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Newsletter of the Yorkshire Area Group of the N Gauge Society

March 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 IN ADVANCE from the Coastliner website

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Date for the Magnet diary

Apr 15th/16th/17th York Show
May 13th/14th Mech Models Open Day (Freemo)
October 7th/8th Swansea (Heworth)
EDITORIAL: Welcome to the March issue, thanks to Sandy for his article without which this would be very thin! I am in desperate need of material!!

NEWS

- A change to the diary—as Freemo & Heworth are both exhibiting on the dates of our group Open Weekend; it has been decided to cancel the October DCC meeting and bring the Open Weekend forward a week to October 21st/22nd.

- Whilst reading a forum about DCC, comments were being made about the use (and expense) of Kapton tape which is used to insulate decoders etc., and someone mentioned this which I thought might be of interest.

  *Search eBay for Polyimide tape and its very cheap, its the same thing as the brand name of Kapton.*

  *If you do a search on Amazon you find it is!* 

Notes of Meeting—Saturday February 28th

Meeting chaired by Steven Bateman and minutes taken by David Milburn 16 members & 1 guests present, # Apologies: AGM—minutes shown separately

Next meeting on March 25th
Some articles worth reading in the spring issue of n gauge now on royal Scots and jubilees

There are also some books which I have been reading that other might think are worth looking at

Railway disasters by Robin Jones. It is 131 pages long.

Modelling European railways by Peter Marriot 220 pages available from http://www.crowood.com

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Trip to Eindhoven

Due to inconvenient flight times to Eindhoven from Manchester it was more convenient to fly to Amsterdam Schiphol from Leeds Bradford, an early rise for the KLM 6:10 flight, an hour and a half later at Schiphol had us eating a great omelette with onions and mushrooms followed by a croissant for breakfast. Since there was no queue at the NS [Nederlandse Spoorwegen] ticket office we used that instead of the machine to buy our ticket, what a breath of fresh air, on NS there is only one fare for every journey, €19.80 plus €1.00 for the disposable ticket, [it is now expected that all Dutch people have a OV Chipkaart, similar to an oyster card but covers the whole country, so the €1.00 is for the disposable card]. Down the appropriate escalator and you are on the platform, the direct service to Eindhoven is every 30 minutes or half way between these services there is one with a change at Utrecht, we chose the direct service since it saved lugging the bag on and off the trains.

Our train to Eindhoven was an Intercity VIRM [Verlengd InterRegio Materieel] double deck electric unit although the interior was looking a little worse for wear it was comfortable and the windows lined up with the seats, information screens in every coach and fast free wifi. The infrastructure all the way to Eindhoven was really clean and tidy and smooth. On arrival at Eindhoven the train splits into two to complete its respective journeys, this is done as passengers are alighting and boarding with the front unit creeping forward about half a meter. On board catering is sparse when it is available but consists of somebody with a tank of hot water strapped to their back with cups mounted on the side and a large tray in front with snacks etc, no carts because they could not get up and down the stairs!

The return journey was basically a reverse of the way out.

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Inter city interior

Koploper Eindhoven

Sprinter Schiphol
Laser Cut Baseboard Kits

A couple of weeks ago we received our first package of laser cut baseboards from Simon Ansell. They came direct from the cutters in Barnsley packaged with must have been a whole roll of parcel tape.

Inside were 4 boards with all the pieces wrapped in cling film.

Following some simple instructions, the pieces fit together very easily, and the smaller boards can be picked up without any glue. First impressions are very favourable, and they have now been dropped off in York at our ‘master builders’ for assembly. Pictured below is a 42” x 12” board with double thickness ends and corner bracing with slots for 2” square legs. More comments and pictures of the finished articles to come.

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