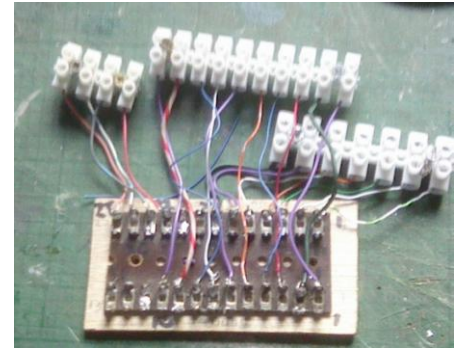


Layouts – (LC = Layout Coordinator)

1. Ashtown (N) – LC Martin Lockwood. Gareth has completed a retaining wall behind the sidings on the middle scenic board and where the retaining wall ends, a grass embankment has been created. The ballasting of the sidings has been started with the two tracks serving the works. In addition, Gareth has built 3 additional structures in the works – a rail tanker loading gantry, a loading dock and a warehouse. Bob has built 4 terrace houses which just require chimneys to complete – these will be planted on the right-hand board near the station at the front. Martin is still constructing the row of terrace houses reported in the last newsletter – when finished, these will be planted on the right-hand board, near the station at the rear. Graham has had lots of problems with the wiring – too many connections in much too small a space. He has as you see revised his approach by spreading the wires in a bigger space so that he can see more clearly what he is trying to do. Only 42 connections from CP to add. All finished and tested soon.



The plan for the next 2 months is to complete the integration of the control panel and produce as many buildings as we can adding the scenic work around the buildings as they are planted.

- 2. Newton Wharf (N) – LC Greg Deacon/Ian Dodds.** I haven't spent too much time on this lately due to holidays etc. But what time I have had has been spent on making a wall along part of the layout and also putting together a part of a brewery building. Really I would prefer spending more time running trains round the circuit but it would be nice if the club would buy a controller so that I don't need to rely on borrowing one from Martin or Ian each time.
- 3. Phoenix Park (OO) – LC Jeff Bamford/Pete Marshall.** PP is progressing but with some reservations regarding the control panel. All baseboard connections have been done and feeds to all rails have been done. Trains to all lines - main and sidings - is now possible although with temporary controllers. What is now needed is progress on the control panel which is at the moment stalled. Not until full control of points and trains is to hand via a proper panel can full testing be done and of course no ballasting till after testing so this is the the next push forward. Holidays of the members engaged on Phoenix Park will halt work over the next two weeks. It is hoped that Jeff and Mark will meet up at the weekend to finalise the positioning of the village atop the tunnel then work will proceed in that area. Grass embankments are nearing completion needing some static grass and other greenery. Baseboard edges are painted and it is anticipated that very shortly Perspex edge protectors will be fixed.
- 4. Soarston Lower Level (DCC OO) – LC Jim Duckworth/Ian Dodds.** We have quite a lot of retaining walls to build so we are still working on these. They are nearly complete now, the topings are going on, then they need painting and fixing in position.
- 5. Top Valley Goods and Rise Park Station (N) – LC Les Richardson.** Following close examination of a video taken at the club show the team have decided that kerbs a scale two feet high in the market place area is a little excessive. The roadways have been re-laid a little higher and new surfaces are being laid, very fine sandpaper for the main road and Redutex setts for the minor, with Redutex cobblestones in the Market Place. Meanwhile post and wire fencing has appeared above Rise Park tunnel and ornamental fencing in the town area. Now they can't fall off the cliff edge a pair of horses have taken residence in the field by the railway cottages.
- 6. Victoria Road MPD (OO) - LC Bill Mossop.** Victoria road MPD. as most of the depot completed the houses and other buildings are being refurbished in line with the period of time..Running of locos can now be undertaken on the layout.

OTHER:

● **GCR Model Railway Exhibition – Barry Keens**

Congratulations to our members who took their 4 private layouts to the Exhibition and showed the talent we have in BMRC. It will be nice when we have a Club layout that can be taken to Exhibitions. A thank you to Bill Mossop for helping me on 2 days to man the Club stand and to the guys from Ruddington who gave me a few breaks on the Sunday. It would have been nice to have other club members volunteer to help, as 3 days sitting behind a table is a bit too much. The pic shows the Forth Bridge Layout.



● **Furtwangen Ost – Les Richardson** The layout made what is planned to be its penultimate appearance at Sleaford & District show, and came away with the trophy for best layout as voted for by the public. The final outing is planned to be Loughborough in September.

● **No Place – Les Richardson** Construction of this has resumed with a change in how the screens are operated. Trying Gareth's method of filling hopper wagons was unsuccessful in OO gauge as too much coal ended up everywhere but in the wagon. As a result No Place will use the tried and tested method of pushing empties into the screens and offstage then bringing the same wagons back loaded. Les has been experimenting with neodymium magnets on the droppers of slimline tension lock couplings to give an auto-uncoupling method that doesn't use ramps. The magnet is set to repel a larger flat magnet in the track and lift the coupler arm. Keeping the tiny magnets glued to the droppers is proving interesting.....



● **Other News/Info.** We will hold an Open Evening September or October next year. The Clubroom will soon have a Work Bench and more shelving in the Annex will help with storage. One of the Clubs four Modelex Controllers has gone missing – anyone borrowed it?! We are buying another DCC controller because three of the Clubs five layouts are DCC. Because Greg (Newton Wharf) has no N stock of his own, the Club has decided to give him money for a loco and stock for the layout.

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. (We await the next program of events)

2016	
Sept 4/5	Soar Valley exhibition, Loughbrough - Furtwangen Ost
Oct 29	<i>Birmingham MRC, Castle Bromwich- Boghampton</i>
Nov 14/15	Newcastle Model Rail Show, Heaton Manor School, Newcastle Hawthorn Dene
2017	
Feb 18/19	Sileby Show – No Place
Mar 4/5	Leamington Warwick Show Hawthorn Dene
April 22/23	Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare.
July 29/30	GCR N (Ruddington) Boghampton
Sep 2/3	Darlington MRC Hawthorn Dene
Nov	Warley, National Exhibition Centre Whatton Parva
2018	
Nov	Warley, National Exhibition Centre Hawthorn Dene