

1. **Ashtown (N) – LC Martin Lockwood.** A stretch of road has been laid down the hill at the front of the station board. The low relief undertakers are now complete and a start has been made on a derelict antique shop to go next to it. One further low relief building is required to complete the row at the front of the RH backscene. In progress are the tennis court and the Scalescenes school. On the former, the base court has been laid and weathered, and OO security fencing purchased from Ancorton to form the surrounding netting. The school currently consists of an almost complete set of subassemblies with Brassmasters windows. This kit has turned out to be more difficult and time consuming than expected, but the resulting building will add variety to the layout and the effort will have been worthwhile. Gareth has made a start on a 3 storey town house based on one in Newark (Mill Gate) – see picture. It's to go at the end of the terraces on the front of the baby board.



2. **Burch Green (OO)** Nothing yet to report.

3. **Newton Wharf (previously Yeaton) (N) – LC Greg Deacon.** Nothing to report this month - as I am on my own on this one, progress is slow.

4. **Phoenix Park (OO) – LC Jeff Bamford/Pete Marshall.** Phoenix Park is progressing well with Pete Marshall beavering away with the wiring to plugs to enable connection to the control panel. Our Lincoln members Dave and Rodger, having mounted the point motors, are now fixing point actuating switches to the control panel that they have partially made - double pole changeover. John has been working on the yard surface and has been very successful indeed, the surface being most realistic both in colour and texture - no scale boulders. His reading of the book modelling grasslands and landscape detailing is paying great dividends - the variation of texture and colour is just like the real thing and well worth the effort he has made. Tony has been busy eliminating any faults in the trackwork especially the points and has recently lifted a faulty double slip and fixed a new one back in. Jeff is now formulating final plans to bridge the gap between the brickworks tunnel and the station over-bridge. More retaining walls roadways and grass embankments down to rail level are to be built. The station is in need of detailing - Phoenix Park running in boards, platform numbering, ladies, gents, waiting room signs etcetera. Any volunteers? Tracksidesigns.co.uk will provide the printed parts etc. The layout is running well which was much appreciated recently by a new prospective young member and his dad when they arrived with some stock and loco Thursday 11th. It is nice that members can arrive with locos that need running in and leave them on the layout unattended to run around without too much of a problem either analogue or DCC - how nice to hear a loco coming before it is seen just like it used to be. Lowering the layout by 6 inches would be welcome but it is to be appreciated that the trackwork has not been cut at the baseboard joints and no provision made to secure ends of track at these joints so the boards cannot be separated at the moment. It is also nice and easy to duck under and do any work underneath at its present height so a collective discussion is needed on this point. It is assuring that we now have 7 or 8 members working on this layout and the progress can be seen even though no goal is to be seen regards exhibition use.

5. **Soarston Lower Level (DCC OO) – LC Jim Duckworth.** My aim now is to have this layout ready for Cotgrave 2018. Scenically it is almost done. I will finish off the water on the canal, then get down to the electrical work, wiring points and connecting between baseboards. This will be the most difficult task, and will involve taking the three baseboards apart and sorting the wiring one board at a time. The sooner I get this completed and tested, the more time I will have to finish off the fine scenic detail.

6. **Rise Park (N) – LC Les Richardson.** Alf has fitted adjusters to the legs on the outer two boards while Geoff has been finishing scenic bits ready for photography and the GCR Show (though not necessarily in that order).

7. **Victoria Road MPD (00) - LC Bill Mossop.**

Fitting of ground signals in depot yard is almost complete. Road and houses near station have been completed for local viewing and people have been added to street scenery. Safety boards have been added to main boards. Fiddle yards either end are having a main switch installed to complete isolation from main running area.

**OTHER:-**

- **Trevor Webster Trophy.** This was awarded for the first time at the Club Show. The judging panel awarded the trophy to Paul Butler for his layout "Annston" as best in show in the opinion of the judges. The trophy itself is an engraved glass obelisk which is now his to keep.
- **BMRC AGM** was held Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May and the Club will still be operating for the next AGM in 2018!
- **Graham's Railway Memories – Hull Parcels 1964** An example of a critical case was where ship's papers had been sent on a direct train from Leeds to Hull with a requirement for signatures at each change of 'owner'. The ship's officer met the train – no sign of the papers! I tracked down the Guard and got him out of bed. He said a porter signed for them but on looking at his signature book he couldn't make sense of the signature. The next stage was to find which porters had been on duty and follow up. This led to someone who had done an unofficial shift-swap with someone who was known to be a bungling idiot. When I found the bungling idiot, now off shift, he had the missing papers in his pocket. The ship made the departure deadline with thirty minutes to spare and we had another satisfied customer!
- **News From Barry in OZ** - Both me and the cat have settled in to a cottage at Toodyay, about 80 Km. east of Perth, in the hills. I overlook the main East/West railway line about 250 yards away. Back with my old Model Railway Club and also involved as Signalman/Driver/Gopher with a 7 1/4 inch miniature railway in Toodyay running both steam and diesel in a bushland setting. No rain since I have been here and average temperatures of 26 degrees. Still unpacking boxes!!
- **Bingham Summer Fair June 10** – Graham has his rubbish ready to display 10am – 5pm but hopes one or two of you will visit the Market Square so that he can go for a wee!
- **Keyworth - Free To Members!** We have in the Clubroom 00 model railway bits and pieces that Members brought back to the club a year or so ago from a layout in Keyworth that they dismantled. These are fully scenically developed baseboards of various sizes none of which were designed to be transportable. It's probably best that anyone interested should see Chairman Pete who can point out the pieces concerned. Non Members will pay a fee if they don't sensibly decide to join us!



**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.

<b>2017</b>	
June 3	Sleaford Model railway Exhibition, <b>Sleaford Academy</b> . No Place. <b>New Address!</b>
June 10	Bingham Summer Fair – we have a stall in the Market square, to help contact Graham!
June 16-18	GCR Model railway Event Rise Park
July 29/30	GCR Ruddington Model Railway Show Boughampton, 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.
<b>2018</b>	
March	Lincoln – Rise Park
April 14/15	Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare.
Nov	Warley, National Exhibition Centre Hawthorn Dene
<b>2019</b>	
April 13/14	Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare.