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Hastings Tramways Club

ROTHER VALLEY RAILWAY OPEN DAY

On Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April, Rother Valley railway held an open day along with a model railway exhibition held over the road in the Ostrich Pub. The Open day was a great success for both the RVRSA and the Hastings Tramways Club. The model railway exhibition held at the same time as the open day, featured our tramway layout "Hastings Tramways" in its new rebuilt form. Over the past two months some of the members have been rebuilding "Hastings Tramways". It was still not quite finished but we thought that it would be worth displaying anyway. Also Oliver Boorman Humphrey's "Rural Tramways" appeared at the exhibition. Many people enquired about the Hastings Tramways club and the Bexhill events which hopefully promoted our club and future events.



Hastings Tramways in its new modified form at the RVRSA model railway exhibition.

THE OVAL BUS RALLY

On the 21st May, our club held a stall at the Oval bus rally. Although the day was very wet and windy, the day was still a great success. At the beginning of the day, we had a very difficult job putting up the gazebo battling the wind and rain. We had to chain the gazebo to the fence with three ropes just to keep it on the ground! Throughout the day we had to add more ropes and put the front panels on the gazebo to keep out the weather. Although, many people still visited the Bus rally and we did a lot of trade as many people came in to our gazebo to escape the weather. We managed to raise £54.60 on the "Pick-a-ticket" game, £19.35 from sales and £1.30 in donations. This gives us a total of £75.25 which is pretty

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good for an awful day. Thanks go to Roy, Derek, Chris, Oliver, Alan and Mary for helping on the stall. Thanks also go to Howard and his wife for helping to put up and taking down the gazebo.



Our stall at the Oval Bus rally.

COMING TRAMWAY EVENTS 2006

29th July 2006 Our Club's mini tram will be taking part in the Bexhill Carnival

30th July 2006 Centenary celebrations of Hastings Tramways in Bexhill.

6th August 2006 The club is holding a stall at the Hooe vintage car rally

12th August 2006

- The club is holding a stall at the Crowhurst summer fayre
- The Club will be having their model tramway layout (Hastings Tramways) at the Bexhill Model Railway Club's Exhibition

October 2006 Stalls at Hillcrest (Family History) and William Parker (craft fair).

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next open meeting will be held on Thursday 31st August 2006 at 8pm at the R.A.F.A. Club, Wellington Sq. Hastings

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