



Express Update

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And Now for Something

Completely Different

It has been decided that there should be a more regular communication from the club to the membership to keep up to date on diary dates, goings on and everything else that happens in between the main newsletters.

The main newsletters will still be published three times a year with articles, funnies, photos, reports as well as the news, dates and happenings that will be featured in these *Express Updates*

For the year ahead, closing dates for submissions of articles, photos, comments, funnies or anything you'd like to send in for a main newsletter will be:

16th April

13th August

17th December

These can be given either to myself at the club, any committee member to pass on, or preferably you can email to myself at

luke.bridges@gmail.com

Road Vehicles

We would like to clarify that to run road vehicles in the park you need to have Road Traffic Act Insurance and Valid Boiler Certificates. It is not required for the vehicles to be road registered for them to run in the park as it is not a public highway.

We hope to see more road vehicles running round the park in addition to the railway and other engineering activities from the membership.

2016 Stats

Tom Parham has collated some stats from last running season's logs. Here are some quick ones:

- 23 drivers
- 46 engines
- 17 traffic controllers
- 15 loaders
- 10 money takers

Public Running

Public running starts on Sunday March 26th and continues every Sunday and bank holiday until Sunday October 29th. For this we need three people to staff the station every time we run for the public, a track controller, a fare collector and a member to supervise the loading. To date we already have twenty track controllers but we urgently need members to collect fares and load. The duty roster is in the club room but if you wish you can telephone me at home as I keep a copy of the roster at home, 01732 841194 evenings are the best time to ring.

Dave.

Track work

As you all know we had a problem last year with expansion of the rails, and it was decided to increase the number of expansion joints by 100%. This work was started in the winter and has progressed to just over halfway. If you read Tom Parham's "winters work" in the club magazine you will get an idea of the job we have on our hands, however the track needs maintaining, painting, leaf clearing and general tidying up etc. We need members to help carry this out, so if you can find time to come along on Sunday or Wednesday mornings to help you will be most welcome.

Dates for the Diary 2017

Sunday 26 March:	First Public Running Day
Saturday 1 April:	MMES Stand at Detling Transport Show
Friday 7 April:	Evening Run with Jacket Potatoes and Chilli Con Carne £3
Wednesday 19 April:	Members Playtime Run
Friday 5 May:	Guest Speaker – our very own Richard Linkins
Wednesday 17 May:	Members Playtime Run
Friday 2 June:	Evening Run and Bits and Pieces Evening with Bacon Rolls and Hot Dogs £3
Wednesday 21 June:	Members Playtime Run
Saturday 1 July:	The Peter Roots Family & Friends Day at the club
Friday 7 July:	Evening Run and Barbecue (bring your own food and barbecue)
Wednesday 19 July:	Members Playtime Run
Friday 4 August:	Evening Run and Fish and Chips £6
Tuesday 15 August:	First MENCAP Run 10am to Midday
Wednesday 16 August:	Members Playtime Run
Tuesday 22 August:	Second MENCAP Run 10am to Midday
Friday 1 September:	Guest Speaker Adam Cro from Cro Fittings
Wednesday 20 September:	Members Playtime Run
Friday 6 October:	Evening Run and Bits and Pieces and Pizza £3
Wednesday 18 October:	Members Playtime Run
Sunday 29 October:	Last Public Running Day
Tuesday 26 December:	Boxing Day Run, FREE Rides Given. 11am – 3pm

Friday Nights start around 7-30pm at the Clubhouse, for evening runs the track will be available from 5pm
Friday Evening Meetings are for members and associate members (their families), occasionally for members' friends, and for those who intend to join the society.

Donation minimum £1 per person for Friday evening meetings, unless otherwise stated for food if you are eating what is advertised for the Club Night.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO FRIDAY CLUB NIGHTS IN MIDWINTER, MEANING NO FRIDAY EVENING CLUB MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

Wednesday Playtime Runs generally start around 10-30am and finish early afternoons.
Events listed will only alter if an unforeseen situation means change is essential.

SOME OF THE EXHIBITIONS ON IN 2017:

Saturday 22 – Sunday 23 April: Spalding Model Engineering & Hobby Show
Friday 12 – Sunday 14 May: National Model Engineering & Modelling Exhibition, Doncaster Racecourse
Saturday 5 August: Ex Pontins Attendees Get Together at North London
Friday 18 – Sunday 20 August: Bristol Model Engineering Exhibition at Thornbury
Thursday 19 – Sunday 22 October: Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition, WEC, Leamington Spa

SOME OF THE OPEN DAYS IN 2017:

Saturday 8 – Sunday 9 April: Llanelli & District Model Engineers Spring Miniature Steam Rally
Saturday 20 May: Polly Rally Bournemouth & District SME
Saturday 24 June: Gravesend MMES Open Day
Saturday 24 – Sunday 25 June: 10th LittleLEC at Guildford
Friday 7 July – Sunday 9 July: IMLEC at Southport MEC
Saturday 9 September: Polly Rally Nottingham SMEE
Saturday 9 – Sunday 10 September: Southern Federation Annual Rally & AALS Award at Fareham
Friday 22 – Sunday 24 September: Llanelli & District Model Engineers Autumn Miniature Steam Rally