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***** MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS *****

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS by John Oates

We're pleased to provide our latest "Rail Report" enclosing the **Mid Cheshire Winter Timetable** commencing on Sunday 11 December or, if you have chosen to receive future copies of the newsletter from us by email, the timetable is available to download from the Northern website at: <https://be803fe5c416e39d38ae-aa21086260d3bd4e072d597fe09c2e80.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/images/timetables/2016-11/route-timetables/Northern17web1216.pdf>. This mainly reverts to the pre-"Leaf Fall" timetable such that some trains towards Manchester run up to 2 minutes later. We had a useful follow up meeting with **Northern's Central Region Director, Liam Sumpter** in November. All the new appointments with the revised management structure are almost in place and should be early in 2017. We look forward to this and to meeting these new people, some of whom we know from their previous roles either in Northern, from other train operating companies or elsewhere. **Train Performance** on our line is an area Liam is keen on sorting. The Public Performance Measure (PPM*) Moving Annual Average (MAA) for the line has fallen below 83% against a target of 92.2% and an actual of 91.57% achieved back in 2011. Most of the delays are less than 8 minutes, but that's enough to miss connections at Chester, Stockport and Piccadilly. We look forward to added focus on this (*PPM is based on % of trains arriving within 5 minutes of timetabled time at destination and not cancelled or missing intermediate stations). Another area Liam is keen on improving is **Customer Care**. Our experience is there is room for improvement, especially at times of disruption. In the last 5 months we've had 4 occasions of service disruption lasting 4 or more hours. The information coming out of "the Railway" has been lacking at times, and it's not unusual for the information received to be at odds with what's actually happening on the ground. We are looking forward to working with Northern to improve this. The **Mid Cheshire Rail Link** business proposal for the reopening of the Northwich-Middlewich-Sandbach line launched on 1 September has received much praise. *RAIL* magazine produced a very good 6 page feature following Paul Stephen, their Assistant Features Editor interviewing councillors from the Town Councils of Knutsford (Cllr Tony Dean), Middlewich (Cllr Samantha Moss) and Northwich (Cllr Andrew Cooper) on 6 October. This shows the recognition of the importance of the scheme to the wider area with councils working together. There are some good pictures, too - it was a sunny day. The article is in *RAIL 814*, 23 November - 6 December, pages 90 - 95. The Mid Cheshire Rail Link Campaign, a sub group of MCRUA, held their AGM in Middlewich on 30 November, where we were briefed on the continuing lobbying, together with the large amount of support already received. Compared to many rail schemes, it's far less expensive, has a good benefit / cost ratio and would bring significant benefits to residents and to the economy of Mid Cheshire. If you'd like a copy of the report, please contact me or our Secretary or download it from <http://www.mcrua.org.uk/chairmansblog/2016/09/25/mid-cheshire-middlewich-rail-link-new-business-proposal-launched/>. Our **passenger counting** exercise is continuing up to just before Christmas. We'll provide an update once Simon has analysed the figures. We were very pleased that following our request Northern has strengthened most **Saturday services** to 4 carriages from early November up until Christmas. The

West Midlands franchise renewal for our **Crewe-Liverpool Line** continues to proceed. We're monitoring progress, but there's little more to report at the moment. We've still no confirmed news about our **Special Train** in 2017. We have our fingers crossed and we are still hoping to run one. We will be in touch if we are able to run a train. On the related subject of the Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership running a **Steam Train Day** in 2017, we're sorry to say that despite our best efforts to raise the necessary sponsorship, including efforts especially from Knutsford Town Council, the sponsorship raised is well below the amount needed. We realised some time ago that to run a Steam Day in September 2017, we needed to be able to confirm it by this stage but that has not proved possible so we will not be running a steam train. Sad, but "nothing ventured, nothing gained" as they say. Many thanks are due to all those who put a lot of effort in to try to get this to work. Now winter is here and once Christmas and New Year are past, remember it's a quieter time to get out and about on sunny days on our lines, whether for walks in the countryside, visiting friends and family, evenings out or shopping trips. Beats driving!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TRAIN AND TRAM SERVICES

Train services

Saturday 24th December Normal Saturday service on the Mid Cheshire Line finishing early. Last trains 20.17 Piccadilly to Chester, 20.04 Chester to Piccadilly. Trains between Birmingham and Liverpool will run to a special timetable with reduced frequency. Last trains 19.39 Birmingham NS to Liverpool LS, 21.34 Liverpool LS to Birmingham NS.

Sunday 25th December No train service.

Monday 26th December No train service.

Tuesday 27th December Normal Tuesday service on the Mid Cheshire Line. Trains between Birmingham and Liverpool will run to an amended timetable.

Wednesday 28th December Normal Wednesday service.

Thursday 29th December Normal Thursday service.

Friday 30th December Normal Friday service.

Saturday 31st December Normal Saturday service on the Mid Cheshire Line finishing early. Last trains 20.17 Piccadilly to Chester, 20.04 Chester to Piccadilly. Trains between Birmingham and Liverpool will run to a special timetable with reduced frequency. Last trains 20.01 Birmingham NS to Liverpool LS, 21.34 Liverpool LS to Birmingham NS.

Sunday 1st January Normal Sunday service on the Mid Cheshire Line but only running between Chester and Manchester Piccadilly due to engineering work at Manchester Oxford Road. Normal Sunday service between Birmingham and Liverpool.

Monday 2nd January Normal Monday service on the Mid Cheshire Line. Trains between Birmingham and Liverpool will run to a special timetable with reduced frequency.

Tuesday 3rd Jan onwards Normal service.

Metrolink services

Saturday 24th December Normal Saturday service with last trams departing the City at approximately 9pm.

Sunday 25th December No service.

Monday 26th December Sunday service with extra trams for Manchester United v Sunderland match.

Tuesday 27th December Sunday service.

Wednesday 28th December Normal Wednesday service.

Thursday 29th December Normal Thursday service.

Friday 30th December Normal Friday service.

Saturday 31st December Saturday service with extra trams for Manchester United v Middlesbrough match. Last trams leave Manchester city centre at approximately 1am.

Sunday 1st January. Sunday service.

Monday 2nd January. Sunday service with extra trams for Manchester City v Burnley match.

Tuesday 3rd January onwards. Normal service.

The major engineering work at Manchester Oxford Road over Christmas and the New Year (for the transfer of signalling control to the Manchester Rail Operating Centre at Ashburys) will only affect the Mid Cheshire Line service on Sunday 1st January, when trains will only run between Chester and Manchester Piccadilly (as

mentioned above) with onward connections to Oxford Road and stations to Bolton by rail replacement bus. Train services will operate between Bolton and Southport on that day. Manchester Oxford Road station will be closed on 27th and 31st December and 1st and 2nd January. Deansgate station will close at 18:00 on Saturdays between 12th November and 17th December and all day on 27th and 31st December and 1st and 2nd January.

FARES NEWS by Andrew Macfarlane

Northern have kindly provided us with details of the fare increase from Monday 2nd January 2017. Nationally-regulated fares set by Northern will increase by no more than 1.9%. This applies to Anytime Day Returns, Off-Peak Returns (formerly known as Savers), Season Tickets and some Anytime Day Singles. Northern-priced fares (for example Advance Singles and Off-Peak Day Returns) will rise by an average of 2.2% (the national average rise is 2.3% – as per the Rail Delivery Group announcement). All Off-Peak Day Return fares in the TfGM area will increase by up to 50p to a maximum of £5.40. There are no changes to the prices of Anytime Day Return or Weekly Season Tickets in the TfGM area. The prices of Traincards and Countycards do increase (to £29.60 and £36.30 respectively for Weeklies). The GM Rail Ranger adult price increases to £5.90 from 2nd January (£2.95 for the child version) but there are no changes to Wayfarer prices. Wayfarer tickets can be purchased from the conductor if you board at an unstaffed station.

ONLINE JOURNEY PLANNERS by Simon Barber

Many of us now use online journey planners, on PCs or smartphones, to supplement or even replace the traditional printed timetable. I had not realised until recently how sophisticated these planners have become, with the best ones now starting to integrate car and train transport. This is a real boon because it makes it much easier for car users to take the train. Here is an example. My house is on the Northwich to Warrington bus route. If I want to travel to Manchester, say, I can enter my start point and destination in any online journey planner - say, Google Maps or Traveline - and it will tell me when to catch the bus, whether to take the bus to Northwich, Lostock Gralam or even Warrington Central station, and the times of the connecting train to Manchester. Or if I say that I have a car, the journey planner will give me the route and journey time to drive to Manchester. But the new app from TfGM, 'My TfGM', goes one better - much better. This will suggest the alternatives as above, or it will suggest the best station to drive to, to catch a train. This can produce surprising results. For a journey to Deansgate last week, My TfGM recommended that I drive to Irlam station, which is not an obvious choice as it's the other side of the Manchester Ship Canal. I did it, however, and I was at Deansgate less than 45 minutes after leaving home - very quick. As a bonus I saw the wonderfully restored Irlam station, which is a delight inside and out. So give 'My TfGM' a try and prepare to be surprised! It's available from the app store for Android or Apple phones, or the same function is built into the journey planner on the TfGM website. The only restriction is that your journey must start or end in Greater Manchester. I hope this facility will appear in other journey planners before long.

COMMUNITY RAIL OFFICER'S REPORT by Sally Buttifant

It has been a busy few months and I have been involved in the following areas of work:

Friends of the Mid Cheshire Line

- Working with volunteers and Northern on station adoption processes etc
- Supporting Knutsford station friends in their quest for a tap and arranging for the planters to be moved
- Organising & supporting volunteers who undertook a volunteer day at Northwich station at the end of May
- Supporting Petty Pool Students working at Delamere
- Attending meeting with volunteers along the Line – Hale, Altrincham etc

Community Rail events

- Volunteer day at Knutsford Station with Network Rail volunteers (May)
- Station to Station events on 10/11/12 June at Stockport, Knutsford, Manchester Piccadilly and 6th August at Chester station
- 30th June – launch of Women in Community Rail at Manchester Victoria
- Working with the Cheshire Best Kept station group organising the awards night in January 2017
- April, May June - worked with Cross Country & Arriva Train Care Colleagues on the Station to Station project as an ambassador for community rail

- July – had a stall at Stockport Rail Show
- September attended the DfT Community Rail Market promoting the CRP, Rail Safety and Women in Community Rail – met Paul Maynard the Rail Minister who used to commute Cuddington to Hale to school
- Attended the Northern Cycle Rail Forum, encouraging other CRPs to get involved with it
- Attended ACORP board meetings and helped them to interview and recruit in to the new posts – station adoption is my area of interest on the Board

Promoting Community Rail

- Developing a ‘Marvellous Days Out on the Mid Cheshire Line’ marketing campaign using iconic travel poster artwork
- Giving regular talks to groups about community rail including 40/50 members of Chester Civic Trust
- Met with colleagues from Rail North & Transport for the North and travelled on the Line and showed them around Knutsford station
- Attending the community rail awards as an ACORP host but sadly no success for Mid Cheshire CRP with either entry
- Promoting & taking part in Rail Safety Week

MUSIC TRAINS REPORT 2016 by Michael Ross

The Music Train season for 2016 finished on 19 October with 31 members of Hale U3A travelling to Alexanders with Mart’s ManJazz3 for a superb performance by the Deportees. A good time was had by all.

This has been our most successful Music Train season so far. 647 passengers on 16 Music trains. Six from Chester to Plumley, two from Chester to Mobberley, seven from Hale to Chester and one from Hale to Plumley. If all the fares had been collected this would have yielded around £4,500 for Northern. The average attendance was 40.

The best night was 13 July when we had two Music Trains (one in each direction) with a total of 111 passengers on them (though there were really too many for comfort on the Chester-Plumley train). More people came to Plumley from the east by train that evening.

Nine Music Trains were publicly advertised and seven were for groups. We cater for groups because they are a good way of spreading the word about the Line (e.g. all 600+ members of Hale U3A were notified about the events). They attract people onto the trains who would not otherwise use them (or might not even realise that they existed). We also have a couple of groups of regulars on the public Music Trains.

Simon Barber, Sally Buttifant, Judie Collins, John Hanson, David Miller and John Oates acted as hosts. Thanks to them and the helpful conductors for making it all happen as well, of course, as the musicians, venues and group organisers without whom it would not have been possible. Next year is our tenth year (we started with four Music Trains in 2008 after a trial run in 2007).

The musicians were: Time Bandits, Full House, Steerage Class, Mossley Hill Grasshoppers, Geoff Higginbottom & Rob Carroll, So What Now, Deportees, Mart’s ManJazz3, Nelson Peach, Murray String Quartet, Ed Watts Band, Fiddlestone, Rob Poole and The Suitcase Dwellers.

FARES AND TRAIN TIMES by Michael Ross

The new posters are out on the notice boards and the website. Northern tweaked quite a few fares and added some new ones in September which meant this was a full revision of everything (normally nothing changes in September). The leaf fall timetable was much the same as before but with a few minor changes. Northern has already published the December timetable leaflet, with more minor changes from the pre-leaf-fall times. This will go up on the noticeboards in time for 11 December and go ‘live’ on the website the same day. The Take the Train leaflets for each station (now called ‘Train Times, Fares and Travel Tips from (station name)’) will be updated for the beginning of January with the new fares and train times.

FORTHCOMING BUS REPLACEMENTS DUE TO PLANNED ENGINEERING WORK

From Monday 23rd January to Thursday 26th January (inclusive) the 22.48 train from Chester to Piccadilly is replaced by a bus throughout its journey. An additional bus runs at 23.30 from Knutsford to Manchester Piccadilly. This continues to happen on a 6-week recurring cycle.

BUYING TICKETS

Since the beginning of November we hear that conductors on the line have been told to be stricter about which tickets they should issue on trains. The rule has always been that if you can buy the ticket you need (either from an open ticket office or from a ticket machine that takes cash) then you must do so. So, if you board the train at a station where you could have bought the ticket you need then Northern's approach is that you should pay the full Anytime Single fare - and railcard and return discounts will not be allowed. Conductors do seem to have some discretion about how they apply this principle but this seems to be the starting point they are expected to take. MCRUA supports reasonable measures to prevent fare evasion but we feel that the new policy should be publicised better. If you board from a station where you cannot buy the ticket you need then the conductor continues to be able to issue the appropriate cheapest ticket.

FREIGHT NEWS

Freight traffic on the line continues to be buoyant, with the Ferrybridge to Fiddler's Ferry coal trains running twice a day at the moment (at approximately 0810 and 1610 through Altrincham) and the Merseyside binliner trains from Knowsley to Wilton also running twice a day (1305 and 2110 at Altrincham). This is in addition to the many Greater Manchester binliner trains to and from Runcorn, the "hoppers" to Lostock, biomass from Liverpool Docks to Drax and stone trains from the Peak District to various terminals in the south of England.

NEWS FROM THE LINE by Andrew Macfarlane

For the past five weeks all Manchester-bound trains have been crossing to the Chester-bound line north of Altrincham and running on that line to Navigation Road, which is a signalled move and is entirely safe. However this has effectively extended the single line so that it is now all the way from Deansgate Junction to Altrincham. We don't know why this is happening but we hope that normal working can be resumed as soon as possible. The section of the footbridge at Altrincham station between platforms 1 and 2 has been closed off for work on the floor tiles for the past month. Signage on platform 3 has been inadequate for those coming off trains from the Chester direction. A permanent solution needs to be found for the water ingress around the windows of the bridge. When the closed section reopens the section of the bridge between platforms 3 and 4 will be done in two halves to ensure that the bridge can remain open. Some conductors in the line now have new ticket machines which issue tickets as a long roll of paper. The machines are much quicker than the old Avantix machines but the printers are rather slow. The new tickets have QR codes (the jumble of shapes in a square) on them rather than magnetic strips to operate ticket barriers. The QR code needs to be held in front of the square transparent area on the front of the barrier to get it to open.

LOCAL RAIL NEWS

Good progress is being made on the Ordsall Chord scheme, which is due to be completed in time for the December 2017 timetable change. The chord will provide a direct rail link between Manchester Piccadilly and Victoria stations. Significant work will be carried out on the project over Christmas and the New Year. The Manchester ROC (Rail Operating Centre) at Ashburys is due to take control of the sections of line between Manchester Piccadilly (exclusive) and Glazebrook East Junction (exclusive) and Castlefield Junction and Eccles (exclusive) which are currently controlled from Manchester Piccadilly power box. Ordsall Lane Junction is being remodelled so that the Liverpool line is again the "main/straight route" and the Windsor Link becomes the "diverging route". Other work consists of the installation of two new bridges and renovation of one existing bridge on Water Street and the widening of Castlefield Viaduct. The Grade 1-listed Stephenson Bridge has been painstakingly cleaned underneath. The process took two weeks and the bridge was cleaned by hand. Precast concrete arch segments are now in position by the Castlefield Viaduct. The Trinity Way Bridge will be lifted into place later in 2016. The iconic Network Arch Bridge for the chord will be lifted by two cranes over the River

Irwell in early 2017. The electrification of the line between Manchester and Preston via Bolton is also due to be completed in time for the December 2017 timetable change.

METROLINK NEWS by Andrew Macfarlane

A fairly recent change on Metrolink is that every line now runs every 12 minutes throughout the day on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Previously trams ran every 15 minutes before 10.00 and after 17.00 on those days. The Sunday tram service from Altrincham begins with the 06.56 departure to Piccadilly station and then at 08, 20, 32, 44 and 56 minutes past each hour. The second city crossing, 2CC in the jargon, is now due to open in "early 2017". An exact date for the opening has yet to be announced but a test tram ran on the new line on Thursday 1st December. 2CC will initially only be used by services between East Didsbury and the Rochdale line. The Metrolink service from Manchester Airport will be extended to Manchester Victoria once signalling issues have been sorted out there to enable the commissioning of the centre track. Initially the service from the Airport will be extended to Deansgate-Castlefield when 2CC opens. The Passenger Information Displays or PIDs at Timperley, Navigation Road and Altrincham Metrolink stations finally began displaying real time information as from Monday 7th November. The display units were first installed in August 2009!

ALTRINCHAM WINTER LECTURE SERIES

The Altrincham Electric Railway Preservation Society (AERPS) is again running its series of lectures on railways and other transport-related themes at Altrincham Methodist Church, on the corner of Barrington Road and Woodlands Road, which is around 5 minutes' walk from Altrincham station. The start time is 7.30pm and admission is £3.50 (free for AERPS members), which includes tea, coffee and biscuits at the interval. The forthcoming programme is:

Friday 13th January 2017. "Steam in the North West of England and Scotland in 1965 (Part 2)" by Noel Coates.

Friday 10th February 2017. "The Splendid Years of BR Steam 1959-1963" by John Sloane.

Friday 10th March 2017. "Eric Lomax, Railwayman of War and Peace" by Dr Michael Bailey.

Friday 7th April 2017 (note first Friday). "The Last Years of British Trolleybuses" by Brian Yates.

STEPHENSON LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY MEETINGS PROGRAMME

The SLS North Western Area continues to meet at the Friends' Meeting House in Mount Street Manchester M2 5NS (near St Peter's Square Metrolink station) at 2pm on Saturdays (unless otherwise stated). Visitors are welcome at all meetings. The forthcoming programme is:

Saturday 21st January 2017. Area AGM (brief) followed by: "My First 12 Years as a Tour Manager with Great Rail Journeys" by Alan Coltman.

Saturday 18th February 2017. "An Enthusiast Remembers More" by Dr Angus McDougall.

If Alan Coltman is required for a Great Rail Journeys tour on 21 January 2017, these two meetings will be swapped around.

Saturday 18th March 2017. "Knotted Handkerchief to Bowler Hat" by Frank Watson.

Tuesday 11th April 2017 at 7.30pm at the LMRCRA Railway Club adjacent to Navigation Road station. "Navigation Road and All That..." Ted Buckley presents a selection of his late father Bill's unpublished 1960s photos, including Navigation Road itself, the Cheshire Lines and the 'Lymm Line', together with a few holiday photos.

8E RAILWAY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS IN NORTHWICH

The 8E Railway Association continues to meet at the Gladstone Club, off Station Road in Northwich, which is 5 minutes' walk from Northwich station. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month and start at 7.45pm. Admission for first-time guests is free; the subsequent meeting entrance fee is £3 (free for members). The forthcoming programme is:

Tuesday 10th January 2017. "North West Railways – North of Crewe" by Bill Chapman.

Tuesday 14th February 2017. "Steam on the Ffestiniog Railway" by Geoff Coward.

Tuesday 14th March 2017. "PSOV Main Line Steam 2016".

Tuesday 11th April 2017. "East and West German Steam Cine Film" by Peter Kirk.

Tuesday 9th May 2017. "Miscellany of pre-1968 Steam" by Les Nixon.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following people who have joined since the last issue of the newsletter:

Mr Leigh of Hazel Grove The Fraser family of Altrincham
Mr Pugh of Sandiway The Armstrong family of Kelsall

MID CHESHIRE LINE PEOPLE

We regret to report that former MCRUA Committee member **Terry Byrne** died at the age of 88 in the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital on Tuesday 15th November. Terry was heavily involved with MCRUA special trains over a number of years and we were grateful for the meticulous work which he put into the task. Prior to retirement he had worked in a senior position for the Ordnance Survey. His funeral was at New Brighton with a burial at the new cemetery across the Northwich bypass from the fairly new crematorium in Davenham.

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USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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Virgin Trains Ticket Sales (to buy any rail ticket)	0871 977 4222 (08.00 to 22.00 every day)
London Midland ticket sales (to buy any rail ticket)	0121 634 2040
Northern ticket sales (to buy any rail ticket)	0800 200 6060
Freephone number to report crime on the railway	0800 40 50 40
Network Rail (to report infrastructure faults)	03457 11 41 41 or 0207 557 8000
Train Running Information - TrainTracker	03457 48 49 50 and then Option 1.
Northern Customer Services	0800 200 6060 (24 hours per day, 7 days per week)
Transport Focus (complaints appeals)	0300 123 2350
TfGM Bus, Rail and Metrolink Enquiries	0161 244 1000 (0700-2000 Mon-Fri, 0800-2000 Sat/Sun)
Metrolink Customer Services	0161 205 2000 (seven days a week)
Merseytravel Public Transport Enquiry Line	0151 236 7676 (08.00 to 20.00 every day)
National Public Transport Enquiry Line	0871 200 22 33 (07.00 to 22.00 every day)

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.nationalrail.co.uk (includes a journey planner which shows times and fares and a facility to obtain real time train running information for any station)

www.northernrailway.co.uk (includes details of forthcoming engineering work under “Travel” and then “Improvement Works”)

www.networkrail.co.uk (includes a link to download the National Rail timetable)

www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk (to buy any GB rail ticket using a credit or debit card)

www.tfgm.com (now includes a new Journey Planner called “MyTfGM” which shows scheduled tram times if you plan a journey involving Metrolink).

www.metrolink.co.uk (shows any current problems with the tram service and details of future engineering work)

www.traveline.info (a national public transport journey planner).

www.transportfocus.org.uk (the website of Transport Focus, the statutory body for rail and bus users).

www.railfuture.org.uk (the website of Railfuture, the independent, national, voluntary body for rail users)

traintimes.org.uk (an unofficial website which provides rail information derived from official sources in a user-friendly format).

www.uksteam.info (details of steam-hauled special trains on the main line).

www.brfares.com (lists all available fares on the National Rail network).

railwayherald.com/railtours (lists special trains (both steam and modern traction) on the main line).

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MCRUA MEMBERSHIP

There are five classes of membership of the Association:

Individual under 21 years - £2.00, Individual 21 years and over - £7.00, Family - £10.00, Voluntary body - £20.00 and Corporate - £100.00.

New members can now join online at www.mcrua.org.uk/membership. Alternatively, you may pay by standing order, details available from the Membership Secretary membership@mcrua.org.uk. Standing Orders are fixed price for five years from the start of the payments.

You may also pay by cheque made payable to **Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association** and sent to the **Membership Secretary, 60 Romana Square Altrincham WA14 5QG. You can write the information below on a piece of paper if you do not wish to cut the form out of the newsletter.**

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