



West Wiltshire Society of Model Engineers Newsletter

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Calendar

Through the summer the club is open every:

Friday (10am-12:30pm)

Saturday (10am-4pm)

May

4th – Public Open Day. 8:30am-4pm.

June

1st – Public Open Day. 8:30am-4pm.

July

6th – Public Open Day. 8:30am-4pm.



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Public Open Days

By Colin Wade

Our Public Open Days are on the first Saturday of the month through the summer.

The club will be open to the public between 10:30 and 15:30. Please volunteer to help if you can.

If you can bake or donate a cake for the coffee and cake sales stall this would be much appreciated, by our helpers and the visitors!

The club is open for members to run their own stock but please make sure that tracks are kept as unobstructed as possible to allow clear running for the public trains.



Steaming Summer Saturdays

By Jon Clarke

The Committee has decided to open the club up every Saturday (excluding offsite Fete Saturdays) for members throughout the summer. Hopefully this gives more opportunity for people to get to the club and run their locomotives with other members, especially for those who work Monday to Friday. The new club signalling on the Ground Level Track will be available for use.

Please note that this does exclude the Saturdays when we are running the portable track at fetes, as members will be running there instead.



White Horse Miniature Railway Opendays 2024

Sat April 6th Fares 10:30 - 15:00
1 Ride £1.50

Sat May 4th 8 Rides £10.00

Sat June 1st

Sat July 6th

Sat August 3rd

Sat September 2nd

Sun December 1st

Santa Trains 14:00-17:00

Book from August 3rd.

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White Horse Country Park, Coach Rd
Westbury, BA13 4LX

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On Site Locomotive and Equipment Storage for Members

By Jon Clarke

The club trailer has been removed from its storage container, and the container has been moved over to its new position. The trailer will now remain outside in between the two containers and covered to help protect the trailer and the contents. The space previously used for the trailer storage will now be converted into an area for members to store their locomotives and associated equipment. There will also be a workbench in the container for locomotives to be cleaned down and to do any maintenance or repair jobs whilst members are at the club. The club will be purchasing a hydraulic platform trolley to allow 'lift-free' transfer of locomotives between the storage shelving all the way to the track, on completion of the new paths.

The storage shelving that will be installed is the same as the newer shelving used in the rear of Container 2.

Each shelving unit has five shelves:

- Shelf 1 - (floor level) Suitable for locomotives, but will need lifting out and onto the trolley
- Shelf 2 - 'Lift-Free' locomotive storage
- Shelf 3 - 'Lift-Free' locomotive storage
- Shelf 4 - (approximately upper torso height) Storage for driving cars, tools, equipment etc
- Shelf 5 - (approximately head height) Light storage only - tools, equipment etc

Each shelf is 4 foot by 2 foot (121.9cm x 60.9cm) and can hold a maximum of 295kg per shelf. The height is variable and normally set for a standard gauge outline locomotive, as per the existing shelving. This will need to be increased to accommodate narrow gauge locomotives, such as a Sweet Pea. This will be discussed when arranging storage. **It is the responsibility of the members who own the locomotives and equipment to have insurance.** Suitable locomotive insurance is available through Walker

Midgely at approximately £55 per year, for an average 5" gauge locomotive.

The rental charge per year, per shelf rates are as follows:

- Shelf 1 - £75 (or £7.50 per month by standing order)
- Shelves 2 & 3 - £100 (or £10 per month by standing order)
- Shelves 4 & 5 - £40 (or £4 per month by standing order)

The above is per shelf, per membership year (April to March) and will be pro rata from the start of rental to the end of March. The locks have been upgraded to improve security and Members renting storage will have keys (deposit required) to the storage container so that they can access it at any time.

This will hopefully be ready over the next few weeks and therefore if you are interested please email me (chairman@wvsme.org.uk), or speak to me when I'm at the club.

