

## Club Information

### Committee Members

Les Pace (Chair Person)  
Colin Tarry (Treasurer / Newsletter Editor)  
Richard Deacon (Secretary)  
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### Club Membership Rates

Club membership runs from August to July or part of the calendar year, and ALL expire on the last calendar day of July, becoming due for renewal on the first of August.  
Adult membership £35 per year, Junior membership £10 per year.

### **DISCLAIMER**

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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 :     3   Junior Members  
(correct at time of going to press) 24   Members

## NOTICE BOARD



### Kingsthorpe Community Centre— Christmas / New Year



The Kingsthorpe Community Centre will close for Christmas and New Year celebrations at 12 noon on Christmas Eve. The centre will re-open on the 2nd January 2015. Our last Club meet of 2014 will be on Wednesday 17th December. The Club's first meet of the new year will be on Wednesday 7th January 2015.

### 2014/2015 Membership

For those of you who have not renewed your Club membership, this is the last newsletter you will be receiving.

The adult membership subscription is £35 per year and the Junior rate is £10 per year. There are no other concessionary rates. Half yearly payment terms are available.

For those still wishing to renew, an application form is attached with this newsletter.

If any of you wish to pay by cheque, then the cheque must be made payable to *Northampton & District Model Railway Club*.

Please **DO NOT** make cheques payable to NDMRC as these will not be accepted by the bank as they already have an

account using these initials.     **Thank You**



## The Peter Escott Collection

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



Left—BR Standard 9F no 92212.

Below—SR no 850 Lord Nelson, doyen of the class.



Left—A general view of Alresford station.

## From the Editors Cab Window

With the AGM now behind us and membership renewals being processed, we commence another year in the life of the Club.

This newsletter is a little smaller than usual. This is mainly due to time restraints. Usual problem - too much needs doing and not enough time to get everything done. If they introduce an eight day week this may help.

*Colin*



## Club Torque

### Next Thursday P.M. Club Meetings

From 14:00—17:00 on the following Thursdays :

- 9th October — General layout building
- 23rd October — Repair & upgrade work to the Main Test Track

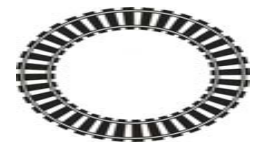
### Date of next Committee Meeting

A date for the next committee meeting has not been set, but 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 / 2015**

8th & 29th October, 19th November, 10th December, 7th & 28th January, 25th February, 4th & 25th March, 8th & 29th April, 6th & 27th May, 3rd & 24th June, 8th & 29th July. **ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



## HS2 has problems in a parallel world in the USA

By Richard Deacon

I saw this recent article in the New York Times while I was off Alaska in August last.

### “\$11bn later, High Speed rail is inching along”

**WASHINGTON-** High speed rail was supposed to be President Obama’s signature transportation project, but despite the administration spending nearly \$11bn since 2009 to develop faster passenger trains, the projects have gone mostly nowhere and the US still lags far behind Europe and China.

While Republican opposition and community protests have slowed the projects here, transportation policy experts and members of both parties also place blame for the failures on missteps by the Obama administration- which in July asked Congress for nearly \$10bn more for high speed initiatives.

Critics say that the \$11bn has instead been spent on upgrading existing Amtrak services allowing trains to go no faster than 110mph. None of the money went in the Northeast Corridor, the most likely place for high speed rail.

On the New York to Washington route the Acela averages 80mph and a plan to take it up bullet train speeds of 220mph will take \$150bn and 26 years if it ever happens.

Florida, Wisconsin and Ohio cancelled high speed projects and returned federal funds deeming the projects too expensive and unnecessary.

When Obama first presented his vision for high speed rail, he described a future of bullet trains hurtling passengers between far flung American cities at more than 200mph. In 2011 at his State of the Union address he said “Within 25 years, our goal is to give 80% of Americans access to high speed rail.”

That notion was “unadulterated hype and it didn’t take an expert to see through it “ said Kenneth Orski editor of an influential transportation newsletter who had served in the Nixon and Ford administrations.

## HOMWORK

### Last Month (from Nick Rendell)



Q—Last months picture puzzle - where and when is the location?



A—The photo was taken from the north end of Crewe Station in 1906 looking towards North Junction, with the narrow gauge railway that ran from Crewe Station to Crewe Works running THROUGH Crewe North Junction Box.

### This Month

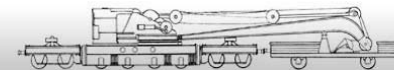


Q The British Rail "Double Arrow" logo that was adopted, was not applied to steam locomotives, except in one location. Where was that?

## Web Site of the Month

This month the web site is that of The Breakdown Crane Association.

**BDCA**



Breakdown Crane Association

The objectives of this association are to encourage and promote the preservation and operation of historic British railway breakdown cranes, which includes researching, recording, sharing and making public the history of railway breakdown cranes.

*<http://www.bdca.org.uk/index.html>*