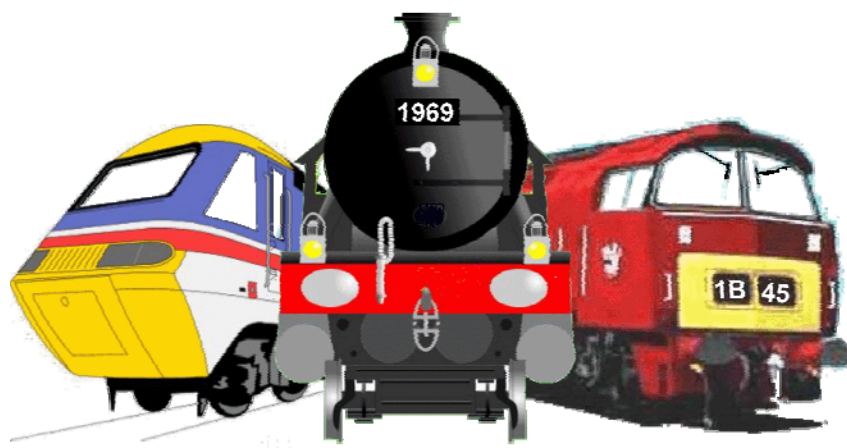
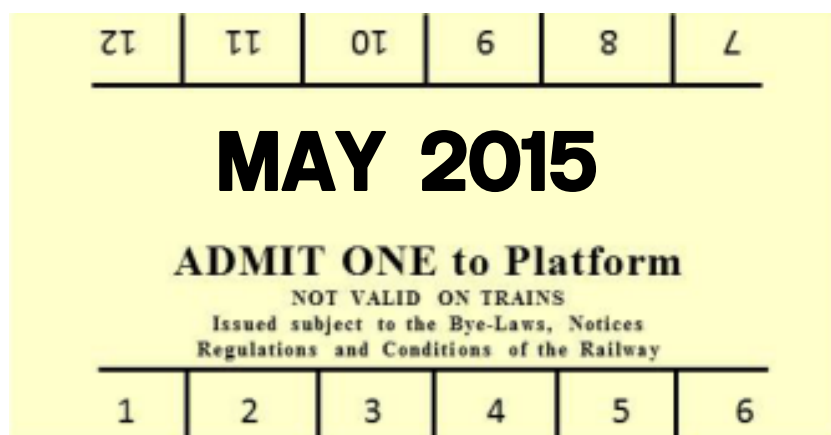


# Between the Lines



## Newsletter



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## **Rules for Club Night Attendance**

- Please park your vehicle with consideration for the flat occupants when parking outside the Kingsthorpe Community Centre.
- If you make a drink, please wash your cup/spoon up afterwards. Please wipe up any spillages.
- Don't create congestion in the kitchen. Please get your drink and return to the main hall.
- 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.
- Please put away any tools, layouts, tables and chairs you've used at the end of the evening.
- 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.
- Please sign in at each attendance. This ensures we know who to account for in the event of an emergency evacuation.

Current membership :	4	Junior Members
(correct at time of going to press)	29	Members

## From the Editors **Cab Window**

A large proportion of this months newsletter is given over to the former Midland railway station in Northampton—St Johns.

*Colin*



## Club Torque

### Len Snelling

The latest we have on Len's health is that he is home from his last stay in hospital and is as well as can be expected for a person of his age.

### Next Thursday P.M. Club Meetings

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

- 14th May — Club Cupboard Clear Out

### Date of next Committee Meeting

A date for the next committee meeting is Monday 18th May. 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 2015

13th May, 3rd & 24th June, 15th July,  
5th & 26th August, 16th September, 7th & 28th  
October, 18th November and 9th December.

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



## **St Johns Hall of Residence Retains its Railway Link to the Past**

by Colin Tarry

As you all know the car park that was on the site of the former St Johns Street railway station is now a student hall of residence.

However, what you may not know is that the new building, or to be precise the railings around it, bear the names of the railway stations that were on the route from St Johns Street Station to Bedford.

A company called Alpha Rail has manufactured the railings and the maroon totem style signs that have been fitted. The totem style signage was introduced by British Railways after nationalisation in 1948. Maroon was the colour selected for lines served by the London Midland Region.



Each of the student accommodation blocks is named after a local railway station and to reflect this heritage, Alpha Rail was asked to manufacture the bespoke designs in metal and attach them to the metal railings. In total, the project required Alpha Rail to install 13 linear metres of 2.2m high Westminster railings, 161 linear metres of 1.1m high Westminster railings around the six blocks of multi-storey accommodation.

All too often in this country sections of our railway heritage are just destroyed with no clues remaining that a railway once existed in a particular place. Its nice to see that on this occasion Alpha Rail have added a reminder to this new development of what once stood on the site.

On the following pages are some photos depicting these totem signs, which have been reproduced in this newsletter with kind permission from Alpha Rail.

<http://www.alpharail.co.uk/2014/06/metal-railings-for-university-campus-in-northampton/>

St Johns Street Station was opened by the Midland Railway on 10th June 1872. After the 1921 Railways Act the Midland Railway was absorbed into the LMS. The station remained open until the LMS closed it on the 3rd July 1939, a few months before the outbreak of the Second World War. From this time the Northampton to Bedford service commenced from Northampton Castle station, travelling via Northampton Bridge Street station and then onto Bedford. Passenger services were finally withdrawn on 5th March 1962.



St John's Street takes its name from the medieval hospital that was on St Johns Street, previously known as Three Potts Lane.

St Johns Hospital opened in 1138. From its origins as a hospice it became a soldiers burial ground. It was confiscated during the Reformation, before becoming Northampton's first railway station. After the stations demise, the charitable trust that still owned the land, sold it to fund the St Johns Convalescent Home in Weston Favell, which is still there today.





The Bedford totem near the residence entrance.



All photos courtesy of Alpha Rail Ltd.





Views of the various railings showing the totem signage linking this new development to the past.





One of our Club members, Dave Wilson, is currently building a model layout of St Johns Street station in N gauge



Some views of Dave's layout so far.

Above is his very impressive model of St Johns Street station building. Dave has made all the structures from card.





## **Notes from the Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th April 2015**



### **Exhibition 2015**

The full Committee visited the village hall at Cogenhoe, the venue for this year's [smaller] exhibition. Sufficient bookings for both layouts and traders have been received and are being allocated space. As it is a smaller exhibition, there will be no advertising in the modelling magazines, but entries will be placed in the "What's on/dates for the diary" sections of the 4 magazines. It is up to Members to do their bit by publicising it in their areas, using posters, flyers, word of mouth etc. Further, the programme will be a simple folded A4 sheets produced in house.

Help is needed for the following activities: -

### **Thursday 14 May afternoon**

To clear out the store room and take surplus items/rubbish to the tip. See further details on page 10.

### **Great Central Model Weekend. 18/19/20/21 June**

A rota will be put up at the Club for cover to operate, erect and take down the test track from setting up on the Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> through to late Sunday afternoon .

### **Club Outing**

A Club outing is proposed in June, July or August, dates and venue suggestions welcomed.

**Richard Deacon      Club Secretary**



# Cynthia Spencer Hospice

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Dear Mr Tarry

Thank you for your kind donation of £100.00 to Cynthia Spencer Hospice, in memory of your Club Member, the late Mr David Roy Wainwright from a collection from Club Members and a donation from Club Funds. It is very kind of you to think of us.

We are all extremely grateful that you have chosen to help our Hospice. Your gift will enable us to continue to support more local people and their families when they need it most. Our vital services are only made possible by the generosity of our local community who currently provide 30p of every £1 we spend on care. So thank you, we really value your support.

Once again, many thanks for your support of our Hospice. If you have any questions, or would like more information on any aspect of our work, please do get in touch.

With kindest regards.

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Data Protection: Cynthia Spencer Hospice will not share your details with any other organisations. We would however, like to keep in touch occasionally with news of our work and fundraising activities, using the contact details you have supplied. If you would prefer not to be contacted this way please call us on 01604 678082 or email [cshfundraising@nhft.nhs.uk](mailto:cshfundraising@nhft.nhs.uk)

# NOTICE BOARD



## 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 2015.

There will be a plastic crate in our Club cupboard for tombola items to be collected and stored in.

We also need more volunteers to co-ordinate the sticking of cloakroom ticket numbers on the items and fold up matching numbers. But this does not need to be done until nearer the time. If you would like to actually do this for us then please let us know ASAP.

## Club Cupboard Room Clear Out

The previous date of the 30th April to clear the Club cupboard was changed at the last committee meeting. The new date is now Thursday 14th May, from 14:00 until 17:00.

As you may have well noticed its packed out with stuff again. We don't have the garage anymore that we can archive things off to. As many as possible to help please. Also we would be grateful if you could take any non wanted items away for disposal at one of the recycling centres aka "The Tip". We will need to be ruthless on deciding what we keep and what we get rid of.

## Club Regalia—Update

Unfortunately the Club regalia is not ready yet. I will be chasing our suppliers now to get a date. I'll keep everyone informed, who have ordered items, of progress.



# Club Information

## Committee Members

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

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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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