
West Midlands' N' Gauge Club

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HAPPY FESTIVENESS TO ALL OUR READERS



OUTWARD SLEIGH RIDE

I make no apologies for my raisin d'aitre, or the lack of nuts - in my prose, it's just that
I prefer raisins or not - depending on my mood.

Just a reminder to all WMNGC members, that to be included in the next Members'
Contributions section, your article should be with me by **Friday 22nd March.**

Volume 22 Issue 1 will be published towards the end of that month.

Newsletter dates for 2019

Spring: March 2019

Summer: June 2019

Autumn: September 2019

Winter: December 2019

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From the Chairman

The year has seen its ups and downs, perhaps more so than in more recent years. On the positive side everyone worked really hard to get Whartson Hall ready for TINGS, as a layout under construction.

It had some really good comments and will be going to Lutterworth, in May next year, and hopefully again to TINGS.

On the down side, many of our members and / or their partners suffered from ill health during the year and this meant they could not attend the club's meetings. Some are still recovering and we wish all of them a speedy recovery and hope to see them back at the club in 2019.

We've just had our AGM and I've been elected chairman again, so I guess I must be doing something right. The club remains buoyant with a steady number of members and a couple of times in the year we have been overwhelmed by the number of members and visitors at the club, so I hope that continues during 2019. In fact we had nearly a full house for the AGM with only 3 apologies.

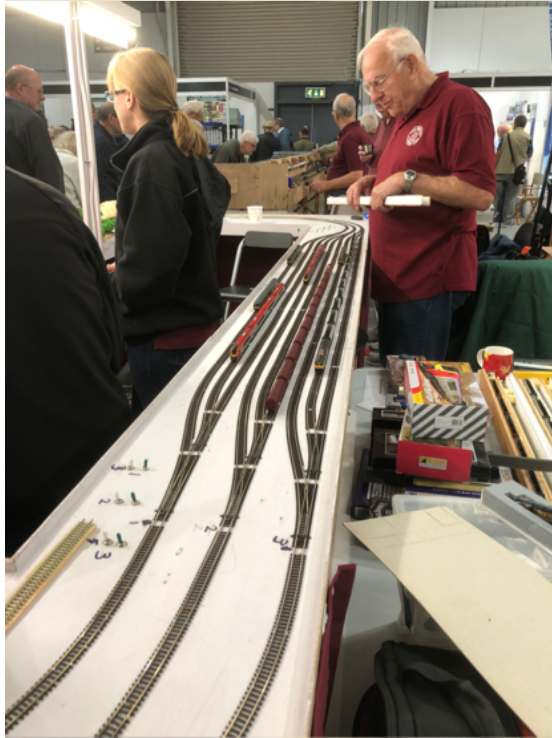
Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making the club so successful, whether you are a member or not. Just forwarding this newsletter is a way of helping the club. New members come from reading our newsletter or visiting our website.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas. The club will start meeting again in January and the dates for next year are within this newsletter.

Happy Modelling, Ken Jones

EXHIBITIONS

Well I make no excuse for adding more column inches from **TINGS 2018**, which was the biggest event in our recent history, with many members contributing in whatever way they could.



Whartson Hall

By WMNGC

Mike's vision of a representation of Water Orton finally came to fruition.



Mike's cassette railing system worked very well and, following the layout's success at TINGS, work has started on completing the scenery. Dennis has produced 3D printed bespoke parts for the station road bridge, from which steps will lead down to the platform - as they do at Water Orton. He is also making signal gantries for the layout which will see working signals on the layout, these being wired by Edgar.

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Cradley Show 13/14 October

Another 'working weekend' for WMNGC members Ken, Dave G, Dave E, and Jeremy with Tipton Hills and Gibben Quarry, and are those two private layouts I see before me? Oh yes - man with a suitcase layout *Waterfall Junction*, and the ingeniously small, but perfectly formed, box file layout that is *Pending*.



St. Hilda's church, 17 November

Tipton Hills & Gibben Quarry on the road again, at a small one day show. A good day with fish & chips for lunch, enjoyed by the Two Daves.



Tipton Hills

Looking resplendent, is another layout which runs brilliantly and is now a frequent exhibit on the circuit. However, it looks like we will need to change a point, as stock is derailling in one direction as it crosses it.

Gibben Quarry

Mike Turner has printed off a further batch of leaflets about these layouts, with track plans. *Contact Ken if you would like a copy.*

Waterstock

This layout continues to run well at our twice a month meetings. However, due to constant use we will have to dig out and replace a single slip which has failed near the engine shed – the problem appears to be with the blade. *DG*

MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS



Shhh, rumour has it.....

Jeremy Edwards is starting a new layout (to be called Charlotte Street). Apparently, it is being built in 3 box files with stiffening underneath, but with the lids being fixed vertically to form the back scene. It will be a small city terminus running out of the box files into cassettes made from timber and aluminium L angle. The station building is a Metcalfe Country station kit with cast chimney pots from Langley Models and gutters and drainpipes from the Ratio pack. The runaround loop should be large enough for 3 coaches and there will be a bay platform for my 121 DMU. There will also be a single freight siding for vans etc. Just awaiting purchase of track. Watch this space.....

Ken's Little Private Bits



Malcom Hall from Grimsby has made 2 more N gauge buses for our Chairman's collection. Ken, like many people, is a fan of open top buses and coming from Somerset had the chance to ride on many he saw in his youth at Torbay and Weston-Super-Mare. Malcolm has converted and painted an Oxford Diecast model of a Bristol into a Weston Super Mare open top bus, based on the preserved 869 NHT which was new in 1961. The history of this vehicle can be found at <http://bcv.robsly.com/869nht.html> Ken has added local advertisements to the model which still needs the coat of arms for the town added to the sides if possible.

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The second model is a repainted Graham Avis model AEC Regal coach into the livery of Eastern Belle – NXL 847 which is an AEC Regal III with Duple A type body new in 1953 to Eastern Belle of Bow London. One of the last half-cab coaches built, this is unusually 30ft x 7ft 6ins, and has been re-trimmed in 2017, with new frames and chroming refurbishment in 2018. It is part of the Roger Burdett collection and is believed to be the only restored 30ft long x 7ft 6ins half-cab coach. The model should have gold scroll lettering for completion, but that may not be possible. Malcolm has travelled on the preserved Eastern Belle coach and Ken hired it for his 60th birthday celebrations.



See picture of the real thing at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/82409929@N08/39438660462/in/photolist-21Wpakz-2364rJw-2248rCy-XA9hgx-W2rsUY-25X59r6>

Model coach/bus pictures by Vince Painter – West Midlands' N' Gauge Club

Request - If anyone has a spare Graham Avis AEC Regal coach, their reference N02 – Ken & Malcolm would like a couple as they want to create a Leyland half cab coach with a Harrington fin.ent NE trip by 1969 vintage coach. *KJ*

Ashburton at Arden Hall

By Tony Minchin





Now where did I put that track rubber?..... JM

Bescut & Walshed and Folda Way

By Vince Painter

Ah well, it was only a small heart attack!

Shock, horror, no work for what only seems to have been a couple of weeks', where in actual fact it's been nearly two months, at time of composing.

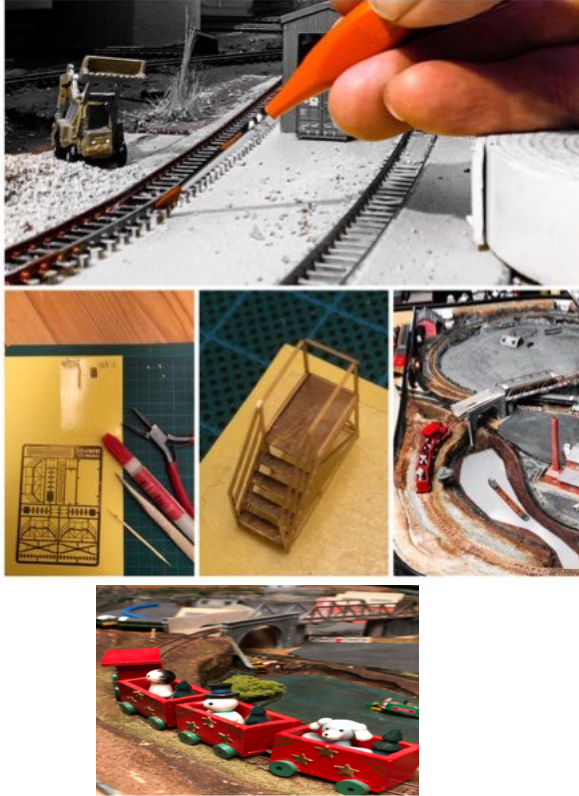
Now, what could I possibly do that doesn't involve too much physical effort, whilst my heart gets used to pumping blood, through newly cleared arteries.



After a lifetime of gaining skills, which have gotten me through many trade disciplines, I find myself in the 'enviable' position of being able to put all that experience into use for purely selfish reasons - for a change.....

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Ballasting, kit bashing (including my first brass and white metal kits), soldering, metal forming, painting, gluing, designing, forming, static grassing, tidying, thinning, repairing small mechanisms, weathering and not forgetting photography, image manipulation and, oh yes, editing a certain newsletter - almost not enough time for recovery!



VP

In other news:

This 3D printed bridge found its way onto Whartson Hall (more on this next time)



Other business:

1. More from TINGS: have a look at this excellent video:

<https://youtu.be/xZzvs0MpPqk>

50 minutes of TINGS 2018 - just like being there - watch out for West Midlands' members in starring roles!

2. These are the new N scale models that will be included in the latest Oxford catalogue. Release dates variable.

1:148 Oxford Automobile

N105008 Ford Anglia Yellow (Vyv)

NMGB003 MGB Roadster British Racing Green

NMMT008 Morris Traveller Almond Green (Dot Cotton)

NMN008 Mini Surf Blue/OEW

NVWB005 VW Beetle Black

1:148 Oxford Commercials

NCA021 Bedford CA Ice Cream Van Mr Softee

NFT023 Ford Transit Mk5 SWB Low Roof Network Rail

1:148 Oxford Haulage

NSHL01TK Scania Highline Tanker BP

NTCAB006 Scania T Cab Semi Low Loader Sandy Kydd

1:148 Oxford Omnibus

NRT007 RT Bus Browns Blue

NTR008 Tram London Transport

MEMBERS NOTICES

Just a reminder that our Exhibition Manager is Dave Griffin contactable at: davejgriffin@outlook.com

RETURN SLEIGH RIDE

A bit of 💡 relief

As I recover from my first 💔 attack, whilst at work on the 25th September, I thought I would give all of our 👁️👁️ an update on what I've been doing during this difficult 🕒 .

..... here goes.... I was 🚑 (yes knee-nor, knee-nor) to 🏥 after a really bad bout of, what I thought was, anxiety attack whilst at work , turned out to be a 💔 attack, not a cardiac arrest - that's different as I've found out - fortunately, there was a dentist named Vince next door who looked after me, and probably saved my life, before the 🚑 arrived.

After a one hour procedure, 3 days recovery in 🏥 , lots of TLC from my good lady at home rest followed by a PreOp for a second, similar procedure (2nd & 3rd Stent)done in the middle of November.

Next will be a period of Cardiac Rehabilitation (get some walking in the fresh air).

Thank heavens for modern 🖥️ , I have, whilst on home rest, so far, watched three 📺 series, five 🎥 and countless ⚽ game reruns on my 🖥️ with 🎵 and don't get me started on Sudoku, jigsaws, not to mention my 🚂 of course - thanks to Arnold, Bachmann Graham Farish, DAPOL, Minitrix, Rails of Sheffield, EBay, Ratio, Metcalfe, Osbourne, KB & Ancorton Models and Dawlish Cam on FB and the postmen - I have also managed to finish off some of those kits I bought years ago for a rainy day!

I am extremely grateful for all the kind thoughts, 🎁 and 📞 calls I have received from Club members, colleagues at Timpson, family, friends and some just generally nice people - thank you from the bottom of my 💕

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Please feel free to pass on this newsletter to friends and fellow modellers, or even fellow modellers who may be friends.

WMNGC members please email me, with any erratum or articles to art1san1957@icloud.com
Just click here art1san1957@icloud.com and send me an email!

NB. The next issue will include erratum from this issue, more information on that image of KJ 'driving' a bus from Issue 3, our second Book review (*severely delayed due to the plethora of copy this year*), and any and all submissions gratefully received.

The very fine print.....

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS



Our largest, exhibition-standard layout *Waterstock* running some longer trains, **bring your own for a run out!**

Meetings will be held at:
Tipton Green Methodist Church Hall
Park Lane West
TIPTON
West Midlands
DY4 8LD

NOTICEBOARD INFORMATION

2019 PROGRAMME

Meetings – 1st and 3rd Saturday in each month

January	5 th	19 th
February	2 nd	16 th
March	2 nd	16 th
April	6 th	20 th
May	4 th	18 th
June	1 st	15 th
July	6 th	20 th
August	3 rd	17 th
September	7 th	21 st
October	5 th	19 th
November	2 nd	16 th
December	7 th	21 st

Again all meetings will be from 2-5pm. If in doubt, please ring first.

For more information:

Call Ken Jones on 0121 777 7062, email westernsultan@hotmail.co.uk
Or visit our website at www.wmngaugeclub.co.uk

Any changes to these dates will appear on our website or in our quarterly newsletter.

Please use rear entrance at church hall.