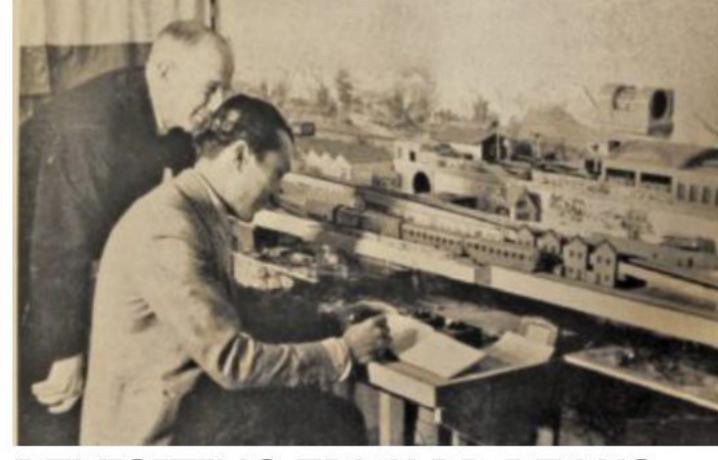
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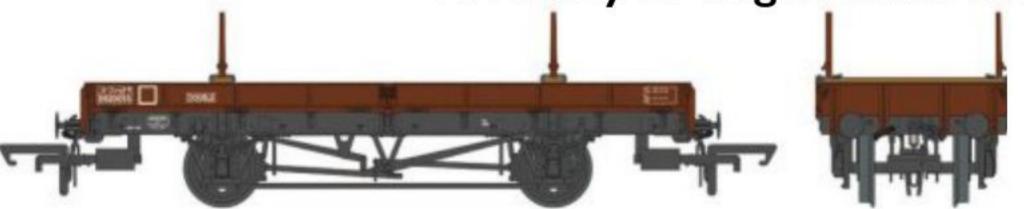
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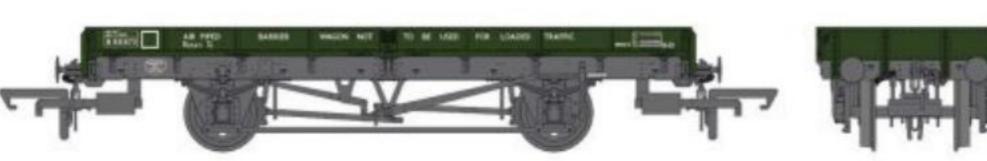
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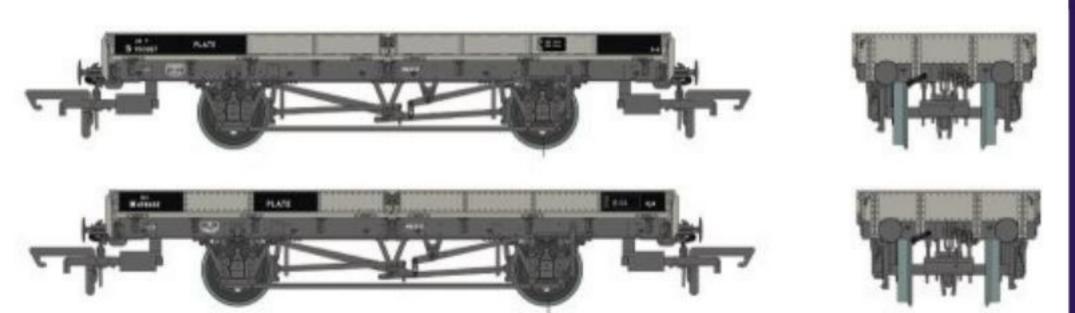
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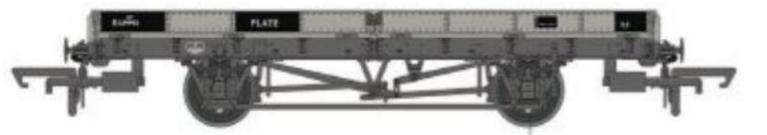
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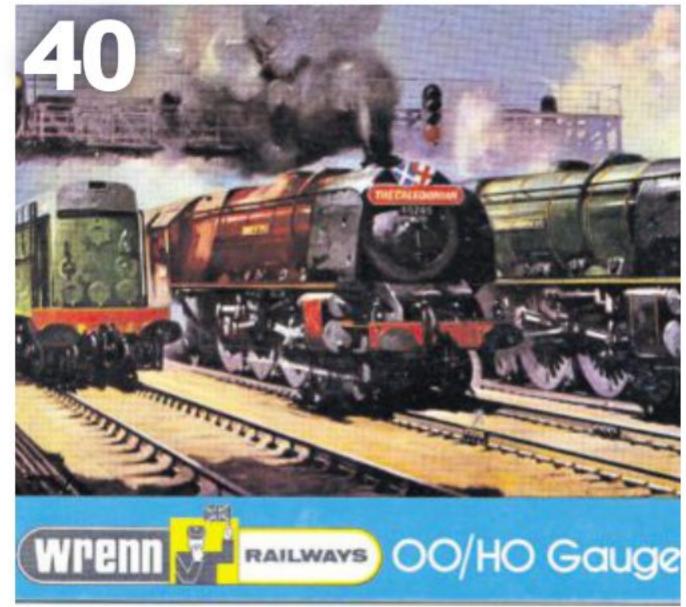
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From the editor

MM was sad to hear this month of the death of William Woolhouse. He was a founder of the Lincolnshire Coast Light Railway, which began life in Cleethorpes, but is now in Skegness; the first railway in the world to be built by enthusiasts. He also played a crucial role in the establishment of the Talyllyn, Ffestiniog and Welshpool & Llanfair railways.

He was a distant relative of my stepfather, but this was something I only found out after his passing, which saddened me even more, as I wish I'd had chance to meet him and hear his stories and memories of Lincolnshire railways. Although, thankfully, he did write a book, Recollections of a Lincolnshire Railway Enthusiast, in which he recorded his railway knowledge before he died.

So many skills, memories, stories, and tall tales emanate from the generation that comes before us, and sometimes we don't always take the time to listen to them before they're lost.

Oral history and recollection is of vital importance to the railway modeller;

not everything gets written down.

I was lucky enough recently to visit the Historic Model Railway Centre in Derbyshire where there is a treasure-trove of engineers' drawings. But what the drawings won't tell you, but a person could, is how a riveter or welder could have deviated from the original specification depending on whether it was a Monday morning or a Friday afternoon. It's the personal recollections that help to bring the history of our railways alive and William Woolhouse's death is a reminder to me to make the most of a person's memories and skills while they're still around to share them.

This month we've got lots of our usual contributors passing on their knowledge and skills to *RMM* readers; Ian Lamb shows how to build a station for a fiver, Tony Stratford shares the history of G&R Wrenn, and Phil Parker talks about small-space layouts and a couple of *RMM* readers talk about their own adventures with limited-space modelling. So, what are you waiting for? Shortage of space is no longer an option with this month's RMM for inspiration.

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The newly opened centre is a

modern facility housing model railway displays as well as a series of classrooms and exhibition rooms, with public and staff facilities and aims to support the museum's educational work.

For more information visit www.earm.co.uk.

Miniature Railway Club opens new station

A new railway station and passenger coach for the Havering Miniature Railway Club has been opened.

Members have dedicated

hundreds of hours of their time to building and improving the railway, in Lodge Farm Park, over the past couple of years. One of the volunteers is 15-yearold Nathan Jenkins who spent much of his Easter holiday break making plaques and key rings for the club with the help of his teacher.

Dapol's goods brake van

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No. 23591 will be the first of a series of products released under the 'Rails Exclusive' brand of ready-to-run models, produced exclusively for Rails of Sheffield. Two versions will be offered initially, depicting No. 23591 in July 1938 LNER teak condition, as it was during Mallard's world speed record run; and post-1946 LNER teak with its later number No. 905202 – as seen during the famous 1948 Locomotive Interchange trials. A decorated sample should be ready in time for the Warley NEC show in November, with the first production models expected to start shipping in late-2017/ early-2018.

■ For further information visit www.railofsheffield.com/ exclusive

Quainton Railway Society mourns vice-president

Andrew Bratton, who was vice-president of the Quainton Railway Society passed away after a short illness in February.

Born in 1945, as a youngster he was able to photograph the passing of steam in the area including at Quainton. He joined Quainton Railway Society in the 1960s.

Over the years, he was involved in many ideas and schemes all aimed at promoting and furthering the

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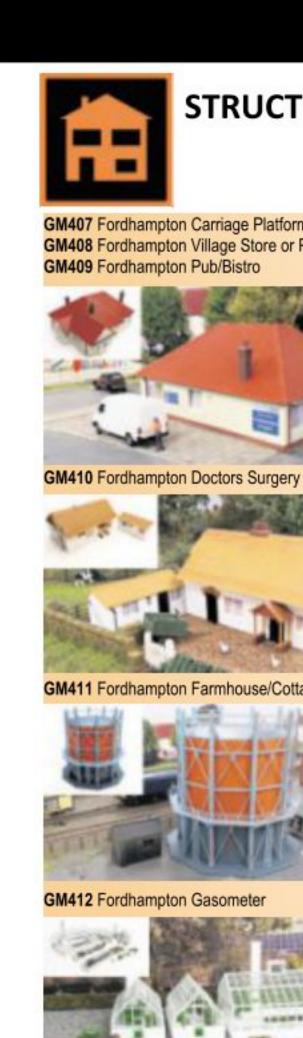
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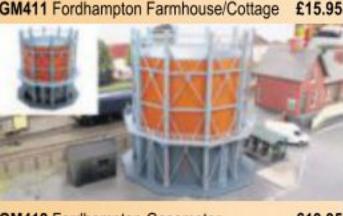


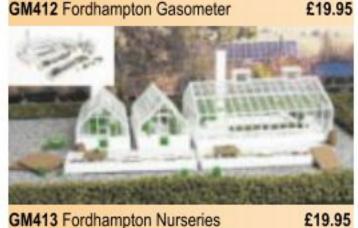
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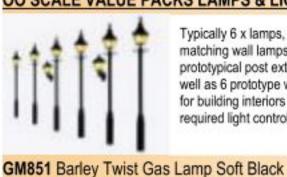
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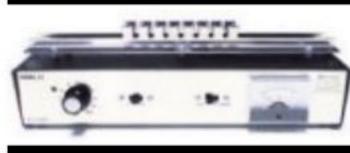
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Both the oo and N gauge models are lovely replicas of the 25 auto-trailers (also called auto-coaches) that were constructed at Swindon in 1951 (Nos. 220-234) and 1954 (Nos. 235-245) by BR and not the GWR. As reported in the issue 3 review of the oo gauge model, the 1950s BR-built auto-trailers were required to replace life-expired vehicles still plying their trade over much of the former GWR system.

When compared with GWRbuilt vehicles, the 'modernised' BR version of the Hawksworth trailer design retained the distinctive bow-ended shape of the vehicle ends but with smoother sides and changed passenger saloon windows compared with earlier builds.

Auto-trailers were used with locomotives specially adapted with the electrical connections, control rod and flexible couplings required to drive the locomotive from the cab of the auto-trailer when propelling.

Auto-working was an efficient way of providing passenger workings over branch lines by avoiding the need to run a locomotive around its train at the terminus. Two or more auto-trailers (of any GWR diagram) could be marshalled on either side of the locomotive to increase seating capacity.

The trio of N gauge models are finished in different liveries compared with the recent oo gauge releases: The attractive but apparently erroneous (on the part of Swindon Works, not Graham Farish) BR carmine and cream livery applied to the 1951 batch of saloons is represented (374-610) together with lined BR maroon (374-611). The model described in this article carries the originally correct (as far as BR (WR) management was

concerned) unlined crimson livery (374-612) associated with secondary passenger services. The GWR chocolate and cream scheme, as applied by heritage railways to some preserved saloons, is not represented this time round.

Auto-fitted locomotives include the iconic 'pannier tank' locomotives of the 54xx and 64xx Class and to go with the trailers, Bachmann offers two suitable models of 64xx Class locomotives decorated in BR livery in its range including No. 6417 finished in BR black (371-986) and lined BR green as No. 6412 (371-987).

Bodyshell

In common with up-to-date toolings from Graham Farish, the new tooling for the auto-trailer is particularly refined in appearance, faithfully capturing the character of bow-ended Hawksworth auto-trailers. Attention must be drawn to the fine roof detail; body side panelling; grab rails and cab front detail. Detailing of the nicely proportioned bodyshell

Model details:

Hawksworth (BR) 1951 and 1954 GWR auto-trailer coaches.

Manufacturer:

Bachmann Europe Plc under its Graham Farish label.

Scale:

2mm (1:148) scale, N gauge. Runs on 9mm gauge track.

Era:

1951 to early 1960s.

Web:

www.bachmann.co.uk

Suggested retail price: £34.95.

is enhanced with a separate warning bell fitted to the cab front and entrance door handrails made from wire. The body moulding is designed so the saloon windows appear to be fitted to thin steel sides as would be the case with the full-size saloons.



A side view of No. W237W with the driving cab to the right of the picture.



RIGHT: A view of the inner end of the trailer with its guard's compartment. The bow-ended design is characteristic of this design of auto-trailer, a feature that is faithfully captured in the model.

Interior detail and glazing
Clear flush glazing is fitted with
little sign of an edge around the
frames. It allows a good view of
a detailed saloon, which includes
separately painted seats and
the correct interior layout. The
layout includes a representation
of the inward-facing seats; the
guard's compartment at the inner
end of the saloon as well as the





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are fitted to both ends of the trailer. A NEM coupling pocket (A) is fitted to the cam (B) which moves from side to side to allow close coupling even on sharply curved N gauge track. Two lengths of coupling (C) are supplied with the model, together with headstock details.

« driving cab. The latter has some fine interior details including the brake and regulator handles.

Bogies, wheels and underframe

The model rolls freely on metal wheels fitted to plastic bogie mouldings, which are neatly tooled with fine spring and axle box detail. The high level of refinement found on the oo gauge model is apparent on

the underframe of the N gauge model too, which is equipped with a wealth of separately moulded details. Trussing, battery boxes, dynamo and brake fittings are all standalone parts fitted to a correctly shaped underframe. Long buffers add to the model's character and a pack of additional headstock details are supplied for the modeller to fit if desired.

Close coupling cams are fitted to both ends of the model allowing it to be close coupled to other trailers and the locomotive. Two lengths of coupling are also included, which clip neatly into the NEM coupling pockets fitted to the cams. It would be quite prototypical to use more than one auto-trailer in a train as they were often used in pairs, one coupled to either side of the locomotive.

Livery application

Despite the very plain finish offered by the BR unlined crimson livery, the paint finish

is particularly fine, with a consistent eggshell satin finish and neat lettering. The colours used are accurate and opaque, with no loss of paint over raised detail. The paint has covered the fine detail well but not concealed it – something the modeller must consider if planning to weather the model – some of it could be easily obscured.

On heritage railways

It is possible to experience travelling on Hawksworth auto-trailers today on various heritage railways. Seven Hawksworth trailers survived to see preservation, the majority of them residing on the South Devon Railway (Nos. 225, 228, 233 and 240). The remainder, are located on the Severn Valley Railway (No. 238), Didcot Railway Centre (No. 231) together with No. 232, which may be found on the Bodmin & Wentford Railway.





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N gauge GWR 4073 Castle Class locomotives

The first N gauge steam locomotive model in the Graham Farish range to feature the 'Next 18' DCC interface and digital sound is the iconic GWR 4073 Castle Class designed by Charles Collett, writes **Nigel Burkin.**

brand-new tooling is always an exciting event and in N gauge too, for the GWR 4073 Castle Class is a particularly popular class of express passenger locomotive among GWR and BR Western Region modellers.

Designed by Charles Collett, they were used system-wide over the GWR network to haul principal trains including express mail and newspaper traffic. In common with many successful classes of locomotive, they had a long construction history with the first 10 locomotives being constructed between 1923 and 1924, numbered Nos. 4073-4082 and the last, No. 7037 leaving Swindon as late as August 1950.

As the name of the locomotive class suggests, they were named after castles, with the odd exception. Railway historians have commented on the lack of a prototype for the class. The locomotive was an onward (and more powerful) development of the Star Class

of express passenger locomotive. Construction was fairly continuous with nine batches constructed from 1923 through to 1939, with the odd hiatus.

The Second World War resulted in construction being delayed after completion of No. 5097, recommencing by the GWR in 1946 with No. 5098.

Nationalisation did not bring the building of the Castle Class to a halt. BR Western Region ordered two more batches, which were built between 1948 and 1950, resulting in a total of 171 locomotives. They were a very successful design, being powerful enough to mange all but the heaviest of main line expresses, which were placed in the hands of the larger King Class locomotives.

Despite their long construction time span, they saw few modifications to their basic design except for the adoption of a larger-capacity tender from around 1926.

Withdrawals commenced in 1959 as dieselisation began to take its toll with the last to be taken out of traffic being No. 7029 *Clun Castle* at the end of 1965. It is one of eight that found their way into preservation and is located at the Tyseley Locomotive Works where it is undergoing restoration.

A fair spread of locomotives from the various construction batches entered preservation. The first of the 'New Build' dating back to 1923, preserved as a static exhibit at the National Railway Museum, is No. 4073 Caerphilly Castle. From the same batch of locomotives is No. 4079 Pendennis Castle, currently located at the Didcot Railway Centre. No. 5029 Nunney Castle (1934) is privately owned and undergoing restoration at Crewe, while No. 5043 Earl of Mount *Edgcumbe*, built in 1936, is located at the Tyseley Locomotive Works. Also built in 1936 and preserved at the Didcot Railway Centre is No. 5051 *Earl Bathurst*. From 1939 comes No. 5080 Defiant on static display at the Buckingham Railway Centre.

Rounding up what is an

impressive list of eight surviving locomotives is No. 7027 *Thornbury Castle*, which is privately owned. Many of the preserved locomotives have worked on the main line in preservation and several are being restored for main line operation.

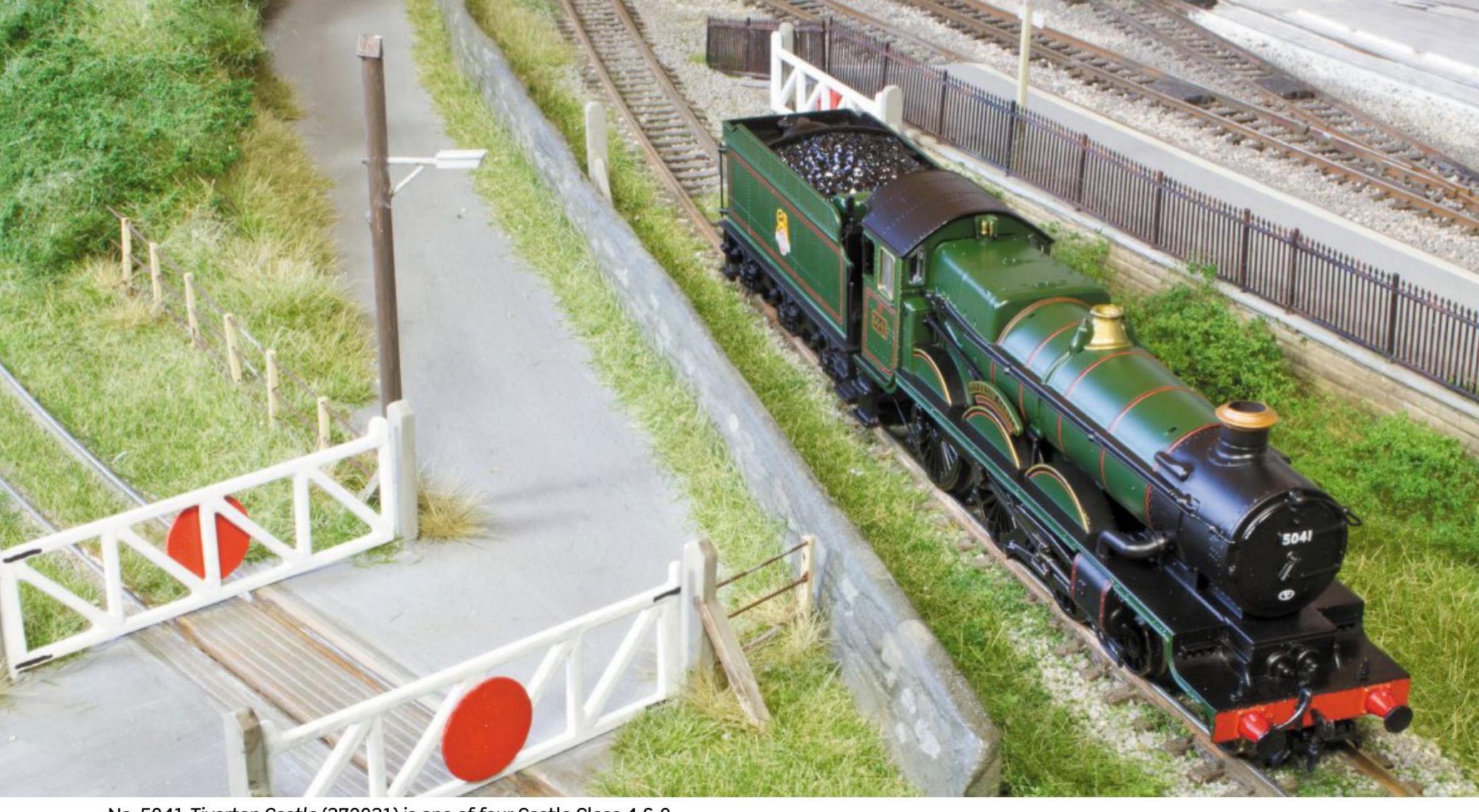
The model

Bachmann had a rich history and eight surviving locomotives to draw upon when it decided to invest in completely new N gauge toolings for the GWR Castle Class locomotive. The model is completely up to date and makes a welcome replacement for the now obsolete Poole-designed model.

The first release of the new tooling consists of four models including No. 5041 *Tiverton Castle* (372-031) featured in this article, which is finished in BR green with early BR herald and the first N gauge steam locomotive model in the Graham Farish range to be equipped with on-board digital sound (No. 5029 *Nunney*



The locomotive and tender are linked with a coupling bar together with electrical connections allowing current to be collected with both driving and tender wheels and fed to a circuit board located in the tender.



No. 5041 *Tiverton Castle* (372031) is one of four Castle Class 4-6-0 models to be released in the early summer of 2017.

Castle 372-033DS). There are other innovations such as the inclusion of a new 'Next 18' DCC interface and the use of a fine-quality coreless motor powering a sophisticated drive located in the locomotive.

Body shell

Bachmann has created a beautiful model of this once numerous and popular class of locomotive. It has all of the fine lines of the full-size locomotives including a subtle taper to the boiler and commendably thin cab walls. Moulded detail such as boiler bands are fine but crisp and important locomotive features such as the chimney,

splashers and cab are of the correct shape when compared with photographs. Incidentally, the cab is a separately moulded sub-assembly with some commendably fine detail on the inside – I look at the back head detail and have to remind myself that it is an N gauge model...

Fine details

It would be strange if an upto-date tooling didn't include a wealth of finely tooled standalone details and separate wire hand rails. Such details include tender fittings, brake shoes and hangars; whistles, vacuum brake hoses and a separately attached metal cab floor plate hinged off » the footplate.







The model is neatly finished with carefully applied detailing parts, wire grab rails and careful printing of livery elements. The tapered boiler and firebox profile is spot on and the distinctive cab roof profile nicely executed as part of a separate sub-assembly.

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Wheels and valve gear

The fine appearance of the wheels is impressive, with the correct counter weights, individual spokes and a neat black finish. Coupling rods and valve gear are finished in a dull metal colour and move freely when the model is run. Care has been taken in the assembly of this area of the model to ensure that it runs smoothly without any catching or binding of the coupling rods.

Model details:

GWR 4073 Castle Class 4-6-0 express passenger locomotive.

Manufacturer:

Bachmann Europe Plc.
Sold under the Graham
Farish by Bachmann brand.

Scale:

2mm (1:148) scale, N gauge.

Era:

1923-1965.

Web:

www.bachmann.co.uk

Suggested retail prices:

372-030: No. 5044 Earl of
Dunraven GWR green. £139.95.
372-031: No. 5041 Tiverton
Castle BR Green with early
BR herald. £139.95.
372-032: No. 5070 Sir
Daniel Gooch BR green with
late BR herald. £139.95.
372-033DS: No. 5029
Nunney Castle heritage GWR
green and with on-board
digital sound. £219.95.

May I draw your attention to the comprehensive instruction leaflet supplied with the model, which provides important information on the lubricating points on the valve gear.

Electronics

Current collection is made from the driving wheels of the locomotive itself together with the three pairs of tender wheels (also fine in appearance). The locomotive is linked with both a coupling bar and electrical connections, which work on contacts located on the underside of the tender. Wheels fitted to the tender are split spoke with an insulating bush. Current collection is made through stub axles making contact with bearing cups located in the axle boxes.

Collecting current over such a good length of the model helps prevent stalling on complex track work and will allow sound-equipped models to perform to their best. That takes me on to the decoder socket, it's a new design called 'Next 18' with 18 connections and the capability for simple push fit of a Next 18 decoder. It is located in the



The relative size of the model can be gauged by comparing it with a small coin. This comparison further demonstrates the impressive level of detail applied to the model.

tender and will also allow simple digital sound installation. Two solder pads are provided on the DCC socket circuit board for connecting a sugar cube (marked SP+ and SP-) which can be safely accommodated in the tender. To further facilitate decoder and sound installation, the tender body is clipped in place and very easy to remove without damaging any of its fine detail.

Overall

The brand new N gauge Castle Class locomotive is a very fine

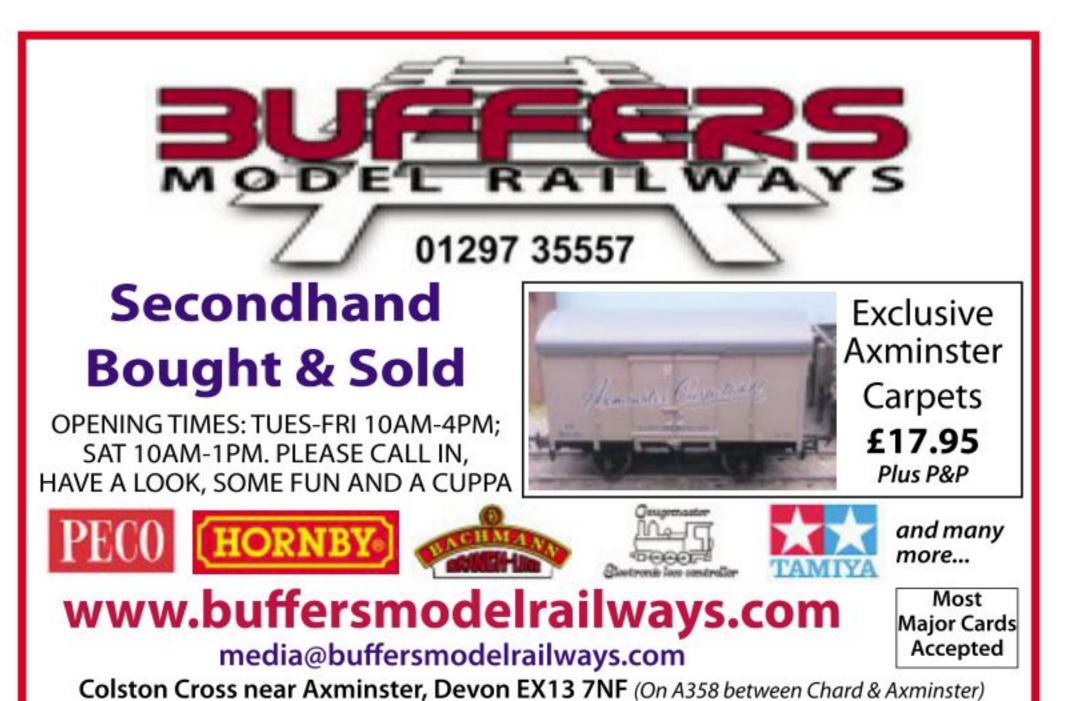
model with a great deal of carefully considered technical design in addition to its nicely proportioned body and tender. The facility for simple DCC conversion and sound installation is excellent and on-board sound (model 372-033DS) a first for a Graham Farish steam locomotive model and a tangible sign of things to come. The detailed instruction leaflet is very well presented and contains a wealth of good information on running-in, DCC, lubrication and general care.

Model features in a nutshell:

- Next generation of DCC interface socket: 'Next 18'.
- On-board digital sound fitted to No. 5029 Nunney Castle (372-033DS).
- Facility to fit digital sound to the tender.
- Motor drive fitted to the locomotive.
- Fine coreless motor (do not use with high-frequency track cleaners).
- Tender body is a simple push fit allowing easy access for decoder and speaker installation.
- Detailed cab back head.
- Flush fitting glazing.
- Fine wheels with individual spokes.
- Fully working valve gear.
- NEM coupling pockets.
- Four liveries to choose from including one heritage locomotive.
- Overall length: 136mm.
- Weight including tender: 67g.









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WD Austerity Perfection from DJ Models

The popular Hunslet WD Austerity o-6-oST locomotive (J94) is brought up to date in OO gauge by DJ Models, says **Nigel Burkin**.

owner locomotives are very popular with modellers and make the perfect motive power for small layouts or those who wish to indulge in some freelance modelling. The up-to-date DJ Models 00 gauge WD Austerity 0-6-0ST (J94) locomotive fits the bill perfectly: compact and with a drive set up for slow-speed running suitable for shunting.

They became the hard-used workhorses for industry and private railways after the war, with little glamour attached to their essential duties. Although some led cosseted lives and were kept in immaculate condition such as those retained by the Army, the majority were used (and abused) in some quite challenging operating conditions.

The o-6-ost Austerity was conceived as a War Department (wd) locomotive and is credited to the Hunslet Engine Company because the intentionally short-life design was based on one of the

company's standard o-6-ost designs. Austere they were indeed, being of what was considered to be lesser quality fabrication to save time, materials and money. A bunker was provided to the rear of the cab, while a large saddle tank was fitted over the boiler and smokebox. Its short wheelbase chassis made it suitable for the sharp track curvature typical of light railways, dock yards and industrial sites. Demand, particularly during the war years, saw construction contracted to a number of builders known for industrial locomotive building including Andrew Barclay, Bagnall, Hudswell Clarke and the Vulcan Foundry.

In the four years between 1943 and 1947, 377 locomotives were built for the WD. They were sent to Europe after D-Day and also found use at docks and military sites in the UK. Following the war, a significant proportion of the WD fleet was sold. Noteworthy are the 75 locomotives sold to the LNER

(a preferred option to building additional J50 locomotives) and a handful that remained in the Netherlands to work on the Nederlandse Spoorwegen. They were not the only Austerity locomotives to remain in continental Europe – records indicate that some worked light and industrial railways in France and the Netherlands after the war.

The majority of the locomotives sold out of wD ownership ended up on heavy industrial sites where a large volume of shunting was required. Construction continued after the war, primarily for industrial customers, of which the National Coal Board (NCB) was perhaps the largest operator. Much of the NCB fleet worked colliery sites until the late 1970s. Austerity locomotives continued to be used between Bickershaw Colliery and BR exchange sidings in the Lancashire Coalfield as late as 1983 where the incongruous sight of small steam locomotives hauling air-braked

MGR wagons was a common sight.

Turning our attention to the 75 locomotives sold to the LNER, they became classified as J94 and were modified to bring them in line with main line standards.

A couple of examples were fitted with extended coal bunkers and ladders, modifications that were added to further members of the fleet by BR after Nationalisation. They remained in traffic until 1967 when the remaining J94s were those operated over the difficult Cromford and High Peak Railway.

The class has a rich and varied history coupled to a relatively long operational life, which is remarkable given that they were built as a short-life locomotive. It comes as little surprise that a significant number of the 485 locomotives survived to see preservation, although of the 70-odd locomotives to be preserved, not all have survived intact.





ABOVE: Front and back of LNER No. 8023, a model very recently released to the shops and now widely available. It features the standard height coal bunker.



The model

DJ Models has produced what most modellers now regard as the definitive 0-6-0st wd Austerity (J94) in 00 gauge and is currently developing an N gauge model. First announced in September 2013, the model first made its appearance decorated in various industrial railway liveries in the summer of 2016 as limited-edition models for Hattons Model Railways. A BR J94, No. 68023 with tall coal bunker and early emblem (00J94-001), was placed on general release.

Around the same time, a number of J94 models were announced for general release including BR No. 68061 (00J94-002), BR No. 68068 (00J94-005) together with LNER No. 8023 (00J94-004) (featured in this review) and No. 8064 (00J94-003). The models are tooled to incorporate both standard and tall coal bunkers (BR No. 68068 is equipped with a tall bunker).

At 122mm in length over the

buffers, it is the perfect small but powerful locomotive for compact and micro-layouts. A complete layout scheme could be planned around a pair of the models, perhaps based on colliery to coal washer workings and trips to main line exchange sidings. Its modelling potential could include quarry, iron-ore mining or steel works themes too. The extensive use of the WD Austerity 0-6-ost by the Army in the postwar period, including use on the iconic Longmoor Military Railway makes them an attractive model to use in a military railway layout theme. Of course, there is nothing to stop you from adopting a freelance industry for which powerful shunting engines are necessary to move wagons around the property.

Body shell

It is rare to find fault in a contemporary plastic tooling and the DJ Models WD Austerity/J94 is no exception. With around 70



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ABOVE: The WD Austerity 0-6-0ST is a fine package with smooth control made possible with refined gearing and a powerful coreless motor. At 122mm in length over its sprung buffers, it makes the perfect small-layout theme locomotive.

LEFT: The gap between the boiler and locomotive frames is an authentic feature of the full-size locomotives as demonstrated by LNER No. 8023.

preserved examples to compare the model with, including two of the LNER/BR J94s, comparisons are easy to make to see that the model has neatly captured the squat character of the full-size locomotives. The mouldings for the separately moulded cab, saddle tank and running plate are clean and free of flash, fitting neatly together to create a very pleasing replica.

Stand-alone details

The fine appearance of the model is achieved by the use of fine stand-alone details added to the main body and cab structure. They include fine wire hand and grab rails, cab fittings including reversing lever as well as a separately moulded smokebox door that allows several versions to be modelled. A tiny set of smokebox darts are fitted, which should be carefully handled when removing the smokebox door moulding (the reason for this feature is explained later!).

Model details:

Hunslet o-6-oST Austerity (LNER J94) locomotive.

Manufacturer: DJ Models.

Scale:

4mm (1:76) scale, 00 gauge.

Era:

Built between 1943 and 1964.
Industrial locomotives
operational in some form until
the 1970s, some surviving
until the early 1980s.
LNER/BR J94 locos withdrawn
between 1960 and 1967.

Web:

www.djmodels.co.uk

Suggested retail prices:

£95.50 for general release models.
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Fitting a decoder to the model is eased by making the smokebox door moulding into an access hatch! Secured by two gentle magnets, the door moulding is carefully pushed to one side to reveal an internal space large enough for a decoder.

« Underframe

Stand-alone details also appear on the chassis including brake linkages and hangers. The brake shoes line up neatly with the driving wheels, which themselves have been carefully modelled with counter weights in the correct position and the requisite number of spokes. The shape of the inner wheel also matches the low-cost cast wheel centres used on the full-size locomotives.

From an operational viewpoint, the chassis is fitted with NEM-362 coupling pockets securely attached with a small screw. Should the modeller wish to fit screw or three-link couplings, the NEM coupling boxes are simple to remove. To assist with lubrication of the gears, there are access holes in the underframe allowing a small spot of plastic-compatible

oil to be applied to the final drive gears. A short period of operation will distribute the lubricant to the remaining gears.

Motor and electronics

model.

The smooth operation of the model is achieved with a quality gear train linked to a coreless motor capable of very slow speed control. A NEM-651 six-pin DCC interface socket is included in the wiring of the model and this may be found in the smokebox. The smokebox door is secured with two magnets allowing it to gently slide to one side to reveal a space in the model large enough to fit a decoder and probably a stayalive unit too. There is no need to remove the body from the chassis to fit a decoder.

During running-in turns using conventional analogue control, the model



A hint of the cab interior with detailed and painted back head. The floor is of wooden planking and a separate reversing lever is fitted.



Model features in a nutshell:

68023

DCC-ready with a six-pin DCC interface socket.

BR No. 68023 with an extended coal bunker was the first of the J94 class to be offered as a general release

- Fine coreless motor (do not use with high-frequency track cleaners).
- Locomotive-specific details including two types of coal bunker.
- Detailed cab back head with carefully painted controls and pipework.
- Standalone parts include individual wire hand and grab rails.
- Detailed cab interior including wooden floor.
- Correct colours used on the

- interior surfaces of the cab.
- Flush-fitting glazing.
- Fine wheels with individual spokes, correctly profiled for the locomotive.
- NEM coupling pockets.
- LNER/BR Jg4 liveries available in model shops on general release.
- Private-owner liveries available through several outlets as special-edition models (typically limited to 200 pieces).
- Overall length: 122mm over sprung buffers.
- Weight including tender: 150g.

ran smoothly and with a modern but basic analogue controller – it was immediately responsive at all speeds. The instructions supplied with the model warn against the use of high-frequency track cleaning devices with coreless motors. Furthermore, specialised analogue controllers with feedback features will also be detrimental to the motor.

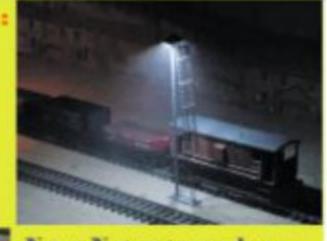
DCC presents nothing in the way of difficulty with coreless motors. Decoders, including the small six-pin decoders suitable for the model are supplied with a back EMF feature, which may be turned on as a default setting. Because coreless motors draw so little current, even under load, it is advantageous to switch the back EMF feature off.

Overall

Altogether, the DJ Models' WD Austerity 0-6-ost (J94) locomotive is a neatly finished and well-presented model featuring a fine level of control making it ideal for shunting and low-speed operations. The livery is evenly applied with no signs of flaws and with neatly printed details that are both opaque and level. Despite the austere nature of the full-size locomotives, the models have a unique attractiveness and will no doubt inspire industrial railway modelling or scenes on larger layouts where exchange sidings can be incorporated. Based on this model, fans of small industrial locomotives will be keenly awaiting the forthcoming Hudswell Clarke 0-6-0sT currently in development.

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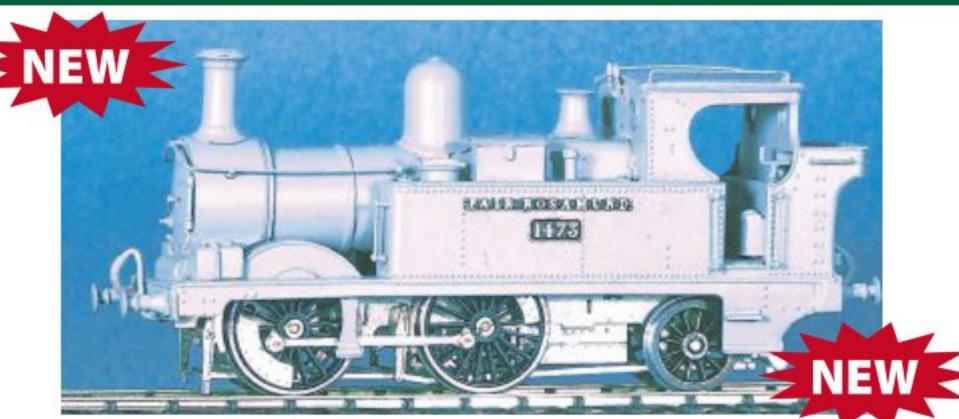
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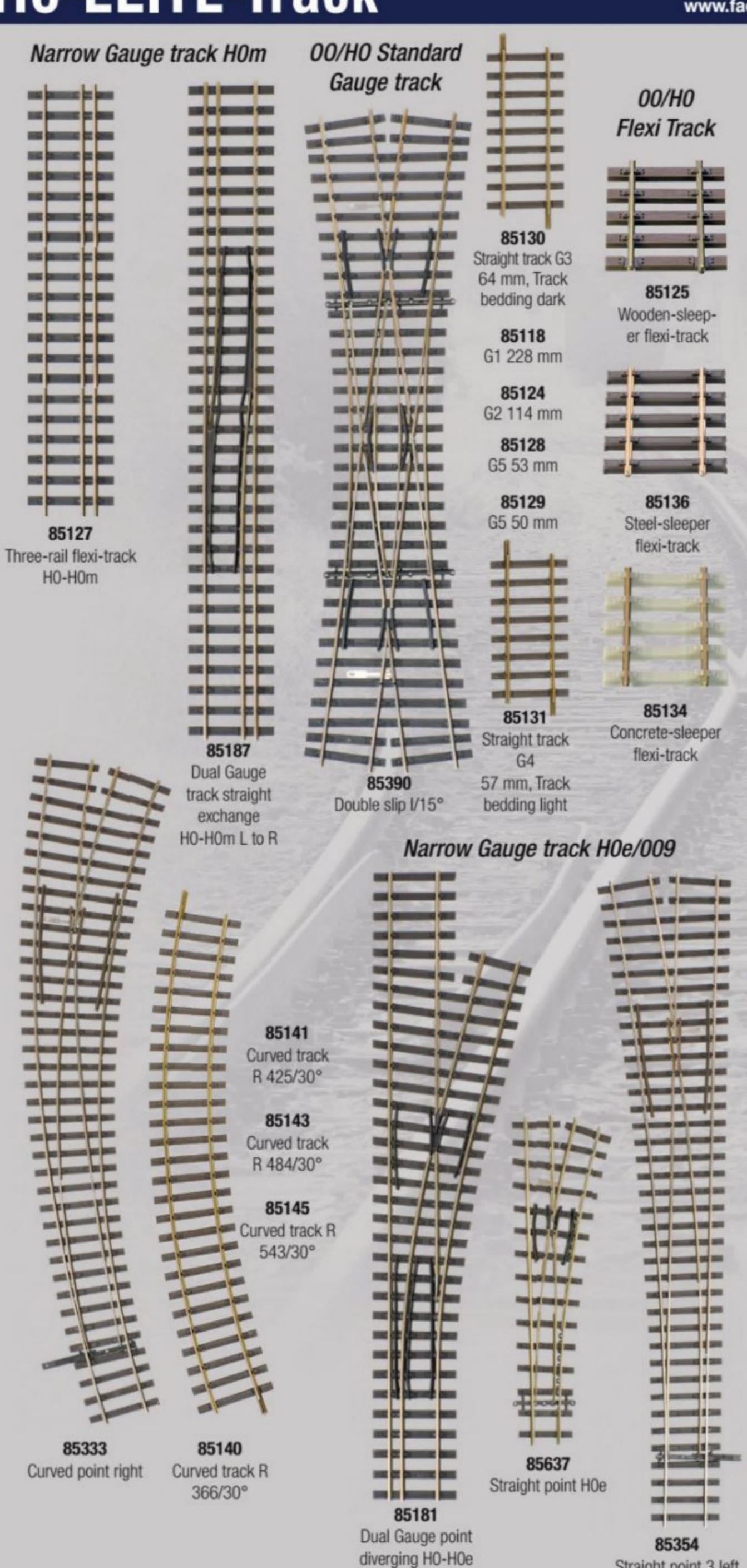
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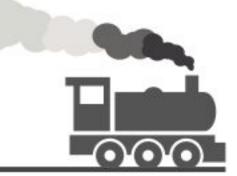


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Track work

Track work is the foundation of all railways, be they prototype or model, write **Bernard Gudgin** and **Michael Watts.**

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Entrance to Newcastle station about 1970. Just a little complex, and perhaps a modelling challenge, even for the most aspirational beginner to railway modelling. Note also that the track is not at ground level! BEN BROOKSBANK/CREATIVE COMMONS

for beginners, returnees to railway modelling and those who want to move on from a train set to a model railway. In particular, our focus is on British outline models. We are well aware that track work is a very big topic and we assume you will buy ready-made track; building your own is too specialist to be covered here. This first article looks at different types of track and suggests what you may wish to use. It is a bit more theoretical than previous articles but later we will look at how to lay the track.

Track work

Model railway track fulfils two technical functions – mechanical and electrical. The mechanical function determines the direction of the train, be it straight ahead, around a curve, or a diversion, commonly called points. The electrical function provides electrical energy to the locomotive motor (and possibly to smoke units, lighting in coaches, etc) via the rails, wheels, sliding contacts, and radio-frequency suppression circuits. The electrical arrangements are a worry and challenge for most modellers.

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Guide to scales and gauges

 Scale - British
 1:148
 1:76
 1:43.5

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 Scale - International
 1:160
 1:87 HO
 1:45

 Track-gauge
 9.0mm
 16.5mm
 32.0mm

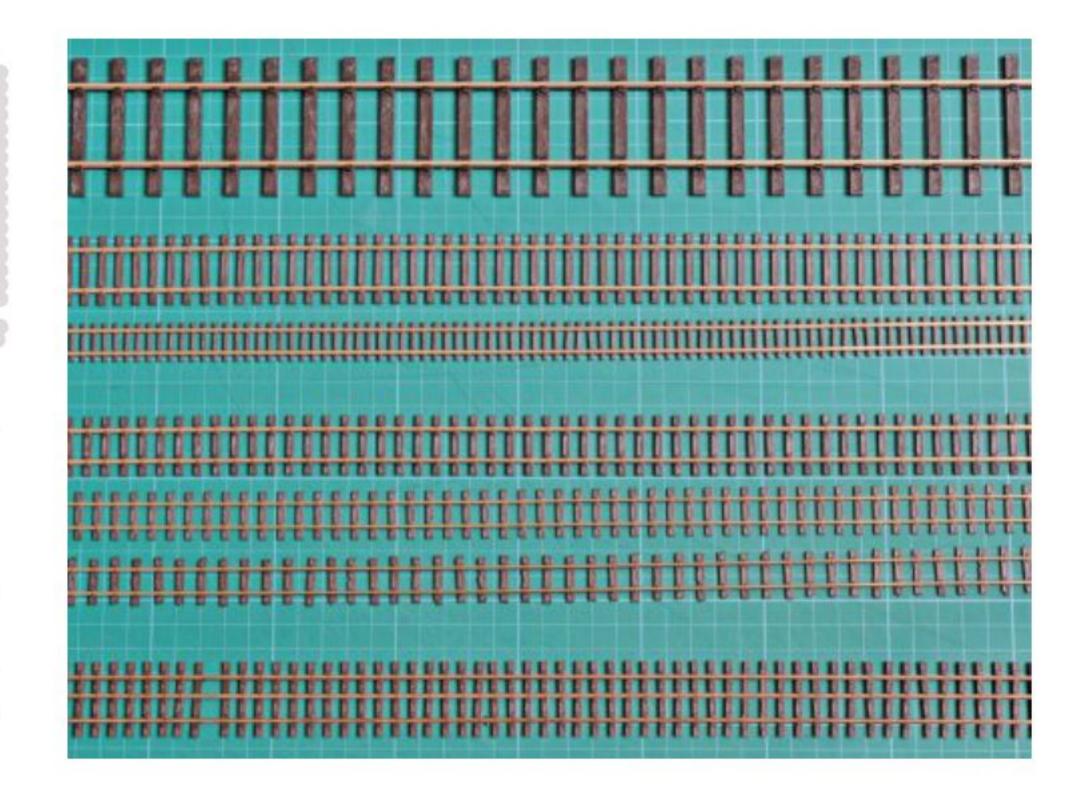
Right: A range of different track work scales – all examples here are of flexible track.

Top to bottom:

Standard gauge 1:43.5; 1:76; 1:148.

Narrow gauge 1:87 (1000mm track-gauge); 1:87 (750mm track-gauge); 1:76 (2ft 3in track-gauge).

Dual-gauge 1:87 (Standard-gauge interlaced with 750mm track-gauge). Background grid size here, and in other photographs is: smaller squares 10mm; larger squares 50mm (2in).



« Scale

This is not obviously directly relevant here, and may seem to be a diversion, but we shall see that it does, in fact, permeate the whole of modelling. It may all seem a bit boring, but it really will help you to understand and make sure progress.

Scale is a straightforward numerical method of defining the size of all the parts of your model railway. It extends to every aspect of it. Scale is expressed as a numerical ratio — for example, 1:76. This means that you divide a dimension of the prototype by 76 to get the size for your model. Basic modern calculators allow easy, fast and accurate sums to determine the sizes of everything on your model. 1:76 is the British numerical scale that is commonly, but ambiguously, referred to as 00, 00 gauge, or 4 millimetres to the foot. The term *gauge* is often not very helpful as we will see.

Here we will use the traditional British numerical scales. We will avoid use of names such as 0, 00, N and 2mm to the foot, etc since these often lead to confusion and inaccurate conclusions. However, the above table (top left) does use these common British names for the most common scales for British model railways, but it applies only to standard track-gauge railways.

If you do the sums for a scale of 1:76, the width of standard gauge track becomes 18.88mm. The regular proprietary model track-gauge is 16.5mm. For the International 1:87 scale но standard, the gauge is 16.495mm.

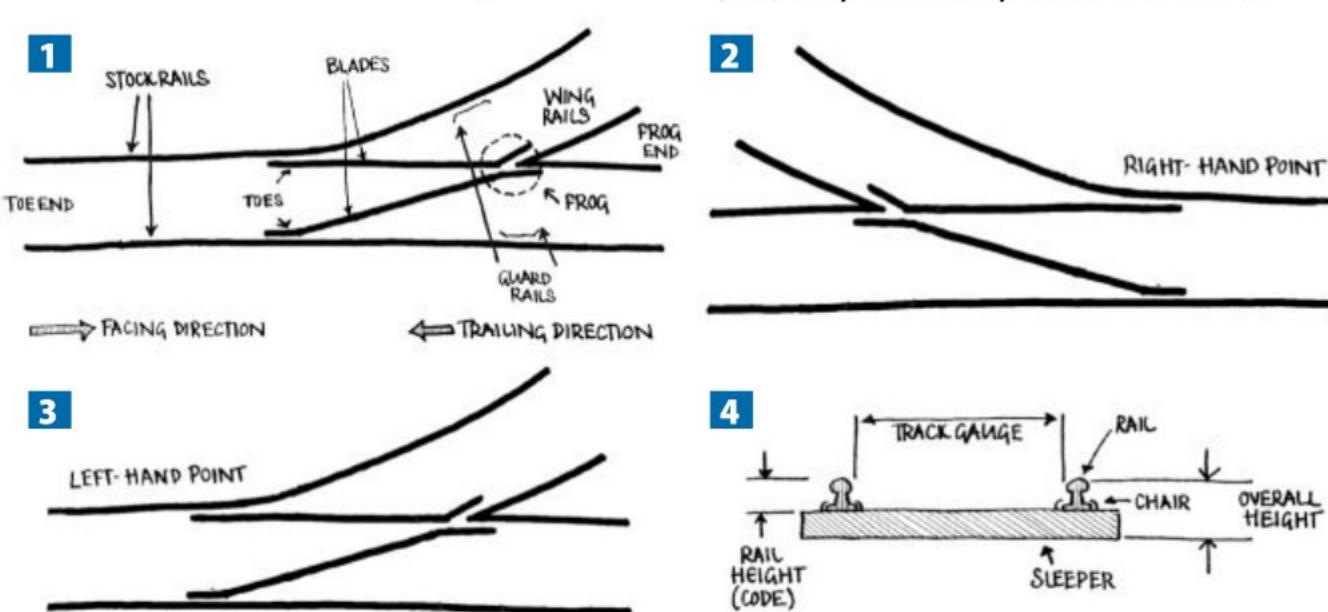
Rails

Rails are the metal bits that train wheels run on. Rail profile and rail height become increasingly important as you progress towards the finer scales. However, the quality of the rail metal is very important for all of us, at all stages. This is for good electrical operation, and for reliable rail-to-wheel contact. For more extensive model railways, the electrical resistance within the rails can be significant, and become critical for sufficient current to flow to the locomotive motor.

Rail metal. Current good practice is to use a copper-nickel (approximately 60%-40%) alloy commonly called nickel-silver

or German silver, although it contains no silver at all. It was traditionally used in reproduction silver jewellery – hence the name. It has good electrical conductivity but, more important, it is reasonably resistant to oxygen/water corrosion 'rusting', easily cleaned and readily soft-soldered. In fact, even a small amount of corrosion allows some electrical conduction to locomotive wheels.

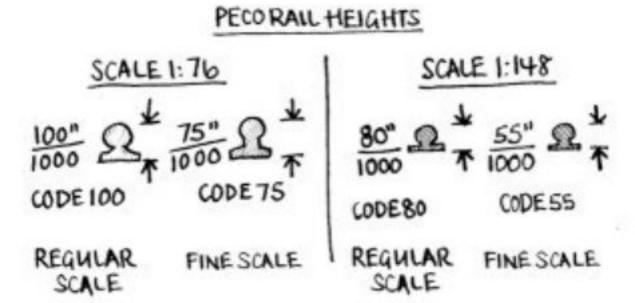
Rail height. This is quoted as the Code followed by a number. This number is the actual model rail height in thousandths of an inch. For example, Code 100 rail height is 10%1000in, or 1/10in. This is the most common rail height used for Scale 1:76 track production – for example by Hornby, and for regular Peco track. Fairly common, and also available for this same scale are, Code 83; Code 75; Code 70, which are increasingly finer versions, and have correspondingly smaller rail height. It is essential that you check that your intended locomotive's wheels are compatible with the rail code. Be aware especially if you intend to use trains from your father's or grandfather's era, when the



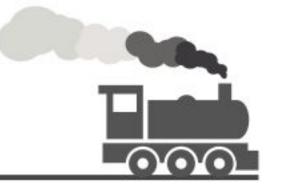
1: Modellers' terms for the various components of points. The term Frog is used by modellers for that area of the point where the two rails come together to form a V.

2-3: Left-hand point and Right-hand point are the modellers' terms used where the diversion route is to the left or right when travelling in the Facing direction.

4: Track-gauge, rail height, and overall height of model track.



Peco Codes and rail heights for their 1:76 and 1:148 scale standard-gauge track. Regular trackwork has Codes of 100 and of 80 respectively. Fine scale trackwork has Codes of 75 and of 55 respectively. However, Peco has a cunning design for its Code 55 finer trackwork – the actual rail height is about Code 85, but only Code 55 of it is visible – the remainder is within the sleeper mounding, and adds to the overall robustness of this finer trackwork.



wheel flanges are likely to be larger (deeper and thicker) than for modern stock. They will wedge in the guard rails and frogs, and bump up and down on the rail-chairs or even the sleepers!

Rail mounting and securing. Most rail used today is Flat Bottom and is mounted in Chairs and secured with spring metal Rail Fasteners. Flat Bottom rail is sometimes fixed directly on to the sleepers and secured with metal spikes or bolts into the sleepers; sometimes there may be a resilient pad between rail and sleeper.

Rail Chairs. Usually manufactured of cast iron or steel, they provide the means by which rail is secured to Sleepers.

Sleepers. Prototype sleeper material was historically of stone or, more commonly, timber. Modern materials are cast concrete, concrete blocks with steel ties, or pressed steel.

Fishplates. These provide secure joining between adjacent sections of rail. They comprise a pair of metal plates; one either side, across the rail join, and sited in the Web recess created between the rail's head and foot. Slots in the Fishplates allow for thermal expansion and contraction to minimise the chance of the rail buckling. Bolts (typically four) pass through fishplate-rail-fishplate to secure the rails together. Much mainline rail now has welded joins, although this requires accommodation for thermal expansion and contraction via special sliding joins at occasional intervals.

Model track work

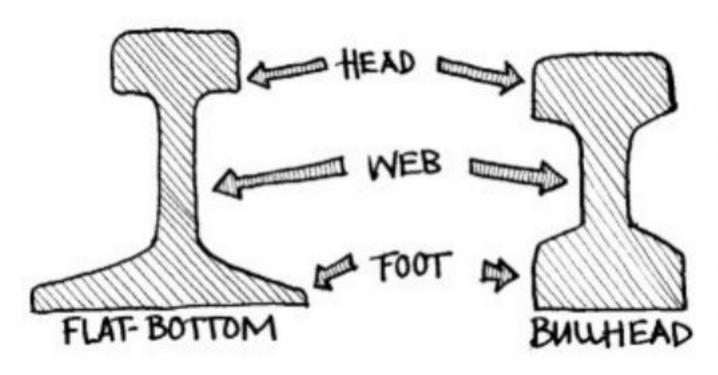
In model form, and for track work in most scales, the rails are of nickel-silver with injection-moulded plastic to represent the sleepers and chairs. Fishplates in model form (rail joiners) are shallow U-shaped nickel-silver pressings slid along the rail's foot to provide a reliable and easily made join. Plastic rail joiners provide insulated rail joins where necessary. Note that rail joiners can differ between manufacturers and for each type and Code of rail.

Gauges

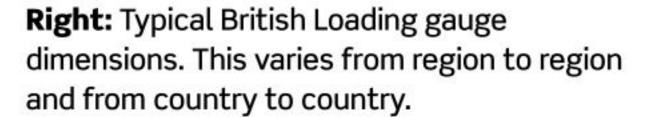
Track-gauge. This is the distance between the inside edges of the rails, be they prototype or model. For British track of standard gauge the track-gauge is 4ft 8½in, 56.5in, or 1435.1mm. To convert from inches to millimetres you multiply inches by 25.4, which gives an exact conversion. You may now start to realise that, for modelling work, it is both straightforward and more convenient to work exclusively in millimetres.

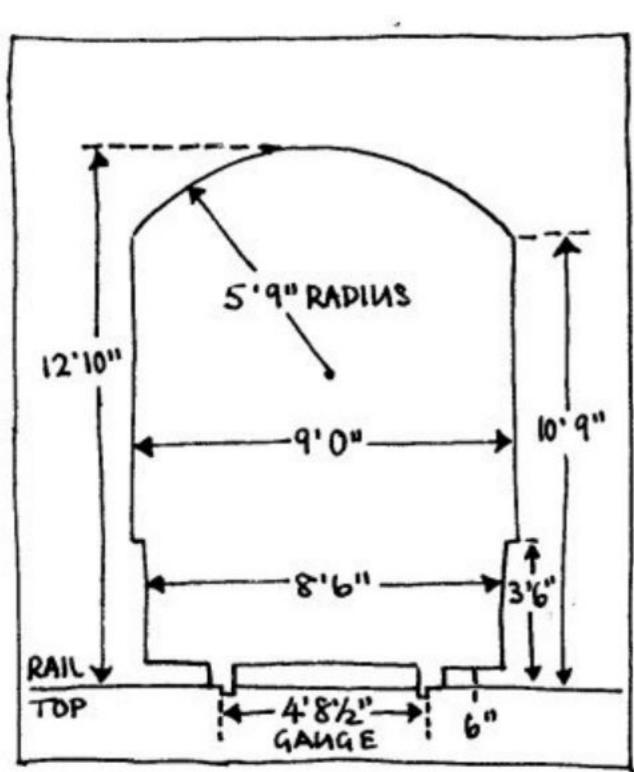
You need to define both track-gauge and scale to provide an unambiguous description of your model.

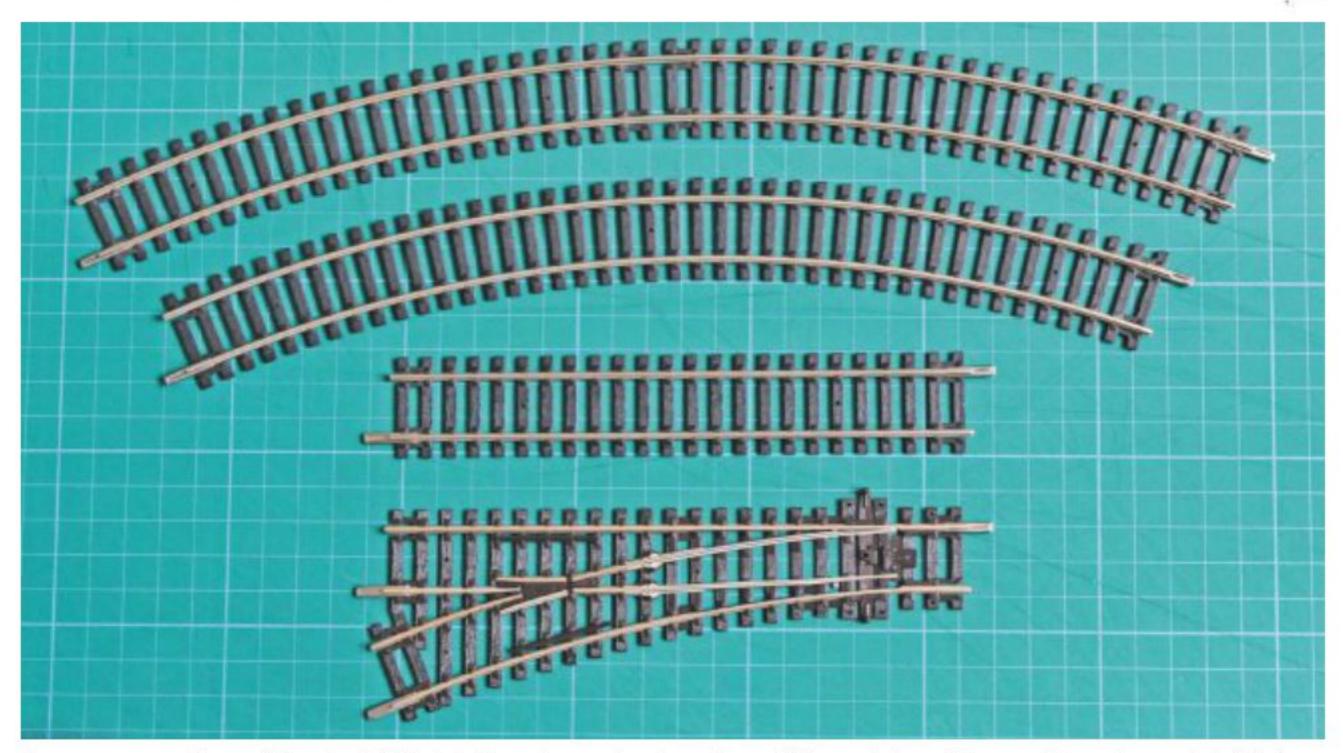
Narrow gauge. This, especially, should be defined both by a *track-gauge* and by *scale* to provide a complete description. For example,



Above: Flat Bottom and Bullhead rail profiles, and the terms used by both railway engineers and modellers.







Some examples of Scale 1:76 rigid track work, showing different lengths, radii, and a point. Note that the rail joiners are already permanently fitted. The top three are Hornby and the point is Peco. Hornby also manufactures matching flexible track with Code 100 rail.

a common narrow gauge modelled in Britain is to a scale of 1:76, but with a (narrow-gauge) track-gauge of 9mm. This implies rolling stock dimensions similar to that for 1:76, but for modelling a prototype track-gauge of about 2ft 3in.

Loading-gauge. This is the cross-sectional shape that is the outer limit for all rolling stock. Simply, it defines the maximum overall height and width especially for bridges, tunnels and for platforms and line-side equipment.

Proprietary model track work

By the term track work we mean inclusively straight track, curved track, points, and all the accessories such as rail joiners.

Track work comprises three distinct forms: straight, curved and points. The straight and curved are probably quite familiar but the points are varied and seen as complex, even intimidating, both mechanically and electrically. This track work has various generic names that vary by country of origin: point, turn-out, switch. We will use the term

point. The specialist names are, for example: left-hand point; right-hand point; triple point; crossing; single-slip; double-slip; catch point; etc.

The terms used by modellers do not necessarily align with those used by railway engineers. For example, a *crossing* is the prototype component that modellers usually call a *frog*!

There are two forms of model railway track work – rigid and flexible. Each manufacturer has its own patented trade or brand name for these forms (Peco's branding is *Setrack* and *Streamline* respectively). The straight and the curved rigid sections are usually available in a range of different lengths, and the curved rigid sections are available in a range of different radii. Matching points are designed to work well with these rigid systems. Note that rigid track work has the rail joiners permanently fitted to alternate rails, for quick and easy assembly straight from the train set box.

In general terms, rigid track work is usually more often associated with train sets than

w model railways, although it is most useful to
the modeller in certain circumstances — e.g.
in fiddle yards, behind the scenes, track in
tunnels, etc. However, for your first small
model railway using rigid track work can be
convenient and, maybe, allow you to utilise
items from an old train set. When choosing
your track work do be aware that the longer
wheel-base steam locomotives (e.g. 4-6-2
and 2-10-0) may not travel round the smaller
radius curves without derailing. Always check
before actually buying.

Flexible track allows you to create just the right radius of curvature for your particular circumstances, let alone the gradually changing radius (*Transition curves*) that mimics the prototype. Transition curves allow your trains to traverse the rails more smoothly, surely and with lower risk of derailment.

Track work availability and types

There is a wide range of track made by many manufacturers, although the most readily available brands in the UK are probably Hornby and Peco. Both of these regular brands are available with Code 100 rail. Hornby specialises in standard gauge track of 16.5mm track-gauge with Code 100 rail. Peco, however, manufactures a very wide range of scales for both standard-gauge and for narrow-gauge. In addition, it does this for most of the wide range of scales from 1:220 to 1:16. But do not automatically dismiss the many overseas manufacturers of track work, e.g. Fleischmann, Kato and Tillig. Tillig points in particular are unusual

Right, top – Four examples of Scale 1:76 standard-gauge Peco Code 100 Streamline points, designed primarily for use with their Code 100 flexible track.

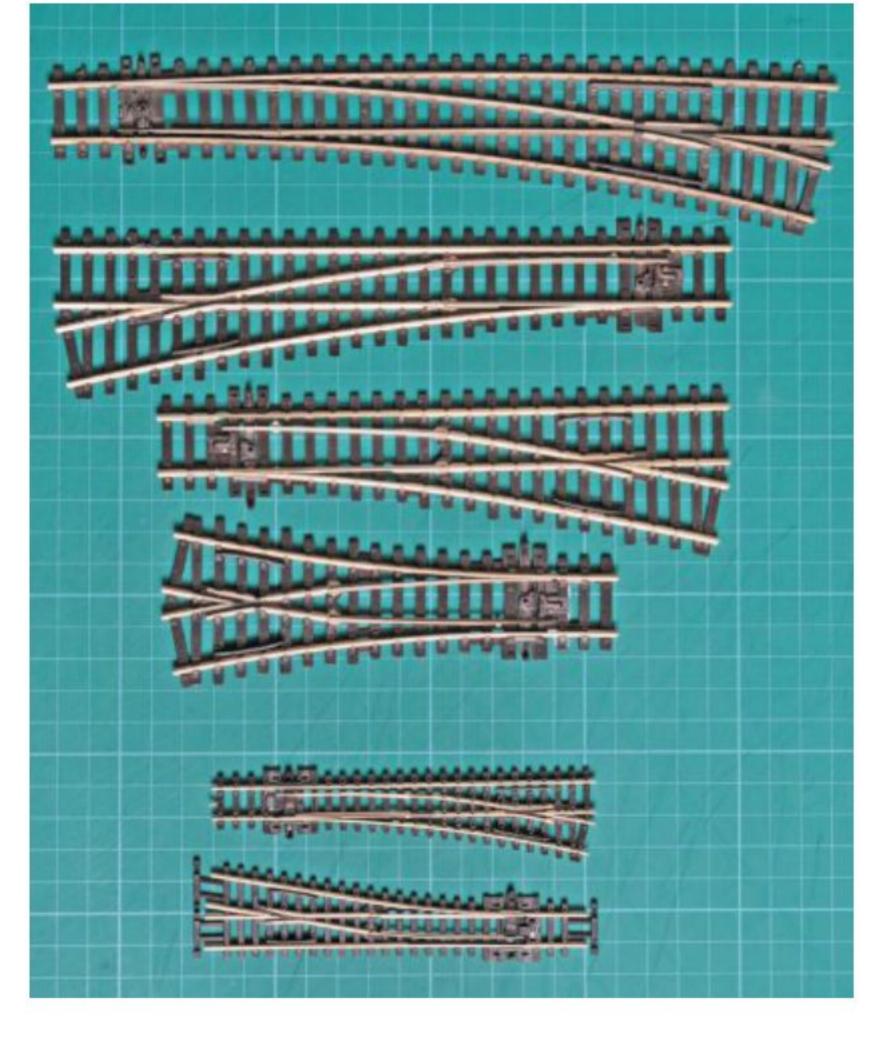
Right, bottom - Examples of Scale 1:148 standard gauge Peco Code 80 (above) and Code 55 (below) Streamline points, designed primarily for use with Code 80 and Code 55 flexible track respectively. The Code 100 and Code 80 Peco Streamline points are available as live-frog (Electrofrog) and as dead-frog (Insulfrog) types. The Code 100 and Code 80 points can, and often are, used in combination with Peco rigid track work (Setrack) items. Streamline points and flexible track work always need to have the correct pattern of their rail joiners added.

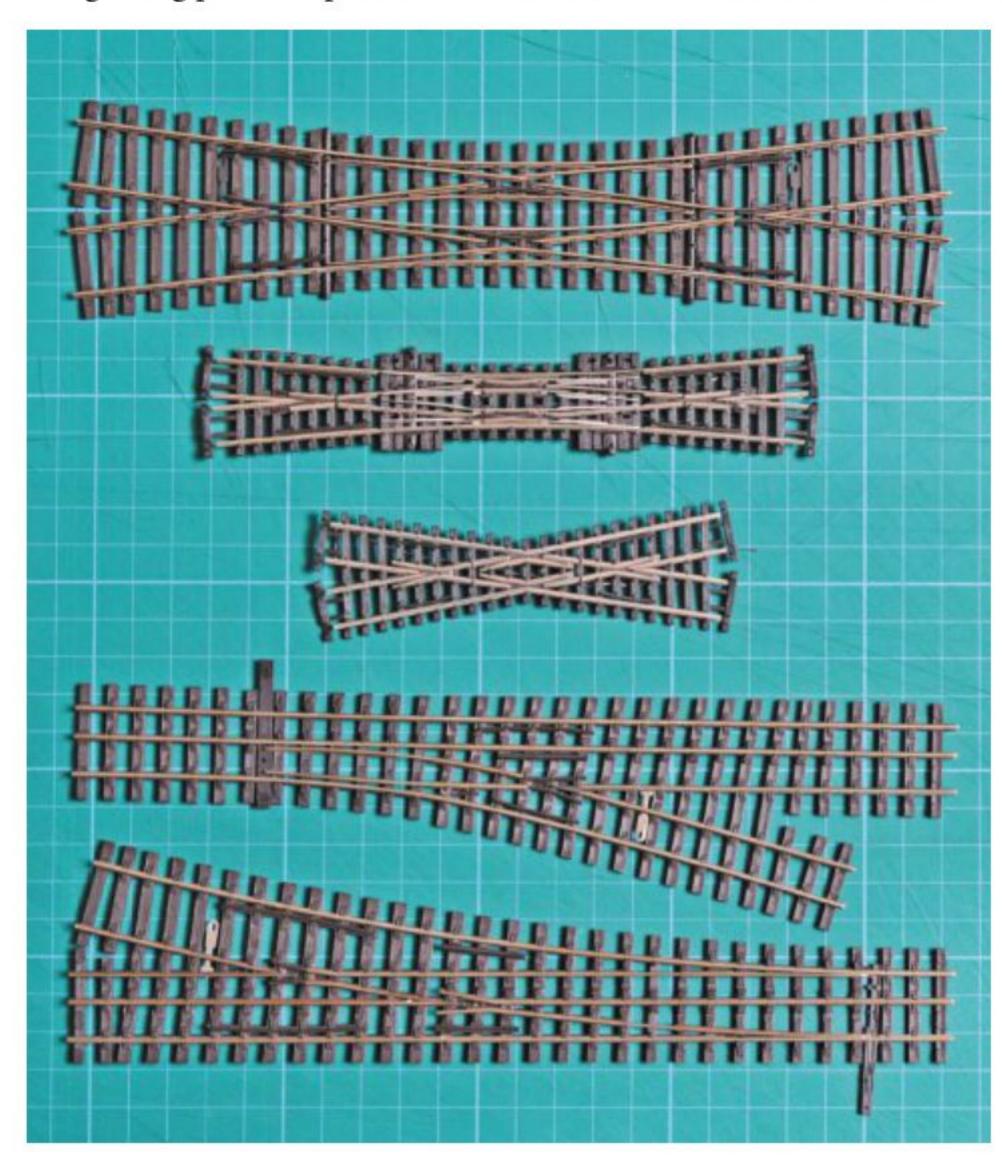
in that they can have their curvature altered a little to match your specific needs. It also makes dual-gauge (interlaced) track and points – for example, standard-gauge/metregauge, that is a relatively common prototype in Switzerland!

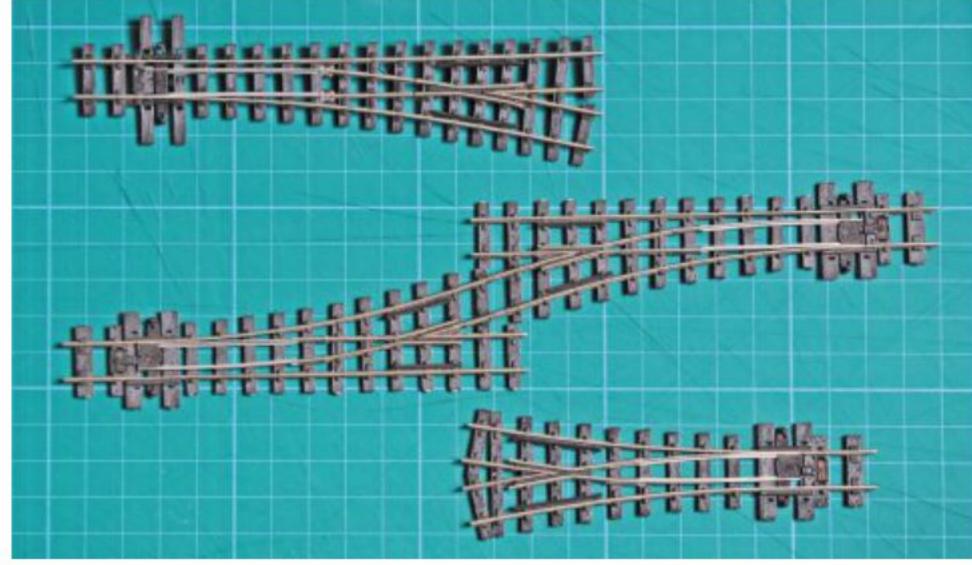
New, branded, unbranded, or second-hand track work?

Please be cautious in your purchases of track work. In combination with your baseboard,

track work is the foundation for your model railway. We advise that you purchase only brand-new track work and components, and that you always check that they are of a recognised, quality brand. You will sometimes find unbranded track at exhibitions at very attractive prices. The quality of the rail and the plastic moulding can be doubtful, so beware. Peco, for example, uses a sunlight-resistant injection plastic because most plastics will break down with sunlight







Above: Top to bottom:

Scale 1:87 (750mm track-gauge). A right-hand point. Main-line sleeper type.

Scale 1:76 (2ft 3ins track-gauge) A pair of left-hand points joined to form a crossing. Irregular sleeper type.

Scale 1:76 (2ft 3ins track-gauge), A Y point. Irregular sleeper type.

Left: Some more complex track work in Scales of 1:87 and 1:148.

Tillig Standard-gauge 1:87 Code 85 double-slip.

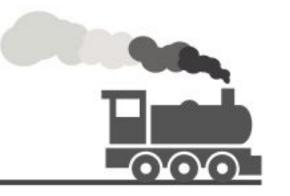
Peco Standard-gauge 1:148 Code 55 double-slip.

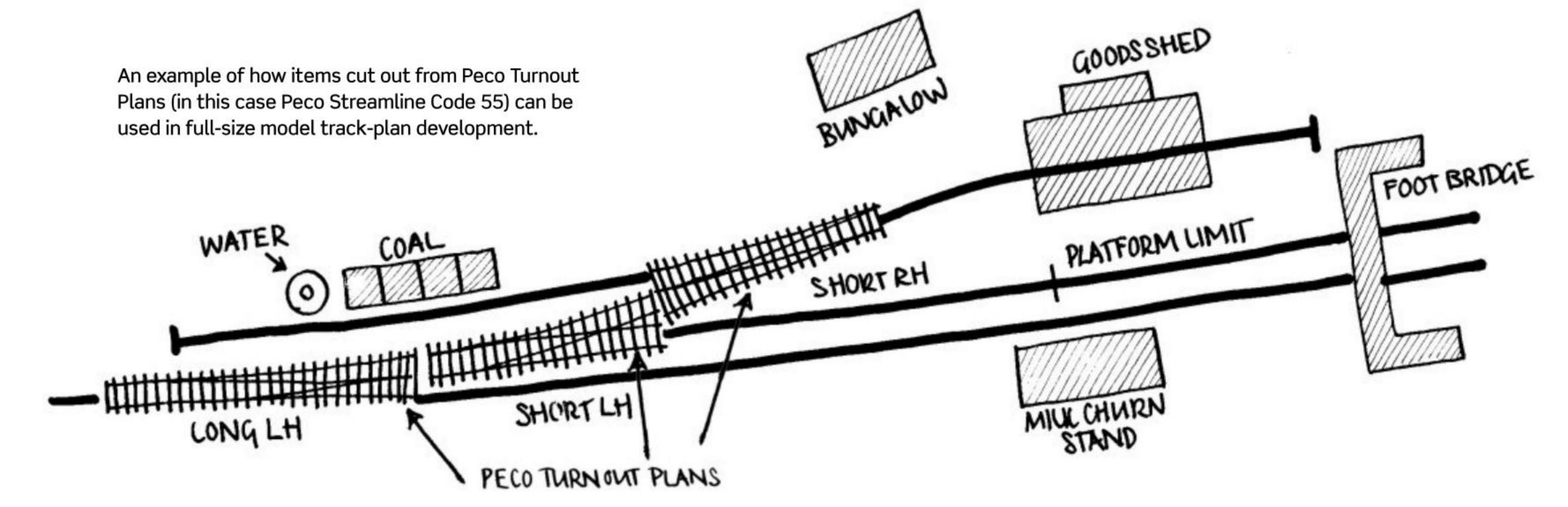
Peco Standard-gauge 1:148 Code 55 crossing.

Two Tillig interlaced Standard/Narrow-gauge Code 85 points

Note that both Peco points have spare sleepers on sprues at each
track-end. These are for use under the rail joiners at the track joins.

Some examples of Peco narrow-gauge track work points.



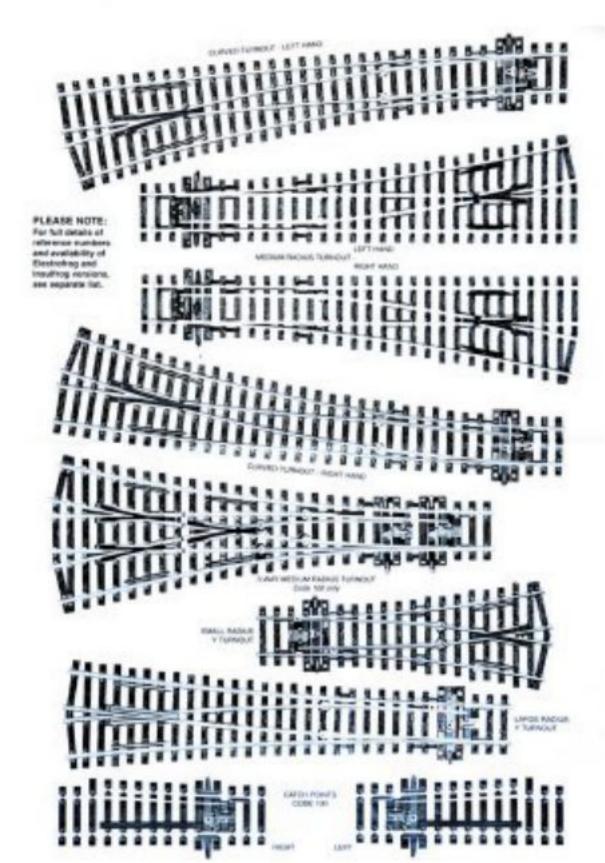


exposure. You will also find second-hand and used points at exhibitions at attractive prices. Beware! Very slight mechanical distortions will cause untold problems later – it is not worth the hassle. We must also advise you not to buy steel rail since its soldering properties and corrosion resistance are both very poor.

This is yet another reason to buy only new, recently manufactured track work. Many manufacturers routinely upgrade the sophistication of their points. Over the years, this can result in significant improvements both in mechanical/electrical operation and in appearance.

Points

Points are available in a range of different lengths and radius and include (double) curved points. In addition, manufacturers



Turnout Plans for Peco 1:76 Code 100
Streamline track work. These are available
free of charge for each individual point, for all
Peco track scales as a download from Peco's
website. Or alternatively, for most Peco track
scales, on an A3 sheet, by sending an SAE to
Peco together with a large-letter stamp.

sometimes provide more unusual points: slip; three-way; catch; cross; etc.

Frogs - dead or alive?

There is much argument, both historical and current, about this choice in points. In most train sets, if not all, the points are of the dead-frog type. This allows electrical connections to the track to be the most straightforward and, in the main, it works satisfactorily. However, we are planning a model railway! We have no doubt that you should always purchase the live-frog type.

The benefits are that they look more realistic (although some of the latest deadfrog types do look reasonably realistic) and that they offer better continuity for the locomotive to collect electricity from the rails. Small locomotives, such as 0-4-0s, can easily stall on dead-frog points, so destroying the illusion of the model railway. The perceived downside of using live-frog types is almost trivial. (You do not need to wire live-frogs to a polarity-changing switch it happens automatically if you keep your track work clean.) The most recent Peco live-frog points are the most sophisticated, and offer some options on how they are used – we will write more on this soon. The brand name for Peco's live-frog points is *Electrofrog*, and for its dead-frog points it is *Insulfrog*.

Planning

You will by now know that *Planning* is our favourite term. One particularly helpful aid for planning your intended model railway is the availability of point templates. These are full-size, printed images on paper of each type of model point. You cut them out, use them to optimise your track-plan, them paste them on to your full-size model track-plan on which you can build your model track work. In particular, Peco provides *Turnout Plans* as a free download from its website for its whole range of points. Do ensure that your computer printer is set to 100%, or they may print at slightly smaller

size that inevitably leads to chaos. Peco's turnout plans have a scale printed alongside for checking. Alternatively, an SAE with a large-letter stamp will get you a set of the Peco plans for each of the majority of the range – but do say precisely what scale, Code and track type you want. Tillig also provides point templates but they are not free.

There are two issues that you especially need to be aware of if you intend to mix different makes or Codes of track. If the Codes are different with Peco track, it provides special rail joiners (dual joiners) to allow the rail heads to be at the same level for connecting Code 100 to Code 75 for example. Also, if track work is of two different makes, then the overall height (bottom of sleeper to top of rail) of the track is probably different, even if the Codes are the same. In this case, you will need to pack the underside of one track with thin card when it is being laid. Yet more details to check out while planning your model railway.

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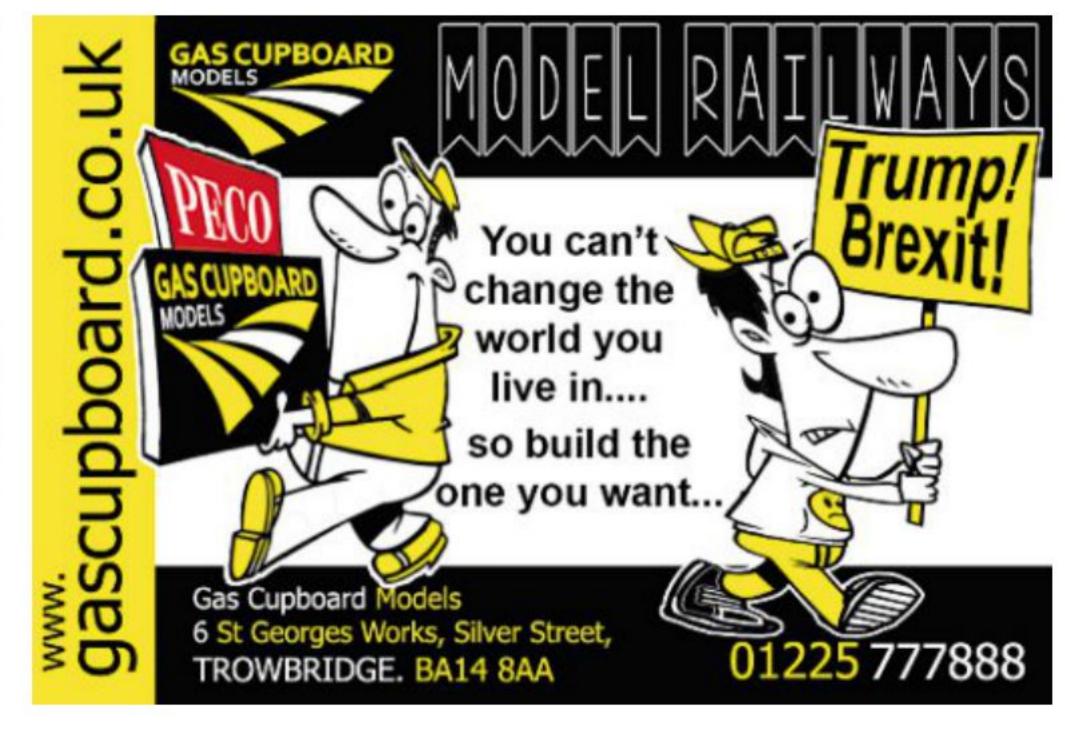
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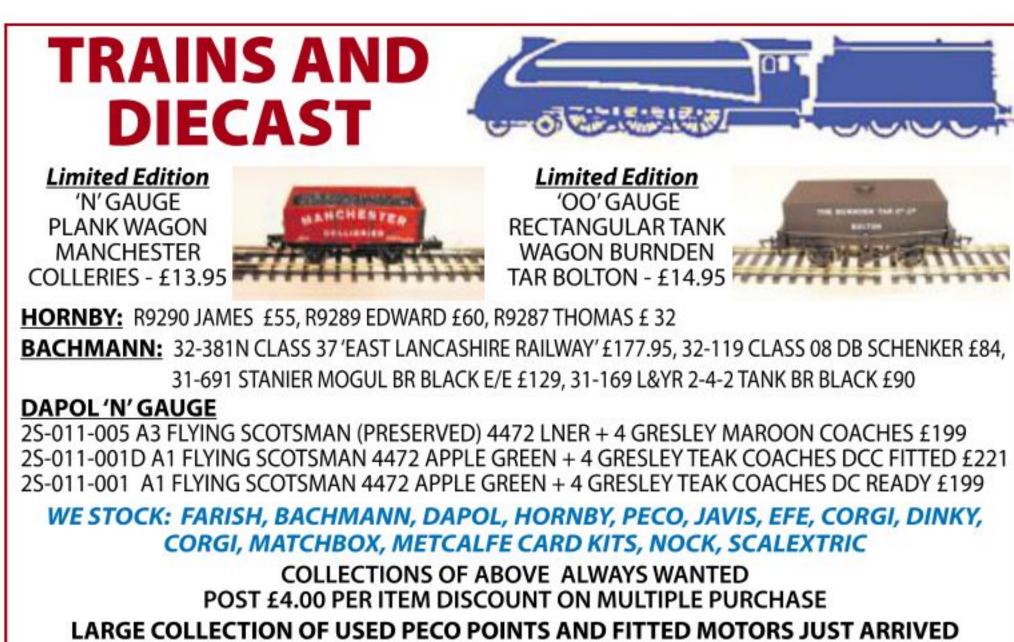
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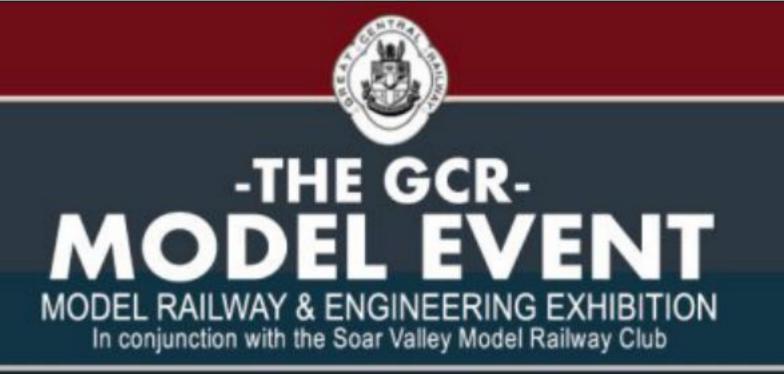




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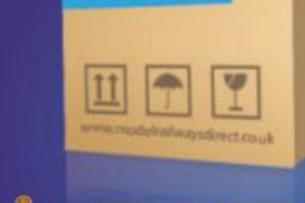
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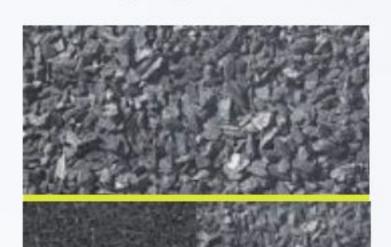
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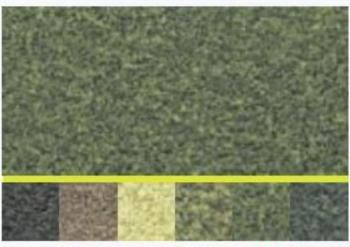
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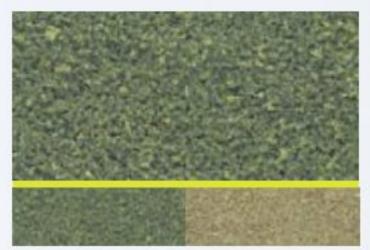
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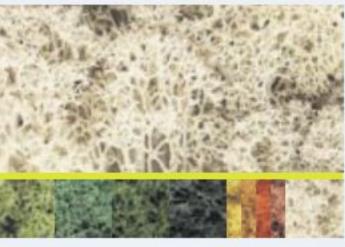
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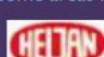
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Tools of the trade: a bag of ballast, ballast hopper, syringe, teaspoon, and a water spray gun.

How do I ballast track work?

HEN LOOKING ON VARIOUS FORUMS and social media pages I always see the same questions: 'how do I glue/ fix the ballast?' This is something I didn't learn how to do until I joined a club, which I would advise anyone to do, but if a club environment isn't your thing then hopefully we can answer your questions, says Matt Wickham.

Hopefully you will have run your layout to ensure that it runs reliably and you have no problems with derailing or any operation issues. Once you go to ballasting there are ways back but it is best to make sure it is what you want and you get enjoyment out of how it operates. Before ballasting you can weather your track by painting or using an airbrush and then cleaning the railhead afterwards, which is also important when gluing the ballast.

There are various suppliers of ballast including Jarvis and Woodland Scenics among

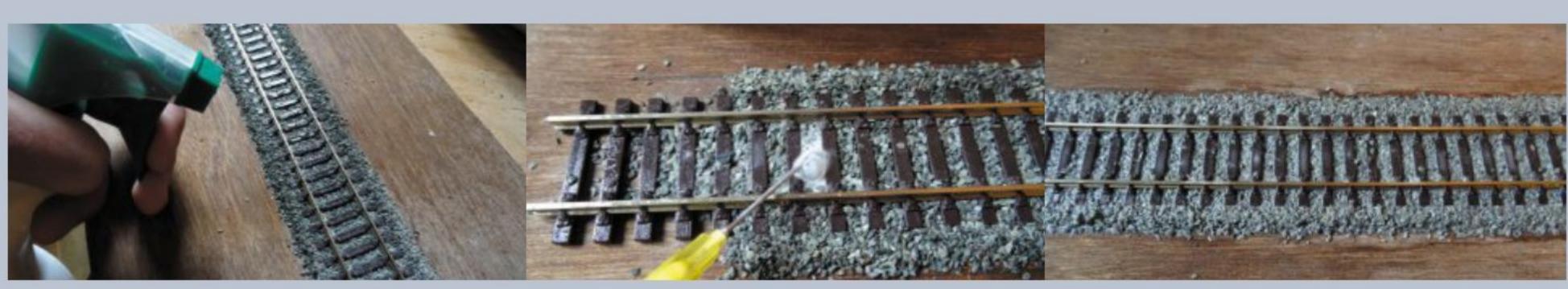
others and there are variations in price, size of the chippings and also colour. I generally go with a smaller size or N gauge ballast as I find most standard oo ballasts too large and bulky, and in scale terms probably the size of a small boulder.

Don't be afraid to mix and match different shades of ballast, if you look at the colour of ballast on the railway network or on a preserved line it isn't all one colour, you can mix and match colours and even add some coal chippings to the mix if you're running in the steam period.

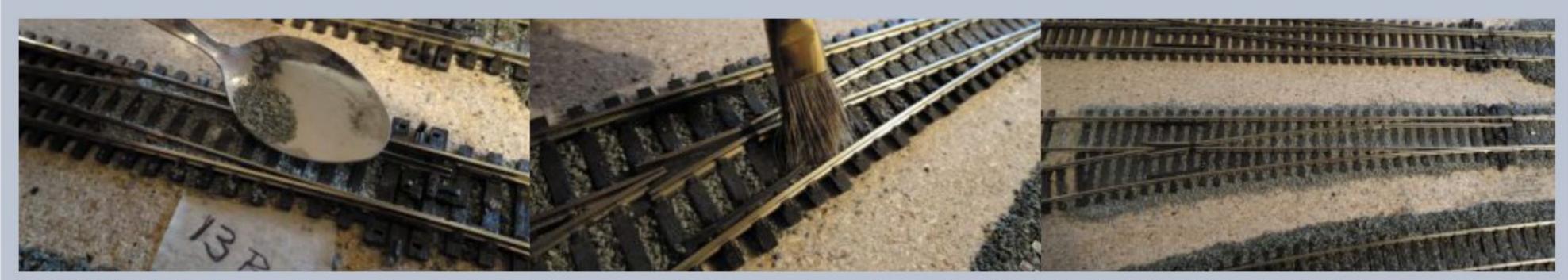
What tools will you need? I use a small spoon to apply ballast in small amounts in certain areas and a paint brush to move the ballast around and also to clear any loose ballast chippings, you can also use your finger, running it between the rails and along the outer edge of the rails. Next use a spray bottle to spray water to dampen the ballast, and a

APPLICATION: Left: Proses ballast hopper, middle: adding ballast to the track pulling backwards, right: cleaning off the ballast in the middle and ends of the sleepers.

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FIXING: Left - Lightly spray a mist of water over the dry ballast; middle - applying 50/50 glue/water mix; right - complete, wait to dry for 24 hours.



POINTS: Left - Adding small amounts of ballast with a spoon; middle - clearing and spreading the ballast; right - finished point ballast ready to glue.

« syringe or pipette dropper for applying the glue mixture, or you could use an old glue applicator bottle.

The ballast can be applied by hand with a small paint brush or spoon as mentioned, but if your layout is quite large, a company called Proses produces ballast hoppers, these are quite useful but the ballast does need some finishing off. There is a standard hopper that spreads the ballast in a realistic fashion through three slots in the base of the hopper. As this hopper only does straights and gentle curves it would probably be best for modellers with a big layout. Filling the hopper with medium/super fine/fine ballast chip, simply drag the hopper backwards to release it through the slots. The ballast will require tidying up, making sure it is clear of the back of the rail.

It's quite simple to fix the ballast, but an amount of care must be taken especially around the points. I use standard PVA that you can get from your hardware or hobby/craft shop in a 50/50 mix of PVA and water, with a drop or two of washing-up liquid to break the surface tension of the mixture. I apply it using a syringe, squeezy bottle, or a small dropper (a pipette is best for points to avoid sticking the point) whichever you prefer, but certainly not a spray gun as it just goes everywhere.

Before applying this to the ballast, I would

strongly suggest you dampen the ballast with a light mist of water, I use an old kitchen cleaner bottle with a spray head; dampening the ballast means it will accept the glue and water mix a lot better than if it was dry.

It will take around 24-48 hours for the ballast to dry, make sure you clean the track before it dries so you don't have any glue mix on the railhead, which will cause pick-up issues for your model. You can also remove the track pins as the glue will hold the track in place.

If you have points on your layout I would say tread carefully and in this instance less is more, keep the ballast away from the moving toe bar, which holds the point blades. I use small amounts of ballast on a teaspoon and just apply it where I need to (not too much). Along the ends of the sleepers I use the side of the spoon to run a line of ballast and I then use my finger and a paint brush to ensure the ballast is clear of the moving blades and ends of sleepers.

If your points are motorised you can operate the point to level out the ballast, and to make sure your point blades are clear. To fix the ballast is the same as before but remember to apply sparingly and accurately with a syringe or pipette as you don't want to glue your point solid.

You can do various weathering of the ballast with water colours. If you have steam or diesel

locos you can apply oily, ash, or coal deposits around the end of platforms or in between the running rails. I use quite a large brush and a mix of water and black paint and apply it in the areas where I want the ballast to be weathered.

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Dear RMM

Following on from the item in the March *RMM* about getting kids on track and in a similar vein in the April *RMM* 'Girls just want to have fun', my granddaughter had a fourth birthday party with a Disney Frozen theme at our house recently.

Upon returning home, her dad asked her what she liked best about her birthday weekend, without hesitation she replied: "Granf's model railway with engines that make a noise."

Model Railways: One – Disney: Nil **Alan Church, via email**



WEATHERING: Left – complete and dry ballast; right – my own layout where the track at the end of the platform has been made to look dirty, using watercolours.

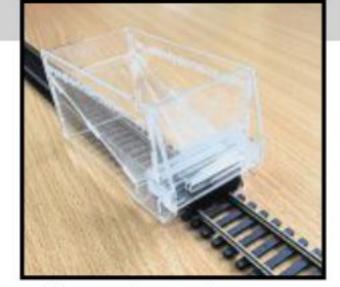


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It's all in the timing...

In a new monthly column **Lucian Doyle** tackles some of the issues within the modelling world. This month he talks awards ceremonies over a cup of tea.

awards ceremonies for everything these days? If it is not the Oscars it's the BAFTAS. Then we have the Annual Soap Awards followed by goodness knows what.

Being blunt, who on earth votes for them all and at what financial cost to those who do the voting? In some ways I suppose it allows the TV companies to fill some primetime TV spots in order for those involved to pay for the awards. A way for the broadcasters to have a TV programme paid for completely by the consumer. All they have to do is to make the programmes then create an award for the said programme genre, have the public vote at their cost and then create another programme to show the aforementioned awards being won. Great... but for someone like me who is

waiting to be immersed for two hours in trying to work out who has murdered whom in Midsomer it can be quite infuriating when up pops on to my screen one of these industry 'slap on the back' programmes. Mind you, even the model railway industry is not averse to organising such awards but thankfully these are not broadcast, well not on my TV anyway.

Just recently a friend and I got into a discussion about the 2016 British Model Railway Awards announced a couple of months ago and the validity of such things. I just happened to say that although I never vote for such awards it was good to see that Hornby had at last been recognised for producing some truly excellent models, as well as picking up the Manufacturer of the Year award. All this, I said, meant that even taking

into account the

and tribulations that Hornby had gone through in these last few years, at least where model railways were concerned 2016 was its year.

My friend did agree but said that with Bachmann having a year of consolidation and only a few dribs and drabs of new products coming from the likes of Kernow and DJModels it would have been amazing if Hornby had not achieved at least a couple of number one spots in the '00' rankings. He then went on to explain that in his opinion much had to do with timing. He explained that if one looked at past years the majority of new items that had won the top position in the awards were those that had recently been released, in some cases only a matter of weeks before the polling had begun. Continuing on this tack he said that Bachmann had been excellent at such timing, which was one reason

N gauge awards... and therefore by default Manufacturer of the Year. He then added that Hornby was still considered by many in the so-called model fraternity as not being 'model railway' enough, hence its usual lack of awards.

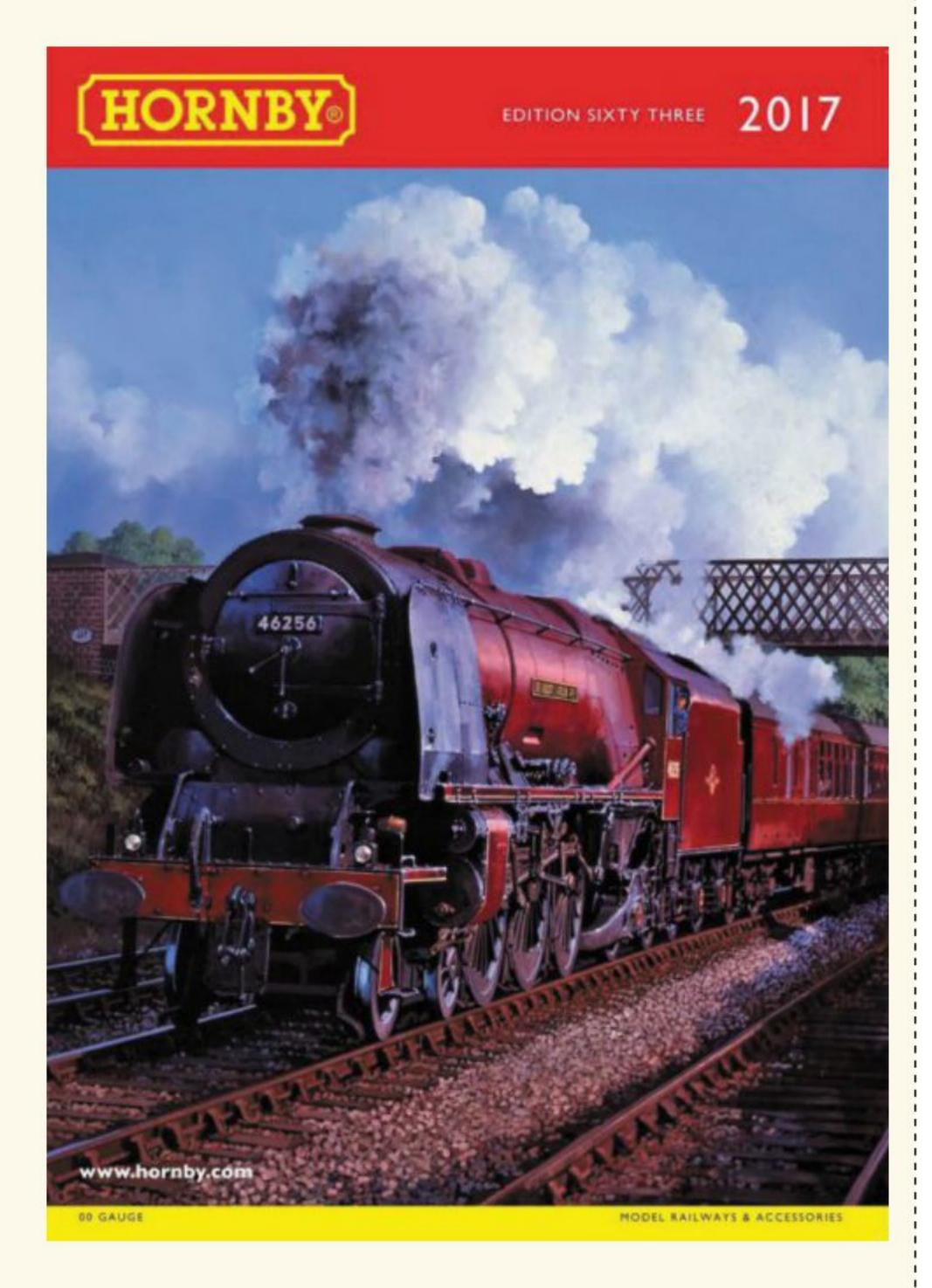
As my friend's latest statement hung in the air I decided that it was probably best if I wandered off to the kitchen to make some tea. While waiting for the kettle to boil I mused on what my friend had said, some of which did make sense but not all and I resolved to continue the discussion on my return with the tea. This I did and handing one of the mugs to my friend I started by saying that Hornby's major problem was that, try as it might, not being taken as a serious model railway manufacturer was really based on the snobbery of many of the modellers and not on the models it produced. Of course, Hornby had not helped itself over the years – certainly not in recent times – but in general what it produced was first rate. I am not one of those who has to buy one of everything but I am keen to see what is new and for my part what Hornby has produced over the last couple of decades confirms to me it is serious.

Of course, like all of us it has made the odd mistake and its 'Design Clever' debacle must go down as one of the company's greatest misunderstandings of the modeller, but who can criticise its King or the stunning B12, the latter of

which I would have said

was a category winner but the little Peckett obviously caught the imagination of the voting modellers. As





I thought the Collett coaches were a suitable winner, so maybe my friend's assumption that the closer the release date is to the actual voting does have some credence. As for Hornby's SR cattle wagon, an interesting winner, and linked with the SR Maunsell coaches maybe it denotes how strong the SR fraternity is in the model railway voting world.

I explained all this to my friend, who being fair, did not disagree... but I think we both felt we each had a valid point.

During our discussion I did use the latest Hornby catalogue as a reference point, but while doing so I had to admit that although the publication was much better than the poor excuse that had masqueraded as a catalogue for 2016, we both felt that the 2017 offering was well below standard. Both of us have been in the printing industry at various points of our lives and

we were obviously keener than most to examine in close detail a publication that costs just a penny shy of £8. Thankfully Hornby had returned to its standard A4 portrait format, but that was not the only thing it had returned to. On closer examination we discovered that some of the images incorporated looked incredibly familiar and it was not long before I realised that many of the pictures used had been taken from past catalogues. Now there is no rule saying that cannot be done, but when the locos featured in these 'time again' shots are not part of the current range then my friend and I began to wonder what we had purchased. Was it a new catalogue or a rehash and at £8 did we feel cheated? Well for me it was a good job that there was not a category for best manufacturer's catalogue because in my book Hornby would have come last.

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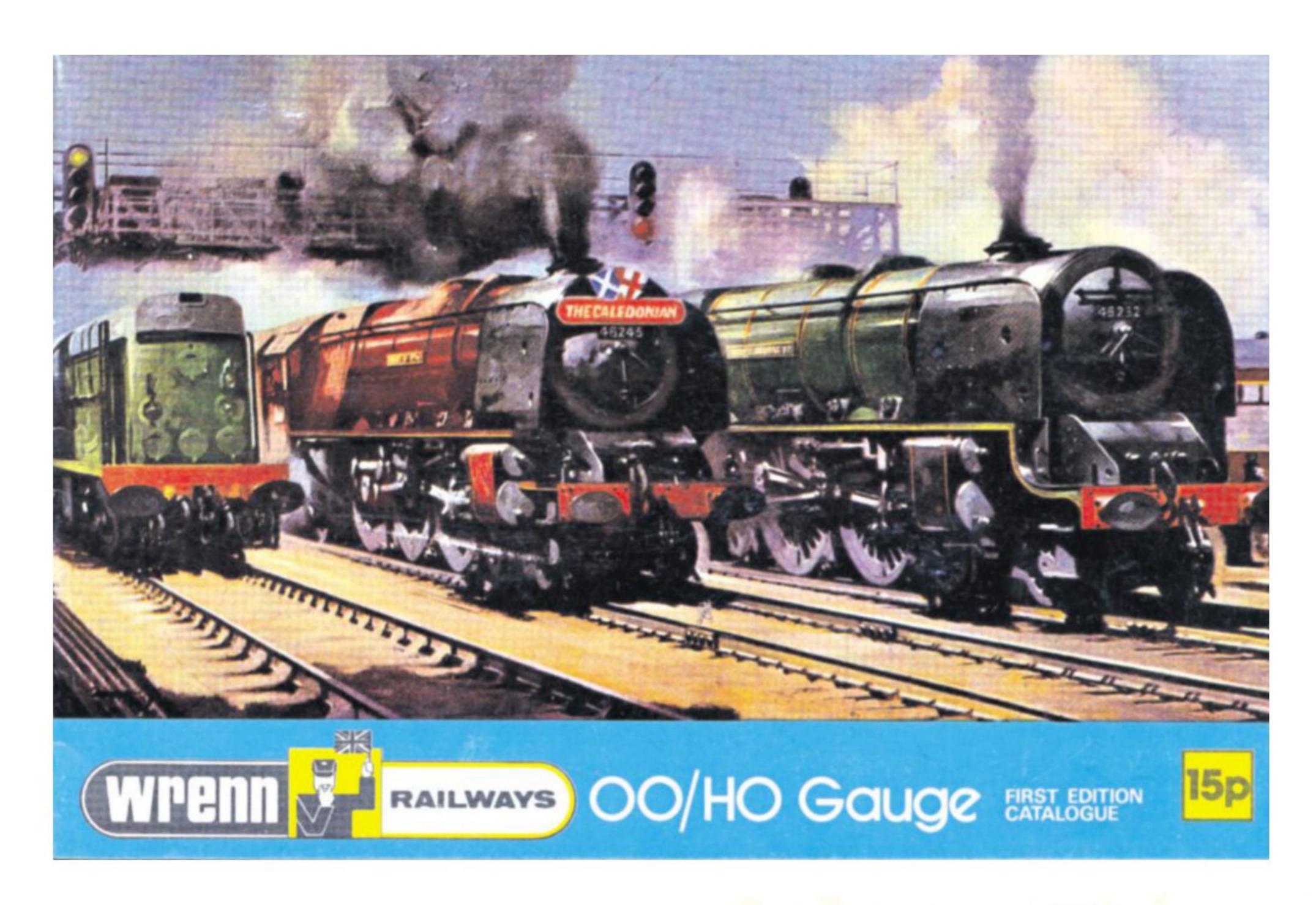
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G&R Wrenn

Tony Stratford looks at the company that saved Hornby Dublo models and made them its own



Hornby and Tri-ang, the name G & R
Wrenn has appeared several times. After
the collapse of the original Liverpool-based
Meccano company and its famous oo
Hornby Dublo range in 1964, Wrenn went
on to produce many of the famous trains
under its own name into the 1990s.

Two brothers, George and Richard Wrenn, formed the company in 1950 to produce 00-scale track from a factory in Lea Green, Blackheath in southeast London. Both were engineers by profession, George and Richard both served apprenticeships with Vickers-Armstrong Ltd. The new Wrenn company produced two- and three-rail track, together with a range of point work, using a fibre base for the sleepers.

Richard worked for a time in developing a similar track system for Graham Farish, which was then based in Bromley, Kent, and became works manager. Farish had entered the oo market in 1949 and was the first to offer a ready-to-run mass-produced two-rail model locomotive, rolling stock and track work. At the time the two major manufacturers (Hornby Dublo and Trix) used three-rail systems. Richard also worked for toy company Victory Industries which, for a period, was based in Guildford.

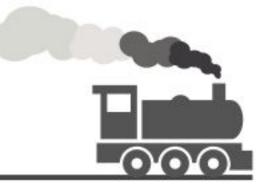
G&R Wrenn was soon a major supplier of track with a big expansion taking place in 1952 and additional staff recruited. Among them was a secretary called Audrey, who in 1956 married George. Having left the company a year before when they relocated to Essex, she subsequently returned to become company secretary and a company director in 1966 having raised a family; a role she continued until the company was dissolved following its sale to Dapol in 1992.

In 1955, the company moved to Basildon, Essex in 1955 to 9 Bowlers Croft, an industrial estate complex whose name would appear on the company's advertising and packaging for many years.

Originally a partnership between George and Richard in 1957, the two brothers set about forming a limited company. The original share issue of 10,000 £1 shares in January 1958 saw each brother acquiring 5000 shares each with both becoming joint chairmen. They were then joined by their brother Cedric, then working in the antiques business, who became the company's sales director in the late 1950s.

The business, in addition to its 00, TT and 0 gauge track products, went on to manufacture several different toys, including a radio-controlled model boat branded Master Mariner, which came complete with its own inflatable pool! Wrenn also developed a very successful 1/52nd scale slot-car racing system known as Formula 152 in 1960.

Following closure of Victory Industries,





the Guildford-based toy company in 1969, G&R Wrenn bought the remaining stocks of Mighty Midget motors, Vosper RAF Boats and Vosper triple-screw yachts and all the associated spares. These items were subsequently listed in Wrenn price lists in the early 1970s. Victory Industries produced battery-powered model cars and boats, which used Mighty Midget motors and had developed their own slot-car racing system VIP. Wrenn went on to produce the former Vosper boats at Basildon until 1971.

Continued expansion eventually brought into use additional Bowlers Croft Units Nos. 7 and 11, either side of No. 9, and at one time the company employed some 600 people.

The Trix connection

On June 1, 1964 Wrenn reached agreement with British Trix, which would take over the marketing and sales of Wrenn products including the Formula 152 slot-car range.

The company issued shares worth £10,000 to British Celanese Ltd, the parent company of Trix, part of the Courtaulds Group, which produced Lego under licence at its factory in Wrexham as British Lego Ltd until 1999. One of the British Trix directors, James Morris, was appointed

to the board of G&R Wrenn.

The arrangement was strengthened in July 1965 when another 5000 £1 shares were issued. By then the British toy industry was in turmoil. The Meccano empire created by the manufacturer of Hornby O Gauge and Hornby Dublo trains had collapsed in 1964. British Trix too was in difficulty and had already approached Lines Brothers, the owner of Tri-ang Railways and Hornby Dublo, regarding a possible takeover. Lines Brothers declined the offer and in October 1965, the Wrenn brothers bought out the shares owned by British Trix and the company was once again totally within the family.

Part of the Tri-ang empire

Although Lines Brothers was not interested in the British Trix range, no doubt owing to its trains being made at 3.8mm to the foot – halfway between HO and OO scales – it was interested, however, in the Wrenn company.

During 1965 negotiations took place between Lines and Wrenn, resulting in Lines becoming a major shareholder in Wrenn from January 1966. Wrenn had approached Lines regarding the purchase of the former Hornby Dublo tooling that Lines had acquired in 1964 with the Meccano assets. Tri-ang rebranded its Tri-ang Railways range as Tri-ang Hornby during 1965 to appease the Hornby operators but only a small number of items were included in the main catalogue. Lines Brothers was, at the time, offloading large stocks of unsold Hornby Dublo products on to the market at very low prices, much of it through the Wrenn subsidiary.

With Wrenn part of the Tri-ang empire, Lines had an ideal solution. It could restart production of the old Hornby Dublo range at Basildon, pleasing Hornby Dublo owners and ensuring that the range did not fall into competitors' hands.

Tri-ang already had its own slot-car racing system in Scalextric and the Wrenn Formula 152 system was a casualty of the new arrangements.

The rebirth of Dublo

With some Dublo locomotives no longer available the opportunity was taken to reintroduce the Castle Class locomotive *Cardiff Castle*. Only two-rail versions were made and the tooling altered to erase the Hornby Dublo name in favour of G&R Wrenn from the underneath of the locomotive running plate.

The locomotive was also fitted with Tri-ang-type couplings with the large plastic Hornby Dublo type being

Blasts from the past

supplied in an accessory bag. The box was branded wrenn.

The 8F 2-8-0 and BR Standard Class 4MT 2-6-4T followed in 1967. The first wagons appeared in 1968 with coaches in the form of the all-plastic Pullman cars appearing in 1972. The range of tinplate coaches, although listed for re-introduction, never materialised. 1968 saw the RI Class 0-6-0T alongside the rebuilt Bulleid Pacific. The following year saw the N2 Class 0-6-2T, Princess Coronation (Duchess) 4-6-2 and the Gresley A4 class. Only two diesels were produced; the Class 08 shunter in 1975 and the Class 20 Bo-Bo two years later. Production of these products would continue until closure.

Other products

When production of the Tri-ang TT items ceased in 1967 remaining stock was transferred to Lines subsidiary G&R Wrenn, which sold it off to dealers. The company did arrange for the tooling to be used for three types of BR Mk.1 coaches in 1968 – these were the only ones to appear in BR blue and grey livery and, as very few were made, they command high prices on the second-hand market.

By 1967, N gauge was gaining momentum as an alternative to 00 as well as the by-now discontinued Tri-ang TT system. Not wishing to enter the N gauge market, in its own right, Tri-ang struck a deal with Italian manufacturer Lima, to market a series of low-cost British outline models to compete with the Minitrix and Peco ranges already available.

From October 1969, the first adverts appeared for Tri-ang Wrenn and from 1970 until 1972 new boxes carrying Tri-ang Wrenn branding were used.

With the break-up of the Lines Group Tri-ang empire in 1971, G&R Wrenn



became independent once again when the Wrenn brothers bought out shares owned by Lines Bros to regain independence. Although the link with Rovex was broken, Rovex salesmen continued to market Wrenn Railways' products for a further year.

Abandoning HO

The relationship with Lima saw it produce o-scale models, the mineral wagon being a copy of the Tri-ang Big Big train product and using the same coupling system that was discontinued around the same time.

Wrenn also distributed the HO system, which introduced British outline models in 1973 and realising that despite competitive prices, British buyers remained entrenched in 00 scale so, in 1976, Lima jumped ship

to oo scale abandoning British но scale. A year later Wrenn stood down as the Lima importer and distributor with Eisenmann taking over responsibility for Lima in the uk.

Coats of many colours

Some Wrenn locomotives carried liveries that were never used in real life. Perhaps the most famous example of these was the BR 4MT 2-6-4T that carried Caledonian Railway livery. While the real locomotive did not appear until 1951, 28 years after the demise of the Caledonian, a 2-6-4T did carry such a livery in preservation on the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway in Cumbria.

The locomotive in question was a Fairburn 2-6-4T rather than the BR derivative. It was no surprise that when Bachmann produced its Fairburn tank, the Bachmann Collectors' Club produced a model of the Caledonian version with all the 500 models selling out in days.

Despite the lack of prototypical accuracy in some cases, the models proved popular with collectors and are highly sought-after today.

Wrenn tooled models

While most products produced between 1972 and 1992 consisted of former Hornby Dublo products running on new chassis with Tri-ang type couplings and carrying the G&R Wrenn name, some new models were tooled that were only available during the Basildon era.

These included a model of the 'Brighton Belle' based on the old Hornby Dublo Pullman cars in 1980 with new power cars. An original Royal Scot Class locomotive appeared in 1981, while a streamlined



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The end of an era

Of the Wrenn brothers, Richard retired in 1975 going on to run a successful antiques business in Leigh-on-Sea with his wife Jean for 25 years before finally retiring in 2000, and Cedric retired as sales director in 1982.

By 1991, George now 71, looked to sell the company as a going concern. Unfortunately, he was unsuccessful and in October 1992, he wrote to stockists announcing a closing-down sale.

There was almost a panic among the many collectors with prices increasing overnight, particularly for the rare items. Shops soon ran out of stock and collectors visited the factory during the final weeks to buy the last of the products. Prices rose overnight and many of the rarer models were changing hands for several hundred pounds after the factory closed. At the time of closure George and Audrey Wrenn were the sole directors.

In the summer of 1993 the name and assets of the company were bought by David Boyle of Dapol Model Railways. The

first adverts for G&R Wrenn trading from Dapol's Winsford site appeared in the model railway press from the September 1993 editions, although the press release regarding the takeover appeared the previous month.

Dapol cleared the Bowlers Croft site of machinery, tools, stock and company records and transferred them to its Winsford site. Staff began the job of sorting out items and assembling wagon components for sale in original Wrenn boxes.

Records destroyed

Dapol was, in 1994, preparing for a move to Lower Dee Mill and many of the tools had already been transferred from Winsford when the factory was destroyed during a fire. Much of the Wrenn archive material was unfortunately lost including artwork used for advertising and catalogue production.

Wagon production recommenced in November 1997 with two ranges, wri that used original Wrenn bodies on original Wrenn die-cast chassis and wr2 consisting of new wagons from the Wrenn tooling located on new Dapol chassis.

Although it had been announced that locomotive production from the Wrenn tooling would recommence, no locomotives or coaches were manufactured at Llangollen. Once the supply of original wagon bodies and chassis had been exhausted, production

of the new wagons continued and these were incorporated into the main range.

Dapol used many of the wagon body tools for catalogue and commissioned wagons produced as limited editions for model railway organisations, retailers and individuals over the years, which it continues to do today.

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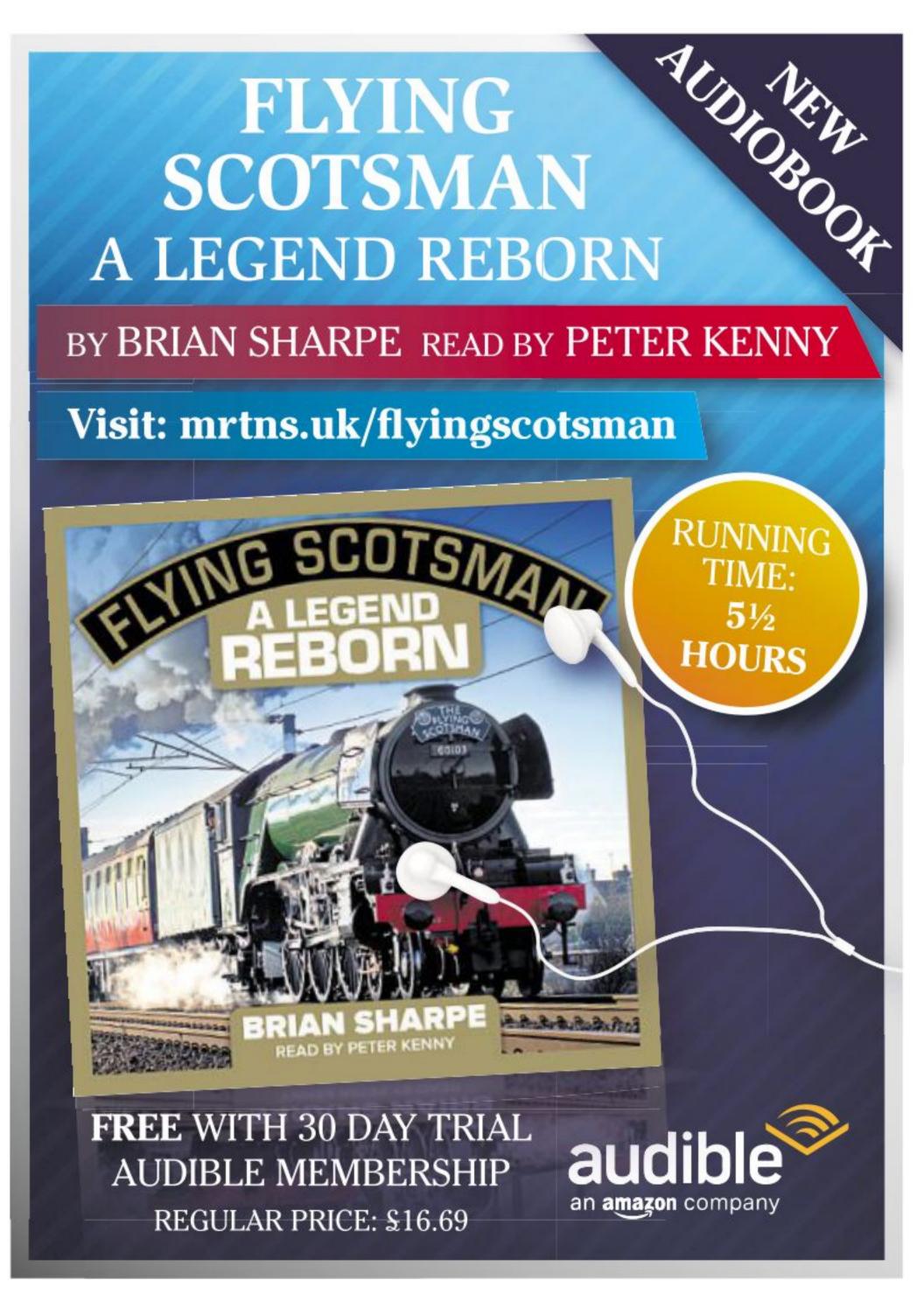
Three Wrenn collectors pooled their resources to purchase G&R Wrenn from Dapol. Their intention was to secure the name, tooling and surviving records. The wagon body tools incorporated into the Dapol range were not included in the sale and remain in use with Dapol today.

Several wagons were produced over the years from the original tooling and these were sold through the company website, and some through the Wrenn Collectors' Club. The new Wrenn company produced new bodies for several locomotives. The company closed in October 2015 and this looks to be the end of the Wrenn story.

Wrenn Collectors' Club

Formed in 1999, there is an active collectors club with some 200 members. For details see www.wrennrailways.co.uk

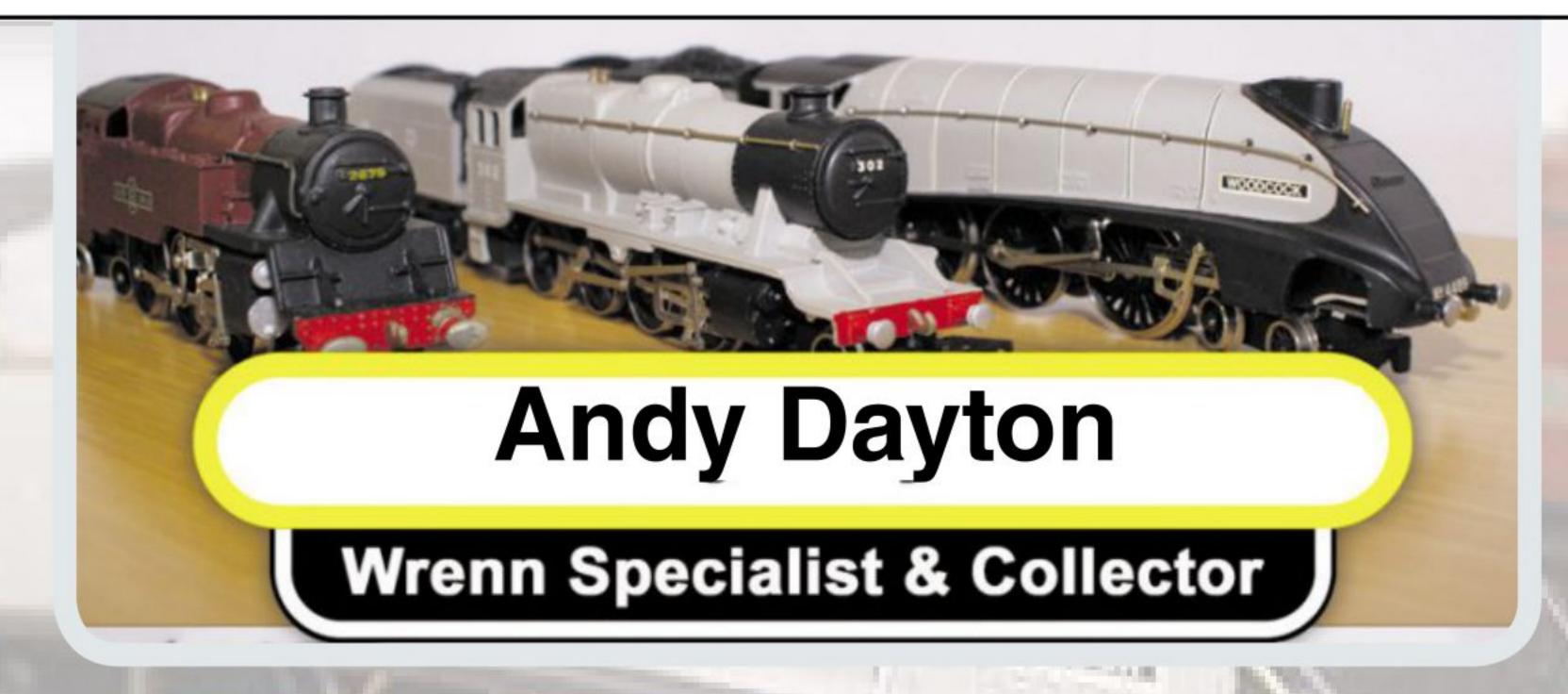
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If you want to get started on a model, try dreaming big, but building small, says Phil Parker.

O YOU DREAM OF A MODEL RAILWAY stretching as far as your eyes can see? When opening a track plan book, are you drooling over the four-track main line with half a dozen stations layout?

I'm not.

In fact I'll be happy if I never build a model railway layout longer than six feet in length ever again. I'm not alone either. There are lots of people like me. Modellers who are quite happy to limit their ambitions to modest projects, some little bigger than a sheet of paper.

So, what is the appeal of a tiny layout and should you be building one?

Let me start by explaining what I'm talking about. The guru of micro model railroading is the late Carl Arendt whose website, still being run by friends, has the following definition:

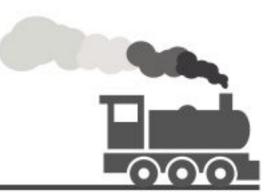
"Micro *layouts* are small model railroads, usually less than three or four square feet in area, that nonetheless have a clear purpose and excellent operating capability."

This is pretty stringent. You are looking at a baseboard no more than four-feet long and 12in wide - small but enough space for some useful and interesting model making. Perhaps that is a bit too hair shirt for most but if you can find space for something half the width of the traditional 6ft by 4ft baseboard, then a model railway is well within your grasp.

My first serious layout built back in the 1980s was as traditional as they come. A

branch line, which, after a few modifications ended up 20ft long. It appeared at three exhibitions, but with no room in the house able to accommodate the whole length, away from shows it lived packed away. After that, I decided that any follow up would be usable in a normal room so even if it didn't set the show circuit alight, at least I'd have a model railway I could actually use.

Melbridge Dock came in at a modest six feet long plus a three-foot fiddle yard. Nine feet of layout would go up in a spare bedroom and so it was available for operation and more importantly, modelling. Every piece of track, every building and all of the rolling stock was built by hand. Despite this, the modest size allowed the layout to be ready for showing within 18 months.





1: At 9ft long, Melbridge Dock (OO gauge) fits in a normal room and a Mk.1 Ford Fiesta. A small layout meant that I could spend time adding loads of detail including a pair of scratch-built Clyde Puffers.

2: Based on an asylum railway, The Hellingly Hospital Railway offers limited operation in its eight-foot length but it's a pretty scene and a fascinating prototype.

Taking the layout on the road prompted an unexpected response from visitors. People kept saying: "I didn't realise you could do so much in a tiny space." They really liked it, and so did exhibition managers who booked us for shows up and down the country.

After a few years, thoughts turned to another project, this time based on an asylum in the south of England. The Hellingly Hospital Railway ended up slightly shorter, but no less detailed. Not the most exciting layout to operate perhaps, but great fun to build and again, it attracted attention at shows.

After this the die was cast. Another ninefoot layout, Flockburgh, appeared. This time » 2



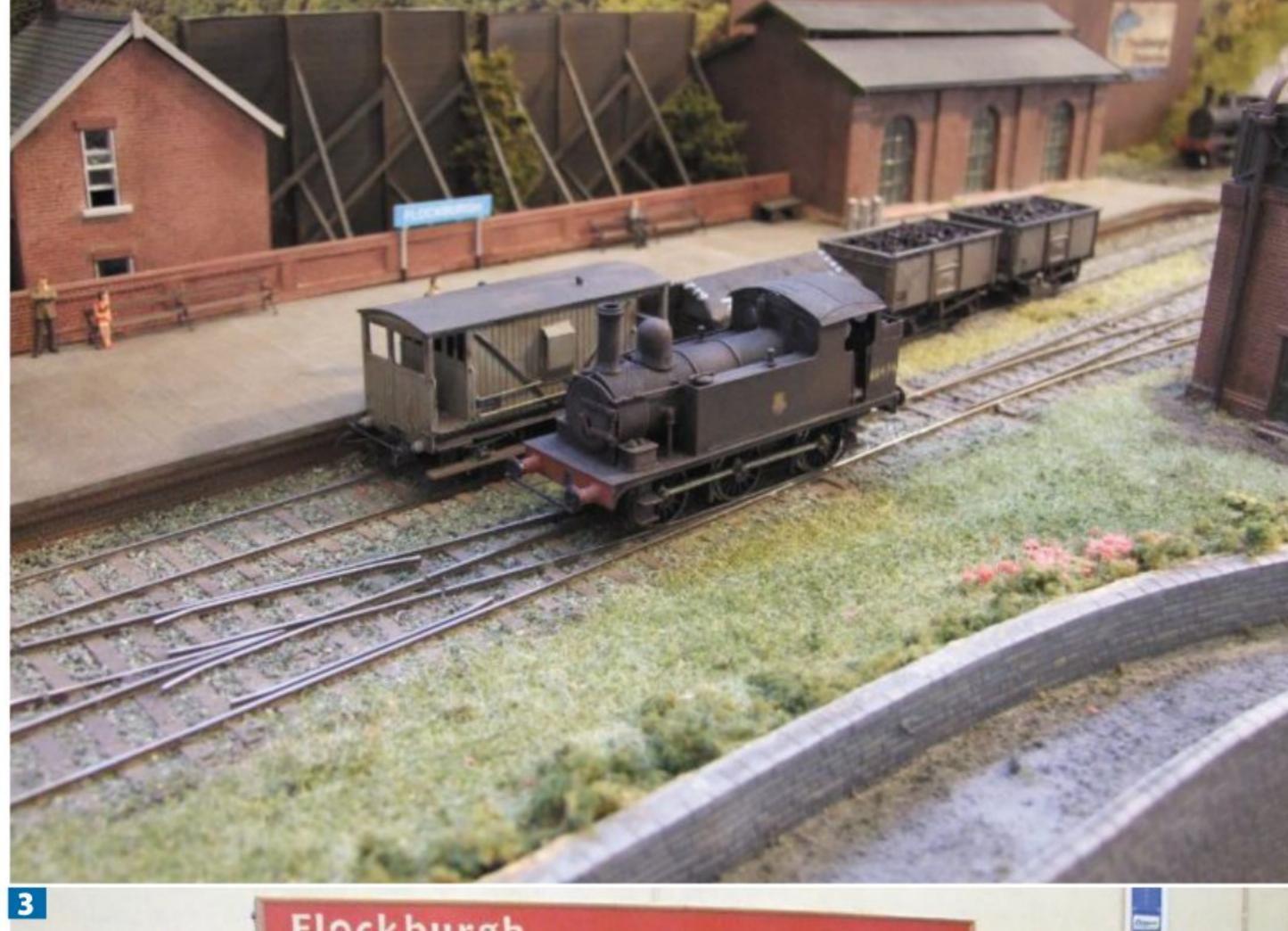
Tiny layouts.



1: Even large-scale models can operate on little layouts. 16mm scale is normally the preserve of garden railways, but this circular scene is less than a metre wide.

2/3: My first attempt at a 3mm-scale layout, Flockborough is also 9ft long. Plenty of space for challenging finescale modelling.

4: Thakeham Tiles, built by Michael Campell is based on a prototype narrow gauge factory railway. The unusual triangular baseboard houses the O14 (7mm scale, 14mm track gauge) layout, which includes skips that are loaded and emptied in the buildings at each end.







« I fancied trying out 3mm scale and while the dream was to build Ballachulish, this was a new scale with a lot of challenges. A plan by the late Cyril Freezer seemed like a good starting point for something that would be a test bed for the new techniques required, so that's what we built. Ballachulish is yet to happen, but Flockburgh allowed me to tackle a steep learning curve and gain the confidence to do it if I ever find the time.

I'm in awe of those who can stick single-mindedly to a grand project. Rev Peter Denny spent 30 years building and rebuilding his famous layout Buckingham. That's not for me. Blessed with a butterfly mind, I'm wont to head off on all sorts of tangents. Show me an interesting prototype

and I'll be drawing track plans in my head with dreams of a layout to follow.

The Melbridge Box Company came about because I suggested to the Double O Gauge Association that a layout building competition would be a good idea. Obviously suggesting people make a conventional model would be met with a lack of interest, but how about building in a box file? That wouldn't take anyone much time, or absorb a lot of space. My layout lives on a bookshelf when not being used but fitting everything into a small space was enjoyably challenging and several others felt the same.

Over the years, I've built layouts in plastic boxes plus a few more six-foot wonders. Give

me a room 50-feet long and I'd probably fill it with lots of little layouts. Maybe I can't run a long express train, but I can live with that.

So, why do I love building small layouts so much?

Fast results.

If a micro layout takes a long while to build then it's not small enough. While a main layout can be seen as a lifetime project, a micro should be a matter of weeks, or at most a few months' work. Mind you, we are railway modellers and therefore hopeless at judging how long anything takes (Hint: at least twice as long as you think it will) so don't quote me on this.

Forget a glacial pace of progress, every



session should see visible results and with them, the pleasure of getting something done.

I recall a friend once saying that he would be spending the next year ballasting his layout, and feeling sorry for him as this is one of the duller chores associated with our hobby. Quite frankly, dragging myself down to the shed every evening for another session of sprinkling and gluing bits of granite in place would make the idea of sitting in front of a soap opera seem very appealing.

Wiring is another of those jobs that can go on forever. All we want is to see a train move and yet for many, this simple step can be months away from the day that wood is first cut for a board. Fine if you have the patience and a clear vision, but many don't. This leads me on to:

They make a great break from bigger projects.

If you want to build a layout, you need to stick at it. Every time you change your mind, there will be work to undo and then do all over again. Ask yourself, are you doing this because the original idea was wrong or did you just get bored and need to do something different?

Sometimes a little side project can provide relief from the larger one. You mess around building a tiny layout for a few weeks and then go back to your main model with fresh eyes and renewed enthusiasm from having achieved something. Maybe changes still need to be made but the chances are you'll realise that the original project looked fine, you'd just become tired of it.

The chance to try out new techniques.

What is the best way to ballast track? Is O gauge more appealing than N? Can I make my own buildings from scratch?

Modellers, especially new ones, can find themselves full of questions and faced with ever more possibilities within the hobby.

Talking to other people and reading books, magazines and the internet can help but there is nothing to beat getting your hands dirty and trying things out. Don't plunge in and commit yourself to a full-size layout until you are sure it's right for you. A tiny layout is a great way to test techniques and see how they work.

If you enjoy the micro then you move on to the main project full of enthusiasm and with experience that will allow for rapid progress. Chances are that thanks to your practice you'll save loads of time and produce better results in the future. You might even decide to incorporate the little model into the main one.

Storage is easier.

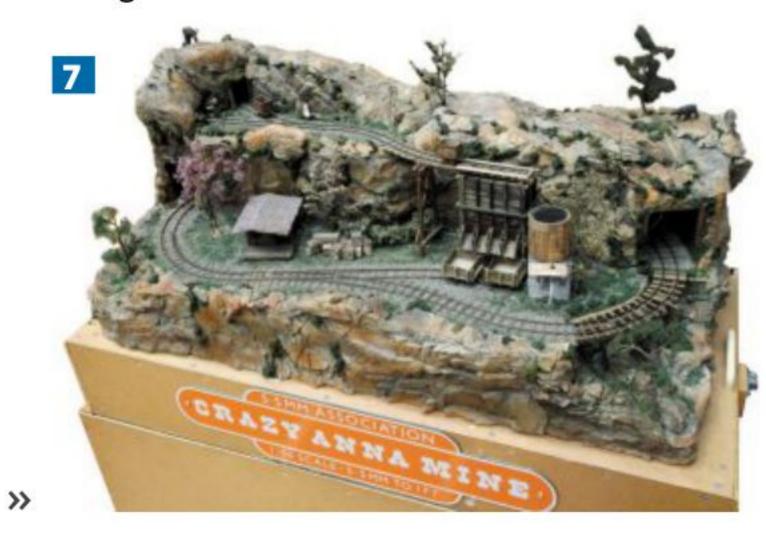
Most of us don't have a room that can be given over to our hobby. If we are lucky, the layout has a home where it can be set up to be worked on, the chances are it will need to be packed away occasionally and put out of the way while family life takes over.

Should you have a spare room, building a model railway in there can perform the valuable service of stopping the build up of rubbish. Empty rooms become magnets for boxes and 'stuff' which all need to be moved out in a hurry when you have someone



5/6: O gauge doesn't have to take up loads of space. Tim Watson has built a series of micro layouts, each 2ft long, that link together for a larger model.

7: I've always fancied building an American narrow gauge model and when I saw Francis Stapleton's Crazy Anna Mine, it provided me with an awful lot of ideas. Tiny, it still provides a continuous run for four wheel locos and rolling stock.



Tiny layouts



« staying over. Regular use for layout building
will stop this as although modellers are
perfectly capable of accumulating 'stuff' we

all know it will come in handy one day so it's NOT rubbish.

The trick is to be able to pack the layout up quickly. My main layouts split into a pair of three-foot-long baseboards that can be bolted to face each other. Put a cloth over the top and suddenly they are a useful table with a vase on the top taking little space in the corner of the room.

True micro layouts are even easier to deal with. Building a layout in a box file allows it to sit on a bookshelf. Those in plastic boxes can live on top of wardrobes or under beds.

So, how do you start?

Simple, take some track and a small board and shuffle the pieces around until something looks good. I like the idea of working on a layout that will fit in a box as it imposes a definite limit that forces me to be creative. The Really Useful Box company makes excellent plastic containers that I've used in the past. Snug-fitting lids protect the model from dust and during the building stage, encourage you to keep the materials inside rather than spreading them around the house.

LEFT: Kidmore Magna is a roundy N gauge layout in 24in by 18in. Built by David Mitchell, there are more than 60 trees in the scene.



You don't even need track for the planning stage. Peco makes point plans freely downloadable from its website. Print some out and move them around on the board along with some rolling stock.

Once happy, get building. There is only one aim – finish the model. Keep things simple – all that matters is to crack on and see some results. Don't worry you aren't doing things right, it's your layout and you can do what you want. Keep the spending down and just enjoy the model.

This isn't serious, you might decide to chuck it in the bin once you've done, but I bet you don't. Little layouts have a habit of growing on you!

to fit a working model railway within a plastic box, Melbridge Parva is only 75cm long and yet can be shunted once a 12in fiddle yard is attached to the end. It makes a great photo backdrop too.

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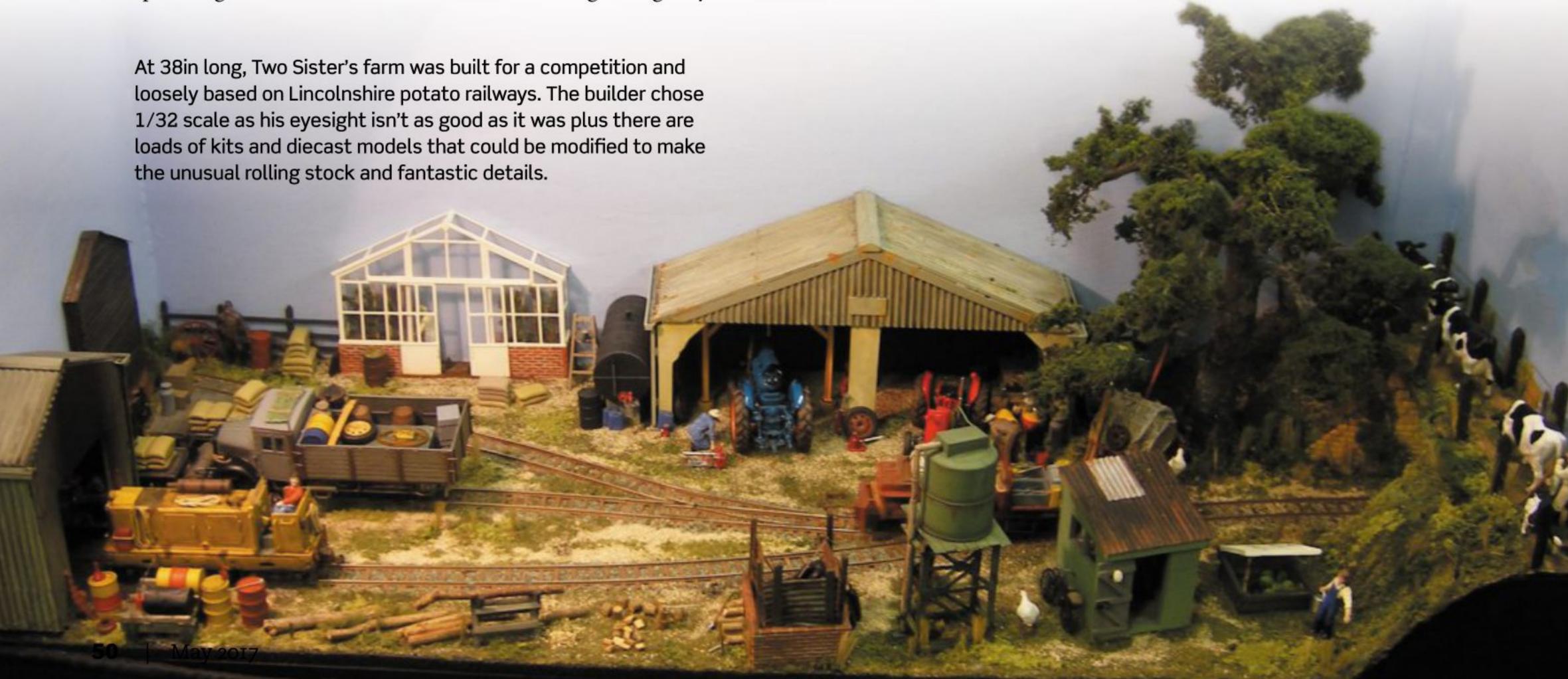
Plastic boxes, some of which are big enough for a micro layout.

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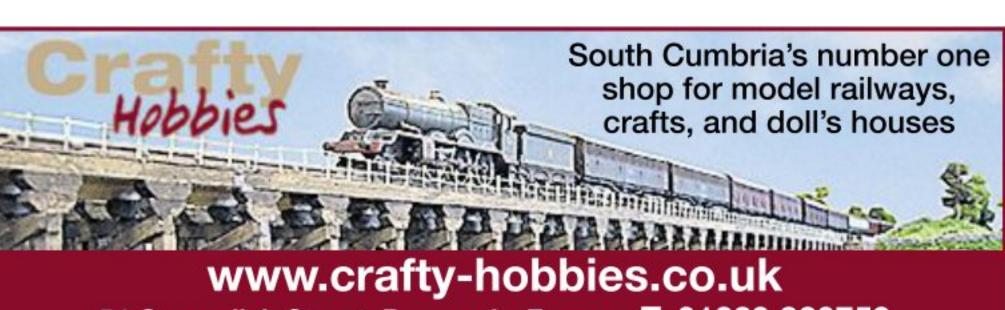
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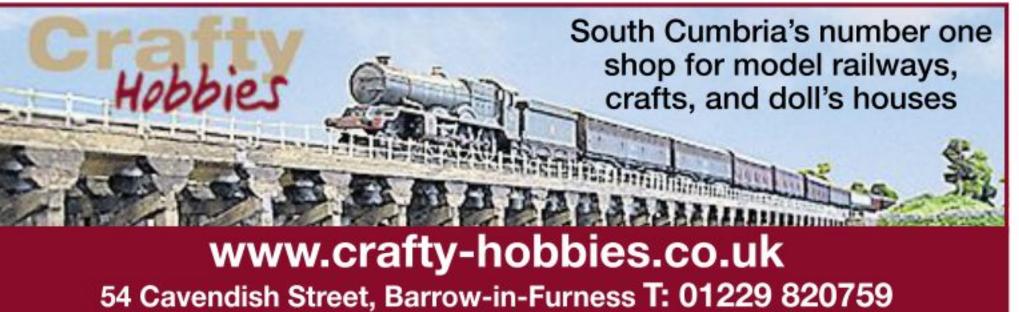
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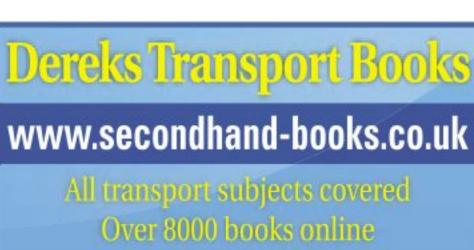












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RMM's secret layout spotter has been out and about photographing layouts of note this month...

Life on the Peckham branch



A modern tinplate loco: the Ace trains pannier, engaged in shunting a GW "toad" – this is one of a batch built by the GW for London freight services and is therefore very appropriate for the Peckham branch.



The private siding at Peckham High Street. This area is a pastiche of the LNWR coal yard which once existed in the real Peckham.

The Peckham branch is a minimum-space o gauge railway, which enables me to wallow in nostalgia for a lost Peckham and an older style of railway modelling, writes John Tarrant.

On the Peckham branch coarse and finescale, tinplate and more modern materials happily rub shoulders. The model is based on a very real location in south-east London – the high street station is where the new Peckham library now stands but was indeed once the terminal basin of the Peckham branch of the Grand Surrey canal.

As the Peckham High
Street branch is notionally an appendage of the East London line it is possible for all manner of locomotives and rolling stock to put in an appearance. The limitations of size mean that in reality stock is limited to tank locomotives, four-wheeled passenger stock and goods vehicles that do not normally exceed 12 tons, although BR standard 16t mineral wagons have started to appear at the coal yard.

In order to make a little more space, one mildly innovative feature was to abandon the idea of a conventional fiddle yard. The space originally earmarked



New and old, Ace Trains pannier passes an original Hornby signalbox approaching Peckham.

for this is now occupied by Hill Street station. Thus fiddle yard activities are achieved by running a train into Hill Street, turning off the illumination to that area and removing/ replacing stock under cover of darkness!

In lieu of fiddle yard sidings, storage for stock is provided on a shelf above Hill Street station. This storage area then ignited the idea of using a further shelf Docks loco shed. This is simply a Darstead engine shed and a couple of yards of track, but it does serve the real purpose of housing spare locos and some rolling stock between turns on the railway.

The branch, storage sidings and loco shed scene have all been illuminated with LED strip lighting which gives a nice daylight feel to the model. (This

being South London in 1950 the 'daylight' tends to have a rather grey overcast quality!)

Peckham itself is largely represented by enlarged photographs of the area used as a background, somewhat enhanced by some half-relief buildings. Platforms and some other structures are built in the traditional way from card and brickpaper. Most of the line is signalled from a genuine

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Activity in the coal yard.

Hornby tinplate signalbox. This 'box is one of those with a hinged roof and space inside for the 1930s vintage Hornby control system. To pay homage to this I have installed Peco point and section switches inside to control the Hill Street area of Peckham.

Finally, internal illumination, in the spirit of its age, is provided by a torch bulb. High Street station is controlled by Peco point switches concealed within a half-relief industrial building conveniently located at the front of the railway.

Track work is the ubiquitous Peco o gauge bull-head variety some of which, to my astonishment, is now more than 30 years old having served time on several layouts. Points are very elderly Marcway units that have been repaired/refurbished over the years. Point control is by prehistoric H&M sm3 motors and traction control is by a more modern Gaugemaster analogue DC unit: there is no possibility of DCC ever appearing at Peckham. Power to the Surrey Docks shed diorama is provided, appropriately, by an old H&M Powermaster unit.

A late addition to the Surrey Docks area has been a Hornby tinplate signalbox spotted in a local charity shop.

When I was very young I lived in a house whose garden overlooked this canal and that house would have stood somewhere near what is now Hill Street station on the model.

So the Peckham branch has developed as a pastiche of my memories of a long-vanished Peckham where the canal has been replaced by a rather quirky branch railway.

The modelling style recognises my own incompetencies and, I hope, pays homage to an earlier style of modelling, which draws much more on the modeller's imagination and is less concerned with slavish, and sometimes clinical, prototypical 'accuracy'.

This little railway gives huge satisfaction in its operation, and I find it very easy to get lost in this little world of vanished Peckham! Rather like the earlier model railways that have inspired the Peckham branch, there is a complete history and character story being developed around the model.

I strive to achieve a credible railway operation that provides me with operational interest and a chance to enter a slightly different version of the world we live in: much more fun than computer-generated virtual reality!



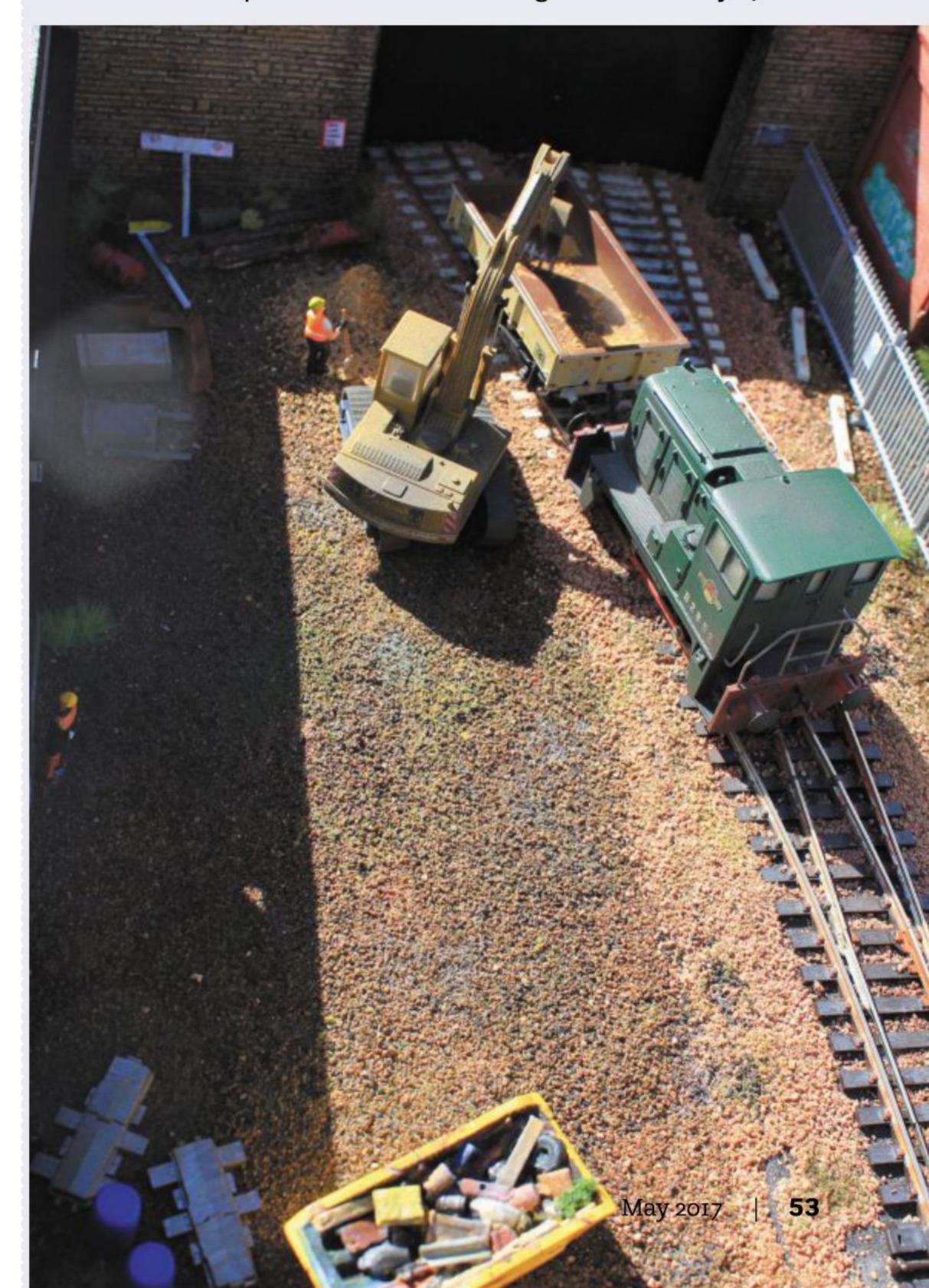
These pictures are of the first boxfile layout I built, writes Steve Graham of North Yorkshire.

It ran for a while with a length of track added to give the trains somewhere to run from. I also took it along when I did modelling demonstrations to show what could be done in a small space.

The track and points on

all three boxes are Peco. The scenics are from many sources; some commercial and some scratch-built. Electrics are DC and the points are manual.

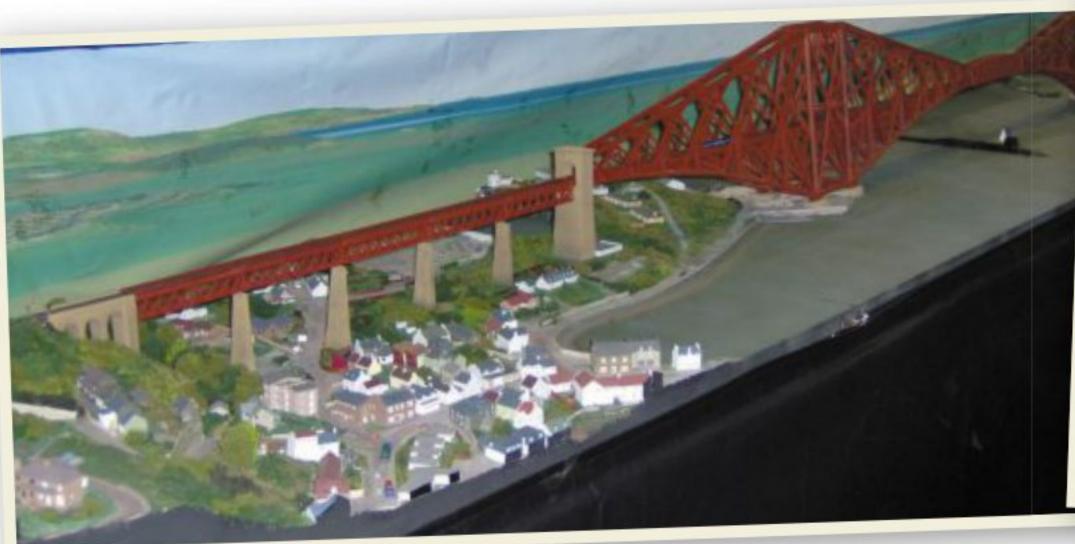
I built a second box with two exits and another point and am now finishing off a third one that will join the two. Both these are fully scenicked. The layout will be at Bridlington show on May 27.





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This display was built by Doug Kightley, and is a perfect example of 21st century model making. The bridge alone consists of 663 separate parts; and there are more than 350 buildings on the layout that took almost three years to construct. It is 26ft (8m) long by 2ft (600cm) wide. Appreciating that it has been created in T gauge: 1/450 Scale, one of the smallest available, amazingly trains actually run across the structure. KEN MCKEE (02) AND IAN LAMB (01)

Mail Rail Scotland

Model Rail Scotland show was held in February, presented through the combined efforts of around 30 members of the Association of Scottish Model Railway Societies in Scotland, supported by guest layouts plus 150 exhibitor stands, including demonstrations, writes Ian Lamb.

With the addition of numerous preservation societies and 'real' railway outlets there were many sources to hand ensuring authenticity for the appropriately themed modeller, regardless of scale or gauge.

As always at such events, it is the manufacturers (large and small) plus the traders who put up the funding to make such a venture financially viable.

Inevitably in today's expensive world the overall impression was that of targeting to the masses, as I felt there was a certain 'sameness' about many layouts.

Also – as this magazine tries to emphasise – if we are going to encourage 'new blood' into the hobby (especially from enthusiastic youngsters) there needs to be more direct welcoming to visitors to try their hand at operating some of the layouts, rather than simply observing.

As an exhibitor myself from time to time, I can appreciate the concern that operators do have when they see misguided fingers inexorably approaching one's pride and joy (usually through poor parenting), but in my view we must do all we can to encourage participation.

I therefore have great admiration when I see an approach like that of Brian Taylor (Smart Models) who almost begs you to have a go.

Inevitably each visitor will have their favourite layout, of which the following is my selection, though there were many more that I'd love to draw attention to.



Kinnaird, the layout presented by Bonnybridge Model Railway Club, just oozed with atmosphere; and the illusion of space belied how narrow the baseboard actually is. IAN LAMB



Island of Sodor complements beautifully the TV series featuring Thomas the Tank Engine, where young visitors can be truly enthused to become future railway modellers.

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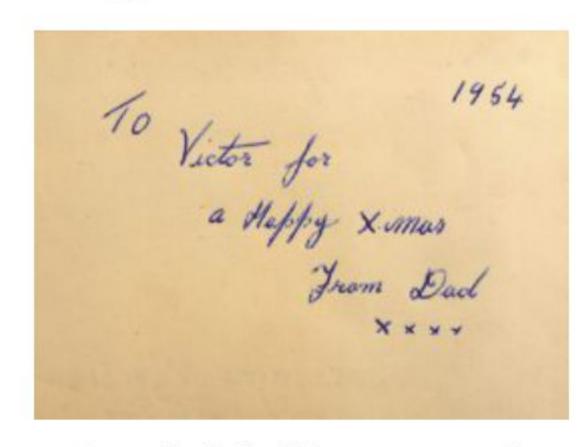
Postwar modelling advice with a familiar ring

This month, instead of looking at railway history for ideas, I thought I'd blow some dust off a copy of Edward Beal's Railway Modelling In Miniature, writes **Sarah Palmer**.

book while doing some research for an article a few months ago; intrigued, I ordered a copy from Buffer Books, and a few days later it arrived, complete with a handwritten note on the flyleaf: 'To Victor for a Happy Xmas From Dad xxxx', dated 1954. Four kisses, and we think the postwar generation were stiff upper lipped. But, I found it touching that this book was given to Victor by his dad, with love, to hopefully get him modelling railways. He has made notations in the text, so I trust the book helped him.

Railway Modelling in Miniature by Edward Beal was first published in 1947. The foreword to the first edition was written by Percival Marshall, founder of the Model Engineer, and must have been written just before his death in 1948. His words, written 70 years ago, still hold as true today as they did then:

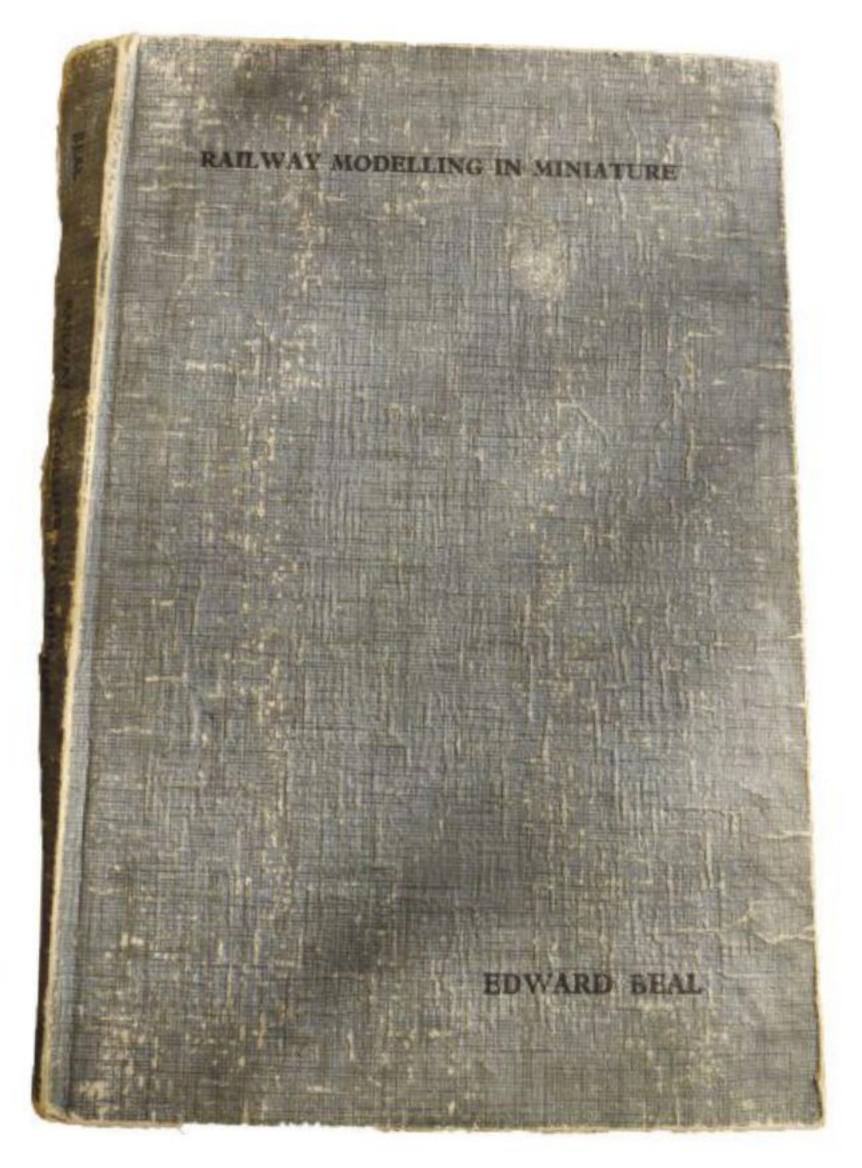
"There is no more fascinating hobby



ABOVE: The flyleaf from my copy of Edward Beal's book.

Right: My well-worn edition of Railway Modelling in Miniature dates from 1951.

than that of building and operating working railways in miniature. It affords endless scope for neat craftsmanship in the construction of locomotives, rolling stock, stations, bridges and line-side accessories; it appeals to the artistic sense in its requirements of realistic scenic settings, and it provides both entertaining and instructive problems in the marshalling of trains and running them to a timetable... Naturally the desire to plan and equip a miniature railway correctly leads to a close study of real railway practice, and for this reason the hobby not only has a distinct educational value, but provides its devotee with numberless



opportunities for profitable organisation of railway equipment and methods, when on his travels." The persistent assumption of a male readership took a bit of getting used to while reading. Different times.

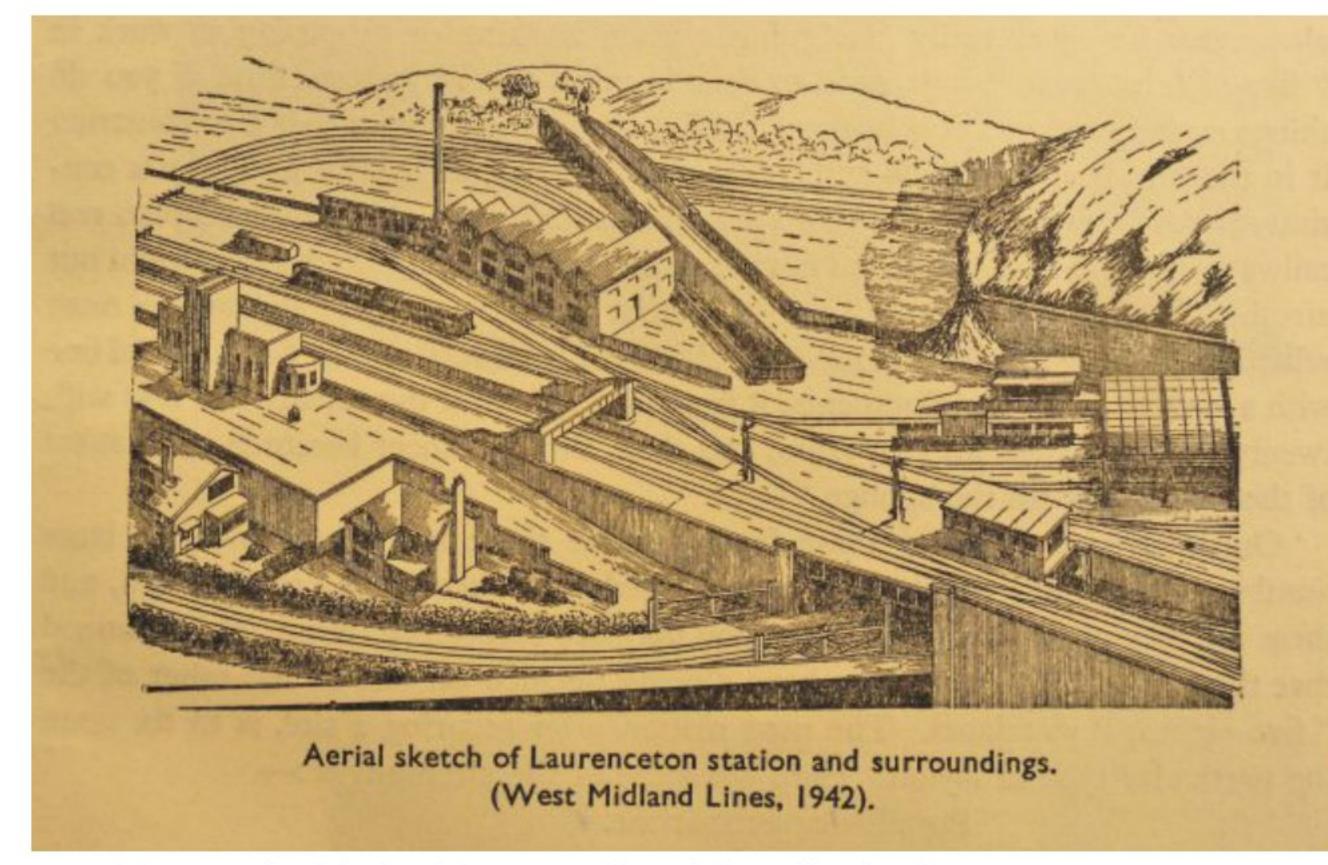
"A good miniature railway is never finished; there is always something to be done in the way of improvement or extension, of adding new rolling stock, or in some way developing the interest or appearance of the system. It affords endless occupation and enjoyment."

The foreword to the third edition, printed in 1951, which is the copy I have, was equally stirring, and this time it was written by J N Maskelyne:

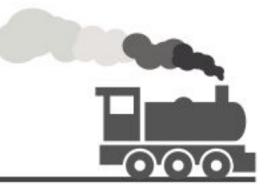
"It is necessary once and for all, to dispel the idea that railway modelling consists of merely 'playing trains'. Enthusiasm for railways should be definitely encouraged in young people and respectfully admired in their elders: and a practical interest in miniature railways gives each one of us the opportunity to indulge in one of the very hobbies which are, at once, healthy, amusing, instructive, constructive and profitable."

Sad that Maskelyne didn't manage to quash the 'playing trains' notion flat, doing the rounds as it still is so many years later. As an aside, Maskelyne became interested in modelling from helping his father and grandfather – the world-famous illusionists – make models for their stage shows. It's amazing the routes people have into the hobby.

I was sceptical at being able to get anything of note from this book but it



One of the appeals of the book for me are these delicate line drawings.



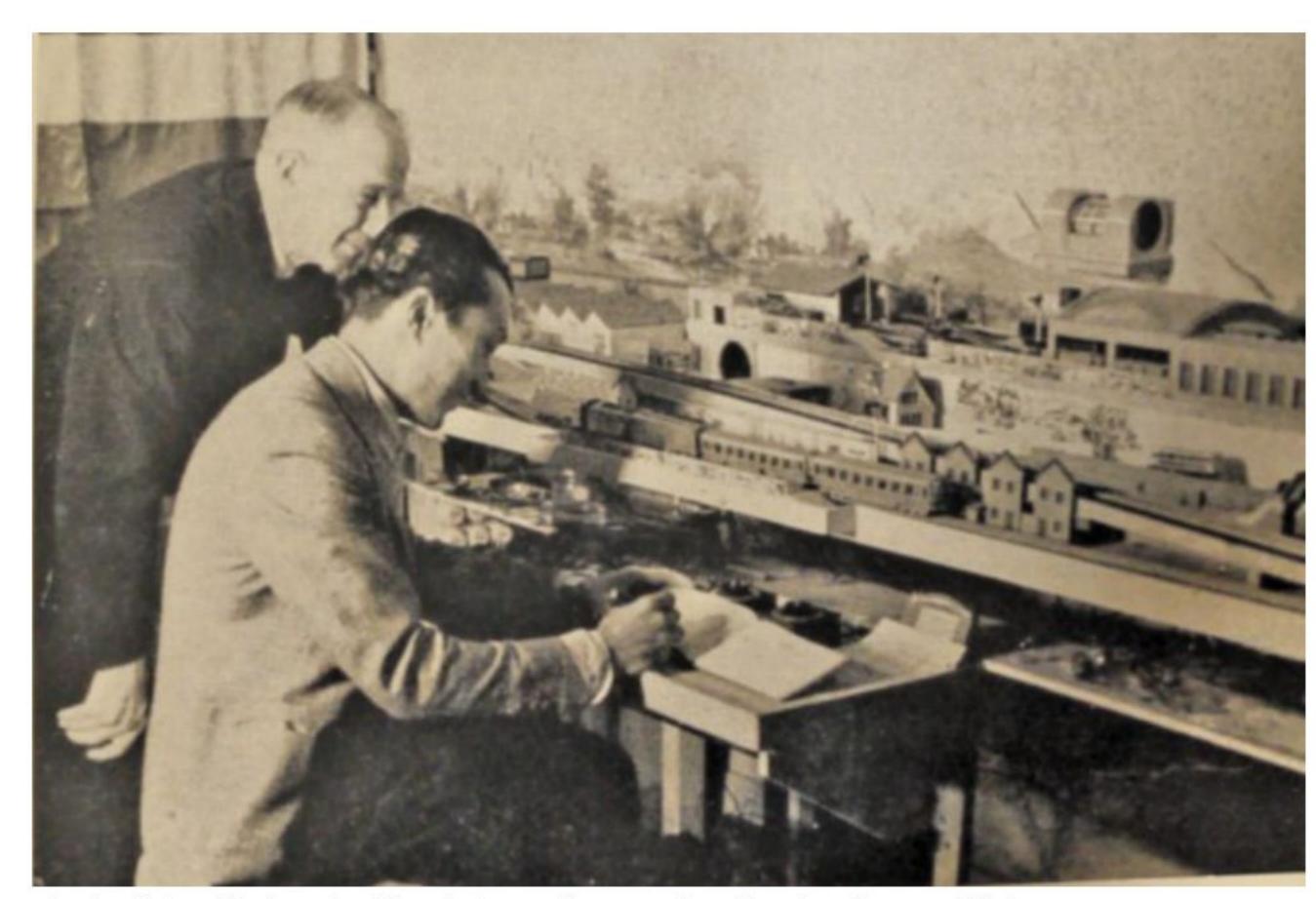
confounded my expectations. Beal's talk of working with and coming up with suggestions for small-space modelling was something I didn't expect. Too many times with hobbies you are tempted to give up before you start because you don't think you've got the right kit, the money or the space to succeed. The phrase: "The writer has endeavoured to incorporate every kind of ingenious improvisation within his knowledge so that the hobby may be carried out at a minimum of expenditure," is definitely one deserving of more currency in modern life.

Another gem was this: "But where there are 10 people so privileged as to have the vacant space or the available cash to build a [larger] layout, there are a hundred who, if they are interested in the most fascinating subject of railway modelling at all, will be glad – it is hoped – to read these pages." Ah, Edward Beal, I wish there were more people like you around today, but the book very much is a product of its time, when postwar rationing was still in full swing and the wartime ethos of make do and mend was very much to the fore.

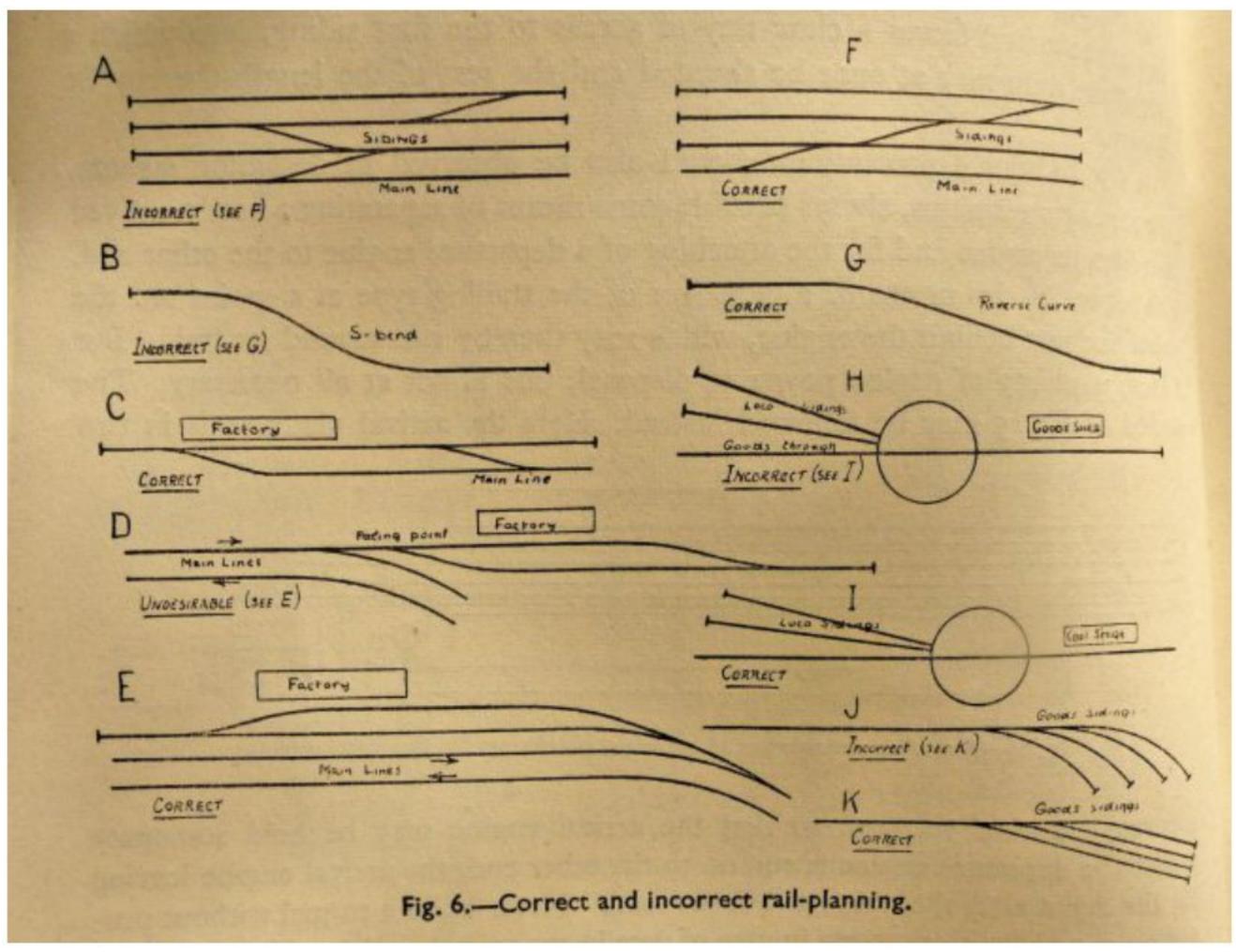
His explanation on scales and gauges is equally readable, the most concise and easy to understand for the beginner that I've come across. The beautifully detailed illustrations with incorrect and correct versions of how to do this are very neat, although his espousal of creating with cardboard I would have taken with a pinch of salt had I not met 'Cardboard John' at the Lincoln and District Model Exhibition recently. Cardboard should definitely make a comeback. Beal's can-do tone is so confidence inspiring, despite the fact that time has left some of his advice in the past, particularly the section on making your own track.

His mention of brands will have some readers sighing with nostalgia. Woolworths for me, but he also talks of Trix, Certofix, Hamblings of London, Merco and Durofix. And when I asked *RMM's* Ian Lamb what he thought of Edward Beal, his name raised goose bumps.

"I was a 'war baby'. After hostilities had ended, things were still so austere, with material sources very scarce, and where books were concerned – or loaned for study purposes – once you got home you were expected to cover them in thick brown paper to protect them from juvenile rough handling. By the same token this habit was extended to personal railway books for a while. I still remember that the first book I purchased – Edward Beal's, Railway Modelling in Miniature – which may now be outdated, was certainly the foundation on which I based all my future model railway involvement and progress. It, of course, got the brown paper treatment. Keeping it protected in this way certainly ensured the



The book has black and white photographs as well as line drawings. In this image we can see Bassett Lowke at work.



I liked this approach of showing you what's right, but also where you can go wrong.

longevity of the book, although many pages were well dog-eared!

"Edward Beal also produced a complementary book, Modelling the Old-time Railway, which I have tended to use more in recent times than my original, Railway Modelling in Miniature, as my model railway progress concentrated on this specific theme. In it Beal writes: 'The interest in this branch of railway modelling has vastly increased with the passing away of the supremacy of steam power. The very mention of the latter event brings a certain gloom to the heart of the enthusiast and

prompts him to turn again to these former times with an emotion reluctant to be quelled."

In places, Railway Modelling in Miniature might be a tad old fashioned, but at £4.50 for a slice of modelling and social history I thought it was money well spent, even if you won't glean all you need to know to start off. Now, where are my sheets of cardboard and cutting mat?

Have you got a book that has helped you with your modelling? If so, *RMM* would love to hear your story, email rmmodellingeditor@mortons.co.uk ■



Station for a fiver

Ian Lamb looks at the advantages of Bilt-eezi card kits, which have been in continuous production since after the Second World War.

OR MANY NEW TO THE HOBBY, THE ■ introduction to model railways was probably via a train set (usually at Christmas). Once the novelty has worn off, and boredom from seeing trains go round and round has set in, the true enthusiast will want to consider how to improve their layout. For most the acquisition of a station complex is likely to be near the top of their list.

Then comes the crunch. Do you simply buy costly standard items 'off-the-shelf' or create a personal model almost 'from scratch'?

The Bilt-eezi sheet costs only around £2.50. This kit is in sheet form and stuck on to card. It is cut out using scissors or a craft knife and folded to shape, reinforced wherever possible to give strength and longevity.

Too many people discard Bilt-eezi sheets as old-fashioned and not very realistic owing to the lack of relief, or feel that they don't have time to construct something that is almost 'from scratch'. As can be deduced, the manufacturer's name is derived from the words 'built easy'; in turn these kits try to live up to that reputation. Their cheapness means that they are well worth considering, especially if you are new to card construction, or simply looking for a cheap base model that can easily be realistically enhanced.

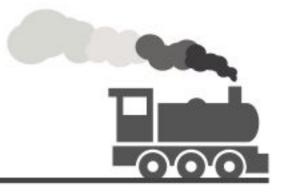
It is not every day that a complete railway station kit can be acquired on one single sheet, but the Bilt-eezi Series B: No. 1 Country Station does just that. Truly generic in appearance; also contained within the sheet are hoarding references to the four main railway companies of the Grouping (1923-48) giving the modeller the choice of which livery and/or corporate image to identify with. In the immediate postwar years, colour was quite a phenomenon so this company printed its sheets in predominantly basic colours. It also derived a means of creating the impression of depth of field through the use of extreme contrast through black and white lining around doors, windows and down-pipes.

The nature of my modelling, whereby I tend to concentrate on specific settings, is such that inevitably I have to scratch build, but in the process I am quite happy to include elements from commercial kits. There are certain items in this kit that under normal circumstances I would have adapted from the beginning, for instance aesthetically I feel the chimney stacks are too tall, and the main building itself is all windows with few doors. To avoid the inevitable warping that happens with such thin card, it is advisable to add internal strengtheners.

As always when using glue (and especially with polystyrene cement) make sure that you are working in a well-ventilated location to avoid inhaling dangerous fumes.

Both respective model buildings are now at the same stage, the difference being that the waiting room is simply flat, albeit that internally it has been strengthened to avoid the thin original card from warping. Even with basic enhancement in the way of door and windowsills, the depth of field difference is very obvious. Eventually the three main building units in the kit will be stuck together to form one piece.

Finishing touches include fitting ridge tiles to the roof and constructing drain pipes, the latter of which are simply made from coat hangers or brazing wire cut into 4cm lengths with the clips being made from 1mm strips of self-adhesive labels rolled round the wire several times. The latter are stuck to the wire at 3mm and 3cm intervals from the >>







Bilt-eezi card kits have been in continuous production since 1948, and are widely viewed as the inspiration for all later printed card kits, as they utilise high-quality artwork and clear, crisp printing on good material. The basic cut-out-and-fold techniques employed may now seem crude by comparison with more modern offerings, but the design quality still ensures a model of excellent appearance for those prepared to spend a little extra time in construction.





1: (1) Gutters: (2) Canopy styrene strips: (3) Drain pipes: (4) Door frames: (5) Window sills: (6) Window decoration: (7) Roof barge boards: (8) Styrene tube chimneys: (9) Ridge Tiles: (10) Styrene skylight frame.

2: Comparison between enhancement (left) and straightforward Bilt-eezi construction (right). Once you start enhancement there's no limit as to how far you can go. For instance, with walls enhanced the model (left) needs only roof and chimney improvements.

3: This very cheaply made completed waiting room is not just for beginners but can be a very attractive part of a typical country station, especially on a fictitious layout.

4: The skylight framework above the gents' toilet really sets the scene re depth of field and admirably complements the back wall upright post plus the end wall door frames.

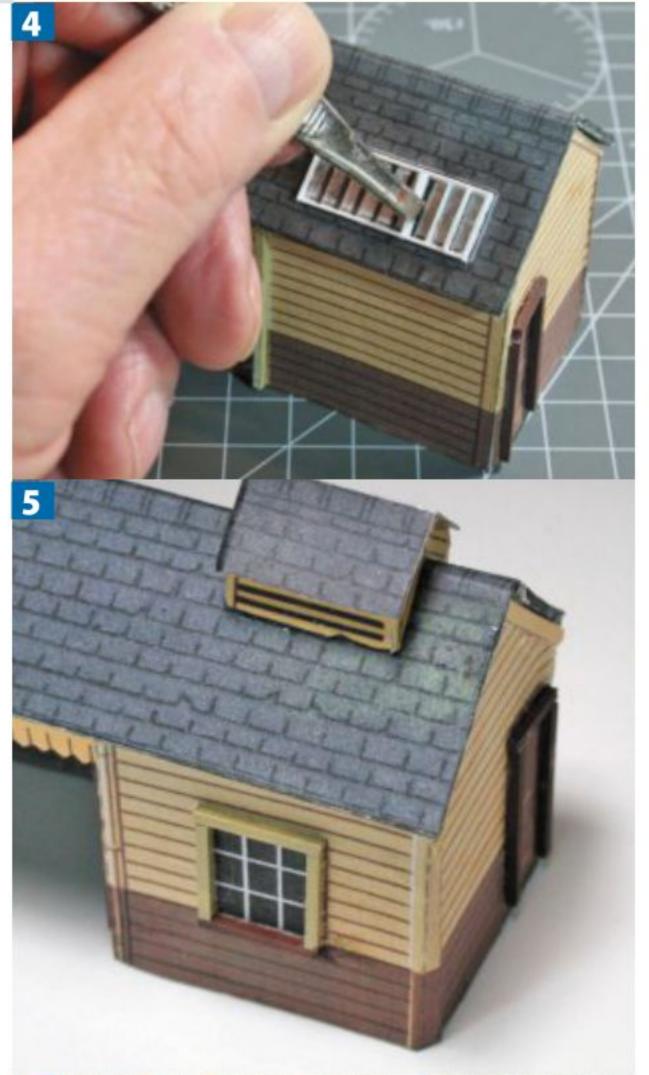
5: The roof ventilator box appears a little oversize, but is not too apparent on the

last main item from the Bilt-eezi kit.

overall completed model.

Card fencing could have been made for the purpose, but some scrap plastic lengths were used, and more realistic. In its original form the plastic is rather shiny so a paint job is obviously required. Having already personally decided to identify the waiting room as of Southern Region, the general colour chosen was Humbrol 101 matt green.

At this point in time only one platform length is displayed, one of which is the end ramp. The Peco Model Scene lampposts give added effect to the diorama. With all the strengthening applied in the construction of the main building, the model is much stronger than originally expected.





6: Bilt-eezi Series B Sheet 1 Country Station (52 x 32cm).

base. While this down-pipe representation is reasonable, they could be provided readymade from various retail outlets.

A display base is created as normal from left-over card kit components, utilising a Metcalfe platform top glued to a brick edge piece backed by relevant strengtheners to give overall strong support. Peco Model Scene lampposts are glued in the most relevant position. A quite attractive little suburban/rural halt has been created at almost little or no cost.

The main building is now created showing what can be achieved from a basic card kit.

In effect the model station is now complete as far as the kit is concerned, and simply a case of determining where it will be placed, and what era it should represent. To give the model some focus it has been located on a black (asphalt) card base extending from the platform elements. Fencing and seat have been prepared from Dapol's Platform Fittings pack (Co13), added to the gate, which is the

MORE INFORMATION:

If your local model shop does not stock Bilt-eezi kits, they can be purchased direct from Freestone Model Accessories www.freestonemodel.co.uk

Full instructions on how to create this model station can be obtained from the book, Modelling Railway Stations, Crowood Press ISBN 9781847979513



RM MODELLING LISTINGS MAY 2017

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MUSEUMS

Open Tuesday to Sunday
Brighton Toy and Model Museum. 52/55
Trafalgar Street, Brighton, West Sussex BN1
4EB. www.brightontoymuseum.co.uk
10am-5pm (Saturday 11am-5pm).
See website for admission prices.

Open daily March 26 to October 1
World of Model Railways. Meadow Street,
Mevagissey, St Austell, Cornwall.
www.model-railway.co.uk 10am-5pm. Adult
£4.50, concessions £4, child (5-17) £3.50,
family £14. Disabled access.

EXHIBITIONS

APRIL 29

Luton Model Railway Club O Gauge Section Exhibition. Christchurch Hall, Bedford Road, Hitchin SG5 1HF. www.lutonmodelrailwayclub.org.uk 10.30am-5pm. Adult £5, child £2. O gauge layouts, test track and trade support.

APRIL 29

Bluebell Railway Collectors' Fair.

Horsted Keynes station, Station Approach, Horsted Keynes, West Sussex RH17 7BB. www.bluebell-railway.co.uk 10am-4pm. Admission by platform ticket, train travel ticket or Bluebell Railway membership card. Railwayana stands and car boot sale in station field.

APRIL 30

Cleveland Model Railway Club Open
Day. Unit 2, The B-Hive, Skelton Industrial
Estate, Skelton, Cleveland TS12 2LQ.
E-mail: enquiries@cleveland-mrc.org.uk
Website: www.cmrc.club 10am-4pm. Adults
£1, child 50p. Be a member for the day,
see the clubroom and talk to members. On
show are eight layouts working and under
construction from 2mm to 7mm scales,
with displays, demonstrations, club sales
and tombola stalls. Club hours are 6pmgpm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Visitors
and new members are always welcome.
Refreshments, disabled access, parking.

MAY 1

Epsom and Ewell Model Railway Club.

Open day. Ruxley Church, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell, Surrey KT19 oJG. www.eemrc.org.uk 11am-5pm. Free. Disabled access. Layouts, demonstrations and chance to meet club members.

MAY 5

Great Eastern Model Railways. 199
Plumstead Road, Norwich NR1 4AB. 'Goes
Scenic'. 10am-3pm. Scenic demonstrations,
layout advice, static grass demonstration,
weathering workshop, modelling the
scenery, kit building and detailing.

MAY 6

Billericay Model Railway Group Exhibition. Galleywood Heritage Centre,
Galleywood, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 8TR.
www.billericaymrg.org 10am-5pm. Adult £5,
concessions £4.50, family £11.

Dorset Vintage Toy Train Exhibition.

Digby Memorial Hall, Sherborne, Dorset DT9

3NL. 10.30am-4.30pm. Adult £2, child £1. Six vintage layouts.

Hexham Model Railway Show. Torch Centre, Corbridge Road, Hexham NE46 1QS. 10am-4pm. Adult £3, child £1. Disabled access.

Horsham Model Railway Club Exhibition. St Leonard's Church Hall, Cambridge Road, Horsham RH13 5ED. www.horshammrc.org.uk 10am-5pm. Adult £3.50, child £2, family £9. Disabled access. 10 layouts.

Loddon Vale Model Railway Exhibition.

Swallowfield Parish Hall, Swallowfield

Street, Swallowfield, Reading RG7 1QX.

www.lvmrc.co.uk 10am-4.30pm. Adult £4,

child £2, family £9. Disabled access. Layouts.

Rickinghall Model Railway Show. Diss and District Model Railway Society, Rickinghall Village Hall, Rickinghall, Diss IP22 1HD. www.rickinghallvh.onesuffolk.net/events 10am-4pm. Adult £5, child £1. Disabled access. 16 layouts and model traction engine trailer rides.

Hope Methodist Church Model Railway and Bygone Era Exhibition. Rushden Academy, Hayway, Rushden NN10 6AG. 10am-4pm. Adult £5, concessions £4, child £3, family £10. Disabled access. 20 layouts Koln Westbahnhof, Pages Park, The Wagon Works, Bettws Road, Greenford Central, Two Sisters Farm, Aldburgh, Ashley Town, Bastogne Rue De Clevaux, Woodlands, Sankei Kansen, Kilwinnock, Aix en Pain, Webber Heights, Whitwick, Billingham Road, Gariazella Bahn.

Scarborough Model Railway Show.
Westborough Methodist Church Hall,
Westborough, Scarborough YO11 1TS.
10am-4.30pm. Adult £3, accompanied
children free. Disabled access. Six layouts.
South West Herts Model Railway Society
Exhibition. Queen's School, Aldenham Road,
Bushey, Watford WD23 2TY.
www.southwesthertsmrs.org.uk
10am-4.30pm. Adult £6, child £3, family £10.

Stamford Model Railway Show. Stamford Welland Academy, Green Lane, Stamford PE9 1HE. www.mdmrc.org 10am-4.30pm. Adult £5, child £2, family 2+2 £10. Disabled access. Layouts.

Disabled access. 20 layouts.

Swing Model Railway Society Exhibition.
Felpham Community College, Felpham,
Bognor Regis PO22 8EL.
www.swing.model-railway.org.uk
10am-4.30pm. Adult £5, accompanied child
free. Disabled access. 15 layouts.

MAY 6-7

Derby Model Railway Exhibition. The Roundhouse, Roundhouse Road, Pride Park, Derby DE24 8JE. www.mmrg.org.uk Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4.30pm. Adult £7, accompanied child free. More than 70 displays and layouts.

Stourbridge Railway Society Model
Railway Exhibition. Bonded Warehouse,
Canal Street, Stourbridge, West Midlands
DY8 4LU. christopherdyche@hotmail.co.uk
Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-4.30pm.
Adults £3, child/senior citizen £2; family
(2+2) £9. The Bonded Warehouse is a Grade
II listed building, so wheelchair access is
restricted to the basement exhibition area.

MAY 13

Heywood Model Railway Group Open Day.
Unit 3, Park Works, River Street, Heywood
OL10 4AB. www.hmrg.co.uk 10am-4pm.
Admission by donation. Club layouts.
Lutterworth Model Railway Exhibition.
Wycliffe Rooms, George Street, Lutterworth,
Leics LE17 4ED.
www.lutterworthrailwaysociety.co.uk
10am-4.30pm. Adult £5, child £2, family £9.
Disabled access. Layouts.

MAY 13-14

EXPO EM Spring 2017. Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bagshot Road, Bracknell RG12 9SE. www.emgs.org Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm; Sunday 10am-4.30pm. Adult £8, EM Gauge Society members £6, child £2, family £16. Disabled access. 12 layouts, lectures, test tracks and demonstrations.

Glenrothes Model Railway Club
Exhibition. Lomond Centre, Woodside
Way, Glenrothes, Fife KY7 5RE.
www.glenrothesmrc.org.uk Saturday
10am-4pm; Sunday 10.30am-4.30pm. Adult
£4, concession £3, child £2, family (2+2) £11.
Disabled access. Layouts.

Salisbury Model Railway Exhibition 2017. Salisbury & South Wilts Railway Society, Michael Herbert Hall, South Street, Wilton, Salisbury SP2 oJS. www.sswrs.org.uk 10.30am-4.30pm. Adult £4, child £2, under-5s free. 12 layouts in a variety of scales/gauge. Garden railway open (weather permitting) short walk from hall (see website for details). Sompting and District Model Railway

Club. Sompting Village Hall, West Street, Sompting, West Sussex BN15 OBE. Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-4.30pm. Adults £3, child £1.50. 00 and N gauge layouts. Hands-on children's layout.

Yeovil Railway Centre Model Railway Show. GWR Transfer Shed, Yeovil Railway Centre, Yeovil Junction station, Stoford, Yeovil BA22 gUU.

www.yeovilrailway.freeservers.com Saturday 10am-4pm; Sunday 10am-4pm. Adult £3, child £1. 13 layouts.

MAY 20

Bloxwich (St John's) Model Railway
Exhibition. St John's Methodist Church,
Victoria Avenue, Bloxwich, Walsall WS3 3HS.
10am-4.30pm. Adult £4, child £2. Disabled
access. 15 layouts.

DD Model Railway Exhibitions.
Southborough Primary School, Broomhill
Park Road, Southborough, Kent TN4 oJY.
10am-4.30pm. Free parking.

Ely Model Railway Exhibition. City of Ely Community College, Downham Road, Ely CB6 2SH. 10.30am-4.30pm. www.elymrc.org. uk Adult £5, child £3. Disabled access. 16 layouts, loco clinic and outdoor rides.

Mirfield Model Railway Exhibition. St Mary's Community Centre, Church Lane, Mirfield, West Yorkshire WF14 9HU. 10am-4pm. Adult £4, child £2. 20 layouts. St Mary's Model Railway Club Exhibition. St Mary's Church Hall, High Road, Benfleet, Essex SS7 5HL. 10am-4pm. Adult £3, accompanied child free. Eight layouts. Tunbridge Wells Model Railway Exhibition. Great Hall, Southborough

Exhibition. Great Hall, Southborough Primary School, Broomhill Park Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells TN4 oJY. 10am-4.30pm. Adult £5, child £2, family (2+2) £12. Layouts.

MAY 20-21

Four Marks Model Railway Exhibition.

Village Hall, Lymington Bottom, Four Marks, Alton, Hants GU34 5AA. Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm. Adult £4, child £2, family £10. Layouts.

Kyle Model Railway Club Model Railways and Hobbies Exhibition. Auchenharvie Academy, Stevenston, North Ayrshire KA20 3JW. Saturday: 10am-5pm; Sunday: 10am to 4pm. Adult £4, child/concessions £3, family £11 (2+2). Ample free parking and wheelchair friendly. 15 layouts, demonstrations and traders.

Middlesbrough Model Railway Club
Exhibition. Newport Settlement
Community Centre, Union Street,
Middlesbrough TS1 5NQ.
www.mboromrc.com Saturday 10am-5pm;
Sunday 10am-4pm. Adult £6, concessions
£5, child £4, family (2+2) £12. Disabled
access and parking. More than 10 layouts in
various gauges.

MRX 2017. Museum of Transport
Manchester, Boyle Street, Cheetham
Hill, Manchester M8 8UW. www.lydcc.
org.uk Saturday 10am-4.30pm; Sunday
10am-4.30pm. Adult £7, concessions £6,
accompanied child free. Layouts and
demonstrations. Free heritage bus shuttle
between museum and Manchester Victoria.

MAY 26-27

First Bangor Model Railway and Hobbies Exhibition. First Bangor Presbyterian Church Hall, Upper Main Street, Bangor, Co Down BT20 4AG. www.firstbangormrc.co.uk Friday 7pm-9.30pm; Saturday 10am-4.30pm. Adult £5, concessions £3, child £2, family (2+2) £10. Disabled access. 20 layouts.

MAY 27

Northolt Model Railway Exhibition.

Northolt Village Community Centre, Ealing Road, Northolt, Middx UB5 6AD. 10.30am to 5pm. Adult £3, children & senior citizens £2, family (2+2) £5. At least eight working layouts of various gauges will be on display. Live steam rides, remote static displays, trade stands and light refreshments. Find out more about the club at www.northolt-mrc.org.uk

Bridlington Model Railway Show. Christ Church Hall, Quay Road, Bridlington, East Yorkshire YO15 2AP. 10am-4pm, Adult £3, concessions £2.50, child £2. 10 layouts.

St Osyth N Gauge Show. The Village Hall, Clacton Road, St Osyth, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO16 8PE. http://stosythngaugeshow. co.uk 11am-4.30pm. Adults £4, concessions (National Bus Pass holders) £3, child aged 5-16 £2 (under 5s free), family (2+2) £8. Disabled access, 11 N gauge layouts, new and second-hand traders, society stands.

MAY 27-28

Bala Model Railway Show. Ysgol Y Berwyn Secondary School, Bala, Gwynedd LL23 7RL. www.bala-lake-railway.co.uk Saturday 10.30am-5pm, Sunday 10.30am-4.30pm. Adult £4, concession £3.50, accompanied child (maximum two) free. Disabled access. 15 layouts. Free heritage bus between school and Bala Lake Railway.

Brockenhurst Model Railway Exhibition.
Village Hall, Highwood Road, Brockenhurst,
Hants SO42 7RY. www.nfmrs.org Saturday
10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4.30pm. Adult
£4.50, child £3, family (2+2) £12. Disabled
access. Layouts.

Railex 2017 Model Railway Exhibition.

Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Stadium
Approach, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 gPP.
Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm, Sunday 10am-5pm www.railex.org.uk Adults £9, child £5, family (2+3) £20. Sunday only – up to two children admitted free with an accompanying adult.

MAY 27-29

Rother Valley Railway Supporters' Association Model Railway Exhibition. Robertsbridge Village Hall, Station Road, Robertsbridge, East Sussex TN32 5DA. 10am-5pm.

JUNE 10-11

Chesterfield Railway Modellers' Peak
Model Railway Exhibition. The Agricultural
Centre, Bakewell DE45 1AH. 10am-5pm. Adult
£5, concessions £4, family £12. 15 working
layouts and trade support.

JUNE 11

Corby & District Model Railway Society.
Wilbarston Exhibition. Wilbarston Village
Hall, Carlton Road, Wilbarston, Market
Harborough, Leicestershire LE16 8QD
10am-4pm. Adults £4, concessions £3,
children £2, family £10.

JUNE 17-18

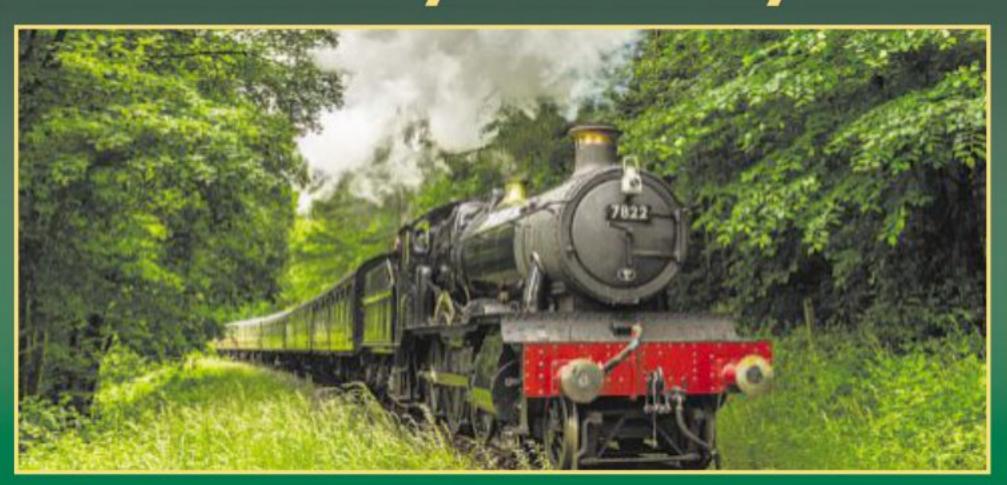
Gainsborough Model Railway Society.
Florence Terrace, Gainsborough, Lincs DN21
IBE. www.gainsboroughmodelrailway.co.uk
1.30-6pm. Adult £4, concession and child £3,
family £10. (O) The East Coast Main Line from
Kings Cross to Leeds Central.

Fifth Mere Model Railway Exhibition.

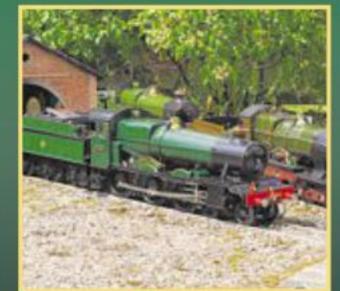
Mere & District Railway Modellers. Mere
Lecture Halls, Salisbury Street, Mere
BA12 6HA. 10am-4pm. Adult £4, children
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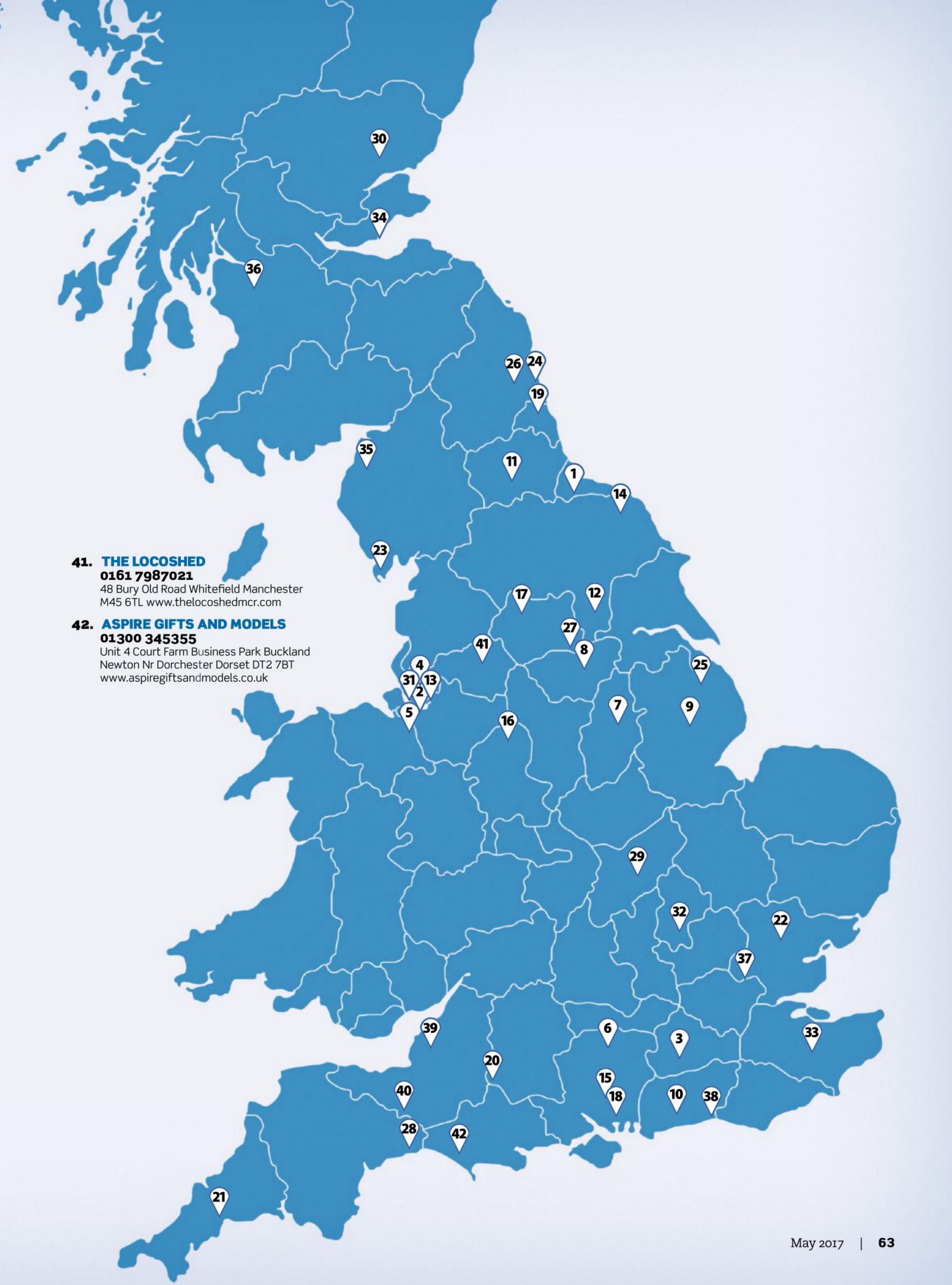
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The line takes its inspiration from the work of Arthur Heywood at Duffield Bank and Eaton Hall. The chunky narrow gauge outline of the locomotives and rolling stock lend themselves well to wandering between the old farm buildings in an attractive setting and provide lots of inspiration for the narrow gauge modeller. Their large loading gauge makes fitting

with motors etc an easy task. You don't need a lot of space to model in these larger scales, so it can suit the beginner as well to take on a sensible size of project.

Perrygrove is a very childfriendly attraction; the line runs for ¾ mile around the site, climbing the steep banks to the summit station at Oakiron.

There are treehouses, undercover playgrounds and treasure hunts all connected by the railway, making it a truly family attraction. The line climbs steeply at 1-in-29 for long stretches, making the

engines work hard with their three- or four-coach trains.

Unlike many railways,
Perrygrove is open all year
round at weekends. It also
opens daily in school holidays
and on Tuesdays from Easter
until October half-term, so it's
a great place to visit when other
lines are shut for maintenance.

The railway has three steam and three diesel locomotives in regular use, with two more steam engines seeing occasional use at special events.

The railway hosts weddings and runs trains to its marquee site at the middle station.

Of special interest to the modeller, the railway also runs Estate Railway Experience Days when you can sample the experience of running your own estate railway. The day combines all the key elements of running a railway, with driving, shunting and traffic planning all playing a role in the day. The line is turned into a giant shunting puzzle to rival even the biggest model railways!

It's a great team activity for up to a dozen people and would suit model railway clubs in particular.

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BH24 2ET, 01425 471415

Ron Lines, 342 Shirley Road, Shirley, Southampton, Hampshire, S015 3HJ, 02380 772681
The Model Shop, 117 New Road, Portsmouth,

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AC Models, 7-9 High Street, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 5LB, 02380 610100

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Avenue, Bexley, Kent, DA5 1HH, 0845 2266545

Fenwick (Canterbury), St Georges Street,
Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2TB, 01227 766866

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Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2SR, 01892 516716

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The Warren, Bredgar, Sittingbourne, Kent, MEg 8AT,
o1622 884254

Dream Steam, Ground Floor Suite, Vanguard House, Mills Road, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7NA, 0845 0773007

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Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1SF, 01732 771177

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Community Centre, Bysing Wood Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 7RH, 07931 589001 **Hoo Peninsula Model Railway Club,** The Scout Hut, Stoke Road, Hoo St Werburgh, Rochester, Kent,

ME3 9DG, 07527 596630

Hornby Visitor Centre, Westwood Ind Est, Margate, Kent, CT9 4JX, 01843 233524

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East Lancashire Railway, Bury Bolton Street Station, Bolton Street, Bury, Lancashire, BLg oEY, o161 7647790

Model & Hobby World, 7 Owen Road, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 2AW, 01524 843553 Toys 2 Save, 1 Brighton Avenue, Cleveleys, Blackpool, Lancashire, FY5 2AA, 01253 855 905 Trains & Diecast, 138a Wright Street, Horwich, Bolton, Lancashire, BL6 7HU, 01204 669782 Transport Models Ltd, Unit 1 Oyston Mill, Strand Road, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 8UR, 01772 733644 Hobby & Model Centre, 1 Hutton Lane, Bolton, Lancashire, BL3 4JB, 01204 61446

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Carnforth Models, Unit 5 Carnforth Station, Warton Road, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 9TR, 07986 252205

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Road, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1DF, 01362 690633 Association of Larger Scale Railway Modellers, 8 Ffolkes Place, Runcton Holme, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE33 oAH,

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The Train Shop, 41 Eastborough, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO11 1NH, 01723 354019 White Rose Modelworks, Unit 10 Bedale Station, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1BZ, 01677 422444 Buffers, Backoth Hill Farm, Storiths, Bolton Abbey, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 6HU, 01756 710253 North Yorkshire Moors Railway, Pickering Station, Pickering, North Yorkshire, YO18 7AJ, 01751 473799 Ellis Clark Trains, Unit 1 Toller Court, Shortbank Road, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 2HG, 01756 701451

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Wellingborough Trains & Models, 26 Market Street, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN8 1AT, 01933 274069

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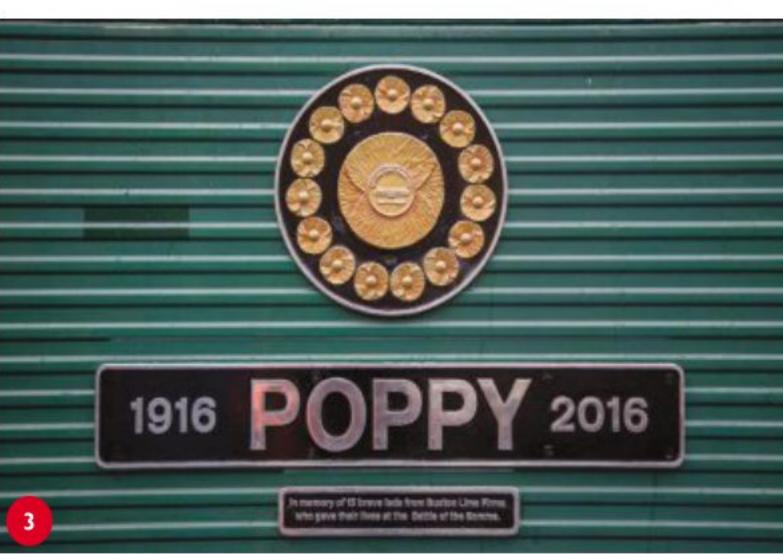
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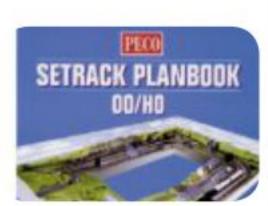
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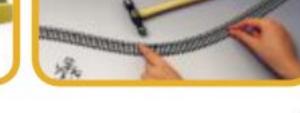
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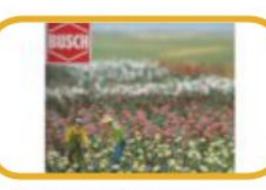


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