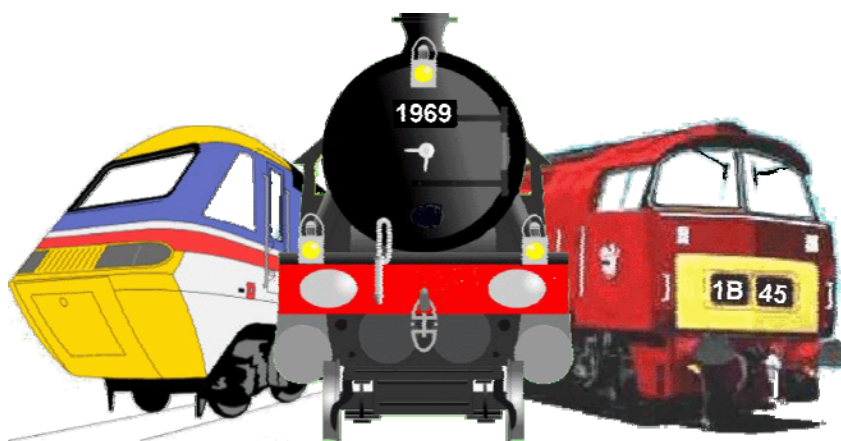


# Between the Lines



## 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

## From the Editors **Cab Window**

In this issue more pictures from the travels of Peter Escott.

If you want to see the last remaining semaphore signals at Banbury then go now. Time is running out. From mid July they're gone for good.

*Colin*



## Club Torque

### Next Thursday P.M. Club Meetings

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

- 12th May — Layout working day
- 26th May — Layout working day

### Date of next Committee Meeting

A date for the next committee will be on Monday 16th 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 2016

4th & 25th May, 15th June, 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 Meeting held on Monday 18th April 2016**



### **Exhibition**

Les will contact all exhibitors/ traders early May to confirm attendance. Colin and Richard agreed to act as Exhibition Manager on the day.

Tim Amos to be asked if he would transport club layout etc in his trailer to save on van hire, preferably straight to the hall if possible .

### **AOB**

#### **Ian Harrison**

Following the £20 donation to the RNLI recorded in the March minutes, a further donation for £20 has been received and passed to the Iron Lung Charity operating under the auspices of the Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals in memory of Ian Harrison.

#### **Shunting Challenge**

Mick Mumford is looking at developing the shunting Challenge into a running layout.

#### **Main Test Track**

The main Test track maintenance work—The new lift out section still to be designed/built and installed later in the summer. Additional OO track best done at home , two sections at a time. Volunteers are needed to help with these tasks.

### **Thursday Afternoon Sessions**

Thursday pm bookings on the second Thursday are permanent until further notice . The fourth Thursday in the month workings are booked on an ad hoc basis, currently for May June and July. Reviewable after then.

### **Wednesday Club Night Meetings**

Agreed that the new Club night rota of one working evening, one running evening [with engineers possessions] and test track, needs refinement, as incompatible old stock/wheels had fouled the rails on Greenford on the running evening. In future, the juniors Test Track will still need to be put up, and correspondingly because of space limitations, only half the length of Kings Thorpe layout would be put up at a time.

### **Sale of Ian Harrison's Modelling Items**

John Walker attended this meeting in his position as Sales Officer. John is overseeing the disposal of Ian Harrison's tools and modelling bits, being offered initially to Club Members.

### **Kings Thorpe Layout**

Les to investigate Fabric Warehouse for curtain material for Kings Thorpe and whether they would hem them. Several lengths preferable to single.

### **Secure Filing Cabinet**

John Walker is looking at fitting a hasp, staple and padlock for the drawer(s) that need securing.

### **Film Night**

No decision on a date has yet been reached.

**Richard Deacon      Club Secretary**





## The Peter Escott Collection

Club member Peter Escott shares with us some more of his photos from his many travels visiting various railway haunts and special events.

Here are some pictures from a visit he made in February this year to the Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway. In particular Peter has photographed the developments at Broadway in preparation for the lines extension. Broadway is situated to the north of Toddington.



This page—The new signal box takes shape







This page—  
Views of the  
new  
platforms,  
signals. In  
the centre  
photo the  
footbridge  
being  
constructed.



## Exhibition Manager Wanted

The Club needs an exhibition manager for 2017. Any member of the Club who would like to take on this role please let any committee member know.

If we don't get anyone to take on this role then there will be NO exhibition in 2017. In fact there will be no further exhibitions until we do get an exhibition manager.

The job is nowhere as involved as it used to be as our exhibition have been down sized now we exhibit in a village hall.

Please give this matter some thought. There is no reason why it cannot be a shared role.

## 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](http://www.ndmrc.org)

## Drunk woman falls between the platform and train at Barnsley Station - CCTV footage

Have a look at this on YouTube. I don't think even Buster Keaton could have done better.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5ijGfDMiIs>



## Thursday Afternoon Sessions

I've been asked by the manager for Community Spaces Northampton to relay a complaint ( yes another complaint about the Club) concerning our access to the Kingsthorpe Hall on a Thursday afternoon.

The complaint reads: -

".....some of the Northampton Railway Club members have been arriving at Kingsthorpe Community Centre at 1:10pm and trying to set up the room whilst the other group are still using the centre. They have also raised the issue of being blocked in and cannot move their cars after their session has ended....."

We are booked to have the hall from 14:00 until 17:00 and that is what we pay for. As a ANOTHER complaint about the Club has been made, please ensure we enter the building and car park at our allotted time.

Colin Tarry  
Treasurer

## Web Site of the Month Rail Photo Archive

The aim of the site is to provide an in depth gallery of railway history from around the world, using pictures that the average enthusiast has taken.

Originally this site was called Rail80s.com, then it changed to BRLocos.com and finally to the RailPhotoArchive. This site allows you, after registering, to upload your own photographs.

<http://www.railphotoarchive.org/>

# HOMework



## Last Months Question:

Why have the old station platforms of the now closed Castlethorpe station (now in the Borough of Milton Keynes) on the West Coast Main Line , not been removed?

*Answer:*

*When British Railways sold off the old station building, the sale included the purchase of the station platforms. Consequently a situation has arisen whereby the railway network has ended up with private property sitting amongst the tracks of the West Coast Mainline. Looking at the area from Google Earth it doesn't look as if the platform owners have any access to their property (not without physically stepping out over the rails). If you watch the Railscene DVD "Cab Rides—Wolverton to Birmingham New Street" then as the train approaches Castlethorpe you can hear Traction Inspector Peter Crawley explain this unusual situation.*

## The Northamptonshire Film Archive Trust



A film evening entitled "Railways of Britain No1—Steam and Diesel Power" will be held on Tuesday June 14th commencing at 19:30 hrs.

The venue for this event is as per usual: -  
The Wellingborough Museum, Dulley's Baths, 12 Castle Way, Wellingborough NN8 1XB.

Tickets are £5

"Railways of Britain No2—Steam and Diesel Power" will be shown on Tuesday November 22nd.

# NOTICE BOARD



## Thursday Afternoon Session

The following additional Thursday afternoon sessions have been booked: -

May 26th, June 23rd and July 28th

## Club Night—Dirty Mugs & Abandoned Drinks

In the July 2015 newsletter this issue was mentioned. It appears we've slipped back into our old ways again. Dirty mugs have been left out on Club nights all over the place. Some are just empty dirty mugs while others are abandoned drinks.

Rules for Club Night Attendance - Rule 2 states " If you make a drink, please wash your cup/spoon up afterwards. Please wipe up any spillages."

Will ALL members please adhere to this rule. Your wife, mother, girl friend is not at Club night to clear up after you. Every week Michael gets the thankless task of washing up after you.

# 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



# 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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Northampton, NN2 6PT



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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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