

# NMRA Western Union Newsletter No 10



Hi everyone, it has been a while since the last newsletter came out. Since last year we have exhibited the layout at the Plymouth exhibition again. This year we had an additional 12 foot module built by Steve Smith with help from other members especially Rob who did a lot of the scenery, Brian and Barry who made the buildings. I've included a few photos shot by Brian of these boards. The new boards include two bridges over a river with two industries, a feed store and granary. A new helper loop makes it easier to add helpers to trains and was used a lot in the exhibition sequence, where two sets of helpers were running.



The bridge on the new modules

The new boards have added a lot of operation to the layout, with more switching opportunities. They have also made the layout operate as a single track mainline at this end which has made us operate more prototypically instead of just running around and around in circles.

After having problems with the yard switch motors at the exhibition, we are working on changing the decoders to capacitor discharge types to give them more power to move more reliably, this will be paid for with the groups funds that have built up due to the increased meeting dues.

We are planning to make six more boards to replace the original Anson six. The proposal is to make two sets of three. One set will be a shortened version of Anson Yard as we feel we still need a yard to switch the industries. The second set will feature a motive power depot, able to store many locos. With the last three board extension of Anson this will provide a more flexible way of setting up the layout, essentially three sets of three boards. As this will be financed by the group we will ask for approval at the next meeting.

Peter is planning to start a new N gauge layout using an N gauge version of the double sided idea. The idea works even better in N gauge as the return loops can be half the size and fit on one board. So any N gaugers out there who are interested please get in contact.

The 2008 meetings have been booked, see below for the dates.

It has been reported that some of our younger members find the meeting fees to expensive as they are not working. To that end from January anyone over 16 and in full time education will only have to pay £5. Under 16s will stay at £3.

The BOD are considering what constitutes an NMRA group. Once defined we may then qualify for insurance cover at our meetings. Note that currently we do not have any and would be liable if damage or injury was caused by a member. The idea at the moment is that we may require a 50% NMRA member attendance, in which case we will need to increase our ratio. This would also give us the possibility to invite in the public for some meetings (A July 4<sup>th</sup> one would be a good idea).



### 2008 Meeting Dates

Jan 19  
Feb 16  
Mar 15  
Apr 12  
May 17  
June 14  
July 19  
Aug 16  
Sept 20  
Oct 18  
Nov 15  
Dec 13

Costs (Tea/Coffee inc.)  
£10 / £3 under 16s  
£5 over 16s in full time education

Looking back towards Anson Yard as coal trains pass

### Directions to Hilltop:

**If travelling from Tavistock** take the turn off after the Crownhill flyover, go through the shops, keep in the lefthand lane over the flyover, taking the left which turns you back towards Tavistock. Keep left off the main road:-

**If travelling from the A38** turn off at the junction for Tavistock and follow the Tavistock route around the roundabout. Take the left immediately after passing under the next flyover:-

Take the right lane onto the roundabout, take the second exit onto Budshead Road. At the next roundabout turn right on to Tamerton Foliot Road, follow this road down to Tamerton Foliot up into the village on Fore Street. Go straight across all the mini roundabouts, when you reach the top of the hill follow the road to the left, then turn right into Linton Close. The community centre is right in front of you on the leftside of the road. We use the large room immediately left after entering the building.

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