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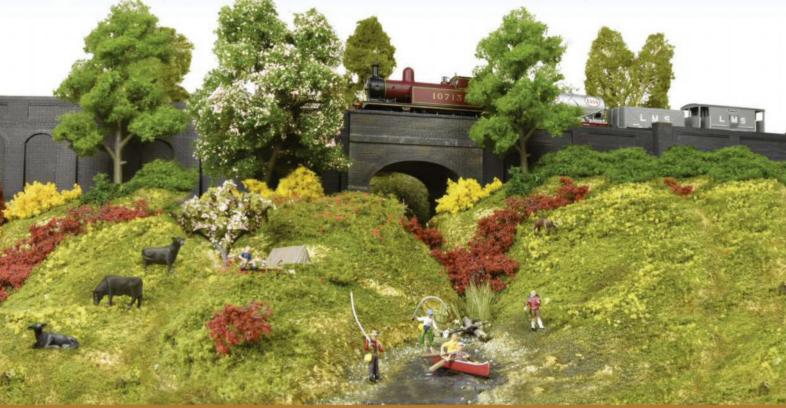
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Welcome to

MODEL RAIL

Summer 2016

ometimes you just know that you have to model something. You can't quite identify why, you just know it needs to be done. That's how Keith Jaggers felt when he stumbled on the rusting remains of Bala Junction in the mid-1960s. Who could resist this isolated North Wales junction, set in the beautiful Dee Valley. with the mountains of Snowdonia beyond? Keith certainly couldn't. He knew that he had to model it. It was a long time before he was able to fulfil that dream, but he did it.

Michael Holley was in a completely different position. He had the time and desire to model something - but not the location.

His wife came to the rescue. She suggested that he focus on somewhere that meant the most to him. It was a simple piece of advice, but it was enough to break his 'modeller's block'. As you'll read, Somerset's Quantock Hills have always held a place in his heart, so that's where his modelling journey started. It's not a great leap to get from there to Stogumber on the West Somerset Railway.

Some modellers will be like Keith, with a clear idea of what to model. Others will be more like Michael. The urge to model is there, but it's the choice of subject that's the stumbling block.

What would you do if you were in that position?

For those who are struggling, we decided to try to answer that question. Our methods weren't scientific - we merely asked ourselves what we liked

to model. There were three common denominators.

Firstly, there's the landscape. It's a subject that has inspired poet, artist. author and musician for generations, so why not the railway modeller?

Our advantage is that we're not limited to portraying epic landscapes of mountains and lakes. We can find inspiration in simple landscapes or even urban settings, where stone and concrete replace trees and water.

Trains, guite naturally, play another hugely important role when it comes to inspiring a layout. There's either the desire to include our own particular favourites, or the intriguing prospect of modelling trains in roles and liveries that you wouldn't normally expect.

The final category is good old nostalgia. The future is naturally uncertain, so it's fair to say that we all hark back to memories, of times that we perceive to be better. Some layouts allow us to try to turn these memories and feelings into something tangible, and they allow us to escape the pressures of the real world.

Of course, what inspires us is quite personal. Hopefully, some of our thoughts and musings will strike a chord and get your creative iuices flowing.

And one day you might end up like Chris Nevard - as you'll see, he's nearly managed to tick off all the layout subjects on his wishlist!

Richard Foster

MEET THE TEAM

Q: What are you reading at the moment?



Richard Foster Editor Napoleon the Great by Andrew Roberts. Like Chris, this is someone I knew very little about.



George Dent Deputy Editor Red or Dead by David Peace and Flying Colours by C.S. Forester.



Chris Leigh Consultant Editor George Washington a Life by Ron Chernow. Biography of a man I knew very little about.



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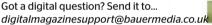


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Hornby Class 71

The question of which ready-to-run 'OO' gauge Class 71 would be released first has been answered... Hornby's version arrived in the *Model Rail* office in

early July, and we'll feature a full review of it in the next issue.

By the time this issue hits the newsstands, DJ Models proprietor Dave Jones said that he will have authorised production of the crowdfunded model, locking down production quantities based on the number of pre-orders.

Meanwhile, Kernow Model Rail Centre has announced three exclusive weathered versions of the DJM Class 71. Limited to 100 pieces each, BR green E5002, BR Green with red stripe E5019 and BR blue 71 008 BR Blue will sport Mercig Studios weathering, replicated by DJM's factory. RRP is £144.95. Visit www. kernowmodelrailcentre.com

DJM Class 71 **DJM Class 71** 71009



TMC has commissioned a limitededition wagon pack from Bachmann, depicting 'Conflat' wagons loaded

with Birds Eye-liveried AFP containers. All three 'Conflats' and all six containers have different numbers.

Recommended retail price is £59.99. However, for an extra £10, you can buy a triple-pack that has been weathered by TMC. Availability: TMC.

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WAGON WIN

d for Irish Railway Models ming ready-to-run CIÉ/Whessoe eel ballast wagons (MR216) has been so high that the firm is to release two more triple packs. One of them will contain wagons 24133, 24138 and 24141, while the other will feature 24142, 24253 and 24254.

Meanwhile, IRM has unveiled the first test shots of its new hopper wagon, being produced by DJModels. Each triple-pack is limited to 250 pieces. Price: €119.95 (approx. £100 at the time of writing).

Availability: Irish Railway Models. Web: www.irishrailwaymodels.com



...STOP PRESS.



Two new models arrived in the office just before this issue closed for press: Hornby's Adams 'Radial' and a version of Bachmann's 'Covhop', modified to transport sugar, as commissioned by TMC. Full reviews next issue.

Got a news story or new product?

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HELJAN'S '05' IN THE FLESH



Heljan has released images of decorated samples of its 'O' gauge

Hunslet Class 05 0-6-0DM. As with the 'OO' version, Heljan's '05' will be initially offered as the D2574-D2618 version with taller

cab and deep bufferbeams; models of the original D2550-D2573 batch has also been promised.

Six liveries are planned: two BR green (one with 'wasp' stripes), BR blue and three industrial colour schemes (yellow, dark blue and maroon). Delivery is currently scheduled for mid to late-2017.

Price: £495

Where can I find out more? www.tower-models.com



DRUMMOND ROLL PLEASE



Scottish kit specialist Lochgorm Kits

is to produce one of the country's best-loved steam locomotives, the Drummond 'OP' 0-4-4Ts, two of which worked the Dornoch branch line until the 1950s, when they were replaced by GWR '16XX' 0-6-0PTs. The kit retails at £100, but wheels, sprung hornblocks, and motor and gearbox are not supplied. Boiler backhead fittings, bogie spring, brake

cylinder and all cast fittings are available from Laurie Griffin (www.lgminiatures.co.uk).

Availability: Lochgorm Kits. **Tel:** 01542 886714. **Web**: www.lochgormkits.co.uk



↑ The Scottish equivalent of the LBSCR 'Terrier'! Drummond 'OP' 0-4-4T No. 55053 awaits departure © from Dornoch for The Mound in July 1955. T.J. EDGINGTON/ COLOUR-RAIL



DAPOL'S WEE 'SCOTSMAN'



Dapol is to cover almost the entire history of celebrity Gresley 'Pacific' *Flying*

Scotsman. Three new train packs feature the locomotive as LNER 'Al' No. 4472, BR green 'A3' No. 60103 and as-preserved 'A3' No. 4472. Each pack contains four suitably liveried coaches and is available as analogue or digital versions.

To complement the packs, Dapol is to produce two standalone 'Scotsman' models as 'A10' No. 103 in wartime black, as well as 'A3' No. 60103 in BR Express Blue. All versions should be available during the summer from Dapol stockists.

Gimme back my bullet

Sparmax has expanded its Silver Bullet range of airbrush moisture traps, with the introduction of the Silver Bullet Plus. It features a ½in BSP female outlet, a built-in bleed valve, a spring-loaded drain valve and a full-size 5-micron filter.

Availability: www.airbrushes.com

Distribution deal

Bachmann Europe is now the British trade distributor for Turkish tools and accessories manufacturer Proses. This follows the appointment of Bachmann America and Bachmann Germany as American and European trade distributors in 2015 and 2014 respectively.

Web: www.bachmann.co.uk/proses.php

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The Airbrush Company has announced the launch of the Sparmax ARISM Viz Compressor. The small 100-240V airbrush compressor retails at £180 (including AC adapter), or £240 with battery and charger. The battery and charger can also be purchased separately.

Availability: www.airbrushes.com

HST delayed

Some logistical issues have forced the postponement of our planned 'HST 40' issue until later in the year. *Model Rail* apologises for any disappointment caused.

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Q: What scored highest in this month's trio of 'N' gauge locomotive reviews?

A. Graham Farish '64XX' 0-6-0PT B. Dapol 'Schools' 4-4-0 C. Graham Farish '4MT' 2-6-4T





IF YOU DON'T WIN...

The International N Gauge Show, supported by Model Rail, is a must for all 'N gaugers'. It takes place at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, near Leamington Spa, on September 10/11, and over 30 layouts are booked to attend, along with considerable trade support. Advanced tickets are available from www.ngaugeshow.co.uk

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GRAHAM FARISH

4XX'0-6-0PT

Farish's version of the '64XX' is a masterpiece in miniature. But, as **CHRIS LEIGH** argues, size matters - particularly when it comes to the price tag.

PRODUCT

Graham Farish 371-986 Collett '64XX' O-6-OPT No. 6417, BR unlined black early emblem; 371-987 '64XX' No. 6412, BR lined green late emblem





REGION

Western AVAILABILITY Farish stockists USE WITH

Forthcoming Farish autocoach

PRICE PRICE

e've already seen
Bachmann Branchline's
Western Region
autotrain in 'OO', with
the '64XX' O-6-OPT and Hawksworth
Autocoach. Now it's time to examine
the Graham Farish version of the little
Collett '64XX'; an 'N' gauge
Hawksworth Autocoach will follow.

We received two '64XXs' for review, one in BR plain black and the other in fully-lined green, which was carried by a few examples in their final years.

It follows the company's usual style, having a moulded plastic body with a metal weight inside the tanks and smokebox area, on a metal and plastic chassis. Even so, the '64XX' model weighs just under one ounce, but the real locomotive was generally found with a maximum of four coaches, but more usually with just one or two.

As we have come to expect from Graham Farish, the '64XX' is accurately dimensioned and crisply moulded, and it really looks the part. It really is modern 'N' gauge at its best - a far cry from the old die-cast '57XX' which came out of the Poole factory. That doesn't mean there are no compromises, but overall it looks like the prototype. Our samples have some later features, notably the top-feed, which was a post-war addition to most members of the class, and the tall

whistle shield. It has the slight overhang to the front of the cab roof, which was a feature of early examples.

LATER CONDITION

Bachmann has apparently chosen to model a 'typical' member of the class in later condition, presumably based on one of the preserved examples. It is undeniably a goodlooking model and I can find little fault with it. There are compromises, such as the lack of some details on the footplate top. The grab rail above the front footstep is missing, as it was on the 'OO' model, but the spare lamp irons beside the middle splasher are represented, and they weren't on the 'OO' version.

The all-important front 'face' of the locomotive is well captured and actually looks more convincing than it did on the 'OO' model.

Our samples depict versions with top-feed and with the curved cab-to-bunker corner. The top-feed is a separate fitting, but its associated pipework is moulded as part of the body. As it is so tiny it should not be difficult to remove in order to back-date the model. However, it should be remembered that the autocoach which

Bachmann is producing to run with this locomotive dates from 1951 and, therefore, the locomotive is modelled to match the same period. Preserved 1951 autocoaches in GWR livery are erroneous.

The cab is glazed and has some very neat bars on the rear glazing. This was

to prevent coal from breaking the glass. Blackened metal buffers are fitted and, inevitably, the large Rapido couplers which are the bane of 'N' gauge modelling.

The rear of the bunker carries representations of the four brackets for the fire irons, and the bunker is neatly 'coaled'.

COMPACT MOTOR

The model has blackened metal driving wheels and coupling rods, with the drive transferred through a brass worm and nylon gear tower onto the centre axle from a very neat little can motor. The chassis is a sophisticated split-frame arrangement with the axles running in phosphor-bronze bearings which provide the electrical pick-up.

This provides a friction-free current collection system. A small circuit board is mounted at cab floor level and a six-pin decoder socket is provided. A right-angled six-pin decoder will fit directly into

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Exquisite little locomotive that looks good and runs well.

Some small details omitted, price.

this just below side window level.

On test our sample was smooth and almost silent in operation, straight from the box. The '64XX' does not need to perform prodigious haulage feats. In service, these locomotives normally worked with an autocoach or two, or as an 'engine sandwich' between two pairs of autocoaches. The '64XX' handled four coaches without any problem and ran well, propelling two and pulling two as an 'engine sandwich' up and down the 1-in-30 and 1-in-60 inclines of our new test track.

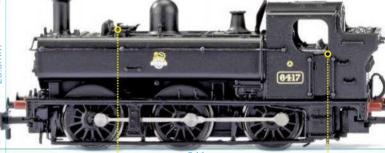
The Farish '64XX' is a pretty little tank locomotive which looks good and runs well. I have marked it down on value for money simply because, at a shade under £100, it breaks new ground in being more expensive than its '00' counterpart. I accept that 'N' gauge assembly is more fiddly than '00' and may, therefore, take longer. But this is a model with fewer separate parts, too. It is time to ponder what we are actually getting for our money.

In the meantime, this is a great little locomotive for a branch line layout.

'N' gauge modellers will love it!



FARISH '64XX' 0-6-0PT



Separately fitted top-feed

Finely moulded window rails



Six-pin DCC socket

Fine spoked wheels



NEM pockets front and rear



GRAHAM FARISH '64XX' 0-6-0PT

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OVERVIEW	
Manufacturer	Bachmann
Ref. No.	371-986/371-987
Unit Nos.	6417/6412
Scale/gauge	1:148 9mm 'N'
Body	Plastic/metal
Chassis	Metal/plastic
Weight	28g
Min. curve radius	R1 (228mm)

ELECTRICS	
Electrical system	12V DC two-rail
Motor type	Small can
Lights?	No
DCC ready?	Six-pin socket

MECHANISM	
Drive system	Brass worm and nylon gears to middle axle
Flywheel(s)	No
Traction tyres	No

SEKAICING			
How to dismantle		Screw und	der chassis
Where to oil		See in	structions
DIMENSIONS	PROTOTYPE	1:148 SCALE	MODEL

DIMENSIONS	PROTOTYPE	1:148 SCALE	MODEL
Length over buffers	31ft 1in	64mm	64.1mm
Height	12ft 215/16in	25mm	25.3mm
Width	8ft 7in	18mm	17.5mm
Wheel diameter (driving)	4ft 71½in	9.8mm	9.6mm
Wheelbase	14ft 8in	30.5mm	31.1mm
Wheel back-to-back	-	-	7.4mm

FIRST REVIEW

PRODUCT

Graham Farish 372-535 BR '4MT' 2-6-4T No. 80027, **BR lined black**







PERIOD 1952-1956

REGION ScR

AVAILABILITY Bachmann stockists

USE WITH

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PRICE rrp £119.95

Looks

Performance Features

Decoration Value for money

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 RATING **92%**

Pretty much

everything!

No recess for tablet exchange apparatus, otherwise nothing of note.

ust what have they been putting into the water at Bachmann's Barwell headquarters? Whatever it is. it's certainly having an amazing effect on Graham Farish models!

No sooner had the superb little '64XX' landed in the office than we received the BR '4MT' 2-6-4T. And it too is an absolute corker.

The '4MT' was one of the Poole-era Graham Farish's better models. It was good, but it was only a matter of time before it was replaced by a '4MT' was produced to modern standards. That model is here, and it really is a beauty.

The 2-6-4T was, arguably, the most stylish of all the BR Standards. It was based on the LMS Fairburn 2-6-4T, but BR's design team gave it gently curving tank and cab sides in order to maximise its route availability. Farish's designers have done a sterling job in replicating those subtle curves, particularly under the tanks and bunker.

It looks right and compares well to diagrams and photographs in volume 3 of the RCTS' British Railways Standard Steam Locomotives. Only the steampipes look a little undernourished, and the smokebox door could perhaps be a little more dished, but that's about it. You can also see the six-pin DCC socket through the large cabside windows. If these are the biggest gripes, then you know you've got a very good model on your hands!

BUILD QUALITY

There's lots of really fine detail throughout and some of it looks quite delicate, but it withstood gentle handling without any mishaps. Some of the detail is particularly exquisite; the

lifting eyes on the tank tops actually have holes in them!

We received No. 80027 in lined BR black with the original 'cycling lion' emblem. This locomotive was a Scottish machine throughout its life. going new to Polmadie shed in January 1952, where it stayed until withdrawal in November 1966 (apart from a two-year stint at Eastfield between December 1962 and December 1964). Accordingly, No. 80027 has a 66A (Polmadie)

shedplate. However, it doesn't

have the recessed panel under the left-hand cabside windows where tablet exchange apparatus was fitted to all '4MTs' allocated new to Scotland.

Under the skin, the '4MT' has all the usual refinements. As well as the six-pin decoder socket, it features NEM coupler pockets front and rear and the sophisticated split chassis arrangement, plus the same

'4MTs' were good performers, and the same is true of the model. Straight from the box, No. 80027 handled 11 Graham Farish

coreless motor, as the '64XX'.

Six-pin DCC

socket.

coaches with ease around our test track, coping admirably with the Peco Setrack Code 80 pointwork. It managed four coaches up the 1-in-60 gradient and, to its credit, a trio of bogie coaches over the 1-in-30. The only thing worthy of comment is that the injector pipework on our sample caught on the pointwork, leading to a derailment.

The retail price of £119.95 might raise some eyebrows, but you have to regard the '4MT' as a tender-less 'Pacific'. Factor in the beautiful detail, and it suddenly seems pretty good value.

Norfolk was probably the only county where '4MT' 2-6-4Ts didn't regularly appear, so there's little excuse for not running one - or a handful - on your layout! Highly recommended. (RF)











SEE IT IN ACTION

Visit http://y2u.be/jd4XA6-K5fs to see the '4MT' on our test track.



GRAHAM FARISH '4MT' 2-6-4T

OVERVIEW	
Manufacturer	Graham Farish by Bachmann
Ref. No.	372-535
Unit No.	80027
Scale/gauge	1:148 scale, 9mm gauge 'N'
Body	Plastic
Chassis	Metal with plastic parts
Weight	59g
Min. curve radius	R2 (263.5mm)

ECTRICS	
Electrical system	12V DC two-rail
Motor type	Coreless
Lights?	No
DCC ready?	Six-pin socket

MECHANISM	
Drive system	Worm drive to centre driving axle
Flywheel(s)	No
Traction tyres	No

SERVICING	
How to dismantle	See instructions
Where to oil	Factory lubricated; instructions suggest further lubrication after running-in
DIMENSIONS	PROTOTYPE 1:148 SCALE MODEL

DIMENSIONS	PROTOTYPE	1:148 SCALE	MODEL
Length over buffers	44ft 9%in	92.3mm	92.1mm
Height	13ft Oin	26.8mm	26.7mm
Width over cylinders	8ft 9¼in	18mm	18.2mm
Wheel diameter (driving)	5ft 8in	11.6mm	11.6mm
Wheel diameter (pony)	3ft Oin	6.2mm	6.1mm
Wheel diameter (bogie)	3ft Oin	6.2mm	6.1mm
Wheel back-to-back	-	-	7.5mm





Subtle profile re-created



New split Powerful chassis coreless motor





FIRST REVIEW

DAPOL'S **'SCHOOLS' 4-4-0**

MODEL

Dapol 2S-002-004 SR 'Schools' 4-4-0 No. 910 Merchant Taylors, SR Maunsell





PERIOD 1932-1948

REGION Southern

AVAILABILITY Dapol stockists or

www.dapol.co.uk **USE WITH**

Dapol Maunsell coaches

rrp £142.07

Looks Performance Features Decoration

t makes absolute sense for a model manufacturer to offer you a complete train, and that's something that Dapol has done well since its 'N' gauge rebirth in 2004. In 2012, having focused on the Western and Eastern Regions, it turned its attention to the Southern, announcing its plan to add Richard Maunsell's fabulous 'Schools' 4-4-0 and complementary Maunsell coaches to its range.

The coaches arrived in 2015 (MR208) and with every show that Dapol attended, the 'Schools' seemed to get closer and closer to release. Finally, in early July, a production Dapol 'Schools' arrived in the Model Rail office.

So what's it like? Dapol's previous 'N' gauge steam locomotive was the GWR 'Grange', and it was marred by incorrect detail combinations along with some shape and painting issues. Thankfully, it appears that the 'Schools'

The 'Schools' was arguably Richard Maunsell's finest design for the Southern Railway. On paper, it was a bit of a mongrel, combining a shortened 'King Arthur' boiler with a 4-4-0, three-cylinder version of the 'Lord Nelson' 'bottom end'. In practice, it was a fabulous machine, loved by crews and boasting a prodigious haulage capability. It was a fitting finale to the 4-4-0 wheel arrangement in Britain.

> We received No. 910 Merchant Taylors in what the Railway Correspondence & Travel Society's Locomotives of the Southern Railway Vol. 1 calls 'Maunsell sage green'. The first ten

'Schools' were built in 1930. Merchant Taylors was the first of the remaining 30, delivered between December 1932 and July 1935.

Detail differences between the batches appears to be minimal: No. 910's tender was the first to

include lockers either side of the coal hole. Photographic evidence suggests that the first ten had their cab windows positioned closer to the cabside crease than Nos. 910-939. Dapol has modelled these details correct to No. 910.

This is a good-looking model. The shape and proportions are well captured, especially that distinctive cab with its inward sloping side sheets (designed to fit the restricted Hastings route loading gauge). Dimensions seem to match published drawings.

There's lots of separately fitted detail to catch the eve, along with the fine wheel profiles. The motion is some of the finest offered in 'N' gauge so far. Unlike its recent GWR models, Dapol has given the 'Schools' spoked tender wheels, which replaced disc wheels on the prototype.

There are a couple of issues, however. The dome profile isn't correct (the sides are too steep) and there should be some additional platework under the driver's side running plate.

FACE OFF

The real issue is with the face. The smoke deflectors are commendably thin, but the smokebox between them is not quite right. It appears that the door ring is a fraction too thin, and while the door does feature the slight conical centre, it isn't pronounced enough. The big problem is that the separately fitted handrail is too big,





which spoils the look. And that isn't helped by the further use of green handrail knobs! A finer, moulded item would probably improve matters

FLAWED FINISH

Painting and lettering has been Dapol's Achilles Heel in the past, and the 'Schools' is no exception. Generally speaking, the finish is pretty

SOUTHERN 9 0

The original plan was to name the class after either towns or cities, but among the objections was the comparison to the GWR's 'City' 4-4-0s. It was Eastleigh's chief draughtsman who suggested naming the class after public schools.

good. The 'sage' green looks about right, and the white and black lining is very fine. The etched name plates are a neat finishing touch, as is the exquisitely printed cabside plate. However, it's let down by the lettering, as the weight and size of 'Southern' is a little on the skinny side, and the numbers and letters have black shading. Black and white photographs, Southern Railway promotional literature and preserved vehicles suggest that both were unshaded. Despite this, the 'Schools' still looks the part.

There's a big question mark hanging over Dapol's continued use of an ageing drive system. If you're not familiar with this, the 'Supercreep' motor and six-pin DCC socket are housed in the tender and the tender wheels collect the current. However, the driving wheels drive the model, power being transferred between motor and gearbox via a shaft that fills the footplate.

OLD SCHOOL

This system was a product of necessity. It used to be the only way to produce accurately shaped 'N' gauge steam locomotives and still deliver the necessary performance. But technology has moved on, and Graham Farish, Dapol's great 'N' gauge rival, has perfected the method for getting those motors inside the locomotive

DAPOL 'SCHOOLS' 4-4-0

VERVIEW	
Manufacturer	Dapol
Ref. No.	2S-002-004
No.	910
Scale/gauge	1:148 scale, 9mm gauge 'N'
Body	Plastic
hassis	Metal with plastic parts
Veight	61g
lin. curve radius	R2 (263.5mm)

ELECTRICS	401/ D.C
Electrical system	12V DC two-rail
Motor type	Dapol 'Supercreep'
Lights?	No
DCC ready?	Six-pin socket

MECHANISM	
Drive system	Drive shaft through cab to gearbox
Flywheel(s)	No
Traction tyres	Yes

How to dismantle	Prise tender top off chassis.
	Otherwise see instructions.
Where to oil	Factory lubricated; instructions
	suggest further lubrication after running in.

DIMENSIONS	PROTOTYPE	1:148 SCALE	MODEL
Length (over buffers)	58ft 9¾in	121mm	122.9mm
Height	13ft Oin	27mm	27.9mm
Width (over cylinders)	8ft 6½in	18mm	19mm
Wheel diameter (driving)	6ft 7in	14mm	14mm
Wheel diameter (bogie)	3ft 1in	6.4mm	6.5mm
Wheel diameter (tender)	4ft Oin	8.2mm	8.4mm
Wheel back-to-backs	-	-	7.6mm

bodies without the visual intrusion.
That said, the 'Schools' performed well on our new test track. It was smooth and powerful straight from

the box, and handled 11 bogie coaches over the 1-in-60

and 1-in-30 gradients
with absolute ease.
It could have
pulled more, but
we ran out of
coaches! It also
performed well
through tight
and complex
pointwork.

pointwork.
Our No. 910
suffered a slightly
alarming fault,
though. The rear

fireman's side crankpin worked itself loose and became wedged in the injector pipework so the whole thing locked up. This might be an isolated incident, but it would be wise to give the pins a quick tighten with the supplied tool before you start to run yours.

Speaking of 'supplied', you get two bags of bits. One includes spare traction tyres, while the other includes replacement crank pins, a spare driveshaft, power connecting leads plus painted front footsteps and fine three-link couplings.

Despite one or two issues, the 'Schools' is a neat little model, and when it's paired with Dapol's excellent Maunsell coaches, it makes a great looking Southern train that should please SR fans. The 'Schools' paves the way for Dapol's promised Bulleid 'Pacifics' - we can't wait! (RF)



etched plates, fine wheels and motion. 'Face'. dome

shape, shaded numbers and letters, loose crankpins.









































WHAT IS NEXT 18?

By Richard Foster

Bachmann made a big song and dance in announcing that Next18 decoders would become the new standard in 'N' gauge and smaller 'OO' models. Already popular on the continent, DCC aficionados may have shared Bachmann's enthusiasm, but those of us who have yet to fully embrace the world of digital control were left wondering why it was such a big deal.

That was my view. Even after re-reading the press release several times - and having the principles behind Next18 explained to me-I still couldn't get my head around it. The arrival of the 'V1/V3' meant that I could see Next18 for myself... and

I immediately saw its benefits.

Next18 looks nothing like a conventional DCC socket. There are no pin headers and sockets. Instead you get a miniature 'board to board' connector - and I do mean miniature - but despite its size. connecting and disconnecting is straightforward. This means that a Next18 decoder - available from the likes of Lenz, Uhlenbrock and, of course, Bachmann - plugs directly into the socket.

The big bonus is that Next18 makes installing lights and sound so much easier. You don't need to worry about fixing speaker wires to decoders or anything like that.

Under the socket is a circuit board with black terminals clearly marked for positive and negative speaker

terminals (and the same for lights). To fit sound into the 'V1/ V3', you just buy a sugar cube speaker to the specification stated on the instructions and solder the terminals to the circuit board, pop on a Next18 decoder and you're in business. This will enable even the smallest models to benefit from light and sound.

Now I understand why Next18 is such a big deal!





replacements are much more accurate, typical of a modern Bachmann product. The motion is iust as refined.

There's an NEM pocket mounted on the pony truck, while the rear pocket is attached to the main frame. The rear wheelset is held in a pivoting, sprung pocket inside the frame and has lots of lateral and vertical movement. As you can see from the results on our test track, the new mechanism, with its five-pole motor, performed beautifully.

There's no doubting that Bachmann's designers have done a great job of marrying old and new technology, and the model is well executed. But the big question is whether revamping such models is worth it. There are, arguably, too many issues in using an old piece of tooling.

The original model was designed to cater for key shape differences, such as those locomotives with hopper bunkers and the later style of straight steam pipes. At the time, this would have been at the forefront of model technology but that technology has moved on. In the meantime, the 'V3' is left with a really ugly seam on the rear of the bunker, and the coal rails aren't aligned properly.

There are prominent gaps around the steam pipes as they don't sit flush against the smokebox, nor the running plate. Speaking of gaps, there's also quite a gap between the cab roof and the bunker. If re-using

'V3' ON TEST

How did 'V3' No. 67646 cope with our test track? It was smooth and quiet straight from the box and coped with our tight complex of sectional pointwork. diamond crossings and even first radius curves (for which it's not recommended), with ease. Slow-speed running was excellent - it didn't stall on our curved cross-over, which is formed from insulated-frog curved points.

Test	Max. load
Level track	13
1-in-30 incline	4
1-in-60 incline	7

old tooling allowed costs to be kept a bit lower, these niggles would be just that - little niggles. But the manufacturing costs are still high, regardless of the age of the tooling, and you start to begrudge these issues when spending just shy of £130 on a model.

This gripe aside, the 'V3' is still a good model, and Bachmann's lining, lettering and BR emblems enhance it no end. Given the work that has gone into overhauling the 'V1/V3', if you want one, this mechanically reborn option is the one to go for. (RF)

BACHMANN 'VI/V3' 2-6-2T

OVERVIEW	
Manufacturer	Bachmann Branchline
Ref. No.	31-614
Unit No.	67646
Scale/gauge	1:76 scale, 16.5mm gauge 'OO'
Body	Plastic
Chassis	Metal with plastic parts
Weight	278g (9.8oz)
Min. curve radius	R2 (438mm)

ELECTRICS	
Electrical system	12V DC two-rail
Motor type	Five-pole skew-wound
Lights?	No
DCC ready?	Next18 socket

CURRENT CONSUMPTION	
Max. speed	0.3V
Stalled	0.4V

MECHANISM	
Drive system	Worm drive to centre driving axle
Flywheel(s)	No
Traction tyres	No

SERVICING	
How to dismantle	Remove screw between
	trailing driving axle and rear truck
Where to oil	Factory lubricated; instructions suggest
	further lubrication after running in

DIMENSIONS	PROTOTYPE	1:76 SCALE	MODEL
Length over buffers	42ft 01/4in	168mm	167mm
Height	12ft 115%in	52mm	53mm
Width (over cylinders)	9ft Oin	36mm	34.9mm
Wheel diameter (driving)	5ft 8in	23mm	22.6mm
Wheel diameter (pony)	3ft 2in	12mm	12.5mm
Wheel diameter (trailing)	3ft 8in	14mm	14.6mm
Wheel back-to-back	-	-	14.6mm

SEE IT IN ACTION

Visit http://y2u.be/C6hj4Ebb 840 to see how the 'V3' performed on Model Rail's test track.





MIDLAND PULLMAN-DELUXE EDITION

PRODUCT

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PERIOD 1960s

REGION LMR

AVAILABILITY Graham Farish stockists

rrp £399.95

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f you missed it the first time round, Graham Farish has produced a second run of the six-car Metro-Cammell 'Midland Pullman' in original condition and livery. The original version was reviewed in *Model Rail* in February 2013 (MR178) and the model itself is just as it was upon its initial release. This time, the car numbers are those previously offered by Farish in the 'custard-dip' yellow-ended livery; now they're produced in the original livery.

Unlike its 'OO' counterpart, the 'N' gauge blue Pullman has no lighting or electrical pick-ups on the trailer coaches, and is fitted with conventional Rapido 'N' gauge couplers. The twin power cars have direction-controlled head and tail lights.

What's different this time around is how the Midland Pullman is offered. The trains are 'N' gauge so you may be confused by the size of the packaging. However, the reason for the bulk is because there's a rather nice A3-size canvas inside with that delightful box art on it

There are more goodies the further you delve: a copy of Kevin Robertson's book *Midland Pullman - An Illustrated Journey*, a reproduction menu and wine list (which also offers a selection of cigarettes and high tea for 10s 6d) plus a pack of figures.

GO FIGURE

The six figures depict standing crew members waiting to board the train. Two stewards are modelled in a classic, 'stand at ease' pose, while a third is greeting passengers and the fourth is lifting a heavy case. The guard and driver are in modelled in standard uniform.

Bachmann's Colin
Allbright and
I discussed the
choice of uniform
before the figures
were produced
and we felt that it
was more usual to
see drivers in
standard uniform tha
the much-disliked 'ice

cream man' white coats, which only came out for press events and special occasions. The figures are exquisitely painted, with the ties and blue collars of the stewards' jackets neatly picked out. The figures are currently only available in this train pack. (CJL)



FOR THE ARMCHAIR MODELLER...

Steam on Merseyside... and Beyond

by David Bryant and John Bannon **Price: £38.95**

Availability: Thirty Nine Associates. **Web:** *www.thirtynineassociates.com*

A weighty, coffee table-style album crammed with fantastic, mostly unseen images of BR steam operations between 1955-68. Focusing on Liverpool, the Wirral and surrounding areas, the photographs are interspersed with personal accounts from railwaymen, as well as articles detailing the many routes, stations, sheds and depots that once littered the area. Indeed, the first in-depth study of the iron ore workings from Bidston Dock is worth the cover price alone, showing the distinctive hopper wagons employed (very similar to the famous ICI limestone hoppers soon to appear in 'OO' gauge from Hatton's). With a foreword by Pete Waterman, this is a treasure trove of modelling inspiration. (GD)

European Railways

by Peter Marriott
Price: £19.99

Availability: Crowood Press.

Tel: 01672 520320.

Web: www.crowood.com

Model Rail's scenic guru Peter Marriott has penned a lavishly illustrated guide to modelling continental European railways. With its modern slant, there's plenty of practical advice on research, track, scenery construction, creating catenary systems and adding those finishing touches to bring your layout to life. (GD)



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by John L. Fox

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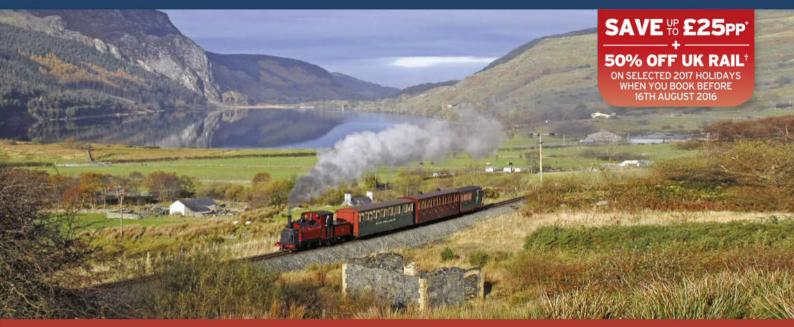
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A veritable bible for the modern image wagon enthusiast, this comprehensive book features clear, concise scale drawings of a wide variety of UK-operated freight rolling stock from the past 50-odd years. From bang-up-to-date aggregate wagons to 1960s-era tank wagons, there's plenty here to inspire detailing, scratchbuilding, kit-bashing or RTR conversion projects for years to come.

Nuclear flasks and carriers, intermodal flats, hoppers, automotive wagons and internationally registered vans and opens are all here, and the plans are complemented by colour images and brief prototype descriptions. Reproduced mostly to 4mm scale, the plans can be readily converted to any other scale using the conversion ratios provided. All you need is a calculator! (GD)





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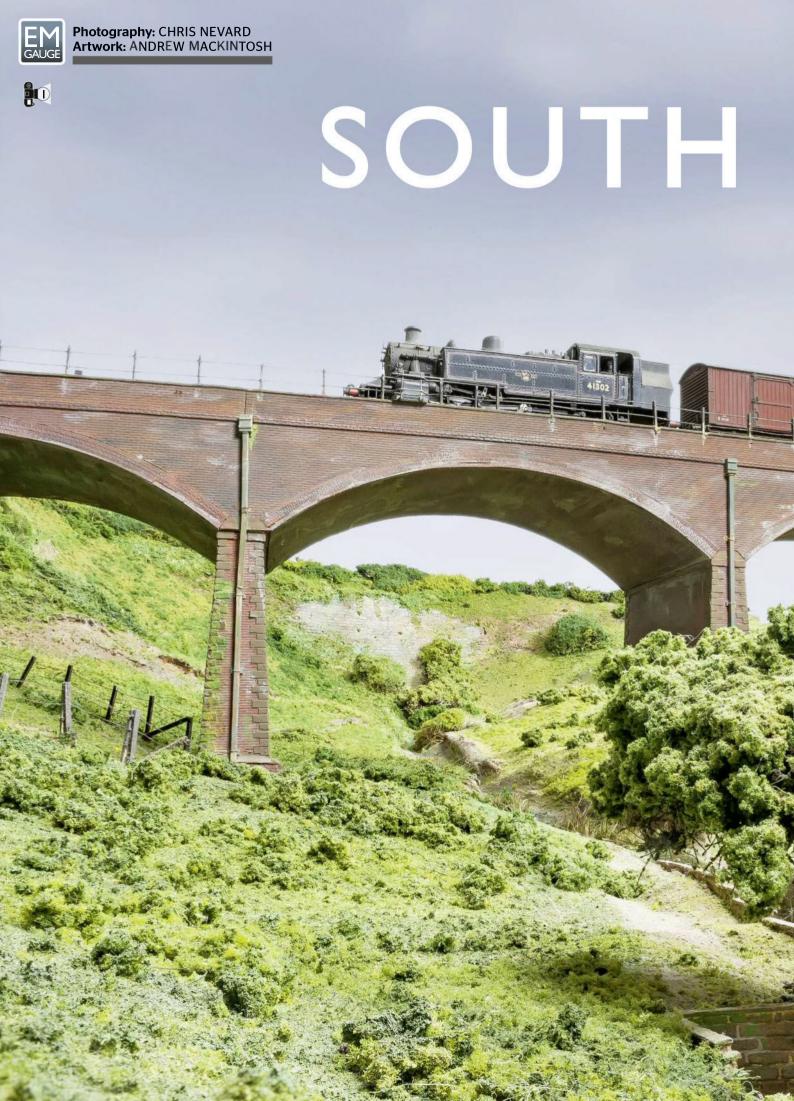
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JUNCTION

Yeovil MRG's 'South Junction' has stood the test of time. But more importantly, so has the club. Founding member BOB ALDERMAN explains why.





nside the large converted chicken barn that the Yeovil Model Railway Group calls home, you'll find more hustle and bustle on club nights than the West Country-based club has ever seen during its 42-year history.

Membership is at an all-time high, and with the club's insistence on creating a happy and relaxed environment, it's easy to see why.

Head to the club's website (yeovilmrg.org) and you'll find a cheeky mission statement that sums up this longestablished light-hearted attitude: "Making the biggest layouts that will fit in our huge clubroom - since 1974."

The welcoming environment is working. Not only is YMRG enjoying a growth in membership, but it's attracting junior members, too.

These young members have already had a positive impact, stimulating an interest in the latest digital control technology - so much so that new projects are already under way.

But, standing as a proud permanent fixture, is 'South Junction', a relic of the club's history. This classic DC analogue layout is nearly 40 years old, but you'd be forgiven for thinking it was only finished yesterday. This is its story.

RELAXED APPROACH

"We've never taken ourselves seriously," says founding member Bob Alderman, as he discusses the Yeovil Model Railway Group's approach to the hobby.

The club has come a long way since its establishment in the 1970s. when members would meet in a small room situated within St Michael's Church Hall, Yeovil.

"In the beginning there were about six of us - some of them are still club members," says Bob. "The group really gelled, and there was no bickering."

'South Junction' itself portrays no specific place, or even a particular region.

Bob explains why: "Yeovil might be in the West Country, but (at the time) only two members originated from the area. As such, regional interests varied greatly. O

Right: Club member Peter Chapman weathered the carefully crafted 'EM' track using an airbrush.



scratchbuilt.

inspired by







"So we avoided depicting a specific location when building the layout. That way, most stock would still look right at home."

The absence of a main station was a deliberate decision to avoid tying the layout to one location - with the building imagined off-scene.

In fact, the only railway building on the layout is an etched brass signal box from Churchward Models. Bob chuckles as he admits: "Another member built the kit, but I painted it. That's why it ended up in London Midland Region colours."

KEEPING STOCK

'South Junction' is officially set post-Nationalisation, pre-1965, and the club owns historically appropriate stock reserved for the layout.

One of the more unusual pieces is a kit-built Sentinel 200hp 4wVBT. This delightful little shunter can be seen pottering about the industrial section of the layout.

Another prominent addition is the prototype *Deltic*.

"It was mine originally, but I have since donated it to the club," says Bob. "It's at the cruder end of the spectrum, an old Kitmaster plastic kit that Dapol re-released years ago.

"I scratchbuilt a mechanism to go inside it, but I could never get it to go fast enough - another member has since improved the running.

"Having said that, it works, and is still plodding about the layout today."

Long trains can be expensive, but YMRG has come up with an ingenious method of bolstering its rolling stock and affording its membership an interesting, annual competition.



The Chairman's Cup challenges club members to build an item of rolling stock from a kit selected by the club chairman (usually a wagon).

The best item of rolling stock is awarded the cup, but all entries are integrated into the club collection. Parkside Dundas 'O' gauge coal wagons were the subject of the 2016 Chairman's Cup, which was won by club member John Lewis.

Club layouts are mostly home to visiting stock from each member's personal collection.

And 'South Junction's' non-specific location and simple, looping track plan makes it the perfect layout for members to test their DC stock.

But with this recent influx of new blood, times have changed, as Bob has

observed: "When we built 'South Junction' it was largely home to steam stock. But, much like the real railway, it has changed over time. Nowadays, it's much more representative of the modern railway. For example, there's a Blue Pullman which runs occasionally, and even an HST under trial!"

The introduction of more modern image stock is largely attributed to the presence of the younger modellers.

Bob explains: "We now have junior members joining, and their parents are supporting their children's interest even if it isn't entirely shared."

At a time when many assume modelling to be a hobby that no longer appeals to the young, this is hugely encouraging. But the good news doesn't stop there: "At the moment, •

Above/Below: Both Bob and Peter Chapman weathered the length and breadth of 'South Junction', ensuring a clear sense of cohesion throughout.







the club is at its most active. More so, perhaps, than it's ever been," says Bob.

He explains that the club embraces its new younger demographic, and it's already influencing YMRG's future: "The younger club members raise our awareness of modern developments, and we're taking advantage of their knowledge and using it for future projects."

As such, the club is currently working on a new DCC layout.
Analogue control is the one downside to 'South Junction's' age.

"If I could change one thing about 'South Junction', I'd convert it to DCC. And the static elements, such as pointwork and lighting, would be servo-controlled, too."



BRIDGING THE GAP

At 29ft by 12ft, 'South Junction' is a sizeable layout of considerable length. This gives the club the opportunity to craft a variety of miniature environments: a built-up industrial area at the far right end, a track-heavy siding in the centre, and a large viaduct nestled among rolling, rural hills.

The imposing brick viaduct is arguably the centrepiece of the entire layout. Bob describes its construction: "The baseboard on which the viaduct sits is a table consisting of a single piece of chipboard as the base surface. It's the heaviest baseboard on the layout.

"The embankment has a base, but it's set at a higher level. The Slater's

Plastikard structure of the viaduct was built around the trackbed, which was fashioned from plywood atop suitable supports."

To achieve the convincing weathered finish, it was treated to a very specific method of paint application.

Bob explains: "When painting brickwork, we tend to use a palette of three or four suitable brick colours.

"The key is to allow the brush to pick up the varying shades and cover the brickwork in a fairly random fashion, allowing the colours to blend together.

"The mortar is enhanced with a white or dark grey wash. This is painted over the brickwork and then gently wiped away from the brick faces, but left to cure in the cracks."

BUILT TO LAST

'South Junction' looks remarkably fresh for a layout that dates back to 1978. And although it's seen its fair share of renovation throughout its near 40-year lifespan, its current state is partly due to the care and attention lavished on the original build.

"Everyone was tasked with doing what they were best at. You'd come in, do your bit and then step back to allow the next specialist to work on the layout. It worked well," says Bob.

with everyone mucking in and helping. However, those with a flair for a particular task would take on a key role. An example of the advantages of O

No club member was left idle,

Main and left: Bob highlights how structures in the countryside and town are weathered to reflect their surroundings. Industrial buildings appear grubbier, having been exposed to thick fumes and industrial grime.



LAYOUT SOUTH JUNCTION

this system is the weathering. Bob says: "The weathering was down to both myself and Peter Chapman it's something we have an eye for, and it gave the layout a uniform appearance."

The club strived for uniformity with the colour of the layout, too.

"All too often you see layouts covered in single flat colours, straight from the tin. That was something we tried to avoid," says Bob.

"Obviously, we'd use a predominant colour, but for the greenery, for example, we'd incorporate yellows, browns, and other shades of green, too.

"A real field or pasture has a huge range of colours, and it's the same with buildings."

Due to the layout's age, occasional repairs and replacements have been

necessary. The most recent building is a low-relief structure, positioned near the tunnel mouth.

This was a replacement for another building, which didn't exactly stand the test of time...

"The plastic card used to make the building lasted for around 15 years, but one day somebody brushed against it and it literally crumbled," says Bob.

Replacements aren't the only new additions to the layout - a series of signals have also been installed. Bob admits that signalling is a new venture for the club: "One thing we never really grasped was signalling, but we didn't start implementing it onto the layout until very recently.

"It now features a mixture of colour light and semaphore signals, most of which are now working." Bob says that junior members have great fun operating 'South Junction': "They like operating the trains, and they're very responsible about it. We don't have to supervise them - I show them once and off they go."

There really is something extraordinary about a layout that has existed for nearly four decades being used as a gateway to the hobby for youngsters and newcomers alike.

'South Junction' is more than just a layout, it epitomises the character of Yeovil Model Railway Group; enjoyment, friendship, ever-growing.

Above: This little barn was scratchbuilt from Slater's embossed Plastikard sheet, and weathered using the drybrush





Below: 'South
Junction' has
changed slightly
since it was first
built. Around four
feet of additional
baseboards have
been added to the
layout, and it's now
on its third
fiddleyard. Also,
the sewage works
was originally next
to the viaduct.

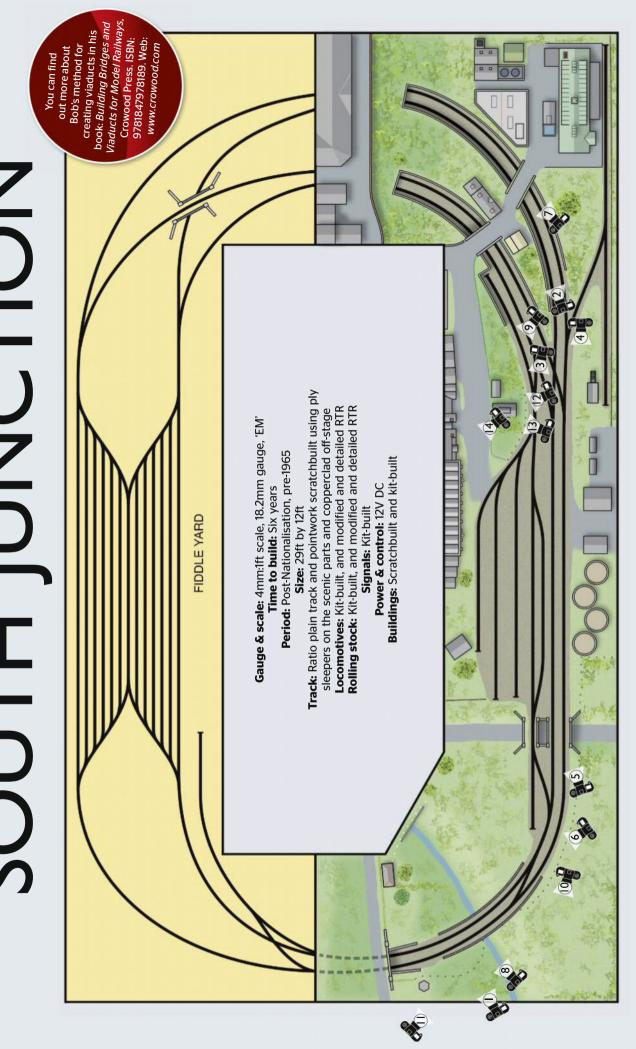




Above: The steeplejack figure demolishing the Scott & Co. chimney is a tribute to the late Fred Dibnah.



















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APART

The last Class 66 has been delivered to Britain, so **PIP DUNN** and **GEORGE DENT** show you how to get your modelling kicks from the saviour of British railfreight.



66779 Evening Star is the last Class 66 delivered to Britain and it wears a special livery to cement its place in railway history. The immaculate locomotive heads north on the East **Coast Main Line** near Helpston with a load of sand from Middleton Towers. near King's Lynn. on July 4. CHRIS NEVARD

ighteen years after its introduction, the Class 66 still divides opinion. Drivers like them, though many enthusiasts do not. But, as GBRf Managing Director John Smith told RAIL in 2014, the class "has completely transformed how rail freight operates in the UK".

Can you believe that it's been 20 years since US railroad operator Wisconsin Central bought five of the six British Rail shadow freight businesses that had been created in the run-up to privatisation? The first thing the company did - apart from create the brand English, Welsh & Scottish Railway (later the '&' was dropped) - was to order 250 all-new General Motors locomotives. This became the Class 66.

EMD's 710 two-stroke diesel engine and a control system already employed on Ireland's GM-built 201 Class, was squeezed into the Class 59 bodyshell. As they looked more or less identical to the '59s', and as all 250 carried the same livery - EWS red with a gold zig-zag stripe - Class 66s brought a bland, angular uniformity to a railway used to variety and style. And as they killed off the indigenous population of Class 31s, 33s, 37s, 47s, 56s, 58s, 73s and 86s, they were widely reviled by UK enthusiasts.

Class 66s were soon dubbed 'sheds' because their corrugated body sections can be removed and left standing like a shed! The first, 66001, arrived at Immingham in April 1998. All the others arrived at Newport.

But love 'em or hate 'em, the '66s' were here to stay. Freightliner followed suit with an initial order for five in 1998, and new kid on the block, GB Railfreight, launched its business with seven in 2001.

Over the years, Freightliner ordered small batches, eventually ending up with 106, while GBRf has also made many more orders - and acquired more



A picture is worth a thousand words - the only way to describe 66720's livery is to show it with a photograph! The striking colour scheme, designed by six-year-old Emily Goodman, was unveiled at the Nene Valley Railway's Wansford headquarters on July 3 2011. JON BENTON

from other operators - ending up with a fleet of 78. In 2003, Direct Rail Services joined the party with an initial ten locomotives, but eventually went on to order 34. Even now-defunct operator Fastline ordered five machines.

Here's the overall total - 485 different Class 66s have run on the UK's national network, though not all at the same time. There have been over 30 different major livery variations and very few places on the UK network (Oban and Pwllheli spring to mind) have not hosted a Class 66 at least once.

For nigh on the last two decades, the '66' has been the standard freight locomotive for most operators in the UK, and only now, with the recent arrivals of classes 68 and 70, has their total domination come to an end.

They have also proved popular elsewhere in the world.

European Union emissions regulations have effectively doomed the '66'. Their EMD engines don't meet EU category 3b standards, so Class 66 production has now ended. GBRf rushed through an order for 21 before the law changed and the final examples were delivered this year. To mark this momentous event, the final locomotive, 66779, was painted BR green, in tribute to BR's last ever steam locomotive, No. 92220 Evening Star.

That said, the prospects for the Class 66s are generally pretty good, and there is no likelihood of any of them being scrapped any time soon, and it's likely that current users will maintain their fleets for the foreseeable future.

One thing is sure, the '66' will probably be with us for more more years. And who knows - one day they may get to Pwllheli!



SUBCLASSES AND DETAIL DIFFERENCES

There are three main Class 66 variants: 'standard', 're-geared' and 'low emissions'. Most subclasses usually refer to the locomotives' users and are listed as follows:

Class 66/0: 250 operated by DB Cargo (formerly EWS and, latterly, DB Schenker).

Class 66/3: Five were delivered to Fastline Freight, but are now with DRS.

Class 66/4: 34 were ordered by DRS, but the first 20 are now no longer with the company (see Table 1).

Class 66/5: 99 ordered by Freightliner, all standard geared.

Class 66/6: 25 Freightliner locomotives, all fitted with lower gearing for slow speed running.

Class 66/7: 79 ordered by GBRf Class 66/8: Originally five ex-DRS Class 66/4s operated by Colas; now applied to the five ex-Freightliner '66/5s' in Colas' fleet.

Class 66/9: Seven low-emission models, ordered by Freightliner. Also note that the 66/5s are also low emission!

Confused? Well there's more! There are now examples of original and low emission machines in both the 66/5 and 66/7 subclasses!

IN DETAIL

There are numerous detail differences among the whole class. Let's start with the headlights.

66001-250 had standard Bmac light clusters and these were also fitted to 66501-537, 66601-606 and 66701-707. For deliveries beginning with 66538,



Want a '00' gauge Euro Cargo Rail Class 66? Turn to Page 106! new light clusters were fitted with bigger headlights. These were also fitted to 66401-420, 66538-581, 66607-622, 66708-727, 66951/952.

The lights were changed again to another version of Bmac LED lights and these were fitted to 66301-305, 66421-434, 66582-599, 66623-625, 66728-732, 66752-779 and 66953-957. Ex-German 66750/751 have similar, but noticeably, different light clusters

Low emission engines forced a change to the bodyside: 66951/952, 66301-305, 66401-434, 66585-599, 66623-625, 66718-732/747-749/752-779 and 66953-957 all have an extra bodyside door and a smaller fuel tank.

Several Class 66s have been fitted with Radio Electronic Token Block (RETB) signalling equipment. Initially, 66095/114 were adapted in 2000, and this led to the batch from 66095 to 66114 inclusive being fitted with it as well. The equipment has since been removed from some. GBRf 66733/735-737/743/746 also have RETB as they regularly work lines in Scotland, which use this system.

Another modification implemented on some DB Cargo 66s is a stop-start feature, whereby the engine shuts down after ten minutes of idling when stationary. The engine then restarts when the driver applies power. This has only been fitted to some of the fleet, and there is no visible difference, although locomotives do have a sticker on their cabsides to indicate they have this feature.

LOCOMOTIVES 'EXPORTED'

They have also proved popular elsewhere in the world; working in

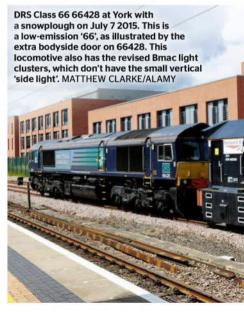


TABLE 1:	CLASS <u>66 USE</u>	R/NUMBER CH	ANGES		
Old No.	Initial user	New user	New No.	Next user	Notes
66301	Fastline	DRS			The state of the s
66302	Fastline	DRS			
66303	Fastline	DRS			
66304	Fastline	DRS			
66305	Fastline	DRS			
66401	DRS	GBRf	66733		
66402	DRS	GBRf	66734		Written off 06/12
66403	DRS	GBRf	66735		
66404	DRS	GBRf	66736		
66405	DRS	GBRf	66737		
66406	DRS	Advenza	66841	Colas	Now with GBRf
66407	DRS	Advenza	66842	Colas	Now with GBRf
66408	DRS	Advenza	66843	Colas	Now with GBRf
66409	DRS	Advenza	66844	Colas	Now with GBRf
66410	DRS	Advenza	66845	Colas	Now with GBRf
66411	DRS	Freightliner Poland			
66412	DRS	Freightliner Poland			
66413	DRS	Freightliner			
66414	DRS	Freightliner			
66415	DRS	Freightliner			
66416	DRS	Freightliner			
66417	DRS	Freightliner Poland			
66418	DRS	Freightliner			
66419	DRS	Freightliner			
66420	DRS	Freightliner			
66573	Freightliner	Colas	66846		
66574	Freightliner	Colas	66847		
66575	Freightliner	Colas	66848	177	
66576	Freightliner	Colas	66849		
66577	Freightliner	Colas	66850		
66578	Freightliner	GBRf	66738		
66579	Freightliner	GBRf	66739		
66580	Freightliner	GBRf	66740		
66581	Freightliner	GBRf	66741	1711	
66841	Colas	GBRf	66742	(ex-66406)	
66842	Colas	GBRf	66743	(ex-66407)	
66843	Colas	GBRf	66744	(ex-66408)	
66844	Colas	GBRf	66745	(ex-66409)	
66845	Colas	GBRf	66746	(ex-66410)	

LOST '66s'

Three '66s' have been withdrawn after accidents or derailments; DB Schenker's 66048, Freightliner's 66521 (replaced by 66554) and GB Railfreight's 66734 (replaced by 66779, which used its engine).

Sweden, Norway, the Netherlands, Germany, Egypt, France, Belgium, Poland and Luxembourg.

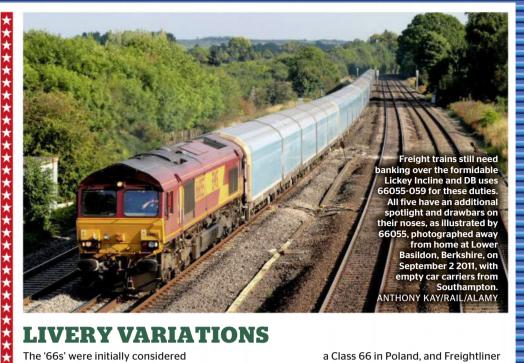
However, changing fortunes in the UK have led to British operators sending locomotives abroad. EWS relocated its first '66' (66215) to France in 200, then set about sending more locomotives abroad to work for its Euro Cargo Rail business. Some 60 have been relocated, and it was quite common for them to return to Toton depot for major maintenance, or to work Railhead Treatment Trains (RHTT) during leaf-fall season. However, ECR Class 66s rarely return to Toton for repairs these days.

ECR ordered 60 of its own Class 66s, numbered 77001-060, but these are not gauge-cleared to run in the UK and none have ever been here.

DB Polska was desperate for traction in 2010 and a glut of spare 66s led to 66146/153/157/159/163/166/173/ 178/180/189/196, 66220/227/237/248 moving to Poland. These have also worked into Lithuania.

Freightliner has also moved some '66s' to Poland, namely 66411/412/417, 66527/530/535/582-584/586, 66608/609/611/612/624/625. Freightliner Poland had already ordered seven locomotives directly for Poland and these were numbered 66001-007. The ex-UK '66/5s' were numbered 66008 onwards, whilst the four '66/6s' have been - confusingly - numbered 66601-608. None of the Polish Freightliner '66s' have ever returned to the UK so the fact they carry the same numbers as UK '66s' is not an issue.





LIVERY VARIATIONS

The '66s' were initially considered fairly nondescript thanks to their uniform liveries but things have changed in the last 15 years!

EWS red and gold was applied to 66001-250 from new, though DB Schenker red is now carried by 66001/058/097.66101/114/118/152/ 185/200. Of those DB locomotives moved to Poland, at least 66163/178/189, 66220/227/248 are in all-over DB Schenker red without vellow ends.

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Following the move from EWS to DB Schenker - and then DB Cargo - several retain EWS maroon and gold, but with DB cabside logos. After an initial flurry of repainting, 66002/053/088/098, 66114/155/156/172/197 all received this scheme. It seems to have halted, and there are still numerous EWS '66s' in their original livery, dating back to 1998-2000!

One DB Schenker locomotive was painted into a customer livery 66048 was outshopped in Stobart livery, similar to that carried by a couple of DRS Class 66s (see Page 40). Sadly, 66048 only worked one day in this livery - it was written off at Carrbridge on January 5 2010 - 28 miles into its inaugural Stobart journey. The derelict body, in plain black with wavy orange lines, is at Longport EMD, Stoke-on-Trent.

FREIGHTLINER

Freightliner's handsome green livery with yellow cabs was bestowed upon 66501-599, 66601-625 and 66951-957. Half of 66522 gained Shanks Waste livery, and 66623 appeared in a Bardon Aggregates blue livery, although it has now been de-branded with Freightliner logos on blue bodysides.

When Freightliner's new Class 70s arrived in the UK, they did so in a new version of the green and yellow colour scheme, known as 'Powerhaul livery'. This was first seen on

Below: The multiple working receptacle is fitted centrally on the cab front and the jumper cables are stored in the engine room. '66s' can also work in multiple with Class 59s, 67s, 70s and '73/9s', 66421 has the revised Bmac light clusters, which don't have the small vertical 'side light', MAR PHOTOGRAPHICS/ AI AMY

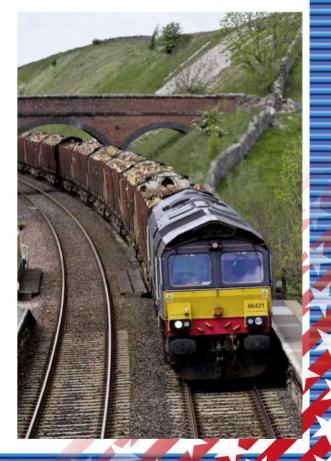
a Class 66 in Poland, and Freightliner Powerhaul (Poland) livery is now on 66411/412/417. However, in the UK. now in Freightliner Powerhaul livery are 66414/416/418/420, 66504/528, and more will follow.

Freightliner unbranded green has been spotted on 66601/612 while in use with their operator, but when 66738-741 moved to GBRf they spent varying times in debranded green, pending repaints into GBRf's livery.

DRS

The DRS fleet has been equally colourful. They were delivered in a new livery known as 'DRS

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Compass' and this was applied to 66401-434, from new and later on 66301-305. However, pictures of 66411 in this livery are rare, as when the locomotive arrived it was debranded, moved to Glasgow Works in its base blue livery and then reliveried using vinyls in the colours of logistics giant Eddie Stobart, albeit using blue rather the green seen on the company's lorries.

Later, 66414 was similarly treated, although there were subtle differences to the design. When DRS lost the contract for Stobart, both were de-branded and have run for Freightliner in this base blue. The livery on the three Stobart Rail '66s' -66048/411/414 - all differed.

Other ex-DRS '66s' have run in DRS unbranded blue when used by other operators, namely 66401-404/410/416/418/419/845.

DRS also applied Malcolm Group livery to three '66s' - 66405/412/434 - and again, all were different.

When DRS lost the Malcolm Group contract, 66434 had its vinyls removed and was left in plain DRS blue with white compass logos. In more recent times, DRS has set about re-liverying its entire Class 66 fleet into this plain DRS blue with white compass logos, and so far this has appeared on 66421-424/426/427/429-434 - just 66425/428 were waiting for this transition in July 2016, along with 66301-305.

GB RAILFREIGHT

Perhaps the most exciting fleet in terms of liveries has been the ever-growing GB Railfreight fleet. The



original orange and blue GB Railfreight livery was new on 66701-717, of which 66709 soon received Medite black with yellow and orange cabs (shades of Loadhaul!). It had MSC logos either side of Medite branding in capitals. Its nameplates were in yellow. It has been re-liveried again in April 2012 into another Medite livery featuring a graphic of an MSC container ship. 66709 was rebranded in Medite livery with black bodysides.

To celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002, 66705 was given a Union flag - it was, effectively, standard GBRf livery with its numbers removed and reapplied in black on Above: Some Freightliner '66s' look decidedly scruffy these days with large chunks of paint missing. 66572 sports the revised headlight arrangement with large, circular lights. ALVEY & TOWERS PICTURE LIBRARY/ ALAMY the cabsides, plus full flags on the bodyside. The flags have now been removed, but it retains its name.

To commemorate a new contract, Metronet livery was applied to 66718-722 - this being a similar blue and orange livery but in a much lighter blue. This livery is no longer carried.

When 66723-732 were delivered, GBRf was owned by First Group and these were delivered in First Group livery (First logos were also applied to many of the other GBRf Class 66s at the time). This livery has been removed from 66728-732, but is still carried by 66723-727 and will be removed in due course.



Right: All of DB Cargo's locomotives have cab 'wing' mirrors fitted, while 66003-250 have swing-head 'knuckle' couplers fitted. 66176 shows off both features at Treviscoe, with a load of china clay bound for Fowey, on July 2 2014.

MATTHEW CLARKE/ALAMY

Of the five Metronet locomotives. 66720 was re-liveried in 2011 featuring very striking, colourful artwork designed by six-year-old Emily Woodman. This is hard to describe in print, so see Page 35 for a photograph! 66718 carried a black livery featuring the Tube map, while 66721 is in a London Underground white livery - both these locomotives have graphics. 66719/722 are now in the revised version of GBRf livery - similar to the original livery carried by 66701-717, it is known as GB Europorte and is carried by 66702-708/710/712-717/719/722/728-778. In July 2016, just 66701/723-727 were still to be painted in this livery, which features curved orange borders at the cabs with a red stripe.

LIVERY TWEAKS

Other tweaks which have influenced the GBRf fleet include 66705, which had small black cabside numbers when its Union flag logos were applied in the space where the running number would have been. 66709 had large cabside numbers in its first Medite livery, and 66737 had the '37' part of its number in a much larger font after it was named *Lesia*.

When 66747-749 were acquired from the Netherlands they were in all-over grey (not too dissimilar to the old BR Departmental grey!) which they carried for some time before being painted into GBRf Europorte livery. Likewise, ex-German 66750/751 arrived in unbranded blue, and they were also duly repainted.

Other GBRf re-liveried locomotives have been 66711, in Aggregates Industries turquoise and silver (2015), 66743/746 in Royal Scotsman deep plum (2016). And, finally, the last of the class, 66779, was painted immediately after its construction, in 2016, in Brunswick Green and subsequently named *Evening Star* to commemorate being the last ever Class 66 built for the UK.

Other liveries seen on Class 66s in recent times have been Fastline Freight grey on 66301-305 and 66434, Advenza blue on 66841-844 (which looked very like BR blue with yellow cabside window frames) - and briefly Advenza unbranded blue on 66844 (which also ran for a period with First Group logos on its cabsides) and, finally, Colas Rail Freight orange, dark grey and yellow, first on 66841-845 - then renumbered 66742-746 when they passed to GBRf, and now on 66846-850. For a period, 66845 ran for periods in unbranded DRS blue with and without Colas logos.

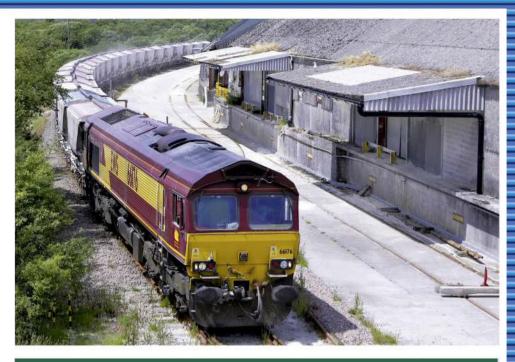


TABLE 2: CLASS 66 DELIVERIES						
No.	Class	Numbers	Current lessor	Delivered	Initial user	
250	66/0	66001-250	Angel Trains	1998-2000	EWS	
5	66/5	66501-505	Porterbrook	1999	Freightliner	
20	66/5	66506-525	Eversholt	2000	Freightliner	
6	66/6	66601-606	Porterbrook	2000	Freightliner	
12	66/5	66526-537	Porterbrook	2001	Freightliner	
6	66/5	66538-543	Eversholt	2001	Freightliner	
10	66/5	66544-553	Porterbrook	2001	Freightliner	
7	66/7	66701-707	Eversholt	2001	GBRf	
6	66/6	66607-612	Porterbrook	2002	Freightliner	
1	66/5	66554	Eversholt	2002	Freightliner	
12	66/5	66555-566	Eversholt	2002	Freightliner	
5	66/7	66708-712	Eversholt	2002	GBRf	
8	66/5	66567-574	Eversholt	2003	Freightliner	
10	66/6	66613-618	Eversholt	2003	Freightliner	
3	66/5	66575-577	Eversholt	2004	Freightliner	
2	66/9	66951-952	Eversholt	2004	Freightliner	
5	66/7	66713-717	Eversholt	2003	GBRf	
10	66/4	66401-410	Porterbrook	2003	DRS	
4	66/5	66578-581	Beacon Rail	2005	Freightliner	
10	66/6	66619-622	Eversholt	2005	Freightliner	
5	66/7	66718-722	Eversholt	2006	GBRf	
5	66/7	66723-727	Eversholt	2006	GBRf	
10	66/4	66411-420	Macquerie	2006	DRS	
3	66/5	66582-584	Eversholt	2007	Freightliner	
6	66/5	66585-590	Macquerie	2007	Freightliner	
4	66/5	66591-594	Macquerie	2007	Freightliner	
3	66/6	66623-625	Macquerie	2007	Freightliner	
10	66/4	66421-430	Macquerie	2007	DRS	
5	66/5	66595-599	Beacon Rail	2008	Freightliner	
5	66/5	66953-957	Beacon Rail	2008	Freightliner	
5	66/7	66728-732	Porterbrook	2008	GBRf	
4	66/4	66431-434	Macquerie	2008	DRS	
5	66/3	66301-305	Beacon Rail	2008	Fastline	
3	66/7	66747-749*	Beacon Rail	2012	GBRf	
2	66/7	66750/751*	Beacon Rail	2013	GBRf	
21	66/7	66752-772	GBRf owned	2014-15	GBRf	
7	66/7	66773-779	GBRf owned	2016	GBRf	



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Several Class 66s have been named and the nameplate styles used have varied. 66002/022/042 had plates in the EWS style with a narrower font, as also used on Class 67s.

But most use the standard BR font for their nameplates. 66618 also had small additional nameplates for the three different winners of a competition.

66723's *Chinook* nameplate is in the standard BR font but also featured a cut-out of a Chinook helicopter and three RAF squadron crests.

66172 and 66200 displayed their names in upper case in a non-standard font, 66503 had its nameplate in the same style as the magazine masthead of *The Railway Magazine* and 66593, 66731/744 nameplates were in the logo style of the companies after which they were named.

66715 Valour carries a shaped nameplate with the inscription 'In memory of all railway employees who gave their lives for their country' in upper case. It also carried separate square plaques with coats of arms to the left of the nameplates. 66716 had its second name in a circular wheel crest with 1911/2011 in the centre.

66725/726/729/736/738 have LNER-style curved nameplates as they



Above: Stobart Rail-liveried 66411 Eddie the Engine and 66414 James the Engine pilot DRS Class 37s 37682 and 37601 Class 37-'Fifty' pass Hest Bank on June 22 2010 with a Sellafield-Crewe nuclear flask train. PHIL METCALFE

Left: Some Class 66s have received LNER 'B17'-style football names, including 66738. The brass football is two-dimensional, to keep the locomotive within the loading gauge! PIP DUNN

are named after football clubs - Sunderland, Sheffield Wednesday, Derby County, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Huddersfield Town. These are in upper case with a football underneath them, albeit a flat ball rather than the spherical segments carried by the 'B17s' 4-6-0s, due to gauging constraints!

66779 has nameplates in the same style as BR's last steam locomotive, '9F' No. 92220. Those on 66739/741/757/763 also have the railways' crests incorporated in their nameplates.

66048/411/414 had their 'names' in transfers above the cab windows and on the cabsides under the windows.

Some '66s' have lost their names -66022/042, 66411/414, 66576/581, 66612, 66701 (twice) and 66720 - while 66002 and 66709/716 have been renamed.



Below: GBRf has taken over the prestigious Royal Scotsman land cruise contract from West Coast Railway Company, repainting 66743 into RS plum livery at Eastleigh Works. The immaculate 66743 stands in the yard on May 27. CARL WATSON



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HOW TO... DE-BRAND YOUR DB'SHED'!

GEORGE DENT tries his hand at 'filtering', as he strives to re-create the distinctive appearance of the ex-EWS Class 66s.

train operating companies constantly revamping their corporate images, the vast majority of DB Cargo's Class 66 fleet still retains the long-obsolete EWS livery. After nearly 20 years in service, the once-vibrant red and gold scheme has taken on a dull hue. Indeed, only the underframes and upper roof surfaces tend to retain the grimy deposits associated with the freight traction of yesteryear.

My main challenge, therefore, was to portray a characteristically careworn DB Class 66, utilising a Bachmann model already sporting EWS colours. Simply mucking it up with 'dirty' shades of paint wouldn't suffice, so an alternative tactic was necessary.

Instead, I decided to create my own 'filter' layer. I discovered this approach in military modelling magazines and

recently road-tested it, with modest success, on a couple of carriages. However, I'd yet to try it on a locomotive.

So what is a filter? Basically, it's a jar full of heavily thinned grey paint that is sprayed over the entire bodyshell. It may not sound scientific, but there's method in the apparent madness.

The point of the exercise is to add an ultra-thin layer of a neutral pigment onto the existing livery, which will act to tone down the vibrancy of the colours, without altering them excessively.

Grey is strictly a tone, rather than a colour, and is suitable for use over virtually any livery colour. Some degree of fine-tuning is possible, simply by adjusting the shade of grey. Lighter shades create more of a 'bleached', washed-out look, while darker shades impart a more sombre, grittier aspect.

There's a fine line to tread here between an effective filter and a grey locomotive, so a patient, cautious approach is essential, especially when attempting this technique for the first time.

To work effectively over the rich maroon livery, I opted for Tamiya XF-24 Dark Grey as the filter shade, thinned with the same brand's acrylic thinners. As the paint is thinned so heavily (approximately 25% paint to 75% thinner) the pigment only reveals itself on the model as the thinners evaporate. This can take several minutes and the delayed visual appreciation consequently makes it easy to over-egg the pudding.

Therefore it's essential to take things steadily, waiting before applying further filter coats. I trialed the mixture on a similarly coloured scrap model first, which revealed that I'd need three or four very light misted coats of the filter to get the effect I was after.

Applying the filter via an airbrush, with the air pressure set low, offers convenience and speed. The medium can also be applied by hand brush, in a similar manner to working with weathering washes, although creating visible brush strokes is a risk.

Furthermore, if working by hand, I'd opt for either thinned enamel or water-based acrylics, rather than the fast-drying Tamiya paints. Again, practising on a scrap model beforehand is recommended.

I'm really chuffed with how this '66' has turned out, not least as it allowed me to gain more confidence in a new technique. Don't we all feel like trying something new from time to time? Sometimes it's daunting to take a step into the unknown. But now and again, you simply have to go for it.



MODEL Bachmann Branchline Class 66/0

• **Price:** £149.95

AVAILABILITYBachmann stockists

DIFFICULTY

ESTIMATED TIME 20 hours TOOLS

- NEEDED • Knife
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Files
- End cutters
 Paintbrushes
- Cotton swabs
- Airbrush (optional)

The contrast between a fairly new EWS '66' and a more up-to-date re-creation is clear. A grey filter coat, applied by airbrush, gives the DB-branded 'Shed' a more worn appearance.



HOW TO: RE-CREATE A SHABBY DB 'SHED'



After removing the body and gently pushing out the cab glazing, the EWS markings can be removed with a little T-Cut and cotton swabs. Rub the surface gently, removing excess with the swabs.



After a few minutes, the printed markings will soften and can be wiped away. Keep swapping to a clean bud and don't press too hard. Keep the T-Cut away from other markings that are to be retained.



Buff away all traces of the T-Cut and leave overnight for the solvent to evaporate before masking up the gold stripes for a fresh lick of paint. Lightly coat with a white primer first.

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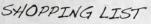
Once the paint is dry, remove the masking and tidy up any rough edges with a swab soaked in white spirit. An overall coating of gloss varnish is essential to blend in the new paintwork and prepare it for the decals.



Ready-made number sets are available, but I used individual digits to minimise the amount of carrier film. Brush Micro Set onto the surface before sliding the decals gently into place.



The DB logos are from Railtec. Cut the sheet carefully with sharp scissors, working close to the edges of the printed icons. For best results, apply a coat of acrylic clear satin varnish to seal the decals.



• F4977/5 EWS logo and number transfers. Fox Transfers. **Tel:** 0116 319 4950.

Web: www.fox-transfers.co.uk

- 2091 DB logos, two sizes. Railtec Models. **Web:** www.railtec-models.com
- Railmatch enamel paints: 255 EWS maroon, 256 EWS gold. Howes Models.
 Tel: 01865 848000.

Web: www.howesmodels.co.uk

 Lifecolor paints, pigments and brushes, Darkstar powders, Alclad2 primers and clear coats, airbrushes and accessories. The Airbrush Company.
 Tel: 01903 767800.

Web: www.airbrushes.com

 Micro Set, MIG weathering washes, Tamiya paints and thinners. Scale Model Shop. Tel: 01422 405040.

Web: www.scalemodelshop.co.uk



To add some characteristic texture to the exhaust assembly, a little dry pigment was mixed with suitable shades of acrylic paint and hand-brushed onto the moulding, using a flat brush and a stippling action.



With the air pressure set to 15psi and the airbrush about 6in away, the filter coat was misted over the entire body. Two light coats were applied initially and allowed to dry before deciding if more were necessary.



The lifting lugs on the left of the coupling hook were cut away with a sharp blade and the area painted roughly with white primer and yellow acrylic, before fitting the supplied detail parts.



Gently squeeze out the moisture from

dry naturally.

the corrugations. A soft brush also helps.

Apply a little more Micro Set and allow it to

beneath the decal, helping the film to sit into

To render the bright livery dull, suggesting a couple of decades at the mercy of the British weather, a thin filter was created using Tamiya XF-24 Dark Grey and thinners, mixed to a paint to thinner ratio of about 1:3.

WINGING IT

A prominent feature on ex-EWS '66's' is the cab 'wing' mirrors, yet they remain absent from RTR versions. Etched brass kits are available from PH Designs (www.phd-design-etchings.co.uk) and assembly was described in MR163. However, for this project, I fancied a quicker, simpler approach and fashioned

my own from scrap brass.

The mirror panes were offcuts of 2.5mm wide 10thou' brass, saved from the frets of

detailing components, while the brackets were formed from 0.9mm brass wire, filed to a square section. The two parts were soldered together, but could just as readily be glued and flush-mounted to the body, with either epoxy or cyano adhesives being suitable.

Once installed, they can be touched in with white primer and EWS maroon. They may lack a little finesse, but they look acceptable to me and have proved very resilient. Just make sure that they don't interfere with the re-fitting of the glazing.



A trio of Lifecolor acrylics - Matt Black, Track Dirt and Weathered Black - were mixed on a palette and thickened with Golan Dark Earth dry pigment, to create a textured, yet easily brushable coating.

A mix of acrylic and enamel paints was employed here with no compatibility issues. Just be sure that each layer has dried completely before applying a different formula.



The textured mix was carefully brushed onto the bogie frames, chassis frames and fuel tanks. Take the time to work the paint into all of the nooks and crannies, but don't worry about the exact shade just yet.



Once the initial coat is dry, mix up a slightly darker shade and stipple it onto recesses or other areas where shadows are likely to be cast. The effect looks a little rough, but bear with me...



Once the paint layer is dry, refine the chassis with an airbrush and a variety of 'dirty' brown and grey shades. Alternatively, the acrylic paint base will provide an excellent backing for dry powders.



The powders will grip the surface keenly and the shades can be varied slightly to exaggerate areas of highlights and shading. Brush away excess pigment with a soft, clean brush.



Re-create oily streaks and stains around the fuel tanks with Lifecolor's Dirty Grease Effect paint. A couple of layers will produce an effective, greasy patina that contrasts nicely with the dusty surroundings.



Returning to the body, a dark enamel wash, vigorously shaken, can be run into the various seams with a fine brush. The pigment will find its own way along the recesses by capillary action.



The real 66137 sported large areas of chipped paint when I saw it recently, so these were re-created with a variety of grey acrylic shades, dabbed lightly onto the surface with a flat brush.



Dark, sooty staining was introduced to the roof, using Railmatch Roof Dirt initially, following the raised and recessed detail and misting gently over the shoulders to the top of the sides.



A little Matt Black was then mixed in to produce a darker tone around the exhaust outlet. An airbrush is not essential for this stage, and similar effects are also possible using weathering powders.



The sides and cab fronts were kept relatively clean, as per the real thing. Although the grey filter and dark wash give it a suitably timeworn feel. Allow the paint to cure before glazing and reassembly.



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Notlobian proportions

Les Cliffe, by e-mail This rather grand-looking '00' gauge layout was built by Les Cliffe and housed in the basement of his framing gallery in Bolton. Les told us: "I began building 'Notlobia' at the age of 50, a mere ten years ago. It's purely fictional and covers approximately 30sq ft."

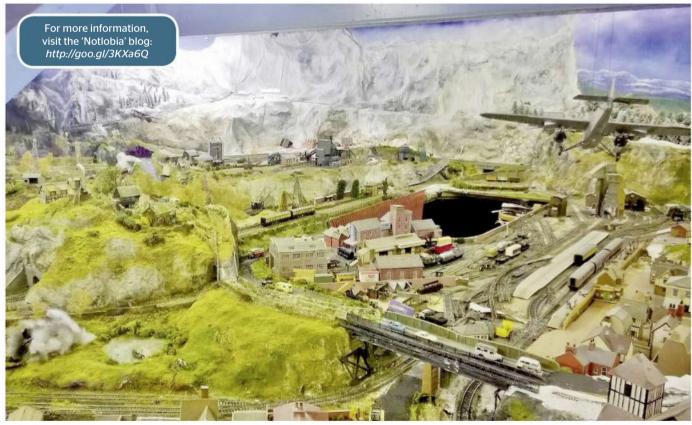
It isn't completely finished yet, but there's certainly no shortage of details to marvel at! Les admits that the layout may appeal less to those who prefer models of a more accurate or prototypical nature, but his enthusiasm is infectious and 'Notlobia' really does look like great fun.











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Cobalt iP Digital & the Cobalt family are already the easiest-to-install and most reliable turnout motors available, but now and again, modellers who are short of space or between-baseboard headroom have asked us if we were able to find a way for them to mount them differently.

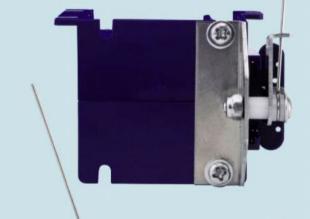
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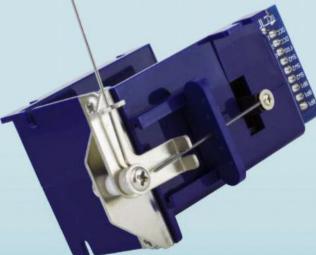
Packed in 3's and provided with all of the nuts and bolts you will need to mount them, these economical all-metal mounting adapters are simple to fix onto the mount points you would normally use for under-board installation...

Once they are mounted, Cobalt's drive system is rotated 90 degrees and its mount depth is reduced to a comfortable 40mm... a reduction of 27mm compared to a standard installation!

Cobalt is then secured to the baseboard with the screws provided... using the alternative mount positions that we had already built-in!







TOP TIP:

The Cobalt 90° mounting adapters are also very useful for assisting you with above-board mounting of Cobalt motors in your fiddle yards and hidden areas.

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am more passionate about modelling scenery today than I ever have been. Gone are the days when modellers were limited to using little more than lichen and dyed sawdust when making trees and laying ground cover.

Nowadays we are spoilt for choice, and you can buy products specifically tailored for model railway scenery.

I've been modelling for 40 years, but all these new products enable and encourage us to try new techniques and take on bigger challenges, and this makes the hobby feel as fresh as ever!

The real payoff is in the exhibition halls, sheds, lofts, homes, and the pages of *Model Rail*; modelling standards have risen tenfold, and the average layout looks more realistic than ever before.

Figuring out the best way to use these products really is a joy - so much so that I try to use at least one new product and technique per project.

LIFE AND SOUL

If the track itself is the beating heart of a layout, then the scenery is its lifeblood. It's what differentiates a model railway from what would otherwise be merely track stuck to a baseboard.

Scenic detail transforms train and track into a miniature representation of reality, and is vital in portraying the location and time period of a layout.

Whether you're aiming for Pendon levels of detail and realism, or are simply content with neatly ballasted track and appropriate ground cover, making scenery is your chance to stamp your own creative identity onto a project.

Trains might be the stars of the show, but scenery affords them a place and a purpose. Not only is it crucial in suspending disbelief, but it presents a platform for imagination and creativity - it says something about you as a modeller.



The finished embankment covered in scenic materials (discussed in Steps 4 to 6).





HOW TO DO IT: BUILD EMBANKMENTS



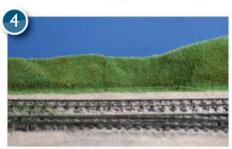
With the track laid and ballasted over a coating of grey acrylic, paint the areas that would be covered in vegetation with light green acrylic. Leave a generous border of grey around the track to represent cess.



Shape pieces of hard foam using a Woodland Scenics Foam Knife to form various undulating surfaces across the layout, and an embankment at the rear. Fix the hard foam to the baseboard with PVA glue and leave to dry.



Cover the undulating foam formations with plaster cloth and leave to dry. Paint the plaster (I used a Woodland Scenics Earth Colours Kit) and cover the ground around the track with PVA glue, before sprinkling on a covering of sand.



Spread PVA glue across areas reserved for vegetation and then apply a layer of short static grass fibres using an electrostatic tool - Noch's Puffer Bottle Static Grass Applicator (08100) is a much cheaper - albeit slightly less effective - alternative.



Once the static grass surface has dried, dab further blobs of PVA glue onto the now secured fibres. While it's still wet, tease apart small clumps from a Noch foliage mat (Mid Green, 07264) and press them into the static grass.



To finish, I added trees from Gaugemaster's Tree Pack (GM128) by simply pushing them into the foam. I also used miniNatur oak foliage (980-21) and Woodland Scenics green Poly Fibre (FP178) covered with fine scatter to represent weeds.

MAKING EMBANKMENTS

DIFFICULTY

ESTIMATED

VEEDED Woodland Scenics Foam Knife (ST1433)

Surform

Electrostatic

grass tool

With the abundance of products designed specifically to make great-looking scenery; from tiny laser-cut plants to ultra-realistic ready-to-plant trees, crafting a believable rural landscape has never been so much fun - not to mention easy!

I will be layering lumps of hard foam (leftover loft insulation material) with plaster cloth to form the undulating surface surrounding the 'Cromford Goods' line. These areas will then be painted and covered with scatter materials, static grass fibres and teased-out poly fibre to represent various layers of vegetation.

ALTERNATIVE METHOD

Another method for crafting an embankment is to create a former using thick card - I used mounting card.
This is really only useful for embankments that sit right at the back of your layout - the embankment will essentially be low relief.

To build a former, use a sharp knife to shape the cardboard to the land profile you want and fix it to the baseboard using white glue. Once the landscape shape has been completed, simply follow steps three to six.



Left: The bare card former. Plaster cloth will be draped on top to form an embankment.

Right: The card former covered in hardened plaster cloth and painted a suitable earth colour.

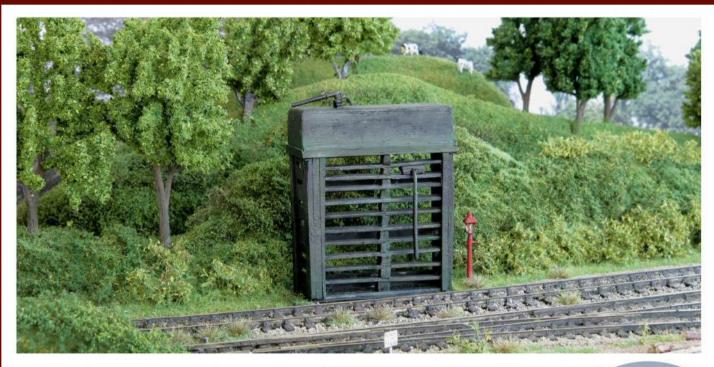


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FORCE PERSPECTIVE

I deliberately set myself the challenge of building a realistic-looking layout within a very small area. But for photographic purposes, I wanted to convey the illusion of a far larger layout with lots of depth to the surrounding landscape.

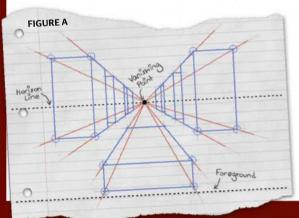
I did this by making two standalone hills that could be positioned behind the layout to create the illusion of forced perspective. The trick was to make the hill at the front in 1:76 scale and the one behind in 1:148 scale to fool the eye into perceiving greater depth.

As long as the hill closest to the layout is smaller than the scale of the layout itself, you don't have to use 1:76 and 1:148 scales. However, the advantage of working in these scales is that there's an abundance of buildings, trees, and figures (should you wish to include them) readily available - whereas if you're working in 1:50 scale for example, you'll be forced to scratchbuild.

The hill closest to the layout was populated with 1:76 scale trees, and the smaller hill, which would be positioned behind, was populated with 1:148 scale trees. As an additional detail, Bachmann Scenecraft 1:148 scale cows (379-341) were fixed in place, too.

Referring to the diagram (Figure A) you will notice that the horizon line sits above the foreground. This effect is best illustrated when looking down a long straight road - even if it's flat, it will appear to slope upwards towards the horizon line.

With this in mind, the smaller 1:148 scale hill will need to sit higher than the larger hill in front. The best way to judge this is to use both trial and error, and your eye. Also experiment with how close or far away you place the hills in relation to each other, as this will affect the sense of perspective, too.







MODEL

LNWR Square Post Signals (477)

• Price: £8.25

AVAILABILITY

- Peco stockists • Tel: 01297 21542
- Web: www.
- peco-uk.com

DIFFICULTY TIME

1 hour 30 mins

TOOLS NEEDED

- Scalpel
- Cutting mat
- Steel rule Small
- paintbrushes
- Pin vice
- Needle file Sprue cutters

MAKING SIGNALS

Carving the landscape and adding vegetation are essential processes in creating a believable scene. But it's the individual details that can help to portray a particular location. One such detail is the semaphore signal, which stands next to the High Peak workshops on the High Peak and Sheep Pasture area of the line.

Semaphore signals are readily available from a number of suppliers, including 'ready-to-plant' (RTP) signals from Hornby and Dapol, and plastic signal kits from Ratio.

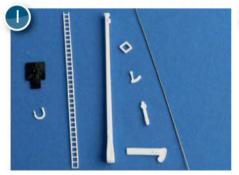
Ratio produces GWR, LMS, LNER, LNWR, and SR prototype signal kits. Both single-post and junction signals are available. The 'OO' gauge range consists of Quick Assembly and Advanced Construction kits; Quick Assembly kits contain remote control components and do not require painting, whereas Advanced Construction kits do not contain remote control components and require painting.

Advanced Construction kits can be motorised using Ratio's Signal Remote Control kit (250), which is available as a separate purchase. I have chosen to build an Advanced Construction kit - an LNWR single-post signal.

'Cromford Goods' is a suitable project for less experienced modellers and, as such, I have chosen not to motorise the signal. Nonetheless, even non-working signals provide much interest and are an essential addition to most layouts.



HOW TO DO IT: BUILD A SIGNAL



Remove each component from its sprue using a scalpel or sprue cutter. I removed any excess plastic using a scalpel, needle file, and finishing paper.



Drill a hole at the top of the signal post using a pin vice, with a 1.5mm drill bit. The aperture should be wide enough to accommodate a piece of 1.5mm wire (around 4mm long).



The wire is threaded through the hole, but glued to the arm and backing plate only (I used Woodland Scenics Scenic Glue). This frees the wire to pivot within the hole.

I painted the signal using a brush and acrylic paint. If you don't want your signal to appear pristine, weather it with a thin black wash.



Attach the signal to your layout using thick white glue; hide anv gaps around the base by strategically placing static grass fibres or other, similar. scenic materials.





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eco's PL-10 solenoid point motor has proven to be something of a benchmark product, with thousands having been employed under layouts over the decades. Indeed, I own plenty,

some of which date back to the

However, this humble design hasn't changed much since its initial release. Apart from pre-soldered wire leads on Hornby's similar device, there have been few attempts to make installation and operation easier.

1980s and they're still going strong.

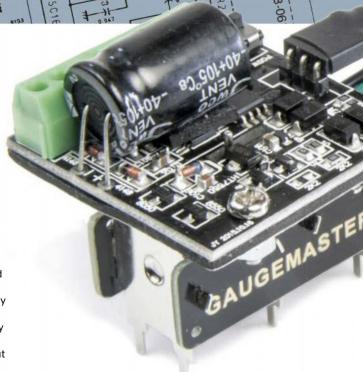
Lower-profile units have appeared, most notably from SEEP, designed for use below baseboards, and featuring added extras such as self-latching mechanisms and in-built accessory switches to help swap the polarities of 'live' point frogs. However, they still require care to

install correctly, demand the use of a soldering iron and are nowhere near as 'bulletproof' as the good old PL-10.

Both Peco and Hornby have also offered surface-mounted motors, designed for fitting immediately beside the point. But again, these have their drawbacks, not least in their unprototypical appearance.

Now, at last, a new range of classic-style solenoid motors has emerged, designed as direct rivals to the PL-10. Launched by two of the UK's leading model railway retailers, this trio of user-friendly motors are designed to simplify installation and operation, while offering reliability and great value-for-money, regardless of whether you employ DC or DCC control systems.

So, how good are they? Let's put them to the test...



SOLENOIDS-THEN



HATTON'S

PRODUCT

HAT-PM-01 Hatton's solenoid point



AVAILABILITY

Hatton's Model Railways, 17 Montague Road, Widnes WA8 8FZ.

• Tel: 01517 333655

www.ehattons.com

PRICE

rrp £6.50 each, six-pack £35 This high-performance solenoid motor has been manufactured exclusively for Merseyside retailer Hatton's. Tough and rugged, the traditional twin-coil solenoid design has been refined with a secure steel baseplate and pre-wired circuit board.

It comes supplied with five screws (one's a spare) and the mounting holes are slightly over-sized to allow for fine adjustment during installation. An extension pin for the actuating arm is also provided, allowing the unit to be mounted directly to the underside of the

baseboard, operating the point via a slot cut beneath the tie-bar.

Uniquely, the actuating arm is also connected to a twin-arm crank. This has many potential uses, such as permitting it to be surface-mounted and linked to the point via a length of spring steel wire (not supplied). The motor can be sited up to 75mm away from the point in this format, or even further if the wire is placed within brass or Teflon tubing. Disguising the motor beneath a building or scenery is therefore possible.

Furthermore, the crank can also be

employed to operate semaphore signals or anything else that demands a reciprocating action, either individually or in tandem with a turnout.

Suitable for almost any scale/ gauge, three multi-strand wires are pre-installed: red for the right coil, green for common power and black for the left coil. A momentary-action switch is required and the unit can be powered by a 15-24V supply, in either

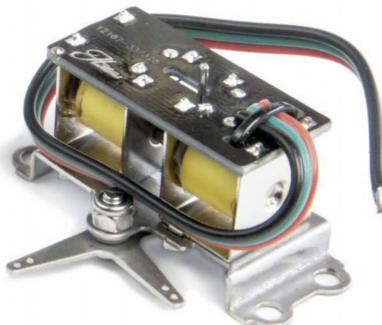


Right: The smart Hatton's solenoid features a pre-wired PCB with 140mm lead wires.





A trio of new solenoid options for 2016: DC and DCC options from Gaugemaster and a versatile unit from Hatton's.



EXT GENERATION

AC or DC. A higher power (2 amp) is preferred, with a Capacitor Discharge Unit (CDU) recommended, especially if more than one motor is to be installed.

The motor is non-latching, so the point must be fitted with a sprung tie-bar and there's no in-built micro-switch for altering frog polarity or integrating with signals and control panel displays. While fully

compatible with either DC or DCC systems, digital users will need to install an accessory switch with an in-built CDU, such as DCCconcepts' AD-S series.

Installation is incredibly simple, both below and above baseboard level and operation proved positive and reliable during testing. The motor moves with a reassuring, yet quiet, 'clunk'.

WHAT IS A SOLENOID?

Although often referred to as a 'point motor', the solenoid is actually not motorised. Inside each bulbous end is an electromagnet and when power is applied, the magnet pulls the tie-bar - and thus the point blades - towards it. It is the magnet attracting the tie-bar that creates the 'thunk' sound associated with these devices. The likes of Tortoise, DCCconcepts' Cobalt and Fulgurex point motors actually use small electric motors to move the point blades, and are thus true point motors.

HOW TO DO IT: INSTALL HATTON'S SOLENOID POINT MOTOR



Installation below the baseboard requires the cutting of a slot beneath the point's tie-bar, running at 90° to the track's direction. Drill a series of holes and clean out the waste with a round needle file.



Install the supplied extension pin and collar, and secure it with cyano glue. Check that the pin is straight and true and leave it aside to cure fully. Don't spill any glue on the moving parts of the motor.

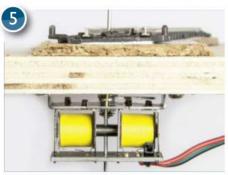


Lay the point and insert the pin through the hole in the point's tie-bar. Hold the blades in the centre of their travel with a blob of Blu-Tack while the motor is correctly positioned.

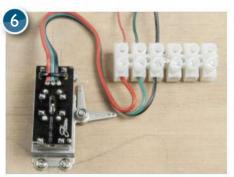
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Check that the motor is aligned squarely in relation to the travel of the tie-bar, using the markings made earlier. Set the pin halfway between the solenoid coils, then mark and drill the mounting holes.



Fit one screw at each end of the base, then check that the point moves correctly before securing the other two. Any excess length of the pin can be cut away and the end filed smooth.



There's no need for solder, as the supplied leads can be connected to screw terminals. Ensure adequate clearance for the movement of the crank. The motor can be replaced in minutes should anything go wrong.



If mounting above the baseboard, mark a straight line from the tie-bar and position the motor so that the hole in the crank arm is aligned. Linking the crank to the tie-bar with a length of spring steel wire.



Before mounting the motor, check for correct operation by moving the motor's pin by hand. If the point blades move correctly, mark and drill a hole at each end of the base.



Connect the power cables and test fully before adding the other screws and securing the motor properly. The other arm of the crank can also be employed to move something else simultaneously.

STOP PRESS: SAY HELLO TO AUTOFROG

Just days after we finished this feature, Gaugemaster unveiled 'Autofrog', a neat little gadget that automatically changes the polarity on DCC live-frog points. It's simple to install and works by detecting the incoming polarity of the wheels on the approaching train and switches the frog to match. It's good value too: Autofrogs cost just £5.50 each. See www.gaugemaster.com for more information.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The issue of 'live' and 'dead' point frogs and switching polarities was explained in MR219, while a full study of point automation featured in MR222.

FACTFILE: THE PECO PL-10

Peco's classic solenoid point motor has been around since the 1970s and was designed to fit directly to the company's own range of 'OO' and 'N' gauge points. They can also be mounted to the baseboard - either above or below - using separate plastic adaptor bases. Single and double accessory switches are also available that 'piggyback' onto the solenoid's casing, for switching frog polarities or integrating signals or control panels.

These no-nonsense motors are rugged and reliable, though rather basic by today's standards. There's less flexibility in terms of power, with a 16V AC power supply, preferably with a 2 amp output, being specified. As with other solenoids, a CDU is essential to give the motor a sufficient boost of energy, especially when more than one motor is installed. Solder connections are required while wiring-up and careful mounting is vital for reliable operation.



GAUGEMASTER

PRODUCT

GMC-PM10 Classic solenoid point motor; GMC-PM10D Digital solenoid point motor



AVAILABILITY

Gaugemaster.
• Tel: 01903 884488
• Web: www.gauge master.com

PRICE

PM10: £6.95 each; PM10D: £18.95 each To cater for the digital and analogue markets, Gaugemaster has developed two point motor packages, each making use of the same solenoid unit.

The familiar twin-coil design is employed, albeit with slightly smaller coils than the powerful Hatton's version, and both models feature a choice of mounting options. Exposed prongs on one face allow direct fitment to Peco 'OO' or 'N' gauge points (unlike the Hatton's motor). Alternatively, the unit can be flipped over and mounted to the baseboard using screw holes and slots.

The 'Classic' DC version is designed for use with voltages from 16-24V (AC or DC), with a minimum 1 amp supply. As usual, a momentary-action switch is required, along with a CDU for optimum performance. A small three-way screw terminal is installed for solder-free connections.

The digital version features a 40mm by 40mm printed circuit board, incorporating a DCC decoder,



along with an integral CDU and screw terminals for solder-free installation. Simply run twin power lines from the track, or an accessory Power Bus, connect to a momentary-action operating switch, and away you go.

As with the Hatton's unit, neither motor incorporates a dedicated facility for polarity switching. However, the PM10D does feature a three-way terminal, ostensibly for Gaugemaster's duo of 21st Century solenoids: PM-10D digital and the PM10 'classic' version.

connecting to control panel LEDs to illustrate the chosen route.

Fitting and setting up both units is simplicity itself, including the programming of the DCC decoder. Full instructions are supplied, and operation has proved to be effective and reliable.

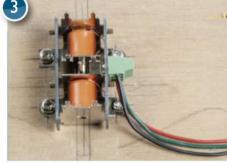
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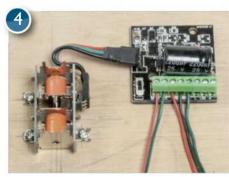
The motor can be installed direct to Peco points using the prongs on one side, or the screw mounting holes on the other. The holes and slots allow for easy fine-adjustment of positioning.



Installation of either Gaugemaster's analogue or DCC units under the baseboard follows the same process as that of Hatton's motor. Extension pins and screws are included with both.



Solder-free connections are provided, with a three-way screw terminal located on the side of the motor. It's best to fit the wires before installing the unit, as the tiny terminals are a little fiddly.



The DCC version features a printed circuit board with built-in capacitor discharge unit that can either be bolted to the solenoid motor or mounted adjacently, using the self-adhesive pad provided.

CONCLUSIONS

Each of these new solenoid point motors has proved impressive, in terms of specification, ease of fitting and operation. They're also very good value, with the two non-DCC versions on sale for around the same price as - if not cheaper than - the standard Peco PL-10.

The versatility of the Hatton's unit and the extra crank arm are standout features, the latter having lots of potential uses. The action may be too severe for some delicate kit-built semaphore signals (especially plastic kits), but the insertion of a spring in the

control wire will absorb much of the 'shock'.

The lack of solder connections across the trio is also a boon, allowing for rapid removal or replacement should anything go wrong. Anyone who's had to replace a solenoid in a hurry will appreciate this!

It's just a shame that a built-in microswitch has not been provided, especially on the non-digital versions, although the Peco accessory switch (PL-13) is compatible with both Gaugemaster motors.

That said, all three come highly recommended.

Workbench

HOW TO...

MODEL CATENARY

GEORGE DENT has amassed a collection of 4mm AC electric traction but has lacked decent overhead catenary to complement them... until now. He puts Peco's new OHLE range to the test.

n the face of it, the fact that a vital feature of the modern railway landscape - overhead catenary - has been lacking from the RTR 'OO' gauge market is a glaring omission. A few token efforts have appeared in the past, most noticably Dapol's, which uses plastic masts and clip together soldered wire. There's a lot to be said for it but enthusiasts of AC electric traction who like to see pantographs making contact with the wire have been faced with a choice of Continental 'HO' scale offerings or a mammoth scratchbuilding exercise to produce something tough enough to cope.

But is there really an untapped market out there? We may have had some fine models recently, especially Bachmann's gorgeous Class 85 but can modellers really be bothered with stringing bits of intricate copper wire above their tracks?

It's a chicken and egg scenario.

Manufacturers will be reluctant to produce anything unless they can see how well other catenary-related products sell. However, with so much of the UK network now 'under the wires', and with more to come, now's a good time to test the water.

And that's what Peco is doing with its new range of 4mm:1ft scale catenary. Manufactured for the Devon-based company by catenary experts Sommerfeldt, the all-metal system comes with the assurance of the German firm's reputation for quality and reliability.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

It's been a few years since Peco first announced its intention to release a catenary system, with modellers beginning to wonder if the scheme had been quietly dropped. Happily, that wasn't the case and packs of masts and wires hit the shelves in early summer.

Was the wait worth it? And is it cause for AC electric enthusiasts to get excited? Although this initial foray into the Overhead Line Equipment (OLE) world is limited to one type of single-arm mast, Peco has stated that if there's sufficient demand, the range will be expanded in due course.

The masts represent the British Mk 3 style of cantilevered 24kV AC catenary, as employed extensively throughout the UK since the early 1970s. First



employed on the Crewe-Glasgow extension to the WCML scheme, similar masts can be found on the East Coast, Great Eastern and Midland main lines.

The product is offered in various packages. Pre-assembled masts are available individually or in a bulk pack of 12 that also includes a pair of mounting jigs and a fully illustrated installation guide. The jigs (LC-115, £2) and instruction booklet (SYH26, £1) are also available separately.

The overhead wires are offered in five different lengths, ranging from 200mm to 500mm, with each pack containing five lengths of 0.5mm copper-plated steel wire.

UNDER INSPECTION

The masts accurately depict the standard 9in 'H' section girders, rendered in nickel silver for strength and a pleasing metallic grey finish redolent of the galvanised prototype. Beneath a plastic 'concrete' plinth-style base is a threaded mounting stud, complete with washer and 5.5mm retaining nut.

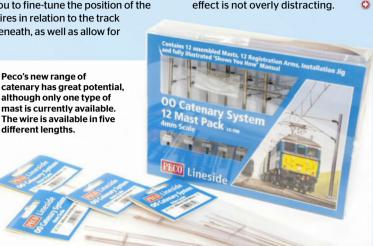
The wire cantilever arms are silver steel wire, spot-welded to the masts,

creating an impressively sturdy construction. As with Sommerfeldt's Continental catenary, the registration arms are supplied as separate wire fittings. One end is shaped to allow it to rest on the registration tube during the wiring up stage, but it means that soldering is an essential facet of assembly.

The separate registration arms allow you to fine-tune the position of the wires in relation to the track beneath, as well as allow for

the alternating 'push-and-pull' positioning of the real thing.

The main, upper catenary wire slots into brackets above the top tie, which is distinctly unprototypical of UK practice - it should be below. But I doubt whether this will put many modellers off. As long as the wires are trimmed neatly after soldering (something I neglected to do!) the effect is not overly distracting.





PRODUCTS

LC-100 Catenary starter pack: 12 masts, jigs and instruction booklet (£85) LC-110 single mast (£7.95) LC-150 200mm overhead wires, Five-pack (£10) LC-151 260mm overhead wires. Five-pack (£10.75) LC-152 340mm overhead wires, Five-pack (£11.25) LC-153 380mm overhead wires. Five-pack (£12) LC-154 500mm overhead wires, Five-pack (£13)

AVAILABILITY Peco stockists

DIFFICULTY ESTIMATED TIMF

Six hours per metre of double-track line

TOOLS **NEEDED**

- Knife
- Hammer
- Pliers
- Tweezers Bradawl
- Drill and bits
- 5.5mm (or adjustable) spanner
- Wire cutters
- Soldering iron and equipment



Although the wires are fragile in isolation, once installed, they're fairly robust.

Workbench

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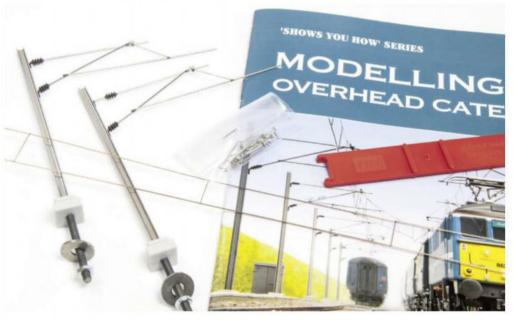
The supplied instructions are comprehensive, so I've illustrated the basic processes involved here as a means for readers to appreciate how the system works. However, I'd heartily recommend sitting down with the Peco guidebook and a cup of tea before making a start, as there's a lot to take in at once.

As work progressed, I began deviating from the recommended assembly sequence, most notably when fitting the wires. The booklet suggests threading through all of the wire sections, bending over the ends to keep them in place before soldering them in place.

This proved a real challenge, as the wires tended to flex about excessively, and they were far more prone to damage while hanging from the masts unsecured. I also found that bending over the ends of too many sections at once created unwanted tension in some lengths, which moved the mast



Avoid damage to the wires and masts by eschewing a track rubber in favour of mobile cleaning vehicles to keep the rails in good order.



arms slightly out of position.

Therefore, I stuck to working on two overlapping sections of wire at a time, dealing with the furthest track first, before repeating the process along the nearer line, so I wouldn't be reaching over completed catenary.

Solder bonds were made using a 50W iron, a no-clean flux and

60/40 grade solder. DCCconcepts Sapphire solder and flux were employed, the extra silver content in the solder helping it to flow freely into the joints.

Adding the registration arms proved a little fiddly, securing the wire to the arm before it, in turn, was soldered to the lower tie. The catenary wire is The catenary starter pack includes 12 masts and registration arms, plus a pair of installation jigs and an instructional handbook. Wires must be purchased separately.

HOW TO DO IT: INSTALL PECO CATENARY



The base of the masts must sit level with the base of the track, so ensure any underlay material is laid accordingly. Cork floor tiles have been employed to help replicate the deep ballast of a modern main line.



The Peco jigs help you to check that the cork is fixed at the right distance from the track, and the position of the first masts is plotted with a bradawl. The jig also helps with keeping the lines the correct distance apart.



Check that the mast position is not above a baseboard cross-member before drilling a 3.5mm hole. Keep the drill at a right angle to the surface and remove the waste from the hole



Place the threaded stud of the mast into the hole and double-check its distance from the nearest rail with the jig. The mast's arms should also stand perpendicular to the rails.



Fasten the mast in place, using the washer and nut, employing a 5.5mm spanner. This can be a bit fiddly if you're working under the baseboard - a winged nut would be much easier to work with.



Check again that the mast is square, once the bolt is tightened. With the jig still in position against the base of the mast and between the rails, hook one end of the catenary wire snugly around the raised 'pip'.



delicate and easily deformed, so it must be handled with care. While the masts are able to hold the wires taught against a sprung pantograph, the system cannot be tensioned in order to straighten out any 'creases' in the wire.

However, as long as the wire sections are hung and soldered correctly, the resulting 'cat's cradle' is fairly resilient to the odd knock.

VERDICT

In terms of looks, the masts and wires are convincing, with only minor prototypical discrepancies. The lack of choice in terms of mast style is an obvious limiting factor, especially when dealing with stations and junctions, so some recourse to scratchbuilding or modifying will be necessary, but the Peco system certainly offers a convenient starting point.

The assembly procedure took a little time to master, but once a couple of sections were installed, progress became less laborious. Performancewise, models fitted with Sommerfeldt pantographs have worked faultlessly,

especially my modified Lima '87s' and Hornby '86s'.

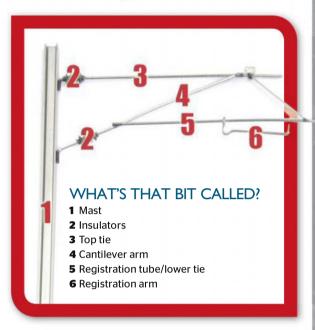
However, a few less-refined factory-fitted pantographs (mostly Hornby) have been less co-operative. Surprisingly, my Bachmann Class 85 also struggled, seeming to require a little extra headroom between the roof and the contact wire, but a little adjustment of the pantograph's spring wire has cured that problem.

A possible remedy for errant pantographs is to limit their height to sit a millimetre or two under the wires. It will be hard to discern that they're not actually in contact. Either modify the spring wires or add blobs of cyano glue to the pivot points.

Although the system can be described as about 90% 'ready-toplant', there is the unavoidable need for soldering the registration arms and wires. This may put some modellers off, which seems a real shame. For the sake of a decent iron (about £40) and a little practice, there should be no need to miss out on the possibilities that the Peco catenary can offer.

Having built a 4ft-long diorama on which to test the system, a good deal was learnt about how the parts fit together. Although it cost over £100 to wire up the twin tracks and siding, I still think the system offers good value, given the quality of the components.

Inevitably, were I to employ the catenary system again (which I'm tempted to do), I'd do a few things differently and, hopefully, better. And I'd recommend undertaking a similar exploratory exercise before embarking on the electrification of a full layout, if your budget can accommodate it. At the very least, you'll quickly appreciate how awkward it is to clean your track afterwards! MR





The other end of the wire is wrapped around the 'pip' on the second jig to gain an accurate spacing for the next mast. Mark with the bradawl, then drill and mount the mast in the same way as before.



Use both jigs to align masts on the opposite line. The registration poles are supplied overly long to aid alignment. Again, check that the masts are mounted squarely.



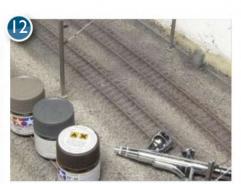
Erect the masts according to your desired wire spacings. Longer wires are aimed at straight sections, with shorter wires suited for curves, junctions and entrances to sidings.



When siting the masts on curves, use the jigs to ensure that the wires will remain within 2mm of the inside face of either rail, lest the pantograph run off the wires.



The layout must be thoroughly tested before the track is ballasted. Shape the loose ballast into 'shoulders' and spread it evenly around the mast bases before applying adhesive.

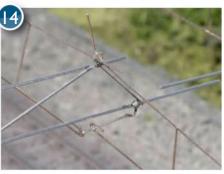


Leave the ballast to cure for a few days before painting and weathering the track - and the masts if desired. But be sure to keep the cantilever arms free of paint and glue to ensure successful solder bonds.

Workbench



It's essential to take care of all necessary scenic work within about 6in of the tracks before the catenary wires are installed. This includes adding signals, cable trunking and other lineside details.



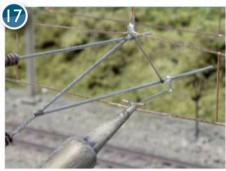
Begin hooking the wire sections in place, a couple at a time. I found it best to work on one track at a time, starting with the furthest away. Place the registration arms loosely in place for now.



Gently bend up the excess from the catenary wires to help keep them in place. Avoid introducing excess tension in each section, or the masts will be pulled out of alignment.



Check that the wires are hanging correctly above the rails and add a little no-clean flux, such as DCCconcepts' Sapphire liquid flux, to one of the joints.



Make the solder bond to the upper wires first. Double-check the positioning before soldering the contact wires to the registration arm, again employing flux to aid a speedy, reliable bond.



Fine-tune the position of the registration arm and solder to the registration tube. Reverse the orientation of the arm on the next mast along and repeat the process.



At a siding, crossover or junction, carefully thread the extra catenary wires into the slots in the mast and repeat the soldering process. Ensure that the wire sections are kept just taut enough to prevent sagging.



If everything is satisfactory, snip away the excess wire from the upper mounting brackets, along with the waste material from the registration tubes. A set of track cutters is ideal



Test the system thoroughly, attending to any lumps of excess solder protruding below the bottom of the contact wire. Check that pantographs can move freely across all joints.



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DIFFICULTY



TOOLS NEEDED

- Airbrush and compressor
- Tamiya masking tape
- Printer paper
- Jeweller's screwdrivers

ou can just imagine my delight as a modern image 'O' gauge modeller when I first received a Heljan Class 60. Ready to go, straight from the box. Wow, what a stunner!

These models really are superb and very welcome. Like most Heljan 'O' gauge diesels, they're painted but not numbered. Three liveries are on offer: EWS maroon and mustard, Loadhaul orange and black (remember this scheme?) and Railfreight 'Triple Grey'. The latter comes with a selection of decals so you can select the 'sub sector' markings you prefer.

Sadly, the '60' is let down by some basic paint and finishing issues. Those Heljan-supplied decals have a faint white line around the edges. The EWS lettering and numbers are the wrong height, and the orange flashes on the Loadhaul livery point the wrong way...

Still, these are easy things to put right. With a little extra work, you can really put the icing on the cake!

The roof, s seen on this Class 60, was weathered with RailMatch Falcon Grey, Sleeper Grime and a touch of gloss black around the exhaust point. As usual, you really need good reference photographs in order to achieve realistic weathering.

HOW TO DO IT: IMPROVE THE LOADHAUL CLASS 60



Remove the body from the chassis. Mask the cab ends to the correct angle, along with the rest of the body, leaving just the area you'll be working on exposed.



Apply RailMatch Strathclyde Orange, which is an exact match for the colour used by Heljan. When dry, remove the masking - and then mask to the correct angle.



Apply the black and let it dry. Remove the masking and you'll have the orange panel pointing in the right direction.

HOW TO DO IT: IMPROVE THE 'TRIPLE GREY' CLASS 60



Remove the body from the chassis. There are four screws, two in either side of the fuel tank. Mask the windows with Tamiya masking tape.



Apply gloss varnish over the areas where the transfers are going to go: cab front, cab side and body side. I prefer to use RailMatch gloss varnish, sprayed through an airbrush.



Apply transfers once the gloss varnish has dried. When they're fully dry (leaving them overnight is usually about right) apply another coat of satin or matt varnish.



Remove the masking tape and fit a set of etched Shawplan double arrows. They fit exactly over the printed ones. This process gets rid of the faint white lines around the decals and reduces the 'silvering' effect of the carrier sheet.

HOW TO DO IT: IMPROVE THE EWS CLASS 60



This one is a bit more complicated. Mask the maroon, leaving the mustard band exposed. Use Tamiya masking tape and printer paper to cover the large areas.



The EWS lettering is printed onto the body and it needs neutralising. Spray a thin coat of white over the letters. Use enough to cover them up.



When the white paint is dry, the mustard can be sprayed on. I use RailMatch paint, mixed with a little gloss varnish. Again, spray just enough to cover the white.

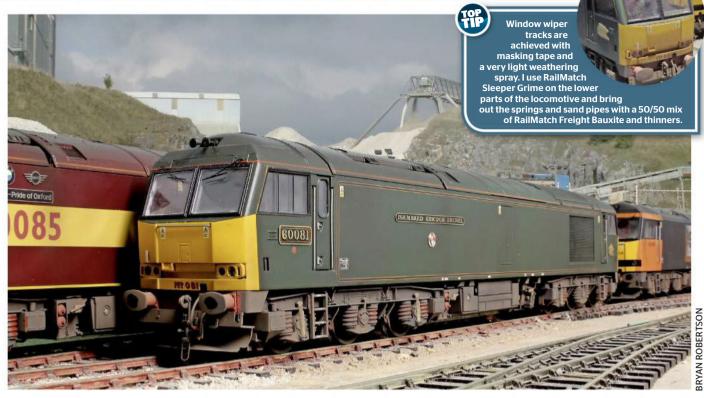


Fox's EWS letters and numbers are the correct height. Once applied, allow them to dry, then apply satin varnish. Allow to dry overnight and remove the masking.





Workbench



TOTAL REPAINT...

Heljan has covered the three main eras of Class 60 history with its livery choices but, over the years, the class has received its fair share of one-off colour schemes. In my opinion, the transformation of 60081 as pseudo-Great Western Railway *Isambard Kingdom Brunel* was a little bit special and I had to model it. Creating this green monster is an exercise in fine transfer application, albeit a large rectangle on the side of the model. The transfers are from Fox Transfers and the *Isambard Kingdom Brunel* nameplates were sourced from eBay

HOW TO DO IT: CREATE YOUR OWN 60081



After removing the body from the chassis (it only takes four screws) mask the yellow warning panel, as it makes sense to preserve as much factory-applied paint as possible. Mask the windows too. Tamiya masking tape is ideal.



Always use good reference photos for your chosen subject. Make sure you're aware of the colour of the handrails, overhead warning sticker locations and cut-off points of the colours.



Remember to mask both sides of the glazing to minimise the risk of overspray hitting the windows and spoiling the model. You also need to remove the black backing from the body grille.



Use Fox orange/black/orange straight and 90° decals to make the large bodyside lining panel. I used small white transfer strips for the bottom of the bodyside labels.



Spray the body with RailMatch GWR locomotive green and leave overnight to dry. Remove the masking from the yellow cab front only, then give the sides and ends a coat of gloss varnish.



60081 uniquely sported red bufferbeams. Remove the two units and paint the bufferbeams and buffer shanks red. If you are going to weather your model, remove the fuel tank and bogie sideframes and weather them separately.

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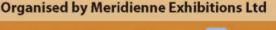
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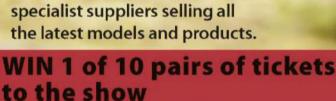
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locomotives on the same siding, which can then be run around and out of the depot one by one. You can leave the lights and sound activated on parked locomotives, but until you have spent some time playing with a DCC system, you'll just have to take my word for it!

■ Whatever you do, enjoy DCC

Some modellers are nervous to use DCC because they think it's too technical and complicated. Others look upon DCC as a challenge, and a chance to learn something new. Take up that challenge and you'll soon be surprised how quickly you'll begin to understand it. It does not take long to become DCC proficient if you embrace the learning process, rather than be frustrated by it.

IT DOES NOT TAKE THAT LONG TO BECOME DCC PROFICIENT "

We are all eager to run trains on our layouts as soon as we can, but to begin with it's best to spend a little time reading the manual of your chosen DCC system. This will give you some confidence - when you do begin to run trains you'll know what to expect, and understand how to get the most out of the trains and your system.

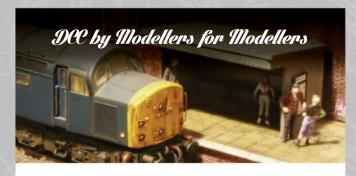
Initially, just learn the DCC basics, such as connecting the system to the track, operating the trains, turning the lights on and off and activating sound effects. Once you have mastered these you can move onto more advanced techniques, such as programming changes into decoders, but this is not necessary to get up and running.

■ Before you decide on which DCC system to buy, read the manuals online

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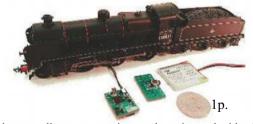


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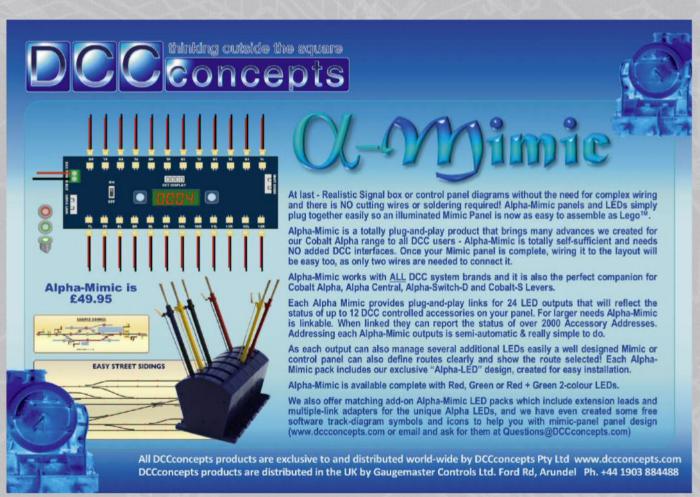
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Many years would pass before **KEITH JAGGERS** realised his ambition of modelling this classic Welsh junction. **CHRIS LEIGH** was with him throughout the journey.

WORDS: CHRIS LEIGH





I STILL REMEMBER THE VIEW OF THAT STATION OPENING UP BEFORE US AS WE STROLLED DOWN THE MUDDY ACCESS FOOTPATH FROM THE MAIN ROAD \$7





Right: '58XX' 0-4-2T No. 5802 was one of the non-auto fitted examples used on trains 'over the top' to Blaenau Ffestiniog. The model is a vintage K's kit.

Below: The '58XX' and an unmodified Hornby half-cab pannier tank stand on Bala shed as a 'ROD' 2-8-0 (another K's kit) passes with a loosecoupled coal train.





octor Beeching closed the Staines West branch in March 1965. Before the last train ran, I sat up most of the night making a sign proclaiming 'THE END'. I hung it on the very last train on that bleak Saturday evening, but when I went to recover it at West Drayton, it had gone.

In those days, I worked at Ian Allan, but my younger brother still attended the local grammar school. A couple of weeks later, he said he'd talked to a boy at school who had 'rescued' my board off the last train before it headed off to Southall depot.

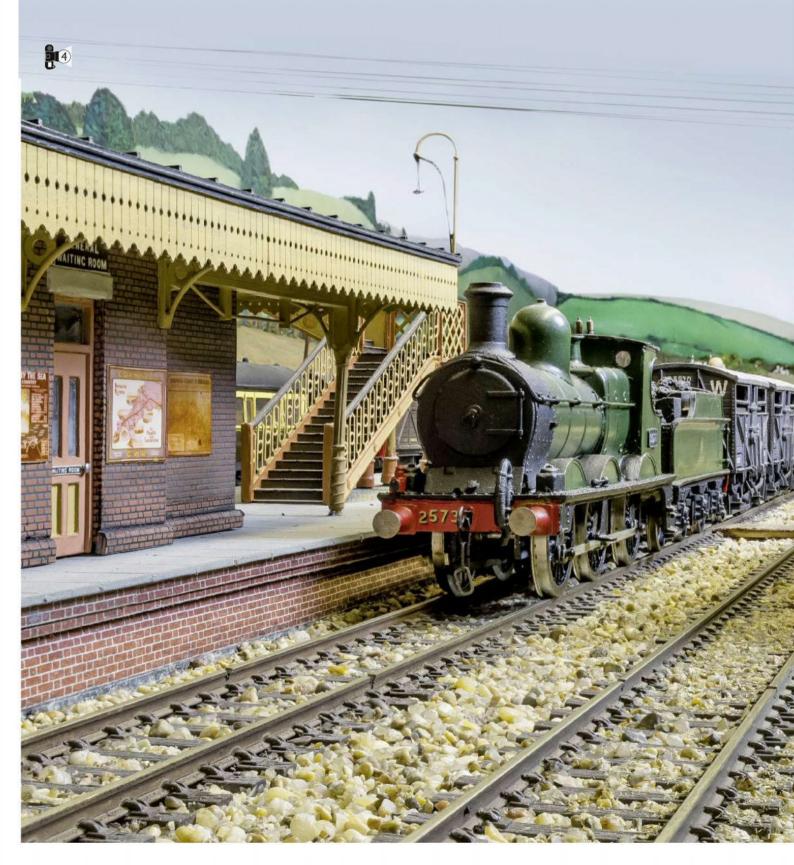
"Tell him I want it back," I said. And that's how I met Keith Jaggers.

I got my sign back (I still have it) and I got treated to a visit to Keith's remarkable model railway. It was loosely modelled on the Whitland-Cardigan branch and ran on a shelf round his bedroom. There was little appropriate stock to run on it in those days, so Keith made do with an assortment of conversions, scratchbuilt models and carve-ups of available ready-to-run models. However, the remarkable bit was the control system.

The layout was automated. As I recall, it was a bit like a pianola (a self-playing piano) with a rotating cocoa tin by which contacts were made and broken, and relays and solenoids operated. Trains even started and stopped automatically, but I recall that Keith was not very happy about its unreliable operation.

Later, ex-Post Office Telephones uniselectors were employed and routes were dialed up with a telephone dial, while control of the trains themselves was by more conventional means. It was clear where Keith's interests and skills were heading.

At 18, I was a couple of years older than Keith and could drive. More importantly, I owned a car, so as Beeching set about closing and I'M SURE THAT WHAT WE DID -VISITING STATIONS RATHER THAN TAKING LOCOMOTIVE NUMBERS - WAS UNUSUAL, BUT BY NO MEANS UNIQUE ""





Above: Not all the structures are scratch-built. These grounded bodies are by Ratio.

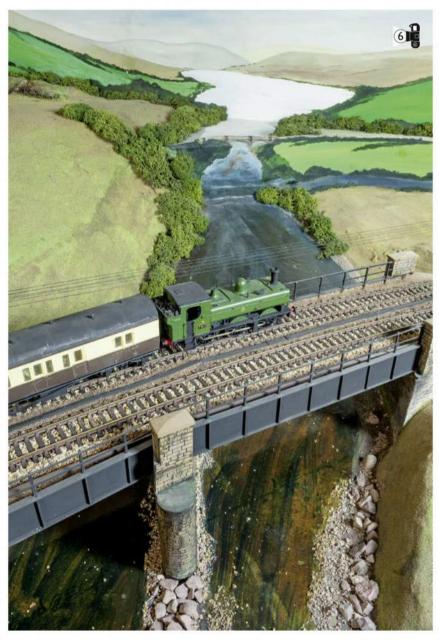
Left: Still a handsome model 40 years on, K's 'Dean Goods' 0-6-0 No. 2573 hauls a rake of Airfix cattle vans.

Below: Flood damage by the River Dee eventually closed the line through Bala Junction. A '74XX' crosses the river. demolishing our beloved Western Region, we took a couple of grand touring holidays in the mid-1960s, together with Keith's school pal Paul. Heading through the Midlands to North Wales, we took a route around Wales, into the West Country and back home. We took in as many stations (open and closed) as we could and occasionally managed to fit in a train ride, if the line was still open. I recall 'doing' Dulverton-Barnstaple one wet day.

Those trips in 1966 and 1967 lasted around ten days and covered around 1,500 miles. My calculations suggest that we visited close to 200 stations or other railway locations in around ten days in 1966. To preserve our film, we took turns to take photographs, so Keith's collection is very different from mine.

Half a century on, it is still easy to remember (but difficult to describe) how intoxicating those trips were. There was magic in the anticipation: would we be disappointed at an empty site, or elated at discovering a station still largely intact? We even stumbled across a train once or twice, the 'runs as required' goods at Mitcheldean



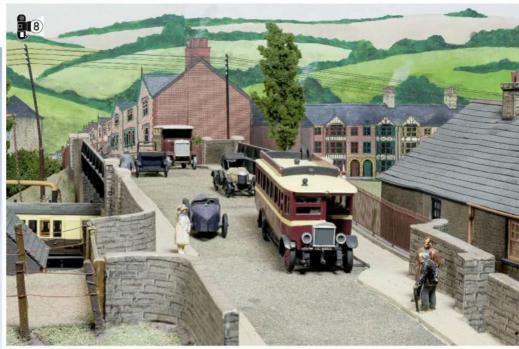


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Below: A K's '43XX' 2-6-O crosses one of the storm drains which lead into the River Dee at Bala.





Road was one example - perhaps a once-in-several-weeks chance.

Each one seemed to offer modelling potential. The first derelict station I ever saw was Fairford, and I would still like to model it. While I always wanted to model a place as I remembered it, Keith's preference was for the heyday of the GWR - his Bala layout is set in 1939, but the desire to model it was set in motion when we visited in August 1966.

Bala Town station was on the edge of the town itself, the first stop on the line that wended its way over the mountains and moors to Blaenau Ffestiniog. Beyond Bala Town, the line curved to reach Bala Junction, and the GWR main line from Ruabon to Dolgellau.

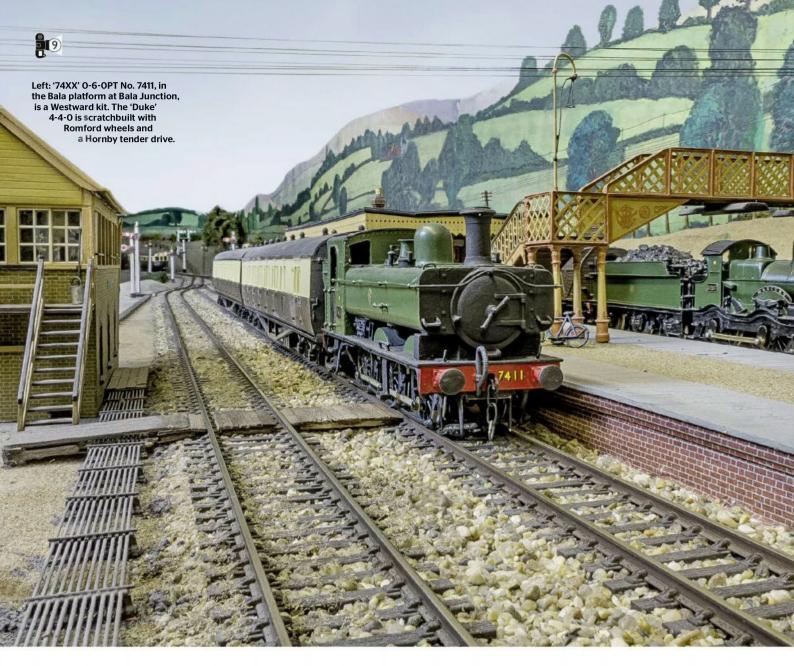
We certainly visited Bala Town station, but I don't recall Bala Junction. There was no road access and we must have walked down the footpath, although I have no memory of it.

SEEDS OF INSPIRATION

Keith recalled how the closed stations, both still complete with track and buildings, looked like a 12in:1ft scale model. The seeds were sown at that point. But it would have to take a back seat. Keith had joined Bangor University Railway Society, and had also become a volunteer at Penrhyn Castle (Industrial Railway Museum).

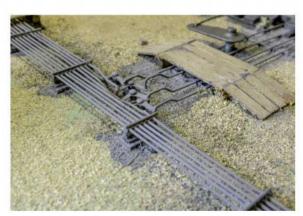
I'm sure that what we did - visiting stations rather than taking locomotive numbers - was unusual, but by no means unique. In the mid-1960s, most railway enthusiasts were chasing the dwindling ranks of steam locomotives. But GWR steam had gone, and while I was happy enough with diesel-hydraulics, they held little interest for Keith.

He would later satisfy his steam interests with the last of quarry steam (I envy his day in Dinorwic with Holy War, the last of the 'Quarry Hunslets' to work) and the recovery of the truly remarkable Horlock O-4-O Fire Queen from its bricked-up shed at Dinorwic to Penrhyn Castle.



Traction preferences aside, however, we both shared a passion for the stations. Railway preservation was still in its infancy, and the preservation of any branch line or station was a daunting prospect, although we certainly discussed the possibilities and wrote letters to the local newspaper proposing that the Staines branch be saved. I think the weekend we spent actually doing some hard preservation work probably cured us of our passion for the 'hands-on' aspect.

It certainly did for me! We were put



to work laying a cinder path at Northiam, on the Kent & East Sussex Railway, ferrying cinders along a siding using a tin bath mounted on a platelayers' trolley. A fast run led to a derailment and we both got covered! Keith went on to do a lot of restoration work on exhibits at Penrhyn Castle.

With his university days over, Keith moved to Cheshire, and with a home of his own, he now had the opportunity to realise his dream layout. He'd amassed an extensive knowledge of Bala Town and Bala Junction, telling me how the goods shed came to have an unusual crenellated frontage in response to demands from a local land owner who was not favourably disposed towards railways. Both could be 'preserved' in model form and represented in their heyday which, as far as Keith was concerned, was the GWR period.

LOFTY GOAL

His layout measures around 22ft by 12ft and is housed in a loft that has been lined and floored to make an ideal railway room. The stations occupy the two long sides, with six hidden loops each holding three or

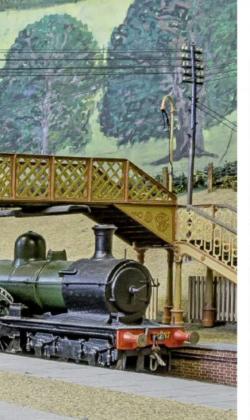
four trains and two dead-end sidings concealed behind the two stations. Locomotives and rolling stock are a mixture of kit-built, modified ready-to-run and scratchbuilt items, several of which have chalked up many years of operation. The turntable is also motorized.

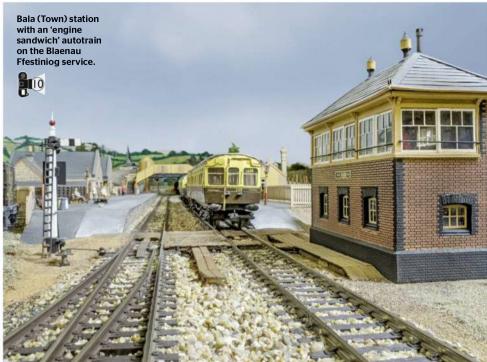
Keith's philosophy is that if you've put in the time and effort on a model, it will work well. And with proper maintenance, it will last a lifetime, so there's no point in replacing it.

Occasionally, something new is added by way of rolling stock or locomotives but the layout and the control system remain substantially unchanged after more than 40 years. It features no DCC or microchips, despite Keith's career in the development of what he then called 'integrated circuits' (silicon chips).

Despite this more 'old-fashioned' approach, the layout still looks fresh.

Says Keith, "My first inspiration was indeed Bala Junction, and I still remember the view of that station opening up before us as we strolled down the muddy access footpath from the main road. It had been closed for 18 months, but everything was still there,







and it did indeed look just like a model.

"It was another ten years before I bought a house with a large enough loft, and construction of the layout took about 20 years, from 1978. The original intention was just to model Bala Junction exactly to scale, with storage sidings on the other side, but it quickly became clear that I would also need to include Bala, for added operational interest; the latter had to be shrunk to approximately two thirds scale length to fit it all in.

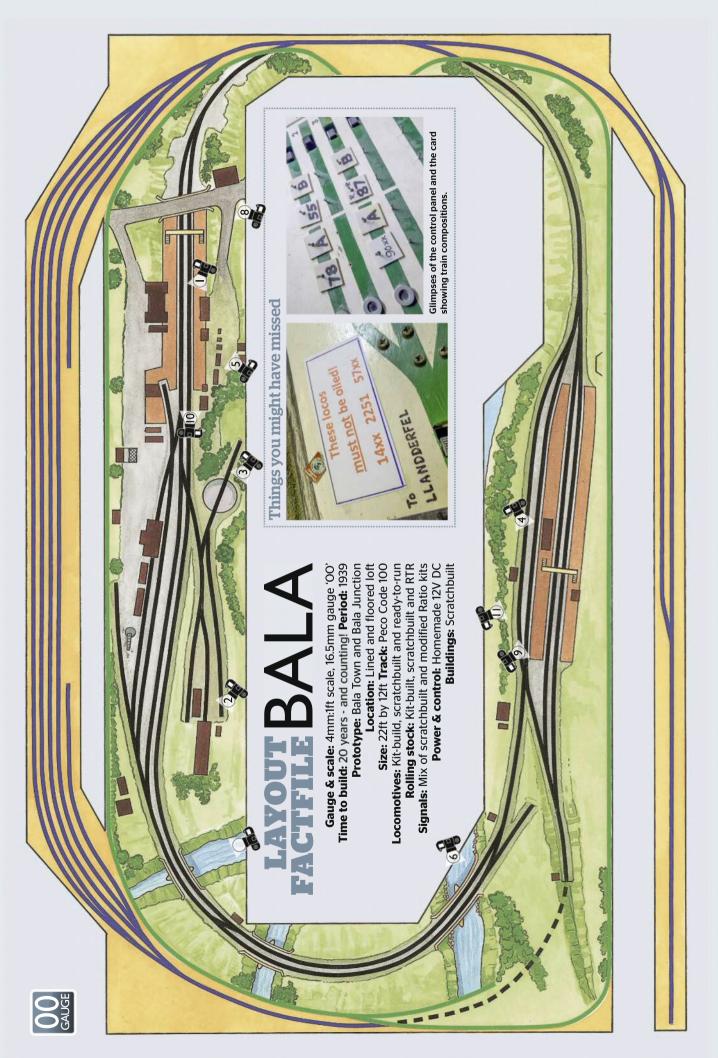
"The track is Peco Code 100, with hand-built single slips and a three-way point. All the signals work, and are fully interlocked with the points and track sections, using sealed relays.

"Since completion of the basic model, and following retirement, I've been able to spend more time on the enjoyable tasks of adding further detail and operating it. I'm currently re-assessing the running characteristics and reliability of all the rolling stock (20 locomotives, 42 carriages and 76 wagons, dating from 1954 to present!) with a view to simple improvements where possible. I hope to write about this sometime in the future."

Above: Bala Junction on that first visit in 1966. KEITH JAGGERS

Right: Signals all work and are electronically interlocked with the points.







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From poetry to a lump of rock: inspiration for a layout can take many forms. **CHRIS NEVARD** opens the door to his railway room and reveals the diverse collection of reasons that led him to create these enviable miniature masterpieces.

CEMENT QUAY

'Cement Quay' was the result of looking at full-sized railway freight operations and being impressed by Class 66s hauling their loads. 'Cement Quay' is part of a cement terminal on the River Severn, somewhere in Gloucestershire. Operations include arrivals and departures of bulk cement operated by Freightliner. Also featured is a stone terminal to add interest, with services to and from this being operated by DB Schenker (formerly EWS).

While 'Cement Quay' represents a present day scenario, I can also wind the clock back to BR blue or even steam days, thanks to the timeless nature of the buildings.

'Cement Quay', along with its Old Quarry Wharf extension layout, has changed hands. It's now in the care of The Scottish Diesel & Electric Group (www. cliffwilliams.co.uk/sdeg)

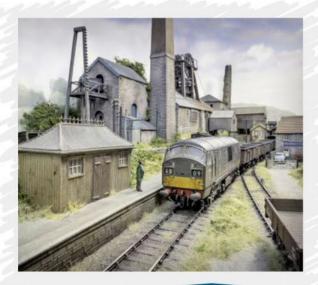


ARNE WHARF

Dating from 2003, 'Arne Wharf' is modelled in '009' (representing 2ft 3in gauge) and totally contained within a 3ft by 2ft space. Building a layout to such a conservative size means I could work on it almost anywhere in the house.

My interpretation is based on a fictitious line running from Arne to Wareham via Ridge & Stoborough on the Purbeck Peninsular. The line was built to transport ball clay, lime stone, salt and oysters, in addition to general merchandise. One of the delights of this scale/gauge combination is that almost anything goes - making for enjoyable escapism, and freeing me from the dull rivet counters!





POLBROOK GURNEY COLLIERY

There was no grand scheme behind this project. Instead, it was a way to kill two birds with one stone! I already had 'Polbrock', a little halt, but it was a bit on the small side, and operationally limited. Meanwhile, I had a selection of homeless scratchbuilt colliery buildings knocking about. So I put the two together.

'Polbrock' was originally 2ft 10in by 1ft and, as well as the halt, it had a siding and a pub. A new larger baseboard meant I could add extra track and the colliery buildings, to depict a rail-served coal mine in the Somerset coalfield. This satisfied my interest in this oft-overlooked part of Britain's industrial past.

O SUCCESS

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COMBWICH

'Combwich' is my oldest layout, dating from the early 1980s. It sharpened my skills when, as a spotty teenager, I learnt how to hand-build track and how to raise the quality of the scenics beyond just throwing a bag of brightly coloured foam and lichen onto some glue.

'Combwich' depicts an extension of the Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway from Highbridge to the small village of Combwich on the upper reaches of the River Parrett. I also envisaged a line from Combwich down to Bridgwater, too.

Of course, in real life, Combwich never took off as a port, and certainly never had a railway, even though some people from that village have written to me in recent years telling me where the station used to be!



"Forget motor cars. Get rid of anxiety. Adhere to the rhythms of the Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway, dream again that ambitious Victorian dream, which caused this long railway still to be running through deepest, quietest, flattest, remotest least spoiled Somerset."

Sir John Betjeman's words of 1963 can describe the joys of the S&D far more eloquently than I. 'Catcott Burtle' is my 'what might have been' S&D location, heavily influenced by the BBC TV film *Branchline Railway*, featuring Betjamin's words. The Somerset Levels, with its wild, open feel, and dominated by willow trees, water and big skies, is a much-overlooked S&D landscape.

Many roads in the area crossed the railway via manned level crossings rather than bridges, each crossing having its own keeper and railway cottage. Some cottages had no running water or electricity right up until the line's closure in 1966, the water being delivered by rail in milk churns! Catcott, one of the many crossings on the line, never was a halt, nor did it ever have sidings. In my parallel universe layout, on which the line caters for the peat industry, things are very different.



THE REST OF THE COLLECTION

BUCKMINSTER IRONSTONE

I had a spare 3ft by 1ft baseboard. What could I put on it? I had several ideas, but during an overnight stop in Colsterworth, in Lincolnshire, I spotted a few lumps of orange iron ore on a housing

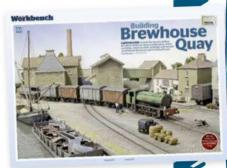


development on the site of an old quarry. The seed was sown, and further inspired by the May 2011 issue of *Model Rail* (MR156) in which Richard Foster describes an East Midlands ironstone quarry layout combining heavy industrial and rural countryside aspects. For the name of this little layout, I chose 'Buckminster' which is the next village west and, like Colsterworth, was also connected to the High Dyke railway.

I LOVE RAILWAYS AND HAVE FAR TOO MANY IDEAS FLYING AROUND IN MY HEAD TO EVER WANT TO COMMIT TO JUST ONE BIG LAYOUT ""

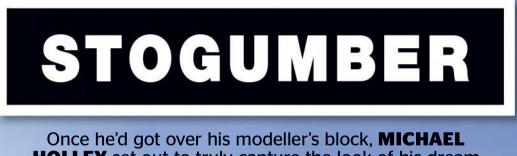
BREWHOUSE QUAY

I've always preferred making as much as I can from scratch, but I was very impressed by Bachmann Scenecraft's 'Oakhill Brewery' resin buildings. The stonework and windows were, to be honest, above and beyond anything I could make in a reasonable time. I tend to keep the front



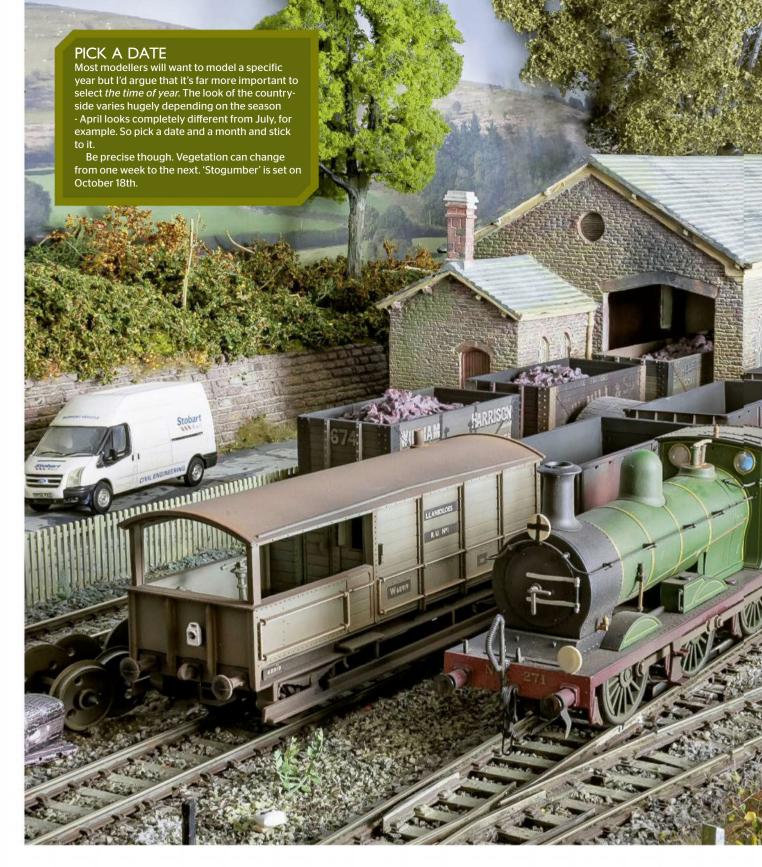
low with the scenery rising towards the rear to create a theatre or stage effect - so I combined the brewery buildings and my desire to build a waterfront to create 'Brewhouse Quay'!





Once he'd got over his modeller's block, **MICHAEL HOLLEY** set out to truly capture the look of his dream location... and he shows you how to do it too.





inding inspiration for a layout is always a difficult process for me. I was looking to build a new layout, and I was struggling.

"I don't know where to start," I complained to my wife, Veronica.

"Try to think of somewhere that has special significance to you," was her typically sage-like advice.

Immediately, my thoughts turned to the Quantock Hills.

I've loved this corner of Somerset since I first came here in 1968, aged six. I didn't travel on what is now the West Somerset Railway, though I do recall seeing a 'Hymek' (it could have been a 'Western') at Minehead. But it was the Quantock Hills themselves that made the biggest impression. When my own children were small, we made several visits to the now-preserved WSR, and we took the children walking up on the Quantocks, just as my parents took me.

So Veronica and I booked a weekend in West Somerset. We explored all the stations on the WSR and walked through the countryside, shadowing the railway, from Stogumber to Crowcombe Heathfield.

We sat in the gardens at Stogumber, basking in the warm October sunshine, breathing in the fresh air and enjoying the utter peace. By the time I returned home, I was in love with the place.

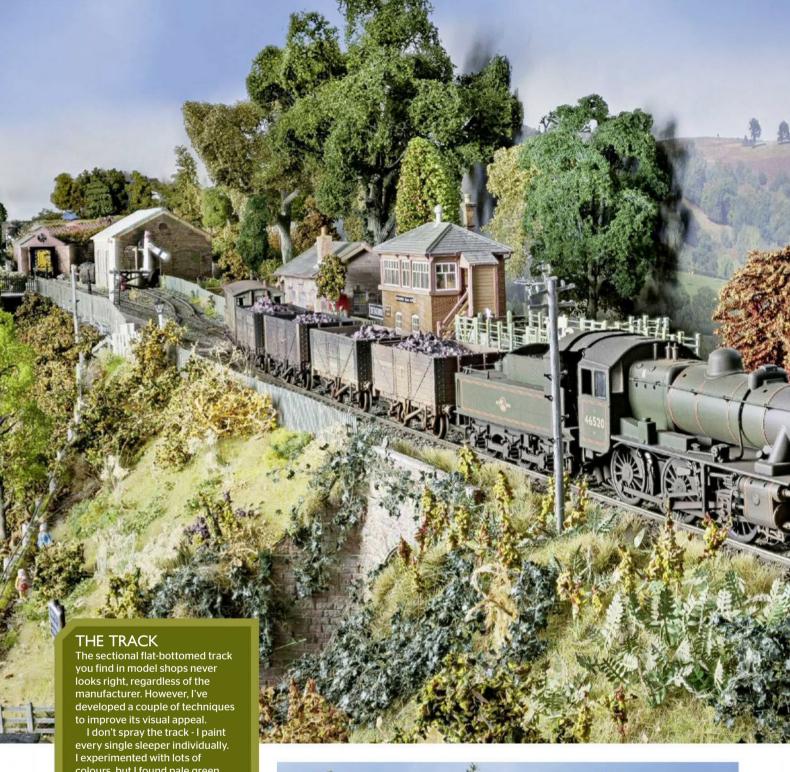
PRESERVED POTENTIAL

This delightful station offered the most modelling potential. And since all my photographs were taken on October 18, that would be the date on which my layout was set.

A preserved railway is an excellent choice for a model. You can look at the

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I don't spray the track - I paint every single sleeper individually. I experimented with lots of colours, but I found pale green paint works best. I still don't fully understand why, but it doesn't look green once it's been applied. I also don't paint the sides of the

rails rust colour, as I find this adds unwelcome emphasis to the over-scale height. I run a chocolate brown colour along the foot - use just enough to take the shine off.

I have had bad experiences in the past with the ballast/dilute PVA glue method, and my trains never ran as well as they did after I'd applied it. So, for 'Stogumber', I used Gaugemaster pre-ballasted foam underlay. It's excellent stuff and it saves a lot of time. Of course, all the ballast needs painting (I use the same green as the sleepers) otherwise it looks too pristine and unrealistic.



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THE BACKSCENE

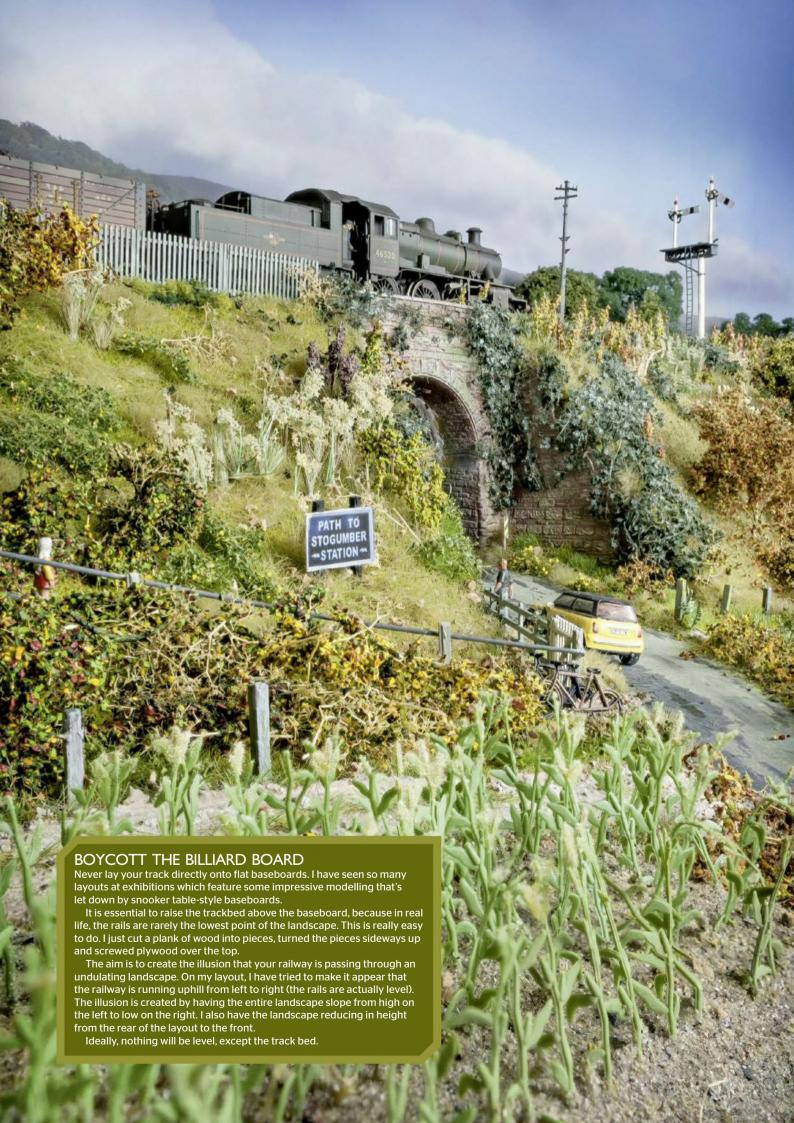
One of the main reasons why the WSR is one of Britain's premier preserved railways is the fabulous scenery it runs through, a key ingredient being the beautiful Quantocks. Veronica took a series of photographs of the hills near to Stogumber on October 18th and stitched them together in Photoshop. My local branch of Snappy Snaps was happy to print this out onto a long roll of thick paper for me, at a very reasonable price.



TRY TO AVOID THE PARALLEL
I always feel that a layout always looks much more enticing when the track is laid at an angle to the baseboard edge. If you lay the track parallel to the edge, the layout will look 'flat' and lifeless!







VEGETATION

Once you've decided on a date and location for your layout, you need to find out what that location looks like on the particular date you've selected. Specifically, study what the vegetation looks like.

I heartily recommend field visits. Take as many photographs of the vegetation on that exact date as you can. Digital photography makes this easy - no more saving your roll of 24 or 36 exposures for special occasions!

On your layout, try to copy the vegetation, in colour, size and type of plant. I was amazed at how tall and luxuriant the vegetation was at Stogumber on October 18.

Brambles, ferns and undergrowth grow as tall as people, and are riotous. If you make your layout too big, you will struggle to achieve realistic vegetation.

My layout is only 13ft by 2ft and it has been a labour of love over many years to model all the plants. There are thousands of them, and it can be very time consuming.

But I have often noticed that micro layouts look all the better for the extra work. Static grass is a potential enemy - resist the urge to 'fill in' spaces with general green as a short cut - colours in the real world just aren't that uniform.

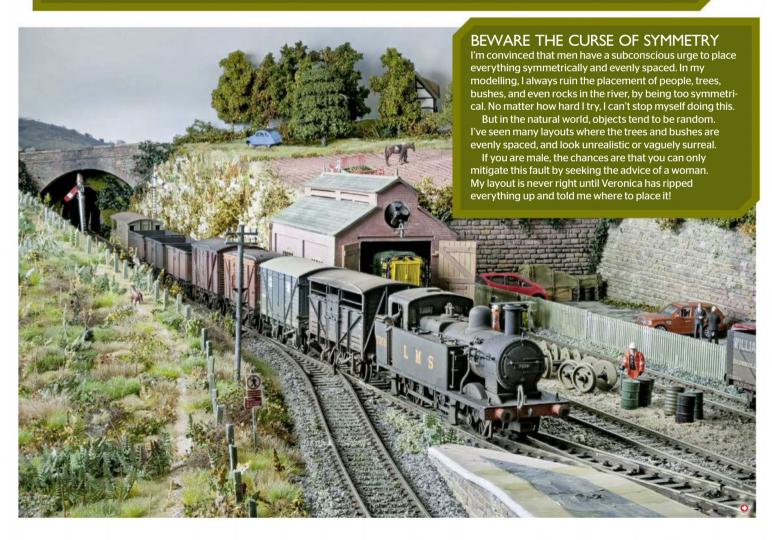












FRAME IT

My layout is a 13ft long diorama, in which the train enters through a tiny opening at one end and leaves through another at the opposite end. I have a little curtain hanging over each aperture, and think of the diorama as a theatre stage, with my actors (the trains) entering and leaving through the curtain. A frame around the diorama directs attention towards it and hides any distractions that might be behind it.

This arrangement is most commonly seen on microlayouts, but I like to have a continuous run, so after leaving the 'stage', the train runs all around the room on



a small shelf with a single track on it (which has no scenery), eventually returning through the curtain at the other end. I have a fiddleyard along one of the other walls. There is a folding 'bar flap' across the door, so we can get in and out of the room easily.



INCLUDE THE AIR

When you look at the real railway, you are looking through a large quantity of air, which imbues everything with a blue/grey haze. If you look at a distant object through binoculars, this effect is more pronounced. But on your layout, there is nowhere as much air between your eyes and the model.

So, rather than give your layout an 'accurate' colour, mix

So, rather than give your layout an 'accurate' colour, mix a hazy blue/grey tint into the paint. Do this for vegetation and buildings, as well as rolling stock. This is why, even if you match the colour of the real thing exactly, it will still look a toy on your model.

It is worth picking up bits of tree bark or pieces of old wooden fencing on walks and bringing these home so you can study the colour. Most people paint tree trunks and fences brown, but in this country they are usually grey/green. Brown tree trunks or telegraph poles always look like toys.

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For vegetation and grass, examine photos taken at the time of year you have chosen to model. You will find you need to tone down all proprietary plant products with paint because they are usually too bright. If you have thousands of plants, this will take time!



STOGUMBER

Gauge & scale: 4mm:1ft scale, 16.5mm gauge 'OO' **Time to build:** 6½ years

Period: October 18.
Prototype: Stogumber, WSR
Size: 13ft by 2ft
Track: Peco Code 100
Locomotives: Ready-to-run

Rolling stock: RTR Signals: Ratio kits

Power & control: Gaugemaster Prodigy DCC **Buildings:** Mix of scratchbuilt and resin 'ready-to-plant'

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Things you might have missed





FACTFILE: STOGUMBER

Stogumber is one of the West Somerset Railway's prettiest stations. It nestles on the edge of a hill and is a haven for wildlife, as well as providing access to the railway. Its geographical location is why the station building is on one side of the track and the platform and shelter is on the other.

There was a goods loop, goods shed and cattle dock, which served the station from opening in 1862 until the early 1960s. The single platform was removed after the station's closure in 1971, but it has been beautifully restored by the West Somerset Railway. To find out more, visit www.stogumberstation.co.uk



Above: 'West Country' No. 34046
Braunton runs into Stogumber with
a Minehead-bound train.
IAN BARANGER/ALAMY

Below: The splendour of the Quantock Hills in autumn. ESEN TUNAR/ALAMY



Struggling to find a location worth modelling, or simply looking for ideas for your next project? The **MODEL RAIL** team suggest 17 locations that would make perfect layouts, as well as offering a few personal suggestions.

YES. I REMEMBER ADLESTROP THE NAME, BECAUSE ONE AFTERNOON OF HEAT, THE EXPRESS-TRAIN DREW UP THERE UNWONTEDLY. IT WAS LATE JUNE. *** Extract taken from Adlestrop by Edward Thomas

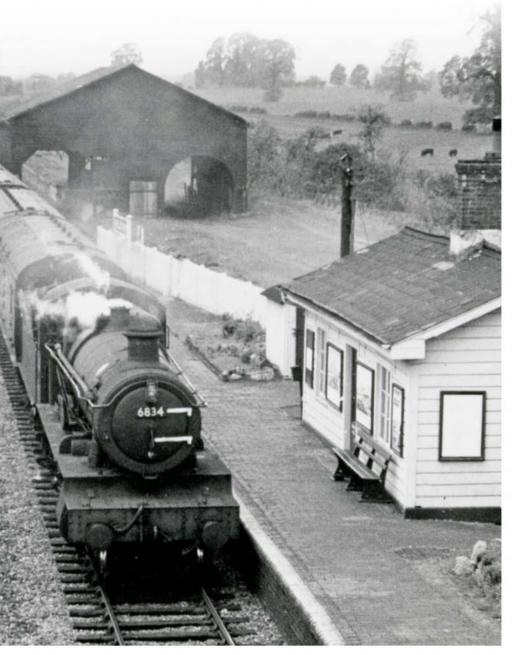
'Grange' 4-6-0 No. 6834 Dummer Grange pulls into Adlestrop on May 18 1963 with the 11.32am stopping service to Oxford. "No one left and no one came..." MICHAEL HALE/ CHRIS LEIGH COLLECTION

The Rural Idyll

ome parts of Britain are dramatic, all mountains and valleys, rock and water. Remote moorland has a wild, bleak beauty. These areas are few and far between; it's the rolling hills, little villages, quiet pastures that form the backbone of rural Britain. What it lacks in drama, it more than makes up for in calm, unpretentious prettiness that you can't help but love. With so much rural beauty to choose from, where do you start?



↑The Oxford, Worcester & Wolverhampton Railway produced some pretty timber buildings, and all except the one at Charlbury have long gone. ROSEMARY HARRIS/ALAMY



MODEL RAIL'S SELECTION

ADLESTROP

Edward Thomas' famous poem Adlestrop, written in 1914, paints a vivid picture of the idyllic atmosphere at a country station in the height of summer. It is a popular piece of verse, which has a resonance for the railway enthusiast.

Adlestrop was a station on the GWR Oxford-Worcester line (today's Cotswold Line). It was a classic, beautiful blend of original (Oxford, Worcester & Wolverhampton Railway) and GWR expansion. The Up side building and goods shed were made of timber, and the design was similar to Handborough and Chipping Campden. The goods shed was by Brunel, the station building by John Fowler a cheaper, timber version of Brunel's minor station buildings. The Down side shelter was a GWR corrugated iron pagoda shed and there was a handsome GWR station master's house just behind the down platform. The station closed in 1966 and the buildings were demolished. These days, the house is all that remains to mark the site.

While Adlestrop has a poem to make it memorable, Chipping Campden had the only surviving original wooden waiting shelter. Handborough, on the other hand, was the only one of the trio not repainted in chocolate and cream, and it carried its GWR light and dark stone paint right up until demolition. It also became famous as the destination of Winston Churchill's funeral train. (CJL)

Buildings

uildings are stones in the river of time. Generations pass by but buildings remain, evolving and changing with the years. A building can be just as inspirational as a locomotive, with railway stations themselves being top of the inspiration tree. From stations penned by Brunel, Cubbit and Barlow to modern glass, steel and concrete edifices, there are so many stations to choose from. But a station with a story and a past are arguably the most inspiring.



← A model would enable the full story of this remarkable station to be told. The front of the station was originally the back of the house. The single storey booking hall was added by the railway company. CHRIS LEIGH



↑ Part of the ladies waiting room, showing the moulded plaster ceiling cornice and the doorway to the 'secret' back stairs. CHRIS LEIGH COLLECTION

MODEL RAIL'S SELECTION

STAINES WEST

A familiar subject, but chosen this time for the architectural gem of a station building. For a start, it wasn't build by the railway. It was actually a great big old yellow brick Victorian house which had been converted into a station as an economy measure, apparently one of only three in the country to have enjoyed this reinvention.

The booking hall was a grand affair with a wide, curved staircase, which led to upstairs rooms that had become the stationmaster's flat. The porteress/ticket clerk, Mrs Alice Tucker, lived in a separate upstairs flat.

It was a remarkable 'rabbit warren', with two staircases, three storeys and hidden passageways. The main waiting room, probably originally a dining room, had moulded ceiling cornices, as did the bicycle storage room, which must once have been a large sitting room There were Best Kept Station certificates on the mantle in the ticket office (once the kitchen) and the ticket window, with its 'mousehole' glass, was cut into the sealed-up kitchen door! Who wouldn't be captivated by that? (CJL)

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The built-up landscape

andscape' is a word that appears often in these pages, and one automatically thinks of the countryside as being the most inspirational type. But not everybody shares that view. To some, the urban environment is just as beautiful.

The noise and bustle of streets, the tall buildings weathered by smog, shadows and the play of light through fog - all can have just as much beauty as a Lake District valley, but with more atmosphere.

◆ This is Baker Street, home of Sherlock Holmes, 'pea-souper' fog and mysteries. There's a strange kind of beauty to this type of location, with its deep retaining walls. Metropolitan Railway Bo-Bo No. 13 Sir Ralph Verney awaits departure for Metroland. MIKE MORANT COLLECTION

MODEL RAIL'S SELECTION

METROPOLITAN RAILWAY

London's Underground is a simply fascinating system that remains hugely popular with its aficionados but still sits outside the mainstream. The former Metropolitan Railway section of the Underground offers the most modelling potential. It linked (comparatively) leafy Hertfordshire with the busy streets and deep retaining walls of London.

It's the way that Underground trains mingle with BR trains at each end that adds to this, crossing eras and appealing to a wide variety of tastes. You can have a heady blend of Great Central expresses. steam-hauled



branch services, goods trains, blue diesels and densely packed nongangwayed coaches, not to mention the 'Met's' own unique fleet of steam and electric locomotives and multiple units.

There's also more support from model manufacturers in this part of the Underground. For modern enthusiasts, there's the London Transport Museum's Bachmann-produced 'S Stock' EMUs, with Heljan's beautiful Metropolitan Bo-Bo electrics at the other end of the spectrum. Oh, and ex-GWR panniers painted maroon! (RF)

↑ It's the combination and location of trains that gives this image interest, rather than the location itself. A city centre-bound train of London Underground 'S Stock' passes a Chiltern Trains Class 168 at Chorleywood on February 1 2012.

BRIAN ANTHONY/ALAMY



LYNTON & BARNSTAPLE

BY RICHARD FOSTER

Chris Nevard is, in my opinion, the king of micro layouts because he has mastered 'restraint'. His trackplans are remarkably simple - there are just enough buildings to give a sense of life, but nothing feels cramped or forced. You won't find Chris squeezing in another siding here or another building there. Combined with this restraint is a superb use of light, colour and texture.

That's why Chris feels like the right sort of modeller to emulate.

I last properly explored the North Devon place of pilgrimage that is the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway about five years ago and, in gorgeous sunshine, the reasons why it would make a great layout flooded back. Almost every inch of the L&B could be modelled - but which inch? Despite their narrow gauge status, even the smallest halt would require quite a bit of room.

What about creating a convincing, yet wholly fictitious L&B station, as Chris did with the S&D and 'Catcott Burtle'?

Part of the trackbed between Bratton Fleming and Blackmoor was turned into a road in the 1960s by the Milk Marketing Board to provide access to nearby farms. If the farms were so important, why not have the railway provide



The Lynton & Barnstaple Railway was always known as the 'Toy Railway and it just begs to be modelled. This is the embankment over the River Heddon, south of Parracombe in the 1910s, with a Manning Wardle, two coaches and what appears to be one of the railway's bogie brakevans heading south. CHRONICLE/ALAMY

the access, with a small halt?

All that would be required would be a simple kick-back siding off the main line that feeds a loading dock. Here, fodder for cattle could be dropped off and loaded milk churns collected. Structure-wise, there could be a small passenger halt, with Bridge 39 providing a scenic break And the name? Well, isn't it fitting that the nearby area is called Narracott?



here's something magical about the ocean and its craft. Happily, it's quite easy to connect the sea with railways because all docks and harbour of note are - or at least were - rail-connected. Goods were brought to the sea for export by rail, and trains took away imported material. The rails would run along the jetty to aid transhipment and this brought trains and ship in close contact.

There's clearly a lot to consider when it comes to railways and ships.

MODEL RAIL'S SELECTION

LIVERPOOL RIVERSIDE

Liverpool Riverside was accessed by almost three miles of tunnels from the LNWR at Edge Hill. Expresses from London and all parts of mainland Britain, along with frequent prestigious boat trains, had to traverse the dockside tramway at walking pace, passing along cobbled streets, beneath the Liverpool Overhead Railway, threading between dockside wharves and warehouses before crossing a flimsy swing bridge to reach it.

Opened in 1895 by the Mersey Docks & Harbour Board (MD&HB), Riverside station was sited adjacent to the Princes landing stage, where the great transatlantic liners moored. Until that point, passengers would have had to negotiate their way, complete with juggage, from any of the three inland terminal stations across the city centre.

PICK

The station building was a handsome affair, with no expense spared on providing passenger comforts. A glazed roof spanned the whole station, while covered gangways linked the platforms with the landing stage.

The swing bridge was replaced in 1960, allowing main line locomotives to run direct into Riverside for the first time. A small fleet of Class 40s was duly named after famous ocean liners, and traffic levels remained buoyant up to the end of the decade, until its closure in 1971.

Any layout of Riverside would be immediately recognisable - and would have to be BIG! It would also be a fabulous opportunity to dabble in serious maritime modelling, with many of the world's most famous ocean liners. (GD)

Typical of the many boat trains that picked their ways over the cobbes and by the wharves, 'Black Five' No. 45305 works a railtour from Liverpool Riverside on April 6 1968. DAVID RODGERS





Hole in the Ground

a mixture of emotions.
There's some resentment that the landscape has been defiled, and a small amount of terror when you look down into its depths, but the overriding feeling is one of awe.

Even with the biggest earth moving equipment, it takes some effort to make a big quarry. But some set their roots in the Victorian era - and earlier - and the only earth moving equipment available then was men with picks and shovels! Quarries and railways are intertwined and always inspirational.



- ↑ The stars of the Welsh slate industry were the 'Quarry Hunslets'. Holy War, built in 1902, was the last in commercial service and was withdrawn in 1967. It now enjoys a leisurely retirement at the Bala Lake Railway. KEITH JAGGERS
- → Elidir Fawr bears the scars of decades of slate quarrying at Dinorwic, but the juxtaposition of heavy industry and stunning scenery is intriguing. THE PHOTOLIBRARY WALES/ALAMY



MODEL RAIL'S SELECTION

NORTH WALES

The scenery is epic, but under the mountains is some of the world's best roofing slate in the world, and digging it out became big business. Moving it became problematic, and narrow gauge railways became the way to do it.

But it's the contrast between heavy industry and scenic beauty that makes the slate quarries themselves the most interesting - and modellable. All bear classic hallmarks: tightly wound narrow gauge railway networks, impressive stone workshops and the waste tips, where the nearby land was buried under huge mountains of waste rock.

Then there's the quarries themselves:

hewn from the mountain by hand and a fascinating combination of height and depth. We've chosen Dinorwic as a modelleable example. The quarry is hugely impressive, with the Vivian Quarry nearly 60ft deep below ground to the small locomotive shed on 'Australia' level being 1,800ft above sea level! The remains are well preserved, forming paths through a country park, whilst the headquarters now form the Welsh Slate Museum.

And we haven't even talked about the cheeky little 0-4-0STs built in large numbers by Hunslet of Leeds. They were so ideally suited to the work and held sway from the 1880s until 1967, and nearly 40 survive. (RF)

INNER CITY TERMINUS

BY PAUL MARSHALL-POTTER

My first knee-jerk reaction is to go for 'Minories', Cyril Freezer's iconic urban terminus design. It reminds me of the London I remember from my younger days - particu-

larly King's Cross, when I first started working in the city. Offering multiple movements and a concentrated suburban service, there is much to commend it. I'd model it in 1980s British Rail Great Northern electric guise, with Class 313s and 312s, but I might bend the rules a bit to include the odd Class 31!



↑ 1970s/1980s King's Cross also offered the intriguing prospect of BR blue suburban services with non-gangwayed coaches, many of which descended onto the 'Widened Lines' to access Farringdon. 31225 nears King's Cross with a rake of non-gangwayed Mk 1s in June 1976. COLOUR-RAIL

← Gresley 'Pacifics' or 'Deltics': that's normally the choice when modelling King's Cross, but Paul Marshall-Potter would go for something different. Class 312022 arrives in July 1978. COLOUR-RAIL

Juxtaposition

uxtaposition is a powerful driving force in the world of model railways. It's always interesting to see an image of two locomotives together that ought not to be together, or something a little different turning up on a railway where you don't expect it.

Staple LMR motive power at Longmoor shed on April 30 1966. Visible are 0-6-0STs Nos. 195 and 102, 2-8-0 No. 400 *Sir Guy Williams* and 2-10-0 No. 600 *Gordon*. MIKE MORANT COLLECTION



MODEL RAIL'S SELECTION

LONGMOOR MILITARY RAILWAY

The Longmoor Military Railway is proof that there really is a prototype for everything... in this case, the tail-chasing train set. You know the sort of thing:

loops of track, criss-crossing one another; spirals and overbridges, figures of eight, stations jammed up next to each other.

Look at a map of the LMR and it is that train set.

Unlike BR, which had to maintain its metals to strict standards, the LMR's purpose was to train solders to undertake railway work under hostile conditions and what makes it such a modellable subject is the vast array of locomotives and rolling stock employed. These range from 'standard' army types, such as 0-6-0STs and Riddles 2-8-0 and 2-10-0s to venerable Victorian machines to Stanier '8Fs'. Just like the train set, you really can run what you like, most

of it painted in that wonderful blue colour scheme with white and red details.

A blue Stanier '8F'? That's right. '8F' 'No. WD501, still named *Lt. W.O. Lennox VC*, received full LMR blue livery!

← Don't forget a GWR 'Dean Goods' too. This is a rather battered No. 70195 (formerly GWR No. 2531) in Longmoor yard, with the signals school in the background. MIKE MORANT COLLECTION

Highlights include the two 'WD' 2-10-Os (Gordon and Kitchener), a 'WD' 2-8-O (No. WD400 Sir Guy Williams), two ex-USATC locomotives ('S160' 2-8-O No. 700 Carl R. Gray Jr and 'S100' 0-6-OT No. 300 Major General Frank S. Ross), not to mention numerous Hunslet 0-6-OSTs and two LMS-built 0-6-ODEs. Go for the period just before 1959 and you can throw in an ex-GWR 'Dean Goods' for good measure, too. (RF)



The Shed

is the ideal layout type. You can have loads of locomotives together in one place and it doesn't look odd. You don't need that much space, either. With a low-relief shed and some short approach track you can get a realistic-looking shed in just a few square feet - perfect for those who don't have much available space.

MODEL RAIL'S SELECTION

DIDCOT

Visit Didcot midweek and it feels like the shed portrayed in three of ex-GWR fireman's Harold Gasson's books (Firing Days, Footplate Days and Nostalgic Days). Obviously, life at the Oxfordshire tourist attraction is very different today to how it was in steam days, but there are areas where the spirit of the shed that Gasson knew are still strong. Key buildings and infrastructure are unchanged and are invaluable, from a research point of view.

Whichever shed you fancy modelling, a visit to Didcot will fill your inspiration levels to the brim. The textures and colours can be transferred to any layout, regardless of region.

Of course, Didcot would make a great layout in itself. You could go for pre-war glory days, wartime grime and camaraderie, 1960s dereliction and its brief stint as a diesel depot. Or you could model today's Didcot, with comprehensive collection of GWR motive power. (RF)



The Scenic Station

lighting at some stations can leave you a little deflated. whereas others never fail to make you feel good. And that's all down to the location: hands up who wouldn't prefer

Settle to Stevenage?

The best stations are located next to some kind of key feature, a bridge or tunnel, or have a particularly splendid scenic backdrop. Some are even luckier - they feature both and offer inspiration in spades.



↑ Who wouldn't feel better after alighting at such a wonderful location? First TransPennine Class 185 185111 arrives with a southbound service on August 11 2012. PETER MOULTON/ALAMY

◆ The sun sets over the Kent Estuary as 'Black Five' No. 45310 crosses Arnside viaduct with the 8.28pm Barrow-Huddersfield parcels train. COLIN GARRATT/ALAMY

MODEL RAIL'S SELECTION

ARNSIDE

Arnside station nestles on the eastern bank of the Kent Estuary, which feeds Morecambe Bay. With the mountains of South Lakeland to the north and the Pennine ridge to the east, the village itself was once a small fishing hamlet before the railway caused it to grow into a popular seaside resort.

A steel and masonry viaduct carries the line across the wide estuary that fluctuates between an expanse of sand and deep, fast-moving water, depending on the state of the tide.

Built by the Ulverston & Lancaster Railway, the main Carnforth-Barrow line was joined at Arnside by a branch to Hincaster. Seemingly at odds with he surrounding scenery, industry was this line's raison d'être as it provided access for coke traffic from the Durham coalfields to serve the Furness iron and steel works as well as giving passenger connections for Kendal and Windermere.

Passenger services ceased in 1942 and the branch was finally closed in the early 1970s.

Arnside remains a well-patronised station on the Carnforth-Barrow route, with a Furness Railway signal box still in working order. The original station building was demolished in the 1980s, but a layout set in the station's heyday, before the Second World War, would allow for an attractive mix of traction, freight and passenger stock. (GD)



MODEL RAIL'S TEAM PICKS

KANDERSTEG

BY PETER MARRIOTT

One of the most frustrating things about model railways is. the sheer variety of lines around the world. The choice is huge, and deciding on which location to model is not easy!

If I had to choose just one location, it would be Kandersteg, on the northern ramp of the Lötschberg line in

> Switzerland. **Linking Switzer-**

land with Italy, this is a famous Alpine crossing. The line climbs the Kander Valley without a rack, and enters the station through a meadow of wild

flowers. To one side of the station is the town, with its



timber chalets. To the south side of the station is the near-vertical wall of the Alps towers over the portal of the Lötschberg tunnel, which opened in 1913.

The three platforms were served by local, national and international trains until 2007 when the AlpTransit Base Tunnel opened, and huge quantities of freight passed through, sometimes with triple-headed 'Re 6/6' locomotives.

Today, the station hosts hourly regional express passenger

services in both directions, plus some freight. The station is still bedecked with classic railway posters, and on a sunny day there is nothing better than sipping a cool beer at the station buffet and watching the trains go by.



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

BY CHRIS LEIGH

I used to live beside the railway, at the end of a cul-de-sac, and my school was on the other side of the line. There was, however, no way of crossing the line, so getting to school involved a walk up to the main road (the A30) and then around two sides of the Petters (Hawker-Siddeley) diesel engine factory to reach Thorpe Road. Once past the factory, I'd soon reach 'Thorpe Lane Crossing'.

There were double swing gates worked from a wheel in the signal box and there was a substantial footbridge. The tiny signal box belied how busy this crossing was, with frequent buses on London Transport routes 441 and 469, and constant processions of Drinkwater's Foden trucks engaged in back-filling local gravel pits. In the railways

off-peak periods, there were eight passenger trains per hour with freights to and from Feltham yard spliced in between them. Many days I stood waiting at the gates, watching the frantic activity of the lone signalman amid the ↑ A decade earlier and the lad with packages could have been me! In its last weeks of service, a 'Brighton Belle' EMU passes Thorpe Lane 'box on the Down line while working

a railtour. CHRIS

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constant clanging of block bells.

Looking back, it was a spotter's dream of a location and surely worth a layout. Devoid of sidings or crossovers, one would simply need a means of dispatching rapid successions of trains from both directions onto a plain double-track circuit. Of course, the modelling challenge would come in re-creating the sound of the bells and the operation of signals and crossing gates - something for a modeller with the right electrical and mechanical skills.



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The Test Track

ou may have a strong affinity with one region, but doesn't mean that you don't like trains from others. This can lead to conflict, especially if you slavishly want to model a particular location. What do you do about it? Create 'excuses', such as your line being used as a diversionary route, for example?

Rather than resort to this, why not pick a station where you have a legitimate reason for running pretty much whatever you want?

MODEL RAIL'S SELECTION

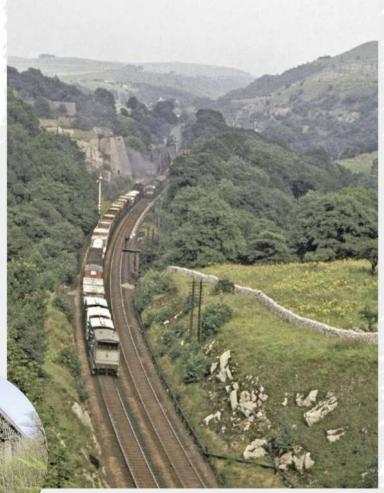
MILLERS DALE

The Derbyshire Peak District is one of Britain's scenic gems and, as a result, there are loads of classic railway locations in the area. Millers Dale, on the old Midland route from Derby to Manchester, is set in a breathtaking landscape, where high viaducts span the twisting Wye Valley and tunnels set into towering hills are characteristic features, as the Derbyshire Dales' lush pastureland give way to the forbidding limestone cliffs of the High Peak. Up to closure in 1967, the station featured plenty of variety in terms of traction and both passenger and freight traffic.

Sounds good so far. But the icing on the cake is that the route was also a haven for different types of traction. There was all manner of Midland steam power, from 'Jubilees' and '8Fs', to first generation DMUs, 'Peaks' and even the famous 'Blue Pullman'.

The St Pancras-Manchester route was used in the 1948 Exchange Trials and Millers Dale received both an LNER 'B1' and SR 'West Country' 4-6-2.

The comparative closeness to Derby Works and the manufacturers of Manchester meant that this route was an ideal test track for new diesels. Virtually every new type, from the Fell 2-Co-Co-2 to the prototype Deltic was evaluated there in the 1950s and 1960s. (GD)



↑ Photographed from above the first of the Chee Tor Tunnels, looking east back towards Millers Dale station, a mixed goods train headed by an unidentified LMS '4F' 0-6-0 passes an unidentified 'Peak' in charge of a Manchester-bound express on Friday August 2 1963. GEOFF PLUMB COLLECTION

↑ One of Millers Dale's distinctive features is the twin steel and masonry viaducts that span the Wye Valley. DENNIS PALMER/ALAMY



Bucolic beauty

igh-speed main line glamour will always capture the public's imagination, but these railways tend to be too clean and too clinical. What gets most modeller's creative juices flowing are those railways that look as though they have evolved with the landscape,

rather than being at odds with it.

What is more appealing than a railway that twists and turns through trees and valleys, that squeezes its way between buildings, that runs down streets or terminates in quaint little stations or quirky factories? The line between landscape and railway is blurred and not easy to define.

← What a great model this scene would make! Kerr Stuart 0-4-2T No. 2, one of the two Baldwin 4-6-0PTs, and the remains of Bagnall 0-6-0T Dennis stand outside the Snailbeach District Railway's tiny headquarters. COLONEL STEPHENS MUSEUM ARCHIVE



SNAILBEACH DISTRICT RAILWAY

The Snailbeach District Railway was a Colonel Stevens narrow gauge line, which used second-hand First World War Baldwins, ekeing out a hand-to-mouth existence moving lead from mines in the English/Welsh borderlands to just after the Second World War. With only two locomotives on the roster, there's no temptation to get the next shiny ready-to-run release, allowing time and effort to focus on modelling the scenery - really capturing the environment and atmosphere.

There's overgrown track, dilapidated and weathered stock, and a rare modelling opportunity to indulge in a mix of almost urban rough-and-ready dereliction around the small engine shed, in sharp contrast to the bucolic scene of the railway winding between overgrown hedgerows and dense hillside woodland.

Modelling in '009' would be particularly suitable here, due to its relatively small track footprint. This would allow the scenery to 'breathe' around the track layout, even in a small space. Best of all, Baldwins are being produced by Bachmann in '009' and the rolling stock is available from Parkside Dundas. (PMP)





Jean Supplied Landing

PERSONAL

BY GEORGE DENT This is a Liverpoolbased layout idea that I've longed to achieve since I was a teenager. It's the Full Monty and demands a Rod Steward-esque approach to tackling an extensive cityscape. Being a native of the Tuebrook area of Liverpool, I've always wanted to portray the ex-LNWR line that still runs northwards across West Derby Road, although local passenger traffic ceased in 1948. There has long been talk of converting this line into part of the Merseyrail route and I would favour this 'might have been' approach to set the layout in

the 1970-1990s era.

As well as offering the prospect of modelling the house where I grew up, my school, the Simms Road 'chippy' and other childhood memories, the area offers plenty of tantalising opportunities. As well as the ubiquitous rows of terraced housing

↑ If Rod Stewart was from Liverpool, he might have chosen to replicate this epic townscape! With Anfield and Goodison Park dominating the view, the line through George's childhood Tuebrook crosses the scene on the boundary of Anfield cemetery. GETTY

that the elevated line passes above, there are also a number of grand Victorian villas, parks and cemeteries, plus local high streets that once boasted busy tram routes, cinemas and countless churches.

The spectacular seamen's orphanage at

seamen's orphanage at Newsham Park, plus the nearby power station. would both make fantastic models. Oh, and there's Anfield and **Goodison Park football** grounds, too. A model of both stadia would be marvellous, especially with working floodlights! There were sizeable goods yards near Tuebrook and Breck Road stations, while Walton & Anfield also boasted freight-handling facilities. The variety of freight trains, heading to and from the docks,

would bring plenty of railway interest.
Furthermore, passenger trains to/from Southport were routed over the line until 1977, when the electrified low-level route via Moorfields opened. Located atop the Liverpool hinterland, the backscene would stretch out down to the docks, across the river and out into the Irish Sea.



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HOWTO...MAKE ARAIL GRINDER

It's certainly a case of function dictating form. This rail grinder unit's unpretentious looks caught **TONY KUNZMANN's** eye and he just had to model it.



egular readers will know that I have what some might regard to be an unhealthy interest in track machines and other railway 'plant' (MR168/MR180). I had seen this rather unusual two-car unit a couple of times and thought it had a face only a mother could love - but i still wanted to find out more.

I discovered that it's a Loram Schweerbau SPML17 Rail Grinder. I started to collate as many photographs as I could, because I wanted to create a model of the unit.

It has to be one of the ugliest bits of equipment working on Network Rail. The cars are of unequal lengths and heights, and they look as they were put together by a railway version of Dr Frankenstein using whatever was laying about the factory. It certainly wouldn't look out of place in a Mad Max movie... but I digress!

The two-car unit was numbered DR79201-A and DR79201-B. The 'A' unit is the longer one, as it houses all of the grinding equipment.

The first step would be to work out the dimensions. Looking at the bogies,

that you see on some 'plant' machines.



RAIL GRINDER: WHAT IS IT?

The tragic derailment of a London-Leeds express at Hatfield, in October 2000, highlighted that, if left unchecked, minute cracks that form under the rail head, due to the pressures of contact with wheels, can spread down into the rail and lead to it fracturing. Grinding the rails removes these cracks. and maintains the rail profile.

they seemed very similar to Bachmann's 'Y25' bogies. I happened to have some of these to hand, so I measured it and used this measurement as the datum from which to work out the dimensions from a side-on photograph. I ended up with something that looked more or less right.

Now to the construction, starting with the 'A' unit... MR

BUILDING DR79201-A

The first thing I had to make was the chassis. For the main base, I used 80thou plastic card and cut out a slot to take a Tenshodo motor bogie. I used Plastruct 'I' beams for the chassis side and attached other pieces of plastic to form the battery

Creating the grinding equipment was a challenge. Behind the front-facing equipment is a heavy-looking block and I thought that a 'double four' Lego block would fill the space nicely. I filed the Lego blocks smooth and covered the bottom with plastic card. This gave me a guick, solid block and it's a technique I've used ever since.

I made the protruding pieces from bits of plastic and inserted some fine brass pipe to represent the drainage tubes. The grinding heads are round-headed pins pushed inside Plastruct tubing. Despite this homespun approach, I'm pleased with the result!

The 'cage' that sits on the chassis was made separately. I used 30thou plastic card for the sides and the mesh from a frying pan splatter guard for the doors. These items only cost a few pounds, and you get lots of mesh for your money - plus they're really easy to cut.

The rear door is also made from mesh, but the front one, nearest the cab, is solid plastic. I also put in a solid floor to keep everything square and rigid. As it's possible to see through the cage, I needed to put some machinery inside, so I used various bits of Lego, spraying them black. I also sprayed the cage using RailMatch Warning Panel Yellow. When dry, I fixed the internal machinery and added a roof, which gave it extra rigidity.

Now for the cab. The sides and front were made of plastic card and I strengthened the bottom edges with thicker plastic to give the glue something to adhere to. Each piece of glazing was made to fit

a specific aperture, because no matter how hard you try, it's difficult to mass-produce precision holes and glazing pieces.

Marker lights and wipers are from Shawplan and all other cab fittings are scratchbuilt, although I believe you can now buy appropriate miniature readymade video cameras. The buffers are also quite unusual, so I dug out some old whitemetal ones, filed them smooth and added plastic card overlays.

There is a walkway between the cage and the outer edge of the unit. I cut some plastic strip for the uprights and drilled each one twice to accept the long handrails. I put an angled strip of plastic across the top, because the sloping roof would need to be attached to this later. These components were hand-painted as they would have been too difficult to airbrush.

The roof was made of plastic card, scored and folded to shape. I didn't have a clue what the top of the roof looked like, but I was lucky to find a photograph taken from a bridge at Tonbridge Yard that revealed key details, such as the inverted tank and a large vent. The roof needed to be extra strong, so I made plastic strengtheners and attached them to the upper edges of the cage. Due to the roof folds. you can't see them from the side. I then sprayed the roof.

There's some sort of fire curtain around the grinding equipment. It looks black but on some photographs it appears to be red, so I used red electrical tape and hoped that the black appearance was nothing but dirt.

It looks like it has a cover which attaches near the handrails. I assume it could fold it down, but on every photograph I've seen, it's folded up, so I made it from plastic.

Finishing touches include a large block that protrudes from the front just above the rail tops, which I replicated but I don't know what it does. Another quick job was fitting the cab steps.

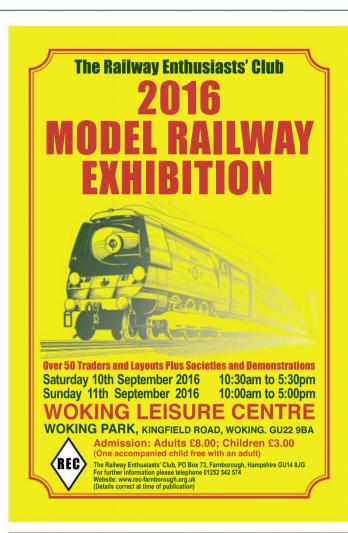


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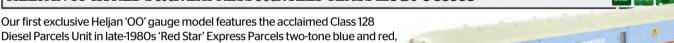
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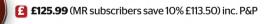
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Jul 30-31

NOTTINGHAM. GCRN Model Rail Show. Great Central Railway (Nottingham), Mere Way Business Park, Ruddington NG11 6JS. **Time:** 1030-1630. **Admission:** Adult £6, Child £3, Family £30. **Tel:** 0115 9405705. **Web:** www.gcrn.co.uk

STOKE-ON-TRENT. St John's Charity Exhibition. St John's Primary School, Wheatley Ave, Trent Vale, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 6SB. Time: Sat 1030-1700, Sun 1030-1630. Admission: Adult £4, Child £2, Family £10. Tel: 07747 087050. E-mail: irf.cox@hotmail.co.uk

Jul 3

THIRSK. Thirsk & District MRG MRE. Thirsk Town Hall, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QR. **Time**: 1030-1630. **Admission**: Adult £4, Child/Senior £2, Family £10. **Web**: www.expo-thirsk.co.uk

Aug3

TAUNTON. Taunton MRG MRE. Bishops Lydeard Station, Station Road, Bishop's Lydeard, Taunton TA4 3BX. **Time:** 1100-1600.

Aug 6

HUDDERSFIELD. Pennine MRS MRE. St Philips Community Centre, Briarlin Road, Birchencliffe HD3 3NL. **Time:** 1000-1700. **Admission:** Adult £4.50. **Tel:** 07787 840672.

MINEHEAD. Exmoor Rail MRE. The Minehead Eye, Mart Road, Minehead TA24 5BJ. Time: 1000-1630. Admission: Adult £5, Child £1, Family £10. Tel: 01643 706736. E-mail: nelhams1@tiscali.co.uk

Aug 6-7

REDCAR, CLEVELAND. Cleveland MRC MRE. Redcar & Cleveland College, Corporation Road, Redcar TS10 1EZ. Time: Sat 1000-1700, Sun 1000-1600. Admission: Adult £4.50, Child/Senior £3.50, Family £12.50. Tel: 07864 880242. Web: www.crmc.club

ST ANDREWS, FIFE. St Andrews Town Hall, Queens Gardens, St Andrews KY16 9TA. Time: Sat 1000-1730, Sun 1030-1700. Admission: Adult £4, Child £2.50.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK. Southwold MRE. Saint Felix School, Halesworth Road, Southwold IP18 6SD. **Time:** Sat 1000 1700, Sun 1000-1630. **Web:** www.wwmrc.ora.uk

Aug7

STALHAM, NORFOLK. Broadland MRC Open Day. Stalham Town Hall, High Street, Stalham NR12 9AH. **Time:** 1000-1600. **Admission:** £2. **Web:** www. broadlandmodelrailwayclub.co.uk

Aug 10

TAUNTON, see Aug 3.

Aug 1

WELLING, KENT. Association of Bexley Charities '78 Toy and Train Fair. Falconwood Community Centre, The Green, Welling DA16 2PG. Time: 1800-2130. Admission: Adult £1. Tel: 020 8303 8291. E-mail: mail@johnsalt.plus.com

Aug 13

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, E. SUSSEX. Bexhill Model Railways MRE. St Richards Catholic College, Ashdown Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1SE. **Time:** 1000-1700. **Admission:** Adult £4, Child £2, Family £10. **Tel:** 01424 210617. **Web:** www.bexhillmrc.org.uk

BRIDLINGTON, E. YORKS. Bridlington MRS Open Day. Unit 10, Station Arches, Hilderthorpe Road, Bridlington. **Time:** 1000-1700.

Web: www.bridrailmodellers.com

HEYWOOD, LANCS. Heywood MRG MRE. Club Rooms, Unit 3, Park Works, River St, Heywood OL10 4AB. **Time:** 1000-1600. **Web:** www.hmrg.co.uk

MILTON KEYNES. Silverfox DCC MRC. Oakgrove School, Brickhill Street, Milton Keynes MK10 9JQ. Time: 1000-1600. Admission: Adult £5, Child £2.50, Family £12. Tel: 01908 370713.

Aug 13-14

SWANAGE, DORSET. Purbeck MRE. Harmans Cross Village Hall, Haycraft's Lane, Swanage BH19 3EB. **Time:** 1000-1630. **Admission:** Adult £5, Child £2, Family £12.

WELLS, SOMERSET. Wells Railway Fraternity 'Railwells 2016'. The Town Hall, Market Place, Wells BA5 2RB.
Time: Sat 1030-1730, Sun 1030-1700.
Admission: Adult £6, Senior/Wheelchair user/Child £4. Tel: 01749 938362.
Web: www.railwells.com

Aug 17

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Aug 20

GUILDFORD, SURREY. Astolat MRC Open Day. National Trust, Dapdune Wharf, Wharf Road, Guildford GU1 4RR. Time: 1100-1700. Admission: Adult £3.95, Child £2.30, Family £11.50. Tel: 01483 722098. E-mail: davidwilde155@msn.com

LUDLOW, SALOP. Craven Arms & District MRC MRE. Ludlow Racecourse, Bromfield SY8 2BT. **Time:** 1000-1630. **Admission:** Adult £2.50, Senior £2, Child £1.50. **Tel:** 01588 672145.

NEATISHEAD, NORFOLK. The J50 Group MRE. The New Victory Hall, Street Hill, Neatishead, NR12 8AD. **Time**: 1000-1600. **Admission**: Adult £3, Concession £2.50, Child £2. **E-mail**: thej50group@ outlook.com **Web**: www.thej50group. wix.com/home

NORTHAMPTON. Northampton & District MRC MRE. Cogenhoe Village Hall. York Avenue, Cogenhoe NN7 1NB. Time: 1000-1630. Admission: Adult £3, Child £2, Family £7. Tel: 01604 890275. Web: www.mmrc.org

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Aug 7

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Aug 13

NOTTINGHAM. Bluecoat Academy, Aspley Lane, Nottingham NG8 5GY. Time: 1000-1400. Admission: £2. Tel: 07951 072790. Web: www.ttf.co.uk

Aug 13

CHESTER. The Chester County sports club, Plas Newton Lane, Upton, Chester CH2 1PR. **Time:** 1000-1500. Admission £2. **Tel:** 01270 652773.

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STAFFORD. The Prestwood Argyle Suites, County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford ST18 OBD. Admission: Adult £3.50, Senior £3, Children £1. Web: www.bpfairs.com

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Sept 4

BIRMINGHAM. Hall 18, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham B4O 1NT. **Admission:** Adult £7, Senior £6.50, Children £2. **Web:** www.bpfairs.com

Oct 2

COLCHESTER. Langham Community Centre, School Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 5PA. **Time:** 1000-1400. **Admission:** Adults £2. **Tel:** 07739 998010.

Nov 5

CRAWLEY. The Hawth Theatre, Hawth Ave, Crawley RH10 6YZ. **Time:** 1000-1400. **Admission:** Adult £2. **Tel:** 07739 998010.

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WHITSTABLE, KENT. East Kent MRS MRE. The Community College, Whitstable, Bellevue Road, Whitstable CT5 1PX. Admission: Adult £3, Child £1.50, Family £7. Tel: 01227 275157 (evenings).

Aug 20-2

BELFAST. Ulster MRC MRE. Whitla Hall, Methodist College, 2 Malone Road, Belfast BT9 6BY. **Time:** Sat 1000-1700, Sun 1300-1700. **Admission:** Adult £4, Concession £3, Child £2, Family £10. **Tel:** 07850 953563. **Web:** www.ulstermodelrailwayclub.co.uk

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE. Model Tram, Bus and Railway Exhibition. The National Tram-

way Museum, Crich Tramway Village, Crich DE4 5DP. **Time:** 1000-1700.

INVERNESS. Inverness & District MRC MRE. Jurys Inn Hotel, Millburn Road, Inverness IV2 3TR. Time: Sat 1000-1700, Sun 1000-1600. Admission: Adult £5, Child £2, Family £10. Tel: 07801 593637.

PICKERING, YORKS. Scarborough and District RMS 2016. The Memorial Hall, Potter Hill, Pickering YO18 8AA. Time: Sat 1000-1700, Sun 1000-1600. Admission: Adult £5, Concession £4.50. Tel: 07788713874. Web: www.sdrmweb.co.uk

ROSS-ON-WYE. John Kyrle High School, Ledbury Road, Ross-on-Wye HR9 7ET. Time: 1000-1600. Admission: Adult £4, Child £3, Family £10.

Aug 24

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Aug 27

BIRMINGHAM. Bournville MRE. The Hollymoor Centre, 8 Manor Park Grove, Northfield B31 5ER. **Time:** 1000-1630. **Admission:** Adult £4.50, Child £1, Family £9.

BUDE, CORNWALL. NC&D MRC MRE. The Parkhouse Centre, Bude EX23 8LD. Time: 1000-1600. Admission: Adult £3, Child £1. Tel: 01566 772667.

LONDON. Hillingdon Rly Modellers Open Day. Yiewsley Baptist Church Hall, 74 Colham Avenue, Yiewsley, Hillingdon UB7 8HF. **Time:** 1000-1600. **Admission:** £4. **Tel:** 020 8368 4090. **Web:** www. hillingdonrailwaymodellers.co.uk

Aug 27-29

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS. Gainsborough MRS Open Days. Florence Terrace, Gainsborough DN21 1BE. Time: Sat & Sun 1330-1800, Mon 1030-1800.

Admission: Adult £4, Senior/Child £3. Family £10. Tel: 01427 615871. Web: www.gainsboroughmodelrailway.co.uk

HAWICK, SCOTLAND. Hawick & District Railway Society Border Rail 2016. Time: Sat 1000-1700, Sun 1000-1600. Admission: Adult £4, Child £2, Senior £3.

Aug 28

BROXBOURNE, HERTS. Hoddesdon Model & Railway Club MRE. The Old Mill, Mill Lane, Broxbourne EN10 7AX. Time: 1000-1700. Admission: Adult £2, Child £1. Tel: 0754 2560493. E-mail: clive. porter3@ntlworld.com

Aug 29

HARROGATE, YORKS. Bilton Grange MRC. Bilton United Reformed Church, 1 Woodfield Road, Harrogate HG1 4LN. Time: 1000-1600. Admission: Adult £3, Child £1, Family £6. Tel: 01423 521542. E-mail: harrogatemrc@hotmail.com

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Sep 3

CUMBERNAULD, N. LANARKSHIRE. Cumbernauld MRG Open Day. The Link Community Education Centre, Bron Way, Cumbernauld, North Lanarkshire G67 1EW. Time: 1000-1600. Admission: Adult £1. Tel: 01236 612099. Web: www. cumbernauldmrq.orq.uk

SELBY, N. YORKS. Selby Salvation Army. Portholme Church, Portholme Road, Selby YO8 4QH. **Time:** 1000-1630. **Admission:** Adult £4, Child £1. **Tel:** 01757 701169. **E-mail:** *ianrkerrison@gmail.com*

TADWORTH, SURREY. Tadworth Autumn 2016 MRE. The Good Shepherd Church Hall, Station Approach Road, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5AH. Time: 1000-1700. Admission: Adult £5, Child £3, Senior £4, Family £10. Web: www. ndmrc.info/Home/Tadworth.htm

Sep 3-4

ACCRINGTON, LANCS. Blackburn & East Lancashire MRS MRE. Hydburn Leisure Centre, Henry St, Church, Accrington BB5 4EP. Time: 1000-1700. Admission: Adult £7. Web: www.belmrs.org

ALNWICK, NORTHUMBERLAND. Aln Valley Railway MRE. Lionheart Station, Lionheart Enterprise Park, Alnwick NE66 2EZ. **Time:** 1030-1630. **Admission:** Adult £5, Family £10. **Tel:** 01665 606168. **Web:** www.alnvalleyrailway.co.uk

ANDOVER, HANTS. Andover MRC MRE. John Hanson School, Floral Way, Andover SP10 3PB. Time: Sat 1000-1700, Sun 1000-1600. Admission: Adult £5, Child £1, Senior £4.50. Tel: 07967 685267. Web: www.amrc.hampshire.org.uk

CHATHAM, KENT. The Medway MRS. Fort Pitt Grammar School. Fort Pitt Hill, Chatham, Kent ME4 6TJ. Time: Sat 1000-1700, Sun 1000-1600. Admission: Adult £5, Child £2.50, Family £12. Tel: 07821 254232. E-mail: medwaymodelshow@yahoo.co.uk

LOUGHBOROUGH. The Soar Valley MRC MRE. Loughborough Grammar School, Leicester Road, Loughborough LE11 2AQ. Time: Sat 1030-1700, Sun 1030-1600. Admission: Adult £8, Concession £7, Child £4, Family £20. Web: www.svmrc. co.uk

TAUNTON. See Aug 3.

Sep 10

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.

Bishop's Stortford Railway Society MRE. Birchwood High School, Parsonage Lane, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5BD. **Time:** 1030-1630. **Admission:** Adult £5, Child £2, Family £10. **Tel:** 07736 308696. **Web:** http://bsrs.webplus.net

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Top Tip: Enjoy modelling challenges

When it comes to modelling, most of us are better at some things than others. However, remember that making mistakes and learning from them is part of the fun. Mistakes are often the best way to improve your modelling prowess - nobody becomes a first class baseboard carpenter, tracklayer, track planner, miniature architect or scenic expert overnight. Patience is an essential quality for railway modellers. If you are starting to feel a little weary of modelling, why not embrace the challenge of trying your hand at something new? There is always something new to learn!



Expert Recommendation

Accept that you'll need to learn new modelling skills as you go along. Most of us stay in our comfort zone doing things in our own tried and tested ways, but you may be surprised at how quickly you can learn to do new things in new ways. Set yourself the challenge of trying new techniques, methods, materials and products each time you work on your layout. It makes the hobby much more satisfying, challenging and fun, and it's great exercise for our brains, too. Read each issue of Model Rail magazine to learn new skills and find out about new tools and products which may make the process easier.

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Top Tip: Landscaping & Scenics

Recently I was in the workshop making a board for some photos. I wanted to create a more delicate looking scene, so I grabbed a tub of lichen. I pulled it apart and mixed different colours together, which made the bush look much more realistic. I then sprayed layering spray over the bush and applied some 2mm summer static grass on top, which made it look thorny. I was quite impressed with the result, if I say so myself!





How to do it: use natural materials to make trees

My success got me thinking of using a naturally sourced product to make trees, so I went outside and picked up some twigs off the floor. I put some FTG glue on a trunk-like twig and poked it through the middle of a bunch of lichen. When the glue was dried, I sprayed some layering spray on the lichen and applied some 2mm summer static grass using the Pro Grass Micro applicator to add more depth and foliage. Again, I was really pleased with the realism of the finished product.

We hope you have enjoyed this series of WWS articles, and we hope they have been useful. Happy modelling!

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Top Tip: DCC, Wiring & Electrical

Soldering is NOT a black art!

Many modellers find soldering difficult, and some are reluctant to even try it, but its really is easy to master. Use the items we recommend and follow these instructions and I guarantee that you'll soon be smiling at your new-found expertise with a soldering Iron.

Essential items:

- A soldering iron that is able to deliver enough heat to the joint quickly. That means no lower than 40 watts. Don't use lower-power irons - they can't deliver heat quickly to things like rail joints, greatly increasing the chance of failure - and the risk of melting the track plastic!
- A type 2C tip for the iron. This is a 2mm slant-ended tip that is much better to use than the fine round tip that comes with

most irons. Install the 2C tip and you'll never look back!

- A good quality no-clean flux, such as DCCconcepts DCS-SFNC. If you use a different one, make sure it is not acid-based and that it works with copper wire.
- A good quality silver-bearing lowtemperature solder, such as DCCconcepts S179.
- A fibreglass brush, such as DCCconcepts DCT-FBS, or similar.
- Good quality wire strippers, such as DCCconcepts DCT-FWS or similar.

This is the guaranteed method of soldering a dropper wire to rail:

- Prepare the track/rail first.
- Put the track where it will go and adjust or cut to fit if needed.

- Decide where you will solder the wire to the rail. For an unobtrusive joint, this is best done before laying the track, but it is possible to do after it's been laid.
- Mark the rail top with a marker pen, then mark the track bed at the same position.
- Cut away the 'web' between the sleepers and clean the area with a fibreglass pen or a small file. Even new rail will need cleaning.
- Let the iron heat up. Make sure the tip is tinned and shiny. If not, clean and tin it!
- Put a little flux onto the rail area to be soldered, using a small brush or cotton bud
- Take a little of the solder onto the iron tip and apply the Iron to the fluxed rail.
- The flux will sizzle and the solder will flow immediately. Remove the iron as soon as it flows.







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Top Tip: Painting

What is the best product to use for thinning acrylics for airbrushing?





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Expert Answer

We strongly recommend that you choose the thinner/reducer associated with the brand of paints you're using. However, the following formula can be used to create your own homemade thinner/reducer, as we have found that it works well with most brands of water-based acrylics, and is a cost-effective alternative to expensive branded acrylic thinners.

This formula will make 60ml of fluid. You will need an empty bottle, distilled water, 99% isopropyl alcohol, Vallejo airbrush flow improver, Vallejo retarder and a measuring jug.

Firstly, fill the bottle up with 38ml of distilled water and then add 20ml of IPA. This on its own will do an adequate job of thinning paints, but the homemade thinner/reducer is greatly improved by adding 1ml of both airbrush flow improver and airbrush retarder to the solution. These additives will help with the general flow of the reduced paint, improve adhesion and reduce tip drying by extending the curing time of the paint.

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Top Tip: Buildings

What's the best way to score a printed surface without damaging it? If I score it with a knife, no matter how lightly, I'm always left with a visible line which shows up on the completed models.





Expert Advice

There are a couple of methods of scoring printed paper and card surfaces without damaging them. Papers printed using an inkjet printer are slightly more resilient when you fold them due to the ink soaking into the paper. But images or paper components printed on a laser printer are prone to cracking if they're not scored correctly.

To score a printed surface for a ridge fold, where the paper is folded back on itself, the solution is to score on the unprinted back surface. Simply use a dressmaker's pin to put a small hole at each end of the score line on the printed side. Flip the paper over and gently score between the two holes using a knife or empty ballpoint pen.

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The rail is now tinned and ready for the wire, so let's prepare the wire to be soldered to the rail next:

- Strip about 12mm of wire (about ½in) and twist it tightly.
- Put a little flux on the wire.
- Take a little of the solder onto the iron tip and apply it to the fluxed wire.
- Again, the solder will flow immediately. Remove the iron as soon as it flows. As an experiment, try this with and without flux. Even though the solder may have flux in it, you will be amazed how much better the flow is with the addition of more flux.
- Snip the end off the tinned wire to leave a tidy end, then bend the end of the tinned area 90° so it's in an 'L' shape, with the bent portion about 3mm long.

Bring the rail and the wire together:

- Add more flux to the tinned rail.
- Add a small amount of solder to the iron.
- Hold the 'L'-shaped end of the wire against the tinned area of the rail.
- Apply the soldering iron to the joint and remove the iron as soon as solder flows.
- Count to three and let go of the wire. You are now well on the way to being a soldering expert.

You now have a perfect solder joint between rail and wire.

You can use this technique for soldering all sorts of things - soldering wire to rail, assembling brass kits, making track... in fact all the soldering jobs associated with a layout. With a little practice you will soon find soldering easier than using glue!





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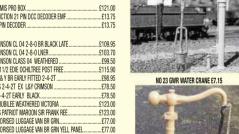
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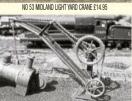




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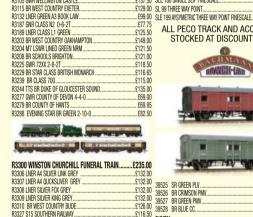
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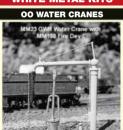


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32-550B^ Class A1 4-6-2 60163 "Tornado" in BR lined Brunswick green (Bac) (list £159.95) ..BARGAIN.....£95



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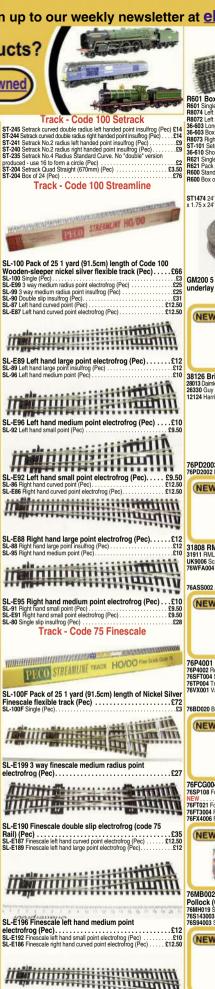


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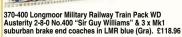
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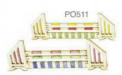
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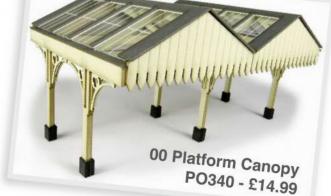


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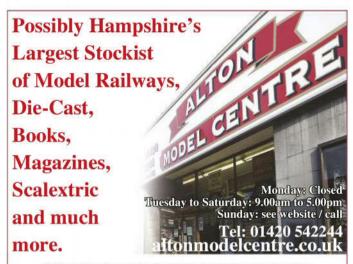
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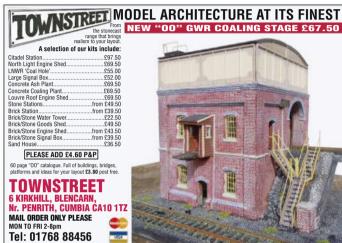


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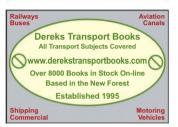
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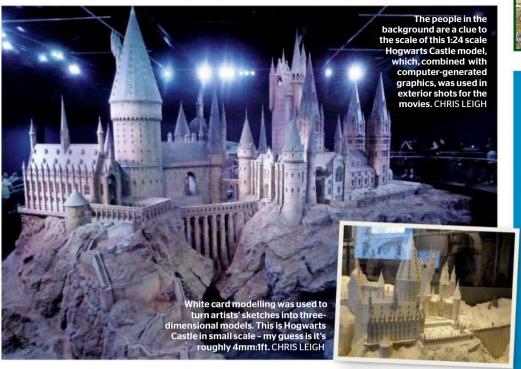
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Model Rail's answer to Dumbledore CHRIS LEIGH regains control of his page





Turn your back for a moment and your page gets hijacked! But it was good to see the debut of our renovated test track revealed last issue. It's very much a no-frills job, and unlike our old TTF (Total Test Facility) it is devoid of scenery and will remain so. It re-uses baseboards from a previous test layout, but reconfigured to a rectangular arrangement, rather than the original square. It also incorporates gradients in both 'N' and 'OO' circuits, some second-hand track, and some deliberately less-than-perfect track joints. We've already tested the Farish '64XX' and Bachmann 'V3' 2-6-2T on it - see our official YouTube channel for videos.

On a grand scale

remember that back in the early 2000s, *Model Rail* produced some printed parts for a Hogwarts Castle, designed to be made out of card and Pringles tubes to accompany the Hornby *Harry Potter* train sets. I designed those models, and Andrew Mackintosh produced the artwork. Despite the clamour that surrounded the movies, I hadn't seen any of them until recently, when my curiosity was sparked by a visit to the Warner Brothers Studio Tour. A relative

from Canada came over for a visit, and one thing she particularly wanted to do was tour the film studios at Leavesden, near Watford.

The film-makers used lots of models, ranging from life-size animatronic snakes, birds and even people, to buildings and full-size room interior sets. However, the undoubted high spot, right at the very end of the tour, is Hogwarts Castle itself. It's a truly epic piece of modeling in 1:24 scale. On display in near darkness, it features 300 fibre-optic lights, some of which change or move to create different effects. The model was used for all the castle exterior sequencess in the eight movies.



Now I'm looking for an excuse to model the Potter family's original home at Godric's Hollow - a life-size 'model' featured in *Harry Potter* and the Deathly Hallows. CHRIS LEIGH

CYPRUS OPENS ITS OWN NRM

Following my appeal (in MR223) for information on the Cyprus Government Railways' 2-6-2Ts, I was contacted by Mike Radford of MARC Models. Mike produced *Model Rail's* 'Night Ferry' etched brass kits some 15 years ago, and he's still selling them. (www. marcmodels.co.uk/html/night_ferry.html)

He's helping me with pictures and information to complete Keith Willows' little CGR 2-6-2T, and he tells me that the National Railway Museum of Cyprus opened its doors to the public on July 9. It is situated at the Southern terminus of the line at Evrychou, 72 miles from Famagusta.

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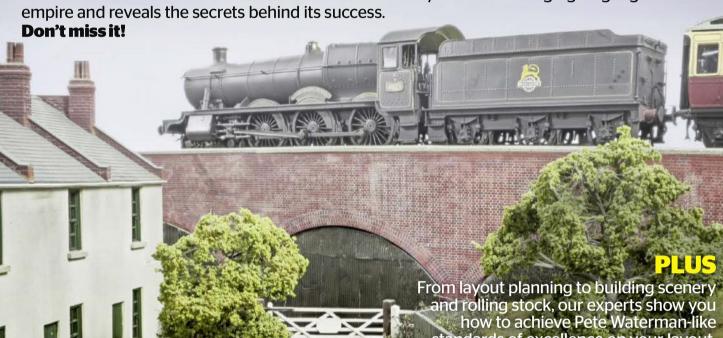
I couldn't resist following our feature on one-coach trains (MR222) with another view of 153369 on the Gunnislake branch after I'd travelled through from Plymouth over this delightful branch line. The high spot of the trip has to be Calstock, where the train winds its way into the tiny station which is on the site of at least two earlier stations, a Colonel Stephens wooden building and a 1960s BR bus shelter. Immediately beyond the station is the spectacular crossing of the Tamar. At Gunnislake, the station was repositioned in order to eliminate a very low road bridge. The route is part GWR main line, part former SR main line and part Colonel Stephens light railway - perhaps the last part of his empire still on the national network.



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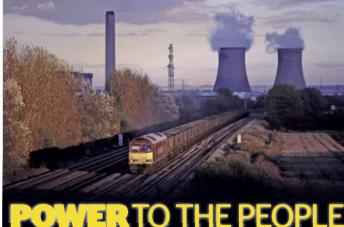
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