January 2017

For All N Gauge Enthusiasts—Whatever their modelling interest.
Meeting Venue
Meetings are held (normally) on the fourth Saturday of every month but this can vary so please check dates. All monthly meetings will be held at Heworth Community Centre, Stray Road, Burnholme, York YO31 0HG (off A1079 within York Ring Road).

By bus from York station:
- Using Coastline 840, 843 or 845 (Coast bound) leaving at c.7, 27 and 47 minutes past each hour to Stockton Lane. Return from Stockton Lane at 06, 26 and 46 minutes past each hour.
- Using First York Bus nr 13 to Stockton Lane (Junction Hempland Lane) leaving at 22 and 52 minutes past each hour. Return from Stockton Lane at 21 and 51 minutes past each hour.
- Using First York Bus nr 11 to Applecroft Road/Stray Road (right outside Centre) leaving at 05 and 35 minutes past returning at 01 and 31 minutes past each hour until 6.00 pm.

From Stockton Road walk along Whitby Road (Medical Centre on left) follow road around to left and then right into Applecroft Road. Community Centre is on the right just past Hempland School.

Map and driving directions are available from Editor if required.

NB. YOU ARE ADVISED TO CHECK THESE ION ADVANCE from the Coastliner website

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Nov 11 (DCC) & 25  Dec 9th

Feb 25th/236th Ebor Group (Wolfdale MH)
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EDITORIAL
Welcome to the first issue of 2017, and may I wish a belated ‘Happy New Year’ to you all. Thanks to Sandy for his article, but that is all I have—need I say anymore?

NEWS

- January meeting layouts to set up:
  
  Guys Cuttings
  
  FREEMO (AC: Clarkesville + the Wye: DM corner plus 3 fiddle yards)
  
- As it is highly unlikely that Watts Crossing will ever go to another show, and due to a lack of interest in putting it up (and using it when it is put up) at group meetings, it is proposed to convert Watts Crossing to double track for use with FREEMO (also the fiddle yard and the Concrete module). The 4-track and 2-track endboards can then either be scrapped, or converted for use with FREEMO.
  
- There is also a lot of material upstairs in the loft which is never used and really needs getting rid of. If anyone has anything up there that they wish to keep could they please remove it at the January meeting (or let us know in advance) otherwise it may not be seen again!!
  
- The hall has been double-booked for a birthday party on February 11th, so the DCC meeting has had to be cancelled!!
  
- New announcements from Bachmann Farish for 2017:
  
  - Retooled Stanier 8F 2-8-0
  - Wainwright SECR C-class 0-6-0 shrunk down from 00
  - Refurbished 31 diesel, initially available in original Railfreight and Railfreight Petroleum liveries
  - LNER Thompson coaches, range includes first, third, composite and brake third, initially in LNER teak and BR blood and custard
  - Retooled TEA tanker This is the same 1960s prototype as had previously been in their range rather than the modern tanker produced by Revolution.

For full list and re-liveries etc. see here: [http://www.ngaugeforum.co.uk/SMFN/index.php?topic=35448.45](http://www.ngaugeforum.co.uk/SMFN/index.php?topic=35448.45)

Notes of Meeting—Saturday December 10th

Next meeting on January 28th
A long weekend in Berlin

Last month wife and I had a few days in Berlin, when it comes to European railways I am a bit of a nugget but learning fast, railway wise once you have done a bit of studying it has a huge range of things to see and do.

We bought a 3 day Zones AB, VBB travel ticket which you can use on the U bahn, S Bahn, DB regional services, Trams and busses, once bought the ticket never left my wallet, the whole of Berlin like many German cities is barrier free, we certainly got our money's worth and sampled all modes except the bus, within zones AB the S Bahn and U Bahn all run to a 5 minute headway and the trams were normally less than that, so you never have to wait long. Just riding on the S Bahn lets you see a whole lot of Berlin from the warmth of a train. The trains and trams were spotlessly clean and apart from a couple of buskers they were very pleasant to travel on. Berlin Hauptbahnhof is an amazing station you can stand on the top of the station [East West lines] and look down 4 floors into the underground [North South lines].

A visit to the technical museum, built on the grounds of the engine service area of the old Anhalter Bahnhoff station has 2 roundhouses which were full of locomotives and rolling stock and very well presented, there is a full scale working model of Anhalter Bahnhof just before it was destroyed in WW2, the museum also has an aircraft, ship and various other exhibition sections too numerous to list.

We visited a model shop, Modellbahnen am Mierendorffplatz, a 10 minute journey on the U Bahn, the shop was about the size of 6 Monk Bar's full of mainly HO but other scales also represented and mainly European models, they also had a large book section.

Our final railway thing was LOXX Miniatur Welten Berlin, situated on the top floor of the Alexa shopping centre it was just as it says a miniature world of Berlin, luckily we had left this to nearly the end of our stay so walking round the layout we were able to spot all the places we had been and seen.
There are other railway museums for the S Bahn and U Bahn but we did not get time to see them and they are only open on certain days, but I did buy a book giving an overview of the railway system.

AC

Mike’s ‘Wolfdale’ layout update

It is now complete and ready for it's first outing at the Ebor Group show in Heworth at the end of February—well worth a look!!
From Steven:

I've got several coaches for sale including:
1x Mk1 RMB Buffet blue/grey
1x Mk1 BCK brake/composite crimson & cream
8x Mk1 SK second compartment crimson & cream
1x Siphon G GWR brown

The Mk1 coaches are all Poole era with silver wheels. The Siphon is the old Lima model. The crimson & cream coaches are boxed but the buffet car and Siphon aren't. I've also got a small hand-full of Peco private owner wagons that I have no further need for.

Offers welcomed, discount for bulk purchases!!

SB

Laser Cut Baseboards

A contact of mine is now producing these, when I enquired about them he sent the photos plus:

I do them to your specification. They are laser cut from 9mm birch ply and are slot and tab construction so glue and a couple of sash clamps are needed for perfect assembly. I include brackets for planed 2x2” legs as per black diamonds standard or brackets to your specification. I can include drill holes on the ends for fixing with perfect alignment. I can even engrave track plans onto the boards including holes for feeder wires and point actuators. Here are a couple of images of boards supplied so far. Postage tends to vary between £12 and £24 depending on the size of your boards. (The rectangular board is £12 for up to 2 off, then it is £24). My boards are "a lot" less than any others I have seen advertised too.

I asked about prices:

A 3ft x 1ft will be about £34
A 4ft x 2ft will be about £40

There is a set up cost that I have to incur, hence the price doesn't directly scale, also the sides take up a reasonable percentage of the area of the sheet used.

The tolerances are such that the boards will hold themselves together without adhesive. In fact the rectangular board in the photos was assembled without glue at work in my lunch hour and carried home in the back of the car with one end free and the other resting against the child seat. The assembly made it home in one piece (much to my surprise!)

The prices seem reasonable to me for the Boards, the postage of course puts up the price! I might be tempted though for the next project!!

DM