



*The Abbey Flyer Users' Group.*

# The Abbey Flyer Newsletter

## *Carnet Tickets Launched*

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Aislinn Lee, the chair of the Community Rail Partnership helped launch the new books of 10 'Carnet' style tickets for use on the Branch from 3rd September 2007.

They cost £23.90 and this represents a saving of about 10-35% on normal fares, and tickets can be used at any time, saving time



in having to buy tickets on the train, at the excess fare window, or a 'Permit to Travel'.

London Midland, the new franchisee, intends to develop more off line ticket sales, including the Internet in future.

There are also plans to develop a smart-card, like Oyster or the new 'touch in' bank card launched recently.

Carnet tickets will be available from Watford Junction, outlets in St.Albans and some 'rail ale' public houses by late September.

### BREAKING NEWS

There is currently a vacancy for the position of Secretary on the Abfly committee.

If you are interested, then please contact John Webster. (Contact details on page 2)

The Editor.

## *Next Abfly Members Meeting*

The next Abfly members' meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th October 2007 at the Bricket Wood Parish Centre, 19.00 for 19.30. There will be a speaker from London

Midland on their plans for the new franchise.

Please ensure that you have renewed your membership or have a current membership in place before attending.



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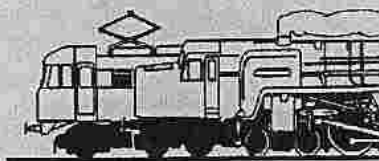
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## ST ALBANS BRANCH OF



## THE LOCOMOTIVE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Locomotive Club of Great Britain meets the second Thursday of each month at The Chiswell Green United Reformed Church Hall, Watford Road, St. Albans between September and May, starting at 7.30pm.

Refreshments are served during the interval, and a small donation is requested to cover costs. The club has its own magazine, and full members can enjoy trips and overseas visits.

For details please contact the Branch Secretary, John Green, on 01727 861839

## *Around the Line*

Some Abfly photographs taken during the Easter Eggspress this year have been entered for the CRP National awards.

Ghost trains will run again this year on Saturday 27th October between 16.00 and 18.00. (Remember to dress up and look scary).

A special train will leave St. Albans Abbey for Watford Junction at 23.00 during the St. Albans Beer festival on September 26th-29th inclusive.

The leaf fall timetable will run for 8 weeks from 22nd October, with trains running 2 mins. early.

The 150th Anniversary of the Branch will be celebrated on 5th May next year, with a number of special events-watch this space!

The CRP AGM will be held at the Bricket Wood Parish Centre on Tuesday 2nd October at 18.00 for 18.30.

