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Above: We've a great interview with Mark Gilliland this issue about his passion for the hobby.



elcome to the Summer edition of Model Farmer. In this issue we bring you reviews from the latest crop of models to be released recently which includes a Valtra theme on this occasion. We've also custom builds featured from the likes of BLR Farm Models, PDC Farm Models, and Sam Weaver.

In terms of new releases we've seen lots of activity from the likes of USK Scale Models, MarGe Models, and Britains, whilst Universal Hobbies have been tempting collectors of classic era equipment with a whole host of planned releases including several County tractors and a New Holland TX66 combine harvester.

It is with great sadness the model collecting world and show scene in the UK lost one of it's founding fathers with the passing of former ToyTrac cofounder Warner Hall who also played an integral role in the development of many of the Britains models we all cherished and carpet farmed with as youngsters. Model Farmer would like to offer their sincerest condolences to Warner's family at this time.

David Laley Editor

Publishers comment

In our last issue, we mistakenly titled our review of the Keenan Mech-Fibre 365 Mixer Wagon. The model is of course Mech-Fibre, not Mech-Gibre as published in the magazine.



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DESIRABLE 1/32 SAME

MODELS DUE

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will be available very
soon through FMModellbau Gmbh from Switzerland
who commissioned the models
to be made through specialist
model manufacturer Mo-Miniatur.
Announced not long after their
Hurlimann H6160 was released
through FM-Modellbau Gmbh,
the Hercules based on the same
chassis, and tractor in real life has
undergone extensive development

to include more moving parts and functions along with the revised Same bonnet. As with most other Mo-Miniatur models the Hercules 160 will be built almost exclusively from resin. FM-Modellbau Gmbh will be offering the original orange and blue chassis version, whilst a later brown chassis and cream wheel example will be available in much more limited numbers. There's also gold edition due as well. Prices start at 134 euros for the early first edition rising to 162 euros for the much



more limited final edition and gold

To pre- order see: http://www.fm-modellbau.ch/

SCRATCH BUILT 1/32 HENTON TRAILER

Well known to Model Farmer, Cheshire Farm Models has recently completed a one off commission of this Henton Silage trailer. Predominantly from scratch, Sam Weaver spent a great deal of time to ensure that the model is fully functioning with a working ram

and back door. The model also includes reactive indespension on each wheel. Wheels were chopped from a Britains Marston trailer.

For more information, contact Cheshire Farm Models on Facebook





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BASILDON COMMEMORATIVE MODELS UP FOR AUCTION



&M Auctions in September will begin the sale of a prestigious collection of Basildon based pewter Ford tractor models. The collection of commemorative models is rarely seen on the market. Included in the sale is the Ford 7810, Ford 4110, Ford TW35, Ford 5610 and Ford 8210.

For more information and catalogues, keep an eye on www.mm-auctions.com





GOLDEN CHASE UNIT FETCHES BIG MONEY ON EBAY



ecently sold on Worldwide marketplace ebay was this 1/32 Gold Plated Chase John Deere JD 8010 4WD Plow City Tractor with Plow. Made for the Plow City Show in 2009. 1 of only 29 Gold Plated ones made that were randomly inserted in cases. The final price was approximately £1000!

News in brief

NORTH DOWN SHOW

The date of the show this year is Wednesday the 14th November 2018. The Show is held at the La Mon House Hotel. Open to the public from 4-00pm until 10-00pm. This year is the 10th anniversary of the Show and we will be celebrating it with a large display of old style farming and a lot of dioramas on display from new Exhibitors. A lot of the models on display are scratch built by our very own Trevor Garrett. The show is once again held in aid of the Chest Heart & Stroke Charity. We hope to see many of you there once again.

DATE SET FOR LAKELAND

The annual Lakeland Model Farm and Construction Show organised by Peter and Sharon Hardy of 1/32nd Farming Models will take place on Sunday 11th November at the Rheged Centre near Penrith in Cumbria. Now in its twelfth year the show has become one of the UK's most popular late season winter model events attracting exhibitors and traders from across the country. The show slots neatly in between other established UK shows, Spalding, ToyTrac, and the LCN Show at Zwolle in Holland. For further details please contact Sharon or Peter on: 1388 835011 / 07766 252426.





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UH 1/32 Case IH Axial - Flow 2188 **Due from 4th Quarter 2018**



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UH 1/32 Deutz D 60 05 - 2WD with cabin **Due from 3rd Quarter 2018**



UH 1/32 Ford 7710 2WD - Generation I. **Due TBC**



UH 1/32 Ford 7910 4WD - Generation I. **Due TBC**



UH 1/32 Ford County 1174 **Due TBC**



UH 1/32 Khun Venta 3030 **Due TBC 2018**



UH 1/32 Ferguson F12 baler **Due TBC 2018**



UH 1/32 Massey Ferguson 8220 **Due TBC 2018**



UH 1/32 New Holland TX 66 **Due TBC 2018**



UH 1/32 Taarup chopper Due TBC 2018



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Ertl 1/32 CASE IH MAXXUM 150 CAB WITH MFD, 2018 FARM SHOW EDITION



Erll 1/32 1/32 PRESTIGE SERIES JOHN DEERE S790 COMBINE WITH 712FC FOLDING CORN HEAD





1:32 AUTUMN/WINTER NEW LINES



Valtra T254V



JCB X SERIES



JCB 4195 Wheeled Loading Shovel



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Land Rover Play Set

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Review

AT Collections Volvo EWR150

Wheeled Excavator

SCALE 1/32 MODEL Volvo EWR150E MAKER AT Collection ■PRICE TBC AVAILABILITY Sept 18 ■VERDICT



t has been a long wait for the release of the new 1:32nd scale Volvo EWR150E wheeled excavator which was originally unveiled at the International Toyfair at the beginning of 2017. Now the wait is finally over, so was it worth it?

For me, when the announcement of a 1:32nd scale model was made, I was thinking it was the wrong scale towed and this is another nice touch. for construction machine enthusiasts and it will be interesting to see if this is the case. What is for sure is that

the model has been implemented to a very high level and is targeted at agricultural model collectors as well. Out of the box, the weight of the model impresses, with

including the boom, arm and bucket. To have a Steelwrist Tiltrotator fitted to the model is interesting, for the quick coupler system to actually work with the press of a little pin is very impressive, and the bucket can be connected directly to the stick if the Tiltrotator is not used.

Other nice features are the steering front axle and height adjustable blade at the rear with the model available in two versions, one with wide Nokian tyres and one with Mitas double tyres. A towing bracket integrated into the blade allows different agricultural trailers to be

The cabin interior has been meticulously replicated, from the 180-degree opening door to the layout of the hand controls and steering wheel. Hydraulic hoses have been fitted for realism and the hydraulic cylinders for the digging equipment are very stiff in operation. This is deliberate as the weight of the arm with tiltrotator and bucket is heavy and the boom can hold at any position chosen.

AT Collections have also produced a set of Eurosteel branded attachments which will not only fit the Tiltrotator, but also directly on the stick. The set consists of a wide grading bucket, narrow trenching bucket, riddle bucket and pallet forks where the pitch of the forks is

adjustable. Two further accessory kits have been made available each containing a set of four tyres mounted to yellow wheels with separate grey

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wheel hubs, one with Nokian





Finer Details



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T254V Tractor

■ SCALE 1/32 ■ MODEL Valtra T254V ■ MAKER Britains ■ PRICE £24.99 ■ AVAILABILITY Out Now ■ VERDICT





ritains' much anticipated Valtra T254V marks a welcome return to the brand since the Valtra-Valmet 8750 was a part of their catalogue several years ago. The 271hp T254V was named both a DLV Machine of the Year 2018, and a Tractor of the Year 2018 and this is mentioned along with the tractor's specification on the box.

The 271hp T254V has been given a smart pearl grey livery with sharp Valtra lettering on the side of the bonnet. The paint used on the dark grill areas is a little bit scruffy around the edges, but overall most

other painted areas such as lights, beacons, and cab features have been really well finished off.

The model is equipped with an A frame front linkage, and whilst Britains themselves don't produce much in the way of compatible front implements, there's plenty of Siku accessories available to enhance the playability of the Britains Valtra.

The front axle steers through the steering wheel in the cab and movement is exceptionally smooth offering plenty of lock. The front mudguards are substantial enough to stand a bit of





OUR VERDICT

The Good: External cab detail

The Not so good: Grill paint finish

Model detail:85%Model accuracy:90%Build Quality:90%Functionality:90%Value:90%

OVERALL: 89%

hard work on a carpet farm too.

The chassis has been well cast, showing a small amount of engine detail beneath the bonnet, whilst major external details such as the steps, fuel tank and ad blue tank made from hard plastic are neatly fixed to the chassis.

The cab is without doubt the model's highlight coming equipped with a full compliment of eye catching work lights, beacons, and a pair of nicely detailed mirrors. Britains have chosen to fix the mirrors in place rather than them separately pivot, a good move given the age group

move given the age group this model is largely aimed at. They're supple enough to bend under pressure, and it would take a lot for a young child to break them. Other door features are really well picked out including the Direct badge placed on the hinges. The cab glass too has the wipers moulded within

the front and rear screens. Inside the cab the dash board includes a full set of dials, although other features such as pedals, and arm rest controls are very basic.

At the back the Valtra comes equipped with the now standard and well-made Britains linkage which is strong enough to keep all of the Britains implements available in the air, and simple to operate for young carpet farmers.

The T254V is shod on chunky hard rubber tyres, with accurate centres and hubs that all run freely. It's great to see Britains have the track width sorted on this model un-like some of their previous John Deere models.

Overall this is a fantastic model,

and Britains are continuing to improve their ability at producing a toy with enough detail to satisfy collectors and still be strong enough to survive a hard day's work on a carpet farm. At £24.99 it also won't break the back account either.



Finer Details



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USK Fendt 943 Vario MT Crawler Tractor

■SCALE 1/32 ■MODEL Fendt 943 Vario MT ■MAKER USK Scale Models
■PRICE £89.99 ■AVAILABILITY Out Now ■VERDICT ★★★★



he Fendt 900 series tracked tractor is a powerhouse, designed from the ground up as a pure tracked tractor to perform in the most difficult conditions and on the steepest slopes with a choice of

power output of 380hp, 405hp or 431hp from the 7-cylinder engine with a TA 300T transmission which provides the 15-ton machine a top travel speed of 40 km/h.

The 1:32nd scale replica produced in China by USK Scalemodels hits the mark when compared to the real machine. The red wheels contrast with the rotating black track belts which have raised tread while the wheel centres have raised and highlighted bolt head detailing. The track frames have three lower rollers with a row of weights incorporated into the

castings. The access steps are hinged, lowering to provide access to the cabin which has an opening door and plenty of interior detailing, from the driver and

passenger seating to the steering wheel and side equipment monitor and control console.

The rear incorporates a fixed towing hook and an implement linkage which is height adjustable with the cylinders being fairly stiff, so the arms remain in the raised position. The contours of the bonnet have been accurately transformed with the partially see-through grill implemented very convincingly with additional weights integrated into the front chassis casting while the bonnet can be raised to glimpse at the interior engine bay where the large silver radiator fan housing jumps out. Plenty of lights are fitted into the roof line, complete with silver lenses and the addition of a pair of amber beacons on the roof. The paint finish is to a high standard throughout with the printing





of the Fendt logos and machine designation clearly defined.

OUR VERDICT

The Good: Well built and superb graphics. **The Not so good:** The lack of functions.

Model detail: 80%
Model accuracy: 85%
Build Quality: 95%
Functionality: 80%
Value: 85%

OVERALL:

85%



Britains NC Linkasweep

■ SCALE 1/32 ■ MODEL NC Link a Sweep ■ MAKER Britains

PRICE £12.99 ■AVAILABILITY Out Now ■VERDICT ★★★



ne of the latest implements to be released from the Britains catalogue is their fantastic little NC Link a Sweep, a two in one machine combining a link box with a road or yard sweeper. The real machine

uses a plethora of hydraulic rams to carry out most of its major functions whilst the Britains model has a pair in the headstock to alter the pitch of the link box and that's it.

The other major movement, lifting of the brush is carried out on the model by an ungainly piece of chain, acceptable for the purpose of a toy but perhaps not if you wanted to include the model in a display.

The headstock includes the provision for a top link and pin, and this could probably be carried out by a custom builder along with removing the Britains lugged hitch points to create a proper three point

linkage mounted implement. Given it's a robust toy I would imagine most will leave the very strong headstock and hitch in one piece for mounting onto Britains tractors.

The link box itself is well proportioned and to scale featuring bright red paint work and sharp graphics common throughout most Britains models these days.

The sweeper is fixed securely to pivot points located on the top of the link box, and comes with a set of adjustable stands to keep the brush in an upright position whilst the brush itself comes in realistic yellow and rotates on the axle.

The only minor frustration is when you raise the brush more often than not the chain would keep falling off it's headstock pin. Britains perhaps would have been better served giving the end of the chain a loop rather than a hook as I could see the chain coming apart





reducing the function of the model.

That said it's still a robust little model, that would look great on a layout, and at just £12.99 it's a bargain amongst similar implements from other model manufacturers.

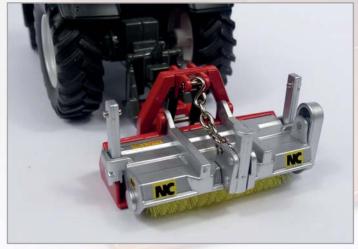
OUR VERDICT

The Good: Graphics and price

The Not so good: Chain to raise sweeper.

Model detail:80%Model accuracy:80%Build Quality:90%Functionality:90%Value:90%

OVERALL: 86%



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he first of two recently released Valtra models from Italian model manufacturer ROS is this tidy looking little A104. It's great that a smaller four-cylinder livestock orientated tractor has been released rather than a

top end arable machine, and there's a neatly scaled loader fixed to the tractor too to add to the functionality.

Whilst ROS have attempted to load this model with a huge number of moving features they seem to have neglected build quality and certain details are very unrealistic too. Starting with the loader, whilst it comes equipped with a smart paint finish and graphics and made from strong die-cast metal it's attached to the tractor's chassis with flimsy plastic brackets.

Not only do this move significantly from side to side the rams used fail to keep the loader in place at any height. For what is an expensive collector's model the rivets

collector's model the rivets used to keep the loader

together haven't been painted too and become an annoying distraction. A small bucket adorns the front of the loader but this is also fixed in place with no alternative attachments available.

The tractor's axle steers well and there's an abundance of detail located in the front wheel centres. The bonnet opens too, to reveal the most pointless inaccurate engine detail I've ever seen on a model. Ros have attempted to provide the bonnet with translucent grill panels but the finish on these is poor.

The cab is loaded with plenty of features, including fold out mirrors, opening doors and rear window. A full complement of lights has been fitted along with an accurate set of steps ad-blue and fuel tanks. Inside the cab there's loads details from

well modelled pedals and armrest



OUR VERDICT

The Good: Cab detail and function **The Not so good:** Build

The Not so good: Build quality

Model detail:85%Model accuracy:75%Build Quality:70%Functionality:80%Value:60%

OVERALL: 74%



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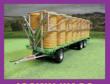
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Britains JCB 419S Wheel Loader

SCALE 1/32 MODEL JCB 419S MAKER Britains







ithout doubt one of the best robust toys that features enough detail to satisfy collectors this year is Britains' JCB 419S wheeled loader. The pin sharp graphics adorning the loader arms, cab and engine cover really stand out and the yellow paint work is both bold and well applied. Our only slight criticism is of the black paint used to highlight the grills and rear mudguard extensions isn't finished quite as well.

The loader comes equipped

with two attachments a large grain bucket and muck fork which easily clip over the headstock without too much fuss. The attachments too are made from malleable enough plastic to stand some heavy-duty use on a carpet farm whilst the loader's lift linkage crowds accurately and the rams stay in place at all heights and positions. Rivets are used to hold everything together although these don't look too out of place on a model designed to be durable toy.

The loader sits securely on the front half of the 419S's chassis which has the hard-plastic front mudguards attached to it and also incorporates a very sturdy front axle. The chunky wheels and hubs are another major highlight of this model. The rigid rubber tyres come complete with an excellent tread pattern whilst the wheel nuts and hubs are picked out in silver and black paint.

The model's articulation joint does away with any hydraulic

rams, limiting detail but maximising playability, making the model very easy to steer around the carpet. The base of the cab and steps is all part of the chassis's rear casting which includes the mudguards and counter weight surrounding the rear wheels.

There's plenty of nice features adoring the cab with well detailed windows, lights and beacons. The major external details are picked out on the 419S. There's a substantial window wiper moulded into the front screen picked out in black whilst inside the cab detail is limited to the steering wheel, column and seat with very little else visible.

Behind the cab the model comes equipped with a sturdy plastic engine cover and supersized silver painted exhaust whilst the rear lights are picked out as transfers. Underneath the model there's a small amount of axle detail included within the casting.



OUR VERDICT

The Good: Graphics, and price

The Not so good: Certain areas of paint finish.

Model detail: 80% **Model accuracy:** 85% **Build Quality:** 95% **Functionality:** 95% Value: 90%

89% **OVERALL:**

JCB

Finer Details



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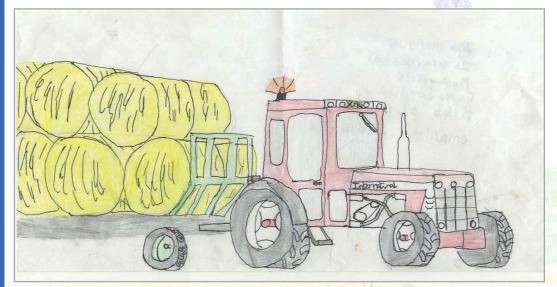
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With the support of **Britains Farm,** Model Farmer invites you to send us your drawings of anything Tractor and Farm related. Each issue, **2 lucky youngsters** will have their drawings selected and judged directly by the management at Britains Farm. All other published pictures will receive a free magazine and the lucky winners each issue will get a special prize direct from Britains Farm. We'll also publish your pictures of you with your prizes if you want to be famous at school!

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■SCALE 1/32 ■MODEL MF 3050 ■MAKER PDC Farm Models PRICE £75.00 ■AVAILABILITY Very Limited ■VERDICT

DC Farm Models 2wd Massey Ferguson 3050 makes clever use two separate Universal Hobbies models to create this fine example of the smallest tractor available in Massey Ferguson's 3000 series.

The chassis and 2wd front axle used in the conversion is

Ferguson 675 from which the rear wheels, cab and bonnet have been removed. A six cylinder UH Massey Ferguson 3080 then lends it's cab rear wheels and bonnet for the remaining major parts required to complete the conversion.

The 2wd front axle from the 675

from Universal Hobbies Massey

smoothly in the correct manner too. The bonnet has been cut down significantly to suit the four-cylinder engine. This work has been carried out exceptionally well, and has been married to both the 675's engine detail and bulk head of the 3000 series cab very neatly. The decals could do with been a little bolder,

that said they've been well applied

is well suited to the conversion

even the front weights and holder

aren't necessarily of the correct

type, they still look the part. The

front wheels and centres are of

an appropriate and well-matched

size for the 3050. The axle steers

and fit the bonnet properly too. A great deal of care and attention has been made in firstly removing the 3000 series cab from the original 3080 and seating in on the chassis of the 675 to ensure it both sits level and meets up with the bonnet. If there is one minor criticism I have it's that the bonnet sits a fraction too low, it's barely noticeable and with using the chassis from another tractor there has to be a

certain degree of compromise.

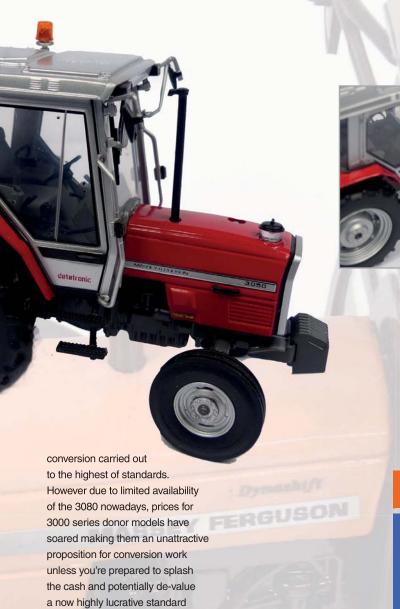
All of the cab's major features remain in place including the steps, hand rails, mirrors, and external lights. This cab has always been one of the most accurate Universal Hobbies ever produced, and this is backed up with the fantastic level of detail inside too, with the steering column, armrest and seat all very accurate. As with most PDC Farm Models 3000 series conversions the amber beacon has been lowered from its ridiculously high position to a much more realistic height.

The rear wheels have had the hubs painted and track width reduced to sit in line with the 675-front axle. Although never the prettiest of centres they're far more appropriate for the 3050 than the originals fitted to the 675.

At the rear the conversion remains fitted with Universal Hobbies highly compatible and basic two-point Britains style rear hitch which also keeps the overall cost of the conversion down.

At £75 this was bargain





model. If you can find a 3080

still the possibility of having a

3050 like this one recreated.

cheap enough then there's

Finer Details



"The bonnet has been cut down to suit the four-cylinder engine. This work has been carried out exceptionally well."



"All of the cab's major features remain in place including the steps, hand rails, mirrors, and external lights."

OUR VERDICT

The Good: Great use of donor models

The Not so good: High price of the Universal Hobbies 3080 nowadays.

Model detail: 85%
Model accuracy: 90%
Build Quality: 90%
Functionality: 90%
Value: 90%

DVERALL: 89%





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Specialist Review





BLR Models Protech Post Rammer

■SCALE 1/32 ■MODEL Protech Post Rammer ■MAKER BLR Models

■PRICE £160 ■AVAILABILITY Limited Availability ■VERDICT ★★★★★



research and figure out how scaled down version. You also know it's been painstakingly put together by a top craftsman.

Made from brass box section, the realistic headstock will fit onto higher detailed models that come with a life like three-point linkage, whilst a hitch a piece of string that sits across the adapter also comes with the model so it can be attached to tractors with a more basic Britains style hitch. The outer stabilisers on the model have also been made so they extend outwards from the head stock.

Further detail surrounding the headstock includes the intricately detailed control box carefully attached, along with appropriate pipes to a bracket at the rear of the top link holder. A neatly constructed pivot point and link arm attached to the main beam allows the entire assembly to move freely on the horizontal axis. The beam also incorporates the rear stand and the ram to operate the pitch of the rammer. The ram works just as the real deal does.

The final major component is the vertical beam which is joined by the rammer itself. This offers the same motion the real machine would using top of two pulleys to the retractable arm at the back of the vertical beam which keeps the string pulled tight.

Perhaps the tiniest of let downs, only minor though is the paint finish on our review model was a little bit rough in places but other than this the model is superb. and the level of detail and realistic movements has to be handsomely applauded. These models are available to buy in very limited numbers through HLT Miniatures.



Finer Details



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Model and the Machine



Models and the Machines: MF780

It's combine season so we thought we'd look at one of the most sought after models on the market, the 1/32 scale **Chestnut Miniatures Massey Ferguson 780.** With two different versions, we look at the model and the real machine.



here is no doubt that of all the specialist model farm equipment on the market, the appearance of a Chestnut Miniatures combine always raises eyebrows amongst collectors. These handbuilt combines are both delicate and delightful with a meaningful sense of value if you are lucky enough to own one. They are not perfect but they retain a sense of modelling excellence that few mainstream model makers are able to rival. Coupled with the fact that the models are long out of production only serves to enhance the cult following these replicas have.

Our focus in this piece is on the Massey Ferguson 780 produced between 1953 and 1962. The machine was formally of Massey Harris origins and was the first self propelled combine to grace the fields

of Europe. Production of the 780 can be traced to the MF Kilmarnock factory where initially the bagger machine was produced before the tanker version appeared thereafter.

There are two versions of the Chestnut miniatures model reflecting the 'bagger' and 'tanker' variations of the real machine. Each limited to 250 models per production. Each model is hand assembled from white metal, resin and brass etched parts with each combine also coming with a figure bespokely made from scratch. The bagger combine comes with two figures and sacks, accurately depicting the process of the 'baggerman' collecting the grain into sacks before manually pushing the filled sacks down the chute on to the field below. The sacks would then be loaded on to the trailer. This labour intensive

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process would quickly be superseded by the much more efficient tanker process which we of course see at harvest time each year to this day.

There are lots of very small details on each of the MF combines from Chestnut and it comes as no surprise that each model is unbelievably fragile. We love the intricate hydraulics and belt details in particular. Thankfully, packaging for the models is adapted to adequately protect the replica but obviously care is needed if taking them out of the box for display. If you own one, we guess you'll want to have it out! Moving parts are also limited so it is not advised to try and rotate the walkers unless you want a very delicate repair job on your hands!

In terms of value, you'd expect to pay anywhere from £400 to £1000 for one depending on whether you're bidding in an auction or via a model dealer. With interest from Europe, prices are currently very strong with a recent 780 bagger realising nearly £1000 with auction premium!

That said, the models are a joy to behold and must be on most collector's wishlists.



Corgi No. 1111 Massey Ferguson 780

Continuing our look at combines, and specifically the MF780, we profile a much earlier release of the scale replica from Corgi Toys.



f ever there was a symbolism for British Farming evolution, Corgi's No. 1111 Massey Ferguson 780 combine would be a perfect miniature memento. At the time, post war food production was accelerated in lieu of the continuing threat throughout the war of countrywide starvation based on threats to overseas supply chains.

The MF 780 stepped up though as part of the mechanization in farming boom and all has been (relatively) well since, albeit the current doom and gloom being cast over us of an apparent Brexit no

deal of course! Will the new Massey Ideal combine accelerate British food production in similar style as the 780 we wonder?

What do I get?

The Corgi 780 is a relatively large model for its day at approx 1:43 scale., The replica has many intricate features (as part of the major range) including working tines on a revolving drum with a revolving Archimedes screw to the back. In addition, the whole cutting assembly can be raised and lowered by a screw and wheel. The model comes neatly

packed in a lift off lid box with bright illustration. Mint examples have two inner packing pieces for the model

to secure into.

property of the second There were a number of alterations to the model in its duration of first release from 1959 to

it's final one in 1972. Early versions have a die-cast seat, painted fuel tank, red painted die-cast hopper feeder, no driver, yellow metal wheels, yellow metal steering wheel, metal tines and bars on two discs without perforations, a red painted die-cast cap to the main stack and upon which are two cylinders, separated by a thin steel rod. The model was also offered in the early Gift Set 8 and by this stage some had orange plastic wheels.

At some point a basically painted driver was included and some models were made with an unpainted cap to the stack.

In its final form, the combine had a yellow plastic seat, red plastic wheels all round (based on the MF165 tractor), a yellow plastic steering wheel (a few retained the metal version), unpainted fuel tank, plastic tines and bars upon perforated die-cast discs, yellow plastic hopper feeder, a more intricately painted driver and an all-in-one plastic assembly on the stack, consisting



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of two cylinders, the pipe in between and an insert to close off the stack. In addition, a tyre was added to the external cutter drive to aid rotation when the model was pushed forward.

Why should I get one?

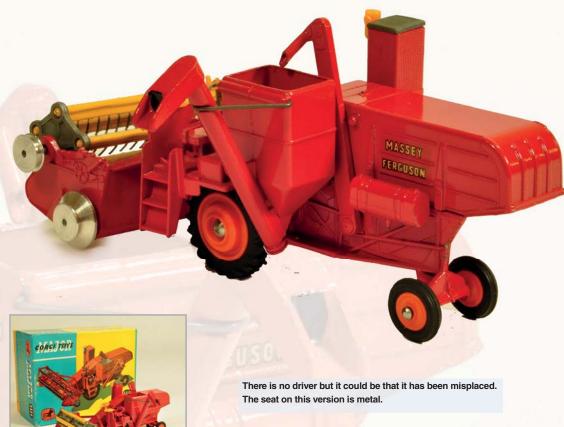
History aside, it's probably the finest model of a combine harvester from the 1960s. Subject aside, the sheer skill with which the design team managed to create effective and ingenious ways of making it work warrants a place on your shelf. If that isn't enough, then marvel at the relief casting of wheels, pulleys and belts on the side opposite the driver.

How much?

There is currently a greater demand for the late versions especially the all plastic version.. For a Mint Boxed example, you would expect to pay anywhere from £120 to £180

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Interview



Mark Gilliland

Harry Bell spoke to Northern Irish Farm Model enthusiast, Mark Gilliland to find more about his interests and passion for the hobby.





Above: The 1905 earning it's keep filling one of my scratch built trailers hitched to a modified UH Ford 7610 both were weathered by Michael Fingelton of farmmodels.net. Left: This is one of my favourite models, a New Holland 1905 which i bought from Emmanuel Simmonin. I really enjoyed building it and I added a few small extras.

What is your name and where were you brought up?

My name is Mark Gilliland and i was brought up in the town-land of Lenaderg, just outside



Above: Three scratch built trailers which I made were based on real trailers made by David and Eric McRoberts in the early 1980's. The weathering was done by Michael Fingelton of farmmodel.net

Banbridge, County Down, Northern Ireland.

Are you from a farming background?

I am not from a farming background but worked for local farmers and contractors.

What do you do for a living?

I am the store manager for Fane Valley which is one of Northern Ireland's leading agricultural retailers in Banbridge.

When did you start collecting models?

You could say that i have been collecting models most of my life, starting with Britains models dating back to the early Seventies.

When did you start building dioramas?

I have been building dioramas over period of fifteen years.

What scale do you prefer to work to?

I prefer to work to 1/32 mainly because it is the scale Britains have used from when i was a child, i have Ros,Siku in 1/32,althought if i like the model i would slip in the odd 1/35!

Do you have a favourite model?

I love all farming related models which would include implements, farm animals and farm buildings. As a young carpet farmer I eagerly waited for the New Britains catalogue which was released every January. In 1979, Britains released the Alfa Laval Tanker, the Howards Rota Spreader, the front loader with three attachments along with the Massey seed drill, all my dreams came true that year. I particularly like the Brushwood Pro Build range of Farm buildings.



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Above: This baler started off as a UH Renault. It was totally re-panelled and I added a few modifications to turn it into a Welger which you can see the end result to the right of it. Below: Another Brushwood Pro building which I customised to blend in with my yard.

Do you have a favourite manufacturer?

My favourite would be Britains followed by Universal Hobbies and Ros.

Do you collect tractors and implements?

Yes i collect tractors and implements ranging from the 1980's right up to the present day,I



would lean towards Ford and New Holland range as i grew up watching them.

Have you a favourite model tractor?

My favourite model tractors are the Ford 7610's converted by Gary Thompson and weathered by Michael Fingelton from farmmodels.net .My other favourite is a New Holland 1905 forager which i built from a kit along with my tin sided silage trailers which were also built from scratch.

Do you buy limited editions?

Yes i have bought limited editions which includes John Deere and Massey Ferguson's.

Do you buy conversions?

Yes, particularly if they enhance my dioramas.

Where do you buy your conversions?

Usually at shows or privately.



Above: The Paul Savage grain drier in action. Below Left: My Britain's JCB Fastrac hard at work. Below Right: The Tarrup Auto Swather built by Brian O'Reilly is another of my favourite models. Bottom: A customised Brushwood Pro build Dairy unit.





When did you start building dioramas?

I started building dioramas about 15 years ago mainly to display my models and i like to take photographs of the dioramas and the models at work within the scene and then posting them on toy forum sites.

Are your dioramas based on local farming scenes or farms?

No, my dioramas are not based on farms in my area.

How do you start a diorama?

i have a basic idea in mind and i just



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change and adapt it as i go along.

Where do you buy your materials for your dioramas?

I would recommend Brushwood Toys and Holly Loves Toys as they have an excellent range and are very helpful and forthcoming with advice when required, and dare i say it ,from my work place Fane Valley.

What advice would you give someone starting their first diorama?

My advice would be start off with an easy idea and take your time adding extra detail as you go along and try to learn from any mistakes you make, also don't be afraid to ask some of the people that have been building dioramas for years, they will only be too glad to help and advise.

Do you display your dioramas models at shows?

Yes i display some parts of my dioramas at the Moira Model Club Show at the end of October every year. There are hundreds of dioramas on display and some of the best model convertors attend. It is also a great opportunity to exchange modelling tips and surely must be one of the biggest shows held over the weekend in the UK.

Are there any models which you would like to see produced?

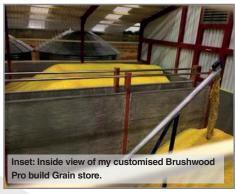
Yes, i would love to see a Massey
Ferguson 30 Seed Drill 3 meter wide with
a road transport kit with all the extras



that were available in the 1980's.

Have you any plans for a new diorama?

No, i have no plans for a new diorama, i just try to make improvements all







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Weeks Plus 40 Grain Trailer

Sam Weaver gives us the low down on his latest batch of custom built trailers, the iconic Weeks Plus 40 a common sight on farms across the UK in the '70s.



Above: Iconic Weeks Plus 40 grain has been recreated in 1/32nd scale by talented young model builder Sam Weaver.

originally decided to build these models because of how popular Weeks trailers were on UK farms in the seventies and eighties. Most UK farmers will have had some involvement with them during that period, and they're still sought after on smaller farms today. I was really keen to build a smaller capacity classic era trailer too given the lack of smaller implements available in 1/32nd scale. It's a nice sized trailer to pair with the plethora of smaller classic tractors introduced over the last half dozen years, great for a period layout too. Above all else I just love the original design livery of these trailers.

In order for all of the detail and small working parts to be captured and recreated in 1/32 scale I had my work cut out to successfully build these trailers in 1/32nd scale. You have latches, hinges, and braces all to cram into just one side of the trailer.

Once I'd gathered up all of the measurements, studied photographs and made drawings of all of trailer's dimensions which took around ten hours I mocked up a prototype. Constructing all of the individual latches took the most time, but once complete I had a working model built within four days.

There was also a lot of angle work to deal with. Which is great as it adds to the realism of the finished model but it really does turn making a simple part into a lengthy process. For example the drawbar is tapered, a lot of filing of square Rods was required to get the ideal angle. It wasn't just a case of mark-up, file down and move onto another part, I must have scrapped 13/14 drawbars before I was 100% satisfied.

I then focused my attention on all of the moving parts of the trailer. The tipping ram, rear door and the latch to allow the door to open and close. Really satisfying to have the

Below: Sam Weaver spent ten hours building a prototype of this Weeks Plus 40 grain trailer. A small production run will now follow.







Above: Sam Weaver's excellent Weeks Plus 40 trailer, posed alongside John Gibson's later design Massey Ferguson liveried trailer.

model displayed just as you want it. Whether you're ferrying grain from a field or unloading it at the yard. This trailer can be posed just like the real one, in all of its working positions.

Another important feature was the underside of the bed, which features a lot of individual crossmembers and braces. I spent a lot of time carefully positioning these. Much of the model was created using 2mm x 2mm Evergreen plastruct rods I purchase in packets of five to six from my local model shop. There's around fifteen different sized pieces used in the construction and for making parts of the Weeks trailer. The wheels I used, came from a redundant Universal Hobbies Vanto hay trailer. They're well suited to any bulk trailer between three and eight tonnes.





Above: Rear view of the two trailers sat together showing the differences in their design and construction.

by a thicker coat before finishing the model with a coat of laquer. **Acknowledgements**

Big thanks to the following members of The Farm Toys Forum Mb86 (Martin Bousefield), 844john (John Gibson), owners of real Weeks trailers, Ian at Tabmodels for making the decals and Dave Towse for casting some of my original parts. All played a crucial role in the planning and building of the model.

Below: Sam's Weeks grain trailer will sit comfortably at it's full height. This photo also shows the work that has gone into replicating the bracing across the base of the







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Show Report



Malvern Models for 2018 from the Three Counties Showground

Whilst an impressive array of full size machinery takes centre stage at the 3 Counties Showground for the annual Spring Tractor World Show displays of machinery on a much smaller scale were garnering lots of attention in the Severn Hall. David Laley casts his eye over the displays and Dioramas at this year's show.

The Spring Tractor World Show is one of the first of the major tractor related shows of the year and had attracted a fine selection of layouts and displays which not only included farm-based dioramas, but also commercial vehicles and construction equipment in a variety of different scales. Vincent Tweed was judged to be the overall winner of the diorama class with his selection of 1/24th, 1/76th and 1/148th scale Southdown buses and coaches themed scenes. In terms of the farming layouts however we were most impressed with Jonathan and Ben Pullen's display which wasn't overly mechanised and very true to life featuring an excellent farm yard and field working scene with both modern and vintage equipment. Other highlight's included Harold Powlton's excellent 1/43rd scale displays which featured his latest tractor conversion, a flexi cabbed Massey Ferguson 175, and some very realistic scenery and outbuildings. We also really liked Dave Arthur's sugar beet harvesting scene a part of his large older Britains based layout.



Above: Harold Powlton was showing off his very latest 1/43rd scale tractor conversion for the first time at Tractor World this Flexi Cabbed Massey Ferguson 175 based on a Universal Hobbies model.







Below: This fabulous saw bench scene which includes this wonderful Field Marshall tractor was also a part of Jonathan and Ben Pullen's excellent farm yard.

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Above: Jonathan and Ben Pullen were present again with their fantastic farm yard and field scene which included this Fendt 515C and Fraser trailer with realistic straw bales..



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Above: Replicagri Case IH Magnum and Universal Hobbies Case IH Maxxum lined up together on silage duties with this custom-built Mengele forager, and Bailey silage trailer respectively.

Above Right: Talented custom model converter David Simcock had this verge and hedge cutting diorama as the centre piece of his display of modified models at Tractor World 2018.

Below: Gary Marsh had chosen to bring his vast array of Case IH related models to display at Tractor World this year.



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Above: Something completely different at Tractor World was this wonderful knitted farm yard and village scene.

Right: This smart Claas Jaguar 900 forager was a part of Sue Morgan's fine array of Claas models on display at the show.

Below: Harold Powlton Powlton's superb 1/43rd scale fencing and ditching scene included his highly modified County Super 4 and backhoe.









Above: This grass tedding scene was part of a much larger display brought to Tractor World 2018 by Colin Drew. **Left:** Construction and truck related models were also included within the diorama and display classes at Tractor World. This Wynns heavy haulage outfit looked very impressive carrying this Demag excavator.





Above: Alan Clapp's amazing scratch built model of a 4wd Massey Ferguson 250 yoked to his Massey Ferguson 200 trailer.

Above right: Alan Clapp's impressive fully scratch built 1/8th scale 1976 Massey Ferguson 550 was being displayed with his Massey Ferguson 70 mower and features a working PTO and hydraulics.

Right: Another of the commercial vehicle model displays at Tractor World was this fun fair scene with organ.

Below: Dave Arthur's largely Britains based working farm included this ploughing and sugar beet harvesting scene.





Above: This Siku Claas Jaguar forager was seen ticking into maize at Tractor World 2018 alongside this Britains John Deere and Kane silage trailer.. **Below:** One of the most eye catching displays at the show was this period fire fighting diorama.





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Toytrac 2017 Recap

Toytrac 2017 might seem a distant memory now, but with 14th October 2018 creeping quickly upon us, I thought it was a good moment to recap on last year's show. Since starting to write this article, however, I have been very much saddened by the passing of Toytrac's founder, Warner Hall.

arner and his wife, Sue started the event in 2000. Originally, a Rotary Club Charity Show, Toytrac started off at Farmer Giles' Farmstead until it outgrew the venue in 2006, when it transferred to Wincanton Race Course. Warner will be very much missed. He was a gentleman, inspiration to many and at a more personal level - a good friend and mentor. I only hope I can do just justice to his memory with the continuation of the show. I know he's

left me 'very large boots to fill' indeed. Toytrac 2017

All in all, 2017 was a great show - visitor numbers were up from previous years and there were favourable comments all round, particularly from members of the public promising to make it an annual fixture on their calendars. Traders travelled from as far away as the Netherlands and all the big names in farm modelling attended, displaying models unavailable elsewhere, as well as show specials and discounted prices on both farm Below Left: The Toytrac Rosetts. Below Right: The Britains Farm Stand at the show



toys for children and collector's models. There really is something for everyone - from precision adult collector's models, through to limited edition scratchbuilt; as well as farm toys for children, vintage farm collectables and specialist diorama supplies. The Tomy Britains stand featured a selection

Above: Graham and Michelle of G & M supplying competitively-priced models from all over Europe. Below: Sam Nijssen from the Netherlands with his beautiful collection of 'hard to find' obsolete models.















Above Left: Our judges (from left to right) Hugh Barr, Sam Weaver and Sean Pullen. **Above Right:** Previous winner Father Reg Gray created this potato harvesting scene. **Left:** Paul Headon from Brushwood Toys with his box of 'goodies' for the under 16s class, won by newcomer. Simon Newton.

of new releases and the Company generously donated as huge cache of models for our competitions.

The diorama and scratchbuilt competitions are always popular with everyone. Show visitors get the opportunity to observe agricultural scenes from all eras and the full spectrum of industry models from arable and dairy, through to hobby farms and tractor dealerships; traders benefit from their merchandise being

incorporated in true-to-life layouts; and the builders themselves not only win fabulous prizes, they have the opportunity of showcasing their work. The competition sections are designed to give everyone a chance – regardless of skill level, background or age. There are always three judges, two of which are changed annually, so there's a fresh perspective each time. Judging is done on a point system



Above: Craig Pitman never fails to impress, claiming 2nd Price in 'Best diorama' and 3rd in 'Best Scratchbuilt' for his McHale baler.









and includes factors such as 'best use of bought-in models'. This year's judges were Sean Pullen – a seasoned farm modeller and original Farm Toys Forum contributor; Hugh Barr – an agricultural engineer from Northern Ireland; and, Sam Weaver of Cheshire Farm Models.

We are also extremely lucky with the class sponsorship too, as many of the traders donate fantastic prizes. We are very grateful to Britains Tomy, Brushwood Toys, Udimore Tractor Shop, GM Farm Models (see pic 1), Peter and Sharon Hardy of 132 FarmingModels,

Above Left: The Pickford Boys with their 2nd place 'Cherryhill Farm 'under 16s).

Below: The Pitt brothers diorama and them receiving their prizes, which included a trophy, three Britains models (donated by Tomy Britains) a £30 Voucher from Udimore Tractor Shop and an exclusive model by Cheshire Farm Models.

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Above: Stands from Brushwood and 1/32 Farming Models.



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in all sorts of shapes, sizes and

ages, and hail from a range of

backgrounds - absolutely no-one

under 16s winner, Simon Newton

is good example - for two reasons

a) he's a newcomer to the hobby

and b) his work consisted of four

small tables, rather than one big

farm layout. The detail in his work

should be put-off 'having a go'. Best

The modellers themselves come



proved a popular winner, claiming both 'best newcomer' and third place 'best in show'. Simon lives on the family farm near Bridgwater in Somerset and says he takes and equipment he sees daily.

Another batch of newcomers, the Pickford Boys (Barnabas, Herbert and Giles) impressed everyone with their fantastic farmyard, Cherryhill Farm, which included weathered

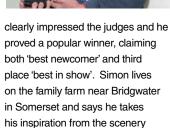
machinery and a calving scene.

Always in the ribbons, brothers, Roger and Nigel Pitt pulled their resources this year and won the 'Best Dio' section with a stunning period farming scene, demonstrating the 'picture postcard' appeal of 1940s agricultural. Traditional stone buildings grace the landscape and there's not a power washer or round baler in-sight. These boys really don't miss much when it comes to detail.

Finally, we come to 'Best in Show'

and everyone agreed that this award was well-deserved by Alan Clapp for his 1/12th scale working models Alan also won 'Best Scratchbuilt' and it would be hard not to argue with the precision of his Massey Ferguson machinery. As an aside, this year will feature two 'Scratchbuilt' classes - one for 1:32 scale models and one for 'other scales' - hopefully this will encourage more 1:32 scale models to join the competition.

This article hasn't been easy to write in lieu of Warner's passing, but from our conversations I know he would very much want Toytrac to continue and grow. The last time we spoke he was assuring me that 'we will be there', and I know he will - because Warner Hall will always be the very spirit of Toytrac.



Belowe: Various other shots of Toytrac 2017 including a snap of the boys from UTS and another couple of shots of the Dyson's







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	Brecon	The Market Hall, Market Street	LD3 9AH		9 11	Road	/
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Sat 08	Beaconsfield	Beaconsfield School, Wattleton Road	HP9 1RR		Spalding	Springfields Exhibition Centre, Camelgate	PE12 6ET
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