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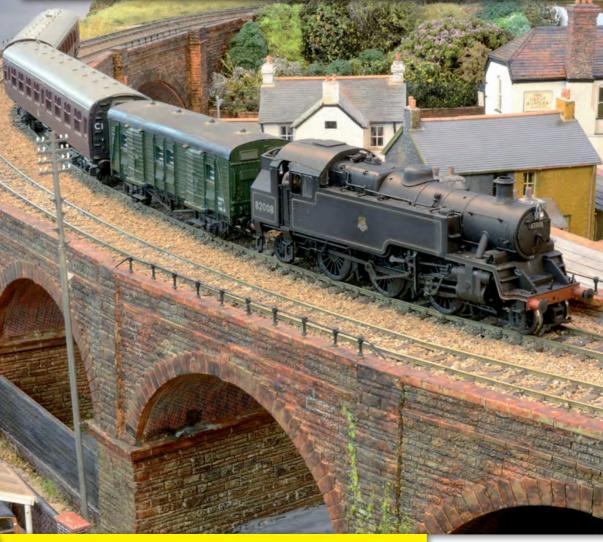
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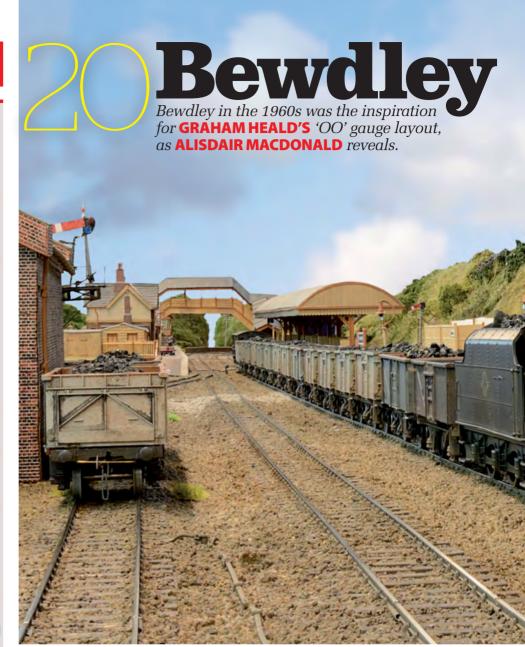
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Tim Shackleton looks to the East Coast route's heavy freight 2-8-0s as he demonstrates how to model some of the more unusual prototypes.

#### TRACKWORK

Nigel Burkin shows you how to construct strong and reliable hand-built turnouts, with plenty of hints and tips along the way.





#### CONSTRUCTION

Ever wondered how to make your layout appear bigger? Tim Shackleton believes it's all a matter of perspective.

#### **DIGITAL CONTROL**

Mike Wild installs digital sound in Hornby's Class 67 using the manufacturer's Twin Track Sound (TTS) decoder with an improved speaker for optimum audio performance.

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**BEWDLEY** 

A visit to the Severn Valley Railway spurred Graham Heald into turning the clock back and modelling Bewdley in the 1960s to stunning effect. Alisdair Macdonald explains all.



**HORNBY POST** 

Your views, opinions and comments from the Hornby Magazine postbag.

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> Built mostly for watching the trains go by, Andrew Armitage's busy 'N' gauge West Coast Main Line scene is set in the 1970s, inspired by his formative railway career during this era.

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Evan Green-Hughes recalls the Great Western Railway's '61XX' 2-6-2Ts to mark the arrival of Heljan's new 'O' gauge model.

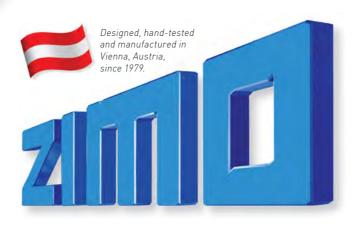
**WOOD'S WHARF** Wood's Wharf depicts a picturesque canal side operation in 'O' gauge, demonstrating just what can be achieved in the scale as Peter Bailey explains.

**RAILWAY REALISM** Once connecting the length and breadth of the

country, Evan Green-Hughes looks back at the final years of mail by rail.

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## THE EDITOR'S PAGE elcc



WELCOME to the November issue of Hornby Magazine. As always we've been pulling the stops out behind the scenes to make this issue even better and this month we are proud to be working with

Scalescenes to offer a brand new 'OO' gauge building kit with every copy.

The free kit, inserted between pages 42-43, allows you to build a London, Midland and Scottish Railway style Air Raid Precaution (ARP) standard signalbox. We've seen plenty of models capturing the Great Western Railway (GWR) ARP boxes, but comparatively few modelling those built by other regions. The kit takes inspiration from Greetland No. 2 'box, although it has been reduced in length to make the finished model as flexibile as possible in its use.

The ARP signalbox is just the tip of the iceberg. We've also got a sound fitted Class 67 to give away in this month's competition and to make it unique this model has had

its Hornby Twin Track Sound decoder fitted in the Hornby Magazine workshop with an upgraded speaker fitted too.

This issue also sees the arrival of Heljan's first ready-to-run 'O' gauge steam locomotive - the GWR '61XX' 2-6-2T. This fine looking model is reviewed in full on pages 70-73.

If 'O' gauge isn't your personal interest there is plenty to tempt 'OO' gauge modellers including the BR Mk 2f carriages and Freightliner flats from Bachmann together with the Twin Track Sound fitted Class 43 HST power cars, the latest issue of the 'Brighton Belle' and more from Hornby. Plus we also give you an insight into Hatton's new range of Hobbyzone workshop modules.

This issue's layouts cover diverse subjects too. Topping the list is Graham Heald's stunning model of Bewdlev station in the 1960s in 'OO' gauge, which you can also see at the Great Electric Train Show in Milton Keynes on October 13/14. It is joined by Andrew Armitage's inspirational 'N' gauge loft layout which models West Coast Main Line operations in the 1970s between Watford Junction and Harrow and Wealdstone. Completing the line up is South Hants MRC's Wood's Wharf - a compact 'O'

gauge shunting layout which shows more of the potenial for 7mm scale at home.

As this issue goes on sale the Great Electric Train Show is only two days away and we've been working hard behind the scenes to get everything ready for the event as well as completing the final work on Grosvenor Square. This year's show promises to be our best yet with 32 layouts, 45 traders and eight demonstrators filling our brand new and bigger venue at the Arena MK in Milton Keynes.

Of course this isn't the only place to catch up with the Hornby Magazine team this autumn and we are looking forward to taking Twelve Trees Junction to Spalding on November 3/4 and our brand new West Coast Main Line layout to Warley on November 24/25.

Being out on the show circuit is always a great experience for us and we hope to see you all at one of the shows this autumn.

Happy modelling!

Mike Wild Editor, Hornby Magazine

#### **FREE SIGNALBOX KIT**

LMS ARP 'box: Free with this issue is an exclusive Scalescenes kit to build a signalbox in'00'.



Heljan's new GWR'61XX'2-6-2T headlines this issue's reviews alongside the latest models from Bachmann, Hornby and more.

#### **WE SHOW YOU HOW**

Tim Shackleton explores the world of Eastern Region freight locomotives by modifying and enhancing a Bachmann 'O4' and Hornby 'O1' 2-8-0 in 'OO' gauge.

Mike Wild shows how a Hornby Twin Track Sound decoder for the Class 67 can be enhanced with a new speaker and careful installation. Read the full step by step guide on pages 96-101.

## EASTERN REGION 2-8-0s New packs and sets from Hornby Dapol product developm New announcements for 'N' gauge Heljan 'O' Class 25 lates

#### WIN! EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION

A Hornby Class 67 with a TTS decoder and upgraded speaker.

#### FEATURE LAYOUTS

- Bewdley: Graham Healds' evocative 'OO' gauge recreation of Bewdley in the 1960s is revealed in full.
- West Coast Southern Section: Andrew Armitage takes us on a tour of his extensive West Coast 'N' gauge layout.
- Wood's Wharf: South Hants MRC explains how this compact 'O' gauge layout became part of its roster.

#### **LATEST NEWS**

- Hornby reveals new train packs and sets
- Dapol shows its latest product progress
- Revolution plans new 'N' gauge models Oxford Rail 'Boche Buster' rail gun in colour

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Hornby offers.
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AND SETS

NEW SELECTION of train packs and sets will be released in November by Hornby for 'OO' gauge covering steam and diesel era motive power and rolling stock. The packs will be available exclusively through Hornby's retailer network with prices starting from £108.49.

The packs use models from the Hornby collection including packs

based around the LNER Gresley 'J50' 0-6-0T, LSWR Adams '0415' 4-4-2T, Class 71 and Class 67. Each is being packaged with a selection of appropriate rolling stock and is to be delivered in a new style of packaging branded Sovereign.

In addition two coach packs are planned using the highly detailed LMS non-corridor carriages. Each of these packs will contain four vehicles suitable for making up a stopping train in both LMS and BR periods.

Completing the line-up are three Signature train sets. These use the high value full detail locomotives and rolling stock, as opposed to the RailRoad items used in Hornby's standard train sets. In addition each comes with a Hornby HM2000 twin track analogue controller, a circuit of track and Hornby's Track Plans book.

The three Signature sets consist of the 'Welshman' with a GWR 'King' 4-6-0 and four Collett Bow End carriages, 'East Lincs Special' featuring a 'B17' and five goods wagons and the 'Eastern Suburban' containing a LNER' J15' 0-6-0 and four BR Mk 1 carriages.

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The new packs are due to be available from Hornby retailers in November. Visit your local stockist to find out more.





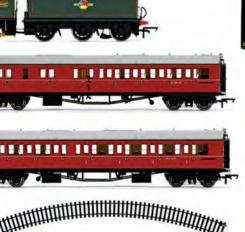




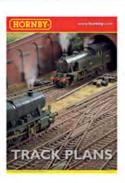
## Decorated NBR and LNER'J36s'

Factory painted samples of the North British Railway and London North Eastern Railway liveried 'J36' 0-6-0s have been received by Hornby for inspection. They model 673 *Maude* in lined NBR black, which will also have a Twin Track Sound decoder installed (Cat No. R3600TTS) and 722 in LNER lined black (R3621). Both are currently being inspected by the Hornby Development team to prepare them for production. Delivery is expected in December with prices set at £164.99 for 673 *Maude* and £139.99 for 722 in LNER black.









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TITLE/CAT NO.	PRICE	ERA
<b>Night Mover, R3788</b> Class 67 67025 <i>Western Star</i> , two Mir PCA tankers, one OTA timber wagon		9-10
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Pullman Days, R3791 Class 71 71012 BR blue, Pullman Parlo	<b>£229.99</b> our Second, Pullman Kito	<b>7</b> chen Second
Midland Commuter, R4926 £114.49  LMS non-corridor Composite, Third and two Brake Thirds		
BR Midland Suburban, R4927	£114.49	5

#### **SIGNATURE TRAIN SETS**

BR (ex-LMS) non corridor Composite, Third and two Brake Thirds

#### The Welshman, R1243

£389.99

BR 'King' 4-6-0 6002 *King William IV*, Collett Bow End Brake Third (R/H), Brake Third (L/H), Composite (R/H), Composite (L/H), HM2000 twin track analogue controller, eight third radius curves, one straight, one power track, Track Plans book

#### East Lincs Special, R1244

£312.99

BR 'B17' 4-6-0 61619 *Welbeck Abbey*, three open wagons, BR cattle wagon, BR Conflat and BD container, HM2000 twin track analogue controller, eight third radius curves, one straight, one power track, Track Plans book

#### Eastern Suburban, R1245

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BR'J15'0-6-0 65464, BR maroon Mk 1 Corridor Second, Corridor Composite, Second Open Brake Second Corridor, HM2000 twin track analogue controller, eight third radius curves, one straight, one power track, Track Plans book

#### Sound fitted vent van progresses

Hornby has received an approval sample of the already sought after Twin Track Sound (TTS) fitted GWR vent van for 'OO' gauge (Cat No. R6888TTS). The model is designed to offer complementary sounds for a model railway setting via a built in TTS decoder and speaker.

The van features 29 sounds arranged into five sets. These cover workshop, station, station yard, general atmosphere and signalbox sounds to add ambience to a model railway. Each has a base sound which can have up



to two additional sounds played over the top, all operated from a Digital Command Control system.

The vent van is due to be released in December with a price of £39.99.

• You can hear it online at www.hornbymagazine.com.

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#### The latest from Hornby HQ

## Great Model Railway Challenge



A brand new television series is due to air from October 5 at 8pm on Channel 5 titled the Great Model Railway Challenge. The second programme will go out on October 12 at 8pm. Hornby has provided rolling stock for the projects and the programme pits groups of railway modellers against each other to build working model railways on camera. The show runs for six weeks.

• Visit www.channel5.com for more information and to catch up on the first episode.

#### **Hornby signs up with Warner Bros**

Hornby Hobbies has signed a new licencing agreement with Warner Bros that will allow it to produce a range of models based on the franchise's popular films. The licence covers railway, diecast and Scalextric product ranges and the first official product launches are to be made at the London Toy Fair in January 2019.

#### GWR Mk 3s prepare for production



Amongst the latest decorated samples to arrive with Hornby is a collection of new Great Western Railway liveried Mk 3 carriages covering First and Second Class open stock. These are painted in the latest livery to adorn trains running from

London Paddington to the West and will come with NEM coupling pockets fitted on all vehicles which will have hook and loop style couplings to suit both pull and push operation.

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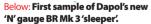


**Below: Decorated sample of Dapol's in** development 'O' gauge Class 122.

announcements including the news that it is to produce the Bogie Bolster 'E' wagon for 'OO', joining the manufacturer's previously announced – and imminent – 'OO'YCV'Turbot' bogie ballast wagon (HM136).

This latest addition to the 'OO' gauge range will incorporate a die-cast chassis, finely detailed underframe, removable NEM coupler pocket, sprung buffers and working instanter couplings. Six bauxiteliveried examples are planned initially. Prices are set at £29.95 each, with delivery due in early 2019.

For 'N' gauge modellers, Dapol unveiled its next project, the BR Mk 3







sleeping car, at the International N Gauge Show on September 8/9, displaying an engineering prototype (EP) sample during the weekend. Five models are planned covering BR blue and grey, BR InterCity, GWR green, Jarvis (mess coach) and the latest Caledonian Sleeper colour schemes. Although prices are not yet confirmed, delivery is anticipated during the second quarter of 2019.

Dapol has also released images of forthcoming models including decorated samples of its 'O' gauge Class 121/122 diesel railcars, 'Y1'/'Y3' Sentinel 4wVBT shunters, engineering prototype (EP) samples of its 'O' gauge YCV 'Turbot' bogie ballast wagons and first engineering prototype samples of the 'N' gauge HIA limestone hoppers. Decorated samples of new liveries for its Class 68 diesel in 'N' and 'OO' and working GWR bracket semaphore signals for 'OO' have also been received, together with the first shots of its 'O' gauge GWR working semaphore signal.

• Visit www.dapol.co.uk for more information.





Doors open to the 2018 Great Electric Train Show at 10am on October 13/14 (9.30am for advance ticket holders) at its brand new venue of the Arena MK in Milton Keynes. The two day show features 32 layouts, 45 traders and eight demonstrations and offers free parking, a free shuttle bus from Milton Keynes Central railway station, disabled access, refreshments and more.

Highlights include layouts featured in past issues of *Hornby Magazine* such as Whitby West Cliff (HM111), Dubmill Sidings (HM78), Glenfinnan (HM118), Vale of Oxbury (HM133), Southwick (HM131) and the magazine's own extended version of Grosvenor Square (HM136). The full line-up covers'N, 'OO' and 'O' gauge as well as a broad spectrum of eras stretching from the 1920s through to the present day.

Trade includes support from manufacturers Hornby, Accurascale, Hatton's, Kernow Model Rail Centre and Little Loco Company plus extensive shopping opportunities including ready-torun locomotives and rolling stock, track components, detailing, spares, digital equipment, sound decoders, accessories and much more.

Prices on the day are £12 for adults, £9 for children (under 5s go free) and £34 for a family ticket (2+3).

• For full details visit www.greatelectrictrainshow.com

## ACCURASCALE UPDATES ON CEMFLO PROGRESS

Progress on Accurascale's forthcoming 'OO' gauge Cemflo/ PCV powder cement wagon (HM134) has been delayed, following reduced capacity at its production facility in China due to the sudden closure of another factory. While Accurascale didn't use this factory directly, an agreement to share production with some companies that were affected has added a delay to the delivery schedule at its facility, with a revised arrival for the Cemflo slated for April 2019.

As a result, a new lower price has been negotiated, with single

wagons now priced at £24.95 (saving £1 per wagon) and triple packs reduced by £4 to £69.95, while the TOPS bundle of 19 wagons is now priced at £399.95 and the pre-TOPS bundle of 22 wagons at £459.95, saving £35.05 and £40.05 respectively.

The manufacturer hopes to display a sample of the new wagon at The Great Electric Train Show in Milton Keynes on October 13/14, as well as announce details of its next 4mm scale project.

• Visit www.accurascale.co.uk for more information.



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# Revolution Trains unveils NEW/NGAUGE PROJECTS

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Left: The Class 128 has been selected as Revolution Trains next crowd-funded 'N' gauge powered model. On May 3 1990 Class 128 W55994 rumbles along the relief line at Moreton forming a Paddington-Oxford mail working.

John Chalcraft/Raijohotoprints.uk.

Below: The first samples of Sonic Models 'N' gauge VEA van have been received. They will cost £19.50 each.

IVE new'N' gauge readyto-run projects were unveiled by Revolution Trains in early September, including the company's first non-crowdfunded model.

Heading the new announcements is a Class 128 Diesel Parcels Unit (DPU), as operated on BR's Midland and Western Regions from the 1960s to the 1990s. RT's proposed model will reflect the different external appearance between units utilising a low-profile chassis and featuring directional lighting with a guide price of around £125 each. Digital Command Control (DCC) sound-fitted models may be offered too.

Also planned for 'N' gauge is a 20ft tank container, the long-lived IPA twin car-carrying wagons with flat deck and covered examples planned, Cemflo PCV cement wagons in pre and post-TOPS condition (a joint venture with Accurascale) and a VEA short wheelbase van in BR Railfreight maroon, BR Railfreight red and grey and BR Railfreight Distribution dark grey and yellow.

Of these, the VEA van will not be crowdfunded, but is being produced by a new company looking to enter the British market – Sonic Models.

Pre-production samples of the VEA were on display at the recent International N Gauge Show. Prices are set at £19.50 for the VEAs, while the Cemflos are expected to be around £25 each and the IPA car-carrying wagons approximately £40 each.

The 20ft tank container will be produced in conjunction with C-Rail

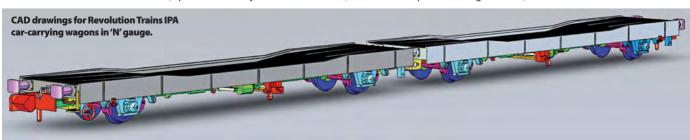
and will be offered in Bulkhaul, Stolt, Hoyer and Nichicon liveries. Priced at £9 each, they have already been approved for production with models due to arrive in early 2019.

In addition, a new batch of 'N' gauge Pendolinos, produced by Rapido Trains, is proposed in Virgin Trains' new white/red silk livery, with four 11-car trains planned, together with an example in the colourful rainbow Pride livery carried by 390045. Two original Virgin Trains Pendolinos with grey doors are also planned along with a

nine-car model in original livery but with later style coach designation letters on the doors. Limited numbers of each will be available.

Finally, a second run of 'N' gauge 100 tonne TEA tanker wagons is also proposed with new versions of the VTG red, EWS grey and Greenergy green and blue models, along with three new liveries in Carless grey, VTG aviation fuel pale grey and VTG green. Each is expected to be around £30.

• Visit www.revolutiontrains.com for more information.



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# Heljan unveils decorated Class 25/3

The first full factory decorated sample of the BR Class 25/3 for 'O' gauge by Heljan has been revealed ahead of the models expected release in the first quarter of 2019. Painted in BR two-tone green with small yellow warning panels the sample has now been

approved for production.

Four further versions will be available on release covering BR two-tone green with full yellow ends, pre-TOPS BR blue, TOPS era BR blue and weathered BR blue with TOPS era logo positions. Each will have directional lighting, twin motors, twin flywheels

and a heavy die-cast chassis.

Prices are set at £525

per locomotive.

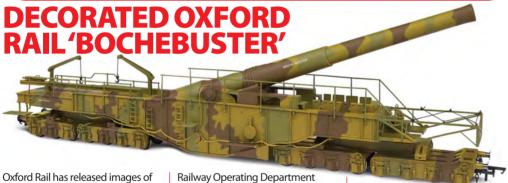
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#### OXFORD RAIL STOBART MK 3A

Oxford Rail has received the latest decorated sample of its forthcoming 'OO' gauge BR Mk 3a

First Open (FO) in Stobart Pullman livery for approval. Just one vehicle is planned currently as BR Mk 3a FO 11013 with Stobart branding and Direct Rail Services lettering and logos. Priced at £34.95, a delivery date has yet to be confirmed.





Oxford Rail has released images of its new 'OO' gauge BL 18in Howitzer rail gun in decorated form.

First announced earlier this year (HM129), the 'Bochebuster' is set to be available in a special First World War pack containing camouflaged rail gun and a (ROD) 'Dean Goods' 0-6-0 (Cat No. OR76BOOM01), together with a solo model in Second World War condition (OR76BOOM02).

Prices are set at £49.95 for solo models and £169.95 for the First World War pack. The pack will also be available containing a DCC sound-fitted ROD 'Dean Goods' 0-6-0 (OR76BOOM01XS), priced at £279.95.

 Visit www.oxfordrail.com for further information.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

■ Hatton's Model Railways is celebrating being ranked one of the Top 500 internet retailers in the UK, according to Internet Retailing UK's (IRUK) latest annual report.

On receiving the news, Richard Davies, Hatton's Managing Director commented, "Seeing our name amongst and above so many household names demonstrates just how far we've come in the last few years. We have no shortage of plans for pushing on and are looking forward to rising into the Top 150 in 2019." Hatton's processes more than 200,000 orders every year.

- www.hattons.co.uk
- High Wycombe and District Model Railway Club's annual Wycrail Model Railway exhibition returns to the Cressex Community School, Holmers Lane, High Wycombe on Saturday November 3, between 10am and 5pm. More than 30 layouts are booked to attend, together with a host of demonstrations and traders. A free vintage bus service will be operating between the venue and Wycombe railway station, via the town centre and Handy Cross Hub Park and Ride located close to the M40
- Four new 'N' gauge water crane kits have been added to Peedie Models 3D-printed range covering London & South Western Railway (LSWR) trackside style (Cat No. PM3D86050), LSWR platform style with 'fire devil' (PM3D86051), Great Western platform style with fire devil (PM3D86052) and a Midland Region variant (PM3D86053).

www.hwdmrs.org.uk

3D-printed in resin, the LSWR water cranes are supplied in packs of two, priced at £5.95, while the Great Western and Midland versions are supplied singly, priced at £4.95 each.

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Kernow Model Rail Centre has received the first Computer Aided Design (CAD) drawings for its 'OO' gauge IZA Cargowaggon twin vans for assessment.

Ten variants are planned with five in the original Cargowaggon colour scheme (Cat No. SB008A-E) and five in revised Cargowaggon livery (SB008G-K), with bulk packs of four 'twins' in each scheme also offered (SB008F/SB008L). Two models (SB008E/SB008K) will additionally feature battery-operated flashing red tail lamps.

Produced in collaboration with Revolution Trains, the project has benefitted from research already undertaken for Revolution's recently-released 'N' gauge models. Tooling is expected to commence once the CADs have been approved, with delivery anticipated for late 2019.

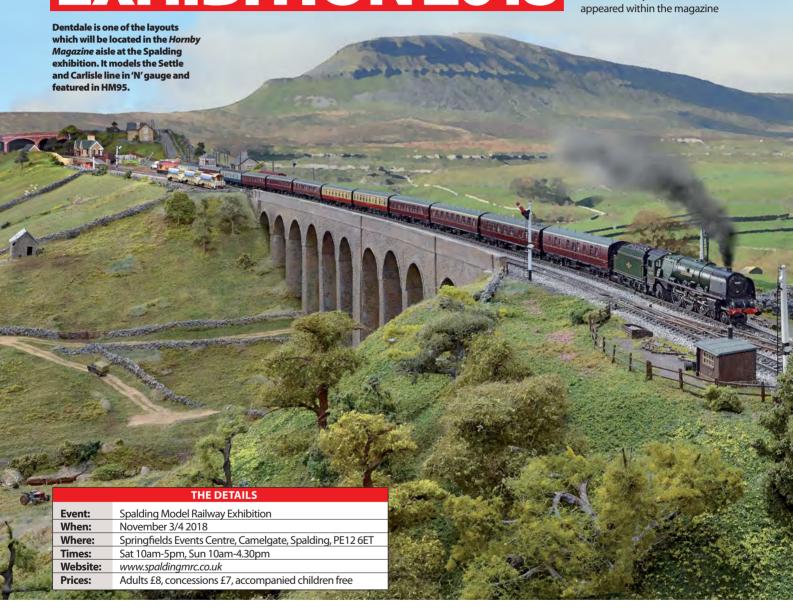
Prices are set at £99.95 for single models, £104.99 for tail lamp fitted examples and £399.96 for the bulk packs. A preorder discount is currently available.

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# SPALDING MODELRAILWAY EXHIBITION 2018

ILLED as the East of England's premier show, the Spalding Model Railway Exhibition, sponsored by Hornby Magazine, returns to the Springfields Events Centre in the town on the weekend of November 3/4 2018. Hosted by Spalding Model Railway Club, this year's event boasts more than 30 layouts and sees the return of the Hornby Magazine aisle within the main exhibition arena, showcasing a selection of layouts that have

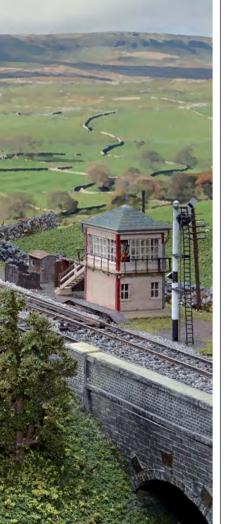






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including Warley Model Railway Club's Broadwater Junction (HM89), Wayne Webb, Tony Frazer and Bob Taylor's Dentdale (HM95), Neil Woodbine's Franwood TMD (HM117), Simon and Hannah Denham's Goathland (HM99), Shipley Model Railway Society's Leicester South (GC) (HM79), Nick Skelton's Rumbling Bridge (HM94) and Hornby Magazine's 'OO' gauge BR Southern Region layout Twelve Trees Junction (HM Yearbook No. 6 and 10/HM97). Also set to appear at the two-day show are the 82G Group's superb



The Hornby Magazine team will be exhibiting Twelve Trees Junction at Spalding with its extensive roster of Southern Region multiple units and digital sound equipped locomotives.

'O' gauge motive power depot 82G (HM74), Lincoln and District Model Railway Club's Aisthorpe (HM95), Allan Cromarty's Oulton TMD (HM107) and Carl Woodwards' Vale of Oxbury (HM133).

Renowned for covering a wide sphere of scales and gauges, the show also features Phillip Hutchings' 3mm scale Addison Park representing London Transport territory in the 1950s, Western Model Railway Society's 'O' gauge layout Belbroughton set on a North Worcestershire branch line in the late 1950s, Graham Morfoot's 'O-16.5' Caroline Concrete Works, Doug Kightley's 'T' gauge model of the Forth Rail Bridge, Mark Tatlow's 'P4' scale Portchullin and many more. Catering for Continental and European interests, David George's 'O' gauge 29th Street Wharf, Chelmsford Model Railway Club's 'On30' Chelma Canyon, Raven Miniatures' Eisengebrau, Alan Hancock's Gila Canyon and Peter Kirmon's 'O' gauge Laramie Engine Terminal, will also be present.

Hornby Magazine's editorial team will be there all weekend to field any questions or queries you may have, as will the Hornby Magazine stand with special show-only offers on subscriptions and a selection of accessories, models and scenic items, while practical demonstrations are also planned from Paul Bason, Richard Dockerill, John Emerson, Tony Wright and Waveney'O' gauge group.

Bachmann Europe will be in attendance once again, displaying examples of its recent releases and latest in-development prototype

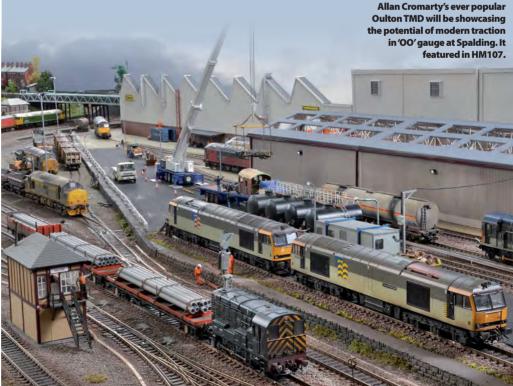
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Abhainn an Scail	Paul Titmuss	'00n3'	
Addison Park	Phillip Hutchings	3mm	
Aisthorpe	Lincoln and District Model Railway Club	'O'	
Belbroughton	Western Model Railway Society	'O'	
Bluebell Cutting	John Cox	'N'	
Broadwater Junction	Warley Model Railway Club	'N'	
Caroline Concrete Works	Graham Morfoot	'O-16.5'	
Chelma Canyon	Chelmsford Model Railway Club	'On30'	
Dentdale	Wayne Webb, Tony Frazer and Bob Taylor	'N'	
Eisengebrau	Raven Miniatures	'HO'	
Franwood TMD	Neil Woodbine and Sue Farmer	'00'	
Gila Canyon	Alan Hancock	'N/Nn3'	
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Laramie Engine Terminal	Peter Kirmond	'0'	
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Mirkwood	Tony Clarke	'009'	
Nearly Done	Matthew Upsall	'N'	
Oulton TMD	Allan Cromarty	'00'	
Portchullin	Mark Tatlow Mark Tatlow	'P4'	
Rumbling Bridge	Nick Skelton	'00'	
The Bridge	Doug Kightley	'T'	
Trowland	Trevor Nunn	'S'	
Twelve Trees Junction	Hornby Magazine	'00'	
Vale of Oxbury	Carl Woodwards	'N'	

samples, together with more than 25 traders including ADM Turntables, Cheltenham Model Centre, D&E Videos, Digitrains, Green Scene, Megapoints Controllers, P&D Marsh, Petite Properties, Squires Tools, Ten Commandments and Train-Tech.

The show opens at 10am both days, while disabled visitors can

gain access 30 minutes earlier from 9.30am. Tickets are priced at £8 for adults, £7 for concessions with accompanied children admitted free. Refreshments, including hot food, will also be available from the restaurant throughout the weekend.

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## **AN UPGRADED TWIN** TRACK SOUND FITTED HORNBY CLASS 67



ORNBY MAGAZINE has joined forces with Hornby Hobbies to offer a unique prize for this issue consisting of a Hornby Class 67 fitted with a Twin Track Sound (TTS) decoder. But, this is no standard TTS installation – the Hornby Magazine team have carried out the work to take this decoder to the next level with the addition of a Zimo 3D printed 40mm x 20mm speaker to allow the full potential of the sound file to be unleashed.

The locomotive of choice is 67013 in DB Schenker red and grey, one of 30 built by Alstom for EWS, which we have then modified as per the step by step guide on pages 96-101 to create this special one-off prize. The locomotive now features directional lighting, a highly detailed exterior with see-through grilles, cab interior detail, a powerful five-pole motor with twin flywheels, 24 sound functions plus lighting control through the decoder and a highly realistic audio track from the new speaker installed in the fuel tanks. Look out for a video of our project locomotive from this issue's Digital Sound feature on www.hornbymagazine.com

To enter the competition all you have to do is answer the following simple question by November 25 2018. Even if you don't win, the locomotive and decoder are available from Hornby retailers while Zimo UK stockists supply the 40mm x 20mm 3D printed speaker.

#### **How many Class** 67s were built?

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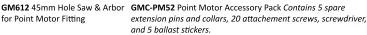
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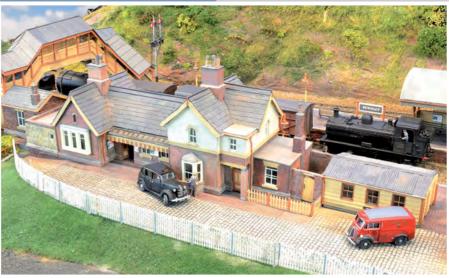
Better known these days as one of Britain's most loved preserved stations, Bewdley in the 1960s was the inspiration for GRAHAM HEALD'S 'OO' gauge layout, as ALISDAIR MACDONALD reveals.

PHOTOGRAPHY, MIKE WILD



Right: The station buildings were meticulously researched using the preserved station for reference. Fortunately Bewdley retained all of its original railway buildings through closure and the subsequent preservation as part of the Severn Valley Railway.

Below: A pair of Stanier '8F' 2-8-0s pass on the viaduct to the north of Bewdley station with empty and loaded coal trains. All of the buildings have been scratchbuilt based on the real structures from around the railway.





RAHAM HEALD loves everything about the Great Western Railway. Standing on the island platform at Bewdley station on the Severn Valley Railway (SVR) some years ago, he was reminded of many happy memories from his younger days trainspotting in Hereford. There and then he decided that his next layout must be based on a real location, and of course it had to be somewhere on the Great Western.

He realised his ideal prototype for the new layout was right there under his feet. On a long narrow site, with an existing embankment forming a natural backscene it was an ideal configuration for a model railway. Bewdley had the advantage that all the buildings on the station site were original, little changed from their original construction. And of course, Bewdley had its origins in the Great Western Railway (GWR).

The era for the new layout was to be set in the period 1958 to 1969 when steam was still the main motive power provider on the line, although green Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs) were beginning to appear. The GWR diesel 'Flying Banana' railcars were also in evidence.

There was quite a mixture of traffic through Bewdley station in the sixties. As well as regular passenger traffic, there were also local goods services, and LMS '8F' 2-8-0s could be seen on a regular basis, with their long coal trains and their return empties.

Graham began his research and found a great number of contemporary photographs of the area around Bewdley station.

These had been taken before the days of the present Severn Valley Railway.

It was fortunate that Bewdley had been a regular destination of the many day trips for railway enthusiasts from the Birmingham area back in the 1960s.

to Coalport and Shrewsbury, while the second route headed westwards to Cleobury Mortimer, Tenbury Wells, Woofferton Junction and onward to Ludlow and Hereford. In the opposite south easterly direction, only one line remains. This is the present SVR route to Kidderminster. There was previously a second route for Stourport on Severn, Hartlebury and onwards to Droitwich and Worcester. This line has long since been closed.

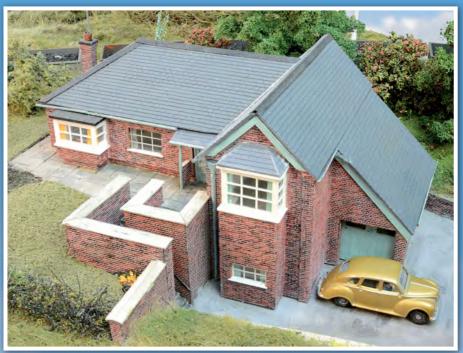
Today Bewdley is an intermediate station on the SVR between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth and it has gained a motive power servicing point as well as the goods yard being home to the wagon restoration team. None of the other branch lines remain, though the junction to Stourport on Severn to the south and Tenbury Wells to the north of the station can still be seen.

#### THE MODEL

This model of Bewdley station is set in the 1960s, in the period when the branch lines still radiated from the station. The station track plan has three platform faces, and long loops to accommodate trains awaiting permission to run over the single line routes.

The double track over the viaduct on the model is in fact two single lines which run parallel, one heading for Shrewsbury, and the other to Tenbury Wells and Woofferton Junction. It is possible to see two trains running in parallel over the viaduct in the same direction.

Local passenger trains have steam



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This bungalow is one of the most modern houses on the layout being a new build property in the 1960s.

locomotives in charge, this being the time before the arrival of diesel hauled services. From photographic evidence a regular passenger train of this period can be seen on the layout which consisted of a steam-hauled Mk 1 coach, a non-corridor brake coach and a four wheeled parcels van. GWR railcars are also in evidence, and

even some of the newly introduced DMUs. Goods traffic is the usual mix of four wheel wagons and vans, serving the local agricultural needs of the area. '8F' 2-8-0s haul the long coal trains with their unfitted 16T mineral wagons, with balanced workings of empties in the other direction through the station.



#### **BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS**

An early decision was taken that the layout would be a continuous run through the station and storage yard at the rear. The overall size of the layout (18ft x 8ft 6in) was dictated by the space available in Graham's railway room.

A start was made with the track plan which was drawn out full size for 'OO' gauge on a roll of backing paper. With the basics of the trackplan finalised, work on the baseboards commenced. At an early stage of the initial design process, the decision was taken that Bewdley would go out on the exhibition circuit, so the baseboard sections were divided into easily transportable units. Construction of the baseboards was by the long established method of plywood decking on timber sub-frames.

Although a skilled woodworker in the manufacture and construction of the baseboards and lighting pelmets, Graham's personal preference is to scratch build model buildings. From his researches of the buildings in the area around Bewdley station, which included the prominent railway viaduct, he had completed the construction of the majority of these structures well before even a yard of track had been laid. The buildings are all scratchbuilt in plasticard, and great use has been made of Woodland Scenics and similar products for the greenery of the landscaping.

Construction was assisted by members of Wirral and North Wales Model Railway Club. The initial help was provided by club member Chris Manners with



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McNicholas' Seddon Atkinson is unloaded at the provender store. Graham has gone to great lengths to ensure vehicles are all modelled and posed in suitable and interesting ways.

the laying of the track. For the scenic section SMP Track has been used. This proprietary track gives a more accurate and convincing sleeper spacing. The setting out details of the crossings and points on the scenic side were given to Marcway of Sheffield for construction, which included the complicated crossover

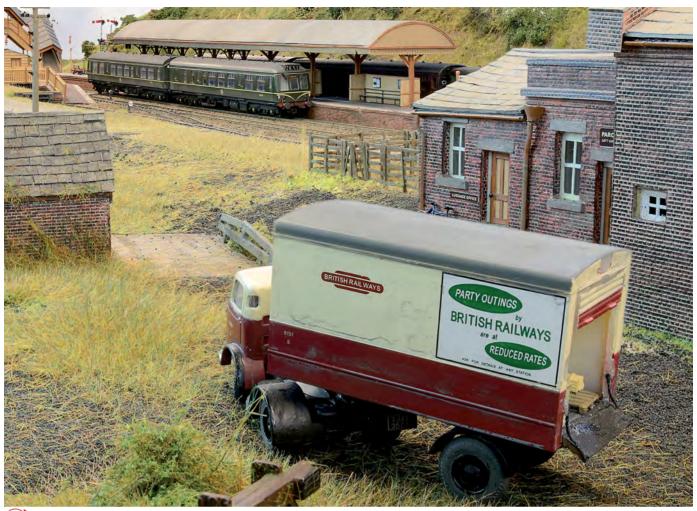
at the south end of the station. Peco Streamline code 75 track and points have been used in the off-scene storage yard.

#### **OPERATION**

Bewdley has been wired for Digital Command Control (DCC) operation using the NCE control system, the points and signals >>>







Outside the goods shed a Karrier Bantam is loaded from the daily pick up goods while in the background a Class 108 DMU has just arrived from Bridgnorth.

being operated by servos and switches. On its first exhibition outing the layout builders and operators had concerns if they had set the correct route from the control panel and some problems were found.

Steve Littlejohn, a club member with a particular interest in model railway electronics, sought the advice of Terry Chamberlain of A-Track in Macclesfield. The outcome of their discussions was that all the original wiring and electrical configurations were stripped out, and a new method of route setting was installed. This new method, which has since been further developed by Steve, uses a unique three digit code macro for each route setting, all operated from the NCE Powercab handsets. DCC Concepts Cobalt point motors have replaced the servos. Route settings can now be set up with confidence by the operators.

Experience has since taught the club members that to operate Bewdley successfully it requires one operator to run the northbound trains, a second operator to control the southbound trains, with a third operator acting as signalman who sets the routes for each train movement. The single line routes to and from the station demand this method of operating discipline which avoids two trains meeting head-on on the same single line.

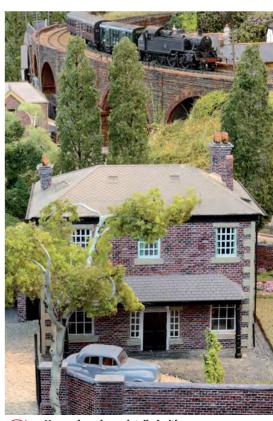
The signals are all to the GWR pattern and have been supplied by Stephen Freeman of Borg Rail using MSE kits. They are in the correct configurations of the originals, and in the correct locations of the original station. In due course the signals will be connected into the macro system so that a fully functional prototypical railway can be run on the layout.

To increase the operating fun a full 24-hour timetable has been prepared using flip cards. This timetable is based upon the original 1960s Bewdley working timetable. It allows for the correct train services and sequences to be operated through the station, using the correct locomotives and rolling stock of the period.

The locomotives and rolling stock are principally proprietary products from Bachmann, Hornby, and Airfix with a few scratchbuilt items, suitably weathered. All the locomotives have been fitted with a variety of sound chips and speakers which increases the enjoyment of operating the layout. The principal steam classes are GWR '57XX' 0-6-0PT, LMS '8F' 2-8-0, BR '3MT' 2-6-2T and BR '4MT' 2-6-4T together with a pair of GWR AEC railcars and a Class 108 two-car Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU).

#### **DREAM COME TRUE**

The construction of Bewdley began as a dream for Graham Heald. He probably did not realise the scale of the venture when he started out on its initial planning. However, he has appreciated the benefit of involving his fellow club members of the Wirral and North Wales Model Railway Club in his project.



Houses have been detailed with driveways and gardens. The railway is nestled into its surroundings from this angle with a BR'3MT'2-6-2T heading towards the station with a passenger working.

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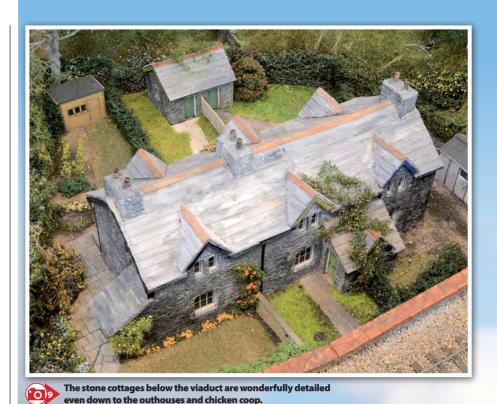
Chris Manners has already been noted in assisting with trackwork. He has also contributed to the layout electrics and scenics. Ray Reed has attended to various track refinements and has given advice on the DCC installation. Steve Littlejohn has been invaluable with his understanding of the intricacies of DCC and macros, while John Roberts, Paul Evans, Chris Channon and Alisdair Macdonald have assisted with the scenery. John Rutter, one of the original club members, also provided his support.

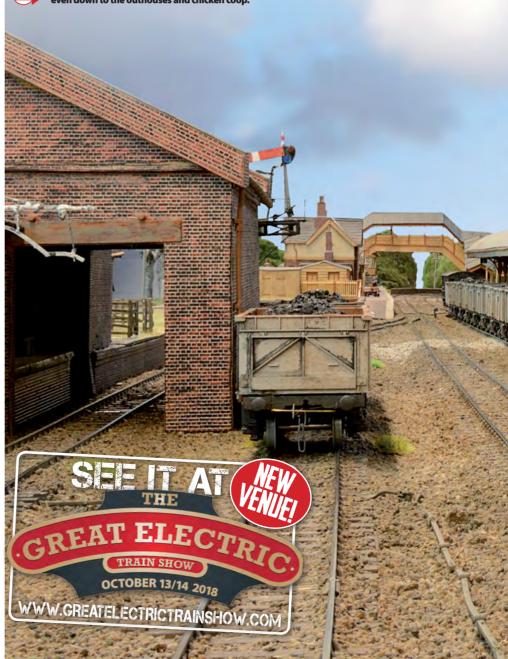
The construction and operation of Bewdley has benefited from the shared knowledge of all the members of the club. This has been proved to be invaluable. The added bonus is that the club regulars have a working knowledge of the layout and operation of Bewdley station. As a team, they can all enjoy going back to the 1960s and operate a busy branch line station in the West Midlands - all from the comfort of the clubroom - complete with added banter, and of course tea and biscuits.

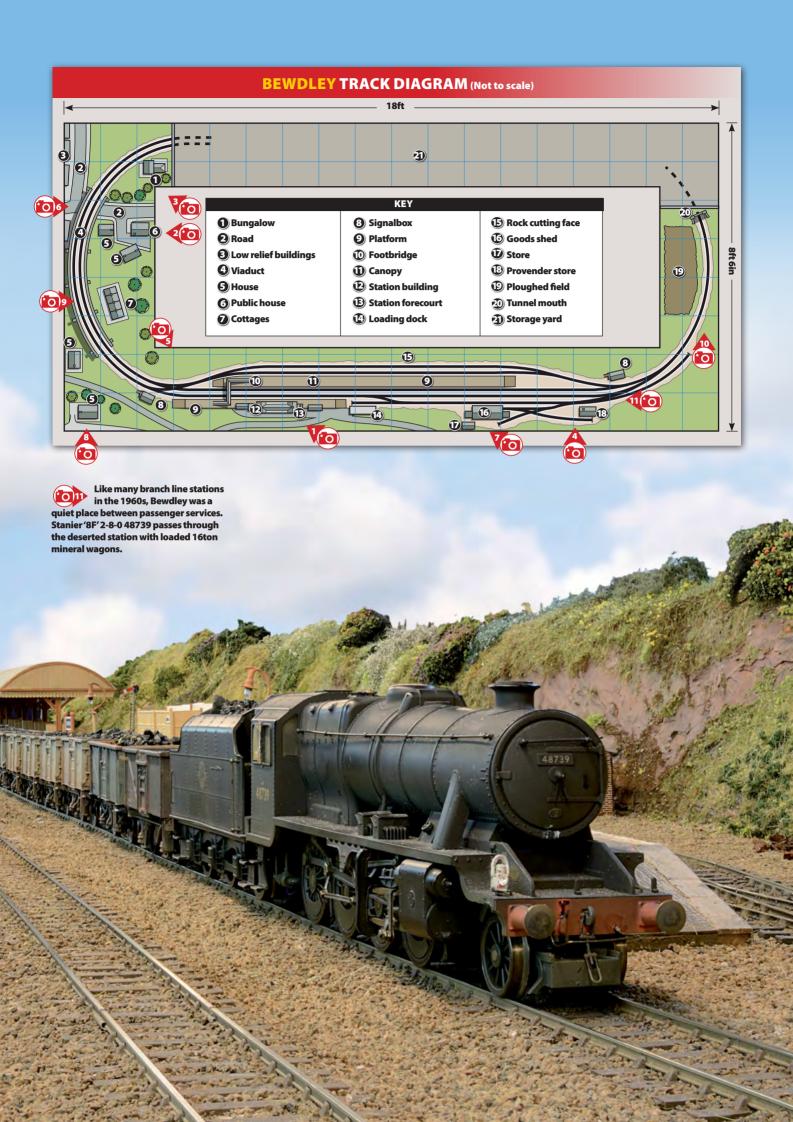
Eagle-eved readers will have spotted that the layout and track plan of Bewdley has changed little from the 1960s to the present day under the auspices of the Severn Valley Railway. The only change is the removal of the crossover at the south end of the station. This has given rise to some club members suggesting replacing the 1960s road vehicles with something more contemporary, and then operating Bewdley as a heritage line in the manner of the SVR. It has to be recorded that a Class 66 has already been seen on the layout - and there are rumours that a Voyager is lurking somewhere - but all this 'modern image' thinking is for another time!



An ex-GWR AEC railcar approaches
Bewdley from the south on a working
from Stourport on Severn.











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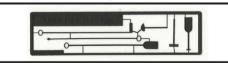




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The Eastern Region had a large range of heavy freight 2-8-0s, several of which have been produced as ready-to-run models, but there is still scope to model the more unusual. In the first of a two part feature **TIM SHACKLETON** looks at the less glamorous side of the East Coast route in steam days.

A scene that could have been replicated many times a day across South Yorkshire or the East Midlands - AWS-fitted 'O1' 2-8-0 63868 clanks past '04/8' 63858. The similarity in numbers only dawned on me at a late stage - I always try and model locomotives I've seen and, preferably, photographed. The extensive lime streaking caused by priming was a common feature of locomotives working in hard-water areas. More on this kind of heavy weathering in the next issue.

ONCASTER in steam's final decade was like nowhere else on Earth. You went there, of course, for the steady trickle of 'Pacific'-hauled expresses that towards midday became a torrent, with expresses that had set off earlier that morning from King's Cross and Newcastle meeting in the middle after a mad dash towards each other down the East Coast Main Line (ECML). After lunch, however, everything seemed to go flat and for an hour or more, very little stirred.

Doncaster was a mass of avoiding lines and junctions, so between times there was always a steady procession of slow-moving goods traffic to observe – coal and steel especially, as often as not with a muscular 2-8-0 plodding away up front. Only the fastest, heaviest and most important workings merited a '9F" Spaceship' - almost as thrilling a sight to spotters as a 'Streak' – and the rest of the freight power was infinitely less glamorous. Easily outnumbering the ubiquitous 'WDs' were the Robinson, Gresley and Thompson heavy goods engines of classes 'O4', 'O2' and 'O1', fascinatingly individual in their detail differences, distinctly regional in their accents and always filthy beyond measure. In time these begrimed, limescaled veterans became almost as strong an attraction as the green-liveried 'namers' I'd originally come to see. There was little choice - the last time I saw an 'A3' on an express working was in May 1964 and by then the disappearance of such things south of York was an irreversible fact. Initially the 'Deltics' had seemed an acceptable substitute, but as there were only 22 of them it didn't take long to clear them all. To my eye the loss of the clanking 2-8-0s had an equally massive impact on the character of the railways of South Yorkshire and the East Midlands, and at weekends I'd enjoyed seeking them out at outlying depots such as Langwith, Retford and Frodingham. The last time I went to Doncaster for the day, in July 1965, a few active 'B1s' still flew the flag for steam but the only 2-8-0s we saw were dead on shed, out of use.

This two-part feature is a celebration of those unsung heroes of the East Coast route. The first instalment involves a fair bit of surgery, beginning with a straightforward adaptation of Hornby's excellent 'O1' 2-8-0 to represent one of just a handful of the class (63687/712/80/838/68/90) that very late in their careers were fitted with vacuum ejectors and Automatic Warning System. More ambitious but still perfectly achievable - is the fusion of a Bachmann 'O4/1' with a 'B1' cab and boiler to create one of the distinctive 'O4/8s' that were rebuilt by Thompson between 1944 and 1958. I like taking ready-to-run models to places that manufacturers are unlikely to go and the work I did on this pair of heavy freight locomotives is typical of what can be done with determination and a few simple hand tools. Let's hope the results fire your imagination! Em

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#### STEP BY STEP A SIMPLE '01' CONVERSION WITH HORNBY'S '00' MODEL

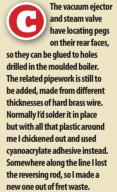


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Pipework now in place and awaiting final tweaks. On

the prototype it's not always especially neat but you still need to take a lot of care when bending it to shape when it comes to fitting such parts on a model. The battery box under the cab is a styrene laminate built up to represent the part without the need to buy in more cast metal pieces. On the other side of the model, I made a vacuum reservoir out of 5mm diameter brass tube. Making small items like these yourself is a good means of developing your skills in the basics of model detailing.

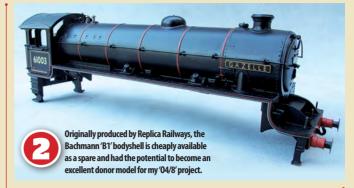
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#### STEP BY STEP

#### CREATING AN 'O4/8' IN 'OO' GAUGE

Thompson's original intention had been to build a wholly new dass of 2-8-0, but this was gradually scaled back. Of the locomotives selected for rebuilding, the ones in worst shape became '01s' while those whose cylinders and motion were still in good condition merely received a new boiler and cab and became class '04/8'. There were 99 of them in all and Gorton works was still converting them as late as 1958. The kind of partial cleaning seen here was not unusual – since the location is Doncaster shed, 63858 was quite possibly ex-works. Brian Thewlis.





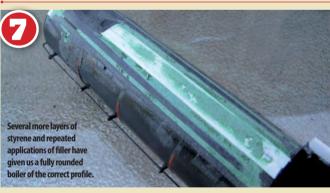
All I need from the 'B1' is the boiler and the cab. Everything else – footplate, buffer beam, front frames – is chopped off using a variety of hand tools. With other projects in mind, I suppose I should have kept details such as the sandbox fillers and mechanical lubricators but I just wanted to get on with things.















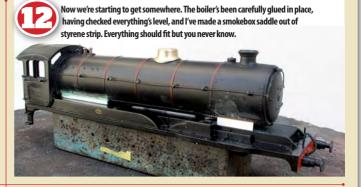


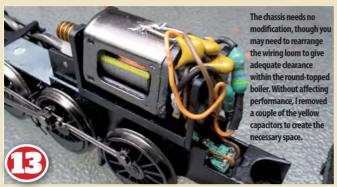
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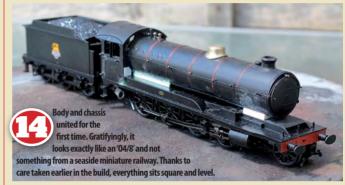


The moment of truth as the former 'B1' cab/ boiler assembly slides into place on the cast alloy 04 footplate – this is more or less what happened on the real thing. Other than removing the glued-in cab fittings, no modifications to the latter were necessary. With the moulded cab and boiler (note the deepened firebox) I had to remove the cab floor and splashers, thin down the cabsides and generally make 101 tiny adjustments to ensure a perfect fit.



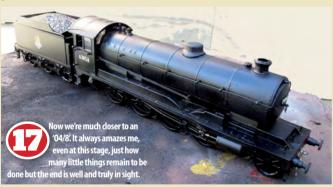














An '04/8' looking every inch as I remember the class with the weathering

– including the clean tender and wiped-over cab – inspired by a prototype
photograph of the same engine.

piece '01', again showing characteristic weathering patterns. In the second part of this feature we'll look more closely at how to reproduce the accumulation of filth on these and other hard-working Eastern Region 2-8-0s.

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## Simple soldered Turnous

Sometimes, ready-made points just aren't suitable for a layout, but it isn't as difficult as you might think to build your own. **NIGEL BURKIN** shows how to build bespoke points for any situation offering hints, tips and more along the way.







ROM TIME TO TIME, THE NEED FOR A strong and reliable hand-built turnout arises – one in which you can have total confidence. It may be needed in a difficult to reach area of the layout or be located with others of its type in a train staging yard where detailing is not required. Experience has shown that soldered turnouts fit the bill perfectly. Usually simple to construct and adjust, soldered turnouts open up a world of different track formations which may not be possible to achieve with ready to use track.

Sometimes, a soldered turnout is the easiest to build for a particular location on a layout or cost may be a factor – soldered turnouts are relatively cheap when compared to those constructed from kits or laser-cut wooden sleeper bases. Alternatively, as with my Loch Dhu Distillery project, a point might need to be laid under paving which is where copper-clad sleepers come into their own as the point can be installed without worrying about full detail. After all, there is little point in using beautifully detailed turnouts when all but the rails will be covered in Woodland Scenics Hydrocal.

However, soldered construction does not mean that you cannot detail them. Control the flow of solder carefully and ensure that individual copper clad sleepers are cut accurately and neatly with squared-off ends and there is no reason why they cannot be decorated with cosmetic chairs and slide rail fittings followed by painting.

Having built turnouts from plastic turnout kits by C&L Finescale, laser-cut bases by Timber Tracks and soldered sleepers too, I find that the time saved in their swift and solid assembly means that they have a place on almost any layout – even those where the intention is to use off-the-shelf track products. Just think of the custom track formations that can be put together which may not be possible with off-the-shelf turnouts.

#### **TERMINOLOGY**

Before starting work, a reminder of some terms used to describe turnouts may be needed as they are referred to on a frequent basis in this article.

When writing about the process of building turnouts, I use the terms 'switch' and 'points' interchangeably to refer to the moving >>>

#### **TRACKWORK**

parts at the toe of the turnout. 'Turnout' refers to the whole diverging track assembly (rather than using the term'points').

I refer to diverging angle terminology to describe the sharpness (or otherwise) at which the diverging route leaves the straight line. It is expressed as a ratio where the branching line diverges at one unit for any number units of straight line e.g. 1:7. The greater the diverging angle, say 1:10, the longer the turnout and the gentler the diverging line leaves the main line. A 1:7 turnout would also be referred to as a No. 7 or an A7 or B7 (and so on) depending on the length of the point blades. The diverging angles affect the common crossing and how severe an angle that the crossing lines meet. Logically, a turnout with a steep angle such as 1:3 will be short in length, with sharp divergence and a sharp angle at the common crossing. High speed turnouts will have long closure rails and a shallow diverging angle (1:25 is not uncommon) easing the transition of trains from the main to the diverging route particularly at higher line speeds. However, they are much longer and take up more room on the layout.

Diverging angles become important when jigs and tools designed to make track components are used. In this article, I show how to make your own point blades and common crossing components using jigs designed for filing precise angles in the rails. The angle at which the rails are filed will correspond to the diverging angle of the turnout.

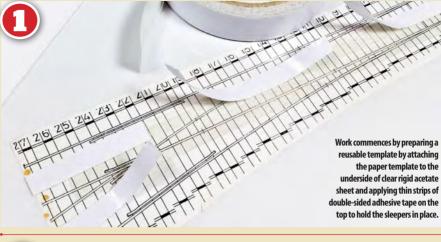
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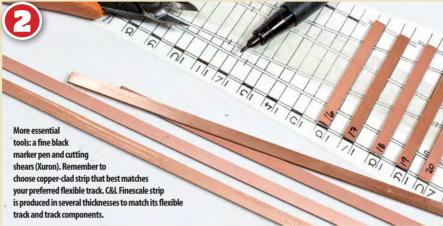
British outline modellers can choose between bullhead or flat bottom rail (or use both) depending on the era being modelled. Some railways have a mixture of both even to this day. Yards and sidings may still have large amounts of steam-era bullhead rail instead of heavier flat bottom rail associated with modern track.

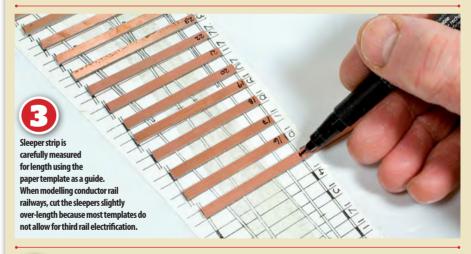
The bulk of ready to use track is produced with flat bottom rail, either code 100 or code 75 (Peco Streamline track). C&L Finescale offers flexible track with bullhead rail to match its turnout products while DCC Concepts and Peco both now produce yard lengths of plain track with bullhead rail which will meet the needs of steam era and transition era modellers or those modelling yards and secondary lines in BR diesel days. It is logical to select the same type of rail for hand-built turnouts as fitted to the flexible track products being used on the layout.

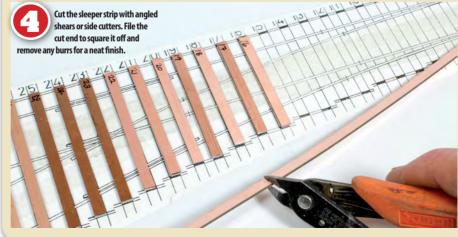
Anyone who has modelled their own 4mm scale turnouts with flat bottom rail will know that it is much harder to work with than bullhead rail, particularly the heavy code 100 rail which is favoured with most ready to use track systems in the UK (turnout construction in 'N' gauge is actually easier I find). Flat bottom rail has a wide, flat web at the base of the rail which gives it its strength but adds some complexity to turnout construction. When working with flat bottom rail, be aware that the web can cause problems with check rails, crossing vees and wing rails because it can prevent rails from being placed close enough together to achieve correct flangeway spacing and point blades from meeting the stock rail for a correct closure of the points. The result will be derailments and considerable dissatisfaction with hand-built turnouts. Attention has to be paid to filing away at least part of the rail web where there will be close contact with other rails, particularly at the points of the turnout.

#### STEP BY STEP BUILDING A SIMPLE NO.5 TURNOUT IN 'OO' GAUGE

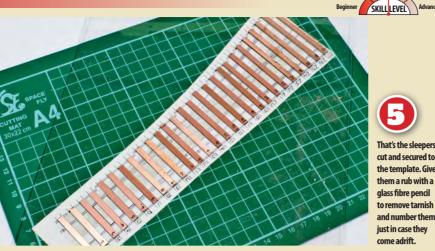








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#### JIGS

For those of you contemplating a large layout project, a lot of time can be saved by using specialist jigs. Track building jigs will make the task of producing large numbers of accurate and consistent flat bottom and bullhead rail components so much easier. I regularly use jigs produced by Fast Tracks, a Canadian track components company. The range includes filing jigs composed of hard steel which are beautifully designed and manufactured enabling the accurate filing of turnout rails to the correct angles together with assembly iius which are designed for north American track. Those designed for 'HO' scale (which will suit finescale 'OO' gauge) will accept a variety of rail sizes from code 70 to code 100. Despite being designed for the North American market, they are invaluable for building UK track too.

Fast Tracks filing jigs are called Point Form tools and include a point blade and common crossing jig (in one tool). An assembly jig called a Frog Helper helps with the soldering of common crossings once you have filed the rails to shape in the Point Form tool.

I have used all of these tools in the construction of a large number of turnouts for several British outline themed layouts using flat-bottom rail. The jigs use the simplest filing technique for shaping rail by filing off one side of common crossing nose rails and point blades. The truly dedicated track builder will shape the same rails by filing one side, straightening the filed side to match the edge of the rail and further profiling the opposite side – the double-filing technique. Whilst this may also be done using the fast tracks jigs, it is outside the scope of this article.

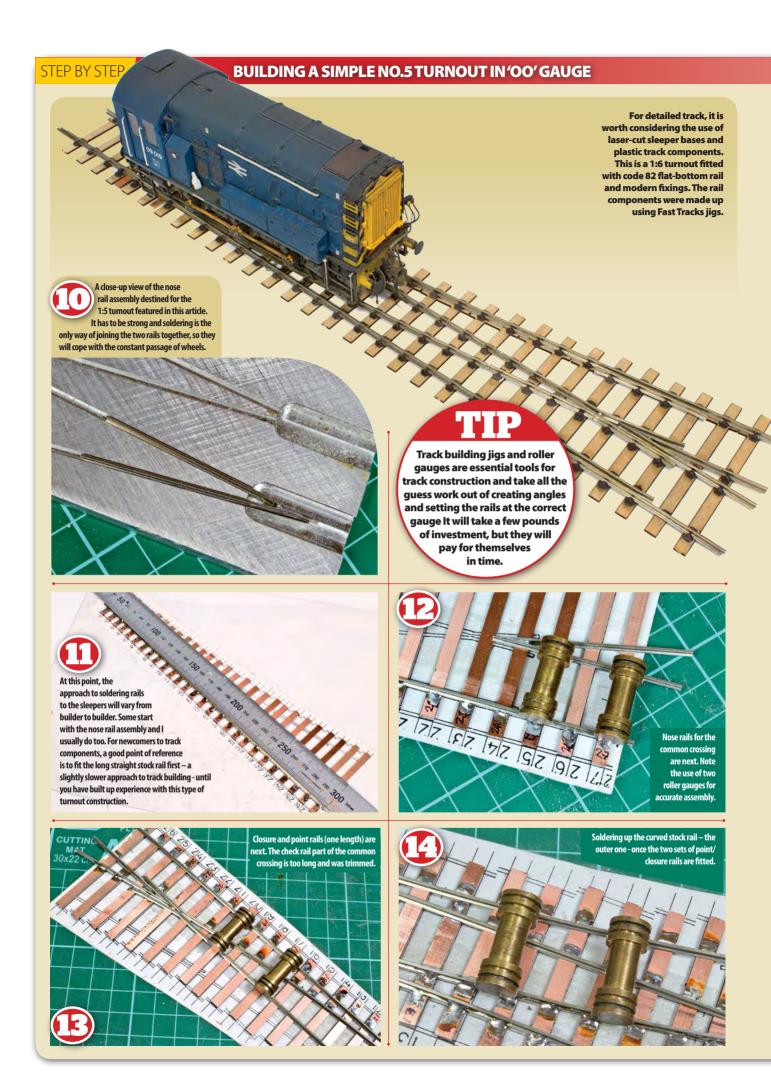
The jigs worked perfectly well for 'EM' (18mm) gauge track building and I discovered that they could be used to shape bullhead rail components too. The rail is simply slid into the tool, the hex bolts tightened up and a file run across the face of the tool until the desired angle is achieved. It is much easier and quicker than struggling with a vice and with a greater level of accuracy. Some of the finished rail components may be sharp, so take care with the point blades.

#### **TRACK GAUGES**

All track is built with a consistent gauge - the distance between the running rails. To construct your own track and turnouts accurately so trains will be able to run smoothly through flange ways and common crossing assemblies without derailing, your turnouts should be constructed using track gauges. They come in various different forms including roller gauges, flangeway gauges and triangular gauges to prevent gauge narrowing on curves. Use them constantly during construction of turnouts and crossings. When testing new track assemblies with rolling stock, be sure the wheel back-to-back gauge is also correct. A wagon with incorrectly adjusted wheelsets will not run through your perfectly built turnouts and may lead one to believe that the track is to blame. The most common gauge is 'OO' which is 16.5mm gauge between the rails.

The step by step guide with this feature explains the process of building a soldered turnout from start to finish. Read on to learn more.

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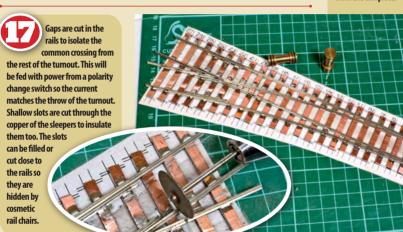
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Note that the pair of roller gauges have two grooves at each end.
The inner groove assists with fitting check rails with the correct flangeway dearances.

The complete turnout prior to cutting insulation gaps

in the rails and sleepers.
Excess solder will be removed with wet and dry paper and some cleaning up done in the kitchen sink once removed from the template.





(test it first and adjust whilst on the template) There you have it – a traditionally built turnout using solder and copper-dad sleepers. The satisfaction of building your own working track cannot be underestimated. This 1:5 turnout could be detailed and painted for a scenic part of the layout but, as this turnout is destined for a train stabling yard, it will not be detailed.

A soldered turnout is an economical way of building points for storage yards and allows bespoke angles to be created. If you can solder wires and you are prepared to take your time it is within the skills of any modeller to build this type of point.

#### **SOLDERING TECHNIQUE**

Using solder for track building offers many benefits to the modeller including a huge level of satisfaction in being able to build something for the layout that is all one's own work. Despite the ease of building soldered turnouts, many modellers are reluctant to have a go at soldering beyond the basics of layout wiring. Yet, the techniques are very easy to apply, especially when it comes to building track. The following tips should assist with making a start in soldered turnout construction. Let's assume you have prepared the rails ready to fit to the sleepers.

- If you are buying a new soldering iron, go for one with at least 25W of power
- Buy some spare tips of varying sizes
- Have a stand to hold the hot iron safely at the workbench
- A soldering sponge is perfect for cleaning excess flux and solder from the tip of an iron when it is hot and in use. The sponge should be kept damp at all times
- Solder for electrical use with a flux core can be used in turnout construction. Have a pot of flux paste to hand to assist the flow of solder too. When planning to use modellers solder, select one that melts at around 180 degrees Centigrade and use with an appropriate flux
- Always ensure that the iron is at maximum temperature before applying solder to a join – you must give it time to recover heat levels between solder applications if large metal components are being soldered
- Use minimal amounts of solder and allow it to flow into the join (say between the rail and copper-clad sleeper) when heated. Do not move the work piece after soldering until it has completely hardened
- Dry joints are the consequence of inadequate heating, tarnished components or movement of the work piece after soldering. The soldered join appears dull and rough in appearance
- Tarnish on the rails and copper-clad sleepers can make soldering more difficult to do. Burnish all metal parts with a glass fibre pencil before soldering
- A good joint will appear shiny and solid in appearance. If you do not achieve this first time round, apply heat and flux once again until you have a satisfactory join
- After soldering work on track or turnout is complete, clean the solder flux off using Isopropyl Alcohol (IPA) or if building turnouts off the layout, wash the complete track piece in the kitchen sink
- Excess solder can be rubbed down with wet and dry paper if required or the join reheated and the excess wicked away using solder braid
- Clean tools after soldering to remove any traces of flux
- Practice on scrap material until you have the techniques perfected.

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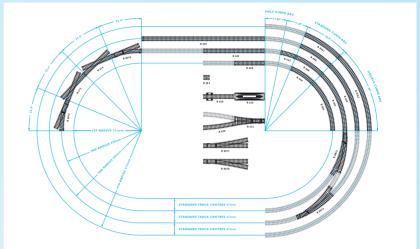
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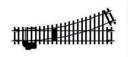
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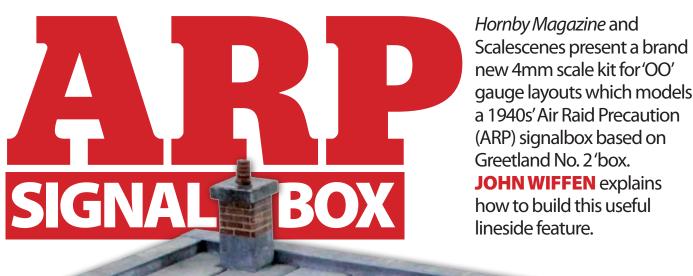


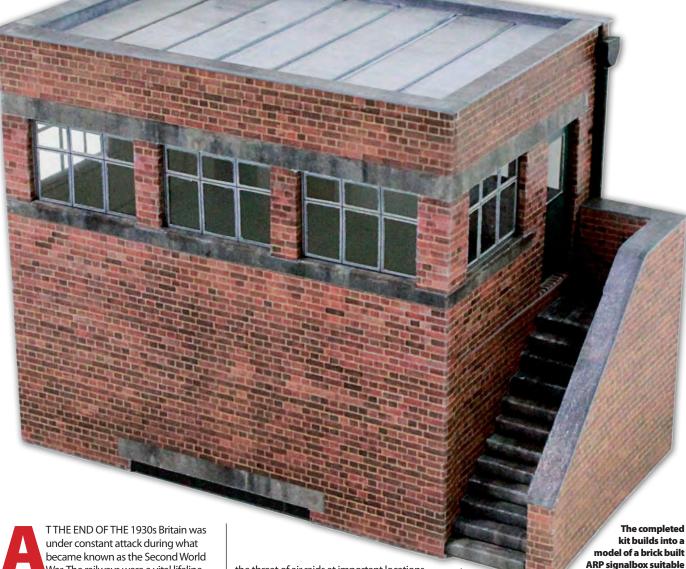












War. The railways were a vital lifeline for the country delivering goods to cities and transporting supplies to ports and military sites.

Signalling of the railway still relied heavily on timber built structures for signalboxes, or partial brick buildings at best, and these weren't robust enough to withstand the onslaught of air raids. From the beginning of the 1940s a new range of signalbox designs to the Air Raid Precaution standard were developed by each of the 'Big Four' railway companies to assist the railway in withstanding the impact of bombing raids. Some were built as a result of bomb damage, others were replaced strategically to prepare for

the threat of air raids at important locations. The Air Raid Precaution (ARP) standard

called for 14in thick brick walls and a flat roof made from reinforced 12in thick concrete. Metal window frames were used throughout and the use of timber was reduced wherever possible to starve the risk of fires.

The Great Western, Southern, London Midland and Scottish (LMS) and London North Eastern railways all built their own designs of ARP signalbox with some of the best known being the GWR style. The latter has been produced in kit form from 'N' to 'O' scale, but models of the other regions' ARP

signalboxes have been comparatively rare.

for 'OO' gauge layouts.

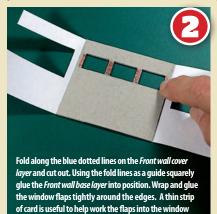
This brand new kit by Scalescenes.com produced exclusively for Hornby Magazine - takes its design cues from Greetland No. 2 signalbox which opened in 1942 following construction by the LMS. It replaced a former Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway timber structure. It was last used in 2009.

The following step by step guide explains how to build the Scalescenes ARP signalbox kit from start to finish.

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#### STEP BY STEP BUILDING SCALESCENES ARP SIGNALBOX







Fold along the blue dotted lines on the Left and Right Side wall cover layers and cut out. Using the fold lines as a guide squarely glue the corresponding Side wall base layers into position. Wrap and glue the folded edges and the window and door flaps tightly around the card.



edges of the window openings.

openings.



Squarely glue the Window sills (side) into position. Wrap and glue the flaps over the bottom edges of the window openings. Wrap and glue the *Door sill* over the bottom edge of the door opening.

#### **OPTIONAL WEATHERING**

• Using a sharp knife scrape a small amount of black and brown artist pastels on to a scrap of card. With a soft brush work very small amounts of the pastel dust into the corners and surface of the structure as required. Build up thin layers slowly, don't overdo it!

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- » Steel ruler
- » Modelling knife
- » Tweezers
- » Glue stick
- » 'All purpose' clear or PVA adhesive
- » CA or 'super glue'
- » Matt spray varnish
- » Felt tip pens
- » Cutting mat or sheet of thick card
- » Damp cloth
- » Fine sand paper
- » Small right angled square or block

#### **ASSEMBLY**



Spot or thin bead of glue



Coat well with glue stick



Cut along line



Fold along line



Lightly score and fold along line



Apply weight



Assembly tip



Roll and glue edge



Wrap and glue printed sheet around edge



Printed sheet around edge



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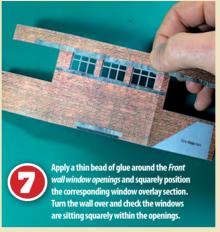
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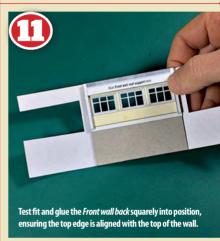




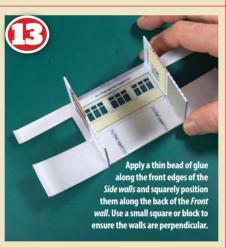


















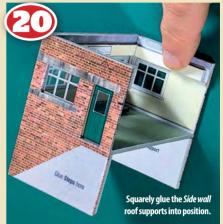


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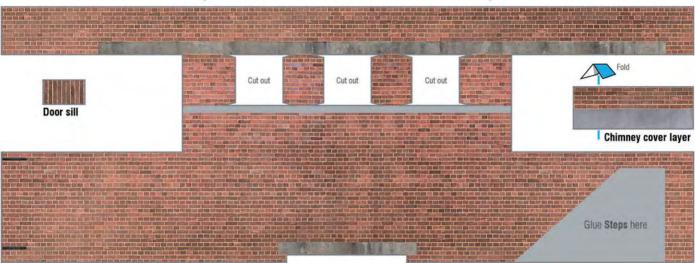




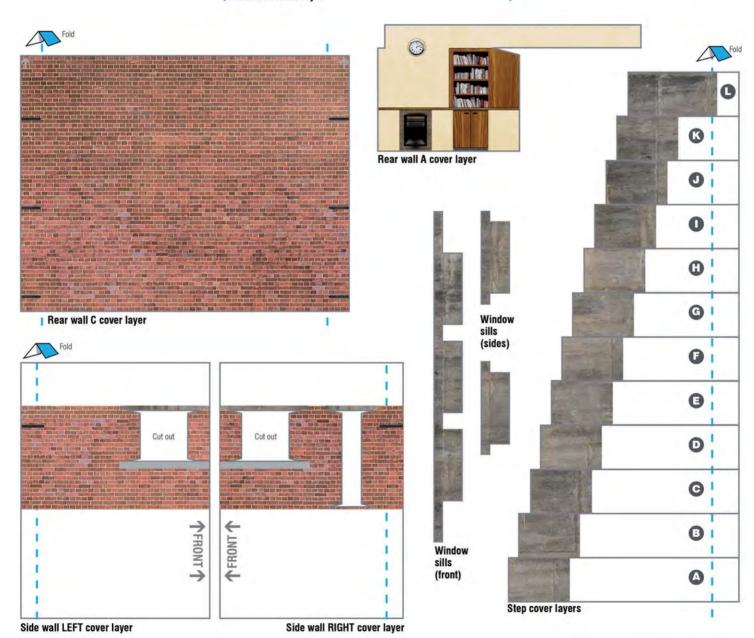


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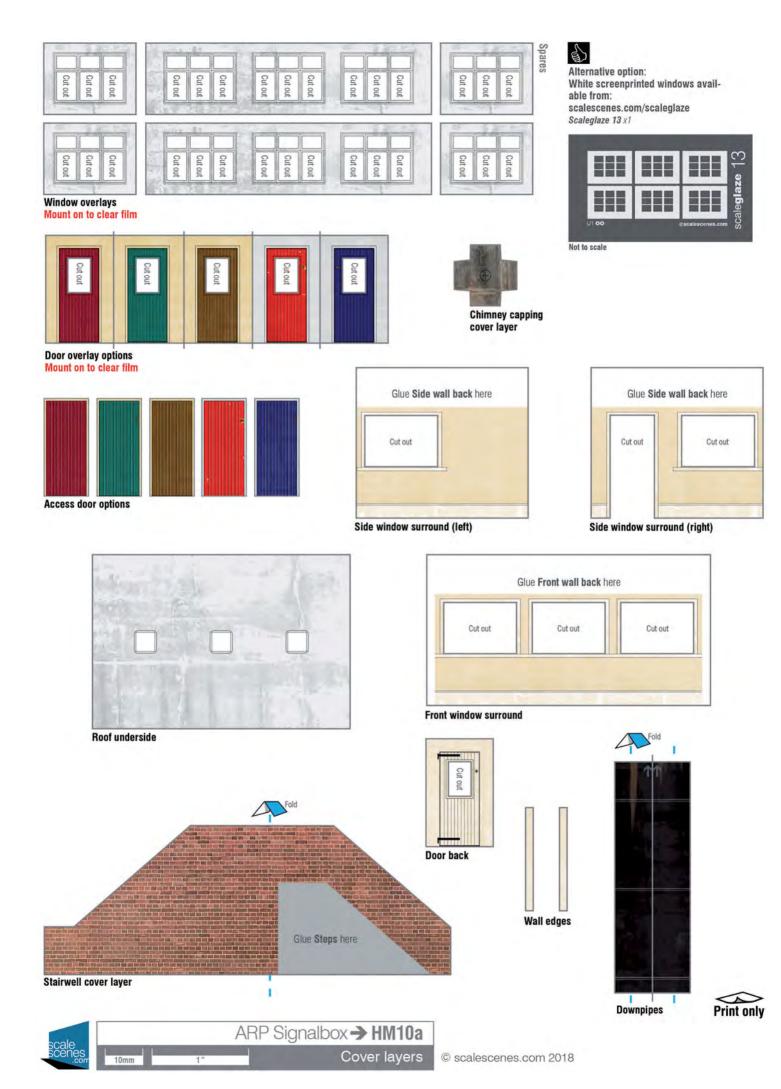


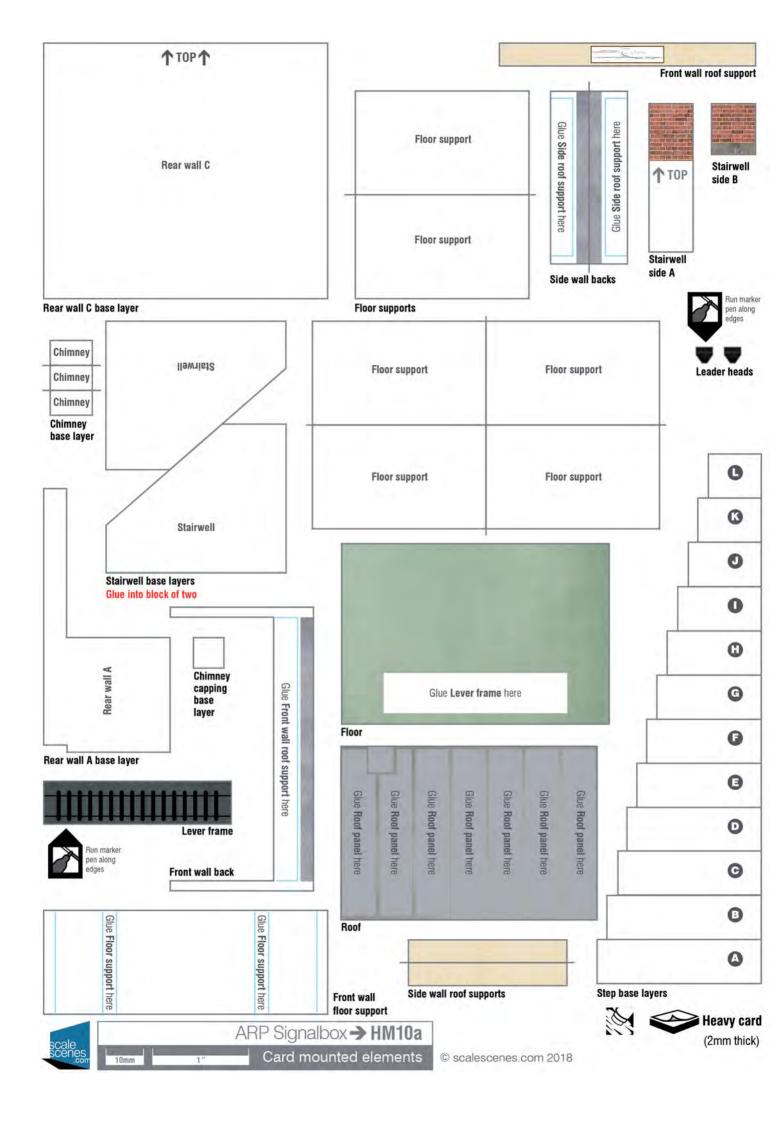
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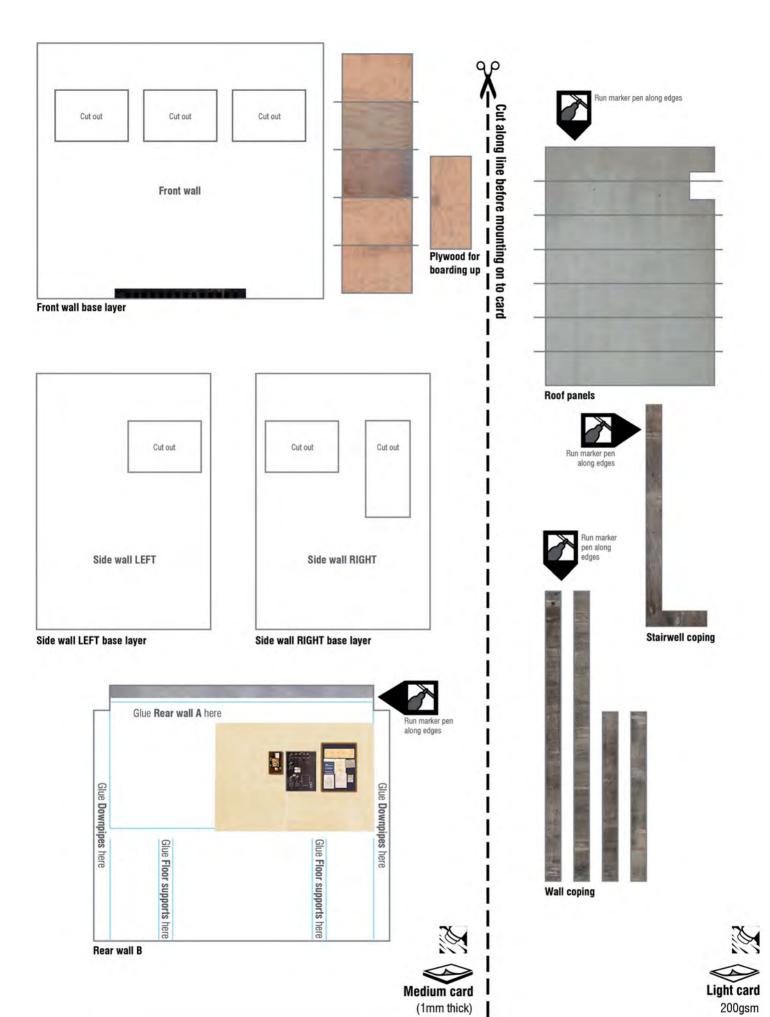
















### Southern papers

READ WITH INTEREST Michael Lusher's letter (HM136) regarding the newspaper train from London Waterloo on the Southern Region. I may be able to furnish a few sketchy details as it is all a distant memory now. I was only aged around 10 at the time which

would have made

it the very early 1960s.

Our family was due to go and stay with relatives in Ilfracombe but due to unforeseen circumstances we had to travel down by train. My parents decided to travel overnight and had reserved seats on the newspaper train from Waterloo. We arrived at Waterloo at about midnight and we had about an hour to wait. If I remember rightly it left around 1.00am. The train was already in the platform but for some reason we did not get on board straight away. In the meantime, there was a constant stream of newspaper vans arriving from Fleet Street going down the platform and unloading their contents into the various utility vans.

The train appeared to be made up almost entirely of these with the odd passenger coach dotted here and there. When the time arrived for us to board it was stressed to us that we make sure we got on the right coach. This entailed us having to walk nearly to the end of the platform before getting on and then walking through the

utility vans stacked with newspapers until we got to our coach and seats. So I assume from this that the train went out beyond the end of the platform, how far I cannot remember and nor could I see what

type of locomotive was hauling the train or whether or not it was double-headed. However, I would imagine it got a welcome push from a station pilot which had been waiting at the end of the train.

On the way down, we made a number of stops where we were shunted about, Salisbury and Exeter (probably St David's) in particular, but as it was dark we could not see much of what was going on.

We arrived at Ilfracombe at about 6.30am and our portion of the train consisted of our coach and a utility van hauled by a Bulleid 'Pacific'. I would imagine this was probably an Exeter locomotive. From this, it would appear that the Ilfracombe portion was at the front as we left Waterloo. I just wish I had a camera!



I have just received my model of the Hornby Maunsell Restaurant Kitchen (RK) – HM134. It is excellent, but I am concerned about the colour scheme. The body is unlined Maunsell green, the roof is grey, and this

does not match with previous releases by Hornby. This has the effect of making a train look 'odd' when paired with previous Maunsell carriages in Southern Railway colours.

I think the colour schemes for

#### **NEWSPAPERTIMINGS...**

In reply to the question asked in HM136, I offer the following information. The newspaper train left Waterloo at 1.10am, arriving at Salisbury at 2.57am and departing again at 3.00am. It arrived at Exeter Central at 4.57am to be split for the North Devon and Plymouth Lines. The Barnstaple train departed at 5.04am, arriving at 6.04am and arrived at Ilfracombe at 6.52am. Torrington was also served off the 6.19am departure from Barnstaple.

The Plymouth portion departed Exeter at 5.10am, arriving at 5.57am in Okehampton to split for Plymouth and Padstow, departing at 6.04am. The train arrived at Plymouth at 7.29am after dropping off at Tavistock at 6.39am.

The Padstow portion departed Okehampton at 6.30am as an all-station train arriving at 9.22am.

I hope this clears up the question raised by Michael Lusher.

Phil Newcombe, Tavistock

#### MIRROR IMAGE

When reading the tracklaying article in HM136, I noticed that it doesn't include a tool I find very useful – a small mirror. This enables a view

along the track effectively at rail level giving a final check before fixing and ballasting takes place.

Dave Thornton, by e-mail.



#### ...AND THE FORMATION Further to the enquiry from Michael | which may be of

Further to the enquiry from Michae Lusher (HM136) regarding the Waterloo to West of England paper train, I offer the following details which may be of some use: Passenger and News, weekdays summer 1965, was formed as follows (front to rear):

**Torrington** One News Van B One PMV Ilfracombe Okehampton Two PMV Three Set K Plymouth Ilfracombe One PMV **Torrington** One News Van B Yeovil Town One PMV **Exeter Central** One PMV\*

Yeovil Town One BCK\*, one News Van B\*

Salisbury One BG

M. Pocknell, Horsham.

#### **Decoder fitting without a socket**

If you are looking for a subject to cover in your decoder topics, I suggest the following. Many models now come with a printed circuit board to drive the on-board systems. Some have a decoder socket included in which case decoder fitting is straightforward, but some do not. It is not immediately apparent as to what is the best solution for fitting the decoder. There may be lights as well as the motor drive. Perhaps your resident experts would like to write on this topic.

Gordon Bell, by e-mail.

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<sup>\*</sup> Detached at Salisbury and went forward on 3.25am ex-Salisbury





## Short-haul car-carrying trains

I found Railway Realism on car-carrying trains in HM136 most interesting. However, if you cannot model the London to Inverness workings or other long distance journeys, there are alternatives.

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An even shorter journey was at Waterford Harbour in Ireland. Before road access was built to the ferry berths, cars were loaded onto flats for a short rail journey to the nearest road. I'm afraid I don't have any more detail than that.

Wayne Wills, Laleston.



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## SOUTHERN SECTION

The spectacle of the West Coast Main Line in the 1970s uses 'N' gauge to brilliant effect, as builder and owner ANDREW ARMITAGE explains.



Right: A Research Department special passes headed by a Class 31, with Gas Turbine conversion E2001 behind. A number of diesel and electrics are visiting the shed including classes 20, 25, 81 and 86. The backscene has been made with photographs to try and create greater depth.

Below: At the north end of Harrow and Wealdstone a Class 87 heads a northbound express from Euston on the concrete sleepered fast lines as a Class 25 hauled cement train passes a Class 83 with a Freightliner working on the slow. In the background a Bakerloo Line tube arrives as a Class 501 EMU waits to leave for Watford.





HIS LAYOUT IS 'N' GAUGE, owned and built by myself, with some assistance of my wife who helped me position a lot of the timber framing. It is based on the southern area of the West Coast Main Line (WCML) which gave the layout its name, covering Harrow, Watford, and Linslade, the period covered being the 1970s. Although the layout resides in Hastings on the South Coast, it was inspired by my formative railway career based at Euston during this time.

The layout has developed on from the exhibition layout Kings Park (based on Queens Park) of which I was one of the founder members. When it came to building my current layout, I chose to stick with the same general area so the same stock could be used on it. The overall size of the layout is about 32ft x 11ft in my loft, so it is unfortunately not available for exhibitions. As the layout is mostly for watching the trains go by I stayed with analogue control, and I have also used old track circuiting modules which are not Digital Command Control compatible. Although the layout is now seven years old, I did the initial planning and construction of many of the main buildings in the three years before I actually started on the layout itself.

The main framing of the layout was made of 4in x 2in timber set around waist height from the floor. The layout was then made up from individual baseboards of 5mm plywood on 2in x 1in timber. As the storage sidings are on the outer edges these were made first in five 6ft x 1ft sections. The track and points were laid and wired before being 'rolled' into place and fixed on the main framing. This avoided the problem of the sloping loft roof so I didn't have to squeeze under limited headroom to lay the track. This also meant I could do a lot of the wiring to the boards with them stood on their sides. The storage sidings are automated with Heathcote Electronic units and I made sure these were working correctly before moving onto the front scenic boards.





The scenic section was made up in individual sections formed of 6ft x 2ft 6in 5mm plywood on 2in x 1in timber. A couple of these boards were tapered in closer to the access hatch so that the maximum amount of space was available for lifting materials, models and items for storage in and out without damaging the layout. As with the storage siding boards, the scenic boards were worked on as individual units before final fixing so that they could be worked on from all angles, and on their sides for wiring.

As the loft hatch was at the end of the room I 'pinched' another 2ft from the unconverted loft area to avoid running the lines over part of the loft hatch itself. This area was used for the section where the tracks were required to cross over each other. The main line gradients were kept to a generous 1-in-70, although the Watford 'New Lines' had gradients of 1-in-30. As the trains using these lines were lighter and shorter they are unaffected by these relatively steep gradients. Trains on the main lines sail over the other gradients with no difficulty.

#### **TAILORED PLAN**

Even with the space available I found that I had to trim down some of my original ideas on what I wanted to include. The four storage yards for the main lines had to shed two lines each bringing them down to ten each, although they will all hold 15-18 standard coach lengths each or their equivalent goods stock. The scenic boards lost about six inches at the front so that the main road at Harrow now runs along the edge of the boards instead of the planned shops and houses. On the Watford side a number of the goods yard sidings and the carriage shed had to be axed.

Testing of the track was carried out as the boards were completed and joined together, which meant that everything

ran well from day one. It was possible to run trains after about the first 18 months of building, although it was another 18 months before the trains could run around the entire layout. The layout consists of 10 individually controlled tracks. The four main lines consist of Up Fast, Up Slow, Down Fast and Down Slow. There are the two Watford 'New Lines' (Up and Down). All these lines are broken down into sections; the main lines have three 'controlled' areas, and the 'New Lines' have two, so multiple train running is possible on each line. At Watford there is a separate controller for the locomotive depot and the St Albans branch/yard. At Harrow the Stanmore branch has been retained with its own controller, as has the goods yard

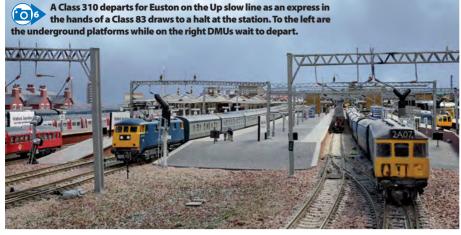
with its own shunting panel. The Stanmore and St Albans Branches are connected via a common storage yard making it easier to operate short freight workings without the need to run around in the storage yard.

The four main lines and the two 'New Lines' are equipped with track circuiting units which show the positions of the trains on the control panels with red LEDs as they move round the layout (essential for keeping an eye on things when there are many trains on the move at the same time). Each of the track circuiting units operate a relay which in turn operates the signalling which is fully functioning Multiple Aspect type on the main lines, and the pre-1986 'searchlight' types on the 'New Lines'. The signals have working route indicators and Position Light'



A close-up of the Up side station buildings at Harrow. The clock faces are set at 8.18am as a permanent memorial to the accident of 1952. The Stanmore branch train manages to peep between the building and the hoardings.

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Ground Signals worked by my own relay boards providing simple interlocking.

Some of the signals can be changed to danger via switches on the control panels. Signalling has always been a bit of a passion of mine since I started my railway career at St Pancras 'box at the beginning of the 1970s, before moving down the road to Euston signalbox several years later; both Installations are now no longer with us. I suppose I would consider the signalling one of the best features as I always find it fascinating to watch the signal sequences change as a train passes by and gradually progresses round the layout.

#### **MODIFIED REALITY**

Although based on the areas concerned they are not completely true to the real thing, and there are many anomalies (too many to count). The layout sets out to try and recreate the general feel of the scene rather than be 100% accurate. Making the station buildings at Harrow and Watford proved quite challenging as I only had photographs to work to with a few memories from long ago. It wasn't possible to revisit any of the locations

modelled, and Watford has changed quite a bit after the major rebuilding which took place in the mid-1980s altering a lot of the features I remembered along the way.

Even though I made these buildings before the layout began I was pleased that everything eventually fitted together when it was finally finished. Watford proved a bit problematic as the main building sat below track level and I had to engineer the forecourt area to be set at a lower level on the baseboard. Having made everything in sections before fixing I was able to modify the baseboard where the Watford main buildings sit. The forecourt area and surrounding area is not strictly correct having become a generalised urban area.



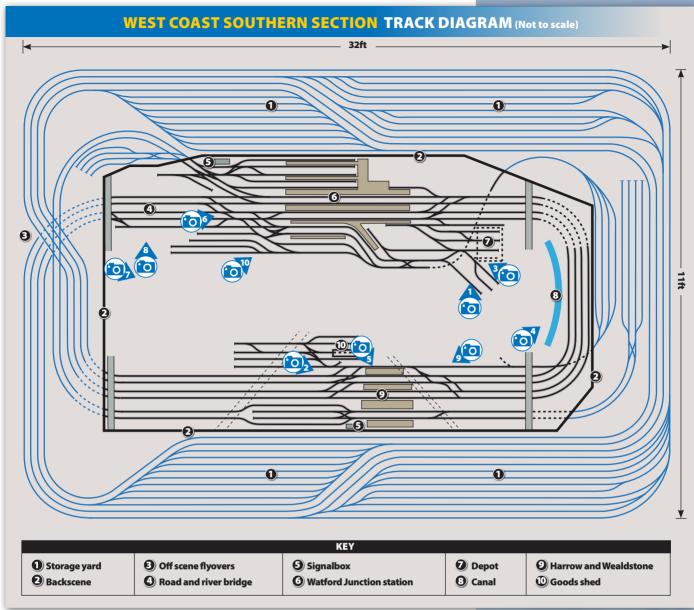


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into a car park. The original St Albans branch platforms have also been retained.

The actual scenic areas are not in their correct sequence. This came about as I wanted the Watford area on the side of the loft with the maximum headroom. However, the trains do run either north-south or vice versa, so the coaching formations remain correct for viewing purposes.

#### **ROLLING STOCK**

The trains are mostly all BR blue or blue and grey for the period depicted. The main line sets range from Mk 1s to Mk 3s made up in sets typical of the 1970s. This includes parcels, sleeping cars and Pullman sets. The Mk 2 Pullmans were made by modifying some early Farish stock with homemade plasticard inserts.

It wouldn't have been the 1970s if there weren't some of the early AC locomotives of classes 81-85. As there were none available in ready-to-run form I made them myself. The very first ones I made were scratchbuilt in plasticard around second-hand continental chassis that I picked up at exhibitions. The later examples were made by shortening the Farish Class 87

bodyshell, altering the detail, and mounting them on old Minitrix Class 27 mechanisms with Minitrix Class 42 bogies. I had fortunately retained all my old Minitrix stock, and all eventually were converted.

The Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) stock also had to be created as none was then available. The Class 304s and 310s were converted from early Farish coaches which had the removable window strips, which were replaced with solid plasticard and had new windows drilled and filed. The ends were fashioned from thicker plasticard then sanded to shape before drilling the windows out. The Class 501 Euston-Watford stock was modified from the B H Enterprises 4-EPB kits, having shortened them by one compartment on each coach and mounting them on some old Farish Mk 1 Full Brakes.

The Underground stock was the most challenging to build. They were made by using some resin coach roof sections with the front and sides from plasticard sheet. The windows were all individually drilled and filed, with the doorway sections cut out and recessed into the body. To make them low enough I used old Lima coach bogies with the framing cut down, then



attached to the body by inserting a crossmember of plasticard with a hole drilled in it. Originally, I had them powered by two Arnold 'Kof' diesel shunters joined on a piece of brass strip to form a chassis. But after nearly 20 years I have just upgraded them all with Tomytec mechanisms.

There are five Tube sets, three 1938 types, plus one 1959 and one 1972 set. To operate the Metropolitan service via the Croxley Link I modified some Farish Class 101 DMUs into some A60 sets, in much the same way as the Class 310s. I think building a lot of the unique stock has given me the most pleasure, even if they did take a long time to complete.

What's next in the pipeline? It's difficult to say, but when you get to a certain point in life you realise that perhaps there aren't going to be enough years to embark on something else. My vision of modelling Rugby Midland in 'N' has quietly been placed aside, unless I find more space that is!



Harrow and Wealdstone's southern approaches are busy as two Class 25s pass with freight workings and a Class 84 heads through with an express for Euston. Behind on the underground lines is a Bakerloo service for Elephant and Castle. In the background my representation of the Railway Hotel.



## In perspective

**TIM SHACKLETON** exploits multi-scale modelling as a way of making a layout look bigger.

NE OF THE HARDEST QUALITIES to suggest on a model railway is spaciousness. Even country branch termini were built on what, in modelling terms, was a massive scale. You can gain some idea of the acreage involved from the fact that two supermarkets and an enormous leisure centre, along with their associated car parks, now occupy the site of my local station, a modest and insignificant passing place on a single-line cross-country route.

Who has that kind of room? Modelled to scale, a full-sized football pitch would, in 4mm terms, require an area more than 4ft x 3ft (1.3m x 1m). Most meadows and pastures are far larger than that; most of the fields I've seen on model railways are no bigger than a suburban garden. And it's worth remembering that while the Vale scene at Pendon seems positively limitless, at 12in:1ft scale it would only be a leisurely 20-minute stroll to get from one end to the other.

So we've reluctantly had to accept the practicality of condensed landscapes and ultracompact track plans, but there are still ways to suggest a layout is bigger than it actually is – mirrored reflections, for instance. Another common device is to shrink buildings, often

by anything up to 20%. Manufacturers of card kits and ready-to-plant structures do this all the time, and their goods sheds, bridges and houses – though they look the part – are often well under scale. It's not always noticeable until you park the building next to an object whose proportions are known to be 100% accurate.

#### **MULTI-SCALE PERSPECTIVE**

Forced perspective is a more successful method, using optical illusion to make objects appear nearer or closer, bigger or smaller than they actually are. Museum dioramas often employ forced perspective to accelerate the pace at which objects recede into the distance – last time I visited, there were some particularly good examples in the Museum of London and the Railway Museum has some, though they're not always on public display.

Perspective is governed by laws, just like everything else in the physical universe, and academic careers have been founded on exploring and defining its nature. Conversations with Paul Bambrick – the artist who created the much-admired 3D backscenes on Kevin Wilson's 7mm layout Bucks Hill – have suggested ways in which lesser mortals might apply forced



A quick preliminary mock-up (on the garden table) to see if my ideas on forced perspective would be convincing in such a confined space. You're not meant to look too closely at the scene but it does seem to work, despite having three distinct modelling scales condensed into less than a foot.

perspective in a bid to grow their layouts.
Instead of mirrors and complex calculations,
I employed trial and error. The outcome is
presented here as a diorama that diminishes
in scale (and colour) as you pass through the



#### INSPIRATION





Left: Though the section in the immediate foreground starts off in 7mm scale, this small cameo scene created by Paul Bambrick is only a few inches deep. The use of distinct layers enhances the sense of distance, while view-blockers and clever positioning disguise how the proportions of the house have been fiddled.



Above: From only a little above normal viewing height the trickery is obvious, with the lines of houses converging sharply on a distant vanishing point.

Left: The level crossing scene on Geoff Williams's 'EM' gauge model of Aylesbury station in LNWR days is a classic piece of perspective modelling. It does, however, need to be seen from or near eye level to be convincing.





Life imitates art. In between photographing trains at Colton Junction just south of York it dawned on me how like a model railway the scene looked. Beyond the York & North Midland line the landscape could be in any scale. It could be in half-relief, it could be just a painted backscene. Hedges can be three feet high, or ten. And how tall are the trees in the middle distance?



"Put the detail where you can see it" is sound modelling advice. The Model Railway Club's 2mm scale model of the northern approaches to King's Cross employs all kinds of clever perspective effects. In the foreground the modelling shows an incredible level of detail. This is the small GNR goods depot off Caledonian Road.



Further away from the viewing position, the scale subtly decreases and so does the level of detail. The factory buildings on the skyline are mostly just card shells, and some of them are very oddly shaped to maintain the illusion of distance. This is not, in the flesh, a very big layout but because of the mastery of perspective effects it looks absolutely enormous.

scene from front to rear. Each layer, front to back, is modelled in a different scale but each element, left to right, remains consistent with and in proportion to its neighbours.

The scene, a section of a much larger layout, depicts a main line with goods loops passing in front of a rail-served fruit and vegetable distribution centre that's located at a slightly higher level. The foreground layer, the only part on which trains actually move, is modelled in 4mm:1ft scale. The warehouse beyond (an Artitec resin kit turned into a low-relief structure) is in 3.5mm scale, as are the various Transfesa vans dotted around the vard. Beyond this is a set of sidings, with stationary wagons in 3mm scale. The whole scene, front to back, is barely 8in deep and yet it looks much bigger. The effect of diminishing scale is to make everything appear to be pushed back away from the viewer, like viewing it through a wide-angle lens. A layer of 3mm scale trees of suitable height, chosen for their muted colours, further increases the illusion.



#### **CONSTRUCTION**

One essential criterion insisted on by Paul Bambrick is that you need to work out where your horizon is – this governs everything. It's equally vital that the ground should rise up to meet it - I'd noticed this in professionally produced museum dioramas. If you lay things out flat, it doesn't work unless you adopt an exclusively eye-level viewpoint or model the Cambridgeshire Fens. So, either the ground itself should slope gently upwards or, as in my case, ascend in a series of small incremental steps.

#### **EXPERIMENT**

Two things surprised me about this experiment. Where early examples of forced perspective (Geoff Williams"EM' gauge Aylesbury for instance) relied on a strictly limited viewpoint, I found the scene I modelled remained credible from a wide range of viewing angles. The other welcome piece of news is that an eye-level viewpoint is not essential: with the scene at chest height it's still believable although any kind of top-down 'helicopter shot' will

immediately destroy the illusion of reality.

Remember also that beyond the railway fence there is no scale - think about this and agree. No one can tell whether a tree, a field or a distant church tower is modelled to the same scale as the trains, or to any scale in particular. As long as it's consistent, you can make them any scale you like. This is what you see on the Model Railway Club's innovative 2mm scale layout Copenhagen Fields – the buildings at the back of the layout are on a much smaller scale (and far less detailed) than the ones at the front. So you can start with 4mm as your baseline and go over to something smaller for the scene beyond the railway fence – 'HO' scale (3.5mm:1ft) offers the easiest transition but with care 2mm scale ('N' gauge) can be made to work successfully. A 7mm modeller, in turn, could work down through the scales. If you have room on your layout, especially if it's still at the planning stage, try leading the eye into the scene past objects in a larger scale still - a gateway or path, for instance. I've seen this done - on Kyle of Sutherland, Stuart Holt's 'P4' model of Culrain

on the Far North Line – and it works well.

The diminishing-scale diorama seen here will form part of a much larger layout where the view of the railway (carried on an embankment) is interrupted by a line of industrial buildings, warehouses and terraced houses in the foreground. Modelled dead scale from actual buildings – when they were finished, it surprised me just how big they actually were – they are much larger than the pint-sized structures often encountered on model railways and this also helps enhance the sense of the landscape being pushed back into the distance.

Rather than laying down the law, I suggest you experiment to find what works and what doesn't. Clear your workbench or dining table, lay out a few items (card mock-ups are fine), look at them from different angles and different heights, and it will soon start to make sense. This is basically how I did it. I am too old to kid myself things are right when they're plainly not, but it didn't take long to come up with a workable solution and realise I might be on to something.



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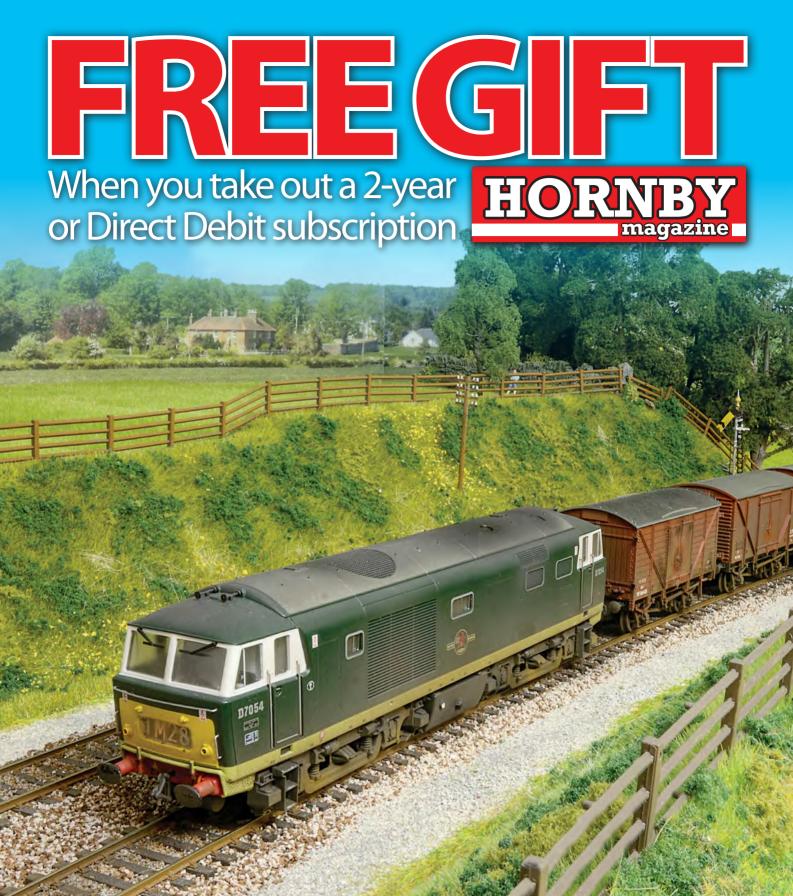


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TWASN'T THAT LONG AGO that readyto-run 'O' gauge was a rarity, but today its popularity and support is greater than ever before with a highly active modelling fraternity engaged with its potential too.

This year a number of new locomotives have arrived on the scene including the '57XX'/'8750' 0-6-0PTs from Dapol, the same designs from Minerva Model Railways together with the Class 20 and 128 from Helian – and that is just the locomotives. Heljan is best known for its 'O' gauge diesels, but as followers of the scale will be well aware it has also been working on a pair of readyto-run steam locomotives for the Great Western

Railway (as well as the Gresley 'A3' and 'A4' 4-6-2s for Hatton's) in the '43XX' 2-6-0 and '61XX' 2-6-2T.

First to arrive is the 'Large Prairie' modelling the '61XX' series locomotives - though if you fancy a'41XX' and '5101' 2-6-2T Tower Models has commissioned a series of short limited editions modelling these outwardly similar locomotives.

Back to the locomotives in question, the '61XX' 2-6-2Ts were built between 1931 and 1935 at Swindon Works under Charles Collett as a development of the '5101' class. They were designed to work commuter services in the London area and had a higher boiler pressure to increase their power, though in their final

years they could be found on rural branch passenger services as well as freight work.

The fleet of 75 was allocated to Old Oak Common, Southall, Slough, Reading and other depots during their careers with the last being withdrawn in 1965. One survives in preservation – 6106 at Didcot Railway Centre. Reality Check has more on the story of

the GWR'Large Prairies' on pages 74-77.

#### THE MODEL

The subject of our sample is 6132 which was built at Swindon in October 1932. Its allocations in BR service included Old

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Oak Common, Oxford and Southall. It was withdrawn in October 1965 and disposed of in March 1966 at Birds of Risca, Newport.

As presented by Heljan 6132 is decorated in BR lined passenger green with late crests on the tank sides. It has an 81C (Southall) shedplate on the smokebox suitable for its final two years of service. If a late BR period locomotive doesn't suit your layout, Heljan also produces versions in Great Western and GWR green, BR black with early crests and BR green without lining with late crests.

Decoration on our sample of 6132 was excellent – and a massive improvement over the last set of pre-production samples that we saw. The

lining is neat and crisp (apart from one small blip in the printing of the lining on the lower tank side on our sample) while the tank side crests are clearly printed over the BR green base colour. The smokebox numberplate is printed on a separately fitted plate while the cabside numbers are also separate plastic mouldings—though these lack raised numbers that would be possible with etched metal replacements.

The body is wonderfully detailed with excellent attention to detail on rivet patterns, handrails, water filler, steps and even cab interior detail. The chimney looks good too, including its copper cap, while the dome has

a very well done metallic brass paint finish.

The proportions of these 2-6-2Ts are captured superbly from all angles and there is plenty to appreciate front and rear including lamp irons, smokebox stays, separately fitted smokebox dart, metal handrails, steps plus sprung buffers on all four corners and sprung working screw link couplings on each bufferbeam. In fact the only negative we could find was the plastic coal load, though doubtless many will find ways of enhancing this quickly and simply.

Below the frames the good work continues, though you will need to be careful during handling as there are fine conduits running >>>



along underneath the footplating on both sides. High points include the well proportioned valve gear, sandboxes, brake rigging and correctly profiled cylinders with factory fitted drain cocks.

#### **PERFORMANCE**

When delivered the '61XX' comes mounted on a wooden plinth for transport. This is good as it keeps the model safe during carriage, but it does mean that the pony trucks have to travel separately as they won't fit on the locomotive with the plinth attached. Assembling them to the locomotive is a straightforward job requiring a crosshead modelling screwdriver, but you will also need to ensure that the correct pony wheels are fitted at each end.

a rake of eight ballast hoppers with ease we progressed to larger loads ultimately hanging seven Mk 1 coaches on the drawbar – a load it handled admirably on the level.

The '61XX' is prepared for digital sound, but only to suit a LokSound V4.0 L4 decoder with a 23mm round speaker. The circuit board comes with an ESU pin-connector adapter (Cat No. 51959) plugged in from the factory to allow the locomotive to run on analogue. However, the connection does restrict decoders options to the LokSound L4. In addition, if you are planning to install a non-sound decoder, Heljan states that it will have to be hardwired to the '61XX'.

The type of digital connection is both good and bad. It is good that Heljan has chosen an interface bad as it appears to be brand specific to the ESU sound decoder family. Our tests were carried out with analogue control only in this case, but  $it\ performed\ fault lessly\ throughout\ in\ this\ form.$ 

#### **OVERALL**

The '61XX' is an attractive medium sized steam locomotive for 'O' gauge and a choice which sits perfectly alongside the recent GWR 'Panniers' from Dapol and Minerva. The addition of the '43XX' 2-6-0 will only bolster this model further - while the 2-6-2T will be equally at home on a short three-coach stopper as it will on a mixed goods or long Empty Coaching Stock (ECS) movement, just as they were used in BR service. Heljan's model may not have the full flexibility

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N the years between the two world wars changing living patterns saw the emergence of a substantial level of additional traffic for the railways. In an effort to escape oppressive conditions in the cities middle class people were moving out of town and into new housing estates which were springing up in what were fast becoming known as the suburbs. This in turn led to a rise in the numbers of passengers travelling relatively short distances before and after working hours. The age of the commuter had arrived.

While the railways were well placed to provide for this traffic they did not have the business all to themselves. Competition came not only from road buses but also from electric tram systems which could serve many of the destinations relatively quickly and cheaply.

The railways knew that they had to compete, with one way to do so being to provide more frequent and faster services, many to times which could not be matched on the road.

For many years the Great Western Railway (GWR) had seen a rise in its suburban traffic, particularly from Paddington, to destinations towards the west of London. In the late 1920s these services were operated by tank locomotives of the 'County Tank' type which by then were about 20 years old and were proving no match for the increased loads and the faster timings of London's suburban services. With their 6ft 8in driving wheels they proved suitable for high speed running but this gave them poor acceleration, while their four-coupled design also made them rough riders.

Fortunately for the GWR there was a standard design that would provide the necessary power and speed and this was the 'Large Prairie' 2-6-2T,



which by this time was in service in significant numbers and which could be provided without significant investment in new design work or tooling.

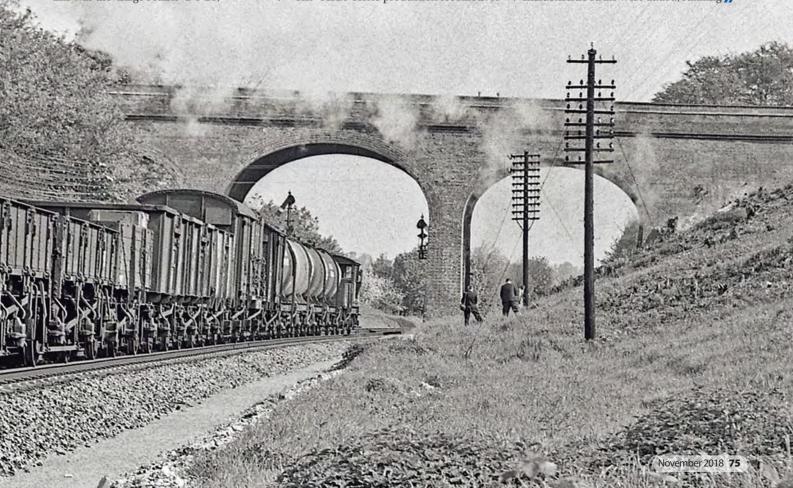
#### **EARLY DESIGNS**

The 'Large Prairie' had its origins in a solitary tank engine produced by George Jackson Churchward in 1903 and which was numbered 99. This locomotive was built to typical 'standard' specifications, and had 18in x 30in cylinders and a tapered boiler working at a pressure of 195psi. Designed for power as well as speed it was fitted with 5ft 8in wheels with the intention that it could be used on a wide range of mixed traffic duties. In the usual Churchward fashion the engine was thoroughly tested over a period of two years before a production batch was ordered, the first of which appeared in 1905.

The '31XX' series production locomotives

differed from the prototype in that they had larger water tanks, being further modified in 1919 by having their boiler pressures raised to 200psi and at the same time having bunker extensions fitted which increased their coal capacity by 18cwt. There were later modifications to improve weight distribution with the modified engines being renumbered in the '51XX' series.

A larger and more powerful engine was produced by Churchward in 1906 by using the standard No. 4 boiler on the last of the '31XX' series, creating the '3150' variant. These had larger cylinders and were heavier than their cousins, and both types were built side by side in the early years of the century. These were used mainly for banking duties which caused damage to the front end of the frames, with some bending under the strain. As a result the characteristic struts were added, running.



# **REALITY CHECK**

from the bufferbeam to the smokebox, and this modification was later added to all members of the associated classes. 3150 itself spent some time on suburban services out of Paddington for evaluation.

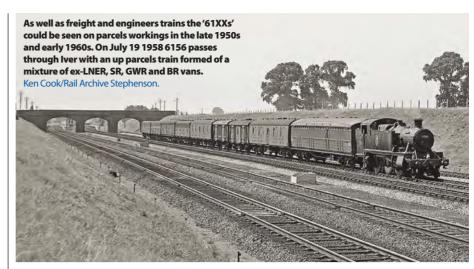
Some 20 years later the next development was the '5101' variant which was the '31XX' but with curved front frames and with all the improvements progressively applied to the earlier engines incorporated. These included outside steam pipes, a superheated standard No. 2 boiler with top feed and a redesigned cab. Several batches were built between 1929 and 1949 with the final examples not appearing until the railways had been nationalised. The number series were somewhat random and to make matters more confusing used some which filled the gaps in the sequence of the '31XX' class.

#### **COMMUTER HAULAGE**

When the question of providing more powerful engines for London commuter traffic came up the GWR had a fully tried and tested design which could accelerate rapidly, had a good level of power, could run fast in either direction and which, importantly, had proved its worth on suburban services, although not yet in the London area.

The then Chief Mechanical Engineer, C.B. Collett, was not however content just to replicate what the GWR already had and he set about seeing if additional performance could be obtained by making small upgrades to the '5101' design.

What emerged was to be known as the '61XX' class, with the major change from earlier engines being the use of a 225psi nickel steel boiler which had the effect of raising the tractive effort of the locomotive to 27,340lbs. It was hoped that this change would allow faster acceleration as by



this time the lines around Paddington were very crowded and competition for passengers was intense. Tripcocks were also provided so that the '61XXs' could work on some London Underground routes. An interesting feature was that the standard GWR Automatic Train Control (ATC) apparatus was designed to clip up automatically when the locomotives were used over electrified lines. The first ten were built without cab shutters but these were subsequently added while ATC was only fitted to 6130-6169 as built and then added to earlier engines between 1930 and 1933.

A total of 60 engines appeared between 1931 and 1933 with a further 10 being commissioned in 1935. The class then went on to monopolise London Division suburban services for more than 20 years. During this period the class was mainly allocated to Old Oak Common, Southall, Reading, Aylesbury and Slough with services worked including to destinations

such as Windsor, Reading, Aylesbury and Basingstoke, some of which were up to 50 miles from the capital and which required much smart working from the enginemen if time was to be adhered to.

The '61XXs' proved to be masters of the services for which they were designed and worked for virtually the whole of their lives without any modifications at all, in fact the only visible upgrade was the fitting of steps up the bunker sides, which took place between 1952-1955. One engine, 6116, was rebuilt with 5ft 3in driving wheels in 1932, being also fitted with smaller front and rear wheels, and had its tractive effort increased to 29,510lbs as part of an experiment by Collett to see if acceleration could be improved, but the results were not such that any further conversions were carried out. 6116 however retained its modifications to the end and a further batch of 'Prairies', known as the '81XX' class, were constructed with 5ft 6in wheels and 28,165lbs tractive effort for similar reasons.





FACTS AND FIGURES	
Designer:	Charles Collett
Number series:	6100-6169
Number in class:	70
Built:	1931-1935
Builder:	Swindon Works
Withdrawn:	1958-1965
Purpose:	Suburban passenger
Power classification:	'4MT'
Wheel arrangement:	2-6-2T
Total length:	41ft 0in
Width:	8ft 111/4in
Height:	12ft 7 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> in
Weight:	78tons 9cwt
Front pony wheel diameter:	3ft 2in
Driving wheel diameter:	5ft 8in
Trailing wheel diameter:	3ft 8in
Valve gear:	Stephenson, inside
Boiler:	4ft 5in to 5ft 0in taper, Swindon No. 2 standard design
Boiler pressure:	225psi
Cylinders:	Two, outside 18in x 30in
Tractive effort:	27,340lbs
Coal capacity:	4tons
Water capacity:	2,000gallons

#### **CHANGING TIDES**

Dominance of London commuter traffic for the '61XXs' came to an end with the introduction of the Class 117 Diesel Multiple Units from 1959 onwards but by this time prototype engine 6100 had already been withdrawn a year earlier. The rest of the class was cascaded to lesser duties, particularly freight, for which they were not really suitable. During this period they were to be found in many parts of the GWR system far away from their former haunts on a variety of workings including short stopping trains on branch lines, freight, ballast and parcels.

In 1965 the final nine examples of the class were taken out of service but one, 6106, survived long enough to enter preservation. The locomotive was privately purchased from Oxford depot in March 1966 and was taken at first to a goods shed in Taplow for storage where it was steamed occasionally. It was moved to the Didcot Railway Centre in November 1967, being the first engine to steam into the new centre and where it is currently on display as a static exhibit, although it has seen many years' active service during its preservation career, including visits to other heritage railways. It has also appeared in several films and on television.

Although the '61XXs' did not gain the same prominence amongst enthusiasts that some of their smaller cousins did that were used for branch line work, the class was well-known to many modellers who cut their teeth on the old Airfix kit which was universally popular from the 1960s onwards and which is still in production today. A prominent new release of this workaday but very successful engine is long overdue while it is pleasing to see Heljan delivering this impressive tank engine for 'O' gauge.



# Hornby gives / Brighton Belle a light upgrade

• **Price:** £199.99/£179.99

Cat No: R4871/R3606Site: www.hornby.com

• Era: 6



ORNBY'S 'OO' GAUGE fivecar 'Brighton Belle' Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) is back having undergone a makeover to simplify its operation. Representing 5-BEL 3053 in late 1960s Pullman umber and cream with small yellow warning panels, the unit as a whole is available in two separate parts - a pack containing two Driving Motor Brake Parlour Third (DMBPT) Cars Nos. 92 and 93 (Cat No. R4871) and a set of three Brighton Belle Pullman Cars as Trailer Parlour Third (TPT) No. 85 and Trailer Parlour First Kitchen (TPFK) Cars Gwen and Mona (R3606).

A big difference with this version is that the motorised car (DMBPT Car No. 92) purely provides propulsion for the five-car unit now and no longer requires inter-vehicle connections for lighting circuits. As a result, standard NEM coupler





pockets are fitted to each car and these are factory-fitted with a close coupling bar. This means that the individually LED-lit Pullman cars now take their power directly from the rails and are permanently illuminated once current is detected. As before, an 8-pin Digital Command Control (DCC) decoder socket is located in the motorised

vehicle, but it no longer offers control for the lighting. This isn't a bad thing as the exquisite working table lamps are a major selling point of the five-car unit anyway.

Decoration is excellent throughout, each car displaying a high-quality Pullman umber and cream paint finish with delightfully fine lining, Pullman lettering, crests



and names – the only slight criticism with one of our review sample trailer cars being a builder's plate printed askew. Door handrails and grab handles are painted silver, as is the roof of each carriage, while 'Brighton Belle' roof boards are factory-fitted between the roof locating points. Fine conduit, air horns, roof vents, panelling and superb rivet detail complete this area.

Buffer shanks are fitted with fixed metal buffers, while the interior to each car features white topped tables, illuminating table lamps, flush glazing and printed curtain detail.

Route indicator stencil panel stickers and white blanks are also included, along with replacement small tension lock couplings with each car, too.

Simpler to connect and as impressive as ever. (MC)

# READING

# SOUTHERN STYLE

After Nationalisation 1948-1964

Author: John Harvey
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ISBN: 978 0 902835 35 1
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Spec: 160 pages, card cover



EW from the Historical Model Railway Society (HMRS) is the latest title in its Southern Style series of publications, focused on the Southern Railway/Southern Region (SR) of British Rail following Nationalisation in 1948.

More than just a style guide, this volume looks at the colour schemes and minutiae of lettering styles for locomotives and coaching stock through the years, prior to British Rail introducing its corporate style in the mid-1960s.

The level of detail included is incredible covering British Railways' painting schemes and much more. Transitional, experimental and standard liveries during the period are also covered with listings of locomotives destined for specific schemes and those actually carried.

Passenger carrying stock is also recorded in plenty of detail, with a wealth of information on individual SR vehicle sets Electric Multiple Units (EMUs) and Diesel Electric Multiple Units (DEMUs) too.

Finally, if you've agonised over the correct colours to use when modelling the region, the book also comes with a selection of specimen SR and BR colour swatches too. (MC)



HE FIRST OF BACHMANN'S longawaited 'OO' gauge BR Mk 2f airconditioned carriages touched down in the *Hornby Magazine* office at the beginning of September.

Five vehicle types have been manufactured covering the BR Mk 2f Buffet Open First (RFB), Brake Open Standard (BSO), Open First (FO), Tourist Open Standard (TSO) and Driving Brake Open Standard (DBSO). While the DBSOs are available in BR blue/grey and ScotRail liveries, the rest are available in BR blue/grey and InterCity colour schemes. Of these, all but the DBSOs are available in standard and Digital Command Control (DCC) on-board formats. The difference between the two is quite simply that DCC fitted versions feature on-board lighting, while standard versions don't, which is reflected in the price.

For review we received BR Mk 2f RFB 1207 in BR InterCity 'Swallow' livery, a derivative of the earlier InterCity 'Executive' colour scheme with italicised lettering which accompanied the 'Swallow' livery applied to locomotives. Originally built at Derby in 1973 and released to traffic as Mk 2f FO M3328, it was subsequently converted to SO 6422 in 1985 before being converted again to RFB 1207 in 1988, seeing continued use with InterCity and Virgin CrossCountry before

being stood down from revenue service in 2002. However, that is not the end of the story as the coach remains main line registered with the West Coast Railway Company.

Bachmann's model certainly captures the rounded styling of the prototype with tinted glazing and neatly profiled tumblehome with integrated underframe, offering a flush appearance to this area. During conversion of the full-size vehicles, some seating bays were taken out and two windows plated over on one side covering the buffet and pantry area, leaving 26 First Class seats, mainly in 2+1 configuration, plus a toilet - all faithfully captured here in model form.

Also, reflecting the period, an onboard public telephone was included and if you look carefully through the windows you can make out the bulkhead where this was originally situated, such is the attention to detail.

Further interior detailing includes white tables, sculpted seats with armrests and the panelled

pantry area while on the outside the model boasts fine window frames, neatly moulded vents, grey vestibule concertina doors, an impressive array of underframe detailing

including the Temperature Ltd air-conditioning equipment and much more.

Passenger access doors include hinge detail, moulded handles, grab handles, footboards, steps and flush-glazed droplights. Vestibule ends have neatly moulded conduit, jumper cables and fine metal handrails.

Roof detail is sparse, as on the

prototypes, but what is there is well represented including the large rectangular access panel at one end of the vehicle with fine metal grab handles attached.

Decoration matches the model's good looks with an outstanding application of BR InterCity dark and light grey with crisp, straight white and red bodyside lining. First Class numbers





are neatly printed adjacent to each door, along with full length yellow cantrail stripe and finer orange safety stripe above it, while tiny Not for Public Use lettering is printed on both doors closest to the buffet area. Vestibule ends aren't forgotten either, with tiny but still legible data panels and even a phone icon, indicating the presence of the on-board telephone!

However, it is the digital technology that sets this particular vehicle apart from other carriages as the lighting can be controlled from a DCC handset, utilising the function keys. Depending on which DCC on-board model you have you can control the interior lighting (all), guard's compartment lights (BSO), external Central Door Locking lights (blue/grey RFB) and tail lamp lighting (all). Our sample of the RFB features interior lighting and a choice of oil or battery style tail lights – the difference being either a constant or flashing LED to the rear.

These tail lights can be configured at either end of the coach or not used at all. Bachmann

has supplied two of each type of lamp, which simply plug in to a space on the vestibule end created by removing a small panel alongside the fine metal handrail. You simply plug in your desired lamp style and select the option of 'On' or 'Flash' from a switch fitted to the underside of the coach. To activate it you then select F0 on your DCC handset for a constant oil lamp or F0 and F1 together for the modern flashing option.

Our review sample displayed an effective constant tail light when activated, and while the flashing option also worked well, we did have to turn down the lights in the room to appreciate it fully. F4 on our sample switched the interior lights on and off. As with locomotives, the DCC on-board coach has a No. 1 end and a No. 2 end, but you will soon get the hang of which way round it should be. Failing that, you can also change the relevant CV on a programming track. Incidentally, if you intend to run a full

rake of DCC on-board BR Mk 2fs, set each coach to the same DCC address and they should illuminate together. Instructions are included. The interior lights will also work on analogue.

Riding on neatly moulded B4 bogies with highlighted spring and damper detail, brake shoes sit in line with the wheels and small straight NEM tension lock couplings are factory fitted, although a coupler bar is also included together with buffer beam pipework allowing the rear of a train to be fully detailed.

Whilst the Mk 2fs have taken a little longer than anticipated to arrive, they certainly look the part and the DCC on-board models make excellent use of technological advances. Having travelled extensively on the Mk 2f RFB vehicles when they were in revenue service, peering inside brought the memories flooding back - a delightful and impressive release. (MC)



# Bachmann's Freightliner FLATSARRIVE

• Price: £99.95 (FGA), £49.95 (FFA) • Cat No: 38-627 (FGA, outer pair), 37-628 (FFA, inner single) • Site: www.bachmann.co.uk • Era: 7/8

The long-lived BR FGA and FFA container flats are the latest wagons to be released by Bachmann. **MIKE WILD** takes a closer look at these highly detailed and attractive new models.



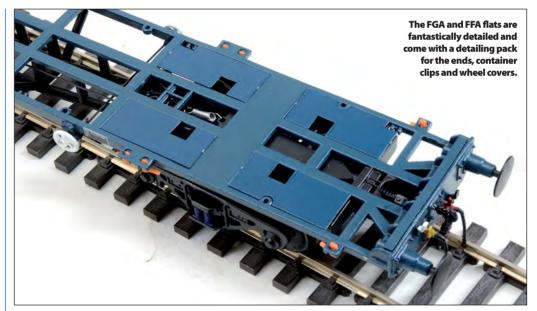


HE RAILWAYS of the 1960s were a rapidly changing place. Streamlining of services was of high importance to make each train more efficient and amonst the new designs to arrive in 1966 were the FGA and FFA container flats, each design to carry three 20ft containers.

Series production began in 1970 and over a 10 year period more than 2,000 wagons were built and formed into five-vehicle sets consisting of an FGA with buffers at one end, three FFA inner wagons with bar couplings and an FGA with buffers at the other end. They operated throughout the length of the country on container traffic conveying 20ft and 40ft standard 8ft high containers.

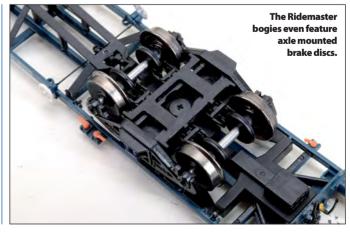
However, by the 1980s the vehicles were showing signs of age and were also limited as they could not carry the new standard 8ft 6in and 9ft tall shipping containers. However, the last weren't withdrawn until 2005 giving these vehicles an impressive lifespan.

Container traffic has long been a popular choice with ready-to-run manufacturers and in the recent past we have seen models of the Freightliner FEA-B spine wagons, 'Megafret' IKA twin sets, FLA twin sets and others. Until now though modellers seeking to model the FGA and FFA wagons have



had to make use of an outdated model from Hornby which had its roots in the days of Triang.

Bachmann's new FGA and FFA wagons are superbly detailed. For review we received a sample of an FGA outer wagon twin pack and a single FFA centre wagon. All have a matching die-cast construction for the container deck and ride on turned metal wheels. The outer wagons have NEM coupling pockets with small tension locks while the internal couplings are very neatly produced bars which clip into smaller NEM style pockets.



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Our vehicles were finished to suit 1990s' period layouts with the wagons decorated in BR rail blue and loaded with a range of brightly coloured containers including Evergreen, Bell, MSC, and Maersk box containers in 20ft and 40ft lengths and a Stolt 20ft tanktainer.

The underside of the wagons is where the greatest detail is on these wagons and that even goes as far as the axle mounted disc brakes, airpipes leading to

the bar couplings, plastic truss frames, handbrake wheels and air tanks. A pack of separate fittings are included to mount the containers including lowered and raised clips. These are tricky to fit, but once you get the hang of how they fit into the slots on the side of the wagons the process is relatively straightforward. Other additional details with each wagon include cover plates for the

bogies and a full set of bufferbeam pipes for the outer ends.

The containers are produced to a matching high standard to suit the wagons with all of our samples exhibiting quality moulding, paint finish and lettering. The inclusion of a mixture of 40ft and 20ft containers on these 1990s period wagons is appreciated too while Bachmann's earlier period Freightliner liveried wagons convey mainly 20ft containers, as per the prototype.

Having assembled our three vehicle test rake we were able to test the wagons on the track both loaded and empty. In both cases they ran superbly on our test track on code 75 track and happily negotiated a range of medium, large and curved radius points as well as diamond crossings. They also proved equally comfortable at the front of a long container train as they were at the rear.

These new additions to the Bachmann wagon range are sure to become highly sought after. The detailing is first class and the design work to include near scale mounting clips for the containers is impressive too while those bogies with the axle mounted disc brakes are just superb. A great model with a long life span – container trains will only look better for their arrival. (MW)





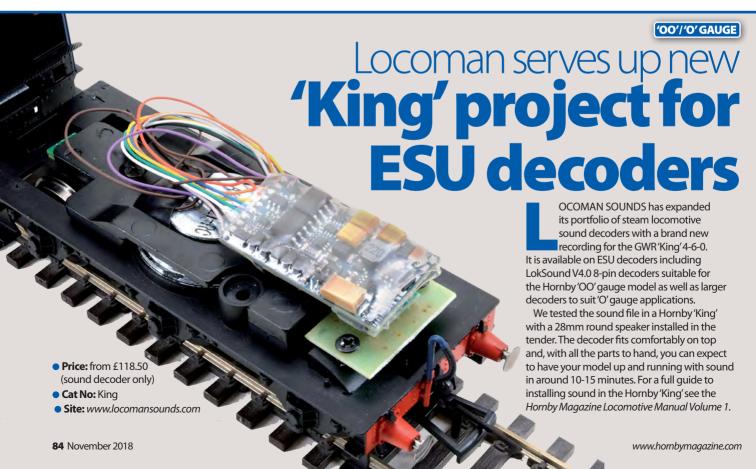
HE High Speed Train (HST) power cars with Valenta engines have always been popular for their impressive soundtrack. Aiming to capture that spirit is Hornby's enticing new twin pack of 1990s Intercity liveried Class 43s with the budget priced Twin Track Sound decoder installed.

The pair model 43079 (powered) and 43078 Golowan Festival Penzance (unpowered) which are livered in the distinctive InterCity 'Swallow' livery with italic logos. This is the colour scheme carried by the power cars in the 1990s in the lead up to privatisation in which 43079 saw service on both the Western and Eastern Regions. It has since been in service with Virgin Trains, Midland Main Line and First Great Western. 43078 was similarly busy and after stints on the Western Region it became part of the Virgin Trains Cross Country fleet at the end of the 1990s before transferring back to the

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South West with First Great Western.
Outwardly these are standard high detail
Hornby HST power cars, but it is what lies
within which really makes these two vehicles
stand out. Both are equipped with a Twin Track
Sound 8-pin DCC sound decoder coupled to
a 40mm x 20mm speaker. This controls the
lights and sound functions, though it is worth
noting that our samples were set up for digital





tests, AWS tests and guard's whistles. Firing up the decoders – both of which start up together - the engines rumble into life, but are somewhat overpowered by the turbo scream with the factory installed speakers. You can hear the engine sounds if you listen carefully, but they are muted. However, we did find that by changing the speakers to a pair of Zimo 40mm x 20mm 3D printed types that the overall sound experience was greatly enhanced - it would add £24 to the cost of the models if you added these aftermarket

sounds such as windscreen wipers, fire bell

true potential of the sound file to be unlocked.

Another point to note is that through the limitations of the TTS decoders all sounds will play from both power cars where some high end decoders are capable of operating selected sounds from one end only such as horns and guard's whistles.

We did make two adjustments to the CV values for the Class 43s by increasing the engine sounds in CV161 to 6 and extending the length of CV4 (deceleration) to give smoother transitions between speeds when slowing

down. The value we selected for CV4 was 55.

Taking all of this into account the TTS Class 43s offer tremendous value for money in the world of sound fitted locomotives. The equivalent with high end decoders would cost at least £150, and possibly more, than Hornby's price for this pair of power cars with the TTS decoders. At that, and with the option to upgrade the speakers with aftermarket parts, these are a great addition to the Hornby range which is sure to prove very popular indeed. (MW)

Locoman's new sound recording follows the pattern established by the Gresley 'A4' reviewed in HM131. The main sounds are controlled (on/ off) by Function 1 (F1) whilst F2 and F3 offer whistles (F2 being a playable sound which can be extended by holding the key down). Like the 'A4' the 'King' has additional driveability through the use of F8 and F9. F8 intensifies the exhaust beat, without changing the speed, to represent a locomotive working hard while F9 closes the regulator to represent a locomotive coasting. This also has a neat add-on effect of allowing short bursts of open regulator acceleration to be represented. Switching between exhaust and coast sounds can be done with the throttle too, notching back by one speed step to change between exhaust and coasting sounds. All excellent features which make driving the Locoman 'King' highly realistic.

The exhaust beat has a typical Great Western staccato beat and lines up well with the four-beats to a revolution required for a fourcylinder 'King'. We made a small adjustment to CV63 to reduce the overall volume to suit our personal tastes, but no other CV adjustments were found to be necessary.

All of the additional sounds had a quality tone and we had no rasp from the whistles something which is easy to be caught out by



with shrill GWR whistles. The recording also includes coal loading recorded from Didcot Railway Centre's coaling stage as well as water filling, crew exchanges, injectors, coal shovelling and more. Other functions of note include F6 which offers an automatic uncoupling sequence suitable for use with magnetic

couplings while F7 has dual functionality offering a guard's whistle when the locomotive is stationary and curve squeal when in motion.

If you have been looking for a way to bring your 'King' to life with a quality sound recording, Locoman Sounds' new decoder will not disappoint. Excellent and available now. (MW)

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'00' GAUGE

# Glorious appears in unique NSE COLOURS

• Price: £169.99 • Cat No: R3658 • Site: www.hornby.com • Era: 8 • DCC: DCC ready, 8-pin socket



Virgin WCML Mk 3s

• Price: £34.99 each • Cat No: R4855/R4857/R4857A/R4858/R4858A/R4858B

• Site: www.hornby.com • Era: 9



New in from Hornby are these 'OO' gauge BR Mk 3 carriages in Virgin Trains (VT) livery.

Finished as Virgin Trains West Coast locomotivehauled stock, six new Mk 3s have been released as Restaurant First Modular 10235 (Cat No. Differing from previous Hornby Mk 3 releases, these vehicles are the first to feature newly-tooled NEM coupler pockets set at the correct height as part of the bogie mouldings and factory-fitted Electrotren NEM hoop-style couplers, offering closer coupling between vehicles. On test our

review samples performed faultlessly with the new couplings whilst being hauled and propelled at speed on *Hornby Magazine's* office layout.

Livery application is up to Hornby's usual high standard with a high-quality red and grey paint finish with crisp diagonal paint separation towards each end, relieved by three white lower bodyside lines, black roof and ends. First Class numbers and yellow lining are neatly printed as are the Virgin logos, running numbers and emergency door opening switches, although carriage identification

before being transferred to the Western Region's Bristol Bath Road depot the following year. By 1976, 50033 had been reallocated to Laira depot in Plymouth and received its *Glorious* nameplates in 1978. By the early 1980s the locomotive had been repainted in BR'large logo' blue, a colour scheme it carried for most of the decade prior to a new coat of revised Network SouthEast (NSE) blue in January 1990, during which it also had its bodyside nameplates repositioned to read *Glorious* Network SouthEast, elevating the prototype to celebrity status in the process!

Hornby's latest release captures this initial NSE appearance to a tee, with an evenly

applied NSE blue, white, blue, red and grey paint finish with black roof. Separation of colours on our review sample appeared crisp, as did the NSE lozenge logos, overhead live wire warning flashes and orange cab front jumper sockets together with repositioned nameplate and NSE bodyside branding.

As with previous releases, our review sample proved smooth running straight from the box with working directional head and tail lights. A separate pack contains bufferbeam pipework, small NEM tension lock couplings and tools to manoeuvre the working bodyside louvres. if required. Glorious! (MC)



New scenic

- Price: from £9.25-£11.50 each
- Cat No: Various

'OO'/HO GAUGE

- Site: www.gaugemaster.com
- **Era:** 4-11

Noch has released a range of new garden and field accessories suitable for 'OO' gauge layouts.

The latest arrivals include a pack of 18 hay bales (Cat No. 07460) which will be perfect for detailing a farmed field together with cabbage and cauliflower plants (13218/13216) which will look great in garden or allotment scenes. The final piece we received was a set of rose plants and an arch (14022) which will look superb in an ornamental or well tended home garden scene.

All of the products stood out for their high quality modelling – a trade mark of Noch's scenic products – and are ready to use straight from their packaging. Excellent additions which can bring any layout a step closer to reality. (MW)







letters are not present on this occasion.

Tinted glazing is fitted throughout, while 2+1 seating correctly features in First Class vehicles and 2+2 seating in Standard Class coaches. As with some previous releases of the Mk 3 RFM, whilst roof vents are present above the kitchen area as expected, there were also three blank patches on the roof of our sample, as per some of these vehicles. Buffers are fitted to each vehicle and a separate pack containing four spares is also included, together with two alternative NEM medium sized tension lock couplings.

Impressive coupling upgrade, superb paint finish and an ideal accompaniment to Hornby's recently released Class 87 Bo-Bo (HM132) electric locomotive and the new Virgin Trains Mk 3 DVT (HM134). (MC)



# ROT

ORNBY produced its first high detail model of the rebuilt 'Patriot' 4-6-0s in 2007. Fitted with an 8-pin decoder socket mounted in the locomotive and paired with either welded or riveted tenders, three were released in the initial batch covering 45531 Sir Frederick Harrison (Cat No. R2632), 45545 Planet (R2633) and 45512 Bunsen (R2634) - all carrying BR lined green with either early or late crests. Two further issues followed in 2008 - 45528 R.E.M.E (R2727) and 45536 Private W Wood VC (R2726) after which there was a break until 2012 when 45535 Sir Herbert Walker KCB was released.

Since then the rebuilt 'Patriot' has been a

dormant part of the Hornby collection, that is until now with the arrival of 5521 Rhyl in LMS

lined black – its first rebuilt 'Patriot' in a pre-nationalisation livery – and 45534 E Tootal Broadhurst,

the subject of our review. 45534 is delivered in BR lined green with large early crests on the tender sides. The tender is a welded Stanier 4,000 gallon type and features a removable plastic coal load in the full relief coal space. Part of the model's reintroduction has been relocation of the decoder socket

from the locomotive to the tender to match current thinking for this provision. At the same time the drawbar arrangement has been upgraded to the latest design

• Price: £169.99

Cat No: R3633

Site: www.hornbv.com

• DCC: DCC ready, 8-pin socket

• Era: 4



meaning that the locomotive and tender are permanently coupled on removal from the packaging. The drawbar can be disconnected by releasing one of the two slotted screws if necessary while a standard four-pin connector transfers power between the locomotive and tender for the motor and track pick ups.

Another notable change is that the 'Patriot' now has provision for digital sound. The tender chassis has been designed to accept a

# he Electric Scots'arrive

• Price: £170.99 • Cat No: R3582 • Site: www.hornby.com • DCC: DCC ready, 8-pin socket • Era: 8

ORNBY'S brand new model of the Class 87 Bo-Bo electric locomotives touched down in early September offering a choice of 87035 Robert Burns in BR blue (Cat No. R3580) and the subject of our review model here - 87010 King Arthur in Intercity 'Swallow' colours.

We previewed 87035 in HM132 so here we will focus on the InterCity version which has a number of detail differences as it models the class in its final condition. This includes a modern high intensity light on the cab front, additional jumper cables to operate with Mk 3 Driving Van Trailers (DVTs) and a high speed Brecknell-Willis pantograph. The pantograph doesn't collect current, but is a very finely produced replica of this important detail on later period Class 87s.

In combination these details make a big difference from the original condition model of 87035. The Intercity 'Swallow' livery looks well on the boxy body of the '87' and Hornby has done a fine job of reproducing the colours with crisp edges and neatly printed logos, numbers and nameplates.

The accessory pack with 87010 includes bufferbeam fittings as well as a set of

replacement nameplates to apply over the top of the printed versions offering greater relief and better fidelity to the prototype.

Directional lighting is fitted as standard offering white lights at the leading end and red tail lights at the rear. There is also a switch in the underframe which allows the lighting to be changed between day and night modes. Night mode adds the central high intensity light to the suite while day mode switches it off.

On the track our sample was nothing short of superb. Sure-footed, competent under loads of up to 10 carriages and smooth running throughout, it handled everything we put behind it with capacity to spare - just like the real locomotives.

If you are planning on adding a digital decoder to this model you will need to choose carefully as space is at a premium inside, particularly where Hornby has designed the decoder housing. There is also limited clearance between the 8-pin DCC socket and the body. Space has been provided for a speaker underneath the PCB at one end, but again you will need to tread carefully here to ensure it doesn't make contact with the PCB.

All in all this is an exciting new addition to the Hornby portfolio and sales so far suggest that the Class 87 has a healthy future. We're looking forward to the Virgin Trains liveried model of 87019 Sir Winston Churchill arriving in summer 2019 already. (MW)



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28mm round speaker against a moulding on the chassis while the 8-pin decoder socket is located at the rear. There is ample space for both inside the tender and those keen on sound will be able to find alternative speaker styles which make the most of the space available.

Externally nothing has changed. 45534 exhibits the same high standard of detail throughout as previous releases from its metal sprung buffers to its finely moulded smoke deflectors, double

chimney, top feed, dome, safety valves and whistle. You also get separately fitted handrails and pipework along the boiler, a separately fitted reversing rod, glazed cab windows and wind deflectors, a fully detailed chassis with fine metal valve gear and more. The cab interior is decorated too with copper pipework and gauge faces while part folded cab doors are fitted as standard.

Decoration of the locomotive is just as you would expect from a Hornby product. The

BR green base colour is applied flawlessly throughout offset with red bufferbeams and black for the smokebox, footplate, cab roof and tender top. Printing of the cabside numbers is excellent too while this model is finished with an Edge Hill (8A) shedcode on the lower portion of the smokebox door making this model ideal for West Coast Main Line services as well as the Trans-Pennine route.

A welcome return and available now. (MW)



# '00' GAUGE es mainstrea

HE Great Northern Railway 'C1'4-4-2 is now available in the Bachmann catalogue having previously been issued as an exclusive model with Locomotion Models modelling the preserved example in the National Collection, 251, and the last in service 62822 (HM96).

Bachmann is releasing two versions covering Great Northern Railway lined apple green with maroon frames as 272 (Cat No. 31-761) and our review sample in London and North Eastern Railway (LNER) lined apple green with black frames as 4421 (31-762). Both use the same tooling, but offer detail differences in the safety valves as well as the LNER version having a snifting valve behind the chimney.

The standard of detail is excellent throughout, just as with the original Locomotion Models, and extends to separately fitted lamp irons, smokebox door dart, handrails, lubricators, an opening smokebox door, representation of the inside motion, a finely produced chimney and dome and a well proportioned cab. Add to this fine metal valve gear, brake gear, sand pipes and

turned metal wheels and the locomotive is a truly stunning piece.

The tender follows that high standard with coal rails around the upper edges, handbrake and water scoop handles, lamp irons, water filler and a removable coal load. If all this wasn't enough there is also a detailing pack with the locomotive which contains a full set of bufferbeam parts, quard irons, fire irons and cab doors.

Decoration meets the high standard we have come to expect from Bachmann with precision application of the fine white-blackPrice: £189.95

- Cat No: 31-762
- Site: www.bachmann.co.uk
- DCC: DCC ready, 21-pin socket
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white lining of the apple green base colour. Even the wheels and tender frames are lined. The cab interior is fully detailed too, as befits a locomotive with an open backed cab.

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# one workbench solutions come to Hatton's

Hatton's Model Railways is now stocking the Hobbyzone Modular Workshop System consisting of more than 50 different items which can be used in a variety of combinations to create an ideal modelling bench.

The range includes drawers, shelves, brush holders, paint stands, an airbrushing station, display units, a paint palette and a number of variations on each design too. The paint stands are available to suit different types of paint tin while there are also tube holders suitable for holding a range of adhesives. Corner modules are also available allowing the system to be wrapped around a workbench area keeping everything within reach.

For review we received a selection of six items consisting of a corner paint stand (Cat No.



HZ-OM06b), a corner unit with draws (HZ-OM03), an organiser with six drawers (HZ-OM01a), an

organiser with three long drawers (HZ-OM02a), a sprue module

(HZ-OM13) and a paintbrush and tool holder (HZ-OM07a).

All of the modules come flat packed and require assembly, being made of MDF pieces of different thicknesses to suit particular parts. Basic instructions are included, but they are very straightforward to assemble. The full set of six samples took around an hour and a half to build up. Slot and tab assembly makes it simple to accurately join the pieces while PVA wood glue is required to bond everything together. Each unit comes with a set of high strength magnets which can be inserted into pre-cut holes to join sections together.

These are an excellent means of creating a bespoke workbench - and without breaking the bank. (MW)



On the track performance matched that of the Brighton 4-4-2 reviewed in HM136 with our sample proving sure-footed with a 10 coach train in tow – more than enough for virtually any layout situation. It is also equipped with a 21-pin Digital Command Control decoder socket in the tender together with space for a 23mm round speaker, although alternative designs can be fitted with careful planning.

The arrival of the GNR 'C1' 4-4-2 as a mainstream model is excellent

news for pre-grouping and grouping period layouts and we are sure that LNER modellers will be eager to add one of these attractive machines to their roster. (MW)

#### '00' GAUGE

# Mk 1 horsebox returns

• Price: £36.95 • Cat No: 38-525 • Site: www.bachmann.co.uk • Era: 5

The BR Mk 1 horsebox is back for 'OO' gauge. It was originally commissioned by The Model Centre, but is now being made available as a general release by Bachmann through its full dealer network.

This first issue models Eastern Region vehicle E96307 in BR maroon with 'Return to Newmarket' lettering on the side doors. It has turned metal wheels, small tension lock couplings and a host of separately fitted parts on the underframe and body.

Detailing is first rate and this new addition is an ideal way to expand the range of rolling stock in passenger formations and recreate race day specials. (MW)



# Blue and grey Stanier van

- Price: £34.95
- Cat No: 34-332
- Site: www.bachmann.co.uk
- Era: 6/7



Bachmann's longstanding Stanier 57ft Gangway Brake (BG) has been released in BR blue and grey livery as M31080M. The vehicle is suitable for its final years in service on parcels traffic during the

1970s and is neatly finished in the corporate colour scheme including the fine white lining between the blue and grey sections of the body. Screw fitted small tension

lock couplings are attached to both bogies while turned metal wheels are clipped into place to allow the van to roll freely. It will

add variety to 1970s parcels trains giving them more of the character of real life workings. (MW)

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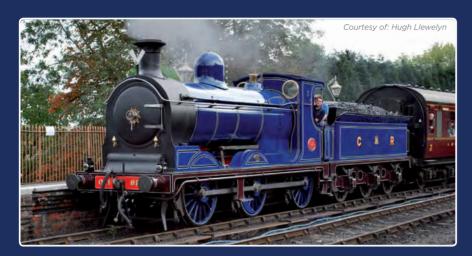
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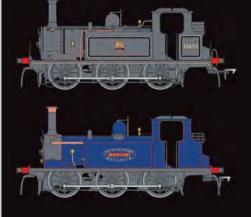


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HE CLASS 67 Bo-Bo diesel locomotives have been a popular choice for modellers seeking to add variety on layouts set in the post 2000 era. The fleet of 30 locomotives entered traffic between 1999 and 2000 with all built by Alstom in Spain using engines, generators and traction motors made by General Motors' Electro Motive Division.

They were intended for parcels and mail traffic initially and were designed to be capable of running at 125mph. However, changes in

traffic levels saw the fleet cascaded to other work including charter trains, intermodal container traffic and front line passenger service too. All but two of the locomotives are now owned by DB Cargo UK, but have also been used by Arriva Trains, on First ScotRail's Caledonian Sleeper, Wrexham and Shropshire push-pull workings, Northern Belle dining trains and the Royal Train. In addition two have been sold to Colas Rail for use on test trains.

The first 'OO' gauge model of the Class 67

was produced by Lima not long after the real locomotives entered service. Following the sale of Lima's toolings to Hornby, the model reappeared in the Kent-based manufacturer's catalogue, but in 2012 it was replaced by a brand new version to modern standards.

This high fidelity model includes directional lighting (including a switch for day and night configurations), a twin flywheel motor in a heavy die-cast chassis, internal radiator detail, see through grilles, an 8-pin

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decoder socket and space for a 40mm x 20mm speaker in the fuel tanks.

Over the past six years it has been released in a number of colour schemes including EWS red and gold, DB Schenker red and grey, Wrexham and Shropshire grey and silver, Arriva Trains blue and Caledonian Sleeper blue with a Twin Track Sound decoder. In 2018 the model is due to be released in its latest livery – Colas Rail black, yellow and orange.

The advent of Twin Track Sound in 67004

Cairn Gorm in Caledonian Sleeper blue (Cat No R3388TTS) in 2016 showed the potential of the decoder and since 2017 the decoder has been available as a separate item allowing further locomotives to be equipped with this budget priced chip (£42.99). However, it isn't just the price which is favourable as the decoder has a large range of functions including manual notching and coast options, a variety of horns, and many more ancillary sound functions. Plus the sound file is highly effective.

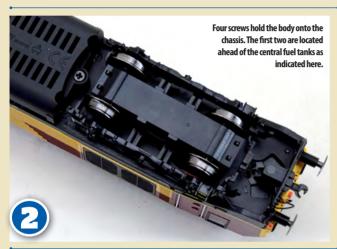
The downside is that the factory supplied speaker is basic, but it is a simple job to upgrade this as we have done in this step by step guide with a Zimo 3D printed 40mm x 20mm speaker. The change in the sound quality and its ability to replicate a broader range of tones is instantly noticeable for an additional £12.

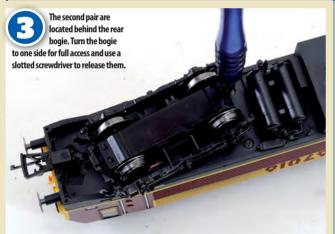
The step by step guide explains the full installation process for the Hornby Class 67 making it ready to make the right noises at the head of parcels and intermodal trains.

## STEP BY STEP

## INSTALLING TTS AND A ZIMO SPEAKER IN A HORNBY CLASS 67







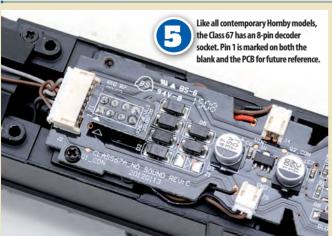
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	TECHI	NICAL DETAILS		
	Manufacturer: www.hornby.com			
	First released:	2012 (HM64)		
	Cat No (featured):	R3348		
	Current alternatives:	R3574, R3481, R3399 (2016-2017 releases), R3659 (2018 release)		
	Description:	Alstom Class 67 Bo-Bo diesel-electric		
\	Gauge:	'OO'/16.5mm		
	Scale:	4mm:1ft		
	Length (over buffers):	257mm		
	Price:	£159.99-£160.99 (locomotive), £241.99 (R3399 train pack)		
	Era:	9-11		
	Couplings:	NEM pockets with small tension locks		
	DCC:	DCC ready, 8-pin socket		
	Speaker space:	40mm x 20mm in fuel tanks	P	
	Exterior lights:	Front and rear		
	Interior lights:	None		
	Motor type:	Five pole, can motor		
4	Flywheel:	Two		
	Wheel arrangement:	Во-Во	,	
1	Purpose:	Mixed traffic		
	Haulage capacity (expected):	10 carriages		
	Haulage capacity (actual):	10+ carriages		

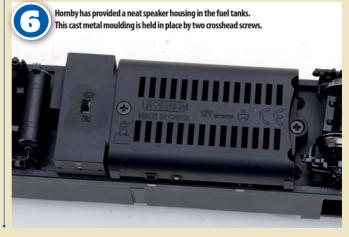




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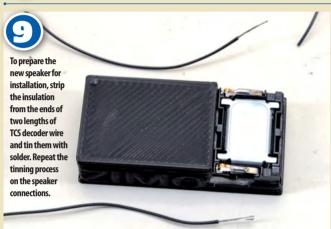




## **INSTALLING TTS AND A ZIMO SPEAKER IN A HORNBY CLASS 67**

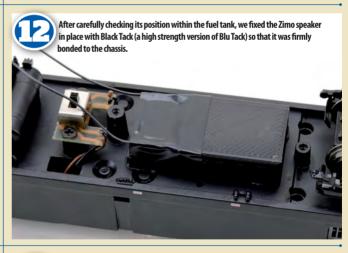












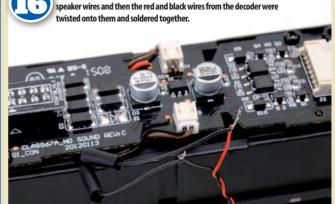




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 $Two\,10mm\,lengths\,of\,heatshrink\,insulation\,were\,then\,added\,over\,the\,black$ 



Finally, the 8-pin plug of the TTS decoder was plugged into the socket, ensuring the prange wire lined up with Pin 1, and the decoder was prepared for final installation by covering one side with electrical insulation tape. This will be used to fix it to the roof of the Class 67 body during reassembly.



DOUND FUNCTIONS	
Lights on/off	Speakers make a tremendous
Sound on/off	difference to the sound output
Horn	of a decoder and there are plenty
Horn	to choose from. Be sure to check
Brakes	that the specification of the
Notch up	speaker and decoder will match
Notch down	otherwise you could damage
Coast	components on the
Full power	decoder.
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F8 F9 Cold start override F10 Special horn F11 Door slam F12 F13 Horn long high F14 Horn long low F15 Primer F16 Slow flange squeal F17 Spirax valve F18 Horn short low F19 Horn short high F20 Wagons buffering F21 Wagons clanging F22 Coupling F23 Guard's whistle F24 Locomotive buffering F25 Aux (if used in locomotive)

F0 F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7

WHAT WE USED			
PRODUCT	MANUFACTURER	CAT NO.	
Twin Track Sound Class 67 8-pin decoder	Hornby	R8105	
40mm x 20mm x 9mm 3D printed speaker	Zimo	LS40x20x09	
Decoder wire, black	TCS	1216	

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67016 is now ready to enter traffic while

the sound installation is completely

invisible from the outside. The only

was to give the model a four digit address using the first

two and last two numbers from the locomotive – 6716.

change we made to the decoder settings

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# Wood's Wharf

Created by a sadly departed member of South Hants MRC and developed by his fellow club members, this evocative canalside layout shows what can be achieved in 'O' gauge, as **PETER BAILEY** describes.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY, TREVOR JONES**

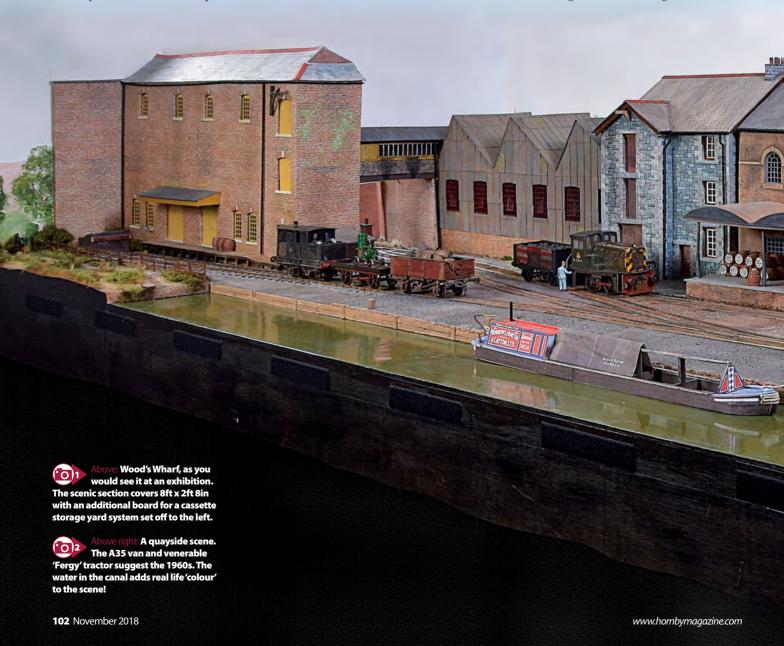
OOD'S WHARF is the odd one out amongst the South Hants Model Railway Club layouts. Firstly it is 'O' gauge whilst the rest are 4mm finescale - Scalefour or 'EM'. Secondly, it was not originally a club project but had its origins in the efforts of an individual member of the group.

After the club's had a brief flirtation with 'O' gauge which failed, mainly because of space considerations, one member, Stuart Wood, decided to explore the possibilities of building a small 7mm scale layout at home to test its potential

further. This progressed well for a time, several club members helping him with baseboard construction, electrics and so forth. Then tragedy struck when Stuart became very ill and decided to move to Norfolk to be near other members of his family. We remained in touch with him, paying visits to his new home and helping him develop his dream of constructing a small wharfside shunting layout.

It was soon clear to Stuart that he would not see his project to a conclusion so a small group from the club agreed to honour his wish that it would be completed under the South Hants banner, which is how viewers to exhibitions see it now. It is also how a group of us soon found ourselves with a part-built layout to complete and a small but very mixed collection of locomotives and rolling stock. The layout, it was decided, would become the property of the club and worked on to its completion. Locomotives and stock became the property of a club member to whom Stuart left them when he died.

As received at the clubroom, the layout, though small, was quite complex. Trackwise, a simple arrangement of loop line and sidings led off-scene to a small turntable capable of holding a locomotive and two vans or wagons. These could be despatched to a siding built into buildings at the back >>>

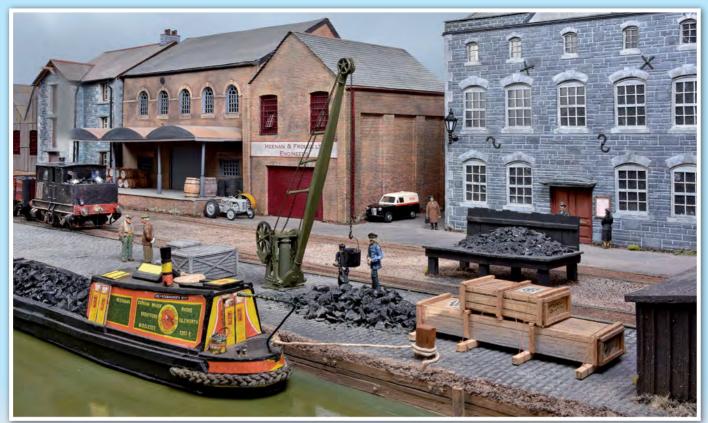














of the layout which served as the off-scene storage yard. It was clever but not easy to operate successfully and forced on Stuart by the limited space he had available at home. At the club we were less constrained, so we replaced the original turntable system with a short cassette based fiddle yard.

At this point the wharf area itself was far from complete. Most of the track, which was built from flat bottomed rail on copper-clad sleepers was complete but exposed to the elements. Stuart had started to cover the wharf area with Depron foam sheet, a useful substance beloved of aero modellers, scribed to represent cobble stones. Scribing the remainder was a simple matter requiring no tools beyond an HB pencil and ruler, but there were an

awful lot of cobbles and it took a great deal of time. We added several buildings to those which Stuart had made, again using Depron scribed to represent stonework or covered with very realistic brick and slate papers produced by Scalescenes, computer enlarged from 4mm to 7mm scale. All the Depron surfaces were then treated to a generous coat of acrylic paint to harden them and reduce risk of damage, then coloured, again with acrylics, using colours appropriate to the surfaces being modelled.

Meanwhile, in Stuart's memory, the layout had acquired the name Wood's Wharf.

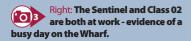
#### **QUAYSIDE THEME**

A quayside was required to go along the front of the wharf and a short stretch of

canal. As there are no tides or rough water to contend with, canal wharves are quite close to water level. Ours was fabricated to represent simple wooden piles and planking and makes excellent use of the wooden stirrers beloved of motorway service areas and high street coffee shops.

The canal itself, and a small area of scrubland to one end of it, was built onto a 6in forward extension which bolts, more or less invisibly, onto the main structure of the layout. Creating the water was straightforward although care had to be taken to produce a smooth undamaged surface and care is taken at exhibitions to keep it that way. After sealing with a neutral undercoat, copious layers of what may be described as 'industrial grot green'





Below: BR Class 02 D2860 shunts on the wharf. Scalescenes brickwork looks effective in 7mm scale.





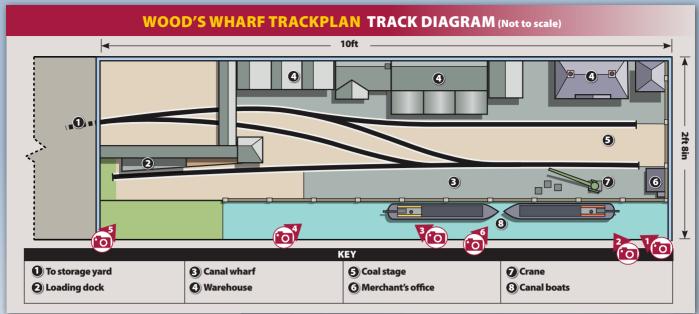
gloss paint were added, with the finest of wet and dry paper applied between coats. The result is quite convincing.

Just as the wharf required a canal, so the canal required boats. We produced two. One was constructed by joining together end sections of two boats which had featured on the club's early attempt at an 'O' gauge layout, where they had represented canal craft appearing and disappearing beneath a bridge built against a backscene. Although not strictly to size for a narrowboat it is characterful and, with its load of coal, looks well against the quayside. The other was constructed by enlarging from 4mm scale a set of Scalescenes printed parts published in an early edition of Hornby Magazine and then following the advice for construction given in the original article. It is a model of a Fellows Morton and Clayton narrow boat and is displayed part loaded beside the wharf.

## **RAILWAY STOCK**

The locomotives and rolling stock are basically those which came from Stuart. He had not decided on a location or a period for the layout and we decided to retain an 'anywhere, anywhen' approach to things.

The four locomotives which have come to consider the layout as home are a British Railways Sentinel steam shunter, which might represent a London and North Eastern Railway prototype, an 0-4-0 diesel shunter, based closely on a BR Class 02, an 85A kit-built model of a 15in Hunslet industrial 0-6-0ST and a lovely ready-to-run commercial model of a BR Class 03 diesel shunter. The first two locomotives look most at home on the layout and do most of the shunting. They are realistically scruffy, which is what you might expect of small engines engaged in a very humble job. Especially realistic is the chain coupling between the driving axles of the Sentinel. >>



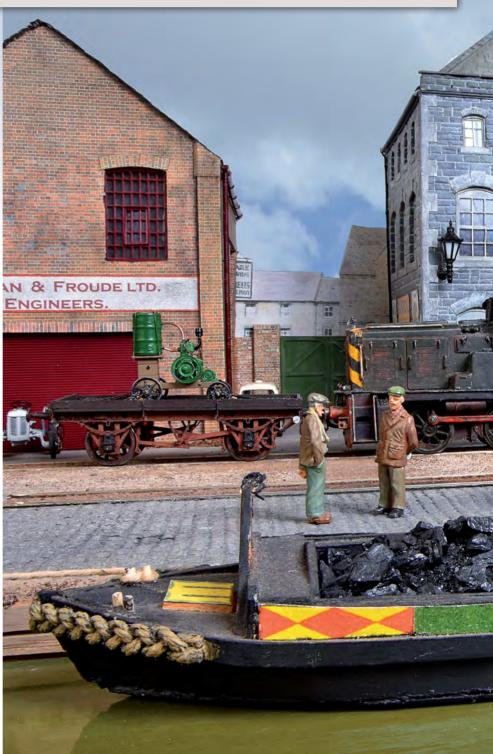
The Hunslet had been put together from an all-plastic kit. It ran beautifully until recently and then it developed a terrible noise whilst travelling backwards. We have failed to locate the cause of this, basically because assembly of the kit involved using a solvent to join body and chassis together. We are currently deconstructing it to an extent which will enable us to remove the motor and, hopefully, source the problem. The Class 03 is beautiful in all respects and is a bit smart for Wood's Wharf! We like to think of it as, perhaps, the manufacturer's prototype undergoing trials.

The goods stock - we have no passenger vehicles - is very mixed and with the exception of a North Eastern brake van is all four-wheeled. The prototypes have a time spread from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to the 1960s. Additions under the 'current management' reflect an interest in putting together plastic wagon and van kits, which fit into our relaxed approach to time period and location.

## **VISITORS**

We have welcomed a number of visiting locomotives. These have included Stroudley 'Terriers' in Southern and London Brighton and South Coast Railway liveries and even a brief sighting of *Thomas*. Looking at what 7mm manufacturers are turning out these days, we shall perhaps see a Class 08 shunter and a 'Pannier' tank before very long.

So what do we offer those who come across Wood's Wharf for the first time at exhibitions? A canalside operation, small but picturesque, on which we operate locomotives and stock of which we have become very fond. The layout is probably as complete as a layout can be and is evidence, if such were needed, that a complete layout in 'O' gauge need not be large at all. And it is, we trust, a worthy memorial to a talented modeller and close friend who commenced this small exercise in 'O' gauge modelling a few years ago.





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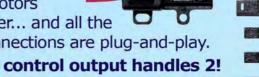
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Mail trains were at one time amongst the most glamorous to run on the British Railway system, inspiring poets, musicians, filmmakers and enthusiasts alike, but today only a few remnants of this once mighty operation remain.

## **EVAN GREEN-HUGHES**

investigates what went wrong.





Rail Express Systems Class 47/7 47768 Resonant stands at the head of the 10.25pm St Pancras-Newcastle TPO on May 26 1995 shortly before termination of this service. The station has now been totally transformed for the Eurostar services via the Channel Tunnel while TPO trains no longer run on the British railway network. Gordon Edgar/Railphotoprints.uk.



HERE MUST BE VERY FEW people in Britain who have not heard the words of WH Auden's famous poem Night Mail or who have not seen the remarkable and pioneering documentary film of the same name that was made by the General Post Office film unit in 1936. Both the poem and the film tell of a world where all long-distance mail went by rail, where hundreds of trains criss-crossed the country each night and where the arrival of the mail train was as reliable as the rising of the sun.

Mail had travelled by train since an agreement was made between the General Post Office and the Liverpool and Manchester Railway as early as 1830 and mail traffic was one of the primary reasons that railways flourished. An Act of Parliament in 1838 required railway companies to carry mail and in the same year letters were first sorted on a moving train. Dedicated postal trains arrived on the Great Western Railway in 1855 and then for more than a century thereafter provided the backbone of the British postal system.

At the end of the 1930s there were 77 Travelling Post Offices (TPOs) moving around the country most nights, with many other dedicated workings which carried pre-sorted mail and parcels and with countless other items of mail being carried in the guard's vans of ordinary service trains. Traffic continued to increase after the war and by the time of Dr Beeching's famous 1963 report the number of TPOs had risen to 80. However, the effects of competing road transport were then being felt, and heavy losses were being sustained by the parcels service that was run in parallel with the postal service. The amount of mail carried by rail fell by a quarter between 1971 and 1981 as competition from air began to bite - by which time the best British Rail could get out of the Post Office was a renewable five-year contract.

## **PARCELS SECTOR**

When the railways were being prepared for privatisation, mail traffic was handled

by the newly-created Parcels sector, which was branded as Rail Express Systems (RES) and launched in 1991. The resulting organisation was something of an economic basket case as by this time much of the parcel business had been lost to road, but it did contain the station-to-station 'Red Star' service which was profitable as well as the mail train business. Letters were handled on a fixed price basis but Royal Mail had to pay for parcels by weight and size: the former ensured that the railways retained at least some of the business while the latter favoured the more flexible road transport competition.

In an attempt to retain the profitable parts of the business, and also to streamline the operation, authorisation was obtained from the government for the establishment of the Railnet network. The idea was to construct a number of very efficient terminals at strategic points, enabling mail to be handled more quickly, and to replace some of the shorter and less profitable routes by substituting road transport.

The Railnet network was to be centred round the new Princess Royal Distribution Hub which was built on existing railway land near Wembley at a cost of £25m, and which would take over mail traffic formerly worked onto all the London termini. At 34,000 square feet it was very large indeed and was designed to handle 12million items a day which amounted to up to 60% of second class mail posted anywhere in the country. Its platforms could be accessed directly by road vehicles and movements in and out were not subject to delay from passenger operations.

Other terminals, though on not such as grand scale, were built at Shieldmuir, at the northern end of the West Coast Main Line; at Low Fell on Tyneside; Doncaster, Warrington, Stafford, Tonbridge and Bristol. Each was designed to replace a number of smaller loading facilities at normal railway stations - for instance Warrington took over the work formerly done by Crewe, Liverpool, Manchester and Preston stations.

Concurrent with the launching of the Railnet terminals the Post Office financed



Above: EWS introduced the Class 67 diesels in 1999-2000 to provide a reliable new fleet of locomotives to move mail by rail. However, their work on postal trains was short lived as shortly after EWS lost the contract for mail by rail. On July 15 2003 67022 waits to depart Carlisle with a postal working for Low Fell in the company of Class 56 56069 Workington Steel Terminal. Gordon Edgar.

Below: DB Schenker now operates the remaining mail traffic on the West Coast Main Line using Class 325 units, occasionally hauled by a locomotive. On June 18 2014 Class 90039 passes Barton and Broughton Loop on the approach to Preston working a delayed 1M44 Sheildmuir-Warrington mail service. Michael Stuart.



the introduction of 16 new dedicated Class 325 Electric Multiple Units, with these being designed to run at 100mph between terminals while at the same time dramatically reducing costs compared to traditional locomotive haulage. The subsequent changes to operating practices allowed the withdrawal of some of the rag-bag of rolling stock operated by RES, including converted Diesel Multiple Units of classes 105, 114, 120 and 127 and some former Class 302 and 308 electric trains.

One problem with the new terminals was that they were all single ended and any train visiting them had to be propelled either in or out. As a result RES authorised the conversion of 42 Class 307 EMU driving trailers to become Propelling Control Vehicles (PCVs). These had their passenger accommodation removed and roller shutters inserted in each side so that they could be used as mail vehicles. The driving cabs were retained and were fitted with Class 47 style brake valves, together with equipment which allowed a driver to communicate electronically with a second driver who was in a locomotive at the rear of the train. This system permitted

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slow speed movements into and out of depots and removed the requirement to run a locomotive around the train.

## **NEW OWNER**

Rail Express Systems adopted a handsome red livery, with much-debated 'cube' branding but this was not to last for long as on December 9 1995 the sector was sold to North and South Railways, along with its fleet of 164 locomotives and 677 postal vans. North and South subsequently bought the rest of the UK freight business and became English, Welsh & Scottish Railways, or EWS for short.

The new American-backed owner of the mail sector found that, although they had a secure contract to carry the post, customer satisfaction was at an all-time low. Only 88% of trains were on time instead of the 96% specified in the contract and the fleet of diesel locomotives was worn out and well past their sell-by date.

In a bold move the decision was taken to obtain a completely new fleet of machines that would be capable of 125mph operation and which would have a higher level of availability. What was



RES liveried Class 86 86243 stands at London Euston in January 1995 waiting to depart with a parcels working. Soon mail traffic would be taken out of stations to dedicated terminals. Nic Joynson.



The Southern Region retained a Travelling Post Office working into privatisation and it was a regular turn for a pair of Class 73 electro-diesels, usually in top and tail formation. In August 1999 73128 and 73131 pass through South Croydon with the Willesden-Dover TPO with 73129 bringing up the rear. Dave Cobbe/Railphotoprints.uk

to become the Class 67 arrived between 1999 and 2000 but there were difficulties in introduction which meant that the class of 30 locomotives, built by Alstom in Spain, took some time to come on stream.

Unfortunately in 2002 Royal Mail announced that it was to cease sorting mail on the move and would withdraw the rest of the Travelling Post Offices from service on the remaining 15 routes. Worse was to come with an announcement that the carriage of all mail was to cease from 2003 and that the relatively new Class 325 EMUs were to be mothballed and stored. This came as a big blow to EWS which had fought hard to retain the postal business, including offering a reduction in rates of some 20%, despite becoming aware that the whole of the TPO fleet would soon need replacement.

The last Travelling Post Office train ran on January 10 2004, although some services for pre-sorted mail continued for a further month. The terminals at Wembley, Warrington and Shielmuir were retained for road traffic but the rest were abandoned, despite being only a few years old. Most of the rolling stock was put into storage but the nearly-new Class 67s proved to be an embarrassment to EWS which attempted to find alternative work for them, although this has only been partly successful and the locomotives remain under-used even now.

## **LIMITED RETURN**

Withdrawal of the mail by rail service created an outcry amongst the public and politicians alike, but Royal Mail had made up its mind. It quoted the greater speed and reliability of air travel over longer distances (although this is perhaps debatable) and the flexibility and lower cost of road over more modest mileages as its primary reasons but behind the scenes it seems the organisation had become frustrated with the railway's lack of ability to deliver a reliable product at a price that Royal Mail could afford.

All was not, however, completely lost because GB Railfreight was able to negotiate to run a limited service over the West Coast Main Line commencing in December 2004 and using some of the surplus Class 325 EMUs. This contract which was for two trains each way each day and which served London, Warrington and Shieldmuir passed to DB Schenker (the successors to EWS) in 2010, with services extended to cover a reopened Low Fell terminal.

Today the night-time mail service is at a level that would have been unrecognisable both to WH Auden and to the railwaymen featured in the famous film which incorporated his poem, despite attempts by several owners to bring it round with initiatives and investments in facilities and rolling stock. That more than a century's worth of traditional business was to be lost within only two decades perhaps proves that there are some problems that cannot be solved by merely throwing cash at them and that sometimes performance and customer service are the only way that business can be retained.

Whether road congestion, pollution considerations and the increasing price of air freight ever allow railways to bid for this traffic again remains to be seen, but in reality the glory days of the 'Night Mail' with its complex route network are probably long behind us and are most unlikely ever to return.

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Welcome to the Hornby Magazine Show Guide – your guide to the exhibitions that are taking place throughout the country every weekend. This listing is a guide to events planned by model railway clubs and societies, and is updated each issue. Entries marked in blue are new shows to the listing. We recommend checking the society website or using the contact details provided to check a show or event is on before travelling. All information is provided in good faith, and Hornby Magazine cannot be held responsible for any changes that may take place following publication.

## TOBER

Cradley Heath Model Railway Club Hosts: Cradley Heath Community Centre, Reddal Hill Road, Cradley Heath, West Midlands B64 5JG

Times: 10am-5pm Adults £5, accompanied children £2.50, family £11 Prices:

Website: www.cradleyheathmrc.co.uk

Lavouts, trade support, demonstrations, Features: refreshments, parking and disabled access.

## HEYWOOD MODEL RAILWAY GROUP OPEN DAY

Heywood Model Railway Group Hosts: Location: Club Rooms, Unit 4, Park Works, River Street, Heywood, Lancashire OL10 4AB

**Times**: 10am-4pm Free (donation to club appreciated) Prices

Website: www.hmrg.co.uk

Features: Layouts, refreshments and parking.

## CHRISTCHURCH MODEL RAILWAY CLUB EXHIBITION

Christchurch Model Railway Club Hosts:

Location: Bournemouth School for Girls, Castle Gate Close, Castle Lane West, Bournemouth BH8 9UJ

Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm Prices: Adults £5, accompanied children free

Website: www.christchurchmrc.org.uk Contact: 07340 332857

Features: Layouts, trade support and refreshments.

## **CORBY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION**

Corby and District Model Railway Society Location: SS Peter and Andrew Church Hall, Beanfield Avenue, Corby, Northants NN18 0EH Times: Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm

Adults £4, concessions £3, children £2, family Prices:

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Website: www.cdmrs.co.uk

Features: 13 layouts, trade support, demonstrations, refreshments, parking and limited disabled

## CROYDON MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY EXHIBITION

Croydon Model Railway Society Warlingham School, Tithepit Shaw Lane, Location:

Warlingham CR6 9YB Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm Times:

Adults £6, concessions £5, children £2 Prices: Website: www.croydonmrs.org.uk

11 layouts, trade support, demonstrations, societies, refreshments and parking.

## DORKING AND DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB EXHIBITION

Dorking and District Model Railway Exhibition Oddfellows Hall, High Street, Dorking, Surrey **RH4 10T** 

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Location: \*New Venue\* Arena MK, Stadium Way, Milton Keynes MK1 1ST

Times: Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm Adults £12, children £9, family (2+3) £34 **Prices:** Website: www.greatelectrictrainshow.com

Contact: 01780 755131

32 high quality layouts, 45 trade stands, eight demonstrations, refreshments, free parking and disabled access. Free bus to/ from Milton Keynes Central railway station both days departing from stand Z6 outside the station every 30 minutes from 9am.

Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm Times:

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(2+2)£11

Website: www.dorkingmodelrailwayclub.com Features: Layouts, trade support and refreshments.

## ELIZABETHAN RAILWAY SOCIETY EXHIBITION

Elizabethan Railway Society Hosts:

The Summit Centre, Lowmoor Road, Kirkby-in-Location:

Ashfield, NG177LL

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Features: 12 layouts, trade support, refreshments, parking and disabled access.

## FARNHAM AND DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB EXHIBITION

Farnham and District Model Railway Club Hosts: Location: Alderwood Leisure Centre, Tongham Road,

Aldershot GU12 4AS

Times: Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4.30pm Adults £6, children £2, family £15 **Prices:** Website: www.farnhammrc.org.uk

Features: 20 layouts, trade support, demonstrations, refreshments, parking and disabled access.

## KEIGHLEY 7MM FESTIVAL

Keighley Model Railway Club Hosts:

Location: Keighley Business Centre, Knowl Mills, South

Street, Keighley BD21 1SY 10am-4.30pm

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Location: Warwickshire Event Centre, The Fosse, Fosse Way, Nr Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV31 1XN

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**Prices:** 

Adults £10.50 (£9.50), concessions £9.50 (£8.50),

children £4 (£3) – advance ticket prices in brackets

Website: www.midlandsmodelengineering.co.uk Features: Models, displays, demonstrations, live

steam, trade support, societies, parking and refreshments

## **BECKENHAM MODEL RAIL SHOW**

Beckenham and West Wickham Model Railway Club Location: St John's Church, Eden Park Avenue, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3JN

10am-5pm

**Prices:** Adults £6, accompanied children free

Website: www.bwwmrc.co.uk

12 layouts, trade support, demos, societies. Features: refreshments, parking and disabled access.

## CHELMSFORD MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Chelmsford and District Model Railway Club Hosts: Location: St John Payne School, Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 4BS

10am-4.30pm

**Prices:** Adults £5, 12-16yrs £2, accompanied children under 12 free

www.chelmsford-and-district.mrc.webs.com Website:

Contact: 01245 465854

Features: Layouts, trade support, refreshments, parking

and disabled access.

## **CHICHESTER MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION**

Hosts Lions Club of Chichester

Location: Chichester High School for Boys, Kingsham Road, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 8AE Times: 10am-4.30pm

Adults £5, children £2, family (2+2) £12 **Prices:** 

Website: www.chilions.org.uk

Features: Layouts, trade support, societies, outdoor rides

and refreshments.

## DIDCOT MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Abingdon and District Model Railway Club Hosts: Location: Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot OX11 7JN

10am-5pm Times:

Prices: Adults £6, accompanied children free

Website: www.admrc.org.uk

Features: 16 layouts, trade support, refreshments and

parking.

## HINCKLEY MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

Hosts: Earl Shilton Scouts
Location: St. Peter's RC Church Hall, Leicester Road,

Hinckley LE10 1LW

Times 10am-4pm

Adults £3, accompanied children free

Contact: 07805 078720

18 layouts, trade support, refreshments, parking

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## SHREWSBURY MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

Chantilly Grey Hosts:

Location: United Reformed Church, Coleham Head,

Shrewsbury SY3 7NJ 10am-4pm Adults £4, children £2 Prices: Website: www.chantillygrey.co.uk

Features: Layouts, trade support, demonstrations and

refreshments.

## **CARDIFF MODEL RAILWAY SHOW** 20/21

Hosts: Cardiff 4mm Group

Location: Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf, Bridge Road, Llandaff North, Cardiff CF14 2JL

Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm Times:

Admission £5, accompanied children under 12 Prices:

Website: www.cardiffmodelrailwayshow.co.uk

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CATHCART MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Clydeside Model Railway Club

Location: Pollokshaws Burgh Hall, 2025 Pollokshaws Road,

Glasgow G43 1NE Times Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm

Adults £5, concessions £4.50, children £2, family **Prices:** 

(2+2) £12 Website: www.clydesidemrc.com

## Features: Ten layouts, trade support and societies. **GREENOCK MODEL RAILWAY SHOW**

Greenock and District Model Railway Club Location: Lyle Kirk, Union Street, Greenock PA16 8DD

Times: Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-5pm

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## HARTLEPOOL MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

Hartlepool Model Railway Group Location: Hartlepool College of Further Education, Stockton Street, Hartlepool TS24 7LB

Times Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm **Prices:** 

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Uckfield Model Railway Club Location: Uckfield Civic Centre, Civic Approach, Uckfield, East Sussex TN22 1AE Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm

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Features: 15 layouts, trade support, demos, societies, refreshments, parking and disabled access WARRINGTON MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION Hosts: Warrington Model Railway Club Location: Warrington and Vale Royal College, Winwick Road, Warrington WA2 8QA Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4.30pm Times Prices: Adults £5, children £1, family £12 Website: www.warringtonmodelrail.co.uk 15 layouts, trade support, demonstrations, refreshments and parking OUTH MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION Weymouth Model Railway Association Hosts: Location: Wey Valley School, Dorchester Road, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 5AN Sat 10.30am-4.30pm, Sun 10am-3.45pm Times Adults £6, children £2, family £14 Website: www.weymouthmra.org.uk Features: 30 layouts, trade support, demonstrations, refreshments and parking. Central Southern O Gauge Group Hosts: Location: Allendale Community Centre, Hanham Road, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1AS Times: 10am-4pm Adults £4, accompanied children free Prices Website: www.csg0g.org Layouts, trade support, test track, Features: demonstrations, refreshments and parking. Chiltern Hills Vintage Train Group Hosts: Location: St John's Methodist Church Hall, Woodside Road, Amersham, Buckinghamshire HP6 6AN Times 10.30am-5pm Adults £4, children £2, family (2+2) £10 Prices Contact: 01895 672251/01494 875904 **Features:** 14 vintage layouts, displays, trade support, refreshments and parking BIRMINGHAM MODEL RAILWAY CLUB EXHIBITION Birmingham Model Railway Club Hosts: Location: Arden Hall, Water Orton Road, Castle Bromwich B26 9PB Times 10am-4pm Prices Adults £4, children £2, family (2+2) £10 Contact: 0121 608 5564 Features: 17 layouts, trade support, demonstrations, refreshments, parking and disabled access. COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE Hosts: Coventry and Warwickshire 'O' Gauge Modellers Church of the Holy Cross, St Austell Road, Wyken, Coventry CV2 5AE Times: 10am-3pm Prices: Free clifton.p1@skv.com Contact: Features: Test track, demonstrations, meet club members. refreshments and parking. ELIXSTOWE N GAUGE MODE RAILWAY GROUP OPEN DAY Hosts: Felixstowe Area N Gauge Model Railway Group Location: The Welcome Hall, High Road, Trimley St Mary, Suffolk IP11 0NT **Times**: 11am-4pm Prices: Free www.felixstowengauge.org Contact: 01349 277211 Features: Club and members' layouts, projects on display meet club members, refreshments, parking and disabled access HILLINGDON RAILWAY MODELLERS TEST TRACK OPEN DAY Hillingdon Railway Modellers Hosts: Location: Yiewsley Baptist Church Hall (side entrance),

Colham Avenue, Yiewsley, Hillingdon, London UB7 8HF Times: 10am-4pm Prices: f4 www.hillingdonrailwaymodellers.co.uk Website: Contact: 020 8368 4090 Features: Three club test tracks in 'O,' 'OO' and 'N' available, DC and DCC, meet club members and refreshments. MID WALES MODEL RAILWAY SHOW Newtown Model Railway Society Location: The Town Hall, High Street, Welshpool, Powys SY21 7JQ 10.30am-4.30pm

**Prices:** Adults £4, accompanied children free 01938 559350 Contact: Features: 15 layouts, trade support, demonstrations and disabled access. NOTTINGHAM WOODTHORPE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB EXHIBITION Hosts Nottingham Woodthorpe Model Railway Club Sherwood Community Centre, Mansfield Road, Location: Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 3FN Times: **Prices:** Adults £4, concessions £3, children £3, family (2+2) f 12 0115 962 1153 Contact: Features: Layouts, trade support, displays, refreshments, parking and disabled access. SEAFORD MODEL RAILWAY SHOW 27 Newhaven and District Model Railway Club Hosts: Location: Seaford Baptist Church Hall, Belgrave Road, Seaford, East Sussex BN25 2EE **Prices:** Adults £4, concessions £3.50, children £1 Website: www.newhavendmrc.com Features: Layouts, trade support and refreshments. STEPHENSON MODEL RAILWAY **GROUP EXHIBITION** Hosts: Stephenson Model Railway Group Guide House, Stoney Lane, Rainhill, Merseyside Location: 10am-5pm Times: **Prices:** Adults £3, accompanied children free Website: www.stephensonmrg.org.uk Features: 13 layouts, trade support, demonstrations, refreshments, parking and disabled access. WHITSTABLE MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION East Kent Model Railway Society Hosts: Location: Community College Whitstable, Bellevue Road, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1PX **Prices:** Adults £5, children £3, family (2+3) £9 Contact: 01227 275157 Features: 20 layouts, trade support, displays, refreshments and parking. ABERDEEN MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION 27/28 Hosts: Aberdeen Model Railway Club Location: Hallmark Hotel, Farburn Terrace, Dyce, Aberdeen AB21 7DW Times: Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm **Prices:** TBA Website: www.aberdeenmrc.co.uk Features: Layouts, trade support, refreshments and parking. 27/28 **BODMIN MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION** Bodmin and District Model Railway Club Hosts: Location:

Bodmin Community College, Lostwithiel Road, Bodmin PL31 1DD Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm Adults £4, children £3, family (2+2) £10 07775 542174

Features: Layouts, trade support, demonstrations, refreshments, parking and disabled access.

**CAISTORAIL 2018** 27/28 Caistor Model Railway Club Caistor Town Hall, High Street, Caistor, Location Lincolnshire LN7 6TX Times: Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4.30pm Adults £3, concessions £2.50, children £2.50, **Prices:** family £7.50

Times:

**Prices:** 

Contact:

07503 321510 Contact: Features: Layouts, trade support and refreshments.

CHELTENHAM GREAT WESTERN MODELLERS AUTUMN EXHIBITION

Hosts: Cheltenham Great Western Modellers Group Location: St Margaret's Hall, Coniston Road, Off Windermere Road, Hatherley, Cheltenham GL51 3NU Times: Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4.30pm

Adults £4, children £2.50, family (2+2) £9 Prices: www.cheltmodrail.org.uk Website:

Contact: 01242 517788 Features: Layouts, trade support, displays, model road

vehicles, refreshments and disabled access

HAZEL GROVE AND DISTRICT MODEL 27/28 Hosts:

Hazel Grove and District Model Railway Society Hazel Grove High School, Jacksons Lane, Hazel **Location:** Grove, Stockport SK7 5JX Times: Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Prices: Adults £7, children £3, accompanied children

Website: www.hgdmrs.org.uk

Features: 22 layouts, trade support, demonstrations, refreshments, parking and disabled access. Free vintage bus service operating between venue and Hazel Grove railway station.

HUDDERSFIELD RAILWAY MODELLERS OPEN WEEKEND

Huddersfield Railway Modellers Hosts: Union Mills, Tanyard Road, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, HD3 4NB

Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm Times:

Prices: Free

Website: www.huddersfieldrailwaymodellers.weebly.com Features: Layouts, trade support, refreshments and

LEEDS MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY EXHIBITION

Hosts: Leeds Model Railway Society The Grammar School, Alwoodley Gates, Location:

Harrogate Road, Leeds LS17 8GS Times: Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4.30pm Prices: Adults £7, accompanied children free

Website: www.leedsmrs.org Contact: 0113 266 1685

Features: 16 layouts, trade support, refreshments and

parking.

RAIL EXTAUNTON 27/28 Hosts: Somerset Railway Modellers Club

Location: Taunton School, Staplegrove Road, Taunton, Somerset TA2 6AD

Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm Times:

Prices: Adults £7, concessions £6, children £3, family

Website: www.somersetrmc.org.uk Features: 25 layouts, trade support, societies, refreshments, parking and disabled access.

SPENNYMOOR MODEL RAILWAY SHOW 27/28 **Hosts:** Durham Locomotive Preservation Group **Location:** Whitworth Park School, Whitworth Lane,

Spennymoor, Durham DL16 7LN Times: Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Adults £4.50, concessions £4, children £1.50, Prices:

family £10 Website: www.wrlpg.com Contact: 01388 817907

Features: 18 layouts and trade support.

WYRE FOREST MODEL RAILWAY CLUB OPEN DAY

Hosts: Wyre Forest Model Railway Club Location: 1st Floor, 101 Comberton Hill, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 1QH

11am-4pm

**Prices:** Free

Times:

www.wyreforestmrc.com Website:

Contact: 01902 843760

Features: Meet club members, layouts on display and

under construction.

BARRY AND PENARTH MODEL **RAILWAY CLUB OPEN DAY** Hosts: Barry and Penarth Model Railway Club

Location: Cadoxton Conservative Club, Vere Street, Barry

CF63 2HU 11am-4.30pm

Times: **Prices:** Adults £3.50, children £2 Contact: bpmrc@outlook.com

Features: Club and members layouts, sales stand and

refreshments.

HIGHBRIDGE VINTAGE HORNBY MODEL TRAIN SHOW

Hornby Railway Collectors Association, Bristol **Hosts:** 

and Somerset Group

Location: King Alfred School, Burnham Road, Somerset TA9 3FF

Times: 10am-4pm

**Prices:** Adults £3, accompanied children free

Website: www.somersethrca.org.uk

Contact: 01278 789031

Layouts, trade support, refreshments, parking Features: and disabled access.

KEMPSTON MODEL RAILWAY SHOW Kempston and District Model Railway Society **Hosts:** 

**Location:** Kempston East Methodist Church, Bedford Road, Kempston MK42 8DA

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Times 10am-5pm

Adults £5, concessions £3, children £1, family Prices

(2+2) f 1 1 01234 308639 Contact:

Features: 16 layouts, trade support, societies, demos,

refreshments, parking and disabled access.

ROMFORD MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Romford Model Railway Society Hosts:

Location: Marshalls Park School, Pettits Lane, Romford,

Essex RM1 4EH Times 10am-5pm

**Prices:** Adults £5, children £4, family (2+2) £14

Contact: 07946 615381

Features: 20 layouts, trade support, test track,

refreshments, parking and disabled access.

THEYDON BOIS MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Epping Railway Circle Hosts:

Location: The Village Hall, Theydon Bois, Essex CM16 7ER

10am-4.30pm Times: **Prices:** Adults £4, children £3 Contact: 020 8508 1764

Features: 12 layouts, trade support, parking and disabled

TRAIN COLLECTORS SOCIETY AUTUMN MEETING

Train Collectors Society Hosts:

Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Narborough Location

Road, Leicester LE3 2RD 10am-4pm

Adults £3, accompanied children free **Prices:** 

0116 233 4843 Contact:

Times

Ten vintage layouts, trade support, displays and **Features:** 

refreshments

**WESTBURY MODEL RAILWAY SHOW** 

Hosts: West Wiltshire Gauge O Group

Location: Paragon Hall, Haynes Road, Westbury, Wiltshire

BA13 3HA

Times 10am-4.30pm Prices:

Adults £5, GOG members £4.50, concessions

£4.50, children £2, family (2+2) £10

07870 515 807 Contact:

Features: Layouts, trade support, demonstrations,

refreshments, parking and disabled access.

WREXHAM HOBBIES, TOY AND MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

World of Motion Hosts:

Location: Wrexham Memorial Hall, Bodhyfryd, Wrexham

LL12 7AG

Times: 10.30am-3.30pm Adults £3.50, children £1 Prices: Website:

www.barrystocktonfairs.co.uk Contact: 0151 638 3915

Features: Layouts and trade support.

WICKFORD MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Hosts: Salvation Army Wickford Corps

Location The Salvation Army, Jersey Gardens, Wickford,

Essex SS11 7AE Times 10am-5pm

Adults £2, children £1 Prices: Contact: 07472 655593

Features: Layouts, trade support and disabled access.

WYCRAIL 2018

High Wycombe & District Model Railway Society Hosts: Location: Cressex Community School, Holmers Lane, High

Wycombe HP12 4UD **Times** 10am-5pm

**Prices:** Adults £7, accompanied children free

Website: www.hwdmrs.org.uk

Features: 30 layouts, trade support, demos and refreshments. Free bus service between High Wycombe railway station, Handy Cross Park and Ride and venue.

ANGMERING MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

West Sussex'N' Gauge Model Railway Club Hosts: Angmering School, Greenwood Drive, Station Location:

Road, Angmering, West Sussex BN16 4HH Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm **Times** 

Website: www.wsng.co.uk

**Prices:** Adults £6, children £2.50, family (2+2) £14

01403 266689 Contact:

20 layouts (all gauges), trade support, Features:

refreshments, parking and disabled access.

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Elgin Model Railway Club Hosts: Location: Elgin Town Hall, Elgin, Moray, Scotland Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Adults £5 (two-day £7.50), concessions £4,

children £3, family (2+2) £12 www.elginmodelrailwayclub.co.uk Contact: Features: Layouts, trade support, hobby displays,

refreshments and disabled access

**GRAVESEND MODEL RAILWAY SHOW** 

Hosts: Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society Location: Northfleet School for Girls, Hall Road, Northfleet,

Kent DA11 8AQ Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm Times: Adults £4, accompanied children free

**Prices:** Website: www.gres.org.uk Contact: 07821 254232

Features: Layouts, trade support, refreshments, parking

and disabled access

**SPALDING MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION** 

Spalding Model Railway Club Location: Springfields Events Centre, Camel Gate,

Spalding, Lincolnshire PE12 6ET Times: Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4,30pm Adults £8, concessions £7, accompanied **Prices:** 

children free www.spaldingmodelrailwayclub.org.uk More than 30 layouts, trade support, Features:

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**BURTON MODEL RAILEX** 

Burton Railway Society Hosts: Location: National Brewery Centre, Horninglow Street,

Burton upon Trent DE14 1NG

Times: 10am-4pm

**Prices:** Adults £4, accompanied children £1, family £9

Website: www.burtonrailwaysociety.co.uk

07425 140292 Contact:

Features: 16 layouts, trade support, refreshments, parking and disabled access. Entrance fee includes full

access to the brewery museum

RUSPER MODEL RAILWAY CLUB RUNNING DAY

Hosts: Rusper Model Railway Club Location: Pickhurst, Bromley, Kent - contact club for

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Website: www.ruspermrc.co.uk Features: Large outdoor model railway running through six garden sheds, with ten stations and various engine sheds, goods yards and carriage sidings.

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Eastrington DN14 7PW

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Contact: thomaszugic@gmail.com

Ten layouts and radio control boats/aircraft.

HEYWOOD MODEL RAILWAY

**GROUP OPEN DAY** 

Heywood Model Railway Group Hosts: Location: Club Rooms, Unit 4, Park Works, River Street. Heywood, Lancashire OL10 4AB

Times 10am-4pm

Free (donation to club appreciated)

Website: www.hmrg.co.uk

Layouts, refreshments and parking. **Features:** 

IPSWICH MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION 10

Ipswich Railway Modellers Association Location: Rushmere Hall Primary School, Lanark Road, Ipswich IP4 3EJ

10am-4.30pm Times:

Adults £5, children £2, accompanied children **Prices:** 

free

Website: www.irma.org.uk

Features: Layouts, trade support, refreshments, parking and disabled access.

SOLIHULL MODEL RAILWAY CLUB EXHIBITION

Solihull Model Railway Club Hosts: St Mary's Church Hall and Scout Hall, Hobs Location:

Meadow, Solihull B92 8PN

family (2+2) £8

Times: 10am-4.30pm Adults £3, concessions £2.50, children £2, **Prices:** 

Hosts: Alsager Model Railway Association Location: Legends, Bentley Motors Ltd, Sunnybank Road, Crewe CW2 8WD Times: Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm **Prices:** Adults £6.50, children £2.50, family (2+2) £15 www.alsagerrailwayassociation.co.uk Website: Layouts, trade support, refreshments, parking Features:

www.belmrs.ora

Contact: 01254 603965

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Location: Darwen Vale High School, Blackburn Road,

Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm

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Thorncombe Rail Activities Club

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Website: www.solihullmrc.org

10am-4pm

Contact: 01297 552280

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Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4.30pm Adults £4, children £1

Website: www.hullmrs.org

Features: 12 layouts, trade support, demonstrations and

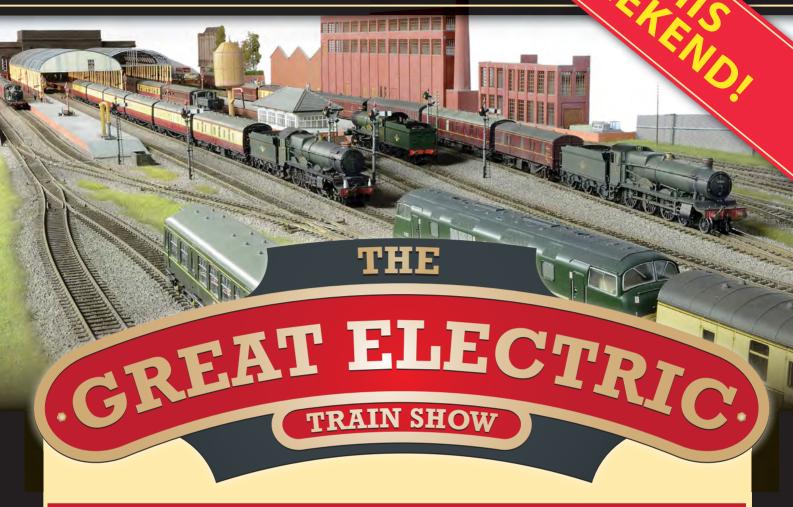
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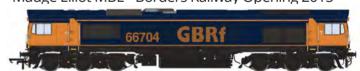
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YCV Turbot Ballast wagon	hattons.co.uk/tur	£21.21	Apr 2014							
Bogie Bolster 'E' wagon	hattons.co.uk/bolstere	£25.45	Sep 2018							
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GWR 'Large Prairie' 2-6-2T	hattons.co.uk/dapolprairie	from £115.56	Dec 2017		·					

Hattoni	Link	Price	Date announced	CAD done	In Tooling	Seen 1st EP	Decorated samples	In production	On Board Ship	Released
SECR P Class 0-6-0T	hattons.co.uk/pclass	£99	Sep 2017							
Andrew Barclay 14" & 16" 0-4-0ST	hattons.co.uk/barclay	£99	Sep 2017							
Beilhack ZZA Snowplough	hattons.co.uk/beilhack	£43	Oct 2016							
O Gauge Class A3/A4	hattons.co.uk/recordbreakers	£750	Aug 2016							
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FEA Intermodal Wagons	hattons.co.uk/FEA	from £32	Nov 2017							
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Class 47xx 'Night Owl' 2-8-0	hattons.co.uk/47xx	£154	Nov 2014							
Class 07 Shunter	hattons.co.uk/cl07	£111	Jan 2016							
O Gauge Class 50 (Refurbished)	hattons.co.uk/hel50	£560	Apr 2017							
O Gauge Class 37/4	hattons.co.uk/hel374	£560	Nov 2017							
Class 25/3	hattons.co.uk/253	£129 (EST)	Jul 2018		·					
GWR AEC Railcar	hattons.co.uk/gwraec	£115 (EST)	Sep 2018							

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Hltachi IEP Class 800	hattons.co.uk/IEP800	from £239	Nov 2016							
Class 87	hattons.co.uk/hornby87	from £144	Nov 2016							
SR 'Lord Nelson' 4-6-0	hattons.co.uk/lordnelson	from £136	Jan 2018							·
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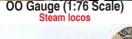
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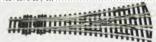
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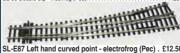
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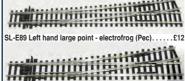




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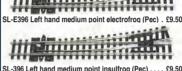
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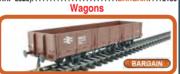
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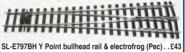
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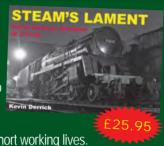
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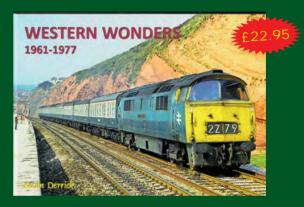
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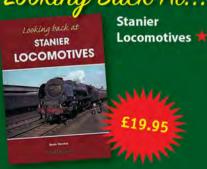
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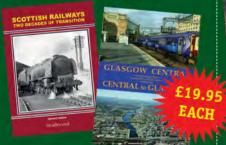


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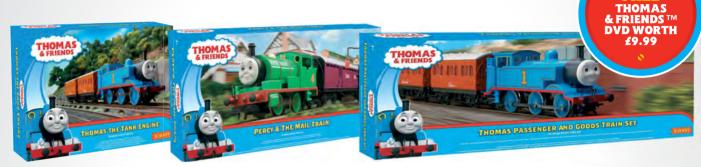
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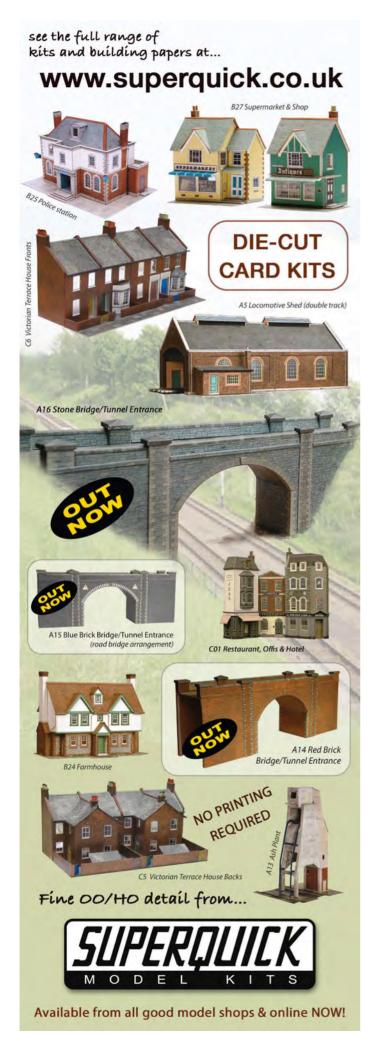
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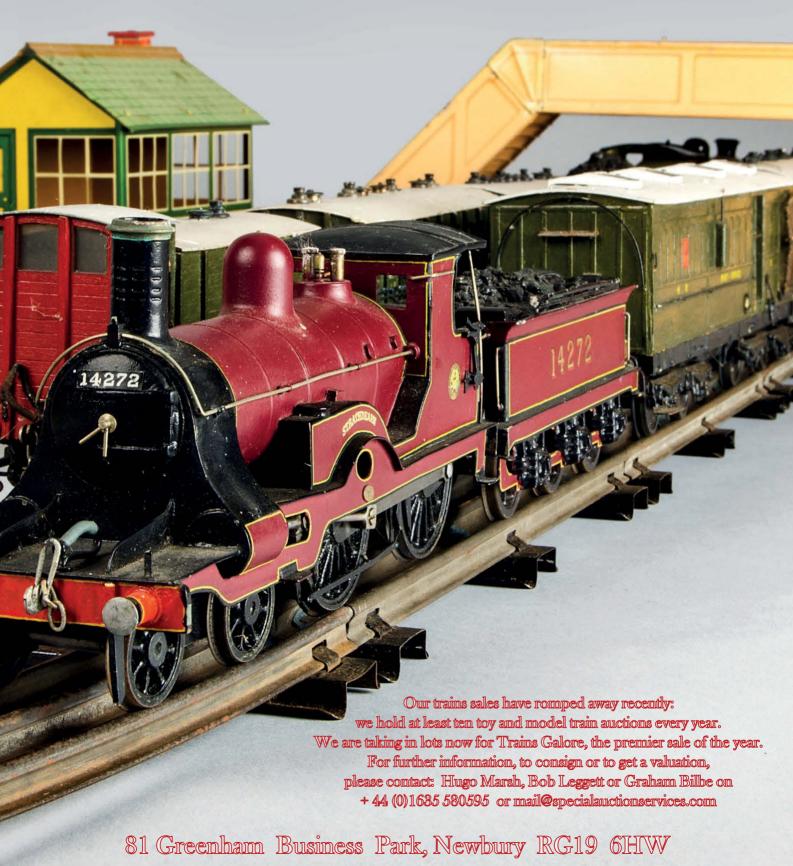
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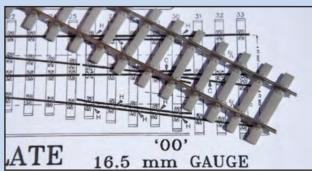
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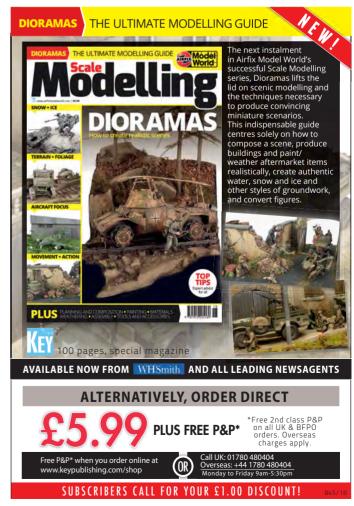
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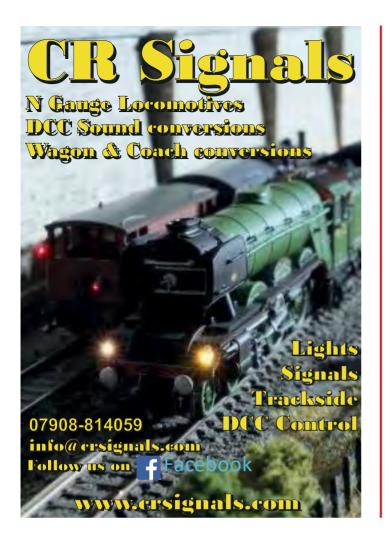
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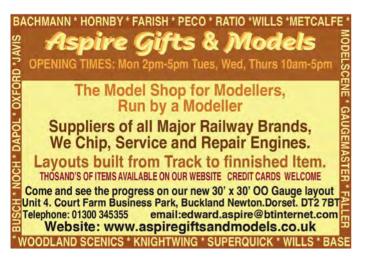
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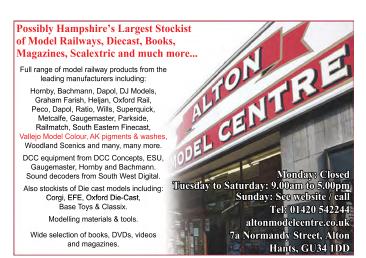
















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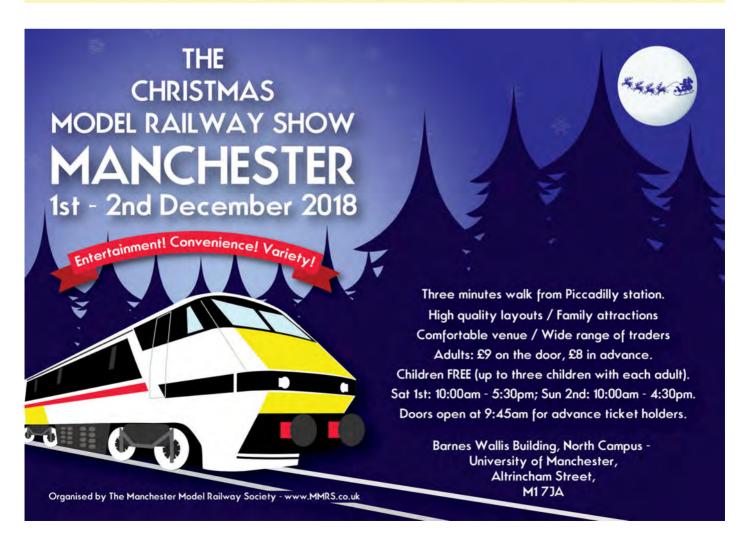


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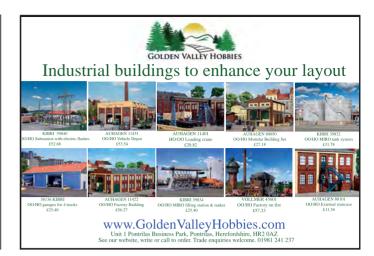






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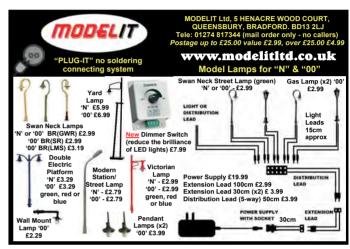


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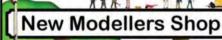


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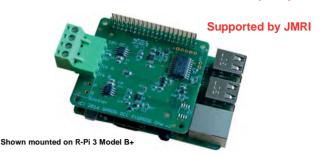
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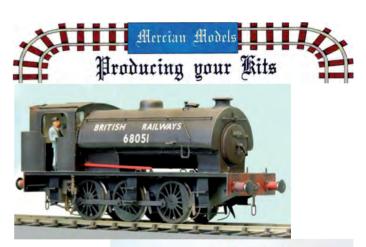
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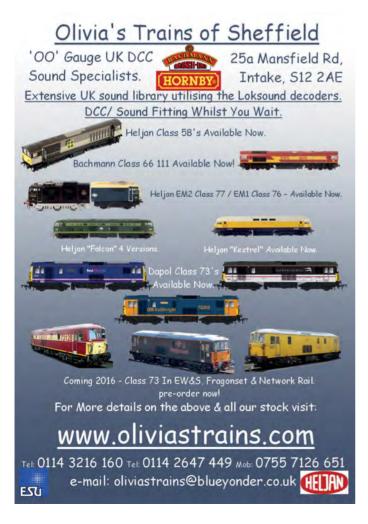








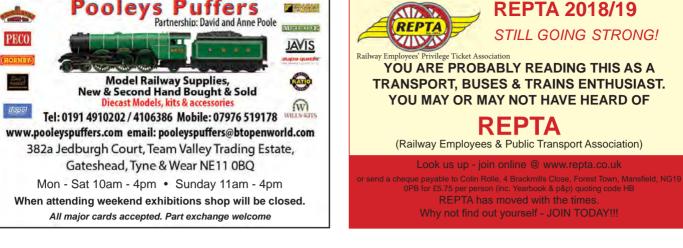






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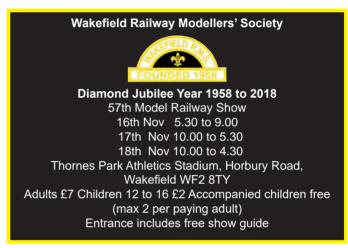








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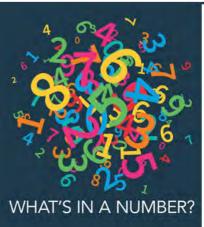
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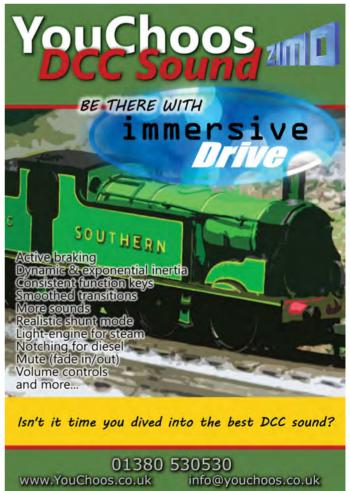
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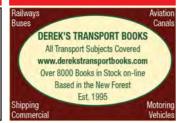
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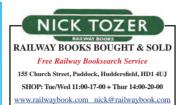
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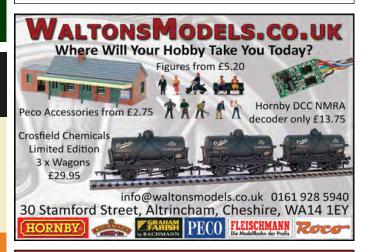
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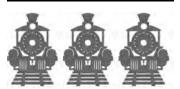


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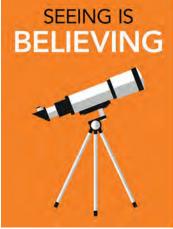
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