

Club Information

Committee Members

Les Pace (Chair Person)
Colin Tarry (Treasurer / Newsletter Editor)
Richard Deacon (Secretary)
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Club Night: Wednesday
Meeting Time: 19:30—22:00
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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.

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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 : 4 Junior Members
(correct at time of going to press) 27 Members

NOTICE BOARD



Kingsthorpe Community Centre— Christmas / New Year



The Kingsthorpe Community Centre will close for the Christmas and New Year celebrations at 12 noon on Christmas Eve. The centre will re-open on the 2nd January 2015. Our last **evening** Club meet of 2014 will be on Wednesday 10th December. The Club's first meet of the new year will be on Wednesday 7th January 2015.

Club Christmas Meal

This years Christmas meal will be on Wednesday 17th December at The Windhover, Brampton Lane, Chapel Brampton, Northampton NN6 8AA.



Full details of then menu will be issued after the Club's committee meeting on November 10th. The cost is three courses for £19.95.

Will any Club members, who have not yet put their name down on the sheet that has been circulating on Club nights who wish to come to the meal, please let Richard know ASAP please. His contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.

As was the case last year, there will be NO club meeting this night (December 17th). We see you again in the new year.

Notes from the Committee Meeting held on Monday 17th November 2014



St Crispins site option

The idea that the Club could take on a permanent location on the St Crispins site after further discussions has concluded that it was not possible.

2015 Exhibition Options

Although it was decided at the AGM that there would not be an Exhibition in 2015 on the scale of previous years, a possibility of a scaled down show was mooted, as the caretaker had suggested using the Halls at Lodge Farm Crestwood Road Lings as the day hire cost was modest. Another suggestion was an open day at the Club premises. This would be very low key owing to space and would be a simple affair, with no transport costs, but the availability of a Saturday may be a problem. Another idea was to combine resources with Nobby's show in March/ May.

[Since the meeting Lodge Farm was visited which would accommodate a small show but the buildings are disparate, presenting access/security issues and only a small car park. Cogenhoe village hall was also viewed comprising two halls and could handle a small show and has adequate parking and hire costs are modest].

All options will be brought before the next meeting and Members comments are welcome beforehand.

Club History

Les had been handed some documentary evidence from Len Snelling that the Club was formed in 1969 with Len as one of the founding members. Members will be aware that all early records of this Club were lost during the various moves of locations, but this is the first firm evidence of the founding of this Club. It is clear that one or more railway modelling clubs did exist at various times in the town during the 1950s and 1960s, but we are now certain that The Northampton & District Model Railway Club was formed in 1969.

Richard Deacon Club Secretary

From the Editors Cab Window

As this is the last newsletter before Christmas, please make a note of the info regarding the closures & re-openings for the festive period as detailed on page 6.



Colin



Club Torque

Next Thursday P.M. Club Meetings

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

- 11th December — General layout building
- There will be no Test Track Thursday meeting this month as it falls on Christmas Day.

Date of next Committee Meeting

A date for the next committee meeting is Monday 19th January. If there are any items for the agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP.

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Club Night Test Track Dates

2014 / 2015

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**



David Wainwright



David is not very well at the moment. As you will have noticed he has not been at Club the last few evenings. Following his recent diagnosis the Club sends him our best wishes for a speedy recovery and a return to the Club meetings.

Len Snelling



As many of you know, Len had an operation a little while back, and the Club also wishes him a speedy recovery. We understand he is making steady progress and we look forward to seeing him back at Club nights.

HOMWORK

Last Month

Q What was the last main line locomotive to be built at Swindon works?

A D1029 Western Legionnaire.



D1029 brand new outside Swindon works on 12th April 1964.

There is no homework question for December—have a break for Christmas.



The Committee



of the

Northampton & District Model Railway Club

wish all our members

and newsletter readers a

Very Happy Christmas and New Year.



Banbury Station—Automatic Ticket Barriers

A recent visit to Banbury station revealed some changes to the building. On the outside at the old Merton Street end, a new access point has been built from what looks like an overspill car park.

The result of this extension is that access to the platforms from both the new extension and the old way in are now controlled by automatic ticket barriers. Open access to the platforms that has existed for so long has been discontinued.

As Banbury is a station that sees many special excursions hauled by both heritage steam and diesel locomotives, I'm currently trying to find out if we can still have non travelling access to the platforms. My enquiries to a Chiltern Railways employee at the time of my visit suggested it was up to the discretion of the person on the barriers at the time of one's visit. Not a lot of help if one is travelling some 25 miles from Northampton to see a special and you get denied access on arrival.