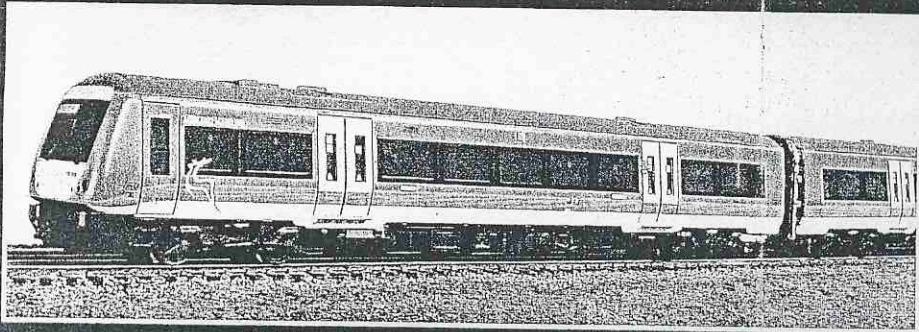
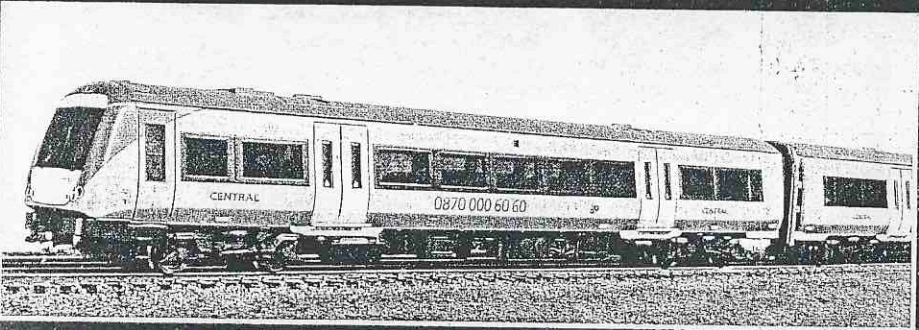


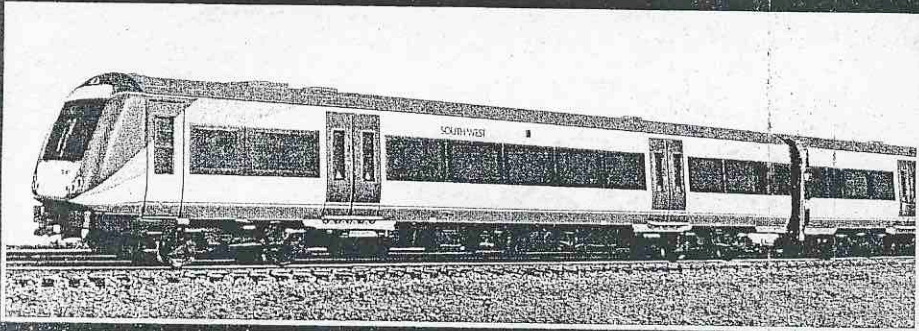
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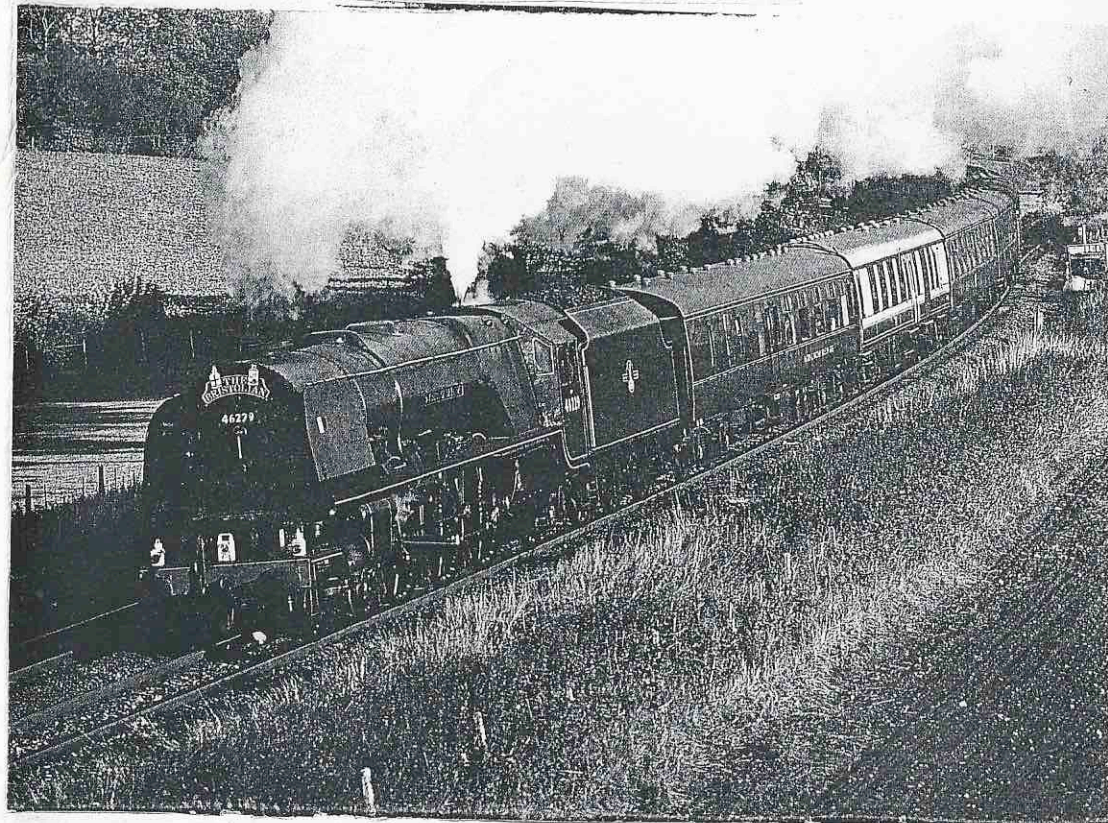
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## MILTON KEYNES MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY NEWS

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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

The last layout I worked on had 25,000 volts feeding it, so I find 12 volts a little difficult, but I am delighted to say, I have now mastered Verney Junction, although the other layouts continue to be a mystery at present.

Attendance over the two days was just under 1,000 visitors. Jackie was busy modelling her trees at the table and a lot of people were impressed by her work.

A number of visitors had been to see us before and commented on the hard work that had been carried out since their last visit. We gave them information on the current projects and some were taken to see the outside layout and several visitors were looking forward to seeing it working on a return visit. (A feather in your caps for the builders!).

I have recently visited the website ([www.mkmrslsnet.co.uk](http://www.mkmrslsnet.co.uk)) and found it very informative. Thanks to Simon for his work in this area and for agreeing to update it during the coming weeks. We need some photographs of work in progress so getting snapping please.

### The Class 45 'Peaks'

#### Dennis Lovett takes a look at the diesels that dominated the Midland Main Line for over two decades

First introduced in 1960, the Class 45 locomotives were a development of the original ten locomotives (later Class 44) that were introduced a year earlier. The first ten were all named after mountain peaks, the name being generically applied to all Class 44, 45 and 46 locomotives by rail enthusiasts. The first batch (originally numbered D11-D49) was built at Derby in 1960/1. The second group (originally numbered D50-D137) was constructed at Crewe between 1960 and 1963. After the adoption of the TOPS numbering system in 1971, locomotives originally numbered in the series D50 - D137 became Class 45. Those with steam heat boilers were designated Class 45/0 (carrying numbers 45001-45077) and those with electric train heating became Class 45/1 (carrying numbers 45101-50).

The Peaks replaced steam traction on principal trains to and from London St. Pancras during the early 1960s, working trains over the Midland Main Line, on the Settle - Carlisle route and also on the Waverley route between Carlisle, Hawick, Galashiels and Edinburgh.

In the early 1980s, the Peaks were displaced from front line passenger work on the Midland Main Line following the arrival of the High Speed Trains (HST's). This led to the Class being utilised on other workings including parcels and freight trains. Some were transferred onto cross-country routes such as Newcastle - Plymouth. By 1988 only one locomotive remained in traffic (No. 45106) which had been repainted in green livery specifically for hauling enthusiast trains. A major defect resulted in the rapid withdrawal of the locomotive and the end of a long and distinguished career with British Rail for the class. Thirteen locomotives have survived to operate on heritage railways.

## MILTON KEYNES MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY FOUNDED 1969

### Open All Hours

Bletchley Park is now open every weekend under new arrangements that began on the weekend of 7/8 July and will continue until Christmas. We will, therefore, be looking at how we cover these additional requirements - in the meantime please volunteer if you feel able to assist us - even a few hours on a particular day would be most welcome.

We understand that the park is scheduled to be closed to weekend visitors during January and February - as we know from our own records, these are quiet periods. Most tourist attractions, heritage railways or stately homes are usually open between Easter and October, Bletchley Park is, however, slightly different, as it falls outside a recognised tourism area and with most of its attractions being inside, is not quite so vulnerable to weather.

We must continue to develop our visitor attractions and a number of avenues are currently being explored to provide even more areas of interest. The moving of the main club room doors, to provide an uninterrupted view of the tinsplate room is a welcome addition. A touch of paint and an additional lighting unit, will improve it further and free up another area for displays.

We need to have a major clear up in places to ensure that our visitors see the exhibits and not the accumulated clutter than we can easily acquire. We shall be looking at all our areas after the QGM and I am sure that we will all benefit from the results. We need to look at our storerooms, decide what is useful and what is not and dispose of items which fall into the latter category. Clearly we will need to undertake this work during the lighter evenings and hopefully remove the rubbish to the area designated for burning it. Some may be retained by the Park for the traditional November 5<sup>th</sup> activities, but that will be a decision for them to make rather than us.

During the holiday season please look at some of the smaller museums - be they railway connected or not. If you see any interesting methods of presentation then do feel free to pass them on. I recently visited the Scottish Fisheries Museum in Fife which tells the story of the Scottish Fishing Fleet. Amongst the many fine models (and real life boats too), was the resident modellers workshop, where visitors could watch yet another fine model being built. Perhaps we need to consider a window into our workshop area as a long term project - trouble is we would have to keep a lot tidier than we do at present!!

Dennis Lovett  
Chairman

# Club Notice Board

## 2001 Woughton Swapmeets

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

**16 September  
4 December**

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

## 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 held in The following subject will be covered:

Next years programme will be available from Eric Bowman shortly.

## NORTH NORFOLK RAILWAY ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Thanks to all those who attended this successful show held at in the new carriage shed adjacent to Weyborne Station on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June.

Layouts representing the club included Trix Twin (OO - John Hatton), New Chrisdale (N gauge - Bruce Garwood), Madein Margate (Triang - Dennis Lovett), Buxford (Modern Image O - Mark Agnew), Wolverton (O gauge - Colin French), Woodford (O gauge - Les Wood) and Tinplate Trains (O gauge tinplate - Brian Barnes and Mick Clements). The only other layout attending was the O gauge American layout "Black Canyon" owned by Mike Vincent of Leighton Buzzard.

Thanks to Mark Agnew for arranging the transport and to member Gordon Eckersley for arranging the hospitality.

We have recently received a note of thanks and a donation for club funds. We shall be writing to the North Norfolk Railway shortly to thank them for their generous donation.

## Military Weekend – 23/24 June

by Dave Meaden

As a newer member of MKMRS, I find railway history and that relating to the war years in particular truly fascinating. The Military Weekend is always popular, but this was the first time that I had been involve. We also had a lot of members away at the North Norfolk show with their layouts.

Many of the visitors our club rooms have their stories to tell and often engage in conversation after being prompted by one of our war time panels or by one of the models. One of the visitors during the military weekend was an army gunner who had been involved with the battle of Cassino, in Italy, during the last war. His memory had been jogged, although as you get older it sometimes needs prompting in order to recall the events. A member of a mortar crew, he told of a particularly horrific incident in which his mate received a fatal wound in the chest. The Germans had taken over a monastery on a hill, which was completely flattened by the allies during its capture.

We even had a visit from Winston Churchill during the day. The Prime Minister and his body guard were pleased to see us but his cigar remained unlit. We offered him a light but he said it was a fake, although he did confess to saving a real one for later.

The panel showing the real Winston talking to a train crew on one of the Railways at War posters, featured a fireman from Rugby. The owner of a steam roller visited us, said that the fireman in the picture now lived in a residential home in Rugby and he would try to carry out some research on our behalf. I have his contact details so we can get in touch.

A Doctor, recently retired, harbored a life long ambition to restore an army vehicle and he bought one two years ago in readiness for having the time to do it at last.

An ex-nurse relayed her experiences of being a passenger on a Japanese submarine. She told us it was very small inside so I made a joke of it being so, to enable those inside to NIP about if it sunk!

A lot of visitors were impressed with the Verney layout as it was and how, it may yet again see trains trundling through if the east-west rail link finally gets the go-ahead. Apart from a couple of hot-boxes, two derailments and a loco change, the layout performed excellently over the weekend.

Although Ken's layout remained non operational, it looked very impressive behind its new screens and visitors were impressed when we told them that a good number of our members, including Ken, were away in Norfolk exhibiting during the weekend.

The tram layout was particularly popular, the ladies and youngsters seemed fascinated by it. Although it is fictional, many thought they had been there in the past!

Saturday 22 September  
Sunday 23 September

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday 29 September  
Sunday 30 September

Eric Bowman, Tony Winn, Dave Meaden  
Fred Collins, Roger Blackburn, Ian Leigh

Saturday 6 September  
Sunday 7 September

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday 13 October  
Sunday 14 October

Geoff Bell, Les Wood, Craig Shaw  
Dennis Lovett, Paul Wakley, Fred Fox

Saturday 20 October  
Sunday 21 October

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday 27 October  
Sunday 28 October

Gordon Shrimpton, Mike Maidment, Roy Cobb  
Bruce Garwood, Ken Wiggins, Gareth Homersley

Saturday 3 November  
Sunday 4 November

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday 10 November  
Sunday 11 November

Chris Lester, Ken Sharpe, Geoff Blackwell  
Chris Hughes, Nick Hughes, Peter Findlay

Saturday 17 November  
Sunday 18 November

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday 24 November  
Sunday 25 November

Eric Bowman, Eric Preston, Robin Rowles  
Fred Collins, Brian Barnes, Stan Pennington, Mick  
Clements

Saturday 8 December  
Sunday 9 December

Geoff Bell, Tim Davey, Bernard Worden  
Dennis Lovett, Les Wood, Craig Shaw

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

#### VACANCY FOR A BUDDING GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Is there a club member who can utilise a computer better than your Editor and able to work on producing pages of this magazine from copy supplied on a disc (word) – would be most welcome? Please see Dennis Lovett for further information.

### RAILWAY CORRESPONDENCE & TRAVEL SOCIETY

The RCTS meets on the first Thursday of the month at the C.I.U. Working Mens Club in Stony Stratford at 1930 hours. Our long standing friend Bob Ballard is the Chairman.

A number of interesting speakers are scheduled for the next few months including:

6 September "1931-2000 I.C.I Hopper trains and works" by Brian Arnold  
(RCTS Altrincham)

*Further details from Bob Ballard on 01908 562195*

### CORONATION SCOT TRUST FUND

The Trust Fund set up to acquire the Princess Coronation 4-6-2 in Blue and Silver LMS livery and the 9 coach matching set previously owned by our late member John Tennant is nearing £600 following the club night on 10<sup>th</sup> July. The train is modelled in 7mm O gauge finescale.

We are a quarter way towards our target of £2,000 which we need to raise secure this fine model from the Executor for permanent display at Bletchley Park.

The coaches were built at Wolverton Works and the train was seen through Bletchley on its many runs prior to World War Two.

Many members are contributing towards the fund at £1 per week – some have contributed a cheque of £40 towards the appeal total. If you would like to know more or would like to contribute please see Tony Winn, who put the idea forward or Eric Bowman, our Treasurer, who would be more than happy to relieve you of any £ coins burning a hole in your pocket.

Should we fail to raise the appropriate sum before the Executor has completed his business, the monies raised will be returned to those who have contributed.

Our Vice-President Les Wood is John's executor and anticipates that we have a year to raise the £2,000. As the suggestion was only made at our

April Quarterly General Meeting – some ten weeks ago – we have done extremely well so far.

Many thanks to all who are supporting this project.

### N GAUGE SOCIETY – LOCAL BRANCH FORMED

A local branch of the N gauge society has been formed and will meet monthly in our club rooms. MKMRS members with an interest in N gauge will be most welcome to attend – the next meeting is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Please see Geoff Mathie for further details.

### JULY OGM

The next quarterly general meeting will take place at 2000 in the club room on Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup>.

### WEBSITE NEWS

If you have web access the address is:

[www.mkmrs.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.mkmrs.fsnet.co.uk)

### LIBRARY NEWS

Our Librarians Ray and Richard Cousins have found it difficult to get to the club as often as they would like to lately and have asked to be relieved of their roles as Librarians.

I would like to thank them both for undertaking the task for a number of years and for providing an excellent service in the past. At times they were inundated by lofts full of magazines being delivered, but managed to find the ones that we needed and keep the shelves of our give-away copies well filled.

Are there any volunteers out there to continue the good work?

Ray and Richard will continue to be members and look forward to being back amongst us soon.

Dennis Lovett

## Bletchley Park Roster

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

### UNROSTERED PEOPLE ARE WELCOME AT ANY TIME

Saturday 7 July	Gordon Shrimpton, Brian Barnes, Stan Pennington, Mick Clements
Sunday 8 July	Bruce Garwood, Ken Wiggins, Dave Meaden
Saturday 14 July Sunday 15 July	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Saturday 21 July Sunday 22 July	Chris Lester, Robin Rowles, Ken Sharpe Chris Hughes, Nick Hughes, Steve Ellingham
Saturday 28 July Sunday 29 July	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Saturday 4 August Sunday 5 August	Eric Bowman, Eric Preston, Les Wood, Craig Shaw Fred Collins, Bernard Worden, Fred Fox
Saturday 11 August Sunday 12 August	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Saturday 18 August Sunday 19 August	Geoff Bell, Mike Maidment, Roy Cobb Dennis Lovett, Peter Findlay, Gareth Homersley
Saturday 25 August Sunday 26 August	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Saturday 1 September Sunday 2 September	Gordon Shrimpton, Geoff Blackwell, Ray Cousins, Richard Cousins Tracey Broyd, Ken Wiggins, Ted Mellor
Saturday 8 September Sunday 9 September	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Saturday 15 September Sunday 16 September	Chris Lester, Stephen Walker, Tim Davey Chris Hughes, Nick Hughes, Martin Shenton