

Club Information

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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).

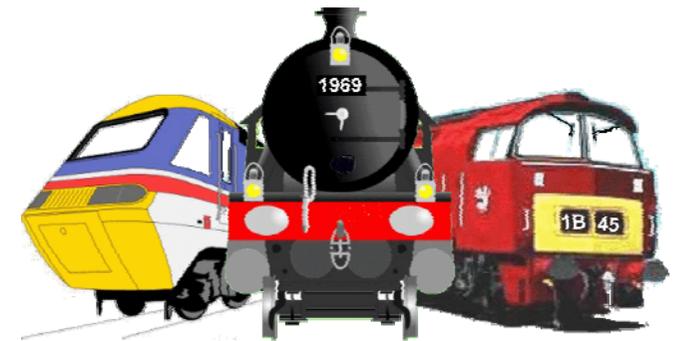
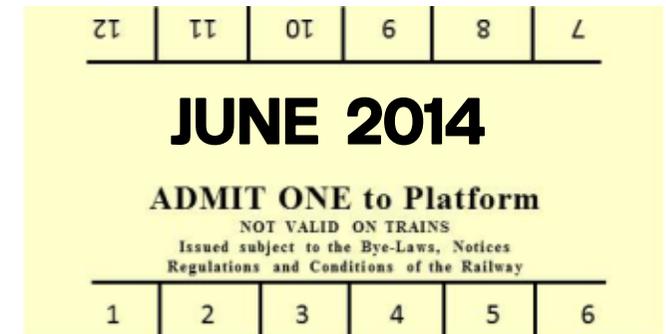
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Between the Lines



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.
- 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. £1.50 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 : 9 Junior Members
(correct at time of going to press) 32 Members

NOTICE BOARD



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 more volunteers to help 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.

13 November (Sat) NORTHAMPTON, Northants.

Model Railway Exhibition presented by Northampton & District Model Railway Club.

Duston Upper School, Berrywood Road, Northampton, NN5 6XA.

1000-1700. Adults £3.00, Senior Citizens & Children £2.00, Family £6.50. At least ten working layouts and trade stands invited. Refreshments available. Onsite car parking; disabled access with help. Tel: 01604 582002. lespace@ntlworld.com

From the November 2004 Railway Modeller—10 years ago. Who's this Les Pace?

Found in the May 1983 edition of the Railway Modeller

CHANGES OF SECRETARY

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

The Sec. is now: P. Marlow, Thornton Park, Kingsthorpe, Northampton.

Snippets from the past



The Peter Escott Collection

This month Club member Peter Escott shares with us some more of his photos from his many travels visiting various railway haunts and special events.



Left—On 24th March 2013 former GWR Manor no 7802 *Bradley Manor* is prepared for its next trip. Seen here at Bishops Lydeard on the West Somerset Railway. One of the crew finds some light work. I think he's got a bright future.



No. 6046 was built as works no.70280 by the Baldwin Locomotive Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, and the locomotive was exported straight to France in 1945 to help with the war effort. Once her use with the French SNCF came to an end many S160s were scrapped though 6046 found her way to Hungary. No 6046 is seen here at Minehead on the West Somerset Railway on 23rd March 2013.

From the Editors Cab Window

As many of you will now by now, The Loco Centre in Wellingborough is under new management. In this newsletter I have got them to do an article about themselves.



Don't forget to come and see our Test Track being operated at the Great Central Railway Model weekend between 20th to 22nd June at Quorn station. *Colin*

Club Torque

New Members

The Clubs welcomes the following new members: -
Chris Odell and Nicholas Hindson (junior)

Next Thursday P.M. Club Meeting

This will be on Thursday 12th June from 14:00—17:00

Date of next Committee Meeting

This will be on Monday 23rd June. If there are any items for the agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP. Email: rjd156@btinternet.com

Club Night Test Track Dates

2014

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

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Since March 4th this year the shop has been taken over by new owners, Julian, James and Rosemary Franks. This is a new venture for all of us.

Julian, an engineer by trade, was in the shop frequently before this as he is an N gauge railway modeller. He has also made many kits in his youth. James enjoys remote control helicopters, and building with Lego as well as some computer gaming. He has a degree in computing. Rosemary's early training was in shop work, but she has also spent a number of years working with children, and loves Lego too!

We want to make the shop a welcoming place to be. The kettle is often heard to be boiling. Some of you must have a radar system which enables you to pop in to the shop as soon as the kettle has boiled! There have been a few changes since we have taken over the shop. A stand of Noch and Preiser figures has been introduced. The range of glues is increasing. The scenics have also expanded. These changes have proved to be very popular.

There are also other plans to increase the range, including DCC Concepts, foam board, more track etc. This process has been a steep learning curve as we are finding out what our customers want. Thank you for your patience as we sometimes get things wrong.

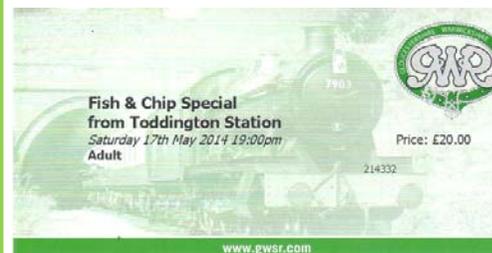
The shop has some super reps, who have been really supportive and encouraging in these early days. But even better are our customers. Never a dull moment with some! Laughter, and insults can often be heard. Our customers are often heard helping each other with advice too. When you get all ages talking to each other about their experiences it makes for a good shopping experience. Please feel free to pop in to see what we have. You will be very welcome.



www.thelococentre.co.uk

The Cheltenham Fryer

by Colin Tarry



On the Saturday evening of May 17th we participated in the Fish & Chip Special run on the Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway. We weren't quite sure what to expect either from a travel facilities point of view or how the food its self would be served. I had conjured up in my mind, bearing in mind that this event started at 19:00, that the train would consist of two coaches being pulled by some small loco like a Prairie tank. Oh how wrong I was. The train consisted of about nine coaches and was fully booked. The loco to pull our train was no 7820 *Dinmore Manor*.



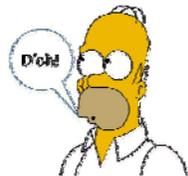
7820 Dinmore Manor waits at Toddington to be coupled up to the Cheltenham Fryer.

The journey of the Cheltenham Fryer begins at Toddington and runs down to Cheltenham Race Course calling at Winchcombe only. Once we arrived at Cheltenham there was about a half hour wait which included time for the fish and chips to be brought aboard. The railway provide a plastic knife and fork plus a dish of various condiments and sauces. The fish and chips come in the usual polystyrene container we see everywhere today. The return journey takes us to far as the line currently goes—Laverton. At Laverton the loco ran around its train and returned us to Toddington just after 21:30. The cost was £20 per person which included the train fare and the fish and chips. Drinks were extra but were very reasonably priced.

Capturing Those Amusing Aspects of Life



The editor took this picture at Kidderminster station on the Severn Valley Railway back in July 2011.



Old Oak Common in 1983 — empty Mk 1 stock had been propelled out of the carriage shed and passed a signal at danger.



Bernard Kelly has sent in this picture of a US fire truck with its hoses across the railway track. So they've got a good knowledge of how a railway vehicle runs on the rails—NOT

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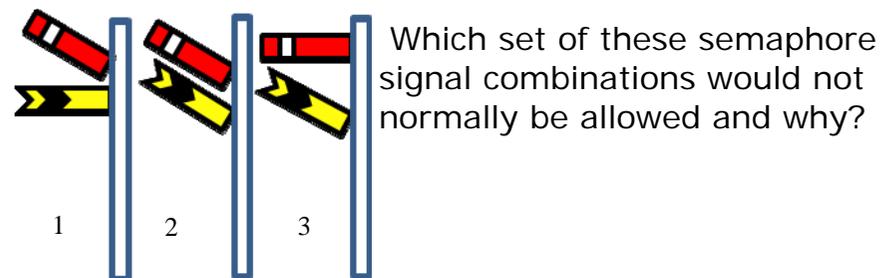


Last Month (from Mick Mumford)

Which railway in Britain currently uses road traffic light signals as distant signals ?

Answer: Tyne & Wear Metro

This Month



Which set of these semaphore signal combinations would not normally be allowed and why?

Web Site of the Month



This is a reference work of the observations of passenger and non-passenger carrying coaches from 1981 onwards. There are many observations at Chesterfield, the authors home town, as well as from all around the country.

This will not appeal to the vast majority of enthusiasts, but gives rolling stock details for modellers to represent authentic train formations.

www.britishrailways.net/rs/index.html

The Rolling Stock Observer is part of a bigger British Railways web site www.britishrailways.net/index.html

Notes from the Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2014



Exhibition 2014

It is hoped that the ATC will be car park marshals again.

Les had a quote from

Jonathan Cornwell for sandwiches which seem reasonable.

The floor plan needs discussion as the draft included use of the wings on the stage which cannot be guaranteed space or practical. We may need an extra classroom or two.

Ralph and Barbara may be able to help run the tombola.

We are still in need of ladies to help with the catering.

Rigid signs for lampposts to be ordered from Ken Signs.

AOB

Great Central Railway Model Event—Weekend 20-22 June

Les will drive the van on the Thursday. This will be collected on the Wednesday to load on Club night (June 18th). It will be returned Monday morning having put the test track temporarily in the garage. Members with cars able to take test track parts from the garage should meet on Wednesday June 25th at the garage to transfer the parts back to the Club premises.

Chiltern Model Rly Association Membership

The Club has been accepted into the membership of the Chiltern Model Rly Assn.

Richard Deacon Club Secretary

Hornby Returns Manufacturing to the UK

Hornby has announced, through its Facebook page, that it is returning some manufacturing back to the UK. It is starting with Airfix. As the Chinese economy takes off the labour costs there are now starting to rise. Those products that do not need intensive human intervention, Hornby says, it can manufacture in the UK cheaper. However Hornby has stated that its manufacturing base will still be in China.



Test Track Bookings

As many of you will be aware, the test track booking sheet has a salmon shaded area for the early evening time slots and a non shaded area for the later evening slots.



The salmon shaded time slots are the priority booking times for the junior members. Because junior members can't stay late because of their school activities the next day, the Club gives them priority to use the test track early in the evening.

It has come to our notice recently that non junior members are booking their running times in the early evening time slots. Will non junior members please select the later times for running their locos and trains.

If a situation arises where a junior member wishes to book an early time slot and a non junior member has taken a slot preventing them from doing so, then the non junior booking will either be put back to a later time slot (subject to one being available) or deleted.