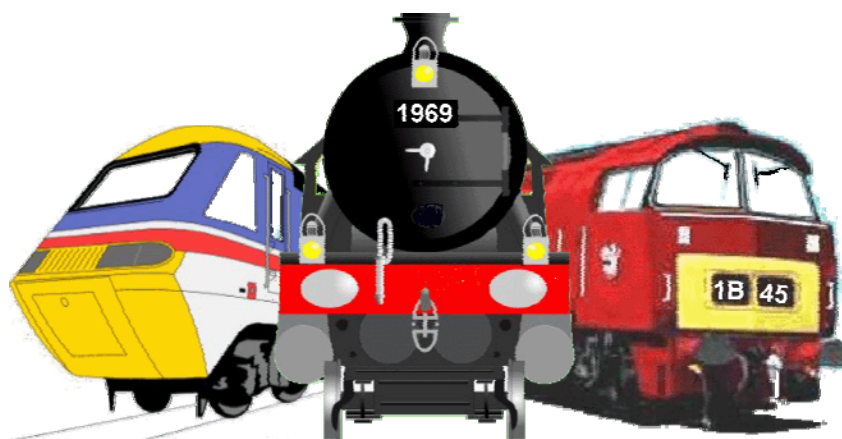
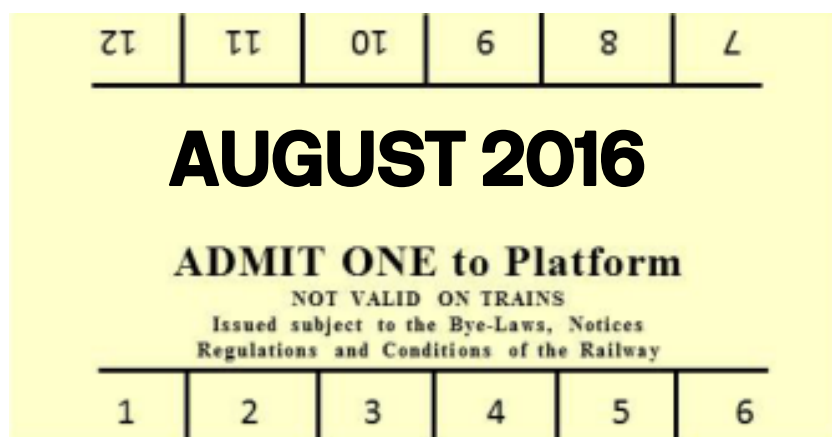


# Between the Lines



## 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 :	0	Junior Members
(correct at time of going to press)	0	Members

# From the Editors **Cab Window**

Your attention is drawn to page 9 concerning the Club's AGM on September 7th.



*Colin*

## **Club Torque**

### **Club Meetings**

Please see the Notice Board on page 10

### **Date of next Committee Meeting**

A date for the next committee is to be confirmed. If there are any items for the agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP.

Email: [rjd156@btinternet.com](mailto:rjd156@btinternet.com)

### **Club Night Test Track Dates 2016**

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

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**7th September cancelled due to AGM**



# Milton Keynes Open Day

by Colin Tarry



Milton Keynes Model Railway Society held an open day on Saturday 23 July from 11am-4pm.

Whilst I was there, which was all morning and early afternoon four of our Club members went along, namely myself, Tony, Michael and Jim.

Here are a few pictures from the day of their *Barton Crossing* 00 gauge layout which is both DCC and Analogue. The low level tracks are analogue and the high level tracks are DCC.

Full details are on their website at [www.mkmrs.org.uk](http://www.mkmrs.org.uk)







This American loco had sound fitted.



No 3048 Lord of the Isles has sound fitted plus a glowing fire box and a smoke unit.

**There's a Hole in my Bucket Dear Lisa.....** by Colin Tarry

**EMERGENCY EXIT break glass with hammer**

Whilst on my holiday in Devon I noticed this sign above my head in a bus returning to Paignton. Next I decided to see where the hammer was. I found it ....



Hang on.....another glass panel to break and its toughened! Who's got the hammer to break this glass then?

This scenario very much reminds me of the song "There's a hole in my bucket dear Lisa"

Let hope they never have an emergency because there's no way out. And if this isn't enough—some trains use the same system.

## **Newsletter Format Change**

As from next month the newsletter format will change in that the printable A5 version will cease to be. The reason being is that it is not flexible enough when it comes to adding or deleting pages to suit a particular issue. In the A5 format pages have to be added or deleted in groups of four. In the A4 format they can be added or deleted singly.



## **"If it's a Little Train—it Stops at All the Stations"**

by Colin Tarry

I've put the title to this article in speech marks because its actually a quote. A quote I heard spoken whilst on Torquay station. Who said this pearl of wisdom—A member of British Transport Police. A young women went up to the officer and asked him which train stopped at Dawlish and the above quote is what he replied with. He also said "... the Big Trains don't stop at all the stations...". He was referring to one, two or three car DMUs as little trains and Voyagers and HSTs as big trains.

## **Photos From Devon**

by Colin Tarry



Totnes on 14th July. A bright PINK one card DMU—This is a "little train"



English Electric Class 37 at Buckfastleigh on the South Devon Railway on 14th July 2016.

## SKIVERS

Yes its this old chestnut again. This particularly applies to test track night, but not solely.

It has come to the notice of several club members, that other club members are not pulling their weight.

When its test track night there are a hard core number of club members who erect and dismantle this layout.

Then there are another hard core group of members who manage to turn up after the hard work has been done and then utilise the test track to run their trains. Lo and behold before its time to dismantle the test track these members have either disappeared or just stand talking while others work.

Needless to say the erectors and dismantlers are getting a little cheesed off with this (to put it mildly).

We appreciate that there are some members who are unable to help with the physical work. However there are a good number who are physically fit who never help.

If you wish to use the test track then please help put it up or/and take it down. If this means you either turn up for Club a little earlier or have to stay a little later on these evenings then please make the sacrifice.

Over the next few months we will be watching to see what happens. Those members who are seen to dodge their duties will be spoken to. If that doesn't work, you get your name in print.





Howes Models at Kiddlington have called time on their model railway department. I got quite a surprise when I went there in late July to find notices up stating that the model railway dept will not exist except for the supply of Rail Match paints & sound decoders. Whether they stay a spares representative for Heljan remains to be seen. The radio control parts of the business remain. They will be moving to a new unit in September.

Colin Tarry

## **Membership Renewals**

All memberships to the N&DMRC fall due on the 1<sup>st</sup> August. Membership rates stay unaltered at Adult £35 per year and Junior members at £10 per year.

I will have some renewal application forms with me from the next meeting.

Just a reminder for those who pay by cheque – they must be made out to *Northampton & District Model Railway Club* and NOT *NDMRC*.

## **Club Night Earlier Closing**

The management who control the Kingsthorpe Community Centre have now officially stated that the closing time for the Community Centre will change from 22:00 hrs to 21:30 hrs. from August 1st 2016.

This decision has been challenged by our Chairman (Les) who has written to Toby Birch the chairman of Community Spaces Northampton voicing our objection.

At the time of going to press we are still waiting to hear back from them. We understand they are having a meeting about it in early August.

# ***HOMEWORK***

**Question** (set by Mick Mumford)

What is the name of the most northerly junction in Scotland?



***Last Months question:***

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

Answer: Former London Brighton & South Coast Railway H2 Class No 32424 *Beachy Head*. This locomotive was withdrawn in 1958.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Northampton & District Model Railway Club will be held on

**Wednesday 7th September 2016**  
commencing at **20:00** in the  
**Kingsthorpe Community Centre**  
**Thornton Hall Close**  
**Northampton NN2 6PT**

All members are requested to attend in order that you can have your say in the running of the Club. If there is anything you are not happy with then this is a good time to air your views and opinions. Additionally if you have any ideas to enhance our Club etc then let's hear from you.

# NOTICE BOARD



## Wednesday Meetings During School Holidays and Subsequent Thursday Meetings

On the following dates in August we will be meeting from 14:00 until 21:30 (or 22:00 until our appeal is finalised:

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st August.

ALL Thursday afternoons in August have been cancelled.

From September until December the following Thursdays have been booked. Meeting times from 14:00 until 17:00.

15th September

13th October

10th November

15th December

# 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.

**THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO BRING IN A PRIZE**  
***Closing date Wednesday 10th August***



# Club Information

## Committee Members

Les Pace (Chair Person)  
Colin Tarry (Treasurer / Newsletter Editor)  
Richard Deacon (Secretary)  
Michael Castledine  
Roger Whiffin  
Ralph Morbey

Web site: [www.ndmrc.org](http://www.ndmrc.org)  
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Meeting Time: 19:30—22:00  
Venue: Kingsthorpe Community Centre,  
Thornton Hall Close, Kingsthorpe,  
Northampton, NN2 6PT



Secretary: tel: 01604 890275  
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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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