

# Modelling Ways

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

**JULY 2023**

## FAREHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS

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### STEAM RAILWAY WEEKEND

**29th & 30th July from 1030 to 1700 hrs.**

**Segensworth Road, Titchfield. PO15 5DZ**



**Passenger carrying miniature railways,  
model engineering exhibition, classic vehicles,  
radio-controlled boats, radio-controlled 4x4 vehicles,  
garden railway, demonstrations, live music,  
bric-a-brac, cakes, handicraft & novelty stalls.  
(All attractions subject to availability)**

**Admission:**

Adults: £4.00  
Snr. Citizens: £3.00  
5-16 yrs: £2.00  
Under 5 yrs: Free

Attractions £1.00

**REFRESHMENTS**

**FREE CAR PARKING**

FDSME reserve the right to cancel the above due to unforeseen circumstances

(see [www.fdsme.org.uk](http://www.fdsme.org.uk) for details)

**Some Attractions Are CASH ONLY**

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## CLUB HOUSE JANITOR ROTA

Jan: Adrian Osborne  
Feb: Oliver Osborne  
Mar: Margaret Wallace  
Apr: Paul Cassimer  
May: Clive Addis  
Jun: Clive Addis  
Jul: Deana Pearson  
Aug: Dave Cawte  
Sep: Malcolm Groom  
Oct: Howard Atkins  
Nov: Martin Romain  
Dec: Adrian Osborne

## THE COUNCIL

Chairman: Howard Atkins  
Vice Chair: Peter Hollands  
Secretary: Trevor Fry  
Treasurer: Adrian Osborne  
Editor: Peter Wallace

### Members:

Steve Titley Clive Addis  
David Ward Peter Ward

## LEAD VOLUNTEER

Chris Jefferies (Monday & Thursdays)  
Pete Hollands (Sundays)  
Howard Atkins (Wednesdays & Fridays.)

## FIRST AIDERS

Mike Burridge  
Jim Cunningham  
Pete Hollands  
David Ward

## FIRE WARDENS

Peter Hollands  
David Ward

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## EDITORIAL

The garden is looking great despite the very dry weather but with TLC and constant watering it is now thriving.

If you are down the club and the flowers in the hanging baskets look droopy please give them a drink. This will please Clive and I.



The repositioning of the point lever on the ground level approach to the station is now working. The dream team of Tony Shepherd and Mike Nicholls have done an excellent job.



*Peter Wallace Editor*

**Copy date for the August 2023 Newsletter 30th July 2023**

**Please send me all your articles for inclusion in the next newsletter by the above date. Thank you !!**

**After all it is your newsletter not mine.**

# FDSME VISITORS JULY 2023

All Club Members, your help is required for the following visits to our club:

DATE	TIME	INVITEES
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	17:45 – 19:30	Beavers & Squirrels
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	10:30 – 14:30	Rainbows
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	16:30 – 18:30	Brownies

We need your support to ensure these visits run safely, smoothly and that our visitors see all aspects of our club including the Crawler

Track, Garden Railway, Marine, Steam and Electric locomotives.

Locomotives, locomotive drivers, guards, station helpers and track marshals are required; also help with assembling / disassembling driving trollies.

If you can help for a couple of hours or more, just turn up; your help will be appreciated.

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Lunch is available to all club members.

These invitations to FDSME offset our council tax bill currently £1600.

*As a contribution to the local community, F&D SME members take pleasure in opening the Society's facilities on certain days throughout the year free of charge to visiting parties of children and adults, many of whom may have disabilities or special needs. This gives them much pleasure and allows them the chance to enjoy attractions without the pressure that a general public open day would bring.*

Thank you for your continued support. FDSME

Council





## Trash or Treasure

The Trash or Treasure stall, a feature of our open days for many years is an excellent way to move on those things that are not needed but it seems a shame to bin. Apart from being a good way to raise money for club funds, the stall provides 'an attraction' for members and visitors alike. Some visitors have told me it is a reason they come, year after year. The attached picture shows the stall in 2022 with excited customers examining the stock (some for about the third time).

Success, however, is totally dependent upon members donating the items to sell. Please look out those redundant items from the shed or garage or from within the house and garden that somebody else could make use of. Neighbours and relatives may also wish to contribute.

Most things are welcome, tools and mechanical or engineering items especially, but I have sold baths, garden statues, golf clubs, old (empty or full) boxes and tins – all manner of things. Ideally bring to the field during the week running up to the open weekend, but if needing to deliver earlier mark them as Trash or Treasure, find somewhere suitable to leave them and if possible let me know.

I can be contacted on 01329 661644 (leave message if not answered) – other contact details in the club directory

Terry Mason



## OPEN WEEKEND 2023.. 29th/30th July 2023

### Refreshments

In past years member's wives / partners have always been fantastic at baking and donating cakes and biscuits for the club house refreshments. I would like to ask if you would do the same again this year. Could you all please ask your wives, girlfriends, sisters and grannies if they would kindly supply cakes for this open weekend? Any donations, as before can be delivered to the club house on the Saturday or Sunday Mornings (both if possible!) With a label detailing what it is and if or not it contains nuts or other allergens etc. I will also need volunteers to help out in the clubhouse on both days, pouring tea, serving cakes and sandwiches, selling ice creams etc. If any ladies are able to help out on one or both of the days please give me a ring asap.

### Bric - a - brac / Tombola Marquee

This marquee runs solely on your donations, it can not be run without! So please bear this in mind if you are having a clear out over the next few weeks. Please ask your friends and family too!

I need your bric a brac! I am interested in any GOOD, CLEAN household items, books, DVDs, boardgames, jigsaws, pictures, records, CDs, ornaments etc as well as children's books, toys and games.

Tombola always proves popular with our visitors! I would be grateful if you could please donate any smellies, bubble bath, confectionary, bottles of drink etc (anything in date and in good, clean, unopened packaging)

Any donations can be left in the club house from now until the event, clearly marked and will be collected on a regular basis.

I will also need volunteers to help out in the marquee on both days, serving customers and helping with the tombola and games. If anybody is able to help out on one or both of the days, please give me a ring asap.

Thank you for your continued support.

Rebecca Addis. 07756940932.

### **OPEN WEEKEND RAFFLE.**

The main raffle always proves very popular with our open weekend visitors and each year raises in the region of £400 profit. We have been very fortunate that, in the past 10 years that I have been running it, local businesses and organisations have always supported us very well and have provided all of the 20 plus prizes each year.

This year I will not be organising and running the raffle, therefore we are looking for a new volunteer to take over this role.

It is really important that we find a new Volunteer to run this so please, if you think you can help then contact Trevor Fry as soon as possible. Joe Addis.

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## **Chairmans Note...**

Hi All,

I hope you are all well, busy working on new and existing projects in readiness for the open weekend.

Welcome to our new members, Luke Lloyd, Gary Stone, Ian Downie, Nigel Dean, Andy Cammack and Gerald Fitzgerald. Luke will be supporting his grandad and teaching him how to drive his locomotive! Gary has recently built an oscillating engine and will be looking to purchase or build a miniature traction engine. Ian is into electronics, redesigning a controller for a robotic arm. Nigel has electronics experience and will be supporting his dad with his 3" Fowler traction engine and newly build 5" gauge B1 locomotive. Andy 'rejoins' us after 25 years, we look forward to seeing his BR Standard class 4 locomotive and two additional locomotives in the pipeline. Gerald brings model boat building experience and a range of vessels including WW2 warships; welcome all. FDSME club members are willing to share their model engineering knowledge and experiences with you, with 100's of years of experience it is a good opportunity to discuss your project progress, any build, machining or test issues you may have.

Open weekend is fast approaching, your help is needed to support the build-up to our club's main event of the year. The exhibition marquee roof was repaired, thanks to Ben Green, also cleaned and erected in time for Sophie and Ollies wedding reception on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Further marquess will be assembled mid-July onwards, exhibit stands and visitor tables will follow; we will keep you informed of these support activities. Over the two days we need help & support in several area's including: Selling Raffle Tickets and Garden Railway. Are you willing to support these activities for a few hours each day? Maybe you know someone who would like to help us? Please let me know and we can make further arrangements; thank you to those who have already contacted me.

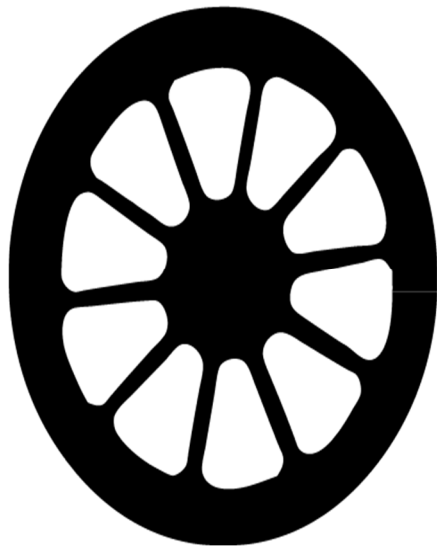
Club night on 12<sup>th</sup> June we enjoyed Phil 'Brunel' Boswell first-rate presentation 'Building a Railway by Trail and Errors', Phil's colleagues from Bursledon Brickworks involved with this project joined us at that time and discussions generated a good exchange of ideas.

July sees three visitor groups to FDSME: Beavers & Squirrels - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 17:45 – 19:30, Rainbows – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 10:30 – 14:30 and Brownies – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – 16:30 – 18:30. Any time you can spare to support these visits is most welcome, just turn up for a couple of hours or more to help ensure things run safely, smoothly and our visitors have a memorable time; I'm sure some will be back at open weekend. If we need to discuss anything meet me at the club and I will answer your questions. Thank you for your continued support. Keep safe and see you soon.

**Howard Atkins**

FDSME Chairman  
07943 838 560





# **MIDLANDS MODEL ENGINEERING EXHIBITION**

**Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th October 2023**  
**Thursday—Saturday 10.00am—4.30pm**  
**Sunday 10.00am—4.00pm**

**Fareham and District Society of Model Engineering**

**Pete Reynolds will be organising a coach for Sunday 15th October 2023**

**If you would like a seat on the coach please contact Pete and he will put your name on the list don't delay as the seats are being snapped up.**

**He will also be arranging advanced entry tickets on behalf of the members so don't delay.**

**The coach as usual will leave the Railway Field at 8.00am sharp.**

**Pete Reynolds**

**petrey7@googlemail.com**

**07752 639541**

## **An invite to The North London Society of Model Engineers at Colney Heath**

The North London Society of Model Engineers has kindly invited us for a day of fun at their Colney Heath site on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August and as with previous years we have hired a mini-bus for the journey. The mini-bus will leave our site at 8am and return at about 7pm (travel time approx. 2hrs each way). As usual, members locos and boats will be transported in a separate van.

The Colney Heath site boasts an extensive ground level 7¼" & 5" track, a long 5" & 3½" elevated track, can accommodate 2½", Gauge 0, Gauge 1 and also has a boating pond.

Tea and coffee will be available (for a small donation), but please note that members will be required to take their own packed lunch / refreshments.

The usual requirement for appropriate current documentation will apply to any boiler to be steamed and owners and drivers must sign their running book. Steam locomotives must be fitted with an effective spark arrestor and a correctly fitted ashpan. Braked carriages will be available however please note that a draw-bar of 3/16" maximum thickness with a 3/16" pin hole is required for the coupling.

The cost of a mini-bus seat is still to be determined, but will be in the order of £15 - £20. Please contact me asap if you wish to book a seat (seats will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis).

This event has always been enjoyed by those attending and we are always made so welcome by the NLSME members.

Trevor Fry (secretary)

Contact details:

email: [fry0853@gmail.com](mailto:fry0853@gmail.com) , Landline: 01329 285779, Mobile: 07796848825





## Congratulations to the new Mr. & Mrs. Osborne!



Congratulations to Oliver and Sophie who were married at St John the Evangelist Church in Fareham on 24<sup>th</sup> June. A beautiful sunny day for a beautiful bride (and groom of course!), who were surprised to be greeted by a pair of white horses pulling a white carriage, waiting to transport them from the church to the reception after the service (they thought they were having a car!). Wishing them a great time on their honeymoon in Greece and a long and happy life together.

## **Help Requested.....**

The Club received this request for help to run the Federation of Model Engineering Societies Rally from Jim Thompson to help the Frimley & Ascot Locomotive Club.

*Hello,*

*Please forgive my direct approach to your club, but Frimley and Ascot Locomotive club are hosting the FMES rally on the 16th September at Frimley Lodge Miniature Railway (you may have seen my advertising regarding this). At this stage, we are pushing the advertising of the event, but have no idea of how many people will book a place, and hence how many helpers we will need on the 16th.*

*I would be grateful if you could ask your members to see if anyone would like to help FALC run the FMES rally on the 16th. We would feed and water them! It could also be a good opportunity for your members to see how these things are planned and run and also learn from someone else's mistakes! Your club may even be considering hosting this event in the future.....*

*If you have anyone who wants to help, please ask them to contact me using this email.*

*With kind regards*

*Jim Thompson  
07891 976621*

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## **Autumn Electric Day**

May I remind you that this the same day as the Autumn Electric Day and I will need some help for this event.

Margaret will be providing a Ploughman's Lunch For our visitors and members please let me know if you require a lunch peter.wallace21@gmail.com this will help with the catering departments requirements. Thank you.

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# FMES Rally 2023

hosted by  
Frimley and Ascot Locomotive Club  
Operating Frimley Lodge Miniature Railway

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 10am till late  
with  
Club Running Day on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10am-4pm



FMES a filiated clubs members and  
families welcome to attend

Pre-booking of your attendance is requested.

Arrangements will be on our  
website, or you can email us at

[fmesrally2023@fmr.org](mailto:fmesrally2023@fmr.org)

and we will send you full details.



[www.fmr.org](http://www.fmr.org)



## Friday 15th

Pre-booking opens  
Running slots allocated  
Documentation and wheel tolerance checks

## Saturday 16th

### 10am Rally starts

Details of the Competitions will be announced in due course on the [FMES website](#).

Competition results will be announced during supper

## Sunday 17th

### Club Running Day

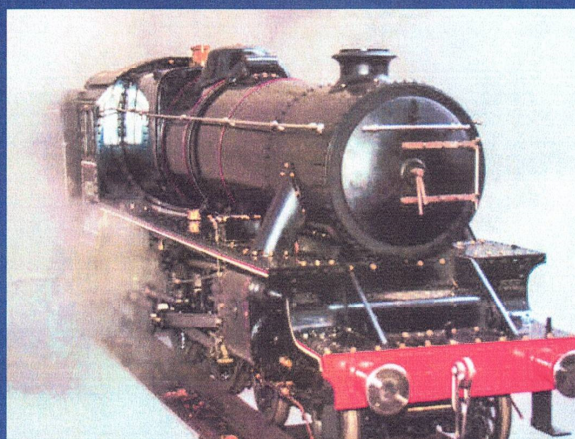
All participants and their families are welcome to come along and enjoy our facilities with rides available.



## Further Details

### Refreshments

Breakfast Baps  
Light Lunches  
Saturday Early Supper  
Tea and Coffee served all day  
Please let us know any dietary requirements on the booking form



### Accommodation

Details of B&Bs and hotels will be on our website soon.  
Caravan and Camper Van accommodation is available at the Canal Centre (GU16 6DD). Pre-booking is advised.

### Parking

Car parking available on-site. Note there is a height restriction for large vehicles.

If your vehicle is taller than a standard car then please indicate your vehicle height (including any roof mounted attachments) on the booking form.



## Monthly Meetings 2023

Monday 10th July 2023                      Club Night                      7.30pm  
followed by OPEN WEEKEND run through.

Monday 14th August 2023                      Members Fun Run                      Any time

## Please make a note in your 2023 Diary

Monday 3rd July 2023                      Beavers & Squirrels                      17.45pm - 19.15pm

Saturday 8th July 2023                      Private Event    Phil Boswell                      9.00am -16.00pm

Sunday 9th July 2023                      Rainbows                      10.30am - 2.30pm

Thursday 13th July 2023                      7th Fareham Brownies                      4.30pm - 6.30pm

Saturday / Sunday 29th / 30th July 2023                      Open Weekend                      2 days all day

Saturday 12th August 2023                      Private Event    Peter Wallace                      10.00am-4.00pm

Saturday 16th September 2023                      Autumn Electric Day                      10.00am - 4.00pm  
Contact Peter Wallace

Sunday 17th September 2023                      Down Syndrome Visit                      10.00am – 14.30pm

Saturday 23rd Sept. 2023    Road Steam Event    Autumn Steam up.    10.00am - 5.00pm  
Contact Howard Atkins

## Other Clubs Invite Days

Saturday 26th August 2023                      Invite to North London                      10am - 4pm

Sunday 3rd September 2023                      Invite from Andover DMES                      10am onwards

Saturday 16th September 2023    Frimley & Ascot Locomotive Club    10am onwards

Sunday 15th October 2023                      Coach Trip to the Midlands Exhibition                      8.am

## FUTURE EVENTS 2025

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 20th, 21st and 22nd June 2025    IMLEC    Details Later