

1. **Ashtown (N) – LC Martin Lockwood.** Nothing to report.
2. **Newton Wharf (previously Yeaton) (N) – LC Greg Deacon, Ian Dodds, George Hartfield.**



George, Graham and I are all busy building "Scalescenes" cottages. I find them difficult as they are very fiddly and to my mind the construction instructions are flawed, so much so that I have abandoned my first attempt and my second one will be constructed differently to try to make a more square and true building. If that fails I'll leave it to George and Graham. The plan is to build up to 7 of these to go along the front of the layout. When these are finished the remaining work will be finishing off detail such as grass and ballast. Other than that the layout seems to be very

robust with the club loco running successfully on most club nights round all sections of the track whilst pulling a string of about 5 coaches.

3. **Burch Green (OO)** The baseboards are now assembled for this, almost to Alf's satisfaction. They have been joined using split pin hinges following a design Trevor Webster copied from another layout at Sileby show a few years back, and developed on Rise Park, Hawthorn Dene and Croft Spa. The six points have been purchased and the bill submitted to Mr Treasurer. Plain track will be sourced from a bundle donated to the club that failed to sell at last year's show. We have adopted a standard for couplings of using old Mainline/Bachmann tension locks wherever possible, with the hook removed from one end of each wagon. These will be uncoupled remotely using a servo mechanism of Jim's design.
4. **Phoenix Park (OO) – LC Jeff Bamford/Pete Marshall.** The layout is still progressing well, the station area is being detailed well with signage fencing footbridge etc. Groundwork is nearing completion with ideas coming forward for the tunnel end. Full switching for the points has been installed and details are forthcoming so that all will understand the route setting. Tuesday proved the benefit of Phoenix park when 8 trains were assembled in the fiddle yard and trains running on all routes with early steam through to euro tunnel set, all visiting members had a great time with most bringing something to run so nice to see the layout being used to its full potential.



5. **Soarston Lower Level (DCC OO) – LC Jim Duckworth.** We have now at last got all 5 points working thanks to help from Pete Marshall and Tony. I am now in the process of re-erecting the three baseboards on their new trestles, and then we can get down to testing the track thoroughly. The cassette for stock holding is almost finished.
6. **Rise Park (N) – LC Les Richardson.** Andy's photographs of Rise Park are still awaiting processing. The layout will appear in the Summer BRM. Meanwhile work has been concentrated on designing a new lighting gantry in time for Nottingham show. The final design will owe quite a lot to the one on Ashtown. After all, if you see a good idea, copy it.

7. POINTLESS LITTLE ROUNDY-ROUNDY

When Jeff and helpers were clearing out the inner room to make it habitable this little thing surfaced. Nobody seemed to know its provenance, or at least admit to knowing its provenance. Les took pity on it and took it home. First thing was to find out if it works. There are two wires leading into it and both tracks are wired together. Consequently it has been given a plug compatible with Les's DCC to work two trains independently. So far a good start has been made on the scenics, filling in the hole in the middle and applying various left-over bits. Total expenditure on it has been two rolls of plaster bandage. The layout will make its debut at the club show, being positioned at the cash desk for punters to gawp at while shelling out their hard-earned currency to gain admittance. It will also appear on the club table at the Great Central show.



OTHER:-

Our next Exhibition -

Some reminders to everyone that we are looking for the following. Please DON'T ASSUME someone else will do it.

- a.** We need fliers depositing on the desks at every show in the area as it happens- preferably on the first day. Please take a wodge if you are going. There are still some 7500 to distribute.
- b.** We need people to put their finger ends in jeopardy distributing fliers through doorways in Cotgrave, Radcliffe on Trent, Keyworth and Bingham in the week running up to Easter.
- c.** Anyone buying trains in posh carrier bags or books from Booklaw - could you donate the carrier bag please.
- d.** Anyone wanting a clear-out of recent railway or model railway mags please donate them for placing in these bags and giving to kids of age 8+ at the door.
- e.** Courtesy of Hornby Hobbies we have two train sets as raffle prizes this year. We will need volunteers on the two days of the show to sell raffle tickets.
- f.** We still need at least three more quarter-page adverts for the show guide. That was five but Les has found two... Again please don't assume someone else will do it. How about your local pub, your local garage, your local hair salon (Blu already advertise). In particular can someone go to the butchers in West Bridgford that has the branch in Cotgrave? Les went to the Cotgrave branch but the boss is at Bridgeford - he will probably be willing. How about the trophy shop in Bridgeford? Any more likely candidates in Bingham?

LAYOUTS AT THE CLUB SHOW 2018:-

IdridgeHay, OO, David Jacques.
Stamford East, N, Trevor Webster/Robin Fox.
Godric's Hollow, OO, Andrew McLeish, Suston MRC.
Operation Abyss, OO, James Styles.
Whatton Parva, N, Trevor Webster/Jim Ross.
Tremawn, OO, John Cotton.
Brook Lane, N, Paul Butler, Loughborough.
Griiffin Road, N, Martyn Sharrock.
Pointless Little Roundy Roundy, N, Bingham MRC
possibly Thomas & Friends, OO, Ian Wigglesworth.

Magna Park, N, Eric Beech/Lutterworth Club.
Piedmont Blues, O, Dan Beresford.
Tinner's Wharf, N, Peter Johnston.
Ashtown, N, Bingham MRC.
Soarston, OO, Bingham MRC.
Zieika Ost, N, Dilraj Sagoo, Siston MRC.
Derby Road, N, Stephen Roy Sims.
Uppingham, TT, Martin Olley.

- **GRESBY, Simon Richardson -**

Gresby went on holiday to Newark for Christmas and Simon spent four days working on the scenery. It returned to the clubroom on 2nd and 9th January. The pictures show some of the detail. The fridge mountain is less than 4 inches long and contains 142 fridges, mostly detailed with doors and handles painted. The yard with the chiller cabinets is a little smaller.



- **Croft Spa:-** Now Les has got his workshop back he has re-started work on Croft Spa. First job has been to re-profile the cutting North of the station as it looked a little alpine. Next will be to finish the ground contouring at the station end and start getting texture and colour down. The aim is to have done much of this by the middle of February so Hawthorne Dene can be erected in its place for servicing before going to Ally Pally.

- **Hawthorne Dene** appeared at the Manchester Christmas Show at the beginning of December. Les borrowed Manchester Club member Robin Fox to make up the operating team of Geoff, Bob and himself. Robin is a good friend of the N-gauge group, having bought Trevor Webster's Stamford East a few years ago at Wigan Show. The layout appeared in BRM recently and will be at our show alongside Whatton Parva.

- **Chairman Pete George's Message:-** A Happy and prosperous New Year to all our members and friends! 2017 has been a dreadful year globally, and the country has seemingly descended into ever increasing rancour and division. However, the same cannot be said of BMRC. Membership is up, harmony and co-operation have been our watchwords. All club and personal layouts are really progressing; however the particular mention has to be made of Phoenix Park, where a much more optimistic outlook has replaced apathy of the past. It was really pleasant, on Tuesday 2nd January, to see a succession of trains running. The last 12 months have seen real progress! Thanks to all involved. To have six layouts erected at the same time and all making obvious visible progress is indicative of how keen members are and how lucky we are to have access to our current clubrooms. The only slightly sour note of 2017 was the small loss we made on the Club exhibition. There were exceptional circumstances, but I hope members will unite to ensure this is not repeated in 2018.

- **No Place:-** Andy York photographed this at the clubroom when he came to do Rise Park. As BRM has a shortage of OO layout articles it will appear in the Spring Issue of the magazine -, the one that comes between March and April.

- **Graham's Railway Memories – 1966 MGR (Merry Go Round).** There were three main coal fired Power Stations in Yorkshire – Ferrybridge, Eggborough and Drax. Coal trains ran under the hoppers at collieries to load and thence to the scheduled Power Station drops and then repeated the MerryGoRound. Unfortunately, the types of coal required by each power station were different and the coal type available at collieries varied every week. This meant re-planning the MGR train schedules each week. The schedules had to be feasible – e.g. not affect the permanent train timetable, allow the train crews to have a wee at the appropriate time, get the loco on/off shed etcetera. This system and its successors kept me busy for some years. The Power Stations needed a train of coal about every fifteen minutes.



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.

2018	
Feb 24/25	Lincoln (at the Newark Showground) - Boghampton
March 16/17	Nottingham Show. Rise Park
March 24/25	Alexandra Palace. Hawthorn Dene
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
Sept 9	Weston Super-Mare. Hawthorn Dene
Nov 10/11	Barnsley. Hawthorn Dene
Nov 24/25	Warley, National Exhibition Centre Hawthorn Dene
2019	
February	Sileby. Croft Spa
April 6/7	Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare.
November	Spalding. Hawthorn Dene
2020	
April 4/5	Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare