MagNnet Newsletter of the Yorkshire Area Group of the N Gauge Society

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For All N Gauge Enthusiasts—Whatever their modelling interest.
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Club Meeting Dates

Feb 25th
Mar 11 (DCC) & 25
Apr 8 (DCC) & 22
May 6 (DCC) & 20
Jun 10 (DCC) & 24
Jul 8 (DCC) & 22
Aug 5 (DCC) &19
Sep 9 (DCC) & 23
Oct 14 (DCC) &
28’29
Nov 11 (DCC) & 25
Dec 9th

Feb 25th/26th Ebor Group (Wolfdale MH)
Apr 8th/9th Sheffield (Heworth Sidings) TBC
Apr 15th/16th/17th York (Heworth Sidings) TBC
May 13th/14th Black Diamonds Open Weekend
(Pipeline)

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
EDITORIAL: not a lot of content this month I’m afraid, the weather hasn’t been too good for any work on boards in the garage, though this week has been promising and I’ve actually got some painting done! As always, any contributions welcome. Just a reminder for those in York, that the Ebor Group show is on this weekend, with our very own Mike exhibiting his new layout – having had a sneak preview it certainly is worth a look!!

NEWS

- February meeting—AGM Guys Cuttings to put up; no DCC layout (though the small roundy-roundy board is available to set up). DM/JP clearing loft of surplus /junk!

- Sadly Bob Walker who came to the Open Weekend and meetings in November/December will not be joining this year—not due to any lack of enthusiasm, but for health reasons. He would like me to pass on his thanks to everyone for making him feel so welcome, and hopes that he may be able to return in the future. I have passed on our best wishes to him on behalf of the group.

- AC/DM/JP have accepted an invite to take part in a large modular setup at the NMRA Convention in Derby in October (27th—29th) and so will be unable to help organise or attend our group’s Open Weekend.

- March DCC meeting : Freemo setup AC wye (+ Clarkesville?), DM corner, 3 fiddle yards

Notes of Meeting—Saturday January 28th

Meeting

Next meeting on February 25th
To help celebrate the NGS’s forthcoming 50th anniversary, the Society is producing its first powdered ready-to-run offering - a model of the Hunslet industrial 0-6-0 shunter. Many of these locomotives were built from the 1960s onwards and saw use in collieries, steel works, refineries, quarries, paper mills and other industrial locations. The last loco was built in 1988 for Caledonian Paper in Irvine and at least 23 still survive in industrial use (with a further 6-10 in preservation). They were exported to main-land Europe, Africa and North America.

Model specifications will include: 0-6-0 chassis; low gearing for smooth running; wheels to NMRA standards; DCC ready; NEM coupler sockets. We are also planning to feature some prototype-specific details such as a working flashing amber warning light on the roof for some models, and additional bonnet details and handrail variations where appropriate. The price, depending on final costs and prevailing exchange rates, is hoped to be in the region of £75 per model.

Fifteen liveries are being offered for pre-order. Only those with sufficient orders will be produced. The liveries are:
1. 6614 NCB NE area two-tone green
2. 7279 NCB Midlands maroon
3. 6663 NCB Western area olive green
4. 8998 Esso red
5. 6950 BP original white
6. 6950 BP green
7. 8977 CEGB Orange
8. 7543 British Steel yellow
9. 8976 Port Authority blue/yellow
10. 7410 RMS Locotec blue/grey
11. 8879 ‘Black Agnes’ Lafarge green
12. 7017 RfD sectorisation triple grey
13. 7017 Harry Needle Railroad Co
14. 9092 Caledonian pale blue
15. 6685 ‘Big John’ blue
16. Completely undecorated

Pictures of some of the liveries are included here. The others can be seen on the NGS website.
The NGS have produced art-work for a 7' tall roller banner (picture attached) which can be used to publicise the group at exhibitions. Our group name would be included in the top corner. When rolled up it fits into a 34x5x5 inches. The price is £29.99, although I've yet to get confirmation as to who pays this, the NGS or the Area Group. I'll also find out if some of the pictures can be replaced with something more representative of the group, i.e. a bit more Continental and American! Is this something we want to take along to exhibitions to help promote the group?

NMRA Black Diamonds Meeting February 18th:

We were invited to take ‘Pipeline’ down to the meeting at Kegworth last Saturday, and it was setup with end-loops at either end, so about 40ft in length. Now we are getting used to joining up with other groups, it was all setup and integrated very quickly and we were running trains by 1100. The layout was very well received, and performed well, and as a result we have 3 invitations to modular setups during the year.

Thanks to John & Sandy for their help. DM