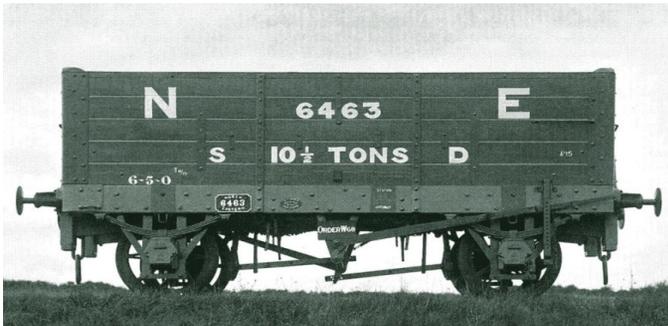


Skinningrove Project



Dave Bywater and Geoffrey Allen attended the first of the bi-weekly modeling/information sessions at the Cleveland Industrial Mining Museum at Skinningrove on Saturday 5th of May. Although there weren't many visitors we were able to explain to the Museum's volunteers in a little more detail what it is that we are trying to achieve. Long term this should help us increase the number of the Museum's volunteers who will have a grasp of what is going on, they in turn will be able to pass this on to the visiting public who will hopefully return to view ongoing progress on the project. This later aim to increase the numbers of those revisiting the Museum was identified as a key requirement of its future development as a site of National importance. The consultants also identified this project as vital to the long term aspirations of the Museum. Whilst there a start was made on the first stock for the layout, four NER Diagram P5 hopper wagons similar to the Diagram P4 wagon pictured below.



All of the required wagon stock is now to hand, all that remains is for a few volunteers to come forward and actually build them, come on don't be shy have a go! Finally as Geoffrey has now taken on the Chairman's role and his area of expertise the research is well advanced Dave Bywater has taken over leadership of the project, however, Geoff will continue to be heavily involved.

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CLEVELAND MODEL RAILWAY CLUB NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL ISSUE

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Editorial

At the recent AGM changes were made to your board of trustees, Geoffrey Allen was elected as Chairman, Tom Bain as Secretary and John Myers and John Collins as Trustees. In addition Martin Smith was re-elected. This special newsletter contains an address by the new Chairman and updates on the new Mezzanine floor & other projects. If you have any comments to make about the newsletter content or indeed any other issue then please feel free to approach any of the trustees listed below.

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman :- Geoffrey Allen
Secretary :- Tom Bain
Treasurer :- David Bywater
Trustees :- Martin Smith (appointed Vice Chairman at first Trustees meeting)
:- Andy Heslington
:- John Collins
:- John Myers

Chairmans Address

Firstly I would like to thank all of those who have recently retired from Office for their selfless efforts on behalf of the club. Without their input our club would not be in the position it is today. Whilst the major trauma of moving from Boosbeck is now behind us new challenges await us in the future. I see our immediate aim as maintaining the club's stability whilst planning for future growth. To that end we need to maintain fiscal discipline so as to minimise any unnecessary expenditure. The first fruits of this policy are already being 'harvested' with the measures adopted by the exhibition committee to maximise income from our main shows and open days. The recent heartening response from the membership for funds, materials and labour for the Mezzanine floor project show that the membership as a whole have bought in to the idea of providing us all with a first class club that will be the envy of many other societies. Finally thanks are in order, to you the wider membership for placing your faith in me and especially to my two immediate predecessors, Brian Collinson and Dave Lloyd for your help & advice in the past and hopefully in the future should I require additional guidance.

CLUB T-SHIRTS

John Myers has now ordered the Polo shirts and payment is now due, initially £5.00 deposit per shirt and a further £11.00 on delivery. A small sum from every item purchased is placed in club funds as a means of generating additional income £40.00 being raised to date. Other items available and their cost is currently displayed on the wall of the modelling room, please see John for details. Also we can now also offer the addition of the club logo to those of you who bought polo or sweat shirts in the past.

Around the Layouts

Hambleton Park 'OO Gauge'

Visible progress continues with the final phase of baseboard construction completed. A number of boards have been erected and thoughts have turned to starting on the scenics and what is required for track laying to commence. Don't be afraid to get involved! Andy and his team will make you more than welcome.

Northallerton 'N' Gauge

John and the 2mm boys are forging on with this layout, recent milestones have been the first test runs of the completed running circuit and then to rub it in they can now run four trains at once! At the present rate of progress it may be possible to have this layout at next years exhibition.

Farnby 'O' Gauge

There is now track on the third running board ready for the almost complete engine shed. Construction has commenced on the range of station buildings and a mock up of the goods shed is also being developed. Scenically the road access and fencing are in place and the coal drop embankment finished. Possibly this layout will also make its exhibition debut at next years show.

Guisborough

Guisborough is booked to appear at St Nicholas Church Hall in Guisborough on Saturday 9th June as part of their Nostalgia/Jubilee Event, please support this if you can.

Wensleydale

This is probably the last report on this layout as final handing over has now taken place. Andy Heslington has been to sort out a few minor problems mostly down to lack of use and a poor cleaning regime. A number of tickets for use on the Wensleydale Railway have been given to us as a thankyou for our efforts, it is proposed to hold a raffle within the membership for these.

Mezzanine Floor

Huge strides have taken place since our last update, the dexion framing has been erected, sink moved and inner ceiling, insulation and top boarding fixed. The electric cabling has been installed and some of the required light fittings aquired. Two 2nd hand windows are also in stock for when the side cladding is installed. Measuring up for the staircase has been done and a kick board needs fixing to the upper deck. To date donations to the tune of £155.00 have been received and a big thankyou is in order for all who have contributed thus far in any way. Without this help we could not have got this far so fast.

2012 Exhibition

3rd of April & 1st of May meetings

As we go to press very few outstanding details remain to be dealt with. We have received confirmation that the price for hiring the venue at Cleveland College has been held at last years price, this will help us to maximise income from this our major fund raising exercise of the year. This was a major achievement by those tasked with handling the negotiations, well done. Disappointingly we have recently learnt that Darlington Railway Models has ceased trading and has therefore withdrawn from our show. This loss of income has been partly offset by Smart Models being brought in and the exhibition team are actively exploring which other traders we can realistically hope to attract. The new barriers are 70% complete & were trialled at the recent Portobello exhibition. The next month should see the final catering arrangements being made and a start on compiling the manpower roster. We also need to make some enquiries as to the cost of hiring a van for transporting layouts and barriers and other materials to the show from our club rooms.

THE NEXT EXHIBITION MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY 5th June

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

The latest prize winners have been for April 3rd John Myers (£20) and on May 1st Ian Wagner (£21) 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 facilities and ongoing projects to date the draw has raised £137.00 for these. If any club member can think of any other ways to generate additional income please come forward and tell us.

Notes for your diary

THE NEXT EXHIBITION MEETING IS TUESDAY 5th June at 19.00 in the boardroom
THE NEXT BONUS BALL DRAW is on TUESDAY 29th May at 18.45 in the club rooms

The next meeting of the trustees is to be on July 18th

Closing date for items for the Agenda of the next Trustee's Meeting is - July 10th

The closing date for material for inclusion in the next newsletter is July 1st

Archaeological Open Day at Prior Pursglove College, Guisborough - To be confirmed
Guisborough, St Nicholas Church Hall Nostalgia/Jubilee Event - Saturday 9th June
Guisborough Town Fair at Gisborough Hall - Sunday 15th July