

## OLD RUN NEWS SUPPLEMENT

October 1971

### Bank Holiday Exhibitions

Our sales at the exhibitions at Harrogate and Harewood were quite good, our sales manager, Tom Apperley, informs me. Tom is to be congratulated on producing a new stand for exhibitions where only sales items (i.e. not the layout) are required. It is covered, and is therefore, especially suitable for outdoor use. It has a colourful heading board with "1758 MIDDLETON RAILWAY TRUST" on it, which can hardly fail to be noticed by even the most casual onlooker. The stand was used at Harewood over the Bank Holiday weekend.

### Coming Events

- Saturday, 2nd October - Narrow Gauge Railway Society extend an invitation to all MRT members to attend their film show at Gotts Park School. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a collection to cover expenses.  
7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sunday, October 23/24th. - Todmorden Model Railway Society Exhibition. There may be an MRT stand there, but arrangements have not been finalised.
- Thurs/Fri/Sat. October 28/29/30 - Leeds Model Railway Exhibition at the Corn Exchange. The MRT has booked a stand space.
- Saturday/Sunday, November 27/28th. - Wakefield Model Railway Exhibition, held in the Unity Hall 0930-2000 hrs.

### MRT Model Railway Group

A new layout has been constructed in the garage of our Sales Manager, Tom Apperley, to replace our old exhibit of 1964 vintage. At present, the baseboard is complete, and the track (Peco Streamline, donated by Tom) has been laid. All the scenic work is still to do, though the layout is expected to be ready for the Leeds exhibition in November. A Scalespeed controller is badly needed on a small layout of this sort, and if any member knows where the Group could get hold of one, in good condition, cheap, would they please contact Ian Smith, Charles Oldroyd, or Tom Apperley. Authentic Middleton rolling stock is also in short supply, and would anybody possessing any suitable for exhibition running (preferably with 3-link couplings), would they please contact any of the above.

### The Golden Spike is Hammered Home on the MRT

Well, not exactly. If you believe that, you'll believe anything. The motorway section and the Colliery sections of track have been connected though, permitting running up to the Park Gates once more. There was a level difference of about 2 feet, but this has been levelled out forming a more or less steady gradient up to Parkside Bridge. The visitors service will be taking advantage of this latest development, and we anticipate a rise in takings. A party from Leeds Grammar School travelling on the line on Monday, Oct. 4th. will probably be the first private party to be taken up to the Park.

MIDDLETON RAILWAY TRUST

Notice of Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of the Trust will be held at Cockburn High School, Burton Road, Leeds 11 on Saturday 20th November, 1971 at 2.30p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to appoint four Trustees.

By order of the Committee.

John D. Edwards (Secretary)

29th September, 1971.

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Explanatory Note

The Constitution includes in Clause 6 this provision:

"The Trust's property shall be vested in four Trustees, to be appointed initially by a General Meeting."

After a long and recently successful search for missing records, it is now known that no such appointment has ever been made.

The Charity Commissioners have accepted the Constitution as amended at the last Special General Meeting and are now registering the Trust as a charity. We are pressing forward the arrangements to incorporate the Trust as a Company limited by guarantee, while retaining charitable status.

We are professionally advised that the Company should take over the assets of the present Trust from the Trustees, who would then become redundant. Therefore, and also because an agreement with the National Coal Board awaits signature by the Trustees, we must now appoint four Trustees to hold office until incorporation.

Nominations, with the consent of the nominee, should reach me in writing by one week prior to the meeting.

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