



West Wiltshire Society of Model Engineers Newsletter

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Calendar

March

29th – Wednesday Evening Show & Tell.
Clubhouse. 7:30pm.

April

1st – Saturday Steam Up. 10am-4pm.

5th – AGM. Clubhouse & Zoom. 7:30pm.

15th – Saturday Steam Up. 10am-4pm.

16th – Public open day at WWSME club site
with the Wessex Stationary Engine Club.

May

6th – Saturday Steam Up. 10am-4pm.

20th – Saturday Steam Up. 10am-4pm.

June

3rd – Saturday Steam Up. 10am-4pm.

17th – Saturday Steam Up. 10am-4pm.

News

Members Show & Tell Evening – Wednesday 29th March

By Tony Lowe

Please bring your Lockdown projects, pictures of your lockdown projects to the clubhouse to show other members.



With such a diverse range of model engineering within the club, come and celebrate by putting the last three years of Covid and lockdowns into the bottom draw for what we hope is for good.



We see many members with projects that have been built from many different materials including wood, cardboard and of course metal. You may have diversified during the lockdowns built a different type of model i.e. Model railway,

plastic kits model aircraft etc. Everything is welcome as it is all part of being creative and in so many ways skills that we learn in all types of modelling cross over into model engineering so please think out of the box and we look forward to all meeting on the 29th March.



Wednesday March 29th starting at 7.30pm- doors to the club house will be open from 6.45pm

Proposed Loco and Rolling Stock Storage Shed

By Colin Wade

The committee is considering providing a portakabin storage shed to be sited inside the loop at the west end of the site. If this is provided it would be divided into secure storage compartments where members could rent space to store their own locos and/or rolling stock. A siding from the ground level line may be linked to the shed at some point.

The committee would like to know the level of interest for such a facility before planning and designing the detail. The likely cost of renting a secure compartment would be circa £100 per annum, but detailed pricing would be confirmed once the full project costs are known.

It would be the responsibility of members to provide their own insurance against theft and damage of any equipment stored here as the club insurer will only cover equipment belonging to the club or on documented long term loan terms to the club.

The installation of the shed would reduce the club reserves in the short to medium term with the rent hopefully restoring them in due course. The provision of a storage shed cannot be guaranteed as it would be subject to planning approval. The committee would like your views on this, whether you would be likely to use the facility or not.

Please reply to the secretary with any comments you may have.

Colin Wade
(Secretary)

WWSME AGM

Wednesday 5th April

By Colin Wade

The West Wiltshire Society of Model Engineers Ltd AGM will be held on 5th April 2023 starting at 7:30. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting at the clubhouse, with members able to join the meeting via Zoom. If attending at the clubhouse please arrive in time to be ready for the meeting to commence on time. Because of the need to record attendance at the AGM please e-mail me for the link to join the meeting via Zoom.

Colin Wade
(Secretary)

WWSME Garden Plant Appeal

By Barbara Neary

The garden at the track has suffered from a) – the drought of last year and b) – the freezing weather over winter. We have lost quite a bit so this is an appeal to the gardeners among you.

If you are dividing herbaceous plants, reorganizing a bed, have any shrubs you are digging up or have excess seedlings please donate to the club rather than put in your green bin or compost heap.

Thank you
Barbara

5" Ground Level Track

After years of hard work the 5" ground level track is now complete with the final section of track being laid at the beginning of March.



Testing is now underway to find any issues and identify any sections of track where ballasting is required etc. as the track settles with initial use.

