

Here come the Halls...

31-780 Modified Hall Class, BR Lined Green, Late Crest, No.6988, 'Swithland Hall'



- Authentic plate frame bogies
- Copper capped chimney
- •8 pin DCC socket

- Hawksworth or Collett tender option
- Mixed traffic locomotive
- Preserved & weathered models available



Authentic plate framed bogie



Intricate cab detailing



Detailed Hawksworth tender



Optional representation of tool rest

Also Available:

31-781 Modified Hall Class, BR Lined Black, Early Emblem, No.7903, 'Foremarke Hall'



31-782 Modified Hall Class, BR Lined Green, Late Crest, No. 6965, 'Thirlestaine Hall'



31-783 Modified Hall Class, BR Lined Black, Early Emblem, No.7904, 'Fountains Hall'



Era $\boxed{4}$ = 1948 - 1956, Era $\boxed{5}$ = 1957 - 1966. \boxed{W} a model with weathering effect applied.





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| TOWER BRASS LOCOMOTIVES |
| R.T.R in unpainted brass/factory painted |
| GWR/BR King£900.00 |
| GWR/BR Railcar 19-33£550.00 |
| GWR/BR Parcels Railcar No.34£550.00 |
| GWR 14xx Late black chassis£525.00 |
| GWR/BR 4575 Prairie black chassis£650.00 GWR 1361 Early black chassis£525.00 |
| GWR/BR 1361 Late black chassis£525.00 |
| LY/LMS/BR Pug black£450.00 |
| LNER/BR J39 0-6-0 black£925.00 |
| GWR/BR 8750 Pannier black chassis . £525.00 |
| TOWER BRASS COACHES |
| Fully assembled in unpainted brass |
| BR Suburban all 2nd or Compo £215.00 |
| GWR/BR Collett D127 brake 3rd £235.00 |
| SAN CHENG R-T-R BRASS LOCOS |
| In basic factory paint finish |
| GWR/BR 4-6-0 Hall Green£1350.00 |
| BR 4-6-0 Hall Black£1350.00 |
| SR 4-4-0 Schools Olive£1300.00 |
| SR 4-4-0 Schools Malachite£1300.00 |
| LNER/BR V2 2-6-2£1400.00 |
| GWR/BR Manor£1400.00 |
| LNER/BR B1 black late tender£1400.00 |
| I NER/RR ISO Riack \$675.00 |
| GWR/RR Grange (2 versions) \$1400.00 |
| GWR City of Truro£1350.00 LNER/BR J50 Black£675.00 GWR/BR Grange (2 versions)£1400.00 FULLY FINISHED R-T-R LOCOS |
| LMS/BR Roval Scot 4-6-0from £1575.00 |
| LMS/BR Jubilee 4-6-0from £1625.00 |
| L&Y/LMS/BR Pug 0-4-0Tfrom £525.00 |
| GWR/BR 48xx/14xx Autotk 0-4-2T from £695.00 |
| GWR/BR 1361 0-6-0STfrom £695.00 |
| GWR/BR 8750 Pannier tankfrom £695.00 |
| GWR/BR 4575 Prairie tankfrom £855.00 GWR/BR King 4-6-0from £1235.00 |
| GWR/BR Castle 4-6-0from £1535.00 |
| GWR/BR Hall 4-6-0from £1575.00 |
| GWR/BR Razor Edge railcarfrom £810.00 |
| GWR/BR Parcels railcarfrom £785.00 |
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| LNER/BR J39 0-6-0from £1110.00 |
| LNER/BR V2 2-6-2from £1625.00 |
| GWR/BR Manorfrom £1625.00 |
| LMS/BR Original Patriotfrom £1625.00 |
| GWR City of Trurofrom £1545.00 GWR/BR Grangefrom £1585.00 |
| LMS/BR Black Fivefrom £1625.00 |
| LNER/BR B1from £1625.00 |
| Over 100 R-T-R locos available off the shelf |
| SLATERS LOCO KITS |
| 7L002 G.W.R 28xx Curved frame£473.00 |
| 7L003 G.W.R 28xx Square frame£473.00 |
| 7L005 M.R/L.M.S Flatiron£368.25 |
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| 7L007 M.R/L.M.S Johnson Kirtley£438.00 7L009 C.R/Industrial Pug£223.99 |
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| GTR24 LMS/BR Original Patriot£315.00 |
| GTR50 L.N.E.R/B.R Garratt 2-8-8-2£595.00 |
| GTR52 LMS/BR 8F & rivetted trailer £305.00 |
| GTR63 LNER/NER Y8 0-4-0T£165.00 |
| FT9 NER/LNER G6 (BTP)£195.00 |

| GWR 14xx Late black chassis£525.00 | W605 GWR Steel Open | £30.90 |
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| GWR/BR 4575 Prairie black chassis£650.00 | W606 GWR 10 ton Van | |
| GWR 1361 Early black chassis£525.00 GWR/BR 1361 Late black chassis£525.00 | W607 BR 16 ton Mineral wagon | |
| LY/LMS/BR Pug black£450.00 | W608 BR 27 ton Iron Ore wagon W609 BR 20 ton Pig Iron wagon | |
| LNER/BR J39 0-6-0 black£925.00 | PECO LINESIDE KITS | |
| GWR/BR 8750 Pannier black chassis . £525.00 | LK704 Wooden lineside hut kit | £18 15 |
| TOWER BRASS COACHES | LK705 Brick lineside hut | |
| Fully assembled in unpainted brass | LK709 Ground Level Signal Box | |
| BR Suburban all 2nd or Compo£215.00 | LK735 GWR Yard Crane | |
| GWR/BR Collett D127 brake 3rd£235.00 | LK741 GWR spear fencing | |
| SAN CHENG R-T-R BRASS LOCOS | LK 742 GWR spear fencing ramps LK743 Field fencing and gates | |
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| BR 4-6-0 Hall Black£1350.00 | LK747 Telegraph Poles | |
| SR 4-4-0 Schools Olive£1300.00 | LK748 Ladders | |
| SR 4-4-0 Schools Malachite£1300.00 | LK749 Loading Gauges (2) | |
| LNER/BR V2 2-6-2£1400.00 | LK750 Single track level crossing gates. | |
| GWR/BR Manor£1400.00 LNER/BR B1 black late tender£1400.00 | LK758 Platelayers tools | |
| GWR City of Truro£1350.00 | LK790 GWR home or distant signal PECO '0' GAUGE TRACKWOP | |
| LNER/BR J50 Black£675.00 | SLE786BH Curved R/H Point | |
| GWR/BR Grange (2 versions)£1400.00 | SLE787BH Curved L/H Point | |
| FULLY FINISHED R-T-R LOCOS | SL700BH 12 yards flexitrack | |
| LMS/BR Royal Scot 4-6-0from £1575.00 | SLE791BH Right Hand Point | |
| LMS/BR Jubilee 4-6-0from £1625.00 L&Y/LMS/BR Pug 0-4-0Tfrom £525.00 | SLE792BH Left Hand Point SLE797BH Y Point | |
| GWR/BR 48xx/14xx Autotk 0-4-2T from £695.00 | SLE790BH Double Slip | |
| GWR/BR 1361 0-6-0STfrom £695.00 | SL10 24 metal railjoiners | £2.55 |
| GWR/BR 8750 Pannier tankfrom £695.00 | SL11 12 insulated railjoiners | |
| GWR/BR 4575 Prairie tankfrom £855.00 | SL740BH Buffer stop | |
| GWR/BR King 4-6-0from £1235.00 | TP1 Long Track pins (15mm) ST700 Box (6) 393mm straight | |
| GWR/BR Castle 4-6-0from £1535.00 GWR/BR Hall 4-6-0from £1575.00 | ST725 Half circle 1028mm radius curves | |
| GWR/BR Razor Edge railcarfrom £810.00 | PARKSIDE WAGON KITS | |
| GWR/BR Parcels railcarfrom £785.00 | PS14 B.R. Grampus Ballast | |
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| LNER/BR J39 0-6-0from £1110.00 | PS17 B.R 12 ton Pipe Wagon PS23 G.W.R 13 ton Open Wagon | |
| LNER/BR V2 2-6-2from £1625.00 | PS24 G.W.R 12 ton Unfitted Van | |
| GWR/BR Manorfrom £1625.00 LMS/BR Original Patriotfrom £1625.00 | PS25 B.R 24 1/2ton Mineral | |
| GWR City of Trurofrom £1545.00 | PS26 G.W.R 12 ton Fitted Van | |
| GWR/BR Grangefrom £1585.00 | PS27 G.W.R 12 ton Open Tarp | |
| LMS/BR Black Fivefrom £1625.00 | PS28 G.W.R 12 ton Plywood Van PS29 G.W.R Fruit Van | |
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| 7L007 M.R/L.M.S Johnson Kirtley£438.00 7L009 C.R/Industrial Pug£223.99 | PS42 L.M.S 12ton Open | |
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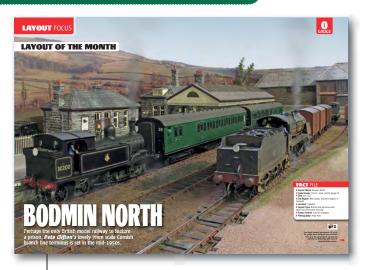
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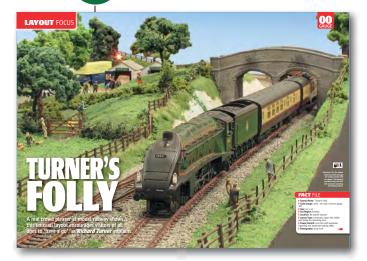
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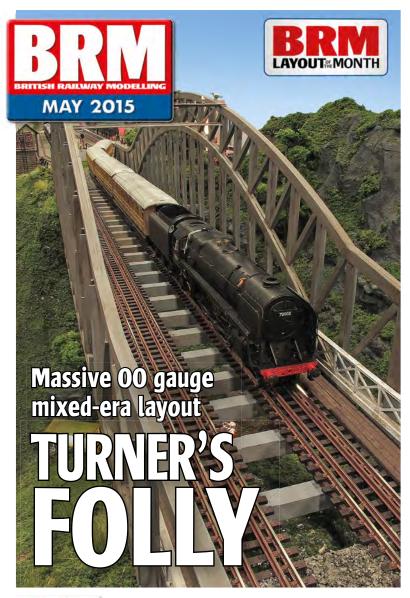
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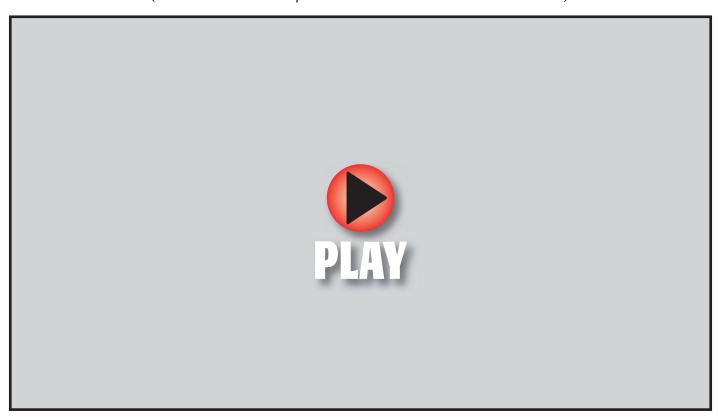


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WELCOME

s predicted in last month's editorial, the Bachmann 2015/16 catalogue launch was notable for its comparative restraint, bringing just two all-new items each in OO and N. But, as has already been widely acknowledged, the new programme is significant for its change of emphasis and sees some interesting developments.

Several older models have been selected for mechanical or external upgrades, while other items that have been out of the range for some years make a welcome return, not least the 'Super D', LNER K3 and JGA stone hoppers. In the case of the Class 70 and Class 450 EMU, relatively minor modifications allow much-requested variants to be offered, further SEE broadening the range. **MUCH MORE**

Across both N and OO there's a renewed focus on 'bread and butter' items which should always be on retailers' shelves, but also a challenge to received wisdom about what does and doesn't sell with various 'Big Four' steam locomotives and even the odd pre-Grouping and late-1940s early BR model.

There's also some 'joined up' thinking around producing attractive matching train packs and rolling stock to match locomotives in the range; for example the Colas bogie coal hoppers for the Class 70/8 and a decent selection of 'Big Four' company goods wagons.

For British N gauge, the advent of factory-fitted DCC sound is long overdue. A Class 108 DMU is a practical choice for the new development; it will be fascinating to see if the 1:148 scale community embraces it in the same way as their OO gauge counterparts.

Whether it's a small change or a new development, all these factors should help Bachmann to freshen up its offering without committing to more investment in expensive tooling and the work that entails.

By the company's own reckoning, of the 83 new projects announced across N, OO and OO9 in 2012-14, 44 are still to be delivered. Of those, Hong Kong is yet to start detailed design work on 31 projects (the progress report on page 33 should make it obvious which ones), although 12 should start in earnest this year. While

many are individual locomotives or items of rolling stock, projects such as the Mk 2f and new Thompson coaches involve up to six separate vehicles, all of which need to be researched, designed, tooled, manufactured and, eventually, delivered to shops.

Informed sources at Barwell cite numerous reasons for the backlog, not just the widely publicised labour issues in southern China. They point to an overambitious programme of announcements, particularly in 2013, when more than 40 new items were unveiled; a 30% shortfall in production capacity, delays to the development of new tools, the closure of Sanda Kan (which hit Graham Farish deliveries hardest) and

> design time consumed on third-party projects and commissions, amongst other issues.

> > Bachmann remains extremely sensitive about prices and is anxious to get across the message that the pricing regime of a few years ago is no longer sustainable. At the top level it believes that by delivering the right products at the right quality - without compromising detail - it can keep its customers on side. Anecdotal evidence suggests that, by

and large, people understand the situation and appreciate the company's honesty. But, to restore confidence it needs to make tangible progress on models such as the Stanier 'Mogul', SECR 'Birdcage' stock and

With all this on its plate, plus a gaggle of new competitors nipping at its heels, promising lower prices or extra features, the next couple of years aren't going to be easy for Bachmann, but the new N and OO ranges are a considered response to its current situation.

Turn to page 35 for our report on the range and an exclusive interview with David Haarhaus, the new man in charge at Barwell. You can also read more about Bachmann and the latest Hornby announcement from the perspective of our 'Industry Insider' on page 146.





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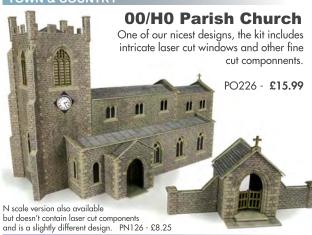
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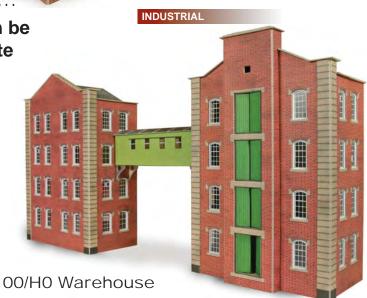
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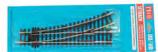
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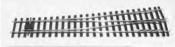
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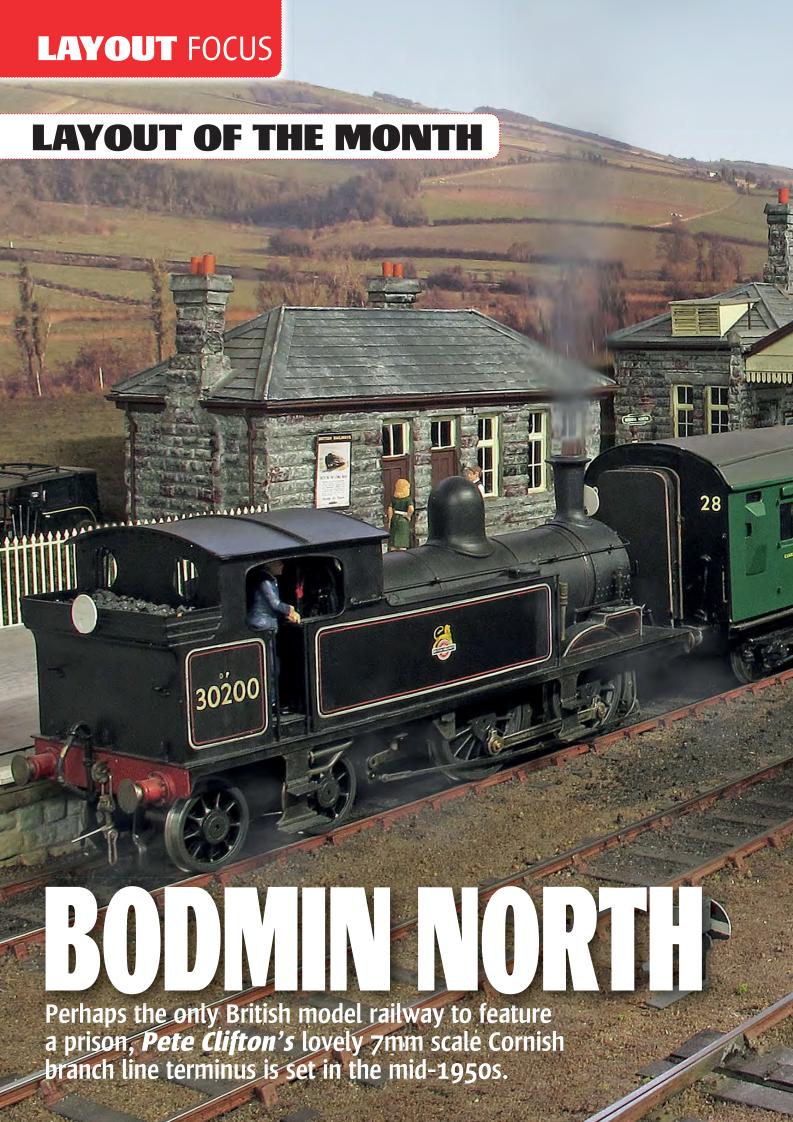
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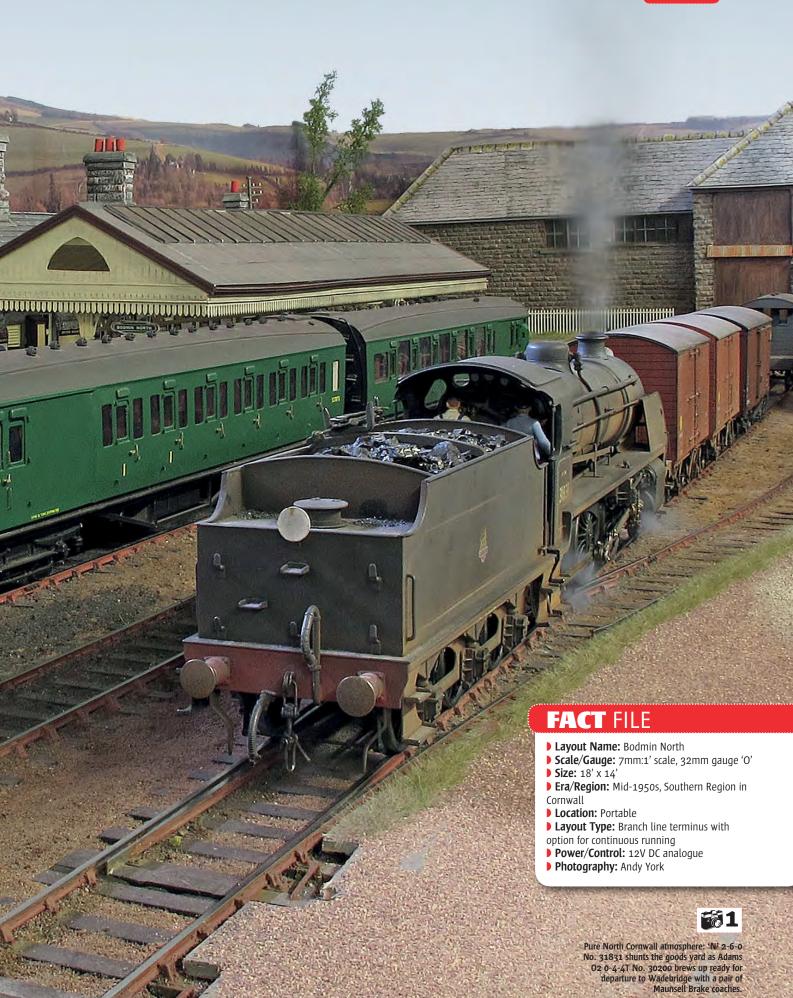


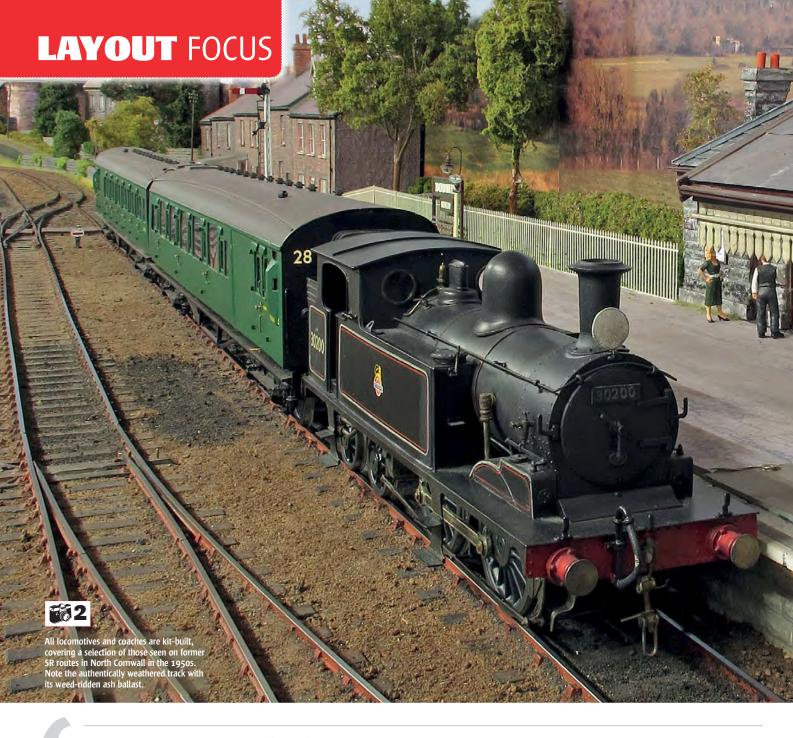
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hen someone visits the layout, the most frequent question I am asked is; "why Bodmin?" It's a good question for someone brought up on the West Coast Main Line through the Trent Valley. I suppose it goes way back to my childhood, when as a family we usually spent our summer holidays in Cornwall or Devon. On one occasion in the early-1960s my father took me to Wadebridge to see the Beattie Well Tanks before they disappeared. As a nine year old it was a lot to take in but I did remember all the different locomotives I'd never seen before. Although my father was never a modeller or spotter, he always encouraged my interest in railways and from that the seed was sown.

Fast forward to the early-1970s and I had modelled in OO gauge for years and was constructing a layout in a workshop I had built at our first house. As the family grew, less and less time was spent on the layout, and a house move saw the layout dismantled and sold. I kept my interest in railways alive but drifted away from the hobby until 2004 when I bought a model railway magazine, just to see what was happening in the modelling world. In the back pages was an advert for a Beattie 2-4-0WT in 7mm scale.

A friend had gone over to O gauge years before and I had always been impressed by the size and detail. A purchase was made and I was back to the hobby and researching the time when I was a boy!

As I built up my collection, thoughts of building another layout started to take hold, inspired by a couple of layouts I had seen in **BRM** – 'Harlyn Road' and 'Rother Bridge', based on the North Cornwall and North Devon lines. My initial thoughts were of the Beatties' home, Wadebridge. I started to build Wadebridge shed, for which I had a set of plans.

After constructing the shell of the shed and the

water tower it was obvious that, if I was going to build my choice of station, I would need more space than I had available. Looking back to where the railway started in the 1800s, The Wadebridge & Bodmin railway was ideal, and 'Bodmin North' was born. With a good station layout and a station building in local stone (a similar construction to that of Wadebridge), sidings, a goods shed and a bit of modellers licence, my North Cornwall locomotives would all look at very much at home.

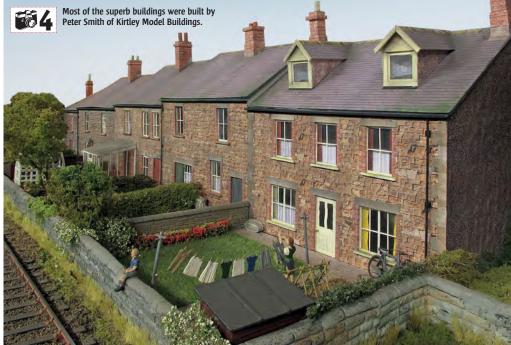
GETTING STARTED

Two events really inspired me to move my ideas forward; firstly, joining the Gauge O Guild, which opened up a world of suppliers, articles, reviews and layouts built by members. More importantly, it showed me where my local club was, so I went along to Coventry & Warwickshire Gauge O modellers (COVGOG).

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TRACKWORK

Trackwork for all the hidden sidings is Peco, but the rest is constructed from C&L components. The width of the workshop was chosen so that 6' radius curves could be accommodated on the main boards and 5' 6" curving through Dunmere and the station approach. The trackplan for the station had to be adapted to fit into the space; from the goods shed through the station up to the buffer stops in front of the original warehouses of the old Bodmin site is as per the prototype with one exception. I omtted a siding to the left of the running line which ended in front of the cottages and served the gasworks. The most significant modification was by the signalbox where the approach had to be adapted, and three sidings to the left of the 'box had to be omitted.



LAYOUT FOCUS **6**





If you have never been to your local club give it a visit. Over the years I have made some good friends and the amount of knowledge amongst the members is second to none. My locomotive, coach and wagon building skills would not be at the level they are now if I had not joined the club, and I would never have thought I could assemble my own track before I joined.

In 2008 an 18' x 14' shed - or workshop as the supplier called it - was erected, ply-lined and insulated. Once power was installed I was ready to go.

By this stage, I had collected a lot of information on the Bodmin & Wadebridge Railway and Bodmin North station itself. I also managed to obtain drawings for the station buildings, goods shed and signalbox, from the South Western Circle (www.lswr.org). My plan was to build the branch as authentically; I wanted Bodmin to be as close to how it was in the mid-1950s as possible. I also wanted to be able to allow

for continuous running, so baseboards were constructed all around the workshop with five loops for use as storage. The boards for Bodmin would sit above these; on the opposite side would be Boscarne Junction - in fact a combination of Boscarne and Dunmere Junctions. The branch line would climb up from the junction at 1-in-40 (close to the prototype) through Dunmere Halt and on to Bodmin.

SETTING THE SCENE

I really enjoyed building the scenery for the layout. It is incredible how this area has developed in recent years compared to when I last built a layout. The backscene is always a big part of bringing a model to life; I used a mixture of photographic landscapes from International Models and Gaugemaster. When you have planned the scenic section you are working on, put the backscene up first and work in front of it; it's a devil to try and get

it in place when everything is nearly finished!

Trees are a mixture of plastic armatures with thin poly fibre netting over the branches and teased out foliage on top to give it an almost see-through effect of the real thing. I have also produced trees from off-cuts of real trees and bushes from the garden. These form the trunk and main branches, to which I attach sea moss to form smaller braches and foliage. I then spray the sea moss with a matt brown colour, cover it with hair spray and shake light green flock all over it. The result is a good looking tree.

Next time you're doing any pruning take a look and you'll see what I mean. For large areas of grass I use teddy bear fur as a base then douse areas with hairspray and give it a light coating of static grass.

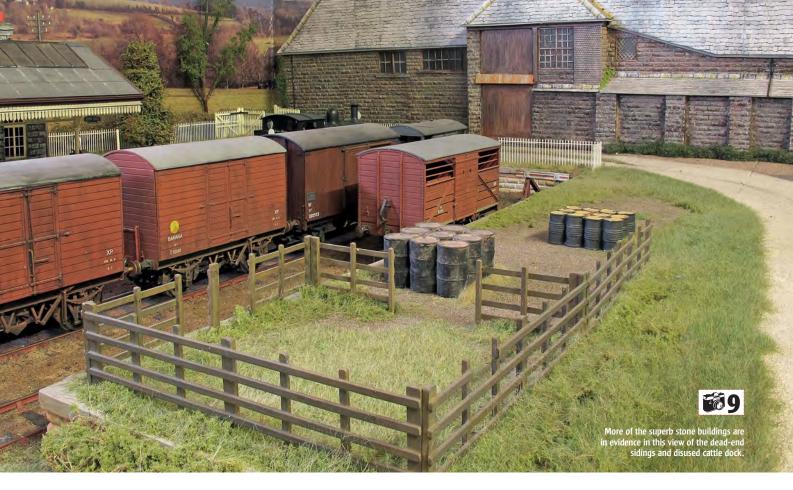
I even had a lesson from Pete Waterman in burning teddy bear fur when our club visited his 'Leamington Spa' layout last year, and it really does work. If you are

BUILDINGS

As hard as I try to construct buildings, they always look like cardboard boxes. Good buildings and backscenes really bring a layout to life and I had been impressed by models built by Peter Smith of Kirtley Model Buildings at Gauge O Guild events. After speaking to him and exchanging plans and photographs of the prototype, Peter built the station buildings, goods shed, low relief warehouses and the signalbox. I always had in mind that I would like a representation of the gaol (the old county prison) as it is seen in many photographs of the original station, and even today when you stand at the site of the old station it is always a presence. It played a part in the railway's history too; in 1838 around 2,000 passengers travelled by train to watch public hangings at the jail. Fortunately all the cottages shown on the layout still survive today so photographs were easily obtained. Peter built the rest of the buildings for me over a number of years including the gaol (pictured), at the time it was the largest structure he had built.



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thinking of using teddy bear fur, ask your local supplier for wolf fur and for around £25 you will have enough for a fur coat!

Hedges, bushes and saplings are a mixture of rubberised horse hair and sea moss.

NEXT STAGES

I still need to finish off some detail around Bodmin, namely the point rodding (which I should have planned better), and a lattice signal to replace the rail-built one. Dunmere Halt is complete with platform pagoda shelter, lamps, a path up to the main road and all the scenery behind it. Dunmere is in a cutting and the embankment opposite the halt is still under

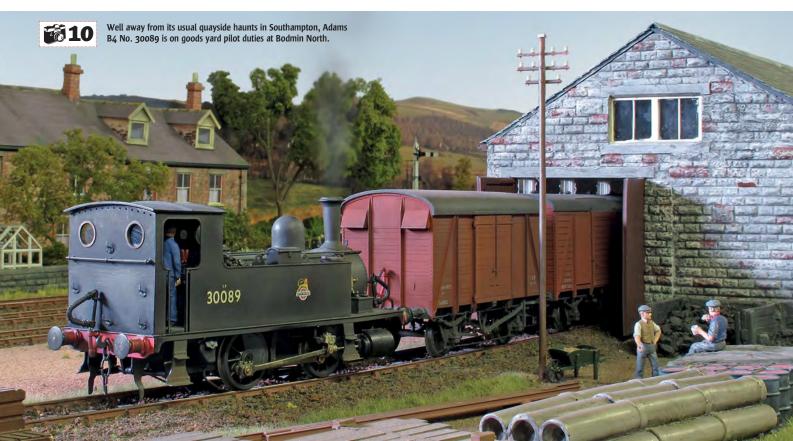
construction. On top of it will sit the 'Borough Arms' pub, next to the road from Bodmin to Dunmere.

At Boscarne Junction, all the trackwork is complete and ballasted. With the branch line rising up at the rear of the sidings, it is my intention to box in the branch line, and have it re-appearing just before it enters the cutting at Dunmere Halt. There is still lots to do!

Locomotives on the layout are kit-built by myself and all appeared in Cornwall or Devon with the exception of a Maunsell 'Schools' 4-4-0 and a G16 4-8-0T. The fleet numbers a dozen in all, but my current challenge is an unrebuilt 'West Country' 4-6-2 – No. 34016 *Bodmin* of course! The original made a

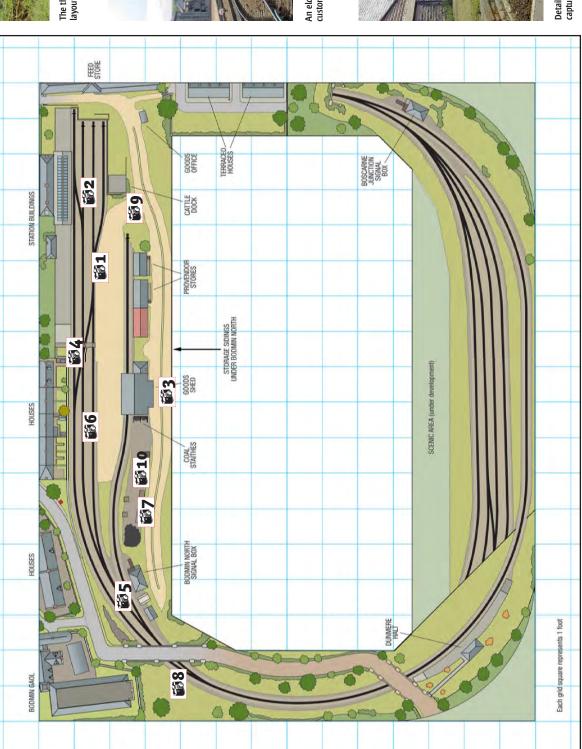
rare visit to Bodmin in August 1946 for its naming ceremony - how's that for a bit of modellers licence! Coaching stock and wagons stock were also constructed by me, with a few exceptions.

I need to thank a few people for getting me this far; to Peter for the great job he did with the buildings, Howard for constructing the tandem pointwork needed at Boscarne, Paul and Mike for their continued support and encouragement. A big thank you also to John Wilkinson who has been a great sounding board and inspiration for my ideas for the layout and for all the help with locomotive construction. He has an eye for detail that is second to none. Finally thanks to Andy York for the excellent photographs. **BRM**



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BACHMANN FARISH NEWS

GWR '94XX' & 45T CRANE JOIN BACHMANN'S 'TO DO' LIST

Ben Jones reports from Bachmann's 2015/16 catalogue launch, which revealed a number of surprises, updates and new versions of existing models, including the first ever British N model with factory-fitted sound.

dmitting it needs to prioritise more than 40 projects announced in 2012-14 but not yet delivered, Bachmann is keeping all-new items to a minimum in its 2015/16 programme. A GWR '94XX' 0-6-0PT is the company's only new locomotive announcement in OO, although there are several welcome improvements to existing products. These include the completion of a twostage upgrade of the LNER V2 2-6-2 via an all-new bodyshell (an improved chassis was introduced in 2012) and the return of the LNER J72 0-6-0T, J39 0-6-0 and LMS parallel boiler 'Royal Scot' 4-6-0 with new DCC-ready chassis. The latter will also see a partial re-tooling of the bodyshell and take advantage of some common parts with the much newer 'Patriot'. Both Fowler and Stanier tenders will be offered.

On the modern traction front, the Siemens Desiro four-car EMU will be released for the first time as the much-requested South West Trains Class 450, while the General Electric Class 70 will appear in modified form as a



Colas Railfreight Class 70/8 with extra bodyside cooling ducts and modified cabside panelling.

Bachmann's popular Scenecraft range of buildings and accessories will see no fewer than 57 new buildings for 4mm:1ft scale and 27 for 2mm scale, ranging from buildings for narrow gauge railways to an eight-storey block of flats and low relief public conveniences!

The GWR 94XX, which will share certain components with existing Bachmann 0-6-0PTs, will initially appear as GWR green No. 9402, BR early emblem black No. 9487 and BR late crest black No. 9479. Previously offered in OO gauge by Graham Farish and Lima in the 1970s/80s, 210 of these large 0-6-0PTs were built between 1947 and 1956 by Swindon Works, Yorkshire Engine Co., Hunslet, RSH, Bagnall and Hudswell Clarke. Many had very short lives as they were

quickly replaced by diesels or deemed surplus to requirements. The model will have a six-pin DCC decoder socket.

A Ransomes & Rapier 45t steam crane is an interesting and often-discussed new development. Introduced in 1940, many such cranes were used across the country until the 1980s. Southern or GWR black, BR black and BR red versions will be offered with a manually operated jib and hook and rotating crane body. Bachmann is also looking at the long-term possibility of a fully operational version, controlled by DCC, plus Longmoor Military Railway and WD versions if there is enough demand.

A feature of this year's range is the large number of new items in 'Big Four' liveries, including versions of the LNER K3, V2, J39 and O4, LMS 'Crab', 1F, 3F, 4F, G2a, 'Royal Scot', GWR 'City' 4-4-0 and Southern 'C' 0-6-0. To complement them, various GWR, LMS, LNER and SR planked open wagons and vans will also be produced

Coaching stock developments are limited, but the existing Mk 1 Restaurant First Open (RFO) tooling will be utilised to offer the Diagram 71 prototype First Open (FO) without a centre door, filling a gap in the range.

BACHMANN 2015/2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- All-new GWR '94XX' 0-6-0PT
- Ransomes & Rapier 45t steam crane
- SWT Class 450 Desiro EMU and modified Class 70/8
- Upgrades for J39, J72 & Parallel Boiler 'Scot'
- Improved body for Gresley V2



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Above Modifications to produce the SWT Class 450 EMU have already been signed off.

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Farish N gauge

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The popular LMS inspection saloon will appear in BR lined maroon and EWS red/ gold while BR blue/grey and Network SouthEast Mk 2a coaches will be reintroduced after a lenathy hiatus.

Other highlights of the new range include a re-run of the six-car 'Midland Pullman' DEMU in original Nanking blue in both N and OO. The special limited edition collectors' sets (see pXX) will feature the second of the two LMR trains used on Manchester-St Pancras services, an exclusive edition book, reproduction menu card and a pack of Midland Pullman steward figures.

Numerous other OO gauge items return to the catalogue after long

Above Original 'Royal Scot' will return with a new DCC Ready chassis, improvements to detail and Fowler or Stanier tenders.



Above Dating back to 1976, the ex-Mainline J72 gets another mechanical upgrade, bringing it up to modern DCC Ready standards. It will also appear in N for the first time.

absences, including the G2a 'Super D' 0-8-0, Hughes/Fowler 'Crab' 2-6-0, LNER K₃ 2-6-0, Class 166 DMU and Railtrack PNA box wagons, EWS/Thrall MBA 'Megabox' and JGA bogie stone hoppers in weathered RMC orange and BLI blue/ white.

For full details of the Bachmann 2015/16 00 gauge catalogue range, see www.bachmann.co.uk and www.rmweb. co.uk. Turn to page 35 for our exclusive interview with Bachmann's new European Sales & Marketing Director, David Haarhaus. **BRM**



Above LNER V2 is gain an all-new bodyshell to complement its new chassis, completing a two-stage upgrade.



Above Modfied Class 70s with extra cooling ducts will appear in Colas Railfreight (above) and Freightliner livery.



PROGRESS REPORT

All dates given below are best predictions and subject to alteration without notice.

Bachmann 00 **In Development**

(Delivery dates TBC)

- ▶ BR Class 90 electric
- ▶ GWR 94XX 0-6-0PT
- ▶ LBSCR H2 Atlantic
- ▶ BR Class 24/1
- **•** Baldwin 10-12-D 4-6-0T (009)
- ▶ Three-plank Bogie Open Wagon (OO9 Scale)
- Ambulance Van (OO9 Scale)
- ▶ FFA/FGA Freightliner Flats
- Ransomes & Rapier 45t crane
- WD 'Warflat' Wagon
- TTA Class B Bitumen tank
- Intermodal Tank Containers

In the Drawing Office (expected 2016)

- LNWR Webb 'Coal Tank' 0-6-2T
- ▶ LMS Stanier 'Mogul' 2-6-0
- ▶ LNER V1/V3 2-6-2T (chassis upgrade)
- Ivatt 2MT 2-6-2T (chassis upgrade)
- BR Class 158 DMU
- ▶ LNER Thompson coaches
- **BR** Mk 2f coaches
- ▶ SECR 'Birdcage' coaches
- ▶ 20T tank wagon

Tool Room (late-2015)

- Wickham Trolley
- SR USA 0-6-oT (Exclusively for Model Rail)

Artwork being prepared (due late-2015/early-2016)

▶ BR Hawksworth Auto Trailer

Livery Sample (due late-2015)

- LMS 10000/01 (Exclusively for Rails of Sheffield)
- SR Utility Van

In Production (due mid-2015)

- BR Class 43 'Warship'
- Mk 1 TPO Coach with nets
- GNR Ivatt 'Large Atlantic' (Exclusively for NRM)

In Transit

- ▶ GWR 'Modified Hall' 4-6-0
- ▶ GWR 'Hall' 4-6-0 (in 'Shakespeare Express' pack)
- BR 21t Grain Wagon
- ▶ BR Long Tube Wagon

BACHMANN FARISH NEWS



CLASS 40, LNER J72 & DCC SOUND '108' FROM GRAHAM FARISH



Above An all-new Class 40 is a welcome development (00 gauge model shown).



Graham Farish N

In Development (Delivery dates TBC)

- Class 40 diesel (new tooling)
- BR Mk 2f coaches + DBSO
- SECR 'Birdcage' Coaches
- ▶ SR Utility Vans

Drawing Office (expected in 2016)

- ▶ GWR 'Castle' 4-6-0
- GWR '64XX' 0-6-0PT
- BR Hawksworth Auto Trailer

Tool Room (due late-2015/early-2016)

- BR Standard 4MT 2-6-4T
- BR 12t Pipe Wagon

Livery Samples (due in late-2015)

- GWR Hawksworth coaches
- ▶ SR 'Bogie B' Van

In Production (mid-2015)

- ▶ SR 'Merchant Navy' 4-6-2
- ▶ SR N Class 2-6-0
- ▶ LNER Peppercorn A2 4-6-2
- ▶ BR push-pull Class 47/7

In Transit (imminent)

- ▶ BR Class 31 diesel
- SR 12t Vent Vans

wo all-new locomotives, two extra items of rolling stock and the first-ever British outline N scale model with DCC sound lead an exciting new programme for Graham Farish.

A BR blue Class 108 two-car DMU is the chosen vehicle for Graham Farish's first venture into DCC sound A small decoder and speaker will be housed in the gangway end of the DMBS car. Price and delivery date are yet to be confirmed.

An all-new English Electric Type 4 1-Co-Co-1 (Class 40) continues Bachmann's programme of replacing models inherited from the previous management in 2000. The model will be offered in three liveries - BR green D211 Mauretania, BR green D369 with small yellow warning panels and BR blue 40159 - and will feature a highly-detailed bodyshell, DCC ready chassis, directional LED lights and NFM couplers.

In 1989, an LNER |72 0-6-0T was Bachmann's first OO gauge model and it will now be offered to N gauge modellers too, in three guises - LNER



Above LNER 172 will appear in N for the first time, in competition with a proposed model of the same class announced by Dapol in 2014.

lined green No. 8680, BR early emblem black No. 69001 and BR late crest black No. 69028. The models will have a six-pin DCC decoder socket and, according to Bachmann; "a level of detail that could only be dreamed of in N scale 25 years ago."

Two items that were previously exclusive to N Gauge Society members have now been added to the main range; the LMS 50' inspection saloon and Southern Railway 'Queen Mary' bogie brake van. The latter will be offered in SR brown, BR bauxite and EWS red/gold, while the extremely popular saloon will appear in LMS crimson lake, BR lined maroon

and BR blue/grey.

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Other interesting items in the new range include three packs that will allow the Era 8/9 modeller to assemble a representation of the Nomix-Chipman weedkilling train of the 1990s, powered by Hunslet-Barclay Class 20/9s, two new Class 66s in DB Schenker traffic red and DRS plain blue and a Colas Railfreight Class 60. A pack of three SR Bulleid coaches is also planned, complete with authentic set numbers on the end of each brake

> For the complete Graham Farish 2015/16 catalogue range, see www.bachmann.co.uk and www.rmweb

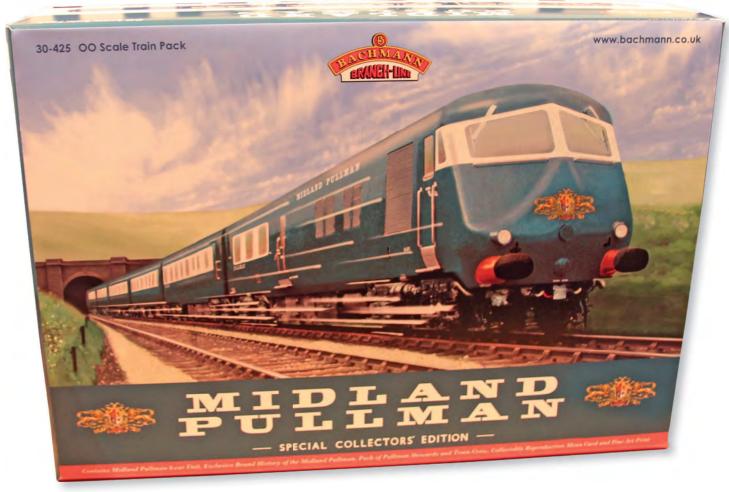


BRM MEETS... DAVID HAARHAUS

In his first interview, the new top man at Bachmann Europe talks to **Ben Jones** and shares his thoughts on how he sees the business and the British model railway market developing over the coming years.



BRM Interview



Themed train packs are proving to be a success with modellers and collectors alike; this attractive 'Midland Pullman' pack has just been added for release in 2015.

wenty-six years after he founded
Bachmann Europe, Managing Director
Graham Hubbard has handed over the
day-to-day operation of the company. His
successor is European Sales & Marketing
Director David Haarhaus, a familiar name to many,
having been with the company for almost 15 years.

David takes the reins at a tricky time for Bachmann. Despite having one of its best years to date in 2014, labour shortages, production backlogs, rising prices and a new generation of smaller competitors all pose a threat to this established manufacturer.

In the week that Bachmann announced its N and OO gauge programmes for 2015/16, I visited the company's HQ in Leicestershire to find out how he plans to overcome the issues and take the company forward. Although only a couple of weeks into his new job, David's lengthy experience of the Bachmann Europe operation means that he already knows the issues at hand and has a good idea of what will be required to resolve them.

Over the last year, David has been heavily involved in Bachmann's pro-active effort to make customers aware of the true cost of producing high-quality models, countering public criticism of the ongoing price increases it is being forced to pass on to customers.

Now that he's occupying one of the most prominent positions in the British (and European) model railway business, I'm intrigued how he got started in the model railway trade and how he got to where he is today.

"I started as a Saturday boy in Beatties store when I was 15. It was meant to just be something for summer, encouraged by my dad who is a complete train 'nut'. I got the job he always wanted.

"I worked my way through the grades while studying at college, becoming a store manager at a key location. I then moved up to head office as a buyer for Model and Hobby products, which is where I first came into contact with Graham [Hubbard] - as a customer. I briefly worked for RIKO International (best known as the UK importer for Lima and Tamiya) but then Graham asked me to come to Bachmann as a Sales Manager, which led to where I am now, in my 15th year with the company."

How has Bachmann changed over the last 15 years, I wonder?

"The sales structure is completely different for a start. We have our own sales team, whereas we used to use agents. The company's a lot bigger too; turnover has increased from around £7 million a year to around £15m now, including the German operation. We've increased the staff, expanded the warehouse, the R&D

office and grown in terms of the products we offer.

"In terms of the product, much has changed too. The technology has moved on and on; what we thought was a lovely model in 2000 really wouldn't cut the mustard now. It seems to happen so quickly too. Like everything else in life, the expectations are that things will constantly improve, but the pace of change really seems to have quickened up. The advent of weathering, DCC, extra lighting functions and sound all happened in the UK market quite quickly."

Have customer expectations changed rapidly too?
"Yes, they have - and quite rightly so. When we were kids, it was a 50-50 chance whether a model would work or not when you put it on the track. Even if it did work, it would wobble and stutter. Remember what a great leap forward it was when Lima added the extra pick-ups and wire to the trailing bogie of some diesels?

"It wasn't that long ago that the Lima Class 31 was notable because it came with separate plastic handrails you could fit yourself! All the bits we used to buy from Crownline, Craftsman or A1 Models now come with the models. The challenge for us is to see how much better it can get but still be affordable." Where does he see it going over the next few years, in terms of technology and the hobby in general? "The hobby at large is in an interesting situation. It

Technology has moved on and on; what we thought was a lovely model in 2000 really wouldn't cut the mustard now.

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doesn't have the chain of flagship High Street retailers to bring in new people. I'm not being disparaging to our retailers, we love them all and support them however we can. Some towns are lucky enough to have a High Street model shop, but there are a lot that haven't.

"Stores like Hobbycraft cater for many of the female-dominated hobbies and crafts, but there's nothing similar for men since the loss of Beatties and ModelZone. Without that, how are tomorrow's modelers going to get into the hobby? And I don't just mean model railways; without easy access to products such as plastic kits, radio-controlled cars or slot car racing, it's going to be more difficult to get people of all ages enthused about these hobbies. You just don't get that same buzz from a website that you feel when you see a G scale train running around the ceiling or look at an animated diorama covered in built up kits of some kind. It's a challenge for us, and we need to have a serious think about where we're going to be as an industry in 20 years time."

More specifically, how will Bachmann models develop over the coming years?

"Well, over the last two years we've had significant pricing changes and increases. At this stage, we as a company are still very much behind the policy of constantly driving our models to higher standards, but with one eye on costs. For example, where ten years ago we would have included tooling just to make a few small variations, that might not be so prevalent now, but we still want to make a premium, highly-detailed product.

"The challenge is to let our consumers understand that it is a hand-made, almost bespoke collectable product - like a Swiss watch in some ways – and that that comes at a price. We need to help people justify in their own minds why it costs what it does. The biggest challenge is with Graham Farish N scale, because they cost pretty much the same to research, design, tool, manufacture and decorate as OO products. The difference in cost between the materials for each is negligible, but the perception is that it should cost less because it's half the size.

"We need to do more to extol the benefits of Graham Farish N; it's something that perhaps we've been slow to achieve over the years, but we still want to be selling beautiful Graham Farish models in 20 years time and our challenge is to promote it more actively. We're very lucky to have a good tooling bank, the models are wonderfully detailed these days and the reliability is very good. It's got a lot going for it." Is the massive investment in new N scale tooling bringing more people in?

"I am not sure that the audience for N scale has grown massively, but then I'm not convinced it has grown for OO either over the same period. We're selling more product than we ever have, but our ranges are so much wider."

What sort of schemes would attract more new modellers into the hobby?

"There have been some cool marketing schemes over the years and we need get behind such things and get model railways back in front of a wider consumer audience. It's a shame there isn't some sort of trade association or body that could look after that on behalf of manufacturers. Imagine if you went into a big shopping centre like Meadowhall two weeks before Christmas and saw a display of model railways, slot car or whatever in a central area. It would be a great way of enthusing the younger generation" Is that sort of supplier-led industry one of his priorities for the coming years?

"It is, but I don't think any one supplier or manufacturer is strong enough or has the skills to do that alone. We understand how to design and make model trains here in Barwell; we're not Saatchi & Saatchi, but we would support an organisation set up to promote the model railway hobby.

There are constant suggestions about the decline and demise of the hobby, particularly the local model shop. Does he see any evidence of that?

"Everyone always tells me 'model shops are closing', but I've got to tell you, when I started in 2000 we had about 600 customers and in 2015 it's about the same. The actual number of stores is about the same and Bachmann's turnover is doing very well - we're selling a lot more models than we were 15 years ago, which counters those predictions of doom. What we do need though are those High Street stores. If there was a flagship model and hobby store on Oxford Street it would benefit the entire hobby by giving families and kids an opportunity to see model trains running, whether it's 'Thomas the Tank Engine' or *Mallard* or whatever. These types of high profile outlets would not be to the detriment of our network of retailers, but would actually benefit them in my opinion. The more people actively having a modelling hobby the better!"

While we're on the subject of retailers, I ask David about Bachmann's oft-stated support for model railway shops. Will it continue in the longer term or will Bachmann follow the example of others and seek to sell more products direct?

"We do not choose to sell directly via our website, or supply non-retail customers as we believe that good retailers are still the key to a healthy industry. "There are a multitude of reasons why we think that, but let's just consider one; **BRM's** London Festival of Railway



The Bulleid 'Merchant Navy' (above), Peppercorn A2 and Maunsell N 2-6-0 will be the next three high-quality steam locomotives to join the Graham Farish N scale range.



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Changing of the Guard: After 25 years at the helm, Graham Hubbard (left) has handed over day-to-day operation of Bachmann Europe to David Haarhaus. ANDY YORK

Modeling at Alexandra Palace. Retailers we support attend this show with a sales stand and have to pay a significant amount of money to be there. Those fees contribute to pay the hotel, van hire and other expenses of those people who attend with fantastic exhibition layouts. Admission charges also contribute to the hire of the venue, marketing of the show and so on, but if there were no more retailers paying to be there, would there be any shows in high-profile locations?"

"When buying a Bachmann product, the consumer is not only paying for hundreds of hours of R&D time, tooling costs, livery references, manufacturing costs and shipping costs. We've always tried to invest in the future of the industry, putting something back in at the bottom rather than simply skimming off the top. That is why we attend a large number of exhibitions with our Road show team.

"Bachmann sponsors some larger events such as Ally Pally and Warley, but we support smaller local shows too. We also financially support the railway preservation movement by working with railways and rolling stock groups. We support magazines with advertising, review samples and exclusive items. All of these worthy causes have to be paid for from the revenue we generate selling models. I guess we could reduce the price of all our items, to be very competitive, but that would mean we are unable to contribute in other ways."

Some commentators suggest that while attracting 6-12 year olds to the hobby is invaluable in the longer term, we should really be encouraging people

in their 40s and 50s to try model railways, rather than losing them to golf, angling or classic cars.

"You're right" David interjects. "There's some of evidence of that; think about the plethora of modern image models that have been so popular over recent years. I assume that the constant demand for BR blue Class 47s comes from that group. But it's also nice to see the calls for models of contemporary trains, such as the SWT Class 450. Although it's almost 50 years since BR steam finished, the hobby is still generally buoyant. it's certainly not all doom, plague and pestilence out there. We just need to understand what needs doing now to ensure that we still have a hobby in 20, 30, 40 years time."

What targets has David been set for expansion and development of the company?

"Obviously there are internal discussions about that, about expansion and possible opportunities, but they have to be kept relatively confidential. What is encouraging is that Kader (Bachmann Europe's parent company) is very much behind us. Luckily we've always been a successful company and there's no need for any revolution. Personally, I feel very lucky to be taking over a company that is successful, despite the recent issues. As a team, I believe we've got enough talent in the business to manage challenges like the price increases, social and economic change in China and the production backlog."

The mention of the latter raises another topic that exercises Bachmann's customers - both retail and the end user. Of the 83 new projects announced in 2012-14, 44 are still to be delivered. With some

still to be started by Bachmann's Hong Kong design office. Even optimistic estimates suggest that it will take three years just to deliver what has already been announced in N, OO9 and OO. How did that 'to do' list get so long and what is being done to get those products on the shelves?

"There are various good reasons; the 2013 announcements were probably too ambitious (46 items of new tooling, according to the R&D office) and at the same time there was a 30% shortfall in factory capacity and delays to new tooling development due to staff shortages in China. The closure of Sanda Kan had a particularly detrimental effect on Graham Farish, but there were also reductions in the Kader engineering capacity, increases in labour costs and workforce mobility, tooling budget constraints and an increase in external commissions. Our requirements went up at the exact time as the brakes came on in Asia"

Quite a combination of factors; what is Bachmann doing to work its way out of the situation? "Again, there's no single solution that will overcome it. Kader is recruiting new engineers and has arranged for additional design capacity to be diverted from other divisions in Hong Kong and China, we're investing in improvements to our UK R&D office - such as more use of digital printing and 3-D printing - and we're making greater use of external design resources.

"But, as the new catalogues show, we're also reintroducing under-utilised tooling (such as the 'Super D' and JGA stone hopper), identifying smaller new tooling projects such as body or chassis upgrades and creating multi-vehicle packs that require no new tooling to freshen up the range and maintain interest. Special edition packs such as the 'Railway Children' and First World War ambulance and tank trains are creating a lot of interest and, we think, reaching a new audience

"Furthermore, Bachmann Europe will suspend sponsoring any more external tooling commissions, which can consume a great deal of management time, and we'll steer clear of any head-to-head duplication of products.

"The plan is for Hong Kong to start development of another 12 projects during 2015, which should come to fruition next year..."

Can he give us any clues as to what they will be, I ask, more in hope than expectation?

"I think we can expect to see good progress on the Branchline OO Wickham Trolley, the Ivatt 2MT 2-6-2T, V1/V3, Stanier 'Mogul', SECR Birdcage stock and 2OT tankers along with the Mk 2f and Thompson coaches. The USA Tank is also looking good.

"I know that the Farish GWR 64XX is doing very well along with the Pipe Wagons. All other outstanding items are progressing on a broad front as we get back in sync with our colleagues in Asia, the amendments for the SWT Class 450 have already been dealt with and we are reviewing data on the Class 90s and Brighton 'Atlantic'.

While that all looks good for 2016, what will keep the tills ringing in the meantime?

"More thoughtful ranging will help us to maximise interest and minimise the effect of price rises. We're committed to the higher quality end of the market; it's won't be a 'race to the bottom' for us."

We talked briefly about the increasing interest in BR blue era modeling, but Bachmann has also found some recent success in an era that received wisdom would have us believe doesn't have a large following - pre-Grouping steam. Will we see a renaissance in pre-1923 subjects?

It's easy to announce things, anyone can do that, but it's delivering a credible or definitive product that's the important bit.

"I always thought we should be doing more for this period. The success of the SECR 'C' Class and Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway 'Radial' tank proved the point. It's colourful, it appeals to people who are interested in the history of the railways, and the liveries are often stunning. More of that would be great, and it's time we had another go at some other liveries that we're told 'don't sell', such as early BR subjects with BRITISH RAILWAYS lettering and 'Big Four' locomotives and rolling stock.

"In my new role I need to challenge some of this received wisdom, sensibly, but also supporting it with new items such as the SECR 'Birdcage' coaches."

Now that he's in charge of daily operations, what model would David really like to produce?
"In many ways, I've already got my wish list with things like the '4-CEP', 'EPB' and MLV (Class 419 Motor Luggage Van). Anything for south-east London in the 1970s/80s works for me!

"I've also tried to look after my father's interests with things like the LNWR 'Super D' and LYR Radial 2-4-2T. Who would have thought anyone would ever make one of those" he laughs. "There have been so many one-offs, prototypes and esoteric classes done recently, but I don't think Bachmann would ever go down that road, apart from the LMS 10000/01.

"I've always said that there's nothing wrong with going back and doing something better if you can. Perfect it, and then go back and do it again." Rejuvenating the range is an ongoing process with Graham Farish, but does he have anything in particular in mind for OO gauge?

"I do, but I can't really comment at this stage. We have already started to do this in many ways with items such as the 'Mickey Mouse' tank and V2. We are reviewing the current range and looking at certain other things again because the market has moved on over the last decade. We've always been big enough to go back and put things right in the past when we've realised they weren't up to scratch. The priority though is clearing that backlog before we publically commit to anything else. Rest assured, there is plenty going in behind the scenes. It's easy to announce things, anyone can do that, but it's delivering a credible or definitive product that's the important bit.

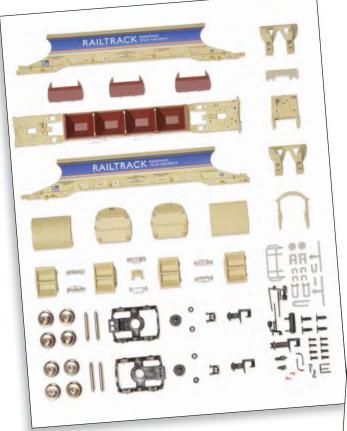
"We're investing in the future by expanding the R&D team - we recently advertised for a new research and development Engineer - but we're also looking for new areas in which to expand. That doesn't just mean locomotives; look at the new 45t crane we've just announced, and the LMS Inspection Saloon. That's not a cheap item, but it's a lovely product and it has done very well. We could have made one for £30 but it wouldn't have been anywhere near as good and I think most people understand that. Why would you spend hundreds of hours creating a beautiful landscape, complete with Digital control

and then run second-rate trains through it? That's why we're still keen to produce the best models we possibly can."

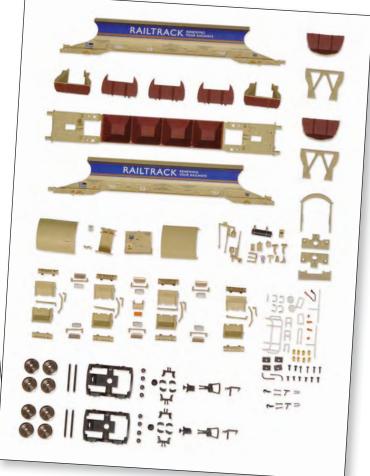
And on that positive note, our time is up. After 25 years in which it could be argued that Graham Hubbard, ably assisted by talented engineers such as Merl Evans, played a central role in reinvigorating the British model railway trade. Having launched Bachmann Branchline and then revived Graham Farish, prompting other suppliers to 'up their game' in the process, there's a real sense of a changing of the guard at Barwell.

We'll give the final word to David about his predecessor; "I'm very lucky to be taking over a company that has, by and large, been very successful, thanks to Graham and the team he built around him. "Back in 1989 he saw that the demand was there for a higher quality product and really went for it. They injected new enthusiasm and energy and brought back frustrated modellers who had drifted away with a credible product. The company will continue with that basic ethos; I can promise our customers and collectors that. In my opinion our hobby has a lot to thank Graham, the Bachmann team and Kader for in making that initial leap of faith.

"The world and this industry have changed a great deal in 25 years and now we need to look carefully at where it will go next, but I can only see it being a positive future." **BRM**



When Bachmann OO and N scale autoballaster wagons are broken down into their individual components it's easy to see why they take so long to assemble.



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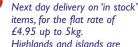


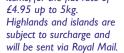






















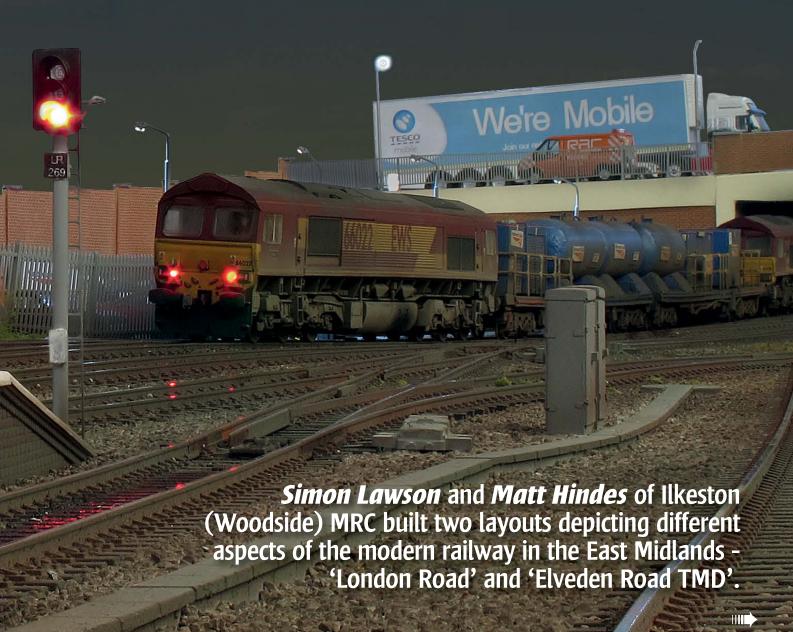








EAST MIDLANDS TO DIAMETER STANDS





After hearing DCC sound locomotives in action at exhibitions, I knew that was what I wanted for my own layout.

had always wanted to build a large tail-chaser based on Nottingham but space was always an issue. The area I had available was 14' x 2' down one side of my garage. Modelling in N gauge was one possibility but after hearing DCC sound locomotives at exhibitions, I knew that a model in OO with sound-fitted stock was what I wanted. After seeing the layout 'Wellington Road', based on a station in Leeds, with only one end of the platforms shown, something clicked. Why not model the end of Nottingham Midland between the

footbridge and London Road bridge, albeit simplified to fit the available space?

I used the free trial version of the AnyRail software to come up with a workable plan, omitting the bay platform. With the footbridge positioned further up the platform I managed to fit it all into an 8' x 2' scenic area with a 3' x 2' fiddleyard at each end. As the layout isn't an exact replica of Nottingham Midland I decided to call it 'London Road' and hopefully anybody viewing will see the similarities between it and the real Nottingham.

CONSTRUCTION

Baseboards are 3" x 1" softwood frames with 9mm MDF tops. The track is Peco Code 100 with large radius points operated by SEEP point motors. After tracklaying and wiring for DCC, I spent some time test running to ensure that it was reliable. Once I was satisfied that the trackwork and wiring was good, I positioned the cable troughs and electrical boxes then started ballasting. I used Woodland Scenics medium size, grey blend ballast fixed in place with WS Scenic Cement. After this had dried, dummy point motors, point heaters and Train

Protection Warning System (TPWS) grids were added.

Platforms are 15mm MDF with Wills platform edging and Metcalfe paving sheets. This method ensures a solid base for adding lighting and advertising hoardings.

London Road bridge was next, constructed using off-cuts for the supports with a plywood road surface bent to give the curve of the road surface. It was painted using tester pots and when dry, TrueTexture road markings were applied. Paving, left over from the platform surfaces, was added for the pavements.

For the model to look like Nottingham I had to try and fit in the footbridge, platform buildings, the NHS building and Network Rail yard as close to the original style and position. The Network Rail yard office block is a Bachmann Scenecraft item with lighting added. I think it is a reasonable version of what is there. The cycle shelters are Hornby Skaledale but with the walls and bases cut away.

ELECTRICS & CONTROL

I wanted as many real illuminated features as possible to be lit on the model. I scratchbuilt the

FACT FILE

Scale/Gauge: 1:76 scale, 16.5mm gauge 00

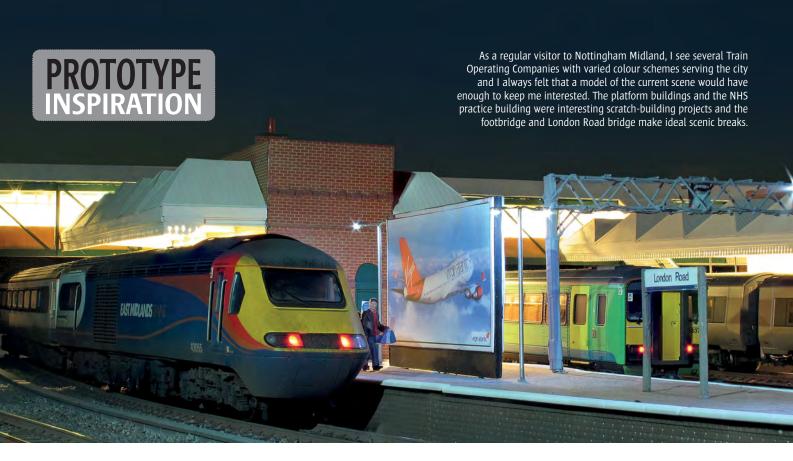
Size: 14' x 2'

Era/Region: 2007 onwards, East Midlands

Power/Control: Lenz 100 DCCLayout Type: End-to-end

Words: Simon Lawson

Photography: Andy York



colour light signal gantry using brass rod with CR Signals three-aspect heads mounted and wired to a control panel. Other CR Signals were fitted and wired to rotary switches on the control panel. Toggle switches for the points were fitted and wired through to the SEEP point motors via a Gaugemaster CDU.

The footbridge and the platform canopies are illuminated by Express Models self-adhesive LED strip. The road bridge lights and traffic bollards, double platform lights and the vending machines

were all supplied by Layouts4U. All lighting, including signalling, is fed by two Express Models 12V DC smoothed transformers.

I have used DCC since 2004 when I bought a Lenz Compact and was still happy with it until sound fitted locomotives started appearing. Due to the limited number of functions of the Compact, I decided it was time for an upgrade and after a visit to Digitrains to 'play' with their various systems, purchased a Lenz Set 100.

DETAILS

I have tried to add as many authentic details as possible as they help to bring the layout to life. Figures, signs and small details such as the Citycard Cycles in the bicycle shelters help to place the layout geographically and in period. Knightwing security fencing runs the length of the layout and separates the station area from the Cycle Hub, NHS car park and Network Rail yard. Thanks to Oxford Diecast, modern vehicles are increasingly







DETAIL

BUILDINGS

Apart from the Network Rail yard office, I scratchbuilt all the buildings on 'London Road'. The main shells for the footbridge and platform buildings are plastic card or Wills flexible brick sheets with window apertures cut out with a scalpel. Microstrip frames were added before glazing was glued behind and appropriate roofing added. The platform canopies are plastic card mounted on a plastic section frame. The NHS building was built in a similar manner but, due to the strange shape, has more inner strengthening



LED lighting and the scratchbuilt canopies helps to give the layout an authentic look and the opportunity to operate in darkness.

available, but region specific road vehicles were more of a problem. I had a modern Nottingham Fire & Rescue Land Rover, a modern Blood Donor van but no modern ambulance. The old Nottingham ambulance was available so I decided to make it the centrepiece of a fundraising scene for the local Air Ambulance. This scene had the added bonus of taking part of the car park out of action. There is a limited number of 'average' modern day cars available, meaning I could get enough variety to fill the remainder.

ROLLING STOCK

My favourite train has to be the Rail Head Treatment Train (RHTT) consisting of two soundfitted EWS Class 66s with scratchbuilt FEA-F flats. This is, so far, my only attempt at scratchbuilding stock and was inspired by a magazine article from 2009. I started with a pair of Bachmann intermodal flats and I constructed the rest using plastic card for the control boxes, brass rod for handrails, 25mm household waste pipe for the water tanks and DAS modelling clay for the tank supports.

Once they had been painted, I added orange lining and overhead warning flashes from a sheet of transfers. The other markings were edited on computer and printed on an inkjet printer to finish off the decoration. Although it is not 100% accurate, I feel it does the job and I'm even more impressed with it now it's been weathered.

Modelling the current railway scene means I can run a variety of colourful stock. I have East Midlands Trains, Northern Rail and CrossCountry DMUs, Network Rail stock moves including a Bachmann Windhoff MPV, the RHTT, light engine moves, steam charters and even a Class 20 hauled 'Jolly Fisherman' Railtour with blue and grey Mk 1s.

All stock is fitted with Kadee couplings and weathered, either by RBW Loco Weathering or Grimy Times. All sound-fitted stock has Olivia's Trains sound - which means I only need three lists of sound functions; one for DMUs (including the



MPV), one for diesel locomotives and one for steam. Not all stock is fitted with sound at the moment and due to the costs this is an ongoing process.

CLUB HELP

I am now a member of the Ilkeston (Woodside) Model Railway Club where the layout is currently set up. Joining a club not only gives you access to the experience and knowledge of other modellers, but helps you to find new friends with similar interests, and help when transporting and operating a layout to exhibitions. Since moving the layout to the clubroom, I've replaced the fiddleyard with 6' x 2' boards. This means less handling of the stock and less chance of dropping or damaging anything.

I would like to thank Ilkeston (Woodside) MRC for allowing me to keep the layout in the clubroom – I would have had to sell it otherwise. Also thanks to Olivia's Trains, Sherwood Models, Malc's Models and Layouts4U. Many thanks to Richard of www. rbwlocoweathering.com for weathering the majority of the stock. Last but not least, thanks to IWMRC club members Matt, Shaun and Teresa for help with some of the finishing touches.

'London Road' made its exhibition debut at Ilkeston (Woodside) MRC's show in February 2015. If you would like details of the IWMRC show or to invite us to your exhibition please contact; peteabbott2812@talktalk.net





LAYOUT FOCUS

PART 2

ELVEDEN ROAD TMD



FACT FILE

Layout Name: Elveden Road TMD

Scale/Gauge: 1:76 scale, 16.5mm gauge 00

Size: 12' x 2'

Era/Region: Modern day, East Midlands

Location: Garage

Layout Type: End-to-end

Control: Lenz DCC

Words: Matt Hindes

Photography: Andy York

round 20 years ago, during the final years of BR, an additional depot was constructed in the East Midlands to service HST sets, complementing Etches Park in Derby. However, locomotivehauled trains or DMU stock were also serviced there as required.

After privatisation in the mid-1990s, Elveden Road depot was operated by Midland Mainline (MML). Subsequently, most of the stock serviced was MML

or Virgin Cross Country plus DMUs from Central Trains. East Midlands Trains took over when the MML franchise was re-let in 2007.

'Elveden Road' gained a reputation for high quality work. As a result, despite its location and ownership, other TOCs began to send stock for attention. HSTs from further afield including First Great Western and GNER/East Coast sets have been serviced at the depot. During 2007, 'Elveden Road' took part in FGW's HST refurbishment programme, in a co-operation with **Rombardier**

As the work increased, an extension was constructed, purely for servicing coaching stock. The new facility included a four-road maintenance shed, stabling sidings, a fuelling point, plus additional office space and warehousing.

When deciding on what to build, I had two parameters to follow; the layout had to be 12' long and use DCC. With the help of my friend Simon Lawson, we set out discussing (and scrutinising) ideas from collieries to a wagon works, but we eventually settled on a depot servicing Mk 3 coaches.

During the design phase I didn't take much

inspiration from other sources, although I did study photographs of real depots such as Etches Park and Leeds Neville Hill - mostly for the buildings.

There aren't many layouts based on this type of depot but one that provided much inspiration was 'Aberdeen Kirkhill'. This amazing layout has been one of my favourites for years, so it was great for me to finally use it as inspiration for my own take on an HST depot.

CONSTRUCTION

'Elveden Road' is constructed from three 2' x 4' boards built from 3" x1" softwood frames with a 9mm MDF top. Two of the boards were recycled from Simon's Network Rail depot which had to be scrapped due to a

When the layout is at home it lives on a purpose built 'bench' in the garage, but at exhibitions it is supported by four Stanley sawhorses.

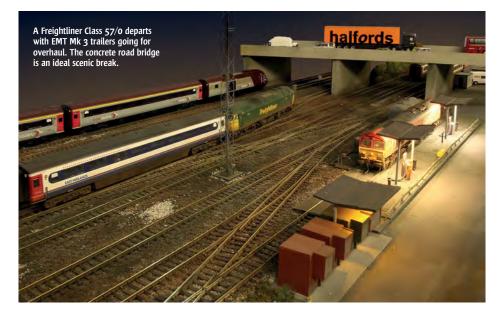
Trackwork is Peco Streamline Code 100, using large radius points. The tracklaying was largely completed over the space of a week in April 2014, with help from Simon. The layout is wired for DCC operation,

There aren't many layouts based around this type of depot, but 'Aberdeen Kirkhill' has long been one of my favourites.

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Fitters discuss their next job outside the shed.



"Where's this pallet you want moving boss?"

although I prefer to operate points in the old way, with toggle switches. A CDU is housed in the control panel, which was scratch-built from plastic card and features a trackplan designed on a computer and printed on a vinyl sticker applied to the panel lid.

The layout does not yet have signals but I have installed the wiring and indicator LEDs on the control panel ready for when I get to this stage. There will be nine signals, six of which will control the depot tracks, and the other three will control shunting elsewhere in the yard.

The most significant features on the layout are the two depot buildings. The front shed is used to service coaching stock while the one at the rear is a section of a much larger building that would actually extend beyond the backscene and is used to service HSTs and DMUs.

These buildings were designed on a lazy Saturday afternoon by Simon and I and are entirely scratch-built from plastic card. The roof vents were made, believe it or not, from fizzy drink bottle tops. I can't take any credit for the buildings though; they were built by Shaun of Ilkeston (Woodside) MRC and are ten times better than if I would have been able to achieve.

A DAY OUT AT ETCHES PARK

The first exhibition for 'Elveden Road' was the 2014 Etches Park Open Day, part of the 'Derby 175'

To read more about 'Elveden Road' see Matt's RMweb blog at: http://bit.ly/1zUEqfM celebrations. Exhibiting a layout based on an East Midlands

Trains depot at an EMT depot is not an opportunity that comes around every day. It was a fantastic way for the layout to make its debut. I came away from that day with my head spinning with ideas for different features and details that could be added to the layout.

One such plan is to add a wheel lathe building. It will be quite a big job that will involve moving the crossover and altering the track layout, adding an inspection pit and reballasting the board.

ROLLING STOCK

As Hornby is the only source of HST and Mk 3 stock for OO gauge, most of the fleet is from this manufacturer. Other





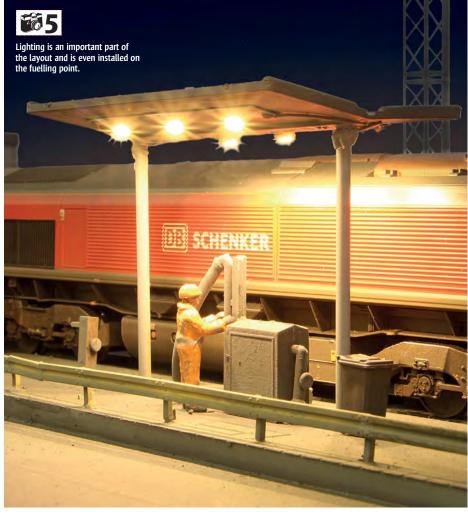
diesel locomotives are from the Bachmann range. All stock is fitted with Kadee couplings. There are uncoupling magnets fitted either under the track or hidden in the hard standing to allow for 'hands free' uncoupling.

My favourite locomotive is my East Midlands Trains Class o8 shunter, a Hornby model bought from Olivia's Trains in Sheffield and fitted with LED marker lights, DCC sound and a 'Stay Alive' capacitor to improve reliability. This is a unique model as not only is it a custom repaint into a livery not available off the shelf, but it also has its own name and number to make it truly my own. It is named *Brian Clough* after the legendary football manager who managed teams in Leeds, Nottingham and Derby, all of which have EMT maintenance depots.

I would like to thank Simon for helping to design the layout and offering help and support throughout the entire project. Also to thanks to Ilkeston (Woodside) Model Railway Club for its ongoing support. Two members in particular deserve a mention, firstly Shaun for making the depot buildings and Teresa for painting figures! **BRM**

MY FAVOURITE TRAINS

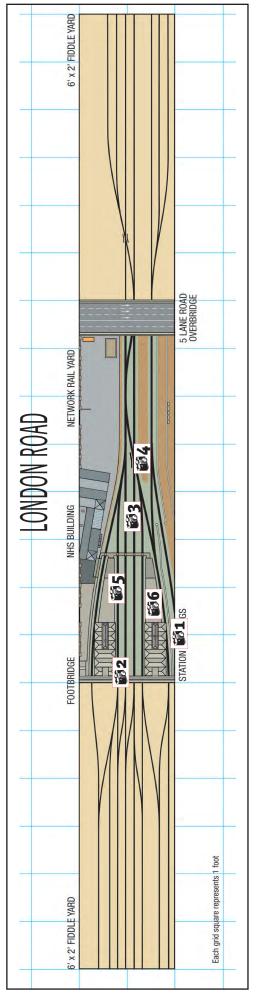
Without doubt, it's my High Speed Trains because of their sleek design, colourful liveries and the (sadly now gone) screaming Paxman Valenta engines. However, to model an HST and do it justice you usually need a large tail-chaser type layout. But, as I have proved here, a layout based around HSTs can be achieved in just 12'!

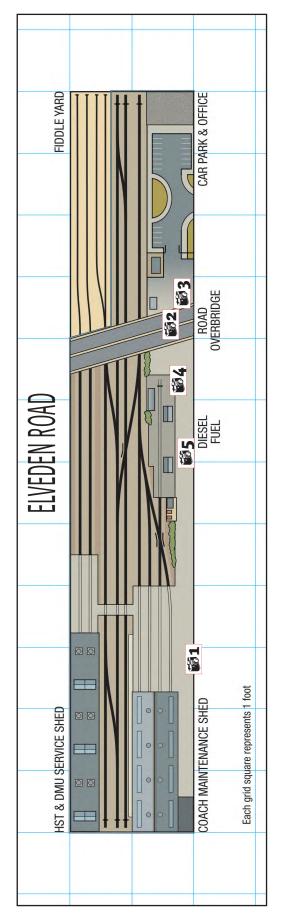


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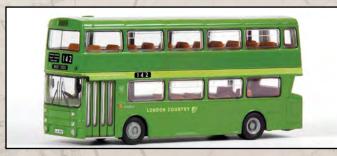


23323 AEC RF Coach

VALLIANT / SILVERLINE

Ex London Transport RF 573 is seen here in the livery of Valliant / Silverline Contract Division and was used for a variety of coaching duties. The blinds show it was entry number 78 at the 21st British Coach Rally in Brighton in 1975.

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28910 GM Standard Atlantean LONDON COUNTRY NORTH WEST

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MARCH RELEASE



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MARCH RELEASE



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27318 Levland TD1

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SECOND H

As the cost of new models increases, **Phil Parker** looks at the potential for making the most of older products, easily obtained for bargain prices.

odel railways are an expensive hobby, or so we are always told. One problem is that model shop shelves are becoming ever more packed with superb products and all that lovely detail costs money. Worse, once out of the box, someone like me will come along and suggest that perhaps you might like to modify the freshly purchased item to make it more personal.

"I'm not weathering my locomotives, they cost over £100 and I'm scared of ruining them", is a familiar response whenever anyone suggests adding some light weathering. That's a fair point. What we need is to find something cheaper to work on and build up our confidence.

Material for that is easy to find. It's piled in boxes on secondhand stalls at exhibitions, on tables

auctions.

this day.

At first sight, some examples look a little gaudy with pillarbox red brickwork and interesting

SIGNALBOX

Get past the gaudy original colours and there's a lot right with this Tri-ang signalbox. It's not perfect but it can look the part.

bright green hatches on the roof. Get past this though, and there is a lot right with the model. For a start, Tri-ang managed to use the

correct brick bond, something more modern manufacturers don't always manage. The wooden upperworks aren't perfect but it certainly looks the part.

The plan with this model is to produce an acceptable version of the Type 15 'box for a layout. If you want a perfect model then either buy the

Bachmann resin version costing over £30 or try your hand at scratchbuilding. Here, we'll aim for character, something that looks OK without taking too much effort or expense. BRM

THE CHALLENGE

Most people regard older models as rubbish nowadays and if your comparison is with the latest high fidelity examples then of course they will lose out. With so much new stuff around however, prices have fallen and you can pick up raw material for projects that won't break the bank. Over the next few months, BRM will look at older models and see how we can re-work them into something to be proud of. Everything has been acquired secondhand from stalls or the internet. In the spirit of the challenge, we'll be keeping the costs down but showing some interesting

techniques. Most importantly, we'll save a few old models from landfill and have some fun along the way.



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PROTOTYPE INSPIRATION

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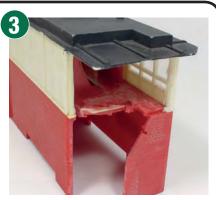
STEP-BY-STEP **GUIDE**



My model had been in the wars; one of the roof corners was broken. To be honest, there are so many models out there, you would be wise to find the best you can but I decided to try a repair.



A repair section was let in using 1mm plastic sheet. A good strong solvent is required to bond the Tri-ang plastic and new material. Plastic Weld, intended for ABS, works but I found that Slater's Mek-Pak seemed good enough for the job, if a little slower to set.



Removing the stairs and end panels is a messy and destructive process. Drilling, sawing, filing and attacking the model with a slitting disk in a minidrill removed the material I didn't want. However you do it, this is what you want to end up with.



Slater's Plastikard brick sheet makes the replacement walls. Tri-ang used the correct English bond brickwork and so it's worth getting a matching sheet.



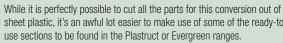
The upper framework is made up from square section plastic with some thin sheet scribed to fill in the lower panels. I didn't worry about replacing the floor or modifying the interior, other than expelling a spider that had taken up residence. You can't see much from



Stairs are from Plastruct along with their handrails. The balcony is couple of 3mm deep lengths cut from 1mm sheet with a floor from the same material.



Brickwork starts with a coat of Humbrol 121. Once dry the surfaces are coloured with brown pencil crayons.



PLASTIC SECTIONS

sheet plastic, it's an awful lot easier to make use of some of the ready-touse sections to be found in the Plastruct or Evergreen ranges.

Square 1mm and 2mm section was used for the framing around the windows and, being perfectly square in cross section, makes it easier to

produce accurate results. As for the stairs and handrails, while the ones I've used might nominally be HO (1:87 scale), some things are just worth buying in rather than making from scratch!





On the roof, the cut-out section is built up with plastic and the missing (on my model) chimney replaced with some plastic tube.

TURN OVER FOR A FRESH LOOK AT ANOTHER CLASSIC



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PRACTICAL

STATION HALT

Hornby's R590 station halt set is a child of the 1970s but still appears in the current catalogue. I've always had a soft spot for the building which, perhaps surprisingly, is as well moulded as anything you are likely to find in a modern plastic kit.

I've used a boxed set containing a very short platform and some station furniture. To be honest, the platform is far too short, but since the design is modular and hasn't changed for many years, some digging around in boxes of old buildings should provide extra sections to lengthen it.

Inspiration for my model came from the front cover of Robert Hendry's book *British Railway Station Architecture in Colour* (Ian Allan). There is a photograph of Chester Road station in Birmingham in the days before it was replaced with a modern corrugated shelter. The run-down wooden building with faded and dirty paintwork oozes atmosphere and would sit very nicely with some Rail Blue DMUs rattling past. **BRM**



PLATFORM FURNITURE

Hornby provides a couple of sprues of detail fittings, including several items of platform furniture. Be careful, as this sort of detail changed significantly over the life of a halt such as this.

Weighing machines, platform trolleys and benches were common enough when the station was manned but as soon as the staff were removed, anything not firmly nailed down would leave with them. If the passengers were lucky, they would have a bench to sit on but not much else.

The electric tug for platform trolleys is strictly a main line station item but some were sold to large factories so if you have some industry on your model, it might be better re-homed there.

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STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE



The model does pretty much what it says on the box. Three platform sections, some fencing, a building and some platform furniture. Although you can buy everything in one go, the component parts have been available for years.



A couple of coats of Phoenix Precision 'Faded Tarmac' colour finishes the surface. On the brick faces, Humbrol 121 represents mortar, the bricks are coloured in the same way as on the signalbox.



Windows were glazed with Micro Krystal Klear. Once the panes have been filled, it's best to leave them horizontal to dry so the liquid doesn't work its way to the base of the window.



Although waterslide transfers are included for timetables and posters, they are too big for the noticeboard so I made smaller posters from white sticky labels lightly pencilled so the eye thinks there is writing from normal viewing distances.



The platform sections clip together. For a more realistic finish, I glued them with a solvent suitable for ABS, normal glue won't give a strong joint. The platform faces appear to be made of breeze blocks - which isn't unheard of - but the joins need to be filled. I stuck some brick effect Plastikard over them using a mild solvent. UHU would work just as well for this job.



While the Klear was out, a couple of drops under the lamp shade made a nice bulb. I found I needed to let the first drop dry and then build it up with a second.



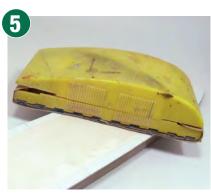
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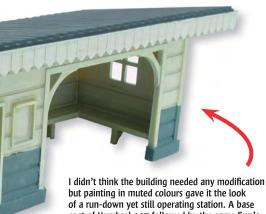
Along the edges, paving slabs cut from 1mm thick plastic are fitted. I went for a scale 3' by 2'. Applying them individually allows the slabs to follow the curves at the ends.



The platform surface is made from household filler smeared on with an old knife.



Once fully dry (leave it overnight) the surface is smoothed with fine sandpaper on a block. It's a messy job so work outside or have a vacuum cleaner handy.



of a run-down yet still operating station. A base coat of Humbrol 147 followed by the same firm's 230 looks the part. For a pristine finish, two coats would be good. Weathering is simply a thinned wash of No. 64 pale grey.



Fences are designed to clip on to the back of the platform. The sloped sections have separate clips which I discarded. The straight section needs its clip cutting away with a sharp knife.



Drilling 3mm diameter holes in the platform edge allows the posts to be inserted in to the surface.



Every run-down station will have weeds taking root in the corners. Flock powder or electrostatic grass applied in small patches will replicate this.

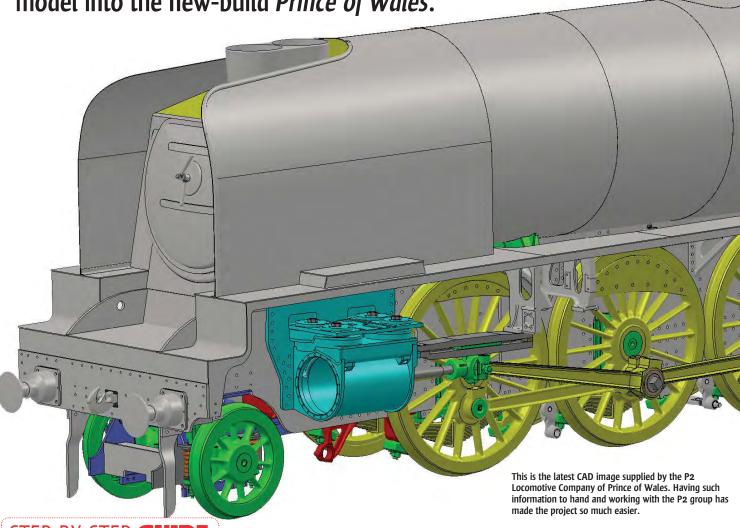


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HOW TO MODEL...

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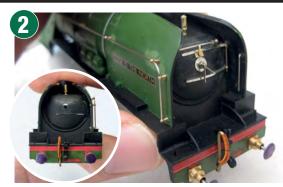
Howard Smith continues his transformation of a Hornby P2 model into the new-build *Prince of Wales*.



STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

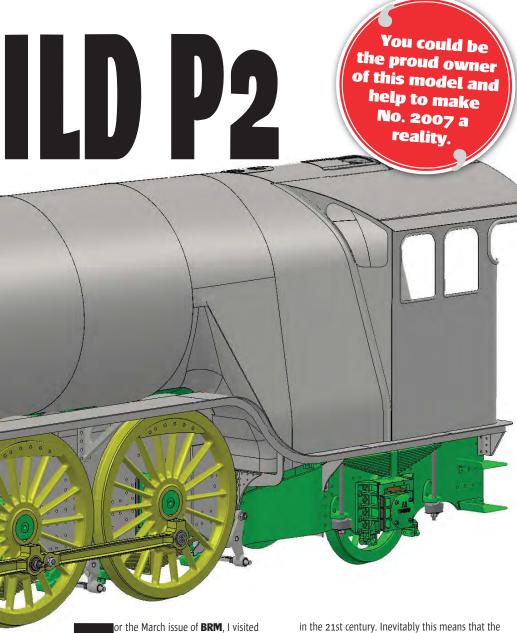


Leaving off from the last episode when the plastic handrails were removed, new brass ones are installed. A 0.6mm drill in a small pin vice makes the hole to accommodate the knobs. The handrails are bent to shape and cut with tin snips. I'm using 0.45mm nickel silver rod from Albion Alloys.



The face of any locomotive is an important feature and it needs to look right. The smokebox door hinge on the Hornby model leans towards the rear. If the prototype had such an arrangement, it would be very difficult to open the door - its weight would act against it. I'm carving all of the front detail away to replace it with 10 thou nickel silver strips and shapes. Note the Humbrol Maskol to protect the polished surface of the buffers.

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in the 21st century. Inevitably this means that the group needs to adapt the original design, and this, along with other improvements is what I set out to achieve in model form.

The finished model will be kept unveiled in next month's issue, so here is the continuation of my modifications to the Hornby Railroad P2.

OWN THIS MODEL



This 4mm/ft scale model of P2 locomotive 'Prince of Wales' is being auctioned to raise funds for the P2 Steam Locomotive Company project - to build a real Gresley 2-8-2 of the same name.

This model is available to buy and sealed bid offers are currently being taken. The proceeds from the winning bidder of the auction will go directly to the P2 Steam Locomotive Company and contribute towards the $\mathfrak{L}5m$ target to get 'Prince of Wales' on the rails.

The winning bidder will become part of the history of building the new P2 and the owner of a unique model in 4mm/ft scale. Also included will be a signed certificate by Mark Allatt, Chairman and David Elliott, Director of Engineering of the P2 Steam Locomotive Company.

Plus, we've teamed up with the P2 Steam Locomotive Company to offer the winning bidder exclusive access to the workshop at Darlington where *Prince of Wales* is being built. You'll get a guided tour of the premises and see the progress being made for yourself.

All we need to know is the maximum bid you are willing to place to win the model.

No need to send us a cheque at this stage. Simply send the following information to BRM, Warners Group Publications, The Maltings, West Street, Bourne PE10 9PH.

| Name | |
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The winner will be contacted after the closing date and feature in the August 2015 issue. Good luck, and remember, you need to be in to win. Bids to be entered before June 15, 2015.



Darlington works where a brand-new P2

is being constructed to find out how it will

differ to the original design of locomotive.

David Elliot, Director of Engineering

showed me what is being done and how they plan to make a design of the 1930s suitable for running

I don't like locomotives being too light. Nothing looks worse than a locomotive that is unable to haul a nice long rake of coaches. Some Liquid Gravity from Deluxe materials is carefully poured into the body, so as not to foul the chassis when replaced. It's then glued with superglue sparingly.



The tender of the locomotive, despite its metal weights is still a tad on the light side for my liking. This is only exaggerated now that that we've added some more weight to the locomotive.

Liquid gravity is again poured into the chassis cavity to lower its centre of gravity making it run smoother over all types of trackwork without shaking.

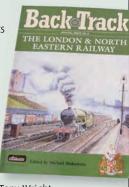
This is acceptable given the number of axles on the both locomotive and tender, as the weight is evenly distributed, but be wary of adding too much weight to locomotives with shorter axle configurations as it will just lead to the premature wear of parts.



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REFERENCE

Books nothing beats
them. I like
to gather
information
from more
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one source
and so
borrowed
these two
from LNER
locomotive



connoisseur Tony Wright.
Both have a chapter on the LNER P2s, to the left, Back Track Special issue number 2 on the LNER and to the right Yeadon's Register of LNER locomotives Volume 9. Of more use than anything are the photographs showing the front ends. They are both good reference books to any LNER modeller.



STEP-BY-STEP **GUIDE**



The plastic impression of coal on the tender top is cut away using a slitting disc in a mini-drill. You'll need to clean the edges carefully using a scalpel for the straight edges and emery paper around the corners. A new tender floor is cut from 20 thou brass sheet and superglued into place. I intend to replace the fake coal for real. Be careful on the size of the lumps that you use too. Most coal used today is of a standard size, so try and avoid large overscale lumps - they don't look right on a model.



Nothing shows your model off quite like putting it in a display case. This one comes from Picture Pride displays and will help keep the dust at bay, it makes placing the model on a shelf or coffee table much easier. A short length of Peco Code 75 track, cut to length is painted with Humbrol Matt 173 and then superglued into position. I used Peco ballast with the usual 50/50 mix of water and PVA glue to fix it. You might find an eyedropper useful to avoid the ballast moving too much. If one isn't to hand, a small teaspoon can be used carefully, pouring it into place a bit at a time.



A complete set of wheels for both the locomotive and tender was commissioned from Alan Gibson on 3mm axles. These are now part of his range and available to buy. You need to quarter them yourself - not an easy task, but with some adjustments they can be made to run true. Note that the rods are temporarily in place to check for possible binding. Once completely happy that they run true, only then will I glue the wheels into place. You'll need to save the drive gear from the original set of wheels



Once happy with the modifications on all parts of the locomotive, the locomotive needs to be prepared for the locomotive for the paint shop. Double check before cleaning that no excess glue remains on any of the surfaces. The very runny superglue that I prefer to use can travel quite far if you're not careful. If you do need to clean excess glue from such a surface, avoid needle files as they can easily dig in. I'm using a set of sanding sticks sold by airbrushes.com. They are perfect for soft plastics and you can work through the grades until you have a perfectly smooth finish.

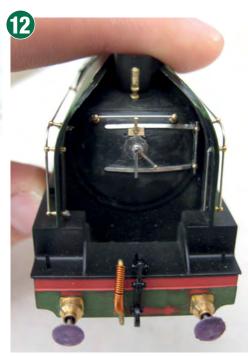




Above and left Preparation for any paint project is a key element. In fact, the time it takes to properly clean and mask a model is probably more than painting the model itself, but it's time well spent. You can't really afford to take any shortcuts at this stage or you'll find paint imperfections later on. It's a great shame to get it wrong when you've spent so much time on a model because it's the first thing you see. I'm masking the tyres of the wheels with Tamiya 9mm masking tape and Humbrol Maskol on the harder to reach areas. Both are easily peeled later on and it will save having to clean the wheels.

Many modellers clean the wheels with a fibreglass pen after painting - this leaves lots of abrasive fibres all over the model and risks damaging the finish.

Right The steel buffers of the finished model will be left unpainted, but polished, just like the real ones. Wilder sanding sticks are used again (ref: AW-TS-02) and a thick coat of Maskol is applied before the surface is scratched with handling. Once painted, it's peeled away.



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What use would a locomotive be without a crew? A set of figures from Mike Pett is painted with enamels to resemble a modern crew in retro-clothing, with the inevitable health and safety jackets. I find that gluing them to a support helps handling. Here, an old piece of MDF is used. Start off with some washed out colours for the coats and trousers, applying the bright orange of the jackets last. Once the paint is completely dry, you can use a scalpel blade to separate them. Remember, never use satin or gloss paints on figures or animals - nothing looks worse. When was the last time you saw a shiny cow?



Time for a clean. Wherever possible, avoid using washing up liquids as they will leave a chemical deposit on the surface which may affect the paint later on. The odd handrail did use a little flux to solder, so I'm using a household cleaner with an old toothbrush to remove this. Once rinsed thoroughly under plenty of water and dry, the whole model will be cleaned once more to remove any contaminants with Phoenix precision PQ19 Super prepaint cleaner. This solvent is suitable for most plastics.

MARK ALLATT, CHAIRMAN P2 LOCOMOTIVE TRUST

"Funding pledges for new Gresley class P2 steam locomotive No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* have reached one-third of the $\mathfrak{L}5m$ required to complete Britain's most powerful steam locomotive by 2021. In only 12 months since the launch of the project's 'P2 for the price of a pint of beer a week' (£10 per month) regular donation - or covenant - scheme, funds either already donated or pledged by Standing Order have already passed £1.7m.

Construction progress to-date includes:

- Frame plates for locomotive and tender rolled and profiled
- Locomotive frames erected at Darlington Locomotive Works
- All 20 wheels cast; eight 6' 2" driving wheels proof machined
- All major frame stays, brackets and horn blocks cast and machined - 26 in total; further 16 axlebox and buffer castings underway
- Roller bearings for all locomotive and tender wheelsets and tyres, axles and crank pins ordered
- Over 1,000 fitted and driven bolts ordered
- Preliminary discussions held with boiler manufacturers and forged foundation ring corners manufactured and machined
- Vampire study into ride and suspension completed and Finite Element Analysis of crank axle underway to ensure locomotive complies with modern standards
- Assessment and Notified Body appointed to oversee certification for operation and main line running
- Nameplates delivered and chime whistle ordered



We are delighted with the level of support that the project to build Britain's most powerful steam locomotive has received since its launch. Thanks to our supporters' continued generosity, over £1.7m has now been donated or pledged. We are hopeful that we will have completed the rolling chassis for No. 2007 Prince of Wales next winter and remain on-track for completion of the new locomotive in 2021. However, to maintain this rate of progress we need to continue to raise in excess of £700,000 per year, which given the nature of the regular donation scheme becomes more challenging as each year passes. Bidding on this 00 gauge model locomotive is a great way to contribute to the funds needed to get Prince of Wales on the rails. It is estimated that the new class P2 will cost around £5m to build over a 7-10 year period. As with Tornado, funds will be raised through regular monthly donations, donations dedicated to specific components and commercial sponsorship. For details of how to join the boiler club, visit www.p2steam.com, email: enquiries@p2steam. com or telephone 01325 4 60163.



I'll be using a two-pack paint activated with thinners to paint the P2 with an airbrush. This is probably the best way to get a really fine and professional-looking finish, but it takes time. You'll be able to watch these paints being used and a review of the latest Iwata Custom Micron Airbrush from Airbrushes.com on the July 2015 BRM DVD.



PRINCE OF WALES PRINCE OF WALES

A set of *Prince of Wales* nameplates was commissioned from Narrow Planet and these are amongst the best I've seen. The firm offers a choice between brass and nickel silver etches with different background colours. They are both sharp and neatly painted, the perfect finish for any project you've spent time on.



I'm a loyal fan of Fox Transfers. Its range continually expands and is currently the best on the market. No matter what era, what railway, the chances are that unless it is very obscure, Fox stock the necessary transfers for it in a choice of scales from N upwards. The tender lining is much simplified in that it is printed as one continuous line, rather than having to apply corners and straights and aligning by eye. Some prefer to use a bow pen and paint, but if you look closely, no matter how skilled the painter, the lines will inevitably vary in thickness. And as for the finished model, well you'll just have to wait until next month when we unveil it. But remember, to have a chance of winning it and making the maximum contribution, you'll need to bid high!

NEXT MONTH SEE THE FINISHED MODEL, AND GOOD LUCK BIDDING!

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BRM MEETS... INVICTA MODEL RAIL

Model railway shops are rare in London these days, but **Ben Jones** meets a relatively new retailer finding its feet well within Oyster Card territory.

stablished in 2013, Invicta Model Rail is a rare thing in the modern era; a thriving model railway shop within easy reach of central London. Located within sight of Sidcup station on Southeastern's north Kent suburban network, it's 30 minutes from Charing Cross in Travelcard Zone 5.

Whilst IMR may be a relatively new name in the model railway trade, its founders, Vernon Smith and Kerry Hollands have many years of experience between them, having previously worked for Beatties, Signal Box in Rochester and ModelZone. This, combined with a significant investment in exclusive limited edition models has propelled the company into the limelight over the last 18 months and helped to establish its position.

On a bright early spring morning, I caught a Southeastern 'Networker' out to Sidcup to find out how IMR got started and what makes it tick. In the 'cosy' upstairs store room that doubles as an office, Vernon explains how IMR got started.

"We started thinking about leaving The Signal Box in 2012. The company had changed a lot and we wanted to work somewhere closer to home, but far enough away from Rochester and other ModelZone outlets.

"This shop unit was ideal; it has great transport links - seven bus routes and a train every 15 minutes from central London, local parking and lots of passing trade. It was small, but manageable and had room for expansion. We opened on July 5 2013, originally working a five

day week, but we're now up to six days - plus shows.

"We managed to keep a lot of our regulars from our Signal Box days, but we also did a lot of events; they helped to get us noticed. Shows are tricky logistically, and very hard work, but they're fun to do and are a great way of meeting our customers and putting faces to names.

"We currently do 22 shows a year and **BRM's** 'Ally Pally', Peterborough and Doncaster shows are some of our best! We'd like to get into more of the bigger shows too but we also attend events at preserved railways such as the Bluebell - they're a great way to fly the flag and raise awareness."

Another factor that has thrust IMR into the public's gaze is its extraordinary output of

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exclusive limited edition models,mainly from Bachmann. How did this come about?

"It all started when ModelZone was opening a new store at the Bluewater shopping centre in Kent. We decided we needed a special locomotive and went for Slade Green's 97800 *Ivor* as it was local. Bachmann produced it for us and it was a springboard for the series of Railway Technical Centre (RTC) red/blue models. We also did *Ivor* in NSE livery, which prompted another series. Almost anything in RTC colours sells, even if it's not correct. The Hornby RTC autocoach we did with ModelZone was completely the wrong type, but the 1,000 piece run absolutely flew out!

"After that there were numerous MZ/Signal Box specials with Hornby, Bachmann, EFE, Sunstar and even Skymarks jetliners. Most were very successful, although the Hornby NSE Class 466 EMU and East Coast HST were disappointing.

"When Modelzone folded, we agreed to take on stock from Bachmann that had been manufactured but never delivered. This caused us major logistical problems as one little shop in southeast London wasn't exactly ideal for absorbing 46 shops' worth of limited editions in its first year!

"The stock included 11 re-liveries that were better suited to a national chain of shops and six exclusive Mk 1 CCTs, totalling many thousands of individual items. We've taken a very deliberate break to allow that lot to sell through, although we are now in discussion with Bachmann about the next tranche of exclusives. We'd like to continue the popular RTC and Longmoor Military Railway series – I find military railways very interesting!

"There are lots of other things we'd like to do, dependent on resources and the availability of the right tooling. Limited editions are a big chunk of our business. Bachmann products have kudos with collectors and seem to be more collectable than things we've done with other suppliers. But, if the tooling we need is elsewhere, we will use other companies."

What inspires Vernon's selection process for exclusive models?

"Quite often it's family connections. For example, my grandfather was a Colour Sergeant in the Royal Marines, so that meant I chose 45041 Royal Marines when we wanted a limited edition BR blue 'Peak'. Likewise, Kerry has family connections with the Southern Railway at New Cross Gate, so we did a local brake van. All sorts of factors influence our choices."

IMR's limited editions are usually OO gauge products. Will there be any expansion into N gauge or other areas?

"We have another exclusive die-cast London Transport bus lined up with EFE (Vernon's other big interest is buses), to follow the LT Mk 2 Leyland National. We'd like to do more N gauge, but they take twice as long to sell through as those we commission in OO and it has to be at the right price.

"We're starting to stock North American N scale models too; it's not a big market but the Walthers and Athearn HO products we stock do really well and we have a number of regular customers for it. To cope with the expansion, we're hoping to open the second floor of the shop up this year. It'll give us more space to display N gauge models, O gauge, die-cast buses and the North American lines. At the moment these are all crammed into a small space downstairs."

Based on this, and the steady stream of customers coming through the shop during my visit on a weekday morning, IMR is getting the mix right, but how have recent supply and pricing issues affected trade?

"A few months ago everyone was complaining about Hornby", Vernon responds. "But now Bachmann is being criticised over pricing and late deliveries (see page 36). No-one likes price rises, but if people want it and the product is good enough they will buy it. Bachmann's [LMS] inspection saloon is a good example; some complained about a £60 coach, but try getting one now. The product is far better now than it was even ten years ago and that costs money." Does he believe that the new generation of smaller suppliers will revive the market? "It's great to have new entrants, but the market isn't growing. There's some brilliant product out there but I worry that there will be too many suppliers chasing too few niche products. We need the big suppliers like Hornby and Bachmann to attract new and younger modellers into the hobby. Unfortunately a lot of modellers don't like kids in the hobby but we need them, and we need products like the 'Thomas the Tank Engine' range to bring in new faces.

"It's a real pity we aren't able to bring in Bachmann's range of 'Thomas' products", he adds. "They're far superior to the old Hornby items in the UK."

What else sets Invicta Model Rail apart from the average model shop?

"We're in a blinding location; anyone living in London and the surrounding area can get here easily using a Travelcard or their Freedom Card for a day out.

"Although mail order is a big chunk of our limited edition and American outline business, walk-in trade can make up two-thirds of the rest. We offer a wide range of model railway items, accessories, die-cast models, tools and even books, which do really well for us."

And, having left with a bag full of Peco points and books, I can confirm that Vernon and Kerry have created a cracking model railway shop that belies its small size to provide everything the local modeller needs, plus exclusive products that attract a nationwide audience. If you're out and about in south-east London, call in and say hello. **BRM**



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HOW TO BUILD A...

MODERNE

James Makin explains how he scratchbuilt an essential feature of the modern world for Worthing MRC's 'Loftus Road' layout.

ecreating a slice of inner-city life, Worthing MRC's 'Loftus Road' represents our take on the diverse boroughs of West London in the 2000s.

Following on from our feature in June 2012 **BRM**, the layout has undergone a dramatic extension with a new fiddleyard and greatly expanded scenic areas, presenting the opportunity to really increase the London atmosphere through scenic development.

Inner-city petrol stations are relatively compact by nature, and the presence of businesses in nearby Shepherds Bush and Hammersmith provided the perfect inspiration for a small scene on the expanded layout.

As a recognisable piece of daily life, it was immediately evident that no proprietary model bore any resemblance to the modern day filling station that we are all familiar with - from the shop to the canopy and pumps, this scene would have to be entirely scratchbuilt.

Filling station designs differ according to which petroleum brand operates the station; key differentiators being the pump, canopy and shop designs as well as of course, the branding. Both stations in Hammersmith and Shepherds Bush were BP outlets, so it seemed natural to follow suit and pledge allegiance to the green-branded fuel giant, complete with an M&S Simply Food store. Having gathered reference photographs, I set about breaking down the project into the following segments;

- Retail shop building
- Canopy construction

- Forecourt concrete area
- Fuel pump assembly
- Illuminated tower sign
- Fencing & walling
- Forecourt detailing

BEYOND PETROLEUM

The petrol station shop is frequently the subject of jokes, with an ever-increasing amount of space given

for customers to complete a full weekly shop, while others wait for the pumps to become vacant! It seemed natural to model this in 4mm scale.

M&S Simply Food stores started appearing at BP fuel stations from 2005 onwards, and form the basis of the retail shop for our project. The shop building was based on a standardised BP design, featuring a brick-built building with glass frontage and white cladding. Bank ATMs also featured, further illustrating the wide range of services available.

Plans were drawn out and transferred on to artist's mounting card for cutting out and cladding with embossed brickwork and styrene sheet. The large front windows were a formed of 1.5mm thick Perspex material, overlaid with thin styrene strip to replicate the fine window framing. The rear of filling stations tend to be minimalist, with only fire exits, loading bay areas and protected windows, if there is anything at all.

All of the sides were constructed separately and later joined to create the complete building. Because of the large front windows, it was decided to model the interior of the shop, especially as the entire model would be illuminated.

Constructing an entire shop, complete with shelving and individual 4mm scale products would be enormously time-consuming. However inspiration

ultimate





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LING STATION

KEY DETAIL PUMP ACTION

As the main feature of a filling station, it is essential to get the pumps correct, and with numerous designs in operation in the today, photographs are helpful to pinpoint your exact design.

Nothing commercially available comes close, so these 2000s-type BP pumps were scratchbuilt from small sections of styrene strip; starting with an open rectangle of plastic, sides

were added and a horizontal middle section for the pump computer screen.

CorelDraw was once again fired up to create the distinctive BP Ultimate branding, along with tiny recreations of the individual fuel branding around each pump, and even the pump numbers are featured here!

The pump hoses are fabricated from fine wire - in this case, leftover spares from Lenz DCC decoder harnesses, coloured with black marker pen. The wires were superglued into the top of the pump and left to dry before being strung into the pump holder leaving the distinctive bends as found on the prototype.

came from an unusual source, the videogame *Grand Theft Auto V!* The game designers created realistic 3-D look shop interiors, that upon close inspection, were actually only two-dimensional.

By using digital images of retail shelving and M&S store interiors, it would be possible

to create a convincing appearance of a fully-stocked store with minimal effort. Gathering a wide range of M&S Simply Food branding and product pictures from the internet, I blended these together in CorelDraw to create banks of shelving. Product ranges include sandwiches, newspapers, drinks, confectionery and convenience foods; everything that you would find in a modern day filling station.

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DETAIL TOWER SIGN

Each petroleum brand has its own distinctive type of tower sign, but with many variations depending on the particular petrol station site, so it is best to consult photographs and build a tower to match your chosen prototype.

'Loftus Road's' station was to receive a

full-height vertical BP sign with curved profile. From the outset, I wanted to provide a backlit sign, meaning that again, 'H' section brass would be used to build a frame, inside which LEDs would be installed behind the outer graphics.

Plastic card was applied around the 'H' section brass , and carefully filed down to give an oval-shapeappearance from above. Graphics were designed in CorelDraw, with

logos sourced online, including BP Ultimate, Nectar and Castrol oil branding.

When it comes to price, one naturally has to choose carefully as this helps to define the time period in which your model is set - not so good if you run to a wider timescale of course. Lengthy consideration was given to

some kind of changeable electronic display, which could actually increase during an exhibition weekend!

However, I settled for a fairly generic price, just above the 100p per litre mark, based on the average price in December 2007, but one that would be a reasonable compromise the price is not too far away from the



to represent mould and moss. The finishing touch was a lost football; nothing more than a carefully painted polystyrene ball!

CANOPY

A must-have feature for the modern day filling station. I was keen to install LED lighting within the structure which meant opting for a metal framework design, clad in mounting card and styrene sheeting.

Brass 'H' section was utilised for the design, the horizontal sections being soldered together flat on the workbench before the addition of the four brass leg supports. Mounting card was added to the lower part of the canopy, with holes cut for the light to shine through.

Clear plastic sheeting covered in masking tape helps diffuse the direct light from the LEDs to a more realistic glow rather than pinpoint beams of light down on to the surface below. After installation of the LEDs and wiring, the upper roof was added, using leftover Pikestuff corrugated plastic.

The canopy sides were clad in plastic and painted in appropriate BP white, green and yellow colours, complete with the current 'Sunflower' logo, seen from 2001 onwards.

FORECOURT

It may sound strange, but in the context of a filling station, the forecourt is actually a subject in itself. Look carefully and you will see a number of variations in materials including pattern brickwork, tarmac and concrete section, together with drainage points, manhole covers and interesting weathering opportunities.

Choosing cast concrete sections, I laid a flat base of mounting card and laid the raised areas for the pavements, then set about scoring the card to show the sections of cast concrete. This was painted in a yellowgrey colour, and later weathered with darker shades of grey, using a paint-on/wipe-off method to gather the darker colour in the scored concrete joins.

Features such as drains and manhole covers were added from the Langley Models etched range, whilst the tank covers were fabricated from plastic card with edges shaved to recreate their distinctive shape. The raised petrol pump bases were treated to scoring and painting for the ceramic tiling, while being edged in silver to represent stainless steel.

Flowerbeds with bark chippings were added along the perimeters of the site, as seen on many fuel stations, featuring small shrubs fashioned from the Woodland Scenics range.

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SETTING THE SCENE

Ratio modern wooden fencing was mounted on top of scratchbuilt brick walling, suitably weathered and covered in BP and M&S advertising banners, again with graphics sourced online. Numerous individual details make up the rest of the forecourt scene:

Cars & Customers: For accuracy, each vehicle is modelled on a London-based example, using the AutoTrader app to obtain registration and spec details to model a specific vehicle that may have been in the 'Loftus Road' area at the time. Customers are from the Preiser range, including a woman who arrived in the perfect position for filling up her vehicle!

Charcoal & Newspaper Display: Constructed from styrene strip, the charcoal containers featured sacks shaped from Blu-Tak, painted in appropriate colours. The newspaper stand has miniature, fully-legible recreations of each newspaper, you can even catch up on the latest X Factor gossip in The Sun!

Metro Newspaper Stand: Created from three small sections of 3mm styrene strip, with newspaper graphics attached, this is another nod to the location.

CCTV: Heavily featured across the petrol station site to monitor pump usage and minimise theft, these are created from tiny pieces of square plastic strip, cut at an angle and mounted onto brass wire brackets.

Petrol tank filler & high level tank ventilation: An essential feature to each station is the location of the fuel tank filler. These require careful placement as regulations dictate that tankers must be able to drive out front-forwards in case of emergency. Placed at the side, the filler pipes are small circular pieces

of styrene with removable caps and spillage drains modelled. Tall tank ventilation pipes stand nearby, constructed from brass handrail wire.

Air & Water: A small chrome box stands on the left hand side of the forecourt, in a layby area set aside for cars to park up away from the fuel pumps. The model is a piece of 'U'-shaped styrene, with blue frontage branding created in CorelDraw.

Filling Station Rear: A loading bay is modelled next to the shop, together with a small staff car park to the rear. This features large bins, repainted Bachmann examples with custom Biffa branding, and discarded roll cages complete with the addition of fabric straps.

Roadway: The road passing the station is a key London 'Red Route', together with a bus lane and cycle lane. The road surface texture was created using medium-grade sandpaper, filed down to represent traffic wear. Line painting was completed by hand, together with a Bus Stop and Bus Lane lettering. The cycle lane features symbols handpainted with fine brushes. Pavements were scribed into mounting card and painted in varying greys before weathering.

It was a time-consuming project but ultimately highly rewarding; despite

being such a common scene in modern life, it is rarely modelled and provides Worthing MRC's 'Loftus Road' with even more authentic London atmosphere! **BRM**







Industrial waste bins at the rear of the shop are repainted Bachmann Scenecraft models.



M&S signage and the cash machines created in CorelDraw, plus bollards to deter ram-raiders!



Air and water machine in a corner of the forecourt and the inevitable Health & Safety notices!

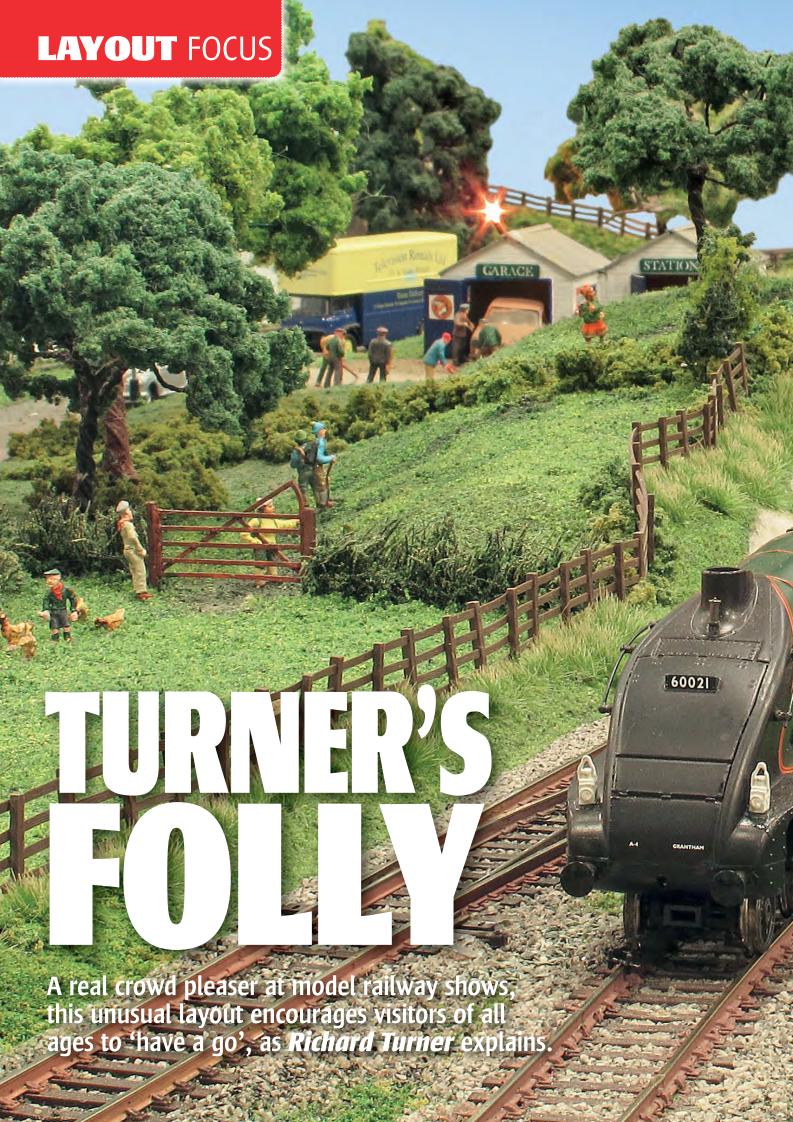


Free newspapers and CCTV cameras are an essential part of any 21st century urban scene.



CorelDraw was again used to create the newspapers on sale outside the shop.

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returned to railway modelling in 2008 following a visit to Bletchley Park where I stumbled across a model Railway museum/club (Milton Keynes MRS). It was a fascinating museum with many of the toys of my childhood. I must have shown a great deal of interest in the toys and trains because the curator asked if I would like to see the club's new layout, whereupon I was shown into the new layout room where a Class 66 was running with sound and lights.

I was hooked. We discussed trains for a couple of hours and I was given an introduction to Digital Command Control (DCC). It seemed to me that this new control system was the answer to all my childhood dreams. Immediately upon my return home I bought a model railway magazine and sent away for an Eddie Stobart Class 66 with a sound decoder.

My local model railway club did not have any DCC users at that time but shortly after joining, Derek Coe and his wife Pat also joined. They were keen to

establish a DCC layout and so the concept was born.

'Turner's Folly' was conceived in January 2009 as a 'OO' exhibition layout running DCC, the aim being to encourage people to begin to understand and become interested in DCC. There would be no era or region, we just wanted to run trains and show audiences what could be achieved. We had a deadline to meet, that of our Club's exhibition in November later that year.

BASICS

The layout would be 12' x 8' made up of standard 4' x 2' modules using 6mm plywood and 75mm bearers. The plan was for two main lines running around a continuous loop. A four-road marshalling yard running the length on one side with a large four road main line station to the other side and a tunnel at one end with countryside section at the end. With only three members in the beginning we felt that there was certainly more than enough to do if we were to meet our deadline.

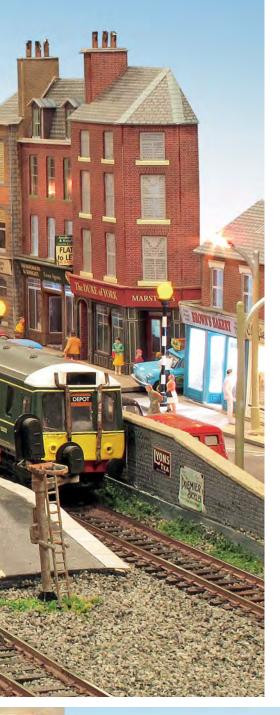
We had still not settled on a name but as the tunnel and hill was being completed it was suggested that we needed a castle to place atop the hill. Derek and Pat, who built the tunnel (and most of the layout), happened to live in Hadleigh, Essex where there is a derelict castle, hence their suggestion. It so happened that I had been given a Hornby Skaledale model of a folly for Christmas. Eureka! We had our name, 'Turner's Folly'

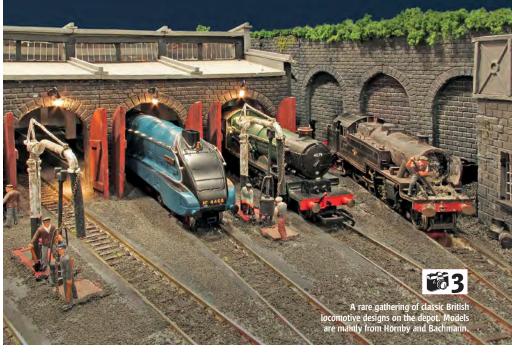
It was agreed at the outset that we would use Peco Code 100 and medium radius turnouts, all of which would be purchased new from local hobby shops. We also agreed that we would not purchase any secondhand materials from swapmeets, other club members or eBay. After all, we were building an exhibition layout and had enough to concern ourselves with, without having to find and fix faults that can often occur with secondhand track.

Work progressed apace through the summer months and a new member, Dave, joined us. Dave's

We just want to run trains and show audiences what can be achieved with Digital Command Control.

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hobby is painting, and he enthusiastically set about developing scenics around the empty areas of the layout.

PRACTICALITIES

To ensure electrical continuity a DCC circuit bus and a 12V DC circuit bus were installed under the boards, with droppers attached to each piece of track for the DCC control and the 12V system for the turnouts and signalling. By using droppers attached to the bus at the ends of each module we do not rely on the rail joiners to maintain the current flow.

Here we found that to use DCC accessory decoders for the points would have been, and remains, a very expensive exercise. Originally, with 22 points the cost of the DCC accessory decoders, even where they can control up to four turnouts each, was prohibitive.

The deadline was met and we had a very good show on the first outing, we received a few requests to attend other shows and so the journey began and continues.

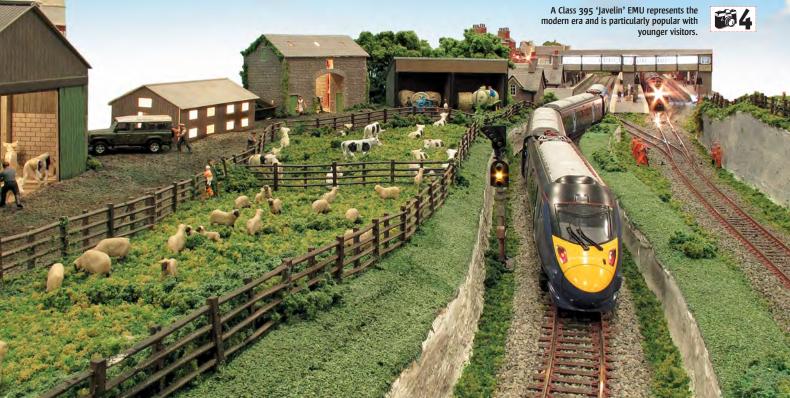
Over the years, our numbers have grown to seven friends: Ken; Darren; Denis; Mike and Terry being the extra enthusiasts. As we have continued to enlarge the layout it has been necessary to upgrade all turnouts to

Electrofrog turnouts to improve running. The points are all powered by an upgraded 24V DC circuit, operated by manual switching. Lighting in houses, street lights and buildings is powered by 12V DC. To prevent any short circuits in the fiddleyard affecting the rest of the layout, circuit breakers have been installed.

TAKING DCC FURTHER

During the past few years there have been many technical developments with DCC and in particular we have recently completed installing automatic signalling. We have also completed installing an Automatic Braking Control system (ABC). This allows trains to brake automatically when the signal in front changes to red. As soon as the line in front is cleared the signal changes to yellow then green, and the train moves off automatically. With the signalling system and braking in place, operating the layout can be quite exciting, trying to avoid SPAD (Signal Passed at Danger) incidents. Here the public can help and they are always very keen to advise!

The braking system only works with certain locomotives that have the latest DCC decoders installed and which support the ABC system. Unfortunately



LAYOUT FOCUS



KEY DETAILS

THE BRIDGE

Each member has their own favourite sections but my special area is the bridge. I offered to make it, but it is four feet long. After some research, an article appeared in one of the model railway magazines covering how a modeller had made some bridges for well-known celebrities. This was such a coincidence and the article spurred me on. Luckily, a friend is a freelance 3-D CAD specialist who willingly agreed to design the bridge for me, based on my research. The bridge is actually based on the famous one over the Rhine at Remagen in Germany. Having approved the drawing I then contacted a laser-cutting firm involved in the railway model hobby. The CAD artwork was sent directly to the laser-cutting machine and, lo and behold, the two sides appeared on my doorstep two weeks later. It was then simply a case of gluing it together, painting and weathering. I have used a great deal of modellers licence with it though! The bridge spans a deep gorge made by Darren, one of our scenic modellers. It includes steep rocky cliffs with mountain climbers ascending the rock face, and a disused railway line disappearing into a tunnel.

this has incurred extra expense in replacing earlier decoders. However as we are all DCC fans this is a progressive change, as and when we can afford them.

One improvement that has been undertaken is the fitting of Kadee couplers. This has greatly improved the running of the trains, and is so much easier to dismantle trains once they are in the fiddleyard. This was a very important change because at the start we had a variety of different couplings and so we had to agree on a standard. We have found the Kadee couplings easy to retro-fit to older stock and as all new models have the NEM box as standard, it is easier than ever.

I cannot stress highly enough the value of using the best materials when starting out on building a layout. We found timber and plywood from the popular DIY stores was warped and twisted. It seems very difficult to obtain good timber nowadays. However, we recently found a timber merchant selling birch-faced plywood. The price compares favourably with DIY superstores and it is flat, straight and rigid. What more can we

Many of the structures, such as this gantry signalizer, have been built from scratch.

ask for? It is something we are currently using for the new boards and backscenes, and the difference is remarkable.

STRUCTURES

Another point of interest for one of our modellers, Denis, was the scratchbuilding of the roundhouse. This model was subsequently admired by a visitor who asked if we could make him a roundhouse for his layout. Denis agreed, plans were sent through for an eight-track roundhouse and the model was made.

All scenic models are a mixture of scratchbuilt, plastic and card kits, suitably weathered to blend in, making various cameo scenes.

The 'Folly' as a whole is a favourite for all the members but one area of the layout that deserves special mention is the braking and the signalling systems. These were the brainchild of our electronics engineer Mike, with active assistance from Ken, the electrician, and other members. For me anything

involving electronics/electrics is a black art and all credit to Mike and the team for getting it up and running in time for every exhibition.

OPERATIONS

DCC train control is easy to build and operate. We use a Gaugemaster Prodigy Advance 2 controller with up to four cabs. At shows we often demonstrate train control using smartphones and/or tablets. The public, especially the youngsters, are very interested in this aspect and we are available to explain exactly how this is achieved. Depending on the interest and enthusiasm being shown by a visitor we often allow them to have a go at controlling trains with the tablets.

There are no set patterns in our operation but we tend to start the day either with steam or modern era. As the day progresses a viewer may ask to see a particular train run, and we are happy to oblige.

Generally there are at least two operators but often Terry, our newest member, will appear and take over workings in the marshalling yard. Terry says; "I love it and I could run trains all day!"

Having seen the 'Folly' at a local show he expressed a great deal of interest in DCC and the layout. He joined us with no previous experience of model railways but was keen to learn. He started by making the tea and watching. Very soon he was keen to get more involved and set about painting rust over the track on the entire layout. Nowadays he is busy developing the scenics, but he still finds time to make the tea.

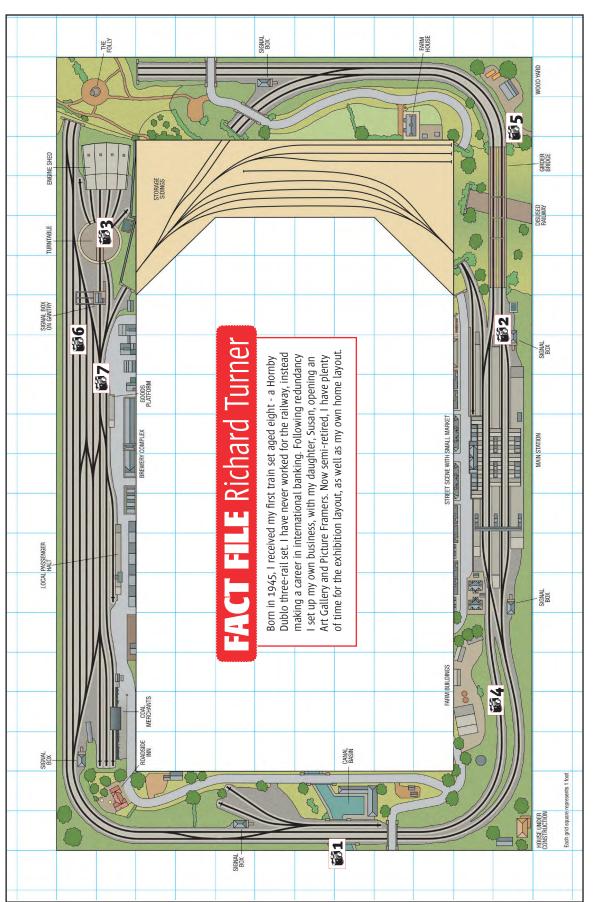
Visitors to shows always tell us how much they enjoy seeing trains running all the time and how much they enjoy the interaction with our members who are always very willing to answer any questions. It is a pleasure for us to see the delight on children's faces as we run 'Thomas the Tank Engine'. The beauty of having no specific era, region or location is that we can run what the visitors want to see. **BRM**

Wherever possible the buildings have interior lights. This is the brewery, built from Metcalfe card kits.

'Turner's Folly' will be on display at the Warley National Model Railway Exhibition over the weekend of the 28th and 29th November 2015.

LAYOUT FOCUS TURNER'S FOLLY























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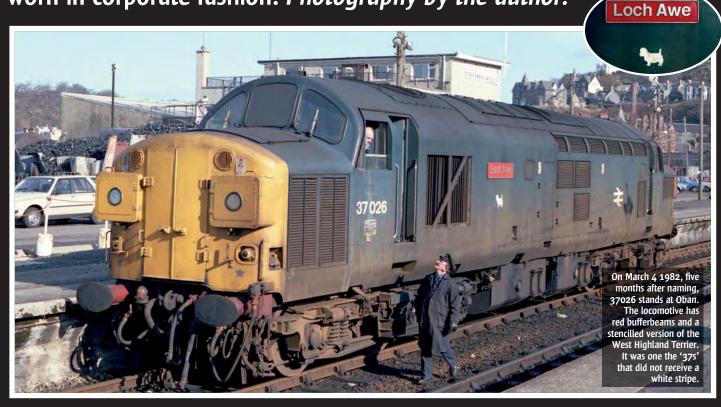
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THE WHITE STRIPES

LOOKING BACK AT EASTFIELD CLASS 375

Ray Kitching shares the tale of how BR blue wasn't always worn in corporate fashion. Photography by the author.



hirty years ago as British Rail strived to maintain a corporate blue image, Allan Baker, then Assistant Mechanical Engineer (AME) West, caused quite a stir when he began painting white stripes on Eastfield Class 37s, the first deviations from the standard livery. The stripes varied in application and accompanying these select locomotives were two others with full yellow noses, 37111/112. A very short-lived embellishment on 37196 was a wide red stripe. The stripes were applied from around June/July 1983, but ended less than a year later in May/June 1984, when BR HQ clamped down and the stripes disappeared.

Right A prototype for the revised livery idea, 37112 is seen outside Eastfield on March 5 1982. In addition to this locomotive, 37111 was also painted in this livery, both around July/August 1981. The buffer beam area is red with a black cab front, side window surrounds and bonnet top access doors. It lasted like this until February, 1983, when it was seen in the North East with the standard yellow nose. The all-yellow nose remained on 37112 in August 1983, but by February, 1984, the extended yellow had gone and a 3" white stripe was applied. The first '37' to be painted in the official revised livery at a works overhaul was 37025 in December 1983.

The Class 37s began infiltrating the West Highland Line in greater numbers in 1981. Four were named at Glasgow Queen Street Station on October 6 1981, and a fifth at Fort William Station on March 31 1982.

Under the nameplate a white West Highland Terrier was stencilled - an idea put forward by Ally Weston and drawn by Jim Clements. The 'wee dog' was to become strongly associated with Eastfield depot and The West Highland Line, eventually ending up as a grey-shaded vinyl.

As the revised BR livery was applied to the '37s' in 1984, the Terrier grew in size and was placed below one of the mid-bodyside grilles next to the access door. Quite a few '37/os' were painted in the revised livery, 37081 undergoing the first Eastfield depot repaint around August 1984. After an overhaul, 37264 came back from Crewe Works in this style in March/April 1984.

The following portraits of Eastfield Class 37s show the livery differences in an attempt to distinguish each locomotive. **BRM**





Possibly the oddest and most short-lived Eastfield embellishment was that applied to 37196. With a freshly painted yellow nose and a red stripe along the bodyside, it is seen at Thornaby Depot on February 27 1983. The foreman at Thornaby had kindly moved it for me to photograph. When asked, "Why the red stripe?" he replied that he thought this was an indication of a strong anti-freeze mixture relating to its allocation to Scotland. Five days later it was seen again at its home depot, on enquiring, an engineer revealed that it was a livery experiment, but had aroused much curiosity accompanied by complaints from other depots thinking it was a warning sign, rather than a paint job.



Complete with headlight, 37014 is seen at Eastfield on July 29 1983. Quite a few $^{\circ}$ 37/0s' had the triangular centre section of the snowploughs missing as shown here. Note the much narrower line on the bodyside, which was probably the first to be done.



A line about $1^4/2$ " wide is seen on 37039 at its home depot on July 29 1983. When compared to 37014 (left), the difference in thickness is noticeable - the line being more of a pin stripe. Note the difference in headlight positions and round buffers.



37012 Loch Rannoch at Gateshead on August 7 1983 after failing the previous day with a speedo fault. Livery is standard for a named '37', with red bufferbeams, a 3" white stripe and Terrier emblem under the nameplate.



Out of its area at Wardley Exchange Sidings (Tyne & Wear) on July 7 1983 is 37017, working mineral trains (9J71) from South Dock, Sunderland. It has a high position headlight and nose radio telephone aerial from its previous service at Inverness. It went back and forth from Eastfield to Inverness a couple of times and is seen here in the scheme generally adopted for Eastfield

'37s' - the stripe being about 3" wide. Note the lack of a Terrier vinyl, not yet applied. TURN OVER TO SEE RAY'S MODEL

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HOW TO MODEL A...

WEST HIGH

An ardent fan of the West Highland 'Tractors', Ray Kitching shows how he converted a Bachmann model into one of Eastfield's unofficially embellished machines.

he West Highland Line, built by the North British Railway, opened for traffic in August 1894. Being a researcher of all things North British, my first visit to the area occurred in 1980 just as the Class 37s were beginning their infiltration. I was quite intrigued by them and became an ardent fan for a number of years.

The early-1980s saw the use of Class 27s dwindling on the line and in all my trips to the area I only saw four working, the rest of the trains being hauled by '37s'. In the period of nearly ten years that

I visited the line, I noted 37039 on most occasions, either working trains or on Eastfield depot until its general overhaul in September 1985 when it was refurbished as 37504 and re-allocated to Thornaby. The locomotive was one of a few still retaining the buffer shrouding until refurbishment.

I thought I must produce a model of the locomotive, so 30 years later, work commenced. BRM



STEP-BY-STEP **GUIDE**



A cheap Bachmann Class 37 (37038) was purchased. I intended to get it as close to 37039 as I could but didn't wish to alter the cab front. Work began by filling the appropriate body side foot holds and then sanding them smooth.



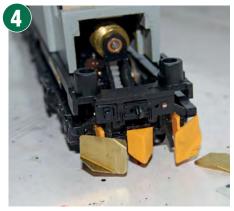
Headcode boxes were plated over using Extreme Etchings parts. The slight raised beading around the glass area of the box was shaved off with a chisel ended knife blade to allow the etched panels to lie flat. Very thin glazing material was glued behind the aperture and then painted light grey at the back, giving the marker-light look.



The speedo was made from scratch, working from three close-up photographs. The unit attached to the axle box is filed from a whitemetal 7mm steam locomotive backhead part, the junction piece is fashioned from a 7mm scale gas lamp top and glued into a hole drilled through the top frame.

LAND CLASS 37





The separate three-piece Bachmann snowploughs aren't quite right and the newer, three-piece plug-in ones are a little too big. I decided to use the old 'ploughs, cut up to act as brackets, then added etched brass faces. The plastic centre plough, which is too tall, was filed shorter.



A strip of brass was glued to the frame under the cabyou'll need to scruff up the black plastic and the back of the brass strip to get some traction when applying superglue. The etched handbrake levers are handed, so make sure you get them the correct way around and nearer the back of the slot on the body.



The front pipework came from various sources - air pipes from a Hornby Class 50 and vacuum pipes from Heljan. The multiple working cables are Bachmann, drilled out to accept fine black wire that can flex when the bogie-mounted snowploughs touch them. Other pipework was adjusted to miss the snowploughs.

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This modification was left until last. The existing fan assembly was removed, the edges cleaned up and the mesh rolled around a craft knife handle to achieve the right curve. When satisfied, I attached the mesh to the roof with pieces of Tamiya masking tape (or use Blu-Tak, gently catching the edge of the mesh). A little superglue was applied with a slender craft knife blade under the edge at a top point and I waited until it set. The same was done on the opposite side. Gradually, I worked my way around the circle, pressing the glued area down with another craft knife or blunted cocktail stick.



The ends of the fan blades were filed a little so that they dropped into the Bachmann housing. The two six-bladed units were twisted and assembled to form a 12 blade fan. I made a shaft from brass rod and soldered the top circular cap to the end. This assembly was then dropped into the housing and the shaft superglued at the base. There's a huge difference between the Extreme Etchings fan (in situ) and the Bachmann original (right).

HOW TO FIT...

AN EXTREME ETCHINGS FAN



When the above was in place, I carefully lined up the brass frame over the mesh and placed the tiniest drop of superglue under one edge. Be very careful not to put too much pressure on the mesh or you'll push it through the hole. Once glued, I fixed the other edge then worked my way around. It's time consuming but worth it.



Finally, a word of warning. As awkward as it is to put the mesh and cross piece in place it is equally easy to push your finger through the roof mesh when handling of the locomotive body. For this reason the fitting was left until last. The mesh assembly has less strength than a crisp.

PROTOTYPE INSPIRATION

The locomotive in question: 37039 leaves Tyndrum on April 24, 1984. BRIAN IVES

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

The yellow nose was sprayed with a gentle covering of warning panel yellow and then faded yellow in patches, before the first coat was dry. Marker lights and tail lights were masked out with



The bogie areas were sprayed with Railmatch frame dirt then with dirty black. This was left to dry for two days. Washes of diluted plain black were then allowed to run into corners, while some of the axleboxes were daubed with half diluted black. The footsteps were very faintly dry brushed with a medium grey to simulate scuffing.



An attempt was made during the 1980s to model this locomotive using a Hornby '37' but results were unsatisfactory and the project was abandoned at an early stage. However, the Bachmann '37' has worked extremely well and produced a decent representation of the locomotive I saw many times 30 years ago. Time well spent.

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PAINTING AND WEATHERING

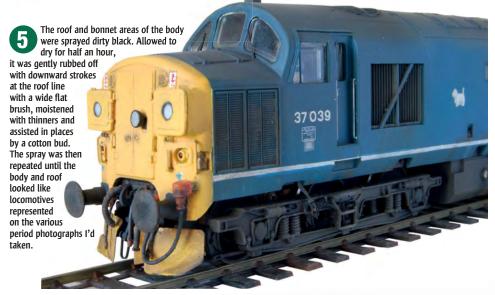
have to emphasise here that there are plenty of books and articles on weathering and everybody has their own methods or ideas. I worked from three photographs of 37039 and two of 37014 and used enamel paints throughout. I kept the Bachmann representation of BR Blue and painted the new brass areas with RailMatch etching primer first which was done by spraying some into the spray can plastic cap and then brush painting it onto the bare areas. It works and goes on very smoothly.



The blue body received irregular patches of Phoenix BR blue, which differs from Bachmann's blue, and then patches of home-fashioned faded blue, left to dry for over 48 hours. Transfers were then applied.



The Eastfield white line was drawn with a bow pen, using two lines to width, then filling the centre in with a small brush. The line would have been much sharper if the blue had been gloss, but here that wasn't appropriate. Any discrepancies were scraped with a scalpel blade or touched up later with either blue or white.





After drying for 24 hours, a weak mixture of frame dirt was washed into the various grille areas and surrounding framework with a small amount of a weak grey in some places. A light grey was dry brushed over the base of the body around the cab sides where the screen wash has streaked and stained the paint.



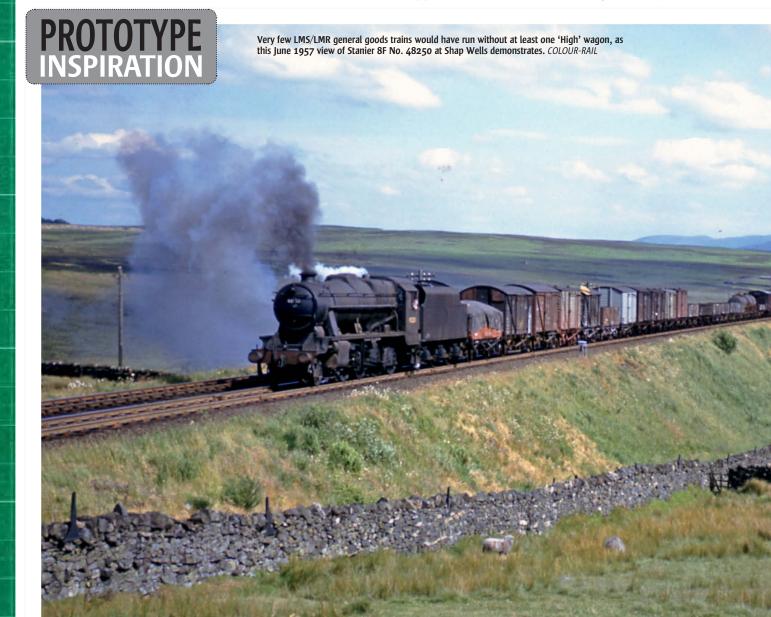
PRACTICAL BRANCH

David Spencer uses Parkside Dundas kits of an essential LMS/ BR wagon type as the basis for a range of prototypical variations on the theme.

HYBRID HIGHS

he ubiquitous 'high goods' open wagon is well known by modellers of the BR steam/diesel transition era. Thousands were in regular use across the network, marshalled into local goods and express freight trains alike. They were used to transport crates and packing cases, barrels, oil/chemical drums, cables, timber, bricks, tubes and pipes, steel

products, containers, aggregates, engineers' spoil, and (occasionally) coal. Three different body designs were used: all-planked, all-steel, and a distinctive 'hybrid' type comprising planked sides and corrugated steel ends. A 4mm scale RTR model of the latter has never been produced, but a plastic kit has been available for some years. It was introduced in the mid-1970s in Ian Kirk's 'basic kits' range, and a few years later







The second wagon behind 'Black Five' No. 44937 is an example of a 'Hybrid High' fitted with a sheet rail for tarpaulins – in this case raised but without the sheet fitted. This mixture of opens and vans, captured on April 2 1966 at Brisco, near Carlisle, is typical of BR era vacuum-braked general merchandise trains. *COLOUR-RAIL*

became item PC02 in the Parkside catalogue. It was re-launched in 2002 as part of Parkside's 'true scale' range. The all-new PC02a received critical acclaim on account of its accurate dimensions, high quality mouldings, and very impressive level of detailing -both externally and internally.

Around 13,000 'hybrid' open goods wagons were built over an 11-year period commencing in 1946, principally at Derby, Wolverton, and Ashford. They were a development of an experimental lot of 100 vehicles built at Derby in 1933. Most of the 5,000 or so constructed just before and after Nationalisation entered service without vacuum brakes. However, virtually all of these unfitted vehicles were re-built with automatic vacuum brakes in the mid to late-1950s, so by the early 1960s only a handful of handbraked 'hybrid highs' remained in use.

As steam gradually gave way to diesel traction, vacuum fitted 'hybrid highs' wearing standard early BR bauxite livery became an everyday sight transporting general merchandise. They continued to perform this role until the traffic they were designed for was lost to road transport; some were then regarded as surplus to requirements and scrapped.

By the mid-1970s, many of the surviving vehicles had received the post-1964 'data panel' markings and were branded 'Highfit/Hyfit' or 'Highbar/Hybar', while others were generally coded OHV under TOPS and lettered accordingly. Photographs from the 1970s show the remaining 'hybrid' wagons looking rather run down. Typically, the tarpaulin sheet support bars, guide arcs and fixing brackets had been removed because merchandise that needed protection from the elements was no longer carried in open wagons. Most of those wagons that did not have a revenue-earning role were cascaded into departmental fleets and spent their twilight years carrying sundry equipment and spent ballast. As the 1970s drew to a close further withdrawals took place, and some reports suggest that the 'hybrid highs' had all but disappeared from revenue-earning traffic by the early-1980s and from departmental use a decade later.

IDENTIFICATION

Like most other large wagon fleets constructed over a number of years and in different workshops, the 'hybrid highs' did not all look exactly the same. Some minor side and end differences were apparent, but other variations were more than just matters of detail; especially as far as chassis design is concerned. Indeed, Parkside's instructions briefly mention that wagons with three principal types of running gear can be modelled:

- 1) BR-built vacuum fitted version with four shoe Morton brakegear
- 2) A variant with the LMS design of suspension and eight-shoe clasp vacuum brakes
- 3) Unfitted type with Morton two-shoe brakegear Parkside's instruction sheet includes a detailed explanation of how to construct the first of these. However, relatively little is said about the other two, so modellers are likely to need more details and guidance in order to produce a good representation. The remainder of this article will provide information about the different 'hybrid highs' that can be modelled using kit PCo2a as a starting point, and give advice on how to capture their distinctive qualities through 'cross kitting' and/or kit-bashing and the addition of various details. Suggestions about painting, weathering, and applying appropriate running numbers are also made.

PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

There are three issues to consider before starting to build a 'hybrid high'. They have implications for the type and amount of modelling work required, and for the purchase of additional detailing parts.

The first is whether to replace the Parkside buffers; the heads are made of tough ABS plastic and are much more robust than those found in many plastic kits. They can simply be glued into the holes in the buffer guides as per instructions and will perform adequately. However, there are distinct advantages in substituting whitemetal components such as those from MJT or Fourmost.

PRACTICAL

By fitting appropriate alternatives (as listed in the appendix) the three wagon sub-types can be modelled with greater accuracy, as subsequent sections of this article will show. In addition, whitemetal replacements are much stronger than the plastic items provided in the kit. Even though ABS is a resilient material, the plastic buffer guides are not and can split if a wagon is given rough treatment.

To replace the buffers, 1mm pilot holes need to be drilled straight through the guides and the headstocks. All remaining traces of the guides can then be cut and/or filed away, and the pilot hole enlarged to 2mm to accept the new buffer. It's important to ensure that the whitemetal spigots are no more than 1.5mm long, otherwise they will foul the ends of the solebars. The rear of the Fourmost buffer guides may also need cleaning up before they are glued into position.

Secondly, if you intend to show off part (or all) of Parkside's excellent wagon interior detailing, a way of transforming bland bauxite brown plastic into a representation of weathered wood needs to be found. In my experience, subtle blending and streaking of beige, light grey, and mid-brown matt enamel paints will give an acceptable finish, and a little dark grey/brown weathering powder rubbed into the indentations between the planks will highlight the interior features.

Other work-stained 'bare wood' tones and hues can be captured by dry-brushing lighter and darker shades or by the application of weathering powders. Modellers who have a penchant for small details can also paint the interior metal strapping and rivets in rust colours, while gunmetal can depict unpainted steel that has not yet rusted. Best results will be achieved if this work is carried out **before** assembly.

Third, it is important to ensure that any wagon designed to run empty will be heavy enough to stay on the track. One way of adding weight to an empty wagon is to glue 'liquid lead' into the gaps between the chassis members. Another approach (that I have always preferred) is to cut away all the underfloor chassis detail leaving a smooth surface large enough for a strip of roofing lead or metallic ballast weight (of the type found in RTR wagons) to be glued securely into place.

Loss of the chassis members will not prevent the solebar/axleguard units from being cemented in the correct position because the fixing indentations on the back of the headstocks will ensure that the solebars are the correct distance apart. Obviously, with a completely featureless underfloor the bodyshell needs to be assembled before fixing the solebars. The brake shoe mouldings have been designed to fit in slots between the chassis ribs, but if these have been removed to make room for a substantial underfloor weight a strengthening rectangle of 50 or 60 thou plastic card needs to be added to these parts to ensure that they can be cemented securely to the plain wagon floor.

HANDBRAKE ONLY WAGONS

By the early-1950s there were around 4,700 'handbrake only' vehicles in service built to the 'hybrid' design. As Table 1 shows, the vast majority were designed and constructed by the LMS in the post-war era. However, some LMS orders were completed by BR in 1948/49 and an order for another 200 was placed by BR in the early-1950s. They would have carried merchandise across the length and breadth of the rail network, so most modellers with BR layouts set in this period can

justify one or two. All were built with Morton twoshoe brakes, 18" buffers, three-link couplings, and (by and large) spoked wheels. Typical tare weights were in the range 6-8t to 6-12t.

In terms of design, there was very little to distinguish the LMS wagons from the BR-built unfitted wagons apart from the buffers, although livery differences were evident (see below). Wagon expert David Larkin's research has revealed that between 1956 and 1959 *all but nine* of the unfitted vehicles ordered by the LMS and *all* examples built as part

of BR lot 2409 were re-built with Morton four-shoe vacuum brakes in accordance with BR's modernisation strategy.

Fastidious modellers are advised to consult David Larkin's work to get details of the running numbers of vehicles that remained in unfitted condition throughout their working lives. Over 400 LMS unfitted vehicles and 30 constructed by BR underwent a more comprehensive rebuild that included the fitting of tarpaulin sheet support bars. Once again, David Larkin's publications provide full numerical information.

Parkside's instructions briefly mention that an unfitted wagon in typical 1950s condition can be built from kit PCO2a by using only one pair of brake shoes with the push rods arranged 'left over right' when seen from a normal viewing position. The brake lever with the Morton clutch should be attached to the same side as the brake shoes. However, to really capture the character of an unfitted wagon, a few other small modifications need to be made:

TABLE 1: UNFITTED 'HYBRID HIGHS'

| Diagram/lot | Date | Typical buffers | Running numbers | Total |
|----------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|-------|
| LMS 2110 | 1946-47 | 18" 2-rib | M419575 - M422374 | 2,800 |
| LMS 2110 | 1948 | 18" 2-rib | M422625 - M423124 | 500 |
| LMS 2150 | 1949 | 18" 2-rib | M423425 - M424624 | 1,200 |
| BR 1/044, 2409 | 1952 | 18" 4-rib | B494920 - B495119 | 200 |

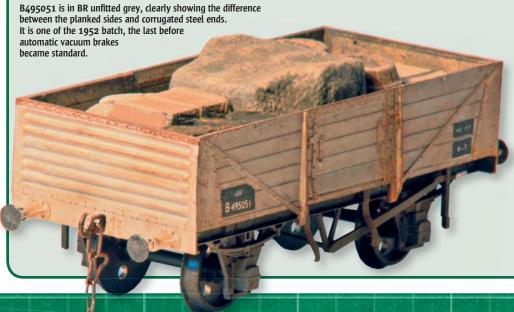
AUTOMATIC VACUUM BRAKE WAGONS - LMS Eight-shoe

A s Table 2 shows, the first batches of vacuumbraked 'hybrid highs' to appear were part of an order for 550 vehicles placed in 1946 but actually constructed after nationalisation.

In the early/mid-1950s, however, just over 4,000 additional 'hybrid' high goods vehicles were built by BR with the same LMS style of vacuum fitted chassis that featured the 'J hanger' suspension, clasp brake shoes, and no tie bar. About two thirds of all wagons listed in Table 2 - including all the 'M' prefixed examples - were initially sent into traffic *without* a tarpaulin support bar, although about 100 'plain ended' vehicles were retrospectively equipped. In order to faithfully represent a 'plain' example it is necessary to remove all traces of the support brackets

and pivot hole as explained previously.

Other differences relate to vacuum pipes, couplings, buffers, end chalk boards, and wheels. Vehicles built to the LMS diagrams generally had the 'standing' type of vacuum pipes (marketed by Fourmost as pack F749) and screw couplings; in contrast BR tended to fit the 'hanging' vacuum pipe (Fourmost F324 or MJT 2951) and Instanter couplings to diagram 1/039 and 1/044 wagons. Four-rib 20.5" sprung buffers were initially fitted to most wagons (see appendix). Chalk boards were not fitted to the ends of the 550 LMS vehicles but have been noted on wagons built later in the 1950s by BR. Vehicles have been photographed with three-hole disc or spoke wheels, so modellers can take their pick.





The tie bars and vacuum cylinder support brackets on the solebar units should be removed

Unfitted vehicles did not have lamp brackets, so these need to be cut/filed from the wagon ends

In addition, these vehicles were not equipped with chalk boards on the corrugated ends, so this item from the kit should be omitted

The tarpaulin support brackets moulded onto the inside of the wagon ends need to be sanded away if the interior will be visible The small hole designed to take the pivoting end of the tarpaulin support bar should be filled and sanded smooth.

Parkside advises modellers to paint a handbraked 'hybrid high' body in BR grey, and this livery would be consistent with BR practice in the mid/late-1950s. However, photographic sources indicate that two other liveries would be equally - if not more - appropriate,

although they are rarely depicted by BR era modellers. First, an 'austerity' livery was applied to LMS-built vehicles when outshopped in the mid to late-1940s and this often lasted well into BR days.

Bob Essery's 1981 publication contains some excellent photographs of new 'hybrid highs' in precisely this condition. Headstocks, buffers, solebars and running gear were all painted black; only the bodywork steel and backing patches for the white running numbers received a covering of post-1936 LMS bauxite paint. The wooden sides and interior were left unpainted. The bare wood weathered quickly once it was exposed to the elements, so by the time these wagons entered BR workshops to be rebuilt they appeared to have 'aged' somewhat.

Second, BR-built unfitted vehicles completed in 1952/53 entered traffic in an interim livery. Don

No. 419872 is an example of an LMS 1946/47-built wagon in weathered 'austerity' condition with unpainted planking and only the metalwork painted black. It is unfitted and has brake shoes on just one side.

Rowland's book *British Rail Wagons:*The First Half Million (ISBN: 9780 75290 3781) indicates that these 'hybrid highs' originally had everything below the body line painted black, with ends and other metallic surfaces coated in BR light grey. Just like the LMS vehicles, the body planking remained unpainted - apart from black patches onto which the wagon details were stencilled. These vehicles also developed a shabby grey-brown appearance, both internally and externally. Modellers need to use the techniques outlined above to reproduce the distinctive combination of subtle grey-brown colours and textures that characterise bare wood.

Modelmaster transfer sheets 4605 and 4671 contain running numbers and pre-1964 lettering for B495051 and B495111 which were built unfitted in 1952 but retrospectively fitted with vacuum brakes. For LMS vehicles built as 'handbrake only', it is necessary to 'cut and paste' appropriate numbers from Modelmaster LMS transfer sheets such as 4607 and 8038.

Typical tare weights ranged between 7-4 (for a plain ended example) and 7-16 (for a wagon fitted with the tarpaulin sheeting equipment).

Parts from Parkside underframe kit PA16 need to be used to construct a vehicle with the distinctive LMS suspension and brakes. However, it's advisable to use the floor unit from PC02a because the item supplied with PA16 is fractionally small and lacks planking detail. Before assembly, remove the builder's plates from each solebar to ensure that the left hand door spring will be a flush fit.

Turning to the brakes, select the four pairs of brake shoes from PA16 with the slightly smaller brake blocks. If the chassis detail has not been cut away to make room for a weight, it is necessary to reduce the length of the baseplate on each pair of brake shoes by a few thou. If this isn't done, the chassis cross members will prevent the brake shoes from being cemented directly under the wheels. If the chassis ribbing has been removed, the brake shoes can be glued directly to the smoothed-off floor without modification, and a plastic card shim will ensure that the vacuum cylinder is raised to the correct height in relation to the solebar.

To follow prototype practice, the brake lever from PA16 with the clutch should be cemented to the V-hanger on the solebar adjacent to the vacuum cylinder. However, it would be wrong to fit the cylinder onto the short rib under the floor; it should appear right of centre when the wagon is viewed in its normal upright position. The plain brake lever fits onto the opposite solebar.

Wagons look most authentic if they are finished in a manner that captures the length of time they have been in service without a repaint. For example, by the mid-1950s 'hybrid high' wagons outshopped in austerity livery six or seven years earlier would have been exposed to rain, sun, smoke, brake dust, and general dirt and grime for long enough to look shabby. This appearance can be represented by painting all



For wooden bodied wagons where the planks were left unpainted, careful weathering is essential to capture the work and weather-stained look that quickly took hold.

planking in subtle shades of weathered wood (as outlined above) with metallic exterior body parts finished in faded bauxite. A few hints of rust and a couple of unpainted replacement planks would add plenty of character to such a wagon. At this time, versions of the same wagon built by BR to lots 2179 and 2397 would have just entered traffic with bodywork looking quite smart in overall bauxite, and an example would provide an authentic contrast next to a part-painted, shabby and work-

stained older vehicle.

Numbers and lettering for four M-prefixed wagons are available for the 1948-64 era on Modelmaster sheet 8038, and sheet 4671 contains appropriate numbers for nine BR equivalents with and without tarpaulin bars. For the post-1964 era, sheet 4862 contains numbers and data for two 'Hybar' and 'Hyfit' wagons built with the LMS style of chassis to BR diagrams 1/039 and 1/044 respectively.

TABLE 2: 'HYBRID HIGHS' WITH LMS STYLE CHASSIS

| Diagram/lo | ot | Date | Tarpaulin | Running numbers | Total |
|------------|------|--------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| LMS 2110 | | 1948 | No | M422375 - M422624 | 250 |
| LMS 2150 | | 1948-9 | No | M423125 - M423424 | 300 |
| BR 1/039, | 2179 | 1951-2 | Yes | B477650 - B479149 | 1,500 |
| BR 1/044, | 2397 | 1953-4 | No | B493900 - B494769 | 870 |
| BR 1/044, | 2396 | 1955-6 | No | B492700 - B493899 | 1,200 |
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Another common variant was the 'Hybar' with sheet rail for tarpaulins, as modelled here. B486526 is a Diagram 1/039 wagon from Lot 2462, built in 1953 with Morton vacuum brakes

MORTON FOUR-SHOE VACUUM-FITTED

BR bauxite B494991 is a former unfitted wagon. Virtually the entire unfitted fleet was retrospectively equipped with four-shoe Morton vacuum brakes, so by 1959/60 the total number of vehicles with such brakegear had risen to over 9,000 - around 70% of the entire 'hybrid' fleet.

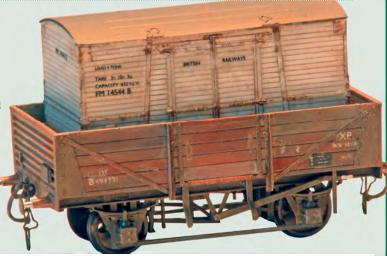


TABLE 3: 'HYBRID HIGHS' WITH MORTON VACUUM BRAKES

| BR diag | gram/lot | Date | Typical buffers | Tarpaulin | Running Numbers | Total |
|---------|----------|------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| 1/039, | 2315 | 1952 | 18" 2 rib | yes | B484750 - B485249 | 500 |
| 1/039, | 2415 | 1953 | 18" 2 rib | yes | B485250 - B485999 | 750 |
| 1/039, | 2462 | 1953 | 18" 2 or 4 rib | yes | B486000 - B486749 | 750 |
| 1/044, | 2484 | 1954 | 20.5" 4 rib | no | B497620 - B498019 | 400 |
| 1/039, | 2551 | 1954 | 20.5" 4 rib | yes | B498020 - B499019 | 1,000 |
| 1/039, | 2723 | 1955 | 20.5" 4 rib | yes | B491700 - B492199 | 500 |
| 1/039, | 2834 | 1957 | 20.5" 2 rib | yes | B492200 - B492699 | 500 |
| 1/039, | 3026 | 1957 | 20.5" 2 rib | yes | B484000 - B484149 | 150 |

MORTON FOUR-SHOE VACUUM-FITTED

This particular version can built from Parkside kit PCo2a as the manufacturer intended, with or without tarpaulin bar, although a change of buffers and some additional detailing may be preferable. Photographs indicate that four subtly different types of sprung buffer were fitted when first built, although the shorter types may have been replaced later to ensure that they met the 20.5" minimum length requirement for stock used in fast fitted freights.

All replacement buffer types are available from Fourmost (see appendix). All of the 4,550 wagons listed in Table 4 were built with Instanter couplings, the 'hanging' type of vacuum pipe, and either three-hole disc or spoke wheels. More than 90% were equipped with a tarpaulin sheet bar. These details can be added to the Parkside kit as required to illustrate typical features. As noted earlier, virtually the entire unfitted fleet was retrospectively equipped with fourshoe Morton vacuum brakes, so by 1959/60 the total

number of vehicles with such brakegear had risen to over 9,000 - around 70% of the entire 'hybrid' fleet. The key to making a convincing representation of a rebuilt wagon from PC02a lies in changing the buffers.

n changing the buffers Modellers should cut away the Parkside mouldings and fit appropriate alternatives, mindful of the fact that each type will indicate when a wagon was refurbished:

- 1956/57: a 2.5" collar was welded onto the older 18" sprung buffers
- 1957/58: the original short buffers were exchanged for 20.5", two-rib sprung types
- 1958/59: heavy duty Oleo or Dowty hydraulic replacements were preferred

Details of Fourmost and MJT catalogue listings for all types are given below. Running numbers for the early BR era (with or without sheet rails) are available on Modelmaster sheet 4671. However, most numbers are for vehicles built with AVB rather than rebuilt wagons. Sheet 4862 gives the modeller a choice of three running numbers enclosed in a post-1964 data panel and one 1970s TOPS coded vehicle.

Many modellers are, understandably, attracted by more esoteric wagons built in relatively small numbers - 'Presflos', 'Prestwins', 'Weltrols' and the like. However, it's important to remember that a typical early BR goods train included humdrum vehicles built by the thousand, if not tens of thousands. The 13t general merchandise open wagon is a case in point. However, there is no reason why run-of-the-mill vehicles cannot be made to look interesting, even exceptional. The key is to appreciate the main qualities and subtle differences that give wagons character in their design and overall appearance, and to represent this convincingly in miniature.

Hydraulic buffers

M2353: Dowty

F122; F123: Oleo 20.5"

F103; M2351: Oleo 24.5"

APPENDIX: REPLACEMENT BUFFERS

Sprung/spindle buffers

F132: BR 18", two-rib

M2300; FU03: RCH 18", four-rib

F127: RCH 18" two-rib with BR extension collars

F128: RCH 18" four-rib with BR extension collars

F120: BR (RCH) 20.5" two-rib

FU09: RCH 20.5" four-rib

Note: all items with F-prefix are supplied by Fourmost models; M-prefix by MJT models

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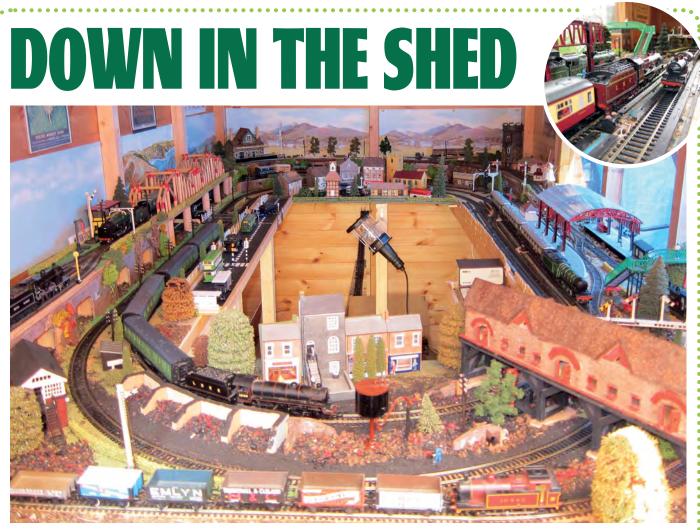
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| R3225 | GWR 2-8-2 72XX Class | | (Early), Weathered | | 6000 King Class |
| R3226 | BR 2-8-2 72XX Class | R3304 | BR 0-6-0T 700 Class, BR, Weathered | R3332 | BR 4-6-0 'King Edward VIII' |
| R3227 | BR 2-8-0 Class OI | R3305 | BR 2-6-0 K I Class, BR (Early), | | 6000 King Class, BR (Late) |
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| R3233 | LNER 4-4-0 D16/3 Class - Pre 1948 | R3312 | BR 4-6-2 'Minoru' A3 Class 1955 | | Class with TTS Sound |
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I was born in London a couple of days before the first night of the Blitz during the Second World War and my father worked for British Rail for 58 years, including throughout the war when he served on the Royal Train as well as that of Churchill and Montgomery.

As such I have always had a passion for the railway and wanted the theme of the new layout to reflect my childhood memories of the 1940s soon after the war had ended. The layout was constructed using a wood frame, cork base and the track was then added with the rest of the scenery, much of which I crafted or drew myself.

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A BIT AT A TIME



am currently reading **BRM** and stumbled across this section.

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based on anything or anywhere, but is named after the area where we live. The layout features an array of models, including cars, trucks and trains.

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'Millhouse' isn't based on anywhere, merely a figment of my imagination. The buildings and halt platform are kits from Wills, the walls from the Hornby Skaledale Range and the pig shelters from Harburn Hamlet. To enhance the diorama, I fitted a strip light inside, hidden from view.

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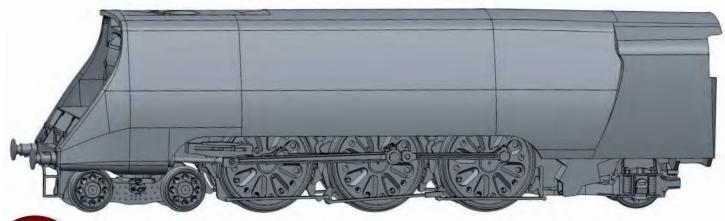
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A total of 30 'MNs' were built at Eastleigh between 1941 and 1949 to operate fast passenger and goods trains including the 'Golden Arrow' and 'Bournemouth Belle'. They were designed to give extra power and better acceleration to keep up with SR EMUs on main lines out of London.

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FIRST LOOK: RAILS' LMS DIESEL TWINS

Bachmann and Rails of Sheffield have moved a step closer to releasing the LMS diesels 10000 and 10001 in late-1940s black/silver guise.

The pioneer diesels, commissioned by Rails, have been re-tooled to incorporate a number of prototypical detail variations from the BR green versions offered by Bachmann. This image shows the factory

decorated pre-production samples, which will undergo a couple of small corrections before production starts.

Just two versions will be available, 10000 with LMS lettering and 10001 in original guise, either as a twin pack or separately.

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DEMU SHOWCASE

A show across two sites showcasing post-steam era layouts. Both the Town Hall and National Brewery Centre will host over 14 layouts, with demonstrators and trade support. A 15-minute walk separates the two venues. Both venues are situated very close to the railway station in Burton upon Trent. A 15 minute walk separates each venue.

A free shuttle bus has been promised to run between the railway station, brewery centre and town hall. Open Sat 1000-1700 and Sunday 1000-1600.

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WHAT'S NEW















Hornby train sets are the subject of a new collection of Jersey Post stamps. Issued from March 24, the collection is available to buy online via the jersey stamps website. The packs issued carry the Hornby branding along with a selection of train pack images from the current Hornby range such as *The Cornishman* and *British Pullman*. In a selection of face-values, they can be ordered via the Jersey Post website, just search for 'Hornby'.

www.jerseystamps.com

MALCOLM '08': ORDER NOW FOR MRS 2016

A limited edition Class o8 shunter has been commissioned from Bachmann by the organisers of Model Rail Scotland.

To coincide with the 50th anniversary of Model Rail Scotland on February 26-28, 2016, a Class 08 shunter in the livery of Malcolm Rail is to be made available, priced at £89.95. Pre-orders for the model are being taken on the website for delivery at the 2016 show.

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HIGHLAND COACH TO MAKE DEBUT

Lochgorm Kits has announced a new O gauge Drummond Highland Railway bogie coach kit. This latest addition to the firm's selection of kits is set to make its debut at Perth Show on June 27/28 this year.

The two prototype coaches to Dia. 18 were constructed by Lochgorm Works in 1899 and all were dual-braked for through working on the Caledonian Railway. The coaches were painted in a green and white livery and all over green from 1906 onwards. One coach lasted until 1935.

The kit priced at £80.00 (ref. HR7 –C27) requires bogies, wheels, buffers, transfers and paint to complete. Full details will appear on the Lochgorm website shortly.

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SMALL SUPPLIERS

REPLACEMENT GEARS

Peter's Spares is now stocking replacement axle sets for Mainline and Bachmann locomotives. These are designed to breathe new life into models with wornout plastic drive gears. Five different samples were received in the office suitable for the J72, Class 03, 56XX, Pannier, Collett, 43XX and Manor from Mainline and the Jubilee, Scot,

4MT and Class 03 from Bachmann. The gear sets are sold in packs containing two axle spacers and one drive gear with spacer, each priced at £5.99.

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body (ref: B49) and wheel set (ref: W29) are available.

BEDFORD RL TRUCK FOR OO

Road Transport kit
manufacturer Road
Transport Images has
added a 1950 Bedford RL
general service truck kit to
its range. The news follows the
recent release of two other military

vehicle kits - a 1944 Leyland Hippo 10 ton truck, and last October, the 1954 Leyland Hippo 19H/Thompson RAF pressure refueller. The 3 ton 4x4 Bedford truck is sold as a set of different sub kits, allowing different body types to be constructed. As well as the cab, a 4x4 chassis (ref. CH3a), 14ft

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Full details of the model are available to view on RTIs website. The new model can be ordered online or by post quoting 'RL Special Kit Deal'.

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HOUSE KIT DOWNLOAD FROM SMART MODELS

Smart Models' latest digital kit is for a terraced house in both N and OO gauges. The artwork for the house (ref: RESo6) is priced at £5.99 for both scales and a choice of three brick colours is available - old red, cream and light red brick. Further variations can be made with the choice of roof tiles in three colours.

Smart Models specialises in downloadable artwork files designed to be printed at home and glued to card. This latest artwork from the manufacturer includes varied interior

decorations, from wallpapers to floorings, doors and curtains. Comprehensive instructions with photographs are included to help with assembly.

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BACHMANN GWR 'MODIFIED HALL'

machines with Collett 4,000gal

Hall (pristine) and No. 6965

flush-sided tender.

tenders, while No. 6988 Swithland

Thirlestaine Hall (weathered) are

lined green models with the much

more modern looking Hawksworth

1960s guise and has a Plymouth

had three spells in January-October

1959 and (most appropriate for the

livery depicted) December 1962 to

to Westbury, where it was resident

until withdrawal a year later. Early

Old Oak Common (81A) shedplate,

emblem black No. 7903 has an

September 1963. After that it moved

Laira (83D) shedplate, where it

1954, May 1955 to September

No. 6988 is in late-1950s to mid-

After a false start in 2013, Bachmann's revamped GWR 4-6-0 is ready for release. *Ben Jones* takes a detailed look at this Hawksworth mixed traffic type and a new version of its Collett predecessor.

FACT FILE

Branchline

MANUFACTURER Bachmann

MODEL 31-780 BR late crest

lined green 'Modified Hall' 4-6-0

No. 6988 Swithland Hall, 31-781

BR early emblem lined black

expensive, times for GWR and Western Region modellers. In recent weeks we've seen Hornby's 'Hall' and the Bachmann '64XX' and now we have a revamped 'Modified Hall' and a new version of the Collett 'Hall' 4-6-0 from the Barwell firm.

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hese are exciting, but

Many will be aware that this is Bachmann's second attempt at re-launching the Hawksworth mixed traffic 4-6-0. A small batch landed in the UK in 2013 but was recalled after several detail faults were highlighted by magazine reviews. To Bachmann's credit, it withdrew the models and put them right.

The 'Modified Hall' was a replacement for a model inherited from Replica Railways and last produced in 1996/97 with an unreliable split die-cast chassis. When Bachmann's all-new 'Hall' was introduced in 2005, the need for a 'Modified Hall' to similar standards became more pressing, so it is perhaps surprising that it's taken almost a decade to eventually materialise!

Four versions are being offered, two in BR late crest lined green and two in BR lined black with the pre1957 early emblem, with a pristine and a weathered edition of each.
No. 7903 Foremarke Hall (pristine) and No. 7904 Fountains Hall (weathered) are the BR black

carried from January 1950 until its transfer to Cardiff East Dock in October 1963. The two weathered versions were not seen before this review went to print.

Both are beautifully decorated, with a lush satin finish to both the BR green and earlier lined black

with a lush satin finish to both the BR green and earlier lined black models, excellent printing, numerous authentic colours on the BR emblems and crisp name/numberplates. Etched metal name and numberplates would, however, add a final touch of quality.

LOOKS

outside

When compared to Bachmann's existing 'Hall', the numerous detail differences of Hawksworth's modified design immediately become apparent. The front end arrangement with plate frame extensions projecting beyond the smokebox towards the bufferbeam, plate frame bogie design and revised









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steam pipes is well modelled. The 'face' is utterly convincing thanks not only to Bachmann's superb rendering of the shape and dimensions, but also to small details such as the small valve protruding from the smokebox door ring. Interestingly, one of the smokebox door handles is moulded into the door while the other is a separate part.

Overall, the model conveys the outline of the prototype perfectly, from the utterly convincing 'face' to the superb Collett and Hawksworth flush-sided tenders. Separate components include the turned brass, copper-capped chimney, safety valves and whistle, wire handrails, reversing

lever and ejector pipework and a well-detailed boiler backhead.

These revised 'Modified Halls' also have the correct pattern handrails beside the cabside windows, a more accurate, flowing shape to the cylinder casings (as opposed to the flatter casing of the '49XX') and a more accurate smokebox saddle. Numerous separate metal lamp

FACT FILE: GWR'Modified Hall' 4-6-0

Charles Collett laid the foundations for this highly successful series of mixed traffic 4-6-0s in 1924 when 'Saint' No. 2925 was fitted with smaller driving wheels and had its boiler altered to a lower pitch. Renumbered as No. 4900, it was eventually followed by 258 more 'Halls' with construction continuing until

When the GWR required more mixed traffic locomotives during the Second

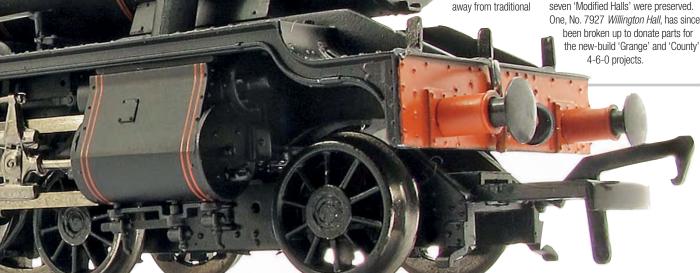
World War, Collett's successor as GWR Chief Mechanical Engineer, F.W. Hawksworth developed an updated version of the 1924 design, which became known as the 'Modified Hall'

Hawksworth's use of plate frames throughout was the major move

GWR practice and this altered the look of the locomotives, particularly at the front end. The two cylinders were cast separately from the smokebox saddle and bolted to the frames on each side. A stiffening brace was inserted between the frames and extended to form the smokebox saddle. The exhaust pipes leading from the cylinders to the blastpipe were incorporated into this assembly.

Churchward's bar-framed bogie was replaced by a plate frame structure. To overcome the declining quality of coal available during the Second World War a larger three-row superheater and header regulator were fitted into the Swindon Standard No.1 boiler. Improvements were also made to the draughting of some locomotives, while others were fitted with hopper ashpans. The first 'Modified Halls' were outshopped from Swindon in 1944 and BR continued construction until 1950, by which time 71 had been built.

Duties were identical to those performed by the older 'Halls' and the type could be seen all over the former GWR system. Withdrawals occurred between 1963 and 1965, although seven 'Modified Halls' were preserved. One, No. 7927 Willington Hall, has since

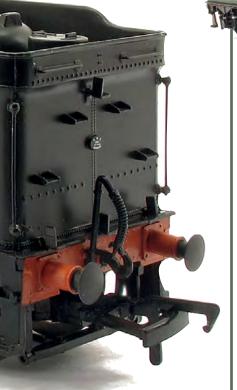


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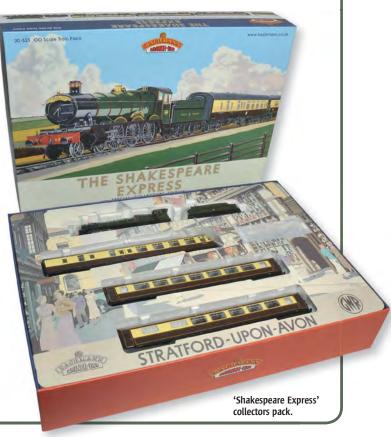


alternative, the design, detail, finish and overall finesse of Bachmann's models put them some way ahead of the Margate 'red box' products for the money.

It might have been a long time coming, but the result is excellent and gives Bachmann fine models of both the original and modified 'Halls' that should please fans of the GWR and Western Region. **BRM**

PRESERVED 'HALL' PACK

Whilst on the subject of GWR mixed traffic 4-6-0s, Bachmann has also released a new version of its original 'Hall' - paired with a 3,500gal for the first time. The attractive 'Shakespeare Express' pack is based around Tyseley's preserved No. 4965 Rood Ashton Hall in 1920s GWR lined green with the smaller tender - as fitted to some early '49XXs' - adapted from Bachmann's 'Dukedog' 4-4-0. As well as the locomotive, the pack contains Mk 1 BSK support coach W35470, Mk 1 Pullman Parlour Second 99353, Pullman Kitchen Second 99335 and an exclusive EFE diecast Bristol VR open top tour bus. The pack is inspired by Tyseley's popular Birmingham to Stratfordupon-Avon dining train, which is often hauled by No. 4965 and formed of former BR coaches painted in WR style chocolate and cream. Priced at £229.95 the limited edition pack (Ref. No. 30-525) is likely to be extremely popular with both modellers of the current scene and collectors.



OUT NOW

Hornby R3229 BR early emblem lined green 'Star' 4-6-0 No. 4021 *British Monarch*, 1:76 scale 00, rrp £134.99

A second post-1948 edition of the legendary GWR express 4-6-0 with another stirring, patriotic name. Whilst the 'Star' is, in many ways, a decent model this version suffers again from a flat, matt green finish and poor quality control that saw our sample delivered with the smokebox door dart missing. When compared with other products on this page it looks like poor value for money at over £130. An Oxford (81F) shedplate places it between January 1950 and withdrawal in October 1952.

GREAT WESTERN TROOP TRAIN

COMPANY WAS ASSESSED.

Hornby R3219 'Great
Western Troop Train' pack
with GWR green 'Star' 4-6-0
No. 4050 *Princess Alice*and three GWR clerestory
coaches, 1:76 scale 00, rrp
£154.99

Continuing the First World War theme of recent months, this

train pack brings together the 'Star' and the much older, but attractively decorated GWR clerestory coaches to depict an Edwardian

express train being used to move troops. Again, the locomotive suffers

from a very flat and muddy rendition of GWR green, but the two Corridor Thirds (Nos. 3133/34) and Brake Third (No. 3374) are neatly printed and panelled. However, with an RRP just £20 more than an individual Hornby 'Star' (see above), the pack is competitively priced.

Bachmann 37-506 BISC brown 22t iron ore hopper wagon No. 776, 1:76 scale 00, rrp £13.95

A variation on the private owner wagon theme, this hopper represents a vehicle built by Charles Roberts in 1939 and used to carry bulk ironstone from quarry to steelworks. Such wagons were built in large quantities and were the basis of a BR standard design after 1948. Ideal for working with LMS heavy goods locomotives in block trains.



PRODUCT REVIEWS



fter recent successes with models of pre-1923 locomotives, Bachmann is paying more attention to this onceneglected subject. As its 00 gauge range grows to include more pre-Grouping designs, the opportunities for producing these attractive liveries increases - the

latest to appear is the new Billinton E4 0-6-2T in London Brighton & South Coast Railway lined umber.

Beautifully decorated as No. 579, the model carries fully-lined LBSCR livery with a white cab roof (not the most practical choice for a steam locomotive), gold and black lining and shaded gold

lettering/numbers. Crisply applied lining extends to the boiler bands, splashers, running plate and even the Westinghouse air pump.

As one of the final few E4s built, this locomotive was originally painted in Stroudley's 'Improved Engine Green' - actually yellow - and named

FACT FILE

- MANUFACTURER Bachmann Europe
- ▶ MODEL 35-075 LBSCR lined umber E4 0-6-2T No. 579
- **PRICE** RRP £109.95
- **SUPPLIER** Bachmann stockists
- **WORDS** Ben Jones

Roehampton, but after 1906 a more restrained dark brown was adopted by Marsh and the E4s lost their painted names. Completed at Brighton Works in July 1903, the locomotive soldiered on until December 1959 as BR No. 32579.

Pre-Grouping livery aside, the model is identical to the BR E4 reviewed in April's **BRM**. Performance is excellent and a six-pin decoder socket is provided on the chassis for easy DCC conversion.

The six driving wheels have brass pick-ups. Other features include NEM couplers front and rear and a bag of optional detail parts containing white headcode discs, brake rigging and bufferbeam hoses. Don't hang about if you want one.

LANDSHIP TRAIN' PACK

s mentioned in the David Haarhaus interview on page 35, the current spate of attractively packaged Bachmann/

FACT FILE

- MANUFACTURER Graham Farish by Bachmann
- ▶ MODEL 370-300 'The Landship Train' pack with MR 4F 0-6-0 No. 3848, three WD bogie bolster wagons and three covered WW1 tanks
- **PRICE** RRP £104.95
- **SUPPLIER** Graham Farish stockists
- **WORDS** Ben Jones

Farish train packs is proving very popular and more are expected in due course. Latest to arrive for N scale is another variation on the First World War theme - 'The Landship Train'

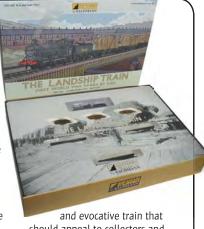
Containing the latest Graham Farish 4F 0-6-0 (March **BRM**) in original Midland Railway black with large gold-painted numerals on its Deeley tender and three War Department bogie bolster wagons, the pack recalls how the railway was used to move tanks - at the time the 'cutting edge' of military technology. The pack makes good use of existing tooling and while the LMS wagons are, strictly speaking, wrong for the period, it's good to see the excellent new 4F

appearing in MR livery, complete with ornate cabside MR crests.

The trio of armoured fighting vehicles (to use modern parlance) is neatly modelled in resin, wrapped in tarpaulins with securing ropes. The distinctive First World War shape is immediately recognisable. Lashing ropes are also moulded around the vehicles.

Hopefully Graham Farish will make the tanks and WD wagons available separately so that modellers can assemble longer, more prototypical military trains. A Graham Farish MR 20t brake van (so far only produced in LMS and BR colours) would also make a useful period companion.

The items make an interesting



and evocative train that should appeal to collectors and military railway enthusiasts alike. But, perhaps the most surprising aspect is the price. With an RRP of £104.95, the pack costs just £5 more than an individual 4F, making it a real bargain too. Highly recommended.

FYLDE 'FIVE'

FACT FILE

- MANUFACTURER Graham Farish
- ▶ MODEL 372-139 BR early emblem lined black Stanier 5MT 4-6-0 No. 45206
- **PRICE** RRP £139.95
- ▶ SCALE 1:148 scale, 9mm gauge N
- **WORDS** Ben Jones



A BR 'Black Five' is one of those staple catalogue items for which there will always be demand. Graham Farish's latest version features No. 45206 in 1950s condition with the early BR emblem, separate top feed and dome, and a Fleetwood (24F) shedplate. The locomotive was resident at the Lancashire port's depot from August 1952 until July 1965. It's nothing flash, just an ordinary BR 'Black Five' produced to a high standard - something that every LMR layout needs. **BRM**

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NEW HELJAN O GAUGE WAGONS OAA 31T OPEN

s part of Heljan's release of O gauge airbraked wagons these OAA dropside wagons are now available. Kindly supplied for review by Heljan is this sample of OAA 100016 in BR bauxite livery (HJ1050), representing a wagon built to lot 3727 at Ashford in 1971. Other liveries available are later bauxite Railfreight (HJ1051), Railfreight red and grey (HJ1052), Railfreight red/grey with ABN logo (HJ1053) and a departmental yellow/ grey ZBA (HI1054).

One hundred of these woodenplanked wagons were built to carry general goods and replace earlier short wheelbase general merchandise opens. Experience in traffic soon led to an updated version, the OBA, which was built in greater numbers.

The traffic for which they were built soon declined and many transferred to the engineers department where they gained the fish-kind name 'Squid'. For a long wheelbase wagon their 31ton gross laden weight meant that they could not be completely filled with dense materials such as ballast or spoil, so most of the time these wagons would

FACT FILE

- MANUFACTURER Heljan A/S
- ▶ PRODUCT OAA open, later bauxite (ref: 1051)
- **RRP** £84.95
- **SUPPLIER** Heljan A/S
- ▶ PHOTOGRAPHS Tony Wright
- **WORDS** Howard Smith

The underframe details are simpler than other Heljan releases, but it's ample considering most of it will never be seen.



be marshalled into engineers trains to carry equipment or sleepers. They were seen nationwide, so Heljan's choice of wagon is an informed one.

OUT OF THE BOX

Some effort has been made to get the wagon sides looking right. OAAs don't have door bangers, but use the more costly method of door retainers. These limit the travel of the doors to prevent them from hitting the solebars, achieving the same result. This method wasn't retained for later-built wagons such as OBAs, reverting back to cheaper door bangers instead.

Smaller details such as the rope hooks, all of which are separately applied with relief don't go unnoticed. If you decide to add a load, a few threads of cotton could easily be used from hook to hook to add realism. The door hinges with rivets are continued on the inside of

supplied unfitted in a bag are the door retaining pins and chains - there are six to fit into the pre-drilled holes down each side. Again, as with its recent GUV, Heljan hasn't just moulded these details and the wagon looks all the better for it.

Looking at the design of the sides, I suspect you could remove them with little damage if you fancied the challenge of modelling one of the later modified OAA wagons of the late-1990s with mesh grille sides for the transport of blocks.

Moving round to the ends, there are only two small detail inaccuracies that I could notice - the rope securing eyes are rings instead of being solid depressed circles, and the yellow brake hose should be offset to the right, below the red hose. That's it. Both can be easily improved if you really want to go that far. In fact, it's quite hard to find fault with anything on this wagon which makes a change from models we've seen in the recent past.

As with the sides, the underframe is in-keeping with the quality of the rest of the model with working suspension and buffers. It looks good, very good in fact, and all the brake gear is faithfully represented.

One little niggle is that due to the chassis being shared with the VAA van, the axleboxes are of the wrong type of roller bearing for an OAA. Unless you really study them or know these wagons like the back of your hand, it's hardly a problem.

Over their lives the OBAs carried battle scars due to loading and unloading, underwent patch painting and re-planking on a budget and changed between different pools - just by looking at photographs of the real ones, you'll note many differences.

Heljan's wagons are very clean and many will probably leave them as they are, but these wagons could really be improved with weathering to bring them to life. Don't see it as just defacing a wagon, but rather as improving it, by giving it a story to tell about its life and use. I'd really recommend getting one and having a go, it's certainly worth it.

These OAA wagons are both pleasing to look at and handle. The unwanted underframe gap between the solebar and wagon ends on the VAA has now disappeared.





LASS B' TANK

ere's a wagon from Heljan that is of use to both steam and diesel-era modellers - a Charles Roberts-built Class B tank wagon. With a 15' wheelbase and 13t tare, these vacuum-braked wagons were privately owned by Esso and the first higher capacity tanks to be produced in large volumes. The successful design was later used by other companies and several hundred were built from 1957 onwards.

Class B fuels are flammable liquids such as acetone, petroleum, or oils - the classification helps fire crews in the event of a fire. The prototypes saw most of their use from new in block trains carrying such liquids between refineries and distribution depots but with the arrival of the even larger 45t TTAs, TTBs and 100t TEAs from the mid-1960s, their use gradually declined and scrapping took place in the 1980s. In their latter years, many saw use as storage tanks on diesel depots for waste oil until the 1990s.

A WORTHWHILE EFFORT

Heljan really seems to be 'upping the ante' with every model it releases and this tank wagon certainly continues the trend. The prototype wagons aren't the easiest to capture in model form, but a fine effort has been made.

The chassis is probably the most impressive area. And, due to the nature of the wagon, a fair amount

of what is beneath it can be seen too, so it's just as well that Hejan has gone to town with the detail. Not only has the brake gear been fully modelled near the wheels, like most models, but so has all of the rest. From the wire brake pull rods to the vacuum hoses connecting the cylinders to the distributor - it's all on display, right down to the bolt heads. The rivets above the chassis at either end are good and the correct extended length Oleo hydraulic buffers have been used.

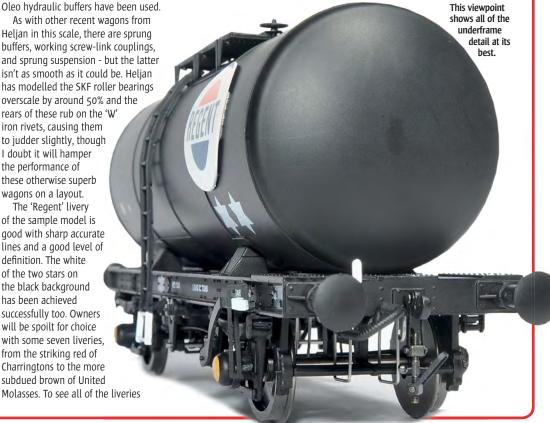
As with other recent wagons from Heljan in this scale, there are sprung buffers, working screw-link couplings, and sprung suspension - but the latter isn't as smooth as it could be. Heljan has modelled the SKF roller bearings overscale by around 50% and the rears of these rub on the 'W' iron rivets, causing them to judder slightly, though I doubt it will hamper the performance of these otherwise superb wagons on a layout.

The 'Regent' livery of the sample model is good with sharp accurate lines and a good level of definition. The white of the two stars on the black background has been achieved successfully too. Owners will be spoilt for choice with some seven liveries. from the striking red of Charringtons to the more subdued brown of United available, visit Heljan's website.

As a model, it's another release from the manufacturer that it can be proud of. I'd suggest that if you want one you'd better be quick about it as some distributors have already sold out of some of the liveries. I can easily see why. Roll-on the next batch of Heljan wagons - will they be even hetter? RRM

FACT FILE

- MANUFACTURER Heljan A/S
- **PRODUCT** CLASS B Tank Regent Black (ref: 1003)
- **RRP** £84.95
- **AVAILBILITY** Heljan stockists
- ▶ PHOTOGRAPHS Tony Wright
- **WORDS** Howard Smith



PRODUCT REVIEWS





BACHMANN BR 20T GRAIN HOPPER

ulk grain traffic, first seen in Scotland in the late-19th century, was once a major source of revenue for Britain's railways. Many railway companies employed bespoke covered hopper wagons to serve the brewing, distillery and food industries around the country. Hotspots for grain traffic included East Anglia and Lincolnshire, Scotland and Merseyside, which was home to large flour mills and retained deliveries of grain by rail into the 1980s.

As with many other types of wagon, when BR required new grain hoppers to replace vintage pre-Grouping and 'Big Four' vehicles it adopted and modified the best or most recent pre-Nationalisation designs. In this

instance it was an ex-LMS steel-bodied type, 40 of which were built in 1949 to Diagram 1/270. However, the wagon chosen by Bachmann is the much more numerous Diagram 1/271 type (see below), of which 570 were built in nine batches up to 1959. Rather than riveted bodies, these wagons were of welded construction and the 'T' section side stanchions did not continue over the curved roof, although they retained a similar specification and appearance.

Initially, all wagons were unfitted with oil axleboxes and painted grey, but the final two batches built in the late-1950s gained a through vacuum pipe, Oleo buffers, rolling bearing axleboxes and BR bauxite livery; the latter usually reserved for wagons fitted with automatic vacuum brakes (AVB).

Bachmann is offering an earlier version in unfitted BR grey with pre-1964 markings with oil 'boxes, a later grey wagon with 1970s TOPS data panel and a BR bauxite model with post-1964 style markings. Both the latter models have roller bearing axleboxes and Oleo buffers. Decoration across all three versions is neat and accurate, based on contemporary photographs of the prototype.

As with the truly excellent 'Presflo' and 'Covhop', the overall shape and detail has been well captured. The two prominent loading hatches on the roof are neatly moulded and include a tiny wire grab handle on each. Other separately fitted parts include the end ladders, which are as slender as could reasonably be expected in plastic. Etched metal ladders would have given a superior visual effect but would also have increased the price of the model.

One other visual compromise concerns the angled outer stanchions on each side, which have a fillet of plastic strengthening the area under the hopper body. To most, it won't be an issue, but it could be filed out or replaced with a finer piece of brass section if required.

Underframe and running gear detail is very impressive, with separate handbrake levers and hopper door wheel, footsteps and turned metal buffers. With a reasonable amount of weight and free running metal wheels/axles we found the hoppers to be steady

and reliable when running in a mixed goods train.

Once again though, the price will be an issue for some; although the RRP of £22.95 reflects the complexity of the design, the number of components required and the various detail variations worked into the tooling. Dapol's 20t grain hopper, which can trace its origins back to a 1958 Hornby-Dublo model, is half the price, but is flawed and mounted on a generic chassis. Bachmann's wagon gives modellers the option of a more detailed vehicle built to 21st century standards.

It's a very good model of a useful, long-lived and widely seen prototype that can easily be personalised with interesting loads, weathering and extra decoration. It should also appeal to a broad section of the modelling community, from 1950s rural branch lines in East Anglia and Scotland to the industrial north of England in the 1980s and many points between. Recommended.



FACT FILE

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- ▶ MODEL 38-602 BR bauxite 20t Grain hopper wagon B885645
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Howard Smith tries the latest development in **DCC** command units from Taunton Controls.

he release of a new DCC system doesn't occur that often. So, when a newcomer is unveiled, naturally, it's a chance to not only test it, but see how it differs from the competition. It's sometimes more than just that too - we get to see where this DCC path is leading us, and how our models are likely to be controlled in the future.

The history behind the ZTC brand is an interesting one. It was one of the first companies to introduce DCC to the British market, following on from the introduction of Zero 1. Its current owners under the Taunton Controls brand have persevered with the development of an updated version of the ZTC 511 DCC controller - known as the ZTC 611.

If you didn't know any better you could mistake the ZTC 611 for a previous generation 511, but don't let the similar exterior fool you - what lurks beneath is very different. The electronic internals have been changed and upgraded to bring it up-to-date.

The software is easy to upgrade for a start. Unlike other DCC controllers on the market, you don't need to start dismantling it to remove some chip

of 1980s technology, to then send it via the post to someone who can reprogram it and, hopefully, a week later re-install it. The ZTC 611 system is boxed with free software, so you just plug it into your PC, update via the USB port and away you go - so much easier.

So, the wiring has been changed, but have the externals? In a word, no - and they didn't really need to. The saying 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' seems quite appropriate as over 7,500 ZTC 511 units were sold, not just in the UK but to customers worldwide. Those who continue to use them do so as they are different from the rest.

The ZTC approach to DCC is not just about pushing buttons or touching screens, but about making the whole experience of controlling a locomotive more hands-on and engaging. You'll note this with the regulator, reverser and brake lever - similar in style to a real steam locomotive. If you don't apply the brakes at the right time you might overshoot the platform. It certainly keeps you on your toes when driving and adds realism to railway

buttons on the controller, but they accident.

The 611's control layout is spacious and gives you room to move around. Depending on the size of your layout though, its dimensions might also work against it - it might not be so easy to locate on a small layout control panel, not just because of its

width at over 30cm (12") but its weight of around 1kg (2.2lbs).

MULATION

If you have a layout where users run both DC and DCC locomotives, the system can accommodate both - and not just by selecting address o by default. The ZTC 611 is also a true DC controller. When the DCC mode is turned off, users can operate conventional DC powered locomotives as they would do with any other DC

control. There are inevitably some aren't so small that you might miss one and press an adjacent button by

The rear outputs of the ZTC 611 are clearly marked with white lettering, so you won't need to consult the manual to get everything connected. The small screen is adjustable in left) and PC serial port (far right) are the latest updates to this system.





module. Worthwhile for a club layout?

When in DCC mode it has the ability to memorise routes, so if you have 15 points to change in order to get a train from A to B for instance, the press of one button will change them all at once. A little reading of the manual, a bit of trial and error and you'll soon get the hang of how to set up the routes you need.

The 611 controller is every bit as capable of layout control as any other DCC controller. With a maximum 5Amp power output, it also has a 128 locomotive 'roster capacity' and has control of 28 functions per decoder, the maximum set under NMRA standards. It even has room to further expand if necessary. As a default, 128 speed steps ensure smooth control.

To the rear of the unit, two track outputs allow you to section your layout with ease if you wish. Even the programming output has a power boost for those Amp munching sound decoders. Not bad.

Included in the price is a transformer (the ZTC 562 for N gauge, or 560 for OO and larger scales), a CD containing the software and a 'quick start guide'. The latter is designed to get you going with the system in a few minutes and hopefully discover its full potential as you go along.

After-sales and customer support often go unnoticed, but when you have a new system to familiarise yourself with it's handy to know that if there is

a problem or something you need to know about the system, a ZTC helpline is open from 0900-2100, six days a week. You could also consider signing up to the ZTC Owners Club and receive updates about systems and releases.

The ZTC 611 in action on this month's 'BRM TV' DVD.

IN BRIEF

The ZTC 611 is an evolution of the previous 511 and continues using the same brand philosophy - it has everything you'd expect from a modern DCC controller and is probably more suited to larger complex layouts to really justify itself. Whilst the price is hefty, remember that you're investing in both a DCC and true DC controller. If you already own a ZTC 511, factory-fitted internal upgrades are available for £235 plus P&P.

Whilst this latest offering from ZTC doesn't have fancy infra-red or other wireless connectivity so that you can operate your loft layout from your kitchen (if you really wish), it isn't pretending to be something it isn't.

If you prefer the traditional feel of a controller that puts function over form, then take a look at the ZTC website, or see their advert on page 123. **BRM**

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uilding your own track is one of those jobs that - at first - appears to be some sort of black art. There are arcane terms to master, special gauges are needed and when things don't go right, the builder often incants strong words at their workbench!

Despite this, trackbuilding can be fascinating and very satisfying. For a start, it's often cheaper than buying ready to lay. More importantly, you can have the track you want, not what someone has decided to manufacture.

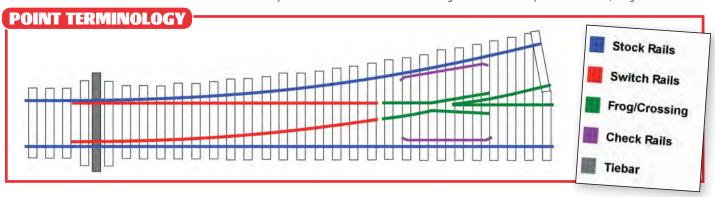
The easiest way to start is with rail soldered to printed circuit board (PCB) sleepers. Soldered joints can be made and unmade quickly and easily so the builder can adjust the position of each rail if things aren't running properly. Every layout I've built this way has involved several hours of tweaking to

achieve smooth running.

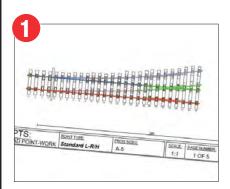
Traditionally, the materials used are copper-clad strip which has to be cut to length for the sleepers and then some of the copper cut away to insulate the opposing rails. DCCconcepts has developed this with sleepers supplied at the correct length and with tinned pads only where the rail is to be fixed, saving time and making the wiring process easier.

Another first is the use of stainless steel rail. Normally we use nickel-silver which isn't the right colour for real trackwork and is easily tarnished, contributing towards conductivity and adhesion problems.

PCB track isn't perfect; there's no representation of rail chairs and the rail isn't raised above the sleepers but it is the easiest way into track building and when your first wagon glides through a point after a couple of hours work, it's great fun. **BRM**



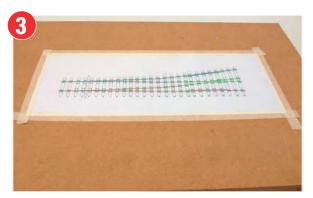
STEP-BY-STEP **GUIDE**



Plans for points can be downloaded from the DCCconcepts website. If you prefer to plan using Templot software, this can also be used as a guide.



The DCC plans must be printed out with the page scaling set to 100%. If you let the computer print the entire page, including the borders, the plans are too small.



Once the plan is selected, it should be taped down to a flat piece of board. An off-cut of thick MDF is idea for this.



The sleepers are etched from circuit board with metal pads to which the rail is soldered. These are tinned with solder to make life easier. Extra solder and a 'No Clean Up' flux is also available in the range.

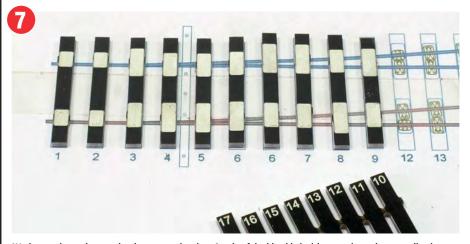


As the rail is stainless steel, it needs a powerful soldering iron if you're using it with the 'No Clean Up' flux.

Smaller 18-45W irons won't be up to the job - 50W or greater is recommended. My trusty 45W Antex couldn't make the solder flow properly until I switched to Powerflow flux, available from DIY stores.



Although the lines for rail to follow are marked on the plan, these aren't accurate enough and so a set of gauges is essential. These are a one-off purchase as you'll use them for all the track on your layout to ensure consistency.



Work starts by setting out the sleepers on the plan. A strip of double-sided sticky tape down the centre line is perfect as it holds firmly but can be peeled away once the point is built. Numbers are printed on the back of each sleeper and should coincide with the numbers on the plan. Note that not all the sleepers are used for all the points.



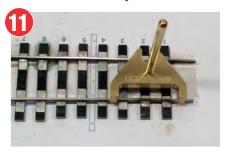
Once the sleepers are fixed, make sure that the ends form a neat line. Here, an extra No. 6 has been put in where there should be a No. 9.



The first rail fixed in place is the straight stock rail. Tack this to about 30% of the sleepers initially and keep checking it is straight. A length of wood is handy, as are lolly sticks for holding metal as it's heated up. Making a joint involves placing a blob of flux on the joint and then bringing a small amount of solder to it using the tip of the iron.



Once you're happy with the position, solder all the sleepers to the rail to strengthen the assembly.



I like to add the curved rail in next but only tack it in to position for most of its run. Only the sleepers before the tiebar can be fixed at this stage, using a track gauge to hold the rail in place.

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STEP-BY-STEP **GUIDE**



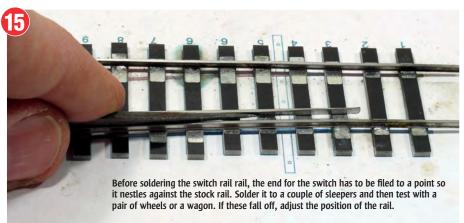
Left File a length of rail on one side to produce a chamfered end. This is the straight half of the frog. Time spent getting a nice sharp point will pay dividends with improved running later.

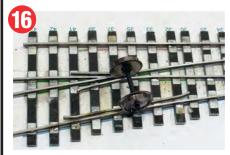
Right The other half of the front is put in next using the plan as a guide. Now you can set the curved rail properly using roller gauges.





The straight switch rail is cut and bent to shape.





Repeat with the curved switch rail and put the curved check rails in place. Use roller gauges to set them the correct distance from the curved stock rail. Test often and don't be satisfied until everything runs properly. It takes a while but the experienced gained will help in future.



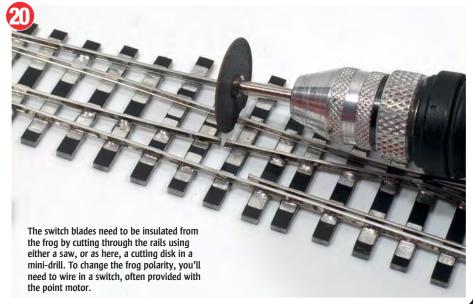
The tiebar has a couple of holes etched in to it. Brass pins placed in these will act as pivots for the switch blades.



Solder the switch blades to the pins and then file away as much of them as you can so that wheels flanges don't bump on them. When everything is working, solder all the joints



Once work is complete, all the solder must be cleaned away or it will eat in to the joints. I find a scrub with Homecare 'Hob Brite' or 'Shiny Sinks' and an old toothbrush does the job. If sleepers are disturbed, resolder the joints, don't worry, this happens to everyone but at this stage it's easy to fix.



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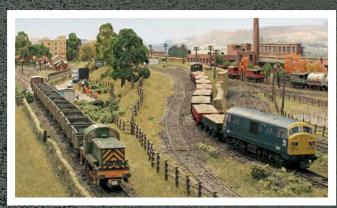
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East Surrey N-Gauge Group 17th Annual Model Railway Exhibition, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Linkfield Lane, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1DU **Saturday:** 10.00am - 4.00pm Tel: 01737 764217

Email: bart.hyd@gmail.com Web: www.esng.co.uk

🔄 John Keble Church Model Railway **Exhibition** John Keble Church Hall. Church Close, Off Deans Lane, Edgeware HA89NS **Saturday:** 10.30am - 4.30pm

Model Railway Exhibition Church Stretton School, Shrewsbury Road, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6EX Saturday: 10.00am - 4.00pm Tel: 01694 722189 Email: chrisrochelle5@aol.com

Norwich MRC Exhibition, Hellesdon High School, Middletons Lane, Hellesdon, Norfolk NR65SB Saturday: 10.00am - 4.30pm **Tel:** 01362 820174 **Email:** tsd24@btinternet. com Web: www.norhams.org.uk

Shirehampton Model Railway Club Exhibition The Public Hall, Station Road, Shirehamnton Bristol BS11 9TX Saturday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Tel: 0117

Tring and District MRC Beacon-Rail 2015 Pitstone Memorial Hall, Vicarage Road, Pitstone, Buckinghamshire LU7 9EY Saturday: 10.30am - 4.30pm Tel: 01442 824350 Web: www. tdmrc.co.uk

<u>at</u>urday april 11 to Sunday april 12

Beamish Model Tramway Exhibition Beamish The Living Museum of the North, Beamish, Durham DH9 0RG Saturday: 10.00am - 5.00pm Sunday: 10.00am - 5.00pm Tel: 0191 370 4000

Bentley Model Railway Group Exhibition Trainwest 2015 The Christie Miller Sports Centre, Lancaster Road, Bowerhill, Melksham, Wiltshire SN12 6QU Saturday: 10.00am - 5.30pm **Sunday:** 10.00am -4.30pm **Tel:** 01249 657283/01225 702826 Email: trainwest@railnet.freeserve.co.uk Web: www.trainwest.org.uk

Cheltenham Model Railway Group **Exhibition** St Margaret's Hall, Coniston Road, Off Windermere Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL51 3NU Saturday: 10.00am - 5.00pm **Sunday:** 10.00am - 4.30pm Tel: 01242 517788 Web: www. chelmsfordmodelrailwayclub.org.uk

North Down Model Railway Society **Exhibition** Bangor Grammar School, Gransha Road, Bangor BT19 7QU Saturday: 10.00am -5.00pm **Sunday:** 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Crawley Model Railway Society, Tanbridge House School, Guildford Road (A281), Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1SR Saturday: 10.00am -5.00pm **Sunday:** 10.00am - 4.30pm **Tel:** 07411 353757 Email: peterselby48@gmail.com Web: www.crawleymrs.org.uk

Rochdale Model Railway Group Exhibition Littleborough Coach House, Lodge Street, Littleborough, Lancashire OL15 9AE Saturday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Sunday: 10.00am -

4.30pm Tel: 01629 57034 Web: www.rmrg.

Tame Valley Scout Council - Rail Road 2015 Astley High Sports College, Yew Tree Lane, Dinfield, Gtr. Manchester SK16 5BL Saturday: 10.00am - 5.30pm Sunday: 10.00am - 4.30 pm **Tel:** 07719 259638 **Email:** superscout@ sky.com Web: www.scoutbase.org.uk

SATURDAY APRIL 18

31A (Cambridge) MRC, Cambridge Model Railway Exhibition, Sawston Village College New Road, Sawston, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB22 3BP Saturday: 10.00am - 4.00pm **Tel:** 01284 700219

Email: modelrail.club31a@ntlworld.com Web: www.cambridge31a-mrc.org.uk

Gloucester Model Railway Show 2015 Old Mill Hall, Gorve, Wantage, Oxfordshire 0X12

7LB Saturday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Tel: 01452

Luton Model Railway Club Exhibition Christchurch Hall, Bedford Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 1HF Saturday: 10.30am - 5.00pm Tel: 01582 413200 Web: www.

lutonmodelrailwayclub.org.uk

Maidstone Model Railway Exhibition

Loose Primary School, Loose Road, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9UW Saturday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Tel: 07595 255150

Email: info@dakotadibben.co.uk

NEWGOG 2015 The South Wales 0 Gauge Show, Lysaghts Institute, Orb Road, off Corporation Road, Newport, Gwent NP14 ORA Saturday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Tel: 07896

Rushden Model Railway Exhibition Hope Methodist Church, Rushden Academy, Hayway, Rushden, Northamptonshire NN10 6AG Saturday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Tel: 01933 400 774

SATURDAY APRIL 18 TO SUNDAY APRIL 19

Maryport Model Clubs' 8th Annual Exhibition Netherhall School, Netherhall, Maryport, Cumbria CA15 6NT Saturday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Sunday: 10.00am -4.00pm Tel: 01900 813 661

Scalefour North Exhibition Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Harvey Road, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP21 9PP Saturday: 10.00am **Sunday:** 10.00am **Email:** marketing@scalefour.org.uk

Bingham Model Railway Club Cotgrave Welfare, Woodview, Cotgrave, Nottinghamshire NG12 3PJ Saturday: 10.30am - 5.00pm **Sunday:** 10.30am - 4.30pm **Tel:** 01949 851311 Email: stanathideaway@gmail.com Web: www.bingham-model-rail.co.uk

Wimborne Railway Society WIMRAIL 2015 Queen Elizabeth's School, Blandford Road,

Wimborne, Dorset BH21 4DT Saturday: 10.30am - 5.00pm Sunday: 10.30am - 4.30pm Tel: 01202 673246 Web: www.wimrail.org.uk

SATURDAY APRIL 25

Horsham Model Railway Club Exhibition St Leonards Church Hall, Cambridge Rd, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 5ED Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm Web: www.horshammrc.

Trix Enthusiasts Club Bristol Model Rail

Show Eden Grove Methodist Church Hall Horfield, Bristol BS7 OPQ Saturday: 10.00am -4.00pm Tel: 01934 838229 Email: miss_use@tiscali.co.uk

De Havilland Model Railway Society

Exhibition Ludwick Way Methodist Church Ludwick Way, (by Woodhall Parade), Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire AL7 3PN Saturday: 10.00am - 5.00pm Tel: 01707 267541Email: phile_b51@yahoo.co.uk

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Rotary Club of Fareham Rotarail 2015 Fareham College, Bishopfield Road, Fareham, Hampshire P014 1NH Saturday: 10.30am 5.00pm Tel: 01329 663685 Email: mazchris@ tiscali.co.uk Web: www.rotarail2015.webs.com

SATURDAY APRIL 25 TO SUNDAY APRIL 26
Epsom and Ewell MRC The Epsom Show
North East Surrey College of Technology,
(NESCOT), Reigate Road, Ewell, Surrey KT17 3DS
Saturday: 10.00am - 5.30pm Sunday:
10.00am - 5.00pm Tel: 01483 576 274 Web:

Helston & Falmouth Model Railway Club
A Spring Model Railway Show in Cornwall
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The Old Cattle Market Centre, Porthleven Road, Helston, Corriwall TR13 OSR **Saturday:** 10.00am - 5.00pm **Sunday:** 10.00am - 4.00pm

Ilford & West Essex MRC - West Essex Modelrail 2015 St. Edwards School, London Road, Romford, Essex RM7 9NX Saturday: 10.00am - 5.00pm Sunday: 10.00am -4.00pm Tel: 01708 442836 Web: www.iwemrc.org.uk

Liverpool Model Railway Society Annual Exhibition 2015 Old Christ Church, Waterloo Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RF Saturday: 10.00am - 5.00pm Sunday: 10.00am -4.30pm Tel: 0151 526 1574 Web: www.lmrs.org.uk

Sutton Coldfield Railway Society Model Railway Exhibition 2014 Bishop Walsh School Wylde Green Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B76 1QT Saturday: 10.00am - 5.00pm Sunday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Web: www.modelshops.co.uk/scrs

SUNDAY APRIL 26

Stowmarket Railway Club Exhibition

Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre, Gainsborough Road, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 1LH **Sunday:** 10.30am - 5.00pm **Tel:** 01449 771360 **Email:** stowrailclub.org.uk

SATURDAY MAY 2

Diss and District MRC Rickingham Village Hall and Diss & District Model Railway Society, Village Hall Hinderclay Road, Rickinghall, Norfolk IP22 1HD **Saturday:** 10.00am - 4.00pm **Tel:** 07930 188472

Market Deeping Model Railway Club Stamford Show Stamford Welland Academy
Formerly Queen Eleanor School, 1 Green Lane,
Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 1HE Saturday: 10.00am
- 5.00pm Tel: 01778 344991 Email: peterwilde38@
tiscali.co.uk Web: www.mdmrc.org.uk

FRIDAY MAY 1 TO SUNDAY MAY 3

Bristol Model Railway Exhibition 2015
Alveston Hill, Thornbury, Bristol BS3 53J
Friday: 1.00pm - 7.00pm Saturday: 10.00am - 7.00pm Sunday: 10.00am - 5.00pm Tel: 01179
763 329 Web: www.bristolmodrailex.co.uk

SATURDAY MAY 2 TO SUNDAY MAY 3

Cleckheaton Model Railway Exhibition
Whitcliff Mount Sports Centre, Turnstead Avenue,
Cleckheaton BD19 3AQ Saturday: 10.00am
- 5.00pm Sunday: 10.00am - 4.00pm Tel:
01274 698861 Email: show.bradfordmrc@
gmail.comWeb: www.bradfordmrc.org.uk

OPEN DAYS

SATURDAY APRIL 18

Hillingdon Railway Modellers - Test Track Open Day Yiewsley Baptist Church Cornerstone Centre, 74 Colham Avenue, Yiewsley, Middlesex UB7 8HF **Saturday:** 10.00am - 4.00pm **Tel:** 020 8368 4090

Web: www.hillingdonrailwaymodellers.co.uk

Ipswich Railway Modellers Association
Open Day 40a Norfolk Road, Ipswich, Suffolk
IP4 2HB Saturday: 10.00am - 1.00pm
Tel: 01473 742787 Email:
geoffreypickering38@btinternet.com
Web: www.irma.co.uk

SUNDAY APRIL 19

Chichester Model Engineers - Steam on Sunday Blackberry Lane, off Bognor Road, Chichester (East), West Sussex PO19 2FS Sunday: 14.00 - 17.00 Tel: 07954 051594 Email: benguilden@gmail.com

SATURDAY APRIL 25

Coventry and Warwickshire 7mm Modellers (COVGOG) Church of the Holy Cross, St Austell Road, Coventry CV2 5EA Saturday: 10.00am - 4.00pm Tel: 02476 313221

SUNDAY MAY 3

Cleveland Model Railway Exhibition
Unit 2, The B-Hive, Skelton Industrial Estate,
Skelton, Cleveland TS12 2LQ Sunday:
10.00am - 4.00pm Tel: 07864 880242
Email: enquiries@cleveland-mrc.org.uk
Web: www.cleveland-mrc.org.uk

SATURDAY MAY 2 TO MONDAY MAY 4

Barley Vill Hall 22nd Model Exhibition
Barley Village Hall, Barley, Burnley, Lancashire
BB12 9JU Saturday: 12.00noon - 5.00pm
Sunday: 10.00am - 5.00pm Monday:
10.00am - 4.00pm Tel: 01282 691850

Email: chriswiddas@gmail.com
Web: www.barleyvillagehall.co.uk

SATURDAY MAY 9

ALSRM 2015 Reading ExhibitionRivermead, Reading RG1 8EQ **Saturday:**

10.00am - 4.30pm **Tel:** 01953 850 800 **Web:** www.alsrm.org.uk

SATURDAY MAY 9 TO SUNDAY MAY 10

Mickleover MRG - Annual Exhibition
The Roundhouse, Roundhouse Road, Pride
Park, Derby, DE24 8JE Saturday: 10.30am
- 5.30pm Sunday: 10.00am - 4.30pm Tel:
01274 698861 Email: derbyexhibition@
mmrg.org.uk Web: www.mmrg.org.uk

FRIDAY MAY 22 TO SATURDAY MAY 23

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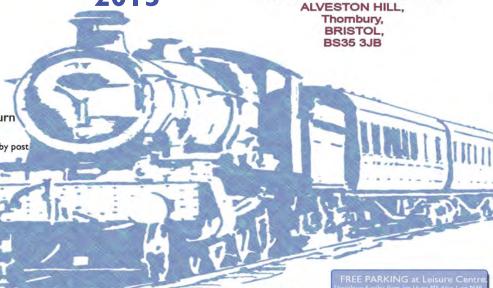
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Saturday: 10.30am - 5.30pm **Sunday:** 10.00am - 5.00pm **Tel:** 01296 437475

Web: www.railex.org.uk

SATURDAY MAY 30 TO SUNDAY MAY 31

Exeter Exhibition

The Matford Centre, Matford Park Road, Marsh Barton, Exeter EX2 8FD

Saturday: 10.00am - 5.00pm **Sunday:** 10.00am - 4.00pm **Tel:** 01392 421906

Web: www.exemrs.co.uk

TRAIN & TOY FAIRS

SATURDAY APRIL 12

SRP Toy Fairs Rayleigh Sweyne Park School Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 9BZ Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm Tel: 07739998012 / 01322662729 Email: srptoys1@hotmail.co.uk Web: www.srptoyfairs1.co.uk

Tony Oakes Fairs - Kidderminster

Gilt Edge Leisure Centre, Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY11 7DY **Saturday:** 10.30am - 2.00pm **Tel:** 01270 652 773

SATURDAY APRIL 18

Tony Oakes Fairs - Chester Northgate Arena Victoria Road, Chester, Cheshire CH2 2AU Saturday: 10.00am - 3.00pm Tel: 01270 652 773

SUNDAY APRIL 19

Ashfield Toy & Train Fair Festival Hall Hodgkinson Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire NG17 7DJ Sunday: 10.00am -3.00pm Tel: 07951 072 790 / 01623 722 511 Email: malctow@hotmail.co.uk

Web: www.tttf.co.uk

SRP Toy Fairs Brighton The Grandstand & Paddock Hall, Brighton Racecourse, Fresh-Field Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 9XZ Tel: 07739 998 012 / 01322 662 729

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 22

Hoddesdon Toy & Train Fair Sheredes School, Cock Lane, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire EN11 9JY Wednesday: 7.00pm - 9.00pm Tel: 07866 641 215

SUNDAY APRIL 26

Barry Stockton Train & Toy Fairs - Wirral

Hulme Hall, Wirral, Merseyside CH62 5DH

Tel: 01513 343 362

Web: www.barrystocktonfairs.co.uk

SATURDAY MAY 2

Bluebell Railway Toy & Train Fair Horsted Keynes Station Saturday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Contact: Joe Lock **Tel:** 07866 641 215

SUNDAY MAY 3

Train & Toy Fair Newton Abbot Racecourse Newton Abbot,

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Sunday: 10.00am - 3.00pm **Tel:** 01823 480 097 / 07717 278 420 **Email:** rayaheard66@btinternet.com

SRP Toy Fairs - Worthing Charmandean Centre Forest Road, Worthing BN14 9HS Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm Tel: 07739 998 012 / 01322 662 729 Email: srptoys1@hotmail.co.uk

THESDAY MAY 5

Web: www.srptoyfairs1.co.uk

SRP Toy Fairs - Tonbridge Angel Centre, Angel Lane, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1SF Tuesday: 6.30pm - 8.30pm Tel: 07739 998 012 / 01322 662 729 Email: srptoys1@hotmail.co.uk Web: www.srptoyfairs1.co.uk

WEDNESDAY MAY 6

South Croydon Toy & Train Fair

St John's Community Hall, Upper Selsdon Road, South Croydon CR2 8DD **Wednesday:** 6.30pm - 8.30pm **Tel:** 07866 641215

SATURDAY MAY 9

SRP Toy Fairs - Crowborough

Crowborough Community Centre, Pine Grove, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 1FE Saturday: 10.00am - 2.00pm Tel: 07739 998012/01322 662729 Email: srptoys1@hotmail.co.uk

Web: www.srptoyfairs1.co.uk

SATURDAY MAY 9

Gateshead Train and Toy Fair

Gateshead International Stadium, Neilson Road,

Gateshead NE10 OEF

Saturday: 10.00am - 3.00pm **Tel:** 07504 359955

Email: jim_corr@hotmail.co.uk

MEETINGS & TALKS

MONDAY APRIL 13

Mirfield Railway Thusiasts Society - L&Y in its Heyday The Navigation Tavern, Station Road, Mirfield, West Yorkshire WF14 8LG Monday: 7.30pm Tel: 01924 498 451

MONDAY APRIL 27

Nantwich & Market Drayton Railway Society - Railways of East Germany King's Head Inn, Shrewsbury Road, Market Drayton TF9 3EH Monday: 8.00pm Web: www.the-gingerbread-line.co.uk

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Mirfield Railway Enthusiasts Society -Selection From His Travels The Navigation Tavern, Station Road, Mirfield, West Yorkshire WF14 8LG **Monday:** 7.30pm **Tel:** 01924 498451

WEDNESDAY MAY 6

North London Railway Historical Society Talk by Allan Sibley Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9DA Tel: 01235 511044 Email: optimistic@phonecoop.coop

THURSDAY MAY 7

Lutterworth Railway Society - Glos & Warws Railway The United Reformed Church, George Street, Lutterworth, Leicestershire LE17 4EF Thursday: 7.30pm Tel: 01455 203307 Web: www.lutterworthrailwaysociety.webplus.net



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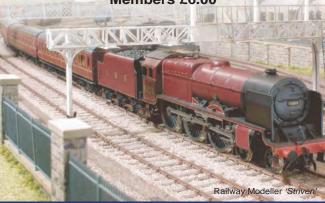
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April 11 - NORWICH Model Railway Ex, Hellesdon High School, Norwich NR6 5SB. Sat 10-4.30. April 11/12 - HORSHAM Crawley MRS Exhibition, Tanbridge House School, Farthings Hill, Guildford Rd, Horsham, RH12 1SR. Sat/Sun 10-5.

April 11/12 MELKSHAM 2015 Trainwest Model Railway Exhibition, Christie Miller Sports Centre,

Bowerhill Industrial Estate, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6QU, Sat/Sun 10-5

April 25 LEIGH O SCALE NORTHWEST Leigh Sports Village, Sale Way, Leigh, Lancs. WN7 4JY. April 25/26 - SUTTON COLDFIELD Model Railway Exh, Bishop Walsh School, Wylde Green Rd, Sutton Coldfield, B76 1QT. **Plenty of FREE Parking.** Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4.30.

April 25/26 - PERTH Scottish Scale Model Show (Scottish IPMS Nationals) Dewars Ice Rink,

Perth, PH2 0TH Saturday 9 - 5pm, Sunday 10 - 4pm. May 1/2/3 – THORNBURY Bristol Model Railway Exhibition, Thornbury Leisure Centre, Alveston

Hill, Thornbury, near Bristol, **BS35 3JB**. Fri 1-7, Sat 10 - 6.30, Sun 10 - 5. **May 2/3 - SHEPTON MALLET** The South West Model Show, Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet. **BA4 6QN** Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5 Attractions include; Model Boats, Planes, Cars, Railways, Static Models

May 9 - PORTSMOUTH Victory Model Rail Exhibition, Admiral Lord Nelson School, Dundas Lane, Portsmouth, PO3 5XT, 10-4.

May 9 - READING Assoc of Larger Scale Railway Modellers Trade Show & Exhibition, River-mead Leisure Centre, Reading. RG1 8EQ. 10-4.

May 9/10 BARROW-UPON-SOAR, Humphery Perkins High School, Barrow-Upon-Soar, Nr

Loughborough, Leicestershire. LE12 8JÜ. Sal 10 - 5/Sun 10 - 4.

May 16 BOGNOR REGIS South Downs 7mm NGA Group Model Railway Exhib, Felpham Community College, Felpham, Bognor Regis, PO22 8EL.

May 16/17 - MIDDLESBOROUGH Model Rail Exhibition, Settlement Community Centre, Union

St, Middlesborough, **TS1 5NQ**. Sat/Sun 10-5.

May 30 - CLECKHEATON GOG Trade Convention & Exhibition, Whitcliffe Sports Centre, Turn-

steads Ave, Cleakheaton, W.Yorks. BD19 3AQ. 10-4. June 6/7 - SHILDON, Model Railway Ex, Locomotion Museum, Shildon DL4 1PQ Sat/Sun 10-5.

June 6/7 - DONCASTER MODEL BOAT SHOW Doncaster Deaf Trust, Leger Way, Doncaster. DN2 6AY. Sat 10-5/Sun 10-4 Free Parking - Camping on Site (Chargeable) & Restaurant June 6/7 - GLASGOW 'O' Gauge Model Railway Ex, Pollokshaws Burgh Hall, Pollokshaws Road, Glasgow, G43 1NE. Sat 10 - 4pm, 11 - 4pm *Plenty of Free Parking - Close to Railway Station* June 27/28- PERTH Model Railway Ex, Dewars Ice Rink, Perth, PH2 0TH. Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5. Aug 1/2 - SOUTHWOLD Waveney Valley Model Railway Exhibition, Saint Felix School, Southwold, IP18 6SD. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4.30

Aug 8 - BEXHILL Model Railway Exhibition, St. Richards Catholic College, Ashdown Road,

Aug 3 - BEARILL Model Railway Exhibition, St. Richards Catholic College, Ashdown Road, Beexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN40 1SE Sat 10 - 5pm

Aug 15/16 - BUTTERLEY Midland Railway 2015 Model Railway Exhibition, The Midland Railway — Butterley Station, Ripley, Derbyshire DE5 3QZ, Sat/Sun 10 - 5pm

Aug 22/23 - SKIPTON & DISTRICT RAILWAY SOCIETY Model Railway Ex, Aireville School,

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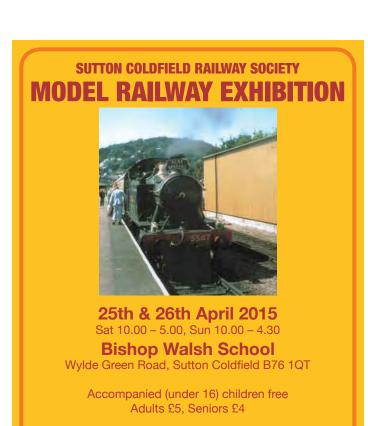
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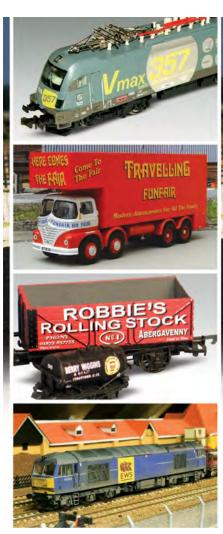
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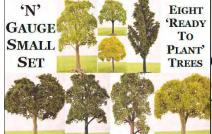
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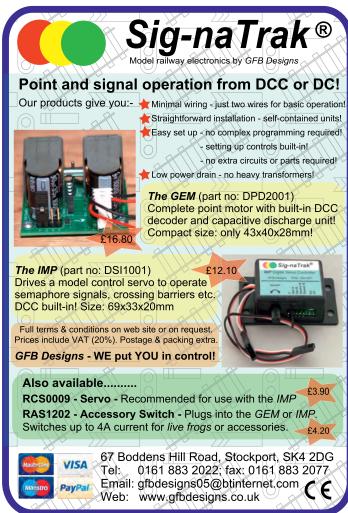
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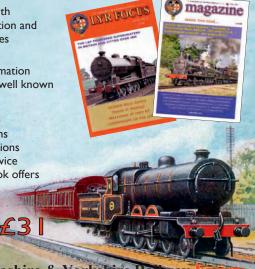
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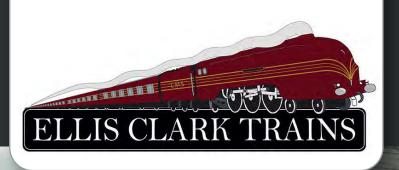




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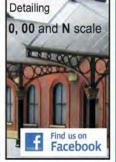
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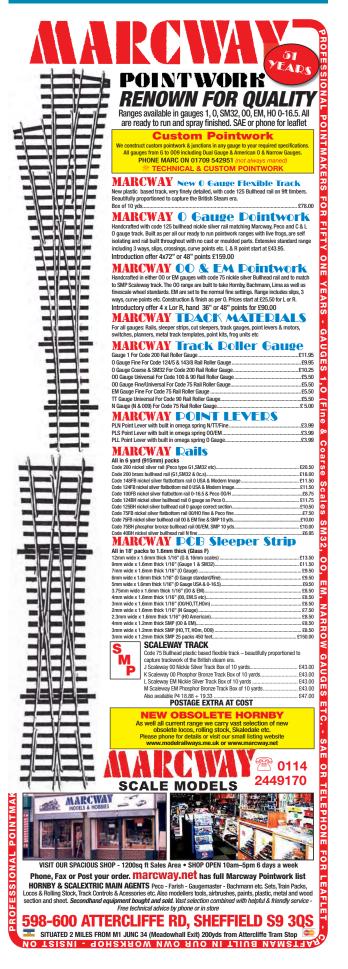
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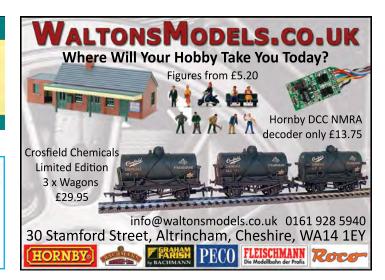


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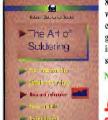


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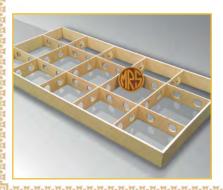
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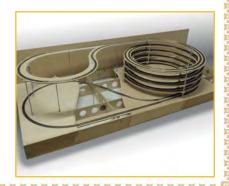
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have nothing but respect for the people at Barwell; life cannot be easy for Bachmann at the moment. It is having to contend with the difficulties of manufacture and supply, not to mention what seems to be a relentless increase in prices. To be fair, we were warned that this would happen and Bachmann has been very honest throughout, hence my respect.

The Bachmann/Graham Farish 2015 new product announcements further increased its standing in the model railway community by offering a measured and - hopefully - achievable

program of new releases. It is of course facing a daunting task as the list of impending models to clear the backlog is a long one. It will achieve its goals though - of that I am convinced.

Of course Graham Hubbard, that venerable doyen of the model railway world, is moving to one side at Bachmann's head office allowing his long-time colleague, David Haarhaus, to take over the day-to-day running of the company (see page 35). David has many years of experience in the world of model railways and his capabilities will no doubt steer Bachmann to even greater achievements.

Concerning Barwell's announcements, I was amused that even with Bachmann's ongoing supply and prices situation, Hornby was sufficiently concerned to try and spoil its competitor's day with the cynical

competitor's day with the cynical unveiling of an unrebuilt 'Merchant Navy' on the Friday before.

Sadly all it achieved was to show its own insecurity and frankly poor judgement in making such a premature announcement. Of course, with a subject like the 'MN' - a veritable nightmare when it comes to detail variations, modifications and development - maybe it needs input from the model railway community to ensure it gets the detail correct. If that is the case then it should be up front, be honest and ask for help. In my experience modellers are keen to assist if asked but can be equally unforgiving if a model has avoidable flaws. The recent decision by Hornby to cease the supply of review samples to magazines will do nothing to further its cause either.

The range and depth of Bachmann's product range highlights the great strength that the company has. Many of its staff have more than a working knowledge when it comes to railways. For example Dennis Lovett, Bachmann's Public Relations Manager has many years of experience in the world of 'real' railways and has equal experience and knowledge when it comes to models. He and his Bachmann associates ensure, as best they can, that what the company portrays in its catalogue is as prototypical as possible.

Sadly, and just recently, the same cannot

always be said about Hornby. I have been amazed over these last few weeks at the number of 'schoolboy' errors on Hornby's website and videos appearing on the Hornby YouTube channel.

For example I recently received an 'invite' to purchase the excellent Arnold 'Brighton Belle' at a favourable price. However, what actually caught my eye was the fact that the image at the top of the page surprisingly shows the two Driving Motor Cars coupled together.

Now, this is not the end of the world but it seems that whoever took the image did not receive any form of direction as to what makes up a '5-BEL' set.

Sadly this is not the only

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instance where attention to detail seems to be lacking. Take for example the series of videos entitled 'The Jumper' which features an LNER J15 and a BR suburban coach! Aside from the coach and locomotive being mismatched the actual video seems to me to be a shoddy piece of filming which has no real relevance to the J15. Being blunt, the whole thing simply trivialises what is really a superb model.

It is certainly not up to me to say how Hornby should promote its models but I would strongly suggest is that before anything is photographed or filmed someone who knows about railways, models or otherwise should be checking for accuracy, after all the devil is in the detail, especially in this hobby! **BRM**

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DCCCONCEPTS **LEGACY**

Full of clever innovation...

The Legacy track range from DCCconcepts is growing quietly...

Since DCCconcepts announced it was looking to make more realistic UK style track a reality. it has slowly grown the range of products available. Initially concentrating in the area of trackbuilding, it is now assembling an impressive range of high-quality products which will all become part of the

> DCCconcepts 'Legacy' brand. It started with what are possibly the best quality gauges available

brass to an impressively tight dimensional specification, they are intended for use with 00 and all of its possible back-to-back and pointwork and track permutations, EM and P4. N gauge is also catered for with back-to-back gauges and Roller Gauges. The range of 17 different gauges covers roller gauges, threepoint gauges and our very popular back-toback gauges.

to British outline modellers. Made in hard





example, the standard turnout fret will let you make ANY turnout, left, right or curved, in any size between an A5 and a B9. Other frets have similar flexibility!

Available in 1.0mm thickness for chaired bullhead track or 1.6mm for directly soldered bullhead or flat bottom rail, each sleeper is pre-cut and the copper has been pre-etched to leave it only where needed. All copper areas are also pre-tinned, so even that step is done for you! With nothing to do but snip from the fret and lay the sleepers, what was once a boring task is now done in minutes, making trackbuilding a pleasure!

They can all be seen in detail at: http:// www.dccconcepts.com/catalogue/g/ track-and-track-making-parts

Templates are available too - free of charge. There is a template link on every fret page, or they can be downloaded from here. http://www.dccconcepts. com/resources/tracks-and-track-making??id=manuals



Stainless Steel BS95R Rail

This is a real winner. Made from Series 3 stainless steel, this bullhead rail can be used to replace existing bullhead in steel or nickel silver and has two HUGE advantages:

Firstly, it does not rust and pit like steel rail, nor does it oxidise and need cleaning far too often like nickel silver rail. Of course, to the modeller that cares about appearance, it has another advantage - it really does look like steel! Legacy BS95R bullhead rail is consistent with other bullhead rail so can be adopted at any time. It is the perfect answer for those who want realism and better layout performance. Legacy stainless steel rail can be cut with standard track cutters, filed

normally and generally used just like nickel silver or steel.

With a little practice it can be soldered easily too - all you need do is properly clean the area to be soldered with a file, fibreglass pen or 'wet and dry', turn a 50W or greater soldering iron up to maximum heat and most importantly, use DCCconcepts Sapphire 179 solder and no-clean flux for perfect results! (very few other solders and fluxes will work even nearly as well). It's available in tubes of ten lengths or bulk packs of 120 lengths.

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OF THIS MONTH'S
BRM FOR PHIL
PARKER'S GUIDE TO
BUILDING A 'LEGACY'
POINT KIT.

Bullhead Rail Fishplates

Made from phosphor bronze. these are superbly fine and something totally unique. Each fishplate has full bolt details each side and has been designed to look more realistic than traditional rail ioiners, with a clear portion in the base where rails join. They are both strong and versatile and as you can see from the images, a real 'scale model' in their own right. They are available now, packed in 25s and 100s, and should find a home on many layouts very quickly.

They can all be seen in detail at: http://www. dccconcepts.com/catalogue/g/track-and-track-making-parts

MORE TO COME...

If realistic track is important to you, keep an eye on this interesting new range. Here are a couple more new things that will happen very soon!

- A superbly high quality common crossing (frog) assembly jig is in development. Like Legacy gauges, they will be being made to tight specifications in hard brass, this time with solder-sensitive areas pre-blackened. Two versions will be made, one for No. 9, No. 7 and No. 5 frog angles and another for the more commonly used No. 8, No. 6 and No. 4 frog angles. They will also include blade filing slots making track construction easier than ever. They will not be low cost items, but they WILL be topquality tools to last a lifetime.
- Top quality cast-brass chairs are coming soon too. Intended to be available now,

- they are delayed slightly as DCCconcepts will not proceed without all of the many original drawings needed for a full, proper set of BR turnout chairs. The chairs will be design-matched to DCCconcepts 'Legacy' rail and the intention is to make complete sets for turnout construction at a price not far removed from that of plastic chairs today.
- With rail and fishplates already done, flexible track is not far away. DCCconcepts is aiming for delivery by late this year (hopefully in time for the Warley NEC show) for all of these items. See www.gaugemaster.com for UK prices and availability of all 'Legacy' products.



COBALT IP DIGITAL

It Just Gets Better...

Let's open the pack and take a look at the outside...

Physically, it's almost identical to the original Cobalt Digital from the outside, except for the addition of one more wiring terminal and a more conveniently placed set/run switch. It is in fact totally new, inside and out!

DCCconcepts has also added the very popular double sided mounting pads into the fitting kit, saving you the need to purchase them, and all 'New Generation' Cobalt motors now leave the factory already pre-centred, so you do not have to bother doing it before installation.

You will also see that there are nine terminals rather than eight. This is because there are now two push-button control connection points not one, giving perfect interfacing for DC or DCC control panel use and making interfacing with layout automation or computer control easier than ever.





Redesigned Digital 'DCC Control'

Starting with a bigger and more easily used switch to move between DCC address setting and running, we have now added the option for two switches for manual control as well as full DCC digital operation. Cobalt iP digital is also now the best choice for DC modellers too! For DCC modellers it is 100% DCC-compliant and offers the easiest and most direct address setting available.

With the original Cobalt Digital, we were often asked about reversing the direction of throw to match computer control systems or awkward installation positions that needed it to face the other way, so Cobalt iP digital includes that option too, using 'Address 197.

Follow the instructions packed with each Cobalt iP Digital to use address 197 and it will 'flip

iP Digital to use address 197 and it will change direction' for you.

Once that's done all you will need to do is set it to the address you want for all future operations and it will respond just as you want it too. Available in singles, 6 and 12 packs, Cobalt iP Digital has a well-supported lifetime warranty and is equally usable for point control by DC or DCC modellers who need reliable, quiet and easily wired point control.

Cobalt iP digital...

Now incorporates three useful DCC commands to make life easy for you.

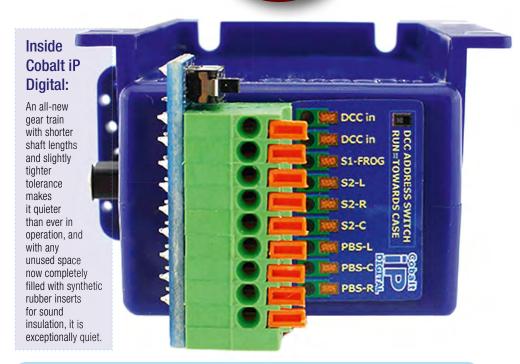
These use rarely needed addresses to activate, so all you need ever learn is one simple process.

Address 199 will activate
 'self-centring' so you can
 easily return it to the best
 installation position if
 needed

2. Re-setting it to address 198 will defeat self centring

3. Setting to address 197 flips the change direction.

YOU WILL
FIND DETAILED
INFORMATION ON USING
AND WIRING COBALT
MOTORS AT WWW.
dccconcepts.com



See www.gaugemaster.com for UK prices and availability



COBALT α ALPHA



When DCC was first promoted, the phrase 'just two wires' was commonly used. It never was just two wires of course, and while DCC wiring gives great control and is certainly much simpler than wiring was for DC analogue, it still needs lots of wire to keep things connected.

It is NOT just about DCC though! DC or DCC - it doesn't matter. Nowhere is the problem of wiring complexity more obvious than when a control panel is added, because as well as track wiring we now need to add wires for switches and accessory decoders, LEDs and switches for turnout position indicators as well as for feeding power to various locations.

Think about it - at least two or three for switch connections to any point, signal or other accessory. Add power wires and LED indicators and switches and that figure more than doubles. It really adds up so that even a smaller layout with any form of electric point control is usually going to have 100 or more wires linking a control panel to the layout. There will be lots more wire in the

Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication

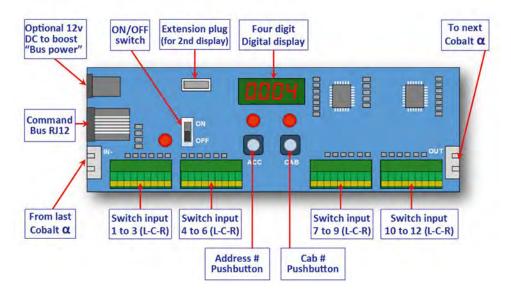
Leonardo Da Vinci

control panel and under the baseboards too. Perhaps it's fun for some, but it is a nightmare to others and always, it has the potential to be a real chore, a deterrent to some modellers taking up the hobby and a constant maintenance problem! It affects DC or DCC users equally so we've been thinking hard about how to solve it.

66 Why do I still need all these wires? **33**

Inspired by a simple, innocent question from a customer a year or so ago

we set out to create something, anything, that would make it easier! We think we have succeeded, so please read on!



Cobalt & Alpha is the answer!

Cobalt Alpha can independently control 12 different items needing an single-pole double-throw type switch for control. It does not care how many devices are linked to its outputs so just ONE can control all 24 turnouts in a 13 track fiddle yard!

- Cobalt Alpha takes over the job that all those interconnecting wires used to do
- Cobalt Alpha is equally usable on DC or DCC layouts. It really does not care how you drive your trains!
- Cobalt Alpha is simply placed between any kind of control panel switch and any DCC accessory decoder located at, on or in the accessory being controlled
- Cobalt Alpha works equally well with Cobalt-S levers or simple push-button switches as well as stud-and-probe systems or any imaginable form of switch
- Cobalt Alpha can be connected directly to detectors or similar items to add completely automatic operation commands or to trigger actions on the layout.

Because it is effectively a 'robot interface' for digital control, it is very versatile. Multiple Cobalt Alpha units are easy to connect with a simple cable to create a continuous series of hundreds of outputs. Or, for more complex DCC use, it can be used in an individually 'cab addressed' series-parallel arrangement that is only limited by the ability of the controller brand that you will use for driving the accessory bus. There is really almost no limit to how many you can use.

It doesn't matter if you drive your locomotives with DC or DCC, it will work for you... and make your life easier, because Cobalt Alpha connects your control panel to the layout via either the DCC command bus - or, for DC modellers, via ONE cable.



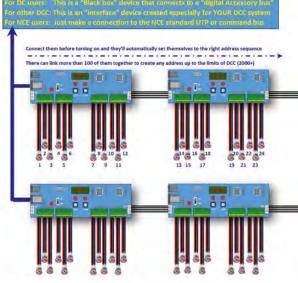
A journey around Cobalt α Alpha

The overall PCB is approximately 180mm long by 58mm wide. It is intended to live in your control panel as a 'fit and forget' solution. The basic Cobalt Alpha connects directly to the NCE command bus. A universal 'Alpha box' is available for those who use AC or DC to drive trains, those who separate accessory control from train running or whose DCC systems have inadequate accessory control ability. Adapters are being created now for many other DCC brands too - So Cobalt Alpha will soon work for everyone!

While it is quite complete 'as bought' (with the required interfaces if needed) we also realise that modellers might like to be able to see it work each time, so we have also added an 'extension display' socket to the PCB, and will make an extended display with 450mm cable and mounting bezel available at the same time as Cobalt Alpha's release.

Many Cobalt Alpha units can be connected, with the only real limit being imposed by the DCC accessory decoder address limit of 2,044 numbers. Cobalt Alpha is therefore able to give massive added opportunity to DC modellers and extend the usability of all 'full feature' DCC systems.

Cobalt α Alpha "General system architecture"





ULTIMATE VERSATILITY

Cobalt REX relay extension board



When we create anything, we do our best to make sure that it is equally useful to DC and DCC modellers. We also always try to include as many useful features as we can.

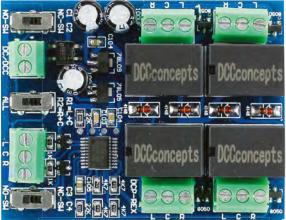
We also try to make things either switchable directly and able to be triggered by things such as detectors, hall triggers and reed switches because modellers love to be creative. So, we did all of this when we added yet another switch to the acclaimed Cobalt range and we added LED control and frog switching to our Solenoid accessory decoder ranges. Inevitably though, there are some situations that still just need more, or things that the endlessly creative minds of modellers want to do that need something switched. So we created the Cobalt REX. Now you really CAN do anything you want. Even better, Cobalt REX is very reasonably priced too!

There is no point doing things by halves. It's a philosophy we love to work to, and Cobalt REX is a product that fits in with that concept very well!

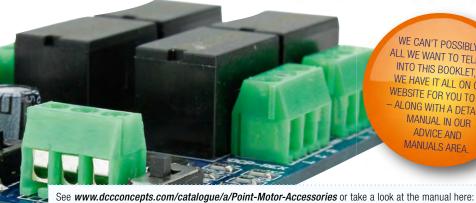


Cobalt REX is a small, but clever switching board fitted with four single-pole double-throw (SPDT) 3Amp relays that can be switched any way you want and configured to achieve any possible result we can think of!

- REX will work on 9~18V DC or with DCC track power
- REX has four built-in SPDT changeover switches (relavs)
- · REX can change them all at once, or become two separate devices just by moving a switch
- REX can be controlled by N.C. (on-on) switches or N.O. (normally off) switches. In fact you can operate each half separately and either way again just by changing a switch!
- REX has power-off memory so it remembers switch positions when you turn the power back on
- REX has easy-to-understand wiring and easy to use screw terminals
- REX is easy to configure. Just three switches give access to all the options
- You can't even lose the instructions because we printed most of the important stuff, switch-by-switch and connection-by-connection, directly onto the PCB!







WE CAN'T POSSIBLY FIT ALL WE WANT TO TELL YOU INTO THIS BOOKLET, SO WE HAVE IT ALL ON OUR WEBSITE FOR YOU TO SEE - ALONG WITH A DETAILED MANUAL IN OUR ADVICE AND MANUALS AREA

www.dccconcepts.com/resources/cobalt-products??id=manuals



ELECTRICKERY

THE MODELLERS' CURSE

If there is ONE thing that modellers really D0 need to come to grips with today, it is the reality of electricity and power supplies for the many items they wish to use on their layouts.

Electricity and its use - or misuse - is the cause of 99% of confusion, failure and frustration to modellers and manufacturers alike. Firstly because they can't get the results they want, and secondly because it causes huge costs in customer service. Great care is required when explaining that whatever it was, it failed because the modeller failed to understand or follow instructions properly and use the right power supply!

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History

For generations, train controllers have been at the root of the problem. Initially it did not matter, but now it DOES! Take any old DC controller; H&M, Hornby Dublo or Tri-ang, or indeed any current DC controller from Gaugemaster or others, and the problem is there too. They simply do NOT do what it says on the tin!

Unless loaded to their limits, the claimed 12V to the rails is really 16V or more. The terminals labelled '12V DC uncontrolled' are actually 16V or more and the AC terminals labelled '15V AC' are probably 18V+ with no real load on them. We can ignore the really rough DC output with no regulation for now!

This was perhaps acceptable when the train just went faster and all a bulb did was get far too hot, but that is not the case today where lighting is designed to run at realistic levels, lower voltage motors are fitted inside our locomotives and digital devices need clean DC, specific voltages and stable power delivery to work at their best — and more importantly to last.

Irain controller circuits are usually totally unprotected at the mains side, so if there is a power surge or lightning strike, every extra volt will come through directly to your layout, damaging electronics, bulbs, decoders or anything else that gets in the way.

9v DC regulated B+C = 9v DC regulated

220~270v AC

It doesn't matter whether you drive your trains with DC or DCC, it is time to stop, think and start to do it properly if you want to get the best from the hobby in the 21st century.

Our Recommendations

- Stop using your old trainset controllers. The older they get, the more dangerous they become as rubber insulation fails and the lacquer in transformer windings ages and cracks. If you have others around the layout, it is time to replace them, because even when they were new they would not have met today's safety standards.
- Only use newer trainset controllers to drive the trains OR for their AC outputs to change solenoids.
- Power your DCC system with a regulated DC power supply, not an AC supply. All DCC systems will be more stable when powered with a good quality DC supply.
- STOP thinking 12V for everything else. It has never been a 12V hobby really! Solenoids need 18V or higher. Model Lamps almost always need 3-6 volts, not 12V. Trains need 10~14.5V DC, depending on scale (higher for large scales). Everything else needs exactly the voltage it says on the instructions, no more, no less!
- Match power to the device being powered. Instead of an 'accessory bus' or a 'Lighting bus', run a 3V bus, a 6V bus, 9V bus and a 12V bus if that's what your items need.
- Stop using ONE power source for everything unless you understand ohms law properly and actually measure current draw before choosing resistances. It makes NO sense to add resistors to drop voltages as all you are doing is wasting electricity and generating heat, because that is what resistors are designed to do!
- NO power supply should have more than 75% of its limit used all of the time. This is just common sense.



Nothing lives at its extremes. Your car may be able to do 7,000rpm and deliver 350hp, but how long will it last if run constantly like that?

- Be kind to power supplies. Do NOT assume that any power supply, whether 1, 3 or 5Amp will last long if loaded constantly to the limit. Power limits are quoted for a reason!
- You can still save money. Look in the bottom drawer.
 There will be power supplies from mobile phones, modems, redundant electrical devices or old computers. Read the labels. Look for the words 'regulated DC' and if they are there, they are ideal for us to use. If not, recycle them!
- If you need to buy new, buy only regulated DC power supplies. 'Regulated' indicates that the voltage will be stable from low to high loads, so this is the ideal for today's electronics. Do not accept anything else.
- Treat power supplies with respect. Limit loading by calculation, not guesswork. Assess everything you use or run on the layout, but be generous in the allowance. For each locomotive running at one time, allow 100mA for N, 150mA for 00/H0 and 300mA for modern 0 gauge. For motor drive point motors, allow 30mA and for any lamp 50mA if incandescent, 10mA if an LED. Do this with all constant load items.

AND FINALLY...

This is a huge subject and we do not have enough space to cover it all, but we will re-visit it soon.

Meanwhile, for those for whom electricity is akin to witchcraft, it might help you to think of it like plumbing. It really will give you a clue as to what happens when electricity flows.

- Power Supply is the pump
- · Volts are the water pressure
- Amps are the water volume
- The Wire is the pipe
- A capacitor is a water tank (storage)
- A resistor is a restriction in the pipe (Increases pressure/restricts volume)
- Any restriction in the pipe needs increased pressure to maintain flow

- · A switch is a valve
- The bigger the pipe, the more can flow (more electricity without resistance)
- Balance the pipes or the water will not flow evenly in the system. Ever been in the shower when someone turned on the cold tap elsewhere?
- Try to add too much pressure into the pipes (wire) and the pipes will burst (wire will melt) and if you do it for too long, the pump (power supply) will fail.

YOU'LL FIND LOTS
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THERE IF YOU HAVE
ANY QUESTIONS.



MAKING FINER MODELLING EASIER

A new and innovative tool from DCCconcepts that will give a lifetime of useful service.

One of the things that is obvious - to me as a finer-scale hands-on modeller - and to us as a business, is that while the vibrant 'cottage industry' areas of the hobby excel in the creation of unique accessories, the hands-on part of UK's 4mm scale modelling scene has never really had any focussed support in the shape of truly highquality 4mm scale oriented tools.

There are some excellent general suppliers who offer tools adopted and adapted to the hobby, but whereas HO and other scales have many specific scale-centric items to choose from, unless they know where to look and how to adopt things, modellers of British prototypes are largely left to their own devices. We therefore decided to create something entirely new... and very useful: a dedicated 4mm:1ft scale ruler A truly made with the best possible materials and methods, fully embossed, made comprehensive, to tight tolerances and including very accurate something of huge value to any modeller who delights in creating handrail their own models or adding detail to

bending jig On the surface, it was not so difficult to do, but reality soon strikes when such things are created. Making the accurately spaced holes is a great example; we wanted them to be really small so modellers wanting true-scale results could use wire down to a scale 1" or 0.3mm for handrails, enlarging holes only as needed for larger diameters.

ready-to-run products.

That makes the hole much smaller than the thickness of the ruler material, so it is no longer possible to drill or punch (no machine shop will tolerate the tool breakages that would result) and it is difficult in the extreme to etch it reliably in a harder grade of stainless steel! The answer was laser cutting.. Sounds easy doesn't it, but because modelling accuracy demands many possible handrail sizes, there were more than 120 holes to be placed very

accurately on the ruler. Each is offset only slightly, and each 'handrail line' also needs a perfectly matched indent from hole to ruler edge to register the handrail ready for its 'second bend'. The finished ruler is now "off the line" and you will not be disappointed. DCG-SR4 is a magnificent tool.

An accurate scale rule that incorporates a comprehensive handrail bending jig that will make ANY handrail size possible from 6" to 18' 0".

in increments of 0.25mm (less than 1")

from a scale 6" to 48" along the side, and in increments of 1mm or 3" using the two end iigs, which give an extended handrail range from a scale 48" to 18' 0"!

Even better, because of the '1 inch scale length steps' you can simply offset by one or two holes (depending on how thick the handrails are supposed to be) to

accurately create the difference between internal

or external handrail length. While the tool is nominally to 4mm scale, modellers in N or HO will find it equally useful, as long as they can make simple calculations to suit their chosen scale.

Added value included! While we recommend using a high quality reamer to enlarge holes for larger wires, we recognise that many modellers will not have such a tool to hand when they purchase the ruler. We know only too well that there is nothing more disappointing than unwrapping a new tool and finding that you still need to buy yet another item to let you get started, so we have included a 0.5mm titanium coated HSS drill with each rule.

DCG-SR4 will last for a lifetime's modelling. It is available now from www.gaugemaster.com and Gaugemaster/ DCCconcepts stockists nationwide. UK price is £29.50.



ZEN BUDDHA

The affordable, easily installable and almost 'unkillable' DCC decoder for larger scale models.



'Zen Buddha' is fantastic value for O scale and larger - it's perfect for all modellers needing a high-quality, high power DCC decoder.

'Buddha' is tough enough for large scale but small enough to fit some On30 and even large, brass HO scale locomotives. Made to comply with the usual DCC standards and designed from the ground up to be installer-friendly, it is available with four or six functions, a continuous power rating of 3Amps and peak rating of 5Amps.

Buddha meets all larger locomotive requirements yet still remains small enough at 40mm x 25mm x 10mm to fit almost anything.

Larger locomotives need slightly thicker gauge wire to cope with the extra power, so we opted for screw terminals all round. Each terminal is labelled with a coloured dot that matches DCC wire colour standards, so

Why Did We Do That?

Nobody wants to see a decoder fail, but so many O scale locomotives have older high-current motors or are of heavy brass construction, so the chances of accidental errors in wiring and unexpected short circuits are very much higher than with RTR locomotives in smaller scales.

We therefore add it all; protection from short circuits, from direct accidental linking of input track voltage to motor outputs and from over-current, overloading and overheating. Do any of these things and 'Buddha' will simply switch off and stop, only allowing a restart after you have 'broken power' by lifting the wheels off the track momentarily. So: 'Zen Buddha' really IS just about unkillable!

It is available now direct from DCCconcepts, Gaugemaster or Gaugemaster stockists throughout the UK. See **www.gaugemaster.com** for UK prices and availability. deciding which wire goes where is easy. We also give you a wire standards reference in the comprehensive instructions packed with each decoder.

'Zen Buddha' also comes with a larger ceramic capacitor based 'Stay Alive' unit to help prevent cut-outs and keep locomotive drive as smooth as possible. We think that you will find its running qualities something special. A two-wire plug connector makes installing the Stay-Alive easy too.

We went all-out to make 'Buddha' extremely tough; in fact we were tempted to say that the new decoder was unbreakable, but experience has taught us that modellers are endlessly creative when it comes to destroying electronics!



DCCConcepts



Sobalt iP digital

the ultimate turnout motor
...for both de and dec modellers

Cobalt iP Digital works equally well either way, so it really does not matter if you choose to drive the trains with DC or DCC...

Cobalt iP Digital always comes up trumps!

Just as happy on either 12~23v DC or DCC, the versatile Cobalt iP Digital is easy to install and it is simple to connect as it needs no soldering.

It has two built-in SPDT changeover switches you can use for point frogs , signals or control panel lights too, so there is nothing else to buy, install, tweak or adjust once it is installed!

Control is very versatile... and very simple!

DCC modellers can use full computer control, macros or routes, a conventional local control panel or their handset... or all of them at once.

DC modellers can stay traditional and use stud and probe, Diode matrix or just two simple low cost push-button switches.... It does not care.

Or BOTH DC and DCC modellers can choose to use The New Cobalt α Alpha Digital encoder.

This clever new product simply converts all kinds of traditional switching methods
To "digital input devices" and it lets
you connect your control panel to your DC or DCC layout...

With only TWO wires!

Cobalt iP Digital is compact, smooth and almost totally silent. Beautifully engineered and designed to last, it is supplied with a lifetime Warranty.



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