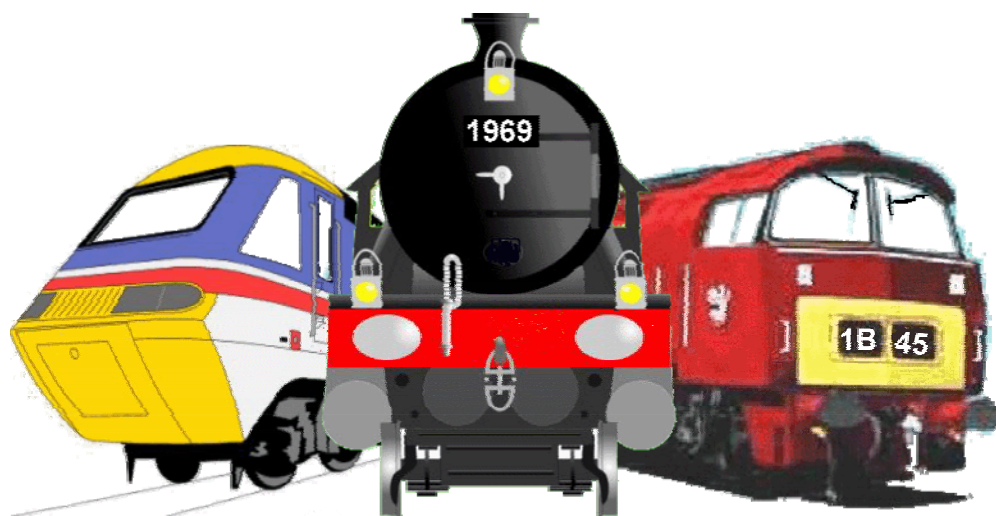
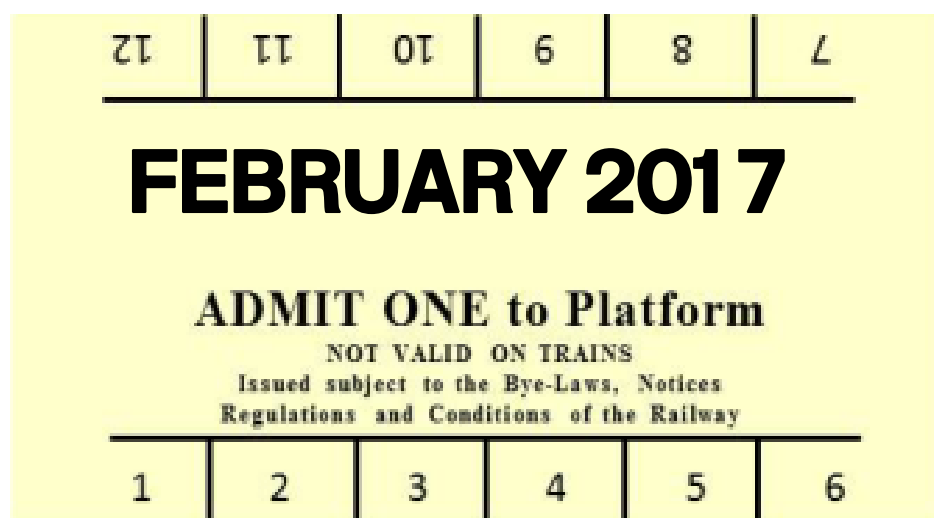




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Rules for Club Night Attendance

- 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.

Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Northampton & District Model Railway Club is calling an Extraordinary General Meeting. This is to be held on February 8th 2017 at 19:45 at the Kingsthorpe Community Centre.

From the Editors **Cab Window**

The major item in this newsletter to note is the notice on the bottom of page 2 regarding the EGM that we are calling.

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 2017

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

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Exhibition Flyers

A large quantity of A6 size flyers have been printed to advertise our exhibition in August. When you know you will be attending any model railway exhibitions or any other transport show/event then please take a quantity of flyers with you to be handed out. These are kept in our filing cabinet drawer in the Club's store cupboard.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB



MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 19th AUGUST 2017
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) £8
www.ndmrc.org

NEW YEAR DINNER

A couple of photos from the Club's New Year Dinner at the Brampton Halt on Wednesday 19th January.



The Diamond Necklace

submitted by Les Pace

Frank and Dianne were in a local shopping centre just before Christmas, when Dianne suddenly noticed Frank was missing.

As they had a lot of gifts to buy, she called him on his mobile phone. "Frank, where are you?" asked Dianne. When he answered her call she said "Remember, darling, we still have lots of shopping to do."

Frank said, "OK. Remember that jewellery store we went into about 10 years ago, and you fell in love with a gorgeous diamond necklace? I couldn't afford it at the time but I said that one day I would get it for you?"

Tears started to trickle down Dianne's cheek, as the significance of what Frank had said began to sink in.

"Oh, darling ... yes, I do remember that jewellery shop, of course I do!"

"Well" said Frank, "I'm in the Model Railway Shop next door to it, buying a new loco."

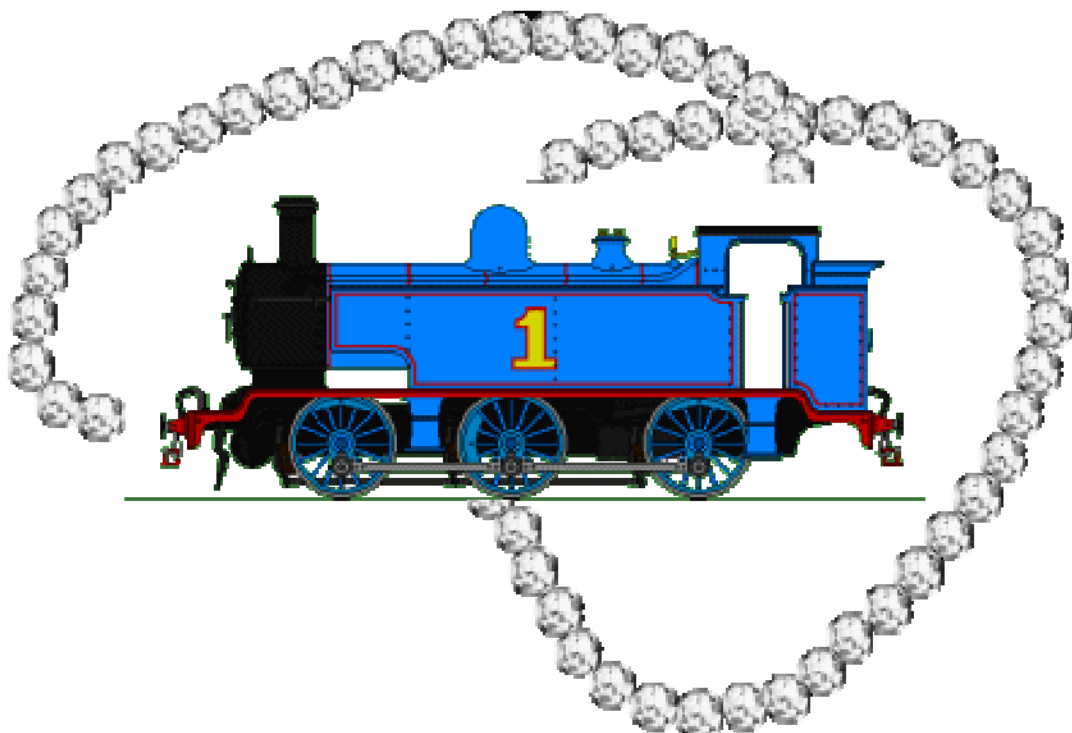


Photo Miscellany



Nick Rendell's Bassett-Lowke LMS Royal Scot in O gauge. It's a 3-rail operated model. This was why we could not see it running on this particular night (January 11th).



The editors cat Jess just studying a railway jig-saw. Here we have in former GWR surroundings, the *City of Truro*. and a LMS Jinty. I think she was more interested in flicking pieces on the floor rather than completing the picture.

40 Years Ago—The End of an Era by Colin Tarry

On the 26th February 1977 an era ended on the Western region of British Rail. On this day the last of British Rail's diesel hydraulic locomotives made their final run (under BR ownership). I was at Reading for the outward part of the tour and at Paddington in the evening for their return. The photo below is a still taken from my cine film taken at Reading. I would estimate on the west end of platform 5 there were between 200-300 enthusiasts and one BR official. They totally underestimated the turnout. I'm not saying where I was to get this shot, but the train had stopped within the station platform.

Forty years ago we thought this was the end— a Western would never be seen on the mainline again. We could not have imagined then what the preservation movement was going to achieve.

D1015 has a mainline certificate and D1062 is to follow.



HOMework

Question: Which WR Britannia never received the recommended modifications, after the crash at Milton near Didcot in November 1955.

Last Months question: What is a Morpeth board?

Answer: It's a speed restriction advanced warning sign on the line near Morpeth in Northumberland. It is reputed to be the most severe curve (17 chains or 340 metres radius) of any main railway line in Britain. The track turns approximately 98° from a north-westerly to an easterly direction immediately west of Morpeth Station. It has a permanent speed restriction of 50 mph.



Warley MRC Open Day

Want to see the home of the club that brings you The Warley National every year?

If so then a date for your diary is Sunday 19th February and the times are 1100-1600. Entrance is free, but if you insist on bringing some money, you will find light refreshments available, as well as the members second hand sales stand.

Around 10 layouts of various scales and gauges and size will be operating, whilst a few members will be demonstrating their modelling skills and others will take the opportunity to work on layouts in need of some TLC.

The clubroom is located in **Warley Model Railway Club, Unit 1F Pearsall Drive, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 2RA**

which is about 1 mile from M5 J2 on a small industrial estate and the majority of units are not open on a Sunday. Parking adjacent to the clubroom will not incur the wrath of the unit owners.

So if you are able to make the trip I hope that you take the opportunity to come & meet us and find something of interest, without the pressure of the exhibition.

Kind regards and enjoy your modelling

Alf Fantham
Chairman

**WARLEY MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**

OPEN DAY

Visit Warley Model Railway Club at home



Sunday 19th February
11am - 4pm

*Layouts in N to G scales plus Club sales stand.
Refreshments available, Admission free.*

at The Clubrooms
Pearsall Drive, Oldbury, West Mids. B69 2RA

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)



Web site: www.ndmrc.org
Email: feedback@ndmrc.org
Club Night: Wednesday
Meeting Time: 19:00—21:30
Venue: Kingsthorpe Community Centre,
Thornton Hall Close, Kingsthorpe,
Northampton, NN2 6PT

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Sales Officer John Walker email: pamjohn38@btinternet.com

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.