



# Wessex Association of Model Railway Clubs

## News Letter July 2021

Dear All

Hope you are staying well and keeping busy.

I thought I would bring you up to date with the situation with regards to the association and some of the proposed exhibitions for this year.

### Exhibition Status.

The current situation with regards to public meetings/exhibitions is that with social distancing in place, it is almost impossible to hold a Exhibition of any consequence. It is hoped that by the Autumn, we may be getting back to something like normal, but until we get further details/guidance, we cannot plan any event. Hopefully we will have release from the restrictions on the 19th July 2021.

### Summer Exhibition 2021 at Blandford Forum

The exhibition has been cancelled, due to getting together a Exhibition in the time and to get it advertised is prohibitive. Chris Fordham who took on the role of Exhibition Manager has equally had personnel problems at home and therefore cannot carry out the role.

### Winter Exhibition 2022 at The Cheese & Grain Frome

The venue is provisionally booked for the 8th/9th January. Please let me know if you are willing to send a layout to the exhibition, but until I get the green light from the venue, this is still very provisional.

### Spring Exhibition 2022 at Queen Elizabeth School, Wimborne.

The venue is booked for the 19th/20th March. I am looking for a Exhibition Manager for this event, but in the meantime please send to me any details of layouts you are willing to send for this exhibition.

### Summer Exhibition 2022 at Blandford Forum.

The school has been booked for the 24th/25th September. I will be looking for a Exhibition Manager for this event, but in the meantime please send to me any details of layouts you are willing to send for this exhibition.

### AGM?

The date and the location for the AGM will be advised shortly, which will probably be held in November.

Will anyone interested in standing for the roles of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Web Site Administrator, Social Media & Advertising Manager, Exhibition Manager, Assistant Exhibition Manager & Trade Liaison Manager please contact me with your details and your intensions for the role.

### Proposed Wessex Member Exhibitions

The only exhibitions currently planned as far as we are aware are:-

4th September Mere Model Railway Club Open Day at the Mere Model Railway Club House, Castle Street Car Park, Mere. BA12 6JY. Free Admission.

2nd & 3rd October Folkestone Model Railway Exhibition. The Leas Cliff Hall, The Leas, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2DZ.

9th & 10th October Christchurch Model Railway Exhibition. Bournemouth School for Girls, Castle Gate Close, off Castle Lane West, Bournemouth, Dorset BH8 9UJ.

23rd & 24th October. Taunton Model Railway Exhibition RAILEX. Taunton School, Staplegrove Road, Taunton TA2 6AD.

30th October Exmoor Coast & Friends Open Day Exhibition.  
Sainsbury Community Hall, Sainsbury Road,  
Minehead TA24 8JZ. Adults £1 Admission.

12th September Newton Abbot Train & Toy Fair, Newton Abbot  
Racecourse TQ12 3AF.

28th November. Newton Abbot Train & Toy Fair, Newton Abbot  
Racecourse TQ12 3AF.

11th & 12th December Burnham on Sea Model Railway Exhibition,  
King Alfreds School, Burnham Road, Highbridge,  
TA9 3EE.

The above events are booked, but people should check prior to the event as things may change should circumstances change.

#### Other News

Bentley Group had the sad news of the passing of Geoffrey Endacott earlier this year, a long standing member of the club and Exhibition Manager of the Trainwest & Calne Exhibition's.

#### Information.

Please let me know of any Exhibition information or club changes and I will forward it around the Association.

I trust that you find the above of interest and look forward to seeing you all at the future exhibitions and meetings. Please take care and for you and your families please remain safe.

Best Regards

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Chairman Wessex Association of Model Railway Clubs

