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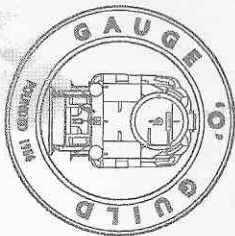
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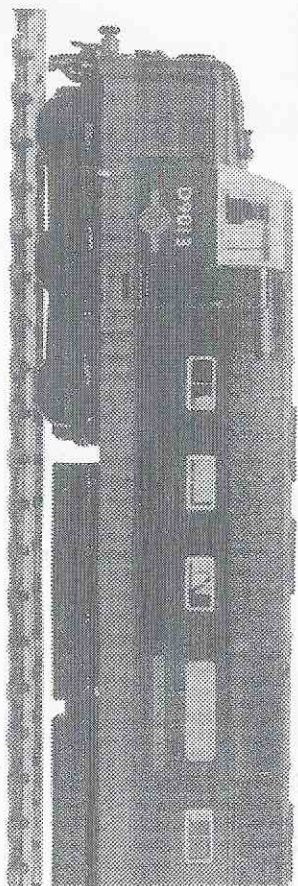


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The 1998 Spring Convention

Bletchley Leisure Centre

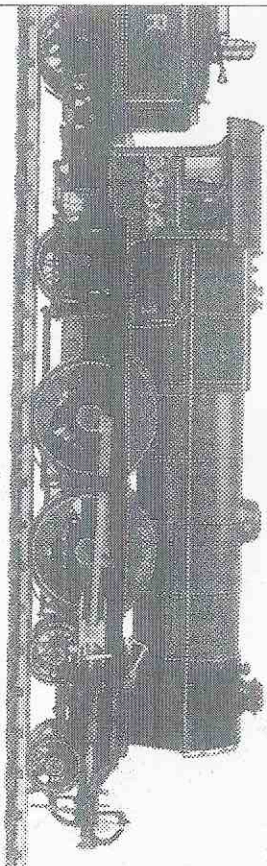
Saturday 14th March 1998. 10.00am - 5.00pm

Layouts - Displays - Demonstrations - Full Trade Support - Guild Stands

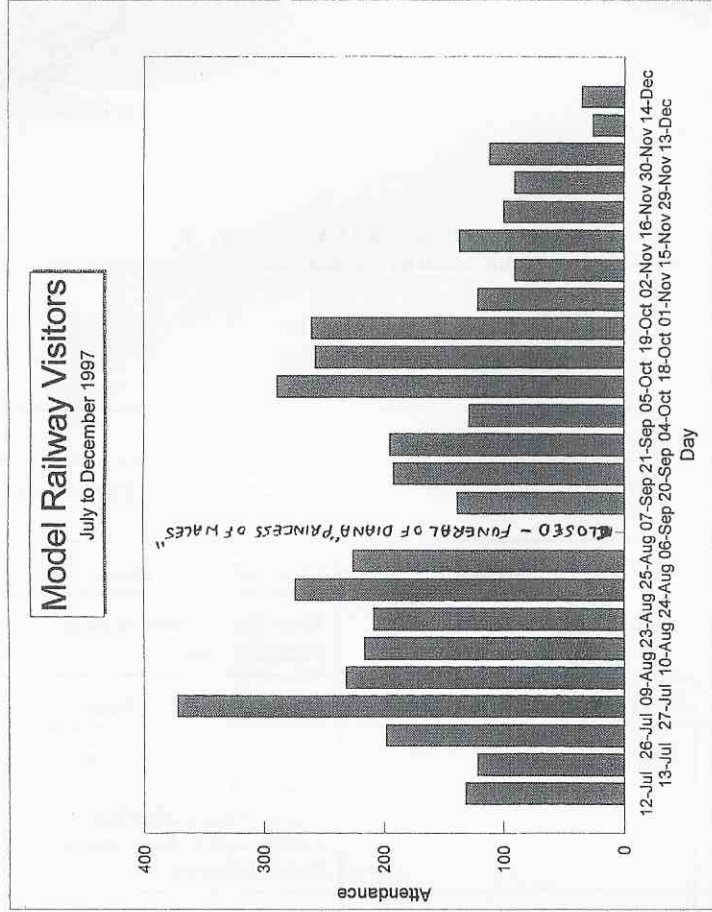
Guild members - £2.50
Non members - £5.00

All tickets are family tickets (2+2)

Guild Membership Information from:
Peter Lerew, Membership Secretary
The Old School, Flatts Lane
Wombleson, Yorks, YO6 5RU



Saturday	12-Jul	132
Sunday	13-Jul	122
Saturday	26-Jul	199
Sunday	27-Jul	372
Saturday	09-Aug	232
Sunday	10-Aug	217
Saturday	23-Aug	209
Sunday	24-Aug	274
Monday	25-Aug	226
Saturday	06-Sep	CLOSED *
Sunday	07-Sep	139
Saturday	20-Sep	192
Sunday	21-Sep	195
Saturday	04-Oct	129
Sunday	05-Oct	289
Saturday	18-Oct	257
Sunday	19-Oct	260
Saturday	01-Nov	122
Sunday	02-Nov	91
Saturday	15-Nov	137
Sunday	16-Nov	100
Saturday	29-Nov	91
Sunday	30-Nov	112
Saturday	13-Dec	26
Sunday	14-Dec	35
TOTAL	July-Dec	4158



VISITORS TO THE MODEL RAILWAY DISPLAYS - JULY TO DECEMBER 1997

MILTON KEYNES MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY - Founded 1969

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Gauge O Guild Convention
March 14th - Bletchley Leisure Centre

As I outlined at the AGM, this event is very much one of our club's activities. Although Colin Jamieson and I have organised the layouts etc. on behalf of The Gauge O Guild, it is with MKMRS hats on that this is being written.

The Treasurer's balance sheet indicated how well we were thought of for all the hard work last March. It is equally important that we do an even better job in 1998! I am, therefore, seeking everyone's assistance on both the Friday (from 1500) and on the Saturday (0800 until we clear the hall). I appreciate that not everyone can help out all of the time but the more members we have on parade the easier it will be for us all.

Our catering team will be in demand as usual. Fred would like names of volunteers please. We will also be staffing a tea/coffee facility in the downstairs conference room (exhibitors only).

The hall managers have been appointed. Colin Jamieson, Gordon Shrimpton and Les Wood will look after Hall 1 (rifle range), Hall 2 (gym) and Hall 3 (main hall) respectively.

Geoff Bell will be looking for stewards - so please volunteer before he finds you!

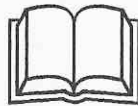
We have also been asked to put on a display of models in locked cabinets by the test tracks. Colin Jamieson will be our contact - so if you have something O gauge which you would like to show, then this is an opportunity to further our O gauge activities within the MKMRS.

Irrespective of whether you work in 2mm, 4mm, 7mm, or anything else, we need your help. Last year was an excellent day out, you save the cost of admission and get fed and watered by Fred's team as well.

Thank you for your support.

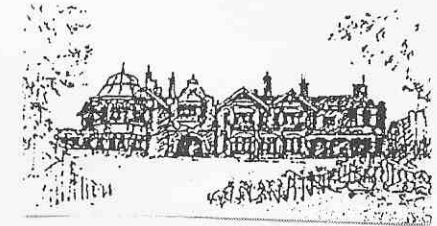
Dennis Lovett
Chairman

Diary



- March 7th **Chesham Exhibition**, White Hill, Chesham
- March 14th **The Gauge O Guild Spring Convention.**
- May 30th/31st **Militaria 98, Bletchley Park Museum.**
- April 26th **Swapmeet** to be held at Woughton Campus. Opening times are 1100 - 1500. Admission is 70p Adult and 30p for children and Senior Citizens.
- April 29th **The Historical Model Railway Society** are holding a meeting at our clubrooms, with a talk entitled "**Traffic on the G.C. London Extension**" by **S. Banks**. MKMRS members are invited free of charge. The Bletchley meetings which commence at 7.30pm. are as follows;
- May 16/17th **Expo EM, Bletchley Leisure Centre.**
- June 7th **Club Outing - North Norfolk Railway (provisional)**, see facing page.
- June 21st **Swapmeet** (as above).
- September 20th **Swapmeet** (as above).
- November 8/9th **Warley National Model Railway Exhibition**, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.
- November 22nd **Swapmeet** (as above).
- Museum notes** Chris Hughes has drawn up a roster up to June 1998 which included at the rear of this newsletter. This month the museum will be open on the weekends of the 7th/8th and 21st/22nd.
- Newsletter** The newsletter will normally be circulated on the Tuesday of the preceeding month. Copies will be available for a short period from the Editor or Ken Wiggins, after which they will be posted to remaining members as usual.

Museum Notes



The Militaria 98 weekend will be held this year on the 13th/14th June. This is usually the busiest weekend of the year and is the scene of much activity and features many events and exhibits.

Museum Duty Roster February - June 1998

Weekend	Saturday	Sunday
7/8 March	Geoff Bell, Colin Jamieson.	Gordon Shrimpton, Chris Hughes, Nick Hughes.
21/22 March	Tim Davey, Mark Wilson.	Fred Collins, Phil Wood.
4/5 April	Chris Lester, Tony Winn.	Brian Barnes, Stan Pennington, Mick Clements.
18/19 April	Eric Bowman, Eric Preston.	Dennis Lovett, Les Wood.
2/3/4 May	Bernard Worden, Ernie Johnson.	Gordon Shrimpton, Chris Hughes, Nick Hughes. Bank Holiday Monday: Dennis Lovett, Ray Cousins, Richard Cousins.
16/17 May	Colin Jamieson, Marvin Knapper.	Bruce Garwood, Ken Wiggins.
30/31 May	Tim Davey, Tony Winn.	Ernie Johnson, Mark Wilson.
13/14 June		Gordon Shrimpton, Chris Hughes, Nick Hughes.
27/28 June	Chris Lester, Tim Davey, Phil Gilbert.	Dennis Lovett, Les Wood.

PLEASE ARRANGE SWAPS AMONG YOURSELVES IF DATES NOT CONVENIENT. VOLUTEERS WELCOME EVEN IF YOUR NAME DOESN'T APPEAR-JUST TURN UP!

* * Club Outing * *

In response to popular demand a 'Club outing' has been provisionally planned for the 7th June. A coach trip to Sherringham on the North Norfolk Railway. This year the Muckleborough Military Museum near Sherringham is being included, to provide an additional destination for members, their family and friends. It will provide a day out with an opportunity to visit and travel on the North Norfolk Railway, spend a day at the seaside, visit 'Gordon's Emporium', or the above museum.

The coach fare will be £6.

An all-day Adult 'Rover' ticket on the North Norfolk Railway will cost £4.50. Prices for children/OAF's are to be advised.

If it is important that the likely numbers interested in order to finalise the plans. So if you are interested, please inform the organiser Eric Bowman. He will also be able to give any further details as they become available.



Above: The North Norfolk's 'B12' No. 8572 heading a rake of Mk. 1's between Wetbourne and Holt in 1995.

Cover Picture: 20227 arrives at Sherringham in 1995.

The answer to the question, why was the 'Palatine' so called?, is, proud Lancastrians are given to calling their county by full title of the 'County Palatine of Lancaster'.

Modern Image?

by Dennis Lovett

In the last issue of MKMRS News our editor asked 'What is modern image?'

The phrase was coined back in the 1960's when Cyril Freezer, of the Railway Modeller, used it to describe layouts which included anything (diesel or electric) other than steam operated layouts.

Just shortly after receiving the last MKMRS News, I covered the Toyfair in London for a well known model railway magazine. Gagemaster, the importer of Marklin and Trix had examples of German models from these ranges on display. In Germany, all magazines, manufacturers and the trade use a system which refers to the different periods of railway history. These are known as 'Epochs' (eras or periods of history).

Whilst the use of the term modern image could be justified back in the 1960's, it is no longer relevant today. Is a 40 year old Class 31 modern image - I think not! No system of dating or classifying models exists in the UK. Always one for a challenge, I have come up with the following.

British Railway Eras (or periods), for describing models etc.

1. Early 1825-1875 (Could go back to 1812 if you wanted to model Trevithwicks Pen-y-darn locomotive).
2. Pre-grouping 1875-1923 Covers all the big pre-grouping companies. Caledonian, LNWR etc.
3. Grouping 1923-1948 LMS, GWR, SR, LNER.
4. Early BR 1948-1955
5. BR Transition 1955-1968 Introduction of Modernisation Programme (1955). End of steam (1968).
6. BR Corporate 1968-1982 The BR Corporate blue period.
7. BR Sectors 1982-1994 InterCity, Network South East, Regional Railways, Trainload Freight, Rail Express Systems, Eurostar.
8. Privatisation 1994-Date 25 Train Operating Companies (Passenger), EWS, Freightliner, London & Continental (Eurostar).

Views on a postcard to the Editor please!

Gauge O Guild Attractions

The layouts appearing are as follows:

'**Midfield**' by **Cliff Homer**. The layout is aimed at portraying a typical ex LNWR line during the late LMS period.

'**Aberayon**' by **Kevin Wilson**. This layout is based on Aberayon, a branch terminus on the west coast of Wales and incorporates a great deal of modeller's licence.

'**Binns Road**' by **Brian Barnes and Stan Pennington**. MKMRS members, Brian and Stan return with a Hornby layout designed to operate the products from Meccano's famous Binns Road factory in Liverpool.

'**North Bay**' - **Austin Daly (Milton Keynes)**. This is a preserved line set in Norfolk which allows a wide variety of trains to be run along with some of the owners' favourite locomotives,

'**Cherry Orchard**' - **Ron Bailes (Acton MRC)**. Located near Rochford in Essex, Cherry Orchard is one of the few remaining brickworks in the country that still uses a small narrow gauge railway to move materials from the clay pit to the pressing sheds.

'**Boarstall**' by **Kempston and District MRC**. Boarstall is based on a fictitious extension to the Brill Tramway.

'**Lydford Road**' by **Reading Society of Model Engineers**. Lydford Road is an imaginary branch line set somewhere in the South of England and has been built by Guild members who are also part of the Reading Society of Model Engineers.

'**Modern Image diorama**' by **Modern Image Gauge O**. This stand promotes modern image modelling and demonstrates what can be achieved in 6 feet.

Displays 75 years of Toy Trains by **John Foreman and the Train Collectors Society**.

Traders. Extensive trade support will be present.

Demonstrations and 'show you how it's done' will cover everything from loco building to painting and lining. Bring a locomotive or test out a new purchase on the East Midlands test track, be it 2 rail, 3 rail, stud contact or live steam. The Guild will be there with the Bring & Buy, Executor and Trustee service, Technical, Sales, Information, Publications and Membership.

Ode to the members of the MKMRS

by John Dibben

(Read as 'There's a green eyed yellow idol to the south of Katmandu ...')

There is a little clubroom in the heart of Bletchley Town,
where railway modellers gather after dark.
Inside of which are trains of every size and every shape.
A sort of railway modeller's Noah's Ark.

It's set in a museum, concerning World War Two,
where Nazi codes it's job it was to break.
It was such a secret that the German's couldn't find it,
or even Yankee bombers by mistake!

They were good lads one and all, when they answered Britain's call,
even though they did not like our nice warm beer.
So it really was unfair, when we used to jeer.
Oversexed, overpaid and over here!

Every Tuesday we build trains, despite our aches and pains,
Our only goal is seeking to impress.
That is why we can be proud, to stand and say out loud,
We're members of the MKMRS.

Local People's Weekend at Bletchley Park

The weekend of the 21st/22nd February saw large numbers of people visiting Bletchley Park, admission being £1 to people with a Milton Keynes postcode. It was probably the largest amount of visitors ever, except for weekends on which special events were being held.

On Saturday over 1,000 people passed through the gate and 600 were counted entering the MKMRS clubrooms during the course of the day. Sunday saw even more visitors with 1,585 through the gate and 1,010 in the clubroom. John Hatton shepherded the final few in to ensure we reached the 1,000 mark. The weather was very kind, both days being spring-like. The turnout must have exceeded everyone's expectations. The apparently high proportion of people that visited the clubroom can be explained by the fact that the totals at the gate did not include children.

It would take too long to mention all those members that were in attendance. Their assistance was most appreciated. All the layouts which are on display were working and a good time was had by all.