

RH&DR MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

The Model Railway Exhibition has a comprehensive section devoted to the history of the Railway and the surrounding area, and provides a fascinating insight into the Railway's involvement in the Second World War and the Post War years. Whether it was in the building of the Sound Mirrors at Lade, the PLUTO Pipe Line at Dungeness or guarding the Kent Coast with the Armoured Train, this section of the Model Railway Exhibition provides a rich and useful educational resource to schools in particular, but is there to be enjoyed by all. Thanks must go to the RH&DR Association Heritage Group for supplying the words and pictures for this section of the exhibition.



RH&DR 1940s MUSEUM

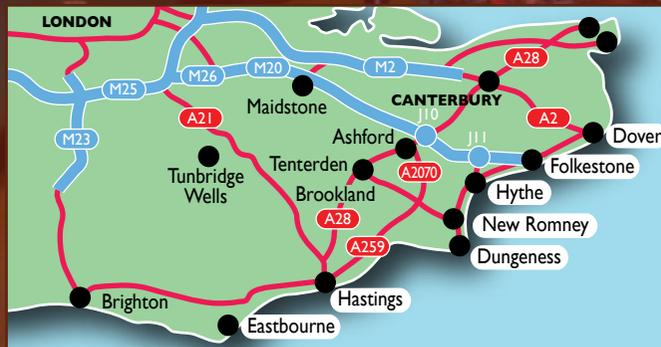
Make your way down the platform at New Romney Station and you will discover the 1940s Museum which houses a fascinating collection of photographs, posters and memorabilia from WW2. The RH&DR was requisitioned by the War Department and the line was used to transport troops along the coast. Take a seat and watch a short film of the famous Armoured Train in action, and then step outside to view the replica. The Railway was re-opened again in March 1947 by Laurel and Hardy amidst a huge amount of publicity, and you can view photographs taken on that day in the Museum.



Why not consider joining one of our 1940s Guided Tours and learn more about the contribution the railway made in WW2 from our resident historian. Just check the Diary of Events within our current Timetable for tour dates. Other dates may be available to group organisers. Please discuss your requirements with our sales team or email groups@rhdr.org

WHERE TO FIND OUR MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

The Model Railway Exhibition is situated at New Romney Station, 35 minutes on one of our world-famous steam trains from the Cinque Port town of Hythe, and 30 minutes from Dungeness, which is a National Nature Reserve. Open every day that service trains are running. Opening and closing times depend on the service in operation. The 1940s Museum is also situated at New Romney Station. Opening times are seasonal so please check the Timetable or our website.



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RAILWAY



Experience the world-famous miniature trains for yourself!

RH&DR and Our Model Railway

- Possibly the largest and certainly the busiest operational model railway in England.
- Interactive exhibits.
- Local history and its connection with the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway.
- At least one cabinet changing throughout the year with up-to-date themes.
- A wide selection of scale model trains.
- A selection of headboards used throughout the years.
- Model and second-hand book shop.

If you visited the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway anytime between the late 1940s and the early 1970s you will remember the railways Model Land.

Indeed you will still be able to see several small gauge steam locomotives, examples of different gauge model railway sets and some of the trains that used to run around the old museum on the original 'O' gauge layout.

When that Model Railway became worn out it was changed to (at the time) the more modern 'HO' gauge system that still survives today.

37 YEARS OLD AND STILL GOING STRONG

The construction of this 'HO' model railway started in 1973, and took around five years to complete, first running for the public in May 1978.

It has continued to run ever since, still maintaining its non-computer-aided system devised from the start. The layout runs between five and nine hours a day for around 270 days each year! Quite an amazing feat for something that is 37+ years old.



RECENTLY REFURBISHED

Recently the museum has undergone a refurbishment and now provides a light and airy space in which to view all the exhibits and layouts.



Further interactive push button have been added and are still being added. Items like the 'Boy with his head through the railings' and the 'Girl flying a kite' provide great entertainment for or younger visitors. At present there are anything between 18 and 23 trains running at any one time, with other trains sequencing in and out throughout the day. Occasionally the famous "rat" may even make an appearance!

