

I hope everyone is as well as I am and that none of you are suffering the rages of the virus. To say the least it has been interesting learning how to plan for all the jobs that Lyn has lined up, especially in the relaxed way of life we are now following.

At the end of the first week I went to Tesco's at 6.30am and just walked in, no queue! Ian phoned and I told him about my experience. The following morning I had a call from Ian. He had been to Tesco's at 6.30 only to find they had changed the opening time to 8am – he was not a happy bunny! A week later I went to Tesco again, but this time just before 8am. It took nearly an hour to get to the door. I have tried one or two other places for odd bits (milk bread etc) but they are nowhere near as well organised as Tesco. Some of the local convenience stores have a queue of just one or two, but then you cannot find exactly just what you want – still you can get the basics.

We were due to have our fire extinguishers serviced at the club on the 7th and last week I had a confirmation call to say that this was still on. Yesterday I had a call to say the tester had gone into lockdown, so when they will now be serviced I have no idea.

I have had several items for inclusion in the newsletter but I am having problems with my computer, so, "The Hand of God" will be sent out as a straight email to let you know that the Newsletter is published and Ray Pattinson's offering has been added to the club website

I have decided to break up Pendleton Pit which was over 8 years old. I had already removed one of the three boards a few months ago, leaving an operational 2 board layout, but have now removed all the points, track, buildings and people from the layout.



Following heavy sanding and a new coat of paint it is ready once again for reuse.

For those who have not seen it I have added images of "Lancashire Collieries" as this is my current exhibition layout.

Barry is fine and well and goes out for walks with his Ipod. He has sent me a couple of photos of his tunnel building. If I can sort out the transfer of photos they will appear in the next edition of the newsletter.



Hand of God

A note from Harry says that we frequently hear of "The Hand of God" mentioned at model shows as operators panic with derailed and stalled stock. For the first time ever a photo has captured this happening on his small mountain layout – look closely!



Harry has sent me a series of photos about bridge/arch construction and by the time you read this, you will have received a full copy of the email with all the pictures.

Doug has sent me items about a hopper, but I am having trouble with putting them into the system. It shows how little I know about how to do things on my computer. By the end of the lockdown I may have mastered it. If I cannot solve the problem in a couple of days I will seek help or send the emails direct. Look after yourselves. Ron 8/4/2020