

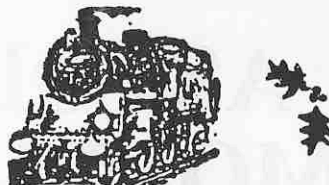
Travel back in time as -



STEAM

returns to the Bedford to Bletchley line

Saturday 21st December 1996



Don't miss this, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel behind a STEAM locomotive on the Marston Vale line in its 150th Anniversary year - and at prices affordable for all of the family! - Just £9 adult and £5 children (ages 5-15) and that includes the return journey on North London Railways service and a small gift for the children from Father Christmas.

You can choose one of four services and travel from Bedford to Woburn Sands or Bletchley by steam train, returning at the time of your choice on one of the normal North London Railway's services which are operated by heritage diesel units. Why not sample the steam train and spend a day Christmas shopping in Bletchley or Milton Keynes. Trains back to Bedford leave Bletchley at ten minutes to each hour, up to the last service of the day which departs Bletchley at 20.50 (8.50pm).

Alternatively you can join a steam train at Bletchley or Woburn Sands and travel to Bedford. The town centre shopping has improved beyond recognition over recent years and there is a large, open air market. If the weather is kind, why not spend some time enjoying a pre-Christmas stroll along the embankment of the River Ouse. The trains back to Woburn Sands and Bletchley leave at 20 minutes to each hour until the last train of the day at 20.40 (8.40pm)

THE CHOICE IS YOURS ! - BUT Book early to avoid disappointment.

Credit card bookings can be made at YORKS TRAVEL, telephone 01234 853600 and 01908 585454 or complete the form below and send with cheque payable to - "Bedford-Bletchley 150" with an S.A.E. to- "STEAM", c/o 23 Hatfield Crescent, Bedford MK41 9RA.

Please book the following seats for Saturday 21st December:-

Train A From BLETCHLEY (07.40), Woburn Sands (07.48) to Bedford	.....Adult	.....Child	
Train B From BEDFORD (09.10) to Woburn Sands and Bletchley	.....Adult	.....Child	FULL
Train C From BLETCHLEY (10.25), Woburn Sands (10.33) to Bedford	.....Adult	.....Child	FULL
Train D From BEDFORD (12.10) to Woburn Sands and Bletchley	.....Adult	.....Child	FULL
Train E From BLETCHLEY (13.25), Woburn Sands (13.34) to Bedford	.....Adult	.....Child	
Train F From BEDFORD (15.10) to Woburn Sands and Bletchley	.....Adult	.....Child	
Train G From BLETCHLEY (16.25), Woburn Sands (16.34) to Bedford	.....Adult	.....Child	
Train H From BEDFORD (18.10) to Woburn Sands and BletchleyAdultChild	

Name Address

Telephone Number Cheque enclosed for £..... Signature



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Mr Trix - John Hatton representing MKMRS at the recent Wellingborough exhibition. Johns layout generated a great deal of interest.

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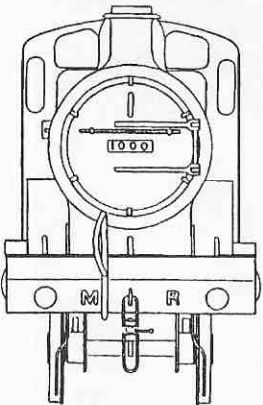
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'97 ST ALBANS MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

at the Alban Arena, St Peters Street
Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th January
10.00am to 5.30pm

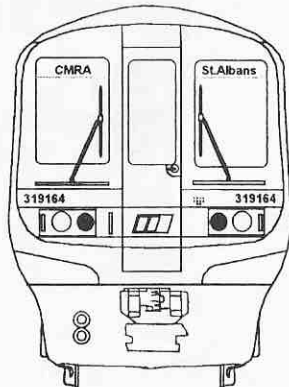
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Notice of Annual General Meeting

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**)
- 7mm or above kit built or modified ready to run locomotive
- 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.

Another successful year

1996 has been a very busy year for all of us involved in MKMRS. We have during the course of the last 12 months become more established at Bletchley Park and gained more experience in the art of museum operation. Our facilities are constantly being upgraded and improved and there is little doubt that we are one of the busiest and most capable groups operating within the complex.

It is customary in the media at this time to look back and give a weekly blow by blow of what has been done and how we did it. I shall avoid this, except that we have progressed on every layout and we can now offer our visitors more to see than at this time last year. We have done well and now we must move forward.

During 1997, I trust we shall be in a position to complete both the test tracks and the Fenny Stratford N gauge projects to full museum standard. They are nearly there, now we must complete

the task. The Verney Junction layout is the next to receive attention and I hope that this will be on view to the public next summer. The intention is to create a viewing gallery at this end with the layout enclosed behind perspex and wood. Associated display panels outlining the station will be displayed alongside and create an impressive display area. After almost 10 years in storage the layout still works well, testimony to the work of George Barratt and others who helped the project along, although sadly George is no longer alive to see the layout restored in its new home.

I still have no idea what the long term future holds for us at Bletchley Park. I do, however, expect that the plans outlined by the Trust to come to fruition. Without the hand of the lottery pointing over the mansion this will take far longer than first envisaged, but I remain optimistic it will happen and we are working towards that end in all that we do at the Park. I am frequently

asked by members what is happening and this is how I reply:

1 - MKMRS must continue to show its commitment to the project and develop its exhibits to the standards we have set.

2 - The longer the Trust occupies the site then the less chance anyone has of turning it into a housing estate!

3 - How we go about No. 1 will determine if we have the case for additional accommodation to exhibit our O gauge and other projects (such as the proposed Bletchley model) which would enhance the overall exhibits on site in the future. We must move forward with this as our goal.

1996 has been a busy year. I believe 1997 will be even busier.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 1997!

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.

Steam on the Bedford line

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 26th February at 1930 hrs when the subject will be "Caledonian Boat Trains". 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 Railwayana

Our local emporium closed on Saturday 30th November ready for the move to Norfolk. Gordon would like to thank everyone for their past custom and looks forward to seeing you at the new establishment on Sherringham station!

Bletchley Park Roster Board

By the Chief Roster Clerk

January 13th: JH, Fred Collins, Ernie Johnson
January 14th: JH, Ray/Richard Cousins, John Tennant

January 27th: JH, Richard Cousins
January 28th: JH, John Tennant

February 10th: Bruce Garwood, Ken James
February 11th: JH, Chris & Nick Hughes

February 24th: JH, Dennis Lovett, John Tennant
February 25th: Chris Garner, Ken James

March 9th: JH, Geoff Bell
March 10th: JH, Dennis Lovett

March 23rd: Tim Davey, Ken James
March 24th: Chris Hughes

April 6th: JH, Ernie Johnson
April 7th: JH, Bernard Worden

April 20th: Eric Bowman, Gordon Shrimpton
April 21st: Richard & Ray Cousins

May 4th: John Tennant, Chris Hughes
May 5th: John Tennant, Roger Blackburn
May 6th: John Tennant, Chris Lester

Tattoo
Weekend

May 18th: Bruce Garwood & Ken Wiggins
May 19th: JH, Fred Collins, John Tennant

June 1st: JH, Tony Winn
June 2nd: JH, Dennis Lovett

June 8th: JH, Mark Wilson
June 9th: JH, Bruce Garwood, Ken Wiggins, John Tennant

Military 96

June 15th: Gordon Shrimpton, Les Wood
June 16th: Chris Hughes, John Tennant

June 29th: Richard & Ray Cousins
June 30th: JH, Chris Garner, John Tennant

Boat Club

July 13th: JH, Don Pigott, Eric Preston
July 14th: JH, Roger Blackburn

July 27th: Colin Jamieson & Peter Moore
July 28th: Tony Cordwell

August 10th: JH, Tony Cordwell
August 11th: JH, John Tennant, Dennis Lovett,

August 24th: JH, John Tennant, Eric Preston,
Chris Lester

August 25th: JH, John Tennant, Bruce Garwood,
John Dibben, Ken James

August 26th: JH, John Tennant, Ernie Johnson,
Dennis Lovett

September 7th: JH, Ernie Johnson
September 8th: JH, Bernard Worden, John Tennant,
John Dibben

September 21st: Woburn Sands Event (not open)
September 22nd: JH, Dennis Lovett, John Tennant,
John Dibben

October 5th: JH, Tony Winn
October 6th: Ray & Richard Cousins

October 19th: JH, John Tennant, John Dibben,
Eric Preston

October 20th: JH, Gordon Shrimpton

November 2nd: Geoff Bell, Colin Jamieson
November 3rd: JH, Fred Collins

November 16th: Ken James
November 17th: Chris Hughes

November 30th: Ken James
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