



KETTERING CIVIC SOCIETY

Founded to encourage a high standard of architecture and civic pride

Founded in 1969

2026

Registered Charity 1131165

10 YEARS VOLUNTEERING AT KETTERING STATION



Monica Ozdemir & David Rose



KETTERING CIVIC SOCIETY HAS A LONG-STANDING CONNECTION WITH KETTERING STATION



TRAVELLING IN STYLE – Civic society members prepare for the trip, from left Sandra Clipstone, Toby Clegg, Dorothy Gibbs, Monica Ozdemir, Richard Makins and Paul Ansell. *ET picture: 100503.1.1*

Telegraph

Speaking up for you since 1897

All aboard steam train

HUNDREDS of excited day-trippers crowded on to platform one at Kettering station this morning for a steam train trip to York.

Nearly 500 people set off on The Union of South Africa for the excursion organised by Kettering Civic Society.

Society secretary Monica Ozdemir said: "It took a year to plan, but everyone was looking forward to a wonderful day out."

"This is the first time we have run a trip like this and it was being held in appreciation of the work that has been done to the station since the major renovations were carried out to the station."

Among those gathered at the station was steam train enthusiasts anxious to get a close look at The Union of South Africa, which was built in Doncaster in 1937 and continued in service until 1966.

See Monday's *ET* for more pictures and full report.

10 May 2003

One of the largest ventures that the Society embarked upon was to organise a day trip for five hundred passengers to visit York for the day on 10th May 2003.



We engaged Stuart Tippleston to take a photograph of us in the Union of South Africa travelling along the Harringworth viaduct. The photograph was taken from a helicopter – no drones in those days! A memorable day was had by all!

IN DECEMBER 2015 THE SOCIETY WAS OFFERED A ROOM IN EXCHANGE FOR CREATING A GARDEN IN THE CAR PARK



The room and the doors along platform 1 were painted by Monica assisted by David.



Erika Beecher, Rachel Aldridge designed the new logo

David Rose

January 2016 Prince's Trust create a garden

The Society engaged Prince's Trust to work on the garden. Kettering Borough Council gardeners donated spring flowers and roses. A pick axe was used to make holes for planting! Surprisingly the roses still flourish!



From left: Monica Ozdemir, Mark Williams: Prince's Trust, Paul Ansell, John Coleman, Mayor Cll June Derbyshire, Dr Ahmet Muhktar, High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, Chris Groome, Dan Eustace: EMR, David Rose, Network Rail.



The room was named Time Travellers describing the Society as not only looking back in history but also forward in it's expectations for the town.



2016 Monica was the only station adopter at the time and won EMR "Community Partnership Award" for improvements at the station.

Celebrating the opening of Kettering Railway Station 14th May 1857 on 14th May 2017

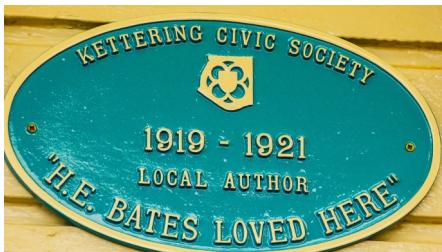


Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire unveils the plaque watched by Richard Bates, Mayor Councillor Scott Edwards and Eve Edwards.

Paul Ansell, Chairman of Kettering Civic Society puts up the blue plaque – no health and safety issues here!



14th May 2017 Unveiling of a blue plaque by Richard Bates, the son of H.E. Bates



Following the unveiling of the plaques, guests enjoyed a lunch at Wicksteed Park. Afterwards, Victoria Wicks spoke about her grandfather, H.E. Bates.

Artist Stella Benford presented her multi-media picture of Kettering station to the Society.

Finally we were all treated to a train ride, (following the train theme) around Wicksteed Park and lake.



A railway exhibition was held in Time Travellers, with thanks to Robin and Dave.



Train enthusiasts, Robin Cullup & Dave Smith whose KETTERING sign is on permanent exhibition in the room.

Northamptonshire Open Studios September 2016

Jamie Poole & Susie Corke Exhibit Their Work



Susie Corke, Monica Ozdemir



Jamie Poole



Time Travellers is used for meetings including U3A French classes and mindful classes. Pictured: Sushila Wright, Maria Shurville-Pym, Sandra Clipstone, Phylis Wilson, John Wilson.

Neill Howarth spots a photo of himself as a young boy doing voluntary work at the station with the Civic Society as an Army Cadet! They worked on the same areas car park in 1979!



The Society joined Kettfest with a blue plaque treasure hunt staring at Morrisons' - Alfred East Plaque and ending at the station with the H.E. Bates plaque.



Len Lichfield's painting raises funds for Cransley Hospice

KETTFEST 9, 10 & 11 JUNE 2017
arts, culture, music and more in our community

Be a Time Traveller Detective!
JOIN US ON A TREASURE HUNT!

SATURDAY 10th JUNE 10am-4pm
Take a leisurely walk, exploring Kettering's Blue Plaque Trail

START YOUR ADVENTURE AT MORRISON'S
Follow the map and
FINISH AT TIME TRAVELLERS HQ
(Located on Platform 1 Kettering Train Station)

Where your reward awaits you!

Brought to you by KETTERING CIVIC SOCIETY

Entry form: £2 available on 10th June from Morrison's
Suitable for all ages
Approx. 40 minutes average walking speed (with a 5-year-old)

www.kettfest.org [/kettfest2017](https://www.facebook.com/kettfest2017) [connect2.org](http://www.connect2.org)

Rockingham Road painting helps raise funds

Cransley Hospice volunteer Yasza Conde receives a cheque from Dave Rose of the Kettering Civic Society along with artist Len Lichfield. Picture by Barry Medlock



Kettering Civic Society won an award for its activities at the station which was presented by

The Rt Hon.
Earl Spencer,
MA (Oxon), FRSA.
Patron of the
Northamptonshire
Heritage Forum.
At Althorpe House

The plaque can be seen in the ticket office.

STATION ADOPTERS



Dave Smith, Mike Britton, Mete Ozdemir



Mike Britton, Mete Ozdemir



Dave Smith, Mike Britton, Mete Ozdemir



Monica Ozdemir, David Rose



Dave Smith, Mike Britton– BEFORE



Dave Smith, Mike Britton AFTER

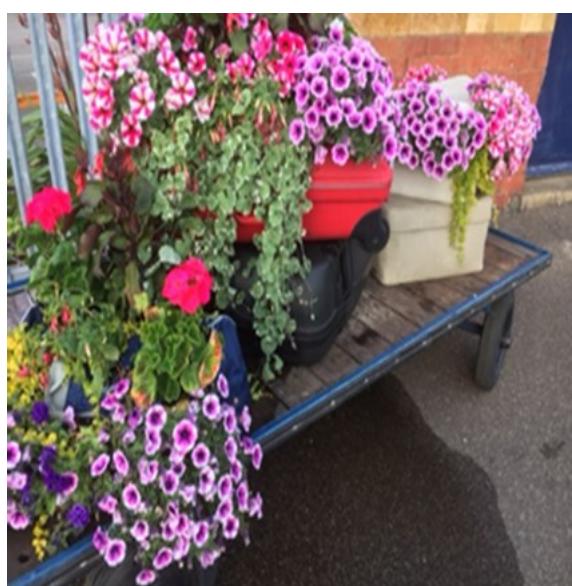
PLANTING THROUGHOUT THE YEARS



Mete Ozdemir



Alison Holland



The only original piece of the Kettering Mosaic is displayed in Time Travellers. It represents Timson Engineering's printing press, and inventing a machine to print Braille.





FILMING 'THE LOST MOSAIC'



Victoria Wicks, H.E. Bates plaque



The Film Crew



Documentary presenters: Ian Addis, Victoria Wicks



Len Litchfield donates his pictures



David Rose



David Laing DL donates funds towards a scanner and laptop to record the Society's archives.

Pictured with Paul Ansell, Bobbie Chase, Richard Barnwell



Andrea Pettingale looking at some archives

SEASONAL DISPLAYS



2024 Left clockwise: Chairman Eleanor Patrick, David Rose, Mayor Emily Fedorowycz, Ruth Groom, Erika Beecher, Kathy Haigh, Bobbie Chase, President Richard Barnwell, Ann Evans meeting at the station.

Committee members not pictured:

Vice Chairman Andrea Pettingale, Secretary Monica Ozdemir, Edward Lamb, Rev. Tom Houston, Pat Edkins.

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