

BANBURY & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB + **ECJME**

BANRAIL '94

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

THE COUNTRY'S BIGGEST
1 DAY SHOW

on Sunday November 6th 1994
at Broughton Hall, Banbury School,
Ruskin Road, Banbury, Oxfordshire
(signposted Junction 11, M40)

featuring over 25 layouts;

including

- Carron Bridge
- Chipping Norton
- Helmdon N.S.E.
- Hook Norton Light Railway
- Kings Sutton
- Hollybank Depot
- Brocklesea
- Grizzly Flats
- Stapleforth Road
- Acton Main Line
- Russel Bridge
- Glasgow Central
- Firhill
- Beaver Creek
- Wick Road

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Opening Hours: 10.30am - 5.30pm

Admission: Adults £2.00 Junior/OAPs £1.00

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Bletchley in LMS days - a scene we hope to recreate at Bletchley Park

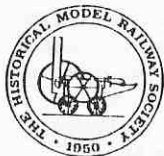
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QUIZ CORNER by SAGITTARIUS**ALL MIXED UP!**

The TV programme "Countdown" (Channel 4, weekdays at 4.30) seems to be so popular that "The Times" has introduced a word game based on anagrams as if they were something new. In fact, anagrams are quite old and probably formed the basis of many spy cyphers. Be that as it may, this month's quiz features 12 jumbled up engine names carried in the post-1967 BR era by diesel or electric locomotives. Get those little grey cells working and sort them out.

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| 1. HMRSTTYEOOU (CI 56) | 7. AAAEEEILLNRRSVVWYY (CI 31) |
| 2. EEEEEOUCCNRT (CI 91) | 8. COLILIMANAXWT (CI 60) |
| 3. TSLHGIEEA (CI 33) | 9. CEEFIKLMNNOOTTY (CI 86) |
| 4. AABCCEHHKLTTW (CI 55) | 10. AABCIMNR (CI 42) |
| 5. SSTTYAAEHLMNN (CI 45) | 11. NRTCHIAA (CI 40) |
| 6. PMLLCBAAEI (CI 50) | 12. EEEAATTSRRNG (CI 37) |

Answers next month.



Historical Model Railway Society
Wednesday 28 September
Old club rooms - Victoria Road

"Track Circuits" - Chris Bassett
MKMRS Members welcome to attend

Please note - this will be the last "official" meeting to be held
at Victoria Road

MILTON KEYNES MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

25th Anniversary year

President	Jim Wood	CMRA Rep	Eric Bowman
Vice President	Les Wood	Committee	Geoff Bell
Chairman	Dennis Lovett		Chris Garner
Vice Chairman	Fred Collins		Chris Lester
Secretary	Chris Hughes		Colin Jamieson
Treasurer	Gordon Etherington	Librarian	Mark Wilson

1969 - 1994

A magnificent achievement

25 years ago this month, a group of railway modellers met for the first time in a basement underneath Bletchley Fire Station in Sherwood Drive.

They had come together following the display organised by John Symons and Les Wood at the town's annual Arts & Crafts Exhibition. It should be remembered that Bletchley was a town and Milton Keynes was very much in its infancy. The new group set out to find some premises and eventually secured the use of a basement at Holne Chase School, which we still have in use as a store.

Sadly, many of those early members are no longer with us. I have a feeling that many of them would have been proud of our achievements over the years, putting on our first exhibition etc. I also feel sure that the developments at Bletchley Park would have been greeted with equal excitement!

There are few organisations in Milton Keynes, that can boast 25 years of continual operation. We have been fortunate that the stability has come from three

people who are not only active today but held office on the first committee. I refer to Jim Wood our President who became our first Chairman, Les Wood our Vice - President who has served us as a committee member, Vice-Chairman, Chairman and Vice-President and Gordon Etherington who has held the Treasurers job throughout. It is thanks to his financial skills, that we are able to celebrate our anniversary, for he has kept our finances on the right side of the fence from day one. Our thanks to them for their leadership and it is right and proper that they will play a major part in our celebrations later this month.

Anniversaries are a good time to look back and reflect. We are, however, entering our next quarter of a century and I believe that the opportunities have never been greater. We must grasp the developments at Bletchley Park, if we are to continue towards our 50th Anniversary in 2019!

Dennis Lovett
Chairman

Club Notices

QGM - Tuesday 26 October

A short QGM will take place on Tuesday 25 October 1994 commencing at 8pm in the temporary club room at Bletchley Park

25th Anniversary Club Dinner 15 October 1994

The 25th Anniversary Club Dinner will take place on 15 October at the College in Sherwood Drive, Bletchley. Please see elsewhere in this issue for menu etc.

A booking form is available from Chris Hughes. If you have not received your copy, it will be enclosed with this issue.

Swapmeet dates

Swapmeets will take place at Woughton Campus on the following dates;

18 September
11 December

Opening times are 1100 - 1500. Admission is 60p, child/senior citizens 30p.

Congratulations

To Les Wood who has recently concluded his two years as President of the Gauge O Guild. He has in the past few years also served them as Vice Chairman and Chairman.

Victoria Road

Due to move to Bletchley Park, our existing club rooms at Victoria Road will be closed from the end of September.

From Tuesday 4 October, members should meet at Bletchley Park.

Further details appear in the Chairmans letter, enclosed with this issue.

Library

Due to move to Bletchley Park, the library will be closed until further notice.

A reopening date should be available by the next issue

CMRA EXHIBITION DIARY

October 1994

1	Beaconsfield	8/9	Croydon
1	Heathcote, Barrow on Soar	8/9	Farnham
		8/9	Mole Valley, Leatherhead
1/2	Market Deeping		
8	Sudbury	15/16	Beckenham & West Wickham
8	Corby		
8	West Norfolk, Kings Lynn	22	Tring

Further details in model press

EM Layout - by Chris Lester

Just a brief update on events so far. We have now sold off all the OO track, and I am very pleased to report that £187.38 has been collected to assist us with the project track fund. We hope that those of you who purchased the equipment are benefiting from some good secondhand track and pointwork. Thanks to Tim Davey whose former model railway club, generously donated it, when they had to vacate their premises quickly.

A good proportion of this money has already been spent on track and components from the C & L range, which should enable us to build some 25 or so points, as well as 25 metres of flexible track. Unfortunately this will take a little bit of time as approx. 400 chairs will have to be fitted - it's a good job we're patient! The plan is to concentrate on the two main lines into the station area, so that we can get some trains running up to the traverser. We shall then link up the traverser with the transfer sidings and then onto the quayside.

Other money has been spent on cork underlay and adhesive to stick it down, as well as various bits of stripwood. We are also aiming to start infilling the trackwork or the quayside, as we have run this part and all seems well. At

some time we shall also have to buy some point motors, so that will be the next major expense, although their purchase will be spread over the various stages of the project.

So you will now be aware that the track fund has received a major boost and that progress is steadily going forward. I must build that double slip!

Footnote

We have now discovered that we will be unable to use locomotives with Romford wheels regauged to EM. This is because of the deeper flanges which bump along the chairs of our trackwork. [This all sounds like Triang and SMP trackwork on Verney some years ago - Ed]. Therefore we shall have to use finescale wheels from Alan Gibson, Kean-Maygib, Sharman Wheels and Ultrascale! These wheels dramatically improve the appearance of locomotives and for that matter, coaches and wagons too. I hope to get a club supply at some future date for coaches and wagons.

All is going well, we shall, however, be moving the layout to Bletchley Park and look forward to seeing you there

O Gauge Layout report - Geoff Bell

After all the meetings about Bletchley Park, the day of the move eventually dawned. Crowds of members gathered at the clubrooms eager to help load the 'O' gauge layout onto a 3 ton ex-army type lorry, bound for the rebirth at the spacious, if temporary, C.A.A. building at Bletchley Park. On route we stopped at Holne Chase to collect the curved boards and Verney. Starting at 9am and finishing at 6pm the job was finally achieved.

Since that fateful day the C.A.A. canteen has rapidly become like a second home (just ask Chris Bell).

Chris and I popped in on Sunday to tidy up, and again on Monday to do some measuring up. Tuesday night - club night and again Friday - more work to do.

Monday 5th a working party of G.Bell, C.Bell, C.Jamieson and M. Fletcher spent a delightful 6 hours screwing, gluing and generally soaking up the atmosphere.

Tuesday 6th a somewhat smaller working party consisting of G.Bell and M.Fletcher carried on the work started the previous day again for another 6 hours - not stopping for lunch, dashing home for tea to be back for the main event - Club night.

That's the story so far folks.

And now for the most important issue - the future.

With such a small number of members working on the layout progress is very slow. It might be noted that the layout now, in it's continuous form measures 48'x 17' and can accommodate many more members working on it than at present. Space, we all know, was limited before, but now there is plenty of room for people to work - for instance some laying track, some ballasting, some creating scenics etc, etc - do we get the big hint? We desperately need more people to help if the layout is going to get beyond bare baseboards and track. There are many people within 'o' gauge in the club that could provide a valuable resource for the modelling required for this project to succeed. As project leader, I feel that I am leading a team doomed to failure if more support is not forthcoming. Any offers?

G. Bell

25th Anniversary Club Dinner Saturday 15 October 1994

at the "Bleccasslea Room",
Sherwood Drive College, Bletchley

Menu

Homemade vegetable broth

or

Egg mayonnaise

or

Fruit Juice

Roast Sirloin of Beef with Yorkshire pudding

Pommes de Terre du Jour

Bouquetiere de Legumes

Peach Melba

or

Sherry Trifle

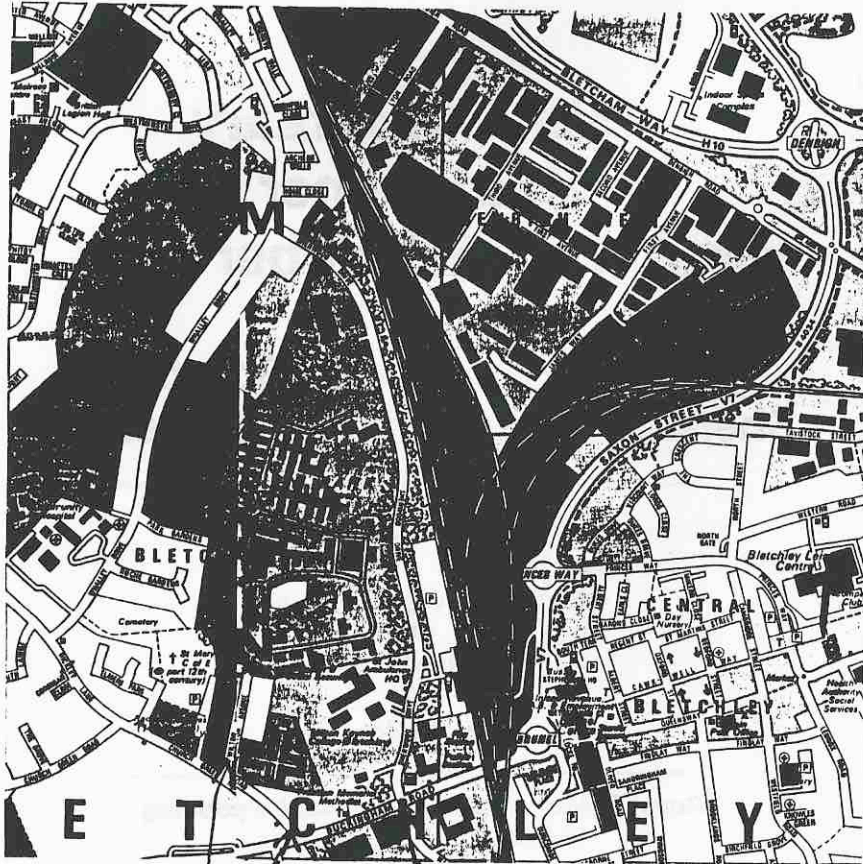
or

Black Cherry Cheesecake

The price of £14 per head includes a glass of non-alcoholic punch on arrival and 2 glasses of wine or fruit juice with the meal.

Details are enclosed with this issue of MKMRS News

Bletchley Park - location map



From Station roundabout (by bike station)
 First right into Church Green Road
 First right into Wilton Avenue.
 Wilton Hall on left
 Continue to Park entrance at end of road

Bletchley Park - Site Map

