

Club Information

Committee Members

Les Pace (Chair Person)
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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 :	2	Junior Members
(correct at time of going to press)	27	Members

NOTICE BOARD



Extra Thursday Afternoon Sessions

The following additional Thursday afternoon sessions have been booked for 2016 :-

14:00 to 17:00 hrs Feb 25th, March 24th & April 28th

Wednesday Night Refreshments

Members are reminded that the club night sub does not cover the cost of biscuits. The biscuits that are provided come from Members kind donations. Those who eat them are invited to also contribute some biscuits.



TOMBOLA

Yes, its that time again.

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 2016.

There is a box in our Club cupboard for tombola items to be collected and stored in.

On a Wednesday night nearer the exhibition the cloakroom ticket numbers will need sticking on the prizes and the corresponding draw ticket folding and putting in the draw drum. We still need help with this please.

HOMWORK

Last Months Question:

How many of the 4-6-0 King class locomotives did the GWR build?

Answer 31

On 15 January 1936, a freight train became divided at Shrivenham, Berkshire. Due to errors by the guard of the freight train and a signalman, an express passenger train hauled by No. 6007 *King William III* ran into the six wagons that had been left behind and derailed. Two people were killed. No 6007 King William III (commissioned in 1930) was scrapped in March 1936 as declared unrepairable. However a replacement was built to take its place but retained the same number & name. So in all 31 Kings were built, but only 30 were ever in service.

Only one member contacted me with the answer I was looking for and that was Mick Mumford. Well done Mick.



From the Editors Cab Window

This edition of the newsletter carries the sad news of Ian Harrison's passing. Please see page three for a tribute.

We have booked in another three extra Thursday afternoon sessions to work on Club layouts. Please see page 6 for details.

There is no committee meeting report in this issue as there was little of note to report to the membership.

Colin



Club Torque

Next Thursday P.M. Club Meetings

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

- 11th February — Layout working day
- 25th February— Layout working day

Date of next Committee Meeting

A date for the next committee will be on Monday 14th March. If there are any items for the agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP.

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Club Night Test Track Dates 2016

10th February, 2nd & 23rd March, 13th April, 4th & 25th May, 15th June, 6th & 27th July, 17th August, 7th & 28th September, 19th October, 9th & 30th November, 21st December.

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Last Convicted Great Train Robber Dies

Douglas Gordon Goody, who was the last surviving convicted Great Train Robber, died on January 29th aged 86.

Goody was originally jailed for 30 years but released in 1975. He is believed to have been the mastermind behind the 1963 heist.

There were two robbers who were never caught; Patrick McKenna who was aged 43 at the time of the robbery. He could still be alive somewhere at the age of 96. The other, Frank Munroe, could also be alive somewhere.



Ian Harrison

Dear Members

It is with great sadness that the Club has to announce the death of our fellow member Ian Harrison, who passed away on Saturday 16th January 2016 following a short illness.

Ian had wanted to, but had not been able to attend the club for the last few weeks due to his ill health.

As he had the same interest in O Gauge as myself, he would sometimes visit me to discuss the construction of his locos and we also regularly chatted about the subject in general, and became, I like to think good friends.

He had recently purchased a Somerset & Dorset 4-4-0 locomotive kit and was about to commence the build of it, and was also looking forward to running it on the test track. Unfortunately this time was all too brief, and I will be sad that we could have had a lot more time together playing trains.

He was always very enthusiastic about model railways, and at our shows regularly did demonstrations for us with Michael Tuffrey and Tim Amos. He was also a member of the Milton Keynes MRC and was involved with the layout that ran at Bletchley Park until it closed recently.

I have been advised that his good friend at the Milton Keynes club has offered his support to his family, and I have also offered ours, if required.

A condolence card was recently signed by members that attended our regular meeting on the Wednesday evening and I passed this on to his widow who thanked us for our kind thoughts at this difficult time. We are awaiting details of the funeral and we have offered to attend if convenient.

He was a truly nice man, who was good company, and interesting to chat to.

I am certain that he will be sadly missed, by all his friends, colleagues, and club members.

Les Pace
Chairman NDMRC



Ian (on the right), giving a demonstration of soldering at our 2012 exhibition.



Ian (on the left), at the Club on Test Track night on 23rd April 2014



Ian (on the left), at the Club on Test Track night on 5th August 2015.

This is the last picture we have of Ian at the Club.