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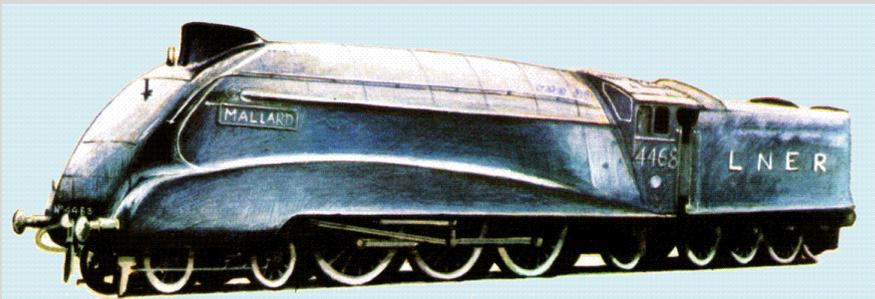
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## Editorial

Winter is but a distant memory in the northern hemisphere and depending upon where you are, spring will definitely have arrived and in my case in the Mediterranean, it is already early summer.

This second 2015 edition of The **Silver Jubilee** newsletter, is about getting the most out of the Live Steam website and coverage of the various shows and exhibitions that your committee have attended to “show and tell” other modellers about Hornby Live Steam.

Have you been to one of the many model and scale rail shows where the Live Steam club has had a stand?



If not, and if you live within a reasonable striking distance of one, why not come along, meet the team and enjoy the

atmosphere

On Page 4 Richard Schoenewolf has written about the Alexandra Palace exhibition at the end of March.

There are still more taking place later this year. Do come along – you will be made most welcome.

We still need more articles for the newsletter. After the appeal in the January issue, two articles appeared in our “In Box”, but that is barely enough to keep the newsletter ticking over.

Why not tell us about how you have used your Live Steam models over the summer? You do not have to be a great author, as we can help. But it would be nice to include some snippets, with photographs for the next edition, which by the way, will be coming to you in September. So please, *get writing!*

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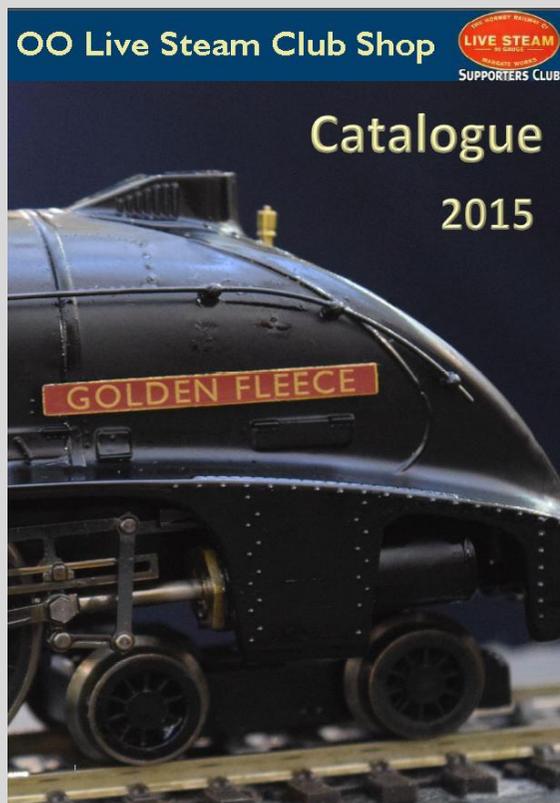
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The OO Live Steam Shop went live at the start of April.

At the October 2014 AGM it was unanimously agreed that the club should set up an OO Live Steam Club shop as a vehicle to bring together into one location the various items being sourced and produced by individual club members.

Nick Beard was appointed Shop Manager with the remit to organise, run and maintain the shop and its contents.

To reduce overheads the shop will have an online presence, via the OO Live Steam Club website Club Members Area. The shop will be only available to Club Members, to enable them to obtain specific and named items related to the upkeep and running of their OO Live Steam locomotives.

The OO Live Steam website forums and the OO Live Steam club are two separate entities so please be aware that to access the Club Members Area you must be both a registered member of the club and have a valid forum username and login.

If you are not a forum member and would like access please go to this link <http://oolivesteam.com//Forums/> and then select the "Join the Forums button".

You will need to provide a username and password, along with the same email address registered with the club. Once you have joined the forum please contact me again with your new username and I will update our records and enable your access to the new section. Once access has been granted first log into the forum and then access the Club Members Area.

For those members who do not wish to join the forum a link to the shop catalogue is included below:

## [OO Live Steam Club Shop Catalogue](#)

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I was dropped off at the station by my other half, to get the train up to London at 7:42 there were just a couple of people in front of me getting their tickets. It was still a little dark but light was getting better. The train rumbled into the station and I climbed aboard.

There were not too many people on the train so I found a seat and made myself comfortable. The train was a fairly quick one up to London. When we got to town, I made my way across the metropolis by tube and overground rail. I walked up the hill from Alexandra Palace station to the 'Ally Pally' noting the stream of people climbing the hill and taking in the view of London as they do.

I rang Maurice Rourke who was going to meet me at the entrance and show me to the exhibition stand. As I had never met him before he said that he would be wearing a pair

of orange trousers, these I saw heading towards me at a great rate of knots from the exhibition halls. There were a lot of people in the entrance hall queuing to get tickets and walking down the short corridor to the exhibition halls. It was only just gone 10.00 and the halls were fairly full when I arrived. I introduced myself to Nick Beard who was busy selling a water tester to one of the punters.

The stand looked very impressive as I walked round it to have a look at the model trains that were going round with many people looking on and asking questions.

I noted that there was a gentleman sitting at a table with an A3 running on a rolling road.



His name was Jimmy Whitehouse and he was showing exhibition visitors how the loco was put on the bed and had to warm up for 7 to 9 minutes before it could be run.

Maurice had to go and get another visitor from the entrance and when he arrived I was introduced to the inventor of 00 Live Steam Mr Richard Hallam, who immediately took off his coat and got into the track area and started to set up some locos.



Adrian Campbell (our Chairman) along and together with Chris Oakes were at hand to talk to and to give help and instruction to the visitors to our stand.

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Some locos needed running repairs during the day and Chris coped with them expertly.



The track of course needed cleaning during the day and Charles Leekham stepped up to the mark and did the job with ease. George

James was also keeping locos running round and well steamed up.



We also had a visit from a Hornby Representative, namely Hanna, who we gave the chance to try to run a loco for herself and see how it's done.



But the best bit was to see the children take a keen interest in live steam and it wasn't only boys!



The day started to come to a close and people began to make their way home, it was 17:00 and I said my 'goodbyes' and followed the crowd back down the hill to the station. There were lots of people going home, I spoke to some as to what they thought of the exhibition, and they were mostly very impressed. They had things to say on all aspects of the experience.

The train I was catching was the 18:45 to Tunbridge Wells. This was full of people who had been to the City for the day. They had all been to different places for different reasons, but few were as interesting as the 'Ally Pally'.

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The Festival of British Railway Modelling, was back in it's original home in Doncaster again in 2015.

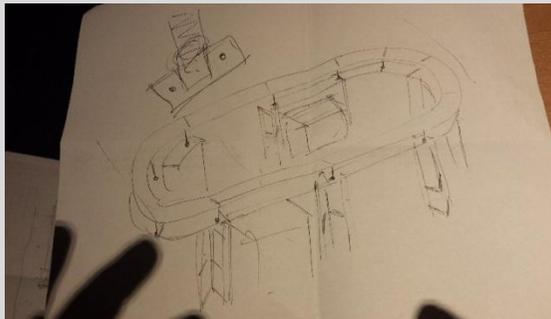
For those who don't know, it takes place in the Doncaster Racecourse exhibition Centre.

As in previous years the roadshow was located on the first floor of the Lazarus stand, right in front of the bar (not open). Although a good position for the stand, the fact that it not in the main hall does reduce the total number of people passing by, but on the plus side this does mean that we have a steady flow rather than being "swamped".

Unfortunately the space is very restricted for the Driver Training but as can be seen in the photo it is still fascinating for young and old.



For the operating team part of the fun is the Saturday night gathering and on this occasion the time was put to good use refining the plans for the new Mark VI Roadshow.



Over the weekend Eric's modified locos were all given a good run so that our visitors



could see a variety of locomotives, both running and on display. This is a "Bluetooth" modified A4.



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Following another outing of the 00 Live Steam exhibition, Chris Oakes received the following email:

We would like to thank you and your members for supporting the recent London Model Engineering Exhibition and making it a tremendous success.

We fully appreciate the hard work that happens at club/association level in the months leading up to the exhibition, let alone on the day so please pass on our thanks to everyone involved, without whom the exhibition simply could not be presented.

Last week's exhibition was a great success with over 14,000 visitors enjoying the 1,500 models and many attractions on offer. Our attendance was 8% up from our 2014 figures

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which is a great result and this is why the exhibition is regarded by many as the leading show of its kind in terms of size, content and attendance. As I am sure you are aware we secured coverage in many national newspapers and also featured significantly in 'The One Show' on BBC1 on Friday evening.

56 clubs, societies and displays attended the exhibition and competed to win the prestigious Society Shield voted for by the clubs and societies themselves. The winner was Harrow & Wembley Society of Model Engineers followed by St Albans & District Model Engineering Society in second place and Surface Warship Association and Hanwell & District Model Society in joint third place.

On top of this, 55 key suppliers attended the exhibition offering special previews and promotions which gave hobbyists an excellent opportunity to see and compare products under one roof.



## What next?

There are still three more exhibitions where the club will be this year, so if you can, why not come along?

Chatham and District Model Railway Club  
Saturday 13th June 2015 – Sunday 14th June 2015

Medway Park Leisure Centre  
Mill Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 1HF

The National Festival of Railway Modelling  
Saturday 17th October 2015 to Sunday 18th October 2015

East of England Showground, Peterborough,  
PE2 6XE

The Warley National Model Railway Exhibition  
Saturday 28th November 2015 to Sunday 29th November 2015

Hall 5 at National Exhibition Centre,  
Birmingham B40 1NT

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## Website Wonders revealed.....

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'oolivesteam.com'. The website has a dark blue header with the title 'OO Live Steam Club' and the tagline 'Supporting Hornby OO Live Steam and its community'. A left-hand navigation menu lists various sections: Aims & Objectives, News, Roadshow Events, Getting Started, Maintenance, Newsletters, Forums, Photos, Member's Layouts, Become a Club Member, and Club Members Area. The main content area features a 'Welcome' section with a video player showing a young boy operating a model train. Below the video, there is text inviting volunteers and providing contact information. The footer contains contact details, copyright information, and a logo for 'LIVE STEAM 00 GAUGE MARGATE WORKS SUPPORTERS CLUB'. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 19:22 on 05/05/2015.

### OO Live Steam Club

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### Welcome

Welcome to the OO Live Steam Club.

Our newly formed club is the product of a unique gathering of like minded individuals who have discovered and appreciate this technically brilliant, highly innovative, uniquely charming, far sighted addition to the engine shed of Hornby manufacturing excellence.

Our roadshow can be seen at exhibitions across the country - *bring your loco along for a test run!* To find out where we will be see our full list of future [meetings](#).



The OO Live Steam Club is free to join and we invite volunteers with particular skills to join the committee. We also need volunteers to help build the Club layout and arrange and run local Roadshows.

If you think you can help the Club grow please contact us at one of the addresses below.

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## Some information about our website

Are you a Reader or a Scanner; a Clicker or a Scroller; a Lurker or a Speaker? Have you ANY idea what I am talking about even?

Let me explain. In the science of conversion mechanics, which is the study of how users interact with websites, these are some of the different personality types of website users.

Have you visited the club website recently? If you have, it will have been for one of three reasons, perhaps a Surfing or Browsing visit, to see what is new; a Research visit to search for something specific; or perhaps a Focused visit to use the new web shop.

If you haven't visited, it may be because you find the website a little intimidating or hard to understand and navigate, or you might not be sure of where to find things.

Not everyone wants or needs to understand websites, but what I will do in this article is to try and demystify the club website and make it easier, especially for those members who are infrequent users, to use this wonderful resource and to find what you are looking for.

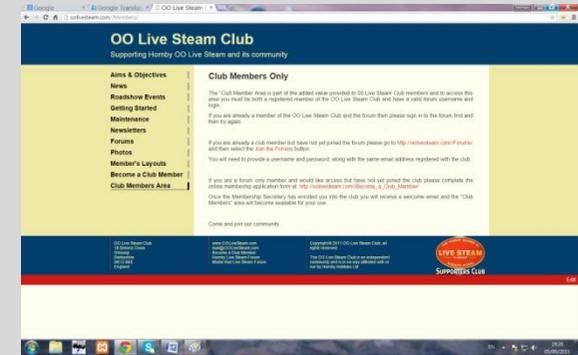
Knowledge and understanding of the Wonderful Worldwide Web varies considerably, so I apologise in advance if I am being overly simplistic, but as a trainer and instructor, I know I have to work at the speed of the slowest and use words that everyone will (hopefully) understand! I have made the page links "clickable", so all you have to do is use a left mouse click to open the linked page.

When you enter the web address of the club site - <http://oolivesteam.com/> - into your browser, the first page you reach is the landing page or welcome screen.



If you have saved or bookmarked a favourite pages, for example the [club members area](#), the address will look like this - [www.oolivesteam.com/members/](http://www.oolivesteam.com/members/) - and unless you are a registered member AND are logged in you will be invited to join.

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For historical reasons you may be only a member of the Forums (you have not registered as a club member), or you may be a club member but have never joined the forums. This page tells you what to do next.



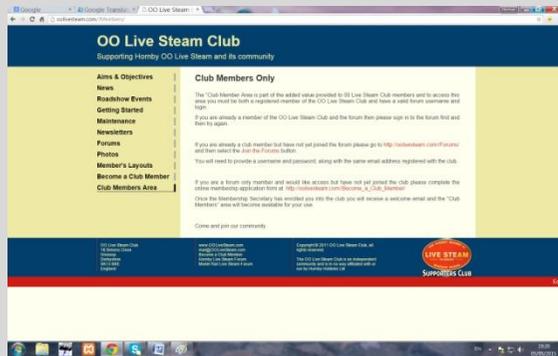
If you have a password, enter it in the box and if you want your computer to remember the password, enable the blue tick in the box, then click enter.

You will then be transported to the forums page.

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Now click on Club Members Area, at the bottom of the left menu, and a sub menu will expand. Login with your email address and password, or if you are not a registered member, complete the application form.

Supposing you already have a password and have logged in, you now have access to all these areas, which are only available to registered members of the club.



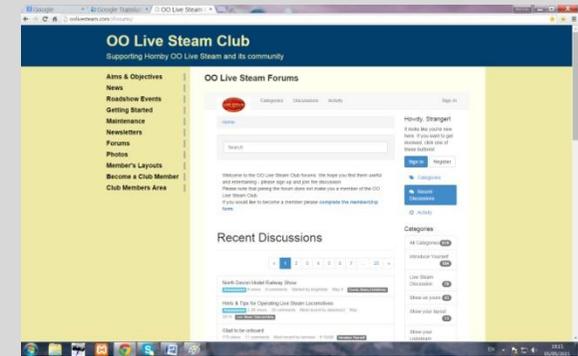
Copies of all issues of the newsletter are here. Some of the headings have an additional menu level, for example the Show & Tell Section.



I am not going to go through every heading, rather I will let you explore and find things for yourself. I would encourage you to do so though, as there are vast amounts of useful and interesting items about Live Steam. Troubleshooting is one heading to look at, if you think your loco is perhaps not running as well as it used to,



The OO Live Steam Forums is a good place to browse and find out what other members are up to and news from the committee.



I do have a confession to make though. I am a confirmed "Lurker". I seldom write or post anything on any of the forums I belong to, not just OO Live Steam. This is because if I have nothing of value to say, I say nothing! But I do look regularly and I am constantly amazed by the knowledge of our members, which is far and away above my own meagre knowledge of the subject.

I would again encourage you to join the forums if you are not already a member, and to look regularly if you are. My experience is that if you ask a question, you will receive a prompt and knowledgeable answer very quickly.

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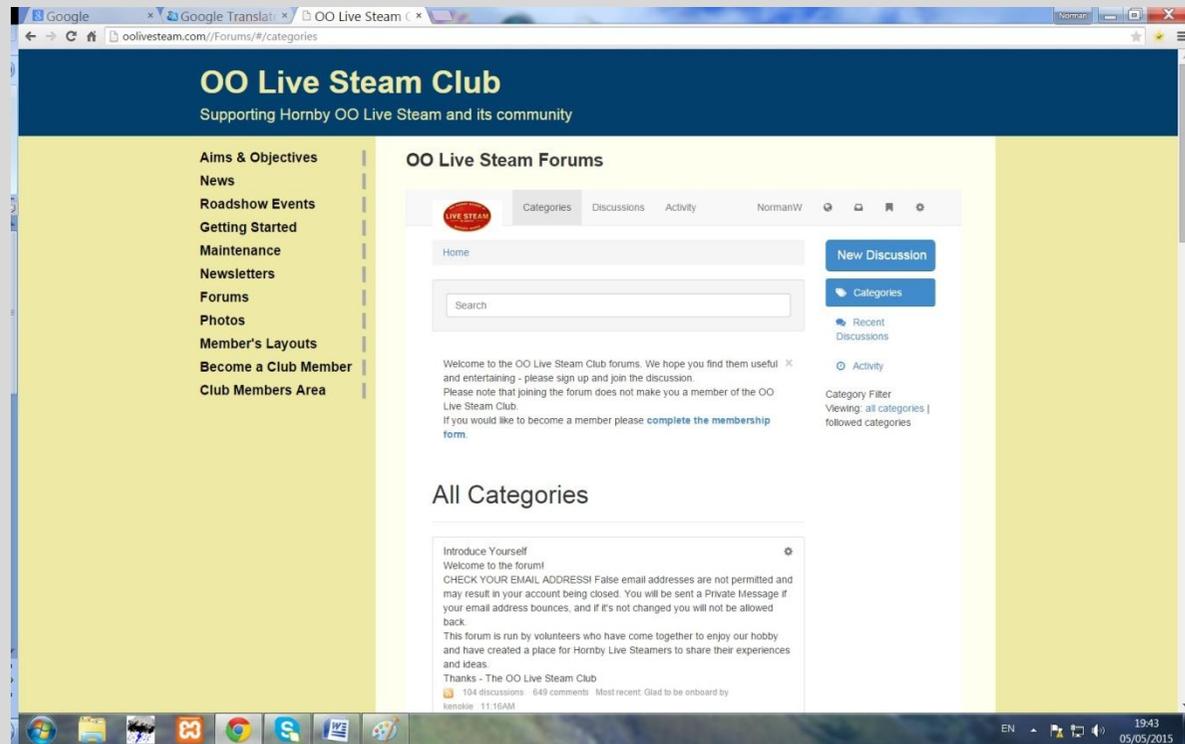
Whilst some web forums have developed to be very "cliquish" and are places where new members, often referred to as Newbie's", are treated with a degree of disdain, the OO Live Steam forum is NOT such a place.

There are two sayings which come to mind. One I recall from many years ago is "It's better to be thought a fool and say nothing, rather than open your mouth and remove all doubt", however I profoundly disagree with this. As a commercial pilot, in aviation, we say "The only stupid question, is the one which isn't asked".

We encourage questions, because someone may have spotted something you have missed. The same applies to the OO Live Steam Forum.

Ask the question, because **a)** Someone will probably know the answer, even if it appears to be simple and **b)** It might be so simple, the answer has been overlooked.

There is a "search" facility, where you enter the word or term you are looking for in the box, and press the |Enter| button on your computer keyboard.



This short article (OK, with the screen shots it has taken up a few pages) is not intended to be an in depth instructional guide to the website, rather it is an overview of how to access the different areas and some of the many different pages. If you would like some one-to-one help, drop an email to us at [silverjubilee 'at' hvar-digital.com](mailto:silverjubilee@hvar-digital.com)

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## Afterthoughts.....

### How to drive Silver Fox

A vintage railway film to be enjoyed  
[Click here to watch](#)

Rumour has it that he will be invited to the 2016 event!



Or click anywhere on the photo above

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## Breakfast with Chris Evans!

This was posted on the [Model Railways Live](#) website following the Festival of British Railway Modelling in Doncaster this year.

Renowned broadcaster Chris Evans gave a mention to his audience on the BBC2 Breakfast Show about the exhibition.

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