

Layouts – (LC = Layout Coordinator)



- 1. Ashtown (N) – LC Martin Lockwood.** Although the space against the back-scene was less than that required for the standard house kit, Graham was ordered to build two suitable compressed versions. As you see, he did his best, and they were signed off by Martin 07/03/17 – and he is now ordered to build more! The platforms are (mostly) paved now, courtesy of Bob, who has also made two lots of low-relief Metcalfe terrace houses which will be planted on the middle board. Despite having, and now recovering from, an operation (hip replacement), he has fought through the pain, and with true British grit made a Metcalf sports pavilion, which will go at the back, on the station board by the proposed tennis court. Martin has completed the RH end board and trains now run from it onto the station board. A piece of road joining the road that runs along near the backscene to the road outside the station has been laid and painted, but doesn't look right yet. Another low relief premises (an undertakers) has been partially constructed to go up against the backscene by the RH board. Gareth has progressed with the scenery on the middle board now that the tar distillers is more or less complete. Work in progress includes some gasometers and a small factory/warehouse based on ones on Victoria Road in Newark. The gasometers were built from a modelux 00 laser cut kit - not large enough for 00 in my humble opinion though. They retail on their webpage for £24. If you're lucky you can get the new ones from them for less on ebay auctions. This one cost £9.90 including postage and was cut in half to give two lower relief gasometers. By the next newsletter, we hope to have a low-relief Methodist Chapel and, maybe, a tennis court started (Bob): the warehouse and yard complete and a wall around the gasometers plus a small control building for the gasometers (Gareth): the traverser complete and a row of low relief shops/offices complete between the bridge parapet over the railway and the front of the board.
- 2. Burch Green (OO)** The Rise Park crew have gained approval from the committee to build a small shunting puzzle layout to be operated in the Chris Burch tradition (i.e. by the punters at shows and children in particular). The layout will be six to eight feet long by 12 to 18 inches wide and will be OO. We are presently moving bits of paper around track plans to mock up how it will work before deciding on a final track plan, which in turn will fix the board size.
- 3. Newton Wharf (previously Yeaton) (N) – LC Greg Deacon/Ian Dodds.** I am still not very happy with the back-scene as I made a bit of a bodge fitting it so would welcome suggestions as how to improve it. Other than that it is plod on with buildings. Otherwise I am on a roll at building Metcalfe Terraced Houses – one per week at current rate but probably six or so to do. Then I can get on with more interesting buildings such as factories, petrol stations and even Railway Buildings. The layout donor Jeremy Burrows had a long chat with Les at Leamington show and is still taking an interest in the development.
- 4. Phoenix Park (OO) – LC Jeff Bamford/Pete Marshall.** Phoenix Park is progressing with point motors being fitted. Goods Yard surfacing is to be done in the near future. The area between the station bridge and brickworks tunnel is being worked on to join them up with roadway and retaining walls, with consideration as to what housing types are to be used against the backscene. The control panel is coming on but as most will realise wiring is a

slow exacting job that must be done diligently. In the meantime the layout is always available as a test track for both analogue and dcc. Thanks also to Barry for his work on the underside (wiring) and switching panel etc, which he will not see finished as he is off back to Australia and I am sure all of us wish him all the best for his time down under.

5. **Soarston Lower Level (DCC OO) – LC Jim Duckworth/Ian Dodds.** Still working on the scenic bits. The Layout is looking much greener now, as the basic ground work is nearly complete. Then I will be getting down to the finer detail – bushes, trees, scrub, fencing etcetera. I am using “solid water” to fill in the perspex joint in the canal, ready to treat it to several coats of varnish.
6. **Rise Park (N) – LC Les Richardson.** While Les and Alf try to find the last couple of faults on the electrics Geoff has been working on getting the Market Place as near complete visually as possible, even if we will be adding people and small details for years. Andy York from BRM will visit the club sometime in late spring to photograph the layout.
7. **Victoria Road MPD (OO) - LC Bill Mossop.** Bill took his layout to it’s first exhibition – some minor problems but overall went well and he is now having a well earned rest.

OTHER:-

- **Barry Keens - Goodbye England and BMRC.** To those friends I didn’t say goodbye to on my last visit to the club rooms I now must thank you for welcoming me to BMRC some 6 years ago and now say goodbye. I have enjoyed your company and taking part in club activities, but home and my family in Western Australia beckons. Any one visiting WA will be welcomed by me. If you visit any other State why not visit AMRA clubrooms, they always welcome visitors. Contact me by Email at yrrab230740@gmail.com . I will keep in touch.

Trevor Webster passed away aged 81 on Tuesday, February 14th at about 3pm, following a near three-year battle with cancer. Trevor had been instrumental in negotiating with our landlords to secure our clubrooms first in the old chapel and then our current rooms in Newton. Trevor was a fine builder of model buildings, winning a number of trophies at the N-Gauge Society AGMs over the years. Many of the buildings on “Rise Park” are Trevor’s handiwork. He leaves a legacy of many fine models. Trevor’s first layout “Parnhams Maltings” won the N-Gauge Society “Best Small Layout” trophy and was shown at this club’s first show at Whatton. Three similar-sized layouts “Parnhams”, “Stamford East” and “Whatton Parva” followed. Each of these achieved success on the exhibition circuit. We have lost contact with the new owners of “Parnhams” and Book Law are providing us with the carrier bags. “Parnhams Maltings” but “Stamford East” and “Whatton Parva” will be reunited at our 2018 show

• **Our Show:**

1 Please volunteer to do an area distributing leaflets house-to-house. We need people for Keyworth as well as Cotgrave and Bingham.

2 Volunteers for the weekend of the show for stewarding would be welcome. You do get fed and watered on Saturday and Sunday. Particularly members for Friday evening to assist with getting in - the last three exhibitors turned up at 7pm last year with only Les there to sort things out for them.

3 Also members for Sunday 4pm onwards to help with the get out please. The Welfare were very impressed with the state we left the venue in last year- many thanks to the two members who assisted with sweeping at the end.

4 Anyone wanting to get rid of surplus modelling mags from the last year please bring them in to the clubroom. These will be given to children of appropriate age who attend the show as part of a "goody bag". This is a way of trying to encourage youngsters into the hobby. This Year Book Law are providing us with the carrier bags.

- **Les's Layouts: Hawthorn Dene was** Exhibited at the start of March at Leamington & Warwick show. The layout ran impeccably, meaning Les has no repairs to make before Bristol at the end of April. **No Place** made its exhibition debut at Sileby in February and was well received. Only one small adjustment needs making to track, and a programme of improvement to the wagon fleet to make shunting easier was identified.
- **Graham's Railway Memories 1962:-** After Horden, I was sent to Seaham a little south of Sunderland. The Station was built outside the town to serve the harbour via an incline. This cunning plan to prevent the hoi polloi using the trains failed because the town subsequently expanded around the station which ended up as a useful commuting point. It escaped the Beeching Axe. We were paid Fridays, but were always short of cash pending the arrival of our hard earned wages. One Friday, an Auditor arrived on an unannounced visit, opened the cash drawer and noticed the IOUs. He looked at us and said 'I need a cup of tea – is there a café near?' By the time he returned we had scraped together enough to redeem the IOUs and the audit proceeded without a hitch.



Diary Dates – *Please give Graham details of events of railway interest for the Diary.*

RCTS Nottingham meetings are held at The New Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 4EZ. Both Society members and non-members are very welcome to attend their meetings.

2017	
Mar 14	RCTS 1930 Railways in a Cornish Landscape Part 3 - Stephen Gay
Mar 28	RCTS 1930 Steam and the Clerical Life - Rev David Fulger
April 22/23	Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare.
April 25	RCTS 1930 Bristol to Didcot - Richard Binding
April 28 - 30	Bristol Model Railway Exhibition. Hawthorn Dene
May 20	Bloxwich Boghampton
June 3	Sleaford Model railway Exhibition, Osbournby No Place
June 16-18	GCR Model railway Event Rise Park
July 29/30	GCR Ruddington Model Railway Show Boghampton, Hawthorn Dene
Sep 2/3	Soar Valley Show, Loughborough. Hawthorn Dene, Whatton Parva
Oct 14/15	Peterborough Hawthorn Dene
Oct 21	Hinckley No Place
Nov	Warley, National Exhibition Centre Whatton Parva
Dec 2/3	The Manchester Model Railway Society Christmas Show . Hawthorn Dene
Nov-30-Dec 3	Xmas Tree Festival – we will have the usual tree.
2018	
March	Lincoln – Rise Park
April 14/15	Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare.
Nov	Warley, National Exhibition Centre Hawthorn Dene
2019	
April 13/14	Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare.