

West Wiltshire Society of Model Engineers Newsletter

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Calendar

January

2nd – Lecture - History of Weston, Clevedon and Portishead Railway with Video. 7:30pm
5th - Saturday Steam Up. 10am-4pm
11th – Christmas Lunch - The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill. 12:30pm for 1pm sitting.
16th - Lecture - Claverton Pumping Station on the Kennet and Avon Canal. 7:30pm
19th- Saturday Steam Up. 10am-4pm



February

2nd - Saturday Steam Up. 10am-4pm
6th - Lecture - An Evening of Transport and Mechanical Topics with Video. 7:30pm
16th - Saturday Steam Up. 10am-4pm
20th - Social Event at Warminster Conservative Club. 7:30pm





News

Christmas Train Rides

Thank you to all the members who braved the weather to help at the Christmas Train Rides event on $8^{\rm th}$ December.





16mm Portable Track Running Rules

Now that the indoor 16mm portable track is getting a lot of use, we have decided to tighten up on the running rules in order to ensure good operation for all users.



In order to ensure smooth running, minimise damage to the layout and work fairly with other track users, we need to operate under certain rules.

- 1) The middle and outer tracks are the running lines. The inner line is only for train preparation and disposal (at rear of board, brown area) and siding/loop purposes (front of board, scenic area).
- 2) Locos should normally be prepared and disposed of off the layout track, only joined to stock when about to run and removed immediately once the run is complete. This is done best by using the central table.
- 3) Any on the layout loco and train preparation and disposal must be confined to the rear (brown), inside track.
- 4) Please do not clog up the central area with too many boxes. Only bring in what is needed for your immediate running session.
- 5) Running will normally be scheduled in 30 minute periods, via the schedule board.

Christmas Lunch



'Last Orders Please'

Peter Brougham is taking last orders for anyone who would like to attend our Christmas lunch on Friday 11th January at The George, Longbridge Deverill. 12.30pm for 1.00pm. £20.95 ph, carvery and a choice of puddings, tea or coffee.

Our Direction



The club meeting on Wednesday 19th December was very successful with some very good ideas put forward for the direction of our club. More ideas are welcome, please contact a committee member. The committee will create a plan from our ideas to put to the AGM in April.