

Founded 1933

Incorporated 1967

EATON PARK MINIATURE RAILWAY

e-BULLETIN

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Barry Steel

1932-2019



BARRY STEEL 1932-2019

Barry got a great amount of pleasure from belonging to the NDSME and the friendships he made along the way.

We moved to Norfolk in 1969 and it was in the early 1970's when he found out about the Club and subsequently became a member. The Club has grown so much from those early days and Barry was so pleased to be a part of that growth.

Some of you may remember the orphan plate layers hut all on its own at Felthorpe, and the sortie there to give it a good home!! This majestic building became the clubhouse AND workshop for many years, with space at a premium as numbers of members increased.

Over the years, plans were made about how to improve things. A toilet perhaps, and then bigger ideas of building a new Clubhouse?

*In the
PW hut*



This has been well documented and was under the leadership of Neville Gower with many members "doing their bit" every week in all weathers. Arnold Hoskins keeping all members up-to-date with progress with a regular bulletin. What an achievement it was. It was during this time the Tuesday Boys' Club came into being. So much to do and so little time to do it, so on Tuesdays it was decided to assemble and "get cracking" on all the ideas.



*Parkside
station
gang*

The Club also owned an engine called the "Dyak". This had previously been looked after by Arnold Hoskins, but as time went on, he passed on this job to Barry, who carefully maintained it for many years at home, bringing it up to the Park in time for each Sunday track day.

His home project was the building of the "Boxhill", sadly never to be completed owing to other commitments and latterly through failing health.

Barry was also Club Secretary and compiled the Newsletter for about 30 years. The NDSME was very much part of Barry's life and it saddened him greatly as his health deteriorated, that his involvement became less and less.

Nevertheless, he was always pleased to chat to members when he was able to come to Club meetings and the rare outing to see the trains running on a Sunday. He got tremendous satisfaction from seeing the ground level track in operation, being part of the team who laid it.

I hope the Club continues to thrive and that Barry will be remembered.

Janet Steel

2019 has been a difficult year for the society and members families. Our thoughts are with Barry Steel's family at this time. Members are also asked to remember member John Peterson in their thoughts and prayers too, as he is also quite poorly. Ed.

A Steam Gala visit to Buckinghamshire Railway Centre & Golding Spring Miniature Railway - by Mike Fordham



The centre at Quanton Rd is just 10 miles from my daughters house so over the last 18 years I have visited many times. The site covers 25 acres and the running line is only 1/3 mile, but there is much to see in the visitor centre and museum. To see plenty of action you must visit on an advertised steam running day. My ticket was only £13.

My reason for the visit was to see 6989 and the Vale of Aylesbury Model Railway Engineering Society *Golding Spring Miniature Railway*.

GWR Modified Hall 4-6-0 6989 *Wightwick Hall* built 1948 at a cost of £9,686 was withdrawn in 1964 and sent to Dai Woodham's Barry Scrap yard. It was purchased in 1977 and went to Quanton Road where I have watched it slowly come back to life. Its official launch was in March

2019, where it became the 150th engine to be rescued and restored to working order.

The Golding Spring Miniature Railway is on the same site, it was founded in 1972 and has 100 plus members. The gauges of 3.5 5 & 7.25 inches are all in use with colour light signalling, from the photos you will see the large engine shed-steaming bays and electric engine lift. And like us they have a tunnel. Volunteers run a small cafe and souvenir shop set in there own picnic area, rides of 1,200yards cost £1.00.

A 32mm and 45mm Garden Railway is also on site which the miniature line runs past. Both lines only run on Sundays and not much was running when I visited, it is a very well set out railway with nice station buildings and worth a visit when operating.

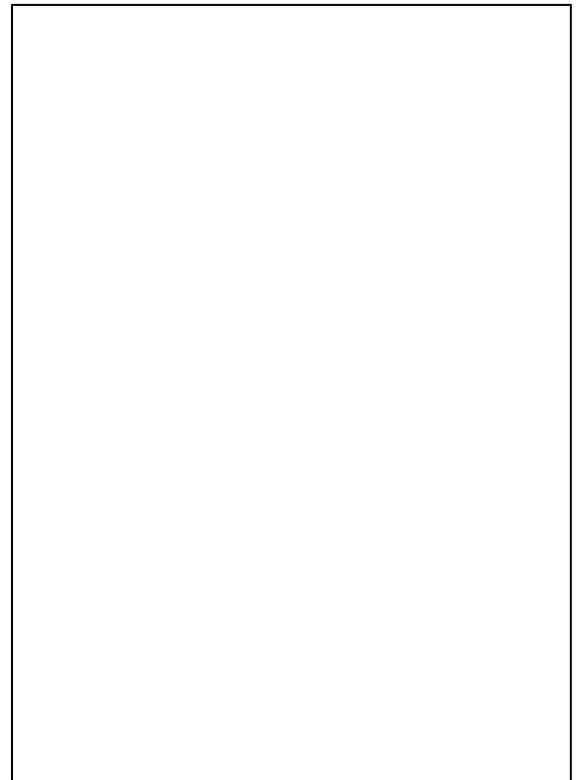








Above - The site road crossing, the train automatically operate the light's and bell.





The figures have been made from old tools.



Aveling & Porter 0-4-0T built 1872 for the Wotton Tramway later called the Brill Branch, which ran from a platform a Quainton Rd station. The single cylinder is mounted on top of the boiler



Hudswell Clarke 0-4-0ST 1742 and the vintage train carriages



Things will change if HS2 is built as the line is planned to pass along side the site, roads and a bridges will have to be moved. At present the old stub of the GCR line from Aylesbury to Calvert waste site passes through the site and is in daily use



Lastly, a shot looking towards Aylsbury

**60 years of ndsme
trains in Eaton
Park
1959-2019**



NDSME – affiliated to the Southern Federation and also the Northern Association – for the benefit of all our members.

Spotted on YouTube

LATHE ACCURACY - MODEL ENGINEERING FOR BEGINNERS #2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4sRaYnnHm8>

This is "MODEL ENGINEERING FOR BEGINNERS" a free tutorial series by Keith Appleton which covers most aspects of the hobby of model engineering starting with basic lathe operation. Full of useful tips & explanations. The series is full of tips for the amateur model engineer based on my many years of model engineering experience. The series is very easy to understand - designed for the complete novice beginner. This video covers Lathe Accuracy.

<http://www.mainsteam.co.uk>

Hello NDMES

From New Member Paul

Sherwood

As a new member of the club I have been asked to write a short piece about myself by way of an introduction to everyone, so strap yourselves in and here goes!

Yours truly and loco at the Tallyllyn Gala last year.

Well where do I start? Tricky one that, I have always had an interest in steam ever since I was a nipper, especially railways.



My earliest memories are of trips to Bressingham to see the likes of Oliver Cromwell, Royal Scott and Thundersley, and of the annual Weeting Traction Engine Rally, in fact, I am the same age as the rally itself and have attended almost every year. It's become somewhat of a tradition and long may that continue.

Anyway, I am an electrician by trade, having served the usual four year apprenticeship to learn the trade. The first year consisted of broad based training, which included engineering skills, something which is starting to come in handy as I've got older and more interested in model engineering. I used to spend most of my spare time restoring and running classic cars, and getting out with the Norwich Classic Vehicle Club. In my time I have restored a number of old cars including a Marina TC saloon, Lada 1200 (the old Fiat 124 style), a couple of incredibly rare Moskvich Estates and a Rover 3500 V8, the latter being my favourite and I still regret selling her. But, about ten years ago, I found I was getting too old to be crawling about under rusty old cars and wanted to live out my boyhood dream of having a ride-on railway in the garden. I had already completed quite an extensive live steam 16mm scale, 32 mm gauge garden railway, but wanted to live that boyhood dream of having a railway I could actually sit on and drive.

So, with the encouragement of a good friend of mine called Paul Perryman, construction started on the *Merlewood Light Railway*. Not a big railway by any stretch of the imagination, It starts in my garage, runs down one side of the back garden, curves round through 180 degrees at the bottom and comes back up the other side, turning a further 90 degrees before finishing on the patio, where I have a water butt raised on legs which provides filtered rain-water for the loco. A siding runs off down one side of the garden for storing rolling stock. The current stocklist comprises of six narrow gauge outline 'sleds' which are based on the slate slab carrier wagons used in the Welsh Quarries, these were built by Paul Perryman and are on an indefinite loan to the railway. The railway's own stock comprises of a 'wagandipiau', this is based on the quarry



waste wagons used in North Wales, and a sit-in guards van affectionately known as the “thunder box” as it looks a lot like a privy hut.

Motive power is provided by a battery powered loco based on the Hudson Hunslet narrow gauge loco's, this runs on 24volts through a 4QD pro controller feeding four Bosch motors, two on the loco and a further two in the riding truck, driving a wheelset each through a chain. This loco' was built by Paul Perryman about eleven years ago, and was the railway's first loco. It has recently undergone a major overhaul and wears a smart new paint scheme. The second loco arrived here in 2014, she is a Blackgates Sweet William 0-4-0 tank loco, with riding tender. She was built in



1992 by John Barnard of Swaffham, he ran her for a number of years and was a regular at the Pentney Park railway. The loco was last run by John in about 1999 and was sat in his garage for a number of years before I was offered a chance to buy her. Having picked her up in November 2014, the first thing I did was to see if the boiler would hold pressure. This was a definite “NO”, I'd barely got 20PSI into her when there was a loud hissing from one of the lower tubes and the pressure dropped off. It turned out that four of the lower tubes had rotted straight through, so I had the unenviable task of stripping the loco down, removing and renewing all the boiler tubes and the regulator pipe through the boiler. Removing them was fun, in a perverse way, with me having to slit every



tube end and carefully remove them using a specially made puller, without crushing them. Then flaring the new ones into place after. This was all completed and reassembled for her to pass her boiler test in April 2015, that first steaming was such an amazing feeling. To take a loco that hadn't seen a fire in 15 years, and to get her

living and breathing again was just brilliant!

*The MLR in spring,
with the trackbed
a sea of wild
violets*

She has since visited a number of other railways including two trips to Wales, one in 2017 for the Fairbourne

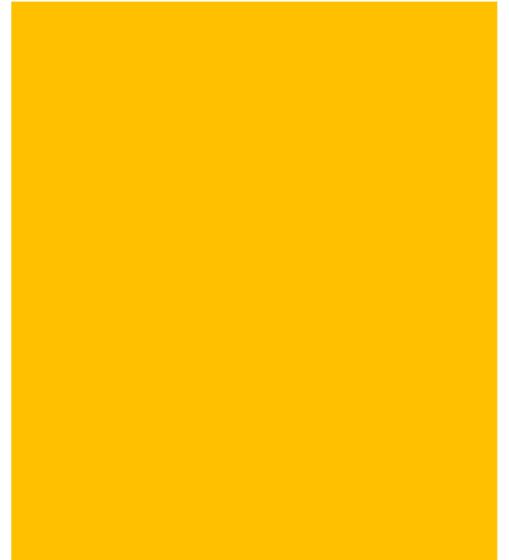


Railway's centenary gala, and again last year for the Tallylyn's Garden Railway Gala, which was a belter of a weekend and I hope to repeat again this year. The MLR itself is now in its tenth year, quite a few of the original wooden sleepers are rotting out now and are being renewed, I have a long term plan to extend the railway further, into the front garden, but I've yet to start on this. So, there we are, that's a little about me and my railway. I do have a facebook page, it's 'Paul Sherwood Railway Modeller' and it documents my exploits in both 7.25" and my OO scale exploits. Please feel free to have a look and see the (rather irregular) updates on what I've been up to, if you haven't been bored enough by my waffling already.

SANTA SPECIALS 8 DECEMBER 2019

Volunteers are needed to assist with our SS trains, beginning with set-up from 0730 until take-down from 1500. We also need people to play Santa – costume provided!

The Lord Mayor and Sheriff visited us in late August



Lord Mayor of Norwich, Councillor Vaughan Thomas
Sheriff of Norwich, Doctor Marian Prinsley

Civic Office, City Hall, St Peter's Street,
Norwich NR2 1NH

**Norwich civic charity
appeal 2019-20**

This year's civic charity is Citizens Advice and partners of the financial inclusion consortium, formed to offer earlier preventative help in a more joined-up way for groups including older people, young people, and those with a disability or mental health issues.



28th August 2019

To the members of the Norwich & District
Society of Model Engineers, Eaton Park

Thank you so much for inviting us to the
Lord Mayor's Fund Day. We very much
enjoyed our outing in the 'Royal Carriage'
and on the train. And we look forward
very much to another opportunity of visiting.
Well done for all the hard work & generous
charitable donation. Kind regards
Marian Prinsley

From the committee

Amongst items discussed recently were...

The yellow loco donated by Malcom Jay was noted to have no braking at all. In future this can only be used with a brake fitted train and a driving trolley with brake handle.

A cheque has been sent to the *British Heart Foundation* in accordance with the wishes of the Gower family. It was emphasised that the society extends an invite to Mrs Gower and Mrs Steel to visit any Sunday during the season.

Treasurer reports that finances are in a sound position. The new Treasurer is Chris Eve.

All guards trolleys to be fitted with rear couplings and one has been converted to dual-purpose driving/.guard trolley.

The accessible carriage is on the verge of completion. It will be commissioned into service at Easter 2020. There will be training days in the close season to familiarise volunteers with the operation.

A bequests and donations policy is being devised to prevent any future irregularities.

Membership application procedure may be revised for 2020.

It was noted that patronage was close to the level of last year.

Painting of woodwork at Parkside Sta. is underway under supervision of P Moore.

Riverside Miniature Rly to visit on Sat 26 Oct.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that the NDSMEs insurance policy does NOT cover any members' locos or assets stored at Eaton Park. Members should ensure that their own insurances cover this eventuality, should they wish to store any locos, rolling stock or other items at the Society premises.

LETTERBOCKS

Mr Trellis is on holiday at the moment but will almost certainly be back next time. Maybe he's gone to Gorleston-on-Sea. or *Gorleston-Sur-Mer*, as the locals would say!



ANNOUNCING

Soup & Roll Day Sunday 13th October. A day when the public are not admitted and members can spend the day playing, drinking tea, eating scoff and generally being grumpy/happy as they wish!

COMEDY CORNER



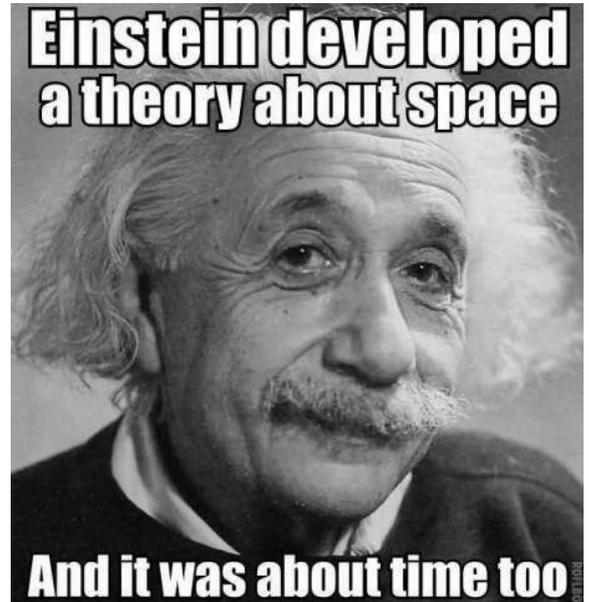
Exact Measurements

A woman walks by two mechanical engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up with puzzled faces. She approaches them to ask what they're doing.

"We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," says one, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down. Then, she took a tape measure from her pocket, took a measurement, announced, *"Eighteen feet, six inches,"* and walked away.

The second engineer scoffed. *"Isn't that just like a woman? We ask for the height and she gives us the length!"*



ON THE MOVE? Be sure to let us know if any of your details change. Always inform the membership secretary so our records can be updated.

There are still spaces left on the coach to the Midlands Exhibition on Friday 18th October. Contact Barry Fane or Roger Montgomery for details and booking. Coach d. Eaton Park 0800. Fare £23 (admission extra)

At the Park

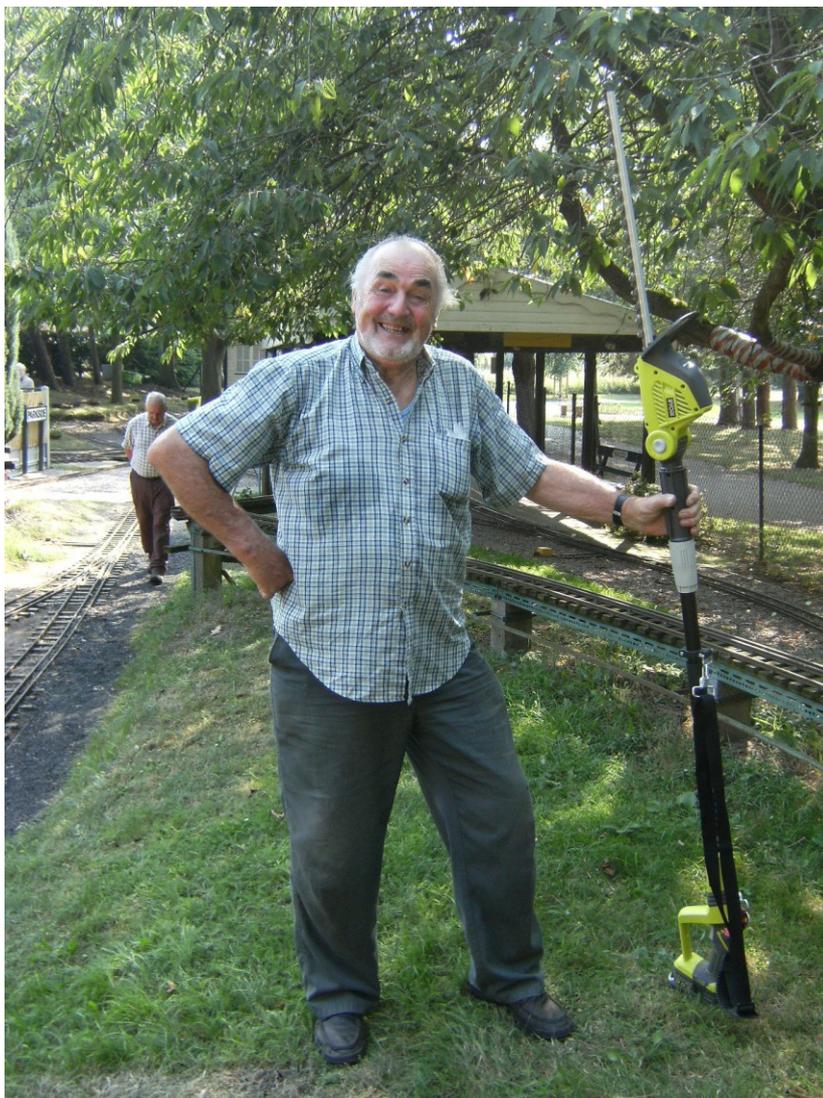
The Coles
brought their
post war
Southern elec.
Loco for a spin
during
September.



John Powell's two part *Santa Fe* loco, in use during a late summer session. A magnificent beast too!

Richard Crook with the new cordless pole hedge trimmer. This will make hedge cutting considerably easier. It is one of a number of items the society is acquiring to make life easier for the (dwindling) number of “hands-on” members.

“I’ve never had it so good”!
Richard commented!



Riverside Miniature Rly from St Neots, are coming to visit EP on Sat 26 October. Members are invited to come along and meet them.

Next Year...

Membership numbers will reflect year of joining. Do you know when you first joined? We have no records and would like to fill the gaps. Contact the membership Secretary...

Nostalgia Corner

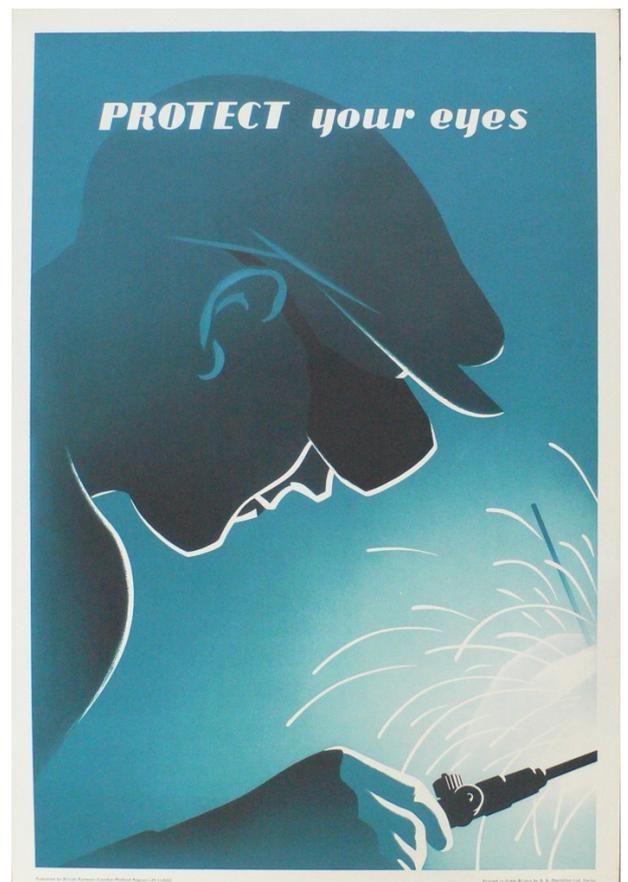
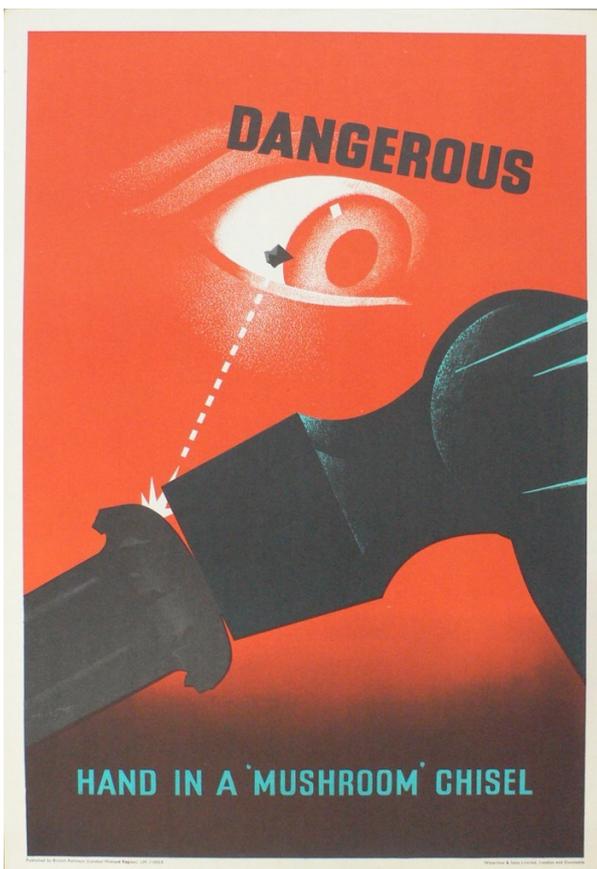


From 2005, the tracklaying team pose with the final concreting done. Track next...

SAFETY

A postwar ROSPA poster by Leonard Cusden (1898-1979). Simple yet effective without being gory. A message still relevant for model engineers today!

Lenoard Cusden worked at ROSPA during the 40s and 50s and at his peak created up to 70 posters a year to distribute to factories. He also worked alongside Tom Eckersley on ROSPA projects. Below are two he did for the *Railway Executive*





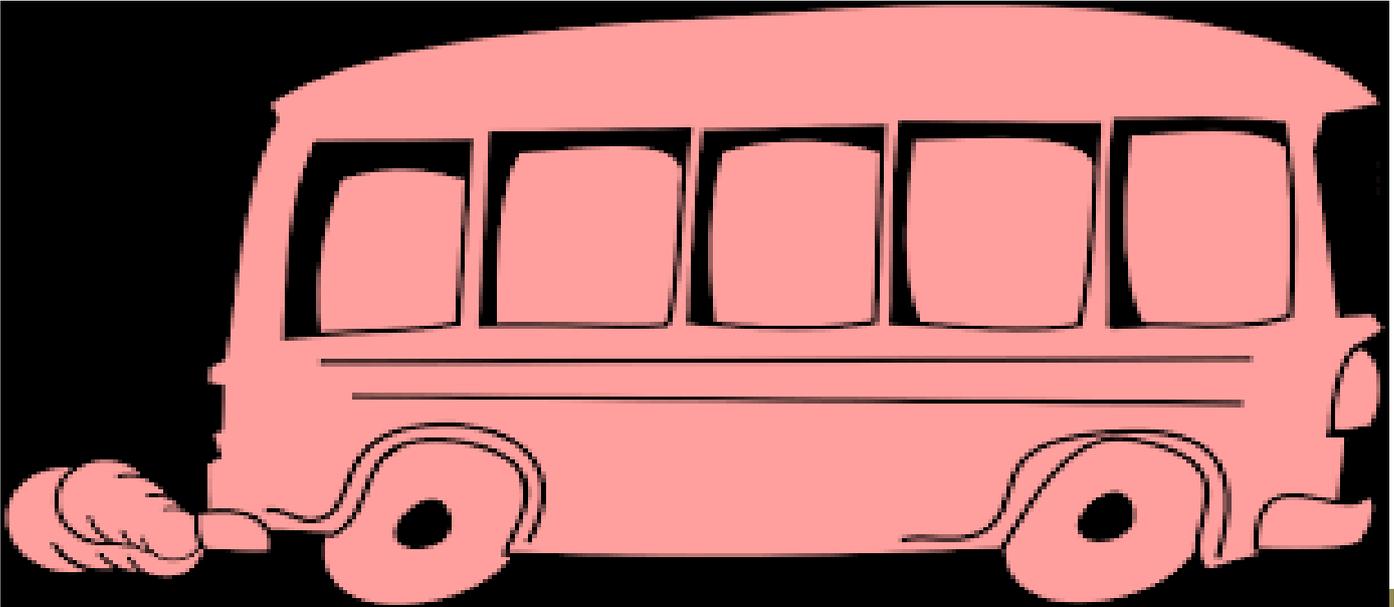
Forthcoming Events

- 06 Oct *Children in Need* day at EP
- 9 Oct *Tools and Trades Historical Society*, with Tony Waldis
- 13 Oct Private members day, with food! 1030 onwards
- 18 Oct Midland Exhibition. Coach d.EP @ 0800. Fare £23, not including admission. For details contact Barry Fane or Roger Montgomery
- 25 Oct ndsme stand at the Forum
- 26 Oct Visit by Riverside Miniature Rly. From 1000
- 13 Nov Bits and Pieces
- 08 Dec Santa Specials – help invited. From 0730
- 13 Dec *Father Christmas, Myths and mistletoe* NB this is a Friday

For other events, see the ndsme.org



Do you know somewhere we could visit on one of our monthly meetings? Contact the committee if you have any ideas and we will do our best to arrange it if possible...



ndsme Tours...

Following the recent popular Doncaster trip, have you any suggestions where we could visit next?

Contact Barry Fane or Roger Montgomery

Raised Track Group

There is a thriving 5"/3½" raised track group, meeting on the first Saturday of each month, plus other Saturdays too. .





NDSME directors (committee) and officers as at Sept 2019

President	vacant	Company Sec.	Jim McDonell
Chairman	vacant	Membership Sec.	Andrew Shirley
Treasurer	Chris Eve	Publicity	Mark Rhodes

Other directors: James Horrex, Barry Fane, Peter King (PW), Mike Riches and Philip Moore (Estates), R Hendrik

Other officers. Rolling stock – Roger Montgomery. Meetings organiser D Beeken H&S – Andrew Shirley

Bulletin distribution, *digital* – Andrew Shirley, *hard copy* – Philip Moore.

There are other roles, that need filling. Contact the Company Secretary if you can help. The email is clubsecretary@ndsme.org



“Is that it then?”



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