

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.

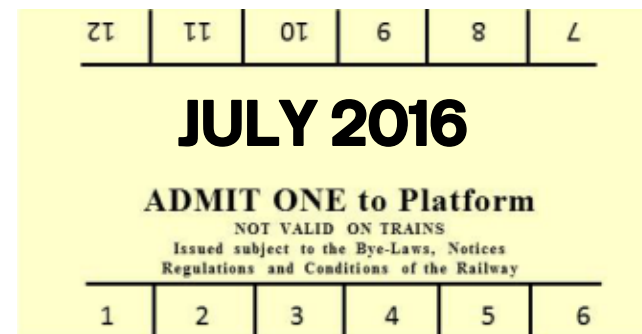
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Between the Lines



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

NOTICE BOARD



Thursday Afternoon Session

The following additional Thursday afternoon sessions have been booked: -

July 28th

AS THINGS STAND AT THE MOMENT

Exhibition Flyers

Not that 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.

**NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT
MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**



MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST 2016
from 10.00am to 4.30pm

Cogenhoe Village Hall York Avenue
Cogenhoe Northampton NN7 1NB

Displaying a range of American, British & Continental layouts in several gauges and scenarios
Trade support – Demonstrations – Refreshments
Societies – Tombola

Adult £3 Child £2 Family Ticket (2+2) £7
www.ndmrc.org

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 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

HOMWORK

Question (set by Mick Mumford)

Which was the last Atlantic type locomotive to run in ordinary service in the UK?



Last Months question:

What was the nature of the accident commemorated in "The Ballard of John Axon"?

Answer: A runaway train at Chapel-en-le Firth in 1957

End of Financial Year & Membership Year

The 31st of July is the end of the Club's financial year. Additionally all memberships also expire. Renewals I will start dealing with from mid July onwards.

Once July is upon us, I will be, as in previous years, applying cut off dates for the reimbursement of items purchased etc for the Club. The 6th July will be the last date I will be issuing any cheques against the Club's bank account. I need all cheques to be cleared by the 31st July.

Reimbursements by cash, funds permitting, I will continue to issue until Wednesday 27th July. So please be aware that any items purchased for the Club in July may mean you waiting until mid August for reimbursement.

Once the 27th July has passed all monies will be frozen until the accounts have been audited.



Colin Tarry **Treasurer**

From the Editors Cab Window

Your attention is drawn to page 9 regarding the end of the Club's financial year.

Included in this issue are some photos from the Club's participation at the Great Central Model Event during June.



Colin

Club Torque

Next Thursday P.M. Club Meetings

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

- 14th July — Layout working day
- 28th July — Layout working day

Date of next Committee Meeting

A date for the next committee Monday 8th August. If there are any items for the agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP.

Email: rjd156@btinternet.com

Club Night Test Track Dates 2016

6th & 27th July, 17th August, 7th & 28th September, 19th October, 9th & 30th November, 21st December.

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Notes from the Committee Meetings held on 16th May & 27th June 2016



Exhibition

Les has contacted all exhibitors/traders confirming attendance.

One layout attendee has called off. Proposed that the Shunting Challenge fills in replacement. Prize suggested for winner and listed as a chart to see how all challengers fared. Exhibitors to be told they will be able to park on the field and unload at the rear door. In this way, once all exhibitors have arrived, the gate will be locked, so there will be no issue of customers parking on the field. They will have to park in the car park or in the street. There will be NO parking attendants. It should be possible to store Club's stuff on the stage on Wednesday night until Friday using Tim Amos's trailer. After the show we'll try to return the Club's layouts direct to Kingsthorpe if the hall is not in use, or if it is, for the hirer to allow us in to the store. Failing that return to Les's. and we collect the following Wed. All Model magazines have been notified for their What's on Diary section Posters in The Model Shop, Wellingborough Model Shop, Brackley Model Shop and Dairy Farm Upper Stowe.

Richard to arrange Insurance. Les to let Richard know of the values. Les to order fridge and time of delivery. Door to be manned at all times by 2 people. Ralph plus A N Other.

AOB

Gt Central Weekend

Agreed all went well. Van right size –std Transit type. Jimmys End went in Jim's car as couldn't be safely secured with the test track in the van. We haven been asked to attend in 2017 (yet). Expenses were up on 2015 owing to van hire rise to £182 + fuel, £255 total.

Milton Keynes Open Day



Milton Keynes Model Railway Society open day which is taking place on Saturday 23 July from 11am-4pm.

All of our members have been invited to attend. The kettle will be on and trains will be running on the following layouts:

- Milton Quays – EM gauge
- Barnes Junction – Vintage 0 and 00 gauge
- Barton Crossing – 00 gauge DCC and Analogue
- Brinklow – N gauge
- New 0 gauge – under construction

Entry is free of charge but a donation towards refreshments is appreciated and there is plenty of free parking.

Full details are on our website at www.mkMrs.org.uk

Club Night Earlier Closing

The management who control the Kingsthorpe Community Centre have issued us with a pre warning that the evening closing time is being proposed to change from 22:00 hrs to 21:30 hrs.

Obviously this means 30 mins off of our time. Additionally a new Test Track time table will now have to be implemented. We don't yet have a date when this will start. As soon as we know we will let the membership know.

This change to our times at the hall probably adds impetus to our search for our own premises.

Wednesday Meetings During School Holidays

It has been proposed that during the summer school holidays we meet for the whole of Wednesday afternoons at the Kingsthorpe Community Centre.

The Club has gleaned information that during the school holidays the community centre is unused in the afternoons.

We have been in touch with Joanna at Community Spaces Northampton and she has been able to offer us the following dates and times :

13th July to and including 31st August. We can meet from 14:00 to 22:00 hrs * (* This time may change. See page 8)

Before we go ahead and confirm these bookings with Community Spaces Northampton we need to gauge (no puns intended) how much interest / support from the Club membership there is to make this worthwhile.

Will ALL members please let me (Colin) know ASAP whether you would like to be at Club for the whole of Wednesday afternoon.

Obviously this length of time will involve time for a food break, so bringing sandwiches or the such like would be recommended. The community centre does have facilities to warm food. Additionally there are a couple of supermarkets just up the road (Asda & Waitrose).

Its proposed that members coming to Club for the full afternoon and evening sessions pay £2 per head instead of the normal £1.50. Those coming from 19:00 hrs onwards just pay £1.50. Hiring the hall for this amount of time will incur increased costs. The big advantage is we don't have to pack everything away. If we implement this then the Thursday afternoon booked for July 28th will be cancelled.

Let me know your thoughts please - Colin cjt@cjv.org.uk

AOB cont'd

Club Night Running Track Rota

Agreed that the new Club night rotas seemed to be working well once Greenford's track issues sorted for the combined running/working night sequence.

Main Test Track

The test track should be renewed as probably life expired. Two quotes needed, to include John Elliott of Soar Valley MRC who is a professional layout builder. He is likely to visit shortly and his advice on specification to be sought.

Premises

Another request to be made to agents/Council re search for premises.

School Holiday—Extended Wednesdays Please see page 7

Richard Deacon
Secretary



The van is loaded for the trip home after the Great Central event.

The Northamptonshire Film Archive Trust



by Colin Tarry

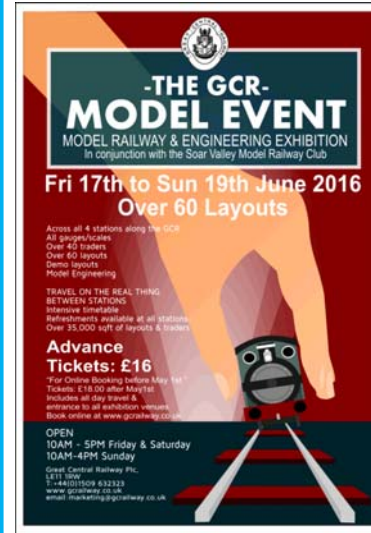
A film evening entitled "Railways of Britain No1—Steam and Diesel Power" was held on Tuesday June 14th at the Wellingborough Museum.

The evening had a mix of both professional and amateur film. There was amateur film of the 150th Cavalcade commemorating the Rainhill trials and of various heritage railways in their early days.

There were professional BTF films on Britain's Titled Trains which featured the Royal Scot, Flying Scotsman, the Cornish Riviera Express and the Golden Arrow. There was a LMS made film taken in the Inverness area of Scotland. This was a cultural film but showed some historic LMS railway footage.

The best film of the evening in my opinion was a professionally made film called "End of the Line". This film recorded some of the history of the Maiden Newton to Bridport railway. It also included film of the last service. It appears in BR days that the service was normally provided by a "bubble" car DMU. The last day was packed with enthusiasts so the train consisted of a 3-car dmu plus the bubble car.

The next evening "Railways of Britain No2—Steam and Diesel Power" will be held on Tuesday 22nd November.



Photos: Nick Rendell

