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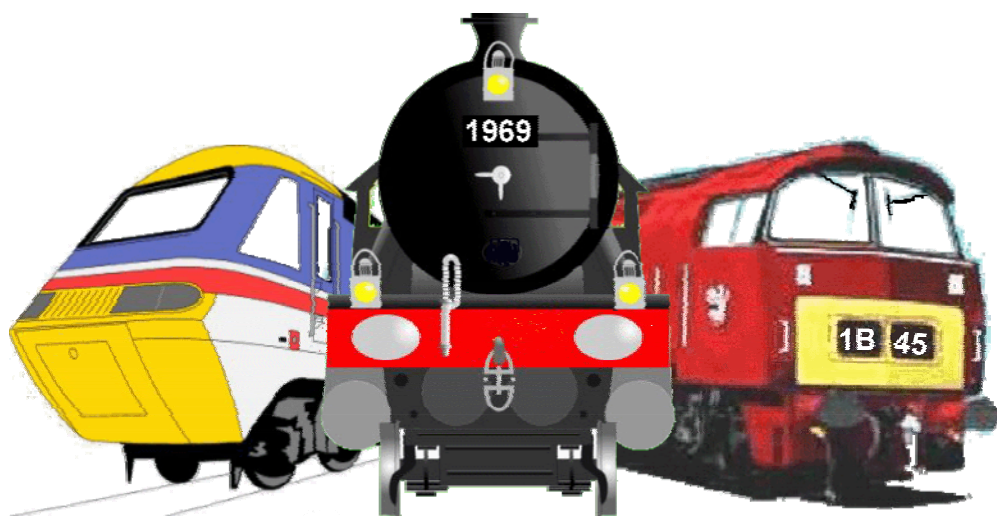
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Rules for Club Night Attendance

- 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.



THE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB



**WISHES ALL ITS MEMBERS AND READERS
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**

From the Editors **Cab Window**

This is just a slim edition of the newsletter which I thought would be good to issue before the festivities begin.

Colin



CLUB TORQUE

Date of next Committee Meeting

A date for the next committee is Monday 13th February 2017. If there are any items for the agenda, please let Richard have them ASAP.

Email: rjd156@btinternet.com

Club Night Test Track Dates 2016 & 2017

2016

14th December

2017

11th January, 1st February, 22nd February,
15th March, 5th April, and 26th April



ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Kingsthorpe Community Centre—

Christmas / New Year Closure



The Kingsthorpe Community Centre will be closed from December 23rd until January 3rd. There will be NO club meetings on December 28th. We meet in the new year on January 4th.

Chairman's Ramblings



Well, nearly another year gone and I am no richer, as I am still waiting for that 1 million pound win on the premium bonds, as I do not do the lottery.

I hope you are all looking forward to Christmas and are glad to see the end of the madness called Black Friday that seemed to have morphed into Black Friday 2 weeks!

We have had an interesting year at the club since my last ramblings, the major event being the final change of hours to 7pm to 9.30pm instead of 7.30pm to 10pm. After several emails to the charity that runs the hall stating that we were not happy with the changes, and no reply being received, it finally was resolved with a registered letter that we sent to the chairman of the charity, which was finally answered with a take it or leave it final reply.

We are hopefully instigating "Operation Legit" as discussed at the AGM and we should have some news in the new year on that matter.

The revised layout operating timetable for Wednesday evening seems to be working well, giving the test track, Greenford and Kingsthorpe layouts their respective evenings. It is a pity that we do not have the room to put up all the layouts at one time.

It is sad that we only have a couple of junior members as they are the future of the club and should be encouraged. Thanks must go to their parents who bring them along. Membership seems to be stable, even though recently we suffered the sad loss of two members; Ian earlier this year and David last. Both are sorely missed.

We were again invited to the large model railway show in June put on by The Great Central Railway at the old Quorn Goods yard site in Leicestershire. This was our third invite to attend, and the show now seems to be profitable so should carry on in the future. We took the test track and the Jimmy's End N Gauge layout this year. They were well received and the test track has been invited again in 2017, along with my Eastbridge layout. As usual we need members to attend the show to operate the layouts over the 3 days, which includes free rides on the trains as well! This year they put on a train pulled by a Black 5 on the Saturday evening for all exhibitors as well, which was enjoyed by all.

We were also pleased to say that this year's show at Cogenhoe was a profitable one even though numbers through the doors were down compared to last year. We had a slight problem on the Friday evening when putting out the refreshment area, as the dog club needed to use it. so we had to clear the area again and replace it on the Saturday. The show went well overall, with no real complaints, even though due to the bad weather we had to close down some of the stalls outside in the open area.

We are due to hold the next show on August 19th next year and as usual may I take this opportunity to thank all club members for all their efforts and to apologise to anyone I have offended.

We were also invited to take the Greenford layout and my Eastbridge layout to the Daventry show in October. The show is held in 3 halls with all the traders being in one of them. The day went smoothly with the layouts performing well.

We are not having a Christmas meal this year as the response to it was poor. However we are hoping to get together in January at the pub at Brampton Halt.

I do hope you all have a good Christmas and enjoy a healthy and happy 2017

Les Pace

Chairman

N&DMRC

Northampton Collectors Transport Fair

by Colin Tarry

On Saturday 19th November last the Club attended the Northampton Collectors Transport Fair at the Abington Parish Rooms on Park Avenue North. This event is organised by the 794 Bus Preservation Group, and is for transport related clubs, societies or traders to sell transport related items. This was the second year this event was held. The Club stand was manned by John walker, Tony Beasley and myself. I'm pleased to report that the Club took about £175 is sales of various items, for Club funds.



Club Information

Committee Members

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



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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.