition entrance fees were fixed at £4.50 (Adult), £3.50 (under 16 & over 65 ) and a family ticket (2 Adults+2 Children) priced at £12.00. Age discretion to be with the ticket staff on the door.

At the 6th of March meeting we decided which poster design to adopt and finalised the show layout Brian Spencer kindly offered to oversee show publicity and produced a time scale based plan to enable us to target our publicity effort in a more focused manner. The show committee also decided that free meals would only be provided to members directly involved in helping set up, operating, stewarding, demonstrating or taking down. Any member attending as a member of the public would not be entitled to a free meal. Dave Bywater has produced a spreadsheet so we can predict and/or monitor the cost implications from any changes to our plan. The meeting with Redcar & Cleveland College took place as planned on the 8th of March where all issues previously identified were discussed and agreed except for the catering arrangements, this slight problem has since been dealt with. The only other thing that needed dealing with in the short term is a letter to the College Principal that has now been done. Since the meeting Martin took a letter confirming our accommodation needs to the landlady of the guest house.

**THE NEXT EXHIBITION MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY 3rd APRIL**



"As a steam enthusiast, a stairlift wasn't enough for Martin, he installed his own funicular railway."

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### N Gauge Project – 'Northallerton' & OO Gauge Project 'Hambleton Park'

When a layout of this size is being constructed, especially in this scale, it is often conceived that progress is very slow, possibly non-existent even, as the potentially enormous amount of work is undertaken in small steps. Thus when considering the layout as a whole, things can look hardly changed overall. However, upon closer inspection, John has been making substantial inroads with Northallerton in recent weeks. He reports that the trackwork on the front (scenic) side of the layout is now 99% complete (except for ballasting) and there is a continuous circuit of track available around the whole layout for the main lines. His intention is for test trains to be running by Easter along these, which, I am sure you will agree, is a major step forward for any project. The next task is to purchase the track for, and lay, the extensive series of storage loops around the non-viewing side of the layout.

The progress of the OO team has been rather rapid since the start of the new year – I believe that an unofficial 'catching up race' with the other projects is in operation! Seven of the eight scenic baseboard frames have been constructed with several having baseboard tops affixed to them. We shall shortly be erecting 3 or 4 baseboards and commence cork laying (for track foundation) & scenery. Large things such as using the polystyrene-like material for the hills can be shaped and cut to size ready. This should give all of us a better visualisation of the 3D shape of the landscape and the first ideas of how the layout may look when finished.

**Andy Heslington & John Myers**

### CLUB T-SHIRTS

John Myers has been enquiring about procuring club T Shirts for use at exhibitions and open days for members who did not acquire one when we had some made a few years back. These would be similar to the earlier version with the addition of the Club Logo. The cost would be in the region of £16.00 each, so if you would like one see John who will compile a list of those expressing an interest.

### 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 celebration. 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:- Geoff Allen at jamesallencmrc@hotmail.co.uk or hand the information to Geoff or any of the trustees.

**THIS YEAR'S AGM WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH OF APRIL AT 19.00  
PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF YOUR CLUB**

### NOT IN THE RULE BOOK !



**37003 shunts Carlin How coal depot - 26th May 1983**

**G.S.Allen**

As an aid to getting your bearings the depot was directly opposite Carlin How Working Mens Club. The wagons nearest the camera are empties from the coal yard. Prior to 37003's arrival these had been allowed to run by gravity (with brakes pinned down by the train guard) from the siding onto the main line (which at this point has a falling gradient of 1:83) till clear of the siding points. The guard who is the gentleman in the hi-vis vest is seen talking to the coal merchants. 37003 leaving the rest of its train in the sidings adjacent to Crag Hall box has tripped one 21 ton hopper and two 16 ton minerals (loaded) from the yard. The two empty 16 ton minerals were attached to the loco where they had been left on the main line, 37003 then reversed the fulls into the depot siding. After detaching them the loco drew out onto the main line the siding points were thrown back over and the empties taken back to the works yard to be marshalled for the return working. I neglected to note the method by which the siding ground frame was released, it could either have been via a key obtained from the signal box or was it released electrically by the box at the guards request? I would be grateful if anyone can furnish me with this information as it has bothered me for years! I do know that the ground frame at Brotton was released by a key that was presumably handed to the crew at Longbeck box. What the arrangement was for Saltburn and Redcar depots I also do not know.

**If anyone has photos in their collection that they would like to share with fellow members we would like to feature them in future issues so please delve into your archives!**

### Andy Heslington at Bedale Station handing over Wensleydale Layout 23.12.2011



The Wensleydale Railway were over the moon with our efforts to refurbish their layout and it is a great showcase for the talents of our club members, well done everyone. Andy tells us that as the second board was put up there was great excitement as they recognised their own Bedale Station and John Gill's Agricultural Merchants of Leeming Bar. One or two minor tweaks remain to be done and a small party from the club will be carrying these out in the near future.

### John & Vic's layout (presently unamed, ideas please (not rude!))

John wanted to start a layout for his son (48 years young) that would fit in his garage. John felt that he needed some expertise from someone and that came from his friend Vic Goodsell. As both were able (& willing?) to work on the project during the daytime the ultimate DREAM TEAM was born.

The plan is for a modern era Diesel layout with DCC and sound. As planned the layout is 16 ft by 10ft, formed of six boards 3feet in width, being 4 or 5 feet in length depending on location. Track is PECO timber sleepered code 75 fine scale and points are electro frog. Up to present the track has been laid and the wiring installed, testing is currently underway (fingers crossed for Vic's soldering!) The layout has scenic sections at both ends and features a cement works. Thanks for this are due to Tom Bain who kindly loaned us his cement valley models, thanks Tom.

The completion date is unknown and anyone is welcome to add their expertise and handywork. Thus far particular thanks must go to Vic without whom we would still be making the frames, Ian for some loco painting and Alan for bodywork removal. **John Collins & Vic Goodsell**

### MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW & FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

The February (7th) & March (6th) draws took place messrs M.Simpson and H.Wilson both walking away £18.00 to the good. The next draw is scheduled for **Tuesday 3rd April** some numbers are still available so if you haven't got a number and would like one see Vic Goodsell, or why not get a 2nd one to increase your chances of winning? Remember every draw puts funds into the club's coffers to help pay for our new facilities and ongoing projects. The three draws thus far have put £54.00 into club coffers, when added to the £41.00 raised from the Xmas raffle this totals £95.00. Well done Vic.

For our 2012 Exhibition we will be running a Tombola instead of a Raffle. Amongst the benefits of running a Tombola as opposed to a Raffle is that prizes are handed out there & then. If we manage to sell 1000 tickets at 20p each we would make £200.00. We would need 100 prizes, so with that in mind if any club members have any items at home (in good condition) they would like to donate please bring them in and give them to either Vic Goodsell or any of the trustees. Thankyou

If any club member can think of any other ways to generate income to help pay for projects and our facilities please come forward and tell us.

### Mezzanine Floor Development

On the 20th of March, Tom, Alan & Martin went down to Leeds to pick up some Dexion framing for use in this project. Particular thanks are due to John Collins who put us on to the availability of this material. All we had to fund was the transport from Leeds to our unit. This has been the easy bit, there now needs to be a period of planning on how to erect the aforementioned framing. It is our intention to have the mezzanine floor installed before the winter so that we can have an area that will be comfortable and economical to heat during the winter months. Martin will be leading this project and initially needs help with the planning phase mentioned above. When we move on to phase two the actual construction we need help from as many members as possible, it is unfair to expect a small minority of the membership to shoulder all the workload. Thankyou

### 2012 How to do sessions

Dave Lloyd is proposing to hold a number of sessions on the modelling buildings using Plasticard. He is proposing holding up to 8 one hour sessions. Actual delivery will be dependent on interest, and times will need to be with any interested parties. Initially Dave will be canvassing members to determine the best times to hold the sessions.

Martin Smith has offered to hold a number of sessions on the soldering of brass and whitemetal. This will be of interest to many of the club membership. Soldering is an integral part of our hobby. Once again we will be canvassing members to see who is interested and the best times to hold sessions.

Recently several questions have arisen from members about wiring point motors and the differences between the different types that are available. There been interest in how to use a multimeter.

Andy Heslington has suggested he give 2 separate hour-long sessions, one about electrifying points and the other on how to get the best from your meter. Please let Andy know if you are interested