

Layouts – (LC = Layout Coordinator)

Message from the Chairman - someone has borrowed an A3 sized brand new cutting mat. Please return to the clubroom ASP.

1. Ashtown (N) – LC Martin Lockwood. Gareth -



Since we now have abandoned sidings at Ashtown I thought it would be good to 'distress' a couple of my kit built peco wagons to go into 'long term storage'. The two wagons are a van and my Steveley Caustic Soda 7 plank wagon. I think they might look the part, and I don't think my colour vision deficiency has caused any issues this time! I had a few private owner mineral wagons that I made for Ashtown but I now realise that they are too early, so I've copied Martin and done some replacement planks and weathering to this Shirebrook wagon to make it look like a surviving pool wagon - is this the correct terminology?

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

The good news is that George Hartfield, a new club member, has become attached to the Newton Wharf team and is busily building Metcalfe model buildings for the layout and even more surprising is that Graham is also helping with the building work. The latest buildings are continuations of the houses and shops which line the back scene plus a new factory building and a very interesting laser cut platform canopy. Unfortunately these Metcalfe canopies are rather expensive at £16.50 each and another 3 may be needed to make much impression on the longish platforms. I have also moaned in the past about the back scene which was botched when I stuck it on so the paper scene has now been removed and the whole repainted. A minor problem is that the white metal barge which Jim gave me is sinking into the canal basin water which seems to remain viscous rather than setting hard so maybe it will disappear altogether as I'm not quite sure how deep the water is. We keep running the club loco round the layout to ensure that it remains in working order.

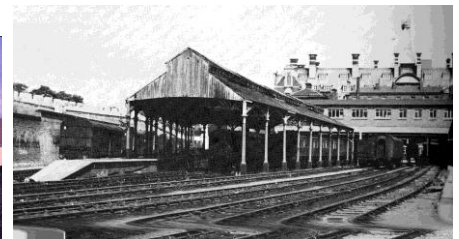
3. Burch Green (OO) Now Rise Park is (mostly) finished the crew is finally making a start. We have raided the back room for old points to use as a mock up and are playing with different layouts, pushing wagons around and dealing playing cards to generate a useable shunting puzzle. The length of the layout is most likely to be seven feet, with width still to be decided.

4. Phoenix Park (OO) – LC Jeff Bamford/Pete Marshall. Phoenix Park now has a finished control panel for the front scenic sections so all the points and sections are controlled from the front along with the speed controllers. The double slip that someone painted and rendered useless has been removed and replaced. It is hard to understand why just the double slip was painted, if someone needs to do painting trials why pick on the most expensive and delicate piece of trackwork? A nice dribble of white paint has also appeared across the tracks with no attempt to clean up? White paint has not even been used on the layout. Attention is now being drawn to the back of the layout and it is being considered whether to relay and improve the fiddle yard which will enable more roads (and straighter) to be laid. More points with surface mounted motors are envisaged. Anyone with strong feeling must voice their opinion before work starts although all those members working on it have come to agreement. The retaining wall is nearing completion as is the roadway and backscene. When work starts on the fiddle yard it is hoped to keep to one line so as to keep one road open for loco trials etcetera.

5. **Soarston Lower Level (DCC OO) – LC Jim Duckworth.** I am working on the DCC power connections between the three baseboards, and then I will endeavor to sort out the points control. The Road Bridge over the valley is being built as well as a few additions to the scenic details.
6. **Rise Park (N) – LC Les Richardson.** The layout coped with the extreme heat of the show tent at Quorn rather better than some of the crew did, and only a few modifications have been needed. In particular the tall warehouse on the front has been set to lean inwards to counter a slight outward sag of the board it is attached to. We are also in process of redesigning the lighting rig, to be completed before the next outing at Nottingham in February.
7. **Victoria Road MPD (OO) - LC Bill Mossop.** Nothing to report.

OTHER:-

- **Croft Spa** – Les has completed track laying and most of the ballasting on the layout including a correct main-line shoulder to the ballast. The three points in the scenic section still work!
- **Next Year's Show** – We need four local businesses to take a quarter page advert at £30 each. Please don't leave it to the next man to approach anyone you think of as the next man may well not have your contacts. Highlight of next year's show will be a Trevor Webster aisle with Watton Parva and Stamford East side by side.
- **Graham's Railway Memories – 1965** I moved to Bad Bargain Lane in York and spent time installing fish tanks and building a model railway. I had just been trained in work study. My father having years earlier got me many jobs in school holidays meant that nobody could bullshit me – although many tried. I was based at the old York Station a short walk from the current station through the Roman Wall and went many places elsewhere in Yorkshire.
- **Bingham Summer Fair June 10** – Graham spent all day in the Market Square and was tired out when he got home. No new Members OR Associates so probably not worth the cost and effort next time.



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

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2017	
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 16/17	Nottingham – Rise Park, Hawthorne Dene
March 24/25	London Alexandra Palace - Rise Park, Hawthorn Dene
April 14/15	Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare.
Nov	Warley, National Exhibition Centre Hawthorn Dene
2019	
April 13/14	Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare.