

Join Civic leaders on the 150th Anniversary
of the Bedford to Bletchley Railway

Sunday 17th November 1996

CIVIC SERVICE

St. Paul's Church

Town Centre

Bedford

3pm

Admission Free

No tickets required



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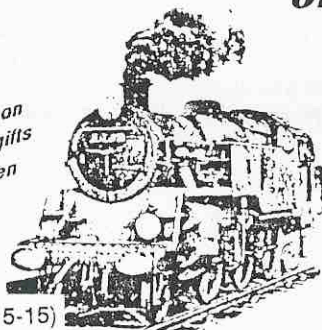
A tram runs along the sea front at Blackpool

Steam

on the **BEDFORD**
to **BLETCHLEY**
rail line

Saturday
21st December

Santa will travel on
trains and have gifts
for the children



£9 adult

£5 Child (ages 5-15)

Tickets on sale at YORKS TRAVEL
Kempston and Woburn Sands

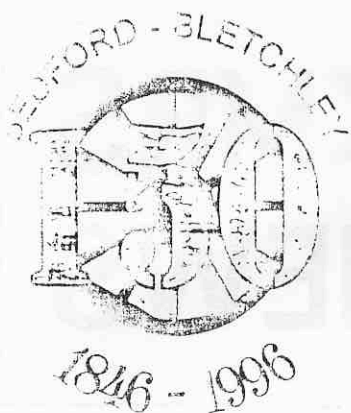
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Anniversary Programme

ANNIVERSARY

WEEKEND

RAIL DAY

Saturday 16th November

Working Model Railways - Society and Trade Stands - Exhibitions - Railway Film Shows - Vintage Bus Rides to/from railway station - Refreshments etc

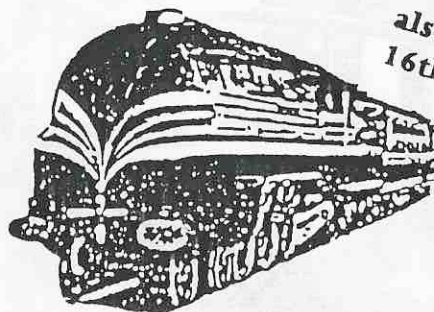
CIVIC THEATRE, Town Centre Bedford

10.30am - 4.30pm Admission £2 Adult £1 Children

**ANNIVERSARY
HOTLINE**



For up to date details
of 150th Anniversary
events ring the
hotline:
01923 207840
(courtesy of North
London Railways)



*also on Saturday
16th November*



also at the Civic Theatre - 7.45pm

"The Glorious Years of Steam on the LMS"

FILM SHOW with John Huntley

Tickets £3.50 Adult / £2 Senior Citizen and Children

from Central Ticket Office and Tourist Office or by post from:

FILM SHOW, 23 Hatfield Crescent, Bedford MK41 9RA (Include SAE)

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THE 5 SCALE MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

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3/16 INCH TO 1 FOOT - THE SCRATCHBUILDER'S SCALE

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From the Chairman:
Ian J Pusey

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21 October 1996

Mr Dennis Lovett
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Milton Keynes
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Dear Dennis,

Thank you very much for all the help that you and fellow MKMRS members gave us on Saturday. I appreciated all that was done and the willingness to be around for so long.

As well as saying 'thank you' to yourself, please give my thanks to Tim, Eric, Ernie, Chris L, Ken, Gordon, Chris H, Bernard, Richard, Ray and Colin.

We greatly enjoyed our day. It achieved what we hoped although we could have done with a few more paying punters, but I know there's a lot of competition out there these days. It's not something we intend to repeat all that often (if at all!) but the one-off experience of Saturday was great fun and highly enjoyable. I hope you all felt the same - thanks again!

Yours sincerely,

Ian

Notice of Annual General Meeting

In accordance with the requirement of the club rules, hereby give advance notification of the 1997 Annual General Meeting of the Milton Keynes Model Railway Society will be held on

Tuesday 28th January, 1997
Commencing at 8pm
at the MKMRS Club Room, 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 myself before the start of the meeting on the date specified above.

Chris Hughes
Secretary
23rd October, 1996

The club competition will take place on the same evening. Full details are given below:

Club Competition

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

The classes of competition are as follows:

- 4mm or less scratchbuilt locomotive (for **George Barratt Memorial Trophy**)
- 7mm or above scratchbuilt locomotive (for **T. Wilson Trophy**)
- 2mm or less kitbuilt or modified ready to run locomotive (for **P & D Marsh Trophy**)
- 4mm or less kit built or modified ready to run locomotive (for **Jim Armstrong Trophy**)
- 4mm or less scratchbuilt rolling stock (for **Sylvia Armstrong Trophy**)
- 7mm or above scratchbuilt rolling stock (for **Moorcroft Shield**)
- Scenic Items (any scale) (for **Rail Trophy**)

The rules of the competition state:

- 1 - No entry shall have previously been entered in a club competition**
- 2 - The person submitting the entry shall be a fully paid up club member at the time of entry**

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

Chris Hughes
Secretary
23rd October, 1996

MILTON KEYNES MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY Founded 1969

President	Jim Wood	Committee	Geoff Bell
Vice Presidents	Les Wood		Chris Garner
	Gordon Etherington		Chris Lester
Chairman	Dennis Lovett		Colin Jamieson
Vice Chairman	Fred Collins	Librarian	Mark Wilson
Secretary	Chris Hughes	Museum Co-ord.	John Hatton
Treasurer	Eric Bowman	CMRA Rep.	Chris Lester

MKMRS is a member of the Chiltern Model Railway Association and the Model Railway Club.

Apologies - Here is the news

The production of this newsletter is fast reaching the point where no sooner has one been finished, then if the standards are to be maintained, then work on the next one must commence at once!

I know many members welcome its appearance. In the past production has not been a major problem, grabbing odd moments at lunch-times and so forth.

We are, however, now entering the world where production is going to be difficult if not impossible.

Over the next few months production will have to be transferred to the Chairman's domestic facilities, providing of course that I can persuade Simon to give the latest software craze a break!

I hope to be able to keep the present format going until at least publication of the 60th edition. It will then be necessary to review the situation and see where we go from there.

One thing is certain, we shall continue to publish a "News" of some description, although it may look a little different from some of the more extravagant issues of the past five years. Since we began this magazine, communication has improved dramatically and there can be little excuse for members not

knowing what is, or has been, going on in our club life.

I must, therefore, apologise in advance if the "News" falls short of the standards expected. There will be a shortage of feature articles in the next few issues and it will be necessary for the magazine to be reduced to 8 pages including cover from this issue. I trust it will not have an adverse affect on the information communicated to you the membership in the next few months.

Making progress

A member who had not been in the club rooms for some weeks recently said to me that he was amazed at the progress being made. The OO test tracks are now emerging as a first class exhibit. Fenny is now performing well and keeping the N gauge flag flying whilst Mandelbury is being refurbished ready for its trip to Doncaster in February for the BRM Exhibition. Don's trams have recently arrived and will make a welcome addition to our exhibits, whilst the refurbishment of Verney Junction into yet another visitor facility begins in January, with it hopefully being on view by next summer. Geoff and his team continue to work on the ultimate aim of having the O gauge as our star exhibit and Chris and the EM boys continue with the EM project. The recent fitting of

platforms shows the full potential that this layout will ultimately have. We are successfully making the transition into a museum complex. Indeed last weekend, a gentleman travelled all the way from Lancashire to see our part of the park. Once we are more established and remember it is just 2 years since we closed our Victoria Road facilities, we will be able to attract far more railway modellers than we have so far to visit the complex. As most visitors are fairly local, we may encourage some of them to join us on a more regular basis. Any modelling project takes time and I appreciate that some of you get despondent from time to time. The more of us who roll up our sleeves and get on with it, then the quicker we shall see the benefits. Now we are open, it is important that we keep the place tidy and present the layouts and information in a way which would be acceptable to us, if we were visiting a similar facility at a preservation site or elsewhere.

Our member could see the results for himself. Perhaps those of us who are working week in and week out on our projects need reassuring that our efforts are not in vain.

We are getting there. Rome wasn't built in a day and nor will it be in any of the scales which we work with.

Dennis Lovett
Chairman

Club notes

Swapmeet dates

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

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 Bletchley Leisure Centre after a gap of a couple of years for their Spring Convention - next March.

Due to the unexpected illness of the nominated organiser, I have for my sins been "persuaded?" to act as exhibition manager for this occasion. Before someone asks, I am doing this one event only and no I am not organising Telford!

I am currently trying to find layouts and demonstrators, which five months beforehand is not the type of planning I normally work to. I shall then be able to concentrate the effort on looking for volunteers to Steward for Geoff and Chris and to assist Fred with the catering.

You can please reduce the pressure by ensuring the date is in your diary!

Dennis Lovett, Chairman.

The Scale Show - 19th October

Thanks to all those who took part in

stewarding the scale show. Please see the letter of thanks elsewhere in this issue.

Dennis Lovett, Chairman

Steam on the Bedford line

We understand that the Bedford - Bletchley 150th Anniversary committee will be sponsoring steam trains on the Bletchley - Bedford (Marston Vale Line) on Saturday 21st December. (see advert on back page).

AGM Notice

A separate notice giving details of the AGM and competition appears elsewhere in this issue.

HMRS - November meeting

The HMRS will be at our club rooms on Wednesday 27th November at 1930 hrs when David Hyde will talk on "GWR milk traffic and containers". MKMRS members are invited to attend these meetings. Further details from Eric Bowman.

Bletchley Park duties

The Bletchley Park duty roster now appears on the next page. Your support is greatly appreciated. John Hatton will explain the procedures and how to operate layouts. A new roster for 1997 will appear shortly.

Bletchley Park photo passes

These are now available once more. If you are not in the possession of one of the blue ID passes with a photograph please provide the Chairman with two passport size photographs.

I appreciate that some of you have done this previously and they were lost outside of our control. Please resubmit them as production is now done on site and they are normally back within a few days.

Bletchley Park Roster Board

By the Chief Roster Clerk

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: JH, John Tennant, Eric Preston,
February 25th: Chris Garner, Ken James	Chris Lester
March 9th: JH, Geoff Bell	August 25th: JH, John Tennant, Bruce Garwood,
March 10th: JH, Dennis Lovett	John Dibben, Ken James
March 23rd: Tim Davey, Ken James	August 26th: JH, John Tennant, Ernie Johnson,
March 24th: Chris Hughes	Dennis Lovett
April 6th: JH, Ernie Johnson	September 7th: JH, Ernie Johnson
April 7th: JH, Bernard Worden	September 8th: JH, Bernard Worden, John Tennant,
April 20th: Eric Bowman, Gordon Shrimpton	John Dibben
April 21st: Richard & Ray Cousins	September 21st: Woburn Sands Event (not open)
May 4th: John Tennant, Chris Hughes	September 22nd: JH, Dennis Lovett, John Tennant
May 5th: John Tennant, Roger Blackburn	John Dibben
May 6th: John Tennant, Chris Lester	October 5th: JH, Tony Winn
May 18th: Bruce Garwood & Ken Wiggins	October 6th: Ray & Richard Cousins
May 19th: JH, Fred Collins, John Tennant	October 19th: JH, John Tennant, John Dibben,
June 1st: JH, Tony Winn	Eric Preston
June 2nd: JH, Dennis Lovett	October 20th: JH, Gordon Shrimpton
June 8th: JH, Mark Wilson	November 2nd: Geoff Bell, Colin Jamieson
June 9th: JH, Bruce Garwood, Ken Wiggins, John Tennant	November 3rd: JH, Fred Collins
June 15th: Gordon Shrimpton, Les Wood	November 16th: Ken James
June 16th: Chris Hughes, John Tennant	November 17th: Chris Hughes
June 29th: Richard & Ray Cousins	November 30th: Ken James
June 30th: JH, Chris Garner, John Tennant	December 1st: Don Pigott, Eric Preston
	December 14th: Chris Lester, Phil Gilbert
	December 15th: Chris Garner, Ken Wiggins

JH = John Hatton (Museum co-ordinator).
If you are unable to work the day allocated please arrange a "swap" with another