

## Club Information

### Committee Members

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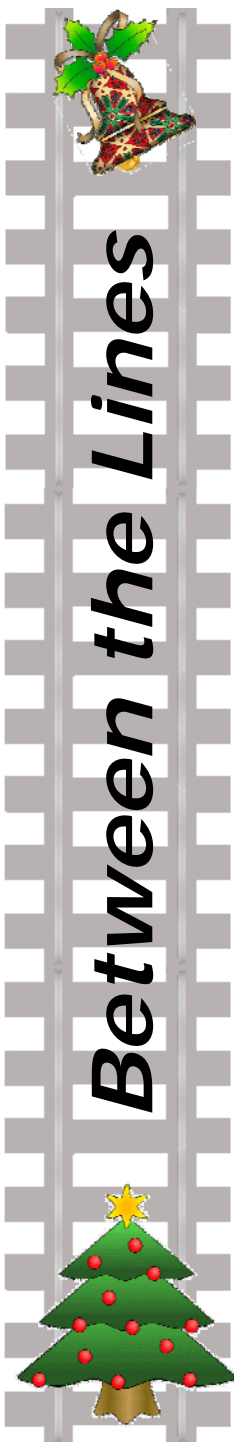
### Club Membership Rates

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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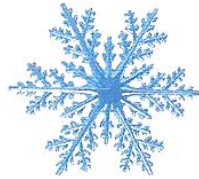


# Newsletter



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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 :	2	Junior Members
(correct at time of going to press)	28	Members

# NOTICE BOARD



## The Committee

of the

## Northampton & District Model Railway Club

wish all our members

and newsletter readers a

**Very Happy Christmas and New Year.**



## Kingsthorpe Community Centre— Christmas / New Year



This years Christmas and New Year closures are much shorter than last time—in fact for us they almost non existent.

The Kingsthorpe Community Centre will close and reopen for the Christmas and New Year celebrations as follows: -

The centre will close at 16:00 on 24th December, but will be open again by Wednesday 30th December. For the New Year the centre will close at 16:00 on 31st December, re-opening on 2nd January.

In a nut shell as far as our Club is concerned we will not miss out on any Wednesday's over the festive period except the night of our Christmas Dinner (Dec 16th).

**NO MEETING ON THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER**

## Transport Collectors Fair—Table Top Sale

by Colin Tarry



On Saturday November 21st the Club had a stall at the inaugural Transport Collectors Fair at Abington Parish Rooms on Park Avenue North. The event was organised by the 794 Bus Preservation Group and Avenue Books (Northampton). Several members helped man the stall and the Club thanks these members. In particular the Club thanks our Sales Officer John Walker who organised our display and kept a log of what we sold. We originally booked one table but had to increase this to two due to the amount of stock we had. The Club made a small profit of £17 after expenses. Additionally we did manage to sell some books from our massive stocks.

We've booked in for next year as well — November 19th 2016.



## From the Editors **Cab Window**

Firstly may I wish all members and readers a very happy Christmas and New Year.



The Thursday afternoon session on December 24th has been cancelled. It would have only been until 16:00 if we did meet because of the Community centre early closing. (See page 6).

*Colin*



## Club Torque

### Next Thursday P.M. Club Meeting

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

- 10th December — Layout working day

### Date of next Committee Meeting

A date for the next committee meeting not known at time of going to press. If there are any items for the agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP ready for the next meeting.

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### Club Night Test Track Dates 2015/16

9th & 30th December, 20th January, 10th February, 2nd & 23rd March, 13th April, 4th & 25th May

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**





## Chairman's Ramblings 2015

Dear members

Yet another year in the life of the club is nearly over, and the time always seems to fly past like an Intercity 125 express at top speed. It has been a fairly good year for the Club as it goes, and membership numbers seem very steady. Unfortunately we do not seem to have many younger members again, which is sad for the hobby, but seems to be the usual way at present. I can remember as a child being so excited to visit any railway related event and seeing lots of other children there also. Now however, there is so much more available to younger people to do instead, they seem conspicuous by their absence.

I want to thank all the committee members for their support, time and effort this year, which is greatly appreciated. Also I would like to thank you the members as well, for your support of the Club on a weekly basis, and also to the members who also support the Club at the events and shows that we attend.

This year the annual exhibition at Cogenhoe was very successful, and even though it was smaller than usual, it actually raised a much larger profit than the previous one at the Girls School. We are hoping that next year's show will also be a success and has already started being planned. As you may know, the profit from the annual exhibition funds the Club's projects, and keeps the annual Club membership costs down as well.

As you may all know, we have been looking for a new venue for the Club, and have recently looked at two possible sites.



The current one is however convenient for most of the membership with good long term prospects, being cost effective, and on the ground floor, however it does not allow us sole use, so that we have to pack away the ongoing layout projects each time we have a meeting, which causes us to lose valuable time every club night. So far however all the alternatives seem to have their own problems with, No guarantee of long term use, lack of space, cost, or poor access. However I am still hopeful that something may be available in the future. We do appreciate all the members who have been looking for alternative sites and I do hope that a new one to rival all the good points of the current one can be found. At present, the opinion is from the members I have spoken to is that none of the alternative sites is worth a move to at this time. However, if anyone disagrees with this please let the committee know.

As we now know the Club was founded in 1969 which means that we will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019, which is not as far away as it may seem. So maybe we will have time to plan something special for then.

In 2016 we are going to attend the large scale show in Warwick with the Shunting Challenge, and the Great Central Railway Model Railway Event in

Quorn with the test track and the new N Gauge layout called "Jimmy's End" that was donated to the Club by one of our new members. These events do help to raise the public profile of the Club, and give us a chance to promote the annual exhibition at the same time.

I do hope we all have a great Christmas and a good new year and hope that 2016 will be a great one for the Club.

Les Pace  
Chairman

