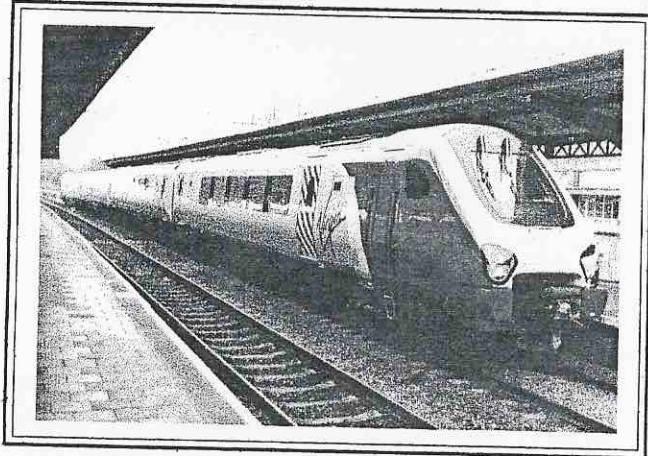


Railway Correspondence and Travel Society.

Milton Keynes
Branch



Meetings held at the C.I.U.
Workingsmens Club, London Road,
Stony Stratford at 7-30 pm on the
first Thursday of every month.

On 1st. February Dennis Lovett,
Deputy to Director Corporate
Affairs, Virgin Trains will give an
Illustrated Talk entitled "Virgin
Vision".

As usual all are welcome. Please join
us if you can.

MILTON KEYNES MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY NEWS

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The MKMRS is associated with:
The Chiltern Model Railway Association - The Model Railway Club
The World War II Railway Study Group

Working within the Bletchley Park Museum

Bletchley Park Roster

Please note: If you are unable to cover any particular date – please arrange a swop on the roster in the club room – Chris Hughes

UNROSTERED PEOPLE ARE WELCOME AT ANY TIME – THANKS

Saturday 20 January:	Bruce Garwood / Ken Wiggins
Sunday 21 January:	Dennis Lovett / Bernard Worden
Saturday 3 February:	Chris Lester / Tim Davey
Sunday 4 February:	Fred Collins / Roy Cobb
Saturday 17 February:	Eric Bowman / Eric Preston
Sunday 18 February:	Les Wood / Geoff Blackwell
Saturday 3 March:	Brian Barnes / Stan Pennington / Mick Clements
Sunday 4 March:	Chris Hughes / Nick Hughes
Saturday 17 March:	Gordon Shrimpton / Ken Sharpe
Sunday 18 March:	Bruce Garwood / Martin Shenton
Saturday 31 March:	Chris Lester / Stephen Walker
Sunday 1 April:	Dennis Lovett / Ted Mellor
Saturday 14 April:	Eric Bowman / Paul Wakeley
Sunday 15 April:	Fred Collins / Ken James
Monday 16 April: Easter	Les Wood / Roger Blackburn / Ian Leigh
Saturday 28 April:	Geoff Bell / Ray Cousins / Richard Cousins
Sunday 29 April:	Chris Hughes / Nick Hughes
Saturday 12 May:	Gordon Shrimpton / Geoff Blackwell
Sunday 13 May:	Bruce Garwood / Ken Wiggins

Please note that John Hatton / John Tennant and Ken Ranns are not rostered as they attend most weekends.

MILTON KEYNES MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY FOUNDED 1969

Your chance to have your say

There can be few model railway organisations that are as democratic as MKMRS. Each year we hold an AGM and each year the members elect club officers and a committee to serve them during the following year. A separate notice appears in this magazine which tells how nomination forms can be obtained and returned to the Secretary.

Over the years the club has endeavoured to be as democratic as possible. After all it is your club not mine and it is right that we take a little time each year to outline a way forward and also to look back on what we have achieved over the past 12 months.

We have been very busy over the past year. We now have more members than at anytime previously and we have endeavoured to meet our commitments to the Bletchley Park Trust by playing an active role during open weekends and school visits. At times this is not easy and your committee works hard behind the scenes to ensure that all our interests are looked after.

Sometimes members do not realise the hard work that your elected representatives do. Often this is away from the view of the membership and goes on in a meeting room within the mansion or on a non club night within our own building. Our secretary works hard to ensure we communicate effectively with other clubs and organisations and our Treasurer ensures that we remain solvent, with a few pounds locked away for a rainy day.

There are many among the membership who equally give their time and energies to work on layouts, on building works and making the tea and coffee. To all we have the chance to say thank you at the AGM.

To come along and assist us to move the club forward over the coming year.



Dennis Lovett
Chairman

CLUB MAGAZINES – CAN YOU HELP????

Unfortunately our archive of club magazines has numbers 80, 81 and 82 missing. If any member has a spare copy or can lend the Chairman their magazine for copying - then we shall be able to complete our archive.

Club Notice Board

2001 Woughton Swapmeets

The Swapmeet will take place between 1100 – 1500 at Woughton Campus on:

4 February

13 May

16 October

4 December

Admission is £1 Adults, 80p concessions, children under 18 free

Gauge O Guild Auction -2001

The third auction will take place on Saturday 10 February 2001 at Bletchley Park. The last two have gone down particularly well and the event, after several years of decline in Central London, is now proving popular again. One of the features has been our ability to open up our facilities and keep the visitors entertained and out of the way of those organising the proceedings in the hall. Please book the date in your diary.

Historical Model Railway Society

The following meetings are open to MKMRS members free of charge (tea / coffee available at small fee). Meetings commence at 1930 and further details are available from Eric Bowman. Meetings below are in the MKMRS clubrooms.

28 February Reconstruction of Euston Station - Prior to electrification

25 April Bullied Locomotives of the Southern Railway

The HMRS also meets in **Bedford** (details available from Eric Bowman). The following subjects will be covered:

31 January "Fragile"- a review of parcels and perishable traffic

been used overseas during the First World War and were in need of replacement on main line freight trains.

With Collett now in charge at Swindon, he realised that by building a new Class of 0-6-0 tender locomotives; he could solve the problems on the lightly constructed lines by freeing up the Dean Goods locomotives to haul trains over them. It would also allow for the withdrawal of the older locomotives inherited from the pre-grouping companies.

In 1930, the first of the new Collett 0-6-0s left Swindon works. Designated 2251 Class, in all eight batches was built, with the Class totalling 120 locomotives. These were numbered 2200 – 2299 and 3200 – 3219. The final members of the Class, No's 3218 and 3219, were not delivered until just after Nationalisation and the formation of British Railways in 1948.

The Class 2251s was designed around a number of standard Swindon components including the No. 10 boiler. Unlike earlier locomotives, the new locomotives had cabs, which offered much better protection for the train crews from the elements. The Dean Goods in comparison had little protection and the new locomotives were immediately popular with the footplate staff. Locomotives built during the 1939-45 war, however, did not have the cab windows fitted, but these were fitted retrospectively when the war ended.

The Class were found mainly on freight duties throughout the Great Western Railway and later the Western Region of British Railways. Most of the major GWR depots had an allocation over the years. Officially regarded as mixed traffic locomotives, they were also used on passenger services, particularly on cross-country and branch line services.

Modernisation of the railways after the publication of the 1955 plans, coupled with many route closures, resulted in withdrawals taking place. The last of the Class survived until the end of the Western Region steam in 1965. Only one member of the Class, however, was preserved and No.3205 after several years on the Severn Valley Railway can now be found on the West Somerset Railway between Minehead and Bishop Lydeard.

A ready to run model in OO gauge is available from Bachmann.

*MKMRS
SWEATSHIRTS & POLO SHIRTS
- AT LAST YEARS PRICES*

Sweatshirts (Maroon with MKMRS logo) £14.50
Polo shirts (Maroon with MKMRS logo) £12.50

*Both can be personalised with your name for
£3 extra.

Please see Gordon Shrimpton

**NORTHAMPTON INTERNATIONAL MODEL RAILWAY
EXHIBITION**

SATURDAY 3rd MARCH 2001

Moulton Secondary School, Pound Lane 20+ layouts
Adults £2 - Free car parking

The 2251 Class 0-6-0

A useful Great Western mixed traffic locomotive

The Great Western Railway was the only one of the pre-grouping railways to retain its status and name during the 1923 Grouping, absorbing a number of other railways, notably in Wales. Some of these lines, particularly in Central Wales, carried route restrictions and the types of locomotives that could be used on them were limited.

No 0-6-0 tender locomotives had been built at Swindon for many years, the Great Western Railway relying heavily on the 2301 Dean Goods 0-6-0s, which had entered service, back in 1883. Many of these locomotives had

Club News Continued - HMRS Bedford Meetings

28 March Slides by Chris Youett (including new material on the Southern and London & North Eastern

30 May A modelling clinic (no appointment necessary!!)

BRENDA ECKERSLEY

It is with regret that we have to report the sad loss of Brenda Eckersley, wife of Gordon, our member residing in Sheringham, Norfolk who died suddenly at home on Boxing Day.

Brenda was well known to many MKMRS members either through the shop in St. Mary's Avenue or following the move to Sheringham on the North Norfolk Railway where they have operated as G. E. Models for the past 5 years.

Mark Agnew, Geoff Mathie, Jenny and myself represented the club at Brenda's funeral in Norwich. Our thoughts are very much with Gordon, and also fellow MKMRS member Austin Daly and his wife Joan (Brenda's sister), who also share in the loss of Brenda.

Dennis Lovett
Chairman

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Dave Ruck has recently moved from Milton Keynes to South Wales and we wish Dave and his wife well in their new home. They still have family in the area, so Dave will continue to visit us from time to time.

NORTH NORFOLK RAILWAY ANNUAL EXHIBITION

The club has been invited to provide layouts again for the North Norfolk Railway exhibition to be held in the new carriage shed at Weybourne near Sheringham. Our Norfolk member Gordon Eckersley of GE Models is once again organising this event.

Anyone wishing to exhibit a layout at this event which is being held on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June should contact the Chairman a.s.a.p

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with the club rules, I hereby give advance notification of the 2001 Annual General Meeting of the Milton Keynes Model Railway Society which will be held on:

Tuesday 30th January 2001
Commencing at 2000, in the clubroom at Bletchley Park

Nomination forms for the appointment of club officers will be available from me in due course. These should be completed and handed to me before the start of the meeting on the date specified above.

Chris Hughes, Secretary
10 December 2000-12-17

CLUB COMPETITION

As usual the club modelling competition will be run in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting so now is the time to be completing your models.

The classes of competition are as follows;

7mm or above

Scratchbuilt locomotive
Kitbuilt or modified RTR loco
Scratchbuilt rolling stock
Kitbuilt or modified RTR rolling stock

4mm or less

Scratchbuilt locomotive
Kitbuilt or modified RTR loco
Scratchbuilt rolling stock
Kitbuilt or modified RTR rolling stock

2mm or less

Kitbuilt or modified RTR locomotive

Any scale

Scenic items

RULES

- 1 - NO ENTRY shall have been previously entered in a club competition
- 2 - The entry shall be made by a fully paid up member at the time of entry

The competition will be judged during the meeting and the prizes awarded afterwards

Introducing our member who travels the longest distance – Peter Hunt

A recent visitor to our club room on an open weekend was chatting to Eric Bowman and Chris Hughes about our activities and wished to join us. Our Treasurer and Secretary were somewhat amazed to find that our newest member – Peter Hunt, resided in Australia.

Here is an extract from Peter's letter

17 Great Western Way,
NW Victoria,
NSW 2786
Australia

18 October 2000

Dear Both,

Thank you for your letter containing my membership card etc.

Fellow members, firstly let me congratulate you not only for the professional way that you operate but also for the courtesy shown to me – even though it was at very short notice – to this I must thank Chris and those who showed me around and made me feel most welcome.

It is most refreshing, especially in this day and age, to find “old fashioned values” still exist. I am enclosing a booklet which shows the area I live in.

My time in the UK was most rewarding and all being well will be back next year and hope to see you then – if anyone is coming down under let me know and I will help if I can.

I wish I had the facilities that you have, for I think you have done extremely well. Keep up the good work.

Peter Hunt

*Welcome to the club Peter and let us know when your next visit will be so that we can show you our latest endeavours. Peter will now receive MKMRS News on a regular basis and perhaps we can persuade him to let us know something of railway modelling in Australia.

DID YOU KNOW OUR WEB SITE HAS BEEN VISITED BY SOME 1,500 BROWSERS ??? IT IS DUE TO BE UPGRADED SHORTLY