

REDDITCH MODEL RAILWAY CLUB*The home of model railways in Redditch since 1967***Points of Interest**

- Norgrove progress
- Club member layout progress
- Redditch Model Railway Exhibition news
- AGM plans
- Our plans to keep our finances under control

Welcome and introduction

Welcome to this Summer 2021 newsletter. The purpose is to provide Redditch Model Railway Club members with an update on club activities over the last year and set out our plans for the future.

Club opening

The really good news is that we are back open as normal on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 1900 until 2200. We are still maintaining social distancing and appropriate face coverings. With the space our club rooms provide together with the wider communal spaces in the Enterprise Centre we can spread ourselves out on club nights to provide as much mitigation as possible. So if you have not been down to Club for some time why not give us a try? You can expect a warm welcome.

Continued progress with the Norgrove layout

Over the last few months we have continued with the construction of our new Norgrove layout which is now set up in the Club Room. All of the track has now been laid and we have now started on the basic scenery. A number of buildings and key structures have also been started. Whilst we have yet to wire the layout (for DCC control) a start has been made on assembling the servo point motors. There is much to do on this layout and we envisage there is around three to four years worth of work for club members to help with. For example there is the best part of 30 buildings to scratch build. Without doubt there are numerous opportunities for club members to get involved in the construction of this layout - no experience necessary just a willingness to learn and be part of what we hope will be a great layout project .



Notice is hereby given of the 54th **Annual General Meeting** of the Redditch Model Railway Club Limited on **Tuesday 7th September 2021**.

Nominations are sought for the Committee posts. In line with the Company rules these have to be in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the AGM. Nominees approval must also be obtained.

**The meeting will be held at the club rooms and will start at 1930.
After the AGM business as is customary there will be a Members Meeting.**

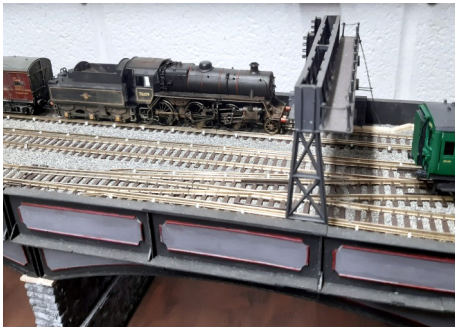
Recent progress with the Auch Ae layout



Over the last few months we have continued work on Buck's new Scottish Region locomotive shed layout called Auch Ae. The whole of the layout is now set up in the Club Room and is now very much at the stage of adding finishing details and completion of the backscenes. We had planned that it would debut at our 2021 exhibition but this will now have to wait.



Progress with the Temple Bridge layout



To help speed up the construction of John Tisi's new Southern Region London terminus exhibition layout, Temple Bridge, the river bridge baseboard is now in the Club Room. Progress has been made on the finishing the actual bridge including the painting of the structure. John has also constructed a number of boats and a jetty for the river. We are now experimenting with options to create the actual river using a resin based material.



Joining a national association



Our Club is in the process of joining the Chiltern Model Railway Association. This association has its origins in the Chiltern area but over the last few years has become more of a national association. It has over 140 model railway clubs as members from all over England and Wales with member clubs from as far and wide as Preston and Bristol. Locally clubs like Warley, Leamington and Wolverhampton are already members. A key advantage to us is a 10% discount on our insurance costs which will more than pay for our costs of being a member. The association is all about promoting model railway clubs

and their exhibitions. They also have a database of available exhibition layouts which will help us in both getting our layouts to more exhibitions and for us finding new layouts for our exhibitions.



The show unfortunately can't go on

2020 was the first year since 1991 that we had not staged at least one model railway exhibition. As a club we have been staging shows since December 1967 and in 2020 it was not without trying that we were unable to stage the event. Planning for model railway exhibitions never stops and we were able to roll over the layouts invites booked for the 2020 event to either the 2021 or 2022 event. With the recent changes in Covid restriction and the uncertainty of what the situation is likely to be in September 2021 we have taken the difficult decision to once again cancel our show for this year.

2022 will mark the 55th Anniversary of the formation of the Redditch Model Railway Club and the 30th Anniversary of our Arrowmouth layout which we constructed to celebrate our 25th anniversary. Plans are at an advanced stage for the 2022 show which will take place over the weekend of the 17th and 18th September 2022. It now looks like we will have at least 15 layouts at the event.

The following list is just some of

the layouts at the planned for September 2022 event:

Arcadia Pennsylvania - a 7mm American based layout

Arrowmouth - a celebration of its 30th anniversary.

Auch Ae - the exhibition debut of the Bucks's completed layout

Broadwater Junction - 2mm scale railway from Warley Club

Brynllwyd - 7mm scale welsh narrow gauge railway

Bear Creek Junction - 3.5mm scale American logging layout

Bewdley - 4mm scale layout based on the prototype station

Motley Sub Shed - 7mm scale locomotive shed

Rowington for Shrewley - 4mm GWR layout set in Warwickshire

Weaver Hill - 4mm main line modern image layout

Ventnor West - 7mm layout based on the Isle of Wight

Farbine Road W.R.D. - 4mm scale modern image layout

Saltdean - 7mm scale pre grouping southern region based

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A recap on the financial bit

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR 2021

April 2021 - £50

July 2021 - £35

After August 2021 - £30

These prices are payable at the first club meeting a member attends

The weekly £2 charge is unchanged

Since April 2021 we have gone back to occupying a single unit at the Enterprise Centre. This has been important to be able to keep the club on a firm financial footing as none of us know what the future will bring. You may recall from Spring 2021 newsletter the Club Directors decided to simplify the membership rates for 2021. This is to reflect the likelihood some members will feel uncomfortable to start attending meetings from April 2021 when

the subscriptions were due. We have still got a sliding scale of membership rates for existing members. These are set out in the table to the left and show the amount payable for the year based the month the member first re-starts attending club meetings. So if you have not been down to Club for some time why not give us a try? and you can expect a warm welcome.

REDDITCH 2022

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

55th
Anniversary
1967 ~ 2022

Trinity High School, Redditch

(Town Centre Ring Road - Access 1 , Grove Street, Redditch, B98 8HB)
Only 15 Minutes from Junction 2 on M42 - Ample on site free car



SEPTEMBER 17th & 18th

10.00am - 5.00pm (Saturday) until 4.30pm (Sunday)

Top Quality Layouts in popular scales will include:

Arcadia Pennsylvania, Arrowmouth, Auch Ae, Brynllwyd,
Bear Creek Junction, Bewdley, Broadwater Junction,
Farbine Road, Motley Sub Shed, Rowington for Shrewley,
Saltdean & Ventnor West plus others

Full Trade Support & Refreshments available

Admission £6 ~ accompanied under 16's FREE

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