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Summary

Bern has completed building Grand Parade, with some painting to be done to fully finish the buildings made so far, and track building continues on the fiddle yard entrances. We have also debated how to build the corner boards for the fiddle yard with a good solution.

Repairs made to Sutton's Crossing Keeper's cottage and level crossing gates, and progress being made with re-wiring and point motor cleaning.

You made not be aware, but it is now 6 months since our 2013 show- and so we have less than 26 weeks available to prepare for 2014!

A potential new member paid us a visit recently, Robert Fryer, who demonstrated some examples of 3d-printed modelling - in N scale! We look forward to seeing him again.

In forthcoming issues I'll be adding some notes around the operation of Finchley and providing some reminders of other aspects for the layout.

Oerlikon discussions continue too.....





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FINCHLEY ROAD ST JOHNS WOOD

Electrics	Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board BBG now wired up, still requires plugs fitting and fault-testing to be completed • Board BBK started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseboard design for corners of fiddle yard (boards BBU and BBZ) has now been agreed, allowing Derek to utilise his baseboard template, so this will kick-start some progress. Board BBR now finished.
Baseboard Top (scenic, trackwork)	Operation, presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pointwork for fiddle boards BBU (east end), BBT and BBZ (west end) is now nearing completion • Buildings update from Bern: Grand Parade is now complete and painted, and I have finished the painting of 315 Finchley Road (Barnes Garage). For the time being I will concentrate on painting the buildings I have already completed before I start work on the cutting at the north of the station. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting is yet to be discussed • Pelmet was originally mooted, to be discussed later

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



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SUTTON-ON-SEA

Electrics	Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying leads to replace plug & socket: Dave Sutton (aka gibbering wreck) has been putting in extra shifts on a Monday evening to progress the wiring. Board 4 is now complete and a start made on board 3. Good luck, Dave... • Service point motors & clean contacts: Boards 1 & 2 completed by Jim, and Jim & Dave H have been working through boards 3 and 4. • Investigate current control panel provision for signal operation and determine how to set up their operation; Jim is following up some ideas. • Additional switch for turntable track isolation • Fix to fiddle yard microswitch for road 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade bolts to dome-headed/wing nut/large washers : spec to be agreed and items sourced, costed and approved for purchase • 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"> • Following the fix to the level crossing gates we have made some scenery repairs to that area. • Trackside scenery upgraded on branch, to improve 'blending' of track and scenery. • It was discovered that the crossing keeper's cottage (board 7) was attached to the backscene as well as the baseboard. The backscene was found to be loose and this had pulled the cottage from the baseboard which, in turn, had distorted the window cleaner's ladder and caused his arm to break. The backscene has been fixed and the cottage is now solely fixed to the baseboard. The new window cleaner - with two arms - and ladder are ready for installation • Repair any damaged backscene • Repaint roadways • Platform roof glazing bars • 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"> • 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

Not many steam tours though the area this period

EBMRS SHOWS		Other events, local shows etc	
8 Feb 2014	Biggleswade	28 & 29/9/13	Scalefour show, Aylesbury
17 May 2014	Ely (Sutton) TBC	29/09/13	Banbury show
8 & 9 Nov 2014	Spalding (Sutton) TBC	01/10/13	Cathedrals Express 60163 Bedford - Carlisle & return
7 Feb 2015	Biggleswade	05/10/13	Daventry show
29 & 30 Mar 2015	Ally Pally (Sutton) TBC	5 & 6/10/13	Romford show
15/09/15	Grantham (Sutton) TBC	12/10/13	Tring show
		19 & 20/10/13	Peterborough show
		26/10/13	Hemel Hempstead show



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NOTICE BOARD

- Research continues into the Oerlikon units, currently attempting to obtain copies of original drawings of underframes from the HMRS. I have asked for our interest in the drawings to be mentioned to others who show an interest in case of potential collaboration over any developments.
The slow progress is still slow, but there is progress nonetheless - the HMRS has confirmed the drawings were in a delicate state and had been sent for scanning, though the quality is not good enough for a decent print. They are now liaising with the scanning company to see what enhancements can be made and we wait and see...
- 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.