

MID ESSEX RAILWAY GAZETTE

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Editorial

Welcome to the return of the Mid Essex Railway Gazette, your club newsletter keeping you up to date with recent club events and news.

It is by strange coincidence that looking back to the very first issue of the MERG published in the Spring of 1990, I find that the first article on the first page was penned by.... yours truly! Now I find myself holding the reins and the very first thing I would like to do is to thank Chris Stapleton for all his hard work producing the MERG for the last few years. I am sure you will all agree that he did a good job and feel that his being short of time can only mean good news in the model paint and kit business!

This brings me on to an important point; I am sure you will all recall Chris repeatedly pleading for articles with the threat that no articles means no MERG – this is still the case. Remember that the Mid Essex Model Railway Club is *your* club and the MERG is *your* newsletter, you help to make it what it is, so please consider submitting something for inclusion. The committee will make sure all important dates are provided for publication to the membership; anything else relating to the club or model railways in general will be welcomed – exhibitions attended, your latest modelling project, a purpose built modelling room, developments at the club, developments on club layouts, all experiences, information and news which can be shared with all the members, especially those who are unable to attend the clubhouse very often.

Please email submissions to merg@midessexmrc.org or if you cannot send by email, please hand your hard copy to the club secretary. If you have a short note to send you are welcome to send a text message (SMS) – please see the Copy Deadlines section for details.

Robert (31)

Exhibition Notice

You should all be aware that the most important date in the club's calendar is almost upon us: the exhibition. This year the club's 34th exhibition will be held on **Saturday 17th September** at **Shenfield High School, Oliver Road, Shenfield, Essex CM15 8RY**. Open to the public from 10:00 to 17:00, we should be clear of the hall by 19:30.

Please make every effort to attend and help to make the day a success. Setting up starts from 18:00 on Friday evening and the hall will be open from 07:00 on Saturday morning, helpers will be required for arranging rooms, moving chairs, tables, barriers etc. and ushering exhibitors and traders to their pitches, stewarding on the actual day and clearing up, loading vans and tidying the halls after it is all over. If you have not already been in touch with the exhibition team to let them know that you will be there, please drop either bill.taylor@uk.kline.com (07944 471823) or david@zelly.co.uk (07973 382916) a line to confirm and an idea of what time you hope to be able to get there.

Bring a friend or a relative to help and don't forget the club "Lucky Dip" stand needs donations of prizes and you can sell your unwanted model railway items on the "Railways Recycled" stand, for only a 10% commission to the club. Make sure items are clearly labelled, all unmarked items will be treated as 'club'.

Exhibition Preview

Mid Essex Model Railway Exhibition



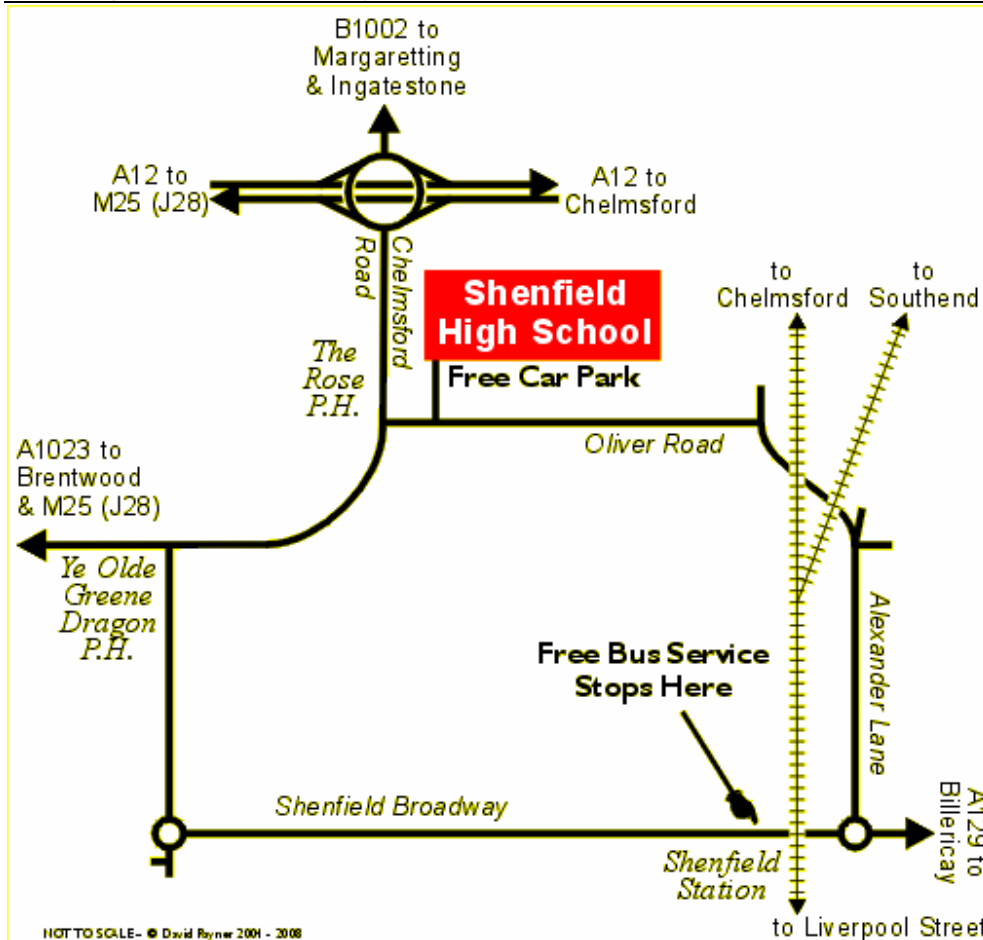
Shenfield High School, Oliver Road

SHENFIELD

10am to 5pm Saturday

17th September

Free Car Park on site
Free Bus Service From Shenfield
Nearest Railway Station – Shenfield
www.MidEssexMRC.org



Invited Layouts:

- Blackmore Road (00)
- Caverswall Junction (N)
- Croxley Wiggshall Depot (00)
- Drewry Lane (00)
- Fisherrow Yard (0)
- Harford (0)
- Harford Street (00)
- Hotchley Junction (N)
- Kadleigh (00)
- Little Hardware (N)
- Loosely Warren (N)
- Lydgate (00) (MEMRC Club Layout)
- Orwell St. Johns (00)
- Prospect Wharf & Yard (EM)
- River Shannon Depot (00)
- Rosie Cider Farm (0n16.5)
- Sodham Hall (009)
- Twin Falls (0n30)
- War & Peace Rolvenden (00)
- Weslo Steels (EM)
- Wildschönau (H0e)
- Zweiburg (N)

Invited Traders:

- AGL Associates
- Anglian Gauge One
- Bob Pearman Books
- John Dutfield
- Modeller's Mate
- Phoenix Precision Paints
- Plus Daughters
- Railway Roundabout
- Street Level Modellers

Other Invited Exhibits:

- EM Gauge Society
- Great Eastern Railway Society
- Holden F5 Steam Loco Trust
- Michael Land
- National Express East Anglia
- RCTS

MEMRC Exhibits:

- Club Stand
- Lucky Dip
- Modelling Demonstration
- Railways Recycled
- Refreshments

Dates for your Diary

2011

17 th September	Mid Essex Exhibition.
24 & 25 th September	Scaleforum, Leatherhead.
1 st October	Sudbury Exhibition. <u>Lydgate attending.</u>
1 st & 2 nd October	Ilford & West Essex Exhibition, Romford.
1 st & 2 nd October	Folkestone Exhibition.
15 th & 16 th October	BRM Exhibition, Peterborough.
22 nd October	Chelmsford Exhibition.
30 th October	Colchester Exhibition.
5 th November	High Wycombe Exhibition.
5 th & 6 th November	East Ham Fine Scale Exhibition.
12 th & 13 th November	Tolworth Show Train Exhibition.
20 th & 21 st November	Warley National Exhibition. NEC, Birmingham.
20 th & 21 st November	Shoeburyness Exhibition. <u>Zanesville attending - operators required.</u>

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January	Club Christmas Dinner. Date to be arranged.
14 th & 15 th January	CRMA Exhibition, St. Albans. <u>Invite for Lydgate not yet confirmed.</u>
28 th & 29 th January	Erith Exhibition.
February	
18 th February	Tonbridge Exhibition.
25 th & 26 th February	Brighton Modelworld.
March	
24 th & 25 th March	BRM Exhibition, Alexandra Palace.
April	
14 th & 15 th April	Crawley Exhibition, Horsham.
28 th & 29 th April	Epsom & Ewell Exhibition.
May	
12 th May	Ely Exhibition.
19 th & 20 th May	Expo EM, Bracknell.
26 th & 27 th May	Aylesbury Exhibition.

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Copy Deadlines

It is intended to publish the MERG roughly quarterly and at the 2011 AGM it was suggested that the publication dates should fall at times relevant to MEMRC main events, thus: Approximately end of the year with AGM notice; March with AGM report; June prior to the club's Mangapps visit; September prior to the club's exhibition.

The next issue will be published during December 2011, all copy to be received by 30 November 2011.

You can email articles, ideas, info, exhibition and event reports to merg@midessexmrc.org or if short, you can send a text message (SMS) to 07768 310117.

Please email text in Microsoft Word (.doc), Wordpad (.rtf), Notepad (.txt) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format; photos as .bmp or .jpg format. Please do not send photos by SMS!

If you only have 'hard copy' and cannot email it, please hand it to a member of the committee at the club house for forwarding on.

Ode to the Shenfield Shark

Happy just to plough his trade,

Tidying up the mess that clumsy seacows made.

When one night he was struck down by a common ailment,

A hot box that might cause a derailment.

So he was shunted into the siding by platform 1,

And there he waited for a fitter to come.

He sat there day after day,

But no man with a wheel skate came his way.

One morning he found he had rusted to the rails,

So he couldn't even run away if his hand brake failed.

At times he was joined by other faulty stock,

But all were quickly removed by their TOC.

So there he still sits with his paint fading and timbers creaking,

Cold and damp because his roof is leaking.

How many years has he sat there, nine maybe ten?

Consigned there by an accountants pen.

Is there a chance of preservation?

He would make an interesting clubhouse extension.

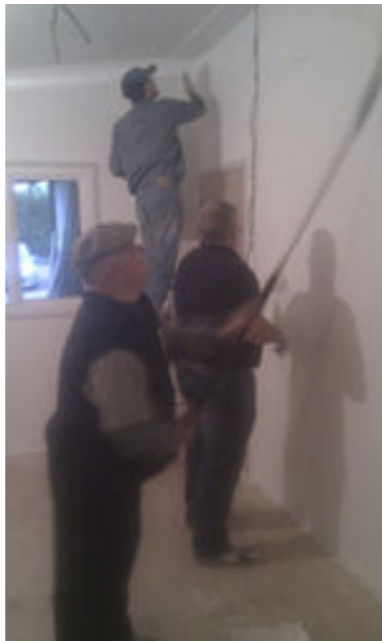
Or maybe a garden shed,

It better come soon else there will be only a pile of timber to make a raised bed.

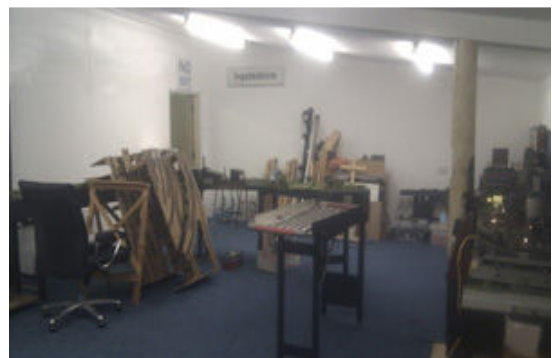
Bill (58)

The club extension “Project Narnia”

Over the period 22 May to 2 June 2011, club members were busy painting and generally finishing off the extension of the clubhouse into the adjoining room prepared by Stuart, our landlord. Photos of painting in progress, by Tim (60).



And a couple of photos of layouts set up in the new room. Photos by Tim (60):



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