

# POINTS

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH DOWN MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

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## FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to POINTS. The newsletter has not been produced for a number of years but following a recent conversion it was suggested that the newsletter should once again be produced as it can be added to our new web site.

On page 3 you are asked for comments on this production and what you would like to see in future issues. Some thoughts are:

- question and answer section
- sales and wants section
- masterclass

Can you help? This will be your newsletter and it will need your input. Let me know if you think this is a good idea or not.

Could you be the editor for the newsletter, if so give you name to the Chairman.

*Tom McKee*

## THE AGM

### *Points report on the AGM*

The 2021 AGM was held by Zoom and a number of members signed on.

The Chairman thanked all those who had served in the various offices and on committee during the year and in particular Derek Carter who was standing down as Treasurer and Exhibition Manager this year. He also thanked those who had represented the Society at various events and exhibitions.

Some time was spent examining the Covid 19 restrictions and how they were affecting the club. It was agreed to continue to monitor these to see when it may be possible to reopen the club.

### THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

At the AGM the following members were elected:

Chairman - Tom McKee

Secretary - George Thompson

Treasurer – Haydn Milligan

Exhibition Manager - Vacant

Committee - Denis Stewart  
David Chambers  
David Blachford  
Ken Vernon  
Paul Jackson

David Blachford was elected for the first time to committee although he had attended as the Facebook representative a role he will continue to undertake.

Dave Anderson will continue as a co-opted member to continue as the club web site administrator.

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## 2020/21 UPDATE

The NDMRS closed on 18 March 2020 due to Covid 19 and the restrictions required by the lockdown. This meant that the already planned 2020 exhibition had to be cancelled. The 2021 exhibition was also cancelled as the restrictions did not change sufficiently to allow it to be organised.

The Committee continued to meet by Zoom and in mid 2021 formulated a plan to do some alteration and a tidy up of the club rooms. The toilet block was refurbished and painted, new fire extinguishers installed, new smoke alarms fitted and emergency lights installed. I would wish to thank all those members who took part in this effort. It was due to this work being completed that at the committee meeting held on 4 August 2021 that a decision was taken to open the club for members on 30 August and for prospective new members on 6 September. I am pleased to say that nine new members joined and we welcome:

Steven Pegg	Ellen Dickson
Simon Blackburn	Ana Maire Blackburn
Kristopher Knight	Michael Cole
John Eaglesham	Derek Smyth
Mark Kernohan	

Other changes made were to always have a variety of layouts available for members to use. On display are N, OO & O gauge layouts and work continues on a new OO gauge layout that will be both DC & DCC controlled/

During the year our Treasurer and Exhibition Manager stood down and we thank Derek Carter for carrying our both of these roles over a number of years. I'm pleased to report that Haydn Milligan accepted the role of Treasurer and was formally elected at the AGM. Unfortunately the position of Exhibition Manager has not yet been filled. Please consider putting your name forward

## EXHIBITION 2022

We hope that the 2022 exhibition might be able to be organised as the Bangor Grammar School have agreed to place us in the diary for 23 & 24 April (TBC).

In the absence of an Exhibition Manager the Committee will continue to plan for attendees Traders, Exhibitors and demonstrations. If we can get this organised we would hope to have the exhibition on 23-24 April 2022 in Bangor Grammar School.

## OLD WEB SITE



The old web site will be switched off when the new site is activated.

The new site is now live. Let us know what you think of the layout and contents.

Dave Anderson is continuing to put items onto the web site over the next weeks. I hope you will be able to keep up to date with club news and events.

The web address has changed to:

[www.ndmrs.org.uk](http://www.ndmrs.org.uk)

All information to be included on the web should be given to Dave Anderson. It is expected that the site will be available to advertise the forth-coming exhibition and together with our Facebook page attract new members.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society has plans to attend any exhibitions that may be organised by clubs both in Northern & Southern Ireland.

The dates and operator requirements will be placed on the notice board as we get them.

**You will be needed at these events**

**Please sign up when the notice appears.**



If you have enjoyed this copy of

## POINTS

Please let us know. We will also be interested in what you would like to see in future issues, and how often **POINTS** should be produced.

A note to all budding journalists:

Articles for the next issue and subsequent issues should be sent to the Chairman. Items such as:

- New projects
- Layouts
- Weathering stock
- Auto Couplers
- Kit building

And any others you may think of will be welcome.



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