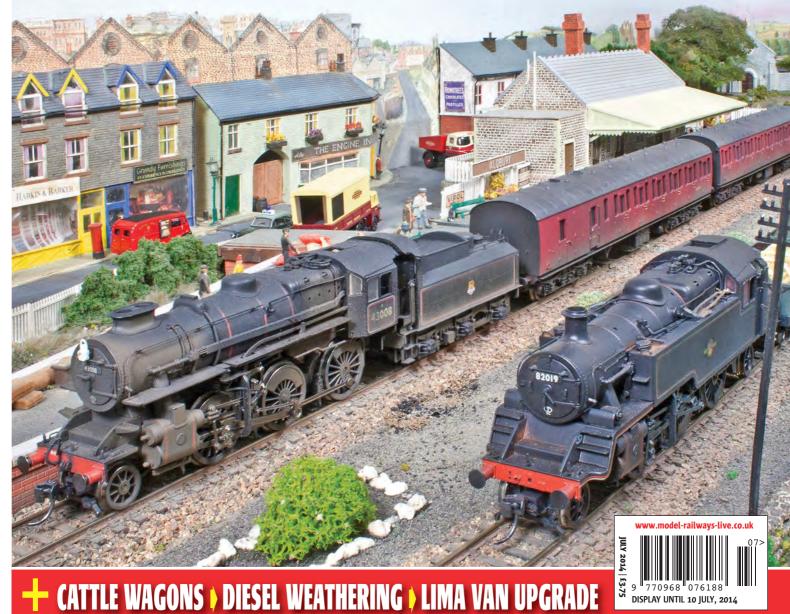


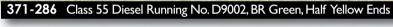
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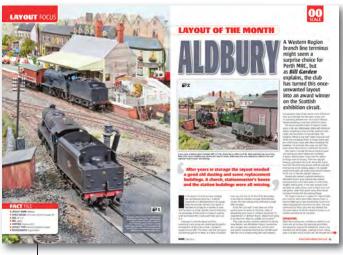
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With only just enough room to display diesels on his steam shed 7mm layout, Mike Bisset did what BR did and built a new depot for the newer technology.



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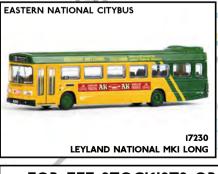
















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t the end of April Bachmann took the unusual step of gathering the model railway press together to explain the commercial pressures it currently faces. This pro-active stance has earned it plaudits from across the hobby; no-one, Bachmann included, wants price increases, but if they're clearly and honestly explained it can mean the difference between a relatively positive reaction and the open hostility we've seen directed elsewhere recently.

As you'll see in Andy York's report on page 68, Bachmann is under pressure from all sides - increasing labour and production costs in China, higher transport charges, shrinking margins, a reduction in disposable income and a UK market that has grown used to everimproving models under what now appears to have been an untenable pricing structure.

Eventually something has to give, and personally I'd rather pay a little extra than see any of our

manufacturers disappear or people lose their jobs. If that price increase also allows them to maintain the levels of quality and detail, and pay a decent wage to Chinese workers, even

Interestingly, the squeeze on manufacturers has encouraged some creative thinking about what features their models actually need to include. I don't think many of us would welcome compromises in mechanical quality, looks or fine detail to save money, but we might settle for fewer gimmicks or detail variations. Those wanting alternative versions could support after-market suppliers by buying conversion and detailing kits. That alone would be a positive move back towards hands-on modelling.

Some features are nice in theory, but they're expensive to design and assemble. On some models, particularly tank locomotives with enclosed cabs, the detail is all but invisible, so why go to the trouble?

In any situation like this we need to look for positives. If the challenges faced by Bachmann, Hornby et al force them to re-focus their efforts on what modellers really need and to be more creative then perhaps we'll come out of this difficult period with a healthier hobby. Only time will tell.

It's an interesting time, but we shouldn't predict doom for the hobby just yet. Let me know what you and what new possibilities manufacturers should be



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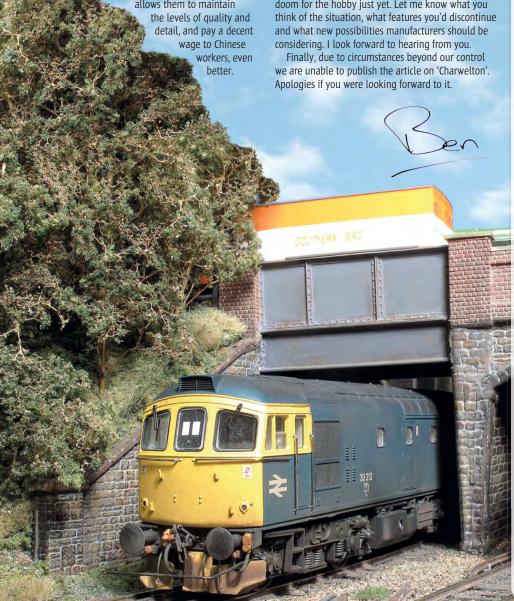
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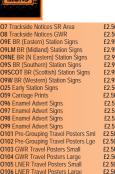
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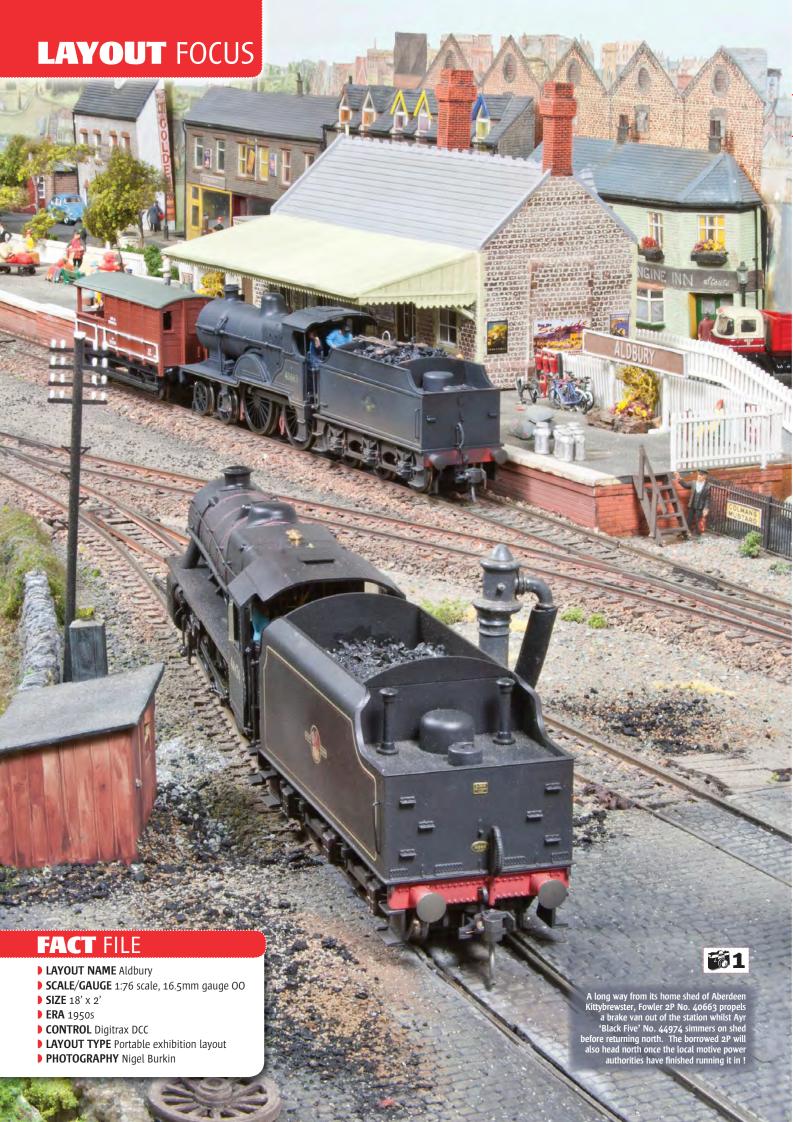
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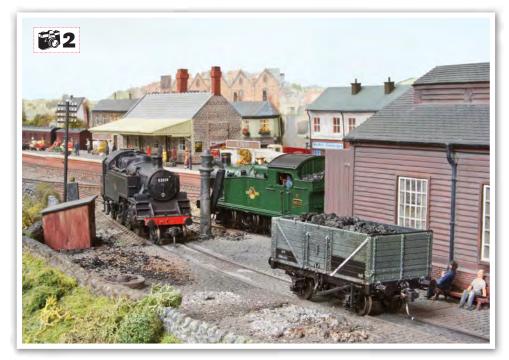
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LAYOUT OF THE MONTH



A busy scene at Aldbury shed as Standard 3MT 2-6-T No. 82019 and ex-GWR 0-6-2T No. 6622 await their next turn of duty. Many of the layout's buildings were missing after years of storage, whilst others had to be replaced by a mixture of kits and improved 'ready-to-plant' resin buildings.

After years in storage the layout needed a good old dusting and some replacement buildings. A church, stationmaster's house and the station buildings were all missing.

n the autumn of 2010 we were minding our own business building a model of Laurencekirk in Aberdeenshire in OO gauge, when the club was offered a free layout. It had been in storage for a number of years and the owner no longer had the space to erect it or the knowledge of how to put it in back in working order and hoped that a club could make good use of it.

I arranged to view the layout and after examining it and giving very careful and thoughtful consideration of about 30 seconds, I decided to accept the kind offer! The owner said that the layout had been bought by his father at a show in England

years ago and that to the best of his knowledge it was built by members of Leigh Model Railway Society. This was subsequently confirmed by Leigh MRS members.

At the first club night it was taken out of the packing boxes to assess its potential. Gasps of amazement were heard as someone exclaimed 'It's Great Western or Western Region. What are we going to do with that? Who has suitable rolling stock?'

After a few seconds, someone admitted to owning Great Western and BR Western Region locomotives and carriages, then someone else said the same, and another exclaimed that they too had WR stock! After the shock of discovering that GWR influence

A Western Region branch line terminus might seem a surprise choice for Perth MRC, but as *Bill Garden* explains, the club has turned this onceunwanted layout into an award winner on the Scottish exhibition circuit.

had spread to some of the natives north of Hadrian's Wall, we concluded that the layout would give us something different from the Scottish-themed layouts prevailing on the local exhibition circuit.

The layout depicted a West of England village scene in the late-1950s/early-1960s with a terminus station comprising a main and bay platforms with single road locomotive and goods sheds. The trackplan offered a loop with tracks leading to both sheds and uncoupling ramps. A village church and low relief houses, shops and offices completed the backdrop. The track was Peco code 100 with Peco point motors fixed directly underneath the points.

After years in storage the layout needed a good old dusting and some replacement buildings. A church, stationmaster's house and the station buildings were all missing. There was daylight showing underneath the points where the motors had been fitted but they worked perfectly well and from normal public viewing distance the daylight would not be seen. We added some dummy sleepers to the side to limit the daylight exposure.

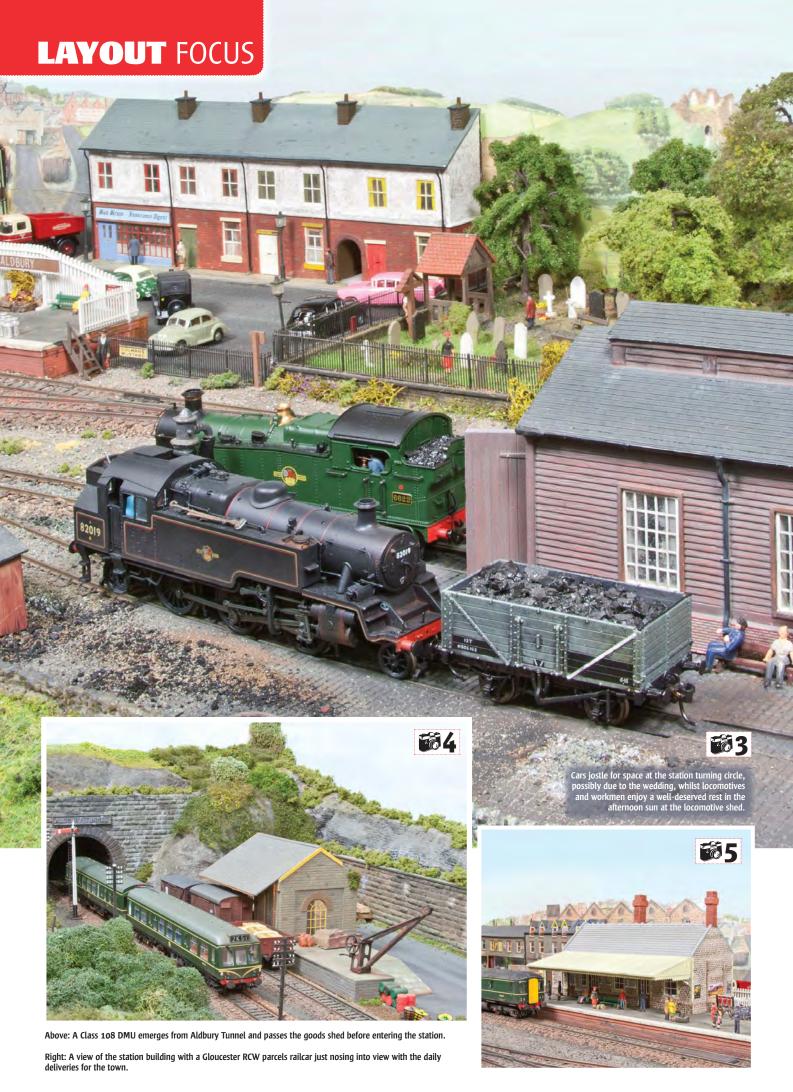
Scenery also needed a general overhaul so Woodland Scenics grass material was applied, accompanied by some static grass on some of the rougher looking areas. In the main grassed areas we opted for subtle colours such as burnt grass and mid-greens rather than darker tones which would not have blended with the existing foliage.

The biggest task was to replace the original fiddle yard traverser which was broken beyond repair. A new turntable would save handling the locomotives when changing from one end to the other. This was constructed by Steve Caird who also advised that the entire layout should be rewired to bring it up to modern standards for DC operation.

OPERATING

When the re-wiring was complete we started to run trains and get to know the operating possibilities and sequences required for exhibitions. Some of the members had fitted Kadee couplings to their rolling stock or at each end of a fixed rake. We thought that





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As the signals are operational but not interlocked with the points, they can be overlooked when moving trains. To combat this lack of attention a polite instruction is affixed to the control area reminding the operator that many hours of difficult work was required to build and motorise the signals so kindly utilise them! The actual wording is of a more industrial nature! A Dapol NBL Type 2 pulls into Aldbury with some containers which will be transferred to road transport for distribution to local industries.

'hands free' operation would be good, so the existing tension-lock uncoupling ramps were replaced with Kadee style magnets.

Working signals were installed too, but most were damaged and so another member, Reg Nathan, who spoke of MERG servos and computer wizardry said that he could get them working.

After the revamp had taken place, an invite came from Moray MRG to attend its annual show in Elgin in March 2011. It was decided that 'Aldbury' should make its Scottish debut there, albeit without working signals. Holding the fort was a small selection of Western Region locomotives suitable for a branch line but we also employed some London Midland Region and Scottish Region motive power conveniently reallocated for the weekend!

The layout worked well and much to our surprise, the public and fellow exhibitors admired it and we found ourselves travelling back to Perth with a 'Best in Show' trophy. Not bad for a free second-hand layout built in the last century!

After the success of its first outing, the layout was taken to a number of other shows in Scotland that year and those who ran it said that the layout was

fun to operate. They also received many favourable comments about the way in which a compact layout had many different cameo scenes and how it was

However, we were already thinking about how we could improve it further. Work still needed to be completed on the signals and it was decided to replace most of them with new Ratio kits.

At the same time the decision was made to convert the layout to Digital Command Control (DCC) to allow the use of an ever-growing selection of sound fitted locomotives. An upgrade of the point operation to DCC with route setting would eliminate the need for the separate control panel.

A majority of our DCC friendly members use the Digitrax system so it was an obvious choice.

DCC point modules were installed and programmed for route setting and at the same time servos and the new lower quadrant signals were brought into use. A servo was also installed in the locomotive shed so that the doors would open and close automatically. This amuses the public and ourselves when the branch locomotive is put to rest at the end of its shift.

The layout requires two operators, one on the scenic area to control incoming and outgoing trains and one on the off-scene turntable which is used to select the next train.

SEE IT IN ACTION ...

'Aldbury's' next outing is at Greenock Model Railway Exhibition on

October 18/19, 2014

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lvatt 4MT No.43008 draws away with the morning train, consisting of Mk 1 non-gangwayed stock, while the shunter climbs back on to the English Electric 350hp diesel shunter after uncoupling the 16 ton coal wagons in the yard. The white circle on the nearest signal arm above the locomotive is a GWR style signal controlling outlets from good loops and sidings to running lines.

BUSY BRANCH LINE

Traditional branch line operations would normally see one passenger train every couple of hours or so and a goods train maybe once or twice a day, but that would not work at exhibitions. In the name of entertainment we try to keep things on the move and change the locomotives on a regular basis. Our little branch enjoys a busy commuter style service which would be the envy of most small towns.

Passenger trains usually consist of two nongangwayed Mk 1 coaches and a steam locomotive although Bachmann DMUs and Heljan diesel railbuses are not unusual either. The locomotive fleet varies but consists mainly of Bachmann and Hornby RTR models modified for DCC operation, weathered and fitted with Kadee couplings. A few diesels are creeping in too, with the essential EE 350hp 0-6-0DE shunter being joined recently by a Dapol NBL Type 2 B-B. Goods traffic consists of coal for the local merchant plus vans and the occasional open wagon with various types of merchandise for distribution from the goods shed.

We continue to apply our modellers' license to the locomotive fleet suitable for a Western Region branch as the DCC-fitted selection currently available is mostly of LMS or BR Standard origin. Purists may find them unsuitable for WR branch line work but the public like it and that's what matters at an exhibition. Western Region locomotives are in the process of being converted to DCC and most will also be fitted with sound before the layout is out again.

Adding DCC sound to locomotives has made a big change to the atmosphere at exhibitions. We've found that the public likes to listen to as well as see the trains in motion. We use a mix of Loksound and Zimo decoders with sound from Howes,

Digitrains and South West Digital.

Upgrading the layout has given us a lot of pleasure and, importantly, it has given many club members an introduction to DCC operation, route setting, sound, Kadee couplings, static grass machines and more.

Grateful thanks to the PMRC members already mentioned and to Bob Bruce for his contribution and most importantly for his seemingly endless supply of sound fitted locomotives!

Full credit must be given to the original builder of the layout as I'm sure they would never have expected it to still be on the UK exhibition circuit and to be shown as far north as Elgin.

We like to think that we have regenerated this little slice of model England with some Scottish care and affection and hope it will give our public and club members alike many more years of entertainment. **BRM**

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RIGHT: The signalman is very quick in returning the signal to danger as the Class 108 leaves the station.

BOTTOM: Ex-LMS 4F No.44319 waits to uncouple before running round and reversing back onto the train for the return trip.



PERTH & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

Established around 1960, we are a thriving club involved in promoting the hobby in the area. We have recently moved into new premises north of the city and we are currently improving the facility for everyday railway modelling and layout storage.

The move allows us to use the facility seven days a week as we now have unlimited access and the additional space to build layouts as well as having a number up and running at the same time.

We have numerous layouts ranging from American and German N gauge, British and Irish OO gauge,

modern and heritage and a recently donated American On3 scale layout, so there's something for almost everyone.

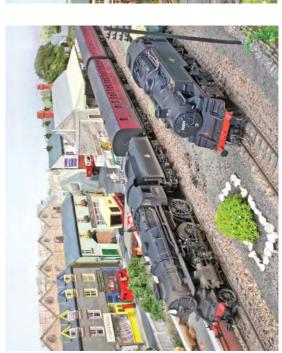
On the last weekend in June each year we hold our annual exhibition at The Dewars Centre in Perth attracting exhibitors, traders and visitors from all over the UK. In two halls, the event boasts around 45 layouts out of around 100 stands and also is the only model railway exhibition to take place on an ice rink, we think! This year's show takes place on 28/29th June – see www.perthmrc.com for more information.

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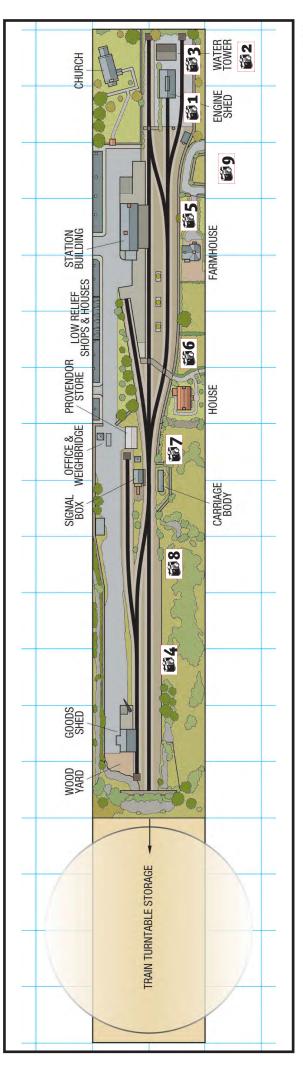
The local goods train waits its tum in the loop as the morning passenger train departs Aldbury behind an Ivatt 4MT 2-6-0.



The depot staff take a few more minutes break in the sun before making a start on moreover and moreover and moreover start on moreover st



The locomotive fleet consists largely of Bachmann and Homby RTR models modified for DCC operation and fitted with Kadee couplings.



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HOW TO BUILD...

WOODEN

Plastic and metal are widely used for kits, but what about other materials? **Phil Parker** builds two unusual vintage wagons utilising a mix of laser-cut wood and other materials.



LNWR CATTLE WAGON

arliamentary Trains is a new company specialising in 7mm scale kits from the very early years of railways in the United Kingdom. Using some advanced (and secret) laser-cutting techniques along with more traditional etching and casting, it markets a range of London & North Western Railway models.

Early railways exhibited none of the standardisation that we are familiar with. Each company designed its own locomotives and rolling stock and ran them as they saw fit. A mixture of carriages and wagons in the same train was

common as all were normally short four-wheel vehicles.

Locomotives and carriages might have been fitted with screw couplings but for wagons there was much more variety, doubtless to the chagrin of the operating departments and inspectors. On this wagon, the loop, chain and hook design was dreamt up by Henry Henson when he designed

the wagon and in the instructions, the manufacturers admit no-one is entirely sure how it was used.

While many
modern kits are
described as 'multimedia', I don't think I've
come across a range of
materials as wide as the
ones supplied in the
Parliamentary
Trains box

Henson was an interesting figure; employed by the London & Birmingham Railway, he moved to the LNWR before being sacked in 1855 for selling wagon materials for his own benefit. Despite this, he continued a successful freelance design career. This model is based on an engraving of his design

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WAGON KITS

WHAT IS A PARLIAMENTARY TRAIN?

While industry demanded a workforce for its factories each day, rail travel in the 19th century was generally beyond the means of the poorest who could benefit the most from employment opportunities.

In 1844 Parliament enacted a law that compelled railway companies to provide "at least one train a day each way at a speed of not less than 12mph including stops, which were to be made at all stations, and of carriages protected from the weather and provided with seats; for all which luxuries not more than a penny a mile might be charged."

Such services still ran in the 1950s, usually at the crack of dawn and consisting of the most tired and tatty rolling stock that was still (just about) fit to use.

In modern usage, the term covers train services run to save a rail company going through the lengthy procedure required to officially close a line to passengers. The trains are run as little as once a month and often in only one direction or replaced by a taxi, attracting few passengers other than curious enthusiasts. Probably the best-known example in 2014 is the Stockport-Stalybridge service in Greater Manchester, which runs northbound, Fridays-only.

for the LNWR Southern Division published in 1855 in D.K. Clark's *Railway Machinery*.

The body is laser-cut in 1mm and 1.5mm thick MDF. Detail is cut in card, the surface of which has been etched to show bolt heads and strapping.

Both are painted with a shellac solution to make them less absorbent when it's time to paint. Parts aren't retained in their frets by uncut 'nibs' in the traditional way, the MDF and acrylic sheets are sandwiched between sheets of self adhesive material which is peeled off to get at them.

The chassis is also MDF but this holds a pair of false sideframes containing the axleboxes and wheels. These are made from acrylic parts and pivot to provide compensation to handle rough trackwork.

Although superglue is recommended, I prefer aliphatic resin as it allows a little adjustment time, which is essential when laminating the sides to line up the framing. It is worth considering how you hold parts together because of this. A slight gap on a corner of my model between the side and end came about because the glue had dried hard before I spotted it. If I'd clamped the bits this wouldn't have happened. Having said this, it assembles well and the model is a striking vehicle, very different from later rolling stock. **BRM**



A selection of kit parts showing the variety of materials used. At the top, two different thicknesses of MDF, plastic, card, white metal castings, brass buffers, nickel silver brake levers and coupling hooks and vinyl diamond symbols.



Above Early railway wagons often had the framing on the outside of the body. Here, two layers of MDF parts are laminated to make up the ends. Metal pins represent bolt heads aid the location of the parts. These need to be cut off flush on the inside of the body.

Right Solebars located in the floor using tabs and slots for alignment. Care is needed to keep the parts at right angles to each other.



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STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE continued...





Above Only one side of the wagon has a brake lever and this and the guide are supplied on the nickelsilver etch. Fix these in place with superglue after the card solebar sides are fitted.

Right The completed wagon ready for paint and clearly showing the variety of materials used. The coupling design dates from before the adoption of the three-link in the UK. The chain links have to be opened up with small pliers and threaded through the hole in the bottom hook. Buffers are supplied ready-assembled and simply push in to the headstocks.



PROJECT 2

ISLE OF MAN RAILWAY CATTLE WAGON



arden railways are generally built in the larger scales. Because of this, injection moulded wagon kits, common in smaller scales, aren't economic to produce. The sides on this wagon are 24.5cm long, which would be very expensive to manufacture. Because of this, there is a healthy market in kits produced in the same material as the prototype – wood – with many cottage industry manufacturers offering kits.

IP Engineering is the largest producer of garden railway narrow gauge kits in the UK. Its range covers the main narrow gauge lines including the Talyllyn, Vale of Rheidol, Lynton & Barnstaple as well as

freelance and beginner models. All kits are supplied laser-cut in plywood with metal castings for detail and metal wheels. The range includes 16mm, G and 7/8ths scale models with some prototypes being available in more than one size.

This cattle wagon is one of the newer kits in the range but enjoys the same simple construction methods as older models. Pre-cut parts are glued together in much the same way as you might build a cardboard kit. Indeed, you can use PVA glue for both.

My finished model is detailed enough to sit alongside RTR coaches and locomotives but is robust enough to operate with live steam out in the garden when the weather's fine. **BRM**

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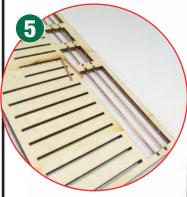




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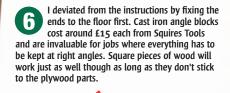
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Wire for the bars locates inside the sides. Cutting this is easier with a fine saw as it's steel and will defeat smaller wire cutters and damage their blades. The gaps into which they slot are a nice tight fit. Use UHU or superglue to fix them in place.



A selection of kit parts showing the variety of materials used. At the top, two different thicknesses of MDF, plastic, card, white metal castings, brass buffers, nickel silver brake levers and coupling hooks and vinyl diamond symbols.



Left Whitemetal axlebox castings require a little cleaning up before use with some emery paper. Then fit the brass bearings - the instructions suggest superglue is required but I found a gentle tap with small hammer pushes them in firmly enough.

Below Two lines 56mm apart help position the inner edges of the solebars. Fix one in place complete with axleboxes and once it's dry, put the wheels in and add the other. Spin the wheels to make sure they run freely and adjust the solebar position until they do. The stubs of wire are hangers for the brake shoes.

TOOLS FOR THE JOB

- Craft knife Small hammer Heavy duty wire cutters or fine saw
 - Sandpaper
 - Peluxe Materials 'Alphatic Resin'
 - Superglue for attaching metal
 - parts | UHU for wire rods







Components are held in the wooden frets by tiny tabs that have to be cut through using a sharp craft knife. The remains of each tab should be sanded away once the piece is released.



Starting with the wagon ends, bufferbeams are laminated. There is a mis-match between the vertical lines for the uprights so I flipped the beams over to show the plain side.



The outside framing on the sides is a large component so it's a good idea to get some weight on top of it while the glue holding it to the inner side dries. Old model railway magazines are ideal - now you have another reason to keep them!



Once the ends are dry, the sides should be stuck down. Some weight on top of the glued joins ensures a good bond.



Uprights on the end are made of two parts laminated together. Note that the pieces are made of two different thicknesses of wood. Make sure you use one thick and one thin for each so they all end up the same depth.



These are supposed to be single pieces of wood so I filled the ends with Deluxe Materials 'Perfect Plastic Putty' and sanded them smooth.



Above While test assembling the whitemetal parts for the brakes, I found the pull rods were too short leaving the shoes well away from the wheel treads.

Right Replacing the rods with more wire solved the problem. Remember to allow extra wire for the wooden handbrake lever to fit over. I didn't and had to glue an extra stub 7mm long for this.



PROTOTYPE INSPIRATION

ivestock wagons on the Isle of Man Railway date back to 1873. Early examples were open and featured diagonal planking that matched some of the covered vans. From 1908 the railway used redundant coach chassis freed up as part of a project to replace four-wheelers with bogie vehicles, to build a new set of wagons.

These had vertical planking and were fitted with a roof. Livery was pale grey with some wagons enjoying ironwork picked out in black. The cattle wagons were the first to disappear from the network and none survive today. The last was scrapped in 1965 but the supporters association is investigating the possibility of building a replica.

The vans were used for weekly markets. As well as livestock, they could be pressed in to service as general purpose vans when required, early vehicles often being loaded with hay.

K1, the second vehicle to bear this number, was built on the chassis of coach C11 in 1921. It was scrapped in 1947 having become rotten at the top of the solebars.

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STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE continued...

THE ISLE OF MAN STEAM RAILWAY

Despite being only 32 miles long and 14 miles wide, the Isle of Man was home to a substantial railway network with 32 stations. The steam railway ran the full length of the island on 3' gauge tracks. Financial pressure saw most of the system gradually close until, from 1968, only the



southern end of the system still operated from the capital, Douglas, to Port Erin.

The remaining line operates as a tourist attraction with steam locomotives built by Beyer, Peacock hauling six trains in each direction every day in high season. The railway is still owned and run by the Manx Government as part of the island's transport infrastructure.

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There's a lot of ironwork and it's easier to spray paint by sticking it to a piece of card with double-sided tape. Once dry, UHU each piece to the body following the plan in the instructions.



Safety chains hang either side of the centre coupling. Chain is supplied to make them but I used some from the EM Gauge Society that was a little more substantial.



Simple centre buffers that can be coupled with chains are included but to match my other Manx rolling stock, a pair of Accucraft chopper couplings was screwed in place.

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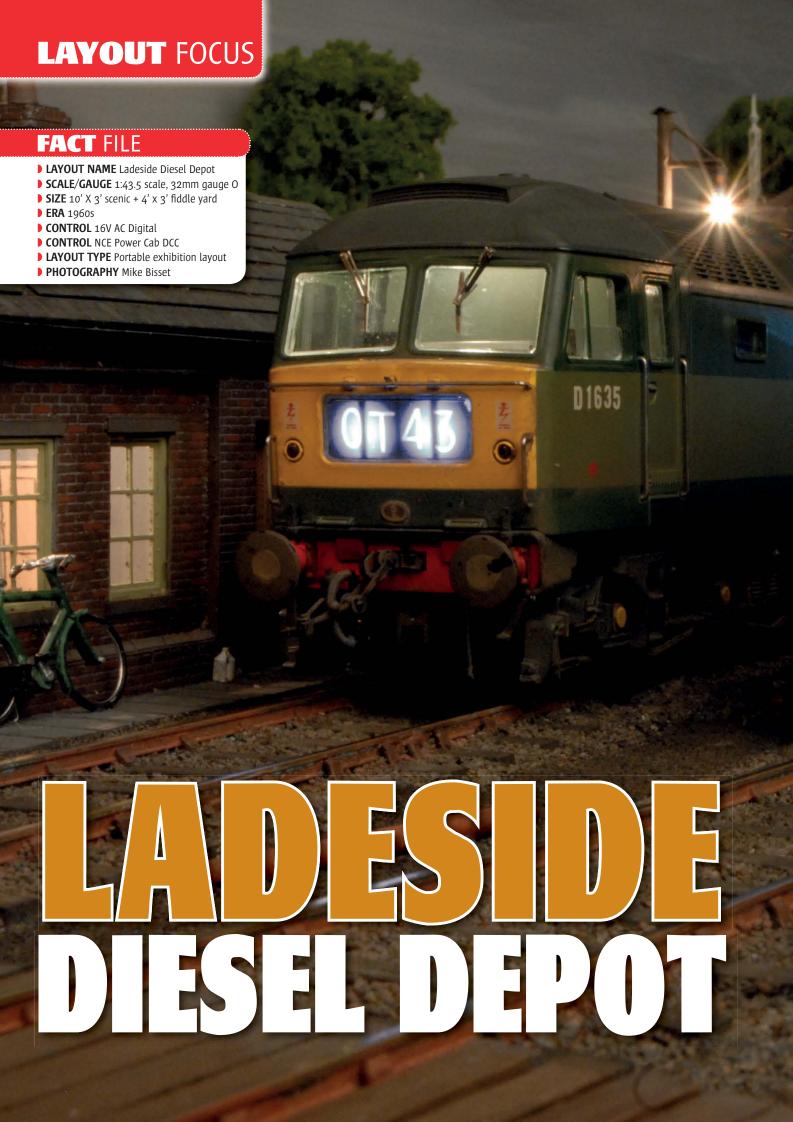
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f you've seen St Marnock at one of the many exhibitions it attends, you'll be aware that it portrays an ex-Glasgow & South Western Railway steam locomotive depot in the early to mid-1960s. Just like on the real railway, it faces the arrival of a new breed of motive power - the diesel locomotive.

Such was British Railways' rush to modernise, many depots faced a rapid influx of diesels before adequate facilities had been put in place. It soon became clear that these new machines did not fare well in the dirty and smoky environment of rundown steam sheds, so numerous former workshops and redundant steam sheds were brought back into use for the provision of basic fuelling and servicing.

On St Marnock Engine Shed, steam still reigns supreme, leaving little room for the influx of new diesels being introduced on to the ex-G&SWR lines around Ayr and Kilmarnock. But, my number one operator on St Marnock, John Donaldson, persuaded me that with lots of new O gauge diesels on the market, it was time to build a depot extension. Work started straight away as a joint project.

Ladeside Diesel Depot follows the G&SWR theme and is based on the former steam shed at Ardrossan in Ayrshire, which in its final years housed stored Clayton Type 1 diesels awaiting scrapping. From the outset, it was intended that the layout would serve a dual purpose.

Its primary role would be as an extension to St Marnock, but it would also have sufficient operator and viewer interest to make an appealing exhibition layout in its own right. That interest would be enhanced by the inclusion of a railway-related engineering works with its own warehouse and loading bay.

With that in mind, it was decided not to attach it directly to St Marnock, but to build it as an independent layout. This could then be linked to the 'Mother Ship' via a 2' transition board incorporating a viewing side information display panel. When Ladeside is exhibited on its own, the transition board is replaced by a 4' long fiddle yard.

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Making a rare appearance is 'Deltic' D9021 Argyll and

Coast Main Line diversions over the G&SW route.

Sutherland Highlander on a day which saw Sunday East

KEY DETAILS TRACK BALLASTING



A Sulzer Type 2 and English Electric Type 1 sit on the shed roads while a Clayton Type 1 takes on fuel. The timber foot crossing in the foreground shows just one of the many effective uses for wooden coffee stirrers.

Ballasting of the Peco track was carried out using Green Scene's 4mm scale ballast on the main access track, with a blend of fine ballast and Carr's ash ballast being used in the diesel depot area. The ballasting materials were mixed with powdered resin wood glue, with the dry

mix being spread into place with a paintbrush. Water, with a little detergent, was then misted over the ballasted areas. The detergent ensures even penetration of the water through the ballast, preventing clumping as it sets. Take care to cover points and crossings to prevent damage.

TRACK & BUILDINGS

Trackwork is Peco Streamline with the turnouts operated by Fulgurex slow motion motors. St Marnock is wired for 12V DC analogue operation as it plays host to both DC and locomotives converted for Digital Command Control (DCC) operation. However, all Ladeside's diesels are fitted with sound decoders and so the layout is wired for DCC. However, the track which runs along the rear of the depot provides the access route to St Marnock and some steam locos are still DC, so

this track is switchable between DC and DCC.

My previous buildings were built from layers of cardboard, bonded together with PVA, with an outer finish of embossed stone plastic sheet. This provided strength, but at a cost – they were surprisingly heavy. For the Ladeside structures, laminated card was replaced with foamboard, and to further reduce the overall weight of the finished baseboards, the backscenes were produced using plywood instead of MDF.

The diesel depot building has the same coarse stone embossed plastic as the steam shed, replicating the Ayrshire sandstone of the real G&SWR structures. This material is quite porous and quickly turned black in the sooty industrial atmosphere. In bringing the Ladeside building back into use, some attempt has been made at cleaning the stonework, allowing just some of the original red sandstone colour to show through.

Achieving this appearance was both slow and laborious. Firstly, the whole structure was sprayed with Halfords grey primer. Then each individual stone was painted with a mix of red/brown enamels, leaving the grey primer in the mortar courses. The density of the paint on the stones was then built up and picked out in darker and lighter shades. A final treatment with weathering powders completed the desired look.

A slightly different technique was used for the other buildings which were finished with embossed brick plastic sheet. After priming to provide a key for the enamel paints, the buildings were given an overall spray of the chosen brick colour. Then individual bricks were picked out with darker and lighter shades. After several days to allow the paint to thoroughly harden, the brickwork was given a wash of thinned



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Its primary role would be an extension to 'St Marnock', but would also have sufficient operator and viewer interest to make an appealing exhibition layout in its own right.



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mortar colour, allowing the paint to flow into the embossed mortar courses. A light treatment with weathering powders completed the job.

FLEET MATTERS

The locomotives visiting Ladeside are a mix of ready-to-run from Heljan and Bachmann and kits from the Nigel Stanley and Just Like the Real Thing ranges. All are fitted with sound decoders, mainly Loksound XL.

John's Heljan Brush Type 4 is a regular 'showstopper' with its fan assisted smoke unit. American diesel scented smoke oil helps it to produce a spectacular blast of exhaust fumes!

When the layout is linked to St Marnock there is a steady stream of steam locomotives, with DCC sound and smoke, travelling the length of the layout to gain access to the steam shed. Even when Ladeside is exhibited on its own, steam occasionally passes along the rear track between the fiddle yards at each end.

In the last five years, St Marnock has appeared at around 40 exhibitions throughout the UK and in Germany, France and the Netherlands, providing us with much satisfaction and the making of many friends. Hopefully, Ladeside will provide as much entertainment in the coming years. It has already appeared at several exhibitions and the diary is beginning to fill up with a mix of solo appearances, as well as with St Marnock. **BRM**

Ladeside Diesel Depot will be at Midland Railex on August 16/17, 2014 at the Midland Railway - Butterley.

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55 It must be Sunday. A variety of Type 1 and Type 2 diesels sit idle, while one crew has time to read the previous day's football reports.

KEY DETAILS CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE



Brush Type 4s D1632 and D1635 get some workshop attention during the night shift. Careful use of exterior and interior lighting can transform a layout, giving an authentic night time atmosphere.

Internal lighting has been fitted to all the buildings which, together with the illuminated yard lamps, allows us to create a convincing late evening atmosphere when the overhead lighting gantry is switched off.

John and I firmly believe that in setting a layout back in time, we are attempting to create an air of

nostalgia. Memories are not just of the locomotives, trains and buildings, but of all the other little things that brought the railway to life. Look closely and you'll find general clutter, discarded tools and lamps, miscellaneous scrap and broken walls with fallen stones lying in the weeds. Carefully placed figures and a prowling fox complete the picture.



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CANGE LAYOUT FOCUS LADESIDE DIESEL DEPOT



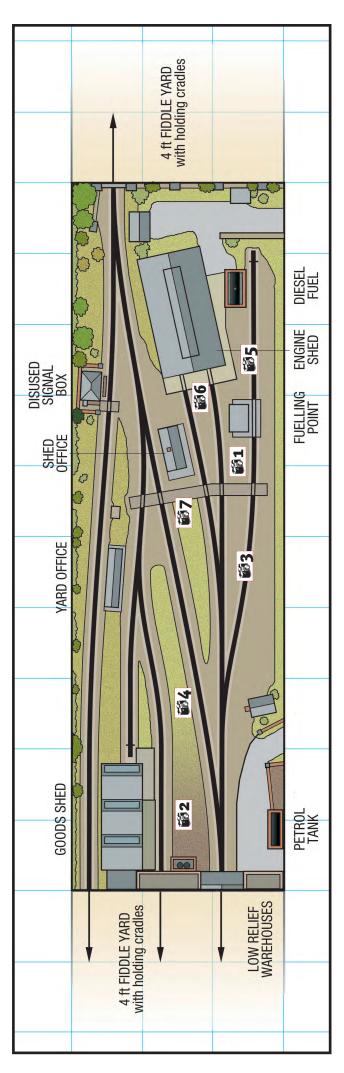
An English Electric Type 4 from a Nigel Stanley kit passes the disused and vandalised Glasgow & South Western Railway (GSWR) signal box.



Front end comparison: Birmingham RCW/Sulzer Type 2 - later Class ${\bf 26}$ - and Brush Type ${\bf 4}$. Both are detailed and weathered Heljan RTR models.



A Derby Sulzer Type 2 (later Class 25) from a Just Like The Real Thing kit sits at the warehouse loading bay.





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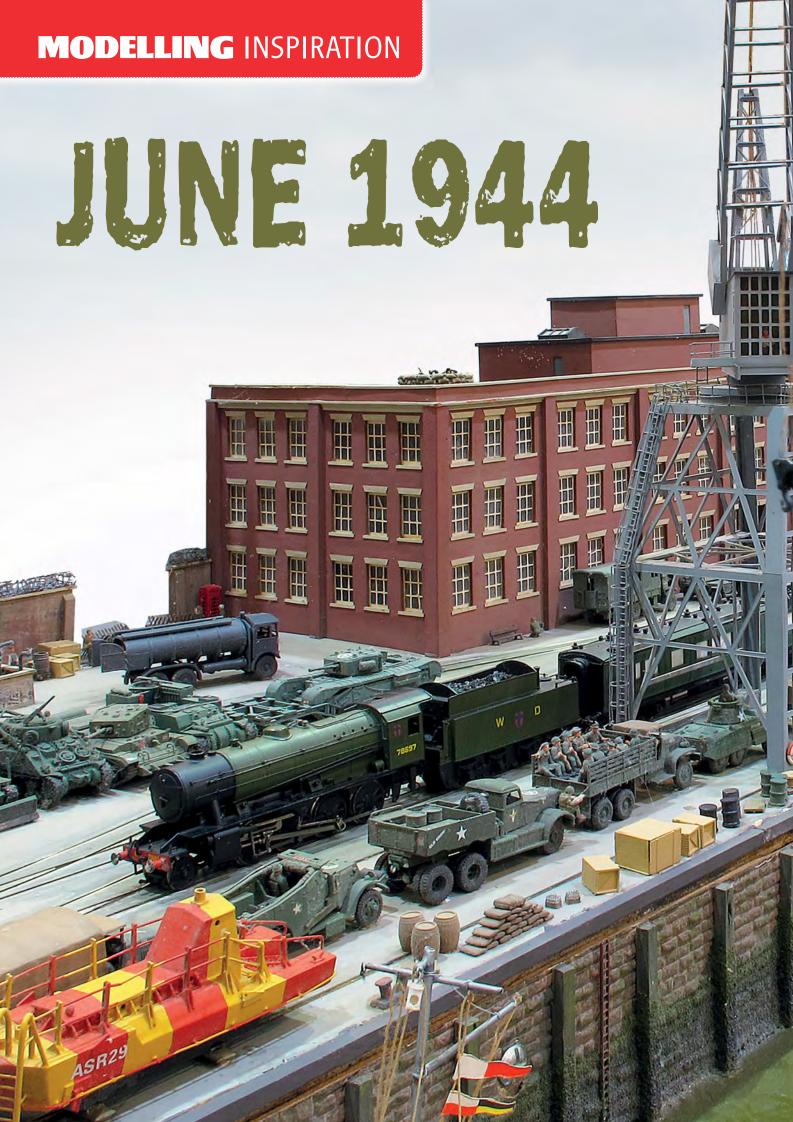


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HOW TO CREATE...



from last month's painting tips, Nigel **Burkin** shows how to give a brace of Irish 071 Class diesel locomotives an authentic weathered finish.

way of adding character to ready-to-run models and a very high degree of realism can be achieved with just a handful

of techniques. There's a temptation to weather models to a formula rather than studying the full-size stock to see how the elements and grime affect hard working equipment. I prefer to select from select from a a variety of techniques in the variety of techniques same way as I select tools on in the same way as

the workbench to suit a certain task. Perhaps it's because I rarely remember the precise order I used on previous

projects by the time

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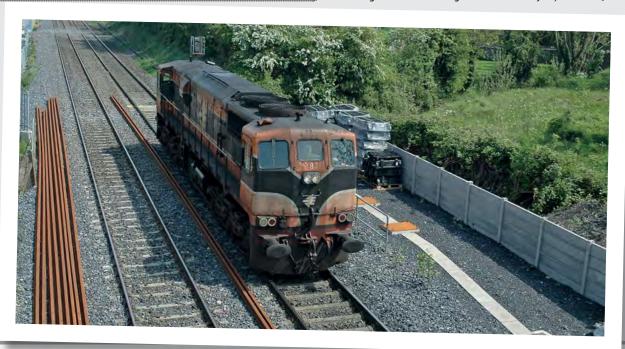
Techniques in the toolbox of creative weathering include painting, pastels, weathering powders and ink washes. I personally like weathering using highly thinned paints to achieve

ingrained grime or bleaching effects. A thinned wash of paint is applied with a flat brush so the paint pigment builds up in moulded detail. Any excess is wicked away with kitchen towel so it does not puddle on the side of the model. When thinned to a

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PROTOTYPE INSPIRATION

Class 071 No.087 is seen in heavily weathered condition running light engine westbound through Hazelhatch on May 12, 2008. Ben Jones





ratio of 20:1, the build-up of paint is slight for each application and washes can be applied several times until the desired effect is achieved. A similar technique involves the use of a fine piece of sponge to create rain and weather streaking down the side of a model after a wash has been applied.

Spot rusting is another favourite, applied with a small paintbrush or stippled to represent rust spots. Dry brush weathering is a great way of picking out raised detail to highlight it with pale colours to enhance the feeling of bright light shining on

it, bleaching or with rust colours to emphasise corrosion. Dry brushing means that the paint is applied using the bare minimum of paint on the brush - it's almost dry. The tip of the brush is dipped in paint and the excess rubbed onto a kitchen towel. When its seems there is no paint left in the bristles, the brush is rubbed over the model's raised detail, leaving traces of paint behind.

Finally, airbrushing holds the secret to many superb weathering effects, from re-colouring underframes and bogies to subtle dusting around exhaust vents and streaking on the side of models

using card or tape masks. As you delve more and more into weathering techniques, you'll find the combination of colours, methods and ideas is almost limitless. Should you wish to maintain a certain level of consistency throughout your collection, making notes of what actually works for you is a good idea. Write the details down on record card so the information is easily to hand, together with reference photographs and possibly some colour swatches of the colours you use regularly. I know I

should take my own advice! BRM

STEP GUIDE

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Looking at the prototype

Not being familiar with the 071s, I spent a fair bit of time tracking down reference photographs. I decided to treat both models at the same time, paying particular attention to the way in which roof dirt streaked down the front of the cab roof; the rusting of the grilles and in corners of the bodywork and the covering of dirt and exhaust grime over the roof, giving the appearance of black roofs.

Fragile roof lifting rings were replaced by wire parts from a North American detailing company called 'Details West'. I had a packet left over from another project which were inserted in a 0.4mm diameter hole drilled through the remains of the

plastic ones. Where the originals came adrift, the square mounting holes were plugged with pieces of 30 thou square styrene strip and a new mounting hole drilled through it. The lift rings were secured with a spot of CA glue and painted to match the roof.

Grime and Dirt

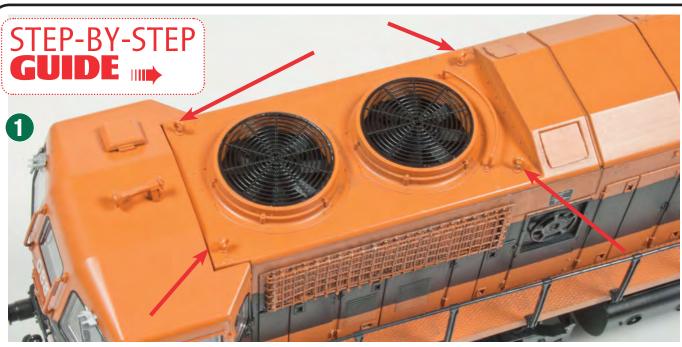
Several coats of grimy wash colour were applied to the bodysides, solebar, walkway and cabsides to pick out grille and door panel detail of the narrow hood. The wash consisted of Roof Dirt enamel paint diluted 20:1. The slight trace of pigment then collected in the moulded detail, lifting the model as well as toning the vibrant orange paint down a couple of notches. Using thinned paint in several washes ensures that the effect is not overdone and the grime can be built up in very thin coats. There is no desire to change the shade of the paint colours or obscure printed detail, so puddled paint should be removed with kitchen towel.

Another period of drying was followed by the application of grime to the roofs – perhaps the heaviest weathering so far. The dirt, probably consisting of years of accumulated exhaust and grime, was rain streaked down towards the front windows and along the shoulder of the narrow body. This was applied, again using Roof Dirt paint, diluted 5:1, using

a flat paint brush. Once dried, masking was applied loosely around the body and cabs to keep them clean while the roof was sprayed sparingly with the same dirt colour. The looseness of the masking allowed a little overspray on to the body and cab sides to prevent a hard edge to the dirt colour from forming which would look most unnatural.

Four essential stages of dirt application bring the bogies, fuel tank and underframe to life. First is an application of Frame Dirt to tone down the stark black finish, sprayed for an even appearance. This was applied to the wheel faces too. This was immediately followed with a dusting of Brake Dust colour, highlighting the beautifully moulded detail on the bogies. Brake shoes were touched-in with thinned Yellow Rust and more Roof Dirt, again thinned about 5:1, was streaked down the fuel tanks to represent spillage.

Finally, a touch of Oily Steel was dry-brushed onto the footsteps and spot of Roof Dirt found its way onto the buffer heads and around the axleboxes and bogie springs. By this stage, the models required careful handling so as not to disturb fresh paint. Once completed, they were left for several days before the overspray was removed from the wheels. In all, they took around four days to complete.



The plastic lift rings fitted to the roof of the model are very delicate and break off all too easily, as I discovered when starting work on the models.



Weathering starts in earnest with thin washes of roof dirt paint thinned (20:1) which is brushed over the model and into moulded detail.



Particular attention was paid to the chequerplate walkway with any excess wicked away using absorbent paper towel.

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PAINTING MATERIALS

chose paint colours with the help of the reference photographs I found on the internet. Railmatch Roof Dirt (and the equivalent from Phoenix Precision) worked well for the dirty roof and dirt streaking on the front of the cab roof. The same colour, with a spot of white to lighten it and diluted to about 20:1 with thinners, provided a thin wash



The bare essentials include fast drying oil paint, enamel paints, stippling brushes and food trays for mixing and holding small quantities of paint.

which picked out the superb detail and toned down the paintwork of the new models. Matt White enamel paint was thinned 10:1 and darkened with a tiny spot of grey to bleach the red panels on the front of 078. One colour to avoid completely is black - do not use it for roof dirt or exhaust carbons as it is too stark. For rust staining of grilles and panels, I chose fastdrying oil colour from the Windsor & Newton 'Griffin Alkyd' range. This is easily diluted with enamel thinners and dries pretty quickly. It is translucent compared to enamel paints making it ideal for rust staining without covering the underlying paint. The colours I use most for staining are 'Burnt Sienna' for old brown rust and 'Raw Sienna' for more recent yellow rusting. Enamel rust colours, particularly brown and yellow shades are better used to create solid rust patching were the paint has been lost completely. A variety of brushes was used to apply the various finishes including stipple brushes for rust spotting, general brushes for details and dry-brushing together with a 10mm flat brush for applying thin washes of grime. Paints were mixed and thinned in clean food



Thin washes of off-white paint creates the sunbleached finish on the front of 078.

trays and clean lolly sticks were used to mix the paints before using. Airbrush weathering was applied using an Iwata airbrush fitted with a fine needle and nozzle. This was restricted to the underframes, bogies and roof with low tack masking tape used to keep paint exactly where it was wanted. Tamiya 15mm wide masking tape is ideal for the job.



Each lift ring moulding is fitted to a square hole. It is too large to accept metal lift rings and should be filled with a piece of square section styrene before a hole is drilled through.



New metal lift rings are fitted to 0.45mm diameter holes and secured with a tiny spot of CA glue (superglue).



Once the colour wash was dry, rust colours were applied to grilles where corrosion was observed on the full-size locomotives.

TOP TIP

Rusting

Having allowed the paint washes time to dry thoroughly, I applied rusting effects to the grilles, along the bottom edge of the body and the front of the cab roofs, using photographs to determine how the rusting should appear. Fast drying oil paints were used for a translucent rust effect. The effect on the grilles was more of a staining effect and this was emphasised by using a brush lightly loaded with thinners to streak the rust over the paint in a dov

thinners to streak the rust over the paint in a downward direction. I noted rust damage above the cab windows on several 071s. The effect was modelled using a stippling brush dipped in oil paint. As is the case with all weathering techniques, the rusting effects were applied very lightly to both models – less is more!

Rust spots are represented by stippling using a brush designed for the purpose.

TURN OVER FOR MORE STEPS

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PRACTICAL BRANCH

TOP TIP

Fading the red paintwork

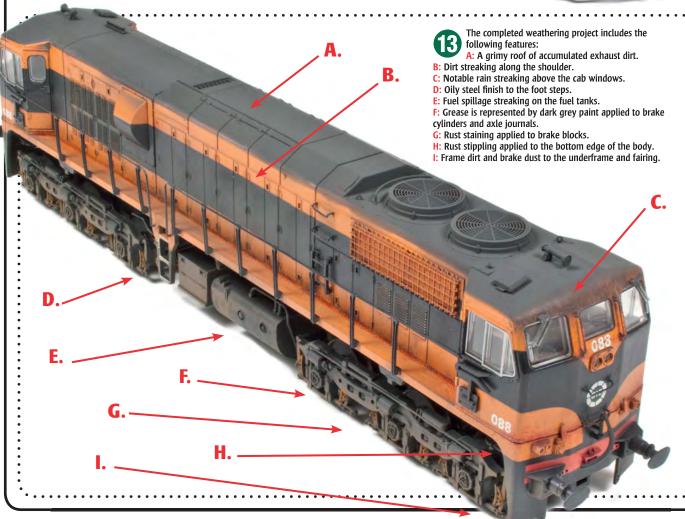
Looking carefully at photographs of IÉ 078 (with white lining and logo), one distinguishing feature was how the red warning panels on the cab fronts bleached out to a point that they appeared pink in colour, in parts at least. This effect was applied to the model using matt white paint diluted (15:1). A size 0 paintbrush was used to control the extent of the bleaching treatment to the red panels and excess paint was carefully removed. The same technique could be used to sun bleach the cab fronts of locos finished in CIÉ 'SuperTrain' livery too. The paint should be left to dry for at least 24 hours before proceeding to the next step.

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Attention was paid to the bottom edge of the body using a stippling brush. The translucent finish of the oil paints creates a staining effect on the model's paint work and can be streaked using paint thinners and a flat brush.







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Somewhere in the 'Garden of England' lies a forgotten corner of the Southern Region third-rail empire, modelled by exhibition regular *George Woodcock*.







It's the summer of 1980 and though the view has a timeless quality about it, in reality Bedlam Heath is undergoing significant changes.



Small details such manual point levers are often overlooked, but can help to make a yard look more realistic - as demonstrated here.

edlam Heath was built in 2006 and is, as the introduction suggests, located in the county of Kent. In reality no such place exists but the layout is based more or less accurately on Lenham, situated on the secondary main line between Ashford and Maidstone

I made a couple of alterations from the real place to make construction easier and to keep the layout to a reasonable size, and so a new name was required. It's an amalgamation of two place names in the vicinity of Lenham; namely Bedlam Lane and Lenham Heath.

It's the summer of 1980 and though the view has a timeless quality about it, in reality Bedlam Heath is undergoing significant changes. The signalbox and its attendant semaphore signals have been swept away; replaced by colour light signals controlled from Maidstone power box.

The goods yard, which is still occasionally busy enough to warrant the use of a Class 09 shunter sent from Ashford, is due to close later in the year as the wagon-load network is run down and demand for household coal declines.

But for now, it's business as usual with frequent deliveries of South Wales coal arriving in 16t MCV wagons to be unloaded by hand and an elderly JCB piling coal into heaps. An ex-Army Land Rover is used to make smaller deliveries when the coal lorries are busy elsewhere.

The goods shed is now used by an agricultural merchant and receives regular deliveries of animal feeds from Avonmouth as well as fertiliser from Heysham and Severn Beach. There are also less frequent deliveries of seed grain and seed potatoes mainly in the early spring. These products are carried in 12t VVV and 'Vanwide' vans. Motive power is usually from the home fleet of Class 33s or Class 73 electro-diesels.

Bedlam Heath station is only manned during the morning peak to cater for London-bound commuters, although there are not too many of them. Passenger services consist of trains from Ramsgate, Canterbury and Ashford to London and Dover, Folkestone and Ashford to London and local services shuttling between Maidstone and Ashford. The former are dominated by 4-CEP express units, while the latter are in the hands of 2-HAPs. Occasionally a Class 205 'Thumper' DEMU will make an appearance too.

As well as freight trains serving the yard, there are through freights including traffic from the Continent which has arrived in the UK via the Dover train ferry. Parcels trains from Dover and Ramsgate to Maidstone and London consist largely of Mk.1 vans hauled by Class 33s or Class 73s as well as Class 419 Motor Luggage Vans (MLVs) which had by this time been

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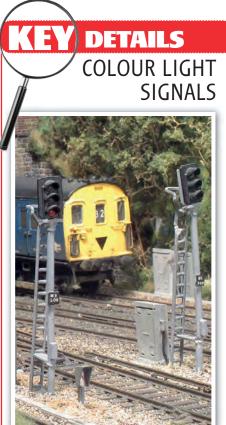
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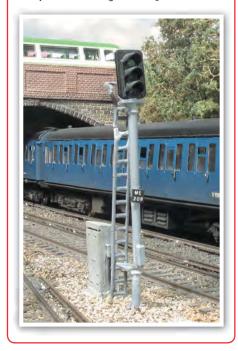
- Class 09: Graham Farish (N), Bachmann/Hornby (OO), Dapol (O, due 2015)
- Class 33: Dapol (N, due late-2014), Hornby RailRoad (00), Heljan (00 & 0)
- ▶ Class 73: Dapol (N), Hornby (OO), Dapol (OO, due 2015), PRMRP Kits (O)
- Class 205 DEMU: Bachmann/Kernow Model Rail Centre (00), Peter Clark Kits (0)
- ▶ Class 411 4-CEP: Graham Farish (N), Bachmann (OO), Westdale Kits (O)
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- Class 419 MLV: Electra Railways Graphics (N), Bachmann (OO), Peter Clark Kits (O)
- Class 423 4-VEP: BH Enterprises (N), Hornby (OO), Peter Clark Kits (O)

ROLLING STOCK

- Ex-SR PMV/CCT 4w vans: Dapol (N & OO), Bachmann (OO, due 2015)
- Ex-SR 'Van B' bogie van: Dapol (N, due 2015), Hornby (00)
- BR 16t MCV wagons: Graham Farish (N), Bachmann (OO), Lionheart (O)
- BR 12t VVV vent vans: Graham Farish (N), Bachmann (OO), Skytrex (O)
- ▶ BR 'Vanwide': Parkside Dundas kits (00 & 0)



George has modelled his station just after it was resignalled with multi-aspect colour light signals - a changeover that occurred nationwide during the 1970s and 1980s. Several companies offer working 4mm scale colour light signals, including Eckon-Berko, Traintronics and Absolute Aspects. Dapol also plans to release ready-to-use colour lights in 2015.



TOP LEFT: Heavily modified Lima 33 027 Earl Mountbatten of Burma waits in the Up loop while 09 022 shunts coal wagons in the yard. The 33 has been re-powered using a Heljan chassis.

ABOVE LEFT: Unrefurbished 4-CEP 7113 pauses with a London to Dover working. The 750V DC third rail, assembled from Peco components, is evident in this view of the main

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displaced from the Victoria-Dover boat trains and were increasingly being used for parcels traffic.

These unique vehicles could draw power from the 750V DC third-rail or onboard batteries, which gave them the facility to travel over non-electrified lines for short periods.

Other types of train passing through include those belonging to the Civil Engineer's department carrying spoil and ballast to and from various yards, including Tonbridge West Yard where an awful lot of old rubbish used to end up.

Locomotives and rolling stock are the usual mix of kit-built and ready-to-run. Some of the latter have been heavily re-worked and repainted and all the stock has been weathered to a greater or lesser degree. The Class 33/0s are super-detailed Lima bodies fitted to Heljan chassis; the reason for this is that Heljan got the shape of the cab ends wrong first time around. It later corrected this on the Class 33/1 and 33/2 versions and has only recently corrected the Class 33/0 (see April 2014 issue of **BRM**). I undertook the work on the Lima bodies many years earlier and it was a simple matter to swap them over as the Heljan chassis is superb.

..frozen in time on that warm summer's day in 1980...

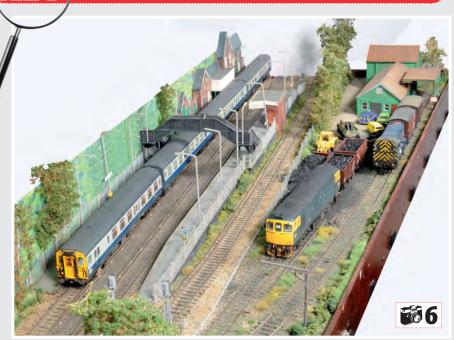
The fiddle yards at either end of the scenic layout are merely open frames which support cassettes. These are made of softwood sides fixed to a 6mm plywood base of the same thickness as the ply used on the scenic boards. The track used on the layout and cassettes is Peco Code 75. Code 100 fishplates soldered to the ends of the track in the cassettes simply plug onto the track on the main boards. It is a simple and reliable system that I first saw used by my good friend, the late Keith Wright, on a small demonstration layout.



That then is Bedlam Heath as it is and always will be; frozen in time on that warm summer's day in 1980. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be but at least railway modellers have a better chance than most people of living in their own little world.

As ever I would like to thank Richard, John, Dave and Simon aka 'The Wrecking Crew' for their constant support and help at exhibitions and a very special thank you to Paul Wade, without whose help and advice the layout would never have been built. **BRM**

(EY) DETAILS ADAPTING A REAL LOCATION



An overall view of the layout looking towards the Ashford end, highlighting its compact nature. Modelling in a small space often requires compromise, but doesn't have to mean that realism is forgotten.

- I omitted the Down loop as only a tiny fraction of it would have been visible.
- The bridge at the Maidstone end of the station has been moved half a mile closer and is a completely different construction to the existing modern concrete structure. I think my version looks better and is more suited to the area!
- The scenery goes behind the fascia board in an attempt to give the illusion of the landscape continuing.
- The goods yard at Lenham was larger and the coal yard was much smaller and in a different location.
- The corrugated goods shed had two tracks under the lean-to instead of one. The shed at Lenham still exists, as does most of the goods yard, although it is

- now used by an asphalt company.
- The other glaring omission is that there is a bridge at the Ashford end which would have made a convenient scenic break but I decided to omit it as it would have needed an extra baseboard to accommodate it. Instead I decided to appeal to the sophistication of my audience by using a row of trees, (which do exist in reality), as a screen and to show that layouts don't have to have the handy tunnel or bridge to achieve an effect. I have thought over the last couple of years of building the bridge but I always seem to think of a reason not to.
- The final liberty has to do with the year in which it is set; the semaphores and signalbox at Lenham actually lasted until 1984 but no-one else seems to have noticed that yet!



Between the station and the goods yard is a loop, allowing EMUs to overtake slower trains such as 33 027 with its rake of 'Grampus' wagons loaded with spoil. MLV 68003 rushes through *en route* to Ramsgate.



CAUGE LAYOUT FOCUS BEDLAM HEATH



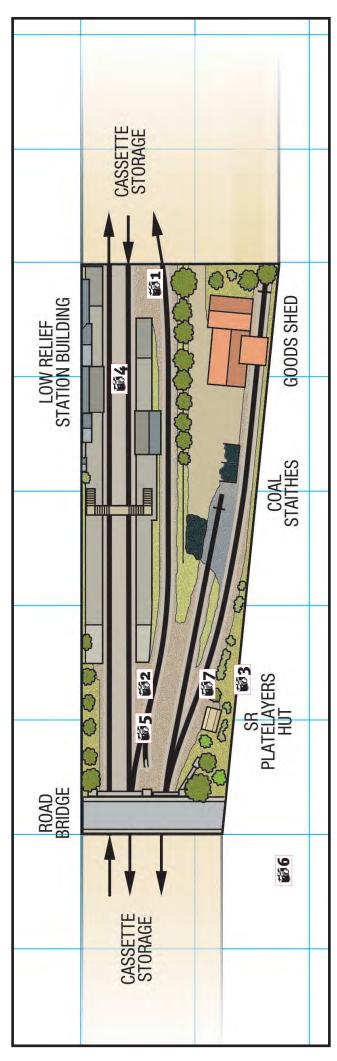
Another short engineers train heads for Ashford behind 33 017, taking a 'Mermaid' tipper and an open wagon to Chart Leacon works for repair.



Not much room for manoeuvre in yard with the Class og waiting to remove some empty vans as the MCV coal wagons are unloaded.



Hastings gauge 33 212 - a Heljan model - ticks over in the yard while 09 022 shunts 12t vent vans into the shed for unloading.





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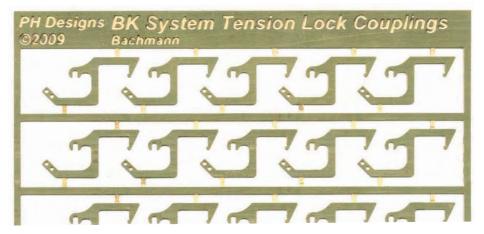
In his latest look at alternative coupling systems, *Phil Parker* tries the BK System tension lock couplings from PH Designs.

ast month I looked at Sprat & Winkle couplings, which are just like standard tension locks, but with the advantage of being uncoupled by invisible magnets. Their disadvantage is that you need to replace all the couplings on your stock to get the best out of them - fiddly and time consuming.

Converting standard tension locks to magnetic uncoupling has been a popular challenge for at least 40 years. Various systems have been promoted but most rely on the modeller making their own modifications, one hook at a time.

Back in 2007, Brian Kirby posted details of his experiments on **RMweb** (*bit.ly/1hJTzaN*). In essence, he added a steel tail to the dropper part of a tension lock. The tail stuck out under the locomotive, wagon or coach, and was attracted by a magnet under the track, pulling down and lifting the hook. It was neat and effective but still required some fiddly work for each vehicle.

A couple of years later, Andy York found himself reviewing a modified version of Brian's system



Above The couplings are supplied etched in brass on a fret. A heavy craft knife is needed to cut through the half etched tabs to release each hook. These are the modern Bachmann replacements.

Below An alternative etch to replace older Lima couplings. Note the very different shape required.

produced by PH Designs (http://bit.ly/1nERGU5). PHD produced etched hooks, complete with tails, that replace the original components. The modeller has to add something steel for the magnet to grab, but a pair of holes is included in the tail for a looped staple.

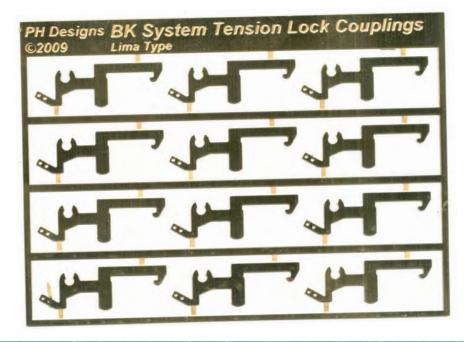
To accommodate different manufacturers' coupling designs, there are versions for Bachmann, Hornby and Lima mounts. The Bachmann version will fit some Dapol stock as well, like the GWR van shown here

A perfect solution? Well, it's certainly quick and easy to change the hooks. Your stock remains compatible with other tension lock fitted items too, so if you run your models on other layouts there shouldn't be a problem.

In use, I've found the etched hooks have quite a bit of sideways slop in the couplings. The brass is 0.4mm thick compared with the 0.6mm thick original hooks. This might not sound a lot but if it causes a problem, adding a sliver of plastic card or brass shim on the side of the pivot will cure it. They also don't grip the pivot point like the originals, so they can fall out if you turn your stock upside-down.

While conversion incurs a cost for the hooks, there is a saving with uncouplers. A pack of bar magnets from a craft shop cost me £2.99 for eight, about the same as a Hornby uncoupling ramp!

If invisible, hands-off, uncoupling is your goal and you have too much stock to change everything over,



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To give the magnet something to grab hold of, a staple is bent to form a loop that will fit through the tail of the coupling.

hands-off, uncoupling is your goal and you have a lot of rolling stock to change over, this is well worth a look.

A BK coupling fitted to a Bachmann brake van. The new hook simply replaces the original item, you don't even have to remove the plastic couplings to make the change, just unclip the old hook.

Raw etched brass is obtrusive under rolling stock and painting $\bar{t} h e \,$ metal won't work very well - the paint will chip in service and if you aren't careful, can BIRCHWOOD gum the whole CASEY thing up solid. The solution Brass Black is to dip the couplings in Birchwood lacken or Antique Brass, Copper or Bronze Casey Brass Black which NET 3 FL OZ (90 ml) will chemically colour the metal.

As you can see, Brass Black only works on the brass bits, leaving the steel staples untouched. A touch with the paintbrush and some matt black paint will be fine here as they don't hit anything, so won't chip, nor are they near any moving parts so can't aum up.



"If invisible,

Cheap 2cm long bar magnets are fine for uncoupling and can be hidden under the sleepers. If your trackwork is already laid, find a magnet that fits between the rails, cut away the sleepers and dig a little trench in which to bury it. Replacing the sleepers and re-ballasting should leave it invisible.



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With the price of new models increasing, **Ben Jones** looks at simple and cost-effective ways to give an old Lima LMS parcels van a fresh

lease of life.

t's fashionable to criticise
Lima products from
the 1980s and 1990s
(I know, I've done it
myself!) but there are
plenty of items out there that
can still play a role alongside
more sophisticated 21st century
rolling stock.

One good example is the long-obsolete LMS 42' General Utility Van (GUV), issued in 1980/83, but never subsequently produced, either by Lima or Hornby. In many respects it's a decent representation of the prototype, but it does have a few flaws. Fortunately these can be rectified relatively easily, making it an ideal detailing project for the less confident modellers among us.

I've had my eye on it for some years, but a shortage of models in the second-hand market made them expensive, especially those in good

shown here was obtained for £10 from a stall at a show. Although it's not in perfect condition, it's ideal for what I wanted to do.

condition. The model shown here was obtained for £10 from a stall at a show.
Although it was not in perfect condition – there was a buffer missing and the paintwork was fairly tatty - it's ideal for what I wanted to do. Objective No. 1 complete.

The major failing of the Lima model is that existing BR Mk.1 bogies

were used, rather than the LMS bogies it should ride on. Thanks to Bachmann, Replica Railways and Hornby there is a ready supply of LMS 9' wheelbase RTR bogies as they're used on the models such as the 50' BG and Stanier Period III coaches. For the purist, the bogies are also available in kit form by Comet Models.

Both the Lima and Bachmann/Replica bogies are a similar clip fit design; could they be a

straight swap? Was this too much to ask? Of course it was! However, with a little tinkering they were made to fit and work reliably.

Rather than try to replace the missing, and fairly crude, plastic buffer, a set of whitemetal LMS buffers was sourced from Comet Models for £2.50, which also made me aware of a useful set of underframe detailing parts for LMS coaches (UCM1). For an extra £4 this seemed too good to miss and helped to make the end product better than I'd originally intended.

As the crimson and cream van is destined for a late-1950s/early-1960s parcels train, it doesn't need to be in ex-works condition, so the bodywork was left untouched. This saved the time and expense of a respray and new transfers and meant that the job could be completed in a little over two hours – an ideal evening project.

Now all that's left to do is find and fit a pair of replacement handbrake wheels on the underframe. **BRM**



STEP-BY-STEP **GUID**I



A set of replacement whitemetal LMS parts from Comet Models, a pair of Replica Railways 9ft wheelbase bogies and some simple tools are all that is required for this project.



Trussing is a separate unit that can be unclipped. Only remove the ones you're comfortable with and that you know have whitemetal replacements for. The GUV underframe is already well detailed so you could omit this stage.

Clip off top of buffers carefully. These GUVs needed clipped round buffers as they had end doors and flaps for loading motor vehicles. The flap hinged down across the top of the buffers. Tidy up and spray whitemetal parts with grey Halfords primer. Leave to dry.



Test fit Replica bogies. The clip is slightly too large for the Lima hole. Open out the hole gently with a reamer or needle file and slim down the clip of the new bogie with a flat file. File and check repeatedly as you go.



Remove buffers with a pair of side cutters or, as I did, with a pair of Xuron rail cutters. File away any excess plastic flush with the bufferbeam and mark the position of the buffers ready for next stage.



Once whitemetal parts are dry, give them a quick

coat of satin black aerosol and leave to dry. Check

with prototype photographs (Paul Bartlett's wagon

Use a pin vice with a 0.75mm diameter bit to drill a hole in the bufferbeam. Test fit your buffers as you go to ensure a flush fit. Fix in place with cyano glue or Evo-Stik Impact. Weather and paint as you see fit.



With your new buffers and underframe equipment in place, test-fit the bogies again and add couplings of your choice. Once the glue is dry, marshall it into a train and check that all is well. The advantage of using RTR bogies is that you know they'll be square and free-running.



If you want to take your detailing further, there are lots of options for the keen modeller. One change that can make a significant visual difference is a set of new whitemetal roof ventilators from Comet Models. Other possibilities include flushglazing, a complete new underframe, finer kit-built bogies and separate door handles. However, the more moulded detail you remove, the greater the need for a complete repaint.

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MEET THE BRM EXPERTS

WHAT THEY'VE BEEN UP TO THIS MONTH



BEN JONES

It was genuinely exciting to see the first parts of my layout - the baseboard tops -being cut out by high pressure waterjet recently. Look out next month for a short article on how they were designed and produced.



RICHARD WILSON

An enjoyable weekend at the Lancs & Yorks DCC Group's show at the Manchester Museum of Transport where I weathered another selection of RTR wagons. Really must get around to building some!



ANDY YORK

I'm busy trying to see just how much can be packed inside a Hornby Sentinel at the moment, so far I've come up with an empty cab with space for a sound decoder and speaker, flashing lights and a dummy diesel engine beneath the bonnet.



PHIL PARKER

Outside it is sunny and warm, ideal for spending a few hours watching trains on the garden railway or getting out to see the prototype. After building a Manx cattle wagon, I've booked a trip to have a ride on the real Isle of Man railways.



HOWARD SMITH

One of this month's many projects included progressing with Jim McGeown's mammoth etched brass Queen Mary brake van kit. This 7mm monster he believes is his best yet – a statement that I'd quite happily vouch for!



Top advice from our modelling experts



SENTINEL AT THE WINDOW





I'm currently detailing some old diesel locomotives. This means extra pipework and

bodyside alterations, as some of my models are quite elderly. I can change all these parts, but I struggle with the glazing. Most of my

models have thick glazing (some don't have any at all!). I'm trying to cut around the curves and use transparent Perspex sheet – glued into place, but this isn't so easy and my attempts don't look great. Can you help?

Bob Roberts. York





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WHAT'S IN A NAM



I'm new to the world of model railways and was thinking that a way to ease myself into it

would be to start small by creating a custom nameplate for a OO gauge DRS Class 66 locomotive. I have seen several companies that provide them but they all seem to be for pre-determined names. I would like to make a wholly original one for mine (nothing fancy, just the standard rectangle you can find on any working diesel). Are there companies that do this that I haven't noticed or would I have to do this myself? If so how?

Stuart Adams-Huset

Richard Wilson says: The first person that comes to mind is Gary at 247 Developments, Seven Acres, Meltham Rd, Marsden, West



Nameplates can be quite unusual as with Class 37 fifty fitted to DRS 37 601 at the Mid-Norfolk Railway event to celebrate the half-century of the class in 2011. Richard Wilson

Yorkshire, HD7 6JZ Tel: 01484 840998 www.247developments.co.uk who should be able to produce the type of plate you require.

PULLING MY WHEEL



I recently bought a video on trouble-shooting and faultfinding from Activity Media Ltd.

It's very good, but one of the presenters used a gadget that intrigued me. He called it a 'wheelpuller': it had two jaws designed to grip the back of a wheel while a central screw bore down on the axle end, pulling the wheel out on the axle to correct the back-to-back measurement. I've been unable to trace anything like this in the trade. Do you know if anyone makes them, or was this a home-engineered job? Tony Wilmore.

Richard Wilson says: What you're after is the wheel puller from GW Models at 1 Croshaw Close, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 9LE Tel: 01903 767 231 (no website).

Phil Parker says: Hello Bob! There is another way! As an example, the Hornby industrial Sentinel has been very well received but most reviewers have commented on the thick glazing and suggested that a replacement to refine this would be welcome.

Shawplan have come to the rescue with the latest in the Extreme Etchings laser-cut glazing range which now covers most diesel locomotives. Each kit is a set of window panes cut with amazing accuracy to fit the openings in the sides of ready to run models.

After levering out the Hornby glazing with small screwdrivers inside the cab, each replacement pane is placed in the opening and secured by running some Humbrol Clear varnish around the edge.

For the Sentinel model, the fit of all parts was perfect apart from the rear cab doors where they were a fraction small. Several applications of varnish solved the problem, but it made me wonder if there are differences in paint thickness on the models.

Secure the panes into place using clear varnish such as Humbrol 'Clear'. This will avoid creating unsightly marks on or surrounding the windows. # Humbrol

Clear

The end results are amazing and the view inside the cab is greatly improved. Owners will certainly want to paint the cab interior now and fit a driver figure.



TREADING THE BOARDS



Firstly may I say a big thank you for a great magazine, which I read from cover

to cover religiously every month and will continue to do for as long as possible.

Having a permanent N gauge layout in the garage, incomplete as to date (but whose layout ever is?) I am thinking of building a new layout in HO/OO gauge. With this in mind my question is as follows:

In the March 2014 edition, in the article with regards to Peterborough North, on page 34, a photo at the left hand bottom of the page showed the layouts baseboards being

My question is, what is the material called that was used for the supports of the boards? This seemed to be in sheets with cutouts - are these readily available or are they specially made for the client? They seemed to be easily workable and lightweight; a trade name or source will do.

Ian Temlett, Cape Town

Richard Wilson says: The baseboard modules you were looking at were produced by a company called Brilliant Baseboards. Sadly, the owner of the business has since passed away and the range has not been taken up. A company which may be able to assist you is Model Railway Solutions www. modelrailwaysolutions.co.uk Email: info@modelrailwaysolutions.co.uk





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READY, STEADY...PAINT!





A pair of ready-finished house groups in both stone and brick - the brick row features rear yards.

With the demise of the Hornby Lyddle End range, it's getting difficult to find 'Ready to Plant'

buildings with just the Bachmann Scenecraft range available. Are there any other options? Fred Williams, Hertford

Richard Wilson says: Yes, there's the option of using the painted or unpainted buildings from Lilliput Lane. These are a ready supply of a wide range of buildings suitable for towns or villages which can be personalised as necessary. The buildings can be supplied ready factory painted or in unpainted base

material (a form of stone powder). The buildings themselves are quite delicate and can be accidentally chipped if not careful. The factory painted buildings are supplied with an all over colour wash and some of the finer details, like windows, separately applied.

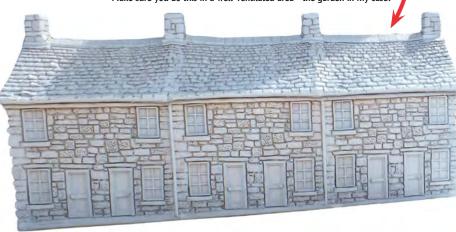
As mentioned above, all these buildings can be personalised by anyone with access to some spray primer - here I'm using white primer from Modelmates and acrylic (or enamel) paints.

Even with my less than perfect painting skills, the buildings can be repainted and altered to suit the era and circumstances of your layout. The only fiddly part is the windows - I can see why they are supplied finished on the ready-to-plant





group. The buildings have been given an even coat of white primer. Make sure you do this in a well-ventilated area - the garden in my case!



Right I've changed the stone finish of the school and introduced more relief to the windows. While on the subject of windows, with a solid structure such as these, a coat of matt or satin finish black works best.



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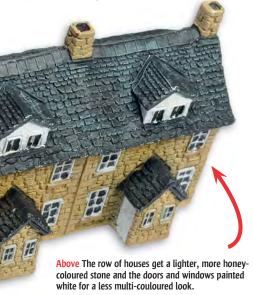


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There's also the option of corner shops as well as an attractive little post office model.





Useful Information Liliput Lane 'Full Steam Ahead' N gauge models are priced between £10 - £25 depending on size and finish. For more details visit: www.lilliputlane.co.uk

CUTTING CORNERS



As explained above, on the BRM project layout 'Edgeworth', Phil Parker has used small strips of PCB on the track over the baseboard joints to which the rails have been soldered.



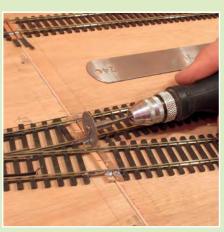
I am in the process of designing an N gauge (code 55) portable layout, and currently trying

to come up with the best arrangement of baseboards to suit my track plan. The intention is to make most of the boards around 120 x 45 cm and use bullet dowels to align the boards.

At the corners where two boards form an 'L', I want to have large radius curves, but the track must then cross the joint between two boards at about 45 degrees. I seem to recall reading that it is best for track to cross joints perpendicular to baseboard joints. Advice please. Graham Davison, Sevenoaks

Richard Wilson says: Ideally, it would be great for all track over joints to be at right-angles to the gap, but this is not always possible. You will need to make sure that the track is fixed extremely rigidly over the joint and the baseboard joints are true. To fix down the track in N gauge it would probably be best to remove the sleepering and solder the track direct to a piece of copper-clad PCB board glued over

the joint before it is cut) - you can always add 'mock' sleepers with thin card later. I co-own a 00 layout where all the track is on a curve and so far (touching wood) we've had no problems with track over baseboard joints.



The track, once firmly anchored to the strip, can be cut with a saw or slitting disc as seen here.

THE BRM GUIDE TO BUILDING YOUR FIRST LAYOUT PARTS 1, 2 & 3 If you missed any of these



the January, February and March 2014 issues of BRM which included these **FREE** supplements on the construction of a simple model railway layout.

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2014 PROJECT LAYOUT

Starting next month, Telford Railway Modellers Group and BRM are working together to produce 'Stokesay' - a new N gauge project layout based on Cravens Arms in the 1980s. Look out here and on **RMweb** for regular updates from the team.

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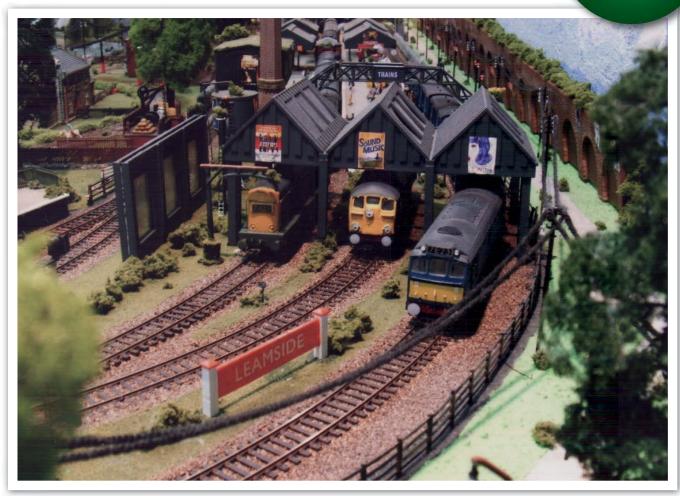
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READERS

Here's your chance to have your layout or latest project highlighted in the pages of **BRM** for all our readers to enjoy. Send your photos and text to the address below. We look forward to receiving them!







o date I have spent some seven years building Leamside station, near Durham. It measures 16' x 16' on a hollow square section of steel legs and top; very expensive, but well worth the initial outlay. Baseboards are 3mm plywood – very easy to work with. Track is all finescale, painted and ballasted. Colour light signals are operated by rotary switches. Everything

is BR 'blue era' stock and Class 24, 25 and 20 locomotives.

Running is superbly smooth using conventional electrics. Maximum power is 8V DC, all smoothedout for slow running. Points are capacitor operated via push switches.

Home-made track cleaners are hooked up to the rear of each set, so the track is permanently clean.

A large mimic control panel sits in the middle of the layout with white/black/white ivorine finish.

I don't run it very often, sometimes just a quarter of an hour each month, but it never fails to work well. This, I am sure, was the result of a lot of pre-planning and very careful installation from the very outset and it still gives me a lot of pleasure.

Doug Collins, Durham

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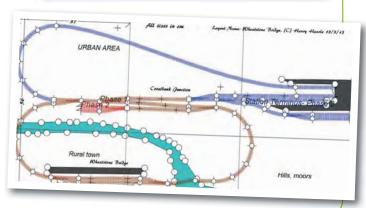


TIME FOR T

believe this could be the first T Gauge layout to feature in **BRM**. The layout is set in a fictional part of Highland Perthshire in Scotland and is modern image, although there will hopefully be a few Andrew Barclay o-4-oSTs shunting the distillery sidings in due course.

The layout is very much a work in progress. Phase 1 is not quite complete, but it should be ready for its exhibition debut soon. Phases 2 and 3 will come later! If you want to keep up with the latest development, there is a blog for the layout (which I have yet to update with the most recent photographs!) at wheatstonebridgemodelrailway.blogspot.co.uk

Henry Hearle



EURO SIGHTS

have been a Commercial Conductor on South West Trains for the last 23 years and

my life-long hobby has been railway modelling. My two-tier 15' x 8' layout seeks to incorporate several stations with representative scenes and local landmarks and has changed over the years. It now represents York, Ashford, Crewe and Brighton stations together with some of the features of Paris (Moulin Rouge), Disneyworld, the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame, Dawlish Warren and London (London Eye, Canary Wharf and London

Zoo). Of the 58 locomotives operating, my main interests are Virgin Trains (Voyager, Pendolino and Coach Express), LNER (A4, A3 and A1/2), the German 'Rheingold' Express and UK/French Eurostar.

John Lewis, Godalming.



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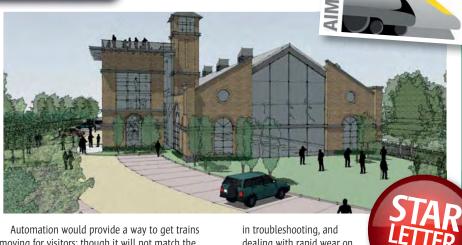
READERS?

Share your layout, projects and opinions with other BRM readers...

THIS MONTH'S STAR LETTER

thank Cliff Parsons for his response about AIMREC (June issue). It would be great if this project succeeds. I was not, incidentally, suggesting that the project itself was premature.

It was good to learn that the AIMREC proposal has got as far as site purchase, has thought many things through, and is backed by some well known and weighty trustees. However a few questions remain. Potential supporters might welcome more clarity about AIMREC's status and aims. Is it going to be set up as an educational charity (as suggested by the BRM March article, the website and the appeal for individual donations)? Or is it a commercial venture backed by investors who hope to make a profit? Alternatively, if it's a mixture of both, how will this be handled to safeguard the interests of all parties? Clearly some millions of pounds will be needed for the site purchase; a new building on this scale; its fit-out and contents; and the proposal to employ over 30 staff. The team and its eminent trustees have taken on a fabulously ambitious project.



Automation would provide a way to get trains moving for visitors; though it will not match the spectacle on exhibition days when AIMREC operators run trains as each layout's creator intended. Let's hope that the redesign of layouts for automation can be done without losing too much of their character; and that the team can also rise to the challenges

in troubleshooting, and dealing with rapid wear on elderly vehicles and track.

The National Trust's modus operandi (paid staff being supported by volunteers) should work if AIMREC obtains charitable status; and if suitable volunteers come to Ashford when needed. I volunteer for the NT and other conservation bodies. An adequate supply of volunteers can't be taken for granted. It takes management effort to recruit people, train and schedule them to provide adequate cover for the work. Early enthusiasm may not translate into continued long-term attendance.

I look forward to the TV coverage - it should be fascinating. It could almost fit into the *Grand Designs* format; a hugely ambitious plan, doubters to overcome, big expenses to meet, new technical challenges needing innovative solutions, and finally let's hope a triumphant outcome!

Nigel Watson, by e-mail



GARDEN OF DELIGHT

returned to the hobby after leaving it in 1984 as a 14 year old who was finding other 'distractions'. Thirty years later, I found myself on eBay and feeling somewhat nostalgic, I found myself bidding and winning the same R689 freight set (mint in box) that I was given in 1979.

The simple oval had me transfixed, and over the following few months I somehow went from a small oval on the kitchen table to a full blown DCC and live steam OO layout in the garden.

See craigsgardenrailway.blogspot.com and videos are up separately on http://vimeopro.com/palitoy/qarden-railway

I wasn't quite prepared for just how compelling OO would be as I'm not really a train buff. But I do like the fact that the time spent in the garden is a great way to unwind after long days on film sets where I work with the visual effects department.

Craig Crane, by email





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PROTOTYPE ARTICLES PLEASE!

took out my subscription to **BRM** about four years ago because of the free airbrush. At the next Glasgow show I bought a compressor and I am pleased to say it, and the airbrush, have given sterling service and allowed me to create results I only previously dreamed off.

But what of BRM? At first I was pleased but then noticed a lack of prototype information. Lots of layouts and 'how to do it' articles and reviews but it seemed in danger of being rather derivative in that lots of layouts looked a bit like a copy of something else.

There were layouts that looked like a model of a real railway and what an inspiration they were. But others looked like a copy or amalgam of another layout or layouts and a bit like making a photocopy of a photocopy, something gets lost along the way even though each was a credible model in its own right.

I wrote to **BRM** to say that we should not lose sight of the fact that we are modelling the prototype and the magazine was rather lacking in prototype information. My letter was not published but perhaps it was not unnoticed. **BRM** now includes more and more prototype information, such as the article on Blue Circle cement wagons in the June 2014 issue and LMS Garratt History and 'Ale By Rail' in May. But dare I ask for more? Scale drawings of rolling stock and locomotives would be nice. How the real railway operated would be even better. Signalling, station layouts, freight handling, parcels traffic, pick up goods, lineside fencing, level crossings. These are things we need to know if we are to model accurately.

It is nice to see other people's layouts and admire what they have done but, I would like to see Prototype Operation features become a firm and valued fixture in every edition of BRM.

Colin Tanner, Strontian, Scotland

What do other readers think? Would you like to see more articles on full-size railway subjects and operations, both historical and modern? Contact us at the usual address. - Ed.



ust reading the May Issue of BRM which I find to be a good magazine, however there are a couple of points of issue. Juniper Hill by Mark Branson I found on the whole to be very interesting and a very good model,

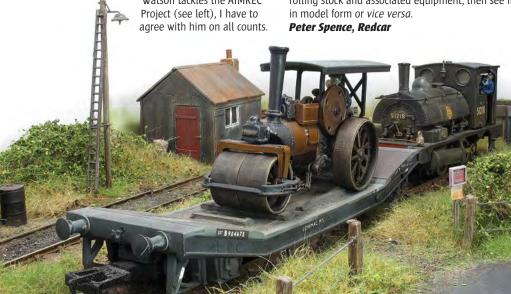
However, the Fowler traction engine on the 'Lowmac' is a road roller - a traction engine has four wheels usually made up of two large driving wheels and two smaller steering wheels, a road roller has two driving rollers/wheels and one large split roller for steering,

> My other point is in the letters page, where Nigel Watson tackles the AIMREC Project (see left), I have to

For me there are already far too many attractions, shows and museums in the south who from the north and midlands would travel to Ashford solely to visit a model railway museum? If you were in the area you might possibly visit, but would it get the repeat business to make it viable?

Somewhere like York would be much more sensible; with the National Railway Museum based there you have hundreds of thousands of visitors per year who appreciate something that is railway related.

You might also get the younger generation involved as they could see the real locomotives, rolling stock and associated equipment, then see it





facebook **Question of the Month**

We asked **BRM**'s Facebook community what they thought about a topical subject. Here's what they

With the recent announcement of price rises by Bachmann, there have been suggestions that certain features such as sprung buffers or opening cab doors could be omitted to reduce production costs. Which, if any, features would you drop?

John Spencer They could provide all the seperate details for the user to fit themselves. Even if I accept the idea of non-sprung buffers, they should be easy to remove to allow us to easily replace them if desired, (buffers are a part that can easily break off due to their position too). I have no need for opening doors, sliding vents and dials on gauges. But easy access to fit chips, speakers and maintain the model is a must.

Mike Sutherland Don't drop anything, people will pay for quality. By all means though, offset the R&D costs by producing cheaper, less detailed 'toys' to sell alongside the models

Alex Burnham Models have gradually become much more detailed, and more lifelike, while remaining pretty much the same relative price, if compared to incomes. I love the extra details.

Paul James I'd drop the obsession with too much flimsy detail and too many new releases, returning to the days when modellers improved them themselves

Charlie Page The boxes have gotten bigger over the years, surely sending the same amount of product in bigger packaging is going to cost a fair bit more in terms of shipping costs.

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WHAT'S NEW?

News and Events from the model railway trade

BACHMANN CONFIRMS



Rising costs have forced Bachmann Europe to increase prices across its range with immediate effect. *Ben Jones* and *Andy York* look at the story behind the headlines.

s expected, the price of Bachmann Europe N and OO gauge models rose significantly in early May, a direct response to the increasing cost of labour, production and shipping.

As shown below, the new prices vary from item to item, with more complex items such as modern image wagons and multiple units seeing higher percentage increases than older or simpler to assemble models.

All products from China are bought in US dollars so currency fluctuations

can affect how much a product will actually cost at the point of shipment; add in increases in the cost of raw materials and manufactured components due to continued expansion of 'hi-tech' gadgets and there's pressure from all sides.

Transport and shipping costs have doubled during the worldwide recession as shippers strive to get a return on each container and boatload. Another complication is that the recession has resulted in an overall reduction in demand for model railway products. However, there's

only been a marginal decrease in UK spending since the middle of 2013, part of which may be explained by losing some retailers to economic circumstances.

Bachmann says that it remains committed to upgrading older models to ensure DCC compatibility and the addition of NEM coupling pockets but is questioning what levels of detail the marketplace is prepared to pay for; opening doors and revolving fans could now be prohibitively expensive and sprung buffers are said to increase the RRP of a locomotive by around

£15, a feature which many customers have no need or use for.

Given the above Bachmann says it has, and will continue, to look at the most efficient methods of manufacture to deliver quality products at a reasonable price. One example highlighted was an N gauge product where the buffers could be moulded as part of the body without loss of finesse and to construct the trussing as a single part to reduce labour costs. However, there's no suggestion that compromises will be made in areas such as mechanisms or decoration.



COMMENT Andy York

It was evident from conversations with Bachmann management that until recently costs in the manufacturing process have not been accounted for to accurately reflect the multitude of stages in production and decoration and that it's necessary to re-balance this. Previously published accounts show that the model railway manufacturing side of the business lost money or failed to deliver as those making simpler plastic toys. Therefore this re-adjustment of pricing is necessary to ensure that model railways continue to be a viable business for Kader.

Clearly, this is not the buyer's fault but neither is it the fault of Bachmann Europe as a subsidiary of the group; it simply works with the costs given and generates a margin based on that. So

these price increases are not just about paying Chinese factory workers a fair and increasing wage but also about ensuring that we in the UK have the proper infrastructure and support to deliver planned models and generate sufficient revenue to continue to invest in the R&D of new models. Should manufacturers look to other parts of the world where labour is cheaper just to keep prices low or should we adjust our expectations so that the last 20 years of development of continually improving quality products is not thrown away for the sake of market expectations? We've seen what transferring production from one factory to another can do to a model manufacturer and the angst that it causes consumers so it's apparent that sustainability and dependability now have a price.

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TAKING NUMBERS

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of Kader Industries' 4,200 employees returned to their jobs after the last Chinese New Year. New factories in the north of China and higher wages at competing factories are blamed. Training new staff requires time and investment, slowing down the

development of new products.

per hour current average wage for Chinese factory workers, rising over the next five years by 20% per year to £6.00 per hour.

new items of tooling (three in N and three in OO) will be announced by Bachmann/Graham Farish in July at an event to mark the company's 25th anniversary.

£20

Expected price for a simple 7-plank open wagon if production was switched to the UK, according to Bachmann's Graham Hubbard. A steam locomotive such as an 'A1' would potentially rise by around £100 towards the £250 mark.

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Individual components in a Bachmann 00 gauge Polybulk bogie hopper wagon. Each part has to be designed, tooled, produced, primed, painted and, if necessary, printed before final assembly, packing and shipment.

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PRICE INCREASE



Locomotives such as this new OO gauge Wainwright C Class o-6-o have seen comparatively lower increases than some other items.



ABOVE: Despite the price hike, the superb new Bachmann 'Porthole' coaches have an RRP of £39.95; less than the equivalent Hornby Stanier Period III coaches.

BELOW: Multiple units, such as the new '101', are amongst the hardest hit by the new pricing structure.



Example new prices

CI	urrent price	new price
E4 0-6-2T Class 47	£89.95 £92.75	£99.95 £109.95
Derby Lightweight DMU BR Mk 1 coach	202110	£144.95 £32.95
7-plank wagon Graham Farish Presflo	£10.20 £12.75	£12.50 £15.95



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DM Turntables' new indexing drive system is now on sale. Following extensive testing and research, this revolutionary smooth drive system is sold in variants suitable for gauges N to O.

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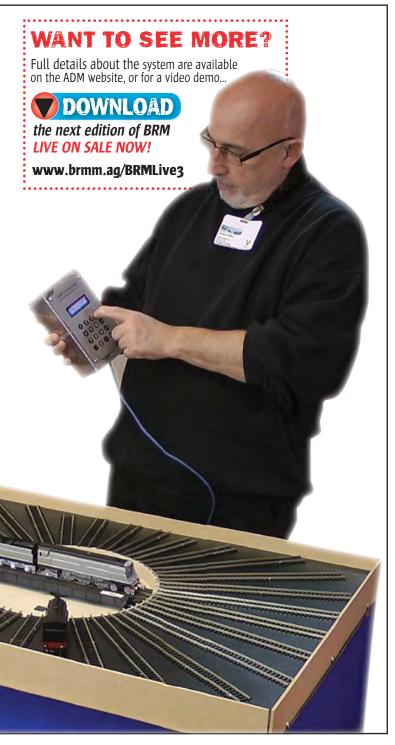
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N GAUGE SOCIETY KIT

Now available is a KSA NACCO timber carrier kit tooled by Parkside Dundas with colour components to make painting easier. Kits are priced as follows – one kit: £15.55, three kits: £44.40, five kits: £70.00 and 10 kits: £132.50.

Each kit includes one-piece moulded Y25 bogies with clip-on NEM sockets and is supplied with standard Rapido type couplers, but others can be fitted. Etched detail parts allow for three different end styles to be selected – transfers are included.

The wagons were built in 1995 for the transportation of Rover car parts. In 2011 a batch was converted for use as timber carriers by removing the sliding hoods. The wagons are now used by Colas on timber traffic to Chirk.

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4MM SCALE GAUGES FROM PH DESIGNS

PH Designs has released two new gauges that will be of use to 4mm scale modellers. The W6 gauge (smallest of the current British loading gauges) at £3.60 plus P&P features the full profile, not just the roof top level. Projections on the bottom are spaced for gauges OO, EM or P4, allowing you to correctly check tunnel mouths, bridges etc.

The smaller device measures platform height from rail top, the 6ft way and 16.5mm track gauge and costs $\pounds 3.00 + P\&P$. Both are etched in 0.5mm brass. More information is available on the PH Designs website.

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The first new O gauge items have been added to the Skytrex range since the takeover and re-launch of the business last year. A 2-bay north-light shallow relief roof section pack (ref: smrs 43) and single storey shallow relief return walls for the north-light façade (smrs 44), both priced at £7.50, are now in production.

Their aim is to increase the depth of the facades by 61mm.

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MODULAR CREW FIGURES

A small range of whitemetal multi-part locomotive crew figures for the steam age is now being sold by Kenneth Clark. Numerous configurations are possible, using different bodies, arms, heads and legs and are a perfect evening project to assemble and paint



before fitting to a locomotive cab. Look out for an article on painting and fitting them soon in **BRM**.

Prices for the figures vary from £6.00 for 4 figures plus £1.00 P&P. E-mail Kenneth for further details.

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Ten Commandments have a series of cast modern industrial buildings that are now being sold at shows and on order. The buildings were on display at York show and were proving popular. Currently on offer is an the industrial / farm building (ref:L229) and workshop / garage building with large roller door (ref:L230) both at £10 each. Printed signage is also available separately.

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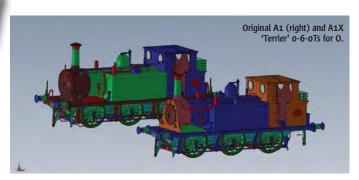
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The OO Gauge Association continues to sell track rubbers priced at £4.50 each plus 80p p&p. The rubbers are made from a non-hazardous polymer which absorbs dirt and dust and are available from the association directly.

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DESIGN UPDATE:

With an extensive 'to do' list of new models across three scales, Dapol's Joel Bright, Andy Forty and Richard Webster spoke to *Ben Jones* about the current state of play.



XCLUSIVE: After a year of change, Dapol is pressing ahead on three fronts with new models in N, OO and O gauge. Research, development and design work is underway on more than 20 items of new tooling. See the table opposite for a full report on the current status of models already announced. A number of projects are being re-appraised to improve their specification. One example is the OO Class 73, which Dapol says has been "re-researched from the ground up". New electronics and lighting features have also been added to make the 'ED' even more appealing. Also in development is a redesigned mechanism for Dapol's semaphore signals. An interchangeable power

pack will allow the production of wall-mounted bracket signals. Dapol is also considering moving to thinner etched metal arms for its 'Mk 2' signals.

Multi-aspect LED colour light signals are not expected to appear until the second half of next year.

Good news for supporters of UK manufacturing is that Dapol is bringing back the production of its RTR containers to Wales.











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STATUS **REPORT**

GWR 'Grange' 4-6-0: Design stage -CAD artwork shown below. SR 'Schools' 4-4-0: CAD stage complete. Due 2015 Class 33: Complete re-tool underway. Due 2015 Class 50: CAD artwork under review. Expected early-2015 Class 59: Design stage. Due 2015 Class 142 railbus: CAD artwork under review. Full revision of specification underway. Due 2015. SR Maunsell coaches: Decoration stage - final tweaks underway. Mk 3 TGS: Design stage - CAD artwork under review. Network Rail JNA/IOA bogie wagons: Decoration stage. Due late-2014.

00 GAUGE

GWR Railcar: Drawing stage. Now altered to depict railcars Nos. 5-16. Expected during 2015. Class 121/122 railcars: Due 2015 Class 73/0: First engineering prototype expected in June. Class 73/1: Research and development restarted from scratch BR 'Turbot' bogie wagon: Being redesigned from scratch and improved. New design will allow Bogie Bolster E to be produced later using same chassis.

O GAUGE

SR 'Terrier' 0-6-0T: Due late-2014. First samples due September, in time for Telford O gauge show. Now with die-cast metal frame/wire handrails Class 08: Design stage. Due 2015? SR 'Pillbox' brake van: due June 6w Milk Tank: Design completed. Production to start soon. HAA/HEA hoppers: CAD stage - 2015





SPA STEEL CARRIER



FTG Models, another newcomer to the OO RTR market, has revealed the latest images of its forthcoming 00 gauge SPA steel wagon. With an estimated retail price of £16.95, the wagons are being manufactured as this issue goes to press.

An initial batch of 1,200 models includes two different numbers to be produced in Railfreight red and two others with Cardiff Rod Mill branding (just 300 of each).

A new website will go live as soon as the models arrive in the UK, allowing customers to place their orders, so keep an eye on future developments.

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> ABOVE: A pre-production sample in original Railfreight red, showing the detailed dropside doors and underframe.

BELOW: Visible inside the wagon is the removable cradle for steel loads, as fitted to the real SPAs.

NEWS IN BRIEF

LBSCR 13 FROM 00 WORKS

00 Works is now taking orders for its latest model - an LBSCR I3 4-4-2T. The class of 27 were built at Brighton between 1907 and 1913 to work fast, light passenger trains. The I3s were mainly allocated to Battersea, New Cross and Brighton with some later to Tunbridge Wells and Eastbourne.

All but one was absorbed by BR in 1948, but they were replaced in the 1950s by BR Standard 2-6-4Ts. Pre-order yours today!

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BISHOPS STORTFORD: CHANGE OF VENUE

Bishop's Stortford Railway Society has announced a change of venue for this year's show on Saturday 13 September (1030-1630). Now to be held at the Birchwood High School sports hall, the exhibition is set to be larger with more layouts, traders and associated stands.

For more details please visit the society's website closer to the exhibition date.

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BACHMANN METRO-CAMMELL CLASS 101

Ben Jones examines the latest OO model of one of BR's most numerous and long-lived DMU designs.

irst generation BR diesel multiple units have proved to be a major source of inspiration for Bachmann over the last few years. After the success of the Class 108 released in 2006, the 'Cravens' Class 105 and original 'Derby Lightweight' followed and now we have arguably the most successful, widely used and longlived of them all – the Metropolitan-Cammell Class 101.

Delivered between 1956 and 1960, 760 cars of similar external design were built at Met-Camm's Washwood Heath factory and formed into two, three and four-car sets of several types. Used on all BR regions except the Southern (and they even visited there on occasions), the final survivors were not withdrawn until December 24,

2003, long after other early BR DMUs had been retired. As well as their later passenger exploits in lowland Scotland and the north-west of England, many vehicles saw further use in the 1980s and 1990s in the departmental fleet, allocated to route learning, Sandite application and test trains, whilst others had a short-lived career as parcels units.

Metro-Cammell DMUs have been the subject of several models over the years, starting with Tri-ang in the 1960s. More recently, Class 101 was one of Lima's final new models launched in 1997, subsequently improved and re-released by Hornby. Regarded as one of the better items in the Italian range, it is still a regular fixture in the Hornby catalogue, most recently appearing in Strathclyde PTE orange/black.

However, this model from Bachmann promises a much higher specification, better performance and the extra finesse you'd expect from an all-new

Inner end details such as the exhaust stacks and gangways are superb.

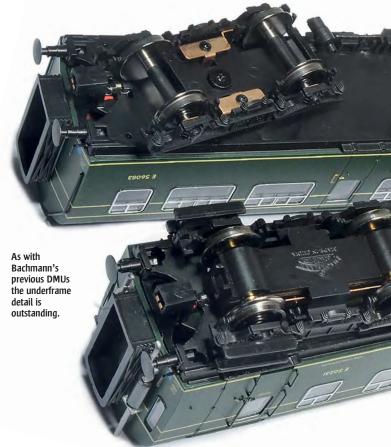
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PRODUCT REVIEW





There's a lot to like about this Class 101, from its good looks and fine detail to the extra features it offers. You have a DMU that should find a place on many layouts.

model in 2014. Based on the excellent Graham Farish N gauge Class 101 released in 2011, it features a wealth of fine details and variations appropriate to region and period.

Reviewed here is a North Eastern Region two-car set in original dark green livery with pale green trim and 'speed whiskers' on the cab front. Destination blinds read 'Newcastle' and 'Middlesbrough'. The livery has been beautifully applied and even the smallest of lettering is legible. Three more sets will be offered in the first batch; BR green with small yellow warning panels (LMR), 1970s BR plain blue (ER) and 1980s BR blue/grey (ER).

Formed of Driving Motor Brake Second (DMBS) E50231 and Driving

Conductive coupling bar and sprung close-coupling mechanism.

Trailer Composite with Lavatory (DTCL) E56083, it's a typical powertrailer set as seen all over the Eastern, North Eastern and London Midland Regions in the late-1950s and 1960s. Of the 153 two-car sets delivered by Metro-Cammell, 123 were of this type. Hopefully Bachmann will follow the example of the Class 108 and introduce three-car and power twin versions in

Pre-production models raised hopes that Bachmann's Class 101 would be a considerable advance over the Lima/Hornby model. Now that we have the chance to study it in detail, there's little to alter that opinion. Although the latter had a number of good

points, particularly the body profile, the cab front 'face' is better on the Bachmann model. The stylish body shape has been well captured, as have the roofs with their hundreds of rivet heads. However, it's the impressive underframe detail and bogies that really put this model in a

and electrical components - some of which are fragile, so handle with care. The unpowered DTCL underframe is more sparse, but no less detailed and features neatly moulded heating pipes, battery boxes, vacuum brake cylinders different league. and tanks. Likewise the standard

bogies, the DMBS has separately fitted

engine, gearbox, exhaust, heating





CONCLUSION

achmann's recent price increases have affected multiple units with hundreds of individual components more than others. Unusually, Bachmann had not released the confirmed RRP for this model as this issue went to press.

However, it is expected to cost somewhat more than the most recent two-car Hornby Class 101, which has an RRP of £99.99 despite its largely outdated 'spec' and cruder detail. Perhaps Hornby's model will switch to the Railroad range and offer a genuine choice between budget and premium DMUs?

There's a lot to like about this Class 101, from its good looks and fine detail to the extra features it offers over Hornby's model. Couple this with a 47 year career that spanned almost the entire country, lots of liveries and stylish looks and vou have a DMU that should find a place on many layouts. BRM

and quiet with plenty of power from the motor bogie. Towing a dummy DMU set or a

couple of trailing vans will present no

problems. NEM pockets with tension

bogies at the outer ends, whilst those

at the inner ends are on sprung close

coupling mechanisms. Usefully, one

short and one long coupling bar is

coupling for gentler curves

supplied, giving the option of closer

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lock couplings are attached to the

Bachmann DMUs such as the 'Cravens' and 'Derby Lightweights'. However, the specification has been updated with a couple of features introduced on other recent multiple units.

DCC users will be pleased to note that the requirement for a decoder in each car has been replaced by a single 21-pin DCC decoder socket in the DMBS vehicle. Conductive coupling bars borrowed from the Class 150 and Southern EMUs now allow one decoder to control the lights in both cars and provide electrical pick-up throughout. Also new is a sliding on/off switch under both cars allowing non-DCC users to control the interior lights. LED saloon lighting is provided along with illuminated destination blinds, headcode panels and marker/tail lights.

As before, the chassis block is housed in the quard's van to try and hide it as much as possible, although it does project some way into the passenger saloon. On closer inspection, some of the new electronics are also visible in the aisle of the

realistic. This unit has the original cab front with two-character headcode panel below the windscreens, but the BR plain blue and blue/grey models will have later ends with the panel removed. Interestingly, this DMBS has the quard's droplight window on the left hand of the two van doors, whereas catalogue images of the other versions show it on the right – a modification made part way through the build and a detail that could very easily have been overlooked. There's been extensive discussion

railcar bogies are superbly

crafted with excellent relief and

crisply modeled, as have the exhaust

Full interiors are provided too,

including different seats in First and

detailed driver's desks in each cab. A

driver and a few passengers would

help to make the train look more

pipes and silencers on the DMBS.

Second Class saloons and neatly

rivet head detail. At the inner ends, the scissors type gangways have been

about the size of the bodyside windows. Compared to some photographs they do look a smidgen undersize, but this appears to be mainly the result of silver-painted aluminium windowframes which are slightly thicker than the originals. It could be argued that the windows themselves aren't quite deep enough, but the discrepancy is only a fraction of a millimetre - not enough to spoil the overall look of a fine model.

If you don't plan to operate the units in multiple, further detail can be added to the outer ends of the set using the bufferbeam parts provided. Simply lever out the NEM pocket with a flat blade and use the instructions to fit the metal screw coupling, multiple working cables and brake pipes.

UPDATED SPEC

In many respects, the mechanical elements are identical to previous DMBS saloon. Performance is smooth That unmistakable Met-Camm 'face' is perfectly captured for the first time in 00 gauge.

PRODUCT REVIEWS



DAPOL'S 'DONNY'

aving released the original Romanian-built Class 56s in 2012, Dapol has now added a modified model based on the much larger batch built at Doncaster Works in the late-1970s and early-1980s.

This new release allows a much wider range of names, numbers and

liveries to be produced, from original BR plain blue locomotives via large logo blue, Railfreight and EWS to contemporary DCR and Colas Railfreight machines. Shown here are two models from either end of the spectrum – BR blue 56 070 and Colas 56 105.

In most respects, the model is unchanged from the Romanian 56s

and enjoys excellent performance and a high specification. Overall, it also captures the bulky outline of the Type 5 very effectively. Crisply moulded grilles and bogie sides, separate wire handrails, etched metal bodyside grilles at the No. 1 end and separate components such as multiple working jumper cables and windscreen wipers

put the models streets ahead of the old Graham Farish 'Grid'.

The most obvious change is the cab front, which has been changed to reflect the simplified arrangement adopted by Doncaster Works. The larger, raised horn box and raised marker/tail lights have been captured correctly on the new plug-in tooling,

FACT FILE

MANUFACTURER Graham Farish by Bachmann SCALE/GAUGE 1:148 scale, 9mm gauge N MODEL 371-455 BR blue Class 37/0 diesel 37 251 (weathered) PRICE RRP £109.95

WORDS Ben Jones
PHOTOGRAPHY Brett Caines



BANGER BLUE CLASS 37

here is no shortage of options for Class 37 models and every year sees numerous new N and OO versions added to catalogues. Latest to arrive from Graham Farish is a 'common or garden' BR blue Class 37/0 in weathered condition. Presented in unrefurbished, unmodernised guise, 37 251 is a typical Western Region machine of the 1970s/early-1980s. Dozens of Class 37s were based in South Wales to haul coal trains from the numerous collieries still open in the

Welsh Valleys at the time.

This 37 features superb detail and decoration, with excellent performance from the all-wheel drive chassis. A sixpin DCC decoder socket is fitted, as are illuminated headcode panels and red tail lights at the rear.

Period details include the 'domino' marker lights in the redundant headcode panel, a plated over boiler exhaust port and the deep valancing around the bufferbeams that was removed in the 1980s. Photographs show the real 37251 still fitted with



FACT FILE

MANUFACTURER Dapol SCALE/GAUGE 1:148 scale, 9mm gauge N

MODEL 2D-004-006 BR blue 56 070, 2D-004-009 Colas 56 105 **PRICE** £128.79 each (DCC Fitted £151.84 each)

WORDS Ben Jones

PHOTOGRAPHY Brett Caines

CLASS 56

as has the cutaway bufferbeam. However, the changes don't extend to the cabside windows, which are still of the Romanian design with separate quarterlight.

All five new Class 56s also have revised cantrail grilles at the No. 2 end, as fitted to some locomotives overhauled by Loadhaul and EWS in the mid-1990s. While these are appropriate for EW&S red/gold 56 089 and Colas 56 105, they are incorrect on earlier machines like BR 56 070.

Decoration on our two samples was generally very good with neat printing, correct colours throughout and a pleasing satin finish. Colas 56 105 is particularly good; the company's hard hat logos and large bodyside branding have been reproduced very effectively, as has the complex orange/yellow/ black livery. The only small decoration fault we could find was the incorrect font for the numbers on 56 070.

As before, the model has a centrally-mounted five-pole motor driving all six axles and a six-nin DCC decoder socket

atop the chassis block. Headlights and red tail lights operate in the direction of travel. Both are also offered with a factory-fitted decoder.

Despite a few small reservations about shape and detail, this is a welcome extension of Dapol's Class 56 family and one that offers plenty of mileage over the coming years. **BRM**

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BACHMANN BR BAUXITE 8T ALE WAGON (EX-CATTLE VAN) B893429 (37-713). SCALE 1:76 00, RRP £15.95

As the movement of cattle by rail declined, a large number of relatively new wagons were transferred to ale traffic. The latest version of Bachmann's excellent BR 8T cattle van recalls this change of purpose and will be an ideal way to build up 1950s/'60s beer trains. Combine it with Bachmann shock absorbing opens and ordinary 12T vent vans for an authentic train.

See the May 2014 issue of **BRM** for much more on 'ale by rail'.





frost shields over the radiator grilles in 1983, although these are not included.

Pair the Class 37 with Graham Farish MCV 16t mineral wagons, Dapol HTV 21t hoppers or 20t mineral wagons for authentic 1970s/80s Welsh Valleys coal trains. Alternatively, looking further afield, a BR blue Class 37/0 can be employed on almost any duty from trip freights to heavy steel trains and summer Saturday holiday trains formed of blue/grey Mk 1s.

Interestingly, this model arrives at the same time as the new Graham Farish Class 55 (**BRM** June 2014), which sets a

new benchmark for N gauge diesels. The real Class 37s and 55s shared the same design of bogie, but the difference between the 'Deltic' and this slightly older model of an English Electric diesel is immediately evident. While the 55 uses slightly undersized wheels to ensure the bogies fit snugly under the body, the 37/0 stands high on its bogies, detracting from the overall look. It shows how far British N gauge has come in just a few years that a generally excellent model has already been surpassed. **BRM**

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FACT FILE

MANUFACTURER Bachmann Europe

SCALE/GAUGE 1:76 scale, 16.5mm gauge '00'

MODEL 39-455 BR crimson/ cream ex-LMS 'Porthole' First Corridor M1122M, 39-475 BR crimson/cream ex-LMS 'Porthole' Vestibule (open) First M7481M

PRICE £39.95 each **WORDS** Ben Jones

PHOTOGRAPHY Tony Wright



t seems like a long time since Bachmann announced its intention

to add the LMS-design Period III 'Porthole' stock to its range. Reviewed here are two First Class vehicles; a 57' First Corridor (FK) and a 60' Vestibule (open) First, both in British Railways crimson/cream carried from the late-1940s until the late-1950s. Completing the family will be a Third Corridor and Brake Third Corridor on 57' underframes and 60' Composite Corridor (CK) and Brake First Corridor (BFK) – all in crimson/cream initially.



Although of LMS design, deliveries of the 'Porthole' coaches didn't start until after Nationalisation in 1948 and so only BR liveries are possible. Some of these coaches remained in service until the late-1960s, with the odd vehicle even receiving a coat of corporate blue/grev.

Six all-new coaches is an impressive tally, and the range covers important designs such as the 60' CK, a type built in large numbers and used widely, but overlooked since the Airfix LMS Period III CK of the late-1970s. As with Hornby's Period IIIs, the major omission is a suitable catering vehicle to modern

standards, but hopefully this will follow.

The coaches follow the familiar Period III styling, although the origin of that nickname is immediately obvious. The circular toilet windows are an unusual period feature, neatly executed with opaque glazing. Like the rest of the windows, the glazing is impressively

CCLASS BACK IN STOCK



or such a humble little goods 0-6-0, the Wainwright C Class

o-6-o caused quite a fuss when it first appeared in 2013. Demand proved to be very high and all versions quickly sold out, most notoriously the elaborate South Eastern & Chatham Railway lined green model. Fortunately, a second batch is now arriving, adding this late BR black version to the family, as well as another, somewhat simpler SECR green locomotive and an alternative

Southern Railway machine with green lining and large yellow tender lettering/numerals.

No. 31579 was one of the last of its type to be withdrawn, surviving until October 1961. The late BR crest on the tender and Gillingham (73D) shedplate date the model between September 1957 and May 1959 when, according to Hugh Longworth's new BR Steam Locomotives: Complete Allocations History 1948-68 (Ian Allan, ISBN 978 0 86093 661 9), the real locomotive was



transferred to Nine Elms depot in London. This was not its only adventure away from its native South Eastern Division; in 1960 it spent six months at Feltham before returning to Stewarts Lane in December of that year. It's a good choice by Bachmann as it will appeal to modellers of the South Western Division as well as its home patch.

No. 31579 is presented in final condition with shorter, fatter chimney fitted by the SR, smokebox door numberplate and Westinghouse air pump on the right hand side of the boiler. As can be seen from the photographs, it's a typically attractive Harry Wainwright design with a distinctly late-Victorian/

THE 'PORTHOLE'



flush with no sign of excess glue around the frames. BR 'hot dog' First Class labels are printed neatly inside.

Overall shape looks 'spot on' and the coaches are blessed with superb fine detail throughout. Separate wire water tank filler pipes and handrails are just one; look out also for the separate lamp brackets and post-war 'torpedo' style

ventilators – no fewer than 27 on the FO – metal buffer heads and the very fine gangway mouldings complete with suspension arms. Also worthy of note are the deeper sliding ventilators, which are similar to those adopted by BR for the Mk. I.

The roof and bodies are simple to remove, revealing a moulded interior

that could easily be enhanced. Each model comes with a bag of extra parts, including a gangway tailboard, metal screw link couplings and brake pipes and a pair of fixed close-coupling bars.

Under the floor, there's the usual vacuum brake gear, dynamo and battery box mounted on square pattern trussing. New LMS 9' wheelbase bogies have been

tooled for the model. Although these have the right proportions, they lack the rivet head detail on previous RTR versions and are a little plain as a result. Interestingly, the pin-point metal axles run in brass inserts inside the frames.

To further ensure free running and the proper relationship between the underframe and bogies whilst using correct size wheels, grooves have been designed into the underside of the chassis. Couplers are mounted in NEM pockets on a cam system which keeps the coaches apart on sharper curves.

Application of the attractive crimson and cream livery is impressive, most notably the razor sharp yellow/black lining above and below the cream band. Other fine printed detail is minimal but includes vehicle information on the body ends and crisp yellow numbers. Colours match other Bachmann BR crimson/cream models and although it could be argued that the crimson should be brighter, the overall effect is convincing.

Even with the recent price increases, these impressive new coaches cost less than the equivalent Hornby LMS Period IIIs and, considering their superb looks, fine details and decoration they still offer good value for money. Highly recommended. **BRW**



Edwardian charm. Bachmann did an excellent job in capturing the overall appearance and there's a good deal of fine detail to enjoy throughout. The only (slight) visual detraction is where the motor block projects beyond the firebox above the middle splasher. However, special mention must go to the exquisite

Ramsbottom safety valves atop the firebox and the outstanding boiler backhead with its array of brass-painted pipes, controls and gauges.

Decoration is simple, but perfectly executed, requiring little or no further attention, unless you wish to renumber it or add an etched brass shedplate.

Earlier samples we tested had mighty performance for such a small locomotive and this one was no different. A simple, but robust mechanism and cast metal running plate/splashers give weight and power where it is needed. For DCC users a 21-pin decoder socket is housed in the tender along with provision for a speaker

FACT FILE

MANUFACTURER Bachmann Europe

SCALE/GAUGE 1:76 scale,

16.5mm gauge '00'

MODEL 31-465 BR late crest

black Wainwright C Class 0-6-0

No. 31579

PRICE £TBC

WORDS Ben Jones

PHOTOGRAPHY Tony Wright

cradle if you wish to fit sound.

Other features include sprung metal buffers, an adjustable coupling bar between locomotive and tender, fine wire sandpipes and handrails and a bag of optional detailing parts which contains cab doors, brake rigging and a set of fire irons.

If the last batch is any guide, you'll need to snap up one of these lovely little 0-6-os before they disappear. Highly recommended. **BRM**

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LIONHEART GWR 'SMALL PRAIR!

Lionheart Trains' second ready-to-run O gauge steam locomotive is another branch line classic from the Great Western Railway.

FACT FILE

- MANUFACTURER Lionheart Trains
- **SCALE/GAUGE** 1:43.5 scale, 32mm gauge 0
- ▶ MODEL LHT 45X1 Great Western green '45XX' 2-6-2T (unnumbered)
- **▶ PRICE** £1,095.00 (DCC Ready), £1,248.00 (DCC Sound)
- **WORDS** Ben Jones
- ▶ PHOTOGRAPHY Brett Caines

ionheart Trains is one of a growing number of companies specialising in high-quality ready-to-run O gauge models. However, the company's strategy so far has been a little broader than the usual diet of glamorous express locomotives. Focusing on the humbler end of the fleet, Lionheart's first release was a GWR 64XX/74XX 0-6-0PT, followed by RCH wooden bodied and BR 16t coal wagons and a superb GWR autocoach.

Joining that collection now is another Great Western Railway classic, the 45XX 'Small Prairie' 2-6-2T. No fewer than 12 different editions have been produced, tracing the development of the type

from introduction in 1914 to withdrawal by BR in 1965. Also due soon is the 4575 variant with sloping side tanks.

As you might imagine, numerous modifications were made over the years and to capture as many as possible, Lionheart's Chinese supplier has had to produce seven different body styles with more than 50 detail differences across eight decoration periods!

Changes include three types of buffers, straight or curved running plates, cab windows and side shutters, smokebox doors, sandboxes, rear lamp bracket fenders, top feed heights, handrail positions, Automatic Train Control (ATC) equipment and many more. Such attention to detail is not unusual on models of this calibre, but Lionheart's 'Prairies' have a few more tricks up their sleeve to delight both operator and collector.

Lionheart's Richard Webster is keen to emphasise that his models are not museum pieces but are designed for running. Useful features include a separate cab roof held in place by small magnets, driver and fireman figures sculpted by Aidan Campbell and the option of DCC Ready or sound-fitted models to O gauge or ScaleSeven finescale standards.

All Lionheart models are designed to operate on 3' radius curves for those with limited space. The 45XXs also have cams on the pony trucks to enable





this without compromising prototype appearance.

Kindly loaned for review is an unnumbered Great Western plain green model without a copper capped chimney or porthole windows on the cab front above the firebox, curved running plate and a host of other period features. There's no question that the classic Churchward design has been captured 'to a tee' and that the level of detail will please even the most exacting of GWR modellers.

Even a cursory glance will confirm that the model is finished to a superb standard. This livery is one of the less intricate options but is no less lovely for that; the satin finish to the green and

black paintwork is relieved by pin-sharp yellow tank side lettering, shaded in red and black as per the original. On the 1914 condition model even the wheels and quard irons are lined as they were on the prototype. Every model is supplied with a pair of white cotton gloves to protect the paintwork from fingermarks when it is being handled.

Other quality features include working cab doors, sliding cabside shutters, metal screw link couplings, sprung buffers and superb chassis detail.

DCC Ready models have an eight-pin decoder socket inside the body, while those with sound have decoders loaded with authentic sounds recorded from a preserved 45XX. We found the sound on this sample to be excellent, with a convincing GWR 'bark' and a supporting cast of characteristic sounds such as the crosshead pump.

A new function is synchronised coal



It's hard to find fault with such a superb product which is clearly the result of extensive research...

called 'on the run'. On the real railway the fireman needs to keep the boiler pressure up, so by pressing F12 a couple of shovels of coal and a small amount of water added by the injector can be heard automatically.

Such features set the Lionheart model apart from more basic RTR brass locomotives and from kit-built alternatives. Price-wise it compares favourably with other options in this scale; a kit-built model would cost approximately £500, while assembly and painting to this standard would set you back another few hundred pounds. Add in the sound element and it's a compelling package, albeit one that most of us would need to save up for!

There were only a few 45XXs left as this issue of **BRM** went to press, although the 4575s are due shortly. As with previous Lionheart models, it's hard to find fault with such a superb product, which is clearly the result of lengthy research, attention to detail and superb execution. Highly recommended. For more information, see www. lionhearttrains.com **BRM**

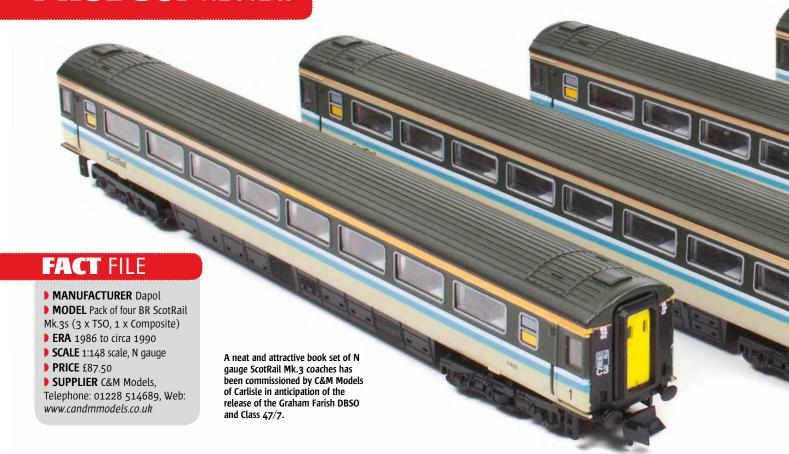
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PRODUCT REVIEW



SCOTRAIL PUSH-PULL MK.3 STOCK



A side view of one of the three TSO coaches. The yellow lower panel in the toilet windows is correctly applied.

Nigel Burkin examines this important new commission for Scottish N gauge modellers.

&M Models of Carlisle latest special commission is a book set of Dapol Mk.3 coaches in BR ScotRail livery. The set is limited to just 200 pieces and is neatly presented with a foam-lined box together with a signed certificate of authenticity. The box set pre-empts the planned N gauge ScotRail Mk.2f DBSO and Class 47/7 models announced by Graham Farish and due for release in 2015.

As previously reported in **BRM**, Dapol set the standard for N gauge Mk.3 coaches with a sophisticated model. It has a well proportioned body representing Mk.3a and Mk.3b stock which consists of four basic mouldings: an opaque plastic body shell with separate glazing inserts; separate roof moulding which clips into the bodyshell, and interior seating.

In common with the previously released first and standard class coaches, the ScotRail Mk.3s feature a high level of technical specification including an interior lighting socket

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which accepts the standard Dapol 'light bar'. Current collection is possible through both bogies which have electrical pick-ups which collect current from the end of the axles of stub wheelsets. The wheels themselves are composed of split axles and plastic insulating bushes offering direct electrical pick-up through all eight wheels.

The coaches are equipped with frame-mounted close-coupling cams, leaving the bogies clear of coupling equipment and enabling the fitting of end footsteps. Operation of closecoupled coaches on sharp curves presents little difficulty as a result, both when hauled and propelled. The cams ease the gangways away from each other upon entering a curve and ease back as the coaches straighten when stock is propelled and hauled. Each cam is equipped with a NEM coupling pocket fitted with 'Rapido' type couplings. The pocket will accept couplings from Dapol's new buckeye coupling system too.

A pack of etched metal brake inserts for the wheels – enough for eight outward facing wheel faces plus two spares is supplied with the book set together with a variety of non-working buckeye couplings.

Livery

Some careful research has been conducted into the livery applied. The colours and markings are correct, with good, dense colour shades. The ScotRail legend is correctly applied close to the mid-height lining. Only the coach

number typeface is inaccurate in that Rail Alphabet has not been used - a common feature of Dapol's models.

Other printed details are sharp and well applied, with only a slight trace of raggedness on some lining. Noteworthy is the yellow lower panel in each toilet window, a feature of this fleet of coaches.

The coaches are numbered 11905 (CO) and 12004, 12014 and 12030 (TSOs).

Conclusion

C&M Models has commissioned a very attractive set of coaches which are well researched and produced. They will work well with the Graham Farish DBSO and Class 47/7. Priced at £87.50, the set represents good value for money. Finally, C&M Models offer spare seat mouldings for modellers that wish to adapt the 2+1 First Class seating in the CO to better model the seating arrangement. **BRM**

Dapol has produced the book set which includes a post-1986 Composite Open conversion applied to the Mk.3 FO coaches used on the Edinburgh Waverley—Glasgow Queen Street shuttles in the late-1980s.

All that is needed to complete the train is the forthcoming Graham Farish Class 47/7 and DBSO coach. Experience with using Dapol HST sets indicates that propelling four of these coaches should present no difficulty.



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DCC CONCEPTS BUFFER STOPS

DCC Concepts' illuminated bufferstop is put under scrutiny by **Howard Smith**

Photography by Brett Caines

CC Concepts
bufferstops with
lamps (ref: H-DMLMBS) have been on
sale for a few years,
and so by default, don't fall under the 'new
item' category. Even so, when tasked with
reviewing them, it was hard to imagine what
to say when first putting pen to paper (or
finger to keyboard in this case). After
all, just how much can you say about
a set of buffers?

As it happened though, these 'stops' proved to be a worthy subject of scrutiny, so much so, that I felt obliged to provide one with an adequate scene, just to show how good they can look when installed and painted.

For a number of years Peco have dominated the OO and HO market with their buffer stop offering and have probably sold tens of thousands of them over the years. Those wishing to make the lamp situated above the beam

WHY OIL-LIT LAMPS?

Oil-lit lamps were commonly used on buffer stops situated in sidings or stations where night time marshalling was likely to take place. They acted just as much as a form of warning as they did a marker for drivers. They were gradually phased out in the late-1980s in favour of battery or mains powered lights, which were more reliable and require less maintenance.

An example of what can be made with a few items and a DCCconcepts buffer stop. If Phil Parker built a pizza layout, then this must surely be a pizza slice layout.

pcc Concepts
has once again
succeeded in producing
an easy-to-use and useful
working feature that is
essential for almost
any layout.

illuminate resorted to
either drilling out a hole and
fitting an LED, or replacing it with a ci

fitting an LED, or replacing it with a circuit board and pre-mounted LED suitable for more modern applications. Either way, no reliable off-the-shelf lit alternative existed; that was before the arrival of the offering from DCC Concepts.

Upon request, Gaugemaster kindly supplied a pack for review (two stops per pack) and it was time to see just what you get for your money.

At £23.95 for a pack of two bufferstops with built-in LEDs (each with its own separate PCB with integrated resistor) they can't be described as 'dirt cheap'. That said, neither can their quality. As with many things, what you pay for is what you get and it must be said that the rail detail has in no way been compromised.

All bolts and spacing blocks between the rails have been represented - even the lamp has a copper wire grab handle and separate clear lens added over the LED. The product is based on a GWR style rail-built buffer stop, of which there are many varieties - a subject worthy of an article in itself - but which still remains a relatively generic design that can be used in other



DELUXE MATERIALS' SMART PLASTIC

Richard Wilson and **Shelagh Morrall** show how easy it is to produce small plastic items with this remarkable new product.

eing from the Deluxe Materials stable, there were high hopes of being able to do fantastic things with the bottle of Smart Plastic. As it says in the instructions, the granules melted and then fused together easily in hot water, and I used the handle of a paint brush to form it into a blob before removing it from the water to DELUXE mould by hand (be careful if you've been naughty and used very hot water!). The consistency was not quite what we expected - it can be best described like a cross between Blu-Tac and moulding icing. As it's a new product there were few 'what to do with' suggestions on the internet so we decided to just play about and experiment to find just what it can Heat mouldable and can't do. modelling plastic. Melt & then mould in your hand. Pour a suitable quantity of the

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Add enough hot water (between 40-60 degrees) to just cover the granules.

Right Leave for a short while until it begins to fuse together, then lift from the container with a paintbrush handle or similar – the plastic can then be transferred to you hands for moulding – make sure they're clean!





Left The plastic when fused together – this can be moulded to any shape using your hands or a suitable mould.

SHELAGH'S TRIAL

he blurb on the bottle says that it cuts with a knife or scissors so I tried forming it into thin sheets to test this. Success! However, let it set first or it makes the blade sticky and drags rather than giving a clean cut. I also tried using a pastry cutter but it needs to be quite soft for it to go all the way through.

As a crafter I had lots of flexible moulds for use with clay, wax, meltable soap and so on and thought

I'd give them a try. I pushed the soft plastic into a selection of both smooth and textured moulds to see how much detail it would take and then left it for a few minutes to set. My main concern was that the

granules into a plastic container.

hardened plastic wouldn't come out of the mould, but I needn't have worried as the plastic came away from the mould easily and as can be seen from the photographs took even the tiny detail of the strawberry seeds very well (the peach coloured berry shows

> the detail much better than the white one, the colour resulting from accidentally using a paint brush with 'Tudor Rose'

emulsion on the handle when melting the plastic).

Following on from the deliberate mistake of colouring the plastic above I decided to see how easily it did 'colour with inks or acrylic' as it said on the bottle. Working the colour into the soft plastic in much the same way as adding food colouring to white icing by dropping/brushing the paint onto the soft plastic, kneading it and then adding more colour was decidedly messy. The plastic kept

RICHARD'S TRIAL

y first idea was for coal loads. I decided to use oven baked clay to make the mould, shaping a rectangle approximately 5mm deep to fit an old OO wagon and then using a coal load from a Dapol wagon to make a negative impression of the coal surface.

A quick 15 minutes in a low oven, and a brew, whilst it cooled and the negative was ready to use. I checked that it still fitted the wagon and found that pressing the coal load into it had squashed it slightly and it was now a bit big- a quick rub on the edges with some sandpaper solved the problem.

Using the coloured plastic from earlier, I softened it and pressed it on top of the negative and left it to cool. As I discovered, it is important to make sure the plastic is dry before pushing it onto the

negative or else trapped water spoils the finish – dry by dabbing it onto a non-fluffy cloth (jeans!) or kneading a little with dry hands. Press the soft plastic firmly onto the negative and remove any excess protruding above the top or sides. Allow plenty of time to harden thoroughly (separating the clay and plastic whilst the plastic is still tacky also spoils the finish) before carefully removing the clay/plastic block – it separates easily with the help of the point of a fine blade.

I already knew that the plastic would mould fine detail, so I also wondered about the possibility of using it to either make a mould of a stone wall for example and then cast the wall in another material, or make the mould out of another material and then cast with the Smart Plastic.





coal load. With hindsight, the negative version taken straight from the

Dapol

reproduction of the

load is better than the positive version from the mould!



As well as adding it to the mould, I also took the risk of adding Smart Plastic direct to the Dapol coal load plastic moulding. Would it work?



The Smart Plastic can be painted with a suitable black – here I'm using Railmatch Weathered Black.



The completed load in place inside a suitable Dapol wagon. Thinking of the further use of the plastic – it may be possible to mould all four sides of a wagon to produce a suitable wagon 'kit' – the only problems would be the stretching of the moulds or the plastic causing distortion.

hardening as it was being worked so that I had to keep putting it back into the hot water,

which of course then washed some of the water based acrylic off. The black colour ended up looking suitably intense, but unfortunately faded to grey as it dried. Unless you're looking for a pale finish then painting the finished product with

primer then acrylic would be a better option (or find an old brush that

you've used to stir emulsion of the required colour).

So far, so good, but no relevant use to railway modelling yet unless you want a field of giant fruit or some dinosaurs...

THE VERDICT

This is a tremendously useful product, which is, of course, not just limited to the model railway world. With the option of re-melting the plastic as many times as necessary, the possibility of waste and poorly moulded items has been avoided and the ease of producing and handling the plastic makes it a very easy material to work – it has no smell and can be moulded initially with the fingers. I'm in danger of using the old cliché – the possibilities are endless....

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SATURDAY 19 JULY

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Northampton High School, Newport Pagnell Road, Northampton NN4 6UU **Saturday:** 10.00am - 4.30pm **Prices:** £5.00 adult, £4.00 concessions, £12.00 family

SATURDAY 19 JULY TO SUNDAY 20 JULY

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society

The Old Town Hall, High Street, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0AZ **Saturday:** 10.00am - 5.00pm **Sunday:** 10.00am - 4.00pm **Prices:** £3.00 adult, £1.00 child, £6.00 family (2 + 2) **Contact:** George Marcar **Tel:** 07821 254232 **Web:** http://www.gres.org.uk

Manchester Museum of Transport Festival of Model Tramways Boyle Street, Cheetham Hill, Manchester M8 8UW Saturday: 10.00am - 5.00pm Sunday: 10.00am - 5.00pm Prices: £7.50 adult, £6.50 concessions Contact:

Ron Howes **Tel:** 0208 948 0721 **Email:** ron. howes@tramwayinfo.com **Web:** http://www.tramwayinfo.com/festival

Whitby & Districk MRC The Village Hall, Goathland, North Yorkshire Y022 5AL Saturday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Sunday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Prices: £1.00 adult Contact: John Stewart Tel: 01751 461547 Email: john@uncommercial.co.uk

SATURDAY 26 JULY

Barnstaple MRC Christ Church, Bear Street, Barnstaple, Devon EX32 7BU Saturday: 10.00am - 4.00pm Prices: £3.00 adult, £2.50 concessions Contact: Richard Slate Tel: 01271 370654 (evenings only)

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Bridport & District MRC United Church Hall, East Street, Bridport, Dorset DT6 3LJ Saturday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Prices: £3.00 adult Contact: Bob Ahrens Tel: 01308 861754 Email: Robert@rahens.wanadoo.co.uk

SATURDAY 26 JULY TO SUNDAY 27 JULY

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Kirkleatham Museum Toy & Train Fair 2014
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SUNDAY 15 JUNE

SRP Fairs - Rayleigh Sweyne Park School, Sir Walter Rayleigh Drive, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 9BZ Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm Prices: £2.00 adult Contact: Geald Widdowson Tel: 07739998012 / 01322662729 Email: srptoys1@hotmail.co.uk Web: http://www. srptoyfairs1.co.uk

SUNDAY 22 JUNE

SRP Fairs - Orpington Crofton Halls, Station Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 8PR Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm Prices: £2.00 adult Contact: Gerald Widdowson Tel: 07739998012 / 01322662729 Email: srptoys1@hotmail.co.uk Web: http://www.srptoyfairs1.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE

Hoddesdon Toy & Train Fair Sheredes School, Cock Lane, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire EN11 9JY Wednesday: 7.00pm - 9.00pm Contact: Joe Lock Tel: 01992 467967 / 07866 641215

SATURDAY 28 JUNE

SRP Fairs - Hawkinge Hawkinge Community
Centre Heron Forstal Avenue, Hawkinge, Kent
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MEETINGS & TALKS

THURSDAY 12 JUNE

Grantham Railway Society

St Wulfram's Church Hall, Church Street, Grantham, Lincolnshire **Thursday:** 7.30 pm **Prices:** £2.00 adult, £1.00 concessions **Contact:** Bill Berridge **Tel:** 07743 335545

MONDAY 30 JUNE

Nantwich & Market Drayton Railway Society - Decade of Steam & Diesel 2003-2013 King's Head Inn Shrewsbury Road, Market Drayton TF9 3EH Monday: 8.00pm Contact: John Slynn Email: johnslynn147@virginmedia.com

TUESDAY 1 JULY

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Avenue, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 6PJ
Tuesday: 8.00pm - 10.30pm Contact:
Roger Elkin Tel: 2083630697 Email:
rogerelkin@btinternet.com Web: http://www.earm.co.uk

THURSDAY 3 JULY

The Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB **Thursday:** 7.45pm **Contact:** Bob Poole **Tel:** 01474 326232 **Web:** http://www.gres.org.uk

MONDAY 7 JULY

Mirfield Railway Enthusiasts Society -Railway Quiz Night, Navigation Tavern Station Road, Mirfield, West Yorkshire Monday: 7.45pm Contact: Pete Whitworth Tel: 01924 498651 Email: petesyl12whitworth@hotmail.com

THURSDAY 10 JULY

Grantham Railway Society St Wulfram's Church Hall, Church Street, Grantham, Lincolnshire, Thursday: 7.30pm Prices: £2.00 adult, £1.00 concessions Contact: Bill Berridge Tel: 07743 335545

MONDAY 28 JULY

Nantwich & Market Drayton Railway Society - Great Central Railway 'The Gap revised'- The Bridge for the future. King's Head Inn Shrewsbury Road, Market Drayton TF9 3EH Monday: 8.00pm Contact: John Slynn Email: johnslynn147@ virginmedia.com



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WEDNESDAY 2 JULY

South Croydon Toy & Train Fair St John's Community Hall, Upper Selsdon Road, South Croydon CR2 8DD Wednesday: 6.30pm -8.30pm Prices: £1.00 adult Contact: Joe Lock Tel: 01992 467967 / 07866 641215

SATURDAY 5 JULY

Malcolm Townsend Nottingham Bluecoat Toy & Train Fair Bluecoat Academy, Aspley Lane, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire NG8 5GY Saturday: 10.00am - 2.00pm Prices: £2.00 adult Contact: Malcolm Townsend Tel: 07951 072790Email: malctow@hotmail.co.uk Web: http://www.ashfieldtoyfairs.kk5.org

SATURDAY 5 JULY TO SUNDAY 6 JULY

▶ Pooleys Puffers at Locomotion: the National Railway Museum, Shildon, Durham DL4 1PQ Saturday: 10am to 5pm Sunday: 10am to 5pm Prices: £0.00 adult, £0.00 child, £0.00 OAP Contact: Anne Tel: 0191 410 6386 Email: pooleyspuffers@btopenworld.com

WEDNESDAY 9 JULY

Malcolm Townsend Burton Upon Trent Toy & Train Fair The Town Hall, Burton Upon Trent DE14 2EB Wednesday: 6.30pm - 8.30pm Prices: £2.00 adult Contact: Malcolm Townsend Tel: 07951 072790 Email: malctow@hotmail.co.uk Web: http://www. ashfieldtoyfairs.kk5.org

SUNDAY 13 JULY

SRP Fairs - Brighton The Grandstand and Paddock Hall Brighton Racecourse, Freshfield Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 9XZ Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm Prices: £2.00 adult Contact: Gerald Widdowson Tel: 07739998012 / 01322662729 Email: srptoys1@hotmail.co.uk Web: http://www.srptoyfairs1.co.uk

Ray Heard Model Railways - Bridgwater Train & Toy Fair Junction 24 the Venue, Marketway, North Petherton, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 6DF Sunday: 10.00am - 3.30pm Prices: £2.00 adult Contact: Ray Heard Tel: 01823 480097

FRIDAY 18 JULY

Malcolm Townsend Alfreton Toy & Train Fair
The Leisure Centre Church Street, Alfreton,
Derbyshire DE55 7BD Friday: 7.00pm
- 9.00pm Prices: £2.00 adult Contact:
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TUESDAY 22 JULY

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SATURDAY 26 JULY TO SUNDAY 27 JULY

Bluebell Railway Toy & Train Fair Horsted Keynes Station, Station Approach, East Sueex RH17 7BB Saturday: 10.00am - 4.00pm Sunday: 10.00am - 4.00pm Prices: Regular train fares apply - £3.00 admission to station only Contact: Joe Lock Tel: 01992 467 967 / 07866 641215

SUNDAY 27 JULY

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THURSDAY 31 JULY

Theydon Bois Toy & Train Fair Theydon Bois Village Hall Coppice Row (B172), Theydon Bois, Essex CM16 7ER Thursday: 7.00pm - 9.00pm Prices: £1.00 adult Contact: Joe Lock Tel: 01992 467967 / 07866 641215

OPEN DAYS

SATURDAY 14 JUNE TO SUNDAY 15 JUNE

Gainsborough Model Railway Society Florence Terrace, (Near Tesco car park), Gainsborough, Lincolnshire DN21 1BE Saturday: 1.30 pm to 6.00pm Sunday: 1.30 to 6.00pm Prices: £4.00 adult, £3.00 child, £3.00 OAP, £10.00 family (2+2) Contact: M A Clapham Tel: 01427 615871 Email: gmrscontact@gmail.com Web: http://www.qainsboroughmodelrailway.co.uk

SUNDAY 15 JUNE

Chichester Model Engineers 'Steam on Sunday' Blackberry Lane off Bognor Road, Chichester (East), West Sussex PO19 2FS Sunday: 14.00 - 17.00 Contact: Mr Earnshaw-Mansell Tel: 07954 0511594 Email: benguilden@btinternet.com Web: http://www.cdsme.co.uk

SATURDAY 21 JUNE

NMRA The Thamesiders Model Railroad Group Whitegates Farm, Frating Hill (A133), Frating, Essex CO7 7DG Saturday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Contact: Patrick Grace Tel: 01206 827368 Web: http://www.thamesidersmrg.org.uk

SATURDAY 28 JUNE

Wirral O Guage GroupThe Club Room, Unit 7, The Odyssey Centre, Birkenhead CH41 1HB Saturday: 13.00 to 17.00 Prices: £2.00 adult Contact: Jenny ElliottTel: 07931 846794 Email: j.elliott37@sky.com

SATURDAY 5 JULY

West Camel Model Railway Open Day

Davis Hall, West Camel, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 70X **Saturday:** 10.00am - 3.30pm **Prices:** £2.50 adult, £1.50 child **Contact:** Bob **Tel:** 01963 440167 **Email:** wjh069@ gmail.com

SATURDAY 5 JULY

Leicester Museums Technology Association Railway Gala Day Abbey Pumping Station, Corporation Road, Leicester LE4 5PX Saturday: 11.00am - 4.30pm Contact: Brian Gillespie Tel: 1162995111 Email: operationsabbeypumpingstation.org

SUNDAY 13 JULY

Keighley MRC in Partnership with Sue Ryder Manorlands Keighley Business Centre, Knowle Mills, South Street, Keighley BD21 1SY Sunday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Prices: £3.50 adult, £2.50 child Contact: .Web: http://www.keighley-mrc.org.uk

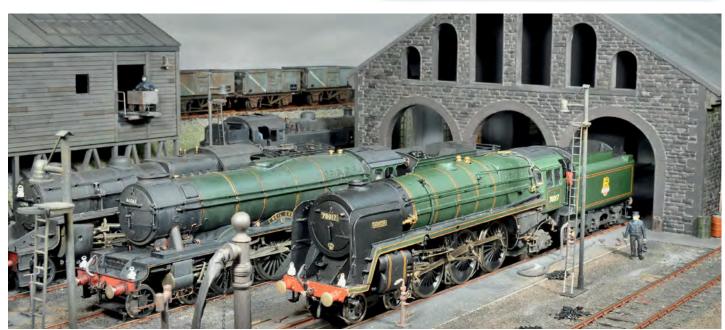
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SATURDAY 26 JULY

Erith Model Railway Society Invicta House (aka the Belvedere Workingmen's Club), 66 Gilbert Road, Kent DA17 5DA Saturday: 10.00am - 4.00pm Web: http://www.erithmrs.ukmodelshops.co.uk

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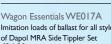


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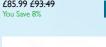
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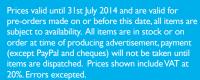








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£89





MM0077 Irish Class 071/111 diesel loco in IE orange£125 077 (Mur)



MM0210 Irish Class 201 diesel 210 in CIE orange full yellow ends (Mur) .

Electric locos



Blue single . BARGAIN £80



ectric loco in DB Schenker (Hor) £62 **DMUs**



 orange
 (Hor)
 £88

 31-325 Class 105 2 car Cravens DMU in BR blue yellow ends. Norwich / Lowestoft (Bac) (list £114.95)
 BARGAIN
 £70





32-906 Class 108 2 Car DMU in BR green half yellow ends (Bac) (list £139.95). BARGAIN. £69 82-905 Class 108 2-aar DMU in BR blue & grey full yellow ends (Bac) (list £139.95). BARGAIN. £59 (list £139.95). BARGAIN. £59 (list £169.95). BARGAIN. £74 (list £169.95). BARGAIN. £74 8993 Class 128 DPU BR Blue full yellow ends and Midland style fronts (Hel) 8991 Class 128 DPU BR Green small yellow panels and Midland style fronts (Hel)

. £94 128 DPU BR Green speed whiskers & Midland style fronts (Hel) £94



8941 Class 128 DPU in Royal Mail red full yellow ends£94



32-925 Class 150/1 2-car DMU in First North Western . Preston/ Blackpool (Bac) (list £105) ... BARGAIN.....£53





8705 Railbus W&M E79961 in green - gloss (Hel) red. £79 (HeI) (list £129.95) BANGAIN £79 8710 Railbus W&M Laboratory 20 "Elliot" RTC red & blue (Modelzone Exclusive) (HeI) £97



8800 Railcar W79975 in BR light green speed whiskers & semi-gloss finish (Hel) .



R4529 1967 Brighton Belle Car (Pullman Trailer 1st W/ Kitchen) No.2 (Hor). R4528 1967 Brighton Belle Car (Pullman Trailer 1st W/Kitcher R4527 1967 Brighton Belle Car (Pullman Trailer 3rd) (Ho



31-030 Class 350/1 Desiro 4 Car EMU 350 111 "Apollo" in



R3185 Class 395 Javelin 4 car EMU "Sir Chris Hoy" in No roci class 393 Javelini 4 car cmio 3 in Crinis Noy ini Southeastern (Hor) . £132 R3161A Class 401 2-BiL 2-car EMU 2041 in SR green DCC ready (Hor) . £99 R3161AX Class 401 2-BiL 2-car EMU 2041 in SR green DCC filted (Hor) £114 R3162AX Class 401 2-BiL 2-car EMU 2142 in BR green DCC Filted (Hor) £114



R3162A Class 401 2-BIL 2-car EMU 2142 in BR green DCC Ready (Hor). £99



£83.26



31-266 Class 419 Motor Luggage Van (MLV) in BR Southern Region green yellow panel (Bac)





R2988 Class 5BEL Pullman Brighton Belle 1967 2 Car





32-816 Class 47/3 47365 'Diamond Jubilee' BR Railfreight
Distribution (Bac) ... £93 .463 (Bac) 47/3 47710 'Sir Walter Scot' in BR ScotRail (Bac) £86.36

31-653 Class 47/7 47710 'Sir Walter Scot' in BR ScotRail (Bac) £86.36

31-653 Class 47/7 47710 'Sir Walter Scot' in BR ScotRail (Bac) £86.36

31-653 Class 47/7 47710 'Sir Walter Scot' in BR ScotRail (Bac) £86.36

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32-515A Derby Lightweight 2 Car DMU in BR green half yellow ends (Bac) ... £123.21

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B800BRGreen Non-motorised OO Track Cleaner motorised cleaning heads and vacuum in BR green (Dap)......£52 Track cleaning fluid

B805 100ml of track cleaning fluid for the B800 Track cleaner (Dap) . . £7





R1171 Flight Of The Mallard train set LNER Class A4 4-6-2 'Mallard' steam loco & 3 teak coaches (Hor) ...£144



R1167 Flying Scotsman Set 3 x LNER coaches (loco has 3-pole motor) (Hor) £120



30-077 Midnight Metropolitan 32-217 style London Transport maroon pannier (different number to 30-076 version) (Bac) £89.24



30-125 St. Blazey Haulier set BR Blue Class 08 08839, 2 x China clay wagons & Brake van (Bac) £80.74 Train sets - DCC



R1173 e-Link DCC Western Master train set GWR Class 2721 steam loco & 3 wagons (Hor) £120



R1172 e-Link Majestic train set A1 Pacific Peppercorn Class in Experimental blue & BR Class 47 (Hor) £340



B1125 Somerset Belle train set Class 3F 0-6-0 S&D.IR 0-6-0 steam loco & 3 wagons - DCC control (Hor)....£134 Coaches





B800BRBlue Non-motorised OO Track Cleaner motorised cleaning heads and vacuum in BR blue (Dap)......£52 Class. (Hor) (list £48.99).......BARGAIN....£



R4475 Pullman 12-wheel 3rd Class Parlour Car 'Car No (list £49.99) . R4478 Pullma (list £49.99) . R4483 Pullma BARGAIN (list £49.99)



R4482 Pullman 3rd Class Brake 'Car No. 65' Matchboard

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(list £49.99) EARGAIN £25 ### H4481 Pullman 3rd Class Kitchen 'Car No. 60' - Matchboard type (Hor) (list £49.99) BARGAIN £25
(list £49.99)
(list £51.49) BARGAIN £25
R4429 Pullman 3rd Class Kitchen car 'No 171' - steel sided (Hor)
(list £49.99)



R4479 Pullman 3rd Class Parlour Car 'Car No. 34' Matchboard type (Hor) (list £49.99)....BARGAIN.



39-129C BR Mk1 CK Composite Corridor (WR) chocolate & cream - weathered (Bac) (list £34.95) BARGAIN. . . £18
39-154C BR Mk1 FK First Corridor (WR) chocolate & cream - weathered (Bac) (list £34.95) BARGAIN . . . £18



39-054C BR Mk1 SO Second Open (WR) Chocolate & Cream (Bac)....£28.01
R4354 Mk1 SK corridor second BR chocolate & cream. New tooling for ream -£29.71



R4406A BR Hawksworth: (Pre 1953) Brake 3rd. (Hor) (list £40.25)



R4407A BR Hawksworth (Pre 1953) Composite coach in BR carmine & cream (Hor) (list £38.99) BARGAIN. £22 R4493A BR Hawksworth (pre 1953) 1st Class Coach (Hor) BARGAIN £21 ((ist £38.99) BARGAIN £21 ((ist £38.99) BARGAIN £21 ((ist £38.99) BARGAIN £21 ((ist £38.99) BARGAIN £25 ((ist orth: (Pre 1953) 1st / 3rd Brake in BR Carr 25)BARGAIN









39-500 Pack of 4 BR Mk1 SLF Sleeper Car in	
maroon (Bac) (list £155.80) BARGAIN £1	22
39-500 Single (Bac)	£33
39-502 BR Mk1 SLSTP Sleeper Car in maroon (Bac)	
39-502 Pack of 4 (Bac) (list £155.80)	122
R4566 BR (Ex LNER) 61' 6" Corridor Brake Composite in maroon (Hor) !	
R4413A BR Hawksworth: (Post 1953) 1st / 3rd Brake in BR Maroon (He	
(list £40.25)	E21



R4350 Mk1 CK corridor composite in BR maroon. New

44352 Mk1 BSK brake corridor second BR marcon. New tooling for 2013 (Hor). £29.71
44352 Mk1 BSK brake corridor second BR marcon. New tooling for 2013 (Hor). £21.21
44-654C Thompson 63ft full brake in BR marcon (Bac). £23.76



39-320A BR Mk1 BSP Pullman bar 2nd 'The Hadrian Bar' (with lighting) (Bac) £39.91 (with lighting) (Bac)
39-321 BR Mk1 BSP Pullman bar 2nd coach in blue/grey (with lighting) (Bac) (list £46.95)
BARGAIN



39-340A BR Mk2A FK First Corridor Blue & Grey (Bac) 39-400 on miles of the Case of the Case of Parlow Grey & Blue (Wi 39-3114 BR Mkt SP Pullman Second Parlow Grey & Blue (Wi BARGAIN BARGAIN BARGAIN .£12

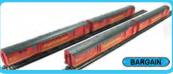


39-425 Pack of 4 BR Mk1 POS Post Office Sorting Van in BR Blue & Grey. (Bac) (list £155.80) ... BARGAIN ... £89 37-684 14 Ton tank wagon large filler in "Esso" 94-25 Single (Bac) (list £38.55) ... BARGAIN ... £23 silver (Bac)



39-175D BR Mk1 BG Full Brake Express Parcels blue 8

39-301A BR Mk1 SK Pullman Second Kitchen Grey & Blue (With
Lighting) (Bac) (list £46.95)
Lighting) (Bac) (list £46.95)
39-501 Pack of 4 (Bac) (list £155.80)
34-652B Thompson 63ft full brake BR blue - weathered (Bac)
(list £28.95)





39-435 Pack of 4 BR Mk1 POS Post Office Sorting Van Royal Mail Travelling Post Office Red (Bac) (list £155.80)BARGAIN 9 39-435 Single (Bac) (list £39.95) BARGAIN 9

R4271A Pendolino trailer standard buffet (non-working pantograph)
PTSRMB (Hor) (list £41.49)
R296 Track cleaning coach (Hor)£22
Wagons
Wchass10 10 foot wagon chassis (Dap) £5.50



H4569 BR (Ex LNER) 61' 6" Corridor Buffet Car in maroon (Hor). £44

8499 BR Hawksworth (Post 1953) First Class in BR Maroon (Hor) (Bist 238,99) BARGAIN £72

84113A Pack of 4 100 ton TEA bogie tank wagon in Esso grey (Bac) (Ilist £130) BARGAIN £72

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38-113A Single (Bac) (Ilist £32.50) BARGAIN £19

8413A Megapack of 8 (Bac) (Ilist £32.50) BARGAIN £19

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£11.8 Egg (Bac) NEW .£11.8 Bauxite (Late)
38-575 12 Ton Fish Van LNER Oxide (Bac) NEW £11.8
37-778C 12 ton mogo van in GWR grey (Bac)£11.8
18-476 12 ton non-ventilated van corrugated ends BR bauxite (late) (Bac) £11.8
38-476 Pack of 4 (Bac) (list £55.80)
88-476 Megapack of 8 (Bac) (list £111.60) BARGAIN £8



37-903A 12 ton planked shock absorbing van corrugated

ends in BR bauxite (Bac). 27.37-902A 12 ton planked shock absorbing value (Bac). 27.37-902A 12 ton planked shock absorbing van planked ends BR bauxite (Bac). 27.38-1706 12 Ton plywood verifiated van in BR Bauxite (asty). Back. 211.86.38-171C 12 ton plywood ventilated van in BR Bauxite (late). (Bac). £11.86.





R6569 12 Ton Tanker "Fothergill Bros" (Hor) (list £13.49) ... BARGAIN ... £9 38-390.4 12 ton ventilated van corrugated ends BR bauxite (early) (Bac). £11.86 38-3754 12 ton ventilated van planked ends in INER oxide (Bac) . £11.86



38-450 Pack of 4 13 ton Hyfit steel open wagon in	BR	
bauxite (early) (Bac) (list £39.80)BARGAIN		.£30
38-450 Single (Bac)		2
38-450 Megapack of 8 (Bac) (list £79.60) BARGAIN		£5
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silver (Bac). £12.71 37-685 14 Ton tank wagon large filler in Mex Lamp Oils (Bac) . . . £12.71





37-250H 16 ton steel mineral wagon without top flap £8.29



B1005 21 Ton hopper wagon in BR (Dap)..



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38-011B Pack of 4 24 Tonne glw MFA open box mineral wagon in EWS (ex-Loadhaul) (Bac) (list £59.80) ... BARGAIN.....£4



Opening Hours

Shop 8am to 6pm Mon to Sal 10am to 4pm

Phones 7am to 9pm Mon to Thu 8am to 6pm Fri & Sat 9am to 5pm Sun



38-404 25 Ton Pill Box brake van in BR Departmental Olive green (Bac). £11.
33-8256 25 Ton Queen Mary brake van in BR bauxite (Bac). £16.11
33-8258 25 Ton Queen Mary brake van in BR Departmental olive (Bac). £16.11
37-830C 3 Janki wagon in BR bauxite BD container in BR cri



33-928B 30 Ton bogie bolster in BR grey grey steel£12.71



.£60



38-058 Pack of 4 31 tonne OCA dropside open wagon in EWS - weathered (Bac) (list £87.80) ...BARGAIN ... £3 38-058 Single (Bac) (list £21.95) ...BARGAIN ... £1 38-058 Megapack of 8 (Bac) (list £175.60) ...BARGAIN ... £7 ...239





4F-040-009 4 plank wagon "Cadbury" (Dap) 4F-040-010 4 plank wagon "Cadbury" - weathered (Dap)



38-130A Pack of 4 40 Tonne YGH Sealion bogie hopper wagon in olive green - weathered (Bac) (list £131.80) BARGAIN... £106 38-130A Single (Bac). £28.01





 37-584 45 ton TTA tank in Ciba-Geigy
 (Bac)
 £13.56

 37-586 45 Ton TTA tank in Fina (Bac)
 £13.56

 37-582C 45 ton TTA tank in Shell black (Bac)
 £13.56





33-080D 5 plank china clay wagon hood in BR bauxite



 37-036 Pack of 4 5 plank wagon steel floor in Tarbitumac (Bac) (list £37.60).
 BARGAIN.
 £26

 37-036 Single (Bac)
 £7

 4F-031-010 6 wheel milk tanker "Express Dairy" - weathered (Dap)
 £12

 4F-031-061 wheel milk tanker "MMB" - weathered (Dap)
 £12

 4F-031-019 6 wheel milk tanker "United Dairies" (Dap)
 £11





37-158C 8 plank end door wagon in BR grey (Bac). £11.01



38-151B Pack of 4 80 Tonne glw BDA bogie bolster wagon in Railfreight (Bac) (list £87.20) BARGAIN. . . £49 38-151B Singé (Bac) (list £21.80) BARGAIN . . £13 38-151B Niegapack of 8 (Bac) (list £174.40) BARGAIN . . £96



38-351A BAA steel carrier steel coils in Railfreight Metals (Bac) £ R6639 BR 12 Ton Parcels Van SPV A. New tooling for 2013 (Hor). R6613 BR 20 Ton Car (Railfreight) Brake Van (Hor). R6614 BR 20 Ton Car Brake Van (Hor).



R6623 BR Horse Box (Ex GWR).









..£39







4F-060-008 Gran weathered (Dap)



38-678 GWR Shunt



37-313 Intermodal bogie wagon 2 x 45ft containers in (Bac)...£42.46 ermodal bogie wagon 2 x 45ft containers in Safmarine (Bac)..£42.46











R6640 LMS 4 Wheel CCT Van. New tooling for 2013 (Hor). . £12





38-242 Pack of 4 MBA Megabox high-sided bogie box wagon in EWS - weathered (without buffers) (Bac) (list £108). BARGAIN. 38-242 Single (Bac) (list £27) BARGAIN. 38-242 Single (Bac) (list £27) BARGAIN. 38-242 Megapack of 6 (Bac) (list £216) BARGAIN £1777h MBA Moraetox #6 in EWS. 500199. (Day) (Est 93-5)BARGAIN







38-301 OTA (ex-VDA) timber carrier lumber load in£21.21 BARGAIN £80



R6470 OTA Timber Carrier 112182. Pre-privatisation



38-185 Pack of 3 12 Ton ventilated vans in BR bauxite ıc)



37-672 Pack of 3 14 Ton tank wagons in British Tar



37-671 Pack of 3 14 Ton tank wagons in Fina -





37-982 Pack of 3 Conflat wagons in BR bauxite BD containers in BR crimson - weathered (Bac) £36.51



38-650 PCA Metalair Bulk Powder Wagon 'Blue Circle





R6622 ZFO/ZFP (Trout) Ballast Hopper. (Hor) .



DCR-21PIN-Direct 21-pin 4-function 1.1Amp direct plug
decoder back EMF (Hat)£12
DCR-21PIN-Direct Box of 5 (Hat) £57
DCR-21PIN-Direct Box of 10 (Hat) £110
X9659 4-nin decoder for some train set locos and Sentinels (Hor) £10

for new releases





R8249 8-pin 4-function 2-sided 0.5A (1A peak) decoder (Hor) . . . R8249 Box of 6 (Hor)



DCC accessory decoders
PC2 One Touch DCC Quad point controller x 4 (Tra)
DCC controllers
R8235 DCC Select Walkabout R8236 RJ12 connecting lead (Hor) £63



36-500 EZ Command DCC controller - boxed (Bac) £75.18 **DCC** accessories



R8239 Power and Signal Booster - can be used any DCC controlled system (Hor) £7. Point motors

DCP-CB6D Cobalt slow-action digital DCC point motor x 6 (DCC) . £110 R8014 Mark 2 Point Motor (Hor) £7



TT300 Slow motion DCC point motor (Tra) £20



R8211 Rolling road for all types of steam loco (utilises live rollers) (Hor). . . . £48 Lighting equipment



DML-MBS Buffer stop lamps x 2 (DCC) £22.95 £13



 GM56 OO Buffer lights x 2 (Gau).
 £10

 DML-MLSB Pack of 8 modern single head station lamps, 2 CCTV (DCC).
 £48

 Au1 Tail Lamp (Flashing) Modern lange (Tra).
 £13

 AL2 Tail Light (Flickering) Flame Effect (Tra).
 £13



SFX10 Steam loco sound capsule (with built in battery, speaker & motion detector) (Tra)£37

Cables & Wires

PL-80 Power feed joiners - Code 100/124 (x4 pairs) (Pec) £6 **Spares**

SL-111 Finescale insulated rail joiners/fishplates (Code 70, 75 & 83) for OS & HO gauge - Pack of 12 (Pec). £2.30
HO gauge - Pack of 24 (Pec) . £2.30
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Buildings - railways



PO213 2 Road Red Brick Engine Shed & Workshop
 Building (Card Kit) (Met)
 £13

 44-065 Art Deco Platform Centre Building (Bac)
 £17



 44-086 Ash Plant (based on Carnforth, Lancashire) (Bac)

 (list £79.95)
 BARGAIN
 £47

 44-183 Blue Anchor Station (136 x 90 x 66mm) (Bac)
 £29.7



44-087 Bluebell Waiting Room (Bac) (list £44.95) BARGAIN. . £22





LK-20X Double length overall arched station roof (Pec). . £18





44-121 Great Central single track road bridge (120 x 112 x 110mm) (Bac) £32.26 44-508 Motive Power











44-179 Traction Fuelling Point (95 x 50 x 70mm) (Bac) £19.51



44-178 Traction Servicing Depot (320 x 142 x£23

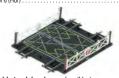
Man-made scenic structure - railway-related



89121 21.5 metre (90ft) Motorised turntable - ready for installation. Upgraded 89111. For HO/OO scales. DCC



LK-55 76ft Well type turntable (Pec) ST-290 Brick platform (pack of 2) (Pec) R083 Buffer Stop (Hor) R083 Box of 6 (Hor)



R636 Double track level crossing (Hor) ..£18



R070 Electrically Operated Turntable (Hor) ... 44-186 Great Central Water Tower (96 x 40 x 74mm) (Bac) ...£59 .£23.76



44-195 Grounded Carriage (134 x 40 x 43mm) (Bac) £20.36 OOF8 Chainlink Security Fence Database 423Ratio GWR Lineside Fencing (35 posts wire) (Rat). £3.50 x 25mm) (Anc). PO241 Double Track Viaduct, stone (Met).





Signals

(ex-OOSIGN2) (Dap).

4L-001-001 Signal - Motorised, Square post GWR home lower quadra (OOSIGN1) (Dap).

Buildings - general







44-223 Low Relief 3 storey Solicitors/Doctors (100 x 28 x 140mm) (Bac) £18.66
44-207 Low Relief Bank (175 x 28 x 117mm) (Bac) £18.66
44-215 Low Relief Cinema (160 x 56 x 231mm) (Bac) £33
44-238 Low Relief Railway Hotel "The Caledonian" (118 x 40 x 138mm) (Bac) £21.21
44-219 Low Relief Stone Factory (256 x 26 x 140mm) (Bac) £33.96
POZ74 Low relief terrace house fronts - red brick (128w x 73d x 125h mm) (Met) £10 x 125h £10 x 1



 44-094 Modern Town house under construction (Bac)

 (list £49.95)
 BARGAIN.
 £24

 P0226 Parish Church (re-designed) (Met).
 £24

 44-159 Pendon Little Chapel Cottage (137 x 70 x 96mm) (Bac)
 £28.01

 P0283 Small factory kit (Met).
 £12



R8622 Terrace house (right hand) - Skaledale (Hor) . . . £12 £39 OOTG1 Terraced garages kit (Anc) NEW £10.50



PO273 Terraced shop fronts - stone - 128 (w) x 73 (d) Man-made scenic structure - non-railway



44-517 Brute trolleys (pack of 4) (Bac)

OOF8 Chainlink Security Fence Barbed Wire Top Kit (240



LK-45 Flexible field fencing. Approx 1066mm (42in). 5
pieces (Pec). £2.50
44-512 Snack Bar (Bac) (list £14.95). BARGAIN £7 pieces (Pec). 44-512 Snack Bar (Bac) (list £14.95). GM370 Tarmac road 80mm wide (1m) (Gau)



44-514 Wooden Benches x 4 (not modern red metal as £1.40 previously announced) (Bac)....£7.23



UK P&P £4 PER ORDER (NEW) £2 per single diecast item

£7 guaranteed Next Day delivery (Orders before 2pm)



R9751 Hagley Footbridge (Hor)£: 44-152 Railway Road Over Bridge (102 x 184 x86mm) (Bac)£38.	25
44-152 Railway Road Over Bridge (102 x 184 x86mm) (Bac) £38.	21
M0054 Red brick card sheets - 4 x thick, 4 x thin. Plus 1 sheet of roofing slates (Met).	g
537 Retaining Walls x 2 (350mm long) (Rat)	£7
44-093 Sheffield Park Footbridge (225 x 91 x 108mm) (Bac) £41.	61



SLE191 Finescale right hand small point electrolrog (Pec).

SLE101 Finescale right hand small point electrolrog (Pec).

SLE101 Finescale single sip electrolrog (code 75 rail) (Pec).

M0056 Tarmacadam Builder thick card sheets x 8 (Met) £5

SLE101 Finescale single sip simsuffor (code 75 rail) (Pec). Grass, Ground, Lichen, Hedges & Foliage LH500 4 lengths of 170mm large hedge (K&M)....

CH700 Hedge (Country) 170mm x 2 (K&M).....£8 Minerals, Water & Rocks



GM114 Granite Ballast - OO & HO gauge - large bag



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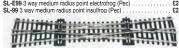
36-401 Trainspotters/rail-enth Track - Code 100 Setrack

ST-245 Setrack curved double radius left handed point insulfrog (Pec) £13 ST-244 Setrack curved double radius right handed point insulfrog (Pec) £12
ST-201 Setrack double straight (Pec) £1.75
ST-221 Setrack No.1 radius double curve (Pec) £2.30
ST-241 Setrack No.2 radius left handed point insulfrog (Pec) £7.50
ST-240 Setrack No.2 radius right handed point insulfrog (Pec) £7.50
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SL-E96 Left hand medium point electrofrog (Pec)£9
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SL-E92 Left hand small point electrofrog (Pec) £8
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SL-86 Right hand curved point (Pec)	£10.50
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SL-E95 Right hand medium point electrofrog (Pec)	£9
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ST-3 No.1 radius single curve (Pec) £1
ST-15 No.2 radius double curve (Pec) £1.25
ST-6 Setrack left hand point insulfrog (Pec) £8
ST-5 Setrack right hand point insulfrog (Pec)
ST-1 Standard straight track (Pec)£1
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SL-302 Pack of 25 (Pec)
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track (Pec)
SL-300 Pack of 25 (Pec)
SL-E387 Left hand curved point electrofrog (Pec) £9
SL-E389 Left hand large point electrofrog (Pec)
SL-E396 Left hand medium point electrofrog (Pec) £8
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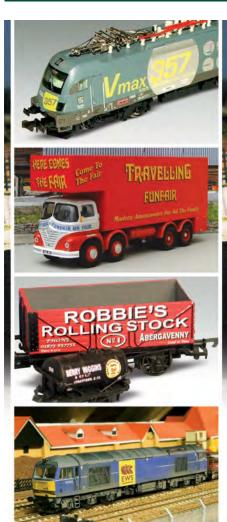


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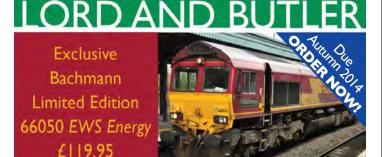
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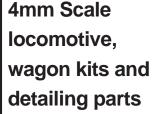
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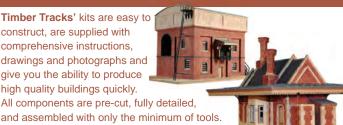
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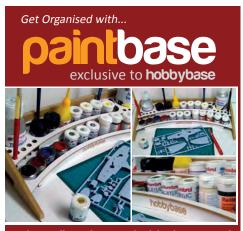
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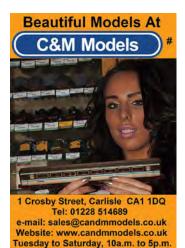
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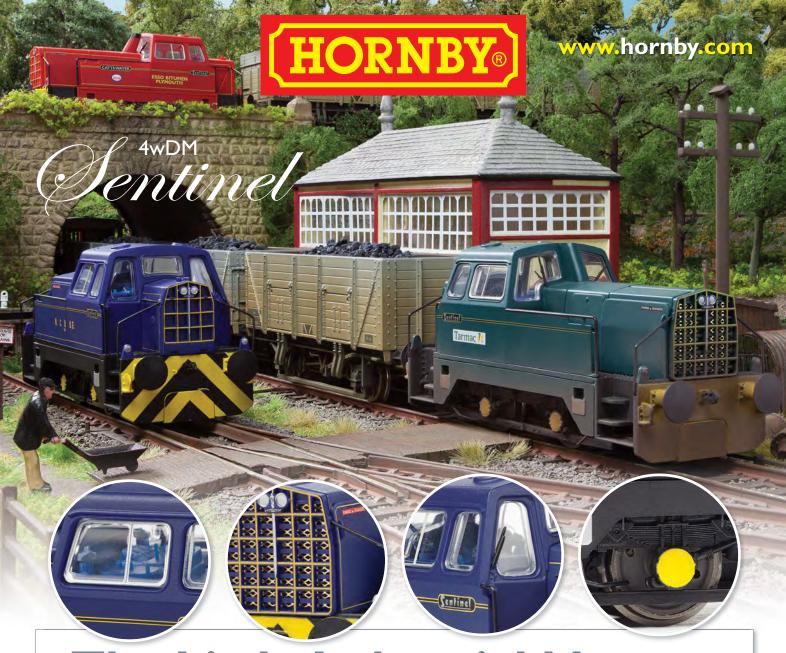
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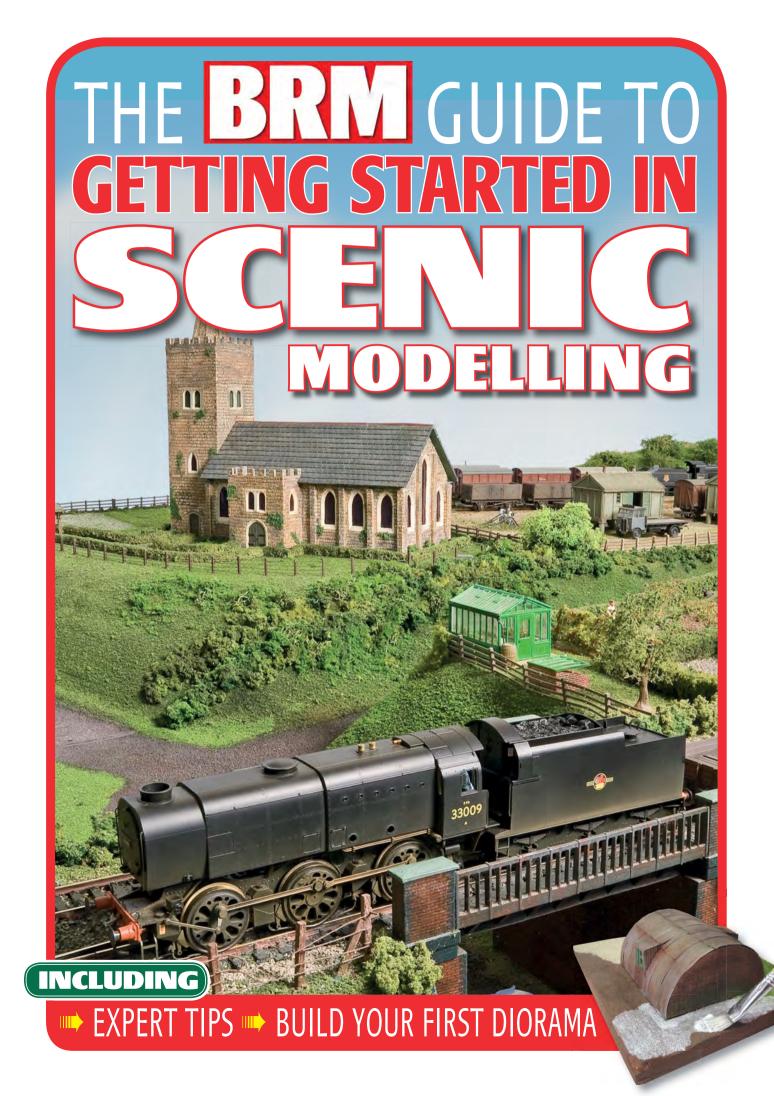
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elcome to the latest in the series of **BRM** mini-magazines looking at essential aspects of building a model railway. When I take layouts such as Edgeworth out to events, I'm constantly being asked about the best ways to make scenery and landscapes and what materials are required to do the job properly. It's difficult to know where to start – there are enough products out there and so many different techniques that I could easily fill a book on the subject!

We're not blessed with that sort of space here, so I've concentrated on a couple of themes that should help novices and those hoping to improve their scenery skills. My Nissen Hut diorama required a number of skills and products that will stand the modeller in good stead for a wide range of scenic tasks. It's a quick, simple and achievable project that can be used to improve your modelling and increase confidence without breaking the bank.

Following that is a quick look at products and materials found around the home that can be commandeered for your modelling projects. Not only does this encourage you to be a little more creative in your purchasing habits and

modelling, it can also save you a substantial sum to re-invest in other parts of the layout! You'll be surprised how many DIY and household products can be used for purposes other than those intended!

Don't miss my series of supplements on the Edgeworth project in December 2013 and January/February 2014 issues of **BRM**. Download back issues of **BRM** today at www.brmm.ag/BRMdigi





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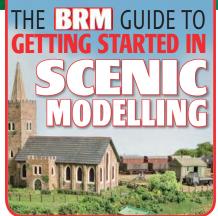
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NISSEN HUT

A diorama is a great way to practice scenic skills and new techniques, as **Phil Parker** shows with a wartime Nissen Hut.

s 3-D printing the future? People tell me that it is, but I'm not yet convinced. At the moment, the surface texture tends to show when you examine it closely but as the technology improves, this will become less of a problem.

For the moment, a little clever thinking is required.

So what is the solution? Perhaps using the technology to provide a base and cover it with suitably textured materials? This is the approach Model Textures has taken with its Nissen Hut kit.

Available in 4 and 7mm scales, the modeller receives a 3D printed hut and packs of Redutex self-adhesive texture sheets to cover it with. 4mm modellers have a complete set consisting of Flemish bond bricks, wooden planking and corrugated iron. In 7mm, the metalwork isn't available so I've used some pressed metal from the Ambis Engineering range.

In simple terms, all you do is cover the plastic hut with the materials and you'll have a finished model. In reality, there is loads of opportunity for the builder to personalise

their model. Real huts didn't stay pristine for long, so you'll need to indulge in some weathering. Basic huts were often modified with extra windows, chimneys or just a lack of maintenance resulting in rusted-out iron providing extra access to the interior.

I decided that mine is used as a carpenter's workshop having been built for another purpose years before. Around the building we find a collection of weeds and unkempt grass, as you would for any shed.

You don't even have to be handy with a paintbrush as the Redutex finishes are pre-coloured and the metalwork is also right, if a bit shiny.

We could be

seeing a lot more of this sort of multi-media kit in the future. **BRM**

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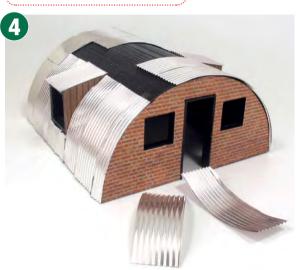
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The Ambis sheet can be cut to scale 3ft wide sheets by scoring along a corrugation with a large knife and then snapping the sheet along the line. Each sheet was bent around a can with a smaller diameter than the hut. Finally they were glued in place with a single corrugation overlap. After experimenting with UHU and superglue, impact adhesive worked the best for fixing.

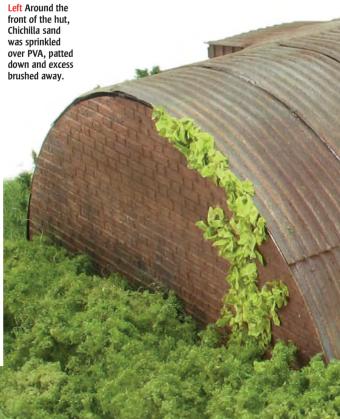


Two coats of thinned primer, Humbrol Acrylic No. 1, removed the shine and gave a realistic slightly mottled colour. Further weathering with washes of browns followed finished off with some weathering powders.



7mm grass is obviously longer than the 4mm version so I stocked up on longer (6mm) static fibres. Any leftovers will be useful for the rougher areas of my OO scenery.







Most of the photographs I found of prototype huts showed the corrugated iron above the windows sloped down to let rainwater run off. Adding plastic card extensions involved quite a bit drawing around the edge of the building and then some trial and error for the final fit.

More drawing around the building allowed me to cut out the front and back brickwork as well as the window sides. Working on the back of the self adhesive sheet, I tried to be generous with the dimensions. You can cut away more material but adding it is very difficult. If you aren't confident, make guides from paper of card first to avoid wasting the Redutex sheets.

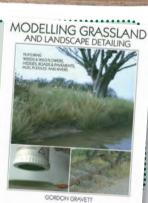


Horizontal glazing bars were added to the windows using 1mm square Plastruct strip, as prototype photos generally showed four square panes rather than two tall ones.





here appeals, take a look at Modelling Grassland and Landscape Detailing by Gordon Gravett.



TURN OVER FOR MORE STEPS

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Applying electrostatic grass starts by painting the scenery with PVA. I like to thin the glue a little with water so it flows in to all the lumps and bumps on the ground. Work in small areas as the glue dries quickly.



The Chinchilla dust was tinted with thinned brown acrylic paint. To avoid a uniform colour, I added a few drops of water to the mix as I worked hoping the colour would fade from the edges. If I'm honest, the effect is probably too subtle to worry about.



Nettles start life as 'plant stems' dripped in thin PVA and then into flock powder. Each is then dipped in neat PVA and planted using tweezers. It's a time consuming, but effective process.

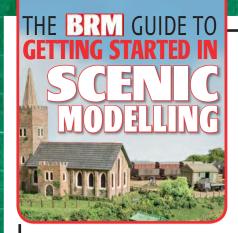


Being careful to mask the building with a bit of card, the net was sprayed with hair lacquer. Sprinkles of coarse and fine flock powder provide the leaves.



Larger plants are cutting from sea foam, sold as 'Forest in a box', dipped in PVA and then in scatter before being planted.





HOW TO...

MAKE G THIGS T

Many useful materials for making scenery can be found around the home, as **Phil Parker** finds out.

e spend a lot of time talking in **BRM** about special scenic products sold by the many excellent suppliers who specialise in providing miniature greenery. Those little packets aren't the only products you'll need to finish a layout though, often they are the icing on the cake.

For a lot of the basics, we can shop in DIY

stores and on the high street, though a lot of this stuff might already be sitting in your garage or shed. Rather than let it go to waste, see what you can use on the layout and save a few quid for other things. **BRM**

INSULATING FOAM

vailable in sheets, tiles and scrap packaging, polystyrene makes an excellent base material for hills and mountains. Pile it high and then carve to shape, it's far simpler to use than wooden formers and chicken wire. The sculpting is an incredibly messy process but if you wait until everyone is out of the house, and keep a vacuum cleaner handy, you'll soon have a landscape to be proud of.

The biggest problem with polystyrene is that it must not come into contact with heat or solvents. Both cause it to melt and give off noxious fumes. This means sticking sheets together with solvent-free glue and covering the hillsides with plaster. Once sealed, you can of course use anything you like for paint and glue.

Expanded polystyrene might be common but isn't the only foam available. There are harder insulating foams, some are solid enough to be used with no support as baseboards. Some wood under

"Polystyrene makes an excellent base material for hills and mountains." the track base will be required if you wish to use pins to hold the track down but the foam can provide the structure.

Sheets of foam can be bought from DIY stores and builders merchants but the more 'careful' amongst us can also keep an eye on skips near building sites as the chunks thrown away are often big enough for our purposes. Ask before taking it, but any request is unlikely to be refused.



Above Once the tiles are stuck together, they need final shaping. The best tool for this is a small surform intended for woodworking. It's a messy job, so keep the vacuum cleaner handy. Right Sticking the tiles together requires a solvent-free glue such as 'No More Nails'.



Above Earlier in the year, we used layers of polystyrene ceiling tiles to build up Edgeworth's hillsides. They were roughly cut to shape before being built up in layers to form the basic shape. Right Andy York built an embankment from hard foam in the March 2014 BRM to use as a background for photographs. Here we see the basic landscape carved from a sheet styrene.

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OOD USE OF HAT WE FIND...



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PVA GLUE

f there's one scenic product you are guaranteed to needs loads of, it's PVA glue. This is one material where buying larger quantities sees the price reduce considerably. It seems that the packaging is the most

expensive part - the

glue itself costing



PVA glue can be bought in many different sized bottles. Re-fill smaller ones from the large sizes as it works out a lot cheaper.

very little.

Builders use PVA for sealing brickwork, carpenters for fixing joints and playgroups for sticking children to everything. All of these buy the glue in bulk so builders merchants and DIY stores sell it in tubs of five litres or more. Mine came via a friend who works in a playgroup as they have their own supplier and it has lasted for several layouts.

Applied neat, PVA is a useful clear-drying glue, but most of us will use it thinned 50:50 with water to soak in to ballast or slightly thinned and brushed over the ground before sprinkling with scatter. Don't forget a couple of drops of washing up liquid when you thin the glue, it breaks the surface tension and makes the mix flow better.

I like to keep both neat and dilute PVA handy while working. A couple of plastic pots from my local Chinese takeaway are ideal for this once the sweet and sour sauce had been washed out of them!

WALL FILLER

even smooth ground has some contours – if you don't believe me just ask anyone with a lawn how flat it really is. To produce these I build up the surface of the baseboard with household wall filler. You could use plaster but filler just seems stickier, easier to work with and more robust.

While the ready-mixed version is great for small areas, buying filler as powder is cheaper and easily the best bet if you are covering a large area. While mixing it up, put a dollop or two of brown emulsion paint in to give a bit of colour. That way if the surface is damaged, you'll see a mud colour not bright white.

Ready mixed fillers don't last long once the tub has been opened, so after finishing a DIY task, use them up on the layout rather than letting them go off in storage.

For working with filler on the layout, keep



Ready-mixed filler is handy for small areas but the powder version is cheaper and easier to colour.

an eye open in your junk mail for plastic cards offering free DVD rental or credit cards. They make ideal spreaders and at least serve a purpose before you chuck them in the bin.

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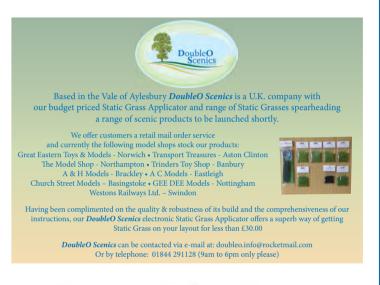
Above The sand on my beach is pretty coarse. In 4mm scale it could be mistaken for shingle if you look closely. Ideally you need something soft with tiny grains, a visit to a builders yard might be useful. Right The smallest grained sand I have found so far is intended for chinchillas to live in and can be bought from pet supply stores and websites.

SAND

hen I built a beach scene for **BRM** in August 2013, I had great difficulty finding suitable sand. In the end I used some from Games Workshop that was surprisingly expensive, supplemented with chinchilla dust. Visitors to exhibitions who looked at the model suggested that a bag of play sand for children would be just as fine and considerably cheaper. Since you would have to buy a big bag of it, either acquire a scoopful from the children's sandpit or share the purchase with other modellers.











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YACHT VARNISH

People are always poking the water on my layouts to see if it's wet. All those dry fingers are proof that half-a-dozen coats of yacht varnish

Right In the November 2013 issue of **BRM**, I built a short section of canal using yacht varnish to provide the water.

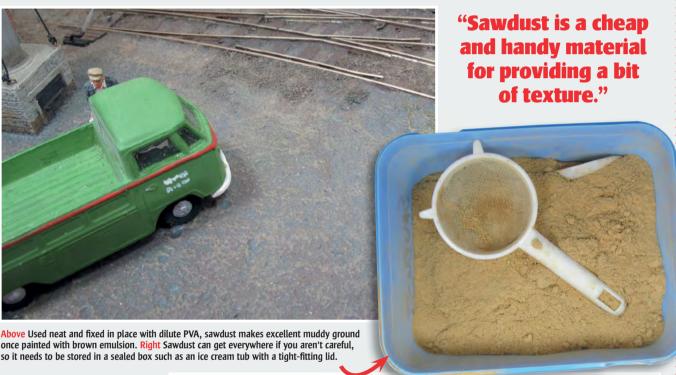
over a brown base are just as realistic as real water would be - with the added benefit of not running off the layout when we pack it up at the end of a show.

Yacht varnish is just a name given to very high gloss varnish that can be used both and in and outdoors, making it an ideal material for DIY tasks. The leftovers will probably be enough for the layout and you wouldn't want to waste them would you?

ONE FURTHER HINT!

Water is never dusty so you'll need a can of spray polish and a duster to keep things realistically gleaming.





SAWDUST

wery few surfaces in the real world are completely smooth and a cheap and handy material for providing a bit of texture is sawdust. You can sprinkle it on glue or mix with paint. Use it as to represent ashballasted sidings – it's much easier to work with than real ash too.

My supply is the leftover from sanding a wooden floor. The dust collected from the bag on the sander is very fine. Despite this, when I scatter it, the sawdust is worked through a plastic tea strainer to remove any clumps.

Right Early roads were often made from crushed stone and here I was able to use the sawdust in its natural colour.



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A hank of plumbers hemp. Cut in to short lengths with scissors, it has all sorts of scenic possibilities.

PLUMBER'S HEMP

his product will take a little more searching out as it's largely obsolete for its intended purpose of winding around the thread to stop leaks in plumbing fittings. Specialist suppliers still stock it though and can be bought online at very low cost.

Plumber's hemp is a lose fibrous material that can be chopped in to short lengths and planted as corn fields, reeds or just scrubby grass growing around the edges of buildings of posts in the ground. Plant clumps in to neat PVA and prod around with your finger to give them shape. It's a time consuming way to work but very effective.

HANGING BASKET LINER

here's a lot of scrubby undergrowth out there once you leave behind beautifully tended parks and gardens. Recreating this is easy; you just need a coarse fibre base with flock powder sprinkled over. Hanging basket liner is great as it can be teased out to cover an enormous area. The coarse fibres look a lot like real undergrowth.

This is an economical way of working as very few modellers will work through more than a single liner on their layout. If the colour is too strong, dunk the liner in a weak bleach solution for a few hours and it will fade to a more natural beige.



Fresh from a pound shop, you can see that this liner can be teased out to give some nice lumpy undergrowth.

Andy York used hanging basket liner as the basis for his scrubby undergrowth in the March 2014 BRM. Once laid on the embankment sides, electric hair trimmers were used to sculpt it to a suitable length.

MASKING TAPE

ot really a scenic material this one, more an essential while you are working on scenery. When slopping plaster, filler and paint around on a layout, the trackwork really needs to be protected as digging it out from spills can be next to impossible. A wide roll costs far less than replacing a single point which has been filled with plaster.

With all the track on Edgeworth laid and ballasted, I protected it with ots of masking tape before commencing scenic work.







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