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**Bachmann refines its
Class 47 model in OO**
- reviewed inside



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Crook Street - a pre-Grouping terminus in O
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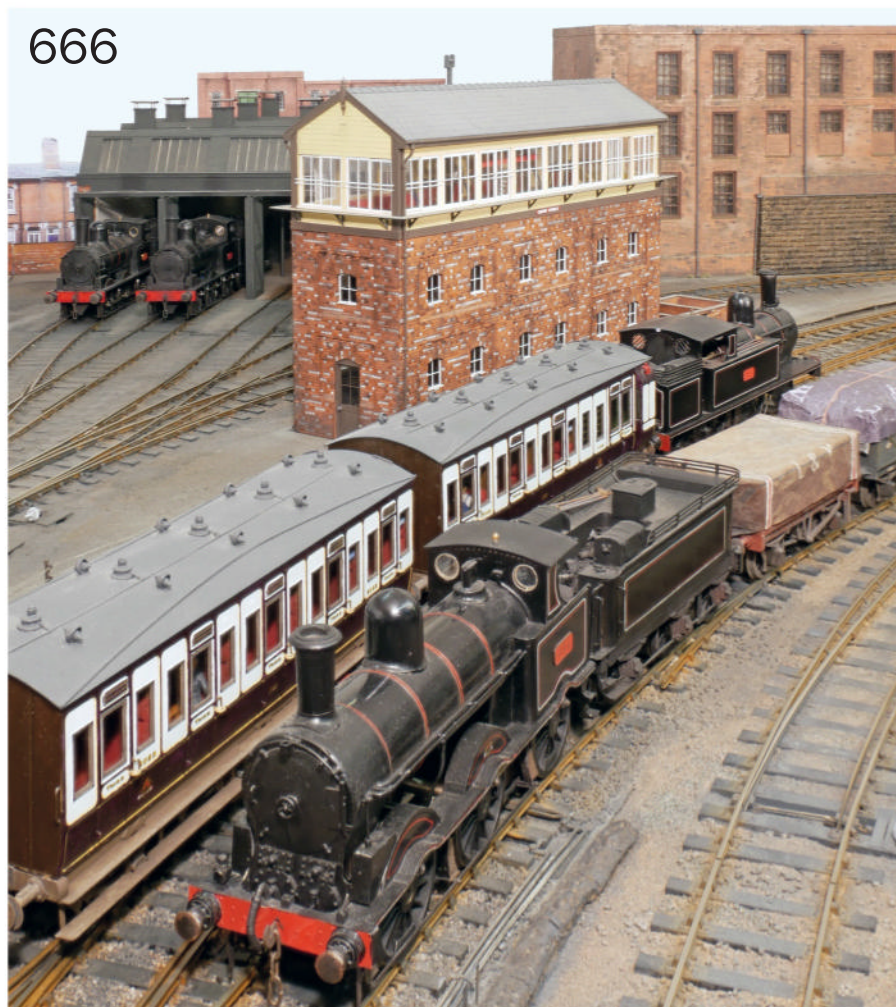
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Talking Points

Later this year, Peco will be running more of its practical Railway Modelling Experience courses at its site in East Devon. RM Features & News Writer Simon Artymiuk recently had an opportunity to sample a *Bringing the Layout to Life (Landscape and Scenery)* session, to discover what those booking one of these courses can expect.





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Cover photo: The upgraded Brush Type 4 (Class 47) diesel from Bachmann, reviewed on page 732 and photographed here on a diorama outdoors, using natural light.

707 Going full circle in O

With circular layouts in 7mm scale usually requiring lots of space, the Gauge O Guild embarked on an initiative to help make this format accessible to more of its members, with the added benefit of creating continuous run exhibits for the organisation's own programme of events – including this year's Guildex at the Stafford County Showground on 5 & 6 September. Guild President Ian Allen and Chairman Jackie Kneeshaw explain how the project was brought to fruition.

710 Knype Bridge Micro Marvel

A compact O gauge layout depicting a fictional North Midlands terminus station in the BR blue era, built by Stephen Farmer, with clever use of backscenes and forced perspective to make the scenic section appear larger than it is in reality.

716 Beckindale Through the Railway Room Door

Neil Rushby describes this home-based OO gauge layout created by his modelling friend Trefor Davies. Set in the 1960s transitional period with steam and diesel traction, the project was completed largely using commercially available products.

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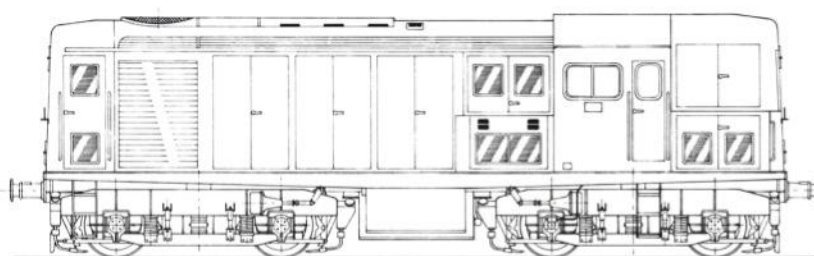
Leading the reviews this month is the Kerr, Stuart & Co. Sirdar 0-4-0T and accompanying wagon range in OO9 from Rapido Trains UK. We also assess the exclusive Thompson BZ van by EFE Rail for The Model Centre in OO, the upgraded Brush Type 4/BR Class 47 in OO from Bachmann (featured on the cover) and the Hunslet Class 101 diesels in OO from Irish Railway Models.

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724 Converting a plastic coach kit in OO

Bob Petch describes this plausible adaptation of a four-wheel coach kit, which he has undertaken a number of times to create greater variety in his collection of pre-Grouping rolling stock.



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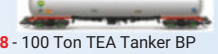
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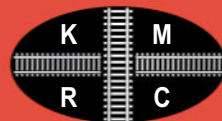


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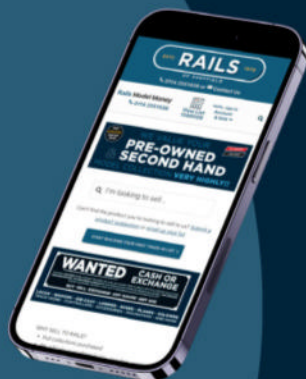
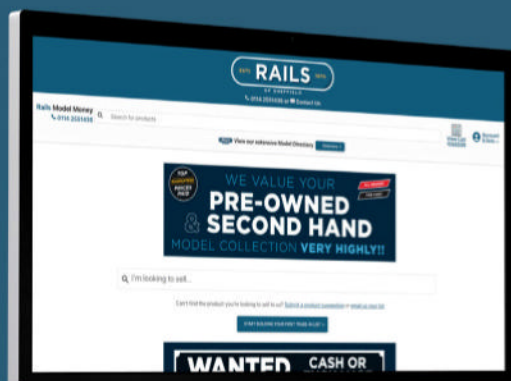
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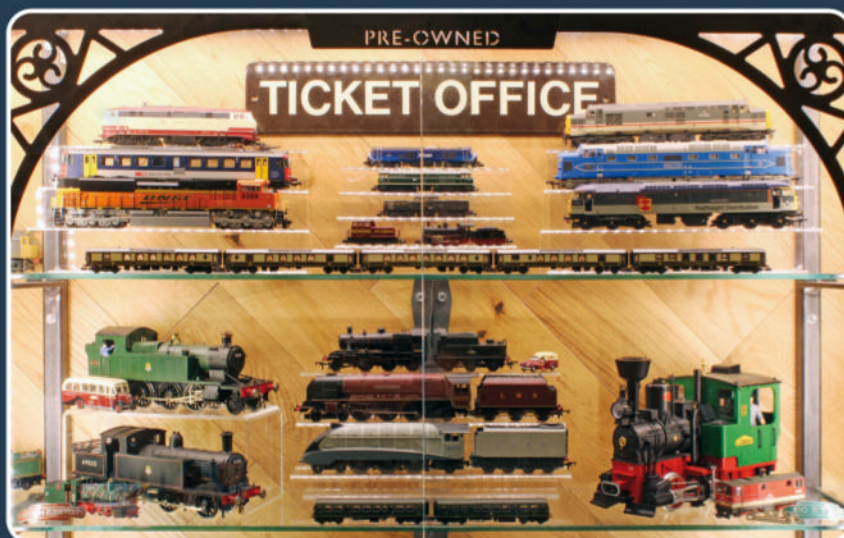
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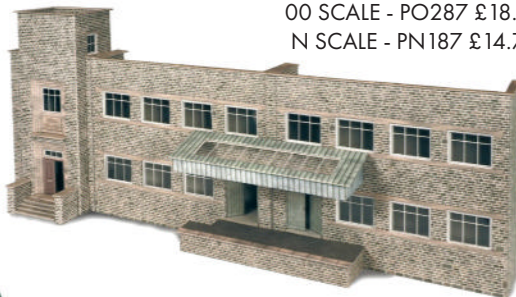
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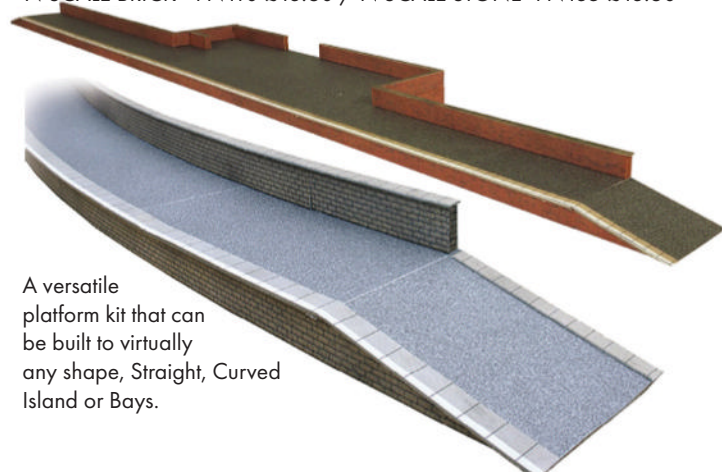
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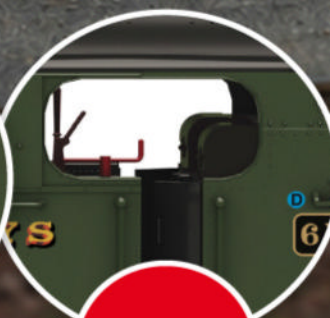


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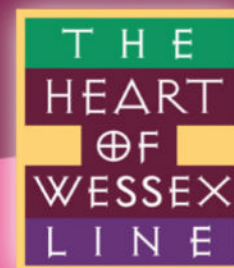
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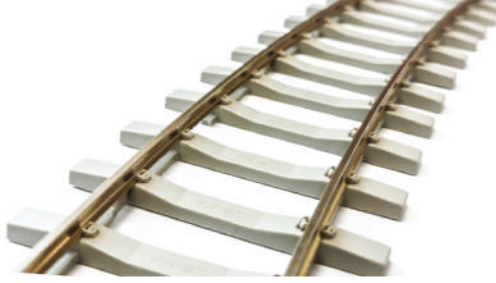


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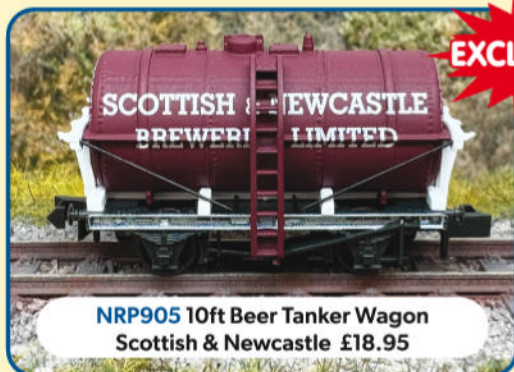
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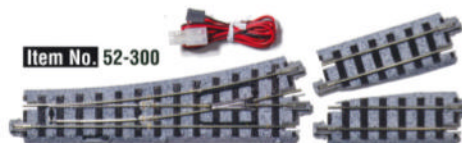
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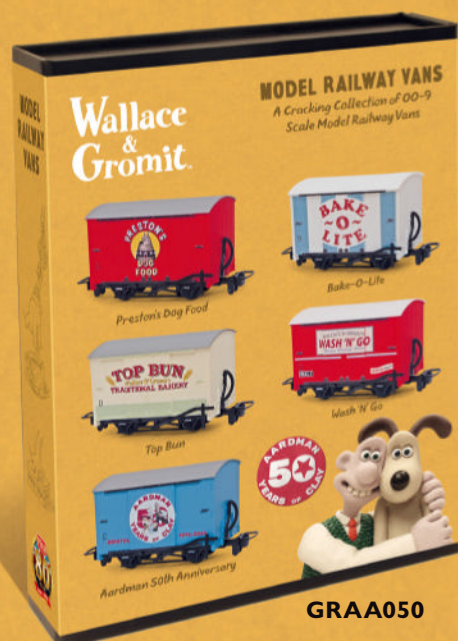
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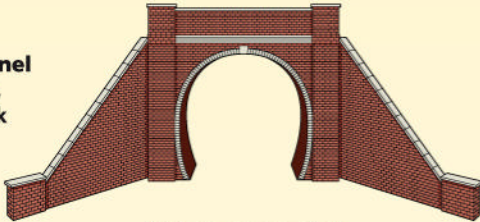
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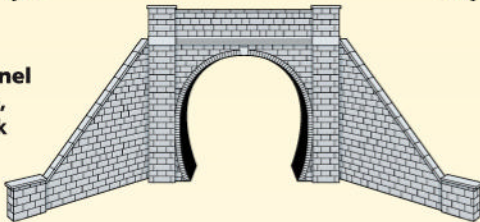
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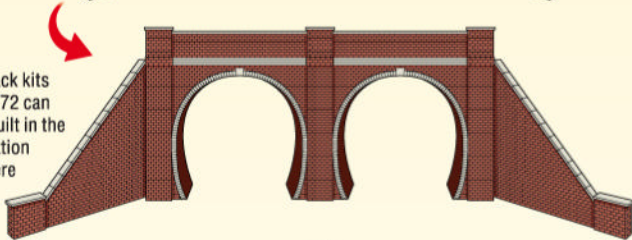
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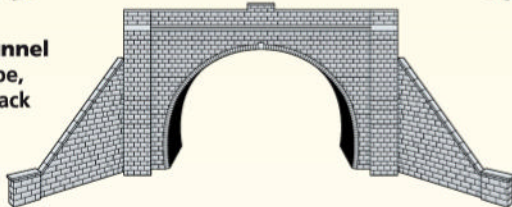
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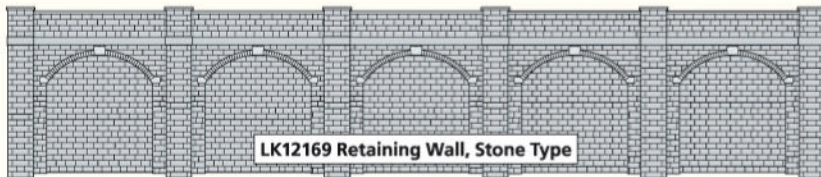
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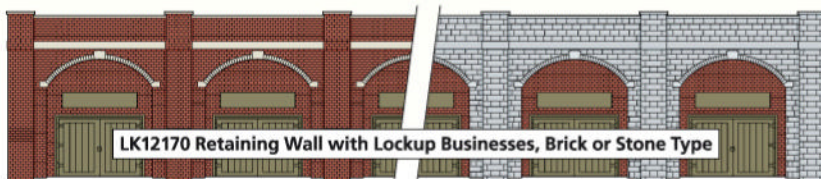
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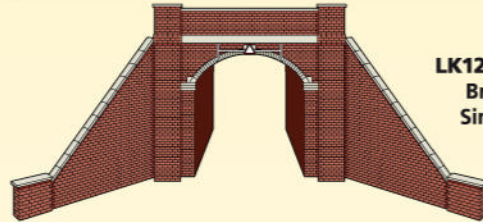


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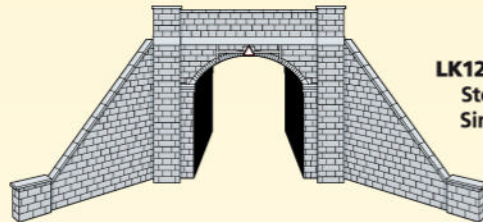


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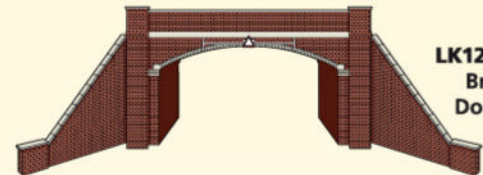
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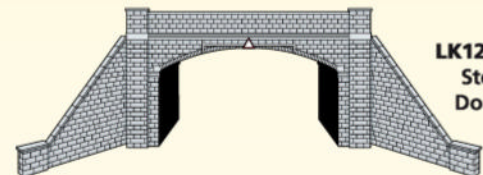
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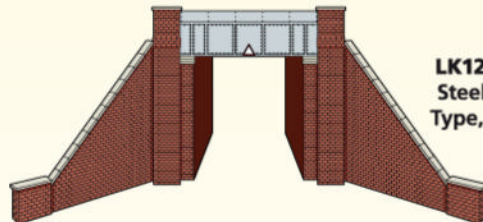
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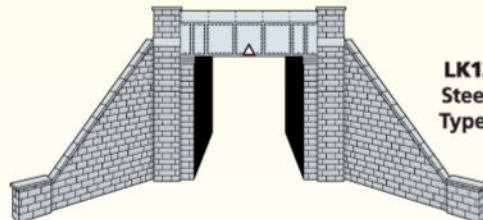
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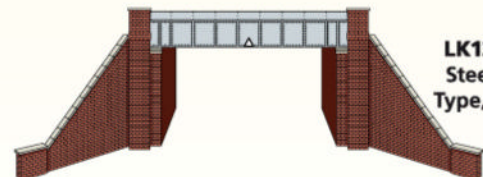
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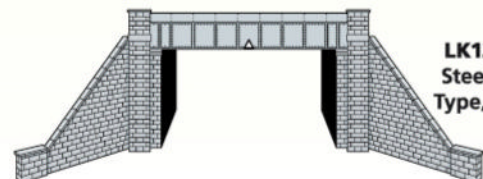
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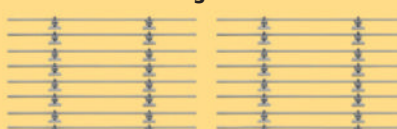
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Welcome

Changing times

Back in the early 2000s, when I was studying at Swindon College, I would often use my lunch breaks to head to the town's high street branch of WHSmith, where I would buy various railway magazines, including, of course, the latest RAILWAY MODELLER. The shop was always extremely busy during lunchtimes, this veteran retailer being the 'go to' place for the full gamut of magazines, newspapers and other publications.

Times change, however, and nowadays the majority of over-the-counter sales of RM are through other outlets.

The recent sale of the WHSmith high street chain, together with the subsequent rebranding to TGJones and restructuring of the business, has been much-documented in the media, whilst the Swindon store, which I frequented countless times over the years, is set to close on 15 September – a move that is indicative of how the wider retail landscape is changing.

Up to 150 former WHSmith high street stores (roughly a third of the total number of TGJones branches) have been earmarked for closure, which will undoubtedly have an impact on many of our valued readers. Fortunately, RM is readily obtainable from many other outlets, including selected supermarkets, independent newsagents and many Peco retailers. To find your nearest stockist, go to: www.peco-uk.com/pages/railway-modeller#RM-6 And don't forget, if you purchase your copy from a Peco retailer, you can use the voucher in the preceding issue (see opposite page) to save £1.00 on the cover price.

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John King retires from the RM footplate

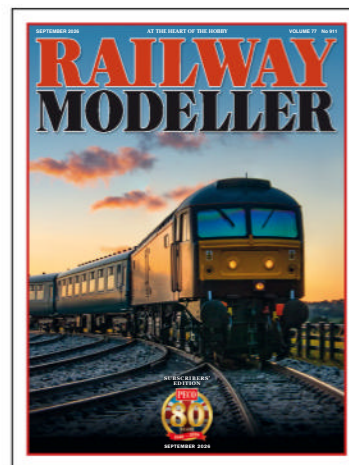
With this issue we bid a fond farewell to our Advertisement & General Manager, John King, who has been a stalwart member of the Peco Publications team since first taking up employment in the role just over 26 years ago – his name first appearing on the RM roster in the September 2000 issue. John will be well known to our many valued advertisers and I am sure that they all join myself, RM readers and everyone else at Peco in wishing him a long and joyful retirement.

Steve Haynes, who will already be a familiar face to many across the model railway industry, is now responsible for the advertising in RAILWAY MODELLER. Having worked at Peco for 25 years as the manufacturer's Sales & Export Manager, Steve recently moved into a new role at Peco as the Head of Business Development, Publishing & Marketing. Advertising enquiries can be addressed to him at: rmadverts@peco.co



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The subscribers' cover for this issue. The photo was taken on a diorama outdoors using natural light.

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Railway of the Month

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Crook Street

In the relatively small confines of his cellar, **ALLAN PILKINGTON** has created a fine tribute to the London & North Western Railway in 7mm scale.

Although I probably spend 90% of my modelling life building things, my main motivation is the operation – I like running and looking at trains. So, having tanked our murky cellar into a reasonable 13' by 12' liveable space, I set about designing a railway which, firstly, would fit in the space constraints and, secondly, could be operated in a believable way.

I had imagined that my previous freelance layout was situated around Widnes, and still had a desire to locate a railway in the mills, factories and terraced houses of the North West. I had discovered the 'Lancashire Triangle' series of books by Dennis Sweeney and others about the London & North Western Railway lines around Bolton, Tyldesley and Leigh, and thought Bolton Great Moor Street would be a wonderful subject for a layout – but it would be huge.

However, it was thought that there was an early temporary station in what would become the extensive goods yard of Crook Street. That was enough for me, and so *Crook Street* was born as a Bolton 'might-have-been'. Although my layout bears no resemblance to the real Crook Street Yard, my fiction allowed me to shamelessly steal all the names and locations, and, more importantly, traffic, as I pleased.

Space constraints

Because of my small space, achieving a believable secondary main line terminus that worked operationally was going to involve some compromises. I needed to be able to turn both passenger and goods trains round, and have 'destinations' for goods trains. The prototype came in handy here, as there were about 10 local yards and sidings accessed from the real Crook Street Yard. I contrived that most of the destinations would be off-scene 'local yards', for which trains could arrive in Crook Street, be marshalled and then distributed back to the fiddle yard. That meant I needed sidings that would enable the sorting and storage of goods wagons, ideally without interfering with the main running lines. In the space I had, that would mean short sidings, tight curves, no run-round on the main lines, and short trains.

I found Templot invaluable to map out what curves I needed, and what I thought I could get away with, both operationally and visually. The layout would have to be an L-shape, but the operating position inside the curves means that they are less obtrusive to the observer. I was delighted to find that, with some compression, I could fit in an engine shed, a small marshalling yard, a coal yard, a goods shed and a three-platform station. I even found that, with some very tight curves, I could reach the

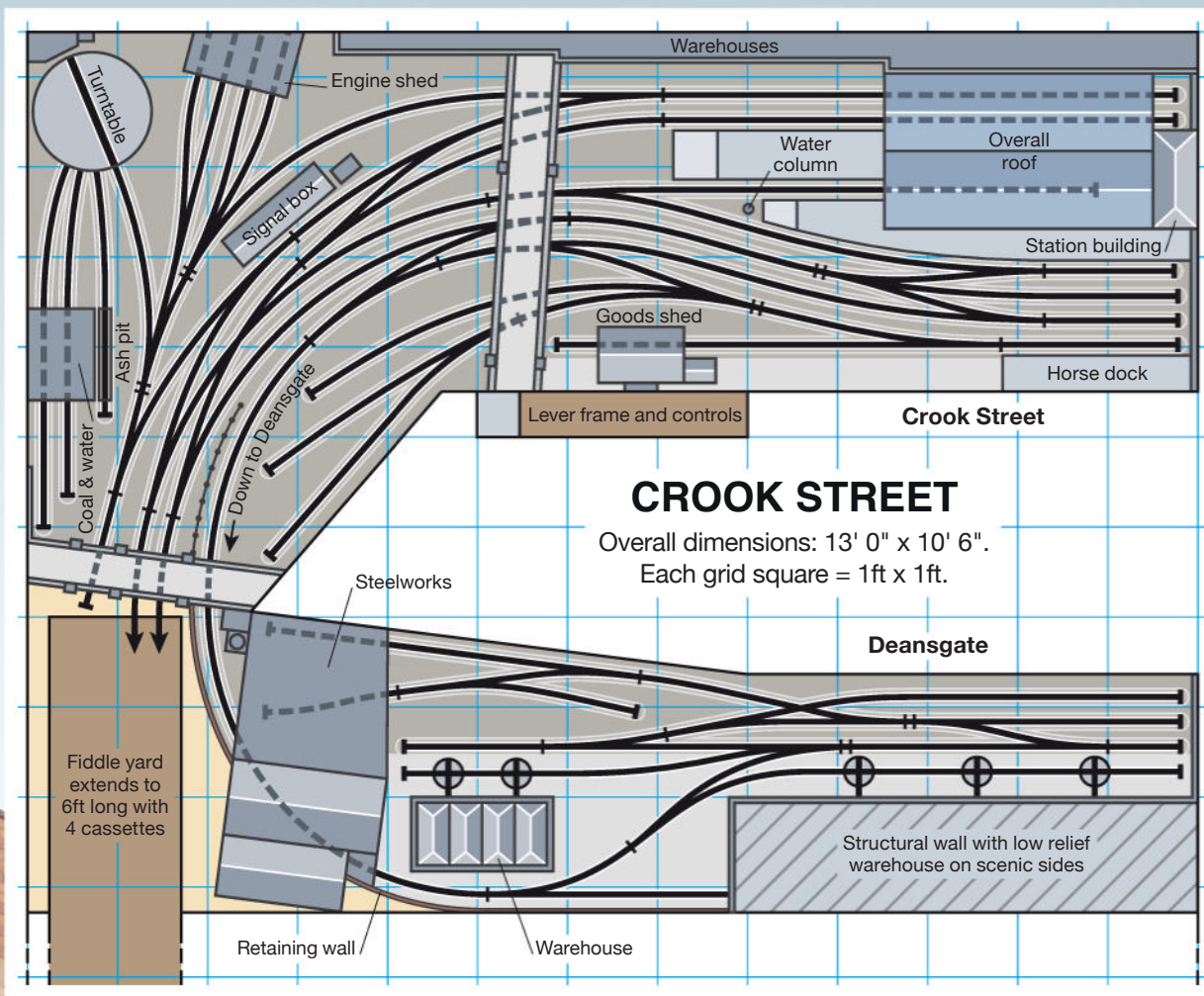
Left

The Cheshire Lines Committee train from Wigan Central, hauled by a GCR Class 9F (later LNER N5), draws in. Not one of the company's prestige services, it consists of ancient four-wheelers. The 9F is a Haywood Railway kit, the centre two coaches are Alpha Graphics kits, and the brakes are semi-scratch-built, based on cut-down sides bought at a second-hand stall at an exhibition.

Right

The coal men have got plenty of work to do, as the Kenyon Junction motor train eases into Crook Street. The coaches are Sidelines kits, one modified into the motor train driving coach.





Right
All is quiet in the bay platform. The coaches are Chowbent and Sidelines kits.



Below
The Kenyon Junction motor train gets the road for the first of the three passenger departures.

other side of the room. Do all modellers find this an oft-sought nirvana, or is it just me? The fiddle yard was constrained to be 6', meaning that the maximum train length would be three bogie coaches or nine wagons – short, but believable, given the traffic in the area.

With the track plan printed off, I could get on with building the baseboards. The cellar door is quite small,

so this layout was not going to be portable. 12mm ply was used for the track base, and simple 2" x 1" timbers for the frames. Because of the curves and the near 5' width from the corner of the layout to the front, the frame geometry is far from standard, and, having suffered uneven joints on previous layouts, I strengthened each ply joint with a reinforcing 'plate' of





wood. The end result is an incredibly strong, dimensionally stable, single unit. The cellar has a very uneven, now tanked, dirt floor so various lengths of leg were used to achieve a level running surface.

Because the fiddle yard was tucked up against a wall, it could only be four roads wide, and at 6', couldn't accommodate any points. I used a sector plate arrangement with portable cassettes fitting on the sector carriage. Underneath, I installed a drawer that held another set of four cassettes, so I could have eight made-up trains. With a shelf above to contain goods wagons, I could make up goods trains so no two look alike, despite having a limited number of wagons.

Operation

At this point, I needed to devise the timetable, or at least a sequence of trains to fit within the constraints of the fiddle yard roads and available roads on the layout. It's very important to have space to run trains to, if you are to avoid having to 'fiddle' after every train. The timetable evolved into its current form, incorporating many of the real LNWR trains that ran in the 1920s, but, as it's freelance, adding a few indulgences of my own. It runs to 161 arrivals and departures, with many more if shunts and shed moves are included, and, even with just four fiddle roads, has only 13 'fiddle sessions' in those

Above

A well turned out Renown Class 4-4-0, No.1971 *Euryalus*, departs with the morning parcels to Ordsall Lane while the Deansgate Trip bustles down the bank with its maximum load of four wagons. *Euryalus* is a Mercian kit, and the parcels train is a mix of Chowbent, Mercian and Gladiator kits. The Ramsbottom 4' Shunter is a Gladiator kit, with mostly Slater's wagons.

Left

Seen from the steeply graded Deansgate branch, a 'Super D' eases a coal train into Crook Street. The 'Super D' is an Acme kit.



Right

A busy moment for the station staff, with the Wigan local, the Kenyon Junction motor train and a Liverpool Lime Street express hauled by Crook Street regular George the V Class No.1681

Ptarmigan, all due out in quick succession. The George V is a Javelin kit and the first coach is based on Worsley Works sides. The 'Chopper Tank' on the motor train is a Zero Zephyrs kit.



161 trains. The timetable is used to derive the stock and locomotive requirements for the layout, so each engine, coach and wagon has a purpose. I've found, when operating, that you really need to know wagon destinations, to avoid them arriving in one train and leaving promptly on the next. I'm currently trialling a card index system, which means I can add Yard Foreman to my many other roles on the layout!

I converted to Digital Command Control for this layout, which meant chipping all my existing locos. With the built-in feedback circuitry, it was a revelation in achieving the slow smooth running I had always wanted.

Above

It's always busy at the coal 'ole, and an unsuperheated D Class 0-8-0 lines up ready to be coaled and watered, while an SDX 0-6-0 on the turntable will take the inner road. The D Class was bought at a stall at an exhibition many moons ago and came without any instructions, but it looked like an old Modeller's World kit. The SDX is a Gladiator kit. The loco coal wagons are scratch-built.

I use an NCE Power Cab system with a 5A booster recommended for O gauge, although I have never found any of my locos take more than 1A, even on stall.





Left
Webb 0-6-0s at rest at Crook Street shed.

Below
A Class T, the original North Eastern Railway 0-8-0, arrives in the goods yard with a special goods, a heavy steam turbine from Parsons Engineering on Tyneside to local firm, Hick & Hargreaves, for the growing electricity generating industry. I can't remember who made the Class T kit; it may have been Haywood. The brake vans are Connoisseur Models, the van is Pre-Grouping Railways, and the bogie well wagon is Ellis Clark Trains – one of the few ready-to-run vehicles on the layout.

Track and signals

The trackwork is C&L, using this firm's Flexi Track, with all points being hand-built. The tight curves needed led to some challenges, with very long curved points and the key to accessing the station platforms, a curved double slip. I found, when I built it, that all the trains derailed, so I changed it to a switched diamond, which solved the problem and, although daunting at first, proved surprisingly easy to get working.

For ballast, I use a base of mortar mix sieved on dry and brushed into position, followed by a variety of ballast finishes depending on where the track is – fully ballasted for the main lines, a partial scattering for the Deansgate branch, and just the mortar mix to represent ash in the yards. I stick to my regular brew of ancient Humbrol for track painting: matt 29 (dark earth) and 62 (tan) for rail edges, all brush-painted, mixed *in situ* and all sloshed over with thinned matt 67 (tank grey) whilst still wet, so no places are exactly the same. For the yards, I emphasise more browns, to represent rusting rails that aren't coloured with brake dust like the main lines, and in the steam shed, greys and blacks are dominant.

The LNWR provided some very large signals; some look more like the masts of galleons. I found an excuse for one of these magnificent beasts in the Down home bracket signal just on the entrance to the scenic area. All the signals are hand-built using etched components for the arms and metalwork, and are operated using a Megapoints servo driver unit for the more remote signals and plastic wire-in-tube for closer ones. All



“ – It was a pleasure to add the small details that bring the scenes alive – ”

Allan Pilkington



Right

A gathering of three humble goods engines, all Webb 0-6-0s – the usual fare for Crook Street shed. The SDX on the left is a Gladiator kit and the lined Coal Engine is Mercian, while the unlined one is Gladiator.





Left
The regular Manchester Exchange local passenger clatters over the pointwork as 'Cauliflower' No.664 leaves with a goods train for Plodder Lane. The 'Cauliflower' is an old Modeller's World kit marketed under the Mercian label.

points and signals are operated from a home-made lever frame, based on an article in **RAILWAY MODELLER** back in the mists of time.

Buildings and infrastructure

Once the track was down, ballasted and operational, I turned to the scenery. In an urban location such as

Crook Street, this comprises mostly buildings with the odd cobbled street or yard thrown in – no green pastures here!

I started at the back and worked to the front, so the first item to complete was the backscene. This has some bought-in components, such as the terraced housing with some adaptations of the OO Metcalfe Models

Below
"Which one is ours,
dear?" The passengers
are used to seeing the
LNWR 'plum & spilt milk'
coaches and the fine
'Super D' gracing the
goods loop.



Below
Heavy shunting in the yard with an 0-8-2T, D Tank No.2277 allocated to Springs Branch, Wigan, taking a break from its usual banking duties on the nearby Chequerbent Bank – a fearsome 1 in 18 at its steepest point. The D Tank is a Gladiator kit.

factory and a mill building from a previous layout. Because the cellar has a number of alcoves, I was able to take advantage of this to add a 3D effect to some buildings. At the station end, I added some shop fronts to the terraces, and managed to find a prototype to model that long-forgotten delight: a Bolton tripe shop!

My previous layout had featured grimy retaining walls and cavernous cuttings that I couldn't justify at Crook Street, but I could console myself by contriving to build something I'd wanted for years: a large LNWR signal box. The key to signal boxes is windows, and etched components made the whole build possible; the rest is mount card overlaid with Slater's embossed brick Plastikard. The LNWR produced many standard buildings, and there are several others on the layout, all based on designs in the excellent *LNWR Portrayed* by Jack Nelson [Ed. Published by Peco and available via Amazon print on demand], all built using the same card base and embossed plasticard construction. One feature I was keen to replicate was the distinctive speckled appearance of 'Crewe brick' I remembered from my youth. I found that if I dotted the bricks randomly with white then orange, followed when dry by a dilute wash of matt black to darken and flow into the mortar lines, I could get near to the effect I wanted. It's very laborious, but put some music on and you can chunter away in a Zen-like state until it's done!

There is a plate girder bridge bisecting the layout, which breaks up the view. This was constructed in plasticard, with rivet strips added and brick jack arches represented underneath. It's right by the operating position, so they're satisfyingly visible.

The station provided another satisfying challenge. The station building was straightforward enough – the usual card/plasticard construction, but with less speckled brick this time, as it's likely to have been made using a more decorative brick. The canopy, however, if it were to convey that crowded sea of ironwork that is seen in

photos, would require some thinking. The roof trusses are the key to that appearance, and I chose to solder them up in a jig using wire and brass angle. This must be the model railway equivalent of knitting – very monotonous – but you do get into a groove, and it's soon finished.

The small 'town' goods shed was the last building to be completed, and it was a pleasure to add the small details that bring the scenes alive and are such a delight in our hobby.

Next train for Deansgate

They say a layout is never finished, and that is true of *Crook Street*, but it's mostly there. Deansgate is perhaps a story for another day. Meanwhile, I must say there is no greater pleasure than watching the trains rumble slowly into the station with the shunter bustling around in the yard, the hiss of steam and the clank of wagon buffers; all I need to work on is the smell of hot oil.

Watch it on YouTube

Crook Street can be seen at:
www.youtube.com/channel/UCJWSLUe5cbFHE9g4qTon-Cg

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British Thomson-Houston Type 1 Bo-Bo (Class 15)

IAN CAIRNS describes how he married a 3D-printed body with a proprietary mechanism to model a BR diesel class that has hitherto not been produced ready-to-run in N, with accompanying 4mm scale drawings from the RAILWAY MODELLER archive.

I have always been interested in the pioneer diesel-electric locomotives conceived by British Railways, these including the British Thomson-Houston (BTH) Type 1 locomotives (later designated Class 15).

I found the BTH locomotives interesting for their distinctive characteristics – an off-centre cab, the rounded edges of the main superstructure, and an American switcher look only seen on a few BR designs. Unfortunately, the class only enjoyed a short working life, for

several reasons, before being condemned to oblivion.

My layout *Ferryhill* (RAILWAY MODELLER, June 2023) is based on a location in the North East of England during the period 1955 to 1968. The BTH locos spent most of their working years in and around London, the South East, and East Anglia, so would not have been seen in the area I have modelled. However, running short of projects and seeing an opportunity to build one, I decided to give it a try.

A brief history

An order for 10 800hp BTH Type A (later Type 1) locomotives (D8200-9) was included in the diesel Pilot Scheme that was part of the BR Modernisation



▲ The last Class 15 to be built, D8243, was converted to a coaching stock pre-heating unit with the number ADB968000. It is pictured at London Marylebone in 1985, when it was employed to heat the stock for steam charters. Photo: Gordon Edgar/Rail Photoprints

D8229 leaves the West London line platform at Clapham Junction after a signal stop with a Temple Mills to Norwood Junction transfer freight on 14 July 1962. Photo: Brian Stephenson/Rail-Online



Plan, with the first loco entering traffic in 1957.

Before the locos could be fully evaluated, further orders for an additional 34 locomotives brought the total number to 44, numbered D8200-43. The Pilot Scheme locos were initially allocated to the London Midland Region at Devons Road, Bow, but these 10 and the later examples were subsequently transferred to the Eastern Region, primarily in the London area and East Anglia. The first shed allocations of the class were Devons Road, Stratford, March, Ipswich, and Finsbury Park.

The locos were not fitted with steam-heating boilers, but they did have a through steam pipe. Their duties consisted mainly of station pilot work, local freight traffic, parcels, empty coaching stock, and some passenger and excursion/relief work during the summer months.

Unfortunately, the Paxman engine proved troublesome and the local trip workings that they were designed for started to disappear quickly during the 1960s. The first loco was withdrawn in 1968, and all had been withdrawn by 1971.

After withdrawal, four locomotives were converted to carriage heating units; one of these (D8233) has been preserved and is currently under restoration.

The model

In the early days of British N gauge, both Kingdom Kits and Parkwood Models made kits for this prototype, and I have examples of both in my collection. However, because both manufacturers used the Graham Farish Class 20 chassis for these kits, both models are slightly overscale in both length and bonnet width.

Lincoln Locos is a company that produces 3D-prints of steam, diesel, and electric locomotives for 3mm scale. It will, upon request, also print any of its range in British N gauge (1:148).

Looking at the firm's website (www.lincoln-loco.co.uk), many of its 3mm products are already available ready-to-run in N gauge. However, one item caught my eye – a BTH Class 15.

I decided to order one, and my first impressions were very favourable. The resin print is



▲ Passenger work was relatively rare for the Class 15s, but here is D8231 leaving Hadley Wood with the 5.52pm Moorgate to Hatfield train on 15 June 1964. Photo: Brian Stephenson/Rail-Online

very clean, with none of the print lines so common on 3D-printed products. The cab windows were also very clean and supplied with open apertures, eliminating any need to drill them out (photo 1).

I checked the major dimensions against Ian Beattie's drawing in the March 1986 *RAILWAY MODELLER* [Ed. *These drawings are reproduced here as part of this article*]. The bufferbeam to bufferbeam dimension of the model is about 1mm too long, but placing the print over a drawing scaled to N, all the other dimensions seem to be spot-on.

There are no buffers, but holes are provided in the bufferbeam to facilitate the easy installation of brass buffers,

which is my strong preference (versus fragile 3D-printed buffers).

The handrails were included on the print, and I was in two minds about these. I normally prefer to install brass handrails and knobs, but I realised that the printed handrails could not be removed easily without risking damage to the locomotive body. Therefore, I decided not to try and install separate handrails.

A donor chassis

As with all 3D-prints that are produced to scale dimensions, the internal width of the body

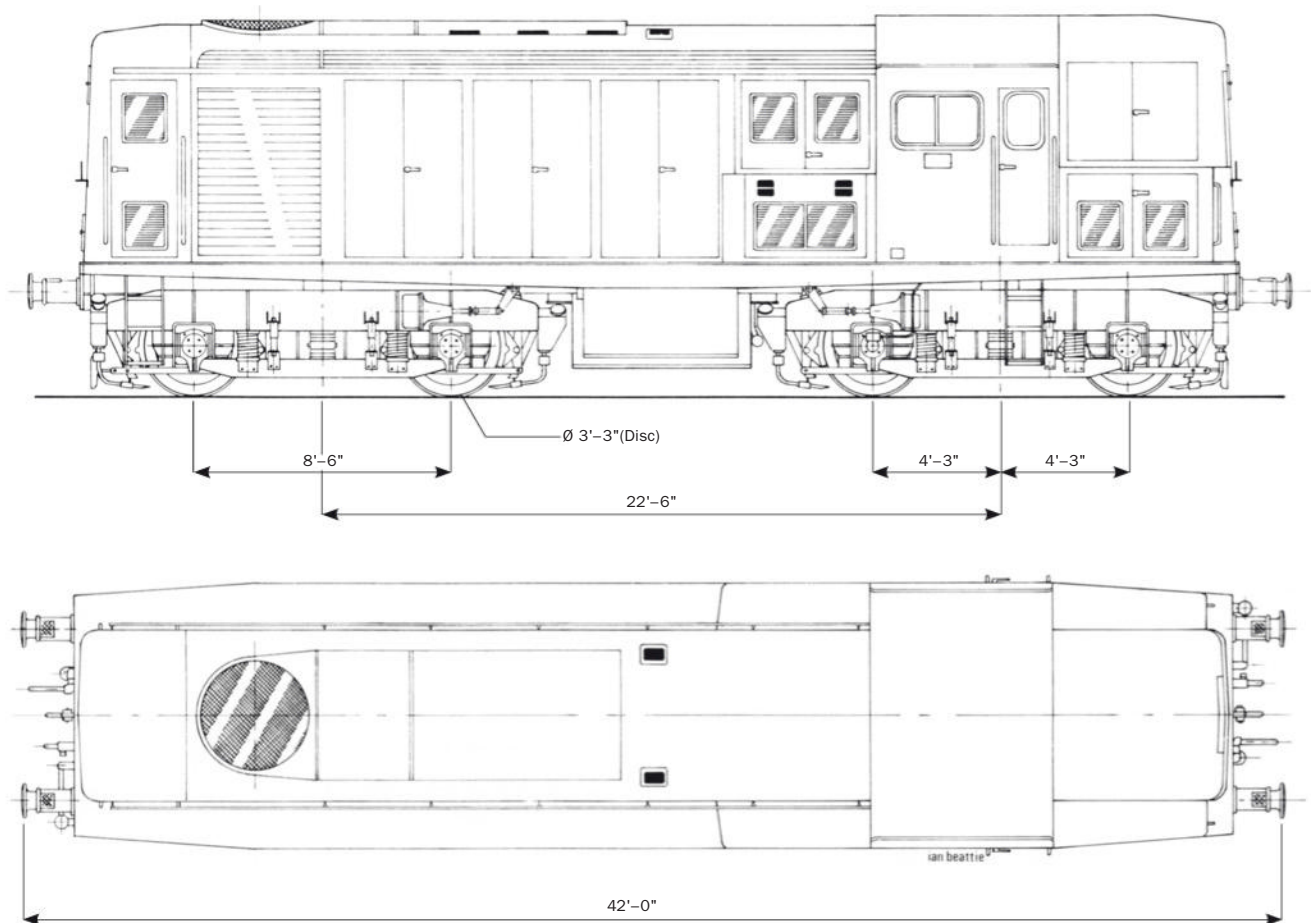
can sometimes prove too narrow when trying to find a suitable chassis. The internal width of the Lincoln Locos print is 10.3mm, but a Poole-made Graham Farish Class 20 chassis is too large at 11.3mm wide.

Looking for a chassis for the Class 15 that is about 1mm thinner than a GF Poole-made Class 20, I began thinking about American diesel switchers with their narrow forward bonnets. I then remembered that the chassis in my Parkwood Models Class 17 Clayton model was from a Micro Ace Japanese National Railways (JNR) switcher, and was 10.3mm in

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▲ The resin 3D-print of the Class 15 body as supplied, complete with handrails and the cab window apertures already open.



width – the same as the internal width of the Class 15 3D-print. The length of the Bo-Bo chassis was almost exactly right.

I knew that the Micro Ace switcher was not currently available, but I decided to search for one online anyway. By an amazing stroke of good fortune, a new model (catalogue ref.A8806) was available from an online retailer in the United States (where I live), so I bought it (photo 2).

The model ran very smoothly straight from the box, and had very good slow speed control. It also had traction tyres on two wheels.

Sure enough, the Micro Ace chassis was an easy snug fit inside the Class 15 body. The only thing needed was to trim off about 3mm from each end of the chassis – which was an easy modification (photo 3).

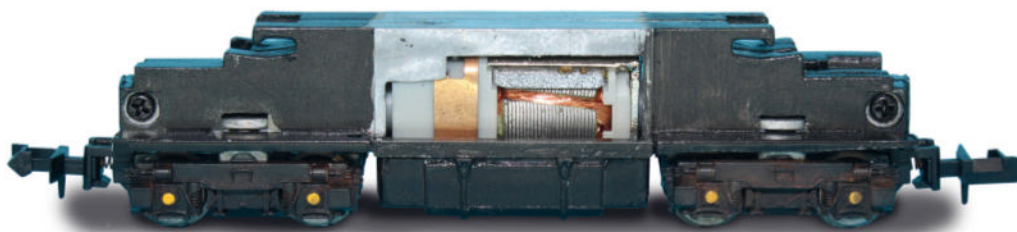
The original chassis had push-fit lights at each end, which I removed for the Class 15. I also painted the ends of the chassis block black, so it would not be seen so easily through the cab windows (the chassis can be

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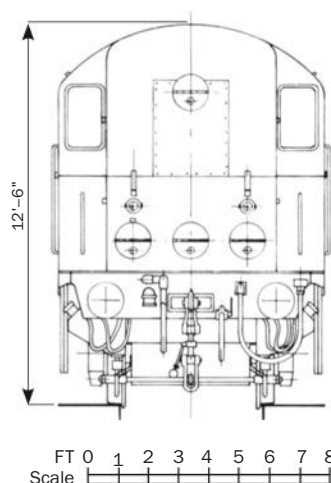
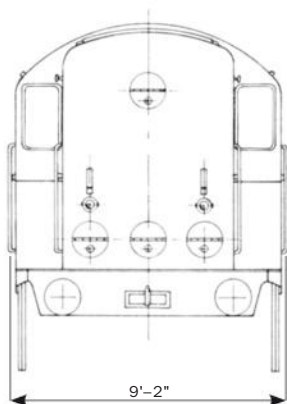


▲ A donor locomotive from the other side of the world provided a suitable chassis – this Japanese National Railways switcher by Micro Ace.

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▲ The chassis required only minor modifications: shortening each end by 3mm and painting each end black so that it would not be so visible through the Class 15's cab.



fitted to the body either way round, so I painted both ends). I also painted small dots of yellow paint on the bogies to represent Timken axlebox roller bearing covers.

Incidentally, because the Micro Ace chassis does not completely fill the loco body, there might be enough room to fit a decoder for Digital Command Control inside, but this wasn't something I attempted (my model being used on a 12V dc analogue system).

Painting and finishing

The BTH Class 15 locos only ever carried BR green livery. While later in their lives (towards the end of the 1960s), some locos carried the double arrow BR logo and full yellow ends, none of the class were ever painted BR blue or carried their Class 15 TOPS numbers before withdrawal.

There were variations when the yellow ends were introduced, and five of the early batch also received numbers painted on the end bonnets

D8236 stands at Halstead with a ramblers' excursion over the Colne Valley line on 8 October 1961. Photo: Stanley Creer/Rail Photoprints



(D8200, D8202, D8204, D8205, and D8207).

I decided to paint the loco in BR green with late crest and no yellow ends, which would be correct for 1957 to the early 1960s. I decided against yellow ends because the headcode discs are part of the 3D-print, and I was concerned that I would not be able to achieve a neat enough finish when painting.

I used Humbrol acrylics: Brunswick gloss green (ref.3) for the body and sea grey (ref.27) for the roof, fan cowlings, and the tops of the running plates. I did not attempt to replicate the colour of the aluminium window surrounds on the cab windows, as this would have been a bridge too far for me to do neatly. I added brass buffers, and painted the bufferbeams and buffer housings red.

The colour of the cab faces provided some interesting discussion on the online N

Gauge Forum. Some photographs seemed to indicate a pale blue colour, and the consensus on the forum was that the colour was duck-egg blue (Humbrol catalogue ref.23), so I duly painted the cab faces this colour.

I decided to number my model D8206 (no bonnet end numbers) and ordered a set of Fox Transfers Warship Class loco numbers (catalogue ref.FRH2005/4), and married 'D82' with '06'. The white stripe running the length of the long bonnet was also from Fox (catalogue ref.FRH2006).

As the period for my layout is nominally 1955 to 1968, I decided to add overhead electrification warning flashes that, according to the photos I looked at, put the loco at around 1961/62 – pretty much bang in the middle of my layout's time frame.

I used a spare headcode disc in the open position (filed as

thin as possible) from a Graham Farish Class 24 for the front of the loco. (The 3D-printed body came with all discs in the closed position.)

After completing the painting and decal work, I added some light weathering to the bogies, and then applied two coats of Testors Dullcote to tone down the finish. To complete the model, I added clear glazing to the cab windows, secured by Glue'n'Glaze (photo 4).

At this point, I came across a copy of Anthony Sayer's book *The BTH & North British Type 1 Bo-Bo Diesel-Electric Locomotives – British Railways Classes 15 & 16*. In this publication, the initial painting instructions for the prototype are given. The cab faces are listed as being painted light grey. Reading the detailed information in the book (which is very detailed) the author states:

"It will be noted that there is no reference to 'duck-egg blue'



The finished model – although it seems that the duck-egg blue on the cab may not be accurate...



▲ The doyen of the class, D8200, at Stratford depot on 28 April 1963. Note the running number repeated on the locomotive's nose end. Photo: Brian Stephenson/Rail-Online

anywhere at all in the archive documents in relation to the cab front/back colouring, and it seems to have entered railway phraseology at a later date, probably confusing the subject of an egg-shell finish with an actual colour in its own right."

I must admit that, looking at some of the colour photos in the book, the cab fronts/back do look light grey. I assume that colour photos that show a

D8215 at Stratford on 20 April 1969. The cab end does appear to have a blue tinge, but is that down to the age of the film? Photo: Dave Cobbe Collection/Rail Photoprints



▲ The model in action on the author's *Ferryhill* layout, hauling a coal train; the Japanese chassis can manage up to 30 of these BR 16-ton mineral wagons on second radius curves.

bluish tinge to the cab faces must be because of the film stock used at the time. The moral of this story: complete

research before completing the model! However, because the cab faces of my model look very pale, not too dissimilar from

light grey, I decided not to try and repaint them.

Summary

I have always admired the distinctive shape of this diesel pioneer, and am glad to have added one to my locomotive roster.

I am impressed with the quality of the 3D-print that was provided by Lincoln Locos, and with the running qualities of the Micro Ace chassis – it is very controllable and has very good slow speed running on analogue dc control. It handles a coal train of 30 mineral wagons around Peco second radius curves with ease.

Although Class 15 locomotives were not indigenous to the North East of England, D8243 was one of the locos converted to a carriage heating unit, and was taken into Departmental stock as No.968000 (later ADB 968000) and allocated to Heaton, Newcastle, for a period. So, there is a connection to the North East!

Model photos by the author

Additional references

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Our hobby in the limelight

A stage play about model railways?
RM Editor Craig Tiley heads to Nottingham to see a performance of *The Market Deeping Model Railway Club* at the city's Playhouse Theatre and discover more about the production's background.

During the early hours of 18 May 2019, a group of youths broke into Stamford Welland Academy and wrecked model railway exhibits that had been set up in readiness for the Market Deeping Model Railway Club annual exhibition. The scene that greeted club members and exhibitors arriving later that morning was one of utter devastation, with four layouts damaged extensively and years of modellers' work obliterated (see News, RM July 2019).

In the immediate aftermath of the attack, the club set up an online fundraising appeal to raise £500.00. But as news filtered through the mainstream media, the appeal received a staggering level of donations, both monetary (eventually totalling well over £100k) and in the form of modelling materials, from individuals and groups around the world – many from outside of the railway modelling community. Rock star Sir Rod Stewart (whose layout was featured in the January 2025 RM) was reported to have donated £10k to the appeal. Messages of support were also received from the musician Jools Holland OBE (see RM January 2019), the BBC radio presenter Jeremy Vine and pop impresario Pete Waterman OBE (see RM December 2022).

A different kind of limelight

The news coverage caught the attention of Adam Penford, the Artistic Director at Nottingham Playhouse Theatre. He believed that the



▲ The official poster for the play, showing the eight principal cast members.

▲ RM Editor Craig Tiley meets with the play's writer, William Ivory. Photo: Marina Tiley



club's story could form the basis of a stage play, focusing on the sense of loss and destruction felt by those involved, together with the recovery that followed. In 2020, Adam invited William Ivory to write it. A seasoned playwright whose past work has included the films *Made in Dagenham* and *The Great Escaper*, William was drawn to the deeply personal themes that could be explored within the play – specifically how those individuals, whose decades' worth of modelling had been destroyed, were now in their seventies and eighties and would never be able to replace what was lost.

▲ The members of Market Deeping MRC discuss their latest layout project. All production photos: Marc Brenner





▲ Tensions between the members boil over in the aftermath of the vandal attack. Dekka Walmsley is pictured second from right.

Soon after, Adam and William visited Market Deeping MRC to listen to members' experiences, with a close collaboration being formed over the years that followed. The club assisted with various aspects of the play, such as advising on technical references relating to the hobby and providing suitable props and models for use on stage (including *Woodcroft*, one of the layouts that suffered extensive damage in the attack, since restored to its former glory). However, whilst the production was developed with the full support of MDMRC, the club never sought to have any financial interest in it. Furthermore, the characters, together with most of the scenarios and dialogue, are entirely fictional.

Taking to the stage

Just over seven years after the vandal attack that inspired it, *The Market Deeping Model*

Graham (played by Adrian Scarborough, right) comes to the aid of George (Geoffrey Beevers).



▲ Jerry, played by Paul Bradley, with a copy of the *Peco Setrack N Gauge Planbook*.

“ – It’s a play to entertain us all. The theatre team, under the directorship of Adam Penford, has created a wonderfully entertaining spectacle – ”

Michael Pritchard
Peco Chairman

Railway Club opened to audiences on 6 July and ran for three weeks. I had the opportunity to see the show for myself during this time and also met with a couple of the cast members beforehand – these being Matt Bardock and Dekka Walmsley, who play the roles of MDMRC members Chris and Ken respectively.

Matt told me how he never had any experience of railway modelling before taking part in the

play, although his brother had a Hornby HST train set when they were both young. “I can remember the smell and the sound. It was a very visceral thing – he had a little layout up in the loft for a time, but it was rudimentary stuff.” He continued: “I absolutely get the fascination with it now, having worked on this play, and I can totally see why people get into it – the passion and the care, and the hours and the time that people invest in it. I could see myself getting into it.”

When asked what aspect of the hobby has surprised him the most as a result of his involvement with the play, Dekka replied: “The level of detail. In the play it’s my character that has made *Woodcroft*... another actor and I, we bring it on [stage] and we take the lid off and I look at that every night – it’s so beautiful. I do this thing where I have to bend down and look along the line of the platform, and it’s like a photograph. That really surprised me – that it was so precise, and also it’s the attention to detail of things that aren’t the trains: the platform, the ticket office and the people – it’s absolutely amazing.”

Given the unusual theme of the play, Matt explained what led him to accept the opportunity to be involved: “I think there’s so much heart in it, the writing’s so beautiful and they’re such a lovely bunch of characters... it’s been an absolute joy – once we started rehearsals I thought, ‘this is going to be great’. I feel very proud to be part of it.”

The show

Despite what I knew about the background and development of the production, when I settled into my seat in the auditorium, part of me was still braced for what I feared could be two and a half hours of humour and ridicule – all aimed squarely at the hobby of model railways. But I need not have worried. Within the first couple of minutes of the curtain going up, it was clear that this play was going to be a heart-warming celebration of the creative passion shared by those within the railway modelling community.

The story focuses entirely on the members of MDMRC, performed by a cast of eight comprising seasoned actors who, between them, share a vast amount of experience working in theatre, television and film. Graham is the central character, played by Adrian Scarborough, who will be familiar to many as Pete from the hit TV show *Gavin & Stacey*. Graham is a nervous Chairman, reluctant to share with the other members the news that the club has been given notice to vacate its current premises – this being just one of several storylines in the play that reflect the realities faced by many model railway organisations.

The ageing demographic of the club and the challenge it faces with attracting a younger and more diverse membership is another plot point that will be familiar to many in the hobby. Babatunde Aléshé plays

the role of Jordan, a prospective young new recruit who is greeted, initially at least, with a degree of suspicion by the club's 'old guard'. However, his acceptance by the other members is soon assured when the character is able to explain, in detail, the scale distinction between OO and HO, and why this disparity came to be – this monologue receiving a much-deserved round of applause from the audience!

Although the club's members all share the same unifying passion, divisions occur through heated exchanges on various topics, including politics and the merits of Digital Command Control versus traditional analogue layout operation – once again echoing scenarios that no doubt occur in clubrooms across the UK, although presented here in a much more animated manner, purely for dramatic effect.

Another aspect where the story mirrors a familiar scenario is told through the character of Jerry, played by Paul Bradley (perhaps best known as Nigel Bates in the TV soap *Eastenders*). He is an ardent N gauge modeller, but is frustrated that he no longer has the necessary dexterity to work in such a small scale.

What is perhaps less reflective of the real hobby, however, is the competition and rivalry portrayed by another of the key plot lines. With the club having won a 'Best in Show' trophy at a local exhibition for two years running, the members have set their sights on securing the trophy for a record-breaking third successive year, with all their efforts focused on creating an award-winning OO gauge model of a Motive Power Depot. Although this provides an important narrative thread, real modellers are, of course, not ordinarily motivated solely by such quests for silverware.

Act one of the play serves to build the audience's understanding of the skill, dedication and creative passion that railway modellers devote to their hobby, together with the vast amounts of time they spend bringing their projects to fruition. All this is set against a tone of warmth and light humour. Therefore, when the first act concludes with the vandal attack on the



Chris (played by Matt Bardock) eyes up the club's latest trophy. Can the members go on to win it for the third time in a row?

The Market Deeping Model Railway Club

What of the *real* Market Deeping Model Railway Club, which this year is celebrating its 50th anniversary? Peter Davies says that, whilst those involved may never fully come to terms with what happened, the club has been able to move forwards and invest in its longer-term future.

The club currently has more than 70 members and, encouragingly, around a quarter are aged under 25. The organisation has been successful in recruiting younger members and has seen all sorts of additional benefits as a result: whilst the young members bring certain skills (Peter reveals that they often demonstrate a far greater understanding of DCC than the club's older members!), those aged under 16 attend club nights with parents or guardians, who themselves have skills and training that can be invaluable for a whole host of functions associated with the running of the club (such as safeguarding and first aid).

Peter also described to me how the club is engaged in various initiatives within the local community. These include promoting the hobby at all sorts of public events – not just model railway shows – and taking layouts to care homes, activities with which the younger members are always keen to be involved.

To find out more about MDMRC and its activities, including its thriving Junior Section, head to: www.mdmrc.org

club's show, the violent, brutal nature of this scene is served up by William Ivory like a gut-punch. The dark and serious tone is one of complete contrast, leaving the audience in a shocked silence as the curtain drops for the interval. There is no suggestion here of the attack being exploited for entertainment – far from it in fact. A photo montage from the real incident provides a respectful, visual reminder of what unfolded on that night in 2019.

The second act deals with the aftermath and recovery, the tone returning to one of humour as the story's endearing characters (including Graham's wife Linda, played by Lucy Briers) carry the play on its expected trajectory towards a heart-warming finale. After the actors take their curtain call, there is one final surprise, with *Woodcroft* being brought out and displayed at the front of the stage for audience members to enjoy.

Commenting on the play, MDMRC Vice Chairman Peter Davies (who was the club's Chairman at the time of the vandal attack in 2019) remarked: "What William has done is remarkable... it absolutely captures the sense of loss, shock and rebuilding that we all went through." He added: "Even though the story is fictionalised, there's a great deal of truth in it emotionally."

Whilst nothing has yet been announced, it is hoped that the play may go on tour and, given the writer's previous work, perhaps a film adaptation could follow as well...



Arguably the real star of the show – *Woodcroft* – is displayed on stage at the end of the performance. In reality, the layout was built by the late David Smith. Photo by the author

In conversation with Deka Walmsley

Scan this QR code to listen to cast member Deka Walmsley as he discusses his involvement in the play with RM Editor Craig Tiley.



Heaton Grove

With storage and portability being key considerations, **DAVID ELLIS** built this compact OO gauge layout to have a fold-up scenic section, thereby providing a crated footprint of just 4' x 2'.

Layout photography by the author

With this project, the intention was to create a small, compact layout that could be stored easily in my garage, which already had two American-outline layouts down each side!

I wanted this layout to have a Lancashire & Yorkshire atmosphere, though in BR days, as my early trainspotting days were spent around Heaton Lodge Junction on the former L&Y main line – hence part of the name. I never managed to get to Rose Grove shed in those impecunious schoolboy days, but I thought any self-respecting L&Y layout ought to have ‘Grove’ somewhere in the name!

A Bachmann J72 0-6-0T shunts the goods yard; a handful of these engines were based in the North West, at Bidston shed in Birkenhead.

Boards, track and electrics

The woodwork for the two boards is the usual plywood top on a softwood frame, and I used pasteboard hinges at the join between the boards attached to pairs of uprights, so that the boards could fold up over each other and form a box giving a footprint of only 4' x 2'. The fiddle yard framework is slightly narrower, and is in the form of a turntable – a type that I favour, as it leads to less handling of stock during an operating session. The whole layout, when folded up (with the fiddle yard sitting on top), can be transported in my car for exhibitions.

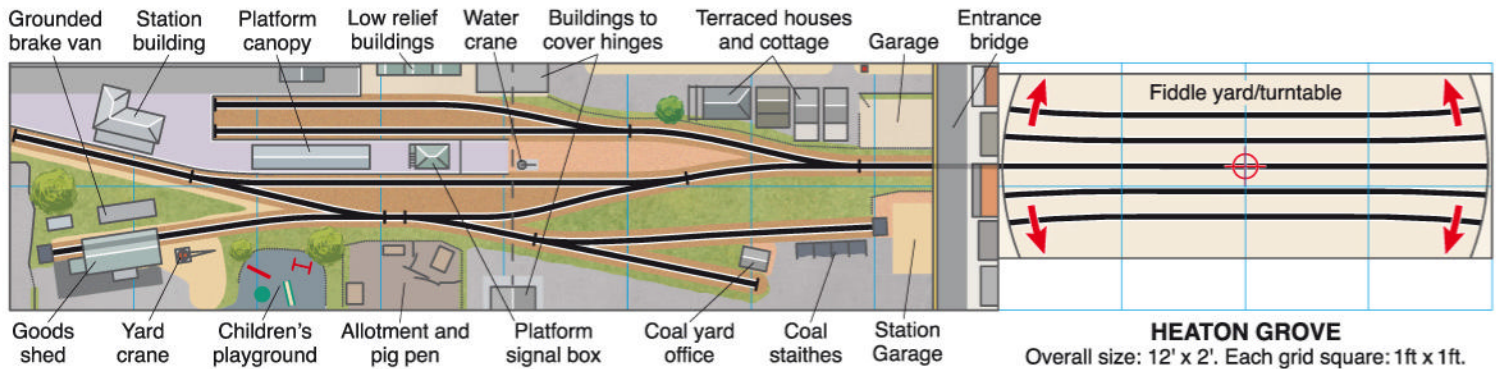
The trackwork is mainly Marcway copper-clad pointwork with C&L plain track. However, a couple of the points, which pre-

▲ A Bachmann BR 3MT 2-6-2T represents examples of this class which worked in the Manchester area from Patricroft shed.

dated the layout and were built more than 20 years ago, started showing their age, so these were replaced with the new Peco bullhead points and corresponding track – a system I shall use in any future projects, as it looks really good.

Electrically, the control is 12V dc analogue with the wired connections made between boards using 25-way D plugs, which have proved very reliable. The lights behind the





The layout has a turntable fiddle yard (right) which sits on top of the folded layout (far right) for transportation to exhibitions.

station building and in the platform signal box have their own supply from a small voltage regulator (sourced from JS Models).

Backscene and buildings

With the track tested and ballasted, I turned my attention to the scenic side of the layout, as I wanted to create a scene that could only be 'up north'! I spent a long time on the backscene, using Sankey Scenics products for a change. This firm's 'Derelict Street' sheet for terraced house fronts was cut out and mounted on some thin foamboard, this then being mounted just in front of another backscene fixed directly to the plywood backboard. This created a realistic three-dimensional/low-relief effect, which has drawn favourable comments from the public.

I also wanted to try and use up some of those older bits and pieces that we acquire over a lifetime's modelling, not from any desire to keep costs down, but to give a new lease of life to some 'old friends' that were just languishing in a box. The goods shed, and most of the buildings on the street above the fiddle yard exit, as well as the small terrace of properties behind the entrance to the station, are all resurrections that have been subjected to a bit of TLC to improve them.

The station building was scratch-built, based loosely on the one at Rishworth (L&Y). All the other structures were scratch-built, using my usual laminated styrene sheet approach, using double-sided masking tape to stick the layers together. Buildings were all coloured using watercolour pencils over a thin wash of a suitable mortar colour when dry.

Scenic details

The scenic side of the layout was always intended to represent the 'less salubrious' end of the town, with mainly scrubland covering. The trees are formed using Woodland Scenics armatures, whilst there are also a couple of tree armatures that I picked up at an exhibition more than 40

Station structures were scratch-built; the main building is based on Rishworth, while the glazed canopy is also in typical L&Y style.





years ago and reworked to make them more acceptable.

The rosebay willowherb was an inspired addition by me. I used brush bristles that were painted green and then dipped in some suitably coloured flock powder, before planting them in the undergrowth. However, having been on the train recently and seen the real thing, I think I need to add rather more than the couple of dozen I've made!

The allotment used, in the main, Noch products, which again have been hanging around amongst my modelling supplies for years, and I think they don't look too bad. The children's playground also has some old Langley Models swings, together with a slide and roundabout.

Rolling stock and locomotives

I am building up quite a nice collection of ex-L&Y wagons through various kit sources such as David Geen. The rest of the goods stock has also come down through the years, but I am gradually starting to use those wagons that are weathered, slightly

Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Aspinall 'A Class' 0-6-0 No.52400 shunts a van into the bay platform sidings.

▲ Examples of these J10 0-6-0s could also be found not too far from L&Y territory, at the former LNWR Wigan Springs Branch shed.

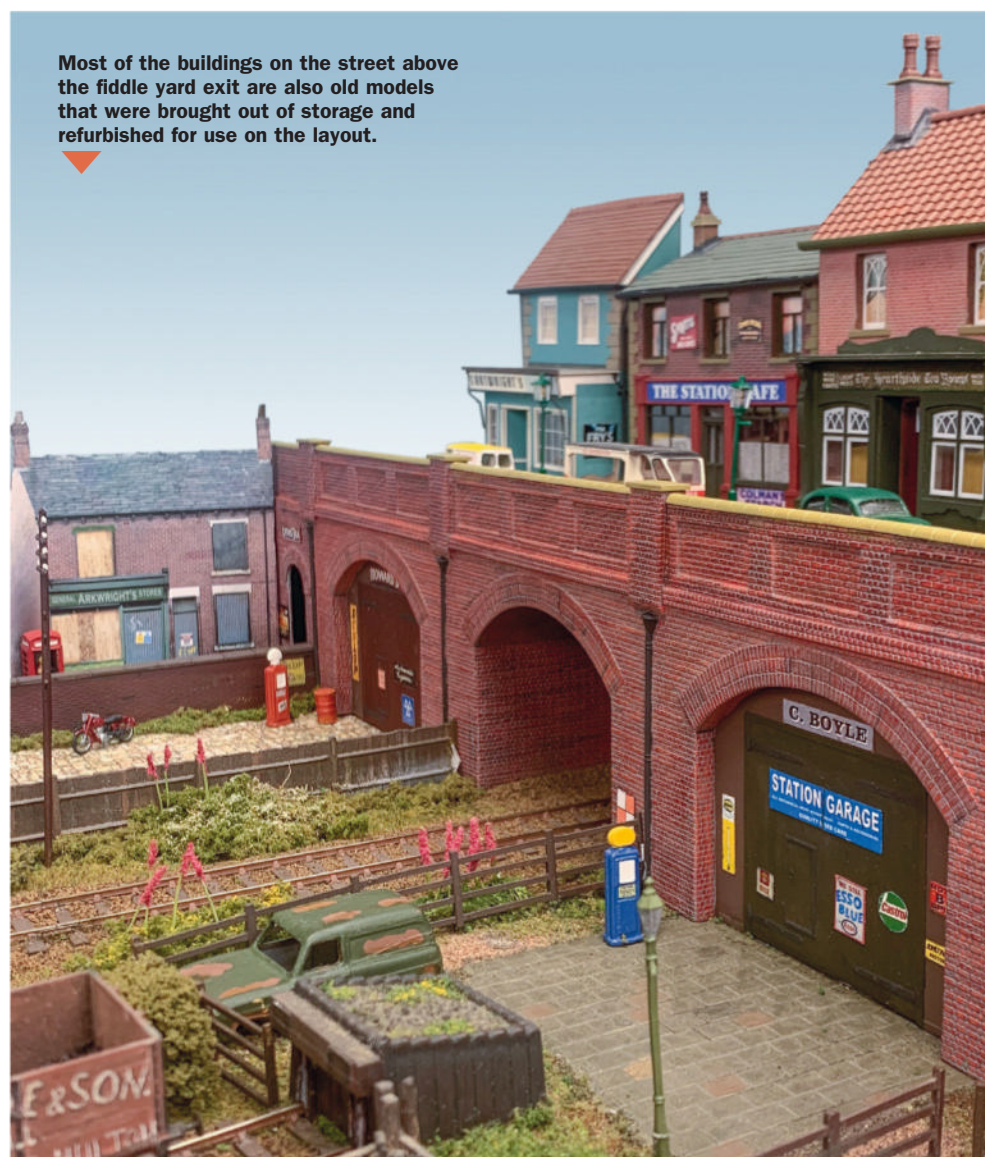




▲ Layered sheets on the backscene help to create a realistic three-dimensional/low relief effect.



▲ Many of the small details on the layout are older items that have been reused: the swings in the playground are from Langley.



Most of the buildings on the street above the fiddle yard exit are also old models that were brought out of storage and refurbished for use on the layout.

battered and generally down at heel, to help create the run-down atmosphere that pertained to BR in the late 1950s and early 1960s. All are fitted with three-link couplings, as I have always thought this is the only realistic method of coupling stock. They can be fiddly, but with my new LED torch and coupling hook, I manage very well with them.

The locomotives that run on the layout are a mixture of modern technology from Bachmann and Hornby, as well as a couple of DJH kit-built offerings and an old BEC kit for a J11 0-6-0. This latter model has been re-wheeled with Alan Gibson wheels, with pick-ups in the tender and a few detail additions. It runs very nicely indeed – not bad for something that is probably 50-55 years old!

On the road

Heaton Grove has had a number of outings since its completion, and as a result I have evolved quite a nice routine of operations. The fiddle yard is set up with five trains: a passenger, a parcels and three pick-up goods trains. They are brought 'on scene' one at a time, re-marshalled accordingly, and then returned to the fiddle yard. The goods trains get 'rearranged' by picking up a designated wagon at the end of a siding and depositing a new one at the front. The compact track design means that quite a bit of thought is needed for the shunting moves if you are not to get into a mess!

Invitations for *Heaton Grove* to attend exhibitions are welcomed. (The layout is based in West Yorkshire.) Enquiries can be passed on via the RAILWAY MODELLER office: editorial@railwaymodeller.co.uk

Mynydd y Ddraig

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It's all the internet's fault! You know how it is: you spend 40 years successfully dodging a particular modelling subject (narrow gauge modelling in my case), and then you find that one photo that sends you down a rabbit hole of research and modelling in a whole new scale and gauge combination. I can't even remember what I was searching for online, but this photo just caught my eye.

The photo in question was a postcard from the early 1970s, showing Devil's Bridge, upper terminus of the narrow gauge Vale of Rheidol line from Aberystwyth, in summer and showing all three tracks filled with BR blue stock and all three locomotives in steam. A little voice in my head said, "that would make a fun micro layout", and that was it.

I did pause at that point, not least as I had my Scottish HO micro layout *Dounreay* (RM March 2025) to finish, but once that was out of the way, I began planning in earnest. The internet proved useful, with searches for 'Vale of Rheidol 1970s' and 'Devil's Bridge Station' throwing up plenty of additional images, and both information on the prototype and some modelling pointers. The BR weight diagrams for the stock were also found online, and some basic drawings appear in an old book on mid-Wales narrow gauge railways by Boyd. Only once the layout and stock were pretty much



completed did the excellent new book *The Vale of Rheidol Railway in Detail* get published, but it was satisfying to see how little variance there was between my models and the new information.

Design concepts

I decided to use my customary Ikea Lack 110cm x 26cm floating shelf as my baseboard

Two coal wagons occupy the 'bay platform' road as a passenger train prepares to depart.

▲ The Wickham trolley in the background has a resin-cast body on a Kato motor bogie.

(also used for *Dounreay* and my Czech TT:120 micro layout *Nove Mesto* – see *CONTINENTAL MODELLER* October 2022), which set me certain challenges and restrictions around the track plan. I used the free version of the AnyRail software to put the initial plan together, using Peco 009 track from its extensive bank of proprietary trackwork.

I wanted to re-create the scene in the postcard, so a plan of Devil's Bridge was my starting point, with the main platform road, a run-round loop and the 'bay' platform road. The first version was a mirror image of the track plan at Devil's Bridge, compressed to a three-coach train length. By curving the platform and loop roads, and reducing the headshunt to just the length of a loco, I was able to ease out the compression a little to accommodate a four-coach train on both main and bay platform roads. Simple scale-length shapes in AnyRail, representing the loco and coaches, proved the capacity, in theory at least.

After further reflection, I 'de-mirrored' the plan, so it now resembled a compressed version of Devil's Bridge in the same orientation as the prototype location. By adding one point off the run-round loop, I included a siding to increase the 'play value'. Although based on Devil's Bridge, the layout would be sufficiently different that I didn't feel right calling it 'Devil's Bridge', plus I was



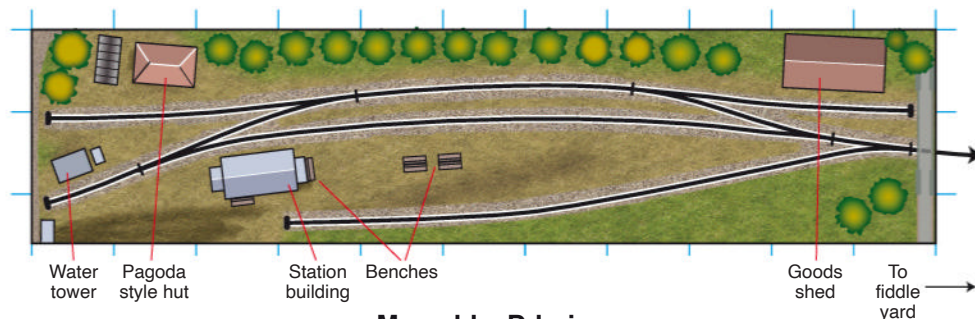
aware of Andy Cundick's superb scale-length OO9 layout already on the circuit, so I needed to invent a new name. Playing around in Google Translate, and flipping between Welsh and English, I arrived at Mynydd y Ddraig, or Dragon Mountain.

With the plan finalised, in electronic form at least, the next step was to acquire some models. Luckily, this coincided with Christmas 2022, so my presents from partner and family included some kits and bits to make a proper start: a Chivers Finelines (Five79) whitmetal body kit for the Great Western Railway 2-6-2T, a couple of Dundas original VoR coach kits and the Wills 'tin chapel' kit for conversion to the station building. Also received that Christmas was the book on narrow gauge modelling by regular RM contributor Chris Ford, which proved very useful, and a number of the projects contained therein were followed. A purchase of Peco OO9 points and flexible track allowed the layout to be mocked up for real, to refine and check clearances, and allow the final positioning of buildings and other key scenic elements.

Progress then paused for quite a few months due to work and other commitments, although sharing early

How the layout is displayed at exhibitions, complete with an information folder and the sides of coaches under construction.

2-6-2T No.8 Llywelyn is a 3D-printed resin body on a Minitrix Ivatt 2MT chassis, though without the outside frames of the real VoR locomotives.



Mynydd y Ddraig

Overall size 1100mm x 260mm. Each grid square = 100mm x 100mm.



Opened in 1902, originally to carry both freight (lead ore and timber) and passenger traffic, the 1' 11½" gauge line linked with the standard gauge at Aberystwyth station, from where it climbed 700' to Devil's Bridge. There were originally three intermediate stations along the 11¾-mile route, at Llanbadarn, Capel Bangor and Nantyrone.

Formerly operated by the Cambrian Railways company, the line was absorbed by the Great Western Railway at the 1923 Grouping. The new owner quickly withdrew the goods service and closed the branch that transported freight commodities to the harbour, deciding to concentrate on the passenger traffic which had increased as a result of tourists using the line to view the spectacular waterfalls at Devil's



▲ 2-6-2T No.7 Owain Glyndwr departs from the former Carmarthen bay platform at Aberystwyth station on 2 June 1971. Photo: Colour-Rail

◀ 2-6-2T No.9 awaits departure from the upper terminus of Devil's Bridge in August 1954. Photo: Rail Photoprints



Bridge. Winter passenger services were withdrawn in 1930, and the line closed completely for the duration of World War II.

Ownership passed to British Railways following Nationalisation in 1948, and it ultimately survived to become the last steam railway owned by British Rail until its privatisation in 1989 (prior to which the stock, including the locomotives, famously sported BR Rail blue livery with double arrows).

The railway is now owned by a charitable trust, and continues to use the three 2-6-2T locomotives (Nos.7, 8 & 9) originally built for the line by the GWR between 1923 and 1924 at Swindon Works.

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progress via the Micro Layouts group on Facebook generated some interest, including an invitation to exhibit at the local Kenavon exhibition in Reading, from my neighbour Richard Standing, another aficionado and keen modeller of the VoR. This gave me a deadline to complete the layout, always good for focusing the mind and effort!

By early November 2022, I was finally ready to start, with the workbench cleared and the Lack shelf prepared for use.

The construction phase

As always with my micros, portability is key. As a non-driver, I rely mainly on public transport to exhibit, so the layout and supporting kit need to be light and portable.

The first job was to roughen the plasticised veneer surfaces of the Lack using

coarse sandpaper, to help key the board for the 2mm medium-density EVA foam sheet laid across the whole top surface using PVA. Once this set overnight, the main track elements were placed, to allow the channels to be cut in the EVA sheet for the wire-in-tube point rodding to the front of the board. As is customary for my micros, I prefer to operate from the front. I added 1cm square stripwood battens to the underside of the board: these align and lock the folding ply risers that lift the layout up off the table top to a 1m viewing height, aligned with the modified Tim Horn display stand on which the simple 'fiddle stick' rests. The risers, stand and other kit are shared between all my micros.

The 4mm ply display box was prepared next, with the fascia window cut out, the

fascia and backboard cut to height and the end plates to width. One end plate had a rectangular hole cut to allow the passage of trains from the 'fiddle stick' onto the layout, and the fascia also had the holes for the point rodding plotted and drilled through, plus the holes for the 2.1mm sockets for lighting and track power feeds and the section switches. All elements of the display box were then primed and painted in my customary light grey.

It is possible to cut 4mm ply with a stout Stanley-type knife, long steel rule, and a large cutting mat or sacrificial surface (NOT the dining room table!), and taking some care to ensure your fingertips remain attached to the rest of you. This approach generates far less mess than using a saw and, certainly in my opinion, results in a more accurate outcome.

Once the paint was dry, the fascia and end plates were attached to the Lack, with some judicious reinforcement of 1cm stripwood in the vertical corners. The backboard was left off for the moment to allow better access for tracklaying, wiring and scenic work. There's enough 'meat' in the end blocks and side rails of a Lack to take panel pins and screws.

With the board and display box ready, I could now lay the track and wire up. The wire-in-tube runs were laid into the channels previously cut in the EVA foam, then the points were laid sequentially from the fiddle end to the headshunt. The flexible track was cut to appropriate lengths and retained with PVA and a few track pins, with metal or insulating rail joiners as necessary. As I run analogue dc control via Gaugemaster handheld controllers, I added in isolating sections for the loco headshunt and the far end of the bay platform road. Additionally, the points for the two sidings off the loop will self-isolate the sidings when set for the loop, so there are four locations where a loco can be held. The rest of the layout is always electrically live.

With the benefit of hindsight, the two toggle switches for the isolating sections were placed at the wrong (headshunt) end of the layout, and would be much better located at the fiddle end. I may yet move them... Lastly, the protruding ends of the point actuating wires had the internal metal parts of 'chocolate block' connectors screwed on to make handles.

The station building was converted from the Wills tin chapel kit (ref.SS70), sold as part of the Peco range.



▲ No.7 Owain Glyndwr is a Chivers/Five79 whitmetal kit, again running on a Minitrix N gauge Ivatt 2-6-2T mechanism.

The pretty bits

Now the track was down, wired and thoroughly tested, attention could turn to ballasting, followed by the scenic work. Before ballasting, I decided to raise the ground around the track by a further layer of the 2mm EVA sheet, trimmed tight to the sleeper ends. This helped restrain the fine ballast from creeping out, and gave a cleaner, more controlled finish. The ballast was held in place with diluted PVA. Once it had set, the viewing sides of all rails were coloured using an acrylic paint marker pen

in Burnt Umber to give a nice older rust effect. The rail tops were cleaned and point vees checked for stray ballast, before a final test of the track and electrics. The Peco buffer stops were also fitted at this stage.

The key structures were then fixed in place. The main station building is a kit-bashed Wills 'tin chapel', the goods shed scratch-built from Wills corrugated sheet and the pagoda hut another Wills product, as is the rough shack hiding the backs of those isolating switches.

The water tower and footbridge are 3D resin prints acquired via eBay. The footbridge and its associated cork bark rock faces help disguise the entry track to the fiddle stick.





▲ One of the 2-6-2Ts simmers in the 'bay' while passengers stretch their legs after the journey from Aberystwyth.

▼ An extra siding off the loop, serving a goods shed, was added to increase the layout's operational interest.



The positions of the Woodland Scenics trees were then set out – I used the firm's 5-6" tall deciduous armatures and a mix of clump and net-based foliage, secured in place with Woodland Scenics Hob-E-Tac adhesive. This has proved less than successful with the clump foliage, as the clumps are easily dislodged from the armatures. In time, the clump trees will be redone with the net-based foliage.

With the tree bases fixed, the ground cover was added – brown WS turf for the 'platform' area, around the water tower and headshunt. Static grass and tufts were added to the triangular area between the footbridge and fascia, as the photo showed this to be summer grass. The track areas where locos would stand were given an oily dark brown wash. Some GWR station benches and a scattering of people complete the scene –

the railway worker with arm raised acts as the fouling marker for the run-round loop.

Following the bulk of the scenic work, the backboard and backscene were added. The backscene was free with *RAILWAY MODELLER* January 2023 and was perfect for my needs, trimmed to height and long enough to wrap inside the end plates with curved corners to avoid any sharp angles. The transition from baseboard to backscene was disguised with hedging from rubberised horsehair. Finally, the trees were 'planted' onto their pre-positioned bases and blended in.

The lighting rail was then added along the inside top edge of the fascia with two rows of LED strip, one cool and one warm to give good, even illumination. The strips were wired down to the previously installed dc socket and tested.

The finishing touches were the nameboards in both English and Welsh, along with Velcro pads to attach the 'skirt' which hides the risers, stock box and other detritus when exhibited.

And now, the trains

I decided from the start to model the BR blue era, mainly as I'd never seen the VoR modelled in this time period. BR blue was carried from the late 1960s through to the early 1980s. Initially, the three locomotives and all the coaches were painted in a plain all-over blue, relieved only by the red numberplates and nameplates on the locos and the white lettering on the coaching stock. Around the mid-1970s, the plain blue was enhanced by the addition of white lining around the lower portions of the coach bodysides and the tanks and cabs of the locos, with the nameplates and numberplates moving and a metal cut-out BR arrow replacing the flat decal on the latter. Personally, I prefer the original unlined livery, so have modelled the early 1970s.

My initial loco was No.7 *Owain Glyndwr*, constructed from the Chivers/Five79 whitmetal kit and mounted on a modified N gauge Minitrix Ivatt 2MT mechanism. No.8 *Llywelyn* is a 3D-printed resin bodysell, mounted on another Minitrix Ivatt chassis. A second (and older) version of the Chivers kit is currently a work in progress based around a more modern Farish Class 08 diesel chassis, outside frames and valve gear from RT Models. This will finish the trio as No. 9 *Prince of Wales*. The nameplates and numberplates all come from the old King's Cross range, stocks of which are now held by and available to order from the Great Central Railway Society.

I made a working Wickham track trolley from an old resin-cast body and a Kato motor bogie. This makes occasional forays on and off the layout, being stabled on its short section of track next to the pagoda hut when not in use.

To date, I have constructed two rakes of four coaches, comprising in total four Thirds, the two Brake Thirds and two of the Summer Open coaches. Further sides and ends have been cut for another three Thirds

and three Summer Opens, which will make three rakes of four coaches plus a few spares. The four-wheel brake has also been modelled.

All the coaches have been scratch-built using sides drawn and cut on my Silhouette Portrait machine. The flat sides, and standardised windows and doors, make them very easy and cheap to model this way. An A4-size sheet of 10thou plasticard will yield enough sides and ends for four closed coaches, so it is a very economical way to build a consistent set of stock, provided you own, or have access to, such a machine.

Each side is two laminations of 10thou/0.25mm plasticard and the ends four laminations. A 60thou/1.5mm floor makes for a solid base, with Evergreen #262 3.2mm channel section for the solebars. Side detailing is simply microstrip and rod, and the door droplights are separate to have some windows open. Internally, the seating is cut and shaped from Evergreen planked sheet. Bogies and roofs are from Dundas Models. Once the coaches are painted inside and out, clear plasticard is glued to the inside faces of the sides, giving a realistic flush-glazed effect. Most of the coaches are populated with cheap 4mm seated figures. The coach numbers are from Railtec, which produced a sheet of 12 custom numbers containing a suitable selection of the BR numbers on the VoR stock.

A handful of wagons complete the fleet: three Dundas five-plank opens carry loco coal; a pair of four-plank opens from the OO9 Society are used for ballast; and an assortment of vans, flats and bolsters make occasional appearances with rail and other Permanent Way materials.

An early decision was not to use the standard OO9 couplers. I did search for working 4mm 'chopper' style couplers, but the only 3D-printed ones I found were too chunky and not reliable in use. I ended up using the DG Type B etched couplers, albeit modified to make exhibition use easier. I omitted the delay latch and, rather than using brass wire, I made the lifting loop from the soft iron wire included in the coupler kit. Stock is handed, with a loop and hook at one end and just the hook at the other end of all stock. Uncoupling is done via a magnetic pole from above.

Exhibiting

The layout and sufficient stock were finished (just!) for its debut at the Kenavon exhibition in February 2024, roughly three months of evenings and occasional weekends after construction began in earnest.

At exhibitions, the layout is table-mounted and front-operated. The venue supplies a 6'2m table and a couple of chairs. I operate seated and invite interested viewers to sit

and view the layout. This approach is inclusive for wheelchair users and children.

A Tim Horn display stand supports the fiddle stick, and allows the stock to be both accessible and on display. I have a folder of VoR reference material and an account of the layout construction in front of the layout for viewers to peruse or refer to, along with some of the work-in-progress coach sides and other items of interest, including that postcard!

Since its debut, *Mynydd y Ddraig* has been exhibited some half a dozen times and seems to be well received. Many viewers



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comment fondly on how they remember the VoR in the blue era and how nice it is to see that period modelled.

A basic sequence is operated: it is possible to bring two successive trains into the station, the first into the bay and the second into the main platform. The locomotive off the second takes out the first, having watered in the headshunt. The released first loco then takes out the second train. In due course, the more complex three-train service will be attempted, reflecting the railway following the removal

of all intermediate passing loops by BR (since reinstated).

Occasionally, a freight working will bring coal or PW materials. These are usually shunted into either of the rear sidings. And the Wickham trolley sometimes appears, ambling along like a mobile garden shed.

More narrow gauge to follow?

My first foray into narrow gauge and OO9 modelling has been rather fun, with new challenges and adapting existing skills, like the silhouette-cut coaches.

In part, I've also enjoyed beating the forthcoming ready-to-run loco release (and rolling stock can't be that far behind, surely?), and getting a Vale of Rheidol layout, even a micro, completed before said R-T-R models make it all too easy!

Despite my early insistence that *Mynydd* would be my one and only narrow gauge layout, I am warming to the idea put forward by a couple of friends to model the Aberystwyth terminus on a similar basis, so I have sketched things up on a spare Lack, based on early 1970s photos soon after the terminus was moved into the old Carmarthen line bay platforms at Aberystwyth. It would just about fit with four-coach trains, and would feed from the other end of the 'fiddle stick'. The challenge would be to carry two layouts on the train!

It has also been suggested that I could up-scale to O-16.5/NG7 via 3D-printed loco bodies and enlarging my coach sides... but that would push both my time and storage space, so is very unlikely!

Forthcoming exhibitions

The next booked show appearances for *Mynydd y Ddraig* are in 2027: at Southampton on 30 & 31 January, and Bournemouth on 6 & 7 February.



The bright yellow BR Bedford HA van (a Corgi Trackside model) contrasts with the Rail blue of No.8 Llywelyn.

A pair of LMS open wagons

IAN NUTTALL describes how he used completely different approaches to construct two near-identical vehicles for use on his OO gauge Settle & Carlisle layout. *Model photography by the author*



Wagon building was the focal point of my modelling activities for over 40 years before I had the opportunity to create *Dentdale*, this layout project having occupied virtually all my modelling time for the past dozen or so years. Whilst I continue to thrive on my long-term project, it is also refreshing to return, occasionally, to my 'roots'.

A 3D-printed example

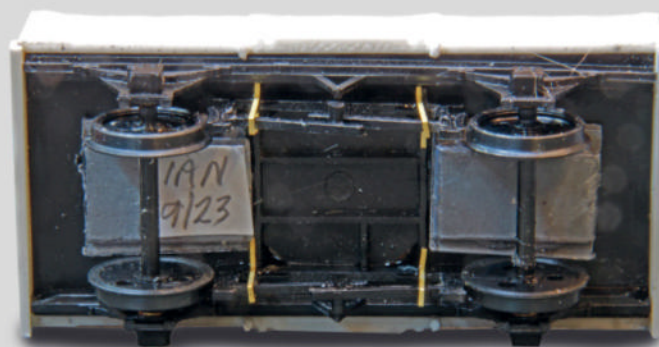
A few years ago, I spotted an advert for a 3D-printed body for a London Midland & Scottish Railway Diagram 1839 12-ton Merchandise Wagon with corrugated ends. As it was something a little different, I bought one. I can't for the life of me recall who made it... it came with no paperwork or instructions... or even how much I paid, so apologies to the company concerned.

▲ Coupled to S&C regular, 3F 0-6-0 No.3337 (an etched Kean Maygib kit), the two wagons that form the subject of this article – plus the Furness Railway brake van described last month – make up the Hawes pick-up goods, returning south to Hellifield.

100 wagons were built to this diagram in 1933, and all were fitted, no doubt to cope with the increase in express goods services at this time.

I looked to pair the 3D body with a Parkside (ref.PA09) fitted chassis, although this comes with clasp brakes, whereas the Dia.1839 wagons had traditional push-rod brakes. This was not a problem, as I raided my 'spares box' for a couple left over from a Ratio LMS 12-ton van kit. However, I did replace the plastic safety loops with thin brass strips sold by Bill Bedford for that very purpose. I also made use of etched strips to manufacture the drop door stop

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▲ Evidence of the first of my 'upgrades' to raise the level of detail beyond that of a basic plastic kit. The solid brake rod safety loops have been cut away to be replaced by fine metal brass strips, on this occasion marketed by Bill Bedford for this very purpose. Also apparent are the rectangles of lead flashing to give the wagon more weight and aid its road holding, whilst my practice of adding my initials and build date can be seen. Yet to appear is the wagon number: every one I own is catalogued and described on a series of Excel spreadsheets, both for insurance purposes and to keep a record of what I possess – I believe this is due to be build No.661, which suggests my wagon fleet could stock a reasonably large club layout. A rough calculation shows that I have built one wagon a month through my modelling career, and I am still building.

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If you intend to run your open wagons loaded, then interior detail is far from necessary, but mine is scheduled to be a 'return empty', so the various strapping and bolt heads are included. The fully detailed drawings in *Official Drawings of LMS Wagons No.1* show their positions clearly, which was a real help.

bars, bent to shape with tweezers. At the top of this, I bent a right-angle so that the horizontal arm could fit into a small slot I had made in the top of the solebar. This provides a very secure fixing for what is, potentially, a delicate part. The lamp irons on the corrugated ends were also fashioned from scrap etc... wonderful stuff, and free.

To check the model against the real thing, I used two helpful reference sources, both by LMS authority, the late Bob Essery – *Official Drawings of LMS Wagons No.1* p40-41 (published by Wild Swan) and *LMS Wagons Vol.1* p74 (published by OPC).

My comparison showed that the bufferbeams were channels that I could match with 3mm x 1mm Evergreen styrene section. The buffers were of the four-rib variety (available from 51L/Wizard Models), whilst the vacuum pipes and brake cylinder were both sourced from 51L (refs.UC001 and UC012 respectively). The basic body was dimensionally accurate, and the Parkside chassis fitted perfectly, but one or two aspects concerned me. Firstly, the diagonal side strapping was too narrow; the vertical strapping each side of the door wasn't there; interior detail was missing; and bolt heads couldn't really be seen. To address these issues, I filed off the diagonal strapping (I did first try paring it away with a sharp curved blade, but the 3D-printed material proved too resistant, and brittle).

I next added strapping of my own. The central banging plate

on the door was 10 x 40thou; the side strapping, both vertical and diagonal, was 10 x 30thou; whilst all interior ironwork was 10 x 25thou. All bolt heads were represented by 10thou cubes of plasticard; more work, admittedly, but a more accurate end product results.

Being all plastic, this wagon is remarkably light, too light, so I added rectangles of lead flashing 'below decks' to give this wagon more weight and stability. Precision Paints ref.P38 LMS Freight Grey (Matt) proved ideal for the livery, which is appropriate, as all 1933-built wagons would be turned out as such (the change to bauxite not coming until 1936). HMRS (ex-PC) Sheet No.6 provided the necessary LMS letters and numbering, which I sealed with a matt varnish, before adding the weathering and, finally, a folded tarpaulin in the empty wagon; job done.

A scratch-built example

The main reason I chose to buy the 3D-printed body was, simply, because I didn't think I could replicate the corrugated ends. However, whilst rummaging through my box of plasticard 'part sheets', I stumbled on a corrugated piece... it looked very similar to the end of the 3D-printed wagon, and, on checking, it proved to be nigh-on identical. So, I decided to try and scratch-build one, as I already had fully detailed plans and photographs to hand.

First, I drew up a parts/shopping list, this comprising the sides – 30thou plasticard;

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Fresh from the paint shop, No.5192 looks the part as it poses for its official works photo. A few trips up and down the 'Long Drag' will ensure it soon becomes work-stained. Some modellers prefer their models to remain in showroom condition, but I opt for evidence that they earn their keep. It is a matter of personal choice; each to their own, as they say.

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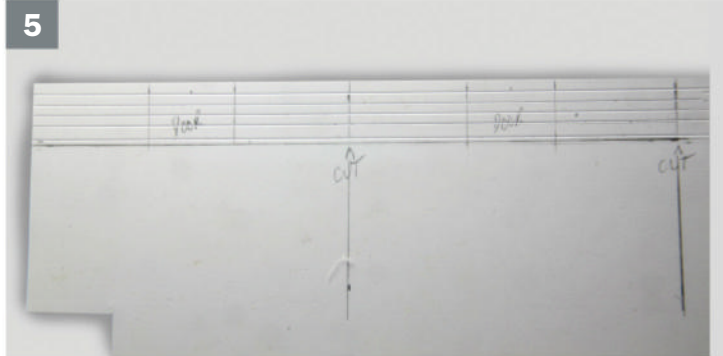


In a classic Yorkshire Dales setting, with dry-stone walls to the fore, my LMS 12-ton corrugated end fitted wagon is now in service – there is even a crossed-out 'Leeds' chalked destination to show its previous journey. I use a sharpened fine grey crayon to apply my chalk markings.

ends – a sandwich of a corrugated outer layer and 20thou planked inner layer; strapping – 10 x 30thou on the outside, 10thou angled corner plates, verticals either side of the door from 20 x 40thou filed to a taper of 10thou at the top, 10 x 25thou inside the body; floor – 60thou scribed for

planking; wheels – Alan Gibson three-hole disc; couplings – Smith's three-link; buffers – four-rib ABS; brake gear – ABS 10'; vacuum pipes – 51L ref.UC001; axlebox springs – EM Gauge Society (40-plus years old!); axleboxes – 51L ref.LMSC006 Wagon Oil Boxes; W-irons – MJT etched three-point suspension;

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Having marked out the four sides on 30thou plasticard, I scribed the planking, on both sides, using my scraperboard cutting tool – a valued item in my toolbox.

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To aid accuracy, I drew several pencil lines on the underneath of the body. The transverse ones mark the centre line, and the wheel centres, a scale 10' apart in this case. One channel solebar has been fitted on one longitudinal line; the second will be aligned on the other, thus ensuring they are 26mm apart. You can also witness the channel section of the bufferbeam, with the extra thickness added centrally to provide a secure seating for the buffers.



and brake cylinders – ABS. Amazingly, I had everything in stock.

Construction

After marking out the sides on 30thou plasticard, and scribing the planking with my scraperboard cutter, I assembled a basic box. The sides needed to be full length, with the ends inside them, allowing me to replicate the non-corrugated strip down the edges of each end. The 20thou inside layer of each end is scribed to represent vertical planking, each just over 2mm wide, as they were just over 7" wide in reality.

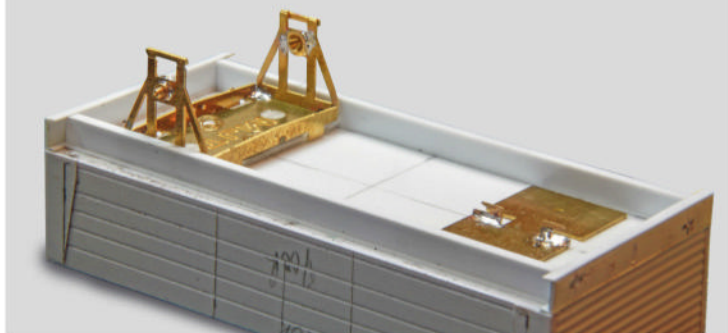
The 60thou floor was also scribed for planking, transverse this time, and the same width as those on the inner ends. The dimensions I used for the floor were 68.5mm x 30.5mm, which

needed just a modicum of filing so it wasn't a force fit. Beneath the floor, I drew a line across the centre, two more 20mm on either side of this to mark the axle centres, and a pair of longitudinal lines 26mm apart to locate the inner faces of the solebars, thus allowing the MJT etched W-irons just a bit of freedom to pivot for the three-point suspension feature.

Next, I tackled the bufferbeams, which were of channel section, and here I spotted a discrepancy between the official working drawing and the photograph of the wagon in service. The plans showed the ends of the bufferbeam angled in, whereas the photo on p76 of *LMS Wagons Vol.1* has the bufferbeam ends vertical; I went with the photo. Similarly, the drawing shows a row of rivets across each corrugated end

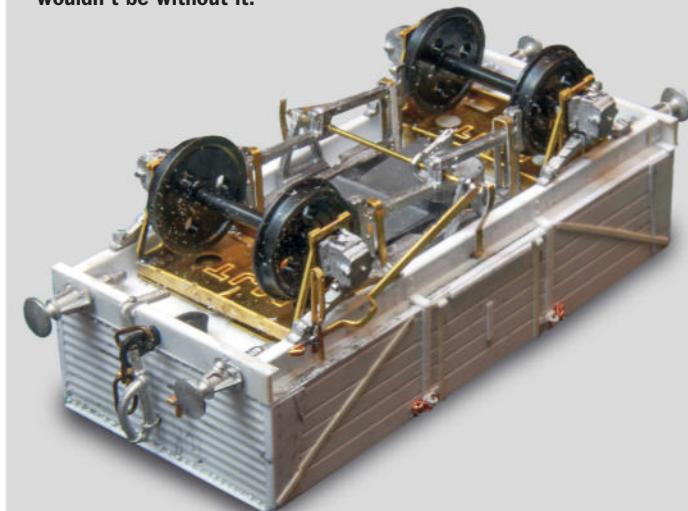
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Etched, pivoted W-irons are far from essential, but they do guarantee smooth running. The one in place is 'fixed' and glued with five-minute epoxy onto a rectangle of plasticard packing. The brass bearings are the 'waisted' type, yet the more standard ones work equally well. The base for the rocking W-iron is *in situ* – note the fillets of solder to strengthen matters.



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Below decks, showing the various additions of ABS 10' brake gear and vacuum cylinder, and the rectangle of lead sheet as ballast – I wouldn't be without it.



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Several extra details are apparent here. The Smith's three-link couplings are my standard, as is my approach to manufacturing lamp irons from scrap etched strip, fixed into slots in the corrugated end. The two rows of very fine rivets can be seen clearly, hopefully suggesting that my efforts with these were worthwhile. From this angle, the 'see-through' nature of the brake lever bracket can be appreciated.



about halfway up, yet they are not apparent in the photograph; they were omitted. The main face of the bufferbeam was 20 x 125thou Evergreen styrene section, whilst the channel effect was created by 10 x 60thou strip top and bottom. I also added a 10 x 60thou piece along the top of each end, as there is a pronounced lip on the outside.

I chose only 20thou as the basic thickness of the bufferbeam, as the ends need to resemble reality. Once I had fixed the solebars in place, for which I used 30 x 125thou plasticard flanked by two strips of 10 x 60thou, I beefed up the centre section of the bufferbeam rear with 30 x 125thou, 26mm

long, to give a solid foundation when fixing the buffers.

Three-point suspension is not essential, but is an enhancement, and guarantees smooth, non-wobbly running. The axleboxes were the same as I had used on my 3D-printed wagon (51L ref.LMSC006), whilst I had some EM Gauge Society springs and axleboxes from when I visited the organisation's show when it was held in the hotel attached to Paddington station... now that does date me! By cutting off the cast grease axleboxes with a fine saw, I could pair the springs with the correct 51L boxes. To add weight, I selected ABS 10' whitmetal brake gear parts, although I cut off the cast safety

loops with my jeweller's piercing saw, and substituted scrap etch strip, which is an improvement. For a more finescale look, I used Bill Bedford etched brake levers.

The vertical strapping adjacent to each door is 20 x 40thou, filed to a taper so that it is only 10thou thick at the top. Extra pieces were added, and filed, to suggest that this strapping wraps under the body and then is attached to the face of the solebar. The other vertical strapping, plus the diagonals, were from 10 x 30thou, the banging plate in the centre of each door 10 x 40thou, whilst the corner plates were fashioned from 10thou sheet. All internal strapping, as with my 3D-printed model, was 10 x 25thou.

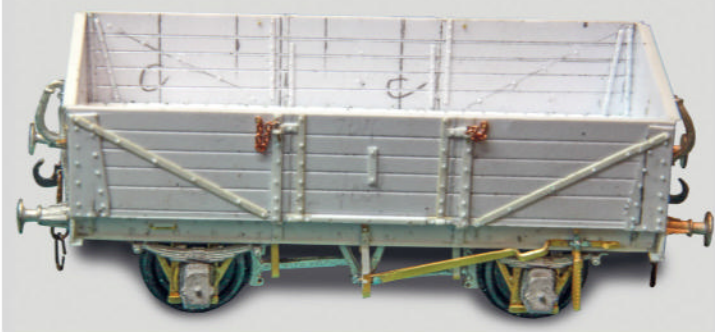
Upping the game

As I'd gone to the lengths of making this wagon from scratch, I decided I would add all the detail I could see. The vacuum pipes were straightforward, being from 51L (ref.UC001), whilst both the end lamp irons and drop door stop bars were formed from scrap etched brass offcuts. In each case, they were secured firmly by creating a mini-slot in each end/solebar for a leg to slide through, and then fixed either by superglue or five-minute epoxy.

Along the bottom of each door is a length of timber, which I estimated to be 20 x 30thou section in 4mm scale. Each has three holes for sunken bolt heads; the nearest I could get to this was drilling 0.4mm holes to replicate the same effect. In reality, the doors are held in place with pins connected to the body by a short length of chain. I had a go, as I had a length of suitable chain (40 links to the inch) in stock. For each pin, I used a length of 0.33mm brass wire soldered to the last link of the chain. Next, I cut off a section of six links, drilled a 0.35mm hole in the appropriate place on the wagon side, and slotted a length of 0.33mm wire through (deliberately making it too long so that it was easier to handle). The loose end of the chain fitted onto this. The 'pin', previously soldered to the other end of the chain, was then pushed through the 0.4mm hole I had drilled in each fixing bracket. A small spot of

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There are many pencil lines on the interior of the wagon body, all to aid accurate positioning of the strapping and the bolt heads. As these details are so obvious, I am not sure why some mainstream manufacturers continue to omit them.



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A close-up illustrating the slightly more chunky, tapered, vertical strapping immediately outward of the door, plus the very fine chain I used for the door fastenings, and the pin on the end link going through the bracket on the body. The correct axlebox pattern is also evident, whilst the relatively delicate nature of the brake lever and drop door stop bar stand out. The wooden section along the bottom of the door has fine holes drilled in to represent the sunken bolt heads, and there are many of my 10thou cube bolt heads in place... I can almost put them in place in my sleep... it is daunting that I must have added well over 10,000 in my lifetime...



superglue fixed all in place, before the surplus wire was snipped off; job done. Yes, it was fiddly, but actually easier to do than to describe...

Another embellishment was that, at each end, there were two rows of fine rivets, smaller than the bolt heads evident elsewhere, across the

corrugated portion of the end. By cutting an extra-fine length of plasticard from a 10thou sheet, and using a brand new blade, I could create tiny pieces that looked to scale. A butanone-laden brush carried each minuscule piece from my workbench to its intended place on the wagon body; it is far from as frightening as it sounds... in fact, it proved to be a most fulfilling exercise.

These finer upgrades may not be for everyone, but I thought I would have a go, and, once the first one worked, I was encouraged to persevere...

Finishing off

As with my 3D-printed wagon, I utilised Smith's three-link couplings, Alan Gibson three-hole disc wheels and whitmetal cast four-rib buffers, whilst extra weight was provided by rectangles of lead flashing glued underneath, and out of sight. I had fitted 10thou cube bolt heads to the solebars before adding the brake levers, but attached all those to the body, inside and out, during one evening... a most productive session, and remarkably therapeutic.

To ring the changes, I opted for post-1936 LMS bauxite, courtesy of Precision Paints (ref.P39), and sourced transfers from HMRS Sheet No.6 for LMS wagons. The customary weathered finish was applied to round things off, and now I have a pair of useful, versatile wagons, unavailable 'off the shelf', to earn their keep on *Dentdale*.

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Resplendent in work-stained LMS bauxite, and sporting a 'Derby' chalked destination, scratch-built No.3466 awaits collection and a chance to strut its stuff on the S&C; I feel it is a characterful, well-proportioned example of a typical LMS fitted wagon.



Southern splendour in N

Pettleworth Downs

After enjoying taking their first layout to several exhibitions, **JAMES WRIGHT** and his brother **NICK WRIGHT** decided to embark on building a new layout that was designed with exhibiting in mind, learning from previous mistakes to create their own slice of the Southern Region that would be fun to both operate and view.

Photography by the author

We both grew up with an interest in steam railways, so it was only natural that we'd eventually join the model railway community. I was the first to get involved in the hobby, and my first layout *Gwynog-ar-y-Bryn* (*RAILWAY MODELLER* July 2023), a micro double-sided depiction of North Wales in OO9, received unexpected praise, both among the online community and also at the exhibitions that I was flattered to be invited to attend. But, given that it was my first attempt at building a model railway, and that it had not been built with exhibiting in mind, there were certain drawbacks in its design when it came to showing the layout to the public.

The lack of a fiddle yard meant that changing trains was done in full view of visitors. A single dc feed powered the entire layout, meaning that points had to be used

to isolate certain sections of track, limiting operation as well as providing unreliable power to sidings. These points were also operated manually, which wasn't very suitable for exhibitions. And finally, the shape of the layout itself, with it being deeper than it was wide, and viewable from three sides, was not practical for many exhibition spaces.

Nick and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of exhibiting the layout, and had both caught the model railway bug. It was only natural, when it came to building a new layout, that we would do it together. This layout would be created with exhibiting in mind, using lessons learned from operating *Gwynog-ar-y-Bryn*.

Bulleid Merchant Navy Class Pacific No.35023
Holland-Afrika Line emerges from the tunnel and sweeps round the curve past the signal box.





Design concept

For this new layout, there was no question that it would be set during the steam era, as our passion has always been steam rather than more modern diesel or electric traction. OO9 had been chosen for *Gwynog-ary-Bryn* because of limited space, but we both wanted to model standard gauge this time. We had more space to work with on the new layout, with the baseboard being 2m wide by 1m deep. We opted for N gauge, as this would allow us to maximise use of this space which, while bigger than *Gwynog-ary-Bryn*, is still relatively small by exhibition layout standards.

We also settled quickly on locating the layout in the Southern Region. Living in Nottingham, we see a lot of London Midland & Scottish and London & North Eastern Railway layouts at local exhibitions, so chose a region less commonly modelled in this area. We also love the appearance of many of the Southern Railway locomotives,

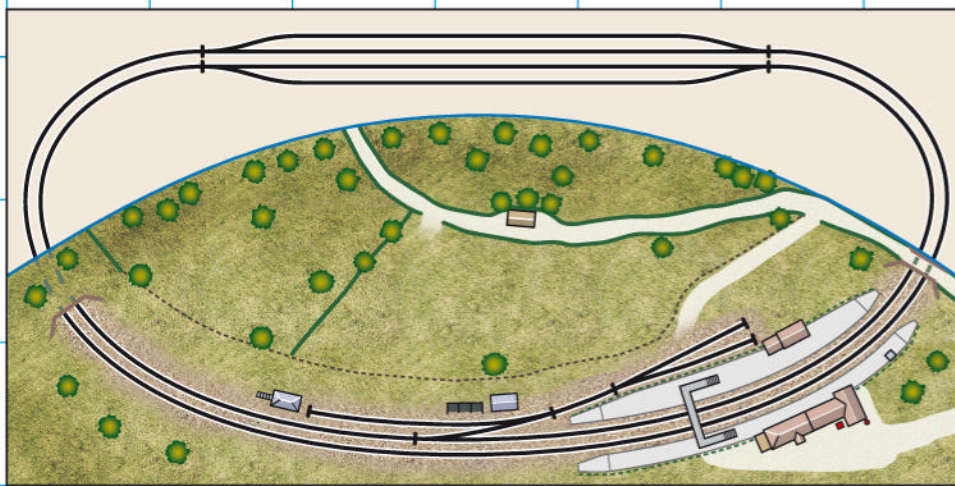
such as the Merchant Navy Class and the Q1, which are quite distinctive from those of the other Big Four companies. But, so as not to limit ourselves, especially given the fairly narrow range of available N gauge locos on the market, we decided to model two eras – 1940s Southern Railway and 1950s early British Railways. This would allow us to run those distinctive Southern locomotives as well as BR Standards. Having said that, seeing the completed layout now, there is very little to date the scene. We could therefore quite comfortably run trains from throughout the 20th century if we chose to broaden the setting to other eras.

When we've been to model railway exhibitions as visitors, the layouts we have most enjoyed watching are those where there is plenty of movement and lots of trains to watch going past. When coming up with our track plan, we wanted viewers of our layout to experience this too. We wanted to model a busy main line with a steady

▲ With the layout in 1940s Southern Railway mode, Maunsell N Class No.1860 approaches Pettleworth station with a goods train.

stream of trains passing in both directions, rather than a more sedate terminus or yard scene with impressive but more complicated and, dare we say it, slower operations. We therefore settled on a double track main line loop, with the back half of the layout being a much-desired fiddle yard after experiencing the lack of this on *Gwynog-ary-Bryn*.

While the hidden back curves of the loop behind the backscene are third and fourth radius sectional track, on the scenic part of the layout we instead went for a long, sweeping curve using flexible track. This avoided unrealistically tight curves caused by even the widest radii of sectional track, and created a more authentic scene, which was important to us. The result is almost like a capital 'D' shape, with the straight back of the 'D' out of sight in the fiddle yard



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Overall layout size 2m x 1m. Each grid square = 300mm x 300mm.

where the tighter curves don't matter, and a gentle curve crossing the entirety of the front of the layout. It also avoids there being any straight track on the scenic part of the layout, which was something that had always bothered us about *Gwynog-ary-Bryn*, as it looked too artificial and unrealistic.

England's green and pleasant land

The layout centres around a country station serving the nearby village of Pettleworth (a fictional location somewhere in the South Downs/High Weald area of southern England). This setting would allow us plenty of options for rail traffic, with express trains and freight passing through while local stopping trains could pause in the station. A couple of sidings and a headshunt provide some visual interest, as well as giving the option of some simple shunting operations

without impacting on the regular stream of trains on the main line – there's plenty for the visitors to watch.

Being N gauge, this simple track plan doesn't take up much of a footprint on the 2m by 1m baseboard. Coupled with the backscene being concave, it means a large volume of space is available for a scenic backdrop to the railway. This was important to us, as we didn't want to fill up the baseboard with track and, instead, we aimed for a more realistic scene where the railway almost plays second fiddle to the scenery. This would, hopefully, give the impression that the landscape was there first, which, of course, it would have been in reality.

Drummond M7 0-4-4T No.30673 passes the signal box, hauling a rake of South Eastern & Chatham Railway 'birdcage' coaches.





As with the track plan, we resisted going overboard with the scenery and trying to squeeze too much in and overcrowding it. We could have attempted to model the village of Pettleworth itself, or insert some farms or local industry, but instead we just went for a narrow country lane that weaves away from the station across the hills, and a quiet rural pub overlooking the railway down in the valley. Aside from that, the scene very much aims to depict the sleepy rolling hills and neat hedgerows that are synonymous with this area of southern England.

Digital control

With the track laid, it was time for us to move on to the electrics. This was the task neither of us were looking forward to, but as with building *Gwynog-ar-y-Bryn*, the many online wiring tutorials were hugely valuable. A particular mention goes to That Model Railway Guy on YouTube, who has a brilliant range of tutorial videos that cover all aspects of wiring the track and installing point motors. Learning from *Gwynog-ar-y-*

Bryn, we chose Digital Command Control for *Pettleworth Downs*. Not only would DCC make it much easier for us to operate multiple trains on the layout, but it also made the wiring itself far simpler, as it was just a case of making sure that every section of track had dropper wires connecting to the main bus wire. This gave us much more reliable operation than on *Gwynog-ar-y-Bryn*, which depended on a single power feed and was reliant on perfectly clean point blades to power the whole layout. We also installed Gaugemaster PM1 SEEP point motors to the

▲ The station buildings are 'ready-to-plant' models by Bachmann Scenecraft, based on Sheffield Park on the Bluebell Railway.

points on the scenic area of the layout, giving a much more professional switching approach, rather than having to reach over and do it by hand.

Scenic construction

Once the track had been laid, wired and ballasted, we moved on to building up the landform. This was a stage we were excited

N Class 2-6-0 No.1860 returns in the opposite direction, calling at Pettleworth station with a local passenger train. ►





◀ Representing the 1950s British Railways period, a BR Standard Britannia Pacific passes through Pettleworth station on an express.

The curved station platforms were made from a sheet of thin insulation board, edged with brickpaper from Metcalfe Models, and the surfaces were painted in the same way as the roads. The tunnel portal and road bridge, which hide the entrances to the fiddle yard, were made from printable paper and card kits. The station buildings, signal box and yard structures are all by Bachmann Scenecraft, though elements of the station buildings (which represent Sheffield Park on the Bluebell Railway) were repainted to suit our setting. The rural pub in the background of the layout is also from the Bachmann Scenecraft range, and was originally a cottage, but home-made pub signs allowed us to repurpose it for our needs. The fine details on the layout were provided mainly by Modelu, Peco and Oxford Diecast. In a moment of madness, we also decided to add telegraph wires to the poles that run alongside the railway, and this was done with EZ Line elasticated thread by Berkshire Junction, a pair of fine-nosed tweezers and a lot of patience.

Stock and operation

Because we're running two different eras on the layout, it gives us a fairly broad range of locos and stock that we can run. However, we've made sure to use only what would

to start, as it was when the layout really began to take shape. The hills were made from polystyrene offcuts, topped with papier mâché to create the shape, and then covered with plaster bandage for strength. Precise work around the tunnel mouths and roads was done with Sculptamold to get the hills and landform exactly how we wanted them. This had been the preferred landscaping material when building *Gwynog-ar-y-Bryn*, but was used sparingly on *Pettleworth Downs* to keep the weight down – Sculptamold is heavy, and this layout is built on a single baseboard, so needed to be light enough for us to carry between us.

The ground was then painted brown, before layering up the scenics with the same

recipe of materials as used on *Gwynog-ar-y-Bryn*: first, a layer of Woodland Scenics fine turf scatter as a base, before adding several layers of static grass by War World Scenics in various colours and lengths. The roads were made from card, covered with Polyfilla that was smoothed with a finger before it dried fully. This was painted a mid-grey, before additional layers of lighter grey and stone colours were airbrushed on to give the impression of a well-travelled country lane. Trees were made from Woodland Scenics armatures with clump foliage added. We went for summer greens, and similar colours were used for the hedgerows, areas of weeds and other ground cover (made using the same clump foliage, as well as coarse turf scatters).





▲ The pub in the lane behind the station is a former Bachmann Scenecraft cottage.

The use of N gauge has left plenty of space for a deep scenic section, giving the impression of a railway in the landscape.



have really appeared on the Southern, no matter how tempting it may have been to include iconic locomotives such as A4s. After the effort we've put in to try and create a realistic snapshot of 1940s or 1950s rural southern England, we didn't want to ruin that by running unrealistic trains that wouldn't have been there. When operating the layout in the 1950s, we have access to the various classes of Standard locomotives, but we also made sure to purchase Southern Railway locos in early British Railways livery to still place the layout in its south of England setting. Most locos and stock are ready-to-run by Graham Farish, Dapol and Peco, but we do also have a train of Warflat wagons (kits purchased from the N Gauge Society) and 3D-printed Sherman tanks to run during the 1940s Southern era to embed the layout in its wartime setting.

On the road

We're both still new to the model railway hobby – *Pettleworth Downs* is Nick's first layout – but we're really pleased with what we've been able to create. For both of us, it has turned out exactly as we had originally pictured, which is very rewarding.

We started building the layout in the spring of 2024, after picking up our first N gauge locomotives at the Statfold Model Railway Exhibition, where we were exhibiting *Gwynog-ary-Bryn*, so have been able to make fairly swift progress by being efficient with our limited hobby time. We

have one to two hours per weekend to work on the layout, scheduled to coincide with my son's nap time, so we make sure we plan each week's progress to make the best use of that time.

We've managed to overcome the main design flaws of *Gwynog-ary-Bryn*, and created a layout that should be a lot more pleasurable to exhibit, and hopefully more enjoyable to view as well. We've already taken *Pettleworth Downs* to a couple of exhibitions in 2025, and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We have another exhibition lined up for 2026 (see panel), and would welcome other invitations. We can be contacted at pettleworthdowns@gmail.com and you can keep up with future progress on the layout by following us on Instagram, by searching for 'Pettleworth_Downs_N_Gauge'.

No layout is ever finished, and we're looking forward to continuing to add more detail to *Pettleworth Downs* and taking it to more exhibitions.

See it at Loughborough

Pettleworth Downs is booked to attend the Soar Valley Model Railway Club exhibition at Loughborough Grammar School on 22 & 23 August 2026. For more details about this event, see Societies & Clubs or go to: www.svmrc.co.uk

Setting the scene with modelling experience courses at Pecorama

Later this year, Peco will be running more of its practical Railway Modelling Experience courses at its site in East Devon. RM Features & News Writer Simon Artymiuk recently had an opportunity to sample a *Bringing the Layout to Life (Landscape & Scenery)* session, to discover what those booking one of these courses can expect.

Although I do have prior experience of building a model railway layout, until recently I did not have hands-on knowledge of such techniques as applying static grass and building trees from kits. I therefore jumped at the chance to take part in one of the practical modelling experience courses that are run at Pecorama and led by knowledgeable and experienced members of the Peco team. On this occasion the course was led by Andy Hudson.

Having joined Andy and fellow course participants, Paul Keeble and Matthew Fuller, in a spacious room equipped with plenty of table space, we were first briefed on health & safety matters before each being presented with a short length of pre-assembled baseboard.

Getting started

The dioramas that we would be creating during the day-long course were to include a short length of OO gauge track. While my fellow course participants decided to secure their lengths of track directly to the baseboard, I decided that I wanted mine to be on top of a stretch of embankment. The track sections we used were Peco Streamline SL100, which we needed to cut to length using rail cutters.

To add height to our boards and as a support for the scenery, we made use of foamboard. This material is easy to cut with a sharp craft blade against a steel ruler, provides good edging for scenic contours and can also provide a suitable support for a backscene.

To fix this material in place, Andy suggested using WWS Basing Glue, which is similar to PVA glue. However, he also advised adding some blobs of superglue, particularly in the corners, for additional quick-drying support.

As my track was going to run on top of an embankment, I cut profile end sections out of foamboard where the embankment met the ends of the baseboard.

Building up the scenery

To develop our hills or embankments, we first dipped pieces of scrunched-up newspaper in a bowl of water and then used them to form the required contours. For my embankment, I built up evenly graded slopes on both sides of a raised trackbed, this being aligned with the foamboard end profiles I had glued in place.



▲ Peco team member and experienced railway modeller, Andy Hudson, led the *Landscape & Scenery* session.

Strips of plaster bandage were then dipped in the water bowl to overlay the newspaper embankment sides, as well as slightly overlapping the trackbed section.

Normally, the plaster covering would be allowed to dry fully before being painted with a base colour. However, on a one-day course such as ours there wasn't time for that, so we started adding scenic texture materials after only a short break.

For adding scatter materials, Andy recommended use of shakers, which are small plastic jars into which flocks and powders may be poured and then distributed over a layout via the small holes in the lid.

Applying scenic textures

Before applying these scenic materials, we used a big, chunky paintbrush to spread a layer of



WWS Pro-Grass Basing Glue over the area to be covered – the brush can be cleaned by dipping it in water afterwards. It was then a matter of shaking the flocks and scatters over the glue, allowing a gradual build-up until we had a good level of texture.

Next, we added some earth colour scatters of various kinds to represent soil, although Andy emphasised that we only needed a little for it to have a good effect. We then finished things off with some green colour scatter. Next, to seal everything in place, we first gave our dioramas some squirts of water (with a small amount of washing-up liquid added to break the surface tension) and then used pipettes to add drops of ballasting glue around the areas covered, before leaving our dioramas to dry.

Seeing the wood for the trees

Turning our attention to making trees, Andy began by saying that people often think of trunks and branches as being brown, but in fact in nature they tend to be greyish in tone. He therefore suggested that to get our wood colour right, we should dip a paintbrush in grey paint, then rub it on some newspaper before dabbing the grey on the brownish-black plastic trunks and branches to create patches of highlights and lowlights.

While there are complete model tree packs, which include foliage to create particular types of trees (Woodland Scenics tree-making starter kits, comprising armatures, adhesive and clump foliage, are available) there are also bare tree armature packs containing trunks with branches in a basically flat form, but where the plastic is pliable enough to be twisted into three-dimensional shapes before adding a covering of each modeller's own choosing, such as seafoam.

When using these armatures, the branches can be dabbed with a foam tack glue using a brush, then left for a short while for the tackiness to develop before foliage is added. For our foliage, we used a Lump Foliage Burnt Green mat made by Model Scenery Supplies, breaking it up a little at a time to give the branches a good covering right around each tree.

We also tried out a Woodland Scenics 'dip and shake' pack, whereby each tree armature is coated in glue before being inserted into a bag of specially prepared foliage material. We were surprised that when our trees were pulled out of the bag, the result immediately looked like a very convincing tree.

At the end of the one-day course, the author had completed this small scenic diorama, with embankment, tree and length of ballasted track. Set against a Peco photographic backdrop, completing the scene is a Rapido Trains UK Great Western Railway '4400' 2-6-2T hauling a matching set of wagons.

Once we were happy with the form of our trees, we then went over them with a misting of layering spray and sprinkled them with flock of various colours – one suggestion was to use some red flock to represent fruit such as apples. We found that each tree could be completed in just a few minutes, and the finished ones were given a coating of WWS scenics layering spray to hold everything in place. At a later stage, our trees were attached to our dioramas with a blob of glue on the armature bases.

Painting the track

To add realistic colouring to our sections of track, Andy advised first dabbing the sleepers with Tamiya XF20 grey paint, which provides a good representation of how weathered wood appears after the creosote on sleepers has worn away. In addition, Tamiya XF57 buff colour helps to add subtle hints of how real sleepers appear when light catches them.

Next, we were told to pick up a little rust colour on our paintbrush and to run it down the sides of the rails – it didn't matter too much if paint ran down onto the chairs, as these also rust in real life. Any paint on the tops of the rails was then cleaned off with a track cleaner.

Applying static grass

Our dioramas were by now dry enough to have static grass added. A good option for beginners is a WWS Pro Grass Layering System Starter Kit, which includes not only an applicator but also all of the grass materials we used on our course.



▲ Course participants were able to use items that are included as part of the WWS scenics Pro Grass Layering System starter kit.



Andy suggested starting with Spring 2mm Static Grass, as made by WWScenics, and then adding smaller patches of summer hay – but it all depends on the type of landscape you're intending to model and in what scale. There is an extensive range of static grass in sizes 1mm, 2mm, 4mm and 6mm and covering all kinds of seasonal and grassland variations, some also representing flower meadows.

After applying layering spray to the base layer of 2mm grass, we then added different colours of 4mm fibres to create subtle variations. Andy then explained how 6mm grass fibres can be used sparingly in selected areas, whilst coarse foliage scatter in colours such as yellow, purple and red can be used to represent wildflowers. Everything can then be helped to stay in place with layering spray.

Representing brambles

When it comes to creating scrubbier areas of vegetation, such as brambles, Andy showed how to use rubberised horsehair. This fibre is bought in the form of a small mat and the material can then be teased off into little clumps. These can be glued to your board before being dabbed with layering spray and having flock powders sprinkled over them to add variations in colour.

Some greener patches of foliage can be made to give the impression of plants like nettles, layering these applications to add greater depth.

Ballasting the track

We now needed to add ballast to our length of track, after first cleaning the rail tops. Without putting down any glue, we first used a teaspoon to sprinkle ballast down the middle of the track and then, using just a finger, spread the ballast into the gaps between the sleepers until the whole middle area was covered. This process was then repeated down the outsides of the track, before using a metal ruler to help edge it in.

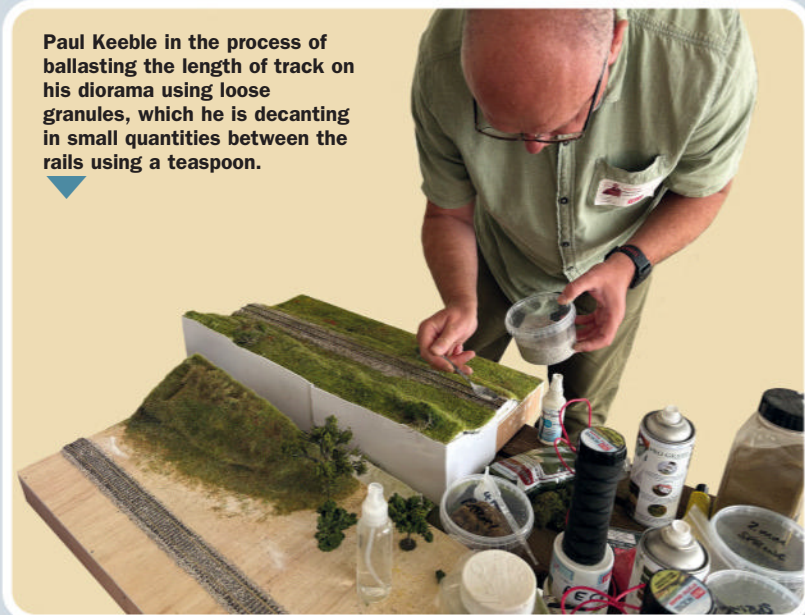
We next misted the area of the track with water (which had a small amount of washing-up liquid added), before finally applying WWScenics Track Ballast Glue using a pipette to fix the ballast in place. Although the areas of glue looked white at first, they did eventually dry clear.

Andy's suggested finishing touch was to add representations of oil stains to the track ballast using a colour wash, and then add some other tints, as real track ballast is not just one colour.

With our dioramas now completed, I asked the two participants for their impressions of the course.

Paul Keeble said: "It was a brilliantly presented hands-on experience, giving an opportunity to learn and adapt from mistakes and then to turn those mistakes to your advantage. It also gave us a chance to play around with different techniques and was also good value – you're certainly not skimped on materials. I didn't think we'd

Paul Keeble in the process of ballasting the length of track on his diorama using loose granules, which he is decanting in small quantities between the rails using a teaspoon.



approach anywhere near building what we've ended up making. It shows what you can do in just a day!"

As for Matthew Fuller, he added: "So that's how they do it! This course shows it doesn't need to cost a fortune to make a good layout display."

Modelling courses at Pecorama

The Peco Railway Modelling Experience courses will be running consecutively for four days in both September and November and are bookable as either individual sessions or in a block of four at a discount (in the form of £100.00 in vouchers to spend on Peco products in the on-site model shop). The dates are as follows: *First Steps in Railway Modelling* on Mondays **7 September & 2 November** (£80.00); *Making the Trains Run (Track & Electrics)* on Tuesdays **8 September & 3 November** (£85.00); *Bringing the Layout to Life (Landscape & Scenery)*, as described in this feature, on Wednesdays **9 September & 4 November** (£90.00); and *An Introduction to DCC (Digital Command Control)* on Thursdays **10 September** (this date is now sold out) & **5 November** (£95.00). For further details visit: www.peco-uk.com/experiences

Matthew Fuller (left) and Paul Keeble showing off their dioramas, which they were able to take away with them at the end of the day.



A modular approach by the Gauge O Guild

Going full circle in O

*With circular layouts in 7mm scale usually requiring lots of space, the Gauge O Guild embarked on an initiative to help make this format accessible to more of its members, with the added benefit of creating continuous run exhibits for the organisation's own programme of events – including this year's Guildex at the Stafford County Showground on 5 & 6 September. Guild President **IAN ALLEN** and Chairman **JACKIE KNEESHAW** explain how the project was brought to fruition.*

Photos by the Gauge O Guild



A few years ago, members of the Gauge O Guild expressed a wish to see a large layout of the 'tail chaser' variety at all Guild shows, especially the organisation's two-day Guildex convention, which takes place each September. However, large continuous running O gauge exhibition layouts were few in number, so maintaining variety could be a challenge, whilst the costs involved in transporting

big layouts to a show, and providing expenses and hotels for operators, could often be prohibitive.

A proposal was therefore presented to the Guild Management Committee to build a modular fiddle yard 7.2m (24') long with two half-circles of double track with a 6' minimum radius. The fiddle yard would be divided into two sections, with each half serving one circuit of the double track. The two

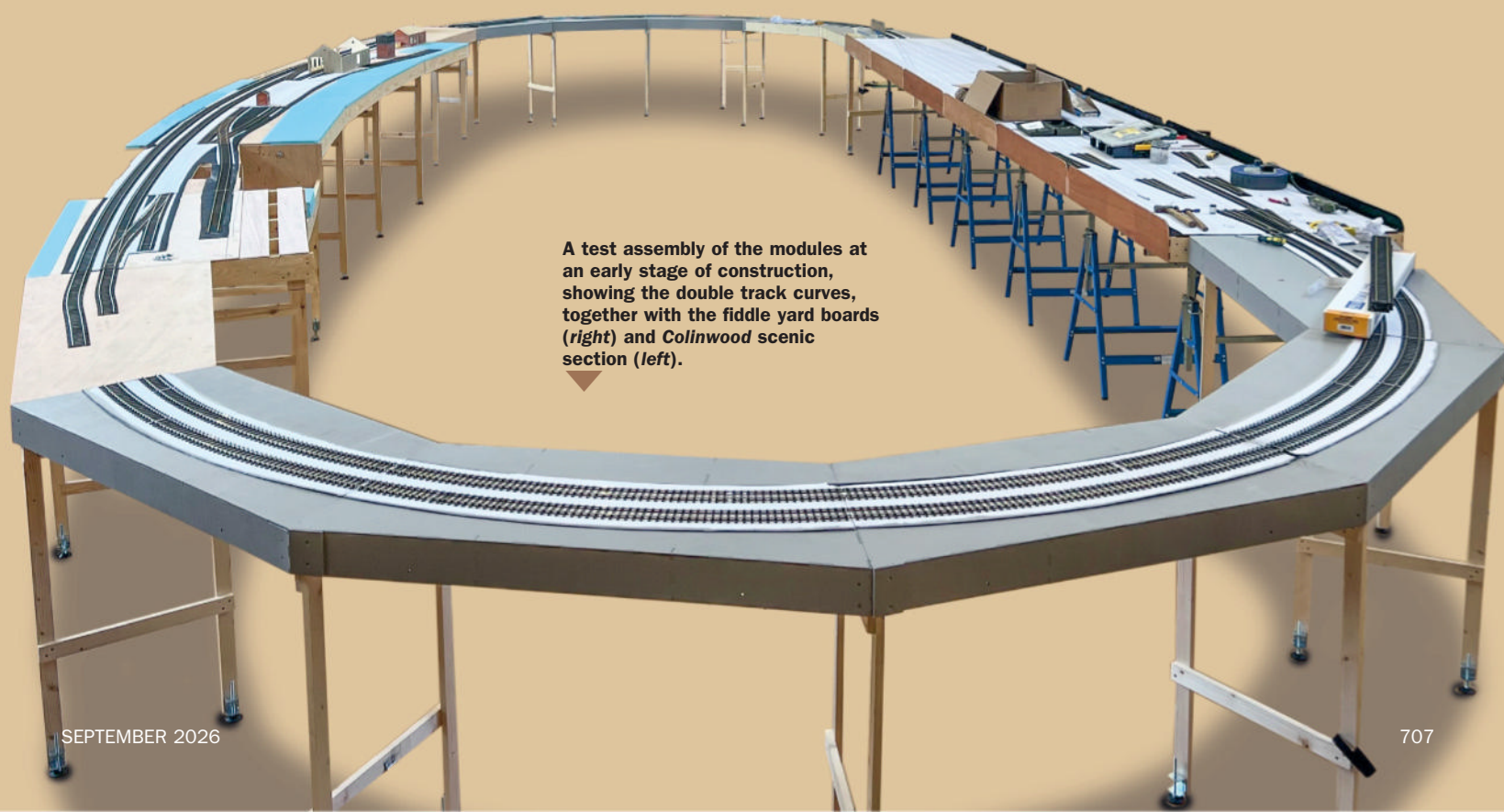
circuits would be electrically isolated from each other. These non-scenic boards would be constructed so that they could stack in pairs for easy storage and transportation.

The fiddle yard and half-circle ends would leave a scenic gap at the front of 7.2m (24') and members of the Gauge O Guild (individuals or groups) would be invited to build a scenic section, which could be either the full 7.2m, or two groups

might each provide a 3.6m (12') section (Fig.1). A specification would be given to participants to ensure the scenic sections were the same height as the Guild modular boards.

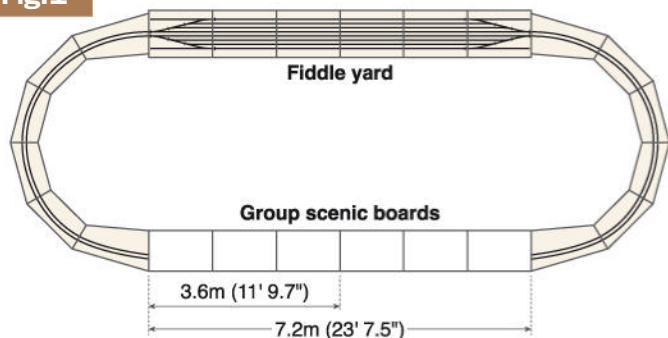
All participants would build a double track main line at each end using an alignment template, with whatever else they would like to build in between.

It was also considered that individuals or clubs may want



A test assembly of the modules at an early stage of construction, showing the double track curves, together with the fiddle yard boards (right) and Colinwood scenic section (left).

Fig.1



their 7.2m or 3.6m scenic sections to stand alone for exhibitions when they are not filling the modular board gap.

Smaller scenic sections could also be created and joined together but, during discussion, most respondents said 3.6m would be their minimum size in O gauge.

Modular considerations

When this concept was first suggested to Guild members, numerous potential challenges with a modular layout were raised which had to be managed. These included:

- *Alignment of baseboards*

This would be ensured by providing participants with the baseboard details for the fiddle yard and end curves. A discount for the boards was negotiated with a supplier, but participants

could still build their own boards as long as they met the specification.

- *Track misaligning*

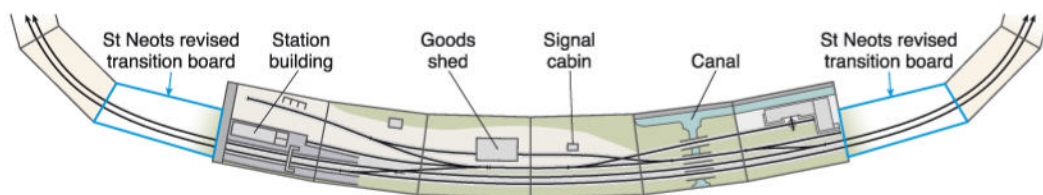
Participants were provided with a template showing where the track needed to sit on their boards to align with the Guild boards.

- *Ensuring compatible electrical connections*

Although individuals or groups can use their preferred electrical connections on their own boards, a decision was taken for the Guild baseboards to have robust, high-quality connectors, so broadcast specification XLRs were chosen. As the wiring is rated to 10A, the connectors are also rated similarly. All connections on the Guild boards are made on the rear face, so there is no need to go underneath any baseboards



1 – Colinwood by St Neots Model Railway Club (7.2m)



At Guildex 2024, the Guild modular layout boards were first presented 'in the raw'. This was done to show that the modules had been built for the fiddle yard and end curves, and to encourage individuals or clubs to get involved.

By Guildex 2025, the Guild modules were complete with track, wiring and points, and to prove the concept, St Neots Model Railway Club filled the scenic gap with *Colinwood*, this being shown as a work in progress.

St Neots MRC has been heavily involved in the modular layout build. The club completed the end curves, and then took over the fiddle yard boards from Keighley & District MRC to ensure it was operational in time for Guildex 2025.

Colinwood fits into the modules, but will also be able to stand alone as an end-to-end layout. It is set 'somewhere in Leicestershire', with the

station being based loosely on Shackerstone, which also has a canal nearby.

The original layout leader was Colin McCallum, who sadly died in 2023 [Ed. See *obituary, RM November 2023*], and a decision was made to include 'Colin' in the layout name, with much of his original planning continuing under the leadership of Simon Foulds. When exhibited in September 2025, the main line tracks were complete and running, whilst the buildings were progressing.

The club has chosen to use its own transition boards (replacing the Guild ones) to better suit the gently curving format of *Colinwood*.

Colinwood has been seen *in situ* as part of the modular layout at this year's Guild Spring and Summer shows, and will appear for a final time at Guildex on September 5 & 6 2026.

▲ A more recent view of *Colinwood*, with the trackwork in place and scenery being added.

at set-up/break-down. Using a common interface is important, especially when two groups are exhibiting together.

The points in the fiddle yard are worked by analogue Cobalt point motors and miniature toggle switches for simplicity, with power supplies provided for each end. 10A-rated isolating switches have also been installed so that groups operating dc layouts can isolate sections if required.

- *Different standards of modelling*

The Guild standards for clearances, track profiles, flangeways, etc. would need to be observed by participating groups.

- *Providing scenic breaks*

A scenic break would need to be provided at each end of the 3.6m modules to differentiate between the owners. This is less of a problem with a 7.2m scenic

section, but defining each end of the scenic section does prove useful.

• Operation

With two groups, one participating group would operate the inner circuit, using half of the fiddle yard, whilst the other would operate the outer circuit using the other half of the fiddle yard. Each group would be responsible for providing its own rolling stock and transformer/controller(s). Again, this is not an issue when a single 7.2m group is involved, as it would 'own' the whole fiddle yard.

• Trade support

When starting the project, the Guild discussed the idea with various manufacturers and suppliers. Support was provided by DCC Concepts, Ellis Clark Trains, Grainge & Hodder, L-Cut Creative, Peco and Squires. We are very grateful to all of those who have helped us.

The participants

Initially, four clubs were participating, but finding time and builders (plus storage for their scenic sections) proved too much for some, and therefore two clubs continue to be part of the project (see panels 1 and 3).

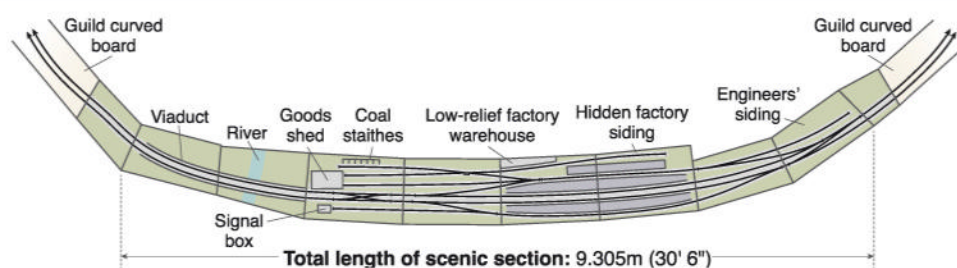
A few individual builders stepped forward, and some are still involved (panel 2), but again, time has been an issue for many, so we continue to invite new participants at each outing.

Future developments

There will be more 3.6m scenic sections, but none are ready as yet, so a recent plan, to enable *Okement Quarry* to join up with the Guild modules, is to build another 3.6m section using plain baseboards with main line track and wiring. It is believed that those seeing a blank 3.6m section may be encouraged to consider participating. Alternatively, three individuals, or groups, may decide to do a 4' long section each.

The beauty of a modular layout is that small sections can join together to make a larger layout. O gauge layouts can be large or small, and the Guild project enables the best of both worlds. The modular layout in its entirety is also available for multi-gauge shows. For more information, go to the Gauge O Guild website (see right).

2 – Coulsdon Central by Andy Sparkes & Bill Bishop (7.2m)



This is imagined to be a new station built to replace Coulsdon North and Coulsdon South. In reality, the layout was inspired by Andy's acquisition of a large part of the estate of the late Alan Waters, which comprised many 1950s Southern Electric Multiple Units and steam locomotives for non-electrified services. Having acquired the large collection, Andy passed some on to Bill Bishop and some club members, so between Andy and Bill they had plenty of stock, but needed a layout on which to run it. (It is hoped that club member acquisitions will also make guest appearances once the layout is being exhibited.)

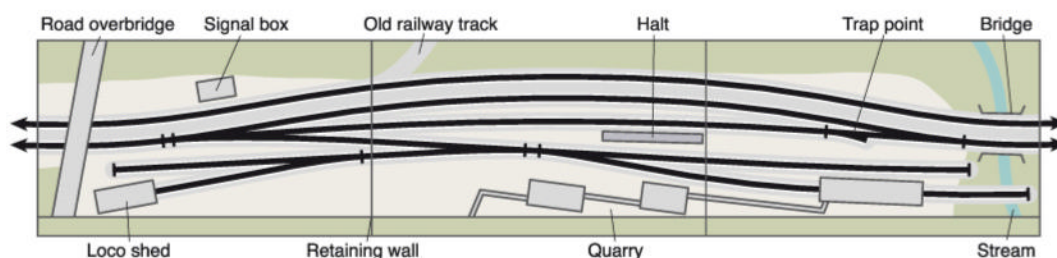
Amongst the design requirements for the layout were that it should fit in with the Guild modular project, but also be capable of being operated without it. It was also designed to be on a gentle curve – similar to *Colinwood* – as Andy dislikes straight layouts. However, this created some challenges to make it fit with the Guild

fiddle yard. The Guild standard is for one 24' or two 12' straight layouts to fit between the 'jaws' of a non-scenic fiddle yard. The accompanying plan shows how Andy and Bill have chosen to replace the end curved boards of that non-scenic fiddle yard and introduce a gentler curve throughout the layout. This gives a longer scenic section of just over 30'.

Coulsdon Central is at the operational stage, but with limited scenery. It is hoped that it will be essentially complete by Guildex 2027, although still with scenic refinements and signalling to finish off.

When operating it as a stand-alone model, the team needs to be able to operate it without the Guild fiddle yard, and for that it will use two 8' turntable fiddle yards (as used by Andy on his own layout). The only drawback is that this will put a limit of five coaches on the trains that can be run.

3 – Okement Quarry by Risborough & District Model Railway Club (3.6m)



This model depicts a small yard and engine shed, based on Meldon Quarry near Okehampton.

The layout has been designed to either be incorporated into the Gauge O Guild modular layout or, with the addition of extra baseboards, presented as an end-to-end stand-alone layout by R&D MRC.

In the absence of another 3.6m scenic section to pair up with, the layout has now

developed into a stand-alone model in that the project leader, James Aitken, has added a turntable fiddle yard board and an intermediate board to fit between the defined modular end and the fiddle yard. It has been exhibited twice at Risborough & District Club exhibitions with the fiddle yard, and once without at Kempton Park. The team plans to add a second fiddle yard at the other end, to enable use of the second main line track.

See it at Guildex this September

The modular layout, with *Colinwood* as the scenic section, will be appearing at this year's Guildex event, which will be taking place at Stafford County Showground, West Road, Stafford ST18 0BD on the weekend of 5 & 6 September 2026. See Societies & Clubs for more details, including opening times and admission prices.

For further information about the Guild, including details of membership and other future events, go to: www.gaugeoguild.com





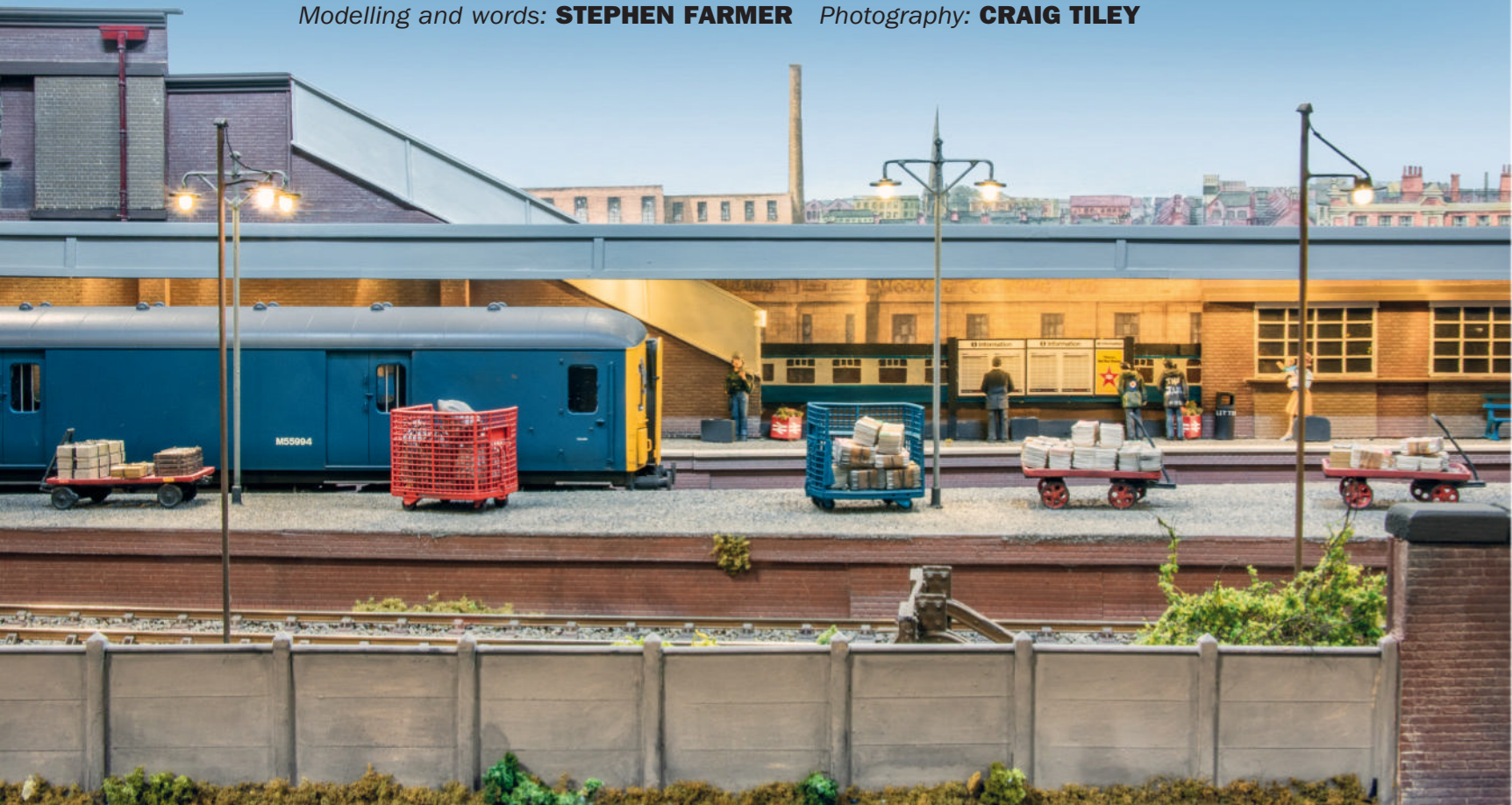
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THE SMALL LAYOUT GALLERY

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Knype Bridge

Modelling and words: **STEPHEN FARMER** Photography: **CRAIG TILEY**



There is a significant difference in the size and bulk of O gauge compared to N, 7mm and 2mm being the two scales in which I model.

Although I have room at home to set up my N gauge layout (*Ryecroft Arena*, RM December 2025), this wasn't the case for my existing O gauge model (*Hillport Goods*, RM June 2023). This meant I was building O gauge items, but couldn't test them or give them a run at home.

This all changed, however, when I eyed up a space at the back of my modelling room, which I thought could be used for a micro layout whilst also doubling up as a test bed. I also decided that, as well as being set up permanently at home, it should be made portable for taking to exhibitions. Inspiration for a suitable scheme came from a modelling

friend of mine, Dave Tailby, who has a 4mm layout called *Victoria*. This model takes the form of a set of sidings alongside a big station – but with just the sidings modelled. This gave me food for thought, the clincher being when I picked up a Heljan Class 128 Diesel Parcel Unit at a reasonable price.

The layout size pretty much decided itself, as the bench the layout was going to sit on measured 4' long and 20" deep, with room for a fiddle yard of 40 or so inches (the depth of which has to taper down because of its proximity to a doorway).

Midland setting

Knype Bridge is set in the North Midlands. The layout depicts only the sidings at the side of the station next to the bay platform – Platform 4. Many large stations had an area

▲ This Heljan Class 128 Diesel Parcel Unit helped to decide the theme of the layout.

like this, where locomotives could be stabled awaiting their next working. The station pilot might also berth here between duties, whilst there could be engineers' stock left ready for weekend work, together with parcels and mail vehicles being loaded and unloaded.

On the layout, the sidings are used mainly for parcels traffic: it is imagined that there is a Royal Mail sorting depot next to the station.

Baseboards and trackwork

The baseboard was assembled fairly quickly, and comprises a softwood frame with a 9mm ply top. The backboards are also plywood,

screwed to the back of the baseboard. The sector plate fiddle yard was made the same way, but with a swivelling top. At first, the top plate was a single road, but a new plate was subsequently constructed that had two tracks – one to hold a Diesel Multiple Unit.

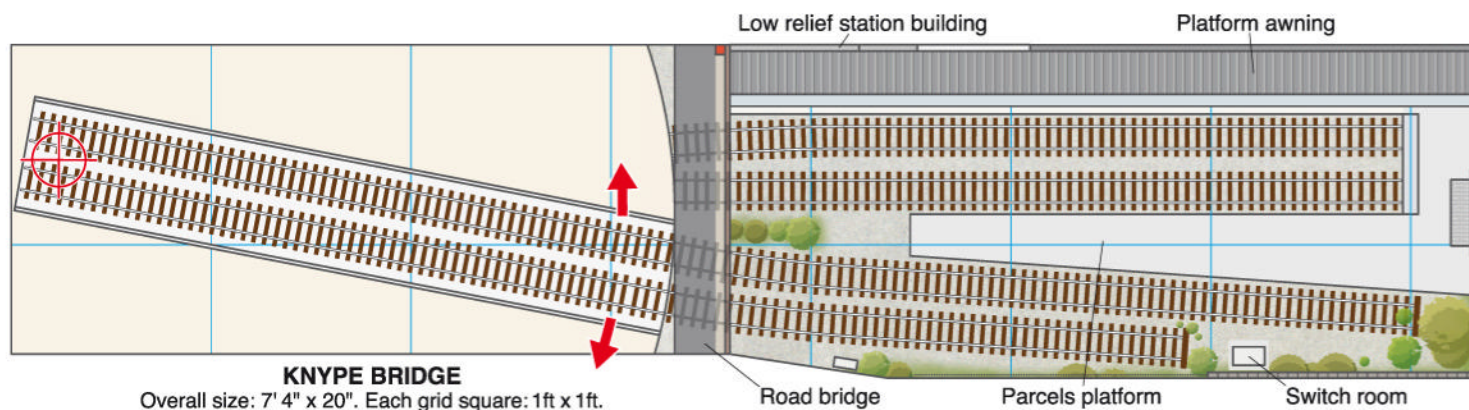
Trackwork is all by Marcway and is entirely plain track (there are no points!). Care was taken where the tracks cross the board joint, and also with setting the angles of the tracks where they radiate from the sector plate.

Electrically, all the layout is live, but there are isolating switches so that roads can be

All but one of the buildings on the layout are low-relief, giving the impression of a station in an urban area.

Brush Type 2 31 149 prepares for departure with a parcels train, while English Electric shunter 08 913 is stabled in the siding.





▲ The Class 104 DMU is from an Easy-Build kit, and helps to set the supposed North Midlands location of the layout: these Birmingham Railway Carriage & Wagon units were particularly associated with the Manchester area, working from there to Buxton.

switched out when occupied. This also applies to the sector plate. To this end, the control panel is basically four lines drawn on

the top of a box to denote the roads, with two isolating switches on each road.

Scenic details

Once I'd decided on the overall concept (including having the rest of the station depicted on the backscene), my thoughts turned to how to do it. The bridge, which hides the fiddle yard, was constructed from

wood. It was put in place at an early stage, so that I could gauge the height and length of a station building, together with the staircase down to platform level (these prominent structures occupying a lot of the backscene).

The passenger platform uses Skytrex faces with risers made from strips of plasticard, whilst the parcels platform utilises



▲ Period platform details include **BRUTE** trolleys (standing for British Rail Universal Trolley Equipment), two of which take centre stage in this picture. They were an everyday sight at larger stations for over 30 years, from 1964 to 1999.

modelled), using forced perspective. The carriages that are visible were modelled using HO plastic sides, kindly supplied to me by Alan Monk [Ed. See *Alan's HO scale BR blue era Downreay layout in the March 2025 issue*]. These sides were painted and glazed before being glued in place.

Townscene printed backscenes (marketed for OO) complete the illusion of the station setting being in an urban area.

The track was ballasted using Green Scene OO gauge ballast granules, these being painted and weathered along with the rail sides, to reflect an area where locomotives have stood and deposited oil and muck.

The odd bit of greenery on the layout is rubberised horsehair covered with Green Scene foliage, with other bushes and vegetation from Woodland Scenics.

Smaller scenic details are mainly from the Skytrex and West Hill Wagon Works ranges – I always keep my eyes open at shows for



“ – Despite the layout being only 4' long, my Class 40 doesn't look out of place – ”

Stephen Farmer

embossed plasticard sides. The buildings on the backscene were fabricated from thick plasticard sheet, faced with embossed plasticard and using window frames from the L-Cut Creative range.

The platform awning, which runs the whole length of the scenic section, was created using sections of a wooden picture frame. This was bolted directly onto the

backscene, with embossed plasticard added to create the appearance of a metal structure, similar to those often seen at stations in the late 1970s. There is only one full-relief building on the layout, and that's a switch room at the end of the short siding, again fabricated from plasticard sheet.

Part of the backscene gives an impression of the vast station (beyond the sidings



▲ By far the largest locomotive to appear on the layout is this Class 40.

details that could be used on my layouts. The vehicles are 1:43 die-cast models or built from kits.

Stock and operation

With the main focus on parcels traffic, the vans are largely kits that I have built and finished, alongside models of a Covered Carriage Truck and a General Utility Van from Heljan. Other stock seen on the layout is taken from my collection of engineers' wagons, which I rotate between shows.

The DMU models comprise Dapol railcars, an Easy-Build two-car Class 104 and, of course, the Heljan Class 128 DPU. There's usually one of these on the layout at any one time during a show.

Locomotives are drawn from my growing fleet of Heljan diesels, from which the small Bo-Bo locos get the most use. Occasionally, I

do bring in and stable a large locomotive, and it has been said that, despite the layout being only 4' long, my Class 40 doesn't look out of place! There's also a Dapol Class 08 for shunting, together with a Class 03.

Operators can be kept surprisingly busy at shows, running the layout, bringing in various short parcels formations and shunting them, along with light engines and the DMU service to Platform 4.

Operation at home usually consists of shunting whatever is on the layout at the time – although I do get a few parcels vans out every now and then.

▲ A Royal Mail Morris Minor van reverses onto the platform to pick up parcels unloaded from a former Southern Railway Parcels & Miscellaneous Van.



The use of OO printed backscenes, and HO coach sides, creates the illusion of a much bigger station and a large townscape behind, through forced perspective.



Forthcoming exhibitions

Knype Bridge is booked to appear at the annual Gauge O Guild Guildex event at Stafford County Showground on **5 & 6 September**, and then the Stafford Railway Circle show on **26 & 27 September** (at the same venue). For details of both events, see Societies & Clubs or head to the respective websites:
www.gaugeoguild.com
www.staffordrailwaycircle.org.uk

A fun project

Building this layout has been great fun, and it certainly serves its purpose at home, as something on which to test and photograph my O gauge models. I am surprised by the reception it gets at shows – I suppose people see it and think, “I too have the space for something like that”.

▲ A Class 33 diesel idles in the platform with a BR Covered Carriage Truck. Both are ready-to-run models by Heljan.

I would like to thank Pete Latham for his continued help at shows, and also James Postans, who has helped out at the odd show as well.

Through the Railway Room Door

Beckindale

Layout photography by Neil Rushby

NEIL RUSHBY describes this home-based OO gauge layout created by his modelling friend **TREFOR DAVIES**. Set in the 1960s transitional period with steam and diesel traction, the project was completed largely using commercially available products.



Most of us will have had the same route into the hobby: a train set when we were children, and a gap when we grew older, followed by a resumption later in life.

Trefor followed this path, but his enthusiasm for railways led him to volunteer at the Corris Railway as a driver and engineer on the narrow gauge line's steam fleet, rather than build models. If he hadn't met fellow Corris volunteers Patrick Jolley and Charles Benedetto, the model railway bug might have lain dormant. It was exposure to their layouts that reignited Trefor's own interest in the hobby and, ultimately, it was these friendships that led to the choice of both OO gauge and the adoption of Digital Command Control for his own layout.

▲ **Metro-Vick Co-Bo (Class 28) D5709 – a ready-to-run model by Heljan – has just arrived at Beckindale station with a passenger train.**

The lie of the land

The layout is set in the northern counties of England, specifically the dales where the London Midland and North Eastern regions of British Railways met and rubbed shoulders. Its name, *Beckindale*, sounds northern and may well seem familiar. (For those who struggle to place it, the TV soap *Emmerdale* used to be set in and around the fictional dales village of Beckindale, until a name change to Emmerdale came in 1993.)

The dales setting appealed because of the scenery and the opportunity to enhance branch line operations, with traffic to and from the quarry, plus materials, cement,

pipes and the like, for a hypothetical reservoir construction project further up the dale. It also helped that some of Tref's favourite locomotives would typically be found in the northern counties.

Beckindale, the layout, starts at the quarry, which is the highest point the railway reaches up the dale, some way beyond the village. Here, a network of sidings serves the crusher and loading plant. There is a locomotive shed, which houses the quarry's own shunter, but locos on incoming empties can run round their trains using the loop.

Setting out from the quarry and heading down the valley, the line passes under a stone overbridge and through a cutting overlooked by Beckindale church, set some distance from the village. As we near the station and the end of the freight-only

section of the line, sidings can be seen to our left and we pass the Midland-pattern signal box. Just before the platforms, the yard throat branches off, giving access to the reception sidings behind the signal box and the freight handling facilities tucked away behind the platforms. Here, goods can be transhipped from road to rail or vice versa – coal can be unloaded, cattle herded on or off wagons, and fuel oil pumped from wagon to tank. It's all fairly typical of a medium-sized rural station on a branch line.

The station itself sports two platforms and a bay. The bay seems to face the wrong direction (up the dale rather than down), this being a remnant of an aborted scheme to extend services further afield. These days, its function is to stable empty stock. The platforms are connected by a North Eastern Railway-style footbridge. The station building and waiting shelter have a similar parentage, sharing the house style of stations like Goathland or Pateley Bridge.

Heading further downhill, almost straight off the platform end the line singles and plunges into a tunnel to emerge at the compact loco depot at Aidensfield. There's a small single-road shed, a stabling road, water tower and precious little else on the railway side of the fence. Of great interest to loco crews is the Aidensfield Arms pub just across the road from the shed. It's here at Aidensfield that the character of the line

Beckindale station building and the NER footbridge are Hornby Skaledale structures, based on those at Goathland.



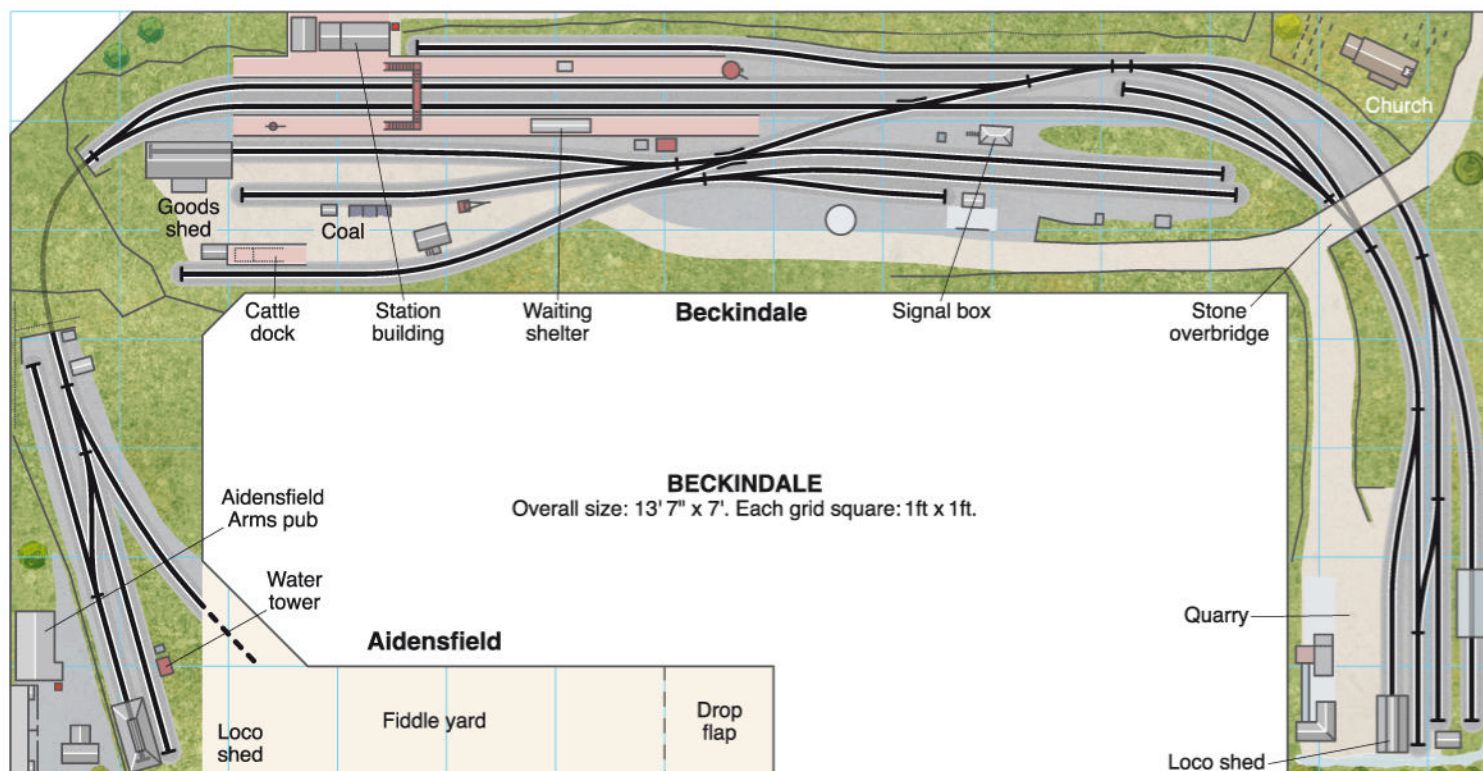
becomes a little more urban, with housing beginning to close in. It's also where we say goodbye to the railway, as it heads away to the rest of the country.

Aidensfield is a rather ambiguous place: it can be just outside Beckindale, a few houses and a pub with the loco shed serving Beckindale, or it can be some way along the branch just before the junction with the rest

▲ Great Western engines like this Accurascale Manor may seem out of place in Yorkshire – but a Grange did reach Huddersfield in 1964.

of the railway, the housing being on the outskirts of a larger town. In this latter form, it's the shed for the junction (in reality the fiddle yard) and supplies locos for trains heading up the dale.





▲ A hinged extension to the fiddle yard has been added across the doorway to provide extra space for rolling stock.

Foundations

All good layouts need good foundations, and *Beckindale* rests on top of sturdy pine and ply benchwork, the timber being recycled

Ivatt locomotives meet at Beckindale – a Class 4MT 2-6-0 on a goods train, and a Class 2MT 2-6-2T in the bay platform.

from a demolished petrol station formerly located on the outskirts of the village where Tref lives.

The boards are simple and flat-topped, being attached to the walls of the room with legs on the inner edges at roughly 4' intervals. The only real point of note is that the fiddle yard baseboard has been extended into the doorway by a foot to give a little more space to stable trains. This extension is a foot-long hinged flap, held in





▲ **Hunslet 0-6-0 (Class 05) D2574 shunts the yard at Beckindale. A Pipe wagon has delivered pipes for the nearby reservoir construction.**

place with a chain to the door frame. Feeder wires to the rail ends bridge the hinge section, but as yet the rails remain to be cut through. We suspect that it is intended to future-proof access to the railway room, in case we ingest too many buns and cakes on our Friday night operating sessions!

Trackwork and digital control

Working up from the baseboard surface, the track is laid onto cork floor tiles to give a measure of resilience and sound deadening. Wanting a robust and reliable permanent way, Tref chose Peco Streamline Electrofrog points and flexible track, all code 100. The single and double slips were originally Insulfrog examples, as Peco didn't make Electrofrog versions of these. However, the double slip was subsequently replaced with a code 75 Electrofrog unit, as short wheelbase locos were found to struggle over the insulated frogs (although the single slip remains as installed, as it hasn't caused any problems).

The track was ballasted using the time-honoured method of laying the loose ballast (a mix of Peco and Woodland Scenics) down dry, teasing stray granules clear of the rails, dampening it down with a water and washing-up liquid mix, and then dribbling on diluted PVA glue.

The track and ballast was then weathered using a rattle can, followed by the fiddly work of brush-painting the rails in shades of rust.

Power to the track comes from an NCE Power Cab system, and the points are actuated by DCC Concepts Cobalt slow-acting point motors fed from a pair of Cobalt Alpha panels. A booster for the DCC system allows the use of multiple 'cabs'.

DCC was chosen primarily because it offered sound, but there are other advantages. Once a month, we gather to operate the layout, and DCC does simplify matters for the group – we know which loco each of us has control of, and we don't have

to bother with section switches. The same DCC Concepts panels also control the Dapol upper quadrant signals.

Setting the scene

To capture the look of the northern dales, the basic landforms are carved from polystyrene packing – a messy material that creates a blizzard of white bobbles as soon

The quarry company has its own shunter – Peckett W4 0-4-0ST Daphne, a ready-to-run model by Hornby.



The Ivatt 4MT 2-6-0, No.43014 (a ready-to-run Bachmann model) shunts a lengthy rake of vans into Beckindale goods yard.

as you look at it! This was then covered with layers of plaster bandage. Once set, the bandage was painted with cheap brown paint from a craft shop. On top of this, Peco static grass was applied.

Trees are seafoam, bought from Hatton's when it was still trading. Also part of the landscape, the field boundaries are, in the main, dry-stone walls, these taking the form of plaster castings sourced from eBay, though Peco wooden post and rail fencing appears in places.

All this modelled scenery would, at best, depict a landscape that is only about 180' deep. The rest of the dale and distant hills are suggested by the photo backscene.

Structures

The layout can be divided into three distinct areas: quarry, station and loco depot. Each of these areas has a distinct style of structure and a different method of constructing those structures.

The quarry majors on corrugated iron, the crusher and loading plant being a combination of a Ratio coal loader kit and scratch-building with plastic sheet. The loco shed is a Dapol (ex-Airfix) plastic kit.

The station side of the layout uses 'ready to plant' buildings, mainly from the Hornby Skaledale range with a few Bachmann Scenecraft structures. The NER-pattern station building, platform shelter and footbridge are Hornby, as are the goods shed and Midland signal box. The cement terminal, cattle dock and provender store are all by Bachmann. A Ratio oil tank kit completes this area.

Aidensfield employs more 'ready to plant' structures for the engine shed and water tower. Outside the railway boundary, the terraced houses and pub are Metcalfe Models card kits. These capture the northern dales stone-built homes and businesses to a T.



Taking stock

Many of us modellers have far more models than we really need. Tref is no exception! However, some discipline has been brought to the process of providing wagons, carriages and the locos to haul them. Everything is correct for the steam/diesel transition era, and appropriate for a busy rural line (rather than a bustling main line). Locos are former London & North Eastern Railway, London Midland & Scottish Railway or their later BR counterparts; there are no Duchesses, A3s or Deltics, but there are second string locos aplenty.

However, Tref lives within a mile or so of the former Cambrian lines in mid-Wales, and therefore has a soft spot for the local railways. When our critical gaze is turned away, Churchward Moguls, Collett Manors and ex-Great Western Railway tank engines often appear. In this situation, either 'Rule One' is invoked, or unlikely excursion traffic is imagined into being.

In the past, to assemble such a broad stud of engines, with rolling stock to match, would have required scratch-building or

putting kits together. These days they can be, and have been, bought off the shelf. Most of the major manufacturers are represented here, including Hornby, Bachmann, Heljan, Oxford Rail, Rapido and Accurascale.

Shared enthusiasm

Once a month, or thereabouts, *Beckindale* is put through its paces as we gather on a Friday evening to drink tea, eat cakes and play trains. 'We' are the Cambrian Coasters (from *The Great Model Railway Challenge* on Channel 5) and our friends. There is something lovely and sociable about getting together and sharing our enthusiasm with like-minded souls. Of course, if the layout failed to work well it would be frustrating rather than fun, but the combination of tried and tested trackwork, modern models and devilishly clever DCC equipment make it a joy. Tref has built a layout which not only works well, but looks as a railway should look.

Beckindale goods yard reflects the days when most freight traffic still travelled by rail, rather than in articulated lorries.





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THIS MONTH • A demountable layout in OO • Converting a plastic coach kit

Stockborough

Photography by Rebecca Flynn

GEOFFREY SMITH tells the story of this demountable home-based OO gauge model railway system, which was designed at the outset for ease of dismantling and re-erecting, should the need arise.

For as long as I can remember, I have been interested in model railways. My first train set was by Tri-ang, this including a model of *Princess Elizabeth*, and I added to it over time, though funds were very limited so imagination played a big part.

Then, at the age of 13 or 14, I started to build a layout, with insulation board on 44 x 19mm framing, nickel silver rails on cardboard sleepers, and panel pins to fix the rails.

However, the project came to nought because of my O-level studies.

Many years later, now married to Sheila and with four children, my interest in model railways was reignited through my two sons. We had trains running around the loft on numerous raised benches, and the boys would change track formations regularly. In the years that followed, commitments to family, work and numerous house moves all took priority, although I always held onto thoughts of model railways, buying *RAILWAY MODELLER* occasionally to keep in touch with developments in the hobby.

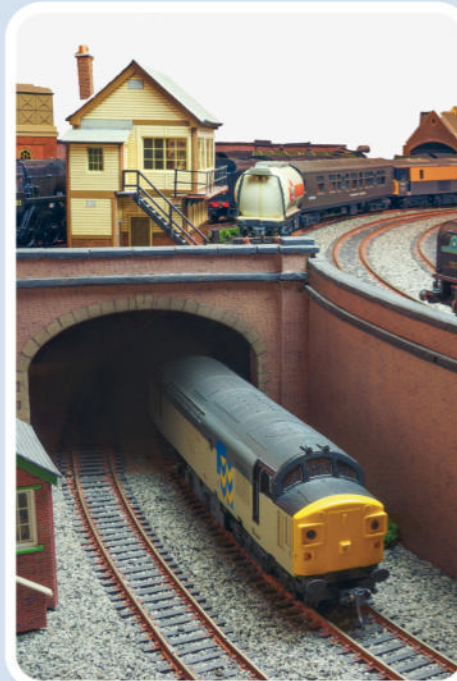
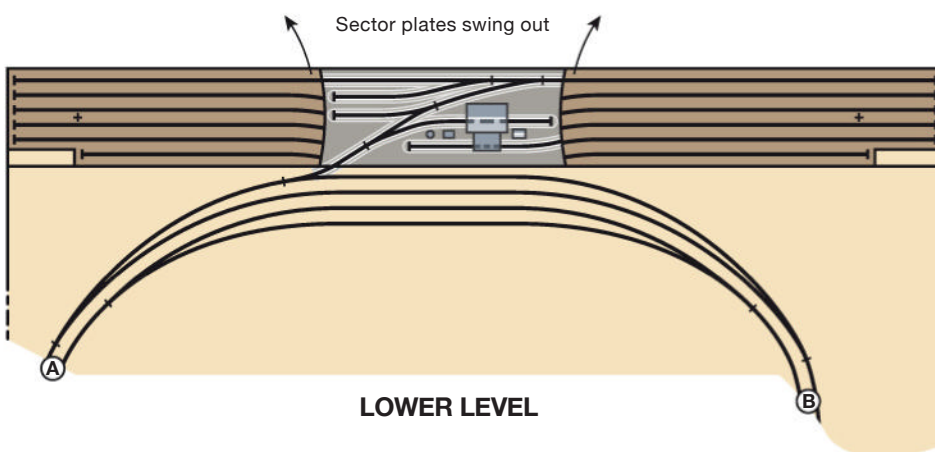
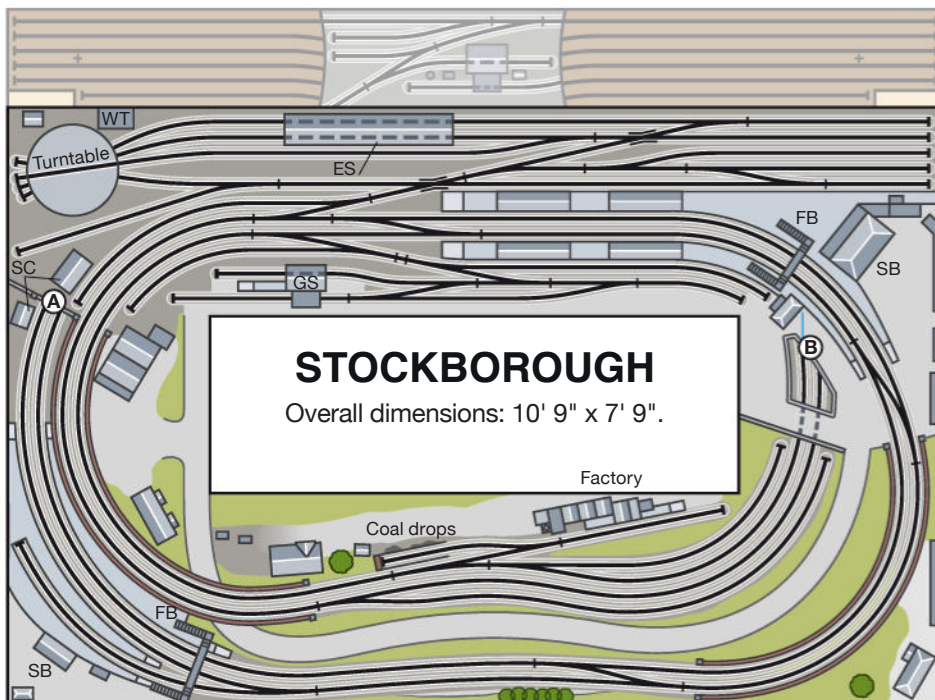
Making a start

Following another house move in the late 1990s, I decided it was time to build a model railway. I planned the layout with reference to the 'Railway Modelling Explored' articles in *RAILWAY MODELLER* [Ed. A long-running series of pull-out features aimed at beginners that commenced in the December 1999 issue]. I started by purchasing points, controllers, locomotives and rolling stock – mostly second-hand.

In 2001, I commenced the actual construction of the layout. I bought 4mm, 6mm and 9.5mm thick sheets of plywood,

The main line has a double circuit on two levels: here, A1 Pacific No.60163 *Tornado* is on the upper level, and a Hornby Class 110 Diesel Multiple Unit on the lower level.





▲ A Class 37 diesel in Railfreight Metals sector triple grey livery emerges from the tunnel under the higher level of the layout.

together with 44 x 19mm lengths of softwood, and created a layout measuring 10' 9" x 6' 6" on six demountable boards, each 4' 3" long x 2' 3" deep – this creating a 6' 3" x 2' operating well in the centre. Essentially, it is 9.5mm boarding under the tracks and double 9.5mm thickness vertically around the perimeter with 44 x 19mm cross members. Part of the layout has two levels, the rest being open-framed on a single level.

Two BR 9F 2-10-0s are prominent in the locomotive shed yard, the example in front being the Hornby model of the Crosti-boilered variant.



The boards are bolted together with 6mm bolts, wing nuts and penny washers through opened-out brass tubing. Framed leg supports, made using more of the 44 x 19mm softwood, are at each end of one board, with one leg support provided for each other board (piggyback style).

With 4mm plywood 1' high backs and 9.5mm plywood 1' high end board protectors, the boards can be stored face-to-face. Since the layout was built, we have moved house twice, with the demountable board arrangement proving to be very successful.

Track and analogue control

Trackwork is all Peco code 100, as I wanted to be able to run locomotives and stock with different wheel standards. The layout was built originally with 12V dc analogue control, with four H&M controllers in the centre well – two for the main double track circuit, one for the inner sidings and one for the outer sidings. The track design for the main double track circuit provides two laps of the boards and, as a result, includes gradients.

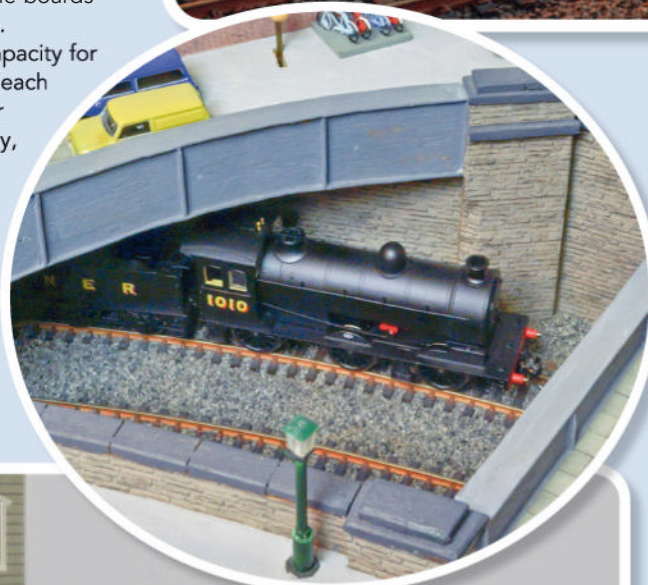
To provide additional storage capacity for stock, I added two further boards, each with six storage tracks and a sector plate pivoted at one end. Originally, these boards were designed to be at one end of the layout, but following the most recent house move, they have been adapted to fit along one side instead. Wooden cantilevered brackets provide support to these boards.

Electrical connections between the boards are by way of both 'D'



▲ The layout was latterly converted to Digital Command Control; this Bachmann Deltic, 55 018 Ballymoss, is a DCC sound-fitted model.

◀ North Eastern Railway-design J27 0-6-0 No.1010 in LNER black livery (an Oxford Rail model) threads its way under the tunnels and bridges on the low-level section of line.



connectors and phosphor bronze strips pressing against each other. A control unit, housing the four H&M controllers and all the wiring and lighting from the track boards, is sited centrally under the layout.

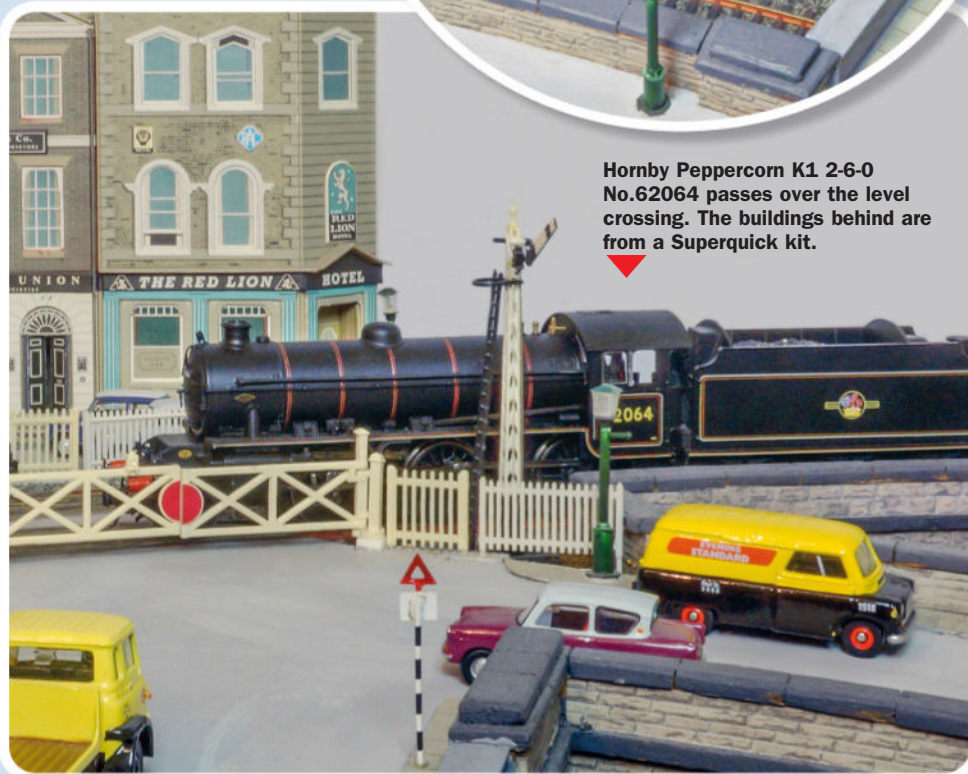
A change to digital

Some years after the layout had been constructed, I visited Durham Trains of Stanley, and the shop staff suggested I consider Digital Command Control. The retailer had in stock a Gaugemaster Prodigy Express system, which was only a few months old and had been fully checked over. The main advantage of this system was that if, at a later time, I obtained a Prodigy Advance 2, then the Express (when connected to the Advance) would also have most of the additional features. I did subsequently acquire the Advance 2, so now have this in the centre layout and the Express set up for operating from outside the layout. A programme track is also provided.

To operate the layout on DCC, I simply set all the analogue section switches to 'on' (ensuring, of course, that all locomotives on the layout are equipped for digital control).

From dream to reality

Stockborough continues to bring me much enjoyment – the project to create it brought to reality the model railway that, for many years, I could only dream of...



▼ Hornby Peppercom K1 2-6-0 No.62064 passes over the level crossing. The buildings behind are from a Superquick kit.

Converting a plastic coach kit in OO

BOB PETCH describes this plausible adaptation of a four-wheel coach kit, which he has undertaken a number of times to create greater variety in his collection of pre-Grouping rolling stock.



There have been numerous articles over the years describing 'might-have-been' examples of rolling stock, these being created by modellers by modifying or adapting existing ready-to-run items or kits. Many convincing models have resulted, which one could imagine actually ran on the real railway.

I carried out one such project myself, this entailing the adaptation of Tri-ang clerestory coaches into representations of Southern Railway passenger vehicles (see RM August 2015). These conversions did not involve much in the way of serious surgery, unlike one of my most recent projects...

One coach – two different sides!

If, like mine, your model railway has reached a level of satisfaction with no further need (or space!) to extend, then you might wish to turn to small projects such as coach conversions to fill gaps in the rolling stock that you operate.

Accordingly, I decided to set about adapting the venerable Parkside Models (formerly Ratio) plastic kit for a Great Western Railway four-wheel Brake Composite coach (ref.PC613).

▲ One of the author's trio of identical Parkside Models PC613 conversions (this one being finished in Midland Railway livery) is seen paired with an LNWR Improved Precedent 2-4-0 on Micklethwaite. All photography by the author

The objective was to reconfigure the kit parts to create a full brake/baggage van on one side of the model, with the other side styled as a Brake Third. Bearing in mind that I view my layout from the middle (Micklethwaite, RM September 2022), the fact that the finished model would have completely different sides was irrelevant!

The process is very simple with a small kit like this, which lends itself to such an alteration. Furthermore, only a handful of basic modelling tools and materials were required, making this a suitable project for someone looking to modify a kit for the first time. The steps involved are set out in the following sequence of photos.

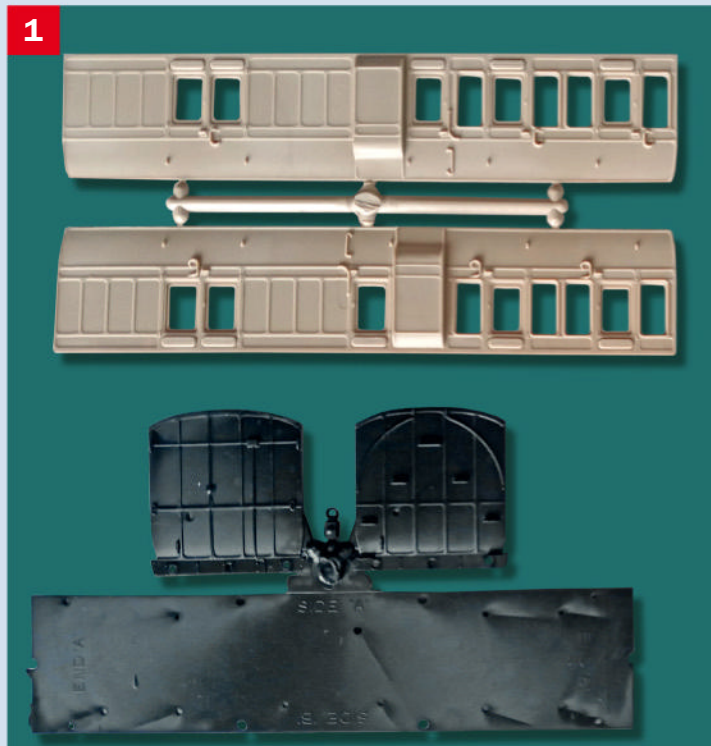
I have completed three of these conversions, these blending in well with my existing pre-Grouping rolling stock. I hope that this little project may inspire others to try their own simple modifications to expand their rolling stock collections.



▲ The Ratio kit for the GWR four-wheel Brake Composite coach, now marketed by Peco under the Parkside brand.

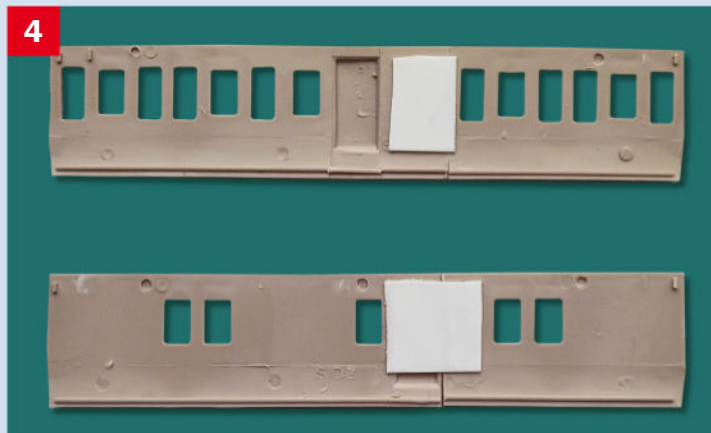
Adapting the kit

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The mouldings as supplied in the kit for the sides, ends and floor. The floor and ends were assembled at this point, ready to check that the reconfigured sides fitted satisfactorily at a later stage.

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The fit with the ends was checked. Scraps of plasticard were then glued behind the join on each side.

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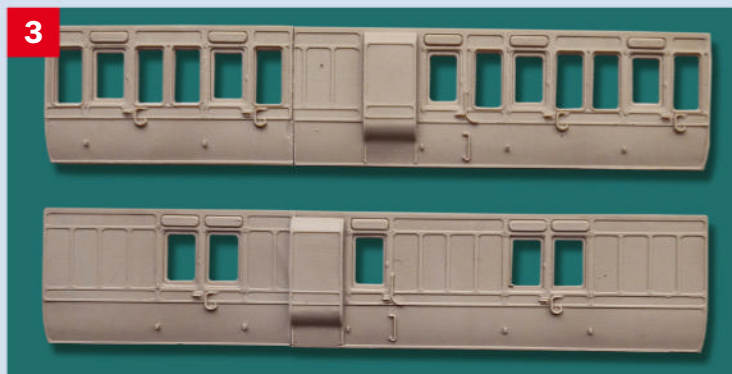
The assembled coach can then be painted in the chosen colours, prior to adding the glazing. I have built three such models; this is the Brake Third side of one painted and lettered in Midland Railway livery. As here, a dividing piece of black card or plasticard can be added longways to prevent the other side of the coach (with its different configuration) being visible through the windows.

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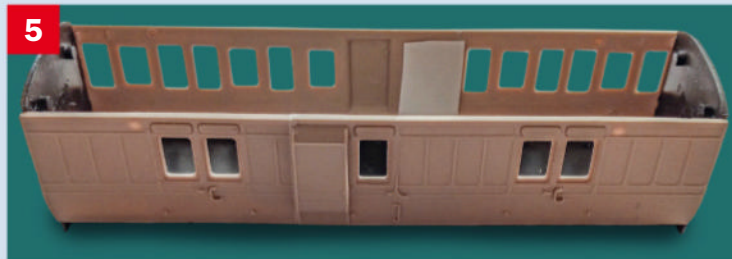
The two sides were cut vertically as illustrated. On the top one, the cut was made as close to the ducket as possible, with a cut then being made at exactly the same place on the other side. Note the offset ducket positions on each side.

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The parts from the two sides were then rearranged to form a Brake Third with central guard's compartment (top) and a full brake/baggage van (bottom).

5



The sides could then be attached to the ends and floor. With this stage reached, the chassis and other detail parts could be added as per the kit instructions.

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Another of my trio of models, this one finished in Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway livery, with the full brake/baggage van side being shown. The third model (not illustrated) was finished in Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway colours.

Readers' Letters

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In praise of a 'bumper' August edition

I was delighted to receive the August RM with its enticing front cover preview of Paul Barnard's magnificent OO gauge garden empire. Regrettably, being rather a latecomer to the wonderful world of railway modelling, I was unaware of the inception and history of this incredible effort. However, further page-turning revealed one exceptionally fascinating article after another; for me, a 'bumper' edition.

Again, aware of my rather shallow knowledge of what has gone before, I was captivated by the late John Birkett-Smith's beautiful West Country N gauge layout *Totnes*. I was immediately drawn, not only by the precision and quality of the modelling, but also by the Pendon-esque concept of a railway through a landscape, enhanced greatly by probably the best back-scenes I can recall.

In a similar vein, I was also intrigued by the late David Shepherd's 3mm layout. Of course, these particular articles did imbue a certain melancholy and reflective tone, reminding us of both the demography within the hobby (I'm no exception!) and the practi-



calities of what happens to layouts after the builders have retired to the great engine shed in the sky. It is clear, happily, that there is no evidence of this putting us all off from creating our dream layouts, although it is little wonder that a significant proportion of the classifieds are offering redundant stock, and sometimes complete layouts.

On a more cheerful note, we model on regardless and a further batch of informative and inspirational

▲ A further view of *Totnes*, the 2mm layout built by the late John Birkett-Smith as featured in the August issue. Photo: Craig Tiley

articles are also within, including another of what is seemingly an inexhaustible supply of intriguing articles from Ian Nuttall on another railway through a landscape. Happy modelling.

KEN WATTS

The Market Deeping stage play – a reader's perspective

I saw *The Market Deeping Model Railway Club* on its first Saturday evening in Nottingham (11 July), with an audience that gave it a standing ovation. This was not surprising, given that they had just spent two hours seeing their values lovingly reaffirmed by a fine cast of well-established actors.

It should be stressed, though, that the play is in no sense a documentary. Although the author and director spent a lot of time with the real club researching the production, the characters are all invented and used as vehicles for wider debates.

In this respect, the play stands in a line of British drama from Ealing comedies like *Passport to Pimlico*, *Whisky Galore* and *The Tittfield Thunderbolt* to recent films like *Calendar Girls* or *Brassed Off*. The genre focuses on the heroic efforts of a motley collection of locals to resist some outside force like a big corporation or a faceless public bureaucracy. In the end, the community triumphs and everybody leaves the theatre or cinema feeling better about



▲ A scene from *The Market Deeping Model Railway Club*, which premiered at the Nottingham Playhouse Theatre in July (see also p681). Photo: Marc Brenner

themselves. *The Market Deeping Model Railway Club*, however, has a wider ambition. The enemy here is the whole of the modern world and the question is whether railway modelling represents a retreat from this rather than an engagement with it?

The hobby is treated respectfully throughout, despite the difficulties of presenting a small-scale craft in a full-size theatre.

Perhaps the only missed opportunity is that of depicting the teamwork of club members operating a layout

together. Collaboration is talked about more than shown.

The play's first half establishes this cosy world, highlighting the shock when their exhibition is trashed by some local youths who have broken into the hall to play football. The second half explores the members' reactions. These raise uncomfortable questions about the limitations of change. This extends into questions about exactly what is being represented by their models. Is it a real Britain or an imagined one?

At the time of writing, there are no specific plans for the production to go on tour, although the Nottingham Playhouse aspires to this. If it does come to a theatre near your club, it is certainly worth a group booking for an evening that is both entertaining and thought-provoking. But it would also be worth setting aside some time at the next club night to grasp a mug of tea and ask who your world includes and who it excludes...?

ROBERT DINGWALL

More info on Furness Railway goods brake vans

In the article by Ian Nuttall on the Furness Railway 10-ton goods brake van (RM August), he poses yet more of his challenges.

The first was regarding the renumbering of FR goods stock under the LMS, which I cannot answer other than to observe that the problem is complicated by the observations made by Bob Essery in his book *LMS Wagons - Volume Two*, in that vehicles were renumbered as they became available, taking the lowest vacant number and that the number block allocated to the Furness Railway presumably included the Maryport & Carlisle stock.

However, with regard to Ian's second challenge, regarding the number of brake vans built, an answer can be found in R W Rush's little volume *Furness*

Railway Locomotives and Rolling Stock, published by The Oakwood Press. The author identifies that 87 brake vans were built to three diagram numbers. There were 57 10-ton, 15' vans built from 1880 and 27 10-ton, 16' vans built in 1907. The remaining three were 12-ton, 16' vans built in 1917. These latter were to Diagram 52A but, at the time of writing his book at least, details of Diagram 52 were not available, so maybe more vans were actually built!

PHIL LUNDBERG

▶ The completed 4mm model constructed by Ian Nuttall, which was described in the August issue. Photo: Ian Nuttall/RM Archive



Building a GWR '3901' 2-6-2T the old-fashioned way

I always enjoy reading RAILWAY MODELLER and was very interested in the *From the Archive* piece in the April RM.

In the section describing the April 1976 edition, there was reference made to scratch-building a Great Western Railway '3901' 2-6-2T using a Wrenn 0-6-0 chassis. Having a subscription to RM and therefore access to the Digital Archive, I looked up the original article.

The unusual appearance of '3901s' set me thinking (they were the only inside-cylinder Prairies built by the GWR) and then I remembered that I had a spare Hornby Dublo 0-6-0 chassis lying unused in a box somewhere. I researched the class in more detail and thought, why not make one as per the article?

Because the wheel spacing of my donor chassis was not correct, I chose not to be a slave to scale.

A further search of my modelling store revealed the remains of an Airfix large Prairie plastic kit, which provided the boiler fittings, etc. I thought I would see if I could produce a reasonable model for a minimum of cost.

I prefer working in brass rather than plastic, so the footplate (with pieces of rail for its edges) and the rest of the body parts came out of a small sheet of brass I had in stock, whilst the boiler started life as a piece of copper pipe.

I found that the chassis required a lot more work than what was described in the original article and, once the body was made up, it took a lot of filing and fiddling to get the whole lot to look right.

The model was painted as per one of the class in late 1920s condition (fitted with top feed and retain-



ing the small bunker). I enjoyed the whole project and proved to myself that it could be done for almost no cost.

PAUL HYDER

New product reviews in RAILWAY MODELLER

I write regarding the review of the London Underground tube stock models in N gauge by Revolution Trains, which was published in the August edition.

The review describes how it is a stunning-looking model in this small scale and it certainly motivates one who is not already an N gauge modeller to own one. However, at the time of the review being published, it appeared that the only place to buy these models was via eBay from speculative purchasers and with a £100 premium on the retail price.

Therefore, your review only serves to reinforce the decision of those who had the foresight to pre-order, but is absolutely not helpful to others, who cannot buy them at the retail price.

Perhaps you should consider a policy of not publishing reviews of products that are not generally available, unless the manufacturer has sufficient stocks to satisfy demand?

ROGER LUNN

[Ed. I acknowledge the frustration that can occur when it is discovered that a product featured in our reviews

pages is difficult to obtain from the manufacturer or its stockists.

It is worth explaining that, in many cases, product reviews are prepared over a long period of time – in some cases it can be several weeks between us first receiving a sample from the manufacturer and the published review hitting the shelves, and often, at the start of this process, it is not clear what the availability status of a model is going to be by the time the review appears in print. Furthermore, if we have already invested significant time and resources in preparing a review, it is far from ideal for us to pull it from the magazine at a late stage because it is suddenly found that the model has limited availability.

As for the value in publishing a review of a model for which availability is limited, I would argue that, in this situation, the review serves to provide readers with an appraisal of that manufacturer's product, which then serves to inform would-be purchasers of future models from that same manufacturer as to what can be expected in terms of features, finish, specification,



performance and build quality, etc. In situations where the obtaining of a model can only be guaranteed by ordering in advance, these assessments of past models will help the customer make an informed decision about placing such an order.

Additionally, with the Revolution Trains tube stock, as stated at the end of the review, a second run of models is already being considered by the manufacturer.]

Corfe Viaduct in miniature

I was interested to see the photo of the Adams T3 4-4-0 crossing Corfe Viaduct in the review of the new EFE Rail OO gauge model in the June RAILWAY MODELLER.

The photo here shows a similar scene on my model of Corfe Viaduct. The advantage of modelling a viaduct is that it has hardly changed in the last 140 years: you can turn the clock back simply by replacing the green Mk.I coaches with EFE Rail London & South Western Railway salmon & brown coaches [Ed. See Reviews, RM April 2023]. The model is splendid, although I did find it difficult to fit a crew in the cab between the driving wheel splasher covers.

ROBIN BRASHER



Berney Arms as a possible diorama?

On a recent visit to Norfolk, I was keen to visit Berney Arms – surely the most remote railway station in England. With a truly meagre train service and little use other than by weekend bird watchers, the sense of isolation here is almost crushing. With the nearest tarmacked road several miles away and it being located in the middle of a flat watery landscape, what better subject for an inexpensive diorama?

Berney Arms station came into being in 1844 when one Thomas Berney insisted on a station being sited here. This was a condition of the Yarmouth & Norwich Railway forging a route across his marshes towards Great Yarmouth.

The 19-metre-long platform is as simple as can be, with nothing save a couple of benches, a pair of bike stands and a help point. There was a shelter but I understand it blew down in a gale! With such a sparse train ser-



▲ Looking along the platform towards Reedham. The facilities are spartan to say the least! Note the tactile paving.

vice, even the presence of a train could be overlooked. A track machine passing through would not be out of place. So, if the emphasis is to be scenery,



▲ Looking towards Reedham along the bullhead rail permanent way. A few distant cattle on the horizon and apart from that, nothing. Not even a tree!

which is lovely, one should include such details as reeds, brambles, wild rose and elderflower. A few cows (or sheep) in the fields and some swans in



▲ The approach to the foot crossing from the marshes with the station to the left. To note are the generic BR station sign and the vast clumps of reeds.

the water channels. Definitely no trees, but perhaps a solitary passenger waiting in vain for a train?

MYLES MUNSEY

NEW PRODUCT REVIEWS

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Kerr, Stuart & Co. Sirdar 0-4-0T and wagon range

New from Rapido Trains UK in OO9



In our July 2025 issue, Rapido Trains UK announced that it was branching out into the world of narrow gauge modelling, with the development of an entire range of OO9 locomotives and wagons from brand-new tooling – dubbed Rapido Narrow Lines.

Leading the new range are models based on the Sirdar series of 0-4-0 narrow gauge tank engines developed by Kerr, Stuart & Co. of Stoke-on-Trent, with long-tank examples – derived from Works No.1158 *Diana*, now preserved at the Amerton Railway in Staffordshire – and a ‘what if’ short-tank variant

combining design elements from several real locomotives to produce a model with a convincing appearance. The tooling has been designed with customisation in mind, with each model supplied with a plethora of detail options, allowing the purchaser to tailor their locomotive to their own personal specification (much like the real machines on which they are based) – including chimney, toolbox and buffer options, with long-tank examples covering further permutations such as cab back sheets with or without doors, boiler-mounted sand domes, and even

those fitted with cane bins atop the boiler and tanks.

Supplied Digital Command Control ready or DCC fitted, a whole raft of colourful liveries and identities form the initial line-up, including a model of *Diana* in its current, as-preserved lined grey guise (ref.986001), and similar classmate *Leonora* (Works No.750) built for the Sons of Gwalia Mining Company in Western Australia – wearing a vibrant lined green livery with its name painted on the side tanks in large letters (ref.986002). In addition to these models of the long-tank based

▲ **The long-tank version in burnt orange livery, and the short-tank in lined dark blue.**

on specific prototypes, there are six freelance liveries: black lined in red & white (ref.986003); lined light blue (ref.986004); lined burnt orange (ref.986005); lined maroon (ref.986006); plain green (ref.986007); and colonial-style plain yellow with red frames and trim (ref.986008).

Bolstering the long-tank are six versions of the short-tank: Penrhyn lined black (ref.986201); lined dark blue (ref.986202); Ffestiniog Railway lined red (ref.986203); lined green (ref.986204); and lined umber (ref.986205); in addition to the firm’s extremely popular lined burgundy guise of G. Fawkes Gunpowder (ref.986206).

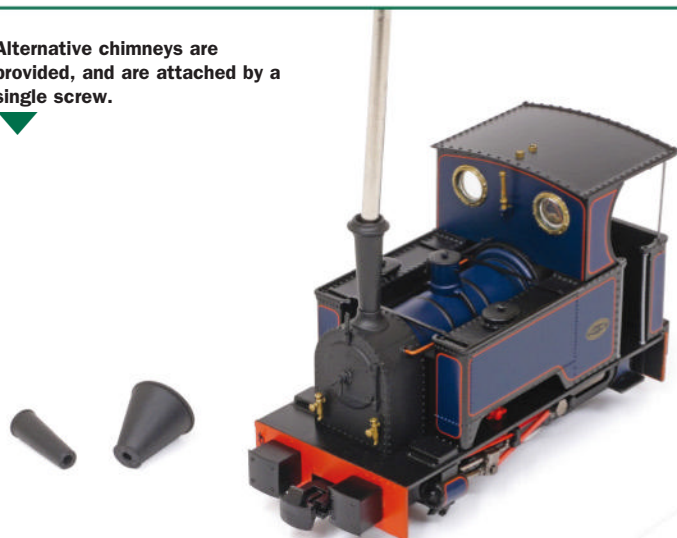
Several exclusives have also been produced for Fourdees Limited, Light Railway Stores, Rails of Sheffield, Bowaters Models, and the OO9 Society, to name but a few!

Our samples in detail

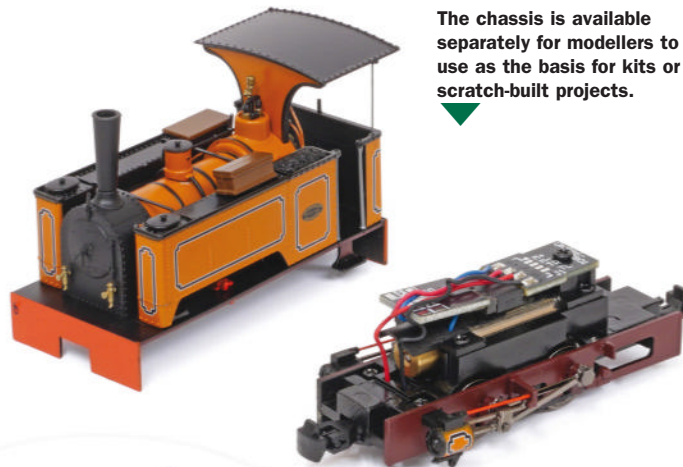
For review, we received a pair of sample models – one each of the aforementioned types. The first (ref.986005) comes presented in lined burnt orange; this long-tank example features a stovepipe chimney, sand dome, and Kerr, Stuart style half-cab



Alternative chimneys are provided, and are attached by a single screw.



The chassis is available separately for modellers to use as the basis for kits or scratch-built projects.



with back sheet doors. The second (ref.986202) depicts one of the short-tanks in lined dark blue; this model sports a standard tapered chimney, boiler-mounted sand dome, and open-back cab with back sheet doors.

Upon releasing the locomotives from their packing, the first aspect that strikes you is their compact size – each measuring just shy of 49mm over the bufferbeams, with a 14mm wheelbase. Tipping the scales at 48g and 45g respectively, much use has been made of die-cast metal to provide mass over the wheels: the chassis block and boiler/side tank assembly are castings, with moulded plastic accounting for the cab, smokebox and the majority of the boiler fittings, extending to the running plate which incorporates both front and rear bufferbeams. Unfortunately, on closer examination, we found the running plates to be slightly warped on both our samples, just below the footplate; this appears to be the result of the body screws, located to the rear of the side tanks, being over-tightened.

The body tooling bristles with fine separately fitted details, including lamp irons, Roscoe lubricators and etched metal tank straps. Cab handrails are formed from a mixture of fine metal wire and durable plastic, with the former utilised for those supporting the roof. Footplate and backhead fittings are simply exquisite, all picked out in appropriate colours; particularly impressive are the renditions of the gauge glasses (complete with black & white diagonal stripes), and the ultra-fine valve handwheel (formed as part of the array of copper pipework), complemented by a convincing oily brass finish – the fidelity of the latter part giving the impression that it can actually be turned! The glazed spectacle plates – exclusive to the short-tank – feature depictions of the brass frames, complete with the hinges on the reverse side. Unfortunately, no firebox glow is present.

As mentioned, each model is supplied with a comprehensive accessory bag, allowing for a great deal of customisation of the locomotive. For a start, two further chimney options are provided, with a choice of standard tapered, stovepipe or balloon spark arrester, depending on which type is fitted at the factory. Swapping these

parts is simple, as they are secured in place by a single screw – Rapido even providing a small Phillips-head screwdriver with each model! Other optional details cover the chief variables: the toolbox (which can be positioned atop the side tanks); bunker covers or coal loads (long-tank only); front steps; a pair of vacuum pipes; and a set of dumb buffers.

We elected to embellish the bunkers on our long-tank sample with a cover on one side and a coal load in the other, in addition to fitting the toolbox atop the flat section of the tank on the fireman's side. On the short-tank, we mounted dumb buffers on the bufferbeams; these details, combined with the blue colour scheme, give the locomotive an overall appearance not too dissimilar to the former Royal Arsenal Railway Avonside 0-4-0T Woolwich during its time at the Bicton Woodland Railway in Devon. It should be noted that models equipped with the dumb buffers will no longer fit in the packaging, without modifications to the latter.

Application of the decidedly ornate colour schemes is second to none, with the contrast in decoration between metal and plastic components nigh-on indistinguishable. The rich 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. Each livery is lined out beautifully with its own bespoke design: ref.986005 sports black & white lining with scalloped corners, not too dissimilar to that of Diana, while ref.986202 is adorned with narrow red lines, which provide a clean delineation between the blue paintwork and black border surround.

A view of the cab detail, showing one of the gauge glasses with black & white stripes.



The parts pack includes full-length couplers with metal loops.

Models are supplied with factory-fitted short peg couplers (minus loops), mounted in NEM355 pockets that protrude through each bufferbeam. Attached to the underside of the chassis via a single screw, these offer a good degree of lateral movement to cater for use around tight curves.

Alternative full-length couplers with metal loops are supplied as part of the covering accessory pack.

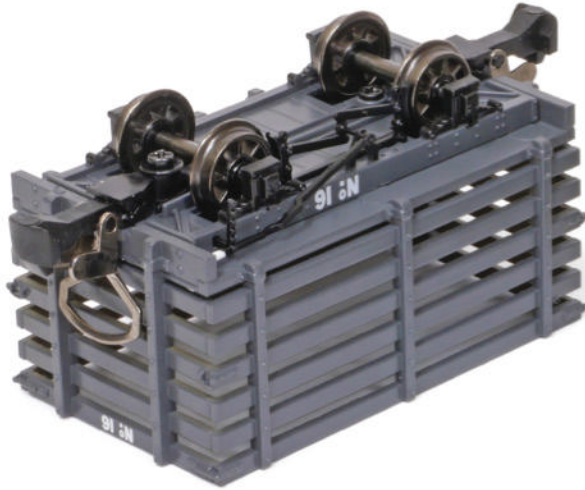
Mechanism and performance

The model is equipped with a centrally mounted, flywheel-fitted coreless motor, providing drive to the rear axle. Current is collected from all wheels via six wiper pick-ups: a single set allotted to the rear (one per wheel), with a pair (two per wheel) assigned to the leading wheelset. All axles are seated in brass bearings.

Performance under 12V dc control proved to be quiet and smooth in both directions through the speed ranges, with the models even capable of a modest crawl. The manufacturer advises a recommended minimum curve of first radius (228mm), but on test, we discovered that the models were in fact capable of negotiating curves with much smaller radii – no doubt due to the short wheelbase. We also took the opportunity to test the



Left to right: open dropside wagon, livestock wagon, gunpowder van and single-veranda brake van.



▲ All wagons share the same chassis with spoked wheelsets.

models through a selection of Peco Insulfrog Settrack points, which were negotiated with aplomb.

Access to the mechanism and six-pin decoder interface is achieved with the removal of four 'easy access' screws, located either side of the mounting screws for the couplings, directly behind the bufferbeams; once these are disengaged, the body can be lifted carefully away from the chassis. DCC fitted versions are equipped with an ESU LokPilot 5 decoder. Perhaps not surprisingly, given the small size, Rapido does not offer a sound-fitted option – however, no doubt modellers will find a way, as proven with other OO9 locomotives such as the Bachmann Quarry Hunslet 0-4-OST and Kato/Peco England 0-4-OST+T.

In another move that will open up new possibilities for OO9 modellers,

Rapido has elected to make the outside-frame 0-4-0 chassis available as a separate stand-alone item (ref.986999), providing modellers with a useful and robust platform for scratch-built or kit-built locomotive projects. The manufacturer is even partnering with Fourdees Limited to offer an extended range of 3D-printed resin body kits – portraying further variations in the Sirdar family, as well as designs representative of other locomotive manufacturers.

OO9 All-Purpose Wagon range

To accompany the OO9 locomotives, Rapido has also developed an entire range of All-Purpose Wagons, inspired by various prototypes from around the world. Sharing a common four-wheel underframe, the tooling suite caters for nine different body options: a dropside

open; cylindrical tank wagon; gunpowder van; covered van; peaked roof wagon; manrider; livestock wagon; stake wagon; and single-veranda brake van. Each is available in a wide selection of liveries, including several Private Owner colour schemes representative of industries that narrow gauge railways would often serve.

Illustrated here, our sample suite of models comprised: an open dropside wagon in the dark green livery of Grigg Gas & Coal, featuring red-shaded yellow lettering with the running number 7 (ref.990006); a gunpowder van presented in the dark blue guise of Patterson's Fireworks, complete with firework motif, red-shaded yellow lettering and the number 118 (ref.990208); livestock wagon No.16 in plain dark grey (ref.990602); and single-veranda brake van No.9 in plain light grey (ref.990803).

The models are predominantly injection-moulded assemblies, tipping the scales at 8g (open dropside and gunpowder), 7g (livestock wagon), and 10g (brake van). Each vehicle has a common 20mm wheelbase, with a length over couplings of 52mm; the standard four-wheel underframe (measuring approximately 35mm x 16mm) is equipped with free-rolling metal spoked wheelsets on pin-point axles, with hook-and-loop couplings mounted in self-centring NEM pockets.

Each wagon body has been moulded finely, with crisp renditions of rivet or bolt head detail where appropriate.

Solebar detail is formed as part of the shared underframe tooling, with the single-sided brake gear produced as a separate part. Handbrake levers are also separate fittings, with certain vehicles – such as the gunpowder van – featuring their own tailored design.

Separately fitted handrails – produced from fine metal wire – adorn the veranda end of the brake van, with sturdy footboards attached to the underside of the body moulding. The end windows are glazed, and afford a view of the van interior, which surprisingly features a depiction of the vertical interior planking – picked out in a dark natural wood colour, similar to the interiors of the open and livestock wagons. The single veranda is also fully decked out, and is equipped with a brake column with crank handle.

Narrow gauge, broad outlook

Rapido has certainly hit the mark with its first foray into OO9 – offering a comprehensive range of narrow gauge rolling stock, capturing the essence and appearance of the prototypes which inspired them. We can see these being very popular with OO9 modellers, with the manufacturer having already announced three further newly tooled All-Purpose Wagons – a wooden coal hopper, rectangular tank wagon and round-ended flat wagon – plus a new range of 0-4-0 locomotives, in the form of the Peckett & Sons Cranmore Class saddle tanks (see news, RM June 2026). Watch this space!

Samples supplied by

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

PRICES

Kerr, Stuart & Co. Sirdar 0-4-0T
£139.95 DCC ready
£179.95 DCC fitted

OO9 All-Purpose Wagon range
£25.95-£29.95



00 TMC exclusive Thompson BZ van

The Yorkshire-based retailer, The Model Centre (TMC), has received stocks of its exclusive 00 gauge Thompson BZ six-wheel brake and parcels vans, which have been produced from brand new tooling by the manufacturing partner EFE Rail.

After the Second World War, six-wheeled vehicles became increasingly rare on the UK rail network, but the BZ vans were notable exceptions, built to a London & North Eastern Railway Thompson design – Diagram 358 – continued by BR.

Entering service in 1950, in all 80 BZs were built. Numbered E70647E to E70726E, from the 1950s through to the late 1970s they were familiar sights in many local and express parcels trains for transporting parcels and agricultural produce. Examples were photographed on Southern, Western and London Midland Region metals, so modellers can justify running them outside Eastern Region settings.

Measuring 32' in length and 8' 11¼" wide, BZ vans were rated to carry loads of up to five tons, and another rare feature was the positioning of their springs behind the axle guards. Although they lacked corridor connections, they were used as parcels vans marshalled into East Coast Main Line express trains in the early to mid-1960s, and with other Non-Passenger Coaching Stock (NPCS) vehicles in parcels use from the mid-1960s to late 1970s.

In 1973, around 70 BZs remained in service, but by 1977 that number had dropped to just nine, with the final survivors withdrawn by 1979. One grounded body and three underframes remain in preservation, while the sole complete and restored example is E70654E at the Great Central Railway, which was used for reference in the production of the model.

For review, we received a sample depicting the aforementioned E70654E in BR lined maroon (ref.E86048). In addition to its preserved status, this vehicle is notable as a former regular on Somerset & Dorset metals – appearing on Evercreech Junction to Highbridge locals, which often consisted of an eclectic mix of rolling stock from the former Big Four companies. One such photographed train featuring our van also comprised a former Southern Railway Parcels & Miscellaneous Van and Great Western Railway Hawksworth Brake Composite Corridor, hauled by a GWR Collett 0-6-0 – though we wouldn't be surprised if this formation also ran behind one of the branch's London Midland & Scottish-design Ivatt 2-6-2Ts at some point, thus featuring an item of stock from each of the four companies!

Construction of the model consists largely of plastic components detailed with separately fitted, finely moulded parts, including lamp irons, electrical jumper cables, steps and door handrails. The rounded-off toplights are glazed beautifully, with representations



of the window bars printed on the reverse sides of the off-centre end windows. The van interior houses a substantial metal weight, giving the BZ

an overall weight of 101g. Whilst no interior fittings are present, the van roof is removable, giving modellers the option to add such details.



▲ The centre wheelset has generous sideplay for curves.



▲ The models are also available with weathering for an extra charge.

Headstocks are furnished with renditions of the drawhooks, with steam heat and brake hoses supplied in a separate poly bag for the modeller to fit; however, the latter details appear to be modelled on air hoses – not the prototypical ribbed pipes synonymous with steam heat and vacuum braking systems. Buffer heads are metal and sprung. Slimline tension-lock couplings are factory-fitted, clipped into sprung NEM pockets attached to the underside of the floor.

Detail on the six-wheel underframe exhibits a commendable level of delicacy, with depictions of the vacuum braking system (complete with fine metal wire pull-rods and safety loops), battery cabinets and dynamo – all of which are separate fittings. The model rides on free-rolling metal wheelsets; the outer axles have conventional pin-point ends, while the centre wheelset utilises a sprung floating set-up, allowing the vehicle to negotiate second radius curves. Wheels are unpainted metal, and would benefit from a touch of black paint.

Livery application and finish is to a high standard, with deep and rich maroon paintwork. The lining which adorns the bodyside is straight and true, while the application of the lettering and running numbers is crisp and sharp – extending to the data markings on the vehicle ends. The Model Centre is also offering its custom weathering service, with an example of the same model illustrated here with the 'standard' weathered finish. For further details and to order, see the retailer's website.

Sample loaned by

THE MODEL CENTRE,
Hill Farm, Beck Hole,
Whitby YO22 5LF
www.themodelcentre.com

PRICE
£47.95 each

00 Bachmann Brush Type 4/BR Class 47

Bachmann Europe plc has received stocks of its second production run of its British Rail Class 47 project in 00 – catering for further examples of these ubiquitous Type 4s constructed between 1962 and 1968, at the Brush Traction works in Loughborough and the BR workshops at Crewe.

The comprehensive tooling suite, which was first reviewed in our December 2021 issue, has received a number of enhancements. These latest releases not only feature a number of body and detail refinements, but incorporate many up-to-date features which modellers have come to expect – including an enhanced sound system and ‘Bach-up’ stay-alive, while Sound Fitted Deluxe versions now benefit from the firm’s ground-breaking SFX auto-release coupling system, allowing for hands-free uncoupling with the press of a button.

Liveries are: 47 226 (ref.35-411A) and 47 238 (ref.35-411B) in BR blue; 47 280 in BR Railfreight grey (ref.35-416); 47 791 *Venice Simplon Orient Express* in Rail express systems red & grey (ref.35-429); and 47 826 in West Coast Railways maroon (ref.35-431). An exclusive model depicting D1676 *Vulcan* in BR two-tone green with full yellow ends has also been produced exclusively for the Yorkshire-based retailer The Model Centre. All of these versions are also available Digital Command Control Sound Fitted or with the firm’s Sound Fitted Deluxe option.

For review, we received a Sound Fitted Deluxe sample of 47 826. The real machine – a Crewe Works-built example – was originally numbered D1976 when new in November 1965, being renumbered 47 274 under the BR Total Operations Processing System numbering scheme in September 1974. On 16 March 1976, the locomotive was involved in a fatal collision whilst working the overnight Euston to Stranraer train, when it collided with a

lorry which had crashed through a bridge parapet at Eastriggs (between Carlisle and Dumfries), resulting in the deaths of the loco crew and lorry driver; it returned to traffic following extensive repairs in 1978. Refurbished as a 47/4, returning to service as 47 637 in January 1986, it would be one of eight members of this sub-class to be fitted with additional fuel tanks and have their vacuum braking systems removed in 1989, being renumbered as 47 826 to reflect these modifications. It was acquired by charter train operator West Coast Railways in April 2005, and is a regular performer on the national network to this day.

Details appropriate to 47 826, to name but a few, include: the later-style ‘cut cab’ design with full-width cab vents; plated headcode panels with sealed beam marker lights; high-intensity headlights; twin bufferbeam-mounted lamp brackets (as per Crewe-built machines); Electric Train Heating equipment; National Radio Network



Our sample depicts 47 826 as running on the main line with West Coast Railways.



The fitting of the optional three-piece snowploughs has been improved.



aerials; plated-over boiler port with water tanks removed; ribbed exhaust panel; later long-range fuel tank; plated bogie-mounted cab steps; and slow-speed speedometer drive fitted at the No.2 end.

Each cab sports a rendition of the commemorative plate on the secondman’s side, which reads ‘Brush Sulzer Class 47 locomotives 1962-2012 50 years of service’ – 47 826 appearing to have gained these in late August or early September 2012.

To all intents and purposes, the Bachmann model appears to depict the locomotive between circa May 2022, when its buffers and cab steps were painted black, and late July 2025, when it emerged from its latest repaint with revised versions of the yellow overhead warning signs – these being

noticeably shorter and wider than those applied previously.

Following feedback from the first run, the manufacturer has made a number of small refinements to the tooling – namely the fit and finish of the windscreen glazing. Our Sound Fitted Deluxe model showcases the treated driver’s and secondman’s windscreens, which replicate the distinctive tinting applied to aid with demisting, producing a myriad of colours when caught under different light.

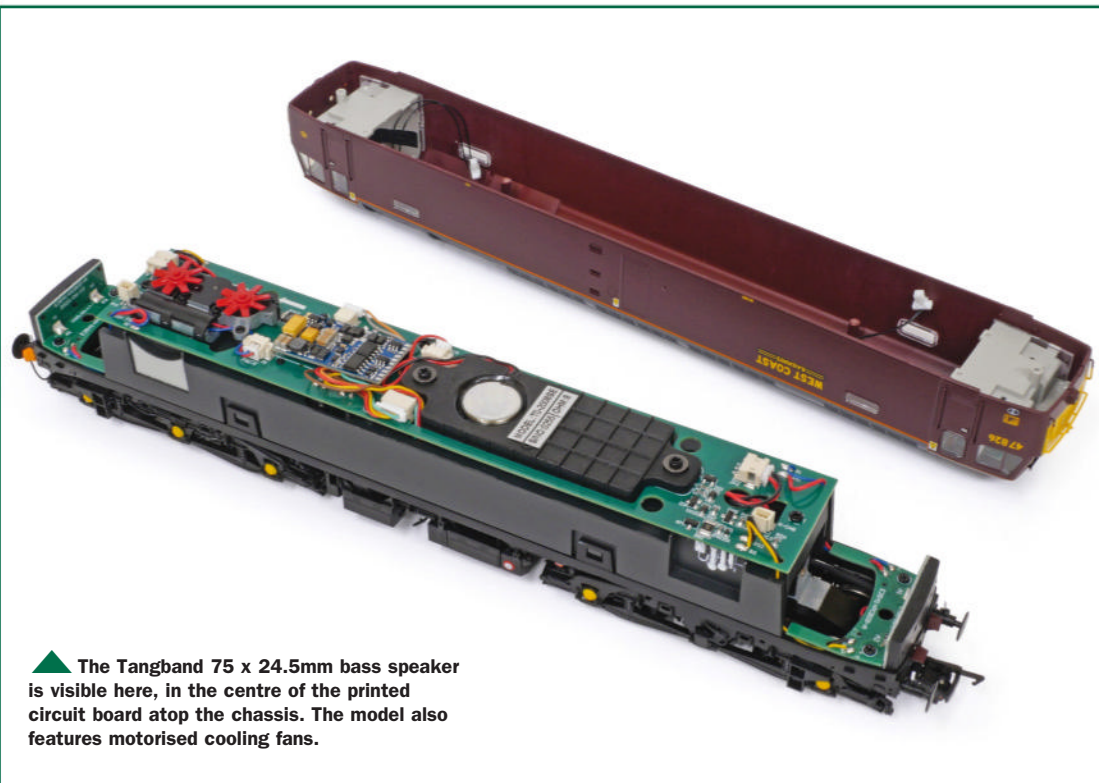
Optional snowploughs – supplied as part of the covering accessory pack – have also seen a complete redesign, with these assemblies, like those on the prototypes, now attaching to the underside of the chassis/bufferbeam; the ploughs on the previous examples of the model were fitted in place of the



NEM tension-lock couplings on the bogies. Attached by a single screw, the fixed positioning of these revised components allows for the installation of the full suite of bufferbeam accessories (such as pipework and decorative screw-link couplings), giving locomotives equipped with the snowploughs a far more realistic appearance; however, the ploughs were not applicable to our sample, along with the vacuum and steam heat pipes. The full complement of parts appropriate to our sample were fitted to the No.1 end, but we found these to be extremely fiddly, and some were broken in the process.

Whilst in all major respects the mechanism remains largely identical to that of the initial release, the model has received a number of technical enhancements to bring it into line with other recent Branchline releases, such as the GB Railfreight Class 69 (see reviews, RM February 2026) and General Motors Class 66 (reviews, RM March 2026). Sound Fitted and Sound Fitted Deluxe versions now benefit from the firm's new dual fitted XL speaker system, incorporating a Tangband 75 x 24.5mm bass speaker in addition to the standard 15 x 11mm 'sugar cube'. All models are also equipped with the firm's 'Bach-up' stay-alive system, to smooth out any interruptions to the current collection when operating on DCC.

In addition to the independently driven motorised cooling fans,



▲ The Tangband 75 x 24.5mm bass speaker is visible here, in the centre of the printed circuit board atop the chassis. The model also features motorised cooling fans.

synchronised with the sound project, Sound Fitted Deluxe versions now boast the firm's ground-breaking SFX auto-release coupling system. These couplings are fitted in place of the NEM

tension-locks, with the model performing a pre-programmed uncoupling sequence (complete with synchronised sound files). Further details of the system are described in our BR Class 31/1 review – see RM September 2024.

The 47 is a clear demonstration of how fast-paced the model railway industry can be, with features – such as dual speakers and stay-alive systems – now considered by many modellers to be the standard for new releases. Bachmann is to be applauded for undertaking these refinements and

functional enhancements, improving on what many would consider to be an already excellent model.

Sample supplied by

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

PRICE
Ref.35-431SFX – £394.95



▼ The windscreens of Sound Fitted Deluxe models replicate the tinted glazing.



00 Irish Railway Models Hunslet Class 101



▲ No.101 *Eagle* in maroon with revised front yellow panel, and No.102 *Falcon* in blue with red chevrons.

Irish Railway Models, sister company to Accurascale, has delivered its next Irish-outline locomotive model in 4mm scale, representing the three main line Hunslet diesel-electric locomotives built for the improved flagship Northern Ireland Railways Dublin-Belfast 'Enterprise' service – the NIR Class 101 (DL) Bo-Bos – plans for which were revealed in our December 2024 issue.

Despite being a class of just three, no fewer than 11 versions have been produced, covering the entire service life of each locomotive, from their introduction into traffic through to their latter days of operation – with the tooling catering for many of their subsequent (often bespoke) in-service modifications. Each is supplied either Digital Command Control ready or DCC sound-fitted.

Liveries include as-delivered deep maroon with original arced golden yellow end panels; maroon with revised V-shaped end panels; mid-blue with red 'V' arc and white NIR logos; mid-blue with red chevrons and large NIR logos; and revised dark blue with small yellow

panels – the latter guise unique to No.102 *Falcon*.

A brief history

Named after birds of prey, the NIR Class 101 (DL) diesels were introduced in 1970, when the still embryonic NIR set out to improve the Dublin-Belfast 'Enterprise' service – replacing the existing diesel railcar sets with a locomotive-hauled operation. Intended to reduce the time of the 180km journey to just two hours, the locomotives were designed to run in a push-pull configuration, with a 270-ton eight-coach set of BR Mk.IIb stock, at a maximum speed of 80mph.

Although they were designed by the Hunslet Engine Company of Leeds, construction of Nos.101 *Eagle*, 102 *Falcon* and 103 *Merlin* was actually contracted out to British Rail Engineering Limited at Doncaster. The three locomotives alternated on the 'Enterprise' service until succeeded by the General Motors NIR Class 111 fleet in 1983. However, they also hauled other services such as Sunday

excursion trains to Portrush, and spoil trains to an oil terminal construction site at Cloghan Point. Today, No.102 *Falcon* is the sole survivor of the trio, at the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum at Cultra, Belfast.

Our samples in detail

For review, we received a pair of samples: ref.IRM1341-DCC, presented as No.101 *Eagle* in NIR maroon with revised arc, featuring its distinguishing square-cut corner bufferbeams and roof aerial clusters, and equipped with DCC sound; and ref.IRM1326, No.102 *Falcon* in revised NIR blue with red chevrons and large NIR logos, capturing the locomotive with its distinctive diagonal-cut bufferbeams, nose-mounted Time Division Multiplex cabling and GSM 'shark-fin' aerials.

Each model is presented in a smart card box, with the model cradled in plastic 'ice cube' style packaging within a substantial foam insert. Inside, as well as the usual operation and maintenance paperwork, is a lavishly illustrated booklet, complete with a

brief history of the class and reproduced advertising material for the 'Enterprise' service, including a 1965 timetable and even an on-board menu!

Construction centres on a substantial metal casting – encompassing the frames and bufferbeams – on top of which sits an injection-moulded plastic body, decorated with separately fitted details, such as lamp irons and windscreen wipers formed from etched metal and plastic respectively, in addition to fine metal wire grab handles and handrails. Finally, etched roof fan grilles afford a clear view of the working cooling fan within, powered by its own independent coreless motor and functioning when power is applied under 12V dc operation, or synchronised with the DCC sound project, operating automatically in the latter case depending on how the engine is driven.

The angled shape of the prototypes has been commendably well captured, with the characteristic large round headlight present between the windscreens, below the overhang of the



elliptical curved roof – illuminating in the direction of travel, along with the directional marker lights. Decorative (non-functional) tail lamps are also supplied as part of the covering accessory pack. The cab glazing affords a clear view of the well-furnished interiors, complete with period features. Details include fully decorated control desks, with dials which illuminate when the model is under power. Cab lighting is also present.

The retractable buffers – to facilitate close-coupling for push-pull operation – have been modelled faithfully, and feature ultra-fine renditions of the collar securing chains. Moulded in plastic, these have been modelled in the extended position with collars fitted, with the assemblies being sprung. Separate bufferbeam details supplied for the purchaser to fit include cosmetic drop-head buckeye couplings, steps, and control, air and vacuum pipes. A set of substitute magnetic NEM close couplings – designed to look like buckeye couplings – are also provided, and can be fitted in place of the standard tension-lock couplings.

The striking colour schemes are portrayed beautifully on both our samples, most notably the nose end embellishments. Name and works plates, which adorn the bodysides and frames, are rendered sharply, with separate painted etched versions of these plates also provided. Our model of No.102 *Falcon* – in its later guise – includes an additional pair of yellow & black chevron plates, which were displayed on the locomotive when it was used on weed control duty.

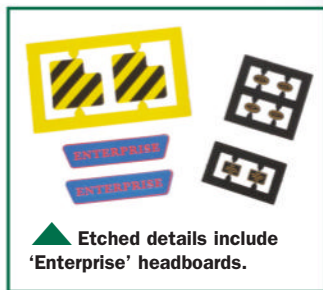
Mechanism and performance

The models are powered by a large twin-flywheel-fitted five-pole motor housed deep within the chassis casting, providing power to both bogies, with all axles driven. Current is collected from all wheels via wiper pickups, with all axles seated in brass

bearings; each wheelset has also been designed with provision for regauging to 21mm finescale standards. The models are also equipped with a 'PowerPack' capacitor to smooth out interruptions to current collection under DCC operation.

Access to the 21-pin decoder interface is via a removable roof section, held snugly in place by six strong magnets. A series of microswitches are incorporated as part of the DCC blanking plate, giving 12V dc users control of the aforementioned lighting and fan functions. Removal of the body from the chassis is a simple job, requiring the removal of the six screws onto which the magnetic roof section latches – a simple but clever

A removable roof section provides access to the DCC decoder socket.



Etched details include 'Enterprise' headboards.



design which allows the body to be removed without turning the model upside down.

Sound-fitted models – as per our sample of *Eagle* – are equipped with an ESU LokSound V5 sound decoder, incorporating no fewer than 23 control, light and sound functions. Sounds are emitted through an ESU 42mm x 22mm x 8mm speaker enclosure incorporating a 15mm x 11mm 'sugar cube' speaker with passive radiator, with the set-up capturing the distinctive whistle of the English Electric eight-cylinder 8CSVT Mk.II unit.

On the scales, our DCC ready model tipped the scales at 514g. On test, the model was smooth and controllable through the speed ranges, with gearing well suited to the 80mph maximum speed of the prototypes. The model hauled 22 Pullman cars with ease around the Pecorama loft layout, with its 1 in 48 gradients and 3' radius curves.

Joint Enterprise

Despite being a small class of just three locomotives, the Class 101s certainly left their mark on the history of Northern Ireland Railways – most notably for their time on the cross-border 'Enterprise'. Indeed, Irish-outline modellers will also soon be able to re-create this flagship service, with the arrival of complementary 'Enterprise' Mk.II stock – including a driving trailer – due for release later this year (see news, RM February 2026).

Sample supplied by

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

PRICES

£220.00 – DCC ready
£319.99 – DCC sound-fitted

This view shows how the body is attached to the chassis by screws on the roof.

Peco brings rail manufacturing in-house at Devon factory

After major investment and the remodelling of an area of the Peco factory at Beer, East Devon, the manufacturer has begun making its own rail for use with its many types and gauges of model railway track that are sold across the world.

The official opening of the new facility took place on 17 July, with company Managing Director Ben Roberts-Arnold cutting the ceremonial ribbon.

As factory Production Manager Tim Vincent explained at the start of the ceremony, rail has always been a very important part of the company's business, as model railway track is

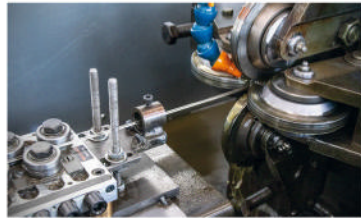
something for which Peco has established an international reputation.

The rail used was originally supplied by various external suppliers, including Precision Shaped Wire (PSW), a prominent UK-based manufacturer of specialist profile and shaped wire that is part of Alloy Wire International (AWI).

However, PSW recently announced it would no longer be able to continue providing the rail needed, and while this news was initially seen as something of a blow, it came to be realised that in fact, it presented something of an opportunity. Indeed, Peco Chairman Michael Pritchard



▲ Ben Roberts-Arnold (centre) cuts the ribbon, watched by (left to right) Adrian Howker, Tony Newbold, Keith Knight and Tim Vincent. Photos: Craig Tiley



▲ Raw wire is passed through a series of rollers...



▲ ...to press it into the required shape for rail sections.

had long wanted the company to produce its own rail, as such a step would give Peco full control of the supply and the associated costs, etc.

Tim said that it had required a big investment to bring this to fruition, but Peco had been helped by Adrian Howker of PSW, who has been travelling down to Devon every week from his family home

in Wakefield, Yorkshire, something that he is going to continue doing for a year or so as rail production continues to expand, and while Peco recruits a new rail engineer and assistant – posts that are currently being advertised both internally and outside the company. To find out more, head online to:

www.peco-uk.com

Clark Railworks reveals LMS 42' parcels vans in OO

Clark Railworks (the manufacturing arm of Ellis Clark Trains) has announced it is producing models of the 42' GUV parcels vans constructed by the London Midland & Scottish Railway between 1933 and 1937 at Derby and Wolverton works.

Originally classified as Covered Carriage Trucks (CCTs), 240 of these vehicles were constructed. Designed to carry parcels and luggage alongside other general goods, they often ran in dedicated parcels trains or passenger services, and so were finished in lined Crimson Lake with silver aluminium roofs.

After Nationalisation in 1948, the vans were referred to by BR as General Utility Vans (GUV) and reliveried in maroon and later in blue. Many remained in main line service into the 1970s while others ran in Departmental use, including on breakdown trains as support for steam cranes. Some were used as stores vehicles, and three have been preserved, all in Scotland.

The Clark's models will feature die-cast chassis, brass bearings and detailed chassis and underframes, as well as versions of the manufacturer's 'Ultraflex' vacuum pipes. It is also intended that they will be straightforward to convert to P4 or EM gauges.

As the prototype GUVs were quite varied, each of the eight model versions will have subtle differences to their bogies, roof vents and bodyside panelling, helping to reflect particular eras. The models will also have sprung buffers and separately fitted grab rails and steps.

Livery versions comprise: No.37714 in LMS lined Crimson Lake (ref.C2020); No.33719 in BR plain crimson as in the period 1949-late 1950s (ref.C2021); No.37898 in 1960s BR lined maroon (ref.C2022); No.37911 in circa 1968 BR blue (ref.C2023); BR Departmental ADB975241 in BR Gulf Red, as it appeared at Ayr MPD throughout the 1970s (ref.C2024); ADB975241 in later BR Departmental



yellow, when used as a breakdown train support vehicle (ref.C2025); BR Departmental vehicle ADB975560 in Departs (Diesel Engineering Parts) blue (ref.C2026); and the same vehicle as previously listed, as currently preserved at the Royal Deeside Railway (Banchory), in BR crimson & cream livery and renumbered as No.37909 (ref.C2027).

Clark's is expecting to receive samples of these GUV models this autumn, with the production models becoming available in early 2027 at an RRP of £75.00.

LMS 9' bogie packs

For use on its GUVs, Clark's has designed specific representations of LMS standard 9' wheelbase bogies.

Realising that these patterns of bogies were also used as standard on LMS coaching stock throughout the 1930s, and that some modellers therefore might like to fit them to other models, the manufacturer is to make the bogies available separately once the GUV models are released in early 2027.

The LMS bogies will be sold in packs of two, with an RRP of £20.00 and with both welded and riveted

▲ Tooling sample for the LMS GUV...

variants represented. They are available to pre-order now. For further details visit:

www.clarkrailworks.com



▲ ...and a livery render in LMS Crimson Lake.

Hornby announces new additions to its TT:120 range



▲ A3 *Flying Scotsman* as preserved in BR green.



▲ GB Railfreight 66 727 with Maritime branding.



▲ GBRf 66 719 with Metronet branding.



▲ LMS 20-ton brake van in grey.



▲ LNER Toad E brake van in bauxite.



▲ BR 21-ton mineral wagon in grey.



▲ TEA bogie tank wagon in Esso livery.

Headlining its latest set of TT:120 announcements, Hornby has revealed that it is producing both DCC ready and DCC sound-fitted models of Class A3 Pacific No.60103 *Flying Scotsman* as preserved, in BR lined green with late crests, double chimney, banjo dome, corridor tender and smoke deflectors.

The manufacturer's TT:120 Gresley A1 and A3 Pacific locomotive models were announced in RAILWAY MODELLER in November 2022 and the A1 was reviewed in March 2023, but the new versions represent the most famous member of the class in its current form and livery. The RRP for the dc model (ref.TT3056M) is £194.99 while that for the DCC sound-fitted version is £249.99, and delivery is expected in January 2027.

More Class 66s

When it comes to the latest run of General Motors-built Class 66 diesel-electric freight locomotives (the first releases were reviewed in the March 2025 issue), the manufacturer states that these will feature an altered wheel profile to maximise smooth running, and an adjusted kinematic coupling arm to ease the models' ability to haul rolling stock around second radius curves.

The first of the new versions depicts GB Railfreight (GBRf) 66 727 *Maritime One* (ref.TT3051M) in dark blue livery with 'MARITIME' branding and large fleet number on the bodysides in white, plus GB Railfreight and Maritime logos on the cabsides. Also new is GBRf 66 719 *Metroland* in Metronet blue & orange livery with 'Metronet. Renewing the Tube' branding on the bodysides plus Metronet and GBRf logos. Both models are available DCC ready only at an RRP of £159.99 each, and are due for delivery in November 2026.

New brake van models

Brand new models for 2026 represent the LMS-designed 20-ton long wheelbase brake van both in 'as built' original form

and later British Railways examples from the 1950s.

The early form model represents No.730176 in grey livery with large 'LMS' lettering on its sides (ref.TT6090), while other variants comprise M732350 in BR bauxite (ref.TT6091) and TOPS code ZTO DM731833 in Departmental olive green (ref.TT6092). With an RRP of £32.99 each, these are due for delivery in April 2027.

Also among the model announcements are shorter wheelbase Dia.035 LNER Toad E brake vans: No.178595 in bauxite livery with 'NE' lettering and '20 TONS' markings on its sides (ref.TT6080), and a BR Eastern Region version, E133357, in grey livery (ref.TT6081). These vehicles each have an RRP of £29.99 and are scheduled for delivery in February 2027.

Wagon range additions

New wagons revealed as part of the TT:120 announcements include three variations of the BR TEA 100-ton bogie petrol tanker wagons: firstly, No.87156 in metallic silver with yellow & red Shell branding plus red underframe detail and yellow axleboxes (ref.TT6087). Next there is No.20060 in silver with Esso and BRT logos and a thick red tank side stripe, along with red underframe detail and yellow axleboxes (ref.TT6089). Finally, there is BPO87192 in metallic silver with small green & yellow BP logos, red underframe details and green axleboxes (ref.TT6088). Each of these versions has an RRP of £44.99 and they are due for delivery in April 2027.

Also added to the range is a BR MDO 21-ton mineral wagon – B315882 in grey, with black side panels denoting use for carrying coal (ref.TT6060). There is also a triple pack of differently numbered MDO wagons (B315885, B315893 & B315897 – pack ref.TT6061). The RRP for the single wagon is £22.99 while for the triple pack it is £67.99. All are due for delivery in December 2026.

www.hornby.com

Historic *Bossington* layout on view at Oxford club 60th anniversary

Saturday 12 September will see Oxford & District Model Railway Club holding its 60th Anniversary Open Day at Collinwood Road United Reformed Church in Risinghurst, Headington, Oxford OX3 8HW.

The event will be open from 10:30-16:00 and admission is free. The venue has limited free parking but is served by frequent buses from Thornhill Park & Ride or on the route from Oxford Railway Station to Risinghurst Turn. There is also an hourly service No.14 to Collinwood Road, with both stops less than 100 metres away.

The venue is wheelchair friendly and refreshments will be available.

A highlight among the model railways on view will be the layouts *Bossington* and *Oldstead Gate*, both in OO gauge and over 60 years old. While *Oldstead Gate* is a layout which can be operated by children, *Bossington* featured in RAILWAY MODELLER in December 1968 and again in the October 2021 issue.

For the other layouts attending the show, plus the display stands, see the Societies & Clubs listings pages in this issue and visit:

www.oxfordmrc.org.uk

► 'Dean Goods' 0-6-0 No.2425 prepares to depart from *Bossington* station.
Photo: Chris Chewter/RM Archive



TMC reveals exclusive commission of Class 46 'The Lady' in TT:120

Following the announcement in the August RM issue that Rapido Trains UK is developing a range of Class 45 and Class 46 'Peaks' in TT:120, The Model Centre (TMC) has revealed it has commissioned an exclusive version.

The TMC exclusive model depicts 46 026 *Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry* in BR blue with headcodes. This locomotive, originally numbered D163, entered service in April 1962 and was the sole example of its 56-strong class to carry a name. As a result, it earned a special place in the affections of both BR staff and enthusiasts, who knew it as 'The Lady'. Sadly it was

not preserved following withdrawal in November 1984.

The model will be available DCC ready (ref.823207, £135.95), DCC ESU sound-fitted (ref.823707, £220.95) and DCC HM7000 sound-fitted (ref.823707HM7K, £220.95).

HM7000 sound collaboration for whole 'Peak' range

TMC has revealed it will also be offering the rest of the Rapido 'Peak' range with Hornby HM7000 sound installed – the first time a non-Hornby model range has been offered with HM7000 sound professionally installed from new to



▲ Computer Aided Design render of 46 026 in BR blue.

customers. 'Peak' sound profiles are to be made available via Hornby for users of the HM7000 control system, and the co-operation between TMC, Rapido and Hornby means that customers can choose HM7000 sound fitting as an option on

any main range Rapido Class 45 or 46 'Peak' locomotive, while also benefiting from the TMC customisation services. For further details visit The Model Centre website at:

www.themodelcentre.com

Accurascale unveils new run of Class 37s in liveries that span the eras in OO



▲ 37 106 in 'Dutch' livery.

Accurascale has announced a new run of its Class 37s in OO, a model range first announced in the January 2020 issue of *RAILWAY MODELLER* and most recently reviewed in the August 2026 edition.

The new run includes an Accurascale Exclusive model of 37 800 *Cassiopeia* in the distinctive Rail Operations Group 'PCB' livery it appeared in following its return from service in Spain in 2012 and then naming in 2018. The manufacturer

says this is one of the most complex liveries applied to these models, and this exclusive model will be supplied in special packaging with a numbered certificate and etched nameplates.

The locos in the main range cover five eras of the class's operation. First comes pioneering English Electric Type 3 D6713, built at Vulcan Foundry in 1961,



▲ Rail Operations Group 37 800.

decorated in all-over BR green with red bufferbeams and late crests.

37 088 (originally D6788, built in 1963) appears in classic BR blue, and the prototype loco was notable for retaining its split headcode boxes and original bufferbeam fairings longer than most of its classmates.

37 185 also appears in BR blue but with Cornish Railways 'Wizzy the Lizard' style double arrow logos, featuring a cartoon reptile that was applied by local artist Vic Mittington at the time when this locomotive was closely associated with Cornish china clay traffic.

37 106, a 1963-built Class 37 which was moved from the Eastern Region to north of the border in the early 1990s, is modelled in civil engineers' 'Dutch' yellow & grey livery, as it appeared on infrastructure, passenger and engineering duties while in Scotland.

Finally, 37 516 *Loch Laidon* appears in West Coast Railways maroon, as used since 2009 on railtours, charter trains, Rail Head Treatment Trains (RHTTs) and infrastructure duties while based at Carnforth.

These latest models include an operating roof fan synced to the DCC sound file (also functional under dc power), and refined bonnet top doors, improved glazing and upgraded grilles. New tooling also represents such features as plated engine room windows and two-piece cantrail grilles.

The DCC ready models are priced £189.95 and DCC sound-fitted models £289.96. Delivery is expected in the second quarter of 2027. For more details visit:

www.accurascale.com



Osborn's Models crew figures for OO9 Sirdars

Following the release of the new OO9 Sirdar locomotive models by Rapido Trains UK (see page 728), Osborn's Models has produced a dedicated painted crew set to complement these diminutive locomotives. It comprises two figures in blue overalls and white short-sleeved shirts. The set (ref.OSBF226) is priced £14.00 and for further details visit:

www.osbornsmodels.com



Kernow Model Rail Centre open day at Camborne store

Kernow Model Rail Centre (KMRC) has announced it will be holding its annual open day event at its branch in Camborne, Cornwall, in early September.

The event at the store, located at 98A Trelowarren Street, Camborne, Cornwall, TR14 8AN, will take place on Friday 11 September and will feature displays and presentations from manufacturers including Bachmann, Gaugemaster, Hornby and Peco. There will also be previews of models from other manufacturers, a number of new model announcements, and a range of special offers available only to those that attend on the day.

Visitors to the event will be able to meet the members of the Camborne branch team and will have the opportunity to speak to Graham Muspratt, Development Manager, and Chris Trerise, Managing Director.

The event will be open from 10.00-16.30 and for further details visit:

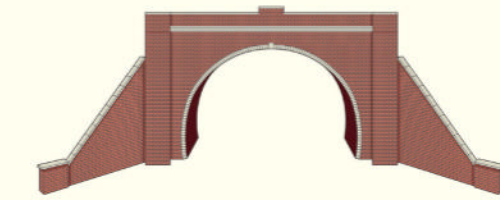
www.kernowmodelrailcentre.com

New tunnel portal kits released for TT:120

Peco is producing a new range of tunnel portals, complete with wing walls and available in versions for either single or double track, for TT:120 modellers.

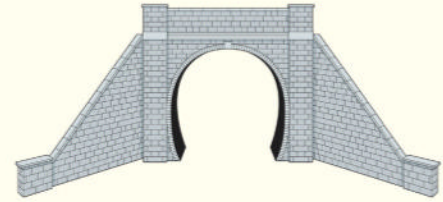
The laser-cut wood tunnel portal kits, which each contain a pair of tunnel mouths as well as separate wing walls and parapets, are available in versions to represent either brick or stone construction and also include details on flexible tunnel mouth interior sections.

The single track portal kits (ref.LK12171 – brick and ref.LK12172



▲ Double track portal in brick.

– stone) each have a Suggested Retail Price (SRP) of £13.50. SRPs for the double track versions (ref.LK12173 – brick and ref.LK12174 – stone),



▲ Single track portal in stone.

meanwhile, are £16.50 per pack. The manufacturer advises that these packs are just four of 15 forthcoming laser-cut wood kits shortly to be released,

with others including a range of bridges and retaining walls. For further details visit:

www.peco-uk.com

Further details confirmed for Wallace & Gromit wagons

Following on from the announcement in the August RM issue that Peco has reached an exclusive agreement with Wallace & Gromit creators Aardman Studios to produce an exclusive range of five themed 009 wagons marking the animators' 50th anniversary, the Devon manufacturer has now released further price and expected delivery date information.

The special commemorative 50th anniversary box set of colourful

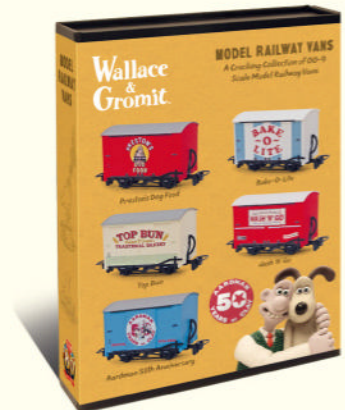
branded wagons, representing Wallace & Gromit's adventures in films including *The Wrong Trousers*, *A Close Shave* and *A Matter of Loaf and Death* (ref.GRAA050), and contained in a special presentation case illustrated with official artwork from Aardman and also containing a lavish 12-page booklet, will have a Suggested Retail Price (SRP) of £169.95.

As for the four individually available wagons, comprising the Preston's

Dog Food van (ref.GRAA001), Bake-o-lite van (ref.GRAA002), Wash 'n' Go van (ref.GRAA003) and Top Bun van (ref.GRAA004), these will be priced £31.75 each. Note that the Aardman 50th anniversary van is exclusive to the box set. The expected release date for these models is 21 September, but this may be subject to change.

For further details refer to the manufacturer's website:

www.peco-uk.com



Drive a miniature locomotive at Pecorama

Throughout September and October, Pecorama will be offering driver experience courses on the 7¼" gauge Beer Heights Light Railway, operating around the East Devon hilltop site overlooking the picturesque village and Lyme Bay.

If you have ever wondered what it is like to take the controls of a miniature steam or diesel locomotive running around tight curves and through tunnels on a fully signalled, complex route through the gardens and woodland, then these courses are for you and a way to create lasting memories. The experiences are also ideal for buying as a special gift for a railway enthusiast, combining as they do heritage engineering with a taste of getting closer still to their favourite hobby.

With the Half Day Steam Driver Experience (priced £195.00 per person), there is a chance to take the controls of one of the BHLR steam fleet under the direct supervision of

one of the site's instructors, as well as having the opportunity to help put the locomotive away in the shed at the end of the day.

With the One Day Steam Driver Experience (priced £290.00 and the most popular course), there is the chance to have the footplate all to yourself, whilst benefiting from expert tuition and supervision from the highly experienced staff on site. You will also learn how to prepare and then operate one of the BHLR steam locos and then drive it on the BHLR throughout the day.

Those taking part in this course can also bring up to two guests, who can enjoy the site with its fine views and Mediterranean-style gardens during the session and then join the driver taking part in the experience as his or her first passengers when taking control of the loco.

The Advanced Steam Driver Experience (priced £330.00 per person) is open to anyone who has successfully

completed the One Day Steam Driver Experience course. The person taking the advanced course will have a chance to drive a freight train using a variety of motive power, and to shunt wagons in the various sidings and stations along the line's route. The person taking part in this course is also welcome to bring along a friend to act as shunter alongside the course instructor.

All the above courses will be taking place on selected dates (generally on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) during September and October – head to the website to check availability.

Also offered is a half-day Diesel Driver Experience (priced £195.00 per person). However, those wanting to take part in this experience should



make a booking on the website and Pecorama staff will then contact them to arrange a suitable date.

It should be noted that with all these experiences, the person taking part in the driving course should be aged 18 or over. For further details:

Email: driverexperiences@peco.co

Tel: 01297 306 057

www.pecorama.co.uk/pages/driver-experiences

Cavalex Class 56 competition winner

In the July RM we gave readers the chance to win a Class 56 model in OO, kindly supplied by Cavalex Models and finished in Colas Rail Freight livery as 56 302 Peco – *The Railway Modeller* – 2016 70 years.

The correct answer to the question (at which works was the full-size 56 302 built?) was of course Crewe, the locomotive originally entering service on 25 September 1983 as 56 124.

The first name, drawn at random from all correct entries received, was Roger Goodchild from Birmingham. Our thanks to everyone who took the time to enter.

Revolution K-type Pullmans in N – now in colour

Revolution Trains has issued an update on progress with its forthcoming N gauge models of 1928 K-type all-steel Pullman cars, which were about to go into production at the time of this magazine going to press.

The plans for these Revolution models were revealed in the November 2021 issue of *RAILWAY MODELLER*, with further details of the proposed range appearing in the May 2025 RM and initial undecorated samples in the October 2025 magazine.

The prototype vehicles were the first to be built with all-steel shells and most were assigned to the London & North Eastern Railway for use on its 'Queen of Scots' and 'Yorkshire Pullman' services. Others initially went to the Great Western Railway for its short-lived 'Torquay Pullman Limited', and others to the Southern Railway for its 'Ocean Liner Express' and 'Bournemouth Belle'. In more recent years, a handful of cars were strengthened with underframe trusses, fitted with Gresley bogies and air brakes

and remain in use on the main line with the Venice Simplon Orient Express (VSOE) and Belmond and on preserved railways.

Five different car versions have been tooled to allow accurate formations to be created: Kitchen First, Parlour First, Kitchen Third, Parlour Third and Parlour Brake Third. In addition, changes made to individual vehicles in later years have been replicated, along with livery variations over time such as shades of umber & cream, lining styles, painting of roofs in white or grey and carrying of nameboards.



The various packs comprise, with four cars: 'Queen of Scots' A – *Thelma*, No.71, No.73 & No.77 (ref.RT-KP-QOS-241A); 'Queen of Scots' B – *Sheila*, No.70, No.76 & No.78 (ref.RT-KP-QOS-242B); GWR-SR – *Evadne, Loraine, Juana & Lucille* (ref.RT-KP-GWR-SR-243A); SR – Cars No.81, No.82, No.83 & No.84 (ref.R-KP-SR-244B); 'Bournemouth Belle' A – *Phyllis, Ursula*, No.75 & No.76 (ref.RT-KP-BR-245A); 'Bournemouth Belle' B – *Lorraine, Lucille, Sheila & Car* No.83 (ref.RT-KP-BR-246B); BR East Coast 1950s – Cars Nos.70, 78, 80 & 82 (refs.RT-KP-BR-247C).

In addition, a pack with two cars comprises a BR 1960s pair of brake cars, No.79 & No.80 (ref.RT-KP-BR-220A); while with three cars there is a Modern VSOE Set comprising Cars *Ione, Lucille & Zena* (ref.RT-KP-VSOE-231A).

The four-car sets have a price of £209.95 if pre-ordered or a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of £239.95, while the two-car brake set prices are £104.99/£119.99 and the VSOE three-car set £157.50/£179.99. Anticipated delivery is late 2026 or early 2027. For further details visit:

www.revolutiontrains.com

New seven-plank opens from Rapido Trains UK in OO



Rapido Trains UK has announced a further expansion of its OO gauge range of Private Owner wagons with the production of Gloucester seven-plank opens in 18 different versions.

A staple of British rolling stock production for over 120 years, Gloucester Railway Carriage & Wagon Company began producing its seven-plank open wagons, with internal strapping, in the 1890s and the design remained largely unchanged until the early 1920s, although different versions were produced with or without end doors. Newer designs appeared from the 1920s and examples were both sold and hired to companies right across the UK, with those hired out being maintained by GRC&W Co. until the 10,000-strong fleet was nationalised after the Second World War.

The tooling will cover wagons fitted with or lacking end doors, as well as external, internal and underframe detail. Examples of Private Owners featured include H. Sirus, Kingsbury, R Webster & Sons, John Stephens, Son & Co. Ltd, William Duck, Payne & Son, George & Matthews and Crane & Company.

The manufacturer states that it has received engineering prototypes, and that the wagons will have an RRP of £32.95 each and are available to pre-order.

More SECR six-wheel brakes in OO

Rapido has also announced a new batch of its South Eastern & Chatham Railway six-wheel brake vans,

models announced in June 2022 and reviewed in the August 2023 RM.

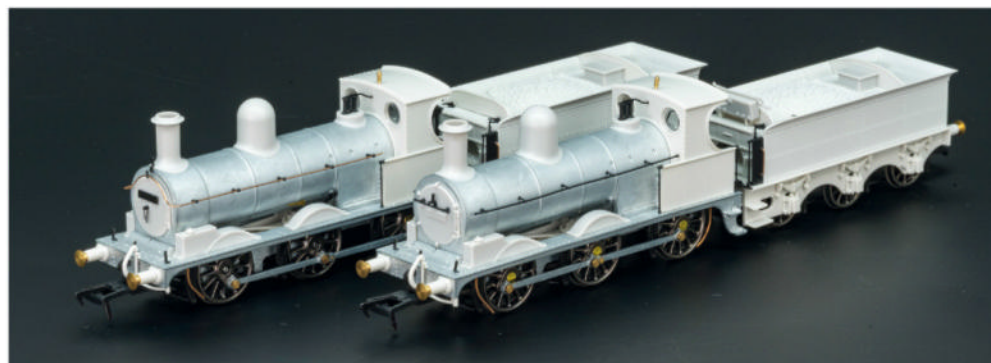
The latest range features new liveries and the addition of single end verandah vans to the range. The single verandah was a feature of the first batch of the 20-ton brake vans in 1898, and 40 were so built, with this design later designated Diagram 1558 by the Southern Railway.

There is a range of SER, SECR, SR, BR and preservation liveries, including some not featured in the original batch, plus some plain grey and brown examples enabling modellers to create their own 'what if' liveries. These brake vans have an RRP of £39.95.

L&Y 'Ironclad' takes shape in OO

Rapido Trains UK has also received tooling samples for a number of its previously-announced OO gauge projects, including the Lancashire & Yorkshire Class 25 'Ironclad' 0-6-0 (pictured – see News, RM May 2026) together with the firm's Evolution horse boxes and open carriage trucks (RM July 2026). For further details about all Rapido Trains UK products: www.rapidotrains.co.uk

Tooling samples of the L&YR 'Ironclad' 0-6-0.



expoEM Summer show in Wakefield cancelled

The EM Gauge Society has had to cancel its forthcoming event at Kettlethorpe School in Wakefield, due to take place over the weekend of 22 & 23 August 2026.

The Society was notified by the letting agency at the end of July that emergency building maintenance was to be undertaken at the venue and the premises would be

unavailable. No suitable alternative location was offered and the Society had no option but to cancel the show. Further information can be found at: www.emgs.org

Light Railway Stores commissions freelance narrow gauge GWR train in OO9

Following the introduction by Rapido Trains UK of its Sirdar range of OO9 0-4-0T locomotives (see review in this issue) and accompanying wagons, retailer Light Railway Stores has teamed up with not only Rapido but also Peco to commission all the vehicles needed for a Great Western Railway-liveried narrow gauge train.

Although the resulting rake is entirely freelance, the idea is to give a flavour of the three Welsh narrow gauge lines which were absorbed into the GWR: the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway and Vale of Rheidol Railway at the 1923 Grouping, and the Corris Railway a little later in 1930.

Combining the long tanks and enclosed cab variants of the Rapido Sirdar for the first time, the freelance GWR-liveried plain green loco No.12 (priced at £119.00) also carries the company's 'shirtbutton' roundel of the

1930s-40s era on its tank sides and has printed numberplates, or etched plates supplied as an accessory.

The carriage commissioned from Peco is a GWR chocolate & cream version of the manufacturer's four-wheel Glyn Valley Tramway closed coach – a repeat of a previous commission from Peco by LRS in 2018. The carriage also carries 'shirtbutton' roundels and is priced £38.00.

The Rapido open dropside wagon is available in two variants of GWR livery, inspired by W&LLR vehicles: one version has a lighter grey body and large 'GW' lettering while the other has later darker grey paintwork and small lettering and numerals – both variants are priced £23.50.

There is one version of the Rapido covered van in the earlier grey with large 'GW' lettering, priced £25.50,

and a version of the Rapido veranda brake van, again in grey and bearing medium-sized 'GW' lettering.

The latter vehicle also carries labelling for a home base at Llanfyllin, as a nod to unrealised narrow gauge railway schemes in the Tanat Valley and Berwyn Mountains area of North East Wales, as well as some of the GWR standard gauge branches in the region which had a decidedly light railway feel. The brake van is priced £27.00.

Also available is an All Purpose OO9 GWR Livery Pack, comprising both versions of the open dropside wagon, a covered van and a veranda brake van, priced £95.00. For details visit:

www.lightrailwaystores.co.uk

[Ed. As this issue went to print, the locomotive and coach models were understood to be sold out.]



For the Love of a Railway launches appeal for new home

A Devon heritage group known for its displays celebrating the history of the former Axminster to Lyme Regis branch line, the charity For the Love of a Railway, has revealed that it is in need of a new home.

After initially setting up a display in a former restaurant window in Axminster to help catch the eye of the passing public more than two years ago, the group subsequently decided to move into a nearby shop, having struck a deal with the then owners.

At this site, known as The Depot, at 6 Chard Street, members then went on to build detailed model railway displays and to champion the town's local heritage through a programme of activities (see RM May 2026).

However, the shop premises have recently changed ownership and, despite a good relationship having been built up between the group members and the new owners, the likelihood of a new tenant taking over the shop has meant the charity is now required to move out by the end of August.

The charity has been offered a short lease on the neighbouring property, but this would mean fitting out another space from scratch in yet another location that would, in the event, be only temporary.



For the Love of a Railway states that its main objective is to find a long-term home at an affordable cost that also allows it to expand its work as a charity. The best solution to achieve this, as stated by the charity, is to find a town centre location with enough space to allow visitor activities to take place alongside accommodating the group's main layout, as well as workshops and storage. Another possibility might be to share a larger space with another organisation.

For the Love of a Railway is asking that anyone who might know

of suitable premises or workshop or storage space, or simply has an idea that could help, should get in touch by calling Barrie Hedges on 07899 923756 or emailing:

fortheLoveofarailway@gmail.com

Despite the immediate priority being to search for a new home for its activities, and The Depot being temporarily closed while this takes place, the group will continue to hold a programme of activities, including walks across Cannington Viaduct on 19 & 20 September. For details visit:

www.fortheLoveofarailway.co.uk

Coming next month

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A new 0 gauge layout by Warley MRC



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Use the coupon printed on p32a of this issue to save £1 on the cover price of the October 2026 edition of RAILWAY MODELLER, when purchased from a Peco stockist.

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.

OCTOBER 2026 issue deadline: AUGUST 1st

LIVE EVENTS

Thursday 13 August

BEER, Devon

Event: Silver Experience Peco factory tour.
Organiser: Peco Model Railways.
Venue: Peco, Underleys, Beer, Devon EX12 3NA.
Open: 0915-1200
Tour cost: £40.00 per person.
Amenities: free parking, with the tour starting point near the shop entrance. Note visitors must be over age 10 and must wear closed toed shoes. Tour involves walking the site, flights of stairs and standing for long periods.
Features: after meeting a tour leader in the 'Golden Arrow' Pullman car *Orion* for refreshments and a safety disclaimer, join a unique two-hour behind-the-scenes experience as Peco opens the doors to its Devon factory. See where model track, wagons and accessories have been rolling off the production line for 80 years. See how raw materials are turned into finished products. Watch track components being assembled, learn about machines used and see products being packaged for shipping around the world.
Please book in advance via the website: www.peco-uk.com
Email: tina.bishop@peco.co

Thursday 13 August

BEER, Devon

Event: Gold Experience Peco factory tour.
Organiser: Peco Model Railways.
Venue: Peco, Underleys, Beer, Devon EX12 3NA.
Open: 0915-1500
Tour cost: £65.00 per person or £120.00 for two people booking together.
Amenities: free parking, with the tour starting point of the *Orion* Pullman car located by the shop entrance. Note visitors must be over the age of 10 and, as this is a working factory, they must wear closed toed shoes. Note also that this tour involves walking around the site, flights of stairs and standing for long periods.
Features: after meeting a tour leader in the former 'Golden Arrow' Pullman car *Orion* for refreshments and a safety disclaimer, join a unique full-day behind-the-scenes experience as Peco opens the doors to its Devon factory. It begins with a two-hour tour, with participants seeing track components being assembled and learning about the machines used, then finished products being packaged ready for shipping to 35 countries around the world. A light lunch is served in *Orion*, followed by a 30-minute Q&A session with a Peco management team member. There will then be an opportunity to get 'hands-on' as tour members make their own souvenir limited edition 009 wagon. Finally, they can visit the Peco model railway exhibition and shop, with a 10% discount.
Please book in advance via the website: www.peco-uk.com
Email: tina.bishop@peco.co

Saturday 15 August

MILTON KEYNES, Buckinghamshire

Organiser: Silverfox DCC MRC.
Venue: Oakgrove Secondary School, Venturer Gate, Milton Keynes MK10 9JQ.
Open: 1000-1600
Admission: adults £10.00, up to two U16s free with each paying adult.
Amenities: free parking. Disabled access. Refreshments available.
Features: 28 layouts in various scales including:

Trockel Quarry (G); Barley End, Coldharbour Lane, Caroline Concrete, Docklands, Tetbury (featured in RM November 2021) (O); Batts Corner, Brief Encounter (featured in Talking Points, RM November 2024), Daisy Lane TMD, Middle Ashby, Porlock, Reddingham, Shepherds-well, Stonethwaite & Banbrigg, Southdale, Whitham (OO); Watkin Quarry (OO9); River Kwai (HO); Ollierstadt (HOE); Bear Creek, Cynon Valley, Foxvale, Foxborough, Hells Glen Power Station, Kyle of Lochalsh, Liddletown, Ousford, Ridgemont, Tumil St James (N); plus 15 traders & N Gauge Society stand.
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Website: www.silverfoxdcc.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SilverfoxDCC/

Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 August

BEER HEIGHTS LIGHT RAILWAY GALA BEER, Devon

Organiser: Peco Model Railways.
Venue: Pecorama, Underleys, Beer, Seaton, Devon EX12 3NA.
Open: both days 1000-1700
Admission: advance tickets: adults £27.50, children (aged 3-16) £13.75, U3s free, dogs welcome at £2.00 per pet. Card payments only – book via www.pecorama.co.uk
Attendance at a special talk given on Sunday afternoon only by Veronica Chambers on the life of her father, 'The Thomas the Tank Engine Man' the Reverend Wilbert Awdry, will be by donation to her registered charity, the Veronica Awdry Charitable Trust – see details below.
Amenities: free parking, and ticket also includes access to the site's gardens with fine views over Beer village, Lyme Bay and the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, as well as an opportunity to play mini golf. Note site is steep in places. Model railway exhibition, model shop and former 'Golden Arrow' Pullman car *Orion* on site. Refreshments available.
Features: for railway enthusiasts everywhere: with Pecorama temporarily closed for the 2026 tourism season, this is one of three gala open events where tickets include rides on the 7¼" gauge BHLR, which with its mile-long, fully signalled route through the site's Mediterranean-style gardens is one of the finest lines of that gauge in the UK. Tickets also include entry to the garden walks, with their panoramic views, mini golf course, *Orion* Pullman car and Pecorama model railway exhibition with its many layouts in a variety of scales and gauges showing how model railways can be set up in home and garden settings. The event ticket also allows a 10% discount on purchases from the well-stocked on-site model shop.

Sunday 16 August only: special VIP guest Veronica Chambers, daughter of the late Reverend Wilbert Awdry, will give an illustrated talk in the on-site Lecture Theatre on her father's life entitled 'The Thomas the Tank Engine Man', beginning at 1400, with donations requested from those attending in aid of her Veronica Awdry Charitable Trust, a registered UK charity based in Devon that provides grants to charitable organisations and individuals, including heritage railways (see www.veronica-awdry-charitable-trust.org.uk). Items of Awdry family memorabilia will be on display and Veronica will answer some questions from the audience at the end of the talk.
Contact: 01297 21542.
Website: www.pecorama.co.uk/blogs/events/heights-light-railway-gala-may-half-term
Facebook: www.facebook.com/pecorama/?locale=en_GB

Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 August MODEL TRAM & RAILWAY EXHIBITION CRICH, Derbyshire

Organiser: National Tramway Museum.
Venue: The National Tramway Museum, Crich Tramway Village, Crich, Derbyshire DE4 5DP.
Open: both days 1000-1730
Admission: normal museum admission charges apply, if booked more than 24 hours in advance via www.tramway.co.uk/visit/tickets/: adults £24.00, children aged 4-15 £15.00, family (2 adults and up to 3 children, or 1 adult and up to 4 children) £55.00; or on the day tickets: adults £26.00, children aged 4-15 £16.00 and family (as above) £58.00.
Amenities: by road, the museum at Crich is situated just 8 miles from junction 28 of the M1 and can also be easily accessed using the A38, A6, A61 and A52 (sat-nav DE4 5DP). There is ample free on-site parking. The nearest railway station is Whatstandwell, on East Midland Railway Derby to Matlock branch, from which it is a steep uphill walk of about 1 mile to Crich. Alternatively alight at Belper, Matlock or Alfreton stations and catch bus No.140 (now does not run on Sunday) from Matlock or Alfreton and No.142 from Belper. Other buses serving Crich are No.141 from Ripley and No.143a from Alfreton – see museum website 'How to find us' page for bus timetable links. There are access ramps or lifts to all the museum's visitor facilities and wheelchairs are available from 1000-1600 for a £10.00 deposit – see museum accessibility web page for details. There are various refreshment outlets on site.
Features: 12 layouts including *Manchester Square* (a Blackpool trams layout in 4mm scale), *Rainy City* (depicting an Edwardian street scene in Manchester in 4mm scale) and *Zell* (portraying a German city with trams and trolleybuses in HO). Also *Ashtover Butts*, *Burychester*, *Barden*, *Falcon Travel*, *Grand Central*, *Gwynedd*, *Hornby Perfect Table Railway*, *Norman Colliery* and *Ormonde East* plus model building demonstration area and trade, society and museum sales stands. Tickets also include the museum tram rides, historic buildings and shops, exhibition hall, tram depot, workshop viewing gallery, Discovery and Learning Centre, George Stephenson exhibition, children's play areas, etc.
Contact: 01773 854321.
Email: enquiry@tramway.co.uk
Website: www.tramway.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/NationalTramwayMuseum/

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Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 August

ST ANDREWS, Fife

Event: St Andrews Model Railway Exhibition.
Organiser: East Neuk Model Railway Club.
Venue: St Andrews Town Hall, Queens Gardens, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9TA.
Open: Saturday 1000-1730
Sunday 1030-1630
Admission: adults £6.00, children £3.00, family £15.00.
Amenities: the town hall has limited disabled-only parking on site so visitors are encouraged to use nearby municipal car parks. The venue is fully disabled accessible. The central bus station, located just a short walk from the Town Hall, serves as the main hub for various local and regional routes, including Stagecoach bus No.99 which runs to Dundee via Leuchars railway station, the nearest to St Andrews.
Features: around nine layouts in a variety of scales and subjects, plus society demonstrations and traders.
Contact: 07552122484.
Email: contact@eastneukmrc.co.uk
Website: www.eastneukmrc.co.uk/2.html
Facebook: www.facebook.com/eastneukmrc

Wednesday 19 August

BISHOPS LYDEARD, Taunton, Somerset

Event: Club Layouts Open Day.
Organiser: Taunton Model Railway Group.
Venue: Bishops Lydeard Station, Platform 1, West Somerset Railway, Taunton TA4 3BX.
Open: 1000-1600
Admission: now free but a donation by visitors would be greatly appreciated. Note

children must be accompanied.
Amenities: free parking. Refreshments are available to purchase within the club building on Platform 1 of the WSR station.
Features: two finescale OO layouts, *Bath Green Park* and *Tamerig New*.
Email: secretary.tmr@gmail.com
Website: www.tauntonmodelrailwaygroup.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/tauntonmodelrailwaygroup

Thursday 20 August

BEER, Devon

Event: Silver Experience Peco factory tour.
Organiser: Peco Model Railways.
Venue: Peco, Underleys, Beer, Devon EX12 3NA.
Open: 0915-1200
Tour cost: £40.00 per person.
Amenities: free parking, with the tour starting point near the shop entrance. Note that visitors must be over the age of 10 and must wear closed toed shoes. This tour involves walking around the site, flights of stairs and standing for long periods of time.
Features: after meeting a tour leader in the 'Golden Arrow' Pullman car *Orion* for refreshments and a safety disclaimer, join a unique two-hour behind-the-scenes experience as Peco opens the doors to its Devon factory. See where model railway track, wagons and accessories have been rolling off the production line for 80 years. See how raw materials are turned into finished products. Watch track components being assembled, learn about the machines used and see products being packaged for shipping around the world.
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Email: tina.bishop@peco.co

Thursday 20 August

BEER, Devon

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Organiser: Peco Model Railways.
Venue: Peco, Underleys, Beer, Devon EX12 3NA.
Open: 0915-1500
Tour cost: £65.00 per person or £120.00 for two people booking together.
Amenities: free parking, with the tour starting point of the *Orion* Pullman car located by the shop entrance. Note that visitors must be over the age of 10 and, as this is a working factory, they must ensure they are wearing closed toed shoes. Note also that this tour involves walking around the site, flights of stairs and standing for long periods.
Features: after meeting a tour leader in the former 'Golden Arrow' Pullman car *Orion* for refreshments and a safety disclaimer, join a unique full-day behind-the-scenes experience as Peco opens the doors to its Devon factory. It begins with a two-hour tour, with participants seeing track components being assembled and learning about the machines used, then finished products being packaged ready for shipping to 35 countries around the world. A light lunch is served in *Orion*, followed by a 30-minute Q&A session with a Peco management team member. There will then be an opportunity to get 'hands-on' as tour members make their own souvenir limited edition 009 wagon. Finally, they can visit the Peco model railway exhibition and shop, with a 10% discount.
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Saturday 22 August

BUDE, Cornwall

Organiser: Launceston Model Rail Group.
Venue: The Parkhouse Centre, Ergue-Gaberic Way, Bude, Cornwall EX23 8LD.
Open: 1000-1600
Admission: adults £5.00, acpd U14s free.
Amenities: venue has paid parking nearby.
Features: layouts including club ones in O, OO & N gauges plus guest layouts *Thomas the Tank* (OO); *Ashwater*, *Holdsworth* (N).
Contact: Alan Barriball, 07974 893172.
Email: Alan and Sally Barriball via address furzepark@hotmail.com

Saturday 22 August PORTHMADOG, Gwynedd

Organiser: Cynan Hughes.

Venue: Welsh Highland Heritage Railway, Tremadog Road, Porthmadog, Gwynedd LL49 9DY.

Admission: train fare – adults £14.80, children £6.50.

Amenities: toilets, disabled access.

Features: exhibition at Gelert's Farm station, museum and engine sheds with 10 layouts of all gauges.

Website: www.whr.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WHHRly/?locale=en_GB

Saturday 22 August KENT & EAST SUSSEX RAILWAY EXHIBITION TENTERDEN, Kent

Organiser: City of Canterbury MRS and Kent & East Sussex Railway.

Venue: Tenterden Town Station, Station Road, Tenterden TN30 6HE.

Open: 1000-1700

Admission: for exhibition only: adults £5.00, children £1.00; but with K&ESR train ticket, exhibition entry is free.

Amenities: parking at Tenterden Town Station is available immediately by the station on Station Road. It is free for railway visitors and features designated disabled spaces. Alternatively, several council-run car parks are located within a short walk of the station. The nearest bus stop is 'The Vine' on the High Street, which is a 4-5 minute walk from the K&ESR station, served by Arriva bus No.12 from Maidstone and Headcorn; Nos.2 & 2A from Ashford International; No.312 from Rye; and No.329 from Hastings. Many of the station buildings are accessible to disabled people, with step-free access. Refreshments available on the station.

Features: the exhibition will be held in the station yard, with layouts including: *Gaddhill* (SM32); *Willow Halt* (O); *Imperial Wharf, London Road Sidings, Narowden* (OO); *Caravanserai, Lemanis Light Railway* (OO9); *Stevens Point* (HO); *BLS Sudrampe, Exe Halt* (N); plus Tonbridge MRC Drive-it-yourself. Trade stands will include David Wills Pre-Owned, AIMREC, and the 4-SUB Association, plus 4253 Preservation Group, and the Colonel Stephens Museum shop.

Contact: Jeremy Kennett, 07443 658102.
Email: ccmrs.shows@gmail.com

Websites: https://kesr.org.uk/model-railway-exhibition-22nd-aug/
www.ccmrs.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/KentandEastSussexRailway/

Saturday 22 August WALWORTH, Southwark, London

Event: Walworth Model Railway Exhibition and Summer Fete 2026.

Organiser: Southwark & District MRC and St Peter's Church.

Venue: St Peter's Church, Liverpool Grove, Walworth Road, London SE17 2HH.

Open: 1000-1700

Admission: adults £5.00, children & concessions £2.00.

Amenities: unfortunately there is no parking at the church, but there are no parking restrictions in local side streets on Saturdays. By public transport, travel to Elephant and Castle rail and tube station, then take bus Nos.12, 35, 40, 45, 68, 171, 176 or 468 along the Walworth Road. Note this event will be held over 3 levels within the church – with wheelchair access to the ground floor church and lower-level crypt hall only, but not to the gallery. Some refreshments will be available.

Features: layouts including: *Soloman's Dock* (O-16.5/NG7); *Crystal Palace High Level, St Mellion* (OO); *Sallywag Corner, Westhay* (OO9); *Bahnweg* (HO); *Tirano* (Nn); also Warhammer 40,000 demo and sales stand, and OO Gauge Association, Harrison Brown, Invicta Models and Southwark MRC sales stands. Plus the summer fete will be taking place in the church grounds with stands by St Peter's Church members.

Contact: Richard Marley, 07798 557505 or Steve Rogers, 07774 201681.

Email: r_marley_uk@yahoo.co.uk

Website: www.southwarkmrc.wordpress.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/486621639035825/

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 August INVERNESS, Highlands

Organiser: Inverness and District Model Railway Club.

Venue: Leonardo Hotel (formerly Jurys Inn), Millburn Road, Inverness IV2 3TR.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: adults £6.00, accompanied children £2.00, family (2+2) £12.00.

Amenities: the venue is close to the A9, and within easy reach of the rail station by bus. Plenty of parking which is free. Disabled access. Refreshments available at the hotel and nearby.

Features: 8 layouts in O, OO & N plus three trade stands.

Contact: Inverness MRC, 07506 166688.

Email: idmrcexman@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/invernessmrc

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 August LEYLAND, Lancashire

Organiser: Leyland Model Railway Club sponsored by North Western Models.

Venue: Halls For All, 44 Moss Lane, Leyland PR25 4SH.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1630

Admission: adults £7.00, juniors £4.00, U5s free, family £15.00.

Amenities: venue is less than half a mile from M6 Jct.28 and has on-site parking. It is also 5 mins' walk from Leyland railway station and has full disabled access. Refreshments available.

Features: 15 layouts in various gauges plus three demonstrators and 12 trade stands.

Contact: Exhibition Manager David White, 07796 130295 or 07368 167852.

Email: teresadavid50@yahoo.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/452518431758173/

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 August LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire

Organiser: Soar Valley Model Railway Club.

Venue: Loughborough Grammar School, Burton Walks, off Leicester Road, Loughborough LE11 2AQ.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: adults £12.00, children £5.00, family (2+3) £25.00. Cash or card accepted and free exhibition guide is included with entry, whilst stocks last.

Amenities: venue has plenty of free parking and is disabled-friendly. Hot & cold refreshments will be available, including hot savouries, filled cobs and cake.

Features: event spread over four halls and with over 30 layouts, including: *Loft City Central Railway* (G); *Barley End, New Chapel Junction, Netherwood Sidings, Oakhurst Town, Twygg* (O); *Bowaters Paper Mill, St Mary's* (O-16.5/NG7); *Rolvenden, Splott* (P4); *Burton Leicester Junction, Effingham Street, Evington St John, Gotham Central, Meaden Falls, Oakenshaw, Sandside Quarry, Smethurst Junction, Stern Point, Thomas the Tank Interactive, Trafalgar Terrace* (OO); *Kostritzer, Oliver Hill* (HO); *Chaddesley Corbett, Corsham, Effingham, Great Central, Nos Tanimals, Lowndes Rode, Pettleshaw Downs, Scarlington, Spion Kop, Two Locks* (N); plus demonstrations on weathering by Richard Wilson, OO loco building by Tony Wright and O gauge loco building by Martin Brooker. There will also be a 5" gauge demonstration line operated by GL5 and numerous trade & society stands.

Contact: use contact form on website below.

Website: www.svmrc.co.uk

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 August PICKERING, North Yorkshire

Organiser: Scarborough & District Railway Modellers.

Venue: Memorial Hall, Potter Hill, Pickering YO18 8AA.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1530

Admission: adults £7.00, acpd children free.

Amenities: venue is just around the corner from the North Yorkshire Moors Railway station. There is no on-site parking but nearby town car parks include Ropery (short stay up to two hours), Vivis Lane (longer stay) and Eastgate (open 24 hours). Coastliner bus No.840 runs to Pickering from York railway station and, in the case of most services, starts its journey at Leeds City bus station. Venue has lift access to all floors. Light refreshments available.

Features: around 10 layouts in various scales and gauges plus two demonstrators and five trade stands. There will also be a raffle and 'Pick a Square' competition.

Email: Roland@sdrmweb.co.uk

Website: www.sdrmweb.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/p/Scarborough-and-District-Railway-Modellers-100068266645527/?locale=en_GB

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 August ROSS-ON-WYE, Herefordshire

Organiser: Rotary Ross-on-Wye.

Venue: John Kyrle High School Sports Hall, Ledbury Road, Ross-on-Wye HR9 7ET.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: adults £6.00, children £5.00, family (2+2) £15.00.

Amenities: free parking. Venue has disabled parking and level access, plus all-day hot and cold catering.

Features: 20 layouts plus demonstrations and trade stands.

Contact: Brian Cole, 01594 543330.

Email: brian.sylvia@me.com

Website: www.rosstc-herefordshire.gov.uk/event/model-railway-exhibition/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/RossOnWyeRotary/

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 August expoEM Summer 2026 SANDAL, Wakefield, West Yorkshire

Organiser: EM Gauge Society.

Venue: Kettlethorpe High School,

Standbridge Lane, Sandal, Wakefield

WF2 7EL.

Open: Saturday 1030-1700

Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: two-day visitor ticket £11.00, EM Gauge Society members £9.00.

Amenities: nearest railway station is Sandal & Agbrigg (Northern Rail) following a short walk to Barnsley Road. Bus service 106 to Kettlethorpe High School venue is within easy reach. Buses leave at Junction 39, take the A636 and A6186. There should be adequate parking on the site. Centre site opposite the school. Venue has no stairs. Note that only assistance dogs are permitted on site. Hot and cold meals, snacks and drinks.

Features: *Beardsea Quay* (EM/OO9), *Fryers Lane* (P4), *Glenuig* (EM), *Grimesthorpe* (EM), *High Peak Stone* (EM), *Market Bosworth* (P4), *Offerston Quay* (O – guest layout), *Ravensworth Road* (EM), *Shwt* (EM), *Skeetsmere* (EM), *Wharfside* (EM), EMGS test track (EM & P4) and OO test facility, demonstrations, trade and society stands.

Email: exponorth@emgs.org

Website: www.emgs.org

Sunday 23 August HALIFAX, West Yorkshire

Event: Club Open Day.

Organiser: Halifax Model Railway Club Ltd.

Venue: 2-4 Deal Street, Halifax, HX1 1QE.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £4.00, family ticket £7.00, concess £2.50, children (5-16) £2.00, U5s free (entry and café are cash only at this time).

Amenities: please note that, unfortunately, due to circumstances outside the club's control the lift is out of action, so there is no disabled access at present. The club café is open from 1000-1600, with food served 1200-1400.

Features: 14 layouts in gauge O, OO, OO9 and N, plus trade stand from mattstrainshop

and a club bring & buy stall.

Email: halifaxmodelrailwayclubltd@gmail.com

Website: www.halifaxmodelrailwayclubltd.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/p/Halifax-Model-Railway-Club-LTD-

100080012250488/

Sunday 23 August 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

Wednesday 26 August BISHOPS LYDEARD, Taunton, Somerset

Event: Club Layouts Open Day.

Organiser: Taunton Model Railway Group.

Venue: Bishops Lydeard Station, Platform 1, West Somerset Railway, Taunton TA4 3BX.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: now free but a donation by visitors would be greatly appreciated. Note children must be accompanied.

Amenities: free parking. Refreshments are available to purchase within the club building on Platform 1 of the WSR station.

Features: two finescale OO layouts, *Bath Green Park* and *Tamerig New*.

Email: secretary.tmrgr@hotmail.com

Website: www.tauntonmodelrailwaygroup.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tauntonmodelrailwaygroup

Thursday 27 August BEER, Devon

Event: Silver Experience Peco factory tour.

Organiser: Peco Model Railways.

Venue: Peco, Underleys, Beer, Devon EX12 3NA.

Open: 0915-1200

Tour cost: £40.00 per person.

Amenities: free parking, with the tour starting point near the shop entrance. Note that visitors must be over the age of 10 and must wear closed toed shoes. This tour involves walking around the site, flights of stairs and standing for long periods of time.

Features: after meeting a tour leader in the 'Golden Arrow' Pullman car *Orion* for refreshments and a safety disclaimer, join a unique two-hour behind-the-scenes experience as Peco opens the doors to its Devon factory. See where model railway track, wagons and accessories have been rolling off the production line for 80 years. See how raw materials are turned into finished products. Watch track components being assembled, learn about the machines used and see products being packaged for shipping around the world.

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Thursday 27 August

CHARITY TOY & TRAIN FAIR

WELLING, Bexley, Kent

Organiser: Association of Bexley Charities supported by Erith Model Railway Society CIC.
Venue: Falconwood Community Centre, The Green, Welling, Kent DA16 2PG.

Open: 1700-2130

Admission: adults £1.50, acpd children free.
Amenities: free parking on-site and nearby. Transport for London bus No.B16 runs to a nearby stop from Welling and Falconwood railway stations. Venue is fully accessible. Light refreshments will be on sale.

Features: a variety of stalls will be attending selling railway, transport, toys and collectibles.
Contact: 020 8310 5018.

Email: david.boneafcw1@gmail.com

Saturday 29 August

LONGBRIDGE, Birmingham

Organiser: Bournville Model Railway Club.

Venue: The Austin Sports and Social Club, 30 Tessall Lane, Longbridge, Birmingham B31 2SF.

Open: 1000-1630

Admission: adults £6.00, acpd children free. Card payments accepted.

Amenities: venue offers ample, free parking on site, including dedicated disabled parking bays close to the entrance. There is local public transport within easy walking distance. Venue is disabled friendly with step-free access. Hot & cold food and drinks will be available until 1400 and a licenced bar will be open from 1200.

Features: layouts including: *Henley in Arden* (O); *Half Way* (O-16.5/NG7); *Barnwell, Hill Street Yard, Moonbase Alpha, Morton Road, Sodor* (OO); *Glan Yr Afon* (OO9); *Upton Down Tram Museum* (3mm scale); *Le Club 143, Levisham Station* (N); plus *Pine Ridge* and *Brampton Airport* 4mm scale working diorama raising funds for the West Midland Air Ambulance. Demonstrators include Mike Wilson (modelling buses in 4mm scale), Roy Finney (on flashing lights in model vehicles), IN-Cab (on DCC with NCE Power Cab) and Stuart Brasier (on N gauge wagons). Also several trade and society stands, including 009 Society West Midlands and Tallyllyn Railway.

Email: BournvilleModelRailwayExhibits@gmail.com

Website: www.bournvillermc.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/bournvillermc/

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 August

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire

Organiser: Gainsborough Model Rly Society.

Venue: Florence Terrace, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire DN21 1BE.

Open: both days 1330-1730 (last admission 1630).

Admission: adults £5.00, children £4.00, family (2+2) £15.00.

Amenities: limited accessibility for disabled.
Features: open day for a society which is this year celebrating its 80th anniversary, with its 0 gauge East Coast Main Line layout in operation. This offers a nostalgic, historical and colourful opportunity to see how the LNER was run in the heyday of steam, with dozens of trains, formed from over 180 locomotives and over 400 items of rolling stock running on half a mile of track. Note there are also club nights open from 1930 on Mondays throughout the year.

Contact: B Hodgkinson, 07943 182520.

Email: gmrcontact@gmail.com

Website: www.gainsboroughmodelrailway.co.uk

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 August

SEDGEMOOR RAIL 2026

HIGHBRIDGE, Somerset

Organiser: Burnham & District Model Railway Club.

Venue: The King Alfred School, Highbridge Somerset TA9 3EE.

Open: both days 1000-1600

Admission: adults £6.00, acpd children free.

Amenities: ample free car parking, step-free access. Refreshments provided by Country Bumpkins Catering.

Features: 21 layouts including: *Dinas NWNGR* (8mm scale/1:38 narrow gauge); *Chard Junction, Charlton Road West, Skye Lane* (O); *Cheffley, Chinehurst, Dib's Yard, Hagbourne Road, Homhurst, Rocket (Heritage), Tinsley Coil Sidings, West Harkenback* (OO); *Launceston Steam Railway, Tan y Bryn, Trinity Dock Bridge Street* (OO9); *Ellison Yard, New Mexico* (HO); *Aberware* (TT:120); *Binegar, Calderbridge, Sans Souci* (N). Plus 10 traders.

Contact: Exhibition Manager Mark Savage using the email address below.

Email: burnhammrcshow@gmail.com

Website: www.bdmrc.co.uk/august-2026-exhibition/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/p/Burnham-Model-Railway-Club-100086744415846/

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 August

CORRIS RAILWAY SOCIETY MODEL

RAILWAY EXHIBITION

MACHYNLLETH, Powys

Organiser: Corris Railway Society.

Venue: Y Plas, Plas Grounds, Penrthredyn Street, Machynlleth SY20 8ER.

Open: both days 1000-1630

Admission: adults £6.00, children £3.00, family discount available at checkout when booking online at www.corris.co.uk/tickets/?mc_id=1324.

Amenities: there is car parking nearby and venue is around half a mile south of Machynlleth railway station, served by Transport for Wales Cambrian Coast Line services from Birmingham, Shrewsbury and Welshpool to Aberystwyth, Tywyn, Barmouth, Porthmadog and Pwllheli. Refreshments and light snacks available.

Features: model railway layouts and displays in various gauges plus railway-related items and books, as well as trade and craft stands. Train services will also be running on the Corris Railway itself, located about four and a half miles' drive, or a TrawsCymru No.T2 bus ride, away along the A487 in the Dulas Valley, with trains running from Corris village in Gwynedd to the historic loco sheds at Maespoeth.

Contact: Corris Railway, 01654 761701.

Email: enquiries@corris.co.uk

Website: www.corris.co.uk/tickets/?mc_id=1324

Facebook: www.facebook.com/thecorrisrailwayofficial/

Saturday 29, Sunday 30 & Bank

Holiday Monday 31 August

BISHOPS LYDEARD, Taunton, Somerset

Event: Club Layouts Open Days.

Organiser: Taunton Model Railway Group.

Venue: Bishops Lydeard Station, Platform 1, West Somerset Railway, Taunton TA4 3BX.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: now free but a donation by visitors would be greatly appreciated. Note children must be accompanied.

Amenities: free parking. Refreshments are available to purchase within the club building on Platform 1 of the WSR station.

Features: two finescale OO layouts, *Bath Green Park* and *Tamerig New*.

Email: secretary.tmr@gmail.com

Website: www.tauntonmodelrailwaygroup.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tauntonmodelrailwaygroup

Saturday 29, Sunday 30 & Bank

Holiday Monday 31 August

PRESTON, Lancashire

Organiser: Ribble Steam Railway & Museum.

Venue: Preston Riverside Station, Chain Caul Road, Preston, Lancashire PR2 2PD.

Open: all three days 1000-1600

Admission: adults £17.50, children (3-15) £12.50, concess £10.00, family ticket (2+2)

£32.00. Admission includes entry to the model railway exhibition, the museum and unlimited travel on steam trains throughout the day.

Amenities: free car park. Site is fully wheelchair accessible and has a café, shop and children's playground. On-train dining on Monday only for additional charge – see below.

Features: several OO gauge layouts and an O gauge tinline layout. As well as steam trains running throughout the day, also running on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August will be the Great Eastern Railway Royal Saloon offering on-train dining. Separate charges apply – see website for full details.

Contact: 01772 728800.

Email: enquiries@ribblesteam.co.uk

Website: www.ribblesteam.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Ribblesteam/?locale=en_GB

Sunday 30 August

BROXBORNE, Hertfordshire

Organiser: Hoddesdon Model & Railway Club.

Venue: Hoddesdon Model and Railway Club, Broxbourne Meadows, Mill Lane, Broxbourne, Herts EN10 7AX.

Open: 1030-1600

Admission: £5.00 (children free).

Amenities: parking normally free on Sundays at EN10 6QS – short walk to venue. Light refreshments available.

Features: layouts in 32mm, 45mm and N, OO, O standard and narrow gauge, and 5" gauge ride-on railway, trader, HM&RC second-hand sales.

Contact: Paul Clayden by email at: gadget110hill@gmail.com

Website: www.hoddesdonmrc.org.uk

Sunday 30 August

MARCH, Cambridgeshire

Event: Late Summer Model Railway Show Joint Fundraising Day.

Organiser: March & District Model Railway Club and March St Mary's Church.

Venue: St Mary's Church & Hall, Wisbech Road, Westry, March, Cambs PE15 0BA.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £5.00 (cash only please), acpd U16s free.

Amenities: venue has free but limited parking and is served by Stagecoach bus No.33 between March town centre & Peterborough. Disabled facilities. Refreshments available, including bacon butties, tea & coffee.

Features: at least 10 layouts in various gauges & scales, including O, O-16.5/NG7, EM, OO, OO9 & N, displayed in the church and adjacent church hall. Plus three traders and a club stand with second hand sales.

Email: mandmrc@gmail.com

Website: www.mdmrc.net

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/mdmrc/

Sunday 30 & Bank Holiday Monday

31 August

HEATH PARK, Cardiff

Organiser: Cardiff Model Engineering Society.

Venue: Heath Park Miniature Railway, King George V Drive East, Cardiff CF14 4AW.

Open: 1300-1700.

Admission: £2.80 (card payment only), children aged 3 & under free (must be accompanied on rides). No dogs except service dogs and no ball games on site.

Amenities: refreshments, gift shop.

Features: miniature railways (steam and electric trams), model and garden railways.

Website: www.heathparkminiaturerailway.co.uk

Bank Holiday Monday 31 August

KNARESBOROUGH, North Yorkshire

Organiser: Harrogate Model Railway Group.

Venue: Gracious Street Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Knareborough, North Yorkshire HG5 8AN.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £7.00, children £2.00, family £15.00.

Amenities: venue has public car parks and bus and rail transport nearby, as well as being accessible to disabled visitors. Refreshments available.

Features: layouts, displays, demonstrations

and trade stands.

Email: contact-us@harrogate-modelrailwaygroup.org.uk

Website:

www.harrogate-modelrailwaygroup.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/106781309718829/

Saturday 5 September

BECCELES, Suffolk

Organiser/event: Norfolk & Suffolk Narrow Gauge Modellers Open House Running Day.

Venue: Barsham & Shipmeadow Village Hall, B1062, Barsham, Beccles, Suffolk NR34 8HA.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £3.00, acpd U16s free.

Amenities: light refreshments available.

Features: there will be narrow gauge model railways, group displays and demos in various scales on show, including: *North Level Railway* (O-16.5); *Foxwood, Ingoldsby Yard, Ramsdale* (OO); *Ashfield Road, Fairdale, Iron Bridge Mill, Shipmeadow* (OO9); plus trade stand from Brook 3D Models.

Contact: Richard Doe, 01502 471760.

Email: nsgnm@yahoo.co.uk

Website: www.nsgnm.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/nsgnmgroup/

Saturday 5 September

BRIDLINGTON, East Yorkshire

Event: Bridlington Model Railway Show.

Organiser: Trainshed Model Railway Group.

Venue: Bridlington Club for Young People, Gypsey Road, Bridlington YO16 4AY.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £7.00, acpd children free.

Amenities: free parking, disabled access. Refreshments available.

Features: layouts incl: *Grafty Green* (O); *Cuthbert Wharf, Have a Go Halt, Postill Halt, Seagull Street, Skell Ghyll, The Brick* (OO); *La Camrienne, Streisau Saxony* (HO); *Aldergrove, Barcourt Jct, Lockwood Street, T track* (N). Plus model boat, truck and aeroplane displays.

Contact: 07811 254080.

Email: bridmodelrail@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BridlingtonModelRailwayShow/

Saturday 5 September

MARCHWOOD, Hampshire

Organiser: Marchwood Modellers.

Venue: Marchwood Village Hall, Marchwood, Hampshire SO40 4SX.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £7.00, children £2.00, family (2+2) £17.00. The exhibition is in aid of the charity Hampshire and IOW Air Ambulance.

Amenities: venue is on the edge of the New Forest just off the A326. Car parking is free around the hall and throughout the village. Bus service from Southampton, Totton and Hythe. Venue is wheelchair friendly, apart from access to the stage but stewards will be on hand to offer assistance if required. Refreshments.

Features: 10 layouts plus trade stands.

Email: marchwoodmodellers@hotmail.com

Website: www.marchwoodmodellers.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/events/marchwood-village-hall/marchwood-exhibition/1742314756745715/

Saturday 5 September

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, U16s £3.00, Senior/Disabled £5.00. All profits go to Good Shepherd Church.

Amenities: free parking. Refreshments.

Features: 24 invited layouts in several major scales plus traders.

Contact: Stuart Robinson, 07758 458827.

Email: stuart.robinson27@ntlworld.com

Website: www.ndmrc.info/Home/Tadworth.htm

Saturday 5 September

TAD-RAIL 2026

WING, Bedfordshire

Organiser: Tring & District MRC.

Venue: Cottesloe School, Aylesbury Road, Wing LU7 0NY.
Open: 1015-1630
Admission: adults £7.00, children £3.00, family (2+2) £15.00.
Amenities: free parking & disabled access. Refreshments available.
Features: 18 layouts. Society & trade stands.
Contact: 01525 850703.
Email: r.longman@btinternet.com
Website: www.tringmrc.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081554804403

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 September LIVERPOOL, Merseyside

Organiser: Liverpool Model Railway Society.
Venue: Old Christ Church, Waterloo Road, Liverpool L22 1RE.
Open: Saturday 1000-1700
Sunday 1000-1630

Admission: adults £6.00, acpd children free.
Amenities: free on-site parking is available on the church grounds and in the immediate surrounding streets. There will also be a classic bus from Waterloo station (Merseyside), on the Merseyrail Northern Line, to the exhibition. Refreshments available including sandwiches, snacks, cakes and drinks.

Features: layouts including: *Apple Core, BR Green, Bredalbin, Dallam, Dukinbridge, Enwinsmodas, Greenbooth, Hogwarts, Holly's Gate, Joe's Layout, Lentwaraine, Old Whiny, Overlord, Penmaenpool, Tidford, Wolfe Lowe, Wooldridge*. Plus demonstrations of N Gauge Modelling by Mark Henshaw and of Wagon Loads by Brian Davies, and several trade stands.

Contact: 07745 866836.
Email: info@lmsr.org.uk
Website: www.lmsr.org.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/liverpoolmodelrailwaysociety/

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 September RAMSGATE, Kent

Event: Trains & Tractions @ The Tunnels
Organiser: Canterbury & District Model Engineering Society in conjunction with Ramsgate & District Model Engineering Club.
Venue: Ramsgate Tunnels, Marina Esplanade, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 8FH.
Open: 1000-1600

Admission: free admission to the tunnels throughout the weekend and to the model railway exhibition taking place only on the Sunday. (Tunnels tours, which must be pre-booked, will be offered at their usual prices). Miniature train and traction engine rides on the promenade will cost £1.00 each.

Amenities: there is limited parking nearby but other spaces are available near the harbour. Light refreshments are on sale at the tunnels, which also have a gift shop.

Features: on Sunday only there will be about a dozen model railway layouts, with trade support, on display in the former railway tunnels themselves, plus miniature trains, in a variety of outdoor gauges, will be offering rides on the promenade. Miniature traction engines will be in full steam on both days to offer rides on the promenade by the tunnels and at Ramsgate Harbour a short walk away.

Email: information.cdmes@gmail.com
Website: www.cdmes.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/p/Canterbury-District-Model-Engineering-Society-61583416206420/

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 September GAUGE 0 GUILDEX STAFFORD, Staffordshire

Organiser: Gauge 0 Guild.
Venue: Bingley Hall on Stafford County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford ST18 0BD.
Open: Saturday 0930-1700
Sunday 0930-1600

Admission: one-day entry – members £15.00, public £20.00; two-day entry – members £20.00, public £25.00.

Amenities: the Showground is situated on the A518 Stafford to Uttoxeter road 4 miles from Stafford. Drivers from either the North or South using the M6 should exit at Jct.14 and follow the signs for County Showground. Stafford railway station is on the West Coast Main Line with

direct services from London Euston, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Manchester and Liverpool. The showground has extensive free parking. Venue has good disabled access. Full catering facilities.

Features: layouts including: *Cobbolds Wharf, EMGOG Test Track, Harlyn Pier, Hazelcombe, Holmeshurst, Invermire, Knype Bridge, Llanymynech and Llynlys, Medhurst, Millicent Street, Newchappel Junction & Sidport Regis, Penrhyn Quarries, Rushen Valley, The Selby Test Track* plus The Guild Modular Layout, featuring *Colinwood* presented by the St Neots MRC and The Children's Layout (for those aged 6 to 60 and beyond). Also demos and trade stands.

Contact: 01594 545676.
Email: enquiries@gaugeguild.com
Website: www.gaugeguild.com/events/guild_shows.aspx?id=26

Sunday 6 September BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire

Organiser/event: Basingstoke & North Hants Model Railway Society Open Day.

Venue: The Society Clubhouse, Stratton Park off Pack Lane, Basingstoke, RG22 5HN (What3Words: Stocks.Shock.Charm)
Open: 1030-1530

Admission: free of charge.

Amenities: on entering Stratton Park, turn right at the T-junction and the new clubhouse is alongside the scout hut.

Features: twice a year the club opens its doors for an informal session open to the public. This is an opportunity to see what members do, to ask questions or simply to pop in for a chat about railway modelling in general. Members range from those who have just begun to those with over 40 years experience. There are layouts in various stages of construction in O, OO, OO9, N and 2mm finescale and these will be on display, along with a selection of members' layouts.

Contact: use contact form on society website.
Website: www.basingstokemrs.uk/open-days/
Facebook: www.facebook.com/BNHMRS/

Sunday 6 September KEIGHLEY, West Yorkshire

Event: Summer Open Day.

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: there is free on-street parking around the mill and the venue is also a short walk from Keighley railway station and the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. Note that there are stairs to top floor of the mill and unfortunately no lift. Refreshments.

Features: over a dozen layouts in various gauges, ranging from complete layouts to ones just started, so a useful way to appreciate the way a layout is made. Plus trade stalls.

Email: avrmclub@gmail.com
Website: www.avrmc.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/airevalleymodels/

Saturday 12 September RAILEX EAST CAMBRIDGE, Cambridgeshire

Organiser: 31A (Cambridge) Model Railway Club.
Venue: Cambridge Regional College, Kings Hedges Road, Cambridge CB4 2QT.
Open: 1000-1600 (last admission 1530).

Admission: adults £8.00, acpd children £3.00 (in cases of parties with 2 or more children and at least 1 adult, 1 child will be admitted free), U5s free.

Amenities: venue has free parking and full access for disabled visitors. Services on Busway route B and Arbury Citi buses stop at the college, while Busway route A has a stop 5-10 minutes' walk away at Orchard Park. Venue has refreshments available.

Features: over 20 working layouts in gauges O to N, plus trade, club & society stands.
Email: exhibition@cambridge31a-mrc.org.uk
Website: www.cambridge31a-mrc.org.uk/exhibition.htm

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/ChestertonBabble/posts/1902354540339027/

Saturday 12 September CRUMPSALL, Manchester

Organiser: Heywood Model Railway Group.
Venue: Crumpsall Labour Club, 98 Wilton Road, Crumpsall, Manchester M8 6PX.
Open: 1000-1600

Admission: £3.00 per adult, acpd children free. Donations welcome.

Amenities: parking on local streets should not be problematical, but unfortunately disabled access to the group's new premises is very limited. Refreshments available.

Features: although not quite fully open, the club will be pleased to welcome visitors at its new premises following a relocation from Heywood announced in the May RM Societies & Clubs pages. In addition to the club test tracks in N, OO9, OO and O gauge, on which visitors can run their own locos, the club shop will be open.

Contact: Phil Evans by emailing: phil.evans@sky.com

Website: https://www.hmrg.net/

Saturday 12 September HEADINGTON, Oxford, Oxfordshire

Event: Club 60th Anniversary Celebrations.
Organiser: Oxford & District Model Railway Club.

Venue: Collinwood Road United Reform Church, Risinghurst, Headington, Oxford OX3 8HW.

Open: 1030-1600

Admission: free.

Amenities: limited free parking. Frequent buses from Thornhill Park & Ride or Oxford Station to Risinghurst Turn plus hourly service No.14 to Collinwood Road (both stops less than 100m away). Refreshments.

Features: layouts including two examples in OO which are both over 60 years old: *Bossington* and *Oldstead Gate* (one children can operate). Other layouts comprise: *Brymbo*, *Newstead Gate* (O); *Much Wittering*, *Forest Hill* (OO); *90p Layout* (children can operate), *Under the Bed*, *Witney* (N); plus other layouts, including in Z gauge, and club sales stand.

Contact: Kev & Jen Brett, 07743 177034.

Email: brett@swanox.co.uk

Website: www.oxfordmrc.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/oxfordMRC/

Saturday 12 September

ROMILEY, Stockport, Greater Manchester
Organiser: Romiley Methodist Railway Modellers.

Venue: Romiley Methodist Church, Hill Street, Romiley, Stockport SK6 3AH.

Open: 1030-1630

Admission: by donation in aid of the charity Action For Children.

Amenities: there is on-site parking for those of limited mobility only. Romiley railway station and bus stops are around 400m from the venue.

Features: several drive-it-yourself layouts, layouts for the young at heart of all ages alongside other more traditional layouts. Plus a trade stall and miniature train rides.
Contact: Exhibition Secretary Joe Graham using email address below.

Email: romileymethodistmodelrailway@gmail.com

Saturday 12 September 3RD SOUTH CROYDON CHARITY MODEL RAILWAY SHOW SOUTH CROYDON, South London

Organiser: Christopher Dean & 7th/12th Croydon Scout Group.

Venue: St Paul's United Reformed Church, Croham Park Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 7HF (Opposite Old Whitgiftian Rugby Ground).

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £6.00, children (5-16) £3.00, U5s free, families (2+2) £15.00. Payment by cash or card. All proceeds will be shared between local charities.

Amenities: street parking is available in adjacent roads and there are excellent bus & tram services nearby. Disabled access. Hot & cold refreshments available.

Features: family-friendly exhibition comprising 20 layouts in various gauges, plus pre-owned stalls, society stands and trade support. There will also be Step-Ups for viewing layouts as well as railway activities for very young children.

Contact: 07956 520959.
Email: tinkerscorner@aol.com
Website: www.stpaulsurc.org.uk

Saturday 12 September THORNBURY, South Gloucestershire

Event: Thornbury Community Association Open Day.

Organiser: Thornbury & South Glos Model Railway Club.

Venue: The Chantry, 52 Castle Street, Thornbury, Bristol BS35 1HB.

Open: 1030-1600

Admission: adults £3.00, acpd children free.

Amenities: there is a limited amount of parking at the venue. The town centre with car parking is a 10-minute walk away. Venue is fully accessible for the mobility impaired. Light refreshments available.

Features: T&SGMRC will have four of its layouts running and this club Open Day is being run as part of Thornbury Heritage Week.

Contact: 07454 345015.

Website: www.tsgmrc.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TSGMRC/

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September LITTLE BYG SHOW

BORTH Y GEST, Porthmadog, Gwynedd

Organiser: Paul Holmes & Gwynedd Model Railway Club.

Venue: St Cyngar's Church Hall (underneath the church), Church Road, Borth y Gest, Porthmadog LL49 9TU.

Open: both days 1000-1600

Admission: adults £4.00, acpd children free.

Amenities: there is a good-sized pay & display car park near the shore in Borth y Gest village. Plentiful cakes and refreshments available.

Features: new later date in September for this regular friendly event previously organised by the late pioneering OO9 modeller and RAILWAY MODELLER contributor Paul Towers. It is a small show with around eight layouts, mainly narrow gauge scales 0-16.5/NG7 and OO9, and mostly from the local Gwynedd Model Railway Club (who meet monthly in the Gweithdy at Minffordd station on the nearby Ffestiniog Railway). The club encourages the younger modeller and there will be several layouts on display from the young members. There will also be a second-hand book and sales stall.

Contact: Paul Holmes using email below.
Email: heatonwood@hotmail.com

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September FAVERSHAM, Kent

Organiser: Faversham Model Railway Club.

Venue: The Abbey School, London Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8RZ.

Open: Saturday 1000-1630

Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: adults (17-plus) £7.00, children (6-16) £3.00, U5s free.

Amenities: on-site free car parking, disabled access, toilets & light refreshments.

Features: 26 layouts including: *Conyer Creek*, *Queen Charlottes Dock* (O); *Hilston* (O-16.5/NG7); *Chadford Green*, *Albert Street* *Parcels*, *Bulldog Quay*, *East Highland Railway*, *Godinton* (first show outing), *Folly Lane*, *Foldham*, *Horton Common*, *London Road Sidings*, *Summer Springs* at new cut, *Thomas Layout* & *Toeten Fleet* *Services* (OO); *Barry Inspired Scrapyard*, *Stillbarton*, *Whiz Bang Corner* (OO9); *Hiawatha Street*, *Rue CFF/Bahnweg* (HO); *Amadea Cat* (first show outing), *Aylesford Station*, *Braughing* & *Standon*, *Oakwood*, *Richborough Park*, *Souhcliffe* (N). Plus 14 traders and society stands.

Contact: Exhibition Manager Doug Attwood, 07904 078168.

Email: exhibition@favershammrc.org.uk

Website: www.favershammrc.org.uk/2026.html

Facebook: www.facebook.com/FavershamModelRailwayClub/

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September INTERNATIONAL N GAUGE SHOW

LEAMINGTON SPA, Warwickshire

Organiser: Meridienne Exhibitions Ltd supported by The N Gauge Society.

Venue: Warwickshire Event Centre, on the junction of the A425/B4455, nr Leamington Spa, Visitor Car Park CV31 1FE.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700
Sunday 1000-1600
(Last admission 1 hour before closing).
Admission: adults £14.50, senior citizens (aged 65-plus) £13.00, children (5-14) £6.00. Tickets are valid for any one day and are available in advance via website www.ngaugeshow.co.uk or on the day from the venue ticket office.
Amenities: spacious indoor venue with easy road access and ample free parking. Also Saturday only Show Link Bus running every 30 minutes from Leamington Spa station to the Event Centre (for full timetable and prices see website). Coffee shop and restaurant available.
Features: the UK's only show focused exclusively on N gauge. Impressive line-up of over 25 layouts from UK, Europe and America. They include: Steam Era – East Anstey, Foxvale, Hawes Junction, Hillside Park, Holgate Castle, Hollingwood Junction, and Kernow Consolidated, Metcalfe Meadows, Spion Kop, The Oast House, St Andrews and Guard Bridge; Modern Image – Beechwood, Clyde Viaduct, Gloucester, Grimley Moor, Long Hirston, Mereley Junction, Weargate Works, Two Locks; American & Continental – Mühlenfelder, N-Club International e.V. Layout, *Tsuru no Michi*, Verneuil-Les-Vignes. Plus club stands from the 2mm Scale Association, DEMU, Leamington and Warwick Model Railway Society, The N Gauge Society & World Wide Group as well as many specialist traders.
Contact: Exhibition Manager Avril Spence, 01926 614101.
Email: info@meridienneexhibitions.co.uk
Website: www.ngaugeshow.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/MeridienneEx/

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September LEIGH, Greater Manchester

Event: Leigh Festival of Model Railways and Transport Modelling 50th Anniversary Exhibition.
Organiser: Leigh Model Railway Society.
Venue: Leigh Sports Village, Leigh Leisure Centre, Sale Way, Greater Manchester WN7 4JY.
Open: Saturday 1000-1700
Sunday 1000-1600
Admission: adults £8.00, U16s free.
Amenities: free parking plus free vintage bus service from bus station. Disabled access.
Features: 30-plus layouts, including: *Ballan Road*, *Arcadia Pennsylvania* (O); *Mostyn, Slattocks Junction* (P4); *Angelbank* (EM); *Alderford*, *Harpur Hill*, *Living MRS* new layout (name TBA), *Poulton Le Fylde Junction*, *Queens Road TMD*, *Romiley (Thomas & Friends* layout children can drive), *SteelBank* (Peco Rail200 competition finalist), *Trawsfynydd Branch*, *Weaver Hill* (OO); *Lancaster Yard*, *Mynydd Tatws Newydd* (OO9); *Bad Kisses* (Austrian, HO); *Ulvaryd Strand* (Swedish, HOe); *Flukeley Yard* (TT:120); *Burshaw Northwestern*, *Heatherley*, *Ballykeale* (Irish) (N); *Leighmoor Bois* (Hornby Dublo three-rail); *Legomas* (new bigger size) (L). Plus more than 20 traders.
Email: lmrs.secretary@gmail.com
Website: www.leighmodelrailwaysociety.wordpress.com/

Sunday 13 September BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk

Organiser: Halesworth to Southwold Narrow Gauge Railway CIO.
Venue: Blythburgh Station & Village Hall, London Road, Blythburgh, Suffolk IP19 9LQ.
Open: 1030-1545
Admission: free.
Amenities: disabled access and parking at the hall & station site only, but free car parking behind the village church. Free refreshments.
Features: model railways in a variety of scales, including a 16mm scale live steam railway, plus society stand.
Contact: Richard Doe, 01502 471760.
Email: richarddoth@yahoo.com
Website: www.halesworthtosouthwoldrailway.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/HalesworthtoSouthwoldNGR/

Sunday 13 September TELFORD, Shropshire

Organiser: Telford Railway Modellers Group.
Venue: Sports Hall, Hadley Learning Community, Crescent Road, Hadley, Telford TF1 5JX (what-

3words torn.inspects.inner).
Open: 1000-1600
Admission: adults £8.00, acpd U16s free.
Amenities: parking and wheelchair access. Refreshments available.
Features: 20 layouts, including: *Gerdí Catrin* (GN15); *Little Simonsby*, *Halesfield TMD* (O); *Grinhill Quarry*, *Dewstone* (O-16.5/NG7); *Ashford*, *Aberwyn*, *Bottom Hole*, *Bottom of the Barrel*, *Far T Middlin*, *Funville*, *Live Steam by Martyn Demers*, *Matts Farm Railway* (OO); *Chwarel y Mynydd Aur* (OO9); *Bewdley*, *Two Mill Depot Suitcase Layout* (N); plus Shropshire Scale Modellers and JaguHar Special Interests as well as trade stands.
Email: info.trmg@yahoo.com
Website: www.telfordrailwaymodellersgroup.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/TelfordRMG/

Sunday 13 September 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

Saturday 19 September 47TH MID ESSEX MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION BRENTWOOD, Essex

Organiser: Mid Essex Model Railway Club.
Venue: Brentwood County High School, Seven Arches Road, Brentwood CM14 4JF.
Open: 1000-1700
Admission: adults £7.00, children £4.00, family (2+3 max) £20.00.
Amenities: there is a small car park on site as well as local street parking – note any restrictions. Nearest railway station is Brentwood. Refreshments available plus tombola.
Features: new venue for a long-established event. Layouts incl: *Daisy Lane TMD*, *Jaspers Green*, *Southwark Bridge* (O); *Pennard Road BR* (S); *Almeg Bay*, *Dawcot*, *Down Sidings*, *Jills Jersey*, *Pig Hill DSP*, *Stewarts Lane* (OO); *Cherry Orchard Lane*, *Uplands* (OO9); *Klein Schmalitz* (German HO), *Poison Street* (HO); *Pitzalbahnhof* (HOe); *Llanwyddn* (TT:120); *Corsham*, *Hayling Island Bridge*, *Leadenhall*, *Ryecroft Arena* (N). Plus modelling demonstration, club second-hand sales stall, trade stands and exhibits by the Railway Correspondence and Travel Society (RCTS) & EM Gauge Society.
Email: secretary@midsexmrc.co.uk
Website: <http://offtherails.x10.mx/memrc/exhib.html#top>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/p/Mid-Essex-Model-Railway-Club-100064434589780/?locale=en_GB

Saturday 19 September GRENOSIDE, Sheffield, South Yorkshire

Organiser: Sheffield Model Railway Society.
Venue: Grenoside Community Centre, Main Street, Sheffield S35 6PR.
Open: 1000-1600
Admission: adults £5.00, U16s free.
Amenities: venue has a free car park adjacent & step-free disabled access. Stagecoach and First Bus No.86 runs to Grenoside from Sheffield city centre. Refreshments available.
Features: 20 layouts in various scales plus trade stands.
Contact: 07903 272049.
Email: sheffielddmrs@gmail.com
Website: www.sheffielddmrs.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SheffieldModelRailwaySociety/

Saturday 19 September LICHFIELD MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION LICHFIELD, Staffordshire

Organiser: Trent Valley Model Railway Society

sponsored by Baz's Model Rail.
Venue: Life Church Lichfield, Netherstowe, Lichfield, Staffs WS13 6TS.
Open: 1000-1600
Admission: adults £6.00, children £2.00, family (2 adults plus max 4 children) £14.00. Children must be accompanied.
Amenities: parking and disabled access. (Note that unfortunately there will be no heritage bus service running this year). Hot & cold refreshments available.
Features: 15 layouts, trade support, demos.
Contact: Andrew Huson, 07484 712395.
Email: LichfieldShow@gmail.com
Website: www.tvrms.org.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/tvrms/

Saturday 19 September 16TH ANNUAL MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION WILLAND, Devon

Organiser: Culm Valley Model Railway Club sponsored by Harveys Hobbies.
Venue: Willand Village Hall, Gables Road, Willand, Devon EX15 2LP (what3words longer.radiating.juicy).
Open: 1000-1600
Admission: adults £6.00, acpd children £1.00.
Amenities: free parking & disabled access. Hot & cold drinks and hot & cold food available.
Features: 14-plus layouts & exhibits along with trade support.
Email: cvmrc83c@gmail.com
Website: www.cvmrc.weebly.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/people/Culm-Valley-Model-Railway-Club/61580904285482/

Saturday 19 September WILTON RAILEX 2026 WILTON, Salisbury, Wiltshire

Organiser: Salisbury & South Wilts Railway Society.
Venue: The Michael Herbert Hall, South Street, Wilton, Salisbury SP2 0JS.
Open: 1000-1630
Admission: adults £5.00, children (5-15) £2.00 (but one child can enter free if acpd by a fee-paying adult), acpd U5s free.
Amenities: free local parking. Full disabled access to all areas and toilets. Catering.
Features: around 12 layouts in a variety of scales and gauges plus trade stands. The society will also be opening up the garden railway, which is just an 8-minute walk from the main venue. Live steam and a small battery ride-on engine are just some of what the garden has to offer (see map on SSWRS website for route from hall to garden railway).
Contact: Exhibition Publicity Manager David Graney, 07768 448369.
Email: sswrs@drgsales.co.uk
Website: www.sandswrs.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SSWRailSoc/

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September 43RD ANNUAL MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION BLACKPOOL, Lancashire

Organiser: Blackpool & North Fylde MRC.
Venue: Blackpool 6th Form, Blackpool Old Road, Blackpool, Lancs FY3 7LR.
Open: Saturday 1000-1700
Sunday 1000-1600
Admission: adults £8.00, concessions £7.00, acpd U16s free.
Amenities: on-site parking. Easy access for disabled. Refreshments available.
Features: layouts in various gauges including: G – Wizz (G); *Gatenby* (On30); *West Street*, *Bred Albin*, *Eastgate Harbour*, *Calder Grange*, *Club Thomas*, *Crows Dale* (OO); *Aidans Mill*, *Square Foot Consortium* (OO9); *29th Street Wharf & Domino* (HO/3.5mm); *Por Ridge* (N); plus demos by Les Nehrlich on weathering rolling stock and Batterdale Scenics on Scenics & Soldering; along with a Poulton & Wyre Railway Society stand and club sales & trade stalls.
Contact: BNFMRCS Secretary by email.
Email: ajolley@pobroadband.co.uk
Website: <https://liviwyre.wixsite.com/bnfmrc/annual-exhibition>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/p/Blackpool-North-Fylde-Model-Railway-Club-100066398330690/

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September

COVENTRY, West Midlands
Event: Spring Open Day.
Organiser: Coventry Model Railway Club.
Venue: Unit 3, Coventry Canal Basin Warehouse, Leicester Row, Coventry CV1 4LH.
Open: both days 1000-1600
Admission: free.
Amenities: this event is being run in conjunction with the local Coventry Heritage Open Days. Refreshments available.
Features: six layouts in OO, OO9 & N.
Email: secretary@coventrymodelrailwayclub.org.uk
Website: <https://coventrymodelrailwayclub.org.uk>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/coventrymrc/

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September SWANSEA MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION SWANSEA, South Wales

Organiser: Swansea Railway Modellers Group.
Venue: LC Swansea, Oystermouth Road, Maritime Quarter, Swansea SA1 3ST.
Open: Saturday 1000-1700
Sunday 1000-1600
Admission: adults £10.00, acpd children £1.00, U3s free.
Amenities: there is a large new car park opposite the venue. The town centre bus and rail stations are a 10-15-min walk away. Venue is fully accessible for the mobility impaired. Refreshments provided by venue café. Please note that LC Swansea does not allow dogs.
Features: layouts incl: *Live Steam* (16mm scale); *Penfold Priory*, *The Running Shed* (O); *SGK-bahn* (S); *Avergavenny Blackbrook* (P4); *Abergain* (EM); *Abernethy Dock*, *Burton Town*, *Gorton Lane*, *Iron Mould Lane*, *Lintor Town*, *Shed 79A*, *SRMG Junior Layout*, *Upper Bank*, *West Porton Trams* (OO); *Mynydd Tatws Newydd*, *Rheneas Tunnel*, *Tan y Bwlch* (OO9); *Abbey Heights*, *Copenhagen Fields*, *Ludgvan Quay*, *Swanshire Pass*, *Trewin* (N); plus trade & society stands.
Email: info@srmg.org.uk
Website: www.srmg.org.uk/2026-show
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SRMGTrains/

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September TROON, South Ayrshire

Organiser: Ayr Model Railway Group.
Venue: Walker and Concert Halls, South Beach, Troon KA10 6EF.
Open: Saturday 1000-1700
Sunday 1000-1600
Admission: adults £7.00, children £5.00, U5s free, family ticket (2+2) £16.00.
Amenities: there is ample street parking in the vicinity (some metered). Troon station, served by Scotrail train services from Glasgow and Ayr, is within half a mile's walk. Bus services from Ayr stop outside the hall. Teas, coffees & food sold on site, supporting the local RNLI.
Features: 16 layouts in O, OO, OO9 & N, including layouts of special interest to children. Also demos and trade & society stands.
Email: secretary@ayrmodelrailwaygroup.org or j.mccall10@btopenworld.com
Website: www.ayrmrg.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/ayrmrgsandgate/?locale=en_GB

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent

Organiser: Spa Valley Railway.
Venue: Tunbridge Wells West Station, Nevill Terrace, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5QY.
Open: 1000-1700
Admission: adults £16.00, concess £15.00, acpd children (2-15) free, family £32.00. (All the above include unlimited travel on the railway's steam and diesel-hauled trains).
Amenities: there are local pay & display car parks, and the heritage railway is served by bus No.281 from Tunbridge Wells main line station. Venue has full disabled access, all on the level. Light refreshments available.
Features: 30 layouts, including *Swanage Model Railway*, *Trinity Dock Street Bridge*, *Lighthouse Quay*, *Kreuzweg*, *Market End*, *Halden Lane*, *Ambleton Vale*, *Providence Colliery*, *Causey Arch*, *Little Sewage Works Railway*, *Broomfield Pond*, *Cedar Canyon Junction*, *Gravesend West*, *Windmill Hill*, *Fairfield Priory*, *Fleet Lane*, *Wilmington*,

Spring Bank, Hillside Park, Cottenham Junction, Corscombe, along with society and trade stands. On the Spa Valley Railway, steam and diesel trains will be in operation plus locos and stock undergoing restoration. There will be additional support at Eridge by the Eridge & Tunbridge Wells Model Railway Club.

Contact: Exhibition Manager Richard Arding using email address below.

Email: richard.arding@spavalleyrailway.co.uk

Website: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/spavalleyrailwaymodelrailwayweekend

Sunday 20 September

HEATH PARK, Cardiff

Organiser: Cardiff Model Engineering Society.
Venue: Heath Park Miniature Railway, King George V Drive East, Cardiff CF14 4AW.
Open: 1300-1700.

Admission: £2.80 (card payment only), children aged 3 & under free (must be accompanied on rides). No dogs except service dogs and no ball games allowed on site.

Amenities: refreshments, gift shop.

Features: miniature railways (steam and electric trams), model and garden railways.

Website: www.heathparkminiaturerailway.co.uk

Saturday 26 September

EARLEY, Reading, Berkshire

Organiser: Loddon Vale Model Railway Club.

Venue: St Peter's Church Hall, Church Lane, Earley, Reading RG6 1EY.

Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £6.00, children £2.00, family (2 adults + 2 children) £13.00. Funds from this year's event are in aid of The Prostate Cancer organisation.

Amenities: venue has limited parking, though there may be street parking nearby & there is unfortunately also limited disabled access (the show is over two floors and there is no disabled access to the upper floor). Refreshments available.

Features: 10 layouts plus three traders and two society stands.

Contact: Exhibition Manager Chris Marsh, 07972 115816.

Email: ex.man.lvrmc@gmail.com

Website: www.lvrmc.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Loddonvalevmc/?locale=en_GB

Saturday 26 September

SHILLINGSTONE, Dorset

Organiser: North Dorset Railway.

Venue: Shillingstone Church Centre, Blandford Road, Shillingstone, DT11 0SW, plus Shillingstone Station, St Patricks Industrial Estate, Station Road, Shillingstone DT11 0SA.
Open: 1000-1600

Admission: adults £6.00, family groups £10.00, U16s free. Free admission to station. All proceeds will go to the maintenance and development of the North Dorset Railway, a heritage line laid on the former trackbed of the former Somerset & Dorset Railway.

Amenities: to reach the free main car park, at the northern edge of Shillingstone village turn off the A347 towards Child Okeford, pass under the railway bridge and it is signposted on the right-hand side at postcode DT11 0QY. The station is a 5-min walk along the railway. For those with limited mobility or for drop off and pick up, there is a small free station yard car park, postcode DT11 0SA, plus accessible parking at the Church Centre. Please note, the path between the two venues is unsuitable for wheelchairs or mobility scooters. Refreshments available at both locations.

Features: 12-plus layouts in various gauges, mostly at the Church Centre, with some at Shillingstone station.

Contact: use email, contact form on railway website or call 01258 860696.

Email: info@northdorsetrailway.co.uk

Website: www.northdorsetrailway.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ShillingstoneStation/

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 September

FOLKESTONE, Kent

Organiser: Folkestone Hythe & District Model Railway Club.

Venue: Leas Cliff Hall, The Leas, Folkestone CT20 2DZ.

Open: 1000-1630

Admission: adults £9.00, children £4.00, family £24.00.

Amenities: there is direct access from an underground pay & display car park on Sandgate Road via a tunnel at the rear of the car park leading directly to the exhibition entrance. Venue has disabled access to all areas. On-site café, restaurant & bar.

Features: at least 18 English and Continental layouts including: Holmeshurst, Oakley Lane, Tinker's Hill (0); Abbey Light Railway (0-14); Halden Lane (00 finescale); Addleford Green, Clayton West, Essex Brick, Fence Houses NCB, Five Mile House, Great Tay, Oakbourne, Rookery Lane, Staple & Ash, Tramlink (00); Kaninchenbau (HOe); Königshafen, Lowdnes Road (N). Also Loco Doctor, multi-gauge test track (drive/test your own locomotives) & children's self-drive Thomas & Friends layout, plus around 25 traders and society stands.

Contact: Exhibition Manager Chris Dorrell using email address below.

Email: cdelitic@aol.com

Website: www.folkestonemrc.wordpress.com/club2

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 September

STAFFORD, Staffordshire

Organiser: Stafford Railway Circle.

Venue: Bingley Hall, Staffordshire County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford ST18 0BD.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1630

Admission: advance tickets – adults £16.00, children (5-15) £5.00, U5s free, family ticket (2 + up to 3) £32.00; on the door tickets – adults £18.00, children (5-15) £5.00, U5s free, family ticket (2+3) £36.00.

Amenities: the County Showground is situated on the A518 Stafford to Uttoxeter road some 4 miles from Stafford. Drivers from either the North or South using the M6 should exit at Jct.14 and follow the signs for the showground. This year the show will continue to use the main Bingley Hall venue, which provides more space and much better facilities. The showground has extensive free parking and, in addition, a free bus service will run from Stafford railway station to the venue on both days (see website for timetable). Venue has good disabled access. Full catering facilities.

Features: the Stafford Model Railway Exhibition has a claim to be the largest independent exhibition in the country. More than 50 layouts including: Croft Mill Wharf, Knype Bridge, Melton Park Crossing, Newfield, Queensbury Depot, Wedmore, Weekend Yard (0); Penryn Quarries, Seagone (0-16.5/NG7); Barfin Road, Brettel Road, Faringdon, Fryers Lane, Wantage Tramway (P4); Swaynton (EM); Albert Rd, Boomerang Lane, Branston & Heightington, Bristol Avon Bridge, Corporation Road, Cottleston, Funville, Gara Bridge, Hardwick Grange, Lochgorm, Mewn Cof, North Cornwall Brewery, The Electric Tramway, Tidworth, Wardwood, Wellpark (00); Devil's Bridge, High Stanley (009); Auswiss, Red Hook Bay, Zeedijk (HO); Jaeger Strassenbahn (HOM); Cherry Willingham, Uppingham (3mm scale); Richmond (2mm Finescale); Barton Road, Bradley, Burdock, Silvertown, Wath Road (N). Plus miniature train rides, demonstrations, society displays and around 50 trade stands.

Contact: use contact form on website or email Terry Robinson using address below.

Email: tcr.robinson@icloud.com

Website: www.staffordrailwaycircle.org.uk/exhibitions

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/1203263073086027/posts/27043117148673932/

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 September

BOSTON MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

STICKNEY, Boston, Lincolnshire

Organiser: Boston Model Railway Society.

Venue: Stickney Village Hall, Hall Lane, Stickney, Boston PE22 8BG.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: adults £5.00, children £2.00 or free if acpd by an adult, family (2+3) £10.00.

Amenities: Stickney is roughly seven miles

north of Boston on the A16, and the exhibition will be signposted. Venue has very good disabled access and is all on one floor. Refreshments available.

Features: layouts incl: Salthaven Quay & Loco Sheds (0-16.5); Boston Frodsham (P4); Churchill, Deeping Road MPD, Ruston & Hornsby Sheaf Ironworks (00); Manthorpe Sands, Porthlechen (00 & 009); In a Circle, Rhinefield Junction (N); plus stalls and trade stands.

Email: christopherellerby@hotmail.co.uk

Website: http://bostonmrs.50webs.org/Exhibitions.html

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BostonMRS/

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 September

TODDINGTON, Gloucestershire

Organiser: Gloucestershire Warwickshire Rly.

Venue: Toddington Station, New Town, Toddington, Cheltenham GL54 5DT.

Open: both days 1000-1545

Admission: two-day tickets – adults £40.00, children £14.00; one-day tickets – adults £28.00, children £9.00. Carers free but see terms and conditions. E-tickets bookable in advance via www.gwsr.vticket.co.uk/section.php/308/1/2026-special-events

Amenities: see www.gwsr.com website for directions from M5 Jct.9 (if travelling from North West), M5 Jct.11 (if travelling from South West) or from the A40 or A46. Toddington station, the railway's main hub, has the largest free car park. Parking at Winchcombe is more limited, while at Cheltenham Racecourse station, the parking is accessed via the racecourse entrance. In Cheltenham, Stagecoach buses D and E provide a very frequent service between the Racecourse, Cheltenham town centre and Cheltenham Spa main line station but allow 15 mins for the walk from the bus stop to Racecourse station. Pulhams Coaches bus N.606, from Cheltenham to Willersey and Chipping Campden, stops near Broadway, Toddington and Winchcombe stations. On arrival at the heritage railway, tickets will be exchanged for a wristband which must be kept on throughout your visit, as it must be shown to access the exhibits. See accessibility section of www.gwsr.com website for details of facilities for those with limited mobility. Refreshments available at Toddington, Winchcombe, Broadway and Cheltenham Racecourse stations.

Features: a brand-new event with around 45 layouts across multiple locations on this heritage line from Cheltenham Racecourse station to Broadway through the Cotswolds. Layouts include: Yellow Ridge Uranium Mine (Gn15); Gauge 1 tinplate; How it all began (vintage Hornby clockwork); Boskett Metals Recycling, Southwick, Wellington St (0); Tony's Forest (0-14); Ahmadpur Junction (7mm scale Indian broad & narrow gauge); Kalimpong DHR (Indian 0-16.5/NG7); Fryupdale Brewery (EM); A Remote Depot, Barwick Green, Dukesbury, Gloucs MRC – Cheltenham South & Leckhampton, Little Rocks Quarry, Melton Park Crossing, Pancake Street, Ripple Sidings, The Miners Arms, Tetbury, Towcester (00); Puffin Colliery (00 & 009); Abbey Shed, 009 Society – publicity & demonstration stand, Penryn (DCC layout operated by the public), Welsh Branch Line (009); A Tribute to Tunnel Two, Central Alonzo, Church End Tramway, Gleisbau Bitterfeld, Stoney Hill East, Two Forks Railroad (HO); Heybridge Wharf (3mm finescale); City Basin Goods, St Wick (N); Port West (Cornish narrow gauge); Westbrick Lego Railway (L). Also demonstrations and trade stands. Locations for displays comprise: Toddington Diesel Shed – exhibition layouts and trade stands; Cotswold Halt Café – smaller compact layouts and displays; Tim Mitchell Building, Winchcombe Station – models and demonstrations; Carriage & Wagon Workshops, Winchcombe – exhibition layouts; Model Railway Coach on Platform 2, Winchcombe – a permanent feature open throughout the weekend. Travel between venues on heritage steam and diesel services.

Contact: 01242 621405.

Email: info@gwsr.com

Website: www.gwsr.com/whats-on/model-railway-weekend/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/gloucestershirewarwickshirerailway/

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 September

WORTHING, West Sussex

Organiser: Worthing Model Railway Club.

Venue: St Andrews CE School, Sackville Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN14 8BQ.

Open: Saturday 1000-1700

Sunday 1000-1600

Admission: adults £10.00, acpd children free.

Amenities: venue has disabled-friendly access. Light refreshments available.

Features: 15 layouts, including: Brailles End, Canute Road Quay, Cherrywoods, Cynon Valley, Largar and Lime Works, Luttrell, Redbridge Wharf, Small Dole, The Cruel Sea, Thredys Wharf, Tittesworth (MERG), Wandelford Junction, Wendover, Wickwar, West Sussex O Gauge plus 11 traders & society stands.

Contact: Chris Sweeney, 07970 633908.

Email: exhibitions@worthingmrc.co.uk

Website: www.worthingmrc.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/p/Worthing-Model-Railway-Club-100078814309294/

Sunday 27 September

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 Solder, home to a little blue engine, driven by visitors. Club layouts.

Website: www.cvmrc.weebly.com/tiverton-junction.html

MEETINGS

Thursday 13 August – 1400

South East Essex Railway Society

Club visit to the Braxted Bakery Railway (2' gauge) at Little Braxted, Witham, Essex.

Details from: www.seers-rail.org/programme.html or seers.rail@gmail.com

Thursday 20 August – 1930

Marlow & District Railway Society

'Celebrating 200 Years of Railways' by Mike Lampart.

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

Thursday 27 August – 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 3 September – 1930

Great Central Rly Society (Sheffield branch)

'Alongside the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway' by David Charlesworth.

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

Thursday 3 September – 1930

Lutterworth Railway Society

'The Joys of Model Railway Publishing' by Phil Parker of BRM and Garden Rail.

Venue: The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Coventry Rd, Lutterworth, Leics LE17 4RB.

Entry: members £2.00, guests £5.00.

Details from: Phil Lindsey on 07554 192217 or email philliplindsey@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/778316720688817/

Monday 7 September – 1930

Peak Rail Association (Sheffield Branch)

'A Selection of British Transport Films from

the 50s and 60s' by Paul Fox.

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

Monday 7 September – 1930

Plymouth Railway Circle

'The West Country in the era of steam: Part 2: The GWR' by Bernard Mills.

Venue: St Edwards (RC) Church Hall, Home Park Avenue, Peverell, Plymouth PL3 4PG.

Entry: members £1.00, non-members £2.00.

Email: plymouthrailwaycircle@gmail.com

Website:

www.plymouthrailwaycircle.weebly.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/plymouthrailwaycirclePRC/

Tuesday 8 September – 2000

The Enfield Transport Circle

'Every Picture Tells a Story – Volume 4' by John Baxter.

Venue: First floor meeting room, Enfield Drill Hall Sports Club, 1 Old Park Avenue, Enfield EN2 6PJ.

Entry: £6.00 donation, but 1st visit free.

Website: https://tetc.chessck.co.uk

Tuesday 8 September – 1930

Wells Railway Fraternity

'Preserving, Maintaining and Operating Three Western Class Locos' by Paul Finch & Peter Bamber.

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

Thursday 10 September – 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 11 September – 1400

South East Essex Railway Society

Club visit to Flair Light Railway at Burnham on Crouch, Essex.

Details from: www.seers-rail.org/programme.html or seers.rail@gmail.com

Friday 11 September – 1900

Stephenson Locomotive Society

'The Golden Years Of BR – The North West' by Martin Green.

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 12 September – 1400

Stephenson Locomotive Society

Members' presentations.

Venue: Kidderminster Railway Museum, adjoining SVR station, DY10 1QX.

Details from: 01597 824408.

Tuesday 15 September – 1400

Stephenson Locomotive Society

'J.W. Armstrong's Darlington' by David Dunn.

Venue: Langdon Square Community Centre, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough TS8 0TF.

Details from: 01429 270591.

Website: www.stephensonloco.org.uk

Tuesday 15 September – 1930

The Leicester Railway Society

'A Doncaster Rail Rover' by Stephen Gay.

Venue: The No.1, Station Approach, Cleethorpes DN35 8AX.

Entry: £5.00.

Details from: Stuart Blackburn 07745 961538 or sc.blackbourn@ntlworld.com

Wednesday 16 September – 1930

The Grimsby & Cleethorpes Railway Group

'A Railway Miscellany' by Jason Cross.

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 17 September – 1930

Lutterworth Railway Society

'The Great Engineers' by David Hanger.

Venue: The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Coventry Rd, Lutterworth, Leics LE17 4RB.

Entry: members £2.00, guests £5.00.

Details from: Phil Lindsey on 07554 192217 or email philipmlindsey@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/778316720688817/

Thursday 17 September – 1930

Marlow & District Railway Society

'Railways before the Great War Part 2' by Jeremy Harrison.

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

Monday 21 September – 1930

Plymouth Railway Circle

'The Privatisation Years Part 3: 1995-2010' by Steven Andrews.

Venue: St Edwards (RC) Church Hall, Home Park Avenue, Peverell, Plymouth PL3 4PG.

Entry: members £1.00, non-members £2.00.

Email: plymouthrailwaycircle@gmail.com

Website:

www.plymouthrailwaycircle.weebly.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/plymouthrailwaycirclePRC/

Thursday 24 September – 2000

South East Essex Railway Society

'A Modern Great Western Driver: 18 years with HSTs' by Michael Willmott-Setchell.

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 biltongrangemodelclub@yahoo.com

Bosvenegh Model Railway Group

is a fairly new group meeting every Friday evening from 1900-2200 at Withiel Village Hall, Withiel, near Bodmin, Cornwall. The group is in the process of building an OO layout. New members welcome – get in touch by emailing bosveneghmrg@outlook.com or visit www.bmrg.uk

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 the website www.bridgendmodelrailwaygroup.co.uk or email bridgendmodelrailwaygroup@protonmail.com

Group for anyone interested in railway modelling and/or railways meets in **Bubwith Leisure**

Centre bar, Main Street, Bubwith, Selby Y08 6LX at 1930 on the last Monday of each month. Email: steve.grantham1@btinternet.com

Camborne Railway Modelling Group

in Cornwall meets 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. For details email cambornerrailwaymodellinggroup@gmail.com or call Wayne Sharrocks 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 DE24 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

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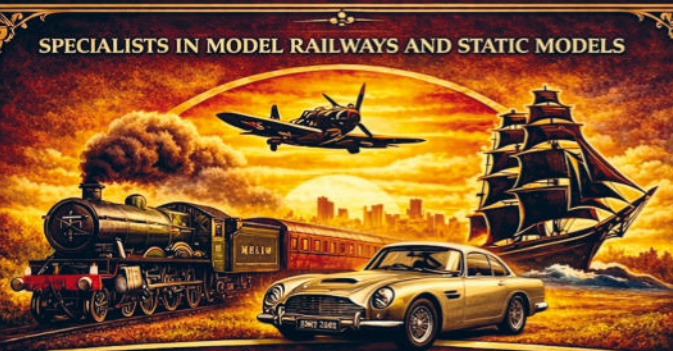
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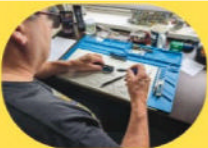
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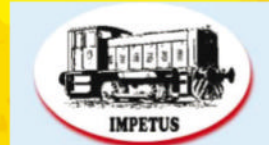
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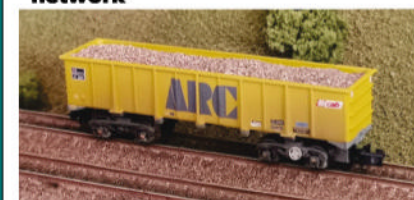
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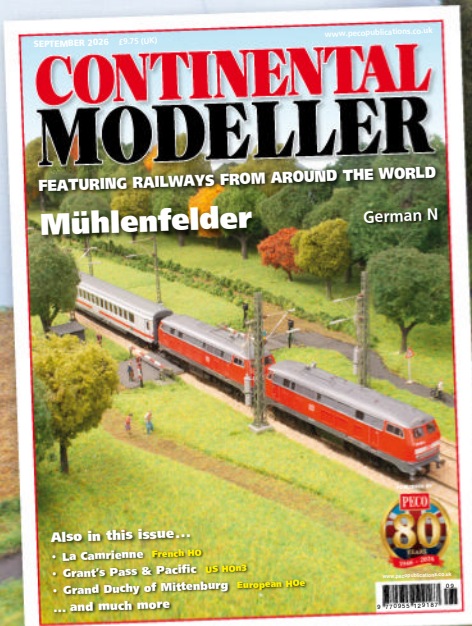
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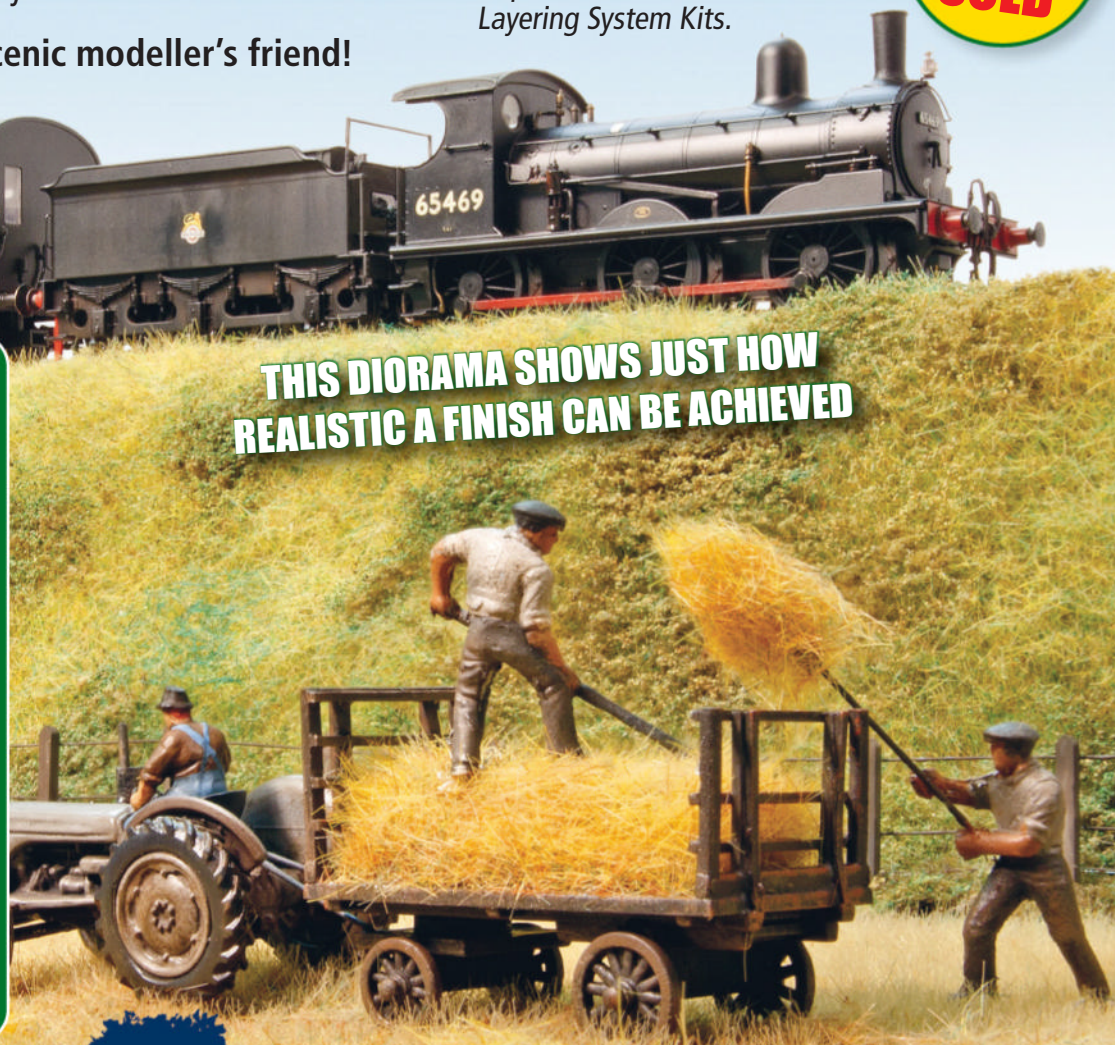
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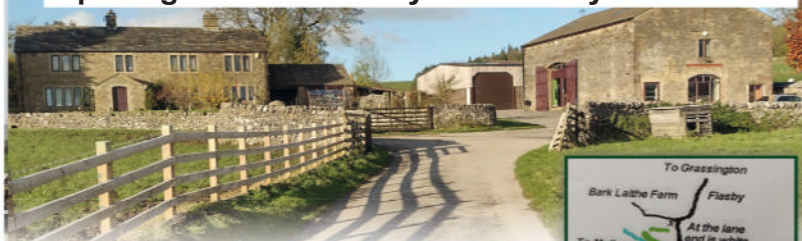


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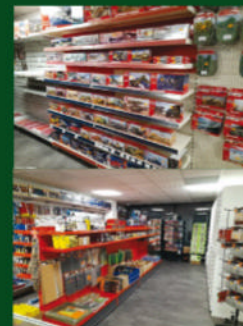
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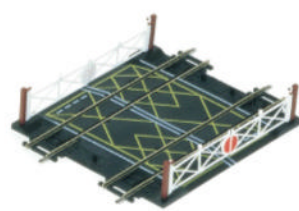
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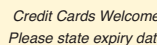
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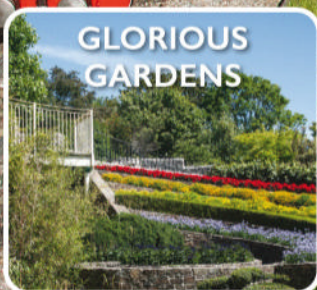
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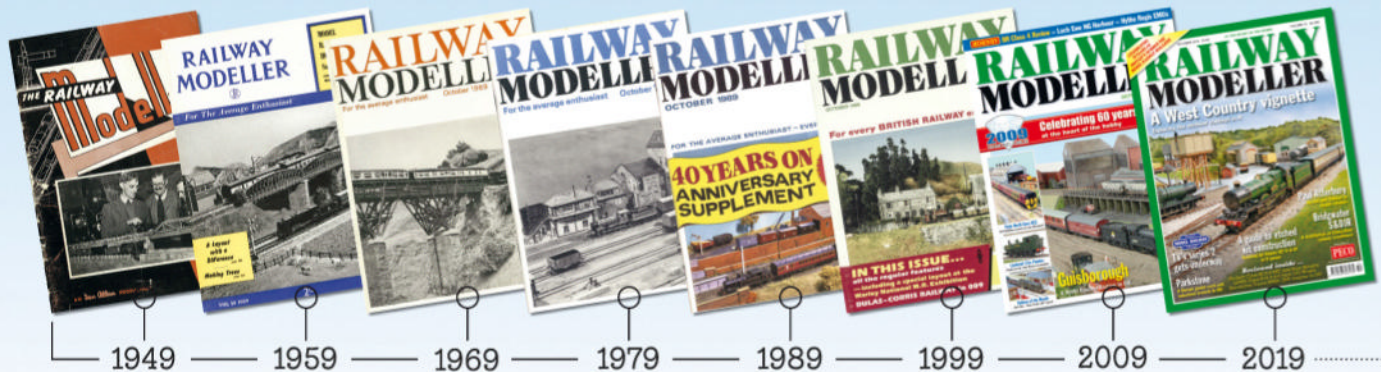
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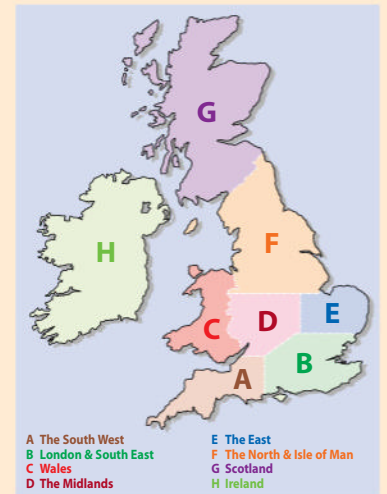
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