

1. Ashtown (N) – LC Martin Lockwood. A number of small tasks have been completed in the past 2 months. Firstly, the distressed wagons pictured in the last newsletter have been installed on the derelict sidings (see photo) which has also been fenced in and had trees and bushes added. On the left hand (tar works) boards, the road along the front deteriorates into a track leading to a farm which is off-scene. This has also been fenced and had trees and bushes added. In the station area, the tennis court now has a clubhouse atop a grass mound (see picture which also shows, in the background, the rather splendid low-relief chapel). The little people of Ashtown are now less likely to fall on the tracks because the platform edges have been painted white-ish, they will also not get wet in bad weather because there is an (unfinished) canopy. The road over the tracks by the station now has a pavement and some buildings (see photo) – these are, left to right, a solicitors, Ashtown Letting Agency, Tregorran Antiques (boarded up and to let) and Horslers Undertakers and Monumental Masons. Still to do are the low-relief buildings between the station road bridge and the backscene, the Station Hotel to the left of the road against the backscene, the station building and steps down to the platform, a taxi office and newsagents in huts either side of the station forecourt and a bus depot which leads onto the road at the front of the station board. Lots to do and only 7 months before it appears at our show.



- 2. Newton Wharf (previously Yeaton) (N) – LC Greg Deacon, Ian Dodds, George Hartfield.** Buildings are being produced at a rapid rate now that George and Graham are helping so I have spent a couple of sessions sticking many of them to the back scene. Graham's next job, being agnostic leaning atheist, is to build a church. I have also been widening the raised bank at the back so that a road can be included. The station platform canopies I mentioned last time have been built and are very effective. The only current problem is that one of the points is misbehaving and can't be corrected without an electronic device needed to adjust the servo which powers the point. This device is a MERG product and as far as I know Ian is the only person who has one of these and he is rarely able to get to the club because of work commitments. I need to investigate MERG procurement arrangements. If there are any MERG members out there then please contact me to see about buying one of these devices.
- 3. Burch Green (OO)** Baseboard kits are on order. Expected October. Apart from that plenty of supping coffee and looking for people in the clubroom to annoy - a certain Mr Dean comes to mind.
- 4. Phoenix Park (OO) – LC Jeff Bamford/Pete Marshall.** Work continues relaying the fiddle yard to straighten the track and new point motors are being fitted above baseboard. Scenics are to be resumed after a summer layoff. The layout is still available to run trains.
- 5. Soarston Lower Level (DCC OO) – LC Jim Duckworth.** Nothing to report.
- 6. Rise Park (N) – LC Les Richardson.** Nothing to report.

7. **Victoria Road MPD (00) - LC Bill Mossop.** Changes to layout and fiddle yard have made more room to hold stock. Extra supports for tables as well otherwise slow. On remaining work, Victoria Road MPD, an isolating switch to the yard entrance has been fitted.

OTHER:-

- **Hawthorn Dene.** A successful show at GCR North despite a Stanier 8F brewing up just the other side of an open roller-shutter door. On to the Soar Valley club show and the layout performed well with only one glitch that stopped trains while the cut out trip was bypassed.



- **No Place - No Report** (Nowt happened in No Place).
- **Club Show - Will** whichever member is booking layouts for the show without telling Les please stop it. It is hard enough keeping tabs on those that are supposed to be there. Flyers for the show are done. Please take a wodge when visiting another show.
- **Graham's Railway Memories – 1965** Dr Beeching was the BR boss man 1960-65. He was regarded as a Mad Axe Man although he **was** a Saviour Surgeon. Before Nationalisation the Rail Companies competed for the same business. Hope the following convinces doubters!

7000 Stations: (one per 2.5 miles!)

33% generating 1% of all traffic

50% generating 5% of all freight traffic:- revenue £6.5m cost £9.0m

50% generating 2% of all Passenger traffic

After completion of the Axing he returned to ICI. He died 1985.

The other thing about 1965 is that it was then that Maurice Boddy became my Boss Man, and he is now the only Associate who cannot unsubscribe however nicely he asks me. More information in the November issue.

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.

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| 2017 | |
| 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 at Bingham St Mary's Church – we will have the usual tree. |
| 2018 | |
| March | Lincoln – Rise Park |
| April 14/15 | Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare. |
| Nov | Warley, National Exhibition Centre Hawthorn Dene |
| 2019 | |
| April 13/14 | Our Exhibition at Cotgrave Welfare. |