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*West Midlands' N' Gauge Club*

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# *Newsletter*

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***WE SURVIVED TINGS 2018***



*OUTWARD JOURNEY*

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 7<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Volume 21 Issue 4** will be published before Christmas, this will of course include a look forward to 2019.

**Newsletter dates for 2018/19**

Christmas: December 2018

Spring: March 2019

Summer: June 2019

Autumn: September 2019

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***From the Chairman***

Our members continue to be the most important ingredient of this Club, it is sad that I have to report a recurrence of Mike Turner's ill health:

*Mike is one of the longest serving members of the Club and we owe a lot to him; from all the carpentry on Waterstock, to all the literature he does for the layouts, as well as running our website.*

*Many of you will know he hasn't been in good health in recent years, but has started to come back to the club – first by Edgar collecting him and then driving himself. It was, therefore, good to see him at TINGS this year on the day we set up Whartson Hall and the two days of the show.*



*This layout was inspired by the work Mike had done on two previous mothballed layouts. Mike was able to run much of his own stock on the layout based on his local station of Water Orton.*

*Unfortunately, Mike had to be taken to Good Hope Hospital on the Sunday evening following TINGS. He had to stay in hospital for over a week, while he recovered and tests were done. By the time you read this we all hope he will be home and back to his witty self.*

*Our best wishes go to him and Ann.*

**TINGS** was another successful exhibition for us and

I'm sure our editor and others have an update for this newsletter. My thanks for all members who helped, even in the smallest way. I had my moving bus layout there, with the trains being operated by Dave Evans, allowing me to speak to many visitors over the busy two day event.

There were two other members' layouts as well as Whartson Hall from the club, and lots of interest from the visitors. It came a week after my new z gauge layout appeared at The Gaugemaster Exhibition and I have 4 more exhibitions this year where my layouts will be attending.

With TINGS over my attention moves to our AGM which is held in December each year. Minutes from last year's AGM have already been circulated and I'm now starting to prepare an agenda in line with our club's constitution. This also means we need to see what work needs to be done on our 4 layouts to maintain them at exhibition standard. You are more than welcome to visit the club on a meeting date if you are in the area or can get to our base at Tipton. Feel free to pass on this newsletter to your friends and family who may also be interested in the club.

*Happy Modelling, Ken Jones*

## EXHIBITIONS



Well I make no excuse for taking up a lot of space here, **TINGS 2018** was the biggest event in our recent history.

### *Whartson Hall*

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



Here we see 'Mr & Mrs' Claire running a mixture of their own and Mike's stock on the excellent, work-in-progress layout that I'm sure will soon become the envy of other Clubs.



We shared a van with Bescut & Walshed, showing how compact this new Club layout is, built up and taken down in less than an hour.



Ken & Phil during build up on Friday.



***Fellows & Minchin Freight Depot***

By Jane Minchin



Jane looks on whilst Linn takes a break



Always something moving.....



Keep the interest up.....



And Linn takes another break!

.....Aah there's Tony!



***Salverton***

By Ken Jones

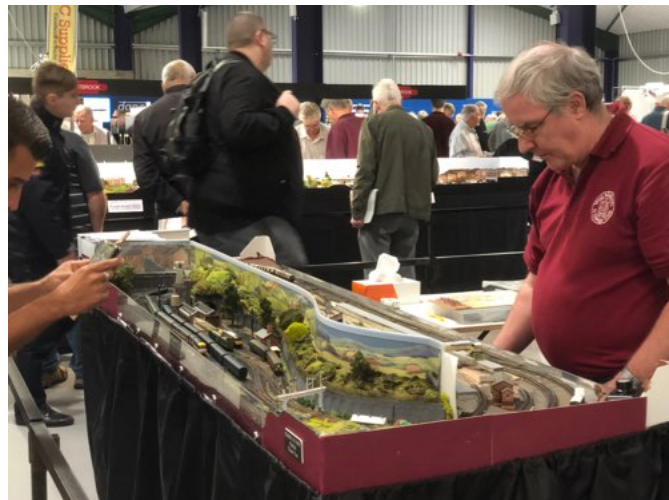
Operated by Dave Evans (*mainly*)



***Bescut & Walshed***

By Vince Painter

Operated by a New Member?  
and Phil Hunt



*DG*

### ***Waterstock***

continues to run well. It is our first and largest exhibition layout and currently there are no plans to take it to any exhibitions at this time.

### ***Tipton Hills***

is another layout which runs well and regularly used by club members. It is ready to attend exhibitions and Mike Turner has printed off a further batch of leaflets about this layout with track plan. *Contact Ken if you would like a copy.*

### ***Gibben Quarry***

has had detailing to conveyors finished by Rodney and the electrics have been sorted so, now we can stop and isolate a train at the station.

The layout was shown at the Sutton Coldfield Model Engineers Society garden party last July, at Balleny Green, Little Hay and was well received, lots of interest was shown in the scale and size of the layout.

Rodney made a point of the fact that it is a Club Layout, with most of the club members taking part in its construction.

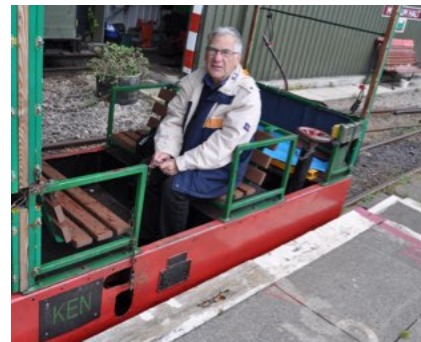
As usual on the Garden Party day there were plenty of children with parents and grandparents, and proving that Gibben Quarry is ready to attend further exhibitions. Mike Turner has printed off a further batch of leaflets about this layout, with track plan. *Contact Ken if you would like a copy.*



## **MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS**

### ***Ken's Private Bits***

*On a recent NE trip by 1969 vintage coach, our chairman visited 4 railways and a vintage bus rally. He found a carriage bearing his name at the excellent Woodhorn Narrow Gauge Railway. How much better can it get!*



### *Vince at TINGS*



When I wasn't eating breakfast, loading / unloading the van, or showing my work colleague Alan around, I found time to do my first attempt at demonstrations - something I need to plan a little better next time. Many thanks to Philip Hunt for running my layout whilst I busied myself multi-tasking - without Phil, I may as well have left the covers on Bescut & Walshed! *VP*

In other news:

**Oxford** announced the N scale models for the Jun-Oct 18 catalogue, earlier in the year, just missed our Issue 2 publication date *Ed*

Stratford Blue N Gauge bus issued and these new models also available

### **Commercial vehicles**



NDEF002 Land Rover Defender Royal Mail



NVOL4003 Volvo FH4 curtainside "Knowles"

### **Military ground vehicles**



NLRL002 Land Rover Lightweight Military Police



NMB006 Mercedes Actros curtainside - "Sparks Transport"

*KJ*

## WMNGC 22 and still going strong

### **Other business:**

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

### *Forthcoming Exhibitions:*

Gibben Quarry and Tipton Hills will be going to the Cradley Show on 13 October. Whartson Hall may be going to Lutterworth in May next year TBC *DG*

### **MEMBERS NOTICES**

Just a reminder that our Exhibition Manager is Dave Griffin contactable at: [davejgriffin@outlook.com](mailto:davejgriffin@outlook.com)

### **RETURN JOURNEY**

*Just a reminder for those of you who may have been looking for Phil's layout Greenwood (Garden) Railway at TINGS earlier this month - it was not there*



*Phil's private layout Greenwood Railway was NOT at TINGS this year, my mistake Ed. However, it will be at Stafford next year.*



THERE WILL BE AN EXPLANATION OF THIS  
NON-N GAUGE RELATED IMAGE OF OUR  
CHAIRMAN  
Captions on a postcard please

Please email me, with any other erratum or articles to [art1san1957@icloud.com](mailto:art1san1957@icloud.com)  
Just click the link and send me an email!

NB. The next issue will include erratum from this issue, our second Book review, *severely delayed due to the plethora of copy this quarter*, and any and all submissions gratefully received.

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WMNGC 22 and still going strong

Our largest exhibition-standard layout *Waterstock*



## NOTICEBOARD INFORMATION

### 2018 PROGRAMME

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

Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in each month

October	6 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>
November	3 <sup>rd</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
December	1 <sup>st</sup>	AGM

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

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

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