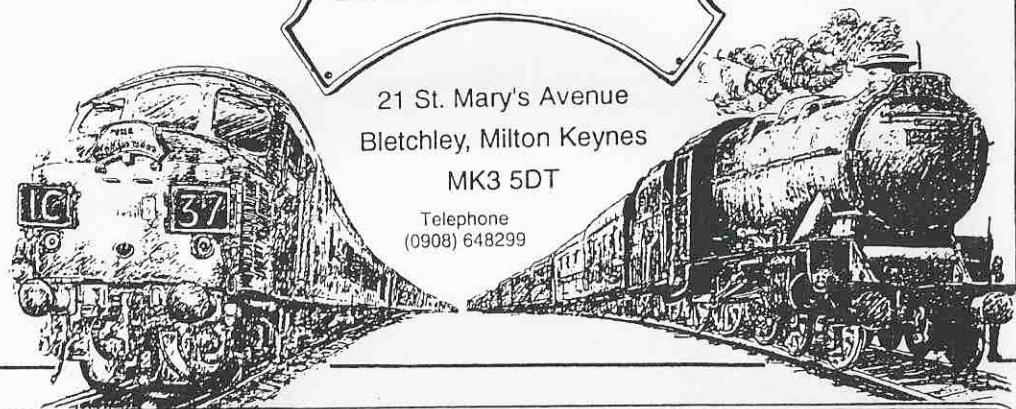


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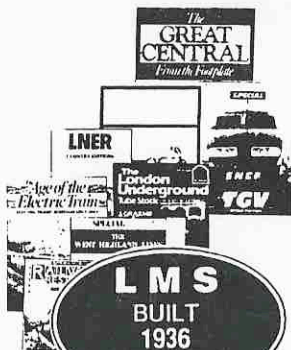
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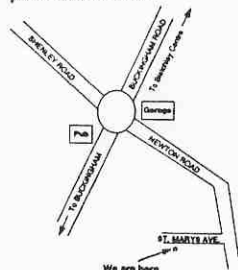
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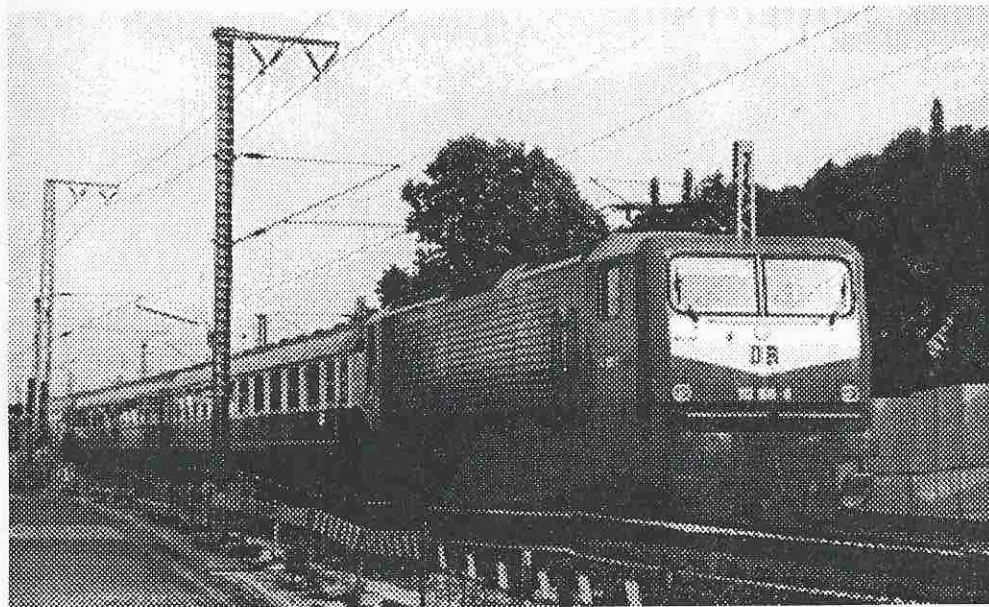
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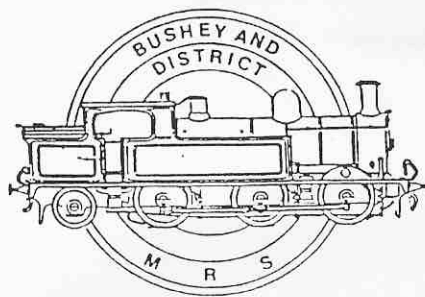
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A DR interloper, 112106 heads a northbound inter-reggio service away from Remagen (Rhine), before total reunification of Germany.

Photograph: David Lean

Published by Dennis Lovett, Chairman, Milton Keynes Model Railway Society



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Saturday 26th October 1996
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All change

I was recently sent on a training course on change management. This is a subject which the whole world seems to be currently involved in.

Nowhere has there been more change than within MKMRS. I was recently asked by a member why we had lost our independence, why we were "under the thumbs" of the Bletchley Park management and why we were no longer prepared to put on model railway exhibitions?

I have, as your Chairman, always welcomed such feedback, and I was, I hope, able to reassure him on the issues he raised.

What should be considered, at the same time, is that this model railway club is not the only one having to undergo radical change. As I write, the world famous, "The Model Railway Club", with its purpose built and wholly owned club rooms is about to go out of business unless some major changes take place. They too have had problems with exhibitions, except in their case there are many more noughts involved on the end of their losses!

Having set the scene, let me now return to the points raised by our member. We have not lost our independence. We remain financially independent and have not signed any agreements with the BP Trustees. We are free to go at any time - but remember the finding of alternative premises and the likely financial drain is not one that we can consider. Had we not moved to Bletchley Park then we would have had to close down, indeed we would have done so years ago, had it not been from the income from our own exhibition.

The last exhibition resulted in the first loss by this club in 12 attempts. Had we not been better at it, then the losses would have crippled us. What used to be a way of funding a club for most of the two years in between exhibitions has now become a dead cert loss maker. There are simply not enough punters interested in model trains anymore to make one viable in this town. It is a risk that your present committee is not prepared to take. Even the Woburn Sands event (21st September) has not been easy to organise (and fund).

Our future is at Bletchley Park or else we simply do not have one. Our commitment is to run trains on open days and we have funded layouts and building improvements on that basis.

When it comes to change, then we have had to do it. In the past two years we have had to change from the traditional model railway club that I joined, to the one we have now. It has required commitment and dedication. The improvements are there to see and we need to continue to meet the demands placed upon us.

No model railway club is more steeped in tradition than "The Model Railway Club". That they are in trouble is a warning to the rest of us. I believe that the decisions we have taken so far have been the right ones. We will continue to provide Bletchley Park with it's railway content and improve standards and accommodation within the budgets available.

We have achieved much and changed a lot. We still have some way to go.

Dennis Lovett, Chairman

Club notes

Swapmeet dates

A swapmeet will take place at Woughton Campus on the following dates during 1996;

13th October
8th December

Opening times are 1100 - 1500. Admission is 70p, child/senior citizens 30p

Gauge O Guild - Spring Convention 8th March 1997

The Gauge O Guild will be returning to Blechley Leisure Centre after a gap of a couple of years for their Spring Convention - next March.

We have almost a years notice to round up volunteers for stewarding etc. We have also been asked to provide catering and to assist with the setting up on the Friday evening (7th March 1997).

Please book these dates in your diary a.s.a.p Please note this is a **one day show** (mainly trade with some supporting layouts).

Gordon Etherington, Vice President

The Scale Show - 19th October

The S Scale Model Railway Society has invited MKMRS to provide 12 (or more) stewards at its 50th Anniversary event. The S Scale Society is a small organisation of talented scratchbuilders who work at 3/16 inch to 1 Foot. Our Honourary Member Ian Pusey, is also Chairman of the S Scale Society and it is

important that we support Ian at this event, who after all has done us proud on many occasions in the past. The 2mm Association are also providing exhibits and they too are a specialist group, who scratchbuild many of their models.

This looks to be an excellent show and the organisers have promised not only free entry to those volunteering to Steward but lunch as well from the Leisure Centre caterers.

Volunteers please put your name on the list by the signing in book. Tim Davey has already volunteered and I look forward to supplying Ian with a long list in due course. Full details next issue.

Dennis Lovett, Chairman

Woburn Sands Show

Colin Jamieson is looking for volunteers to assist with this one day event at Woburn Sands on 21st September. Further details appear elsewhere in this magazine

For Sale - Wrenn A4

A work colleague has a Wrenn A4 Seagull for sale in LNER Blue, boxed. Offers to: Ian Pursey, 16 Albany Road, Northampton, Tel 01604 31808 (evenings)

Blechley Park duties

The Blechley Park duty roster now appears on Page 3. Your support is greatly appreciated. John Hatton will explain the procedures and how to operate layouts.

Additional volunteers are needed over the 3 day August bank holiday weekend.

NB - not opening 21st Sept. (Woburn Sands event)



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Dear Colleague,

Guidex 96 - Telford International Centre - September 7/8th next

A short note to remind you and your colleagues that the principal event of the Guild's 40th Anniversary year is Guidex 96 being held at the Telford International Centre on the above dates. This is the fifth year at Telford which has proved to be an excellent venue for the Guild's showcase event, and this year additional space has been made available to show a very impressive collection of layouts these having been assembled by Mike Cook to celebrate 40 years of Gauge O modelling.

In addition there will be the usual very full trade support, in fact virtually everybody in O Gauge supplying the hobby will be present, together with demonstrations by very experienced modellers, there to help you improve your own modelling, and a number of Societies.

—Sir Bill McAlpine has agreed to come and open the event for the Guild, and there will also be a showcase of his models within the exhibition.

There will be a very large stand celebrating 40 years of Gauge O modelling which will include displays of O Gauge modelling through the decades of the Guild, together with representatives from the various support committees.

This letter is by way of advance notice, as the Exhibition Guide with full details of layouts, traders attending etc. will be included in the August edition of the Gazette.

I trust you and your colleagues will make every effort to attend this major event in 7 mm modelling. It is the largest 7 mm event ever organised in this country, and it will be a very fitting celebration to 40 years of the Guild's support of the Gauge. You may like to consider organising a group visit, so sharing costs of transport etc. and improving enjoyment of a visit to the event, through the fellowship that can be had with like minded members and modellers.

Guild members can buy advance tickets as reported in the last edition of the Newsletter and you may wish to make use of this facility as there is a 50p saving on tickets purchased in advance of the weekend.

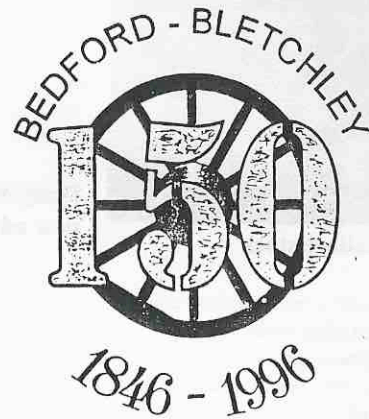
I do hope that you will be able to attend Guidex this September, but if you still wish to partake in the celebrations for the 40th Anniversary, but are unable to get to Telford, there will be a celebration at Warley National Model Railway Exhibition at the NEC in October when again many members of the Guild will be present and which will feature displays celebrating the 40 years of the Guild.

Hope you will come to Telford in September.

Yours sincerely,

P O H Jones
Exhibition Manager

SUBMITTED BY ROGER BLACKBURN
GROUP ORGANISER MK AREA (GOG)



MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Saturday 21st September

**Fullbrook School, Weathercock Lane
WOBURN SANDS**

*** WORKING MODEL RAILWAY LAYOUTS * SOCIETY STANDS**

*** VINTAGE BUS LINKS TO/FROM RAILWAY STATION**

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Travel by train to Woburn Sands during the 150th Anniversary year of the Bedford to Bletchley Railway line

Bletchley Park Roster Board

By the Chief Roster Clerk

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| January 13th: JH, Fred Collins, Ernie Johnson | July 13th: JH, Don Pigott, Eric Preston |
| January 14th: JH, Ray/Richard Cousins, John Tennant | July 14th: JH, Roger Blackburn |
| January 27th: JH, Richard Cousins | July 27th: Colin Jamieson & Peter Moore |
| January 28th: JH, John Tennant | July 28th: Tony Cordwell |
| February 10th: Bruce Garwood, Ken James | August 10th: JH, Tony Cordwell |
| February 11th: JH, Chris & Nick Hughes | August 11th: JH, John Tennant Dennis Lovett, |
| February 24th: JH, Dennis Lovett, John Tennant | August 24th: Chris Lester |
| February 25th: Chris Garner, Ken James | August 25th: TBA Bletchley Park show |
| March 9th: JH, Geoff Bell | August 26th: TBA |
| March 10th: JH, Dennis Lovett | September 7th: JH, Ernie Johnson |
| March 23rd: Tim Davey, Ken James | September 8th: JH, Bernard Worden |
| March 24th: Chris Hughes | September 21st: Woburn Sands Event (not opening) |
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| April 20th: Eric Bowman, Gordon Shrimpton | October 6th: Ray & Richard Cousins |
| April 21st: Richard & Ray Cousins | October 19th: TBA (S Scale/2mm Association, BLC) |
| May 4th: John Tennant, Chris Hughes | October 20th: JH, Gordon Shrimpton |
| May 5th: John Tennant Roger Blackburn Tattoo | November 2nd: Geoff Bell, Colin Jamieson |
| May 6th: John Tennant Chris Lester Weekend | November 3rd: JH, Fred Collins |
| May 18th: Bruce Garwood & Ken Wiggins | November 16th: Ken James |
| May 19th: JH, Fred Collins, John Tennant | November 17th: Chris Hughes |
| June 1st: JH, Tony Winn | November 30th: Ken James |
| June 2nd: JH, Dennis Lovett | December 1st: Don Pigott, Eric Preston |
| June 8th: JH, Mark Wilson Military 96 | December 14th: Chris Lester, Phil Gilbert |
| June 9th: JH, Bruce Garwood, Ken Wiggins, John Tennant | December 15th: Chris Garner, Ken Wiggins |
| June 15th: Gordon Shrimpton, Les Wood | JH = John Hatton (Museum co-ordinator). |
| June 16th: Chris Hughes, John Tennant | If you are unable to work the day allocated please arrange a "swop" with another |
| June 29th: Richard & Ray Cousins Boat Club | |
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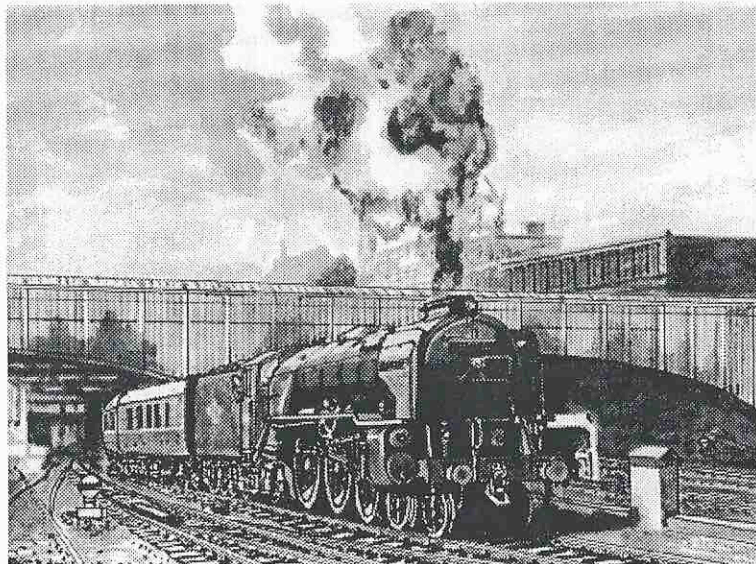
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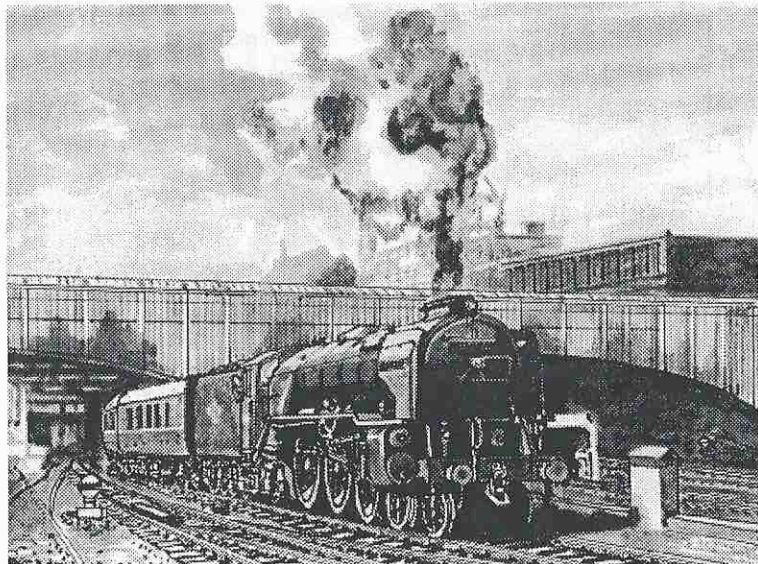
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