



## CLUB UPDATE

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### Introduction

The Show has come and gone again, and we can claim a good year with visitor numbers holding up, positive comments on the web (“this is in danger of becoming a finescale show!”), most excellent catering once more and very good trading on the second-hand stall. Well done to all the usual - and new - volunteers for all your sterling efforts.

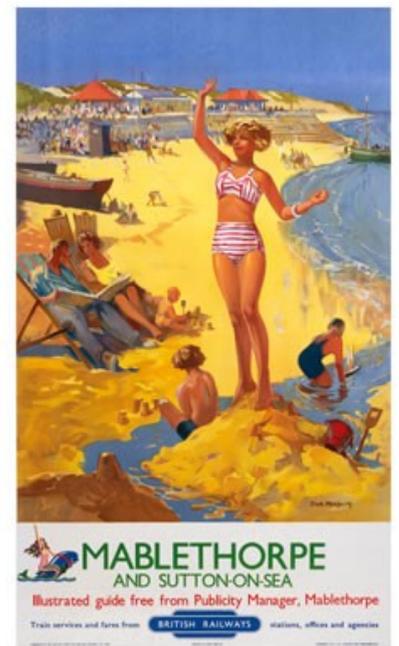
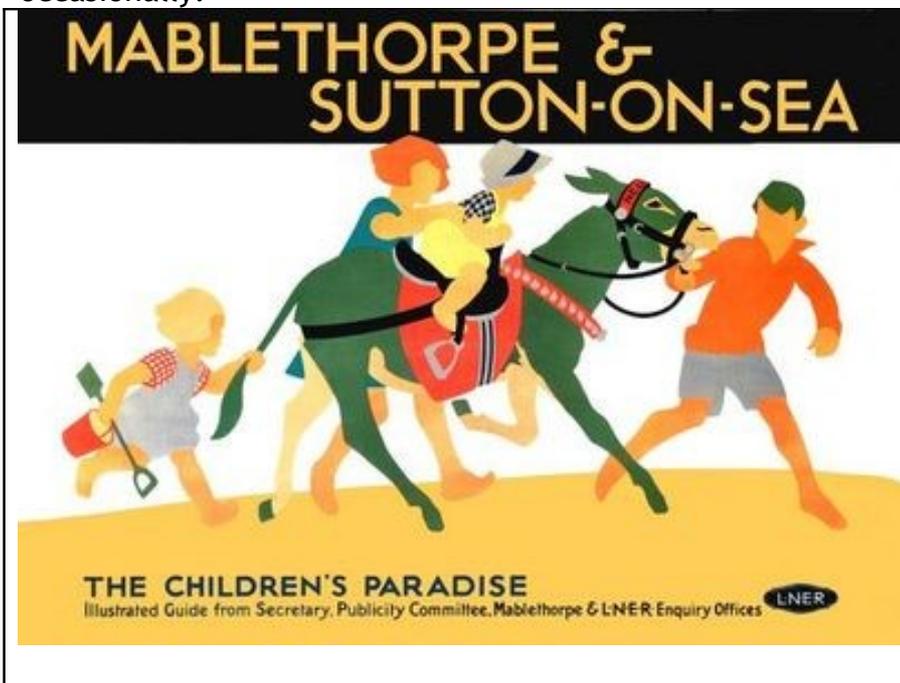
Cheriton Bishop had a good run-out at the show, blossoming again after some fettling and scenic refresh, and although Dick might travel the farthest, it was good to see Alex turn up for a bash too, all the way from Somerset. See the last page for a summary of some of the post-show correspondence, which replaces ‘Member Layouts’ this edition.

Sutton’s electrical refit continues slowly but surely and is going through a regular test as each board is complete. See page 3

Finchley has taken something of a back seat whilst the show and Sutton’s work has progressed, but nonetheless work has continued with Bob quietly and steadily building the trackwork. See page 2

### The Picture

It’s awkward to find pictures representing Cheriton or Sutton, as neither railway existed in reality and therefore pictures related to Finchley will dominate, but I’ll dig out something occasionally.



Here’s a different take - Sutton-on-Sea had a GN station on the Mablethorpe loop, and the LNER advertised it in similar fashion to Skegness. These are classic posters, which could make an appearance on Finchley station?!



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### FINCHLEY ROAD ST JOHNS WOOD

Electrics	Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board BBG requires plugs fitting and fault-testing to be completed.</li> <li>• Board BBK in progress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of the final boards is in progress; consideration being given to arrangement and position of legs.</li> </ul>
Baseboard Top (scenic, trackwork)	Operation, presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the pointwork for the fiddle yards is now built, only requiring testing to complete.</li> <li>• Question over whether it is practical to progress simple track laying on board tops and position bracing afterwards, accounting for point motor positions - this may also assist in speeding overall construction.</li> <li>• All the main railway-related buildings are now complete bar the signal box - and Bern has agreed to build it from the Churchward Models kit I purchased for the role.</li> <li>• Bern is also now considering how to building the cutting walls at the eastern end of the station - it's proving challenging! - and a selection of goods yard building oddments.</li> <li>• Backscene will be considered when baseboards are complete</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting is yet to be discussed - will need to be considered at the same time as any backscene construction</li> <li>• A pelmet was originally mooted, to be discussed later</li> <li>• The design concept allowed for a repeat signal diagram display at the front of the layout - consideration needs to be given on how to progress this. Andy's electronics took this into consideration I believe.</li> </ul>

### CHERITON BISHOP

Cheriton performed very well at the show - seemingly plenty of life in the old girl!

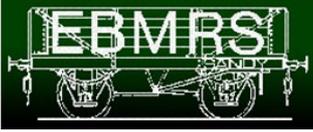
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last-minute testing ensured the layout was in good order for the show (and saw an eclectic mix of stock for the test!)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Baseboard Top (scenic, trackwork)	Operation, presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whilst still in general good order, we used extra flock on the grass areas to liven it up, and treated all the trees to a spruce (!)</li> <li>• Colour-blending scenery to backscene needs considering several weeks before any further outing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convert curtain to Velcro</li> </ul>



## SUTTON-ON-SEA

Board 3 rewiring has been completed and tested.

Electrics	Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flying leads to replace plug &amp; socket, though ensuring practical for each board. Board 3 rewire was completed and the layout re-erected after the show to test it. There was some trepidation, and I think I'm right in saying Dave Sutton's trousers changed colour, especially as there were a number of faults being found. Thankfully, after various measuring exercises, finger-poking and chin-rubbing, it was discovered we hadn't plugged in all the leads!!!! We do have one fault to rectify - it may be a point motor - and one point blade to re-solder. Well done, Dave.</li> <li>• Service point motors &amp; clean contacts. This and the rewiring is now 80% complete</li> <li>• Investigate current control panel provision for signal operation and determine how to set up their operation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade bolts to dome-headed/wing nut/large washers: spec to be agreed and items sourced, costed and approved for purchase</li> <li>• Replace end boards : spec to be agreed, material sourced/costed/approved for purchase</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Provide a ledge on control panel mounting boards, making it easier to align and fit the control panel</li> <li>• Docks extension and support arrangements to be scoped, designed and costed</li> </ul>
Baseboard Top (scenic, trackwork)	Operation, presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repaint roadways - a start has been made at the country end of the layout, and the roadway by the engine shed. This now requires blending into the remainder of the goods yard.</li> <li>• Platform roof glazing bars</li> <li>• Assess remainder of layout board by board for repairs</li> <li>• Check all points are correctly adjusted</li> <li>• Check and level turntable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Label switches to points for diagnostics, produce an overlay illustrating point numbers, ensuring matched to naming convention under the boards</li> <li>• Investigate practicalities of installing a control panel-powered push-button mic system</li> <li>• Investigate improved clips for retaining lighting units to baseboard legs</li> <li>• Convert the curtain to be mountable by Velcro instead of drawing pins</li> </ul>



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## TIMETABLE

John Wakeman informs me this remains the situation for our shows, and he is following up to check the circumstances.

It's a busy period for local model shows, and a few steam trips passing by.

EBMRS SHOWS		Other events, local shows etc (nominally within 30 miles)	
17 May 2014	Ely (Sutton) TBC	8 & 9 Mar	St Neots show
8 & 9 Nov 2014	Spalding (Sutton) TBC		THE BUXTON SPA EXPRESS 70013 44871+45231: Euston-Bletchley Ealing Broadway-Bedford-Melton Mowbray- Edale-Buxton-Stockport
7 Feb 2015	Biggleswade	15 Mar	Sawbridgeworth show
29 & 30 Mar 2015	Ally Pally (Sutton) TBC	22 Mar	Chesham show
15 Sep 2015	Grantham (Sutton) TBC		THE PEAK FORESTER London Kings Cross-Rowsley 70000/TBA: Kings Cross-Peterborough- Stamford-Matlock- Rowsley and return
		23 Mar	THE CATHEDRALS EXPRESS 60007: Kings Cross-York and return
		29 Mar	Sawston (Cambridge) show
		29 Mar	Tring show
		5 Apr	THE WHITE ROSE 60163: Kings Cross-York-Kings Cross
		12 Apr	Luton show
		26 Apr	De Havilland, Welwyn show
		26 Apr	Rushden show
		1 May	THE CATHEDRALS EXPRESS 70013: Chiswick-W Brompton- Cambridge-Norwich and return
		4 May	THE GREAT BRITAIN VII 46233: York-Kings Cross
		4 May	Hoddesson show
		10 May	Harpenden show
		10 May	South West Herts, Watford
		17 May	THE CATHEDRALS EXPLORER 60009: Durham-Peterborough-Victoria
		22 May	THE CATHEDRALS EXPRESS 60009: Kings Cross-York and return
		24 & 25 May	Aylesbury show
		14 Jun	Trinity Church, Biggleswade



### NOTICE BOARD

- Oerlikon units - We have purchased copies of underframe drawings from the HMRS, and after some concern the quality could be poor they are found to be fantastically detailed, clear and well presented. We now have a full set for a 3 car Oerlikon unit, with the suggestion that the drawings we have obtained are actually for the earlier Siemens units but are believed to be probably almost identical.

A review of the details of the parts required has begun and we will look to see if London Road Models will consider manufacturing them with the information we now have.

- Suggestion for a mini layout for testing? This is a genuine suggestion as an additional project to run alongside the major build of Finchley - but it would need to be of 'micro' proportions.

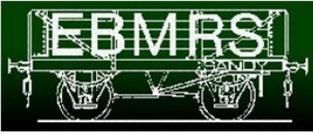
- Jim asks if there is any working plan for maintenance at shows
- Operating sessions required to teach new members how to operate the layouts
- Question over availability of suitable stock for layouts should Bern or Alan B be unavailable.

Last time I included Hornby's announcements - a correction, as their advertising stated they were releasing a Gresley K1 - in fact it is the later Peppercorn variation, not the earlier GN K1. Introduced only in 1949 they all survived throughout the fifties. In 57/58 there were 25 examples shedded at March, by Jan 1960 that reduced to 15 but with 5 each at Stratford and Frodingham. I have no confirmations of any K1 sightings on the NLL.

LSWR 700 Black Motor 0-6-0 - numbers 30339, 346, 355, 687 and 688 were shedded at Feltham in the late fifties and were used regularly on the NLL.

GE J15 0-6-0 - a number of these were shedded at Stratford and could be seen on the NLL as under-powered replacements when the allocated power was not available. There's also scope for these on Sutton

GE D16/3 4-4-0 - mainly used in East Anglia, especially the M&GN route, but some were based at March and 4 based at Lincoln in their last years - 62535, 564, 568 and 599 - which makes them a requirement for Sutton!



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#### Post-Show Discussions

In no particular order or priority, these are the topics and viewpoints raised

#### Car Parking

- Car parking is spread out across 3 main areas out of sight of each other. Ideally could do with 3 people, with radios to co-ordinate. 1 at the gate, 1 to direct in front of the Weatherley Centre, 1 directing the actual parking in each area in turn. Needs seem to die off just before lunch when punters start to leave.
- If the Weatherley Centre has a function the parking will be greatly reduced! Can we find out in advance? If the weather is dry we can use the playing field.
- Section an area specifically for disabled badge holder - may require some thought about where traders and exhibitors park. Not allowed in the unloading patio area for emergency access.
- Car park duties require hi-viz vests, hat, gloves and waterproof trousers, and if the weather is particularly bad, shorter periods on duty with a chance of a cuppa.

#### The Front Door

- Cash handling - existing ticketing arrangements are believed acceptable as it gives a good guide for punter count and is consistent year on year. Need better cash handling to allow opportunities for chatting to the visitors whilst the other still has proper access to and security of the cash tray - Dave proposing to build one for the job.
- People using the wrong door or trying to sneak in without paying. Possibly needs simple but bold signage for entrance and disabled. Maybe use barriers outside to guide people into the queue, and indoors to protect the pay area.
- Claiming to be a pensioner when they are clearly much younger.
- Smokers in the doorway setting off smoke alarms- new signs proposed

#### The Layout & the Club

- As well as details in the programme, make the details of our layouts more readily available for exhibition managers at the layout.
- Some punters like to know the origins of the stock, so could there be a stock list for reference? That seems to be regarded as impractical
- Did everyone get the opportunity they wanted for having a turn operating Cheriton?

#### Show facts

- 17 layouts
- 300 rolls
- 750 punters
- 1000-plus cups of tea & coffee
- £3000 of stock sold on the second-hand stall
- One great feat of team work from you all

#### Forthcoming

- We need to start looking at what's coming up next; storage needs to be improved, and will be helped by a throw out of unwanted items - Oliver has suggested he wants some old baseboard bits, plus we need to save any useful items such as point motors from the boards being destroyed. The electric fan is to be kept.
- Now that we have more people, what tasks can you all do? Aside from the tidying up, who can do soldering, wiring, track laying, rodding, signalling, ballasting etc
- We have the suggestion to partially erect Finchley shortly so we can assess the whole scheme and work required.