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From the Editors Cab Window

This edition of our club newsletter will mainly be pictorial as we have four events to report on. These being our club exhibition at Roade in August, the N Gauge Show and Rushden Model Weekend in September and the Corby exhibition at the end of September/early October.

My promised article on the scenic side of the N gauge layout Tumil St James will have to appear in a future edition due to space limitations in this issue.



Colin

Club Torque



The Club is pleased to welcome the following new member(s):

Brian Little and Bob Faichnie

Emergency Contacts

For those who have submitted details of whom to contact in an emergency, the details can found at the front of the Club Handbook.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Club's Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 6th December at the Queen Eleanor. A menu can be viewed at www.hungryhorse.co.uk/christmas and select Festive Menu.

You can bring your spouse or partner.

If you would like to go then please let Stephen Lloyd know. His email address is

Stephen.LLOYD@networkrail.co.uk

Club Handbook

Don't forget to look through the Club Handbook, that can be found with the signing sheet on a Thursday evening. The Handbook contains forms for joining the club, the Rules & Constitution and other Administrative information. Additionally it will hold information on railway modelling as a reference guide. Currently included in the handbook is the Hornby Magazine guide to beginning a model railway along with a guide and information on DCC.

Chairman's Ramblings



To all members,

As I sit here typing my ramblings in the sunshine of an October heatwave wearing my tankini.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have had our AGM.

As the Annual General Meeting coincides with my ramblings I will focus on our recent trip to the Corby show in this issue.

We were recently asked to exhibit at the Corby show, after they kindly exhibited their layout at our show earlier this year. See page 13 of this newsletter.

We decided that the Kingsthorpe 0 gauge layout would be the layout we would take, but had to think seriously about the cost to hire a van to do a local two day show. However, they very kindly offered to take and return it to us using their large trailer at NO cost. They arrived on the Thursday evening before the show and collected it, and then they returned it the following Thursday. as promised, and I cannot thank them enough for their help and assistance.

The layout went up on the Saturday morning really quickly, considering its size, due to the really useful metal A frame support legs and the electrical block connectors with pins and sockets that connect automatically as the boards go together.

We were surrounded in the hall with quite a few traders and layouts that we already knew well and were friendly with, plus some new ones which was good. The Corby members again could not have been more friendly and helpful, and made the exhibition a joy to do. We were offered as much tea or coffee as we wanted, and a hot meal at lunchtime on the Saturday and a mixed salad on the Sunday.

The layout behaved well with only a few very minor problems. Considering it had only recently been overhauled and updated with the latest DCC concepts point motors and a Traindriver phone app I think it ran well and it also went down well with the public. Some sunshine shining through the windows in the hall really lit up certain areas of the layout and made it look quite realistic. Sound on many of the locos added to the realism, and smoke generators on a couple of my steam locos seemed to help with this aid to realism.

On the Sunday I must admit I was a little worried as only Stephen and I were in attendance until fifteen minutes before the show opened, when Alan and Henry arrived to assist in running the layout. I even got one of the Corby members to download the Traindriver app on to his phone just in case. This new technology allows you to drive the train and change the points from your mobile phone and is a wonderful addition that has made model railway a little more future proof for the younger model railway enthusiast.

I must thank all the members who helped in making the running of Kingsthorpe possible in time for this show, but who were unable to make it to the show for various reasons.

I was so very pleased overall with the performance of the Kingsthorpe layout at the show, compared to the last time it went out at the Cogenhoe show a few years ago, when we had a lot of problems on the day.

Kingsthorpe, is actually, two layouts in one, with the modern image part at the back and a separate preserved layout at the front, only joined with an interchange set of points to take stock, from one to another when required.

Since the show I have had a bit of a Eureka moment and have begun to work on the baseboards of a new 00 gauge version of Kingsthorpe that hopefully we can take to shows in the future. I thought Baronsthorpe may be a good name for it.

Best wishes

Les Pace

Chairman NDMRC

The Great Train Robbery

by Colin Tarry

On the 8th August 1963 a daring heist on Britain's railway took place. This was The Great Train Robbery and this year marks the 60th anniversary of this event.

I'm not going into any great detail on this event as there is plenty of material already within the public domain and on the net telling the full story of events.

For us as railway modellers/enthusiasts it's the railway side of things that is probably the most interesting part, so its these parts I will concentrate on.

The train to be robbed

At 18:50 on Wednesday 7 August 1963, the travelling post office (TPO) "Up Special" train set off from Glasgow Central station en route to London Euston. It was scheduled to arrive at Euston at 04:00 the following morning.

The locomotive involved

The train was hauled by an English Electric Type 4 (later Class 40) diesel-electric locomotive D326 (later 40 126). The loco was scrapped in April 1984. It was prevented from being preserved by ASLEF in respect for the injuries received by the driver, Jack Mills, at the hands of the robbers.



Photo: RailUK—Peter Hoggan

Train make up

The train consisted of 12 carriages and carried 72 Post Office staff who sorted mail during the journey. The second carriage behind the engine was known as the HVP (high-value packages) coach, which carried large amounts of money and registered mail for sorting. Usually, the value of the shipment was in the region of £300,000, but because the previous weekend had been a UK Bank Holiday weekend, the total on the day of the robbery was to be between £2.5 and £3 million. That's equivalent to about £45 million at today's value. That puts it as one of the biggest robberies ever carried out on mainland Britain.

N&DMRC—Roade Exhibition 2023

by Colin Tarry

On Saturday 12th August our club held its annual exhibition at Roade Village Hall. On the following pages are some pictures of some of the layouts that were on display.





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Right—Keiths Model Railways
had plenty of stock to tempt
you



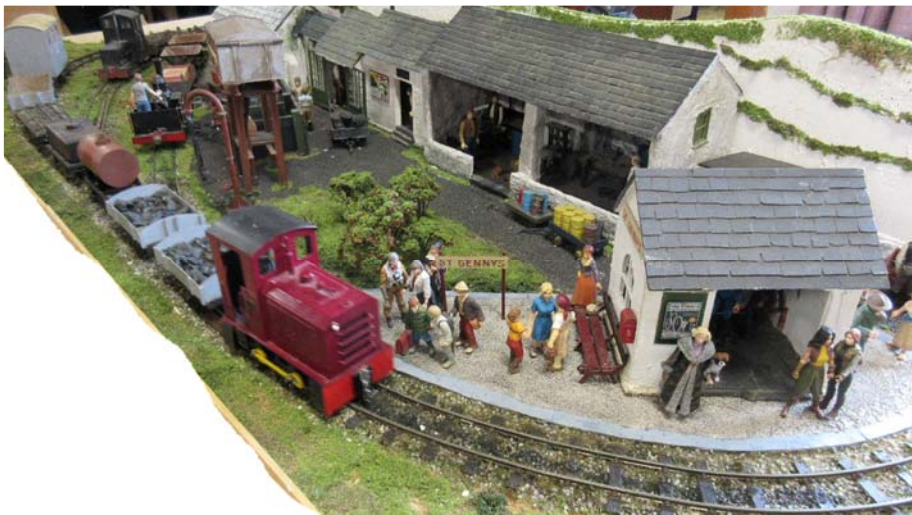
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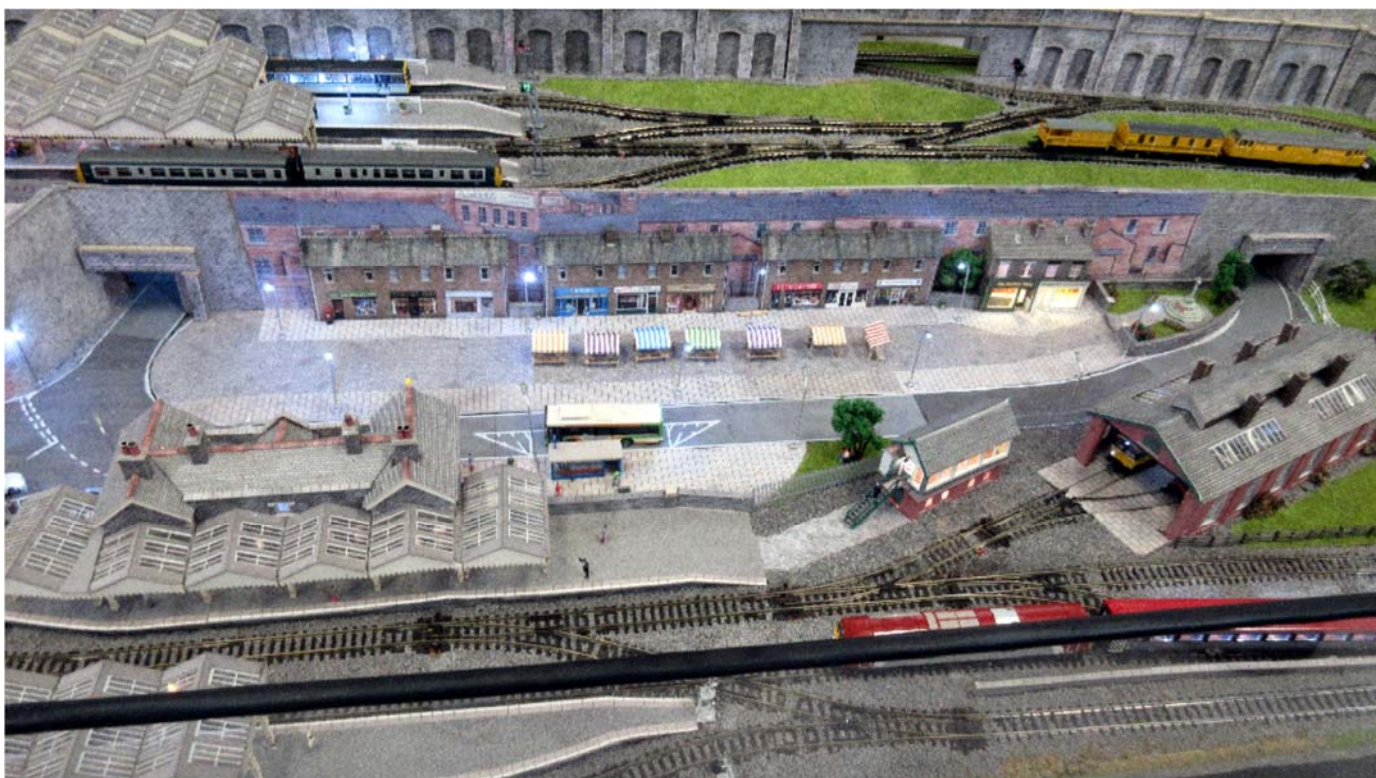
The N Gauge Show

by Colin Tarry

On Sunday 10th September I attended the N Gauge Show at the Warwick Exhibition Centre. I went hoping to get some bargains and inspiration for Tumil St James. I did get some rolling stock bargains in the form of BR MKIId & BR MkIIe Blue/Grey coaches along with some Pullman cars.



This layout gave me an idea for a dairy/creamery. This would enable me to have a more fitting environment for my 6 wheel milk tanks



Above is a layout called Market End. This was a fully DCC operated layout occupying an area 5' x 2' 6". As well as being compact it also had two levels. This will be something that will inspire me when it comes to a new build.

Rushden Model Weekend

by Colin Tarry

Over the weekend of Saturday & Sunday 16th/17th September our club attended the Rushden Historical Transport Society Model Weekend with the Multi Gauge Demonstration layout.

Following are some pictures of the layout in full flight. You can

also view some video on the YouTube channel PurpleVision. At this show we were able to fully erect our sail flag which is 4 metres high.



Corby Model Railway Exhibition

The Corby Model Railway exhibition was held over the weekend of September 30th/October 1st. The venue was St. Peter & Andrew Church Hall, Beanfield Avenue, Corby.

All photos—Les Pace



Uniform

If you wish to, order any items of Club Uniform then please get in touch with Colin Tarry.

In order to help you gauge (pun intended) the size of item(s) you require there is information available in the club folder.

The following items are available:

A price list is also in the club folder.

All body clothing has the club logo on and your name.

The cap only has the club logo.



Please note that a £5 deposit will be required for EACH item ordered. As these items are personalised, we are unable to give refunds or do exchanges where incorrect sizes have been ordered.

ITEM	GENDER	PRODUCT No	SIZE	PRICE
Polo shirt	Mens	R539M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£20.00
Polo shirt	Mens	R539M	3XL, 4XL	£26.00
Polo shirt	Ladies	R539F	8,10,12,14,16,18	£20.00
Polo shirt	Ladies	R539F	20,22	£26.00
Polo shirt	Childs	R539B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£19.00
Sweat shirt	Unisex	R762M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£24.00
Sweat shirt	Unisex	R762M	3XL, 4XL	£32.00
Sweat shirt	Childs	R762B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£23.00
Fleece	Mens	R870M	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£32.00
Fleece	Mens	R870M	3XL, 4XL	£38.00
Fleece	Ladies	R870F	8,10,12,14,16,18	£32.00
Fleece	Ladies	R870F	20,22	£38.00
Fleece	Childs	R870B	S,M,L,XL,2XL	£30.00
Cap	Unisex	BC015	One size fits all	£17.00

These prices are correct as at 1st March 2023. These prices are subject to change. When ordering please bear in mind that the cost may be greater than shown here.

Club Information

Committee Members

Les Pace (Chair Person)
Richard Deacon (Secretary)
Craig Dawkins (Exhibition Manager)
Cliff Simpson

Colin Tarry (Treasurer)
Michael Castledine

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Club Membership Rates

Club membership runs from September to August or part of the calendar year, and ALL expire on the last calendar day of August, becoming due for renewal on the first of September.

Adult membership £60 per year, Junior membership £10 per year.

For adult members easy payment terms available. Please enquire.

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