

Club Information

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Les Pace (Chair Person)
Colin Tarry (Treasurer)
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Meeting Time: 19:30—22:00
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Club Subscription Rates

Club membership runs from the first Wednesday in August or part of the calendar year, and ALL expire on the last calendar day of July, becoming due for renewal on the first Wednesday in August. Membership £35 per year (with reduced rates on a pro rata basis if joining in or after November. Additionally there are reduced rates for junior and senior citizen members).

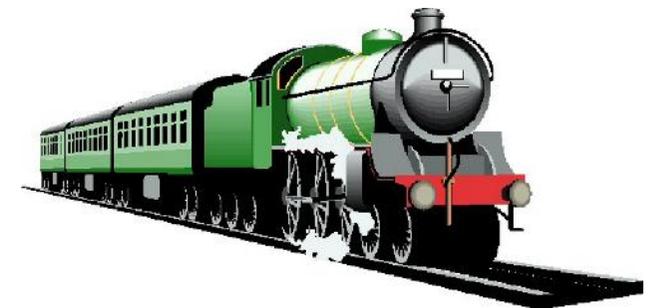
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Between the Lines



Newsletter



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Rules for Club Night Attendance

- Please park your vehicle with consideration for the flat occupants when parking outside the Kingsthorpe Community Centre.
- If you make a drink, please wash your cup/spoon up afterwards. Please wipe up any spillages.
- Have you paid your subs? The money is mainly used to pay our Wednesday night hall rental, plus the cost of drinks and biscuits. £1 per person please.
- Please put away any tools, layouts, tables and chairs you've used at the end of the evening.
- A clear passage way MUST be maintained in the entrance lobby area as an emergency exit. Also please keep ALL other emergency exits accessible at ALL times.
- Please sign in at each attendance. This ensures we know who to account for in the event of an emergency evacuation.

Current membership :	6	Junior Members
(correct at time of going to press)	29	Senior Members

NOTICE BOARD



TOMBOLA

Stuart Barker has very kindly agreed to store any items for the 2013 Exhibition Tombola for us.

Will members please bring in a small prize gift each month for the Club Tombola. Keep an eye out for any supermarket special offers for example. A prize should be worth at least £1, be new or in very good condition and if perishable be 'in-date' by the end of July 2013.

Please give your items to Stuart Barker

Emergency Call

Bernard has sent in this item that he heard about.

An Emergency Call Centre worker in London has been dismissed from her job, much to the dismay of colleagues.

It seems a male caller dialled 999 from a mobile phone stating, "I am depressed and lying here on a railway track. I am waiting for the train to come so I can finally meet my maker."

Apparently "remain calm and stay on the line" was not considered to be an appropriate or correct response.....

RICHARD INSLEY

For those of you who do not know, it is with sadness that we have learnt of the passing of Richard Insley. He passed away suddenly at home on 27th February 2013, aged 68 years. Many of you will have seen him and his American layouts (I think in On30 gauge) at many of the exhibitions in our area over the years. He was usually accompanied by his wife Denyse who sat next to him demonstrating how to make model trees. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to Richard's family at this difficult time.



Right—Richard's 'Overkill' layout set in the early 1900s

Web Site of the Month



This month's web site is by David Hey. He describes his web site as "full of memories from a gentler, more innocent age when the post-war baby-boom was at its height and kids climbed trees, played hopscotch in the street and rode bikes without brakes."

The web site is a nostalgic look back to the 1950s and 60s with the emphasis being on railways. There is also a look at other facets of the time such as music, TV, radio, toys & comics to name but a few.

The URL is <http://www.davidheyscollection.com>

From the Editors Coach Window

Can all members please remember to start bringing items in for the exhibition Tombola. Stuart who is collecting the items hasn't had much in so far. Please see the note in the Notice Board section of the newsletter on page 10.



As stated in the previous newsletter, 2013 marks several anniversaries in the railway history calendar. Eighty years ago in 1933 the first Brighton Belle ran. It was withdrawn on 30th April 1972. Forty years ago in 1973 the prototype HST no 252-001 carried its first passengers (albeit invited and non-fare paying) and the first Western diesel hydraulic no D1019 Western Challenger was withdrawn from service. 1973 also saw BR lift its ban on steam specials.

Colin

Club News

Date of next Committee Meeting

This will be on Monday 3rd June 2013. If there are any items for the agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP.
Email: rjd156@btinternet.com

Club Night Test Track

This will be operational on the following dates:

15th May, 5th & 26th Jun

17th July may be exhibition planning night

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Mixing Lead Weight and Adhesives

In the April 2013 edition of the Railway Modeller there was a very interesting letter from Tony East regarding the use of lead weight in model railway vehicles and its reaction with certain adhesives. The article is concerned the problem of the swelling of lead ballast pellets mixed with PVA glue.

Tony East is a professional polymer chemist who has spent many years, both with ICI in the UK and Celanese Corporation in the USA (where they made vinyl acetate monomer). In a nutshell Tony is saying that lead reacts with PVA glue and he suggests mixing lead shot with two-part cold-cure epoxy resins as these are alkaline and shouldn't attack the lead. Tony also says that he has used Plasticine mixed with lead shot with success for years. I hope this article might take the weight off some of your minds.

At Last Its Arrived by Colin Tarry



The Dapol Western is here!. Yet unnamed, a Dapol Western sits at Anneford awaiting the off with the 1V72 (the down "Cornishman"). Dapol supply name and number plates for the blue version as D1005 Western Venturer. My model seen here will pinch its D1001 Western Pathfinder plates from a now withdrawn Heljan model.

Notes from the Committee Meeting held on Monday 15th April 2013

Club Regalia

If you haven't paid Colin Tarry for the sweat /polo shirt please do so. A new orders list is now being prepared.



Wednesday Meeting Times

For the sake of clarity, it is confirmed that the Club's booked hours on Wednesday evenings are from 7 30 to 10pm.

Exhibition 2013

25 layouts and 12 traders are now booked to attend the Exhibition on Saturday 20th July.

The Club needs lots of prizes for the Tombola. Please bring them along on Club nights and hand them to Stuart Barker. Stephen Lloyd's parents have very kindly offered to run the tombola on the day. So here's an example of an opportunity for any club member to get their family members involved on the day. We need all the help we can get.

Items for the tombola need not be anything fancy, about £1 - bars of soap, washing up liquid, bath essence, bars of chocolate, - everyday items on your shopping list, just buy an extra one for a few weeks, but he will need them by June to start putting g the numbers on the prizes, so please don't delay. Remember perishables should have a sell by date later than 20th July.

Richard Deacon Club Secretary

Local Steam on the Main Line in 2013

Up to date information can be found at this web address:
<http://www.uksteam.info/tours/trs13.htm>

There may be other steam specials in our area not listed below as the web site summary does not list every place visited.

If any of you plan to see any of the localised steam specials mentioned in this newsletter, please check the web site above for any changes to timings or routes etc.

Sat 6th April **The Buxton Spa Express**

Loco: 70013 Oliver Cromwell

London Euston-Bletchley-Bedford-Melton Mowbray-Edale-Buxton-Stockport **POSTPONED TO 25th MAY**

Tue 21st May **The Cathedrals Express**

Loco: 60163 Tornado

Banbury-Melksham-Exeter-Kingswear-Taunton-Westbury-



Kitchen Chaos

At Club on a Wednesday night we seem to have developed a situation in the kitchen area. It seems to attract members as a focal point for conversation causing congestion. The kitchen area can only be about 8 feet by 6 feet, and once five people are in there, then there isn't room to swing a tea bag.

Will members on a Wednesday night please restrict the kitchen area for the getting of one's beverage and biscuits and then return to the main hall area for consumption and conversation.

Additionally the kitchen contains an urn of boiling water so we don't want any accidents or anyone getting scolded. I wonder how many of you actually find the kitchen a magnet at home? There never seems to be anybody in there when it comes to washing up time—except Michael who ends up doing most of it!

Club Night Finishing Time

As you may have noticed recently on Wednesday evenings one of the Community Spaces caretakers is now appearing to lock up.

Under the terms of the agreement we have, we should be vacating the Kingsthorpe Community Centre by 22:00.

Will you all please note that you need to start packing up at about 21:45. If we abuse the rules then we run the risk of not being able to use the community centre in future.

As a Club we will need to tweak the times for the test track running slots. We will let you know.

Soar Valley Model Railway Club Visit and Exhibition

by Tim Amos

Les and I paid a visit up to the club rooms of the Soar Valley Model Railway on Tuesday evening the 3rd April 2013, by invitation from Nick Lang. It was a wonderful evening having a look around and meeting other members and having a real good chat with the Chairman. We were then invited to help run their new large '0' gauge layout Shawley.

On Saturday 6th April Les and I arrived at the Martin High School in Link Road Anstey, Leicester. about 9-15 in the morning. Both of us went in and made ourselves welcome, had the normal bacon roll and a brew, then started to find out how to run the layout, and slowly filling it with stock.

Immense fun was had running the layout, the general public really enjoyed it and asked the normal questions and strange ones. They was a real steady flow the general public, they seemed to have come from all over the country, as I found out when chatting to a gentleman who was in his 70's and came all the way from Liverpool just for that exhibition.

There was some N&DMRC members who came. Roger for one who made his way up by bus, and Steve turned up.

The show closed at 4pm, and we made our way back. The following day Les was unable to make Sunday so I went up on my own.

Nick Lang and his father are both members of the SVMRC, both were there on both days, and on Sunday Nicks boy Ryan even had a go at running the layout later in the afternoon. One thing that I must mention is the catering for all exhibitors, which was out of this world; top notch on both days. So a lot of praise must go to their wives and girlfriends for all the wonderful food.

The next page contains some of the pictures I took. You might recognise some of the stock.



Some photos from the SVMRC Exhibition taken by Tim Amos

