

This newsletter, previously announced for publication in mid-October to report the Special General Meeting on October 10th, has been brought forward in view of the urgency of letting members know the Committee's reply to the Railway Magazine attack on the Trust over the scrapping of the Swansea and Mumbles Coach. The newsletter now resumes its regular publication on the first of each month. A copy of the reply to the Railway Magazine is enclosed with the newsletter.

VISITORS' SERVICE

Members are reminded that the regular service for visitors will be discontinued for the winter at the end of October, and not resumed until the first weekend in March 1971. No mention has been made yet as to the hard thinking that went on before the decision to run a regular service was taken, and it is to the credit of everyone concerned that the service has been operated with such success. We all look forward to March and the resumption of weekend running at the beginning of an even more successful season.

SINGLE-LINE TOKEN

A new single-line token of steel sections has been produced. The sections are:

Whittaker's	-----	Park (inc)
Whittaker's	-----	Balm Road (exc)
Dartmouth	-----	Tram Crossing (exc)
Whittaker's Siding		
Moor End		

Members are reminded of the following rules:

11. No engine or train may operate on any part of the Railway East of the Robinson and Birdsall's Junction unless the appropriate section of the single-line token is carried.

188. Before a rail is displaced within the token section, the single-line token must be obtained by the man in charge. The token must be returned to the brakevan at all times when it is not in use. Drivers will be held responsible for the observance of Rule 11 and for the return of the token. Persons ~~xxx~~ in charge of P.W. work involving displacement of rails will be held responsible for the observance of Rule 188 and for the return of the token. Failure to observe these requirements will lead to action by the R. & D. S. C..

A NEW, ASTOUNDING MONTHLY FEATURE!!!!

The bog-builder of the month award!!

The first medal, tastefully cut from old gasholder plate, goes to Gumley, Prentice, and Ern, for the erection of a magnificent array of lockers in the Dartmoor Hut. Features of construction include built in hut roof support, and a steadfast refusal to have any two locker doors of the same size!

NEW EXHIBITION LAYOUT

Following no replies from members to the plea in the last newsletter for a person with transport to house a new exhibition layout, the situation has become more urgent. Could any person able to store or transport it (or preferably both) please contact either Tim White (66 Weetwood Lane, Leeds 16; tel. 55948) or Charles Oldroyd (19 St. Michael's Terrace, Leeds 6; tel. 52947).

LEEDS MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

The Trust will again be represented at this year's exhibition held by Leeds Model Railway Society. The exhibition opens on Thursday, 29th October in the afternoon, and from 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 30th and 31st October. Any member wishing to help with manning the M R T stand on these days may contact Tim White.

BUY EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS!!

As the Christmas Cards appear in the shops once again, we turn our thoughts to the way everyone cashes in on the poor, innocent consumer, who just wants to get a couple of small gifts for the wife and kids. He is confronted on all sides with toy fairs, perfume displays, "Visit Father Christmas" posters, Cigar adverts, etc, etc. (We could go on.) There is rampant commercialism everywhere -- and Middleton Railway Trust doesn't want to get left out of the money stakes!

Special purchases for Christmas include diaries and ties for members only. The basic pocket diary is of standard size, and comes in a P.V.C. cover, which may be used in 1972 as a driving licence wallet. The handsome black or maroon wallet normally sells at 2/-, so members will be getting a diary and a separate calendar card for 1971 for 1/6d, to make a total of 3/6d. For the busy member, there are the popular elongated diaries. Again the cover is P.V.C., but the diary covers one month per page. These are 5/-.

Both covers are embossed with a Middleton Railway inscription. Attractive navy blue Terylene ties with a single "Salamanka" motif, and the new mrt symbol in red and white respectively, make an excellent gift for Christmas at 18/- each. Tim White makes no apology for the price: they are worth every penny! The ties are on order, but delivery is expected within the next few weeks, and orders would be appreciated as soon as possible in order to assess the quantity required over the next year.

MEMBERSHIP

Lyndon Shearman is marrying Y.M.C.A. waitress from Australia, in November. A list of members is enclosed with this newsletter, and any members whose address is incorrect should inform Mr, Brian Ashurst of 18 Inglewood Drive, Otley, Yorks.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are reminded of the Special General Meeting on October 10th, at Y.M.C.A., Albion Place. After the meeting there will be a members' slide show. Bring your favourite five!

ARMLEY BRANCH LIBRARY EXHIBITION

Members are invited to help with the organisation and display of exhibition materials at Armlay Branch Library on 25th October, but are asked to first contact Patrick McAskie, 32 Kirkstall Avenue, Leeds 5, or John Bushell, 12 Trelawn Crescent. In the same field, we need members to distribute publicity material to the public at the library on Saturdays in November.