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event in Glasgow

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Industrial narrow
gauge in 7mm



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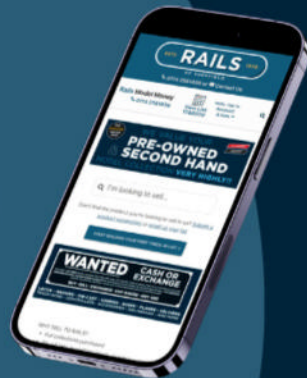
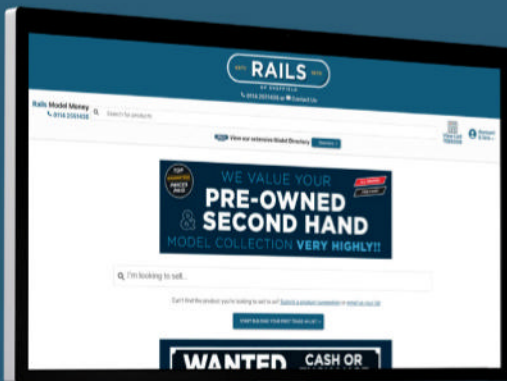
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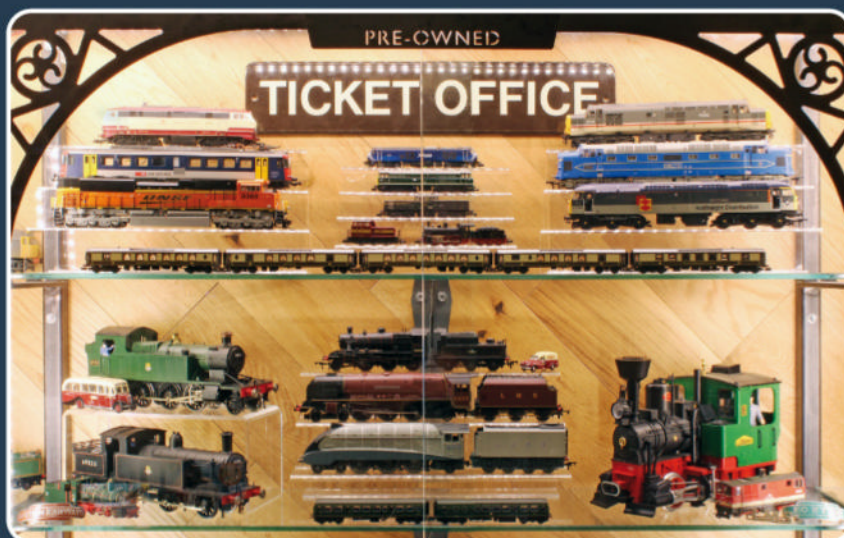
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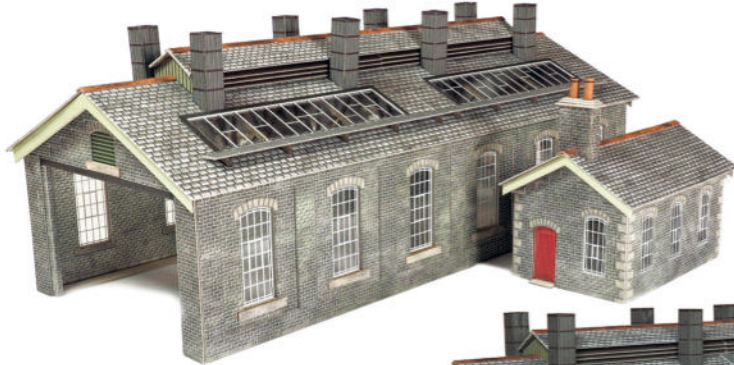


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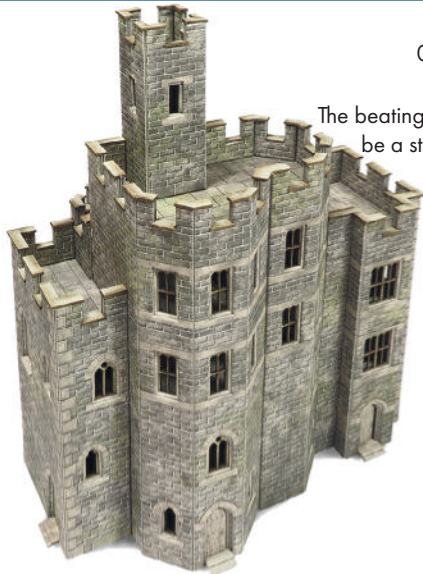
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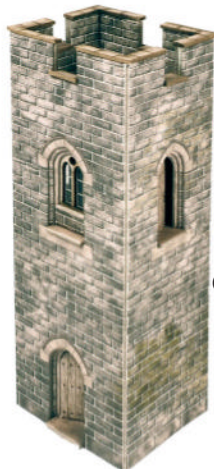
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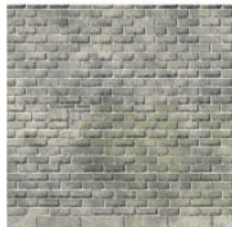


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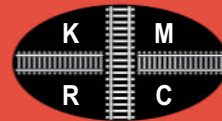
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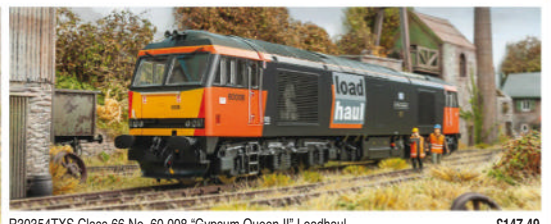
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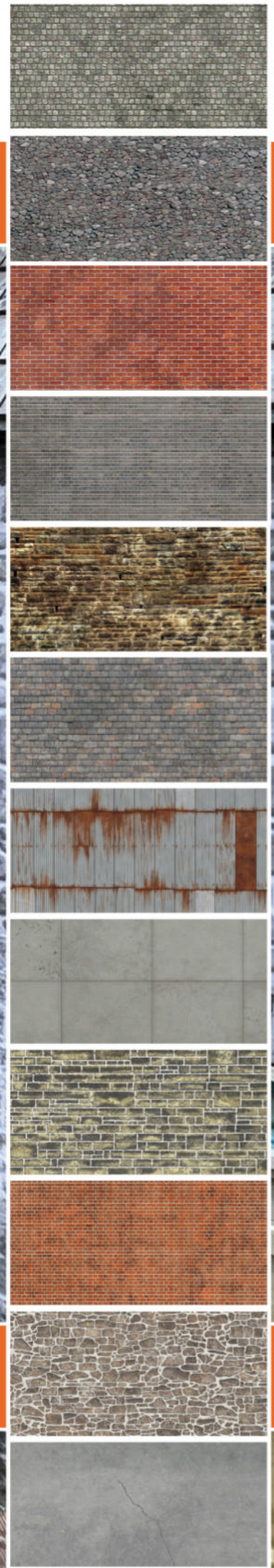


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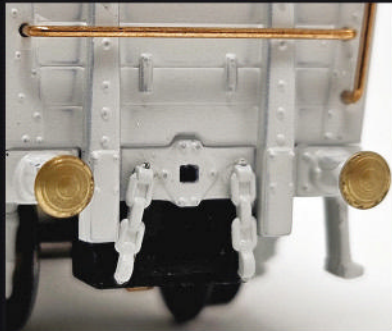
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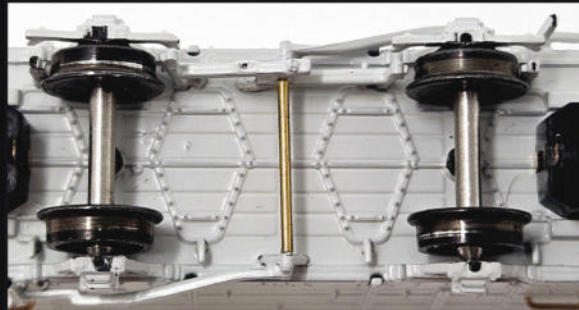
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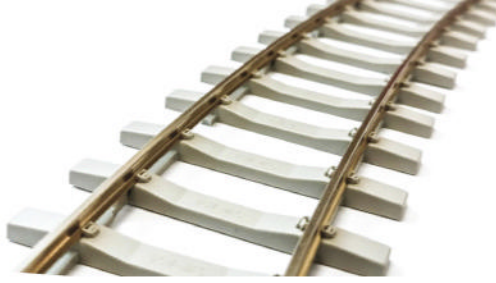


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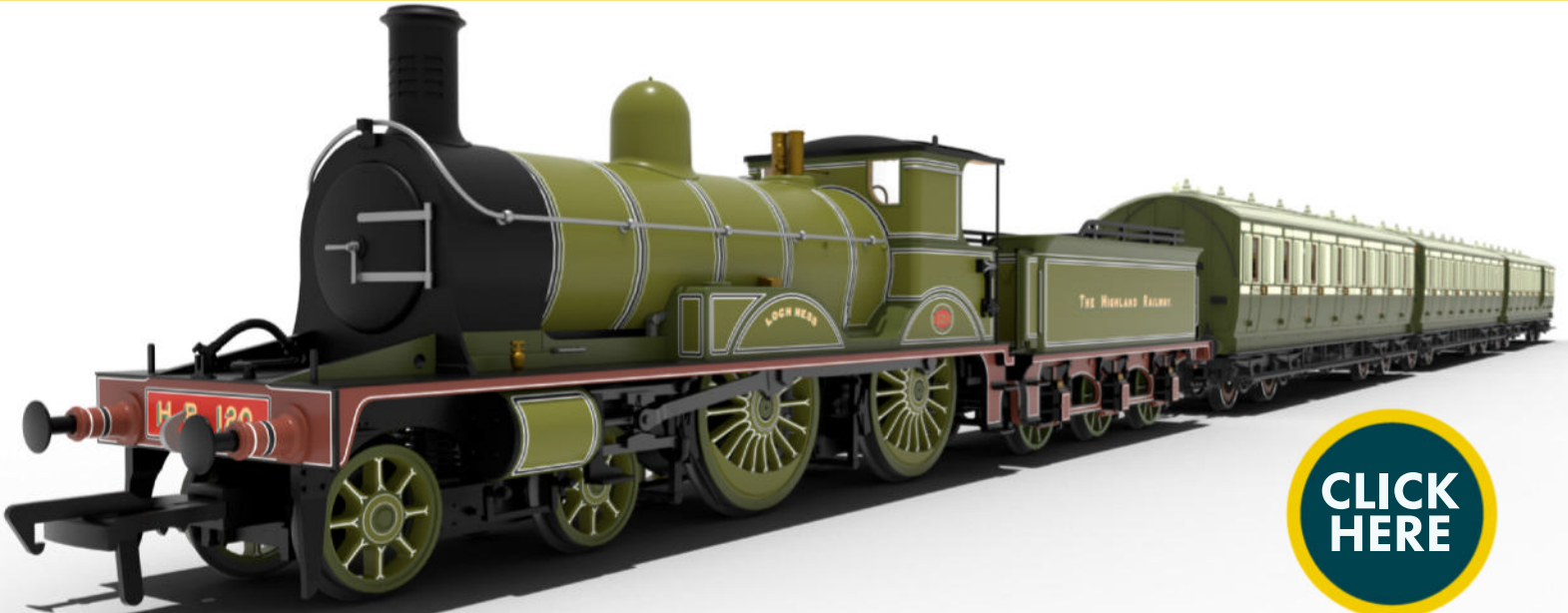


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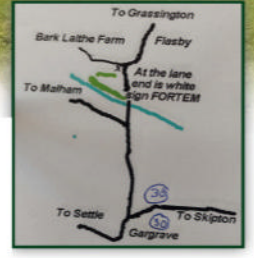
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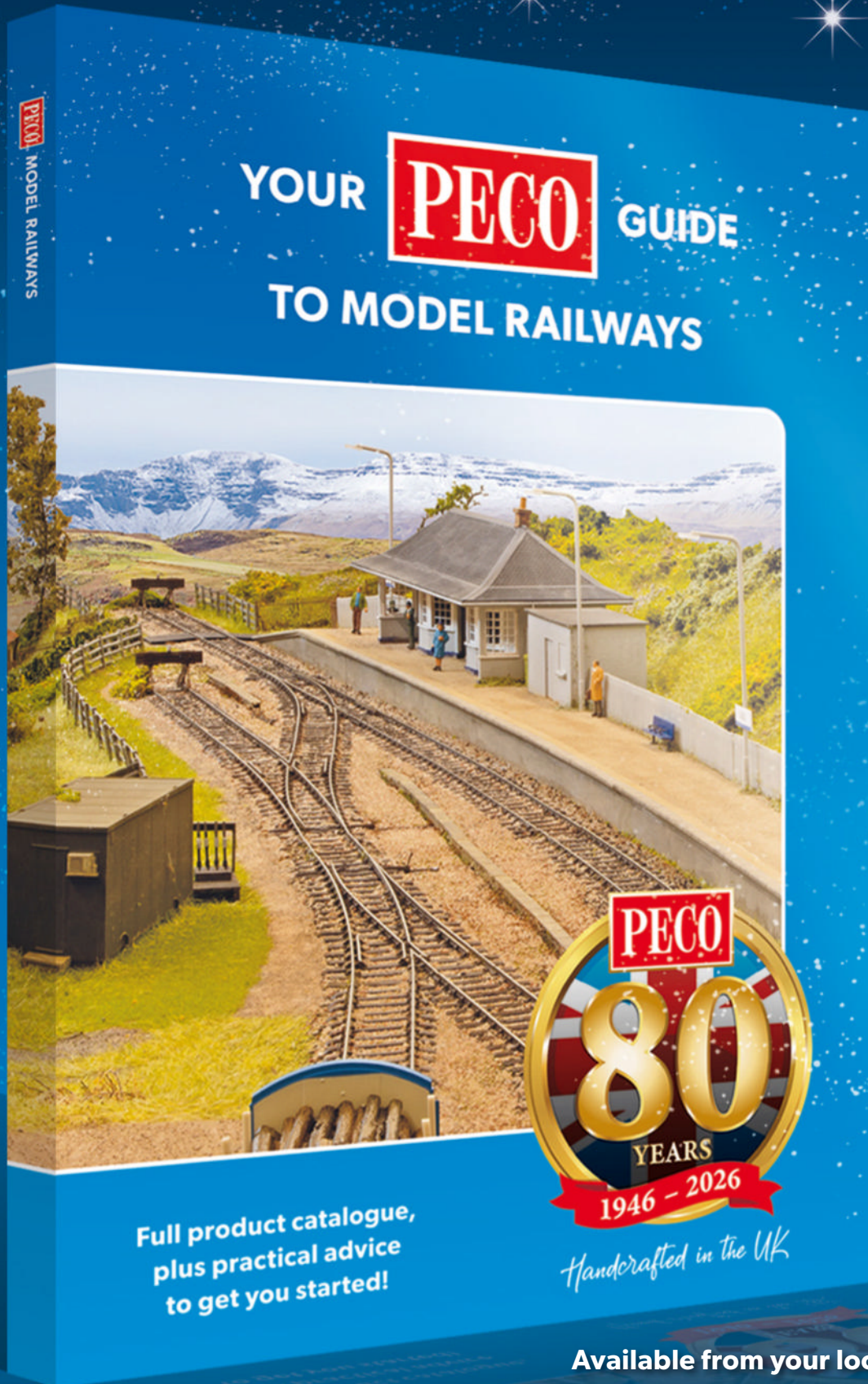
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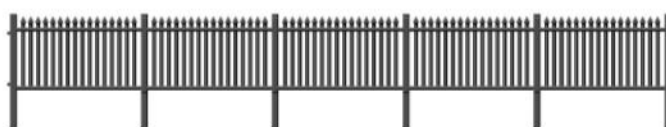
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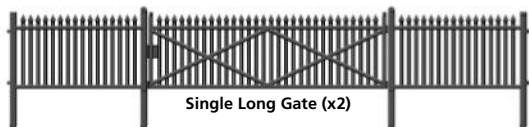


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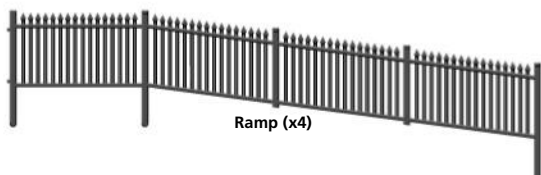


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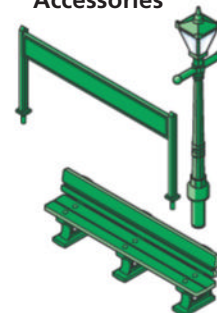


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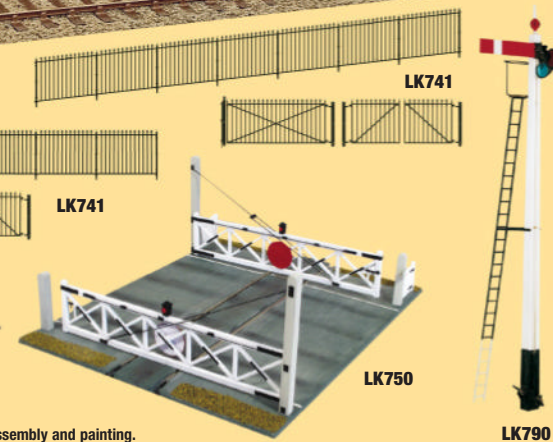
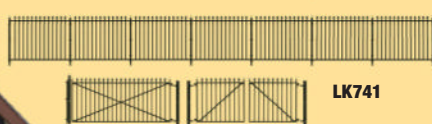
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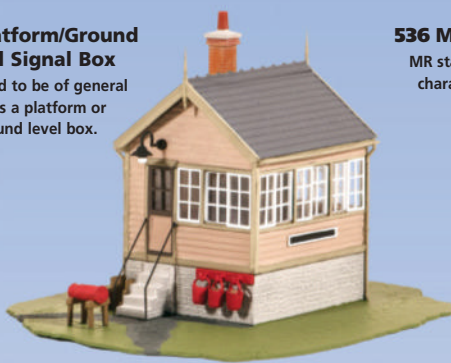
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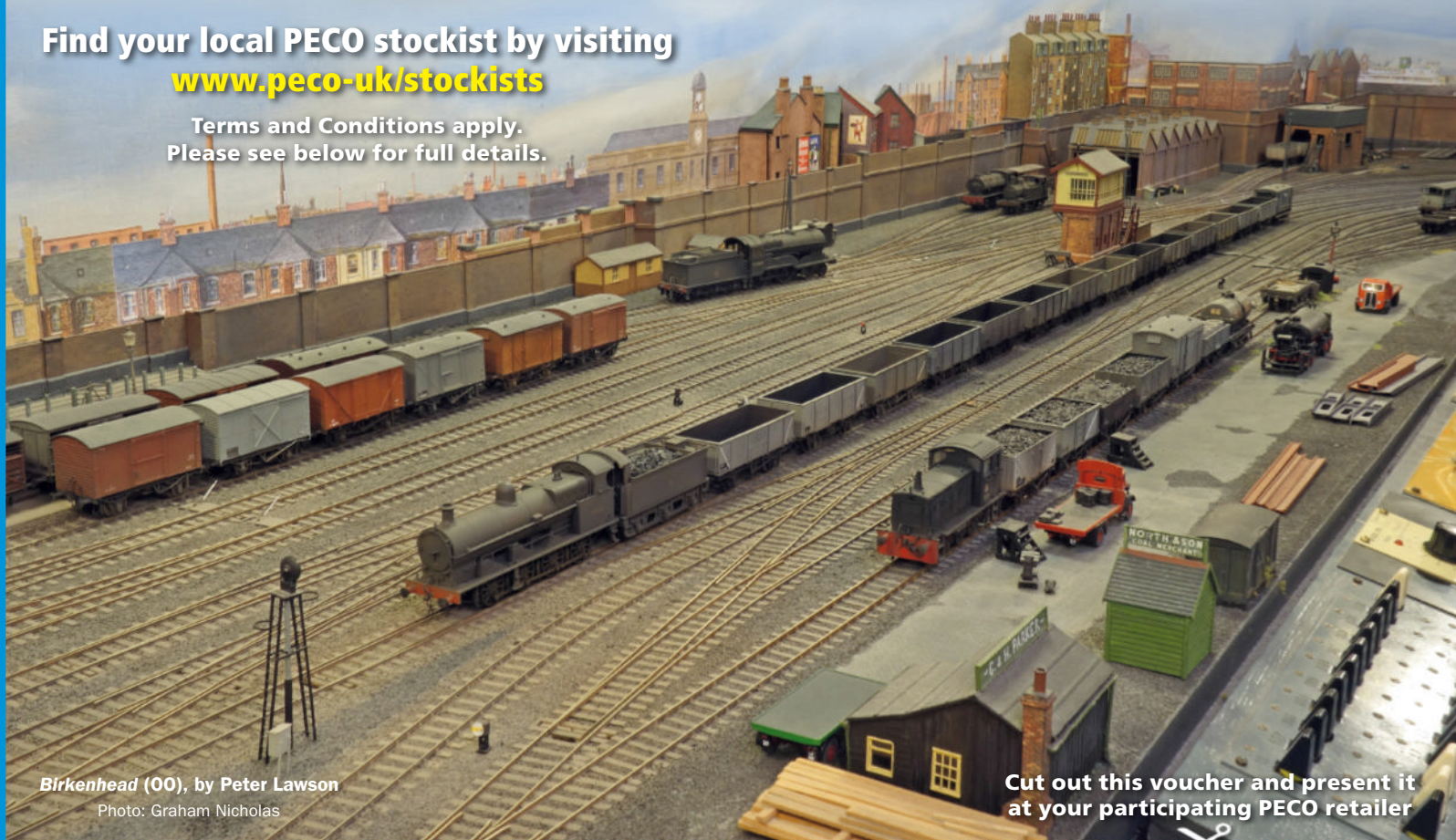
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Welcome

From Scotland to Dorset

In my editorial last month, I ruminated on the subject of Artificial Intelligence and the impact it could have on our hobby in the future. Unsurprisingly, this prompted a flurry of responses, a selection of which are published in this month's Readers' Letters on p226.

It came as no surprise to see that there are diametrically opposing views on the subject. What did surprise me, however, was discovering just how much AI has advanced already. Indeed, my suggestion that one day it may be possible to use AI software to create a 3D model for printing is not, it turns out, the far-fetched notion I considered it to be: that capability exists already, as demonstrated with examples of such models provided by readers Richard Standing and Mark Holcroft.

Whilst there are many potential benefits to using AI, we at RAILWAY MODELLER are already being confronted by its drawbacks. We pride ourselves on being a contributor-led magazine, with the majority of the material we publish being supplied by you, our valued readers. However, we are having to be ever more careful to ensure that we don't unwittingly print photos that have been subjected to AI editing, or take as read something that has been written using AI. Currently, such instances are quite easy to spot, but as AI evolves and becomes more refined, identifying such material will no doubt present an increasing challenge.

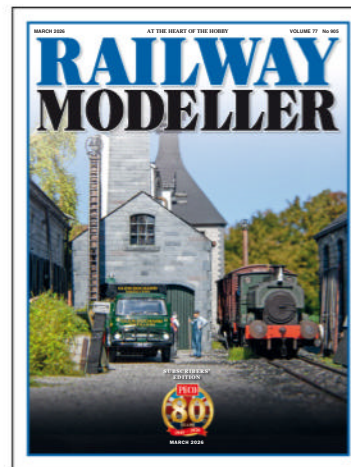
Turning to this month's issue, we have taken the opportunity to use two different images for the retail and subscribers' editions (see above). However, I can reassure readers that neither of these photos were created using AI! They were, in fact, taken outdoors in natural sunlight by the model's builder, Karl Heath. This Micro Marvel is one of several features this month that have a Scottish theme, as per long-standing tradition for our March-dated issue. (And yes, the colour used for the RM masthead on the cover is Saltire blue!)

Our Scottish coverage extends to a preview of Model Rail Scotland which, for this year only, is taking place a month later than usual, on 27-29 March. On p182 we present some of the expected highlights for this event, which is now the largest annual independent model railway exhibition taking place in the United Kingdom.

Billed as the 60th anniversary show, this March will see Model Rail Scotland sharing this six-decade commemoration with another facet of railway history, albeit one situated more than 300 miles south of Glasgow. It was on 7 March 1966 that the Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway route between Bath and Bournemouth was officially closed and, given the enduring popularity of this line with modellers, we couldn't let this anniversary pass unmarked. Indeed, as Toby Jennings shows with his SDJR spotlight feature on p206, 60 years on from its demise, modellers are better served than ever before with models for this much-lamented cross country route. The SDJR looks set to live on, albeit in miniature, for many years to come...

For those of you who are planning on heading to Glasgow for Model Rail Scotland, we look forward to seeing you there!

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Railway of the Month

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A narrow gauge industrial system in 7mm scale

Bowater's Paper Mill

WILL HEATH describes the O-16.5 model of the steam railway serving Kemsley paper mill, constructed by St Neots Model Railway Club.

In 2018, St Neots Model Railway Club was looking for ideas for a new club layout, and a narrow gauge railway was suggested. The club preferred an industrial subject to an ex-mining heritage line like the Ffestiniog Railway, and amongst the possible candidates was Bowater's paper railway in Kent. It linked two paper mills, one in Sittingbourne and one at Kemsley, to a dock at Ridham on the Swale estuary where raw materials – logs and paper pulp – were shipped in from Scandinavia, and finished products shipped out.

Bowater's paper railway was the last privately owned narrow gauge industrial steam railway in the UK, closing in 1969. Some of the original mill buildings at Kemsley still stand to this day, and some of the steam

locomotives still run on the Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway. The mill is now owned by D S Smith, making corrugated cardboard from recycled cardboard. The company archivist was very willing to share photographs, publications and diagrams, and with such a rich source of buildings, rolling stock and printed materials to hand, it was decided that the new narrow gauge layout would be Bowater's paper mill.

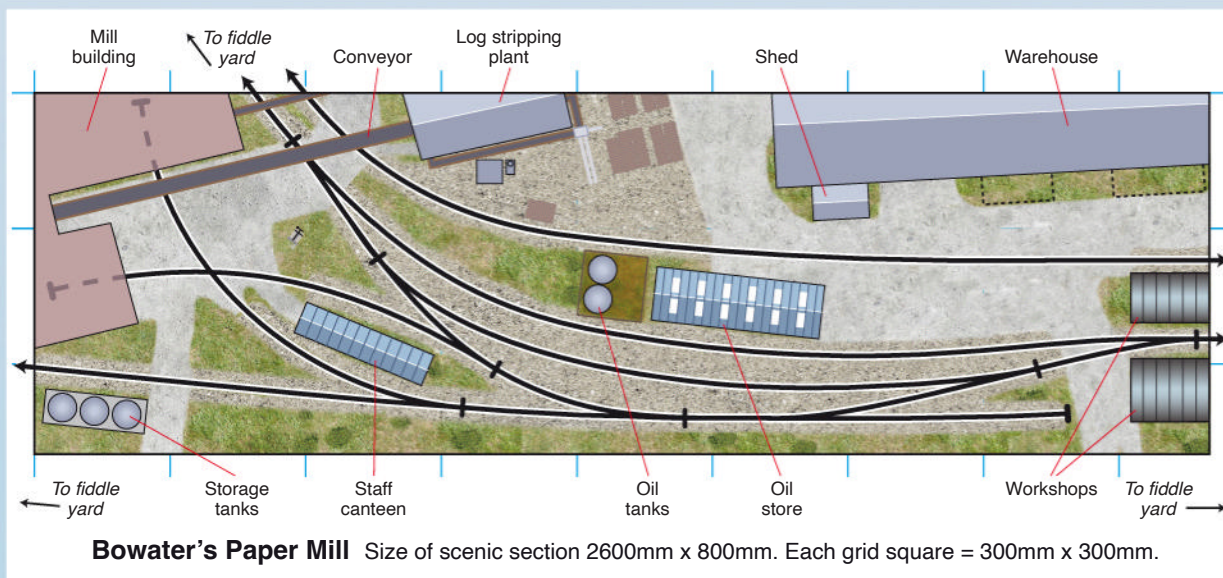
Research

Bowater's system offered a choice of three subjects: the mills at Sittingbourne and Kemsley, and the dock at Ridham. There are several dock layouts on the exhibition circuit, so the focus turned to the two mills.



Left
The warehouse behind the oil store provided extra storage for finished products.

Right
Kerr Stuart Brazil Class *Melior* heading for Ridham Dock with rolls of newsprint.



Sittingbourne had a very attractive high-level viaduct, but it was set in the middle of the town, which would have taken too much space to model. The Kemsley mill, on the other hand, was built on a greenfield site (in the middle of marshland) with only the mill and railway buildings associated with it, and seemed much more straightforward, so Kemsley was chosen.

Looking at the 1950s Ordnance Survey maps of the site on the National Library of Scotland website, there was an interesting group of sidings with lines running through them on the north-east corner of the mill, with several buildings and structures associated with them, and this formed the basis for the track plan. But what did these buildings and structures really look like?

As well as Bowater's own archive, we were fortunate enough to come across two collections of photographs,

one in *A Bowater's Album* by David Hammersley, and a private collection of images owned by Richard Simon who generously shared them with us. These informed the look and feel of the layout, and provided the starting point for the design of the buildings that would be modelled. But, of course, the very best research is with the railway itself. The S&KLR still runs between Sittingbourne and Kemsley, and we visited several times to measure up locos and stock, and to ride the locos and carriages. The staff have been incredibly welcoming and helped with whatever was needed.

Layout design

With a narrow gauge layout, there was a choice of OO9 or O-16.5. Looking at a series of such layouts at the Warley exhibition in 2018, it became obvious that the larger scale had much more presence in an exhibition setting, and the modelling

Right
Brazil Class *Excelsior* passing the log stripping plant.

Below
Hudson-Hunslet 0-4-0 diesel *Victor* passes Brazil Class *Premier* taking workers to Sittingbourne.

Bottom right
Bagnall 0-6-2T *Superb* leaves Ridham Dock on 4 October 1969 with bales of wood pulp bound for Kemsley.
Photo: Hugh Ballantyne/
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core of our group were 7mm modellers, so 7mm O-16.5 was chosen. However, this limited how much we could fit onto a pair of 1.3 x 0.8 metre baseboards plus fiddle yards, which was the maximum that SNMRC could store.

With some significant compression and simplification, a track plan was finally devised that would give sufficient operating interest, with three running lines, three sidings, and two tracks running into the mill building. The scale also dictated that it would have to be an end-to-end layout using cassettes. The layout would be able to accommodate one corner of the mill building, a log stripping plant, a warehouse, an oil store, two

workshops and a canteen for railway staff. This would provide enough interest for the viewing public, and scope for cameos featuring people and animals.

Layout construction

The aim was to create a piece of miniature theatre with day and night lighting, which was particularly appropriate for Bowater's, since it operated 24 hours a day. This meant building a diorama with a proscenium arch to obscure the top of the backscene, and a lightproof roof to exclude outside light. Side fascia panels would hide the left and right fiddle yard cassette





tables. A third fiddle yard cassette table at the rear would allow trains to run in and around the mill building. This all added up to a 17' x 7' footprint. Six four-colour LED lighting strips were suspended between the backscene and the proscenium arch to give ambient light, with two LED colour-adjustable parcans, one on each side, to give some directional lighting.

The baseboards were made in the traditional way with a 4" x 1" planed softwood frame to protect the point motors, braced with 2" x 1" cross-members. Only the 5mm ply trackbed was fitted to the frame, leaving the rest open to allow the ground to be below rail level if necessary. The three cassette tables were 5mm ply on a 2" x 1" frame, all the same size to allow nesting for storage and transport.

The track and points are Peco O-16.5 code 100 Streamline fixed with No More Nails glue, weathered with rust paint and ballasted in the usual way. Some of this ballast would later be covered, just as the real trackbed got filled in over the years with soil and grime. Roadways were made from 2mm plasticard, and finished with textured paint for concrete and fine sandpaper sheets for tarmac. Points are operated with Cobalt digital motors.

Most buildings were scratch-built using 3mm and 5mm PVC foamboard, although the mill building components were commissioned from LCUT Creative, as were all the window frames to give a consistent finescale feel to the buildings. Plasticard sheet was used for all brick and corrugated finishes.

Ground cover was a mixture of multicoloured scatter fixed with dilute PVA, and static grass with sparse vegetation from a variety of sources. The disparate

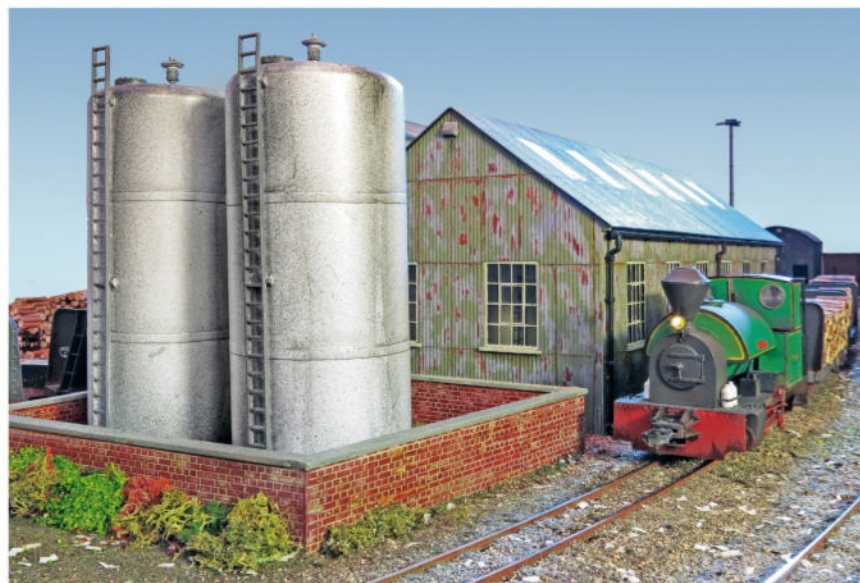
styles of buildings and structures were brought together visually with an overall weathering of black wash to give the layout a generally grimy feel. The final step was to dress the scene with people, vehicles and rubbish. Yes, rubbish. Just like farmyards, the mill site had discarded rubbish everywhere, including old machinery, wood, metal and rubble, and bits of paper from the pulp bales. This all served to create a sense of the real location.

Stock

When we embarked on the Bowater's project, we knew there would be no ready-to-run locomotives or rolling

Above
Night-time at Kemsley mill, which operated 24 hours a day.

Below
Tanks of oil used to lubricate the three lines of paper-making equipment.





Above
A 'Bowie' lorry being loaded with newsprint destined for Fleet Street in London.

Below
Rolls of newsprint heading for Ridham Dock on 14-ton flat wagons, and incoming logs from Scandinavia.

stock. This meant locos would have to be built from scratch or from modified kits, and all rolling stock 3D-printed from photo reference and drawings. Most of the locos were two basic designs: the Kerr Stuart Brazil Class 0-4-2 saddle tank and the W G Bagnall 0-6-2 tank. The Brazils would be made from modified kits and the Bagnalls scratch-built. There was also a Hudson-Hunslet 0-4-0 diesel that would be made from 3D-printed components fitted to a proprietary 0-4-0 chassis. Most of the rolling stock consisted of 14-ton flat wagons with upstand ends designed to carry paper pulp bales, one of the two raw materials shipped in to make the newsprint. Some of these pulp wagons were repurposed to carry people to the mill and take rubbish to the incinerator. There were also several tipper wagons, originally

designed to carry coal, but modified to transport china clay used as a finish for the more specialised paper. All the model wagons were fitted with finescale wheelsets and specially designed magnetic couplings.

All vehicles were commissioned from whitmetal kits which were heavily modified and detailed, including the 'Bowie', an eight-wheeled flatbed lorry which became a familiar sight on the A20 and Fleet Street in London.

Operation

It was planned from the outset that the layout would be operated using a Lenz Digital Command Control system connected to a Raspberry Pi running JMRI software. Sound-fitted locos are controlled using WiThrottle on smartphones connected via a dedicated Wi-Fi router.





Left
Melior passing the
 'Bowie' eight-wheel
 flatbed lorry.

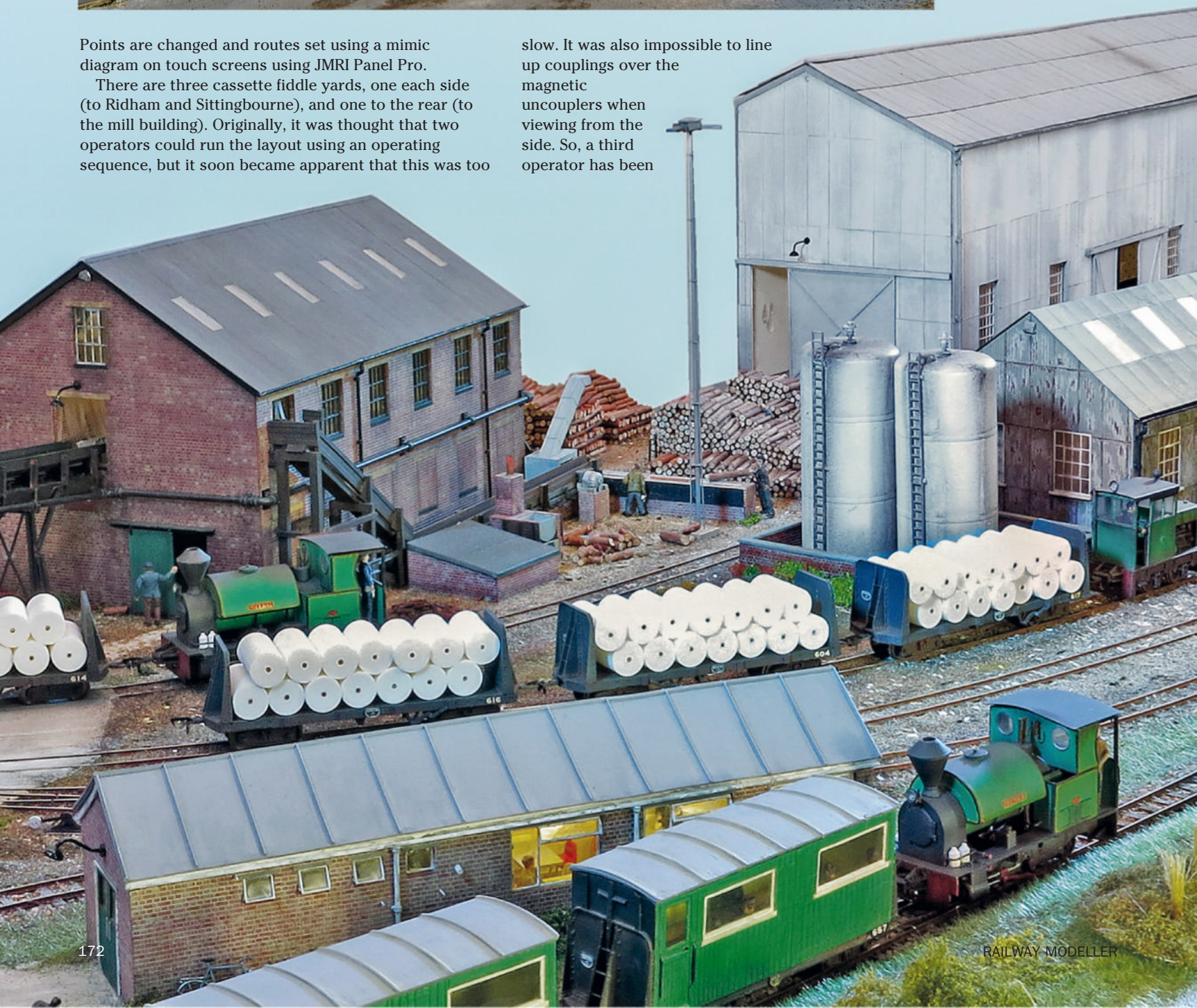
Below
 A general view of the
 sidings and running lines.

Bottom right
 Bagnall 0-6-2T *Conqueror*
 shunting wagons carrying
 bales of wood pulp at
 Ridham Dock on
 4 October 1969.
 Photo: Hugh Ballantyne/
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Points are changed and routes set using a mimic diagram on touch screens using JMRI Panel Pro.

There are three cassette fiddle yards, one each side (to Ridham and Sittingbourne), and one to the rear (to the mill building). Originally, it was thought that two operators could run the layout using an operating sequence, but it soon became apparent that this was too

slow. It was also impossible to line up couplings over the magnetic uncouplers when viewing from the side. So, a third operator has been



added at the front for shunting. The three operators communicate via wireless headsets.

After four exhibitions, it has also become apparent that to keep trains moving and the viewing public entertained, shunting has to be largely abandoned in favour of end-to-end running between the two side operators, with the rear shuttle line constantly driven by the third operator.

Relationships

When we started to build *Bowater's Paper Mill*, we had no idea that a modelling project would turn into a relationship with a multimillion-pound international business and a close association with a heritage railway. But that's how it turned out.

The archivist at D S Smith has supported us throughout the project and arranged for some of the team to be shown round the mill to see the cardboard manufacturing process. We also had the great privilege of being invited to the Bowater's Centenary Celebration in 2024, to show the layout to the staff who work in the mill we had modelled. It was much admired and brought back memories for many of the retired Bowater's staff who were there.

We have also built an enduring friendship with the staff and trustees of the S&KLR heritage line. We've visited several times to ride on the trains (and footplates), measure up the locos and rolling stock, and look round the shed and workshops. They have made us so welcome each time we have visited, and we've shared display space at some of the local Kent exhibitions.

What now?

There are still some exciting developments to come for *Bowater's Paper Mill*. We currently have a stable of four locomotives – three Kerr Stuart Brazil Class 0-4-2 saddle tanks (*Melior*, *Premier* and *Excelsior*) and *Victor*, the 0-4-0 Hudson-Hunslet diesel. These will be supplemented next year with three scratch-built Bagnall 0-6-2 tank engines.

We also have 18 pulp wagons and four coaches, which will be expanded to include two side-tipper china clay wagons and a modified pulp wagon to carry rubbish. We also plan to motorise the doors into the mill to allow wagons to be shunted in and out.

We only started exhibiting the layout in 2025, and there has already been significant interest from exhibition managers. Because it takes a team of six to run the layout, some of whom are still working, we have had to limit outings to four per year.

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Many people have been involved over the last seven years in making *Bowater's Paper Mill* a reality. They are the team at St Neots Model Railway Club who have helped build and operate *Bowaters*: Ian Allen, Roy Gill, Malcolm Goodger, Thomas Hoy, Jackie Kneeshaw, John Kneeshaw, Chris Langdon, Andrew Maisey, Sandy Spark and myself.

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See it at Model Rail Scotland

Bowater's Paper Mill is one of over 50 layouts due to appear at the Model Rail Scotland 60th anniversary exhibition, at the Scottish Event Campus Glasgow on 27, 28 & 29 March. For more details, see Societies & Clubs or visit: www.modelrail-scotland.co.uk

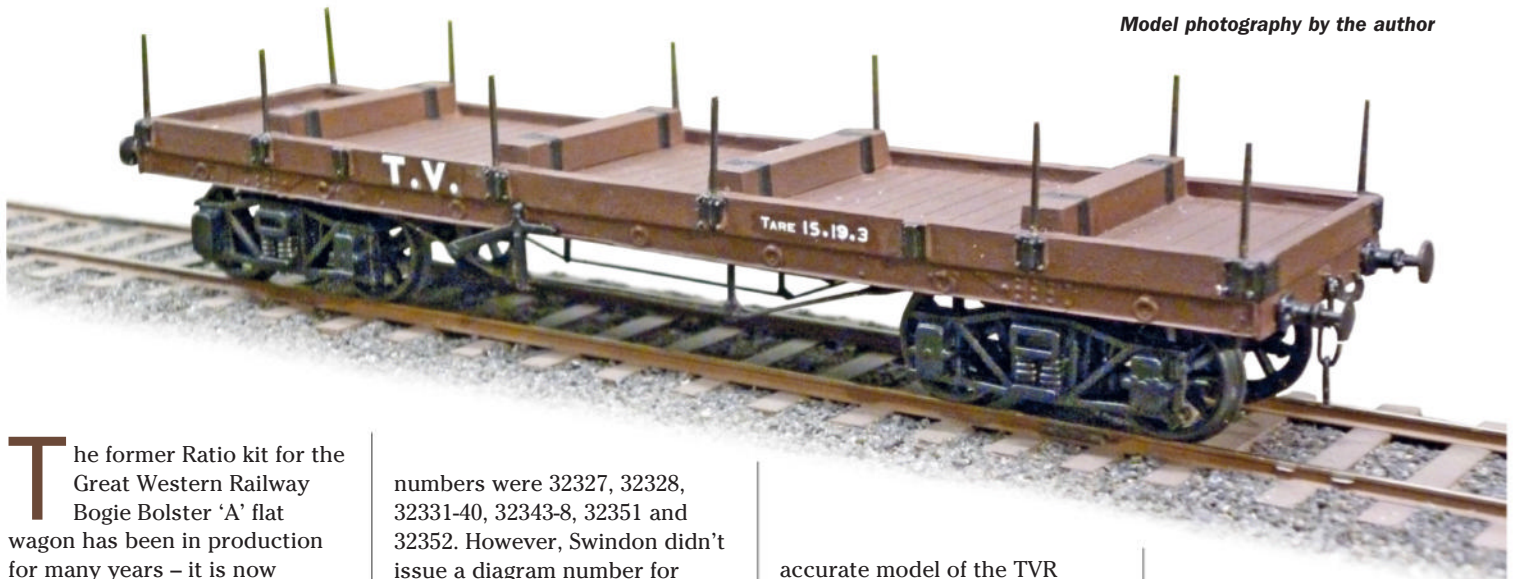
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Taff Vale Railway 30-ton timber wagon



RICHARD LOYDALL describes how he modelled one of these pre-Grouping goods vehicles in 4mm (EM gauge) by adapting a plastic kit from the Peco range. The accompanying scale drawings were prepared by **STEVE CROUCHER** from artwork supplied courtesy of the Welsh Railways Research Circle.



Model photography by the author

The former Ratio kit for the Great Western Railway Bogie Bolster 'A' flat wagon has been in production for many years – it is now available under the Parkside by Peco branding (ref.PC562). It is based on a Taff Vale Railway 30-ton timber truck, of which the TVR bought 20 from R Y Pickering in 1911.

The kit, therefore, gives pre-Grouping modellers the opportunity to have a TVR-liveried wagon on their layout, while post-1923 GWR modellers can run it in GWR livery. The TVR numbered them 7700 to 7719. On being taken over by the GWR at the Grouping, they were initially given the GWR telegraphic code 'Beaver D', but were re-coded as 'Macaw G' after 1925. Their GWR running

numbers were 32327, 32328, 32331-40, 32343-8, 32351 and 32352. However, Swindon didn't issue a diagram number for them. Further details of the wagons, plus a couple of photos, can be found on pages 198, 208 and 209 of the third edition of *GWR Goods Wagons* by Atkins, Beard & Tourret, Oxford Publishing Co./Ian Allan (2013).

The 4mm:ft scale drawings that accompany this article have been prepared with reference to original artwork drawn by the late Mike Moreton Lloyd. This original artwork was supplied courtesy of the Welsh Railways Research Circle.

Examining the kit

The kit has a lot of moulded detail and is a generally

accurate model of the TVR vehicle, except in one significant regard – the TVR wagons were 35' (140mm) long over bufferbeams, while the mouldings in the kit make a wagon that is only 132mm or 33' long. Also, the TVR wagons were 7' 4" (29.3mm) wide while the kit comes out at 32mm (8") wide.

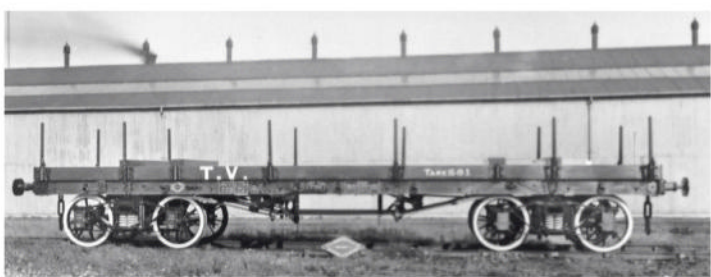
You may feel that you can live with the inaccurate length and other less noticeable discrepancies in the kit, and therefore produce a 'not quite' model of this Taff Vale wagon by building the kit 'as is'. On the other hand, you may feel that the moderate amount of extra work involved in lengthening the

▲ The model finished in Taff Vale Railway livery.

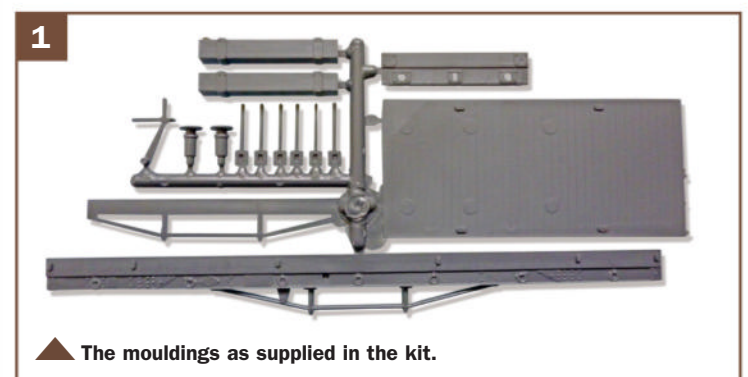
kit by a scale 2' (8mm) and adding some further detail is worth the extra time, to get a more accurate wagon that also looks better proportioned. Taking a pragmatic view, by using most of the kit's parts while making some simple changes as noted below, a more accurate model can be constructed in a reasonable time.

Making a start

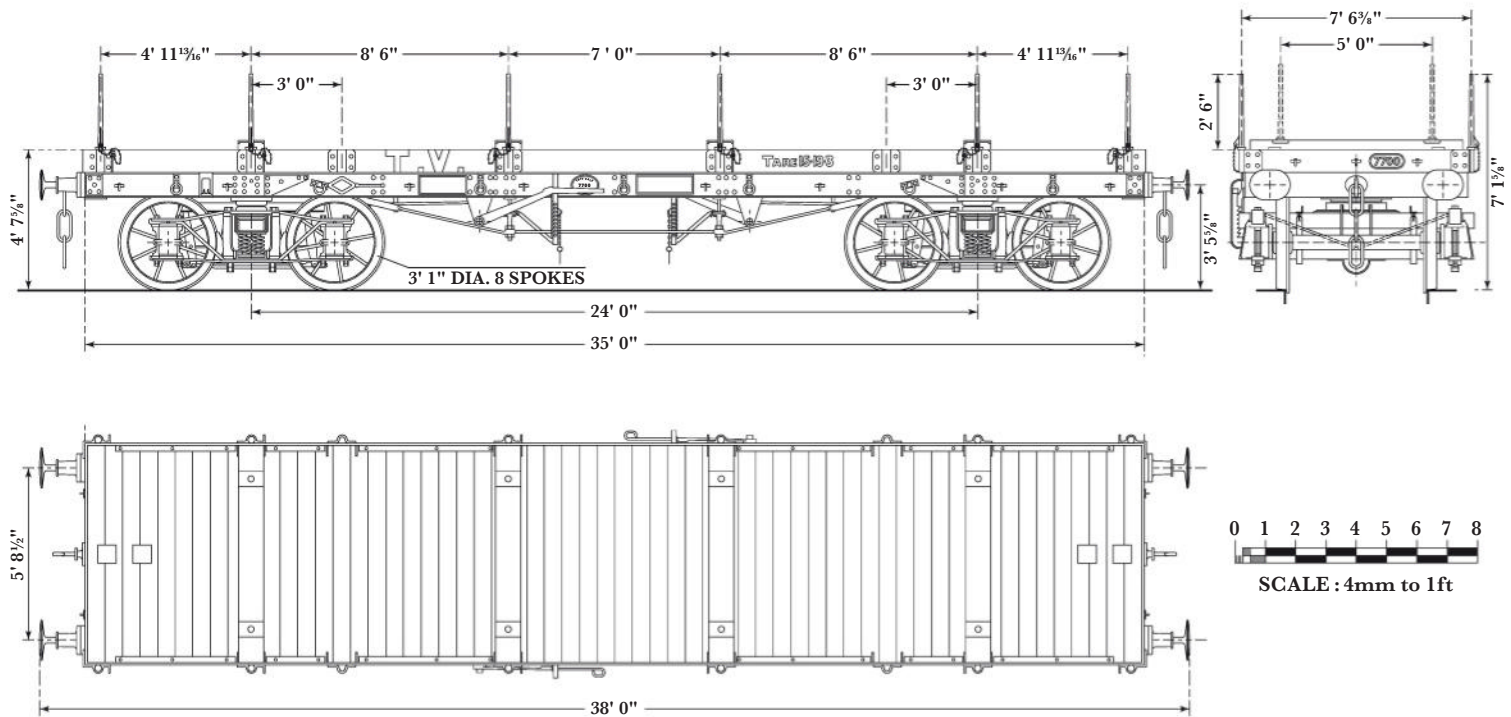
The first task is to remove all the moulded truss rod detail



▲ A works photo of a Taff Vale Railway 30-ton timber truck from the Welsh Railways Research Circle archive. Photo: Mike Moreton Lloyd collection



▲ The mouldings as supplied in the kit.



from below the solebars on the sideframe/solebar mouldings (part No.4), but keep the triangular-shaped piece that sits below the lashing ring moulded on the solebar. This piece forms the mounting for the brake lever. There are also lugs on the sides that provide locations for the stanchion pockets. Keep the two lugs nearest the outer ends of the sideframes, but remove the other four, as they are not in the right places.

Next, cut a piece of 40thou/1mm thick plasticard to a size of 137mm long and just a touch under 30mm wide. It may be easier to cut the width to 30mm initially and then cut a sliver off one long edge. This will make a new single piece floor to make the wagon the correct overall length. Scribe planking lines at 3mm intervals across the width of it to represent the floor.

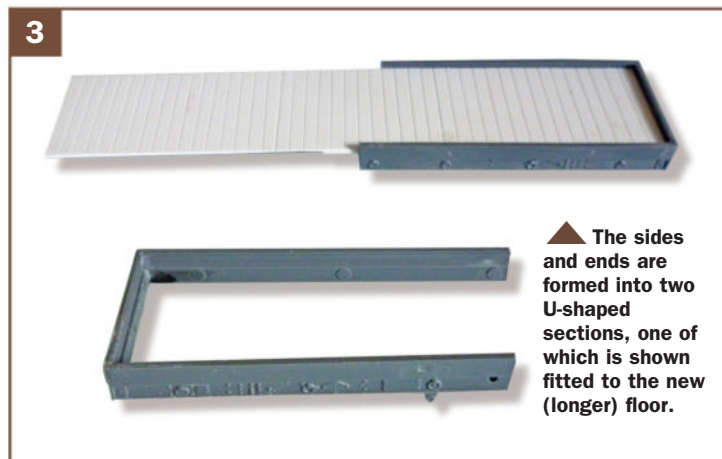
Now cut the solebar mouldings in half at a point 62mm from their left-hand ends, i.e. slightly to the left of the central lashing ring, then glue each solebar half-length to their respective end/bufferbeam moulding to produce a U-shaped component, and leave to set. Ensure that the outer ends of each solebar half-length are the ones fixed to the bufferbeam moulding, and are square to the bufferbeams.



▲ The length of the new floor compared to the modified sideframe.

The kit's floor mouldings have chamfered edges to them, which are intended to match with a similar chamfer on the inside of the sideframe/solebar moulding. File a similar 45° chamfer down the long edges of the new floor so it matches that of the floor moulding in the kit and the chamfer on the inside of the

solebar. It may be best to mark how far along the floor the half-length sideframe/solebar mouldings will come, and only chamfer those parts of the floor edge that will be joined to the half-length sides. This will give a short section of the floor that retains its original square edge, which can then be used to



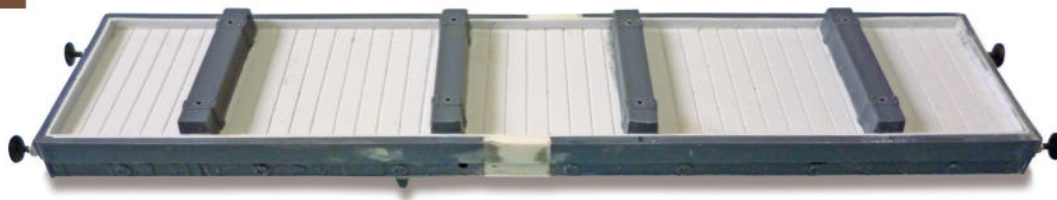
▲ The sides and ends are formed into two U-shaped sections, one of which is shown fitted to the new (longer) floor.

attach the small pieces of plasticard that will be needed to fill the resulting gap between the two half-length sideframe/solebar mouldings. Once the floor is prepared as above, it should just slide into the two U-shaped half-lengths produced previously, leaving a gap of approximately 9mm in the middle of the sides.

After fixing the sides/ends to the new floor, add a couple of pieces of plastic strip inside the solebars across the gap in the middle of the sides to stiffen the entire body. I found that pieces of Evergreen 3mm x 1mm strip cut about 40mm long were suitable. (When adding these strips, it may be worth placing the body face down on a flat surface with weights on either side of the gap in the middle of the sides. This will ensure that there is no inadvertent twist created between the two halves of the body as the glue fixing the stiffening pieces sets.)

Allow these joints to set, so the body is now rigid, then fill in the gaps in the sides and solebars with small pieces of plasticard before filling the joints smooth. You will notice that the grooves on the inside of the sides (into which the floor fits) are a lot taller than the thickness of the new floor, leaving a cavity above the floor on the inside of the sides and

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▲ The wagon body with the cavities on the inner sides covered with microstrip, and bolsters and buffers added.

ends. I found that some 2mm wide 15thou microstrip glued vertically to the inside of the sides/ends was ideal to cover the cavity. Its top edge also sat just a little above the tops of the sides/ends, enabling it to be filed down flush once everything had set hard. This should now leave you with a robust wagon body, onto which further detail can be added.

Adding the bolsters

The four bolsters (part No.7) can now be added to the floor. The works drawings show them set at 5' 6" (22mm) and 14' (56mm) in from each end (i.e. in line with the second and fourth stanchion pockets in from each end). Aligning them this way should give a 7' (28mm) spacing between the two inner bolsters. I also added alternative buffers to the body rather than use the ones in the kit. I'd got some MJT whitmetal wagon buffers (MJT ref.2301) to hand that looked fairly similar to the TVR ones, so used them.

A small footnote is needed here. The works drawings, the GWR diagram and the two photos in *GWR Goods Wagons* show that the bolsters were spaced as noted above. Having subsequently traced an official works photo of (probably) the first wagon to be produced, I found that the inner pair of bolsters, on that wagon at least, appeared to be aligned with the second and third stanchion pockets, i.e. 22mm and 34mm in from each end rather than at 22mm and 56mm spacings. Notes on both the works drawing and a later TVR drawing confirm that the bolsters were movable, presumably so that they could be repositioned if necessary to suit the load being carried. That said, the significant weight of each bolster probably meant that in reality, they were just left in one place.

The prototype wagons had eight stanchion pockets down each side. I felt that the moulded stanchions themselves (part No.8) looked a bit too chunky, so used them to help fix the stanchion pockets on the wagon sides, then cut the stanchions themselves off once the joints had set. It will be noted that the kit only comes with six stanchions on each set of mouldings, so two more pockets need to be added to each side, which I made from scraps of plasticard and plastic rod. For scrupulous accuracy, you may also wish to drill stanchion holes in the centre of the strapping on each bolster. These were probably there so that stanchions could be placed as necessary to suit the load being carried.

Underframe trusses

The trussing on the real wagons was formed of four parallel flat strips running horizontally

underneath the wagons, with the trusses being twisted through 90° at their outer ends so they could be fastened to the insides of the sideframes and inner framing. Making up new trussing is quite straightforward. For the two outer trusses that are more visible, I used some 2mm wide by 0.25mm brass strip, with the vertical posts (which are 7/28mm apart) made from 16BA brass bolts with washers and nuts added to keep everything tight. A quick touch of solder on the nuts also helps to keep everything in place. Using brass strip allows the component to be twisted easily, part-way along its length, so the outer ends become vertical and therefore lie against the insides of the sideframes, as per the prototype wagons.

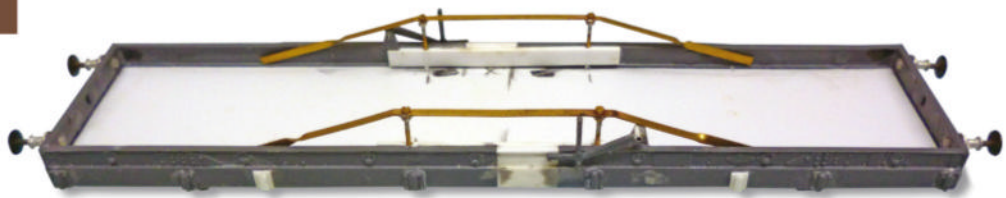
The two inner trusses had much less effort expended on them, given they aren't that visible, and were made as a separate unit that could be

dropped in between the solebars, using a piece of plasticard as a base and some Evergreen 3mm x 2mm strip, plus bits of brass wire. The two lugs sticking up from the Evergreen strip are the inner mounts for the brake handle shafts, which were made from 0.5mm brass wire.

Bogies

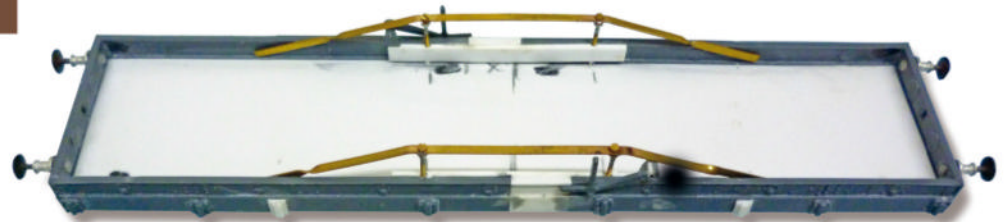
The bogies were constructed largely as per the kit instructions. I found that parallel-sided brass bearings could be pressed gently into the bogie sideframes using a small vice, without needing to open out the holes in the sideframes. However, I also found that pressing the bearings right in meant that they ended up too far apart, with the pin-point axles then being quite sloppy in the bearings. (It's possible that this is related to the depth of the holes being made deep enough to accommodate the moulded plastic wheels supplied with the kit, which measure 27.2mm over pin-points, compared to the standard 26mm axle length of today.) On the first bogie, I then ended up having to reduce the width of the bogie cross member to take up the slack. A better way is to glue the bogie cross member to one side, and then just press the bearings in on both sides a bit at a time until you get a nice

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▲ The wagon body with outer trusses added to the solebars.

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▲ The inner trusses, which were made as a separate unit.

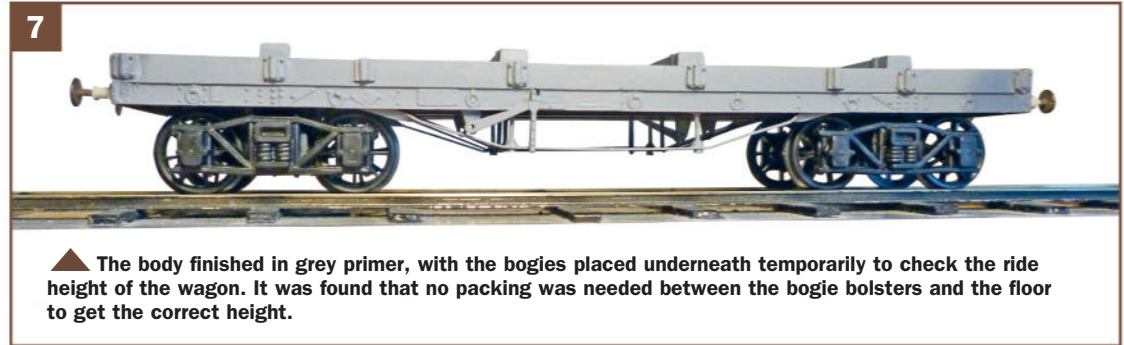
running fit when you try the other bogie side and its bearings on the cross member. Also, remember to paint the sideframes before final assembly of the bogies.

On the original kit, the bogie bolsters (part No.9) locate over small lugs on the undersides of the floor mouldings. As we have made a replacement floor, the bolsters need to be located centrally across the underside of the floor and in the correct places along the length of the floor. The bogie centres are 5' 6" (22mm) in from the outer ends of the wagon body, and therefore directly underneath the two outer bolsters on the deck of the wagon body. For lateral alignment, I found that small strips of 1mm/40thou strip stuck to the inside of the sideframes enabled the bogie bolsters to then fit snugly between them with no sideways play. The bogies have pins (part No.15) that fit in holes in the centres of the bogie bolsters. One of mine was a nice interference fit, while the other was just a touch loose. Consequently, you may well need to glue the pin into the bogie bolster from the top once you are satisfied that the bogie itself is finished and running properly, and then glue the entire assembly to the underside of the wagon floor when all the construction and painting work on the wagon body has been finished.

Painting

Taff Vale livery was a 'brown oxide' for wagon bodies and their solebars, with everything below solebar level being black. Lettering was white. Painting was done by spraying a mix of Humbrol No.133 (Brown) and Matt Black (No.33) to try and get a darkish brown with a slightly reddish hue. Ironwork on the wagon body (buffer housings, corner plates and stanchion pockets) was picked out in matt black, along with the strapping on the bolsters. The underframe trussing, bogie sideframes and brake levers were also black. (GWR modellers need to paint the entire vehicle GWR wagon grey.)

Once the wagon is painted, the only other significant details to add are the six stanchions themselves. (Note that there appear to have only been six



▲ The body finished in grey primer, with the bogies placed underneath temporarily to check the ride height of the wagon. It was found that no packing was needed between the bogie bolsters and the floor to get the correct height.

stanchions carried on each side, even though there were eight side pockets.) They were 2' 6" (10mm) high and 3" (1mm) wide. Their relatively large diameter reflects their need for strength to restrain loads as necessary. Given the relatively small size of the stanchion pockets on the wagon sides, you may feel that drilling 1mm holes centrally in them may risk breaking through the outer surface of the mouldings themselves. There are various ways to overcome this – drill 1mm holes offset slightly into the wagon side, use smaller diameter (say 0.7mm) wire instead of 1mm, or just plant the correct size stanchions into the bolsters on the wagon floor instead! I decided to err on the side of caution, and used 0.7mm dia. nickel silver wire glued into the stanchion pockets and then cut to length using a small piece of card cut 10mm high as a 'measure' to ensure consistent heights. They were then chemically blackened using Birchwood Casey Gun Blue.

Finally, three-link couplings were added using a couple of etched brass hooks found in the spares box and links from Scale Link fretcetera.

Lettering

The kit comes with waterslide transfers for GWR lettering. Taff Vale wagon lettering isn't immediately available, so I used letters from various other sources to try and replicate it. The large 'T' and 'V' and their full stops came from Fox Transfers sheet FG 1006 (Gill Bold, 3mm high). The tare letters and numbers came from a sheet of Southern Railway/LSWR/LBSC/SECR goods wagon transfers produced by the Historical Model Railway Society.

Final thoughts

The result of building this readily available kit, with relatively little extra work, is a

distinctive wagon whose proportions are better and which could easily run on a pre- or post-Grouping layout, but which is still relatively compact – extended to its correct 35' length, it's still only a little longer than some six-wheeled coaches. If any additional weight is felt to be necessary, it could be added, either by giving the wagon a suitable load or by adding small pieces of lead strip under the floor in the centre of the wagon.

Having finished the wagon, I then spotted that the buffer heads on the real vehicles were probably oval-shaped rather than round. However, I can live with this very minor discrepancy.

Welsh Railways Research Circle

The Welsh Railways Research Circle holds numerous drawings of Welsh rolling stock produced originally by Mike Lloyd and the late Trefor Jones – a number of which have been published by the Circle as part of its series of books with drawings of locomotives and rolling stock of the Barry, Rhymney and Cambrian Railways. The next volume in the series will cover the Taff Vale Railway. Anyone interested in pre-Grouping Welsh railways (as either a modeller or an historian) can find further details of the Circle, its activities and the records it holds at: www.wrrc.org.uk



▲ The finished wagon, with stanchions and lettering added.

MICRO MARVELS

THE SMALL LAYOUT GALLERY



Glen Dochard Distillery

Modelling, words and photography: **KARL HEATH**

I wanted to model something distinctly Scottish, but it needed to be small to fit the limited space I had available.

Sometimes, all it takes is a single archive photo, or a particular ready-to-run model, to inspire a layout project. Such was the case here, with a photo of Dailuaine Distillery and an OO gauge Andrew Barclay 0-4-0ST providing the catalyst for *Glen Dochard Distillery*.

Baseboard and buildings

The model is constructed on a Scale Model Scenery laser-cut baseboard kit measuring 100cm x 22cm.

The buildings I used are from various ranges, with the pagoda-roofed kiln and long building (with 'GLEN DOCHARD' lettering) both from the Pop Up Designs range. Inspiration for the latter was taken from Tullibardine

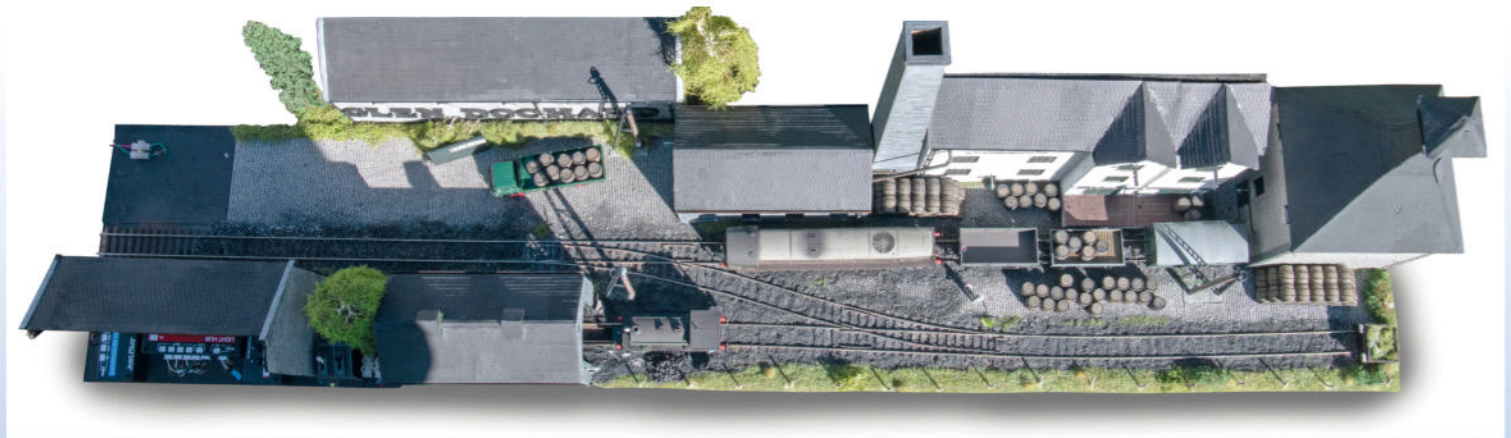
▲ In low evening sunlight, the distillery's Andrew Barclay 0-4-0ST (a relettered Accurascale model) pauses between duties.

Distillery, which has its name in large black letters on the side of the building. Self-adhesive stone embossed paper was used for stonework to replicate whitewashed stone.

The chimney, boiler house and engine shed are all from the JSModels range of kits. Painting consisted of undercoats of black and shades of greys, followed by picking out random stones in various browns and greys using paints from the Games Workshop range. Initially, I wasn't convinced by this, as it gave the models a toy-like finish. However, once the mortar was added, using a beige Dulux sample pot (applied by painting it on and then



▲ In the dead of night, the distillery's Peckett 0-4-0ST sits in the shed.



▲ The 100cm x 22cm model from above. A simple fiddle yard could be added to the left-hand end if desired.

immediately wiping most of it off), the appearance was far more effective.

The main warehouse is a pair of low-relief kits from MMR Models, kit-bashed into one building. I wanted some variation to the buildings so that they didn't all have the same stone finish, and therefore I chose to apply a pebble-dashed effect. To do this, a mix of PVA glue and WWScenics Smooth Peat was first spread on the surface of the building. This seals the cardboard and gives a dark base that shows through the white top coat in any thin areas, whilst also helping to give the building an aged look. The pebble-dashed effect was achieved simply by shaking sand over the building whilst the peat and glue mix was wet. Once it was dry, I painted the building white.

Slates on all of the buildings are from the JSModels range. All buildings were given a number of black and brown washes to weather them down and blend them together.

Before the buildings were fixed in place, various arrangements were trialled, eventually resulting in the set-up seen here. One of the challenges of building micro layouts is finding a

way for the scene to look natural and not forced into a small space.

The access road and yard used the Structured Place Cobblestone product from Noch (ref.N60314). I allowed ballast to spread over this so that the yard had a more 'lived in' appearance.

Trackwork and control

Trackwork is Peco Streamline code 75 flexible track and small radius points. It has all been weathered using Railmatch Rust and Sleeper Grime paints.

For ballasting, initially I used a disposable barbecue to create an ash ballast, with some Woodland Scenics brown and grey fine grade ballast granules mixed in. However, the finish was not what I was hoping for – it looked too coarse, and I decided I wanted something that looked a lot finer and could be made to look oily and dirty. The powder from a Hattton's Constructor Oil Spill

weathering kit was spread over the ballast, followed by the 'oil' from the kit. This provided a much more convincing finish, which has the appearance of fine ash ballast that has become saturated with oils and grease over many years. This effect is further enhanced in front of the

shed by using Wet Effects Fluid (ref.AK-079) from the AK Interactive range.

The model is operated by Digital Command Control using a Gaugemaster Prodigy handset, but the lighting and point motors are on their own circuits and powered by an analogue Gaugemaster Model D Twin Track Cased Controller.

Lighting

Lighting is from the Woodland Scenics JustPlug range, with lights above doorways and in front of the shed, together with a couple of yard lights. The buildings also have internal lighting. All lights are on individual circuits with dimmers so that the light can be controlled for photography.

Landscaping and details

Vegetation is minimal, consisting of grass and bushes on the front and two trees in the background to hide the low-relief nature of the rear buildings. The trees are from the Primo range, whilst the grass areas were formed using a mix of 1mm, 2mm and 4mm static fibres from WWScenics. Bushes are cut from Primo Birch trees and laid as though they are climbing the barbed wire fence (a Woodland Scenics product).

The key scenic features are piles of whisky barrels, which are from Skytrex. A number of these have been

▲ The Andrew Barclay shunts a brace of covered vans around the distillery complex. The Bedford TK is an EFE model, relettered to suit.





▲ **The last remaining staff on shift discuss the day, with the Barclay awaiting its next turn.**

Painted and positioned around the layout, replicating what would have been a familiar sight in distillery yards.

Various small details for the layout came from a number of sources, including Sankey

▼ **The two distillery steam locomotives on shed.**

Scenics and Scale Model Scenery – all painted and weathered to suit.

With both engines wearing the same livery and being un-numbered, I decided that the distillery crews would be numbered, with the crew in charge being denoted by a numbered disc. These were created using white discs from Bachmann Spares, suitably numbered, weathered and fitted with a chain to hang over a lamp or grab iron.

All figures are from the Modelu 3D-printed range and have been painted by Dan Evason of Tunnel Lane Model Railways, these really adding life and character to the model.

Locomotives and rolling stock

Originally, there was going to be a Dailuaine-inspired 14" Andrew Barclay 0-4-0ST. The Accurascale (ex-Hatton's) model of *Efficient* (ref.ACC2997) was a perfect donor, with the





▲ Modernisation comes to the remote Glen Dochard as English Electric Type 1 Bo-Bo D8031 shunts vans into the loading bay.

► Destined to replace the distillery's pair of steam locomotives is this new Ruston 48DS, represented with a Hornby model.

lined green livery looking suitably 'Scottish' to me. I wanted it to have the distillery name on the tank, but wasn't able to find a way to create my own transfers. However, I managed to find a modeller based in America who would create bespoke transfers, and so drew what I was after and placed an order. The second distillery-owned steam locomotive is a Hornby Peckett W4 0-4-0ST (ref.R3761) which has also had the distillery name added to the tank. The similar liveries of the two donor models mean that they form a convincing pair. Modern traction is represented by the distillery's Ruston 48DS, which makes occasional appearances.

Main line motive power does also appear, restricted to types that ran in the Highlands and north of Scotland. Typically these are a J36 0-6-0 (Hornby), BR Standard 2MT 2-6-0 and a Class 20. All have been weathered and numbered (where required) as per Scottish prototypes.

Rolling stock is from Bachmann and Rapido Trains UK. My favourite item is the bespoke 'Glen Dochard' five-plank wagon from Rapido. The only passenger vehicle that appears is a four-wheel coach, which forms 'The Dochard Pug', the workers' train.

I weathered some of the rolling stock myself, with other models completed by Grimy Times and Tom Foster.



What to see at Model Rail Scotland

The SEC in Glasgow – 27, 28 & 29 March 2026

Having assumed the mantle of being the largest annual independent model railway exhibition in the United Kingdom, Model Rail Scotland is set to welcome thousands of visitors when the doors open for this year's 60th anniversary show, which will be taking place over three days in March at the Scottish Event Campus in Glasgow.

This year taking place a month later than usual, the three-day celebration of railway modelling is being organised by AMRSS Ltd – a not-for-profit company. Previously staged by the Association of Model Railway Societies in Scotland, the origins of the event go back to 1966.

The event is being supported by Peco, which will have a stand at the show with displays of forthcoming products, together with publications on sale including copies of RAILWAY MODELLER, CONTINENTAL MODELLER and the 2026 RM Special. There will also be support from Accurascale, Bachmann Collectors Club, Heljan, Hornby Hobbies and Kato.

Show highlights

More than 50 working layouts will be in action, these covering a wide variety of scales and gauges, and representing British and overseas prototypes. See the event listing in our Societies & Clubs pages (starting on p245) for full details of the layouts booked to attend.



Several of the layouts on display have featured in the pages of RAILWAY MODELLER, including *Burnroyd Works* (OO – RM November 2018), *Clyde Valley Railway* (OO9 – RM April 2020) and *Ashton Steel* (OO – RM September 2020). There are other RM-featured layouts that are making a return visit to Model Rail Scotland, this in keeping with the 60th anniversary theme of the event – *Law Junction* (N – RM August 2008), *Hewisbridge* (OO – RM February 2016) and *Alloa* (OO – RM March 2023).

In addition to these, there will be *Bowater's Paper Mill* in 7mm, which is featured on p166 of this issue, whilst the N gauge layout *Eyemouth* and the OO gauge

▲ The Privatised era with *Burnroyd Works* in OO, as featured in our November 2018 issue. Photo: Derek Shore/RM Archive

layout *Smallburn* will be featured in next month's edition.

Further building on the 60th anniversary theme will be *Dundreich*, a surviving section from the fabled *Craig & Mertonford Light Railway* by P D Hancock, the origin of which dates from the 1960s.

Amongst several layouts making their debut in Scotland will be *Making Tracks III* by Pete Waterman and his Railnuts team, a 64' x 14' model in OO featuring Milton Keynes Central station (see RM June & August 2023).

Set to provide an impressive – yet slightly unconventional – attraction at this year's event is a vast replica of the Forth Bridge... in Lego!

Trade support

In addition to the presence of the six aforementioned show supporters, the exhibition will include other leading manufacturers of ready-to-run models, including Cavalex Models, Ellis Clark

◀ *Hewisbridge* has been a familiar Scottish outline model at shows for many years. It will be making a return visit to Glasgow this year. Photo: Arran Aird/RM Archive





▲ Making its first appearance at a Scottish show will be *Clyre Valley Railway* in OO9 by Tim Couling (see RM April 2020). Photo: Craig Tiley/RM Archive

Trains, Oxford Diecast, Rapido Trains UK and Revolution Trains.

Supporting these will be a large number of specialist trade stands, scale-specific organisations and practical modelling demonstrations. In addition, there will be a number of society stands dedicated to the railways of Scotland, including the Caledonian Railway Association, the Friends of the West Highland Railway, the Great North of Scotland Railway Association and the Highland Railway Society.

To assist visitors with planning their time at the exhibition, the organisers have made a floor plan available to download via the website.

Early admission with advance tickets

Details of admission prices are given in the adjacent panel; tickets are also available to purchase on arrival. It should be noted that multiple day tickets are not available. (The Scottish Event Campus is a cash-free venue, although the Model Rail Scotland ticket desk will accept cash as well as credit/debit card and Apple pay/Google pay cashless payments.)

Advance e-tickets can be purchased via the event website. Although the prices are the same, advance ticket holders will be able to enter the show 30 minutes earlier on each day.

Pre-printed advance tickets can also be purchased, but for this option there is an additional booking charge per order.



▲ In keeping with the event's 60th anniversary theme, *Dundreich* will reflect modelling from the 1960s. Photo: Craig Tiley

Getting to the show

The position of the Scottish Event Campus on the edge of Glasgow city centre makes visiting Model Rail Scotland very convenient by rail, road – or even by air! The SEC has its own dedicated railway station – Exhibition Centre – allowing easy access from the city centre (including train connections via Glasgow Central) and suburbs. Exhibition Centre station is a 5-10 minute walk from Hall 3.

In addition, the Glasgow Subway provides connections from 15 points across the city (the St Enoch stop is a few minutes walk from Central station for onward transfer to the SEC).

To further assist visitors, the organisers will once again be providing a circular vintage bus service between the SEC, Glasgow Central and Queen Street stations in the city centre. (Full details of this service including a timetable will be published on the Model Rail Scotland website prior to the show.)

For those travelling by car, the postcode is G3 8GS. The SEC is just off junction 19 of the M8, with multi-storey parking available. (From J19, join the westbound A814 Clydeside Expressway and then take the cut-off for the campus. Turn left at traffic lights and take the right lane to access the multi-storey parking.) The car park is located less than 500m from Hall 3 and has designated disabled blue badge parking bays. The car park tariff is £12.00 for up to 12 hours.

For those travelling by car to the SEC via the city centre, note that there is the Glasgow City Centre Low Emission Zone – motorists are advised to check their route and vehicle compliance beforehand.

Glasgow Airport is located eight miles west of the city and can be reached on

domestic flights from airports around the United Kingdom.

For further details about travelling to the venue and public transport links, refer to the SEC website:

www.sec.co.uk

Model Rail Scotland

Key information – at a glance

Venue:

Hall 3 Scottish Event Campus,
Exhibition Way, Glasgow G3 8YW
www.sec.co.uk

Dates:

27-29 March 2026

Opening times:

Friday 1030* – 1800
Saturday 1030* – 1800
Sunday 1030* – 1700
(*1000 for advance ticket holders)

Single day admission prices:

Adults **£18.00**
Children **£5.00**
(Ages 5-16 years, must be accompanied by an adult. Children aged under five are admitted free.)
Family **£40.00**
(Two adults and up to two children)

Website:

www.modelrail-scotland.co.uk

Scottish sojourn



CHRIS FORD completes the construction of this West Highland layout project in 4mm, which makes extensive use of products from the Peco range. See the finished layout at Model Rail Scotland in Glasgow on 27-29 March.

*Constructional photos by the author.
Finished layout photography
by Craig Tiley*



Part four of this layout build series (last month) focused on three of the main structures that feature on the model – namely the tin tabernacle, platform store, and station building. With these complete, the project was now at an advanced stage, with attention now turning to the ground cover and smaller scenic details that will bring the layout through to completion. These finishing touches form the subject of this final instalment.

Reflecting on the project

This has been an interesting project from start to finish. The choice of 2025 as a time frame for the model prompted far more research than I anticipated, with much viewing of YouTube videos of the current scene. This confounded my preconceptions of the contemporary Scottish rail scene, with there being a far greater array of motive power than I expected – the surprises being the Class 37s that are still in active service and Class 66s in a number of different liveries. This

▲ A Class 156 Diesel Multiple Unit (by Realtrack Models) idles in the platform before starting its return journey to Glasgow Central.

opens up all sorts of modelling possibilities.

In the preamble to this project (RM November 2025), I mentioned that this layout was always seen as a small part of a larger system. One possibility is that it becomes a through station on a round-the-room or round-the-garage layout, where the stock can stretch its legs and the modeller can also indulge in some more expansive scenic work, such as a representation of Glenfinnan Viaduct curving gently around one corner! As it stands, though, the layout makes for an ideal exhibition model, which is compact and easy to transport. The basic plan can also be adapted easily to suit other geographical settings and time periods.

The finished layout will, appropriately, be on display at Model Rail Scotland in Glasgow – see the panel at the end of this article.

Items used

Peco

- 1x PS315 weathered brown ballast
- 1x Wills SSM320 Relocatable Equipment Building
- 1x Wills SS85 Relay Boxes
- 1x Ratio ref.434 Spear Fencing
- 3x Peco LK85 Flexible Field Fencing
- 1x Ratio ref.511 Lineside Hut
- 1x Ratio ref.455 Modern Lamps
- 1x Ratio ref.421 GWR Station Fencing
- 1x Wills SS91 Ground Frame
- 1x Wills LK29 Modern Platform Seating

From other suppliers

- WWScenics static grass fibres (4mm and 6mm lengths in various colours)

- Trees (various)

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Both approach paths were lined with spear point fencing. Due to the gradient, this was chopped into sections and stepped up the hills, and then given a wash of orange paint. The paths were given a coat of Hobbycraft Crafting Concrete Paste.

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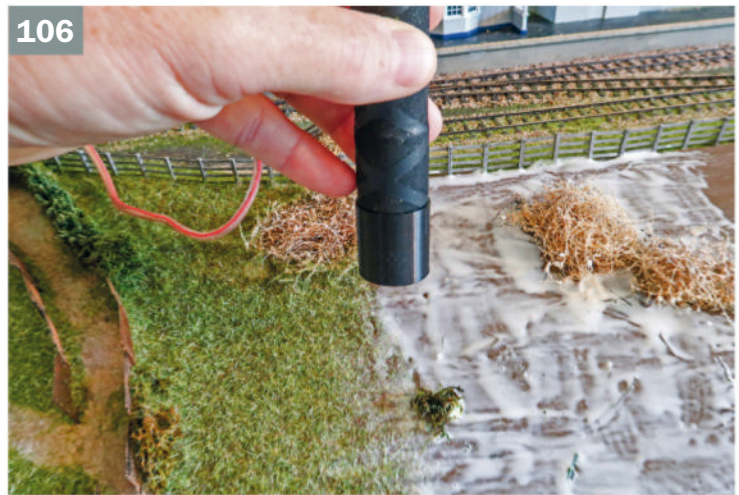
Clumps of horsehair were cut and dotted around the layout. Much of this was positioned to mask baseboard joins or rough bits of groundwork. Each clump was fixed in place with a generous dollop of PVA glue.

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I had some trees left over from previous builds, so a selected few were added. These comprised mainly Woodland Scenics seafoam types, or 'ready to plant' plastic trunk examples. UHU was used to fix them in position, with holes pre-drilled in the scenery.

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Bare areas of ground were covered with static grass fibres from the WWScenics range, using a Peco PSG3 Pro Grass Precision Micro Applicator. I used a random mix of dark/light/mid greens and straw colours to give as natural a finish as possible.

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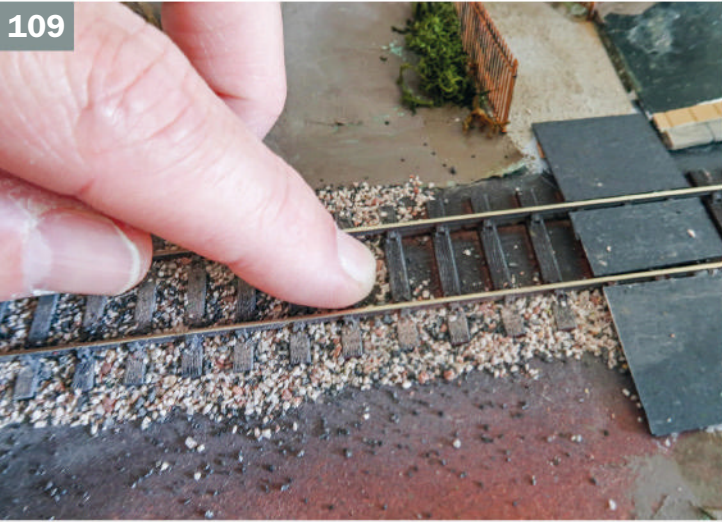
With the grass dry, I added a little brush of PVA and sprinkled small amounts of coloured ground foam scatter material to give the effect of wild flowers. I then started to build up clumps of the same around trees, with a further layer of tea leaves for good measure.

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With the chapel set on its sub-base, a set of whitemetal gravestones were added, which were finished to give a fairly overgrown feel. The castings were ones that I already had in stock, which I believe were sourced from Langley Models.

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And so to ballasting. Those readers who followed my previous layout builds will know that I leave this job to quite a late stage, so that I can run the ballast right up to platform facings and building footings. Granules are sprinkled onto the trackwork and then pushed into position by hand, using a small brush to remove any stray granules that remain on sleeper tops or become lodged in rail fixings.

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After giving the ballasted area a mist of water (with a drop of washing-up liquid added to the water to break the surface tension), the usual mix of PVA, water and washing-up liquid was dribbled on using a small syringe.

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To give a hard boundary to the platform pre-surfacing, Ratio GWR wooden fencing was painted using Citadel Corax White and then slotted into holes drilled in the platform surface.

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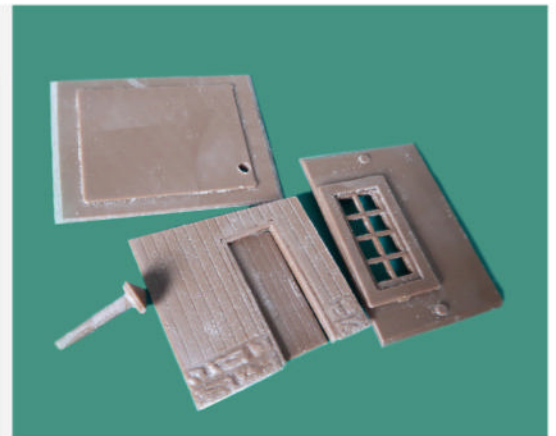
Other boundaries were lined with the versatile Peco field fencing after a grey/brown paint coat had been applied.

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The platform was then surfaced with a very fine brown sand.

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The Ratio lineside hut is a ubiquitous creature. Simple to build, it is ripe for further adaptation. I kept a light touch in this case and drilled a hole in the roof piece to take the stovepipe.

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I set the door slightly ajar and added a small plastic doorstep. Other than that, it was built as per the instructions.

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Also constructed simply as per the instructions were these Ratio modern lamps. The only change was to paint the posts, what else, but Citadel Corax White!

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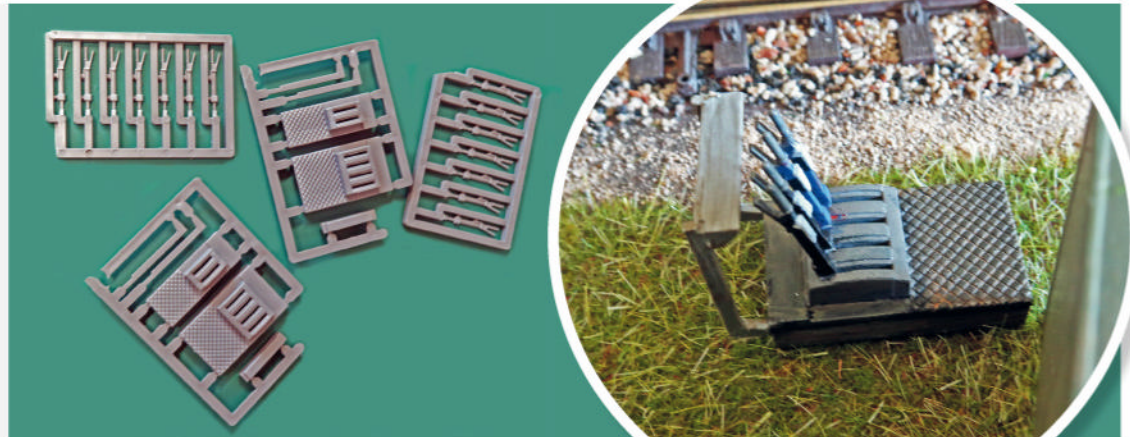


The relay boxes are also a work of minutes and are a must for the period of this layout. I painted them using a Tamiya mid-grey and mounted them on a concrete base cut from 40thou plastic sheet (inset).

37 419 Carl Haviland (the new Accurascale model) rumbles into the station past the disused signal box, built from a Peco laser-cut kit (see part three of this series, RM January 2026).



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A four-lever frame was taken from the Wills pack and painted (incorrectly the first time!), and added to the side of the loop. Arisaig station has a similar set-up with the loop points sprung and the siding points operated by a ground frame like this.

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If you want a first go at a plastic kit, the Wills equipment shed is as easy as it gets with just five parts... it's a box! Painted camouflage green, it is assumed to be dumped on site.

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Recently released by Peco are these modern platform seating kits – very timely for this project. There are just two parts to weld together. They were painted ScotRail corporate blue, and set into holes drilled in the platform.





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A pair of Ratio yard lamps stand sentinel over the p-way loading dock.



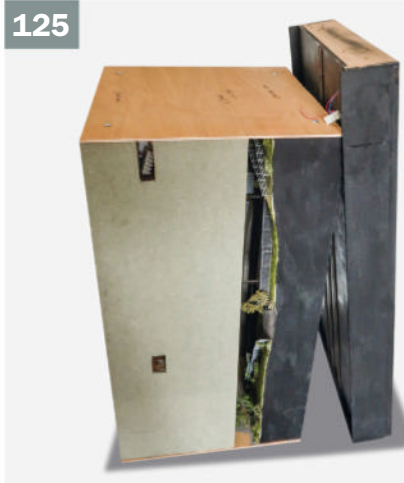
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The running in boards were going to be tricky. I did note someone selling custom ScotRail signage on eBay, but instead decided to print off my own from a Word document. Stuck to a 7mm wide strip of 20thou plastic and trimmed to length, they were attached to three of the lampposts.



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Along with a set of Peco figures was this other must-have item – the modern platform recycling bin (essentially a frame with two hanging clear plastic sacks). This 4mm version was modelled with a central strut fabricated from some Ratio signal ladder, top and bottom and lids from 20thou plastic sheet, and a section of scrap sprue for the top info panel. The bags are 11mm slices of plastic tube, of the type used to protect the bristles on paintbrushes. All wonderfully low-cost!



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Here the inner end of the station board is seen from the rear with the backscene fitted. The cut-outs allow the plug-style terminal blocks (see part two – RM December 2025) to be connected without scrabbling around under the layout. (This arrangement was necessary owing to the intended counter-top display of the model.)



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The two scenic sections were crated together using two sheets of plywood to act as end plates, the resultant box measuring 500mm x 900mm x 520mm. Having the boards crated in this way means that the scenic parts are protected from damage during handling or storage. The fiddle yard board remains a stand-alone unit, but with no scenic detailing, it is much less vulnerable to damage.

Model Rail Scotland

Chris's finished layout will form part of the Peco display at the Model Rail Scotland 60th anniversary exhibition, which will be taking place at the Scottish Event Campus Glasgow on **27, 28 & 29 March**. For more details, see Societies & Clubs or visit: www.modelrail-scotland.co.uk



An overview of the completed layout. The construction of the station building (Peco) and the tin chapel (Wills) was covered in part four of this series (RM February 2026).

Along the Lochty line in OO

Largoward

DUNCAN STEWART describes how members of East Neuk Model Railway Club created this 1960s British Railways era model in 4mm scale, which depicts a location on the East Fife Central Railway in Scotland.

Photography by Arran Aird

East Neuk Model Railway Club is known for creating scale model railways of real locations in N gauge, such as *Leuchars* and *Drem* (both based on East Coast Main Line subjects), together with *Law Junction* (a West Coast Main Line location – see RM August 2008) and *St Andrews and Guard Bridge* (March 2022).

These layouts all set out to show how the real railway fits into the landscape, thereby avoiding the temptation to squeeze in as much track as possible within the board area available. Over the years, the club has also experimented with Digital Command Control and sound on a number of compact

OO gauge layouts that portray imaginary locations.

For our next project, we decided to try to bring these elements together with a large OO gauge layout based on a real location, using DCC. However, it quickly became apparent that, in 4mm, not many real locations, built to scale, would fit into the maximum space we had in the clubroom, which was about 21' long.

A return to Fife

Thoughts turned to minor local lines, and the East Fife Central Railway was suggested. (Incidentally, this route was situated not too





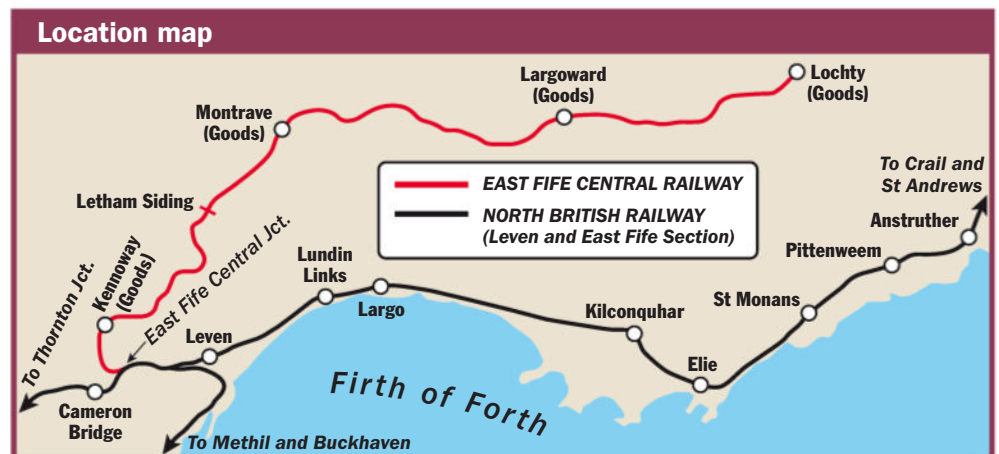
◀ The layout assumes that the area's collieries operated for longer than in reality: BR 4MT 2-6-0 No.76109 hauls 21-ton mineral wagons.

▲ A Hornby J36 0-6-0 has been modified with a tender cab to represent No.65345 – one of the last two examples in BR service in 1967.

far away from St Andrews and Guard Bridge, the subjects of our aforementioned N gauge layout).

At one time operated by the North British Railway (and later the London & North Eastern Railway), the East Fife line was a late

addition to the railway network, originally with grand ambitions. It was eventually built in 1898 as a goods-only rural branch, with hopes to exploit development of the East Fife coalfields, along with agricultural traffic. Connecting with the rest of the rail network





at a junction near Leven, the EFCR ran for 14¾ miles to a terminus at Lochty, with intermediate (goods-only) stations at Kennoway, Letham Siding, Montrave and Largoward. Between Largoward and Lochty there was a connection to Largobeath Colliery. However, the coal mines proved to

More than a decade after Nationalisation, traces of the original London & North Eastern Railway lettering can still be discerned on the station sign.

be a failure, all closing by the early 1930s, with the line lingering on until its closure in 1964. There were never any passenger services, although miners' trains did run on the branch for a brief period in 1913.

The line, or at least a section of it, later became well known to enthusiasts as the Lochty Private Railway, with the last 1¼ miles of the route to Lochty being used by John Cameron as a private preserved operation between 1967 and 1992, initially as

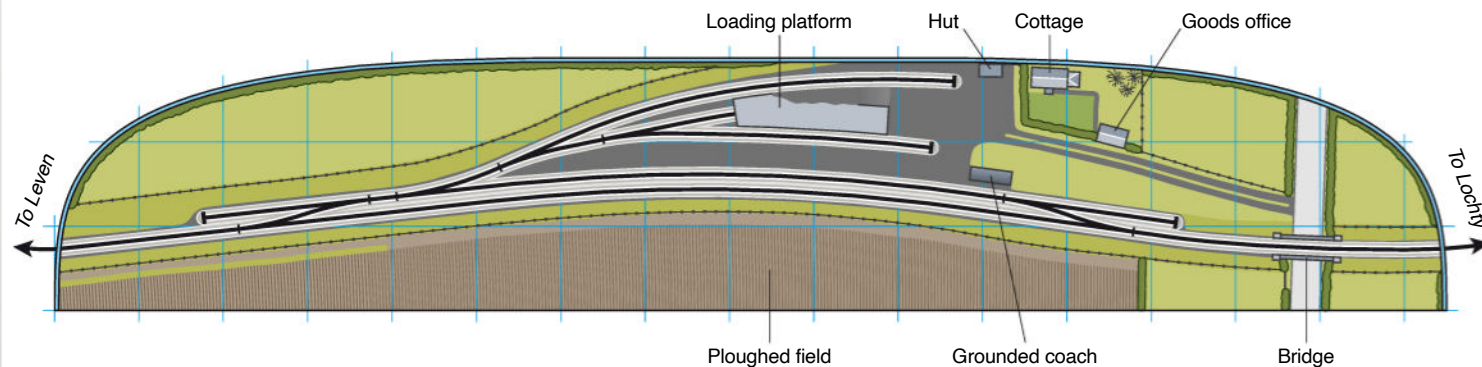
▲ A flock of gulls hoping for worms follow the farmer's tractor as he ploughs the field, while a Heljan Class 05 shunts the yard. Some shunting moves could entail having a wagon at each end of the locomotive.

Another Hornby J36, No.65311, backs into the yard to pick up more wagons. In 1955, this locomotive unofficially received the name *Haig*, previously applied to No.65226.



LARGOWARD

Overall dimensions: 16' 6" x 3' 0". Each grid square = 1ft x 1ft.



a home for his Gresley A4 Pacific, No.60009 *Union of South Africa*.

[Ed. Further historical notes on the branch were published in the December 2019 edition of *RAILWAY MODELLER* as part of Ian Futers's article describing his 7mm model based on Lochty. Additional information can also be found in *The East Fife Central Railway – The Lochty Line* written by Andrew Hajducki,

Michael Jodeluk and Alan Simpson, published by *The Oakwood Press*, ISBN 978 085361 738 9.]

Constructing the layout

We saw potential to model the line, but with a bit of modeller's licence that assumes the coalfield did in fact develop as the railway's original promoters had hoped, and it was still operating as a busy branch in the 1960s,

rather than the quiet backwater that it became in reality.

Recent product releases in OO, such as the Peco Streamline code 75 bullhead track system, together with certain ready-to-run locomotives, including the Hornby LNER J36 0-6-0 and Heljan Class 05 0-6-0 diesel shunter [Ed. See reviews, *RM* March 2019 and October 2015 respectively], all helped to provide an ideal starting point for the project.

For a specific location along the line, it was Largoward that appealed to us, as the station buildings still existed for reference, whilst being a through station also allowed for the continuous run format that we prefer.

Following further planning, it was established that we could fit a scale model onto a set of boards measuring 21' long and 4' deep. This footprint includes a hidden curve at each end of the 16' 6" x 3' scenic section, these connecting to a set of storage sidings running along the back of the layout, behind the backscene.

We are fortunate enough to have a joiner amongst our club membership, who built a

set of three quality plywood baseboards that are supported by sets of quick-assembly slot-together legs. The boards were constructed with open frames (rather than solid tops) to enable the realistic modelling of a flowing landscape, which was created using carved insulation board coated with plaster, then covered with materials sourced from the Woodland Scenics and WWScenics ranges. We were aiming for a winter look, with muted colours and leafless trees.

The fence posts were laser-cut by one of our members, whilst the railway bridge over the road was modelled with reference to archive photos of the actual structure, together with measurements taken from the still extant stone abutments.

A key feature of the layout is the large field along the front that is in the process of being ploughed, complete with farmer, tractor and accompanying flock of gulls! The field was modelled using a base of plaster, which was then covered with a brownish grout as a top coat. A home-made wooden 'comb' was fabricated, with the teeth set to





▲ The only buildings are the station house and goods office, both scratch-built by referring to the dimensions of the structures that still survive along the former route.

the correct dimensions, this being dragged over the grout to create the furrows. Once the grout had dried thoroughly, the field was weathered using a selection of Ammo by MIG washes.

Buildings are limited to a goods office, which still stands (the dimensions being obtained from a recent planning application document), and a station house, which has

A number of photographers have gathered at Largoward to record No.65345 with a pair of brake vans in March 1961. Was this an unofficial outing on the line for some local enthusiasts? Photo: *The Transport Treasury*

been altered substantially over the intervening years since the line closed. The identical Montrave station building also survives, and a planning application for this structure provided the key dimensions that we needed. The resultant buildings are scratch-built, with full interiors visible via removable roofs.

We have tried to create a realistic feeling of an isolated branch line by not having too many people, animals or road vehicles.

Operational interest

The stock used portrays motive power and goods vehicles that were used on the line in reality, with the addition of two long rakes of coal wagons (including Accurascale BR 21-ton steel-sided minerals). All stock has

been weathered and loaded as appropriate, one J36 having been modified with a scratch-built tender cab added. Locomotives used, in addition to those already mentioned, include BR Standard 4MT 2-6-0s (produced ready-to-run by Bachmann). All locomotives feature digital sound.

The actual line was operated with one locomotive in steam, so the station had points controlled by a simple ground frame and no signalling. We have modelled this faithfully but, for the sake of entertaining visitors at shows, you will frequently see more than one train on the front of the

▲ No.76109 (a Bachmann model) heads back to Largobeath Colliery with empty 21-ton mineral wagons by Accurascale.





▲ When withdrawn in 1967, J36s Nos 65288 and 65345 were also the last two steam locomotives in use on the Scottish Region.

layout. Points are operated by DCC and use Peco TwistLock motors for remote operation of the tiebars.

We are very pleased with the finished layout, which was completed with the fitting of its flowing, curved backscene, which

complements the open and rolling landscape of this part of Scotland.

See the layout at Perth

For readers who wish to see the layout in action, it is booked to attend this year's Perth Model Railway Show on 27 & 28 June.

For further information about East Neuk Model Railway Club, head online to the website below. We are a small club and new

members are always welcome. We meet on Wednesday and Sunday evenings between 19:00 and 21:00 in Pittenweem Old Town Hall, Cove Wynd, Pittenweem, above the Public Library.

Every year in August, we hold an exhibition in St Andrews – further details of our 2026 event will be published on our website in due course:

www.eastneukmrc.co.uk



Why do we do it...?

Hunslet Engine Co. workshops reborn – part 6

ANDY ROSS brings us up to date with the latest progress on his ambitious 7mm scale project, with recent work focusing on the not inconsiderable task of painting the intricate workshop structure.

Model photography by the author

In my previous article (RM January 2025), I had reached the point where I had done everything I could without adding paint. There remained nothing else that needed proving to work – such as the doors and cranes etc. – I just had to face the massive task of painting head-on...

As I have stated previously, the biggest challenge with this project would be painting the structure. As a reminder, the workshop has been constructed using nickel silver etched parts, and brass sections soldered together – some of which had been assembled for many years before it was all brought together on the baseboards.

As individual columns and beams etc., all the parts had been washed after soldering, but as a fully assembled structure, this was not possible. The only other option that I could see was to clean it abrasively, which would mean shot-blasting the surfaces using aluminium oxide.

This presented a number of challenges and questions: Where would I do it? How much mess would it make? How long would it take? What materials and equipment would I need to do it?

Preparation

Throughout the course of the layout being developed, I had taken it to quite a few exhibitions as a work in progress. During this time, a lot of external walling and other structures had been temporarily fixed to the board and the framework. This all needed to be removed to expose the whole of the steel structure. The roof sections, with all the lighting fitted, were also removed, along with the working doors.



The narrow yard board was also removed, and the main board was positioned more centrally in the garage to make sure I had good access around all sides.

I then masked up all the track and the slots in the door mechanism runs with polythene sheet and 2" wide masking tape (photo 1).

I had a small airbrush compressor, but it had no reservoir and, although it delivered enough air for an airbrush, it was going to struggle for blasting. Peter Kirmond recommended a unit that was obtainable from Machinery Mart, which had a built-in reservoir and had a regulator fitted.

I am aware of two manufacturers of small blasting guns. The original one I bought was recommended by a fellow model railway club member, but

for some reason I had no success with it – it seemed to clog up almost immediately when I started blasting with it. The other option is a Badger unit, which I purchased and with which I have had very few issues.

The Badger unit came with a pot of aluminium oxide. I set up an old box in the corner of the garage to use as a booth and blasted some spare bits of structure to see what the results would be like. This proved to be successful, so I had part of a plan to go forward. Next, I searched online for a larger quantity of aluminium oxide that would be sufficient for carrying out the much larger job in hand.

A plan for painting

I knew that, once the structure was cleaned, I would need to paint it very quickly with etch primer. For this, I would use

▲ A view of the part-painted erecting shop with a BR Class 05 diesel shunter in the centre.

rattle cans of Hycote Etch Primer Spray Paint.

However, the top coat colours would need to be done with an airbrush. I have not done a lot in the past with an airbrush, although I bought some very cheap spray guns many years ago. At the time they were £12.00 each, but I bought some recently and they were still only £16.00 each. With them being the fraction of the cost of some airbrushes, I have treated these as disposable. However, on saying that, since I started the project, I have only had to throw two away.

Choice of paint

Historically, I have not had a lot of luck with enamel paint, especially with airbrushes.

I have used several makes of acrylic paints, primarily Tamiya, and to be fair, I was quite happy with the results. That was until I tried wargaming paints marketed under the branding of Army Painter Warpaints. It was my wife Jill who had discovered these when she began painting the figures for the layout. Jill had bought a large set of these paints with all kinds of colours included. At the time, I was struggling with painting a couple of detail parts for the layout, and so she suggested I tried them. I was very impressed with how they covered in one coat. I also discovered that the range included primers in rattle cans in various colours. (I realise that, when you talk to fellow modellers, the subject of paint is very subjective, and we each have our own preferences on which of the many available ranges we use.)

With the cleaning and painting processes determined, I now had to figure out how I was physically going to do it. Originally, I thought about waiting for some fine weather and doing the blasting in the garden, but this could present issues with dust.

It became obvious that it would have to be done in the garage, which would require some serious planning...

Testing first

As I said above, there is a timescale for putting paint onto freshly blasted sections. I also know from experience that, when applying several different colours, you do not want to leave masking tape on for too long.

The only way to do this would be to take a week off work, which with the weekends would give me nine days to blast, prime and paint the entire metal structure. However, it was essential that I got this right, first time, and therefore I needed to reduce any risk of things going wrong.

To minimise the risk, I decided to build a small section of the workshop structure from some of the spare parts I had. I laser-cut a small section of baseboard to assemble the structure (photo 2).

This proved to be very useful for three reasons. Firstly, it proved that I could get access to all parts of the structure with



the blasting gun, rattle cans and airbrush. Secondly, it confirmed the best order in which to apply the different colours. Thirdly, it highlighted any potential issues with masking up the relevant areas.

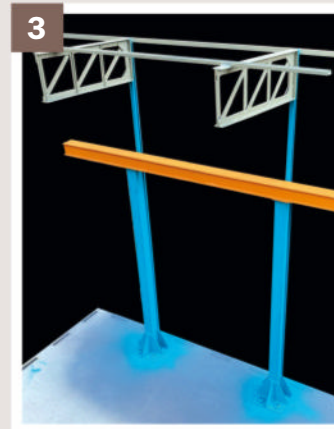
The biggest challenge that remained was the selection of the colours. There are several colour photos of the erecting shop, but the time and lighting on the day when each photo was taken means that there are no definitive colours to match. Equally, there is no way anyone can say it is wrong!

I also had to consider the subsequent weathering and how that can change the base colour as well. With all this in mind, the only way forward was to have a go. I selected what I thought would give the best results, but it was very much trial and error.

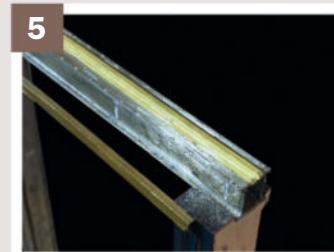
You will see from the photos that the mock-up was used several times. The initial colours I selected were too bright, especially the blue (photos 3 & 4). I was also worried about the orange, but this was fine once the washes were applied (more about those later).

The layout is not the only thing in the garage, so everything else needed covering with plastic dust sheets. By the time I was done, it was like an upside-down tent. The only other preparation was to mask up the crane running track, as I did not want to blast or paint this (photo 5). As I mentioned above, the blasting process is very dusty and, in addition to protecting everything in the garage, I also had to ensure I was adequately prepared. I bought a mask with a suitable filter and a full-face visor (photo

▲ Preparing for painting with the tracks and door mechanisms masked off.



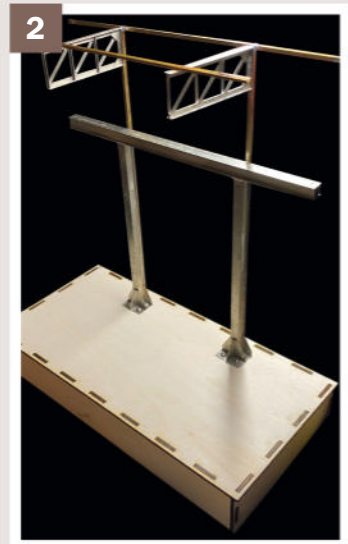
▲ An initial test run with the main colours demonstrated that the blue colour was too bright.



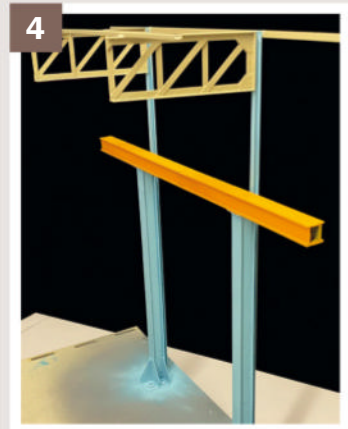
▲ A close-up of the crane running track, which had to remain clear of paint.

6). I had also purchased an inexpensive mini vacuum cleaner to collect the aluminium oxide so that I could reuse it. However, as expected, the grit destroyed this over time, but it lasted just long enough for me to get the majority done.

The blasting went a lot better than I expected, and I got it all done in one day. I also managed to blow it all down and get a coat of etch primer on, using the rattle cans (photo 7).



▲ A small test piece was assembled to trial the blasting, priming and painting processes.



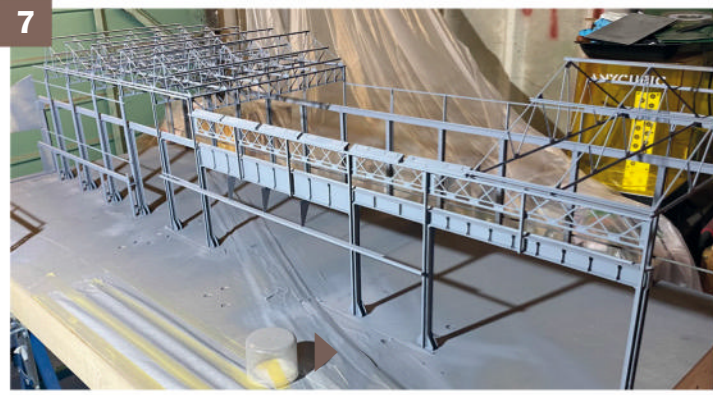
▲ A second test run with the paler blue colour that was ultimately used on the model.



▲ The author in the process of blasting the model, decked out with gloves, mask and visor.

Painting and weathering

It was now time to apply the main colours with the airbrush, but first I trialled applying the colours in different orders using the test structure.



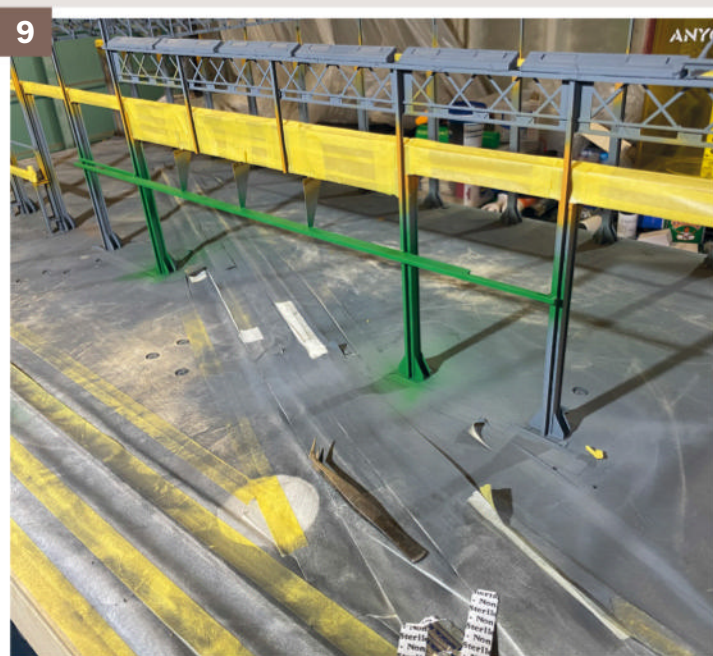
7 ▲ The model after blasting and the application of a grey etch primer using an aerosol.



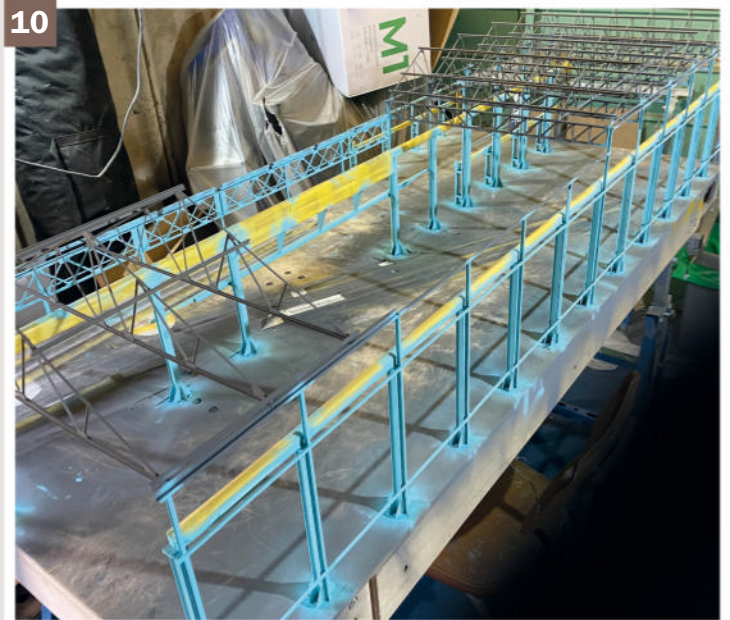
8 ▲ Having established the optimal order for applying the main colours, the first parts were painted, starting with orange on the crane beams, including the beams in the wheel shop.

Having established the optimal order for applying the colours, I started with the crane track beams. With the running rail still masked up from blasting, I sprayed all the beams orange, including the beams in

the wheel shop (photo 8). With the crane track beams masked up, I next tackled the doorway and door runners. The areas around the main doorway opening and the door runners were painted green (photo 9).



9 ▲ With the crane track beams masked up, the doorway and door runners were tackled next. The areas around the main doorway opening and the door runners were painted green.



10 ▲ Next were the uprights/stanchions. The green areas were masked up, and all the uprights were painted blue. All main colours were sourced from the Army Painter Warpaints range.

Next were the uprights/stanchions. The green areas were masked up, and all the uprights were painted blue (photo 10).

At this point I removed all the masking tape except for that protecting the crane rail.

This just left the roof crossbeams and roof trusses. The wheel shop roof structure and a large section of the boiler shop roof are removable, so these were left off for painting separately, but this left the north lights and a small section of boiler shop roof structure that still needed painting in place.

I had purchased some masking sheets that had adhesive tape on one edge and polythene sheet that folded out like a skirt. The adhesive edge was fixed to the model just

under the crossbeams, and the skirt was long enough to fold out on the baseboard top, where it was fixed with masking tape. Effectively, this sealed all the painted sections in a bag down each side of the structure, but leaving room for access to paint the trusses, etc. These were painted beige using one of the Army Painter coloured spray primer cans (photos 11 & 12). With everything now painted, I removed the skirt masking, but still left the masking on the crane running tracks (photo 13).

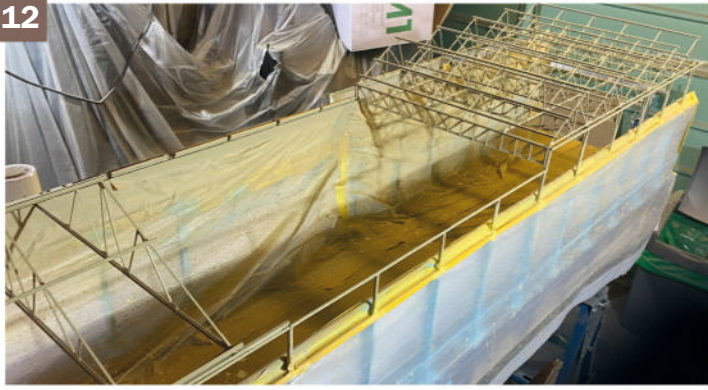
It all looked a bit bright, and the true test was to now start adding the layers of dirt and grime that had built up over the years.

The Army Painters range includes several washes of different shades that are



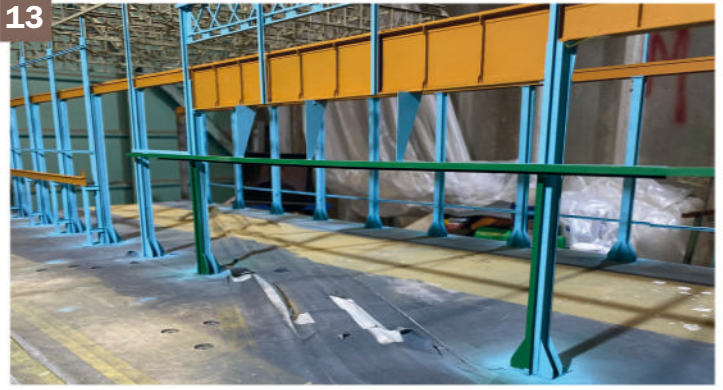
11 ▲ With the side structures of the erecting shop painted, these were masked off to next tackle the roof trusses and north light frames. Polythene sheet was used.

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▲ The roof parts after painting. (The wheel shop roof structure and a large section of the boiler shop roof are removable, so these were painted separately.)

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▲ The painted structure after the masking had been removed, prior to weathering.

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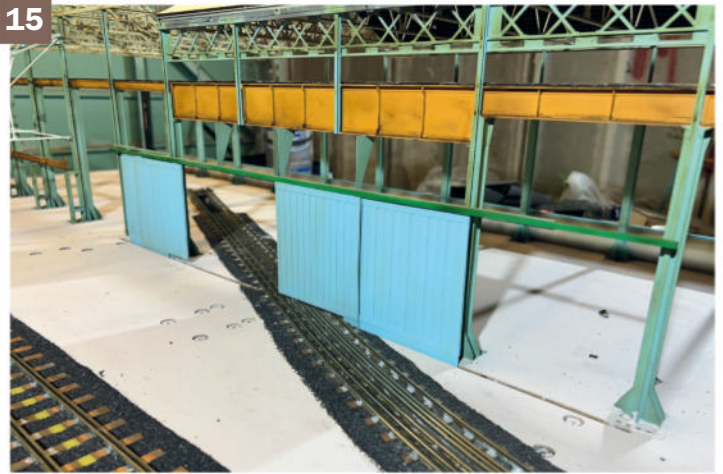
▲ The bright colours were toned down with weathering washes.

designed to be used when painting wargaming figures. They have quite a thin consistency: previously, I had tried them through the airbrush, and they had worked well. Unfortunately, they come in

quite small bottles, so I placed a sizeable order to ensure I had sufficient stock when I started.

Over a couple of days, I applied several coats and let the effect build up slowly. I was very happy with the result, the

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▲ The sliding doors were painted and weathered before fitting.

washes having accumulated in the corners, just as the dirt had done over the years on the real structure (photo 14).

As part of the process, I also painted the sliding doors in a paler blue to match the photos, and again used the washes to tone them down (photo 15). These will have further dirt added along the bottom parts once they are refitted to the layout and the floors have been added.

This was a major milestone in the building of the layout and meant that anything now fitted – such as walls, floors, etc – could be fitted for good, making everything now positive progress.

The next big job covers the perimeter walls and the internal floors (some of which have been completed since this article was written). Photo 16 shows the marked difference some paint has made to the overall scene.

On the home straight

As mentioned previously, the layout has been to several exhibitions as a work in progress. However, I have now

stopped taking it to shows to focus on getting it finished. The plan is to exhibit the completed model at Warley at Statfold in October. It is planned that there will be a further update on progress nearer the time.

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▲ A final view showing the current state of play – and the not inconsiderable amount of work still to do!

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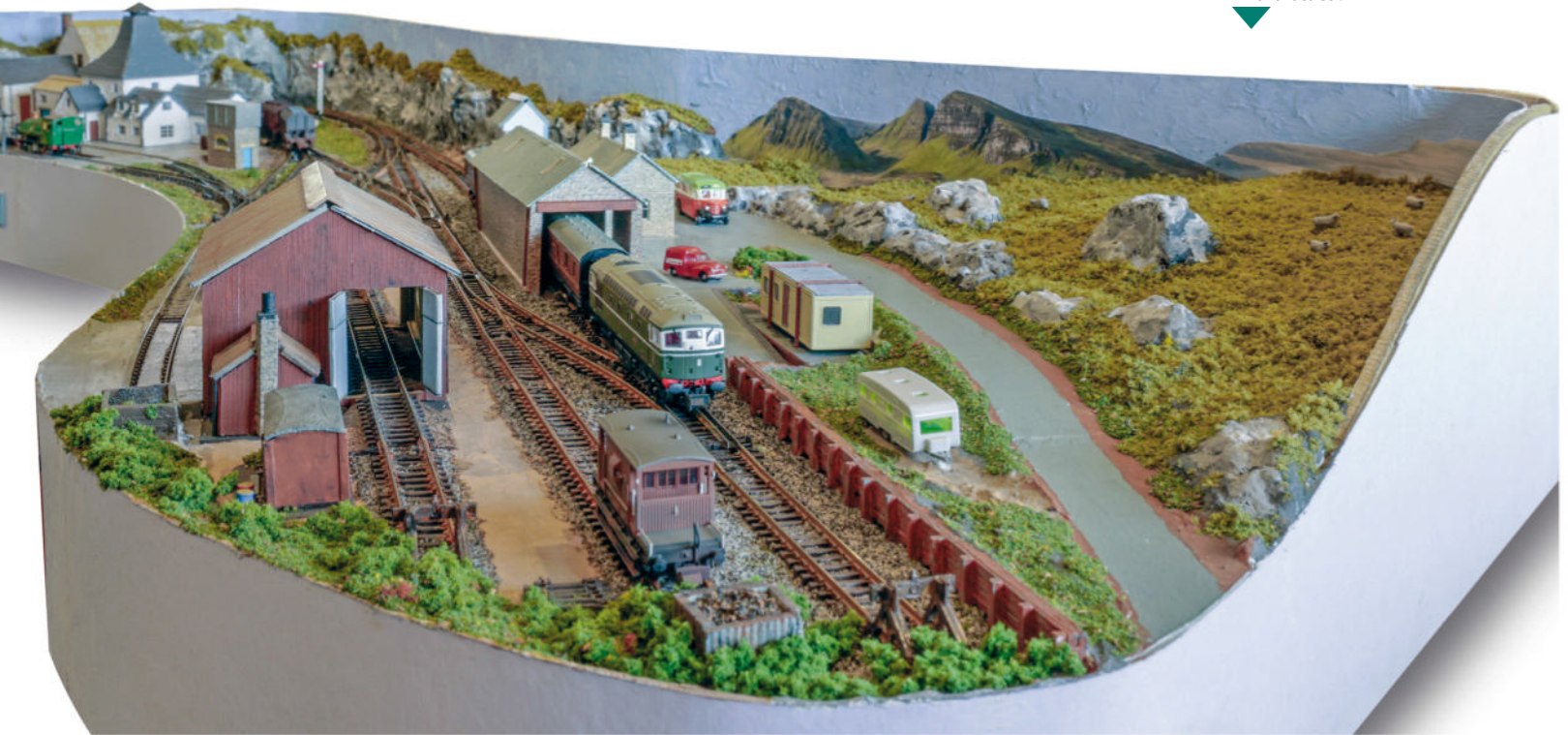
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The line to Gairloch

An overall view showing the low backscene and curved front profile. Photos by Stuart Downes except where stated



Almost a decade has elapsed since we last reported on the North West Highland Railway by Australia-based modeller **SIMON HOLTBY** – an extensive N gauge project that portrays a never-built Scottish branch line. Here Simon describes the most recent addition to his 1960s system, taking the form of a compact waterside terminus that could form the basis of a stand-alone layout.

My North West Highland Railway layout first appeared in the pages of RAILWAY MODELLER back in the August 2013 issue, when the layout was located in a small spare bedroom. The limited space included the small station of Upper Braemore, ostensibly a through station but ‘closed’ beyond to make it a de facto terminus. The article also included a back story to the

North West Highland Railway which, including a map, explained how the supposed railway originally extended to Aultbea and Gairloch – there having been real schemes to service both of these locations in the late 19th century.

It was not long after that the opportunity arose to move the whole layout to the very much larger games room, with the greatly enhanced layout

appearing in the August 2016 edition of RAILWAY MODELLER. Key changes included the rebuilding of the original Upper Braemore station and the provision of a much more extensive fiddle yard. However, Upper Braemore retained its terminus status, with the only change being effectively the provision of a headshunt onto the new fiddle yard board. The enlarged layout provided lots to look after so, to

all intents and purposes, there were no thoughts of any future extensions or developments.

Ideas evolve

However, as time passed, a number of ideas came and went about what to do with the

The distillery sidings are shunted by the company’s own 0-4-OST. The buildings carry many of the hallmarks of whisky distilleries in Scotland.



branch between Upper and Lower Braemore. The easy option was to do nothing and just keep it as originally intended, with a shuttle passenger service and an occasional timber train. One recurring idea was to extend the line into the fiddle yard to service a hypothetical distillery, supposedly some distance beyond Upper Braemore – this providing the opportunity for more interesting traffic flows.

Once this idea had seen the light of day, it soon developed into the proposition of 'reopening' the line to Gairloch and introducing a passenger service as well. A great idea, but the simple extension of just one line into the fiddle yard would not do the concept justice. The notion effectively went into hibernation, with occasional flights of fancy as to how to potentially squeeze more sidings onto the full fiddle yard board. Observation of the full track plan in the August 2016 article (reproduced here as Fig.1) shows that the then arrangement had no space for additional tracks – however, the idea did not evaporate totally.

I subsequently had the idea to construct a very small and crude bolt-on extension to the existing fiddle yard (see photo), providing space for three new tracks to be laid. The new sidings were to represent Gairloch station – the line had suddenly been 'reopened'!

While the new works allowed the operation of a notional train service through Upper Braemore to Gairloch, thoughts then turned to providing the new sidings with some scenic

The original bolt-on extension referred to above. Photo: author

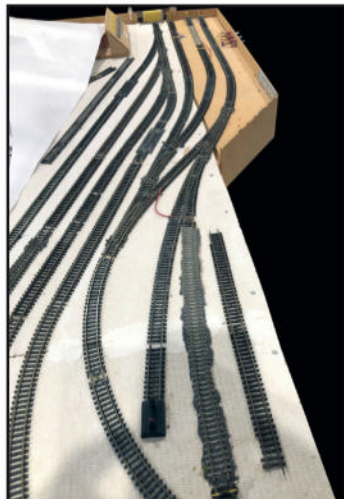


Fig.1 – North West Highland Railway layout prior to Gairloch addition

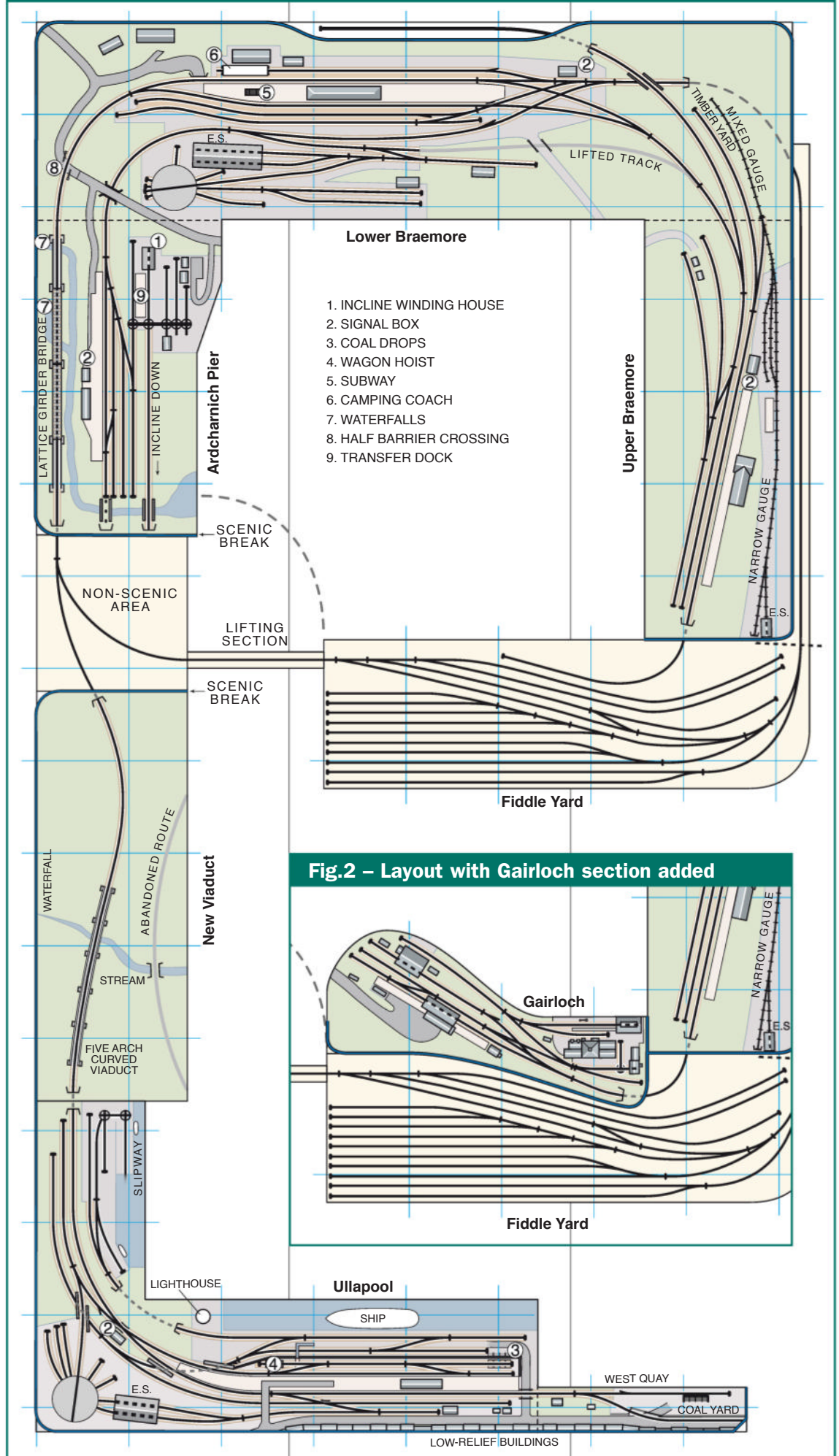
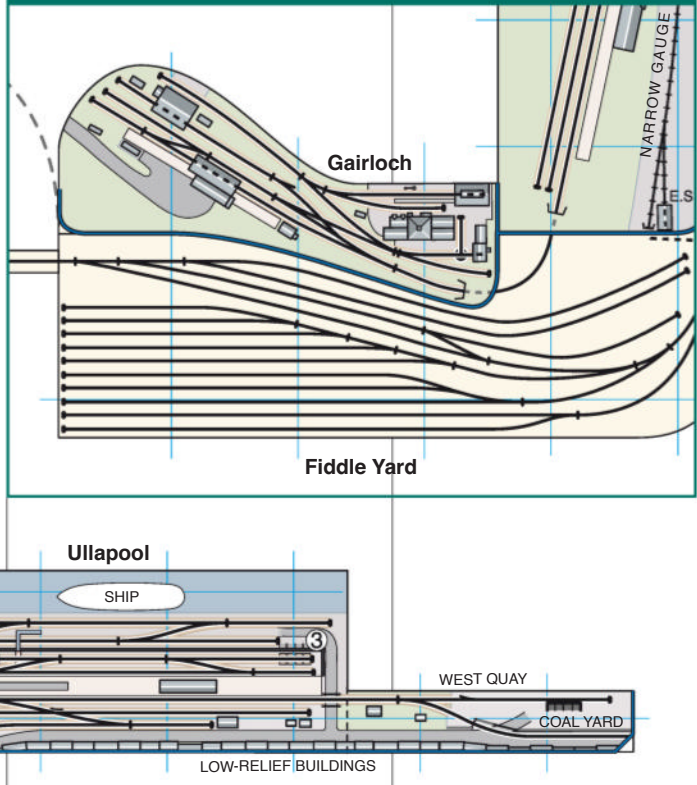
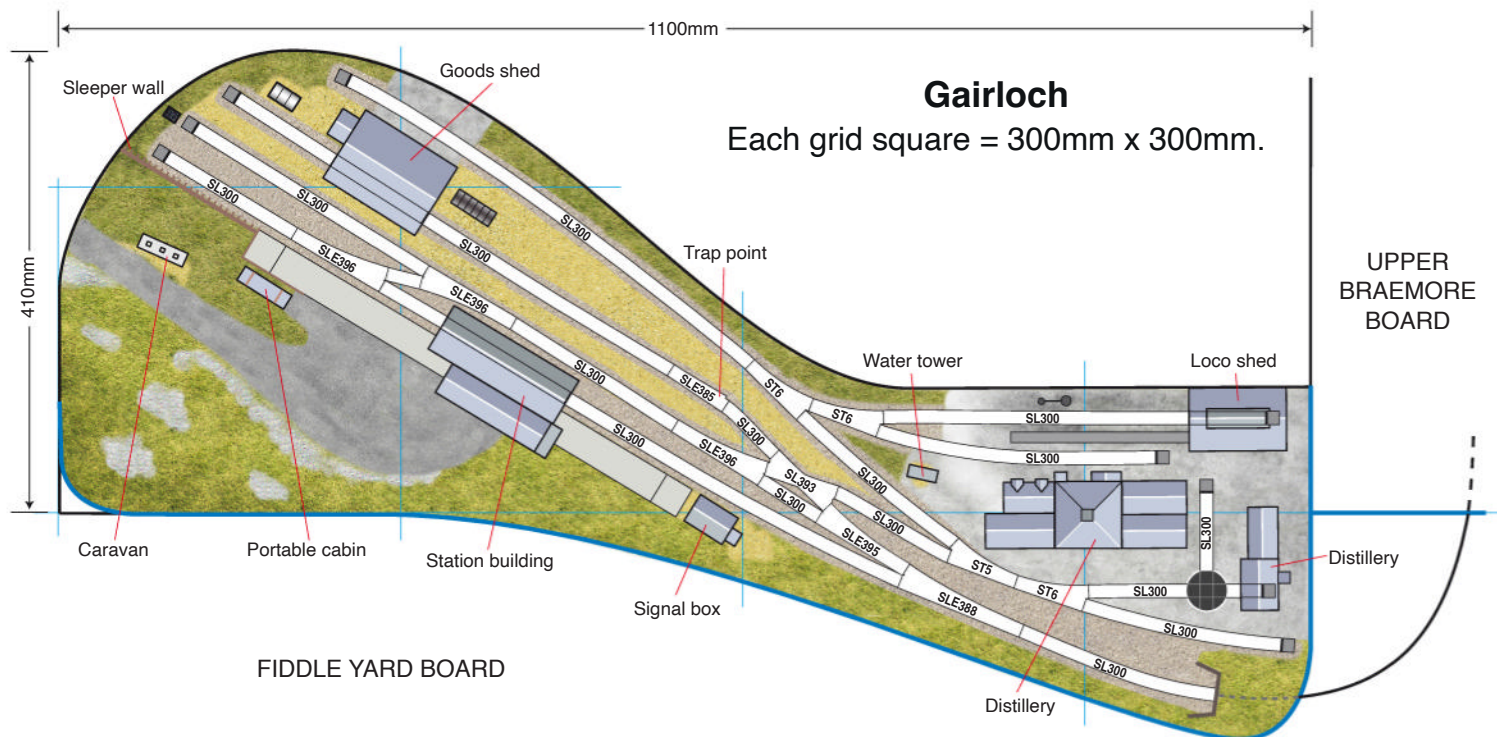


Fig.2 – Layout with Gairloch section added





attention. However, having only provided the bare minimum of extra board space, this was not going to be possible – at least not with the current board arrangements. But the seed had been sown – and the prospect of providing a more substantial board extension to house a scenic model of Gairloch station seemed appealing.

Design considerations

While thinking that modelling Gairloch was a good idea in principle, the actual decision to go ahead kept being deferred as I grappled with a whole range of considerations, including:

- As the fiddle yard board couldn't be extended in length for access reasons, it meant the available length for a model of

Gairloch would be limited to just 1.1m.

- Any increase in the width of the fiddle yard board would start to infringe on the operating space and access to shelves below the board.
- The need to fit in with the existing fiddle yard sidings would dictate a complex backscene arrangement.
- Any backscene structure would need to be relatively low to provide the ability to reach across it easily for access.

While I pondered answers to the various challenges, I started to make model buildings to populate the eventual layout – a case of backward thinking, as the normal approach would have been to design the layout first and then make the

buildings to fit the plan! The planning stage was not easy: neither the track layout nor board design could proceed independently, as each had impacts on the other; a long series of iterations ensued...

Layout design

The layout design started with the establishment of a set of desired attributes, the first being the provision of a distillery to allow a whole new traffic flow on the larger layout. While the existing overall layout includes a dock and timber yard, there was no goods shed anywhere, so it was decided to include a goods siding and shed for Gairloch. A station was to be included to justify a passenger train service.

The wish list was the easy part – but how to achieve it? With the maximum available length of just 1.1m, it was clear that the main tracks would have to be located diagonally to obtain an acceptable operable length. This then generated the associated problem of increasing the board width which, as discussed earlier, had to be minimised.

To facilitate the design, a large sheet of paper was pinned down over the fiddle yard tracks, and a pencil lead was

rubbed over all the tracks to mark their location – effectively providing a survey of what was existing. This survey was used to identify where the backscene would have to go, and also the location of the access track from Upper Braemore – the two inflexible considerations. Options for the track layout could then be pencilled in on the paper sheet – a process that was not straightforward.

The desired distillery was eventually accommodated as a private railway, with its own shunting locomotive, and a transfer siding for receiving wagons that would be reversed in by the train loco.

Baseboard construction

The draft layout design informed the baseboard design, with the latter basically trimmed to 'hug' the tracks in an envelope to minimise the impact on the operating space – this dictating a curvaceous design to the front edge of the board.

The new baseboard was quite a small affair, but was disproportionately complex, particularly regarding accommodating the necessary curved frontage. There was also the need to work around the dropper supports for the suspended shelves below the current fiddle yard board.

The whole exercise was much harder as an 'add-on' than would have been required ordinarily. The normal approach



◀ The station and train shed are redolent of many Scottish termini. Peco track was used throughout.

would have been to design the frame of the board first and then cut all timber to the designed length. In the case of Gairloch, though, there was just an irregular-shaped sheet of paper with the track layout drawn on – so the frame was built up gradually to fit the paper sheet, basically one length of timber at a time. Not a recommended approach, but it worked.

The actual construction was primarily a 2" x 1" timber frame with an insulation board/fibreboard topping – as used successfully elsewhere on the larger layout. Card was applied on all edges in an attempt to make the curved edges look a bit smoother.

Backscene and trackwork

The biggest challenge with construction was how to provide the backscene. On the remainder of the layout, all backscenes are tall and structural, being screwed to the back of the associated boards. In the case of Gairloch, the backscene was going to have to run along the surface of the fiddle yard board and couldn't be so treated. In addition, the very limited clearance between the fiddle yard tracks and the Gairloch tracks limited the thickness of any support structure. The required curved nature of the backscene dictated it being made in parts and connected by card to make the curves – very tricky! The only saving grace was that it was only about 85mm high, to provide access across the board.

Tracklaying was quite straightforward, although Peco Setrack had to be used on the very tight curve entering the station. Four Setrack points were used in the distillery area, the small radii of these being in keeping with the industrial setting. The remainder of the track was from the Peco Streamline code 80 range.

All of the handmade buildings were checked for clearance before fixing in place.

Operation

Gairloch was not built as a diorama and had some clear operational objectives, the primary one being to service a distillery. Observation of the track diagram shows the distillery being served by four

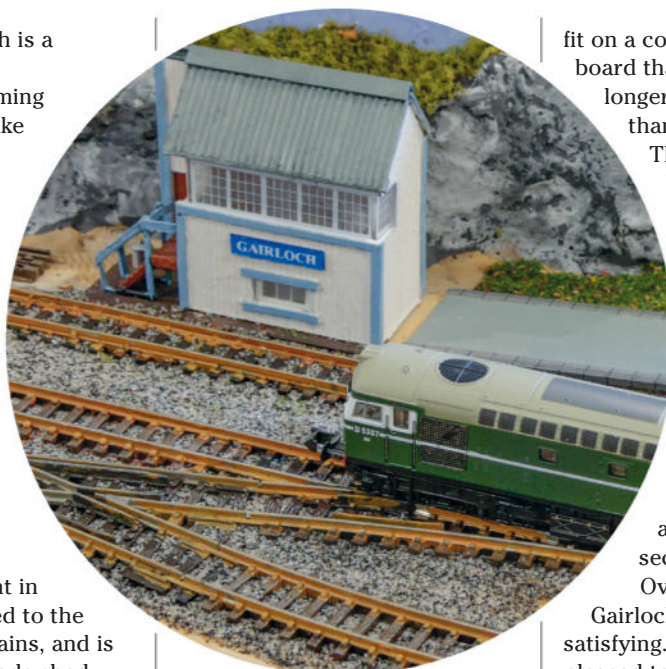
sidings, one of which is a transfer road, and a headshunt. An incoming freight drops its brake van and then pulls forward into the goods loop, before reversing over the diamond crossing to deposit its wagons in the distillery transfer siding. The distillery shunting loco can then pick them up and distribute the wagons to the appropriate sidings.

Any general freight in vans arrives attached to the rear of passenger trains, and is shunted into the goods shed siding by the train engine after running round.

Gairloch is part of a larger system, so the new traffic generated doesn't just disappear conveniently into a fiddle yard, but has interesting implications for the operation of the rest of the layout. For instance, all the new distillery workings have to reverse at Lower Braemore, whilst Upper Braemore can get congested with through distillery and local timber traffic competing for space and paths.

A satisfactory outcome

Gairloch, despite its diminutive size, presented numerous challenges to overcome, but has



▲ BRCW Type 2 Bo-Bo D5307 stands beside Gairloch signal box, which is finished in Scottish Region blue & white.

greatly exceeded expectations in both its appearance and operation. It is only a small layout, but doesn't appear cramped in any way. Its strange 'egg timer' shape is based purely on functionality, and is not meant to represent any artistic aspirations.

The track layout itself works very well, and would probably

This view shows how the finished Gairloch board is integrated with the rest of the North West Highland Railway layout.

fit on a conventional rectangular board that was made a bit longer – say 1.5m rather than the 1.1m used here. The design could also be used quite easily as a through station.

The low backscenes seem to fit in well with the small nature of the layout – if they had been full-height they would probably have looked overpowering, as well as being difficult to secure.

Overall, building Gairloch has been very satisfying. My wife, Mary, was pleased to see the inclusion of some sheep in the small moorland area behind the station building!

Previous articles

Previous articles on the North West Highland Railway were published in the August 2013 and August 2016 editions.

All previous issues of RAILWAY MODELLER are available to view by subscribers on the RM Digital Archive.



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Scalefour Society Golden Jubilee

Ahead of a Jubilee Weekend event in Derby on 7 & 8 March, Scalefour Society Chairman JEREMY GOOD recounts the history of this specialist organisation, which for the past 50 years has promoted finescale modelling in 4mm, including to P4 standards.



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▲ A selection of covers from recent editions of the Society journal *Scalefour News* – an A4-sized full-colour production which is published at the beginning of February, May, July, September and December.

Saturday 14 February 2026 marks the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of the Scalefour Society, which today continues to promote the original ethos of improving modelling standards through the sharing and cross-fertilisation of ideas and techniques within the membership. The Society continues to thrive with over 1,700 members both in the UK and around the world, collaborating and sharing ideas in the Society journal *Scalefour News*, on the Society Forum, and at the various Society shows and events where demonstrations are a key part of the organisation's DNA.

A little history

The Society was formally inaugurated at a meeting of over 100 people at Seymour Hall, London W1, in 1976, with a constitution being agreed and 95 members signing up that day – 22 of those original members are still actively involved with the Society today.

The formation of the Society followed the development of as close as practicable true-to-scale track standards introduced by the Model Railway Study Group (MRSg) in the late 1960s – the MRSg established the Protofour Society to assist in the promotion of these standards. The Protofour Society developed a range of components, marketed by Studiolith Ltd, to keep control of production and maintenance of the standards. Unfortunately, the range of components was restricted and delays in supply were frustrating, and this came to a head in late 1975 with the Executive Committee of the Protofour Society being disbanded and a small group of that Committee, led by Ken York, coming together to form a new Society.

▲ *Sidmouth in P4* by Richard Harper, which was described in the June 2017 RM. It went on to win that year's RM Cup. Photo: Paul Bason/RM Archive



Following an initial meeting of a steering group in late 1975, the meeting at Seymour Hall took place in February 1976 to inaugurate what is now the Scalefour Society.

Society membership

The objectives of the Society remain simple: to bring together those interested in modelling to P4 standards; to promote and encourage efficient modelling techniques and finescale standards amongst all 4mm scale railway modellers; to publish relevant information to help modellers; to support the design and development of components and materials; and to trade on behalf of the members in all matters connected to the Society's objectives.

The Society continues to actively promote the interests of finescale modellers in 4mm scale regardless of track gauge and, whilst the P4 track standards are promoted by the Society, we have members who model in all the established track gauges and some less well-known. Membership is not restricted by scale or gauge, as many modellers outside the direct P4 world also gain great benefits from being a member – from the perspective of the Society, the concept of 'finescale modelling' transcends all boundaries and all are welcome.

A significant part of the purpose of the Society was to allow members to help each other to develop core modelling skills. This remains as critical as ever today,

especially with greater reliance on technology than traditional techniques in many fields, and the Society's active Area Group network – with 37 Groups in the UK and active Groups in Canada, the Netherlands, Australia and the USA – allows opportunities for more local meet-ups, exchanging of skills and ideas, or just a chance to get together for a chat. This network, and the Virtual Area Group for those who can't find a local group, are the lifeblood of an active Society and help to inform the way that it develops.

The first issue of *Scalefour News* was published back in May 1976, and as this article goes to print our members will be seeing issue 246 dropping onto their doormats. *Scalefour News* has become a key resource to members and continues to allow the free exchange of ideas and information, as well as providing inspiration for projects large and small. Over recent years, increasing numbers of members have joined simply for the benefits of the Society journal.

Forward into the future

As the Society enters its second half-century, it remains in a strong position with an active membership which continues to help innovate and develop new products and components, whilst continuing to promote finescale modelling regardless of gauge. So much has changed in those last 50 years and, with a new audience of modellers craving opportunities to help develop skills and improve their modelling, the Society still has plenty to offer.

With the significant increase in the quality of ready-to-run rolling stock over the years, it is now easier than ever to get started in the finer scales – the Society works with commercial organisations to help enable this, and remains committed to ensuring that the supply of critical components is maintained for the 4mm scale modeller.

Society events

In this Golden Jubilee year, the Society will be running several events to celebrate this milestone, with a focus on skills and



◆ **Sandford & Banwell, constructed in P4 by Jeff, Pete & Lynn Day. It was featured in the January 2021 RM. Photo: Steve Flint/RM Archive**

transferring ideas. The first is a two-day Jubilee Weekend (open to non-members) at the Derby Conference Centre on 7 & 8 March, which will comprise a super-sized 'Skills Day' offering demonstrations of many modelling techniques, hands-on tuition, a selection of layouts representing some of the best of P4 modelling currently on the exhibition circuit, and an opportunity to meet and chat with like-minded modellers. The layouts will include *Bodmin* (built by the North London Group of the Society), parts of which are as old as the Society itself.

◆ **Burntisland by the East of Scotland 4mm Group of the Scalefour Society (see RM November 2015). Photo: Arran Aird/RM Archive**

There will be additional skills days in Reigate and Fife later in the year to spread the celebrations, with further events including our normal Society shows, *Scalefour Crewe* in June and *Scaleforum* in September, and our series of 'show within a show' events at established exhibitions in York, Wells, Cumbria, Uckfield, and Wakefield.

Scaleforum will also be the culmination of the Society's Jubilee Layout Challenge, launched in 2024, to build a P4 exhibition layout with a scenic footprint of no more than 18.83 sq. ft. These new layouts will be available for exhibitions in the future, and will be accompanied at the show by the winner of the original 18.83 Challenge – *Burntisland* – in its now significantly enlarged form.

Details of all Society events, as well as much more information including how to join, are all on our website: www.scalefour.org





▲ The Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway crest.

Modelling the pre-Grouping railways

Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway

To mark 60 years since the closure of the SDJR, **TOBY JENNINGS** discovers how easy it now is to model this celebrated system in its heyday of Prussian blue locomotives and coaches.

Photography as credited



As exemplified by Steve Jones's superb OO gauge layout *Chilcompton Tunnel* (see pages 210-216), and by many other layouts featured recently in the 2026 RAILWAY MODELLER Special, the much-loved Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway from Bath to Bournemouth in the British Railways steam era of the 1950s and 1960s is a perennially popular subject for modellers.

But while many enthusiasts unsurprisingly think of that period as the route's heyday –

with a delightful variety of locomotives and stock on summer holiday traffic – one could also argue that its true golden years were in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The S&D was a proud, individualistic railway even after Nationalisation, but that pride and character was even more clear to see in the days when its locomotives and coaches wore the elegant Prussian blue livery. Thanks to many ready-to-run models released in this guise, especially in recent years, and more to

▲ A complete SDJR train off the shelf: the forthcoming '483' 4-4-0, and Evolution coaches, from Rapido Trains UK. Photo: Callum Willcox

come soon, it's now easier than ever to model the SDJR in this era.

A brief history

While now remembered primarily as a holiday line, bringing hordes of families from the Midlands and North to the south coast every summer, the S&D's original purpose was very different. It began life in 1854 as the Somerset Central Railway, linking the important town of Glastonbury with Highbridge Wharf, as well as providing the former with a connection to the Bristol & Exeter Railway. Four and five years later respectively, it extended westwards to a pier at Burnham-on-Sea and eastwards to the city of Wells – but it then looked south-eastwards to seek a connection with the Dorset Central Railway, which had opened in 1860 between Wimborne and Blandford.

At this time, coastal shipping was still one of the primary forms of transport, and to save the vessels the lengthy and dangerous journey around Land's End, there were several schemes to connect the English and Bristol Channels by rail; one of the earliest plans for a railway to Lyme Regis, for instance, proposed to do this, with the other end of the line to be in the Bridgwater area.



▲ SDJR No.19 was an 0-6-0 tender engine built by John Fowler & Co. of Leeds in 1874 and is depicted in all its finery at Templecombe in 1925. All of this class of six engines had working lives of 54 years, being withdrawn in 1928. Photo: Mike Morant collection

Realising that a connection with the Dorset Central Railway could provide such a link, the SCR headed for Cole, where the two companies met in 1862 – the DCR having constructed a line northward from Templecombe – and were duly amalgamated as the Somerset & Dorset Railway. The following year, the final section between Templecombe and Blandford was completed, meaning that with running powers over London & South Western Railway metals to Poole (and subsequently the first Bournemouth station, which became Bournemouth West), the objective of linking the English and Bristol Channels had been achieved – but while traffic certainly increased, it did not prove as successful as had been hoped, and by 1866 the company was in receivership.

In a last-ditch attempt to win more business, the S&D embarked upon an extension to Bath – crossing the Mendip Hills and the Somerset coalfield to join the Midland Railway branch from Mangotsfield and Bristol. Opened in 1874, the Bath Extension did indeed bring much more traffic, especially goods, from the Midlands, North and the coalfield – but its construction had so depleted the company's finances that it now had no option but to sell the line to another railway.

The S&D initially approached the Great Western Railway – but when the London & South Western Railway learned of the proposed deal, it hurriedly sought an alliance with the Midland Railway to make a higher offer. Naturally enough, the S&D board accepted – but it was a decision that would have far-reaching consequences for their railway, for the GWR would not forget the perceived snub, and ever after viewed the S&D as a hostile interloper in what it considered to be its own territory. Over 80 years later, when its descendant – BR Western Region – took over responsibility for the S&D, it proceeded to systematically and deliberately run the line into the ground, with its eventual closure in March 1966 a foregone conclusion.

Under the terms of an 1876 Act (backdated to November 1875), the MR and LSWR took the S&D on a 999-year lease, with the Midland responsible for motive power, the LSWR for the infrastructure and signalling, and traffic managed by a joint committee. 'SDJR', standing for Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway, was the title that now appeared on the locomotives – many of them soon to be of Midland descent.

The Grouping of 1923, which so fundamentally changed almost all of the railway network, had relatively little effect on the SDJR at first: ownership merely passed to the successors to the Midland and LSWR, the

Location map



London Midland & Scottish Railway and the Southern Railway, with a joint committee still overseeing management and the Prussian blue livery remaining in use. In 1930, however, the LMS assumed responsibility for traffic, operations and rolling stock, the line's Highbridge Works closed, and the Prussian blue on the locomotives disappeared under standard LMS black.

We modellers, however, can keep its memory alive in miniature...

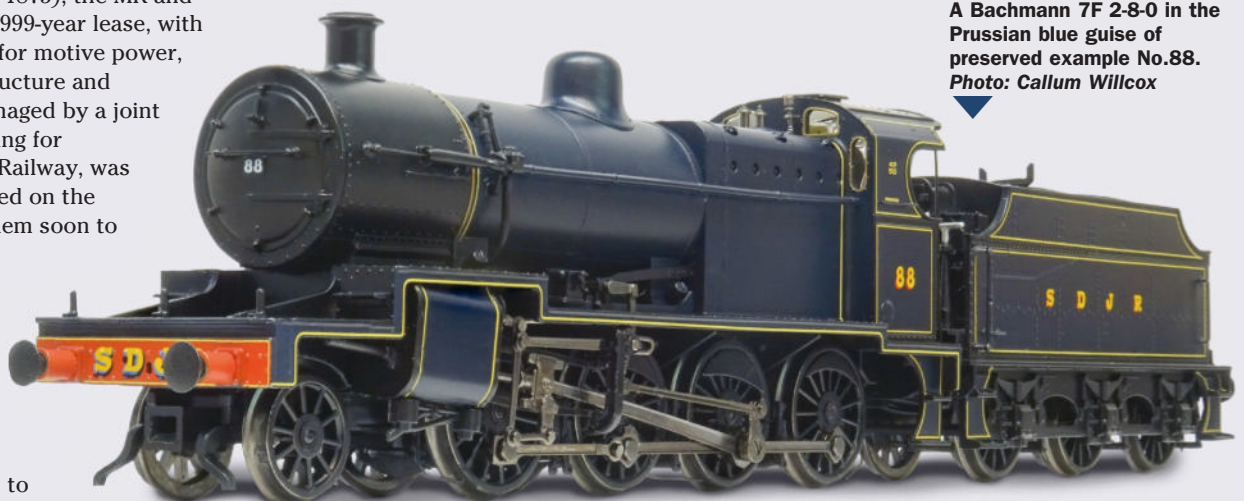
In model form

With some diligent searching online, on second-hand stalls, and perhaps a sizeable

chunk of luck and money in some cases, it is possible to obtain ready-to-run locomotives and rolling stock suitable for a pre-Grouping SDJR layout in all three of the major scales – though unsurprisingly, by far the largest selection is in OO gauge.

Taking N gauge first, Bachmann has produced two locomotives in SDJR Prussian blue under its Graham Farish brand: 4F 0-6-0 No.58 as a limited edition for the Bachmann Collectors Club (ref.372-060K); and 3F 0-6-0T No.23 in the Countryside Coal train set (ref.370-080), fitted with Digital Command Control, and complete with seven and five-plank Private Owner wagons and a Midland Railway brake van in LMS livery. Modellers

A Bachmann 7F 2-8-0 in the Prussian blue guise of preserved example No.88. Photo: Callum Willcox





▲ Mercian Models offered an OO gauge kit for an SDJR Fox Walker 0-6-0ST (ref.HS7). This is No.2 at Highbridge Works circa 1928. Photo: Rail-Online

wishing to be strictly accurate, however, should note that the SDJR 4Fs, as goods engines, were only ever painted black – although the SDJR 3F tanks, known here as ‘Bagnalls’ after their maker rather than the widespread moniker of ‘Jinties’, did merit Prussian blue thanks to their occasional use on passenger trains.

A third R-T-R locomotive in SDJR blue existed, though this one really isn’t accurate: the Midland Compound 4-4-0 from the old Graham Farish tooling (ref.1207) was turned out with a rather light rendition of the livery and the number 67, the latter actually the identity of one of the smaller inside-cylinder ‘483’ 4-4-0s on the S&D. A better representation of these could be made by repainting one of the 2Ps offered in N by Union Mills in 2010.

For coaching stock, the freelance four-wheel coach by Graham Farish was offered in Prussian blue: the Composite (ref.0667)

and Brake Third (ref.0677). As for wagons, in addition to the MR brake van and PO wagons in the aforementioned set, Peco has produced two authentic PO wagons for the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust: a five-plank open wagon in the livery of Champion Brothers of Glastonbury, and a seven-plank vehicle in the guise of SDJR loco coal wagon No.1179, one of 80 built by the MR from 1902 and which retained SDJR livery until 1930. Both are available on the Trust website (see panel).

In OO gauge, one of the most recent releases suitable for the S&D – the Midland Railway Johnson Class ‘1532’ 0-4-4T, reviewed in the December 2020 issue of RM – received SDJR Prussian blue with the running number 54 as a limited edition for the Bachmann Collectors Club (ref.31-740K).

The aforementioned Farish N gauge 4F No.58 was duplicated in OO for the Bachmann Collectors Club (ref.31-880K),

while Hornby produced its 4F (from the old Airfix/Dapol tooling) in Prussian blue as No.60 for the Collectors Centre (ref.R2148). The Bachmann ‘Jinty’ wore blue livery as No.24 (ref.32-225V) as a limited edition for Cheltenham Model Centre.

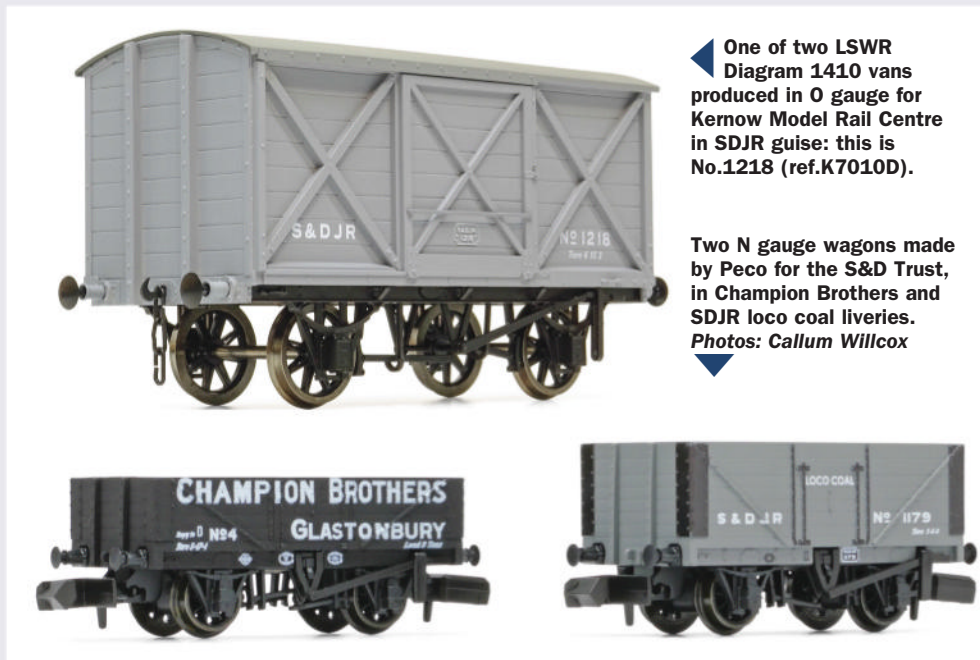
While neither is entirely accurate, two of the Bachmann 7F 2-8-0s in OO gauge were released in SDJR livery. One (ref.31-014) depicted No.89 in SDJR black with the later, smaller G9AS boiler represented by the tooling; in truth, this locomotive received LMS livery and the number 9679 after being rebuilt with this boiler, following its infamous runaway and crash at Bath Green Park in November 1929. The other model (ref.20-2012), produced to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the SDJR, represented preserved example No.88 in the Prussian blue livery applied in preservation at the West Somerset Railway, though in SDJR service the 7Fs were always painted black.

The Fowler 2P 4-4-0 from the old Mainline/Dapol tooling can be found in SDJR blue with three different identities: Nos.45 and 46 (Dapol refs.D67 and D66 respectively) and No.44 (Hornby ref.R2217), plus another rendition of No.46 by Hornby (ref.R2217A). Still to be released, but due in the third quarter of this year, is the first R-T-R model of the Midland Class ‘483’ 4-4-0 by Rapido Trains UK, which will include No.70 in Prussian blue (ref.974004). Those in MR Crimson Lake are also appropriate, for Nos.499 and 513 were tested on the S&D in this guise in 1913.

To complement the ‘483’, Rapido also offered some of the first batch of its generic Evolution bogie coaches – limited numbers of which are still available direct from the manufacturer, and may also still be in stock at retailers – in Prussian blue, together with MR Crimson Lake which also appeared on the S&D. Similarly, the generic four- and six-wheel carriages by Hornby were produced in SDJR blue (refs.R40296, R40298, R40300 and R40302), as was one of the freelance four-wheelers from the old tooling (R212). A photograph exists of a London & North Western Railway six-wheeler in a train at Bath Green Park behind a ‘483’, which could be represented by Hornby generic or Hattons Genesis coaches in this guise.

It is in OO gauge that the widest range of suitable wagons can be found: the S&D Trust has produced a large number in partnership with Dapol, including Braysdown, New Rock and Writhlington collieries, and Radstock Coal Co., to name a few. Four are currently available on the Trust website, in the liveries of coal merchants Bassil King & Co., Walter Burt and William Ambrose of Bournemouth West, and George Humphries of Bath.

Three are available from Wessex Wagons: a flat wagon in SDJR grey with a container from F Burham & Son of Bristol, a PO coal wagon in the guise of F Bird & Co. of Radstock, and an LMS-liveried loco coal wagon lettered ‘Return to Highbridge Wharf’.



◀ One of two LSWR Diagram 1410 vans produced in O gauge for Kernow Model Rail Centre in SDJR guise: this is No.1218 (ref.K7010D).

Two N gauge wagons made by Peco for the S&D Trust, in Champion Brothers and SDJR loco coal liveries. Photos: Callum Willcox

Also previously produced by Dapol for Wessex Wagons was a five-plank open wagon in SDJR loco coal livery (ref.B000SDJRLC).

Bachmann made a limited edition triple pack of PO wagons appropriate to the SDJR for its Collectors Club (ref.37-078K), while more recently from the Bachmann stable, EFE Rail offered its LSWR Diagram 1410 10-ton covered van in SDJR grey (ref.E87052).

Only one locomotive and a handful of wagons have been made in ready-to-run form in O gauge, though these might still be sufficient for a relatively small shunting layout – based on one of the local collieries such as Writhlington, perhaps? The locomotive is the Dapol ‘Jinty’ in Prussian blue – refs.7S-026-003 and 7S-026-003D as No.23, the latter with Digital Command Control and sound fitted, and ref.7S-026-003U un-numbered. The wagons currently available from the SDRT are in the liveries of an SDJR loco coal wagon, and coal merchant Bassil King & Co.

When Kernow Model Rail Centre commissioned an O gauge model of the LSWR Diagram 1410 covered van, it included two of those built for the SDJR with the running numbers 1213 and 1218 (refs.K7010C and K7010D respectively).

Even buildings are available ready-made for an S&D layout, although they would need to be repainted for the pre-Grouping era: Shillingstone station building and goods shed have appeared in the N gauge Farish and OO gauge Bachmann Scenecraft ranges of cast resin structures, as well as the



▲ Bachmann turned out its Midland Railway 4F 0-6-0 in Prussian blue as No.58 for the Collectors Club, though like the 7Fs, the class never actually wore this colour scheme in SDJR service.
Photo: Callum Willcox

platform shelter in OO. More recently, Bachmann has also added a station building and train shed in OO, based on those at Burnham-on-Sea.

Casing the Joint

For space reasons, we’ve concentrated on ready-to-run items for the purposes of this article, but of course, those with the inclination and the necessary skills could bolster these with kit-built models. Nonetheless, the fact that it is possible to obtain a good deal of the necessary stock for an SDJR layout off the shelf is a satisfying reflection of how well the proprietary model market now caters for the pre-Grouping era – and of the increasing popularity of that period as a modelling subject.

If this article has tempted you to consider an SDJR layout, further inspiration can be

found in the 2026 RAILWAY MODELLER Special, which contains an article showcasing some of the best S&D layouts to have featured in the magazine’s pages (including some set in the pre-Grouping period). It is still available from Peco stockists or direct from Peco (tel.01297 626203, www.peco-uk.com).

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Somewhere near Binegar, circa 1910?
A Bachmann Johnson 0-4-4T heads a rake of Hornby generic coaches in Prussian blue.
Photo: Callum Willcox



A classic Somerset & Dorset lineside spot in OO

Chilcompton Tunnel

One of the most photographed locations on the S&D, re-created in 4mm scale by **STEVE JONES**.

Photography by Callum Willcox

Welcome to Chilcompton Tunnel, one of the many iconic locations on the long-lost Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway, situated on the long climb up the Mendip Hills in the beautiful Somerset countryside.

A house move from Berkshire to Wiltshire in 2001 resulted in the unexpected bonus of being a short car journey away from locations such as Bath Green Park, Devonshire Tunnel, Midsomer Norton and Radstock, to name but a few – all made famous, in no small part, by Ivo Peters, his

cinema films and excellent photographic records. As my interest in the S&D grew, I began to build a collection of books – one being *The Somerset & Dorset* by Mike Arlett & David Lockett. Amongst those, now well-thumbed, pages was an image of the southern portals of Chilcompton Tunnel with a Standard 5MT and Midland 2P bursting out as they slogged up the 1 in 53 gradient to Masbury Summit.

That image proved inspirational to me and was the catalyst for a new project. However, I was starting from ground zero! I had little appropriate stock. The existing layout I was involved in (*Sydney Gardens*) was already on the exhibition circuit, and the Western Region stock would not have been

appropriate, although much of the generic freight stock would be useful. It's also best not to mention the Western Region to an S&D aficionado: it is blamed by many for the line's demise, as the WR diverted traffic away from the S&D after it became responsible for the administration of the route – most famously the 'Pines Express', which last ran over the S&D on 8 September 1962. The route became increasingly unprofitable, finally closing on 7 March 1966.

A shared fiddle yard

Sydney Gardens was a group effort, and one of the objectives from the outset was that the scenic section could be swapped out and the existing fiddle yard used for individual projects. The theory worked well, and with the addition of a conversion board, both layouts can effectively share the same fiddle yard. Two 5' open-frame boards were





▲ BR Standard 4MT 4-6-0 No.75072 pilots a rebuilt Bulleid West Country Pacific out of the distinctive portal of Chilcompton Tunnel with a southbound holiday train.



constructed, along with a short 2' board (to fit the available space vacated by *Sydney Gardens*) – the overall footprint of the layout being a 15' x 8' tail-chaser, with two completely independent circuits fed by 12 loops in each direction. The longest of those loops is capable of holding a 10-coach train – prototypical for the S&D, and appropriately, the only locomotive able to pull it without wheel slip being a 9F.

The open-frame construction was necessary, as it was important to incorporate the lower ground levels to create the impression of the railway running through the landscape. The tunnel was scratch-built with plasticard and clad in Slater's embossed sheets. The S&D was built on a budget, and a key feature of the structure was the repaired stonework – replaced by presumably cheaper brick! It was important to me to attempt to replicate this feature on the model, and sections of stone were cut out carefully and brick-embossed card inserted, and blended carefully with filler.

The real location is within a 30-minute drive from home and a short distance from

◀ A Stanier 8F 2-8-0 heads north with the empty stock of a pigeon special, after the birds had been released at Templecombe.

the preservation centre at Midsomer Norton. The society has recently purchased the trackbed south of the tunnel to Redan Bridge, which is depicted on the layout (named after the Redan Inn a short distance up the lane). The tunnels are used as a firing range currently, but the society is optimistic about future access – the main issue being an infilled cutting containing thousands of tonnes of household rubbish on the northern side, akin to the challenges faced by the Bluebell Railway. Access beyond the bridge is difficult to imagine at present, as the site of Chilcompton station has been developed. In reality the trackbed is on a gentle curve, and naturally this was difficult to replicate in model form, so the trackbed has been straightened and condensed to fit the available space.

Visits were made to the location to take photographs, walk the trackbed (access can be gained by a footpath adjacent to the bridge) and get a feel for the place. The images for the backscene were taken from the trackbed, helping to give the scene the appearance of the real location.

Other structures and scenery

With construction of the boards under way, using 3" x 1" softwood and a 9mm plywood base for the trackbed, scenery was made



▲ A Triumph Mayflower climbs the lane over the southern portal of the tunnel, where an enthusiast is waiting for the next train.

with card formers to create the rough landscape. Contours were covered in woven card strips and plaster bandage to keep the overall weight to a minimum. Track is SMP flexible track, which prompts many favourable comments at exhibitions. One feature of the S&D seen in the photographs I was studying was the perfectly tended track, with not a weed in sight – so different from today's railway!

Ground cover is primarily Green Scene products, which help to create realistic, subtle tones rather than lurid greens. Large trees are from The Model Tree Shop, suitably adapted, with additional trees and bushes made from seafoam and Woodland Scenics products. Buttercups are flourishing on the sides of the bank and wood pigeons are feeding in the fields.

Lineside fencing is made from Ten Commandments products – whitemetal castings, with fishing line threaded through each one. I think there are around 300 posts, each with five holes – not a job to do in one



▲ Simple but effective: a section of double track main line, in the beautiful Mendip Hills, to stand and watch the trains go by.



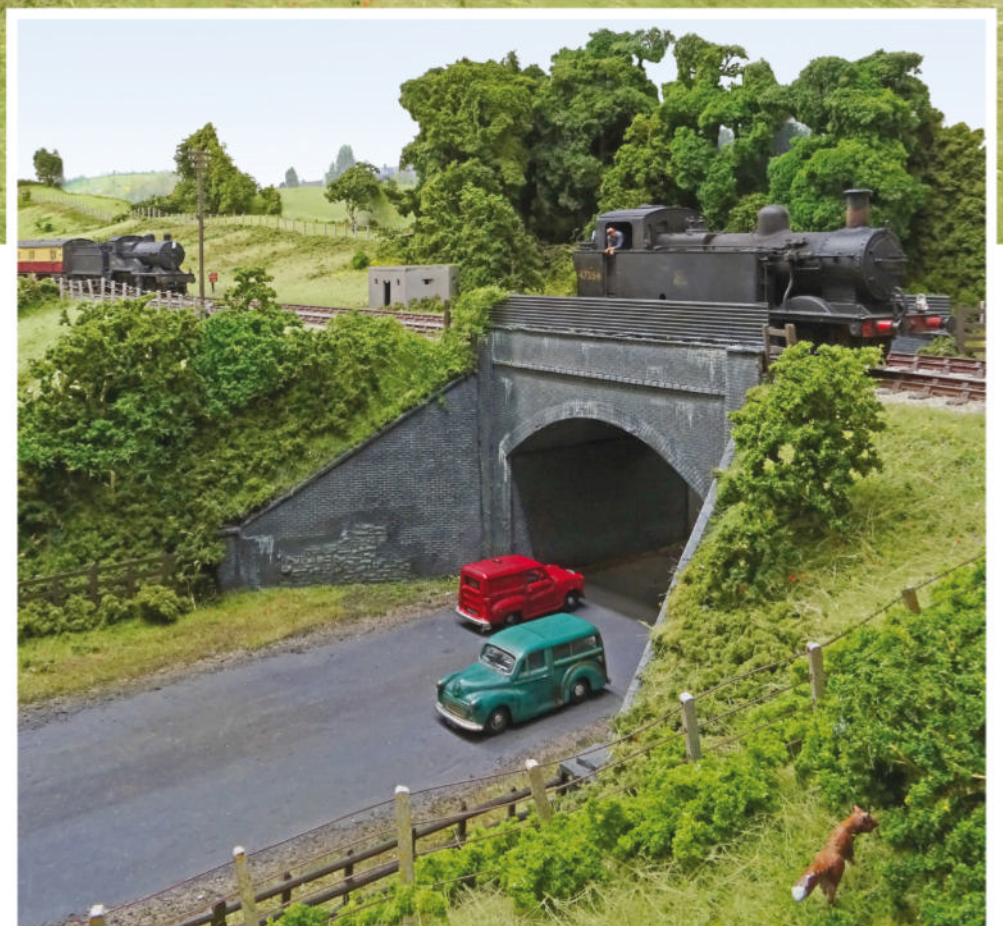
▲ Two 4F 0-6-0s meet outside the tunnel, one piloting a West Country on another summer holiday special.

go! Wills pillboxes, Ratio telegraph poles, and an LCUT Creative bridge complete the main components for the scene.

Locomotives and stock

As construction continued, my collection of S&D-suitable locomotives and rolling stock increased. Bachmann 7Fs were essential, naturally – I own three of the four which the Bachmann tooling allows to be created. There are West Countries, Standard 4MTs, 5MTs, Midland 4Fs, 2Ps, 'Jinties' and 8Fs etc., all with reference to the Ivo Peters volumes. It was fortuitous that many (if not all) of the loco classes which traversed the S&D in its final years were available ready-to-

▲ A 'Jinty' 0-6-0T returns to Radstock after banking a goods train to Masbury Summit, and passes a 2P 4-4-0 on a local service. ▶





run, and often – due to the S&D’s popularity – appropriately numbered. Much is said of the variety which could be seen on the line, and I think this was part of the attraction. Careful pairing of analogue-controlled locos would allow a West Country to be piloted by a 2P or a Standard 4MT – necessary as, like

the real thing, the single loco was unable to cope with an eight-coach train.

Train formations, where possible, are based on photographs. My representation of the last ‘Pines Express’ is hauled by a suitably adorned *Evening Star*, the train bolstered by two Gresley coaches behind the loco. Two- or three-coach local trains are formed of Maunsell stock; Hawksworth and Collett coaches appear on Bristol-

Bournemouth trains; and Thompson and Gresley carriages on services to and from

▲ A footplate inspector watches from the cab of first-built 9F 2-10-0 No.92000, which worked on the S&D for the summer of 1961.

Nottingham, Cleethorpes, Manchester, etc. I particularly enjoy running the loaded coal train in one direction (from Norton Hill Colliery) aided by the Radstock banker (a Bachmann ‘Jinty’) and the empty wagons returning in the opposite direction.

At shows, my own stock is bolstered with a friend’s models, and we each supply suitable stock for nominated services, with one exception – the pigeon special. It was common for racing pigeons to be transported by train from the North to

0-6-0s from two of the Big Four companies meet: Great Western Railway Collett Goods No.3210, and Midland 4F No.43875.





Templecombe, where they were released. A representation of these trains, hauled by an 8F, is formed of a mix of our stock – again, a faithful representation from photographs. Everything is weathered appropriately, and locos have correct lamp codes (specific to the S&D), crews and real coal – there is nothing too shiny or pristine, and definitely nothing straight out of the box! Freight stock is mostly kit-built, with most of the coaching stock being ready-to-run from Bachmann and Hornby.

Operation

Control is analogue. There are far too many locos to

consider chipping for Digital Command Control on my current budget, and although a sound-fitted 7F hauling a heavy freight is hugely appealing, for the time being, I will have to imagine the sound.

Points are controlled by Peco PL10 point motors with microswitches to aid reliability, wired in pairs through switches on the control panel. The undersides of the fiddle yard boards resemble a telephone exchange! Fault finding can be challenging –

▲ **West Country No.34006 Bude and Battle of Britain No.34057 Biggin Hill with the Locomotive Club of Great Britain rail tour on 5 March 1966, marking the impending closure of the S&D. Photo: M J Fox/Rail-Online**

particularly after a long drive to a show when all you want to do is relax with a pint.

Operation at shows involves one operator for each of the yards (they are totally independent from each other). If there is an issue on one, we can usually keep something moving on the other. Operation is far busier than it ever was in reality, but it is important





to keep something moving to entertain visitors. Double-headed expresses mix with two- or three-coach local services, interspersed with freight traffic.

Other than a couple of Diesel Multiple Unit excursions in its latter years, the S&D was a steam-only line. We do, however, run a demolition train at shows, depicting a train after the route had closed, in the process of lifting the rails.

Award winner

I was delighted to win 'best in show' at the 2023 Taunton exhibition. It seemed fitting, as it was the last proposed outing for the layout for the time being – the intention being to rebuild and reconfigure the fiddle

yard to be more reliable and create a larger, more comfortable operating space.

My thanks go to Nick Richardson for bringing his stock to shows, without which the timetable would be considerably slimmer; also to Dave Simpson, Pete Smith and Peter Clucus for helping to lug the layout around, assemble and operate it. Currently stored, *Chilcompton Tunnel* has only attended around five shows. It will be a few years before it ventures out onto the exhibition circuit once more. Hopefully, we will have many more years?

It would be nice to take the layout to Midsomer

▲ Two of the celebrated S&D 7F 2-8-0s pass with goods and passenger trains, the latter piloted by a Midland Railway 3F 0-6-0.

Norton in the future as the drive to re-lay track on the original S&D trackbed continues – the layout being a representation of what may, in the future, be possible to see once more!

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See Steve's layout in action

A short video to accompany this article (with simulated sound!) is available to view via this link: bit.ly/RM0326vid



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Upwey - a layout in the round

Returning to the hobby after a 40-year break, **RUPERT GODFREY** chose to adopt a slightly more relaxed approach to modelling than he had done previously, whilst also being amazed by the commercial advances that had taken place during the intervening decades.

Layout photography by the author

More than 40 years ago, I had a series of articles published in RAILWAY MODELLER describing the construction of several 4mm scale buildings for a proposed model of Maiden Newton in Dorset (December 1979, March 1980 and January & March 1981). I never got round to making the layout and eventually, in 2004, I gave all the buildings to Gerry Beale. He is well on the way to completing his EM gauge model of the station, and a mighty fine job he has made of it, too.

At the same time, I gave away all the rest of my modelling stuff – a huge number of locomotives, coaches and wagons, together with everything else I had amassed over the years, as I never imagined I would be modelling again.

A return to modelling

Fast forward to a few years ago, and I needed something to do on wet afternoons. I decided I would make a model building, and see if I enjoyed it enough to start again.

My Maiden Newton models had been made to exacting standards, and I decided early on that, as my eyesight was no longer what it was, I would work to much less stringent standards this time around. As an example, I would use brickpaper rather than putting individual bricks on my buildings, as I had for the MN signal box.

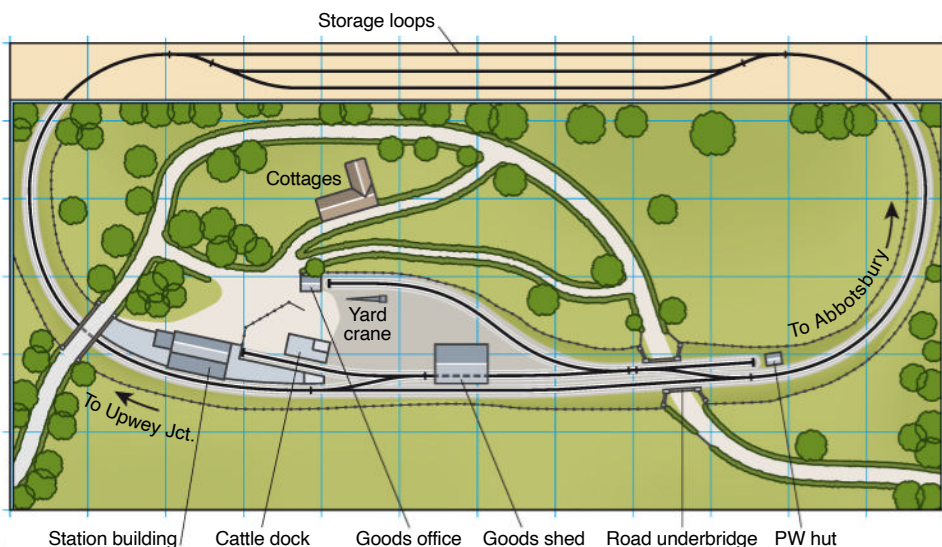
I would also base my model on a real station, but only in outline, so I didn't get too hung up on fine details. I had always been a fan of William Clarke's station buildings, and



▲ GWR '4500' small Prairie No.4527 arrives at Upwey with a 'B' set. The locomotive is a Bachmann Branchline model.

UPWEY

Overall dimensions: 12' 0" x 6' 0". Each grid square = 1ft x 1ft.



ready-to-run products that were readily available, and proprietary trackwork. I realised that I was much more interested in the whole picture, rather than just the railway, so it was decided that the station I was creating had to be living within the landscape around it.

I wanted to capture the rolling hills of the Dorset countryside, so contours were essential. My carpentry skills were tested to create the baseboards necessary to achieve this. In retrospect, I should have thought about this whole aspect much more carefully, and also made the whole model in sections which could be joined together – and dismantled, if need be.

I'd worked out that the size needed to be a minimum of 12' x 6', in order to get the station in without too much shortening, and also to avoid ridiculously tight curves at each end, to provide a circuit, with a small fiddle yard at the back. As I used marine ply for the trackbed, the whole model was essentially immovable, as it was very heavy.

If I were starting again, I'd use something lighter for the trackbed, and make sections of the landscape separately, and bolt them together over a lightweight – probably metal – frame.

I'd also use Celotex for the basic contours, rather than expanded polystyrene, which, although very light, was rather messy to work with. The final layer was plaster, which could be sanded to give the contours and shapes required.

Advances in the hobby

In parallel with construction work on the layout, I was doing a lot of research online to find out what locomotive and rolling stock models were now available – I was amazed at the massive improvement in quality that had occurred over the intervening 40 years. My previous experience had been of K's and Wills whitmetal kits, and Airfix ready-to-run; now

soon decided my model would be based loosely on Upwey (previously named Broadway), on the Abbotsbury branch. There was the added benefit for me that there were no signals on this branch, so one less thing to worry about.

I made the goods shed first, just to see if I could produce something I was happy with, in a reasonable time frame. The result encouraged me to move on to the station building, which was much more detailed, and a serious project (I couldn't find any usable commercially available stone papers for the buildings, so gave them a brick finish instead).

A plan for the layout

As the buildings developed, I was making decisions about the whole model. It would be OO gauge, so that I could use



▲ The generous depth of the scenic section achieves the feeling of a railway running through the landscape.



▲ Static grass fibres were used for ground cover on fields, whilst home-made methods were adopted for the trees and bushes.



the R-T-R models are far superior in detail and running to anything I'd seen before.

Accessories have also come on in leaps and bounds, with 3D-printing enabling astonishing levels of detail to be achieved. For example, the Modelu 3D-printed figures are amazing, and not as difficult to paint as I had feared. The station trolleys are excellent, too. I still found a use for some of the venerable Ratio plastic products, like the platform fencing and cattle dock.

Scenery with speed

I spent long hours researching landscaping techniques on YouTube before starting on my own. You really can learn to make almost anything, using a huge variety of readily available materials – including some unlikely products such as cat litter pellets! Static grass was a revelation, but creating my own bushes and trees became a necessity.

I had decided I wanted a well-wooded landscape, partly to hide where roads and tracks left the scenic section. However, in my opinion, many of the available model trees simply don't look right. I had made some trees out of Bowden cable back in the 1980s, but each took a fair time to make, and I needed a lot.

I wanted something quick and acceptable, and found the solution in a smoke tree (*Cotinus Coggygría*) in the garden. The 'flowers' from this are like seafoam, but larger, and I made 90 trees for the landscape in about three hours, simply spraying the flowers with hairspray, and then sprinkling them with an assortment of different green sawdusts I'd made (using the aforementioned cat litter pellets).

Up close, they aren't as good as a Bowden cable model, but from my viewing range of several feet, I'm perfectly happy with the results. Bushes and shrubs, used extensively on the embankments, are made largely from sponge pieces – again, many different methods for their creation can be seen online.

I'm not entirely happy with the hedges, but I worked out I needed 20' of hedgerow, so had to come up with a quick solution, rather than face a lengthy chore making them. They are too neat to my mind: they look as if they

▲ Collett '6400' 0-6-0PT No.6424 (a Bachmann Branchline ready-to-run model) shunts a short rake of coal wagons, which includes a trio of Private Owner examples.

have been trimmed by a modern hedge cutter! They are rubberised horsehair, teased out, spray-painted, and then covered in sawdust and flock.

Finishing touches

I made a backscene of 3mm MDF (5mm would have been sturdier). It's simply 18" high and, apart from a green profile of distant hills, is sky, going from white at the base to sky blue at the top. This was very simple to do, with two small paint rollers, blending the two colours together gradually.

When planning the model, I looked at hundreds of pictures, and films, of the real thing, and came to the conclusion that there's a prototype for everything. Nevertheless, some things simply don't look right in a photo, so I took loads of pictures as the model progressed, and checked that nothing leapt out as wrong.

As part of the finishing details, I made sure that the model buildings looked as though they were bedded into the ground – they

shouldn't have a visible line round their base. In addition, wing and check rails on pointwork were given a rusty finish – they shouldn't be shiny, as nothing runs over them.

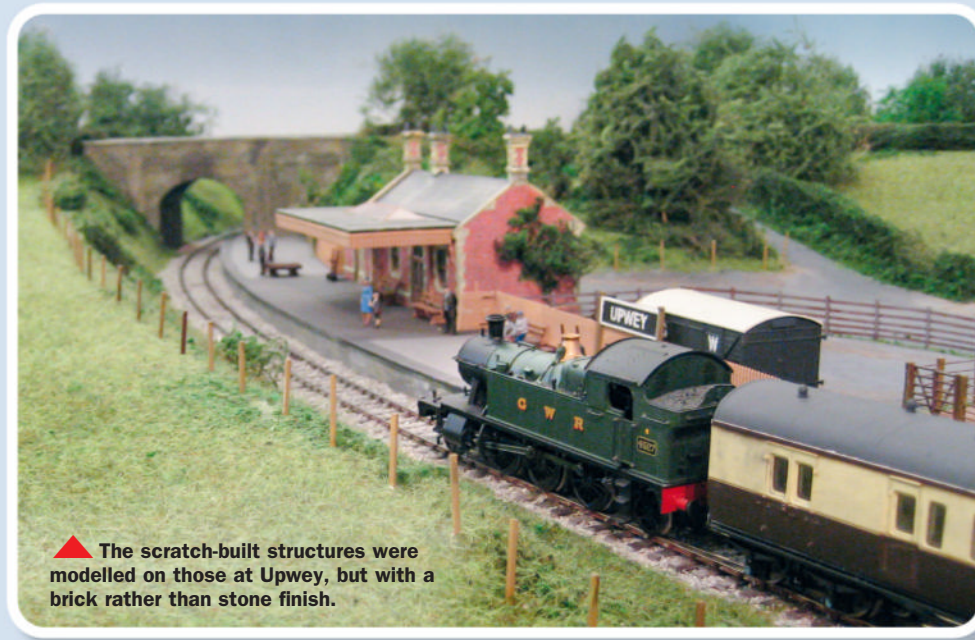
What's next?

Purists will look at my model and find plenty of faults: there are no platform lamps, no point rodding and no ground frame, but I don't mind. As I said, I'm more interested in the bigger picture, and wanted to create what I saw as a 3D painting.

I felt great satisfaction when the first train completed its maiden circuit. It had been over 50 years since I actually had a track I could run a train on, as I never got to that stage with the Maiden Newton project.

Overall, I am very pleased with the way the model has turned out, and have decided to move ahead to a larger Great Western Railway main line project. This means that *Upwey* in its present form is going to be dismantled and remade as a smaller diorama, which will utilise most of the buildings and bridges etc. from the current model.

I shall then have the room to start the next project, using the experience gained over the past couple of years – a new challenge, which I am much looking forward to...



▲ The scratch-built structures were modelled on those at Upwey, but with a brick rather than stone finish.

Modelling a Radstock Sentinel in 4mm

CALLUM WILLCOX re-creates one of the pair of Sentinel 0-4-0 vertical-boilered tank locomotives employed at Radstock in the heart of the Somerset coalfield by the Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway, using a pre-production sample of a 3D-printed body kit designed and produced by SDJR enthusiast Neil Kirby.

Photography by the author



When thinking of the motive power synonymous with the Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway, the famous 7F 2-8-0s spring to mind instantly. However, two very different locomotives were also purpose-built for the line – the pair of cut-down 200hp 0-4-0VBTs constructed by the Sentinel Waggon Works, Shrewsbury.

Introduced in 1929, the two locomotives (numbered 101 and 102) replaced three ageing four-coupled Highbridge-built saddle tanks of 1885/1895 which were used for shunting on the network of colliery branches around Radstock. Their design was governed by the need to pass under the low arch of Tynning Bridge, nicknamed 'Marble Arch', which had a clearance of just 10' 10". Taken

▲ The finished model of No.47190 is dwarfed by another S&D shunter – Class 3F 0-6-0T No.47506.

into London Midland & Scottish Railway stock in 1930 – becoming Nos.7190 and 7191 – both would pass into British Railways ownership at Nationalisation in 1948, becoming Nos.47190 and 47191. The locomotives continued in traffic until 1959 when No.47191 was the first to be withdrawn, with No.47190 soldiering on until March 1961. Both were scrapped.

SDJR enthusiast Neil Kirby has developed a range of 3D-printed kits designed to fit on the proprietary Hornby Ruston 88DS chassis, depicting the aforementioned SDJR examples, in addition to their 1927 precursor – former Croydon Gasworks Sentinel Works No.7109 Joyce, which is now preserved on the Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway. Neil plans to release these kits, which are currently in development, under the name 'Radstock Models', with the range also



▲ A similar view of the real No.47190 with a 4F at Bristol Barrow Road shed on 31 August 1958. Photo: Mike Morant collection

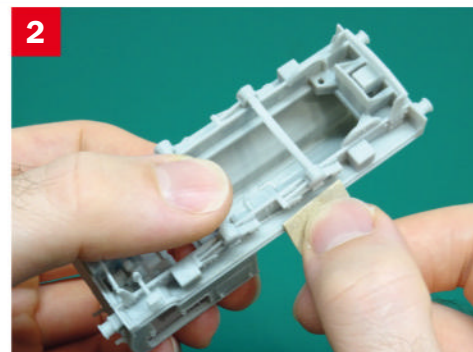
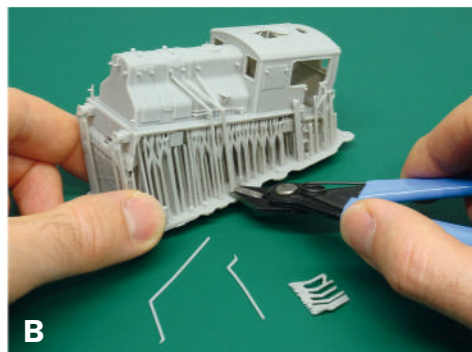
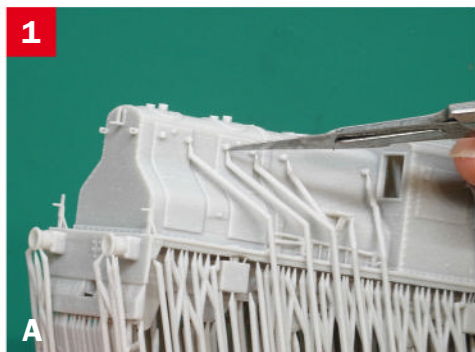
set to include a number of SDJR wagons and structures (further details to follow).

Each kit consists of a one-piece locomotive body, together with separate fittings and details – including boiler, brake gear, buffers, whistle and lamps. Additional items required for assembly are adhesive, paint and a set of basic modelling tools: a sharp knife, razor saw, set of cutting broaches, tweezers and a cutting mat, along with a suitable donor chassis, 0.45mm brass rod and a selection of suitable transfers.



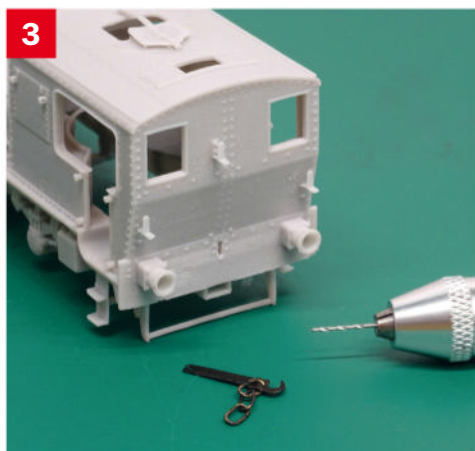
◀ A front view of the completed model.

Building the kit



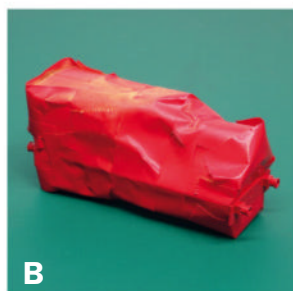
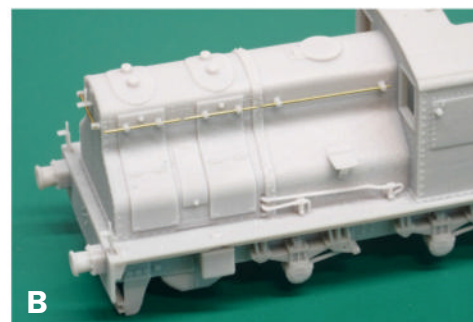
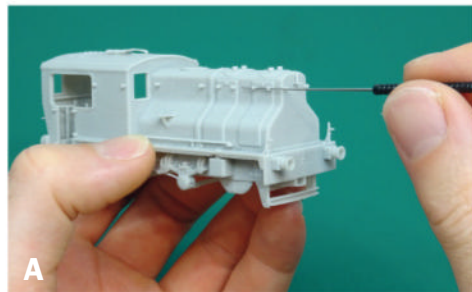
The first task was to remove the locomotive body carefully from the support structure. Using a sharp modelling knife, this starts with the handrail mounts (A), with the remainder of the supports cut away at the base using a pair of cutters (B), thus providing greater access to the rest of the print. Extreme caution must be exercised throughout this process, especially when releasing or cleaning fine detail parts, such as lamp irons, pipework, bonnet/cab steps and renditions of the brake linkages under the footplate, to name but a few (C). Finally, the plate below the front bufferbeam was removed by scoring gently along the groove line, before folding forward for a clean break (D).

Fine wet and dry paper was used to remove any remaining traces of the supporting structure; special care was taken to avoid mistakenly erasing rivet heads and other printed details. Here, a clearer view of the underframe detail below the cab can be observed (inset). Note the brake shaft which has been extended to meet the backs of the cab steps; the extensions have been retained to provide additional structural support, along with horizontal bars between the axleboxes for ease of handling when painting. (The latter are to be removed prior to fitting the chassis.)



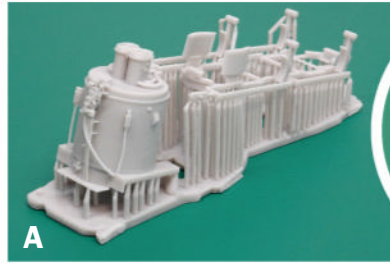
NEM pockets are formed as part of the print, allowing the modeller to fit their own choice of aftermarket NEM couplings. For this build, however, I elected to fit functional Smiths three-link couplings (ref.LP4) – these being fitted at a later stage directly into the bufferbeams, with the provided slots opened using a 0.6mm drill.

4 Using a set of fine cutting broaches, openings in the printed handrail mounts were opened out carefully to accept lengths of 0.45mm brass rod (sourced separately) to form the various handrails and grab handles (A); this is a very delicate process and shouldn't be rushed. Using images of the prototype for reference (in this case No.47190), the brass rod was trimmed to length and secured in place with a tiny amount of contact adhesive – those on the bonnet and access panels having a noticeable overhang at either end (B), whilst the cab and bonnet end grabrails sit flush within the mounts (C).

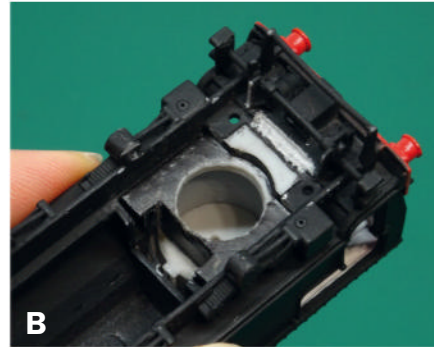


After applying an overall coat of grey primer (A), the areas around the front and rear bufferbeams were masked off carefully before being sprayed Humbrol No.19 Bright Red (B). Once this was fully cured, the process was reversed, with the red bufferbeams masked and the whole body receiving a coat of Humbrol No.33 Matt Black (C). Also at this stage, the opportunity was taken to paint the upper portion of the cab interior an off-white colour, with the control levers and handbrake picked out in red.

6 Attention then turned to the vertical boiler: this is a separate print (A), making it easier to pick out the intricate details and fittings with a fine brush (B) prior to installation into the cab – all this decoration being undertaken whilst still on the support structure. To my knowledge, no clear images of the footplate of either of the Radstock examples exist – with preserved former Croydon Gasworks Sentinel, Works No.7109 Joyce, instead used for reference.



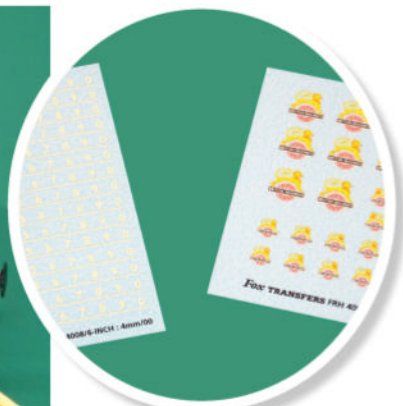
7 Installation of the boiler began with the removal of the aforementioned horizontal bars between the axleboxes – these being cut away with a razor saw (A). The boiler has been designed to slot up within the cab from the underside (B) – being inserted initially at an angle to allow the controls and fittings to clear the floor, before straightening up, with the exhausts aligning with the opening in the cab roof – these protruding just above the roofline (C). (I found this to be a very snug fit, with some minor fettling required.)



Buffers and other fittings (including whistles and lamps) are also supplied as separate prints (inset); these were once again decorated *in situ* prior to fitting. With the Smiths three-link couplings installed, the oval buffers were inserted carefully into the shanks; I found these to be a tight friction fit, twisting them gently left and right until they were at the desired depth. It is worth noting that, in later years, the front buffer on the fireman's side of No.47190 was rotated through 90°! Whether this was intentional or the result of damage during shunting is not known.



9 The cabside numbers and BR early emblems were sourced from Fox Transfers waterslide packs: ref.FRH4008/6 (Prototype 6" Steam Cabside Numbering OFF WHITE for small tank locos) and ref.FRH4001. The positioning of the numbers and emblems differed between Nos.47190 and 47191: the numbers were positioned above the emblem on the former, with this arrangement reversed on the latter. After soaking in warm water (with a tiny amount of washing-up liquid added) to loosen the transfer from its backing, each individual digit was applied to the cabside – starting with the middle numeral to ensure the complete number was central and level. A blunt cocktail stick was used to make any final adjustments to the positioning (remoistening the transfer if required), before a thin layer of Micro Sol was brushed over to help the transfer conform to the surface. (This process was repeated for the BR early emblems.)

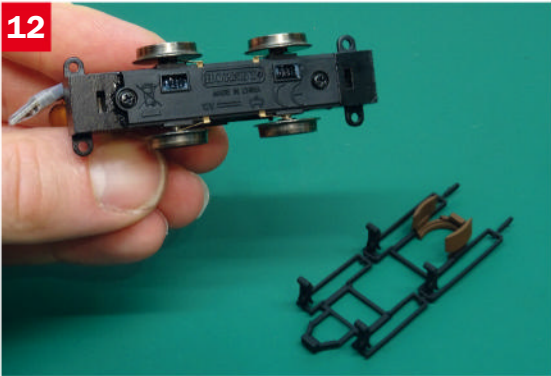


10 The kit is supplied with embossed printed versions of the cast BR smokebox numberplates; however, I elected to source a set of custom etches from Light Railway Stores (A). The etch was painted using the method described in the January 2023 issue of RAILWAY MODELLER: initially being sprayed Humbrol No.34 Matt White, followed by a brush application of No.33 Matt Black, which was wiped from the tops of the raised numerals whilst still wet. Once fully cured, this was attached to the front of the bonnet using a spot of PVA (B). Once again, the positioning of this differed between the locomotives, with the plate on No.47191 mounted noticeably higher. It is also worth noting that the real locomotive had lost its 71G shed code by the period which I am modelling.

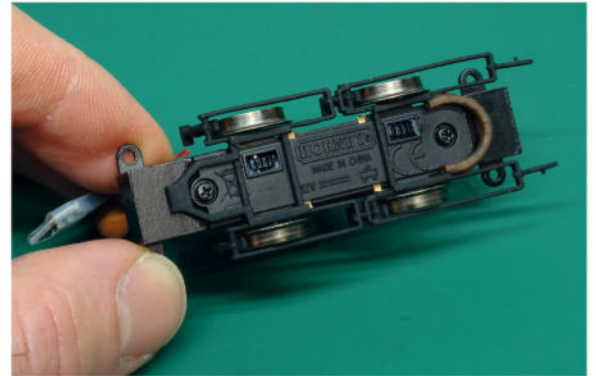
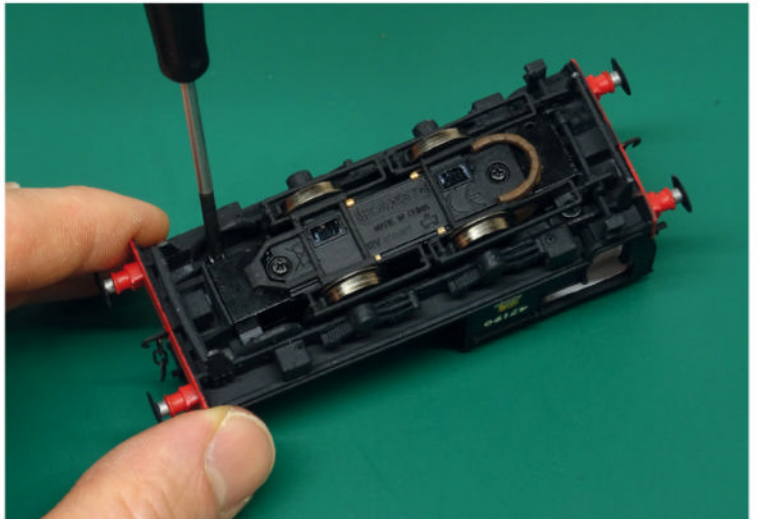


11**A****B****C**

The kit has been designed to fit the Hornby Ruston 88DS chassis, though some slight modification is required before fitting. With the Ruston body removed (A) – held in place by four screws – and the sand pipes detached, the first task was to carefully cut four angled notches in the retaining clip for the worm drive (B): I found this to help the body sit level on the chassis. Next, having removed the wheels by unscrewing the base keeper plate for ease of access, the original Ruston brake blocks were removed – these being cut flush with the edge of the chassis block (C).

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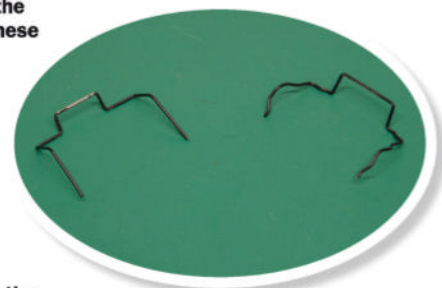
With the wheels reinstated, the Sentinel brake gear (comprising dual pull-rods, brake shoes and a representation of the lower portion of the boiler and ashpan) was fitted. This assembly was a snug push fit, designed to fit within the two provided rectangular openings in the underside of the chassis. As always, care must be taken when pressing this part home.

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The four original Ruston screws were used to attach the body to the chassis. These were screwed gently into the locating holes within the print, taking care not to damage the mounts. *[Ed. We have been advised that the planned production versions of the kit will obviate this method, with the design revised to incorporate mounts for 10BA nuts, for a more secure and user-friendly fit.]*

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The sand pipe assemblies from the Ruston were also repurposed. These were trimmed and reshaped, before being glued into the provided openings within the sandboxes – the latter having been opened with a 0.45mm drill bit. Initially, the rear sand pipes were located either side of the brake gear, but in later years it appears that – on No.47190 at least – these were repositioned, threading between the dual brake rods, as modelled here.



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Final details included the addition of the horizontally mounted whistle – this being picked out with Humbrol enamel No.54 Brass (inset), before being fitted to the cab roof.



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The filthy appearance synonymous with these machines in service was replicated with various Humbrol weathering powders. Using images of the prototype for reference, a large soft brush was first used to apply varying levels of black weathering powders to the overall surface of the model in a downward motion.



This was followed by various highlights, simulating areas of rust, water marks and ash deposits – most notably around the bonnet access panels, water filler and exhausts. The frames and wheels were treated with a combination of Dark Earth and Black weathering powders – replicating the heavy deposits of general grime that built up naturally in this area, with various shades of rust dabbed onto the lower portion of the boiler/ashpan to simulate heat blistering. These effects were built up in layers until the desired effect had been achieved. Once I was happy, the powders were sealed with a quick mist of Humbrol Acrylic No.49 Matt Varnish.

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Finally, the bunker (located on the left side of the cab) was filled with various grades of real crushed coal, with a few lumps placed on the footplate to simulate spillage.

Another view of the finished model, showing the vertical boiler and controls in the extremely cramped cab.

Radstock Models

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Nick Palette



Encouraging youngsters in the hobby

“A few years ago I was talking to a fellow railway modeller who happened to be a former Scout Section Leader. He told me that the Scouting organisation has a modelmaking badge but that not many people (myself included) were aware of that. We thought this might be a way of getting younger people interested in our wonderful hobby.

Anybody who has been to the Stafford Model Railway Exhibition in recent years will no doubt be aware that members of our local Scout group – the 4th Stafford – help us out. As well as the obvious advantage to us of having willing helpers, it helps the Scouts work towards their own achievements through volunteering.

Putting these factors together gave us at Stafford Railway Circle the idea to see whether the Scout group would be interested in taking part in a modelmaking session. The response was an overwhelming ‘yes’, so we started working on how and when we could do it.

We settled on three sessions, each lasting about one hour, on Wednesday evenings in October 2025.

The next question was, what could we give them as a project? Peco came to the rescue by donating some Ratio coal office kits. These were ideal as they weren’t too complicated and therefore could be built within the time frame available. Local model

shop Topp Trains also donated some glue and cutting equipment.

There were seven participants (all aged between 10½ and 14 years old). I’m sure we were all a bit nervous (I know I was!) as nobody really knew how things would pan out. However, after initial introductions we got stuck in and any nervousness soon disappeared.

The first session began by outlining what we were going to do and how we would go about it. The participants were then each given their kit, still on the sprue, together with a container (an empty butter tub) to store their work in safely between sessions.

Work on the kit started with painting the various parts with acrylic paints whilst still attached to the sprue. The walls of the kits were painted white to represent the mortar in the brick courses.

In the second session, the brick colour was added using colouring pencils, as per a technique outlined by the late Iain Rice: the pencils are rubbed gently over the raised brickwork, similar to brass rubbing, leaving the mortar colour intact. After the brickwork had been tackled, the basic structure of walls and roof was constructed.

It was after this stage, on the following Tuesday, that the club had its Annual General Meeting. Several members saw the works in progress and were very impressed, with some stating that they would be happy to include the buildings on their own layouts – praise indeed!

For the final session, each participant completed their kit and set it on a prepared foamboard base. They were given free rein to embellish the scene as they wished. As you will see from the photos of the

finished work, the results were outstanding. At the end of the third session, the group was shown around the clubroom, which included various club layouts and other projects. Two members of the group even suggested that they might be interested in joining the club so that they could further develop their modelling skills.

The project was deemed an overwhelming success and everybody involved thoroughly enjoyed the three sessions. Given the quality of the resulting models, there was no hesitation from their leader, Alex, to award the Scouts their modelmaking badges.

Overall, the group took to the task with enthusiasm and determination, and worked extremely well. By the second session, they were confident enough to work on their own without too much direction from me.

Following the sessions, we received some feedback from the Scouts who took part. Connie wrote: “After volunteering at the model railway show for the last three years, it was interesting

to see how much effort goes into making the models. Huge thanks to Stafford Railway Circle and RAILWAY MODELLER magazine for making it possible – and for helping us all earn our modelmaker badges!”

Having been involved in the project throughout, I would encourage other model railway clubs to consider similar initiatives with their local Scout groups. It was very rewarding for all those involved, and a thoroughly worthwhile experience for both the Scouts and the Stafford Railway Circle members. Hopefully it will be the first of many similar projects...

Nick Palette is a director of Stafford Railway Circle and an experienced layout builder.

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▲ The building of the kits started with painting of the parts.

▲ To finish, each model was set on a small scenic base.



▲ The participants from the 4th Stafford Scout Group with their completed models. From left to right: Dylan, Sebby, Henry, Jonathan, Matty, Connie and Phoebe.

Readers' Letters

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Artificial Intelligence and the hobby

In response to the editorial in the February 2026 RAILWAY MODELLER, regarding whether one day it might be possible to use AI to create a 3D-printed model of a vehicle or structure, I can confirm that that day has already arrived.

The model of Wokingham station by the Berkshire group of the N Gauge Society includes a model of Wokingham signal box, which was created by taking a photograph of the box and using AI software to convert it into a 3D computer model, which was then printed. The same layout also includes a 2mm version of St Paul's Church, Wokingham, which was scanned by drone to create the 3D model.

The layout can be seen at the Kenavon Railway Society exhibition in Reading on 21 February (see Societies and Clubs).

RICHARD STANDING

I was shocked and horrified to read, on the Welcome page of the February issue, an article advocating the use of Artificial Intelligence in railway modelling.

To allow AI into our hobby would be a complete negation of everything that it is supposed to stand for. A hobby, by definition, is something that one undertakes to get away from the worries of everyday life – and AI is one of the most concerning of those right now.



▲ Mark Holcroft's derelict single-road engine shed, designed using AI.



▲ The AI-created church on the model of Wokingham.
Photo: Richard Standing

AI is already starting to take over the internet, flooding it with misinformation and creating fake pictures, and growing at such a rate that within a few years we won't have a clue what is real and what isn't. But most importantly and worst of all, it is going to put every last one of us, except for a few tech billionaires, out of work. How then are we supposed to afford this increasingly expensive hobby?

Ideally, AI should be stopped altogether, right now, but it certainly needs to be kept out of our hobby at all costs. Let the Luddite backlash start here!

CHARLES GREGORY

I was interested to read the editorial of the February RM and the suggestion of using AI to generate models. The technology to do this is already here. This model illustrated here was created on computer using AI-generated software, and then 3D-printed and finished by hand. The inputs were the dimensions, roof pitch, and window and door positions and style. The details were added to the basic generated model.

AI gets a bad press but it has the potential to revolutionise the hobby.

MARK HOLCROFT

An industrial Beyer Garratt in 4mm

I was very impressed by Geoff Helliwell's 3mm scale model of the industrial Beyer Garratt that was featured in the February RM. I thought it might be of interest to see my build of the Backwoods Miniatures kit in 4mm as mentioned in the article.

I confess that building this was spread over more than 10 years (in

which time many other models were constructed), since some aspects seemed intimidating and unlikely to succeed, but in the end it went together very well and operates perfectly. It is now a regular performer on my steelworks-based layouts.

JEFF SANDERS

A chip off the old block...

Mairi Dougherty, my eight-year-old granddaughter, recently built the Metcalfe Models fish & chip shop kit that was free with the December 2025 RAILWAY MODELLER, as an after-school project with me, one afternoon. She learned how to cut card safely with my craft knife, how to use glue and how to read and act on the very clear instructions. We both thoroughly enjoyed the kit, which went together beautifully, and who knows what's next? Mairi was particularly chuffed because her other grandfather, George, is a retired chip shop owner and, rather than put the model on a layout, she decided to present the finished model to him.



▲ Eight-year-old Mairi Dougherty proudly shows off her finished build of the Metcalfe Models chip shop.

HUGH DOUGHERTY

...and card kit enhancements

Thank you for the free gift of a lock-up fish & chip shop kit with the December 2025 issue of RM. As always, the kit was a joy to build.

I did, however, deviate from the instructions as I felt that the kit was missing a salient piece of fish & chip shop equipment – namely, a frying range. So, before I fitted the roof, sign and flue vent, I scratch-built a frying

range using some of the scrap card in the kit. I also added lead flashing round the flue vent where it meets the roof, from a piece of foil bun case trimmed to size.

The shop will now have pride of place on my model railway alongside some of your previous free card models, including the Gargrave platform shelter kit.

KEVIN RUSSELL



▲ Kevin Russell enhanced his chip shop with lead flashing (above) and interior detail (left).

Praise for Playtrains

Some years ago, a friend of mine was given a basic Hornby train set. It has hardly been out of its box. He has multiple disabilities and was unable to join the track or handle small parts. He is now aged 56 and I am his registered volunteer carer.

When I received the January 2026 RAILWAY MODELLER, I read him the review on p68 for the Hornby Playtrains Steam Goods Express set. He thought it was a great idea and bought one. Despite being partially sighted and having arthritis in his hands, he managed to join (and separate) the grey track with relative ease and quickly mastered the simple remote control. The lights and sound also provided great enjoyment. Well done and thank you Hornby.

DAVID SNELL



The Hornby Playtrains Steam Goods Express set.

New home sought for large OO gauge layout

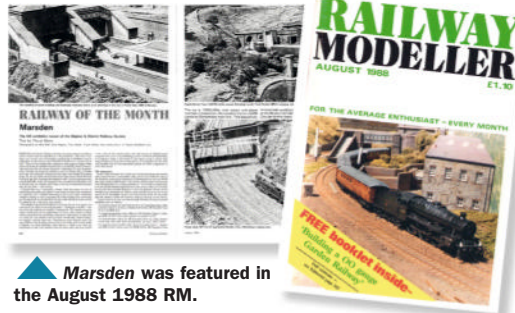
I am a member of Rishton Model Railway Club in Lancashire, which is the current custodian of *Marsden*, an OO layout built in the 1980s by another club. The layout was featured as Railway of the Month in the August 1988 edition of RAILWAY MODELLER.

It has now been many years since it was last exhibited, as club members have grown older and reduced in number. At about 33' long, it takes up a lot of space and we are concerned that if we have to relocate we will have to dispose of the layout.

The design of the boards means that it is easy to take apart and put back together. We are looking to see if any individual or group would like to take on this classic layout before it is too late.

I can receive enquiries by email: rue_d_etropal@hotmail.com

SIMON DAWSON



Marsden was featured in the August 1988 RM.

Gloucester Model Railway Club and Rev. W V Awdry

I write with reference to the article that appeared in the January 2026 RM regarding the recent unveiling of a commemorative blue plaque honouring the memory of the Rev. Wilbert Awdry, and to expand upon the letter from Colin Tanner that followed in the February edition.

We all know Wilbert's wonderful achievements and most of us, when children, would love the stories of Thomas and his friends. However, not mentioned in the article is that Wilbert was president of the Gloucester Model Railway Club for over a quarter of a century.

Way back in the mid-1970s I was the club secretary, and it was my proud duty to keep Wilbert informed of club activities regularly. In those days, this was mainly the domain of letter post and telephone calls. I was always pleased to compile details of club functions, layout development, competitions, lectures, visits, and of course exhibitions, for his perusal. Indeed, I enjoyed visiting his home

occasionally in those times in furtherance of important club matters. Wilbert was always pleased to attend these many events, culminating in his presidential capacity overseeing proceedings at our AGMs, until his mobility and health prevented his attendance.

In those years Wilbert would organise a local exhibition for the endowed schools in the Stroud area, and our club would happily provide layouts and also staffing assistance in support of same. In reciprocation, Wilbert would delight us by returning the favour, offering one of his own model layouts at our house exhibitions held at the Elmscroft Community Centre in Gloucester, where our clubroom was located. With his participation, the exhibition was guaranteed to be a success. We enjoyed record attendance figures and our club membership would grow rapidly as a result.

In fact, we found ourselves a victim of our own success, as the increase of membership numbers outgrew the

clubroom space! It was thus necessary to rectify this problem. With the consent of the community centre, it was agreed that our club should have its own freestanding building. Wilbert kindly and generously financed the foundations of same, erected in the 1990s, which is now known as 'The Awdry Building'. Without his help this would never have been possible. In later years, our then club Chairman tried in vain to attract interest in having a special plaque commissioned to commemorate Wilbert's association with our club. It is gratifying to know that a blue plaque can now be seen at 30 Rodborough Avenue.

In all, Wilbert was very much a hands-on President, loved and appreciated by all of our club members. He served our club in every possible way until his death in 1997. He will always be remembered by our membership with fondness and affection, especially by those who knew him personally.

HARVEY WHITMORE

Keeping a low profile

At the end of the review of the Port of Par 'twins' (RM February), there is a comment regarding other low-profile locomotives – may I suggest the locomotives associated with Becton Gasworks in London?

IAN A B KENNEDY



Becton gasworks Nos.12 and 21 (nearest), which conformed to the site's 6" loading gauge. Photo: The Transport Treasury

Hornby four-wheel coaches with green ends?

I was interested to read the product review of the Hornby TT:120 Isle of Wight-liveried Stroudley 'Terrier' on p62 of the January issue, which is shown with accompanying four-wheeled passenger stock in Southern Railway olive green livery. These are beautifully produced coaches; however, green ends were only used on driving trailers (in pull-push sets) and Electric Multiple Units. Furthermore, the guard's lookout end should be black, not green as shown. (I know the Hornby models are intended to be generic, but they are undoubtedly based on Stroudley designs.)

Best wishes on continuing a superb publication, which I have subscribed to for another year!

GARETH MARTIN

Info on Bedford lorry shunters

Graham Barker (Readers' Letters, RM January 2026) asks about Bedford QL trucks converted to shunters. Most photos online show an example at Ashchurch when the Dowty sidings there were used by the Dowty Railway Preservation Society in the 1960s and 1970s. I believe two of the conversions were made, and there are also pictures online of a later Bedford S type similarly converted by Dowty. Searching for 'Dowty Railway Preservation Society Bedford QL' should get your correspondent to more information. Unfortunately, I have not been able to find whether any of these vehicles have survived, but I would suspect they have succumbed to the demand for parts to keep road vehicles in commission.

DAVID HART

Author name correction

Thank you for publishing my letter on the Hull & Barnsley Railway in the January 2026 edition of your magazine. Unfortunately, a typing error occurred in the name of the author of the book which was mentioned in my letter. It should be 'Barker' and not 'Baker'.

KENNETH PHIPPS

Free backscene location?

Thanks for the printed photographic backscene supplied free with the January issue. What is the location that is depicted?

MARTIN CARPENTER

[Ed. The view was taken not too far from Peco HQ here in East Devon. It's looking eastwards towards the village of Musbury. If you look closely, you can just make out the Seaton Tramway in the foreground, which runs on the old trackbed of the Seaton branch. This link will take you to the location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7oodht17PavVBgsu9>]

Woodhead memories

The name of the public house mentioned in the February Railway of the Month article is not the Stanford Arms, but the Stanhope Arms. It was named after the local landowning family, the Spencer-Stanhopes. The real thing was rather different to the model. I remember it well, drinking there often when a young man, in the summer watching the MSW Class 76 locos doing their thing. Sadly, like the railway, the pub is no more, though the building still stands.

ALAN WHITEHOUSE

NEW PRODUCT REVIEWS

FROM RAILWAY MODELLER BY OUR EDITORIAL STAFF AND CONTRIBUTING MODELLERS

General Motors Class 66

New from Bachmann in OO



Hot on the heels of the GB Railfreight Class 69 reviewed in full last month, Bachmann Europe plc has delivered yet another General Motors-powered machine from all-new tooling – the ubiquitous Class 66 – under its OO gauge Branchline brand.

Designed afresh from the ground up, the models (plans for which were announced in our June 2025 issue) owe nothing to their Blue Riband predecessors, which were first released over two decades ago (see reviews, RM July 2005).

No fewer than 12 versions form the initial launch range, with the comprehensive tooling suite catering for both the original, four-door locomotives introduced from 1998 and the low-emission five-door machines

built from 2004 onwards, with further detail differences allowing for individual class members to be produced accurately at various points during their service careers. This includes four styles of headlight cluster (original WIPAC, WIPAC LED, original 'bug-eye' and revised LED); original three-piece cabside windows with separate quarterlights or later two-piece double-glazed windows with aluminium frames; cab front handrails with five or seven mounting points; cab interiors with either original central 'pedestal' or later wraparound control desks; National Radio Network roof pods fitted or removed (with modern alternative pods also catered for); and different sandboxes/sand pipe bracket arrangements – to name but a few.

Liveries and identities being produced are: 66 015 and 66 096 in English Welsh & Scottish maroon & gold; 66 515 and 66 606 in Freightliner green; 66 761 *Wensleydale Railway Association* and 66 777 *Annette* in GB Railfreight Europorte orange & blue; 66 847 *Terry Baker* and 66 850 *David Maidment OBE* in Colas Rail Freight orange & yellow; 66 304 and 66 422 *Max Joule 1958-1999* in Direct Rail Services Compass livery (small logo); 66 501 in Freightliner 60 1965-2025 green; and 66 601 in Freightliner 60 1965-2025 orange. Each is supplied either Digital Command Control ready, DCC Sound Fitted or with the manufacturer's Sound Fitted Deluxe option, with the latter featuring treated windscreens – replicating the tinted windscreens seen on the real locomotives – and the firm's SFX auto-release coupling system, allowing for hands-free uncoupling with the press of a button.

Our sample in detail

For review we received a sample of 66 777 *Annette* (ref.50-003A) – one of the final batch of seven low-emission machines built new for GB Railfreight (including the final example built for the UK market, 66 779 *Evening Star*), which landed at Newport Docks in February 2016. Officially entering traffic on 13 July 2016, it received the name *Annette* – alongside sister 66 776 *Joanne* – in a ceremony held at King's Cross station on 28 June 2017. In 2025, it became one of 12 GBRf 66s selected as part of a regearing programme – changing the gearing between the traction motors and axles to provide greater torque and better

acceleration for hauling heavier loads more efficiently. This modification was carried out in the summer of last year, with the locomotive renumbered – returning to traffic as 66 687.

Features specific to our sample, to name but a few, include: WIPAC clusters with LED lighting; large LED top light box; standard horn box; removed NRN radio pod with modern communication equipment installed; two-piece cabside windows with aluminium frames; two cab vents; strengthened cab front handrail with seven mounting points; four lifting eyelets (at each end); standard UK pattern buffers and drawgear; and perforated bogie guard irons, with revised sandboxes and straight sand pipe brackets. The locomotive appeared to have its NRN radio pod removed and plated over around September 2019, with a new fitting (believed to be the Global System for Mobile Communications – Railway) added at some point during late March/early April 2022 – dating the model between this period and the summer of 2025 when it was regearred and renumbered; the only minor discrepancy is the absence of the small dome-like fitting between the plated NRN panel and the vent in front of the exhaust system.

Comparisons between the model and photos of the real machines show that Bachmann has gone to great lengths to replicate the distinctive angled profile of the prototypes, with this attention to detail extending to the abundance of pipework, conduits and wiring looms which run the length of the frames, the majority of these details appearing to have been produced as separate



Full versions of the end striker plates are included (right) to replace those with the cut-out for the tension-lock coupling (left).



▲ Atop the cast metal chassis block is the Plux22 DCC decoder interface...



...which can be accessed via a removable roof section held in place by magnets.

mouldings. Cab handrails are formed from metal wire and fitted separately, with those on the nose ends produced in durable plastic.

An area of debate is the machine room located at the No.2 end, with ultra-fine mesh grilles affording the ability to see directly through the locomotive and out the other side. Whilst this is certainly true of the prototype, it is understood that this is dependent on whether the internal radiator shutters are open or closed, and any renditions of these details (including the cabinet of which they are a part, and the blower equipment) are notably absent from the model. There are only partial renditions of the protective grilles which sit in front of the shutters – these being printed on clear Perspex, affording only a clear view of the bogie mounting screw within, which is made even more visible when the machine room lighting is switched on!

The cab glazing gives a tantalising view of the well-furnished interiors, which feature later wraparound control desks – these being embellished with finely printed renditions of the dials and gauges, extending to the buttons and LCD screen on the communication equipment! Also worthy of note are the finely printed safety notices which adorn the cab bulkhead/access door, and the separately fitted dash-mounted hot plate.

The bogies – which take the form of plastic mouldings – exhibit an impressive level of depth and detail, with crisp representations of the suspension coils (including those atop the frames), embossed maker's stamps and full depictions of the radial axle steering apparatus. Continuations of the frame-mounted pipework and wiring are also present, and make for a convincing 'unbroken' appearance, whilst allowing the models to negotiate second radius curves. As per the prototype, functional rotating axlebox hubs are fitted to the axle ends (a first for the manufacturer).

As supplied, both ends are factory-fitted with cut-out versions of the striker plates, providing access to the self-centring NEM pockets, equipped with slimline tension-lock couplings. Alternative versions of the bufferbeams, with full renditions of the striker plates, are provided for the modeller to add. Fitting these is

relatively straightforward, with the assemblies held in place by two screws. Stand-alone versions of the pipework and screw-link couplings are also provided, with enough details supplied to furnish both styles of bufferbeam at both ends. (For those looking to decorate ends with couplings, it should be noted that these details may hamper operation.) Buffer heads are metal and sprung.



▲ The model represents 66 777 between 2022 and 2025.

The application of the GBRf colour scheme is excellent, adorned with numerous small printed details, including crisp renditions of the overhead warning signs, data markings and operator branding. Separation between the main body colours is sharp, and complemented by a fine orange cantrail stripe around the circumference of the roofline. Due to the corrugated nature of the bodywork, Bachmann has wisely elected not to add printed renditions of the cast nameplates – these details instead being provided as a set of separate painted metal etches, which have been fitted here for photography.

Mechanism and performance

The chassis comprises a substantial metal casting, housed within which is a centrally mounted, twin flywheel-fitted five-pole motor that provides power to both bogies. All axles are driven and power is collected from all wheels via wiper pick-ups, with all axles featuring brass bearings. All models – including our DCC ready example – are equipped with the firm's new 'Bach-up' stay-alive system, to smooth out any interruptions to the current collection when operating on DCC, along with a single pre-fitted 15 x 11mm 'sugar cube' speaker. Sound Fitted and Sound

Fitted Deluxe versions benefit from the firm's new dual-fitted XL speaker system, incorporating a Tangband 75 x 24.5mm bass speaker.

Access to the Plux22 decoder interface is via a removable roof section, held snugly in place by four strong magnets. Sited nearby is a bank of four microswitches, giving 12V dc users control over a limited range of the built-in lighting functions and the 'Bach-up' stay-alive system. The switches are: 1 – day/night mode (day on/night off); 2 – directional lights No.1 end (on/off); 3 – directional lights No.2 end (on/off); 4 – 'Bach-up' stay-alive

(red marker lights at both ends); and cab interior and machine room lighting.

Weighing in at an impressive 592g, on test the Class 66 was capable of hauling 24 Pullman cars with ease around the Pecorama loft layout, with its 1 in 48 gradients and 3' radius curves.

Though no guidance is given, removal of the body to gain access to the mechanism is straightforward, requiring the removal of eight screws: two behind each bogie and two located at each end of the chassis, either side of the coupling. Care is needed when lifting the bodyshell clear, to avoid damaging the wires that connect to the lighting assemblies; these are simple plug and socket connections of which there are two – one at either end.

New model for a large market

The 66 is the latest in a long line of diesel locomotives in the Branchline range to receive a refresh in recent years. With over 400 examples in current day-to-day operation, there is no doubt the fleet will continue to play a major part in the UK rail scene for many years to come – with Bachmann unsurprisingly wanting a slice of this market.

Sample supplied by

BACHMANN EUROPE plc,
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PRICE Ref.50-003A – £229.95





The latest locomotive to be developed in TT:120 by Hornby depicts one of the most popular diesel classes amongst enthusiasts – the English Electric Type 3 (British Rail Class 37).

Supplied Digital Command Control ready, the initial release covers three versions, with a fourth example recently announced as part of a flurry of new models in our December 2025 issue. These are: 37 408 *Loch Rannoch* in BR large logo blue (ref.TT3035M); D6700 in BR green (ref.TT3036M); 37 704 in EW&S maroon & gold (ref.TT3037M); and 37 086 in BR blue (ref.TT3057M). Each of these models is also available DCC sound-fitted – equipped with the firm's HM7000 TXS (Triplex Sound) Bluetooth digital control and sound system, which allows the user to control the locomotive through a smartphone via the HM7000 app.

A brief history

The British Railways Modernisation Plan of 1955 paved the way for the large-scale replacement of steam traction with diesel power, and one of the most successful diesel locomotive designs to result from this was the English Electric Type 3. No fewer than 309 examples were constructed between 1960 and 1965, erected at



A handy tool (right) is provided for the removal of the body from the cast metal chassis.

the Vulcan Foundry, Newton-le-Willows and by Robert Stephenson & Hawthorns, Darlington – with the class quickly becoming widespread across nearly every part of the BR network. From new, all locomotives were fitted with an English Electric 12CSVT 12-cylinder power unit producing 1,750bhp (1,305 kW).

In 1985, a major refurbishment programme was sanctioned to extend the working lives of 135 locomotives. This led to the creation of numerous sub-classes, including: 37/3, which denotes non-refurbished examples fitted with CP7 bogies; 37/4, fitted with Electric Train Heating, primarily used on passenger services; 37/5, refurbished and rewired with Brush alternators; and 37/7, refurbished locomotives with a Route Availability of RA7 (due to the addition of ballast weights). Further sub-divisions include 37/6 – originally intended for the proposed Nightstar overnight international trains, later passing into Direct Rail Services ownership – and 37/9, refurbished locomotives fitted with experimental Mirlees MB275Tt or Ruston RK270Tt power units.

The class continued to be widely used into the Privatised era, though their numbers began to diminish slowly with the introduction of more powerful freight locomotives – such as the Class 56 and Class 58 – and new-build units taking over passenger services; this transition accelerated following the widespread introduction of the Class 66s during the late 1990s and early 2000s. Despite this, as of 2025 some 94 examples were still in existence, 43

of which retain main line operational status, with various operators and spot-hire companies.

Our samples in detail

We received a pair of sample models for review. The first (ref.TT3035M) is presented as 37/4 37 408 *Loch Rannoch* in BR large logo blue with West Highland Terrier motif. The real machine – a Vulcan Foundry-built example – was numbered D6989 when new in June 1965, being renumbered 37 289 under the BR Total Operations Processing System. In 1985, the locomotive was refurbished as a 37/4, returning to service as 37 408 in BR large logo blue – a livery which it retained until 1998, when repainted into EWS maroon & gold. Placed into storage in August 2005 following a collision with parked stock, it was used as a source of spares, until being officially withdrawn and scrapped in January 2008.

The second (ref. TT3037TXSM) is finished as Class 37/7 37 704 in EW&S maroon & gold (this sample also being equipped with DCC sound). Another Vulcan Foundry machine (formerly D6734 when new in March 1962), it was refurbished as a 37/7 during a Heavy General overhaul at



▲ Snowploughs and etched nameplates for 37 408.

Crewe Works – during which it had its split headcode boxes removed and nose end gangway doors plated over – returning to traffic as 37 704 in January 1987. It became the property of EWS in 1996, receiving the operator's original 'EW&S' branding which it carried until it was scrapped in June 2009 (one of the nose ends survives, residing in a small museum at Hellifield station). To all intents and purposes, the model depicts the locomotive in this latter condition.

The models consist of a die-cast chassis and an injection-moulded bodyside, of which there are several tooling variants – catering for their introduction into BR traffic and subsequent in-service modifications. Most of the bodywork details – such as access panels and bodyside grilles – are formed as part of this moulding, with notable exceptions including etched roof grilles affording a view of the cosmetic fan detail within, cab door handrails formed from metal wire, and separately fitted brake actuator arms; naturally, due to the scale, no chains are present on the latter.

Peering through the cab glazing reveals representations of the cab interiors – complete with crew chairs and control desk – with the windscreens complemented by separately fitted wipers. Nose ends are furnished with commendably fine depictions of the lamp irons, multiple working jumper connections and ETH cables (37 408 only) – all of which have been separately fitted, though the distinctive plated gangway doors are notably absent from the nose ends of 37 704. Buffer heads are plastic and not sprung.

Further details supplied for the modeller to fit include dummy screw couplings, bufferbeam pipes (yellow air pipes, red air brake pipes, vacuum pipes, and engine control air pipes), and three-piece snowploughs, which clip into the NEM coupling sockets. (A high level of dexterity is required for this process.) It should also be noted that the fitting of some of these details requires the permanent removal of the European-style coupling(s), which are mounted in spring-loaded NEM pockets attached to the underside of the chassis; these are

independent of the bogies and have a good degree of sideways articulation. All appropriate details were fitted to the No.1 ends for photography, along with etched versions of the printed cast nameplates that are provided with 37 408.

Mechanism and performance

Body removal is made simple thanks to the inclusion of a bespoke tool in the accessory bag. After disconnecting the jumper cables from the bufferbeams at each end, the tool can be inserted between the fuel tanks, pushing until an audible click is heard; this signals that the body is disengaged, allowing it to be lifted away from the chassis.

The chassis is formed of a substantial metal casting, housed within which is a centrally mounted flywheel-fitted motor that provides power to both bogies. All axles are driven with power collected from all wheels – the axles running in brass bearings. Overall weight is 172g, increasing to 174g for the DCC sound-fitted example.

A Next18 decoder interface is located atop the printed circuit board, with factory sound-fitted examples equipped with the firm's HM7000



Bluetooth TXS Triplex Sound decoder, which is pre-loaded with 28 control, lighting and sound functions. Sounds are emitted through a 15mm x 11mm 'sugar cube' speaker with a large resonance chamber sited towards the No.2 end (sound-fitted only). The sound file captures the distinctive growl of these locos quite well for the scale but, in our opinion, sounds a little tinny.

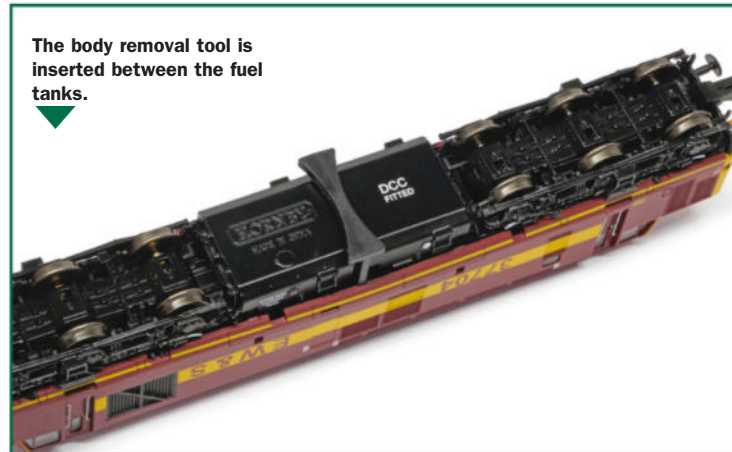
On DCC, lighting functions are: F0 – directional lights (on/off); F21 – main headlights (on/off); F22 – tail lights (on/off); and F23 – cab interior light (on/off). 12V dc users are restricted to directional lighting (headlights, plus red tail markers).

With a recommended minimum curve of second radius (310mm), performance under 12V dc control proved to be quiet and smooth in both directions through the 3' radius curves of our Hornby starter set oval with points, although we were unable to evaluate the haulage potential of the model. We also took the opportunity to trial the locomotive and stock through various items of Peco code 55 TT:120 track, which were negotiated with aplomb.

Important addition

Their ubiquitous nature and cult-like following among enthusiasts make the 37s prime candidates for this fledgling scale. With no shortage of sub-classes and liveries to choose from, we can see these being a staple of the growing TT:120 market for years to come.

The body removal tool is inserted between the fuel tanks.



Samples supplied by

HORNBY HOBBIES Ltd
Westwood, Margate, Kent CT9 4JX
www.hornby.com

PRICES

£159.99 – DCC ready
£214.99 – DCC sound-fitted



▲ 37 408 became an enthusiast celebrity by retaining its BR large logo livery until 1998, when it received the EWS colour scheme.



Accurascale GWR '5700'/'8750' 0-6-0PT



When thinking of Great Western Railway motive power, one of the first designs that springs to mind has to be the company's symbolic pannier tank. Accurascale is the latest firm to produce ready-to-run models of the Collett 0-6-0PTs in OO – comprising the original '5700' Class introduced in 1929, and the later '8750' variant with larger cabs – the tooling catering for many of the detail variations between and within these classes.

Supplied Digital Command Control ready or DCC sound-fitted, the first production run comprises: '5700' No.5754 and '6700' No.6743 in green with 'GREAT WESTERN' lettering; '5700' No.7755 in green with the 'shirtbutton' roundel; '5700' No.5741 in green with GWR lettering; '8750' No.9741 in green with 'BRITISH RAILWAYS' lettering in Egyptian font; '8750' No.8763 in BR lined black with early emblem; '8750' No.9681 in BR plain black with late crest; '5700' No.7714 in BR plain black with early emblem; and '5700' No.7754 in National Coal Board green. Two Accurascale website exclusives have also been produced, depicting '5700s' L91 and L94 in London Transport lined maroon livery.

A brief history

No fewer than 863 '5700'/'8750' locomotives were built for the GWR (and later BR Western Region) between

1929 and 1950, with batches constructed at Swindon Works and by several external private contractors – making them one of the most numerous steam locomotive classes in British railway history. They were employed across the GWR network on shunting, goods and light passenger duties, with the last surviving examples being withdrawn from BR service in 1966. A number were purchased for further use by London Transport and the National Coal Board (13 and five respectively). 16 survive in preservation.

Our samples in detail

We received a pair of sample models for review. The first (ref.ACC2876) is presented as '8750' No.9681 – one of the penultimate batch of 10 locomotives built under the ownership of British Railways at Swindon Works in 1949. First allocated to Tondy in South Wales, it spent periods at Oswestry (89A), Cardiff Canton (88A) and Barry (88C) before being withdrawn from Cardiff East Dock (88L) in August 1965. It travelled under its own steam to Woodham Bros scrapyard in Barry, where it languished for the next 10 years, before being rescued for preservation and moved to Norchard on the Dean Forest Railway – returning to steam in September 1984. The model portrays No.9681 in BR

plain black with late crests, a colour scheme which has been carried during both its service and preservation careers – the locomotive currently sporting this livery, with 85B Gloucester Horton Road shed code as modelled here. Model-specific details include bunker steps, boiler top feed, and injector overflow pipes routed outside the running plate.

The second model (ref.ACC2972-DCC) depicts '5700' No.5741 in Great Western green with GWR lettering (this sample also being equipped with DCC sound). The real machine was one of the initial order of 50 locomotives constructed by the North British

instructions on caring for your model. Tipping the scales at 200g, the model utilises die-cast metal for the chassis block (including the lower portion of the boiler barrel), running plate, wheels, and even the removable coal load in the bunker, while injection-moulded plastic accounts for much of the upper works. The characteristic pannier tanks are formed as part of the main plastic body moulding, but lined with die-cast metal. Handrails and grab handles are formed from fine metal wire, with lamp brackets, fire iron hooks and bunker steps all separately fitted etched metal parts, whilst whistles are turned brass. Buffers are turned metal and sprung,



Locomotive Company, Glasgow, in 1929. It spent its entire working life in South Wales, being withdrawn from Newport Pill shed (86B) in June 1957 and broken up at Swindon the following year. However, No.5741 would live on as the reputed inspiration for Duck

in the Reverend W Awdry Railway Series, with early illustrations showing the character to be carrying the same running number – the GWR green livery of the model no doubt inspired by this fact. Details specific to this model include late-style cab handrails, bunker steps, boiler minus top feed, and injector overflow pipes routed through the running plate.

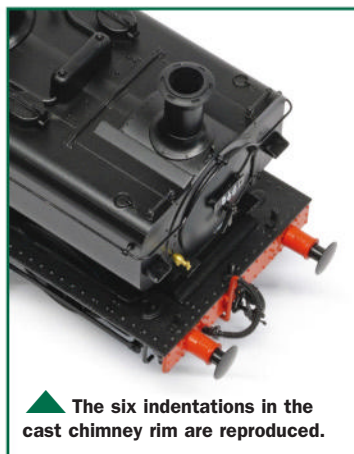
Each model comes presented in a sturdy card box, with a lavish operators' pamphlet that provides historical notes on the real machines, as well as basic

while brake rigging is pre-fitted, with a representation of the inside motion present between the frames.

The appearance of these characterful engines has been captured beautifully. Particularly worthy of mention are the cast chimneys, which feature depictions of the six indentations around the rim, produced during the casting process. To cater for the myriad of detail variations between models, many of the boiler and tank details have been produced as separate fittings; the fit of these is excellent for the most part, with the only real exception being the dome, which has a noticeable gap around the base.

The most obvious difference between the two classes is the cab – the '8750' Class featuring a larger, more enclosed cab, with a higher-arched roof and rectangular windows. Both designs have been captured faithfully – each featuring posable cab roof ventilators, pre-fitted cab doors (fixed in the closed





▲ The six indentations in the cast chimney rim are reproduced.

positions), and commendably fine renditions of the individual coal bars adorning the rear windows – the latter having been skilfully produced as a single etched part.

Both cab interiors display a comprehensive array of backhead controls and fittings, all picked out in appropriate colours. Particularly worthy of note are the front sanding and cylinder drain cock levers, plus rear coil springs – all of which are separately fitted parts.

All this detail is complemented by the flickering firebox glow feature, which operates when power is applied under analogue control. On DCC sound-fitted models, this feature corresponds with function F8 to simulate a round of coal being fired – the sequence starting with the flicker effect activating, along with the sound of coal being shovelled. (This sequence also activates randomly at various intervals.)

Slimline tension-lock couplings housed within dovetail NEM pockets are fitted as standard, these being mounted to the underside of the chassis, each with a degree of sideways articulation; they have been removed for photography.

Each bufferbeam features a sturdy coupling hook for the optional installation of screw-link couplings – provided as part of the extensive accessory bag, along with a set of steam heat pipes and a pair of oil lamps.

Each model is supplied with etched versions of the cast cabside numberplates, with our sample of No.9681 also including a printed version of the 85B shed code plate (along with a spare etched smokebox numberplate), while No.5741 is provided with a set of diamond-shaped North British Locomotive Company builder's plates which can be fitted over the finely printed renditions on the front splashers. Whilst the latter are a nice addition, during trial-fitting we considered their thickness to be a little overscale, and so opted to only fit the cabside numberplates for photography.

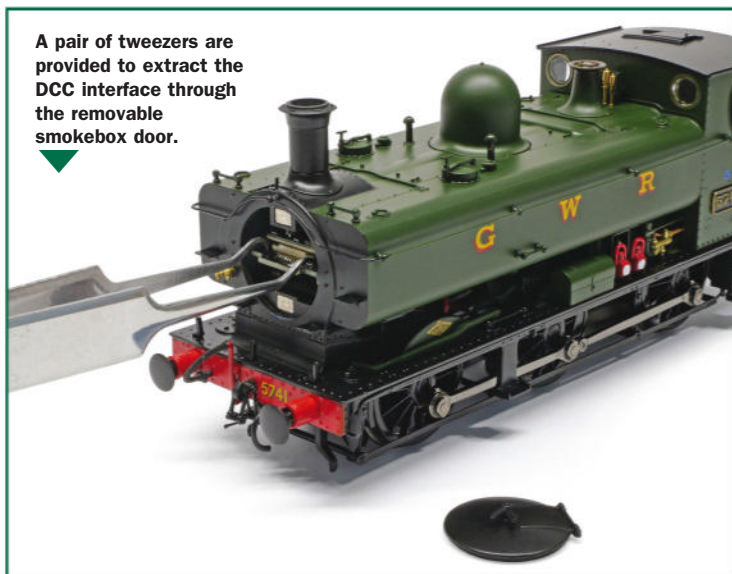
Mechanism, sound & performance

The models are equipped with a large flywheel-fitted coreless motor, housed midship within the boiler barrel, providing drive to the centre coupled axle. Current is collected from all wheels via wiper pick-ups, with all axles featuring brass bearings. Capacitors to smooth out any interruptions to the

current collection are also fitted as standard. A slide-out printed circuit board with Next18 interface is located inside the smokebox and accessed via the magnetically secured removable door; a pair of ultra-fine curved tweezers are provided for ease of extraction.

Factory sound-fitted models are equipped with a Next18 ESU LokSound V5 Nano sound decoder, pre-loaded with a sound project incorporating no fewer than 22 control, lighting and sound functions. Sounds are emitted through a pair of 15mm x 11mm 'sugar cube' speakers with resonance chamber, concealed within the water tank on the fireman's side.

Body removal is achieved by removing two screws, located directly behind the front and rear bufferbeams – the PCB must be removed before attempting this, along with the front and rear NEM couplings to gain access



▲ A pair of tweezers are provided to extract the DCC interface through the removable smokebox door.



▲ This view shows the resonance chamber and metal weight in the left-hand tank.



to the screws. Once removed, the body can be lifted gently away from the chassis, ensuring that none of the fine pipes (most notably the continuations of the vacuum and steam heat pipes) are snagged during this process.

On test the model was found to be extremely smooth and quiet in operation, with good slow speed performance – the gearing ratio being

very much in keeping with the prototypes. It just managed to haul a remarkable 14 Pullman cars round the Pecorama loft layout, with its 1 in 48 gradients and 3' radius curves. This significantly exceeds the capabilities of the real things, which worked empty stock trains of up to 13 coaches into and out of Waterloo, on a much flatter section of track.

▲ The original '5700' cab (left) and the larger cab introduced with No.8750 in 1933.

Looks like a Duck...

Accurascale has brought these distinctive and characterful tank engines into the 21st century, with all the bells and whistles that modellers now expect. With the vast array of detail differences tooled across the range, it will be interesting to see what other variants and liveries might be tackled in any future production runs...

It is worth noting that the manufacturer has delivered its allocations to customers who placed pre-orders, including exclusives. However, remaining stocks are available from selected Accurascale retailers (see the firm's website for a list of stockists).

Samples supplied by

ACCURASCALE Ltd,
60 Windsor Avenue,
London SW19 2RR.
www.accurascale.co.uk

PRICES
Ref.ACC2876 (DCC ready) –
£139.99
Ref.ACC2972-DCC (DCC sound-fitted) – £239.99

00 Rapido Trains UK GNR J13 0-6-0ST

Arriving alongside the much celebrated Port of Par Bagnall 0-4-OSTs *Judy* and *Alfred* (which featured in last month's issue), the latest ready-to-run model in 00 to be released by Rapido Trains UK covers Henry Ivatt's long-lived shunting and short-distance goods engines – the Great Northern Railway J13 Class (later London & North Eastern Railway J52/2 Class) 0-6-0STs, which were announced in our January 2024 issue. Tooling has been developed to cater for detail permutations within the 85-strong class, built between 1897 and 1909.

Supplied Digital Command Control ready or DCC sound-fitted, 12 versions form the initial release, covering GNR lined Apple green; GNR grey; LNER lined and plain black guises (one of the latter with wartime 'NE' lettering); plain black with 'BRITISH RAILWAYS' lettering; BR unlined black with early emblems; and one of the locomotives put into Departmental use. Also available are two versions of class celebrity No.68846, which became the first BR steam locomotive preserved by a private individual when purchased by Captain Bill Smith from King's Cross shed in 1959: the first features the locomotive in its latter BR lined black livery with late crests, and the second is presented in its 1960s railtour condition as No.1247 in GNR green.

In addition to the standard items, there are two exclusive models: the first – produced for the retailer Rails of Sheffield – depicts Doncaster Works Yard shunter No.68845 in Departmental black; while another version of No.1247 (this time in its current preserved condition, complete with optional brass bell) is exclusive to Locomotion Models, forming part of the National Collection in Miniature range.

Our sample in detail

For review Rapido provided us with a sample of No.1210 in GNR lined Apple green (ref.958001) – one of the first batch of 10 locomotives constructed at



Doncaster Works, entering service with the GNR in October 1897. It received its first LNER number (4210) in July 1925, falling under the J52/2 subclass in 1940, and becoming No.8814 in Thompson's renumbering scheme of October 1946. It passed into British Railways ownership in 1948, being renumbered 68814 two years later in April 1950, and remained in BR service until withdrawn at Colwick (38A) on 24 November 1955.

To all intents and purposes, the model depicts No.1210 in its GNR service condition. Features specific to this model include GNR parallel buffer shanks, 3' 3" cast tapered chimney, Ramsbottom safety valves, four stanchions on the tank side handrails, pole-type front footsteps positioned between the leading and centre coupled wheels, and rearranged forward sand pipes (crossing over the brake hangers to apply sand closer to the front wheels), with semi-circular cut-outs in the angle irons above the rear sandboxes.

Upon releasing the locomotive from its packaging, the first aspect that strikes you is the quality of the finish

and fidelity to the prototype. Application of the elaborate GNR green colour scheme is second to none: the rich green paintwork exhibits a silky satin sheen (not too dissimilar to polished metal), while the smokebox has a noticeably flatter appearance than the rest of the black paintwork. The broad

black & white lining has been applied with great finesse throughout, providing a clean delineation between the Apple green paintwork and darker Holly green border surround. All of the lining is straight and even, with no visible blemishes or fuzziness, extending to the brass beading atop the splashers.



▲ The highly detailed cab includes a glowing firebox.



The frames are finished in a chocolate brown, as are the angle irons, buffer shanks and even the coupling rods – all of which are edged in black with fine vermilion lining between. The gold numbers and lettering, with red, white & black shadowing, are also rendered crisply, as are the bufferbeam numbers with a black drop shadow.

Construction is predominantly die-cast – including the boiler, saddle tank, running plate, chassis and wheels – decorated with numerous separately fitted plastic, turned and etched metal parts. This extensive use of metal contributes to an impressive overall weight of 223g. The smokebox and cab assemblies, along with the majority of the boiler fittings, are moulded in plastic, with the two different diameters of handrail produced from fine metal wire. The dome is also fitted separately, but has a gap around the

base, made more noticeable by the light green livery.

Buffers are turned metal and sprung, while brake rigging is pre-fitted. Between the frames is a commendable rendition of the inside motion, picked out in red, while the running plate is adorned with a wealth of separately fitted details: fine wire grab handles, etched metal lamp irons, drain cock and damper linkages and a full depiction of the sanding linkage – the latter, along with the majority of the pipework, having been produced as separate plastic fittings.

Despite being largely enclosed, the cab has certainly not been overlooked, with the majority of the backhead details – including controls and associated pipework – fitted separately. These are picked out in appropriate



The ornate GNR lined two-tone green livery has been well reproduced.



The firebox glow effect appears to connect to the stay-alive system.

colours, right down to the dials on the gauges and the markings on the water gauge glasses. All this is complemented by the firebox glow feature, which operates when power is applied under analogue control; it is understood that this feature is synchronised with the sound functions of factory-fitted DCC sound examples. Cab spectacle plates are glazed, with those at the rear adorned with fine metal wire bars, each of which has been fitted individually.

Slimline tension-lock couplings, housed within dovetail-mounted NEM pockets, are fitted as standard: these are mounted to the underside of the locomotive, each with a degree of sideways articulation. Sets of optional scale screw and three-link couplings are provided as part of the accessory bag; though primarily decorative items, we found these to be perfectly functional if attached securely, though only suited for layouts with extremely generous curvature. Versions of the coupling hooks (minus chains) are also supplied, along with a set of fireman's tools – including a short-handled shovel, long fire iron shovel and pricker.

Mechanism and performance

Access to the mechanism and decoder interface is remarkably simple, requiring the removal of four screws – the first two either side of the front NEM pocket, directly below the smokebox, with the final two located in

each corner below the bunker. Once disengaged, the body can be lifted carefully away from the running plate.

The model is equipped with a large flywheel-fitted coreless motor, mounted amidships within the saddle tank/boiler casting, providing drive to the rear coupled axle; the drive train is concealed neatly within the firebox. Current is collected from all coupled wheels via plunger pickups, with all axles seated in brass bearings.

Provision is included for digital operation, in the form of a Next18 DCC interface, located atop the motor assembly. This is complemented by a

factory-fitted 15mm x 11mm 'sugar cube' speaker with resonance chamber, situated in the bunker. All models, including our DCC ready example, are equipped with the MoPower stay-alive system, to smooth out any interruptions to current collection when operating on DCC. The firebox glow feature also appears to run off this system (even on 12V dc operation), remaining illuminated for approximately three minutes after power was applied – as illustrated in our body-off shot.

On test the J13 proved a smooth and quiet runner through the speed ranges. In haulage tests it managed an impressive 15 Pullman cars around the Pecorama loft layout, with its 1 in 48 gradients and 3' radius curves.

Greater Northern

The J13 is yet another fine example of GNR motive power from the Kent-based

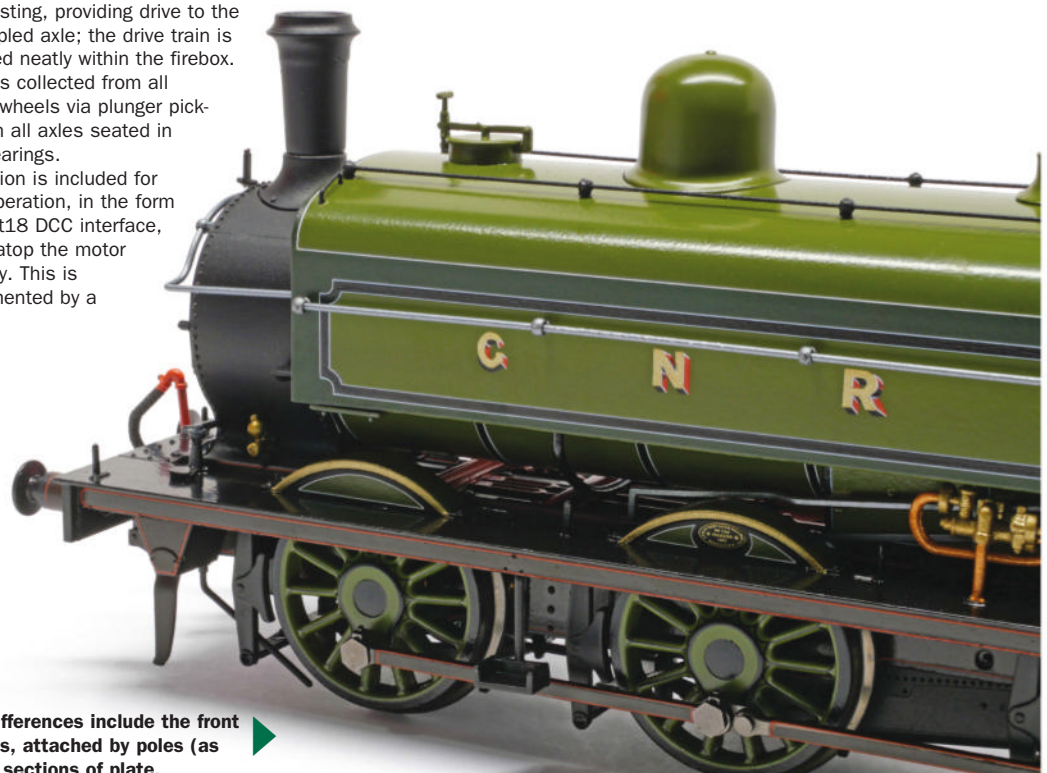
firm, following the graceful Stirling Single 4-2-2 (see reviews, RM April 2025) and soon to be joined by the C2 Class 4-4-2T (see news, January 2026). With the Evolution coaches on the horizon and a plethora of suitable goods vehicles either coming or already on the market, modellers of this major pre-Grouping company have never had it so good.

Sample supplied by

RAPIDO TRAINS UK LTD,
Unit 3, Clinton Business Centre,
Staplehurst, Kent TN12 0QF
www.rapidotrains.co.uk

PRICE

£164.95 – DCC ready
£279.95 – DCC sound-fitted



Detail differences include the front footsteps, attached by poles (as here) or sections of plate.

00 Clark Railworks BR Prestwin wagons

Clark Railworks has delivered its latest 00 gauge wagon project: the BR Diagram 1/277 Prestwins.

Entering service in 1960, a total of 131 of these specialist wagons were constructed by Metro-Cammell and Gloucester Railway Carriage & Wagon Co. The first 31 were built to Diagram 1/274 with a 10' 6" wheelbase, with the final 100 built to Dia.1/277 –



featuring a 12' wheelbase with large silos. Both types were loaded by gravity and discharged using compressed air, with the design remaining in traffic into the 1980s.

Examples of powdered goods carried in Prestwins included dried hydrate of alumina from Burntisland in Scotland to Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire; sodium tripolyphosphate from Corkickle, Cumbria, to Port Sunlight on the Wirral, Warrington in Cheshire and West Thurrock in Essex; lime from Hindlow in

Derbyshire; sand from Oakamoor in Staffordshire to Port Sunlight; soda ash from Northwich in Cheshire; and aluminium hydrate from Rogerstone to Newport in South Wales.

Six triple packs – each comprising three individually numbered wagons – have been produced, with versions covering both pre- and post-Total Operations Processing System identities in BR bauxite livery. Each set comes presented in a stylish lidded card box, with the models stowed neatly within a

plush foam insert. For review we received a sample of pack ref.C3041A, comprising vehicles B873405, B873409 and B873763 in pre-TOPS condition.

Weighing in at 48g, the model's construction takes the form of die-cast metal for the chassis (complete with a rendition of the chequer plate deck), with injection-moulded plastic parts utilised for the majority of the underframe details and silo bodies. Buffer heads are metal and sprung,



00 EFE Rail BR Class 74 electro-diesel

It was announced in our April 2025 issue that Bachmann Europe plc was to produce the first ready-to-run models of the British Rail Class 74 Type HB Bo-Bo electro-diesel in 00 under its EFE Rail brand.

Introduced in 1967, 10 locomotives were rebuilt at Crewe Works using redundant Type HA (Class 71) Bo-Bo electrics. This was a considerable undertaking, requiring the entire body to be dismantled down to the frames and rebuilt; the locomotives retained their original HA booster set (a motor-generator and flywheel combination), with auxiliary power from a new 650hp Paxman 6YJXL diesel engine – allowing them to access lines off the electrified third-rail network. Allocated to Eastleigh, the locomotives were

plagued by reliability issues, resulting in the entire fleet being withdrawn between 1976 and 1977, with the last example being scrapped in 1981.

Five versions are offered in the initial release, all in BR blue with full yellow ends: two pre-Total Operations

Processing System numbers – E6101 and E6104 (ref.E82006 & E82007 respectively), and three TOPS identities – 74 007, 74 010 and 74 009 (refs.E82008, E82009 & E82010 respectively), the latter presented with a weathered finish.

Our sample in detail

For review we received a sample of ref.E82008, presented as 74 007. The real machine was derived from HA electric No.E5003, which originally entered service in March 1959. Following rebuilding at Crewe, it returned to service as E6107 in March 1968, gaining its TOPS number (74 007) in February 1974. Like its fellow class members, its service life was short: it was withdrawn in December 1977 and scrapped the following year.

The corporate BR blue colour scheme exhibits an eggshell (not quite matt, not quite satin) finish, with clean breaks between the main body colours. Running numbers and BR double arrows have been applied crisply, extending to the data panels and EH (Eastleigh) depot code, which are fully legible under a glass. Particularly worthy of note are the renditions of the replacement cast builder's plates applied during the locomotive's rebuild at Crewe, below the driver's side windows – which read 'BUILT BY BRITISH RAILWAYS CREWE 1967 POWER EQUIPMENT BY ENGLISH ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED'; these details appear to be separate fittings.





whilst the chemically blackened wheelsets, with pin-point axle ends, are metal and fitted within brass bearings; the manufacturer specifies that these can be swapped for P4 or EM versions using 26mm axles.

The models are adorned with many fine separate plastic and etched metal components, including lamp irons, brake levers and coupling hooks. The *tour de force*, however, has to be the scale representation of the intricate network of pipes, valves and gauges that make up the silo discharge systems – complete with a faithful re-creation of the operating instructions (including diagram) positioned atop the small ladder between the vessels.

Access ladders (complete with handrails) and the central platform have been produced as etched metal fittings, with the top walkway formed from plastic – complete with chequered surface.

Underframes too are remarkably well detailed, with fine renditions of the eight-shoe clasp vacuum braking system of the prototypes – this arrangement having been determined by the positioning of the silos, which sit between the frames directly adjacent to the axles (as modelled). The two styles of roller bearing axleboxes used across the fleet have also been catered for, with both types demonstrated between our sample vehicles.



As supplied, the models are equipped with tension-lock couplings, fitted within self-centring NEM pockets attached to detachable mounts on the underside of the chassis – the latter held in place by a single screw. Headstocks are furnished with drawhooks and flexible rubber vacuum pipes, while cosmetic instanter and screw-link couplings are provided as part of the accessory bag; the vast majority of the wagons (including the three examples which make up our sample set) were equipped with the former.

The rich bauxite colour scheme synonymous with the fleet when introduced (due to the extra layer of

paint applied for additional protection) has been captured faithfully. Printed markings and lettering closely replicate those of the particular prototypes featured; note the differing positions/styles of the data panels, tare markings, yellow circuit discs and overhead warning flashes, with these details present on some, but not on others.

Models are in stock and ready to order direct from the manufacturer's website, or from selected Clark Railworks stockists – including Rails of Sheffield, The Model Centre and Kernow Model Rail Centre.

Sample loaned by

ELLIS CLARK TRAINS,
Unit 2 Toller Court,
Shortbank Road, Skipton,
North Yorkshire BD23 2HG
www.ellisclarktrains.co.uk

PRICE
£120.00 per pack

The model consists of a cast metal chassis, with an injection-moulded bodyside detailed with numerous separately fitted metal and plastic components, including fine metal wire handrails, etched nose-end steps, lamp irons and depictions of the cab-end jumper cables. Cab door kick plates also appear to be separate fittings – each embossed with renditions of the chequer plate surface. The cooling fan intake, exhaust outlet and the majority of the bodyside grilles have been produced as individual etched metal meshes, while the slatted intakes at the No.1/electric end form part of the body moulding. Buffer heads are plastic, but sprung.

The bogies – with characteristic 4' spoked wheels – are plastic mouldings, and exhibit an impressive level of detail, with parts such as the steps, sanding apparatus and speedometer drive produced as separate fittings, and the majority of smaller pipe runs formed as part of the moulding. The retractable third-rail collector shoes of the prototype are fixed in the raised (diesel operation) position. Sprung, self-centring NEM pockets are independent of the bogies, with a pair of slimline tension-lock couplings provided as part of the accessory pack.

Detail parts supplied with the model include bogie to loco mounting brackets (if layout curvature and platform clearances allow), and bufferbeam details sufficient to fully furnish both ends, comprising vacuum and air brake pipes, along with a pair of dummy drop-head buckeye couplings which fit over the coupling hooks.

Mechanism and performance

Weighing 343g, the DCC ready model proved to be smooth and controllable on 12V dc. On test, the 74 hauled 22 Pullman cars with ease around the Pecorama loft layout, with its 1 in 48 gradients and 3' radius curves.



◀ A set of Southern Region two-digit headcode blinds is provided.

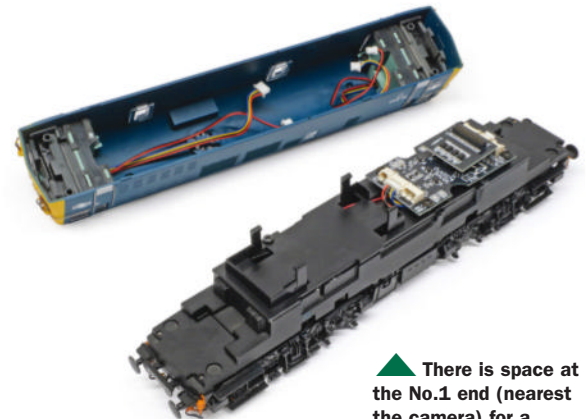
The model is equipped with headcode and cab interior lighting, which illuminates in the direction of travel; 12V dc users can extinguish the cab and trailing headcode box lights by means of two microswitches located on the underside of the chassis. The model is supplied with a selection of two-digit headcode blinds (including double-white and double-red tail blanks) printed on clear plastic, which are to be

inserted into the provided slot behind the headcode glazing – accessed by removing the bodyside.

The body and chassis are held together by four friction clips (two each side), located just above the inboard axles. A centrally mounted coreless twin-shaft motor provides drive to both bogies, with current collected from all wheels through the brass bearings. A printed circuit board – equipped with



▲ While not altogether successful machines, the Class 74s were certainly distinctive, and the EFE model has captured their character.



▲ There is space at the No.1 end (nearest the camera) for a sound speaker.

a 21-pin decoder interface – sits atop the chassis casting towards the No.2 end, with space set aside at the No.1 end for the addition of a suitable 58mm x 22mm speaker enclosure, should you wish to add sound.

'EDs' up

EFE Rail is to be highly commended for bringing these short-lived, yet much requested, Southern Region electro-diesels to market; these being ideal traction for the models of 4-TC units which have been produced exclusively for Kernow Model Rail Centre under the Bachmann Branchline brand.

Sample supplied by

BACHMANN EUROPE plc,
Moat Way, Barwell,
Leicestershire LE9 8EY.
www.bachmann.co.uk

PRICE
Ref.E82008 – £214.95

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Accurascale BR Diagram I/05 I 'clay hood' wagons

It was announced in our March 2025 issue that Accurascale was developing models of a distinctive British Railways specialist wagon: the 13-ton 'clay hood' in 00.

875 of these were built by BR between 1954 and 1960 to service the kaolin (china clay) industry based in Cornwall and South Devon. Equipped with tarpaulin sheets, these wooden-bodied wagons remained a staple of china and ball clay traffic in the South West until 1988, when they were replaced by the air-braked CDA hopper wagons.

The tooling covers the entire life span of the wagons, from their introduction – including the first 300 vehicles initially built unfitted and later converted to vacuum brakes – and subsequent in-service modifications right up to the point of withdrawal, with variations including two styles of axleboxes (grease or roller bearing); two types of buffer (standard heavy-duty and Oleo); and different patterns of brake gear, including independent double two-shoe (unfitted) and Morton vacuum brakes. Both the original flat tarpaulin sheets and the later 'pent' hoods have also been catered for, with the correct 'discs' or tie-down hooks reflected on the vehicle's body, depending on which covers are fitted.

12 triple packs have been produced, with examples in BR unfitted grey, along with a wide variety of BR bauxite guises (covering pre-Total Operations Processing System, UCV and OOV numbering schemes). For review, we received a pair of triple packs. The first (ref.ACC3080) features three vehicles in original unfitted condition – wagons B743074, B743146 and B743208 – all in BR grey with flat sheets. The second (ref.ACC3085) covers three vacuum-fitted UCVs in BR bauxite – B743098, B743665 and B743805 – all sporting raised tarpaulin bars with 'pent' hoods.

Construction takes the form of die-cast metal for the chassis, with injection-moulded plastic utilised for the wagon body and underframe details. The models (complete with hoods), which are adorned with many fine separate plastic and metal wire components, tip the scales at 37g (flat cover) and 42g ('pent' hood). Buffer heads are metal and sprung, whilst the free-rolling chemically blackened wheelsets are metal and fitted within brass bearings.

NEM slimline tension-lock couplings come fitted as standard, mounted in self-centring pockets attached to the underside of the chassis by a single



▲ BR grey unfitted wagons nearest the camera, and TOPS-era bauxite versions.

The original tarpaulin sheet (left) and the later 'pent' hood.



screw; these can be removed to allow for the fitting of the three-link or instanter couplings that are supplied as part of the separate accessory pack. Optional NEM adapter collars are provided, allowing for the installation of long-pronged tension-lock or Kadee couplings if required.

The wagon bodies are moulded finely with crisp representations of the vertical metal stanchions and diagonal bracing,

together with the door framing and latches. Sheets/hoods are removable, these being formed from a rubberised plastic conforming snugly to the wagon body. Each simulates the natural creases and ripples of the material, complete with impressions of the bodywork and tarpaulin bar beneath – the flat covers even featuring an impression of an implied load. The only minor detraction is the thickness of the

material around the bottom edge. Whilst no tie ropes are present, representations could be modelled using lengths of suitable cotton or nylon thread, with openings provided in the tie-down hooks (UCV) for this purpose.

Below the solebars, the Morton brake gear exhibits a commendable level of delicacy, with extremely fine depictions of the brake levers, together with dual push-rods (complete with bolt detail) and brake shoes that are set in line with the wheel treads. Fitted examples feature the additional vacuum braking equipment, including renditions of the train pipe and brake cylinder, with pre-fitted hoses at the headstocks.

Application of both colour schemes is outstanding, with excellent printing of the numbering, lettering, data panels and tare markings throughout; this extends to the renditions of the cast builder/number plates on the solebars – complete with lot numbers! Note the yellow lettering to the left of the centre doors on two of the UCVs, denoting 'CHINA CLAY ONLY'. The overall pristine finish would benefit from a spot of weathering, to re-create the true look of these wagons, which turned white in service from china clay dust.



▲ The 'pent' hoods in place on the bauxite wagons.



Samples supplied by

ACCURASCALE Ltd,
60 Windsor Avenue,
London SW19 2RR.
www.accurascale.co.uk

PRICE

£89.95 per triple pack

Cavalex reveals liveries for Class 47s in OO



▲ Livery artwork for 47 716 *Duke of Edinburgh's Award* in ScotRail guise.



▲ 47 710 *Capital Radio Help a London Child* in Network SouthEast livery.

Cavalex Models has released an update on its OO gauge Class 47 project (see RM September 2025), including initial livery artwork, some livery renders and details of prices.

The manufacturer has revealed that the general range will comprise 14 different livery versions, which will be 'retail only' models available exclusively from the following 10 outlets: AGR Model Railway Store, Collett's Models, C&M Models, John Dutfield, Rails of Sheffield, Rainbow Railways, Trains4U, Ultimate Model Railways, TTC Diecast and Cheltenham Model Centre.

The 14 general range versions include: D1920 in early 1970s two-tone green; 47 217 in mid to late 1980s BR blue; 47 423 in early 1990s BR blue; 47 460 in late 1980s BR large logo blue livery; and 47 482 in early 1990s large logo blue guise.

The next five versions are: 47 716 *Duke of Edinburgh's Award* in late 1980s ScotRail livery; 47 611 *Thames* in late 1980s InterCity Executive livery; 47 847 in early 1990s InterCity Swallow livery;

and 47 358 in mid to late 1980s original Railfreight livery.

The remaining general range models comprise: 47 049 in circa 1993-94 two-tone Railfreight Distribution grey livery; 47 770 *Reserved* in late 1990s to early 2000s Rail express systems (Res) red & grey livery; 47 567 *Red Star* in early 1990s InterCity Mainline livery; and 47 710 *Capital Radio Help a London Child* in early 1990s Network SouthEast blue, white & red.

Retailer exclusive models

There will also be seven Retailer Exclusives models, the first listed being for Ultimate Model Railways and depicting 47 004 *Old Oak Common Traction & Rolling Stock Depot* in 1994 preserved condition of BR two-tone green with yellow snowploughs.

For Locomotion Models in conjunction with Rails Limited, the exclusives are: D1500 in as-built BR two-tone green; and 47 798 *Prince William* in the 1996 Rail express systems Royal Train claret colour scheme.

For the main Rails of Sheffield range, the exclusive models comprise: 47 500 *Great Western* in the pseudo lined Great Western Railway green livery in which it appeared in the late 1980s; 47 522 *Doncaster Enterprise* in 1987 BR 'Parcels' branded Apple green livery; 47 581 *Great Eastern* in its 1980s BR blue; and, finally, a 'Cross Country Double Pack' comprising both 47 840 *North Star* in circa 2002 BR blue and 47 847 in its c.2002 BR large logo blue.

Cavalex has also set the RRP for standard individual models at £209.99 and that of the DCC sound-fitted versions at £309.95. The Rails of Sheffield website, meanwhile, quotes a price of £419.90 for the standard models version of the 'Cross Country Double Pack', rising to £529.90 if the customer requires weathering. The DCC sound-fitted equivalent prices are £529.90 and £720.90 respectively.

www.cavalexmodels.com
www.railsosheffield.com



▲ Computer render of 47 770 in Res livery.

Trio of Great Central wagons from Rapido Trains UK in OO

Rapido Trains UK is set to further expand its extensive range of OO gauge pre-Grouping wagons with a trio of Great Central Railway designs.

The three types comprise a Diagram 9A/9B six-plank open wagon, Dia.17B covered van and Dia.6C three-plank open wagon. The tooling will cater for different axleboxes and brakes, together with two different door designs for the van. All models feature split-spoked or disc wheels running in brass bearings, and are supplied with NEM coupling pockets and tension-lock couplings.

The full-size versions of these wagons all shared the same steel underframe and the same overall length of 19'. The vans were the first of the three types to be introduced, in 1910, with the opens following later in the same decade.

Aside from the expected GCR livery versions (pictured), the van and three-plank open will be released in Cheshire Lines Committee guises, whilst all three



▲ A computer render of the announced Dia.6C (left), Dia.17B (centre) and Dia.9A/9B (right) wagons in GCR grey livery.

models will be available in LNER grey. In addition, the van will be produced in LMS grey and BR(E) grey; the six-plank open in War Department and BR(E) grey; and the three-plank open in LMS grey and LMS bauxite.

The open wagons carry a Recommended Retail Price of £32.95 each, whilst the vans have an RRP of £34.95 each.

Pre-orders can be placed directly with the manufacturer (see website below) or any Rapido Trains UK stockist.

Online custom wagon service

Rapido Trains UK has also launched a new online service whereby modellers can have an OO gauge wagon customised with a livery and lettering of their own choosing – meaning this opportunity is no longer exclusive to those attending shows.

First of all, the customer can select whether they want a five- or seven-plank body on their wagon. Then there are five livery colours they can choose from – black, blue, green, red or yellow – and

three different lettering layouts, featuring four locations on the wagon where the modeller can add their chosen text or running numbers, as well as personalising their text across the wagon. Finally, there are three different typefaces.

The possibilities of this service include being able to design a wagon that you have always wished were available ready-to-run, or that has branding for a particular business that features on your layout, or that will carry wording making it an ideal gift for a friend or family member.

For further details and instructions on the customisation process, visit:

www.customwagons.co.uk
www.rapidotrains.co.uk



There's still time to pick up your copy of the 2026 RAILWAY MODELLER Special

The 2026 RAILWAY MODELLER Special is still on sale at Peco stockists and copies are also available to purchase directly from Peco – but only while stocks last.

The title comprises more than 100 pages of new and previously unpublished material, covering a wide range of subjects, including a feature marking the 60th anniversary of the closure of the Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway. Elsewhere, the history of railways before the opening of the Stockton & Darlington

Railway in 1825 is explored, and there is a look at the life and work of pioneering Irish modelmaker Cyril Fry.

Readers are also taken outside the British Isles to ride the World Heritage Site metre gauge Rhaetian Railway in Switzerland.

Model railway manufacturing is covered by interviews with two industry professionals: Richard Webster of Lionheart Trains, manufacturer of 7mm scale ready-to-run products, and Peco

Design Lead David Malton, who provides some insight into the development of the firm's OO gauge bullhead track system.

There are also practical articles covering topics such as card structure modelling and locomotive weathering – and much more!

The 2026 RAILWAY MODELLER Special (ref.RMS26) is priced £9.99, and RM subscribers benefit from a £2.00 discount if they purchase the title directly from Peco: www.peco-uk.com



TMC takes a brake with North Eastern Railway Diagram V4 vehicles in OO

The Model Centre has announced it will be producing a new range of North Eastern Railway Diagram V4 brake vans in OO, with tooling developed under the EFE Rail branding. A line-up of eight models is planned, each with subtle detail differences covering the life span of these vehicles.

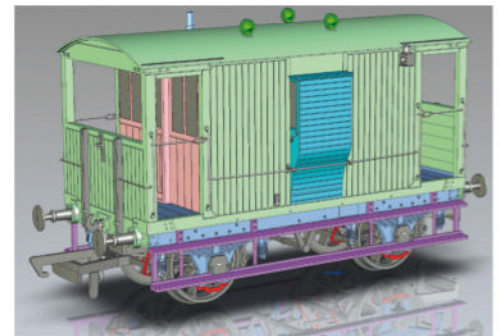
Introduced in 1908, the NER Dia.V4 design became the company's standard goods brake van through to the early 1920s, thanks to its steel underframe, which improved strength and durability whilst also allowing more standardised construction techniques.

In developing these models, TMC and EFE Rail have worked closely with the North Eastern Railway Association and, after research revealed subtle design changes throughout the various Dia.V4 builds, an extensive tooling suite was developed, which has resulted in there being seven different bodies for the

eight model versions, and with two different chassis. The tooling allows for different lamp iron positions; high and low handrails; roof rain strip variations; different document clip positions; body planking variations above the solebars; and different underframe and brake equipment configurations.

Versions in NER livery will comprise No.13503 in 'NE' and 'GOODS FORTH' lettering (ref.E87076); No.52821 with 'NE' and 'MINERAL (TYNE DOCK)' lettering (ref.E87077); No.56002 with 'NE' and 'GOODS N E NEWCASTLE FORTH' lettering (ref.E87078); and No.1328 with 'NE' lettering only (ref.E87079). In LNER livery will be No.11920 (ref.E87080); and No.23087 (ref.E87081). In BR livery there will be E61445 (ref.E87082) and E1492 (ref.E87083).

The models will be priced at £45.95 each and delivery is expected in late 2026. TMC adds that these



brake vans are the first of a range of newly tooled TMC exclusive NER wagons currently in development. For more details: www.tmc-direct.com

Jeremy Freestone 1949-2025

Jerry Freestone, proprietor of Freestone Model Accessories, passed away on 4 October 2025 after a brave battle with Motor Neurone Disease. His friend and comrade Ian Henderson has provided this tribute:

The background to Jerry Freestone's model business was that, in 1992, he decided to relinquish a successful career in computing to follow his passion for card modelling by establishing Freestone Model Accessories. This subsequently became the go-to business for all things card. Jerry's range included Bilteezi, Prototype Models, Howard Scenics and the ever-popular Townscenes range of backscenes which adorn so many layouts. Jerry was a card enthusiast rather than a railway enthusiast, with him also fulfilling commissions and creating dioramas.

Jerry was the most helpful, kind, relaxed and stress-free guy that you

could ever wish to meet – but a dreadful timekeeper. As his beloved wife, Kay, used to relate, there was Greenwich Mean Time and Jerry Time!

Freestone Model Accessories was a family-run cottage industry business run from Kay and Jerry's home in Witney, Oxfordshire. Kay kept the books and was occasionally the replenishment officer at exhibitions. Their daughters, Christine and Alex, also undertook their stints at shows, while Kay's dad and other friends also pitched in at the larger shows. When the girls grew up and left home, boxes of kits, parts, paints, tools and drawing instruments found their way across the house and garage, all helping to test, but never breaking, Kay's patience.

Exhibition visitors may not appreciate the efforts traders go to when attending shows. Jerry would spend days checking stock levels, replenishing them and

printing free price lists, organising overnight accommodation when going to distant events and, finally, packing the van. All of this was carried out whilst running a successful mail order business sending products to all parts of the world.

Jerry's exhibition stall was all hand-made by him, as he was a DIY expert. Tables would be provided by the organisers of a given show, but the rest of the 'shop' was tailor-made to provide ease of access for customers and to display products to best advantage. When packing the transport vehicle every inch of space was accounted for.

Jerry's helpfulness extended to providing free Bilteezi kits, glue and safety scissors at the Alexandra Palace show, amongst other venues. The club organisers provided an area where children could safely discover the joys and delights of building houses, shops,

station buildings, etc. and this proved to be a popular initiative.

One of Kay and Jerry's favourite shows was York, which they viewed as more of a social event for them both to share time with other traders. Kay was, on occasions, happy to call last orders at the end of a long busy day – Jerry less so. It was a case of Jerry Time again! If attendance wasn't brilliant at shows, Jerry always had a partially built model that he was working on, so he could provide help and advice to any passing customer who showed an interest as he worked his magic. Before illness struck, Jerry passed most of his business to Squires Models & Craft Tools. It was the end of an era.

Jerry died peacefully with his wife Kay by his side. Our condolences go to Kay, his daughters Christine and Alex, son-in-laws Charlie and Tom, his father-in-law Bob and his grandchildren.

Llandudno show raises over £1,060 for North Wales hospices

On Saturday 22 November 2025, around 400 people attended the Deganwy Railway Modellers' 2nd Model Railway Exhibition held in Llandudno, on this occasion in aid of St David's Hospice, the adult hospice serving North Wales.

18 layouts in many gauges were on display and operated by exhibitors from many areas of North West England, alongside local exhibitors and members of the OO9 Society. Trade support and demonstrations were also on view. An aim of the event was to try to encourage more young people to get involved in the

hobby, and happily on the day there were many young people visiting and taking part.

All in all, a good day was had by everyone and £1,060.18 was raised for the charity. Pictured at the presentation of the cheque to the charity are Joanne Jones-Hayes from the fundraising team at St David's Hospice, and Andrew Rogers, Rob Pope, and Pete Latham, all members of Deganwy Railway Modellers. For further details about joining the Deganwy group, email:

coastlinepope@outlook.com



Peco 80th anniversary catalogue and hobby guide – on sale now!

Peco has published its new 2026 catalogue, entitled *Your Peco Guide to Model Railways* (ref.cat-9), which is described as a full product catalogue containing practical advice to help get you started in the hobby.

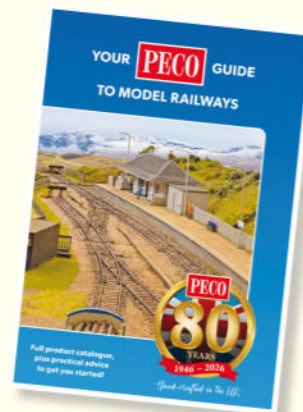
The publication, which has an RRP of £6.95, is the manufacturer's biggest catalogue to date, with 240 pages covering the Peco, Ratio, Wills, Parkside Models and Modelscene ranges, as well as publications and Tracksetta templates.

Amongst the useful information contained therein is a comparison guide for the various scales and gauges, from Z to Gauge 1 and G-45, as well as an explanation of what is meant by the various track codes, track styles and rail types, together with the various point frog varieties (Insulfrog, Electrofrog and Unifrog). There is also much practical guidance for topics such as baseboard construction and tracklaying. The decision has been taken not to include a paper copy of

the price list. Instead, there is a QR code on the back cover that can be scanned with a smartphone to access the current price list online. However, if desired, paper price list copies can be printed on demand, or a print file can be provided from which the customer can print off copies themselves.

The new Peco catalogue is obtainable from Peco stockists (refer to the website to find your nearest retailer) or direct from Peco:

www.peco-uk.com



Fina tank wagon with enhanced livery details for N

Peco has announced it is producing a new livery version of its N gauge 15' tank wagon. Using existing tooling, the new variant is presented in silver livery as Fina Motor Spirit Company No.4 (ref.NR76P) and portrays the wagon as it would have appeared in the British Railways pre-TOPS period of 1967-72.

Fina was the marketing name used by the Belgian-owned oil company Petrofina, which started trading in the UK in 1948 and continued to do so until 2000, when there was a merger of Fina, Total and Elf. The wagon modelled was one of only four manufactured in its series in 1959 and was rated at 35 tons Gross Load Weight (GLW).



▲ A production sample of the new Fina tank wagon in N.

Although the model represents the return of an old favourite, enhancements include the fitting of metal wheels with free-running pin-point axles, together with finer and more comprehensive printing detail.

The wagon is also fitted with the manufacturer's ELC couplings, which, while compatible with standard N gauge knuckle couplings, help to keep a shorter and more realistic distance between vehicles, whilst also allowing the Peco ref.PL-25 electromagnetic decoupler to be used for remote uncoupling. The wagon has an RRP of £18.95 and is on sale now.

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Peco confirms details for series of modelling courses...

Peco is now taking bookings through its website for a programme of modelling courses and factory tours on dates throughout 2026.

First Steps in Creating a Model Railway is planned for Monday 2 March. Those taking part will learn how to plan and design their layout; see and discuss the different scales and gauges available; and ponder in what era they would like to set their layout. They will then look at the practicalities of creating a baseboard for their layout while learning from the friendly and knowledgeable Peco team.

Making the Trains Run: Laying Track & Installing Electrics will take place on Tuesday 3 March. This course will provide a demonstration of the basics of tracklaying and electrics, including the techniques needed for the successful laying of track and points, together with the theory and practice of track wiring. The same course will also take place on Monday 20 April.

Bringing the Layout to Life: Creating Landscapes & Scenery is scheduled for Wednesday 4 March. Participants will learn about the basics of scenery design and construction, including ballasting track, shaping scenery,

together with modelling grass, trees and other vegetation to help add realism. Those taking part will also see projects at different stages of completion, helping them to understand the techniques involved. The course will be repeated on Monday 27 April.

Going Digital: An Introduction to DCC will take place on Thursday 5 March. This course provides an opportunity to discover more about going digital, to find out what Digital Command Control can do for your layout and what benefits it has over dc analogue control (see August 2024 RM for a feature on this course). Those taking part can also see how to fit decoders into locomotives and discover more about working with accessories.

All courses cost £70.00 per person (except the digital one, which is £85.00 per person) and all run from 10:00-16:00.

...and factory tours

In addition, there is also a programme of Peco Tours Experiences offering visitors a unique opportunity to visit one of railway modelling's oldest and largest manufacturers of track and accessories at its scenic site, situated above the fishing village of



Beer with panoramic views over the East Devon Jurassic Coastline.

On Gold Experiences, participants will meet in the site's former 'Golden Arrow' Pullman car *Orion* before enjoying a two-hour tour, during which they will see track components being assembled and learn about the different machines used, with finished products being packaged ready for shipping to 35 countries around the world. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day, including a light lunch served in *Orion*, followed by a 30-minute Q&A session with a member of the Peco management team. There will then be an opportunity to get 'hands-on' as those on the tour are invited to make their own souvenir limited edition 009



wagon. Finally, they will be able to visit the Peco model railway exhibition and shop, and take advantage of a 10% discount. Gold Experience tours cost £65.00 for one person or £120.00 for two people together.

There is also a two-hour Silver Experience, which includes just the full tour of the Peco production facility (as described above) without refreshments, the wagon build, Q&A and shop discount. Silver Experience tours cost £40.00 per person.

Both experiences are available on selected weekdays throughout 2026 up to and including 26 November – to check availability and to book, visit the Experiences section of the Peco website.

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Rebuilt Bulleid Merchant Navy from new tooling leads Hornby announcements for 2026

Hornby began 2026 with a wave of new announcements for its OO gauge ranges, featuring brand new tooling for some models as well as modified tooling, new livery versions and re-releases for others. An overview of some of the stand-out new releases are presented here – for details of others consult the Hornby website and latest catalogue.

New tooling Merchant Navy

A new tooling British Railways Southern Region rebuilt Merchant Navy Pacific tops the bill, with an all-new version of *Clan Line* (ref.R30490), a locomotive first produced by Hornby in 2000, but here modelled anew in its as-preserved condition following research, use of original works drawings and 3D scanning.

The new Hornby model, in BR green livery, has a die-cast chassis, boiler and running plate, and is represented with the prototype's modern 6,000-gallon tender with additional pump and air tank. The detailed cab has a fully decorated backhead including gauges and dials, flickering firebox and working cab light, as well as front and tender lights.

The model is powered by a five-pole skew-wound motor with cardan shaft and flywheel, and has an eight-way loco to tender connection. Detailing includes an opening cab roof ventilator and sprung metal buffers.

Also to be available is a steam generator-fitted model of *Clan Line* (ref.R30490SS) that requires operation via Digital Command Control or the HM7000 app. Its pre-fitted steam generator system features an optical sensor for an accurate exhaust rate synchronised with the wheel speed. The steam output is created using piezo element technology, with the system being cold water-based, so there is no heating element. The water reservoir will provide up to 20 minutes continuous running. This model version incorporates a pre-fitted 21-pin HM7000 decoder and speaker, and has the Merchant Navy sound profile pre-installed.

The standard *Clan Line* model has an RRP of £319.99 and the steam generator fitted version an RRP of £399.99, and the expected launch date is yet to be confirmed.

Other notable new steam locomotive models due for release using modified tooling, and also with steam generators in a die-cast body, comprise the record-breaking LNER A4 streamlined Pacific No.4468 *Mallard* in Garter Blue livery with original valances and red wheel centres (ref.R30551SS), as well as its A4 classmate *Seagull* in its later BR form as No.60033 in lined green livery with later crest and no valances (ref.R30552SS). Both models have an RRP of £389.99 and the launch date is October 2026.

As for new livery versions of steam locomotive models using existing tooling, these include BR-era Stanier



▲ A computer render for the rebuilt Merchant Navy from new tooling.

◆ K1 No.2005 in pseudo-LNER Apple green.



Hornby RailRoad

Heading new releases being introduced as part of the manufacturer's budget range of models are new tooling versions of the BR Class 60 Co-Co diesel-electric, which is being produced in three guises of named locomotives, each of which is available as a standard model or with TX Triplex Sound fitted. The first prototype example entered service in 1990 and, since then, class members have carried many operators' liveries. The model versions being produced include 60 038 *Avesta Polarit* in EWS livery (standard model ref.R30535, £104.99; sound-fitted model ref.R30535TXS, £159.99). Next comes 60 069 *Humphrey Davy* in Trainload Freight Coal sector two-tone grey with yellow and black logo (standard ref.R30536, £104.99; sound-fitted ref.R30536TXS, £159.99). Finally, there is 60 039 *Dove Holes* in DB red (standard ref.R30537, £104.99; sound-fitted ref.R30537TXS, £159.99).

All are HM7000 21-pin decoder compatible, as well as having space for an additional ref.R7408 Enhanced Bass Speaker in the case of the sound-fitted models. They also incorporate directional lighting and all-wheel pick-up, along with separately fitted handrails, horns and exhaust, and have

brass axle bearings. All are slated for release in January 2027.

The RailRoad range also sees the return of the Riddles-designed BR Pacific No.71000 *Duke of Gloucester*. The model depicts it in its current main line condition of BR green with early emblem, and it is available either as a standard model (ref.R30520, RRP £219.99) or pre-fitted with TXS Triplex Sound (ref.R30520TXS, £274.99). Launch date is November 2026.

Also added to the new releases are further livery versions of the BR Class 66, the Co-Co diesel-electric locomotive that revolutionised the British rail freight sector from 1998. In 2000, a new Class 66/6 sub-class was created with a lower gear ratio allowing heavier trains to be hauled – and Hornby model ref.R30531 represents the first of these, 66 601, in its recent green & yellow 'Freightliner 60' anniversary livery. The standard model is priced £94.99, while the DCC TXS Triplex Sound model (ref.R30531TXS) is priced £149.99. The other Class 66 versions are 66 022 *Lafarge Charnwood* in EWS maroon & gold livery (standard ref.R30532, RRP £94.99; sound-fitted ref.R30532TXS, £149.99); and Colas Rail dark blue & orange-liveried 66 790 *Louise* (ref.R30533, £94.99;



▲ An engineering sample for the Gresley A4 from modified tooling. Photo: Callum Willcox

'Black Fives' No.45055 in lined black with early emblem (ref.R30484, RRP £249.99), and No.45473 in lined black with late crest and steam generator fitted (ref.R30475SS, RRP £329.99). Both models are due for release in June 2026.

Also wearing a new livery is BR 9F 2-10-0 No.92031 in unlined black with early emblem (ref.R30486, RRP £259.99), also being released in June.

In addition, LNER B12 4-6-0s now appear both as BR No.61516 in lined black with late crest (ref.R30501, RRP £239.99) and No.8572 in the LNER Apple green livery (ref.R30502, RRP £239.99) it carries in preservation.

Likewise, K1 Class Moguls now feature in the range as No.62046 in lined BR black with early emblem (ref.R30503, RRP £217.99) and as LNER No.2005 in the pseudo Apple green (ref.R30504, RRP £217.99) it wore during the 1980s when running on the Fort William-Mallaig section of the West Highland Line. All of these B12 and K1 versions are again due for release in June 2026.



▲ A computer render of the new tooling RailRoad Class 60.

◆ A digital mock-up of RailRoad No.71000 Duke of Gloucester in current condition.



sound-fitted ref.R30533TXS, £149.99). Expected launch date is May 2026.

Train sets

Regarded as the stand-out centrepiece of the 2026 range by Hornby is the sound-fitted 'Sovereign Pullman Digital Train Set' (ref.R1295TXSSM), which is described as "a premium, all-inclusive set" and is to be given a special presentation case complete with pull-out drawers for the various contents. Requiring use of the HM7000 free-to-download app for control, it comprises a smoke generator-fitted model of ex-LNER A4 Pacific No.60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley* in early BR blue with early emblem and without valances over the coupled wheels. The locomotive is also fitted with the TXS Triplex Sound system.

The set's full-length Pullman cars represent the K-type all-steel vehicles Kitchen First *lone* and First Class Parlour cars *Lucille* and *Zena* and, along with many separately fitted parts, they have working table lamps and sprung metal buffers. The set also includes circuits of track with both third radius and second radius curves, along with a siding and buffer stop, points pre-fitted with power clips for full layout control and an HM7000 power cable to provide track power. Also included is a Hornby track mat and a re-railer. The set has an RRP of £499.99 and an expected launch date of September 2026.

Train packs

One of the stand-out forthcoming Hornby train packs is a model of the Class 802-3 five-car bi-mode units run by Hull Trains in its blue livery with colourful vinyls, centre band and vermilion doors. The model will portray the first of the Hull Trains units to enter service in November 2019, 802 301, which, after a poll of the travelling public, was given the name *Amy Johnson*, after the Hull-born pioneering pilot. The model (ref.R30470, RRP £549.99) will have HM7000 digital capability if a 21-pin decoder (sold separately) is fitted, and the launch date is December 2026.

Diesel and electric locos

Prominent among announcements in this section is the ref.R30420 die-cast Hornby Dublo range model of the prototype English Electric-built DP1 *Deltic* in its National Railway Museum condition, this joining the BR era version that was announced in the February 2023 RM. A detailed model based on extensive research, it will

replicate the prototype as displayed at Locomotion, Shildon, with grey-painted chassis, steps and buffers, and with horns removed. Other features include a heavy die-cast chassis and body, and detailed cab interiors, with decorated controls and illuminated instrument dials. There are also directional head and tail lights, working cab lights, engine bay lighting and optional Mars safety lights. The model has physical switches on a blanking plug to control the various lighting configurations, and a magnetic roof cover to allow access to the 21-pin DCC decoder socket. The roof also has dual working roof fans with adjustable speed controls.

The model has a large coreless motor with two flywheels, dual bogie drive and pre-fitted 'sugar cube' speaker for easy digital conversion, as well as space for an HM7000 Enhanced Bass Speaker plus further space inside the fuel tank for an HM7000 Power Bank.

Another feature is a flange squeal sensor mounted in the bogies, which automatically detects when the loco is going around a curve and plays flange sounds dependent on speed – though this requires fitting of an HM7000 decoder. Fully compatible with the Hornby HM7000 app control system, a Deltic sound profile (ref.SD049) is available to download. Other detailing includes additional lamps in an accessory bag, hand-painted crew figures and etched plates, and the model arrives fitted to a display plinth. The RRP is £349.99 and the expected launch date is June 2026.

Also new to the range are two BR Class 56 Co-Co diesel-electric models fitted with TXS Triplex Sound. Model ref.R30480TXS represents 56 001 in original British Rail blue as a special 50th anniversary model, the class having been introduced between 1976 and 1984, with a total of 135 examples being built, 56 001 – 56 030 by Electroputere of Romania. The other sound-fitted Class 56 model (ref.R30481TXS) represents 56 047, one of the later locos built by British Rail Engineering Limited (BREL) at Doncaster and Crewe. This model portrays the locomotive in a later era wearing the Transrail 'Dutch' livery of grey & yellow with that operator's large 'T' circular blue, white & rail logo on its body sides. Both models are priced £294.99 and the launch date is June 2026.

New versions of diesel shunters include model ref.R30507, representing BR Class 08 shunter 08 593 in the Great Eastern Railway-style dark blue lined red livery, with early British



▲ BR Class 08 shunter D3760 in Great Eastern Railway-style dark blue.



▲ Somerset & Dorset farewell tour locomotive pack with *Bude* and *Biggin Hill*.

Railways emblems, red rods and white, cursive handwriting-style *Colchester TMD* depot name, as well as pre-TOPS BR number of D3760, that it carried after being reallocated to Colchester from Swansea in the 1990s. This model has an RRP of £199.99.

Other new-liveried diesel shunter models represent the diminutive Ruston 88DS 0-4-0s. Ref.R30514 depicts 97 088 in preservation-era pseudo-Loadhaul black & orange livery, while ref.R30515 is in a green colour scheme, lined in yellow with 'GLENCHIL YEAST FACTORY' lettering and with the cab sides also bearing a company crest. The RRP quoted for both of these models is £124.99. The expected launch date of all three diesel shunters is July 2026.

Special releases

Heading the Special Releases models is a limited edition, new tooling model – produced under 'The Great Railway Engineers Collection' branding – of the LNER A4 streamlined Pacific No.4498 *Sir Nigel Gresley* in Garter blue livery with valances over the wheels and silver lettering, helping to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of its namesake designer as part of the 'Gresley 150' celebrations (ref.R30555, RRP £259.99).

Also being released under the same branding is a model of a rival prototype commemorating 'Stanier 150' – as the LMS loco designer William Stanier was also born in 1876. This Hornby model of LMS No.6220 *Coronation* will carry the streamlined casing in the striking livery of blue with silver horizontal stripes (ref.R30556, RRP £284.99). Both models have an expected launch date of August 2026.

Meanwhile, a Club Exclusive special edition produced under 'BR Battle of Britain & West Country 60th Anniversary Twin Train Pack' branding is intended to mark this year's commemorations of the closure of the former Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway routes in 1966. The twin pack, ref.R30483, comprises BR Southern Region Bulleid Battle of Britain Pacific No.34057 *Biggin Hill* and West Country Pacific No.34006 *Bude* in

the BR lined green, late crest livery in which they hauled the 1966 Somerset & Dorset farewell tour. The twin pack has an RRP of £399.99 and again the expected release date is August 2026.

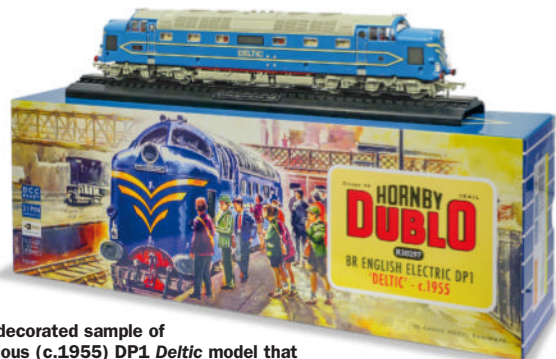
Another tour duo represented in a special twin pack – and this time marking an occasion which took place much further afield – is the 'LNER Flying Scotsman & GWR Pendennis Castle in Australia Twin Pack' (ref.R30465). It is designed to commemorate the landmark event in 1989 when the famous loco No.4472 *Flying Scotsman* operated in Western Australia alongside ex-GWR Castle Class loco No.4079 *Pendennis Castle*, with the models appearing in Australia tour guise with electric headlamps fitted. The twin pack has a price of £499.99 and is due to be launched in September 2026.

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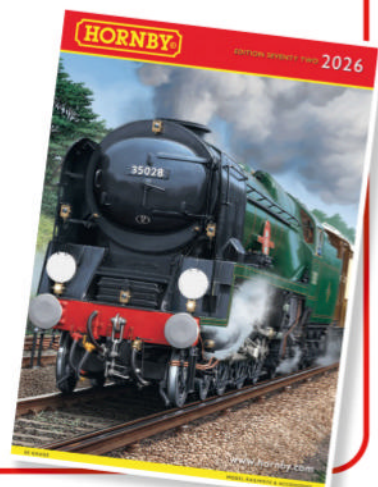
The preceding report has covered the key new tooling releases and highlights from the 2026 programme. However, full details of the Hornby 2026 range of OO gauge models will be included in the manufacturer's latest catalogue (ref.R8166), which is available from Hornby stockists at £10.99, and from the Hornby website.

Details of new releases for the Hornby TT:120 range will be published later in the year.

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▲ A decorated sample of the previous (c.1955) DP1 *Deltic* model that was announced in 2023. Photo: Callum Willcox



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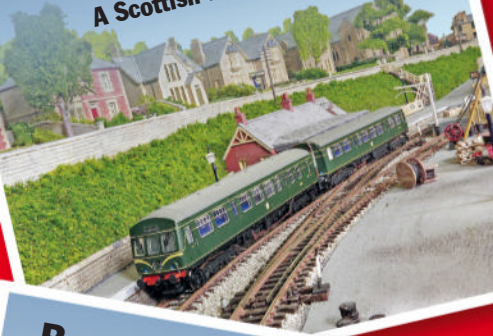
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Limited edition Pearson & Co. wagon in O

Nick Willcox, one of the organisers of the Severn Valley Railway annual O Gauge Get Together, has hailed the success of the 2025 event.

A raffle supported by manufacturers including Dapol and Ellis Clark Trains raised £1,800 for the SVR, which is to be put towards Kidderminster platform extension work.

As reported in the October 2025 issue of RAILWAY MODELLER, a limited edition O gauge wagon with a local angle was commissioned from Dapol, with Private Owner branding for Pearson & Co. Coal Merchants, one of a number of such businesses which traded from the Kidderminster goods yard (the site of today's Severn Valley Railway Kidderminster station), with Pearson's operating from 1900 to 1948. With model numbers limited to 60 in total, the red wagon with white lettering sold well, but Nick says there are still a few left, giving those who have layouts based in the West Midlands the chance to acquire a unique wagon that,



unlike those representing larger concerns, is unlikely to be repeated in ready-to-run format.

The wagons are available at £55.00 each, including post and packing, by emailing: harry.bradley@svrlive.com

This year's Get Together will take place on the weekend of 17 & 18 October 2026.

'Show within a show' at Swindon MODRAIL 2026

Saturday 7 March will see the Swindon MODRAIL 2026 event taking place at the STEAM Museum of the Great Western, in Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon SN2 2EY – and as well as the main exhibition featuring around 20 British and Continental layouts, there will also be a narrow gauge-focused 'exhibition within an exhibition' organised by Christopher Payne.

This NEW NG section (standing for North East Wiltshire Narrow Gauge) will comprise nine layouts in various scales, namely *Tusk Quarry and Stonebridge Wharf* (SM32); *Yellow Ridge Uranium Mine* (Gn15); *Cactus Creek Silver Mine* (On18); *Tony's Forest* (O-14); *Saiih ar Hugain* (Sn2); *Gosodiad Bach, Hawkridge, Melin Dolrhyd* (featured in RM, December 2021) and *Mynydd y Ddraig* (OO9), plus modelling demonstrations and society and trade stands.

The combined exhibition will run from 10:00-16:30 and the cost of admission is adults £8.00 and under-16s free. Note that admission to the STEAM Museum itself is neither included nor required to visit the exhibition, but the museum will be offering discounted entry to exhibition visitors. For further details about MODRAIL 2026, see the Societies &



▲ *Melin Dolrhyd* in OO9. Photo: Andrew Burnham

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www.swindonmodelrailwayclub.com

Michael Foster 1941-2025

Since the passing in April 2025 of Michael Foster – the man who researched and wrote the landmark book Hornby Dublo Trains, made from scratch around 250 Dublo-style OO gauge LNER V2s and wrote the five volumes of British Toy Trains – tributes have appeared in a number of collectors' group journals. This tribute is a distillation of some of those:

Born in 1941, Michael was by profession an Exploration Drilling Engineer whose expertise took him to many parts of the world. In all he spent 50 years working in mineral exploration and diamond core drilling, working in over 50 countries. However, it is for his work in the field of toy and model trains that he is best remembered. It began in the late 1960s when, following his marriage to wife Yvonne, he was introduced by his father-in-law to vintage O gauge locomotives built by Bing for Bassett-Lowke.

Michael started researching the history of early models and collecting O gauge locomotives including Bassett-Lowke Compounds and Hornby items. However, he then found that vintage Hornby solid steel track was either hard to come by or cost more than he could afford. He therefore decided to make his own and approached Peco founder Sydney Pritchard for advice. Although Sydney believed there was 'no market for this old three-rail track', he sent Michael a sample of nickel silver and stainless steel Code 200 Gauge 1 track, which was practically identical. All that was then needed was to tool up a sleeper – and Michael wanted the centre chair separate so there was the option of either two-rail or three-rail. The tooling cost was quite a big investment at £2,000, but it paid off. People could have rustproof rail sections with much improved electrical contact. A total of over 30 linear miles of this track was supplied to enthusiasts all over the world.

Points were initially a problem as there were insufficient orders to make tooling up and production viable, so they were handmade by people including John Pentney,

Tom Guest and Ron Fraser and, although they were expensive to buy, many indoor and outdoor layouts around the world continue to use them.

It was after being given a batch of Hornby Dublo catalogues that Michael gained inspiration to begin writing about that company. With help from his friends Antony Bianco, Alan Ellis, Dr John Marr and John Callow, he put his whole heart and soul into the book he will always be remembered for: *Hornby Dublo Trains 1938-1964. The Story of the Perfect Table Railway*. First published in 1980 by New Cavendish Books, this covered the manufacturer's range in extraordinary detail and is believed to be the most popular model railway book ever published, with sales exceeding 50,000 copies. It was followed by his *Hornby Companion Series* in the early 1980s.

For well over 50 years, Michael was renowned as a 'legend' in the hobby who freely passed on his knowledge to many other modellers and collectors.

In 2008 Michael was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. Fortunately, with the love and support of his family, and particularly his wife Yvonne, Michael's health began slowly to improve and they enjoyed a further 17 happy years together. A full 30 years after his first book was published, Michael wrote and published a series of five lavishly illustrated books, under the overall heading of *British Toy Trains*, covering the products of lesser-known British makers such as Whitanco, Chad Valley, Palitoy and Wells-Brimtoy.

Latterly Michael was Honorary Vice President of the Hornby Railway Collectors' Association.

Michael passed away at home, with his wife and family around him, on 27 April 2025. He will be sadly missed by his widow Yvonne, his daughter Caroline, his son Andrew, his stepsons Mark and David – and the many railway modellers and collectors whom he inspired over the years.

Societies & Clubs

The following announcements are included in good faith from information provided by the organisers. As cancellations are sometimes inevitable, anyone travelling to a listed live event should contact the organiser first. The publishers cannot accept any responsibility for cancellations or errors. RAILWAY MODELLER is published on the second Thursday of the preceding month, and notifications sent via email to clubs@railwaymodeller.co.uk are required six weeks prior to publication date. Entries must include the organiser's email or website and/or a telephone number.

MAY 2026 issue deadline: MARCH 1st

LIVE EVENTS

Friday 13 & Saturday 14 February MODEL RAIL 2026

SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne & Wear

Organiser: The Salvation Army, South Shields.
Venue: The Salvation Army, Wawn Street, South Shields, Tyne and Wear NE33 4EB.
Open: Friday 1300-2000
Saturday 1000-1700

Admission: adults £5.00, all U16s free (cash-only venue – Salvation Army is a Christian Church and registered charity and this exhibition helps to raise funds for community work locally).
Amenities: venue is near Hedworth Hall, 5 mins from Chichester Metro station. Disabled-friendly event with level access to all areas of the building. Refreshments available.

Features: wide range of layouts, including a battery-operated layout that youngsters can run. Plus traders selling model rail accessories.

Contact: 01914 553710.

Email: south.shields@salvationarmy.org.uk

Website: www.salvationarmy.org.uk/south-shields

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SouthShieldsSA/

Saturday 14 February BIGGLESWADE, Bedfordshire

Organiser: East Bedfordshire MRS Show.
Venue: Stratton School, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade SG18 8JB.

Open: 1000-1630

Admission: adults £7.00, concessions £6.00, children £3.00, family £17.00, U5s free. Note: cash only for entry.

Amenities: free parking. Nearest station is Biggleswade, which is 15 mins' walk from the venue. Refreshments available.

Features: over 15 layouts of various gauges, plus trade support and society stands.

Contact: Bob Harold, 01462 732978.

Email: aisgill@hotmail.com

Website: www.ebmrs.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/2470834033067778/

Saturday 14 February HEYWOOD, Lancashire

Organiser: Heywood Model Railway Group.

Venue: Unit 4, River Street, Heywood, Lancashire OL10 4AB.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: £3.00 per adult, accompanied children free. Donations welcome.

Amenities: free parking. Wheelchair access. Refreshments.

Features: open day for club test tracks in N, O09, O0 and O gauge. Run own locos. Shop.

Contact: Phil Evans by emailing:

phil_evans@sky.com

Website: <https://www.hmrg.net/>

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 February BOURNEMOUTH, Dorset

Organiser: East Dorset N Gauge Group.

Venue: Kinson Community Centre, Pelhams Park, Millhams Road BH10 7LH.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: adults £8.00, U16s £1.00.

Amenities: free car parking with dedicated disabled parking bays, plus street parking nearby. Venue is also served by More bus routes 5, 5A, 6A, 11, 14, 32 & 36, with the stop two

mins' walk from the community centre. There is disabled access to all areas. On-site café is available offering hot & cold refreshments.

Features: layouts incl: *Goathorn* (7mm scale); *Awreville Diesel Depot, Box Metals, Brewery Lane, Croscombe* (O); *Gamma Silo Rotatory* (On30); *Bristol Harbour, Carlyon Dock, Ditchheat Junction, Milford on Sea, The Depot at the End of Time* (O0); *Feòrag, Llanfair Rhyd* (O09); *Autenbak* (HO); *Buxton* (2mm scale); *Benbridge, Ins & Outs, Karlisle, Lisworth Bay, Moor Boxes, Penworth, Sarah's Falls, Sillhurst, Sturminster Newton, Thomas and Friends, White Meadow Quarry* (N).
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www.facebook.com/p/East-Dorset-N-Gauge-Group-100087045083109/

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 February CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, Derbyshire

Organiser: New Mills & District Railway Modellers (NMDRM)

Venue: Chapel-en-le-Frith Leisure Centre, Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derby SK23 0TQ.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1630

Admission: adults £8.00, acpd children free.
Amenities: free parking, wheelchair access. Refreshments available.

Features: 17 layouts plus four demonstrators as well as trade & society stands.

Email: exhibition@nmdrm.co.uk

Website: www.nmdrm.co.uk

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 February WESTON-SUPER-MARE, North Somerset

Organiser: Burnham & District MRC.

Venue: Priory Community School, Queens Way, Weston-Super-Mare BS22 6BP.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £8.00, children free.

Amenities: free parking, step-free access, on-site catering and light catering.

Features: 20-plus layouts including: *G scale demo* (45mm gauge); *Clement Street, Crossways Wagon Works* (O); *Yard No.2* (P4); *Clevedon WCP, Quarry Lane or Western Loading* (TBC) (EM); *Beggarwood, Gorton Lane, Hagbourne Road, Iron Mould Lane, Lockdown Fen, Nictun Borrud, Rocket, Tellindaloch in Autumn* (O0); *Devil's Bridge, Hergest, A Bygones Weekend at Tan-y-Bwlch Station, Tarrant Valley Railway* (O09); *Horse Creek, Nucor Steel* (HO); *Kleine Albula* (HOm); *Bridge Street, Corrou Moor* (N); plus *Inglenook Shunting Challenge*; also EM Gauge Society stand and 12 other trade stands.
Contact: Exhibition Manager Mark Savage using email address below.
Email: burnhammrcshow@gmail.com

Website: <https://bmdrc.co.uk/weston-super-mare-2026/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/p/Burnham-Model-Railway-Club-100086744415846/

Sunday 15 February PORTREATH, Cornwall

Event: Fundraising Model Railway Exhibition in aid of Portreath Pre-school.

Organiser: Camborne Railway Modelling Group.

Venue: The Millennium Hall, 3 Penberthy Road, Portreath, Redruth, Cornwall TR16 4LP.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: £3.00 with U5s admitted free. Proceeds to running of Portreath Pre-school.

Amenities: refreshments available.

Features: layouts in a variety of scales and eras. Plus local trade support.

Contact: Wayne Sharrocks, 07469 944847.

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cambornerrailwaymodellergroup@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/p/Camborne-Railway-Modelling-Group-6157796642111/

Sunday 15 February 'WARLEY AT HOME' WINTER OPEN DAY OLDBURY, West Midlands

Organiser: Warley Model Railway Club.

Venue: The Clubrooms, Unit 1F Pearsall Drive, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 2RA.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: free, but donations welcome.

Amenities: light refreshments available to purchase and seating where visitors and members can discuss common interests.

Features: annual winter Open Day of the Warley Club, featuring working layouts in most popular scales, including members' layouts, layouts under construction, the Club library, demos, a members' bring & buy stand and the opportunity to see facilities available to members, and to meet with club members.

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Website: www.warley-mrc.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/warleyatstatfold/

Wednesday 18 February LONG WITTENHAM, Oxfordshire

Event: Junior Model Making Day.

Organiser: Pendon Museum.

Venue: Pendon Museum, High Street, Long Wittenham, Abingdon OX14 4QD.

Open: both days 1100-1600

Admission: adults £8.00, over 60s & students £7.00, children aged 5-16 £6.00, under-5s free, family groups (2+2) £24.00. Free entry for Individual or Family Friends of Pendon.

Amenities: small free car park. Limited public transport. First floor with *Madder Valley Railway* and *Dartmoor Scene* Gallery is fully accessible with disabled parking space and accessible toilet – view for young children and wheelchair users is restricted but periscopes available. Second floor with Vale Gallery is on a ramp, with stairlift. Shop and light refreshments.

Features: programmed for the half-term holiday, junior modelling drop-in sessions will run from 1100-1530 for children aged 6-14 and are included with the price of admission. Sessions are run by expert modellers who are part of the Pendon team and last approximately half an hour. Each participant will work on their own small diorama to take home. Sessions on a first-come, first-served basis while space is available – ask at reception to be allocated a timed ticket on arrival (note that each child must be accompanied by an adult). Also opening of attractions including *The Vale Scene* and *Dartmoor Scene* layouts, plus John Ahern's pioneering *Madder Valley Railway* on static display.
Email: info@pendonmuseum.com

Website: www.pendonmuseum.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pendonmuseum/?locale=en_GB

Saturday 21 February DEREHAM, Norfolk

Organiser: Mid-Norfolk Rly Preservation Trust.

Venue: Dereham Memorial Hall, 62a Norwich Street, Dereham, Norfolk NR19 1AD.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £6.00, concessions £5.00, accompanied children free.

Amenities: free parking at Dereham station (5-min walk away). Refreshments available.

Features: layouts in a variety of scales, trade and society stands, model engineering displays and modelling demonstrations. Full-size trains from Dereham station for additional charge.

Contact: James Oakley via email address.

Email: james.oakley@mnr.org.uk

Website: www.midnorfolkrailway.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/midnorfolkrailway/

Saturday 21 February RISEK 2026 MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION PRINCES RISBOROUGH, Buckinghamshire

Organiser: Risborough & District MRC.

Features: Wades Centre, Wades Park, Stratton Road, Princes Risborough HP27 9AX.

Open: 1000-1630

Admission: adults (18-plus) £7.00, children (5-17) £1.00.

Amenities: disabled access to venue. Light refreshments available.

Features: local layouts plus demonstrators, club stand, trade support & society stands.

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Website: www.rdmrc.org.uk

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Saturday 21 February KENAVON (EAST READING) MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION READING, Berkshire

Organiser: Kenavon Railway Society in support of the Cholsey & Wallingford Railway.

Venue: The Warehouse, 1a Cumberland Road, Reading RG1 3LB.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £5.00, seniors £4.00, children £2.50, families £11.00.

Amenities: limited parking in the church car park off Norwood Road, or alternatively, 3 hours' free parking is available at Palmer Park Stadium (10 mins' walk away) or in the pay and display at the Hope and Bear. Reading Buses route Nos.4, X4, 12, 13, 14, 127 & 128, Carousel 850 (Henley/Marlow/High Wycombe) and Rail Air RA1 all stop nearby. The hall is wheelchair accessible. Refreshments available.

Features: layouts incl: *Quarry View* (O – featured in RAILWAY MODELLER February 2025); *Express Daisy Sidings* (featured in RM November 2025), *Horsebridge Wharf* (EM); *Egham Hill, Rossiter Rise* (London Underground layout), *Wallingford* (O0); *Klein Schmalitz* (HO); *Falschezahne* (HOe); *Los Tanimals* (N); plus layouts from North Downs Model Railway Circle in café area. Trade stands.

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Website: <https://standingrichard.wixsite.com/kenavon/exhibition-copy>

Saturday 21 February ROWLEY REGIS, West Midlands

Organiser: Lynton Rail for Shropshire/West Midlands (Lynton & Barnstaple Railway West Midlands Group).

Venue: Blackheath Methodist Church, High Street, Blackheath, Rowley Regis B65 0EH.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £5.00, children free.

Amenities: free car parking and exhibition access via Payne Street & John Street. Nearest railway stations are Rowley Regis or Old Hill, around half a mile away. Venue has disabled access. Café available.

Features: exhibition raising funds for church and Lynton & Barnstaple Railway Midland Group, with layouts incl: *Oatland Park* (G); *St Margarets* (7mm scale); *Halfway* (O-16.5/NG7); *Bitfield, Jutland Street, Plas Danny* (O0); *Upsold and Down Tram Museum* (12mm gauge); *Aron Addition, Glan-yr-Afon, Llenchan Hardd* (O09); *Sunshine, Westbury* (Hornby Dublo 3-rail); plus *Chiles Farm* layout, *Brio Play* layout as well as several society and trade stands.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066750483816

Saturday 21 February TONBRIDGE MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION TONBRIDGE, Kent

Organiser: Tonbridge Model Railway Club.

Venue: Angel Centre, Angel Lane, TN9 1SF.

Open: 1000-1700

Admission: adults £8.00, acpd U16s free.

Amenities: venue is next to Sainsbury's, just off the High Street, 5 minutes from Tonbridge main line station. There is council car parking at Angel Centre, buses through adjacent High Street, disabled access into and through Centre (except for the stage of one hall), and refreshments provided on site.

Features: 22 layouts across various scales and gauges, including: *Haydon Square* E1 (O); *Wittenden* (TMRC) (O-16.5/NG7 & O9); *Ouse Wharf* (P4); *Express Daisy Sidings, Lochty, Surrey Arms* (EM); *Albert Street Parcels, Dublingham Goods Station, Ettington Verso, Fence House NCB,*

Folly Lane, London Road Sidings, Penmaenbach, Roshven, Tellindalloch, The Victory (00); Lochtern Quay (009); Neuhausen (HO); Hallam Town (2mm); Brunswik, Moors View (N). Plus two hands-on layouts. Trade & society stands.
Contact: 01959 523840.
Website: www.tonbridgemrc.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/tonbridgemrc
Instagram: instagram.com/tonbridgemrc
X/Twitter: x.com/tonbridgemrc

Saturday 21 February

YALDING, Maidstone, Kent
Organiser: Kent Area Group of the Scalefour Association.

Venue: Yalding Station, Hampstead Lane, Yalding ME18 6HN.

Open: 1000-1700

Admission: free but donations welcome.

Amenities: the model group has permanent use of a room for its large layout at Yalding railway station on the Medway Valley Line. The station and all trains that call are operated by Southeastern. For motorists there is also parking available. Open day is held in connection with the Tonbridge show (see above) so both can be visited on the same day. Teas, coffees and cakes – donations for these appreciated.

Features: group exhibiting its P4 model *Eridge*, a station on the London-Uckfield-Lewes line with the layout set in the 1950s/1960s period. The layout is to exact scale and is 26' long plus fiddle yards. Intensive service based on the late 1950s timetable. Extensive stock based on Brighton, SE&CR, Southern and BR periods.

Email: simoncbass@hotmail.com

Website:

www.scalefour.org/areagroups/kent.htm

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 February HIGHBRIDGE, Somerset

Event: Annual Model Railway Exhibition.

Organiser: Sedgemoor Gauge O Group.

Venue: The King Alfred School & Academy, Burnham Road, Highbridge, Somerset TA9 3EE.
Open: Saturday 1000-1630
Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: adults £7.00, acpd U14s free.

Amenities: free car parking plus level site for visitors with limited mobility. Refreshments.

Features: 10-plus layouts and trade stands.

Contact: Barrie Baker, 07843 623161.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/

groups/925593368340302/

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 February LINCOLN & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION 2026

Organiser: Lincoln & District Model Railway Club sponsored by ttdiecast.com, Bomber County Models & The UK Model Shop Directory.

Venue: Country Assembly Rooms, Balgate, Lincoln LN1 3AR.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: adults £5.00, U16s free with a paying adult.

Amenities: venue is in the cathedral quarter of Lincoln. Plenty of parking around the city. Walk and ride bus available from the railway station, which is in the centre of the city.

Features: 17 layouts in various scales, some of them being debuted at this event. Traders, demonstrators & society stands.

Email: sean.exhmanager.ldmrc@outlook.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/

groups/418194484977137/

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 February 2026 TENTERDEN MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

TENTERDEN, Kent

Organiser: Ashford Model Railway Club.

Venue: Homewood School, Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6LT.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: adults £6.00, concessions £5.00, children £3.00, U5s free, family of 4 £15.00.

Amenities: free parking & disabled access available. Refreshments.

Features: show under new management with two halls of layouts and trade stands.

Contact: 01233 647066.

Email: info@ashfordmrc.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/AshfordMRC/

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 February YORK AGAINST CANCER MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

YORK, North Yorkshire

Organiser: Ebor Group of Railway Modellers.

Venue: Holy Trinity Church Hall, Melrosegate, Heworth, York YO31 0RP.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: adults £5.00, children free.

Amenities: on-street parking nearby. Limited disabled access but venue has toilet facilities. Refreshments by the York Against Cancer team.

Features: around 7 layouts in various gauges, including a children's interactive 00 gauge layout, with layout design by Paul Lunn. Plus demos, trade stands and Ebor Group shop.

Contact: John Farrall, 07899 861943.

Email: farrall59@btinternet.com

Website: www.yorkeborgroup.simdif.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/

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Sunday 22 February

HEANOR, Derbyshire

Organiser: Ilkeston (Woodside) MRC.

Venue: Heanor Miners' Welfare, Ilkeston Road, Heanor, Derbyshire DE75 7DT.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £5.00, acpd U16s free.

Amenities: event will be signposted and venue is off the A6007 Ilkeston-Heanor road. There is free car parking and disabled access, plus a café and a bar.

Features: numerous layouts including: *Lochgorm*, *Shauns Layout*, *Thomas & Friends*, *Wagon Repair Sidings* (00); *Hampshire Hills Tramway* (HO); plus trade support, club stall and free magazines plus a warm welcome.

Contact: Organiser Pete Abbott, 07930 909571.

Website: www.ilkestonwoodsidemrc.co.uk

Sunday 22 February

UFFCULME, Devon

Organiser: Culm Valley Model Railway Club.

Venue: Old Well Garden Centre, Waterloo Cross, Uffculme, Cullompton EX15 3ES.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: free but donations welcome.

Amenities: garden centre with parking located close to Junction 27 of M5 just off A38. 'Railway Room' is adjacent to top car park.

Features: 60 years of steam and diesel traction on *Tiverton Junction* (30' long 00 gauge model) plus *Soldor*, home to a little blue engine, driven by visitors. Club layouts.

Website: www.cvmrc.weebly.com/

tiverton-junction.html

Saturday 28 February

EUROPEAN EXHIBITION

LONGBRIDGE, Birmingham

Organiser: The European Railways Association.

Venue: Austin Social Club, Tessall Lane, Longbridge, Birmingham B31 2SF.

Open: 1030-1630

Admission: adults £9.00, accompanied children free, families £15.00. Note: no unaccompanied children permitted.

Amenities: access from M42 and M5; large free car park accessible from Longbridge Lane and Tessall Lane; disabled access; catering.

Features: 20 layouts incl: *Fürenalpbahn* (Austrian Oe); *St Pankraz* (Austrian), *La Camrienne* (French), *Altenburger*, *Dreileben* (both German) (HO); *Lottenbirge* (German HO & HOe); *Aix-en-Pains* (French), *Santa Maria* (Swiss) (HOm); *Gare Sainte-Marie* (French), *Kaninchenbau* (Alpine), *Ulvaryd Strand* (Swedish), *Vögelsbach* (Austrian) (HOe); *Streifhohe* (German/Swiss N+Nm); *Allegra* (Swiss), *St Frazal d'Ardeche* (French) (Nm); *Verneuil-Hes-Vignes*, *La Gare de Saint Claude* (both French), *Sellraintal* (Austria), *Mühlenfelder*, *Spatenbrau Brücke* (both German) (N). Plus two demonstrators and German, French, Swiss, Italian, Benelux, and Scandinavian railway societies, as well as trade support.

Contact: Exhibition Manager Colin Capell, 0121 475 4256 or 07748 410164.

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org/?locale=en_GB

Saturday 28 February-Sunday 1 March MIDLANDS GARDEN RAILWAY SHOW LEAMINGTON SPA, Warwickshire

Organiser: Meridienne Exhibitions Ltd.

Venue: Warwickshire Event Centre, A425, Southam Road, Leamington Spa CV31 1FE (on the junction of the A425/B4455 – Southam Road visitor entrance sat nav CV31 1FE).

Open: both days 1000-1600 (with last admission one hour before closing).

Admission: adults £13.00, senior citizens £12.00, children (5-14) £5.00. (Tickets available in advance via the website or can be purchased on the day from the ticket office).

Amenities: free visitor car park, designated parking area for Blue Badge holders. Disabled facilities. Restaurant & coffee shop.

Features: the larger gauges of G scale, 16mm scale Gauge 1, 0 and more. There will be over 15 layouts including: *Blackgang IOW* (Gauge 3); *Streety Road Short Heath* (1:16 scale model trams); *G Scale Publicity Layout*, *Thomas's Trackway*, *Loft City Central Railway* (Vintage Playmobil) (G); *16mm Association Modular Layout*, *Rhydyrgwernen* (SM32); *Carding Road*, *Gauge 1 Vintage Tinplate Trains Group Layout* (Gauge 1); *Lough Motive Power Depot* (7mm Fine Scale); *Barley End*, *Halesfield TMD* (O); plus nearly 40 specialist trade supplier & society stands. Check website for updates.

Website: www.midlandsgardenrailshow.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MeridienneEx/

Sunday 1 March

CHESHAM, Buckinghamshire

Organiser: Chesham Model Railway Club.

Venue: White Hill Centre, White Hill, Chesham, Bucks HP5 1AG.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults (no concessions) £6.00, children (aged 4-16 inclusive) £3.00, U4s free.

Amenities: limited parking on site but plenty of parking nearby (see club website). Chesham on Underground Metropolitan Line is nearby.

Features: layouts, club second-hand stall, children's activities plus trade support.

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Email: enquiries@chesham-mrc.co.uk

Website: www.chesham-mrc.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/

cheshammodelrailwayclub/

Saturday 7 March

DEAL, Kent

Organiser: East Kent Model Railway Society.

Venue: The Landmark Centre, 129 High Street, Deal, Kent CT14 6BB.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £7.00, children (5-16) £1.00, U5s free, family ticket £12.00.

Amenities: venue is at the northern end of Deal High Street, with public car parks within 5 mins' walk. Deal railway station is also a short walk away. Buses stop close by. Café. A small lift is available.

Features: first exhibition to be held by East Kent Model Railway Society in Deal, with 20 layouts and up to 12 traders set out in the centre's three main rooms on the ground and first floors. Layouts will be from members of EKMSR, and the Elham Valley, River, Isle of Thanet and Gravesend clubs, as well as individuals. 2026 limited edition wagon launch at the event.

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Saturday 7 March

MODRIL 2026, INCLUDING NEW NG

SWINDON, Wiltshire

Organiser: Swindon Model Railway Club.

Venue: STEAM Museum of the Great Western, Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon, SN2 2EY.

Open: 1000-1630

Admission: adults £8.00, acpd U16s free. Note that admission to the STEAM Museum is not included and is not required to visit the exhibition. However, the museum will be offering a combined discounted entry to show visitors.

Amenities: venue is located next to the Great Western Designer Outlet, Swindon, and parking is in the designer outlet car park. It is also 10 minutes' walk from the bus & railway station, and bus services call at the designer outlet.

Disabled accessible. Refreshments on site.

Features: in the main exhibition, around 20 layouts representing British and Continental railways, incl: *Wood Street* (O); *Abbots Morton*, *Avebury*, *Battle Station*, *Box Metals*, *Charlton*, *Don't Tell The Wife*, *Dukesbury*, *Marlborough*, *Melton Park Crossing*, *Sunshine From The Cotswolds*, *Trelinros* (OO); *Memory Lane* (Homy Dublo 3-rail drive it yourself layout for the young and young at heart); *Autenbak*, *Ruhr Crisis* (HO); *Jäger Straßenbahn* or alternative (HOm); *Mustoes Mill* (3mm scale); *Bovington Junction*, *Demo Stand*, *Sans Souci*, *T Track Demo* (N). This year the event will also include NEW NG – North East Wiltshire Narrow Gauge – co-ordinated by Christopher Payne as an 'exhibition within the exhibition' and comprising 9 layouts in various scales: *Tusk Quarry* and *Stonebridge Wharf* (SM32); *Yellow Ridge Uranium Mine* (Gn15); *Cactus Creek Silver Mine* (On18); *Tony's Forest* (O-14); *Saith ar Hugain* (Sn2); *Gosodiad Bach*, *Hawkridge*, *Melin Dolrhyd* (featured in RAILWAY MODELLER, December 2021), *Mynydd y Ddraig* (OO9); plus demos and society & trade stands.

Contact: Ian Burbridge, 07880 654755.

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MODRIL 2026 details.

cp@portpyn.com for NEW NG details.

Website: www.swindonmodelrailwayclub.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/

swindonmodelrailwayclub/

Saturday 7 March

WOMBOURNE 2026 SPRING RAILX

WOMBOURNE, South Staffordshire

Organiser: Midarc Promotions.

Venue: Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, South Staffs WV5 9HA.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £8.00, U16s free.

Amenities: free parking on site, with other car parks within 5 mins' walk. Bus Nos.15 & 16 from Wolverhampton, Stourbridge or Mery Hill stop within a few minutes' walk of the venue. The Civic Centre also has disabled access & facilities. Light refreshments available.

Features: layouts incl: *Falcon Travel*, *Dunnerholme Sidings*, *Cannon Bay*, *Twill Ligoden*, *Little Simonsby*, *Apple Lane TMD*, *Domitti Lane*, *Penlee Harbour*, *New Field TMD*, *Peters Lane*, *Brio Zoo*, *Southbridge*, *Salverton*, *Tallylyn Railway*, *Bedford St Giles*, *Brocolitia*, *Ivegill Cross*, *Bearhunt*, *Diorama Corner*, *Tenbury Wells*. Plus trade & society stands.

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Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 March

ABRIL 2026

ABINGDON, Oxfordshire

Organiser: Abingdon & District Model Railway Club.

Venue: Abingdon & Witney College, Wootton Road, Abingdon OX14 1GG.

Open: Saturday 1030-1700

Sunday 1030-1630

(with advance booking, entry is from 1000 both days – to pre-book visit www.abrail.org.uk/ticketing/railway-modeller)

Admission: adults – pre-booked plus booking fee: £13.00; on the day: £16.00; with up to two acpd children able to enter free.

Amenities: free parking. Regular bus services from Didcot and Oxford. Disabled access. Refreshments available.

Features: 50 layouts incl: *Rainbow Rock* (Gn15); *Cowley Yard*, *Newchapel Junction* (O); *Blackfriars Bridge*, *Market Bosworth*, *Sandsifters*, *Wantage Tramway* (P4); *Barnard Castle*, *Horsebridge Wharf*, *Incyhra Paper Mill*, *Kinnundy*, *Sheepcroft* (EM); *Artist's Valley*, *Bottom of the Barrel*, *Dorehill* St Stephens, *Duxbury*, *Eardley Mor Halt*, *Eastgate Harbour*, *Ettington Verso*, *Funville*, *Helston?*, *Manston Airport*, *North Cornwall Brewery*, *OO Live Steam Roadshow*, *Rye Sands*, *Silverbury*, *Sodor Island*, *Stanhope Brewery*, *Wellbridge*, *Wendover*, *Wheal Imogen* (OO); *Hergest* (OO & OO9); *Tan y Bwlch* (OO9); *Atherley Narrows*, *Pine Bluffs Freight Yard*, *Wolffstall* (HO); *Heybridge Wharf* (3mm); *Buxton*, *Corrieshalloch*, *Golden Mile*, *Lambourn* (2mm Fine Scale); *Ashfield*, *Bridge Street*, *Brinklow*, *Dawlish Warren*, *Fredstone Lane*, *Hatch End*, *Holgate*, *Mildford*, *Moor Boxes* (N); plus live steam rides outside. Trade support.

Contact: use email address below or online

form on event website contact page.
Email: abrail@admrc.org.uk
Website: www.abrail.org.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/AbingdonMRC/

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 March

BIRTLEY, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear
Organiser: Birtley Model Railway Engineers.
Venue: Birtley Community Centre, Ravensworth Rd, Birtley, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear DH3 1EN.
Open: Saturday 1000-1600
Sunday 1000-1600
Admission: adults £6.00, U16s free.
Amenities: full disabled access on ground floor & stair lift to first floor. Refreshments all day.
Features: various layouts plus static displays and trade stands.
Contact: Michael Hedley, 07806 323860
Email: michaelhedley@gmail.com
Website: www.birtleycommunitycentre.co.uk/projects-8-1
Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/737079663164996/

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 March SCALEFOUR 50TH JUBILEE WEEKEND DERBY, Derbyshire

Organiser: The Scalefour Society.
Venue: The Derby Conference Centre, London Road, Alvaston, Derby DE24 8UX.
Open: both days 1100-1700
Admission: members free, non-members £5.00.
Amenities: venue is located off the A6 & A52, with ample free on-site parking and 12 EV charging points. It is 5 minutes by taxi from Derby railway station and 15 minutes by car from East Midlands Airport.
Features: to celebrate its Golden Jubilee, the Scalefour Society is holding this one-off members' weekend at the Derby Conference Centre which will also be open to non-members. It will be in the form of an enlarged 'skills day', with over 30 demonstrations or clinics organised around three main headings: Learning Skills; Repair Shop; and Mutual Improvement. See finescale modelling, learn new things with the demonstrators, have a go with expert advice or watch the trains in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. There will be a small selection of layouts, including *Bodmin*, built by the North London Group of the Society, and with parts of it as old as the Society itself, plus the Society Stores.
Email: enquiries@scalefour.org
Website: www.scalefour.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/events/the-derby-conference-centre/members-50th-jubilee-weekend/1614471706387387/

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 March PRESTON & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY EXHIBITION PRESTON, Lancashire

Organiser: Preston & District MRS sponsored by The Junction Box second-hand model store.
Venue: Preston College Fulwood Campus, St Vincent's Road, Fulwood, Preston PR2 8UR.
Open: Saturday 1000-1700
Sunday 1000-1600
Admission: adults £9.00, acpd U15s free, wheelchair/scooter users £5.00 (with accompanying carers admitted free).
Amenities: easy access from the M6, M55 & A6 and free parking. Wheelchair access. Refreshments available.
Features: layouts in various gauges & scales incl: *Port de Crozon* (French metre gauge in 1:50 scale); *Arcadia Pennsylvania* (USA 0); *New Sharon* (Maine narrow gauge in On2); *Bampton, Barrihandie, Charwelton into the 80s, Morecambe, Tulloch Bridge, Wentworth Junction* (00); *Chelthwaite Mills* (009); *Saint Agur* (French HO); *Brusio Viaduct* (Swiss RhB HOm); *York Station* (2mm Fine Scale); *Bradley, Burnham on Sea, Coke Town, Inverkeithing, Nanjai Eki* (Japanese), *New Dalby, Smalldale Quarry, Upper Cwmtythc, Wolverhampton Goods* (N). Demos & trade stands.
Contact: 07776 438933.
Email: exhibition@prestonanddistrictmrs.org.uk
Website: www.prestonanddistrictmrs.org.uk

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 March MODEL RAIL 2026 RAINHILL, Merseyside

Organiser: Rainhill Model Railway Club.

Venue: Rainhill High School, Warrington Road, Rainhill L35 6NY.
Open: Saturday 1000-1700
Sunday 1000-1630
Admission: adults £8.00, children £1.00, families (2+2) £17.00. (Note: payment for admission & club shop can be by credit card).
Amenities: venue is approx 1 mile from Rainhill Station on A57, with the station served by Northern Rail trains between Liverpool & Manchester and Arriva/Stagecoach bus services on No.10A Liverpool-Rainhill-St Helens route. Saturday only: free vintage bus between Rainhill Station and the exhibition venue. Sunday only: free hourly vintage bus service between the North West Museum of Road Transport, in Hall Street, St Helens, via Rainhill Station to and from the exhibition venue – separate admission fee for the museum. Exhibition has full disabled access. Refreshments.
Features: a two-day exhibition with layouts in various scales, traders, shows-you-how demonstrations, club shop. For layout list see updates on club website.
Contact: Brian Davis, 01925 226266.
Email: brianandertondavis@gmail.com
Website: www.rainhillmrc.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/rainhillmrc/

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 March 53RD REDDITCH MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION REDDITCH, Worcestershire

Organiser: Redditch Model Railway Club.
Venue: Trinity High School, Grove Street, Redditch town centre B98 8DS.
Open: Saturday 1000-1700
Sunday 1000-1630
Admission: adults £6.00, children free.
Amenities: venue is off Access One on the Redditch town centre ring road and is a 15-minute drive from Junction 2 of the M42. There is a large free car park at the venue. The town centre bus and rail stations are a 10-15-minute walk (downloadable map of the route on the club website). There is a half-hourly train service on both days from Birmingham New Street. Venue is fully accessible for the mobility impaired. Refreshments available.
Features: around 15 working layouts, including: *Dunwood Engine Shed, Henley in Arden* (7mm scale); *Auch Ae, Bazil Radford, Bristol Avon Bridge, Illie Town, Oakenshaw, Pirton and Wadborough, Studley and Astwood Bank, Temple Bridge* (4mm scale); *Torcy (SNCF)* (French 3.5mm scale); *Leigh St George, Todmolden Midland, Two Locks* (2mm scale). Plus demos & trade stands.
Contact: 01527 540289.
Email: enquiry@redditch-mrc.com
Website: www.redditch-mrc.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/p/Redditch-Model-Railway-Club-100063345541050/

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 March ROMSEY, Hampshire

Organiser: Romsey & District Railway Modellers Society.
Venue: Crosfield Hall, Romsey SO51 8GL (What3Words ///blossom.number.ideals).
Open: Saturday 1000-1700
Sunday 1000-1630
Admission: adults £7.00, children (5-16) £3.00, family (2+2) £17.00 (cash or cards).
Amenities: town centre parking is available which is free on Sunday. Disabled access. Light refreshments available.
Features: 15 visiting layouts incl: *Foxwood* (0); *Fratenbury* (00 3-Rail); *St Izzey* (00); *Rheiffordd Waniwm, Slug Pit Row, Somewhere in France, Tittesworth (with Merg)* (009); *Eheim Trolleybuses* (HO); *Kaninchenbau* (HOe); *North Quay* (2mm Fine Scale); *Ashwood End, Bramble Lock, Brook Junction, Connel Ferry Bridge, Montmelon, Royal Albert Bridge* (N); plus displays on trains of all sizes and scales and on controllers through the ages. Also society members' layouts, demos and trade support incl. details of Romsey Signal Box.
Contact: use contact form on society website.
Website: www.rdrms.com/contact.html

Sunday 8 March GROUP ANNUAL EXHIBITION STEYNING, West Sussex

Organiser: Wealden Railway Group.
Venue: The Steyning Centre, Fletchers

Croft, Steyning, West Sussex BN44 3XZ.
Open: 1000-1630
Admission: adults £5.00, acpd children free.
Amenities: large car park on site, currently free on Sundays. Refreshments available.
Features: annual exhibition and chance to gather and show latest or updated projects. All layouts belong to group members or invited modellers and most fall under the heading of the group's motto: 'Layouts you can live with' i.e. for the home, as well as exhibitions. Scales from 0 to N, with examples of British, European and US modelling, standard and narrow gauge.
Contact: Andrew Knights, 07714 101015.
Email: wealdenrailwaygroup@gmail.com
Website: www.thewealdenrailway.club
Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/351684819005282/

Sunday 8 March UFFCULME, Devon

Organiser: Culm Valley Model Railway Club.
Venue: Old Well Garden Centre, Waterloo Cross, Uffculme, Cullompton EX15 3ES.
Open: 1000-1600
Admission: free but donations welcome.
Amenities: garden centre with parking located close to Junction 27 of M5 just off A38. 'Railway Room' is adjacent to top car park.
Features: 60 years of steam and diesel traction on *Tiverton Junction* (30' long 00 gauge model) plus *Soldor*, home to a little blue engine, driven by visitors. Club layouts.
Website: www.cvmrc.weebly.com/tiverton-junction.html

Saturday 14 March THE BIGGEST LITTLE MODEL RAILWAY SHOW IN SCOTLAND

ELDERSLIE, Renfrewshire
Organiser: Micro Layouts WOSG & Renfrewshire MRC.
Venue: Renfrewshire MRC Clubrooms, Stoddart Sq., Elderslie PA5 9AS.
Open: 1000-1600
Admission: £2.00 per person.
Amenities: venue is located off Glenpatrick Road in Elderslie, close to the Phoenix Place bus stop served by McGill's Buses Nos.20 & 20A services from Johnstone to Paisley.
Features: 17-plus micro layouts, five of which have never been exhibited before, plus trade support from Leven Valley Trains and Terry Tew Trees. Club support from Renfrewshire MRC, Cupar MRC and 12AD MRG.
Email: info@renfrewshiremrc.co.uk
Website: www.renfrewshiremrc.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/renfrewshiremrc/

Saturday 14 March HEYWOOD, Lancashire

Organiser: Heywood Model Railway Group.
Venue: Unit 4, River Street, Heywood, Lancashire OL10 4AB.
Open: 1000-1600
Admission: £3.00 per adult, acpd children free. Donations welcome.
Amenities: free parking. Wheelchair access. Refreshments.
Features: open day for club test tracks in N, 009, 00 and 0 gauge. Run own locos. Shop.
Contact: Phil Evans by emailing: phil_evans@sky.com
Website: <https://www.hmrg.net/>

Saturday 14 March 16TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION NEWTON AYCLIFFE, Co. Durham

Organiser: Rotary Great Aycliffe and Shildon MRC.
Venue: Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4HT.
Open: 1000-1700
Admission: preferred donation: adults £5.00, concessions £4.00. Accompanied children and wheelchair users free.
Amenities: free parking. Full disabled access. Bacon butties available.
Features: 20-plus layouts plus 10 traders.
Contact: Dave Scott, 07773 275428.
Website: www.rotarygreataycliffe.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/211260291820036/

Saturday 14 March 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR CELEBRATION PATCHWAY, Bristol

Organiser: Sodbury Vale Model Railway Club.
Venue: Bristol Aerospace Museum, Concorde Hangar, Hayes Way, Patchway BS34 5BZ.
Open: 1000-1630
Admission: Bristol Aerospace Museum prices apply, giving 12 months' free unlimited access to the museum and to any similar events held in the valid 12-month period, as well as full access into the 2026 Model Railway event with no extra charge. Adults £22.00, children (4-17) £15.00 (under 4s free), students £20.00. Family prices: (2+2) £67.00, (2+1) £54.00, (1+2) £48.00. Dedicated carers free. All online advance tickets are discounted by approx. 10% from the above on Bristol Aerospace website.
Amenities: museum is on a main bus route and close to both Bristol Parkway station and M5 Jct. 15. Ample free parking with Blue Badge parking area. All areas are disability-friendly and wheelchair-accessible. Café and refreshments.
Features: around 50 layouts plus modelling demos, plus 20 trade & society stands. Other modelling hobbies also on show, such as large-scale traction engines.
Contact: secretary Steve Douglas, using email address below.
Email: sodburyvalemrc@gmail.com
Websites: www.aerospacebristol.org
www.sodburyvalemrc.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SodburyValeMRC/

Saturday 14 March NARROW GAUGE NORTH 2026 PUDSEY, Leeds

Organiser: Narrow Gauge North.
Venue: Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawsons Corner, Pudsey, Leeds LS28 5TA.
Open: 1030-1630
Admission: adults £10.00, acpd U16s £1.00. Available from 1330: Family Ticket £15.00 (2 adults & accompanied children).
Amenities: large free car park, and only 5 minutes' walk from Pudsey rail station. Disabled access to all areas except the stage. Hot & cold refreshments available.
Features: annual model railway exhibition in Leeds raising funds for the Sue Ryder Wheatfields Hospice in Headingley. Numerous layouts plus society & trade stands.
Email: admin@narrowgaugenorth.org.uk
Website: www.narrowgaugenorth.org.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/ngnorth/?locale=en_GB

Saturday 14 March MODEL TRANSPORT EXHIBITION WORKSOP, Nottinghamshire

Organiser: Model Bus Federation & friends of The Crossing Church.
Venue: The Crossing Church, Newcastle Street, Worksop S80 2AT.
Open: 1000-1600
Admission: adults £6.00, children £1.00.
Amenities: the church is sited near Worksop bus station, with car parking also close by, and is around half a mile from the railway station. The venue is all at ground level with full disabled access. Refreshments available all day.
Features: family-friendly exhibition comprising 10 working model railway and model tramway layouts plus static displays of model buses, demos of model construction and trade stands.
Contact: Bob Heathcote via email below.
Email: busbob64@gmail.com
Website: www.model-bus-federation.org.uk
www.thecrossing.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/modelbusfederation/

Saturday 21 March

BELPER, Derbyshire
Organiser: Belper Model Railway Group.
Venue: Struts Centre, Derby Road, Belper DE56 1UU.
Open: 1000-1630
Admission: adults £6.00, children £2.00.
Amenities: venue is opposite Babington Hospital and has on-site parking and disabled access. Teas, coffees & snacks available.
Features: around 10 layouts in a variety of scales and gauges, with a selection of layouts

from the model group, including *Thomas & Friends* (OO). Plus trade support.

Email: belpermodelrailwaygroup@outlook.com

Website: <https://belpermodelrailwaygroup.com>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BelperMRG/

Saturday 21 March

FALMOUTH, Cornwall

Event: Open Day.

Organiser: Falmouth Society of Railway Modellers.

Venue: St Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Killigrew Street, Falmouth, Cornwall TR11 3PR.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: free entry.

Amenities: free parking. Disabled access. Refreshments available.

Features: 5 layouts in various gauges plus society sales stand.

Contact: Ted Schofield, 01326 319922.

Email: tedschofield@talktalk.net

Website: www.fsrn.weebly.com

Saturday 21 March

TADWORTH SPRING MODEL EXHIBITION

TADWORTH, Surrey

Organiser: North Downs Model Railway Circle.

Venue: The Good Shepherd Church Hall, Station Approach Road, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5AE.

Open: 1000-1700

Admission: adults £6.00, seniors & disabled visitors £5.00, U16s £3.00. All profits will go to Good Shepherd Church.

Amenities: free parking. Refreshments.

Features: 27 layouts in a variety of scales (see website for updates) plus trade support.

Contact: Stuart Robinson, 07758 458827.

Email: stuart.robinson27@ntlworld.com

Website:

www.ndmrc.info/Home/Tadworth.htm

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 March

THE LONDON FESTIVAL OF RAILWAY MODELLING

ALEXANDRA PALACE, North London

Organiser: World of Railways in association with The Model Railway Club and sponsored by Bachmann Branchline & Graham Farish.

Venue: Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace Way, London N22 7AY.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1630

(0930 early entry for advance ticket holders)

Admission: adults £17.00 in advance, £18.00 on the day; children (5-16) £8.00, family (2+2) £40.00. Advance payments close at 0830 on the day of the show; card payments preferred on the door. Pre-book tickets via Eventbrite London Festival of Railway Modelling tickets 2026.

Amenities: free shuttle bus between Alexandra Palace rail station, Wood Green Piccadilly Line Underground station and the venue, with last bus departing the venue at 1715 each day. Also a shuttle bus to take visitors from the car parks to the main entrance and a buggy for those with accessibility needs between the East Court and Palm Court of the Palace. Full disabled access, as exhibition is all on the ground floor. Food outlets (run on cashless basis).

Features: 40-plus layouts across multiple gauges and eras. The show also offers demonstrations and club exhibits as well as over 90 trade stands. Also Bachmann Kids' Zone, open to children aged 5-16 years.

Email: worinfo@warnersgroup.co.uk

Website: www.world-of-railways.co.uk/information/the-london-festival-of-railway-modelling

Facebook: www.facebook.com/events/alexandra-palace/london-festival-of-railway-modelling-alexandra-palace/1325124459567985/

Sunday 22 March

UFFCULME, Devon

Organiser: Culm Valley Model Railway Club.

Venue: Old Well Garden Centre, Waterloo Cross, Uffculme, Cullompton EX15 3ES.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: free but donations welcome.

Amenities: garden centre with parking located close to Junction 27 of M5 just off A38. 'Railway Room' is adjacent to top car park.

Features: 60 years of steam and diesel traction on *Tiverton Junction* (30' long OO gauge model) plus *Soldor*, home to a little

blue engine, driven by visitors. Club layouts.

Website: www.cvmrc.weebly.com/tiverton-junction.html

Friday 27 – Sunday 29 March

MODEL RAIL SCOTLAND 60TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

GLASGOW, Glasgow City

Organiser: AMRSS Ltd.

Venue: Hall 3, Scottish Event Campus, Exhibition Way, Glasgow G3 8YW.

Open: Friday & Saturday 1030-1800
Sunday 1030-1700

Admission: adults £18.00, U16s £5.00 and families (2+2) £40.00. E-tickets can be purchased in advance. Note: cash-free event.

Amenities: The SEC has a multi-storey car park run by Glasgow City Council, with charges for up to one hour at £6.00 & for 1-12 hours £12.00. A vintage bus service will connect the venue with Glasgow Central and Queen Street stations – see website. Every hall in the SEC Centre is at ground level, so easy access for wheelchair users. Also food and drink outlets.

Features: over 50 layouts incl: *Thomas & Friends* (G); *Ashgrove Sidings*, *Castle Morris*, *Dalgarven Mill*, *Dunnaemare*, *Faskally Junction*, *Knype Bridge* (O); *Bowaters Paper Mill* (featured in this RM issue), *Wantage Tramway* (O-16.5); *Hedleyhope*, *Uniford Mills*, *Walker Marine* (P4); *West Lothian Steel* (EM); *Alloa*, *Ashton Steel*, *Bains Reach*, *Blackburn Junction*, *Boxwell C*, *Burnroyd Works*, *Clay Bridge*, *Clydeburn*, *Down Sidings*, *Greenbooth*, *Hallside*, *Hazelbank*, *Hazelbury Yard*, *Jim's Pals* (children's layout), *Kirkwood Central*, *Making Tracks* (Scottish debut), *Moor of Rannoch*, *Newton Ferrier*, *Rubery*, *Smallburn*, *Stanton Road*, *Thomas* (OO); *Dundreich*, *Minifford* (OO/009); *Clyre Valley Railway* (OO9); *Auswiss*, *Broadford*, *Cesky Zapad*, *Hornby Acho* (Tri-ang) 1966, *Megsdorf* (HO); *Handegg* (H0m); *Westbourne* (TT); *Uppingham* (3mm scale); *Altstetten*, *Eyemouth*, *Glenochil*, *Law Junction*, *Levenbank* (N); *Forth Bridge* (Lego model). Plus 130 trade and society stands.

Contact: 07879 511403 or use contact form on website below.

Website: www.modelrail-scotland.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ModelRailScotland/

Saturday 28 March

BASSINGBOURN, Cambridgeshire

Organiser: Royston & District MRC.

Venue: Bassingbourn Village College, Bassingbourn, near Royston SG8 5NG.

Open: 1030-1600

Admission: adults £5.00, children free.

Amenities: venue is close to A1198, A505, A1 & M11. The venue is all on one level for ease of access, with signed car parking next to the entrance for customers with mobility issues. There is also free car parking at the adjacent sports centre. A vintage bus connection using preserved Eastern Counties coach RE896 will be running from Royston bus & railway station to the Bassingbourn Village College (check website for timetable). Refreshments.

Features: approximately 20 layouts incl: *Docklands*, *Dunwich Tramway*, *Oakley Lane*, *South Lynn* (O); *Caroline Concrete Works*, *Stoney End* (O-16.5/NG7); *Jubilee Works* (O & O-14); *Glenriding Lane*, *Lavender Hill*, *Richard's End*, *The Victory*, *Trinity Dock Street Bridge* (OO); *Selborne* (OO9); *Dobris*, *Kamiack Falls*, *Rock Ridge* (HO); *Churwalden* (Nn); *Braughing & Standon*, *City Basin Goods*, *Oak Grove Central* (N); *Lego Trains* (L); plus demonstrations and assorted society & trade stands. Royston Model Engineers Society will attend with its outdoor track to give rides, it is hoped, behind a steam locomotive (small additional charge).

Contact: use contact form on club website.

Website: www.roystondmrc.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Roystondmrc

Saturday 28 March

TAVISTOCK, West Devon

Organiser: North Road Railway Club.

Venue: Tavistock Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Tavistock, Devon PL19 8DX.

Open: 0930-1630

Admission: adults £5.00, children £2.00.

Amenities: venue is adjacent to Tavistock bus station and a short walk from town centre and car parks. Three halls at ground and lower ground floor level with disabled access to each.

Features: layouts in popular scales plus traders selling model railways and books.

Contact: Mervyn Kendall, 07759 797323.

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 March

BANGOR, County Down, Northern Ireland

Organiser: North Down Model Railway Society.

Venue: Bangor Grammar School, Gransha Road, Bangor BT19 7QU.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1200-1700

Admission: adults £10.00, acpd U16s free.

Amenities: free car parking on site. Saturdays only: there is an hourly bus service, No.302D outward, and services Nos.302C & 302D inward. Wheelchair-friendly. Refreshments.

Features: 60-plus stands incl. railway layouts, model aircraft & boats, traders and demos.

Email: exhibitions@ndmrs.org.uk

Website: www.ndmrs.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/NorthDownModelRailwaySociety

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 March

SOUTH NOTTS MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

COTGRAVE, Nottinghamshire

Organiser: Bingham Model Railway Club.

Venue: Cotgrave Welfare, Woodview, Cotgrave, Nottinghamshire NG12 3PJ.

Open: Saturday 1000-1630

Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: adults £7.00, acpd U16s free, visitors with mobility impairments free.

Amenities: car parking at venue is limited, so refer to club website for locations of other car parks, which will be signposted. Note only the main hall is wheelchair friendly, and the exhibition takes place on licensed premises and conditions of entry are displayed in entrance.

Features: an exhibition of 15 railway layouts, both UK and Continental in scales from 7mm to N gauge, including *Kendlebury* (BR Western Region in 7mm scale); *Little Felling* (OO); and *Cumanavago* (layout the public can operate); plus demonstrators and trade & society stands.

Email: chairman@bingham-model-rail.co.uk

Website: www.bingham-model-rail.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/2533295810045329/?locale=en_GB

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 March

NAILSEA MRC EXHIBITION

NAILSEA, North Somerset

Organiser: Nailsea Model Railway Club.

Venue: Nailsea School, Mizzymead Road, Nailsea, North Somerset, BS48 2LE.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: adults £10.00, children £4.00, family £24.00.

Amenities: for sat-nav by car, use postcode BS48 2LE – it will take you to the front entrance of school rather than the secured rear entrance. (Alternatively use What 3 Words: hidden.bared.faster). Mizzymead Road bus stop is outside the venue. Nearest rail station is Nailsea & Backwell, 25 minutes' walk from the school.

Features: around 24 layouts plus demonstrations and society & trade stands.

Contact: use contact form on website below.

Website: www.nailsea-district-mrc.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/nailseamrc

Sunday 29 March

SPRING OPEN DAY

KEIGHLEY, West Yorkshire

Organiser: Aire Valley Railway Modellers Club.

Venue: Melbourne House, Dalton Lane, Keighley BD21 4LG.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: free but with a donations box.

Amenities: free on-street parking. Short walk from Keighley railway station. Note there are stairs to top floor and no lift. Refreshments.

Features: over a dozen layouts in several gauges, ranging from complete layouts to ones just getting started, showing how a layout is made.

Email: avrmclub@gmail.com

Website: <https://avrmc.org.uk>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/airevalleymodels/

MEETINGS

Thursday 12 February – 1930

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (LCGB), St Albans branch

'The Great Central Railway Reunification Project' by Tom Ingall.

Venue: St Bartholomew's Church, 47 Vesta Avenue, St Albans, Herts AL1 2PE.

Entry: donation appreciated to help with running costs and cost of refreshments during interval.

Details from: 01442 247083.

Website: www.lcgb.org.uk

Thursday 12 February – 1930

South East Essex Railway Society

Test-Track night – N, TT, OO, O and 1 – help to set up from 1900 welcome as always.

Venue: Friends' Meeting House, 18 Dundonald Drive, Leigh on Sea, Essex SS9 1NB.

Details from: www.seers-rail.org/programme.html or seers.rail@gmail.com

Thursday 12 February – 1330 for 1400

Stephenson Locomotive Society

Centre AGM and Members' Presentations.

Venue: The Conference Room, 1st floor (access via Black Swan Court Yard), Newcastle Arts Centre, 67 Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1SG.

Details from: www.slsnewcastle.org.uk

Tuesday 17 February – 1400

Stephenson Locomotive Society

'One Man's View of the East Coast Main Line – Part 2' by Malcolm Paul.

Venue: Langdon Square Community Centre, Coulby Newham TS8 0TF.

Details from: 01429 270591.

Wednesday 18 February – 1930

The Grimsby & Cleethorpes Railway Group

'Writing about the Railways of NE Lincolnshire' by Paul King.

Venue: The No.1, Station Approach, Cleethorpes DN35 8AX.

Entry: small entrance fee.

Details from: Stuart Blackburn, 07745 961538 or sc.blackbourn@ntlworld.com

Thursday 19 February – 1930

Lutterworth Railway Society

'Exploring Mongolian Railways' by Steve Morris.

Venue: The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Coventry Rd, Lutterworth LE17 4RB.

Entry: members £2.00, non-members £5.00.

Details from: Alan Bilton on 01455 207996 or 07771 756013.

Website: www.lutterworthrailwaysociety.co.uk

Thursday 19 February – 1930

Marlow & District Railway Society

'The Story of China Clay and the Railways' by Mike Walker.

Venue: Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Road, Bourne End SL8 5SX or on Zoom.

Entry: £3.00 non-members, free for members.

Details from: Martin Stoolman, 07954 849390.

Website: www.mdrs.org.uk

Saturday 21 February – 1400

Stephenson Locomotive Society

'Furness Railway Adventure' by Paul Salveson.

Venue: The Friends' Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS.

Details from: 0161 442 6178.

Thursday 26 February – 2000

South East Essex Railway Society

'The Great Western Rapid Charge train' – the story of the electric rapid charge D78 conversion and its use on the Greenford branch, by member Dan Fosdike.

Venue: Friends' Meeting House, 18 Dundonald Drive, Leigh on Sea, Essex SS9 1NB.

Details from: www.seers-rail.org/programme.html or seers.rail@gmail.com

Monday 2 March – 1930

Peak Rail Association (Sheffield Branch)

'Switzerland and the Italian Riviera' by David Hague.

Venue: The Farm Road Sports & Social Club, Farm Road, Sheffield S2 2TP.

Entry: £5.00 donation is requested.

Details from: Dave Sharp, 07487 685306 or davidsharpsheffield@gmail.com

Website: www.peakrail.co.uk/sheffieldbranch

Tuesday 3 March – 2000-2200

The Enfield Transport Circle (TETC)

'The 2026 Malcolm Alderman Tribute Presentation' by Kenneth Crane of TETC (subject to be confirmed).

Venue: First Floor Meeting Room, Enfield Drill Hall Sports Club, 1 Old Park Avenue, Enfield EN2 6PJ.

Entry: £6.00 donation on entry (first visit free).

Website: www.tetc.chessck.co.uk/Meetings

Thursday 5 March – 1930

Lutterworth Railway Society

'Don't Jump' by Alan Godber.

Venue: The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Coventry Rd, Lutterworth LE17 4RB.

Entry: members £2.00, non-members £5.00.

Details from: Alan Bilton on 01455 207996 or 07771 756013.

Website:

www.lutterworthrailwaysociety.co.uk

Thursday 5 March – 1930

The Great Central Railway Society (Sheffield branch)

'Photos from the Brian Morrison Collection' by Richard Tuplin.

Venue: The Farm Road Sports & Social Club, Farm Road, Sheffield S2 2TP.

Entry: £4.00 donation is requested.

Details from: Bob Gellatly, 07519 011213 or gcrs@talktalk.net

Website: www.gcrsociety.co.uk

Friday 6 March – 1400

Stephenson Locomotive Society

'BR in Transition – part 3' by John Clayton.

Venue: Nunthorpe Methodist Church, Connaught Road, Nunthorpe TS7 0BP.

Details from: 01429 270591.

Monday 9 March – 1930

Lincoln Railway Society

'A Year in the Life of the Kent & East Sussex' by Robin Coombes.

Venue: St Hugh's Church, Harewood Crescent, North Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 8JG.

Entry: £4.00. Non-members welcome.

Contact: Publicity Member, 01522 698085 or email grahamlightfoot1948@gmail.com

Tuesday 10 March – 1930

Wells Railway Fraternity

'Railway Publishing and The Titfield Thunderbolt' by Simon Castens.

Venue: Wells Town Hall, Market Place, Wells BA5 2RB.

Entry: £4.00 non-members, free for members.

Details from: Andrew Tucker, 01749 830695.

Website: www.railwells.com

Wednesday 11 March – 1915

Stephenson Locomotive Society

'The Stately Trains Collection' by Stephen Middleton.

Venue: Abbott Hall Social Centre, Dowker Lane, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4DN.

Details from: marty.n.hill4472@hotmail.com

Thursday 12 March – 1930

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (LCGB), St Albans branch

'The Elizabeth Line' by Howard Smith OBE.

Venue: St Bartholomew's Church, 47 Vesta Avenue, St Albans, Herts AL1 2PE.

Entry: donation appreciated to help with running costs and cost of refreshments during interval.

Details from: 01442 247083.

Website: www.lcgb.org.uk

Thursday 12 March – 1930

South East Essex Railway Society

Test-Track night – N, TT, OO, O and 1 – help to set up from 1900 welcome as always.

Venue: Friends' Meeting House, 18 Dundonald Drive, Leigh on Sea, Essex SS9 1NB.

Details from: www.seers-rail.org/programme.html or seers.rail@gmail.com

Friday 13 March – 1900

Stephenson Locomotive Society

'Railway Heavy Load Movements By Road' by Malcolm Paul.

Venue: The Conference Room, 1st floor (access via Black Swan Court Yard), Newcastle Arts Centre, 67 Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1SG.

Details from: www.slsnewcastle.org.uk

Saturday 14 March – 1400

Stephenson Locomotive Society

'Gems on Plate Glass Negatives' by David Postle.

Venue: Abbott Hall Social Centre, Dowker Lane, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4DN.

Details from: 01597 824408.

Tuesday 17 March – 1400

Stephenson Locomotive Society

'Deltics on Parade' by Trevor Ermel, followed by centre AGM.

Venue: Langdon Square Community Centre, Couby Newham TS8 0TF.

Details from: 01429 270591.

Wednesday 18 March – 1930

The Grimsby & Cleethorpes Railway Group

'The Railways of Warwickshire' by Anthony Hicks.

Venue: The No.1, Station Approach, Cleethorpes DN35 8AX.

Entry: small entrance fee.

Details from: Stuart Blackburn, 07745 961538 or sc.blackbourn@ntlworld.com

Thursday 19 March – 1930

Lutterworth Railway Society

Society AGM.

Venue: The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Coventry Rd, Lutterworth LE17 4RB.

Entry: members £2.00, non-members £5.00.

Details from: Alan Bilton on 01455 207996 or 07771 756013.

Website: www.lutterworthrailwaysociety.co.uk

Thursday 19 March – 1930

Marlow & District Railway Society

'The Central Wales Line – Part 1' by Christopher Jones.

Venue: Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Rd, Bourne End SL8 5SX or on Zoom.

Entry: £3.00 non-members, free for members.

Details from: Martin Stoolman, 07954 849390.

Website: www.mdrs.org.uk

Saturday 21 March – 1400

Stephenson Locomotive Society

'Great Central Railway Reunification' by Tom Ingall.

Venue: The Friends' Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS.

Details from: 0161 442 6178.

Thursday 26 March – 2000

South East Essex Railway Society

'A to B – Apprentice to the Board' – member Ron Labram recounts his story of starting as an apprentice at Stratford Works.

Venue: Friends' Meeting House, 18 Dundonald Drive, Leigh on Sea, Essex SS9 1NB.

Details from: www.seers-rail.org/programme.html or seers.rail@gmail.com

CLUB NEWS/NOTICES

Bedfordshire 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers meet on the first Sunday of the month 1030-1600 at Eaton Bray Village Hall, near Dunstable. New members welcome. Two layouts for 16mm live steam and electric locos in 32mm and 45mm gauges. Go along, visit www.bag16mm.org.uk or email membership@bag16mm.org.uk

Berkshire N Gauge Society meets at 1900 on Thursdays at West London Aero Club, White Waltham Airfield, Maidenhead SL6 3NJ. New members welcome. Email: tornado.gr.1@hotmail.co.uk or percy.richard1946@gmail.com

Bilton Grange Model Club is a recently formed group in east Hull, with members interested in OO, Tri-ang TT and O gauge plus some in military modelling, aircraft, tanks, ships and Warhammer. The group meets every second Tuesday in the month

from 1900-2100 at the Bilton Grange Community Association building opposite The Grange pub in Grange Road, east Hull. Call 07748 406806 or email biltongrangemodclub@yahoo.com

Bridgend Model Railway Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 1900 upstairs at the Laleston Gardener's Club, Cliff Cottage, Wind St, Laleston CF32 0HN. Group has two layouts in 7mm and one in 4mm. Visit www.bridgendmodelrailwaygroup.co.uk or email bridgendmodelrailway-group@protonmail.com

Group for anyone interested in railway modelling and/or railways meets in **Bubwith Leisure Centre bar, Main Street, Bubwith, Selby YO8 6LX** at 1930 on the last Monday of each month. Email: steve.grantham1@btinternet.com

Camborne Railway Modelling Group is a new club in Cornwall meeting every Wednesday 1700-2100 at Camborne Community Centre, 9 South Terrace, Camborne TR14 8SU and welcomes members of all abilities and ages (but U18s must be acpd by a responsible adult). Members can bring their own projects or help with the club layout. Charge of £3.00 a visit for room rent & refreshments. Email cambornerrailwaymodellinggroup@gmail.com or telephone Wayne on 07469 944847.

The **Derby & District Area Group of the N Gauge Society** meets (normally) on the 4th Monday of each month (excl. December) between 1900-2100 at St Stephen's church hall, 311 Sinfen Lane, Derby DE23 9GP. The Group runs a growing T-Trak modular layout and new members are welcome. Charge of £4 per visit to cover venue hire and refreshments. Email either Chris Prior (cmprior@gmail.com) or Phil Atkinson (familyatkinson@talktalk.net). Facebook page (Derby & District N Gauge Area Group) can be checked for changes to dates.

East Sussex Gauge O Group – Interested in modelling O gauge or 7mm narrow gauge? This group's meetings at Pett Village Hall (just outside Hastings) are held on the 2nd Friday of each month from 1900-2000. The test track can run both fine and coarse scale two or three-rail, dc or dcc rolling stock. See Gauge O Guild website or email mikeh.reeves@tiscali.co.uk

Haverfordwest Model Railway Club meets on Wednesdays at 1915 upstairs at Haverfordwest Mended, at Haverfordwest Mosque, 1 Cherry Grove, Haverfordwest SA61 2NZ. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/1448793075977538/ or email: wordpress@pmrc.welshbrook.com

Kingsway Model Railway Society welcomes new members when it meets every Tuesday from 1900-2100 at the Kingsway Centre, 130 Kingsway, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 2HF. Visit website www.kmrs.org.uk, visit Facebook Kingsway Model Railway Society or send an email to secretary@kmrs.org.uk

Launceston Model Railway Group holds drop-in meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month 1000-1400 at St Stephen's Church Hall, Roydon Road, Launceston PL15 8HL. All ages welcome but children must be acpd. O, OO and N layouts in dc & dcc. Call 07974 893172 or email Alan & Sally Barribal at: fuzrepark@hotmail.com

Leyland Model Railway Club meets at Hillthorpe Farm, Knoll Lane, Little Hoole PR4 4TB every Monday and Wednesday (except Mon bank holidays) from 1900-2200. Layouts in OO and N plus others being built. Call 07796 130295.

Morecambe & Heysham Model Railway Club meets at 9 Morecambe Street West, Morecambe LA4 5HE on Tues and Thurs from 1900-2100 and open days on second Saturday of each month from 1000-1600, with last admission at 1530. Small admission charge but children free. Layouts in O, OO (one dcc), N & O-16.5. Venue has a disabled accessible toilet and a kitchen for open days. Gerry Blaikie, 01524 425523.

New Forest Model Railway Society is offering 3 months' free membership to readers of RAILWAY MODELLER. Offer runs until the end of

Feb 2026, with no obligation to join. Members meet Tues evenings at Brockenhurst Village Hall, with layouts in N & OO, dc & dcc. Visit www.nfmrs.org

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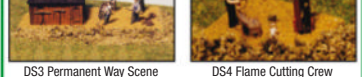
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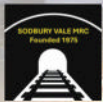
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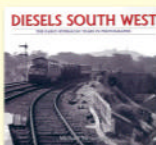


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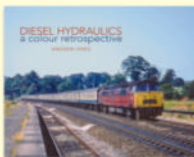
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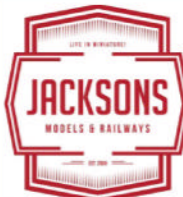
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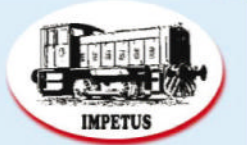
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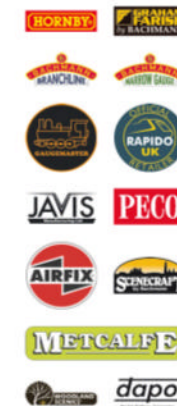
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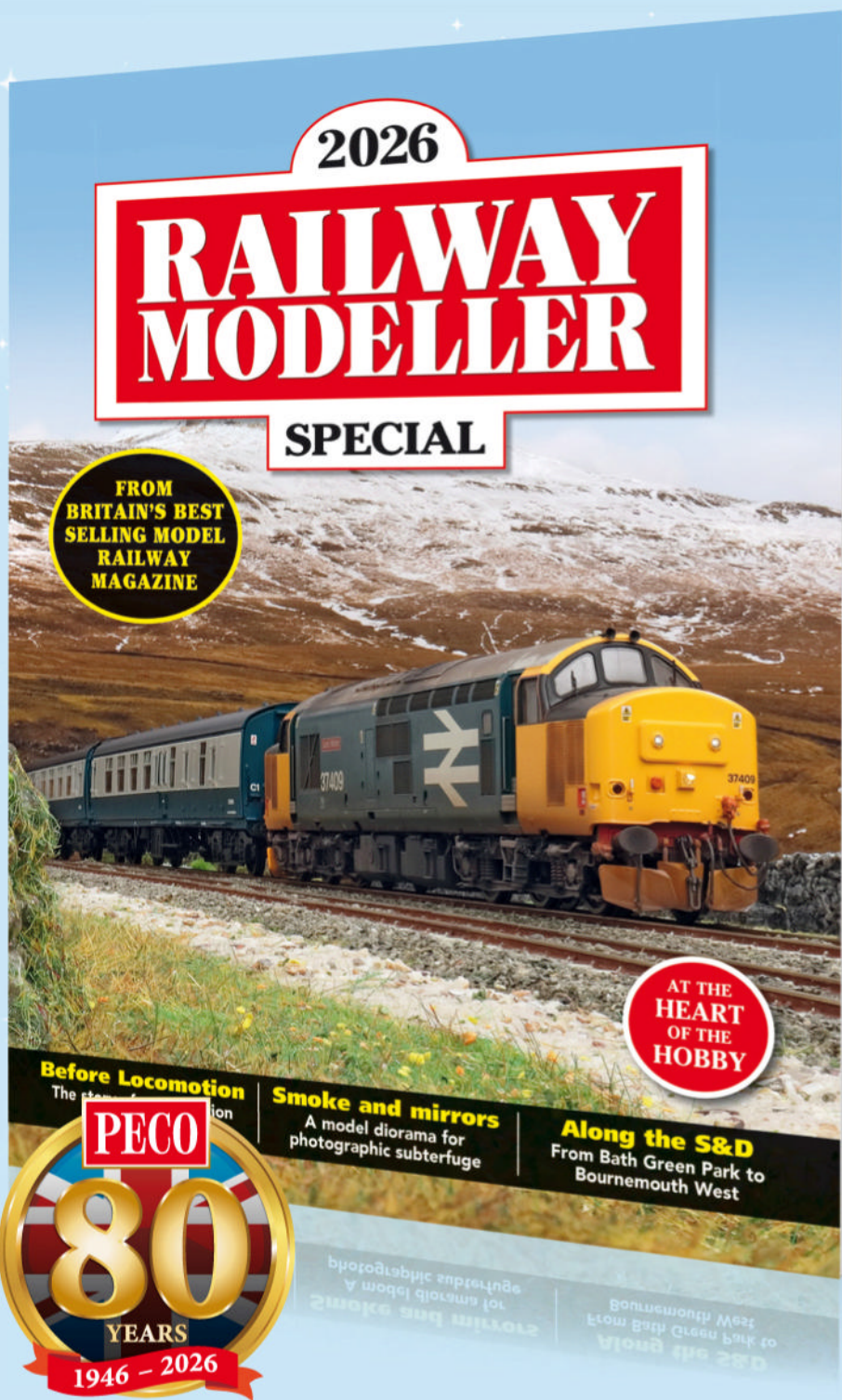
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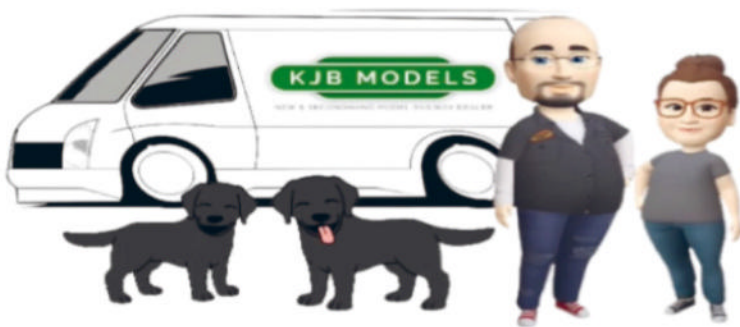
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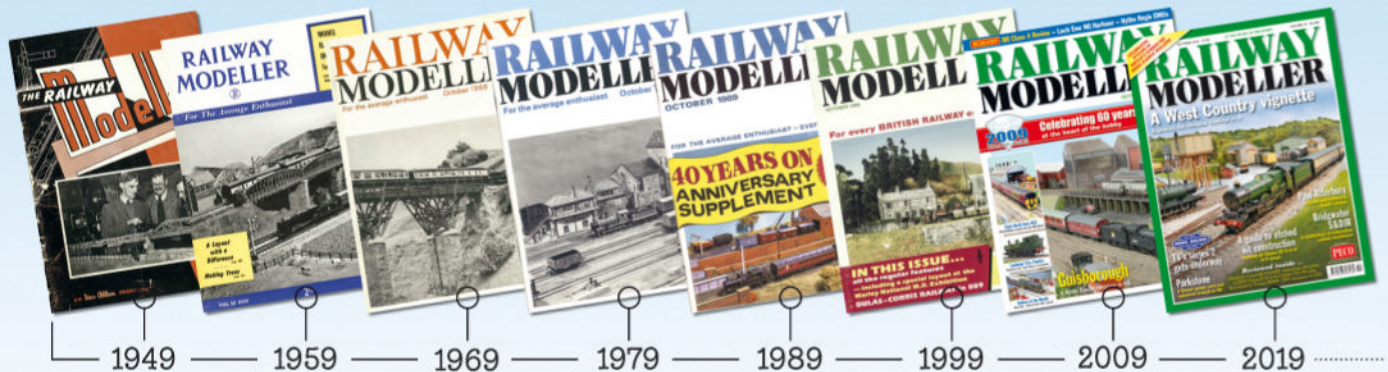
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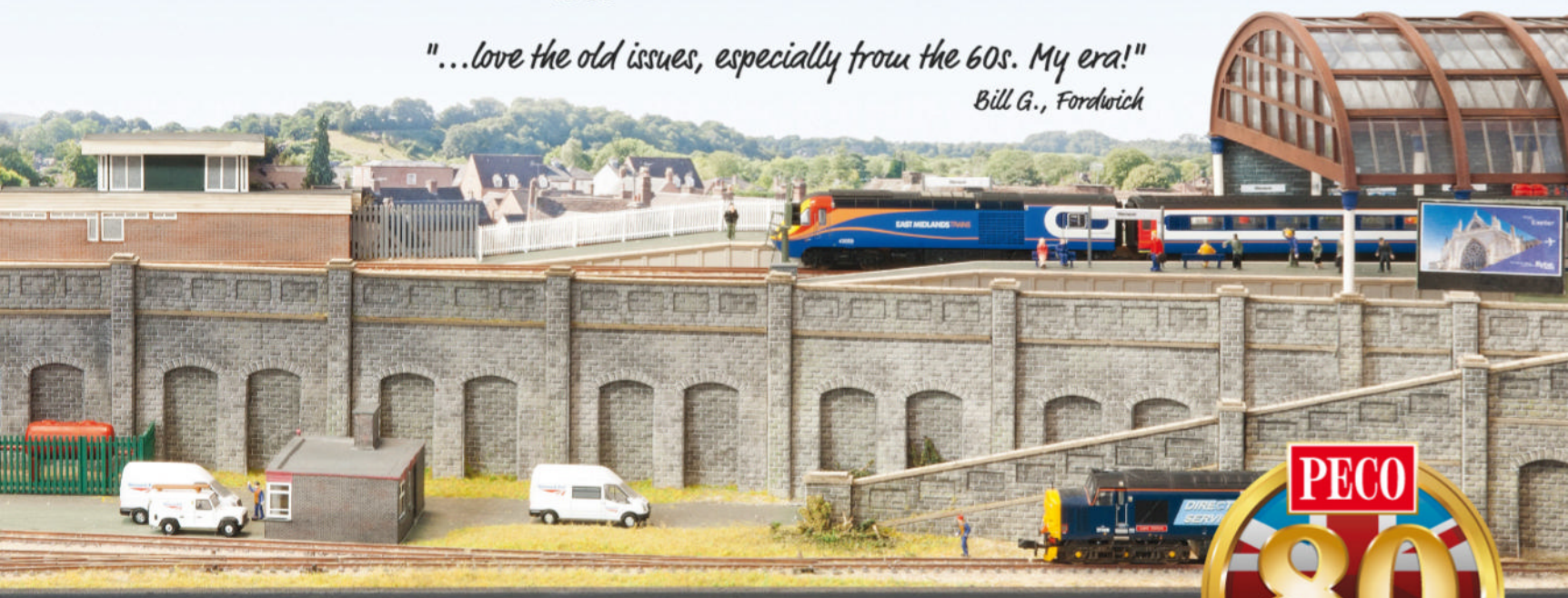


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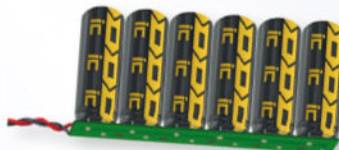


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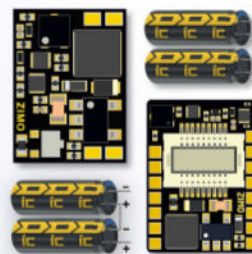
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