

# At the Club

## An occasional series of words and pictures featuring the Hoddesdon Model and Railway Club.

As mentioned elsewhere on this web site, the club moved to the present premises in 2008 and as a relatively new member (2/3 years) the transformation of the area, best described as neglected when the club arrived, is something all members should be proud of and the work continues, most recently the club house extension.

And in the club house is an array of layouts.



Please heed this important notice



Two members operating (playing with) the 'OO' gauge layout. One is drinking tea as well, what we call 'multi tasking!'



Small and perfectly formed, the 'N' gauge layout, of course. (work in progress)



'Thomas the Tank Engine'© for the younger budding railway modeller.

*Meanwhile, outside there is an extensive 'garden railway'.*



The gauge of this railway is 45mm and this allows the running of many different scale rolling stock. The picture on the left shows a 16mm/ft gas fired steam locomotive which is gauge adjustable, that is 45mm and 32mm. Not radio controlled so is free running, not too fast so the operator can get to the engine if need be.



Steam loco's can be radio controlled as can battery electric and can have all the bells and whistles required. Of course, two rail electric is accommodated and some members have large models of US locomotives with long trains to haul. Impressive! Also outside is an oval of 'O' gauge track (32mm) for those with 7mm/ft stock. There is a signal box (work in progress) to shelter if the weather becomes inclement, for the hardy souls who don't mind if their stock gets wet if it rains. IF it rains?!

If you are interested in model boats there is a small boating pond to sail or sink your masterpiece.

Work has been carried out to improve this facility and pictured is Barry, a long standing member (no jokes about get him a chair)

John has been helping, I believe, but which John I'm not sure. The club seems to have attracted several Johns.

