



Introduction to the Preview Issue

Welcome to the first issue of what is intended to be an occasional update for club members, to keep tabs on what's going on with our layouts and some of the outside world too. You'll find:

- Sections for each layout with a summary of activities started, planned or suggested.
- 'Timetable' to illustrate our forthcoming shows, and I've also included local-ish shows and dates of steam tours scheduled to run locally through Bletchley, Bedford and Sandy.
- 'Notice Board' is to highlight some of the other goings-on and matters discussed on a Tuesday night.
- Lastly, I've included sample worksheets for Sutton to demonstrate how we plan to maintain progress and know what's still to do in case of absence of the main protagonist! We'll build on these as we progress, developing the same for Finchley.

At this point the aim is to provide an update at least every 6 weeks, more frequently if we have spells of good progress.

I hope you find this useful and helps inspire you to join in with the activities; please let me know what you think, especially if I've missed anything you think should be included.

Opening Summary

Recent weeks have seen a considerable rush of activity, borne of the needs of the growing club membership, and its been great to see.

Finchley: working party to build pointwork for the fiddle yard, progress on wiring, discussions around the remaining boards to be built and their practicalities of design.

Sutton: Boards 1 & 2 mounted as a pair on a trestle enabling work on wiring and point motors on both sides, discussions about replacement end boards and bolts, remarking the control panels.

Cheriton: Tucked away in the corner, it may well need some love and attention when it's brought out again.

And much still to be done...

Best wishes to all

Alan



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FINCHLEY ROAD & FROGNAL

Electrics	Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board BBG being wired up, still requires plugs fitting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseboard design for corners of fiddle yard to be agreed
Baseboard Top (scenic, trackwork)	Operation, presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pointwork for fiddle board BBU (east end) is under construction by the working group supervised by Bob • Pointwork for fiddle boards BBT and BBZ (west end) is now printed ready to start construction • Buildings continue from Bern, update to be give in next issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting? • Pelmet? •

CHERITON BISHOP

Electrics	Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Baseboard Top (scenic, trackwork)	Operation, presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess for damage • Colour-blending scenery to backscene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert curtain to Velcro



SUTTON-ON-SEA

Electrics	Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying leads to replace plug & socket, though ensuring practical for each board : working on board 1 • Service point motors & clean contacts : started on board 2 • Investigate current control panel provision for signal operation and determine how to set up their operation • Additional switch for turntable track isolation • Fiddle yard microswitch for road 4 requires a fix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade bolts to dome-headed/wing nut/large washers : spec to be agreed and items sourced/costed/approved for purchase • Investigate and repair dip between boards 1 and 2 • Replace end boards : spec to be agreed, material sourced/costed/approved for purchase • Control panel covers required to clear switches and be sufficiently strong to bear other items on top for transport : spec to be agreed, material sourced/costed/approved for purchase • Provide a ledge on control panel mounting boards, making it easier to align and fit the control panel • Docks extension and support arrangements to be scoped, designed and costed
Baseboard Top (scenic, trackwork)	Operation, presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair any damaged backscene • Repaint roadways • Repair or replace man on ladder • Man in vacuum (!) • Platform roof glazing bars • Repair level crossing • Assess remainder of layout board by board for repairs • Check all points are correctly adjusted • Check and level turntable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redraw control panel lines • Label switches to points for diagnostics, produce an overlay illustrating point numbers, ensuring matched to naming convention under the boards • Investigate practicalities of installing a control panel-powered push-button mic system • Investigate improved clips for retaining lighting units to baseboard legs • Convert the curtain to be mountable by Velcro instead of drawing pins



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TIMETABLE

EBMRS SHOWS		Other events, local shows etc	
8 Feb 2014	Biggleswade	Sat 20-Apr Steam tour	THE CATHEDRALS EXPRESS - London Euston-Holyhead [<i>dbs</i>] 60163: Euston-Holyhead-Crewe
17 May 2014	Ely (Sutton) TBC	Sun 28-Apr Steam tour	THE GREAT BRITAIN VI (Day 9) Edinburgh-London Kings Cross (<i>WCRC</i>) [<i>wcrc</i>] 60007 60009: Edinburgh-York 60103 60007 60019: York-Kings Cross
8 & 9 Nov 2014	Spalding (Sutton) TBC	4 May Model show	Market Deeping
7 Feb 2015	Biggleswade	5 May Model show	Hoddesdon
29 & 30 Mar 2015	Ally Pally (Sutton) TBC	11 May Model show	South West Herts (Watford)
15 Sep 2015	Grantham (Sutton) TBC	Sat 11-May Steam tour	THE JOLLY FISHERMAN London Kings Cross-Skegness (<i>WCRC</i>) [<i>wcrc</i>] 70013: Kings Cross-Sleaford 61994: Sleaford-Boston-Skegness 70013: Skegness-Grantham-Kings Cross
		Thu 16-May Steam tour	THE CATHEDRALS EXPLORER (Day 8 of 8) Whitby-London-Margate and Southend [<i>dbs</i>] TBA: Whitby-Pickering TBA: Malton-York-London Victoria
		18 May Model show	Ely
		Thu 30-May Steam tour	THE BUXTON SPA EXPRESS London Euston-Buxton [<i>wcrc</i>] 70013: Euston-Bletchley-Bedford-Melton Mowbray-Edale-Buxton-Stockport
		25 & 26 May Model show	Aylesbury



NOTICE BOARD

- Research continues into the Oerlikon units, currently attempting to obtain copies of original drawings of underframes from the HMRS.
- Suggestion for a mini layout for testing?
- Jim asks if there is any working plan for maintenance at shows
- Operating sessions required to teach new members how to operate the layouts
- Question over availability of suitable stock for layouts should Bern or Alan B be unavailable.



WORKSHEET: SUTTON, BOARD 1

Service point motors

Point Name	Contacts cleaned	Worm clean & lube	
A			
M			
MP			
MQ			
MR			

Convert plugs to flying leads

Plug Name	Board fixings converted	Link wiring converted		
B1	Complete			
C1	In progress			
D1				
Town Lights				

WORKSHEET: SUTTON, BOARD 2

Service point motors

Point Name	Contacts cleaned	General Inspection	Worm clean & lube
B	Complete	Complete	
C	Complete	Complete	
D			
O			
N			
X			

Convert plugs to flying leads

Plug Name	Board fixings converted	Link wiring converted		
B1				
C1				
D1				
B3A				
C3A1				
C3A2				
D3A				