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Yorkshire Dales
G Scale Group

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Dear member

Welcome to the second issue of Traffic, the newsletter devoted to information regarding Yorkshire Dales G Scale Group. This issue you will read some interesting articles from our current members, find out about the forth coming events. If you require any further information please contact any of the members below:

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| Chairman | M Humphris |
| Treasurer | M Cadamarteri |
| Minutes (MTS) | R Metcalfe |
| Publicity | P Inman |
| Technical (non MTS) | T Parkinson |
| Artistic Design | J Jennings |

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Yorkshire Dales G Scale Group

£12.50

(This is not membership of the Keighley Model Railway Club)

Members of the Dales group will receive the group's quarterly newsletter "**Traffic**" and associated leaflets of **G scale** events around the country, and have access to events held by the group at Keighley and around other sites in the North of England. For more details please contact one of the above members.

ARTICLE 1

THE START OF THE G SCALE GROUP NOW KNOWN AS, THE YORKSHIRE DALE G SCALE GROUP AND BASED AT THE KEIGHLEY MODEL RAILWAY CLUB.

My interest in model railways goes back to seeing a large 3 rail Hornby-Dublo layout at the home of a friend? Must have one of those I thought .1959 along comes a 2-rail City of London and I was hooked as they say. Well the railway just grew, other things came and went, even girl friends and a Dan Dare radio space station, now that I also wished a had kept, however back to railways, after marriage and the appearance of two son s, guess what; yes the trains kept on multiplying, soon I had nearly as many as British Railways.

But one day the wife went up into the attic, I had to go quiet and slow down the acquiring of stock for a time; however I joined Skipton model railway club and later Keighley model club acquired me. Then I built a few portable exhibition layouts, away from home you know, the boss lady seemed more tolerant of my interest telling lady friends it's a man thing you know at lest he has stopped collecting locomotive numbers, I did not let on that it was diesels that where responsible for that occurrence.

Well I kept on collecting more model trains and associated items until one day the large garden shed I had acquired suddenly sank into the mire, at that point I thought I had better slow down a bit, or I might go down like the Titanic. BUT I had not counted on age, some how I had found my second childhood; some might say I never left it. By now I had acquired a job? as a Model shop proprietor !! now I did have more locomotives then BR, mind you these days that's not so difficult. Then one day David Scott from Bachmann walked in, he had some special offers some railway wagon kits, their a bit big says I, you will sell them says he, some how I brought a dozen G scale American reefers and coach kits, but they did sell well at £12-00 each. being a shop keeper! I could not get them out of my mind. Profit said Arkwright is keeping that door open to the buying public, but Mr Scott let me down, no more he said; I kept looking out for more, then one day a nice old gent asked if I could get him a large model Locomotive to but on his mantel. Could David help, oh yes says he coming up with a Bachmann 2-6-0 mogul in G scale, soon more appeared, as did grandchildren. Then another kind gent introduced me to LGB. But how could I get them past my wife, as their were no local clubs where I could hide my need to acquire new items of railway items as she thinks the grand children only need one locomotive to play with; Stumped was I.

But a seed was sown one day as I sat looking at the garden in the rain, Noah came and built a Ark and two by two the models came into my garden Ark. How was I to get planning permission and a team to build this Ark. Well in a shop if you want extra customers you advertise, so a trip to my local rag the Craven Herald was called for, and guess what in early 2004 a team of chaps appeared at Carleton Village Hall in answer to my prayers and the Dales G scale group was founded, like Moses we just floated off.

Carleton Hall had acquired a small select team of visitors, the villagers had no idea that a new dream had found root in their midst, although some asked questions about that large white board with the letter G. that kept appearing, the rest is history as they say, especially when at a open day in my garden that chap called Charles Oldroyd said Why don't you take up some space at the Keighley model railway club rooms.

Mike.Humphris

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our group's current paid membership is 14. We have a bank balance of £241.00 and cash in hand of £56.26.

Since 1 December 2005 we have raised funds:

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| Memberships | £175.00 |
| One off donations | £96.50 |
| Regular donations | £340.00 |
| Bradford exhibition | £60.00 |

We have spent:

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| Insurance | £51.45 |
| Layout; Structure | £39.79 |
| Track etc | £265.00 |

This leaves us with funds of £297.26, represented by bank of £241.00 and cash in hand of £56.26.

We have been offered and have accepted an MTS transformer, central station and hand controller for £150.00. this will reduce our bank balance to £91.00.

Over the next twelve months we will endeavour to complete the wiring on the layout, enhance the existing engine shed/turntable and build the elevated branch line "Trollenberg Heights".

We are a relatively small and hopefully friendly group with one class of member at a recently introduced annual membership fee of £12.50. The core of members who have been involved almost from our inauguration at Carleton Village Hall have membership numbers suffixed "F" as founders but no other distinction.

The group's layout "Trollenberg Junction" has been created through a combination of donations of cash etc. and long term loan of equipment. The layout has grown significantly and is currently undergoing technical improvements, (wiring of points and sections) prior to the further intended developments. This continued improvement and development is largely being funded by monthly donations from six members who geographically live in close proximity to Keighley and are able to participate at most Tuesday evening meetings.

The existing layout and the planned enhancements are available to all our group members equally.

What I am leading up to is a request, not a veiled demand and not a suggestion, for any donations of cash or surplus equipment to assist so that the cost is not borne by just a few.

Enough of my beating the drum, come and enjoy yourself on the layout or at any of this summers' outdoor events in the company of a like minded bunch of friends.

Mike Cadamarte

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Apology for no entry in forthcoming G-Scale Journal as we missed the copy date deadline.

Events for this summer.

June 11 Phil

July 2 Ernest Corner

July 9 Sue Ryder Hospice

August 20 Mike Humphris

Sept 10 Tim Parkinson

Oct – open!

Nov 5 Phil ??

KEIGHLEY MODEL RAILWAY CLUB
EVERY TUES NIGHT FROM 7:30PM
PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE G SCALE MEMBERS TO BOOK A PLACE

THE CLUB ROOMS ARE SITUATED AT:
WALK MILLS, OFF CONEY LANE, KEIGHLEY, BD21 5AR
TEL: 01535 632257

KMRC open days

Sat\Sun 8\9 July

Sat\sun 14\15 Oct

Xmas Thursday 28 Dec.

We intend to circulate a list of members names and tel. Nos Exclusively to our group members

If you object please call Mike Humphris.

ARTICLE 2 IT'S ALL GO!

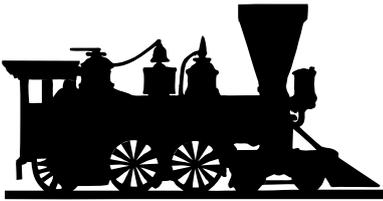
By J.P.JENNINGS.

Having joined the Yorkshire Dales Group G Scale at Keighley I have now found myself being involved with various exhibitions and garden open day events, which have been very enjoyable. I have started to develop the scenic aspect of the layout. I produced a long backscene using wallpaper taped to the back wall of the clubroom, where the layout is sited. This is a temporary measure to get some feel of what the theme may be.

On the rest of the layout I am working on hardboard using acrylics. I produced a station scene, which unfortunately some of our less tall members could not see over very well from the operating side. I am now producing a replacement set; the original ones may be used elsewhere on the layout.

We were awarded a prize at one of the exhibitions! Wait for it, for the cleanest layout. Why? How? Well for a base for the ground cover I have used scowring pads, hence clean! Sarcasm and wit comes to mind!

The track is at present not fixed to the boards as it belongs to various members of the group. The ballast cannot therefore be to the full level with the top of the sleepers of the track. I have started to lay the ballast on the boards to give an impression; the track then just sits on top. The look seems OK at the moment further experimentation may follow.



What is it about this hobby that takes you away from it all? Is it the many aspects that it incorporates from woodwork to electronics? Gardening to civil engineering? Whatever it is, all I know is that whether sat in the garden watching the train goes by or in the house waiting for the rain to stop, there is always something to do if you want to. Having moved to this

aspect of railway modelling it has opened a new door and it is great fun to walk through it! Even if frustrating at times!

SMALL G SCALE

My garden is not what you might term enormous, but where there's a will there's a way as they say. My move to a different house was decided when I saw room to develop the existing back yard of the property. Compact but if I built on it I could raise the level to a comfortable operating height. My cousin had completed a small extension and had some blocks left so this started me off. Two blocks high topped off with slabs forming a basic oval with an extension across with two bridges these having to lift out for access to the gate. As I mentioned above "a bit frustrating at times" Having run for just over a year experimenting the adjoining bit of land may come available for extension, but these things always take longer than originally thought don't they? The loft roof light has been installed so a ladder and a floor are the next order of events perhaps. In between doing a degree in art, it's no good being bored is it?

Did I mention the kitchen needs help; never mind there's always tomorrow.

Yes, trains are very relaxing.

Must dash the whistle's blowing!



You know thingybob?

Yeh, he's a pal of what's his name.

Youve got it, well he showed me a new fangled doofa.

Sounds interesting!

Yeh, that's what I thought.

Have you used it yet?

No, but it might come in.

Do you know, a doofa could be just what I need!

Well, you can have it. I was doofa a change anyway!

Tales from Trolenberg
BY J.P.JENNINGS. MAY 2006.



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