

## Club Information

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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.
- Don't create congestion in the kitchen. Please get your drink and return to the main hall.
- 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 : 8 Junior Members  
(correct at time of going to press) 30 Members

## NOTICE BOARD



### Barbara Wood

Many of you will be aware of the death of Barbara (Babs) Wood, the wife of our member Colin.

This is a very sad time for Colin and the Club sends to him our condolences for his sad loss.

Barbara's funeral was held on Monday 24th February at St. James Church, Northampton. Several members from the Club attended the funeral. A donation has been made by the Club to St James Church, the charity of Barbara's choice.

## TOMBOLA

Will members please bring in a small prize gift each month for the Club's Exhibition 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 2014.

There will be a plastic crate in our Club cupboard for tombola items to be collected and stored in.

We also need a volunteer to co-ordinate the sticking of cloakroom ticket numbers on the items and fold up matching numbers. But this does not need to be done until nearer the time. If you would like to actually do this for us then please let us know ASAP.

### Great Central Model Railway and Engineering Exhibition

As stated earlier in this newsletter this event is over the weekend of 20-22 June. As it is over 3 days, with setting up on the Thursday, we need as many Members as possible to help on a rota. Please volunteer. A few can't and won't do all the days. We would like members who help/attend to bring locos & rolling stock please, to run. We need O & OO gauge items.

## The Railway Man

by Richard Deacon

Did anyone else see "The Railway Man" at the cinema recently? I read the book about 10 years ago and is the story of Eric Lomax a young Royal Signals Officer who was captured at the fall of Singapore in the Second World War and made to work on the Burma Railway. He was very keen railway enthusiast and with a few others managed to build a radio from parts scavenged from abandoned lorries etc, plus a valve he thoughtfully removed from equipment they had to abandon in Singapore.



They were caught of course and he was accused of spying for the Chinese because he had made a map of the railway knowing that pre war, the British had planned a railway to connect with India but knew it wouldn't be built on the grounds of cost, unless slave labour was used. Irony!

His Japanese interrogators couldn't get their heads round the fact that he was a railway enthusiast and he couldn't possibly have transmitted any information to the Chinese as they had only built a receiver to listen to the BBC for news of the war.

The film is set in two eras , during the war and in 1983 , with Eric played by Colin Firth still having recurring nightmares of his torture, hatred of his interrogators and ultimate coming to terms with reconciliation and forgiveness of the man, ultimately becoming great friends when he went back to Thailand and met him on the railway. A very moving film well worth seeing.

However, as it was about a railway person, I couldn't believe the inaccuracies. In 1983 he was travelling on the West Coast line to Scotland, green diesel hauled by, I swear a Peak with maroon Mark 1s. What happened to the railway, electrified in 1974? In another scene at a station supposedly in Scotland he walked by a maroon West Coast Railway diesel, a named 37! , and no attempt to shroud it in atmospheric steam mist. In another shot beneath the Royal Border Bridge, Berwick presumably meant to be still in the early 80s, you could see the catenary on the bridge. The East Coast main line wasn't electrified that far north until the late 80s or early 90s. Was I seeing things? Or was that a rivet in the wrong place?

## From the Editors Cab Window

For the last couple of months or so page 10 has had a reference to the Tombola, for which we need a volunteer(s) to number up the items. So far no one has come forward to help. It looks like another exhibition with half a dozen of the forty people who make up the Club's membership, doing all the organising again. Will someone (or a posse) please offer to help!!!! It should only take one Wednesday evening nearer the time. *Colin*



## Club News

### Next Thursday P.M. Club Meeting

This will be on Thursday 13th March from 14:00—17:00

### Date of next Committee Meeting

This will be on Monday 31st March. If there are any items for the agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP. Email: [rjd156@btinternet.com](mailto:rjd156@btinternet.com)

### Club Night Test Track Dates

#### 2014

12th March, 2nd & 23rd April, 14th May, 4th & 25th June,  
16th July (this may be cancelled for exhibition activities), 6th & 27th August, 17th September, 8th & 29th October, 19th November and 10th December.



**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Railway Photographic & Film Evening

On Wednesday the **16th April** the Club is running another railway film evening. This event is being organised by our secretary, Richard Deacon. **On this evening there will be NO model activities.**

We intend to show various railway related video footage, some transferred from its original Cine film format onto digital media. One of the videos we hope to show is "Steam in the East Midlands" taken by the late Ian Lyman. Anyone got something they want to show?

We are listing this event as both photographic and film at this stage until our programme for the evening is finalised. What do you want to see? Blue Diesels? 1950s railway bashes? Let Richard know.



**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**

## Club Regalia—LAST ORDERS

Since we last ordered any Club regalia (polo & sweat shirts) several new members have joined the Club.

In view of this a regalia request form is now available for you to order your requirements. The form you will find out on Wednesday Club nights for completion on the kitchen bar counter. I have now had a reply from our shirt suppliers and the respective costs are:

Polo shirt	£18 each
Sweat shirt	£24 each
Fleece	£35 each

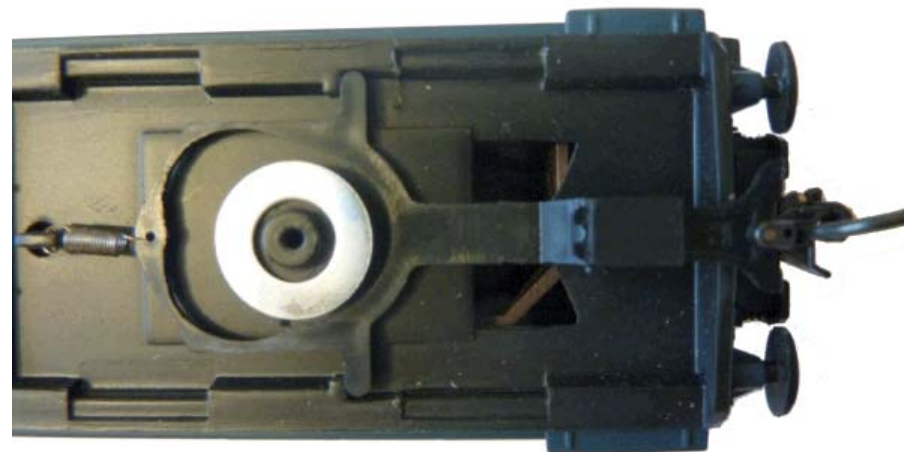
A £5 deposit will be required per item ordered



What needs to be added is a washer to sit over the raised boss on the coach chassis. I used a standard DIY store M6 washer which is just under 1mm in thickness. This will then allow the coach body to sit at the correct height above the replacement bogie. Without a washer in place the coach will derail as soon as it comes to a deviation in the track. This is because the coach body catches the top of the bogies thus restricting the coaches ability to articulate.

You could use a washer smaller than M6 but then you will need to cut away the plastic peg that is moulded into the coach body that sits in the keyed recess on the bogie. Also as the washer size decreases then generally so does its thickness. With a replacement bogie the moulded peg on the coach body no longer plays any part in restricting the bogie swivelling.

One would have thought that Bachmann would be aware of this problem and give you either two washers in the packet or manufacture the replacement bogies to the exact same pattern as the originals. But obviously that would make life too easy for us modellers.



The underside of the coach showing the M6 washer in place

## Fitting Replacement 'OO' Gauge Bachmann Coach Bogies

by Colin Tarry

No doubt you have seen in model shops the packs of Bachmann replacement coach bogies, that are sold in pairs. On the face of it you would think that the replacement would be a direct swap out with the factory fitted ones; well it isn't (as I found out). Nothing seems straight forward in this hobby.

The factory fitted bogies have a raised boss section where they are fixed and pivoted to the coach. There is also a matching boss on the coach body. This boss makes sure that the coach body sits at the correct height above the bogie. The replacement bogies DO NOT have the raised boss on them. They do however have the cut out keyed section which limits turning lock (which as you read on you will see becomes redundant anyway).

The differences between the bogies can be seen in the two photos below. The right hand is the original and the left hand the replacement.



## N&DMRC—Financial Position

Since the increase in the hire charges of the Kingsthorpe Community Centre, the weekly income from the attendance subs are no longer covering the Club's costs. In fact we are now making a loss each month, which is not sustainable. To this end we now have to find new income streams and cost savings. The following are some thoughts as to how these can be achieved; to which we want YOUR thoughts.

- Increase the weekly attendance subs
- Increase the annual membership fee
- Discontinue the supplying of biscuits at weekly meetings—we supply beverages only. We currently spend over £200 p.a. on biscuits!
- Have a car boot sale
- Club buys a weekly National Lottery ticket
- Members donate their unwanted model railway items for sale with proceeds to Club funds
- Members sell their unwanted model railway items on Club nights with 10% going to Club funds
- Investment of the Clubs capital into an income earning non-risk scheme
- Any requests that the Club receives to sell model railway layouts/items from third parties to Club members or other third parties pays 10% of income to Club funds

The Clubs current financial position is good and we have enough funds to keep us going for a good while yet. However our cash reserves are not bottomless and the sooner we act the less severe our remedies will need to be in the future. If any of our members have their own ideas then please let a committee member know.

**Colin Tarry    Treasurer**

## Notes from the Committee Meeting held on Monday 24th February 2014



### 2014 Exhibition

The 20 layouts booked are confirmed to attend the Exhibition on Saturday 19th July, other planning for it is progressing.

### Film Night

The date has had to be moved to Wednesday 16th April 2014.

### Financial Position

Following the recent hike in hall hire fees, the club nightly subs are not covering the costs of hall hire and refreshments and is a continuing drain on reserves, the average monthly loss is now nearly £10 with the aggregated loss to date over £60. We will be reducing the amount we spend on biscuits for a start, but an increase in the weekly sub cannot be far away. The more that is spent on refreshments and hall hire, the less available for layouts. Other ideas for increasing income include a car boot sale and an internal sale of surplus members railway items with a proportion going to the Club. See page 4 for more details.

### Great Central Model Railway and Engineering Exhibition

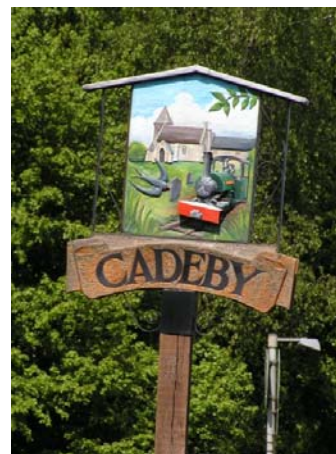
The Club will be attending the above event over the weekend of 20-22<sup>nd</sup> June. We are taking the test track. See page 10 for more details

Richard Deacon      Club Secretary

# HOMWORK



## Last Month



The village of Cadeby is in North Leicestershire. Why does the village sign have the image of a narrow gauge locomotive carved into the sign? The late Rev Teddy Boston, former Rector of the Parish of Cadeby in Leicestershire, in common with many other men of the cloth was a railway enthusiast. During his time at Cadeby he built up a collection of narrow gauge railway equipment, railway mania and model railways. Following his death in 1986, his widow maintained the collection, holding regular open days to raise funds for the adjacent church. Teddy Boston and his Cadeby Light Railway certainly has made an impression on the village of Cadeby, to the extent of including the church and his loco Pixie in the village sign, located on the A447.

Club member Nigel Smith replied *"I was delighted to see a photo of the village sign from one of my old stomping grounds. Cadeby was the home of the great, late Rev Teddy Boston, who built a wonderful 2ft gauge line in the rectory garden to accommodate his much loved loco 'Pixie' which he purchased from Cranford Quarry in 1962. The second Saturday of the month was always looked forward to, and if I could persuade my father to drive a group of excitable teenagers over to enjoy copious amount of rides on the line, I suddenly became very popular. Teddy sadly passed away in 1986, the railway carried on until 2005 when the line was taken up and all equipment sold to the Moseley Railway Trust and Apedale Community Country Park when his widow moved away from Cadeby. Teddy also built a large 00 layout, which is still operated today by his friends. I believe Pixie is now at the Leighton Buzzard Railway."*

## This Month (A question from Mick Mumford)

In which year did the 10.00am Scotch express from Kings Cross acquire the name Flying Scotsman ?