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This month's club news begins with the welcoming of:

David Ellis

David joins us after signing up at our latest open day. A hearty welcome to David from all of us here at the AVRMC club.

Whilst on the subject of new members we have a further 3 potential junior members currently waiting in the wings. Let's hope they decide to stay with us as they will be most welcome to come and work on and operate layouts with us.

In other news, our kitchen facilities have had a carpet installed which has improved the kitchen areas appearance, thanks to Roy and Peter for doing this.

Watch out next month as we look at the club room 'Then & Now', when we arrived, how we have progressed with the building and surroundings and what it looks like now.

Layouts in Brief

Cleggworth



Cleggworth is a model heavily based on Holmfirth station and taking much inspiration from the BBC TV series 'Last of the Summer Wine'. Originally a Bolton and District MRC layout, which was bought by club members and has since undergone extensive renovation and is once again available for the exhibition circuit.

Cleggworth is currently operational and can be found in the clubroom.

From the Editor

By Oliver (Ollie) Harrison

Welcome to this first edition of 'On Shed'. At the time of writing this we have just finished our Open Day, where once again we opened our doors to the public for the second time.

The day was great, plenty of people came to see the layouts operating through all scales OO-N, with only one complaint, nothing serious an 8 year old boy wrote "Not enough pointy nosed trains" - sadly we cannot please everyone.

The Open Day, overall, was a success with nothing really going wrong we got lots of great feedback and the catering was superb.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who turned up on the day, including the ladies in the kitchen for without you all, we could not have done it.

With a range of activities going on both in and out of the Club room it can be hard to keep track of what has happened, so if you have an activity, task or experience you think is worth mentioning, please feel free to either grab me in the club and talk to me about it, I will happily take notes, or better still, write it yourself as a "first hand" account which always reads better.

While I am on the subject of 'write ups' may I ask members to think about one for their own layouts, for both this newsletter and the website. If we have these going forward, we can better promote both the club as a whole and the individual layouts, as there are many people who are unaware of the number of layouts which we have based at the club.

If you cannot think what you would like to write, once again grab me on a club night and give me some details I will be more than happy to help.

The next issue will be published 31st May 2018, once again anyone wanting to submit something please see me approx. 2 weeks prior to the end of the month. That gives time for writing and editing the newsletter.

Junior News

John Stokes

After a couple of years of the juniors just wanting to play trains and working on an N gauge layout, we now have one of the junior members who is only 14 years old, and interested in building a complicated loco kit, what a kit to start off with, a British Rail 9F etched nickel steel chassis and valve gear with a resin body made and supplied by Branch Lines.

After looking over and studying the paperwork which came with the kit, he started to put together a list of the components that he needed to complete the kit, wheels, axles, top hat bearings, gear box with gears, motor and weights for the body and chassis.

Members of AVRMC have come up with all the above components to help this junior member build his first loco kit. One of the senior members has provided such things like tools, axle levelling jig, soldering iron and soldering items needed in the construction of the kit.

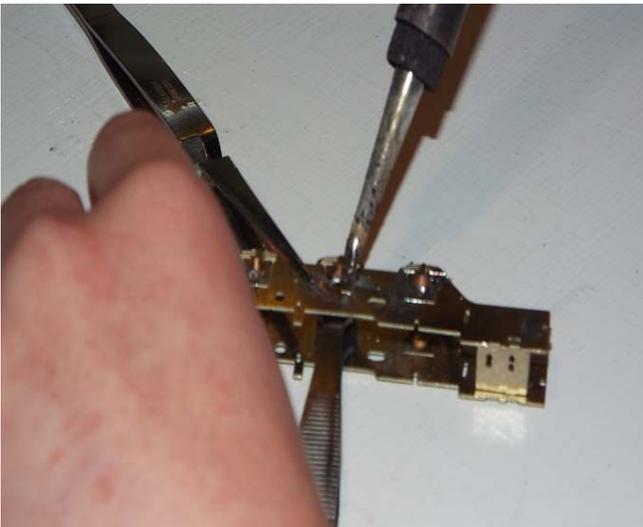
Progress has been slow in the construction of the kit due to Easter Holidays and an Open Day, now he can get on with building his loco with the help of the members of the Club.

Starting with taking out the side frames and some of the spacers he has started to put together the chassis, by soldering in some of the spacers to one of the side frames and taking on the other side frames.

The Watchword is: TIME (take your time) do not rush.

(Photos of Alistair at work and work done)

All Images below show the work involved in building this BR Std 9F
All Images by P Hopps



Layout Spotlight on... Aireworth



Aireworth is a 3mm scale, 12mm gauge layout and demonstrates the benefits of the scale; ie more railway in a given space than 'OO' and bigger than 'N' gauge scale, thus making it easier to model. The layout was constructed by Mr Philip Kirtley with help from Mr Peter Langthorne in the 1970's. It was designed from the beginning to be operated prototypically by several operators in both a Club and Exhibition environment.



Being set in the industrial area of West Yorkshire, this fictitious layout is of a typical Northern Town station with railway of the L&Y, Midland and NER origins and features scratch built scale models of prominent KEIGHLEY buildings. You may recognise

the Carnegie Library or the Town Hall and seasoned rail travellers should notice the back of Cavendish Street. All buildings are restored to their former glory with all blemishes removed. A photo spread featuring Aireworth appeared in Model Railways, November 1993 issue.

The overall size of the layout was 25ft by 8ft and has now been extended to 25ft by 10ft wide, this gives a 2ft wide extension of one board at the side of the station board and a lift up section at the Nursery Close end. The lift up section was added so that us old portly operators can easily get into the middle to operate instead of having to duck under the layout to get in or out. It also gives us more room to move around inside without bumping into each other.

The layout includes a large terminal station at one end for a full passenger timetable service, a freight yard in the middle to give lots of work for the operator, to make up and break down goods trains, a comprehensive loco shed at the other end for the arrival and departure of all locos. Around the back of the layout we have an incline which takes all the stock up to or down from the high level. A four track main line traverses across the station and the front of layout in both directions, for running trains around and for viewing before they are stabled around the back of the layout.



There are four control positions one for the station, one for the goods yard, one for the loco depot and one for the main fiddle yard.

Since the demise of Tri-ang TT over fifty years ago the stock running on Aireworth is still going strong.

Aireworth in the past have tried to run both Tri-ang TT and Three Millimetre Society products together, but suffered with stock coming off. Because of this it now only runs Tri-ang TT or Tri-ang may have-beens or Three Millimetre products fitted on to Tri-ang chassis.

Locos are a mixture of Tri-ang and Three Millimetre Society white metal kits, coaches are Tri-ang, Three Millimetre and Kitmaster on Tri-ang chassis, wagons are Tri-ang and Three Millimetre on Tri-ang chassis.

The Three Millimetre Society came into being in the late 1960's. They have available to its' members a vast array of locos, coaches and wagons kits. Also available are a comprehensive components list of track and scenic items. The Society has helped and contributed to the development of Aireworth and still helps in keeping it in running order.

Now in its senior years it is being housed and revamped to its former glory, at Aire Valley Railway Modellers Club, where the time table is still being operated.

A Day at York Exhibition

By John Stokes

On Saturday 31 March 2018 the club had organised a day out to York Railway Show at the York racecourse for 14 of the members of the club.

The day started with 12 of us meeting up at the local café in Keighley for our breakfast and plenty of banter before we caught the train to Leeds. We met up with one of our party en-route at Shipley station but the other member of our party had to catch a train from Halifax station so that we all met up on the station platform at Leeds, at the agreed meeting time - still the banter flowed. Whilst waiting for the train some of the members tried their luck at a free cab ride to Edinburgh, the driver was a friendly lass, but she said good bye and left on time with her train.

Our train pulled into Leeds Station and we set off for York - still the banter flowed. Arriving at York some of the lucky ones got a free bus ride to the show whilst the rest of us had to pay! We all had to pay to get into the show, which was good but no traders, demo operators or layouts stood out as being outstanding. Some of us had lunch, dinner, afternoon snacks and some of us had a drink in the dining room on the top floor.

After we had all finished eating we made our separate ways down, calling at different places to buy the items which members had decided they wanted. We all meet outside to catch the bus back into York and to our next meeting point the Duke of York on the station – the banter continued.

Our journey back to Leeds was mostly uneventful but the banter was still there. On reaching Leeds we said good bye to one of the lads and that we would see him next time at the club, as the rest of us made a dash for our train back to Keighley. As on the outward journey at Shipley we said goodbye to another member and we would see him at the club, we then continued on our way back to Keighley.

At Keighley we all said our goodbyes and hoped to see everyone at the club the next day.

A good day out was had by all.

Come and see us at the club, you will be made most welcome.

Quiz/Question Time

Can you name the last commercially built steam locomotive built by British Railways?

What is the name of the Ex-LNER A2 that is due to return to mainline working order?
(Clue: Here's one I made earlier).

Fill in the missing word below



Which railway company did John Aspinall become the first General Manager of?

How many Britannia class 7MT Locomotives were **NOT** named

(bonus question, do you know the numbers also)?

Notable Dates

The events listed below were correct at the time of publishing, any detail amendments will be published next issue or passed on by their respective organiser

Mirfield Show

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th May 2018

2 layouts will be in attendance - Mozzerdale & Ikeuno (Only on the 19th)

Model Railway Show at Middleton Railway

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June 2018

Cleggworth will be visiting the Middleton Railway, Leeds demonstrated by the Railway Club

Summer Open Day

Sunday 26th August, 10am to 4pm

at the Clubroom, Melbourne House, Dalton Lane, Keighley

Members are asked to come along and operate layouts to support and promote the club, as we will once again be open to the public

ShIPLEY Model Railway Society 2018 Exhibition

Baildon Recreation Centre, Shipley

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September 2018

Members will be asked once again to help support Shipley club by taking part in their show

***Like what you've just read and heard?
Then why not come and join us at:***

Aire Valley Railway Modellers Club (AVRMC)
Melbourne House Dalton Lane, Keighley BD21 4JH

Monday evenings 7.00pm to 11.00pm

Tuesday evenings 7.00pm to 11.00pm

Thursday evenings 7.00pm to 11.00pm

Saturday afternoon 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Refreshments always available at an extremely reasonable cost