Haddenham Model Railway Exhibition

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Risborough & District Model Railway Club

Welcome to the fourth Haddenham Model Railway Exhibition. We have seven model railway layouts in various scales and gauges for you to enjoy. Do ask the operators questions as you go around the show. Photography is permitted but do warn the operators if using flash. We have a number of demonstration tables from members of the Risborough & District Model Railway Club (RDMRC) who can answer your questions about Digital Command & Control (DCC), kit building and railway modelling in general.

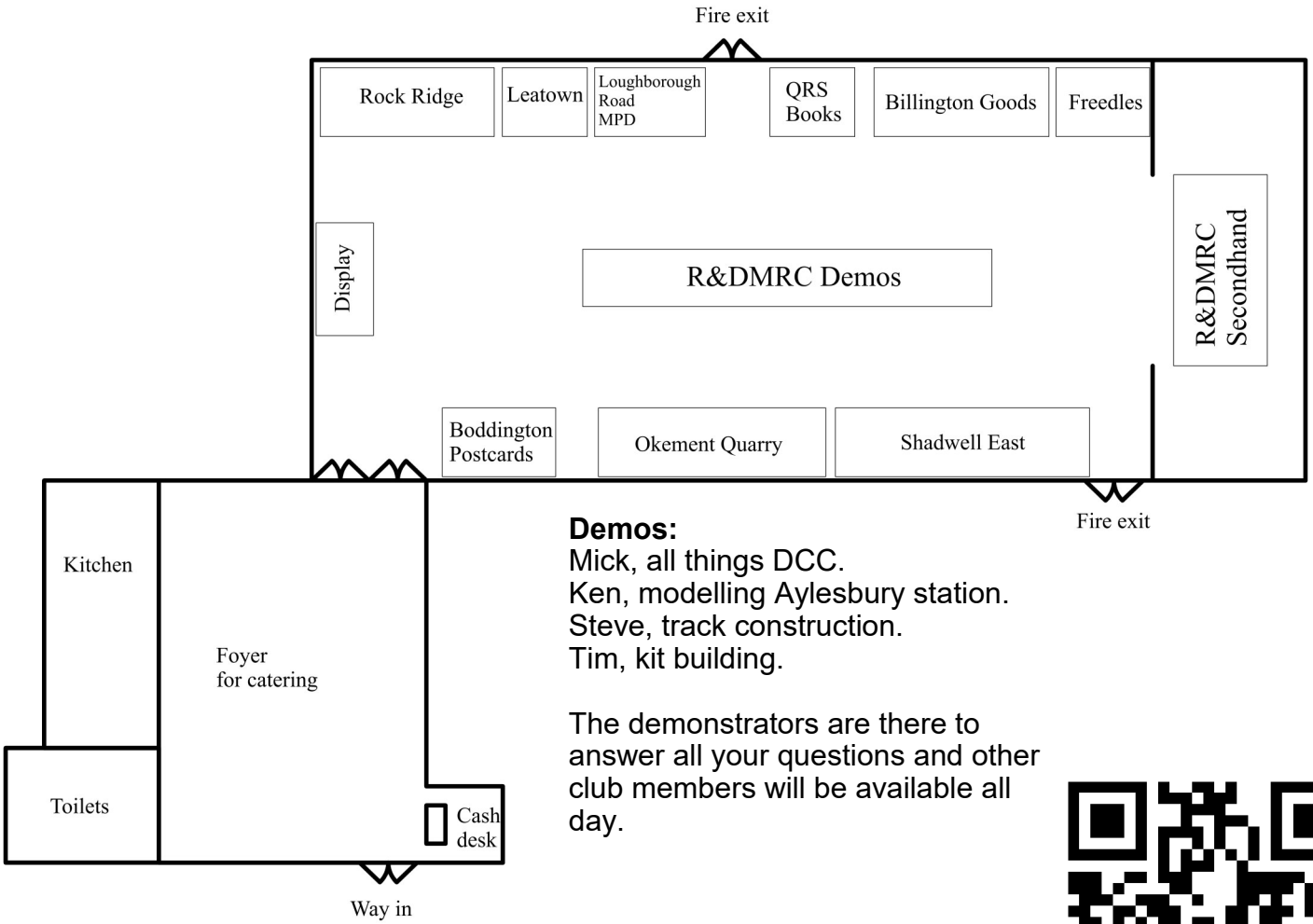
Catering: we have a selection of light refreshments in the foyer. Please note the food is prepared in home kitchens so it is difficult to be sure of allergens and cross contamination. **If you have any allergies please talk to the servers**.

Our trade today is:

Quainton Railway Society with a selection of books.

Boddington Postcards.

R&DMRC second hand stall with a selection of rolling stock, books and other miscellaneous items.



Demos:
Mick, all things DCC.
Ken, modelling Aylesbury station.
Steve, track construction.
Tim, kit building.

The demonstrators are there to answer all your questions and other club members will be available all day.

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Layouts

Billington Goods - portrays a typical ex LNWR/LMS goods depot as operating in the early 1950's. Horse use is becoming rare, Scammel Scarabs and Bedfords are common and HGV's are mostly operated by the nationalised British Road Services (BRS). The layout depicts the working of a typical 'LMS' goods depot of the period. Short freights from the nearest marshalling yard are 'tripped' to the depot. The loco shunts the depot and returns with wagons for forwarding. Whilst this is happening parcels, mineral and passenger trains pass on the mainline. The aim is to portray as accurately as possible railway operations of the period and the grimy, sooty conditions prevailing on the railways in the early 1950's.

3mm is well supported by The 3mm Society and associated specialist traders and a wide range of loco, coach and wagon kits as well as track components is available to members. The operators are happy to discuss any aspect of 3mm modelling and individuals are welcome to view operations behind the layout, space permitting.

Freedles - Ric Lee (RDMRC) - N gauge freelance. "Freedles is a fun layout, with no specific era. It is a small portable layout built from my own imagination and runs steam and diesel locos of my choice. I love collecting both rolling stock and locos."

Leatown - is a small OO gauge cameo layout designed to fit on top of an Ikea Kallax cabinet in a home study/ small bedroom and allows for operational interest in a small space. It represents a truncated branch line in a rather rundown area of London and although it has a docklands backscene, it is actually inspired by areas such as the Silvertown tramway, Lea Bridge station and the West London branch around Greenford.
It is set in the era 1979-1981 when blue diesels and vacuum braked stock were dominant, although you may occasionally see some brighter coloured Railfreight stock. The idea is that there are industrial hubs underneath the overbridge which receive various trainloads that are propelled off scene by a shunter. The single platform station receives an infrequent DMU service but may also receive the occasional parcels or newspaper train.
The layout is DCC controlled by an NCE Powercab and allows the operation of sound fitted locos. The trackwork is mainly Peco Bullhead rail with standard Code 75 points operated by the wire-in-tube method. It started out as a Lockdown project, but lack of progress meant that the final design and build was completed by master modelmaker James Hilton at his workshop in North Wales.

Loughborough Road MPD - is an OO gauge, pre-grouping layout and, with licence, covers from about 1875 to about 1930. The layout is operated to show a transition of loco types over the time period with a variety of early loco types. It depicts a small engine shed with limited engineering facilities and a small turntable suitable for the period, which would have supported a small suburban terminus. Primarily stock using the facilities comes from the Midland Railway and London North Western Railway companies and, because we can, other railway companies and with the LMS turn up for the end of the period.

Okement Quarry – (RDMRC) - Okement Quarry has been designed to work with the new Gauge O Guild modular layout concept. It is 12 feet long with double track entering at one end and leaving at the other. In between we decided to make a small layout representing a quarry yard, with hopper wagons being loaded from a hopper building, a small engine shed with associated coal stage and water tower. Other features will be added to make the layout interesting to view and operate. We have based some of the buildings on those at Meldon Quarry, which provided the ballast for the Southern Railway over many years. The river near Meldon is called the West Okement River, so that is where the name of the layout comes from. Its location means that SR and GWR trains would run through giving us a wide range of stock we can use.

Rock Ridge - is loosely based on a 1970s/80s town in Wisconsin, USA. Originally the single-track mainline from Chicago ran through to further destinations, but the station is now a terminus, The town has several industries served by the local railroad of Rock Ridge & Eastern, with the commuter service operated by Metra and Amtrak. The model is HO scale (3.5mm/foot) and is operated using the MRC DCC/sound control system. Track is PECO code 83 (American standards) with points controlled by toggle-switches & servos. Buildings are a mixture of kits & kit-bashed with some scratch-built models too. Many of the small detail parts are designed & 3D-printed by the operator.

Shadwell East – High Wycombe & District Model Railway Society (HWDMRS) - Shadwell East is the new layout from our Junior section at the HWDMRS. It presents a small terminus in the East End of London, serving the once thriving docks, industries and commercial businesses in that busy area. Suburban passenger services connect with north and east London, and a freight siding links to the adjacent riverside wharfs. The layout operation today reflects the late 1950s and early 1960s period and the transition from steam to early diesels. The layout illustrates some of the modelling skills and techniques that our thriving club Junior section for 12-18 years can achieve with encouragement, support and skills development. Do ask us today if you would like more information about our work with young people or email our secretary on secretary@hwdmrs.org.uk