

1. Ashtown (N) – LC Martin Lockwood.

Gareth has 95% finished the scenery on the middle board. Work on buildings and other smaller scenic items will continue but the main focus will shift toward the trackwork behind the layout, particularly the stretch linking Martins fiddle yard to the end boards. Unlike Gareth, Bob has not yet finished anything, and the tennis club, school, High



Street shops, platform canopies, buildings, and terraced housing still require attention. He's now got more security fencing from Ancorton Models, so the tennis court can now be finished. This and a wall and gate for the school are being given priority.

2. Newton Wharf (previously Yeaton) (N) – LC Greg Deacon, Ian Dodds, George Hartfield.

Ian made a rare appearance last Tuesday and between Jim and Ian, the problem point motor servo was sorted. I spent a couple of sessions installing roads made of glass paper along the back banking. Graham has built a Metcalfe church and he and George continue to build more Metcalfe shops and houses. I have invested in a Scalescenes row of cottages plus Brassmaster etched windows and the plan is to build up to 7 of these to go along the front of the layout. The best bit though is that George has managed to successfully run the club loco round the circuit pulling a string of about 5 coaches on each section of the layout. There seems to be a never ending requirement for more building on this layout but hopefully that will end when all 7 of the cottages have been completed. So that is the boring detail of what we have been up to over the past month or so. Greg thought that that the Church Graham built needed some additions so ordered him to make Gravestones. Those provided are created from pictures of real ones but are so small that the detail is not readable! The Church is very like Bingham Church and will be on display at the Christmas Tree Festival.



3. Burch Green (OO) Nothing to report.

4. Phoenix Park (OO) – LC Jeff Bamford/Pete Marshall. The groundwork colour is progressing as is the ballast spraying. All points are now wired and a bridge for the section switches to be mounted on has been constructed over the fiddle yard. The point springs on a couple of points need attention and is in hand. A station platform bridge is being looked at so that passengers can access both platforms.

5. Soarston Lower Level (DCC OO) – LC Jim Duckworth. Peter Marshal and myself are working on the electrics. We are having problems with the wiring for the electro-frog points. Of the five points on the layout 4 are working but the 5th one is giving us a few problems. Once Peter has got this one sorted we can reassemble the layout and test the running. Fingers crossed that all works well. I am in the process of making up cassettes to hold the locomotives and rolling stock.

6. Rise Park (N) – LC Les Richardson. Andy York came to the clubroom on Wednesday 8th November and photographed Rise Park for BRM after waiting for the sun to go far enough round to allow him to do it. He also recorded a few minutes of video with introduction by Les after Jim and Geoff stepped backwards quicker than Les could when asked to volunteer. Les got his own back by getting Geoff to describe the buildings. Rise Park is to attend Nottingham show in Spring next year and Soar Valley at the start of September. Work has begun designing a new lighting rig.

OTHER:-

- **Thursday 21st December** - There will be a Club Christmas Celebration at the Horse and Plough in Bingham Thursday 21 December from 19.00. Wives and Associates are welcome. **Please let Graham know if you are likely to be there so that he can reserve seats!**
- **Club Show - Two appeals**
 - 1- **Posh carrier bags.** If anyone buys anything from Book Law, Dapol, Gaugemaster or similar and doesn't want the carrier bag please bring it in for use at the show next year. The store of them is on the bookshelf next to the table in the N-gauge ghetto.
 - 2 - Please please PLEASE take fliers with you if you are going out to shows, especially if visiting on the first day or exhibiting. Shows have a table somewhere for these and every odd one picked up would be a potential punter. Les is to visit the Welfare shortly to get dates for 2020. This is essential if we are to get "St Ruth" as a star attraction since that layout is fully booked until the end of 2019. For those who don't know, St Ruth is the 2mm fine-scale layout based on Penzance with the 3-dimensional backscene.
- **Does anyone have a spare cupboard for the club room?** If so, please let us know!
- **Hawthorn Dene** - will be at the Manchester Christmas show at the start of December. Indeed, Railway Modeller used a picture of it in the piece it printed about the show. Next year Hawthorn Dene will be at Alexandra Palace in March, and Barnsley and Warley in November. While at Peterborough show in October BRM took a video of the layout and also did Chris Trafford's South Town. Look out for these on the cover DVDs in the not-too-distant future.
- **NO PLACE** - While Andy York was waiting for the sun to get far enough round he used his time to photograph and video No Place for BRM. Les got lumbered again with doing a piece to camera - he is thinking of taking it up professionally having now done three inside a month.
- **Gresby** - Simon made a flying visit to the clubroom on Monday 6th November to erect the layout and attend to some track joints. The photo's show what it looks like set up, and also shows what Simon looks like for those who haven't encountered him....
- **Graham's Railway Memories** – 1965 was when I started playing with Computers at Leeds. A program called BASHPEAK was almost finished as I joined. The logic was:-
Read data for all train services in an area including train times and the types of loco's that could be used for each train. Find the peak loco demand for each loco type assuming the preferred type is used. BASH each PEAK – i.e. find spare off-peak locos of other suitable types that can be used – higher power or double-head. As a result of this program's first test run against real data soon after I joined, the BR Board cancelled an order for five diesel locomotives. The other thing was that Maurice Boddy was my Boss-Man and remains a BMRC Associate whether he likes it or not. He wrote all the RCTS "Locos of the LNER" volumes and supplied me with copies either faulty & free or perfect at minimum cost.

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	
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 at Bingham St Mary's Church – we will have the usual tree.
Dec 21 (Thursday)	Drinks at the Horse and Plough in Bingham from 19.00 – Members, Associates and their Wives are all welcome. Book your places with Graham!
2018	
Jan 11 19.30	Railways Remembered, Steam Age Films. Palace Theatre Newark NG24 1JY. £7.50
Feb 24/25	Lincoln (at the Newark Showground) - Boghampton
March 16/17	Nottingham Show
March 24/25	Alexandra Palace. Hawthorn Dene
March	Lincoln – Rise Park
April 14/15	Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare.
May 19/20	L&YDCC show at Manchester Museum of Transport. No Place
Sept 1/2	Soar Valley MRC, Loughborough. Rise Park
Nov	Warley, National Exhibition Centre Hawthorn Dene
2019	
April 6/7	Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare.
2020	
April 4/5	Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare