

Club Information

Committee Members

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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

- 1) Please park your vehicle with consideration for the flat occupants when parking outside the Kingsthorpe Community Centre.
- 2) If you make a drink, please wash your cup/spoon up afterwards. Please wipe up any spillages.
- 3) Don't create congestion in the kitchen. Please get your drink and return to the main hall.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Please put away any tools, layouts, tables and chairs you've used at the end of the evening.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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)	29	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 September 2015.

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 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.

Club Night—Dirty Mugs & Abandoned Drinks

A tendency has been developing over the past months regarding dirty mugs been left out on Club nights all over the place. Some are just empty dirty mugs while others are abandoned drinks.

Rules for Club Night Attendance - Rule 2 states " If you make a drink, please wash your cup/spoon up afterwards. Please wipe up any spillages."

Will ALL members please adhere to this rule. Your wife, mother, girl friend is not at Club night to clear up after you. Every week Michael gets the thankless task of washing up after you.

In fact read all the Rules for Club Night Attendance at the begging of this newsletter while we're on the subject.

This is the only time you will see this phenomenon in your life!

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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August, 2015, will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. **This happens only once every 823 years.** The Chinese call it 'Silver pockets full'.

Exhibition Flyers

Not long to go to our exhibition in August. However we still have a great number of undistributed A6 flyers in the Club filing cabinet. If you are visiting any model railway exhibitions or other events, then please take some flyers for Joe Public. We need as much publicity as we can get.



From the Editors Cab Window

How many of you spotted there was no newsletter for June? I tell you—TWO.



As very few of you missed it am I wasting my time effort and money in trying to publish one each month?

I'll await members responses.

Colin

Club Torque

Next Thursday P.M. Club Meetings

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

- 9th July — Layout working day

Date of next Committee Meeting

A date for the next committee meeting is TUESDAY 4th August. If there are any items for the agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP.

Email: rjd156@btinternet.com

Club Night Test Track Dates 2015

15th July, 5th & 26th August, 16th September, 7th & 28th October, 18th November and 9th December.

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE





-THE GCR- MODEL EVENT

MODEL RAILWAY & ENGINEERING EXHIBITION
In conjunction with The Soar Valley Model Railway Club



Trains on the Test Track

D1010 Western Campaigner effortlessly hauls 28 loaded coal wagons around the Test Track. The loco was turned out in immaculate condition for this event. And then.....



Notes from the Committee Meeting held on Monday 29th June 2015



Exhibition 2015

With best endeavours we hope to get access to the village hall on Friday night as early as possible. This will depend on the weather as a dog training class have the hall booked—if its fine they should be outside. All other arrangements are in hand such as insurance, catering and van hire (for Greenford).

AGM Wednesday 2nd September 2015

The Club's AGM will be held on the above date at Kingsthorpe Community Centre as usual. Details to follow.

Great Central Model Event Weekend. 18/19/20/21 June

Our Test Track went well and the organisers were pleased with the results. We had been invited back with the Test Track plus another layout- Greenford or Kingsthorpe next year. Only problem the Club had were the overheating of the controllers. Next year need to have spare or we buy another with higher amperage and then swap controllers periodically during the day. The test track needs better publicity at exhibitions with a board explaining what it is/does [or doesn't] and is available for visitors to test a purchase they had made at the show.

Table top sale Abington Church rooms Park Avenue N

On 21st November 2015 there will be a transport related table top sale of books, models etc. The Club will be participating. Help to man our table would be appreciated AND NOT BY THE SAME FEW WHO DO EVERYTHING ELSE!

Richard Deacon Club Secretary

Japanese Station Master Finally Departs



Tama the stationmaster, Japan's feline star of a struggling local railway, was mourned by company officials and fans and elevated into a goddess at a funeral last Sunday.

The calico cat was appointed stationmaster at the Kishi station in western Japan in 2007. Donning her custom-made stationmaster's cap, Tama quietly sat at the ticket gate welcoming and seeing off passengers. The cat quickly attracted tourists and became world-famous, contributing to the railway company and local economy.

Tama, who had turned 16 in April, died of a heart failure on June 22. During Sunday's Shinto-style funeral at the station where she served, Tama became a goddess. The Shinto religion, indigenous to Japan and practiced by Tama will be succeeded by another calico cat, Nitama, now an apprentice stationmaster.



Tama receives a birthday cake on her 16th birthday on 29th April this year.



..... D1010 Western Campaigner is removed from the tracks and replaced by this fine specimen of a loco.



The good news is that D1010 Western Campaigner was back later in the day, at the head of an express train of 12 coaches.

More action on the Test Track



There's always one!



Club Cupboard Room Clear Out

On Thursday 14th May several members helped in the Club cupboard (it's a room really), clear out. As can be seen from the photos, its amazing how much stuff we actually did manage to get in that room. Needless to say several of us took away rubbish and unwanted items to the tip.



The cupboard (room) is now reasonably tidy. Please keep it this way.

NO unauthorised dumping of stuff in the room please. Any such items will be removed and dumped.