

Association of Shrewsbury Railway Modellers

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1 March 2020	Trevor Hughes	-	A progress report from Trevor on his Talylyn Railway layout (1/32 scale)
	Scott Stephenson	-	Progress on Scott's J38 live steam loco (Gauge 1)
	Gordon Woods	-	A short article and photo of Gavin Clarke's layout Kerrinhead (P4 scale). Gordon, Stephen Duffell and Tim Lewis are members of Gavin's exhibition operation team.
	Sam Ryan	-	A photo of a busy ASRM meeting before the lockdown.
2 April 2020	Phil Yeend	The Plastikard Challenge	Southern Railway "Cathedral" Substation
	Gordon Woods	The Plastikard Challenge	Colliery Winding House
	Dave Gotliffe	The Plastikard Challenge	Craven Arms Station Canopy
	Sam Ryan	The Plastikard Challenge	"The Kennel" - a simple narrow-gauge engine shed
	Tim Lewis	The Plastikard Challenge	Coldstream station cottages
	Nick Coppin	The Plastikard Challenge	Great Eastern covered goods van
	Howard Mainwaring	The Plastikard Challenge	Engine House
	Andy Vaughan	The Plastikard Challenge	War Dept. Light Railway – Class F wagon with field gun carrier cradle
	Stephen Duffell	The Plastikard Challenge	Engine Shed
	Ian Payne	A Railcar on the Cheap	Ian Payne describes construction of a radio-controlled G Scale railcar.
	Ian Payne	All Change in the Loft	Plans for a new N Scale North American layout
	Phil Rowe	Talylyn Railway Carriages	Photos of Phil's current project, in 16mm scale Talylyn railway carriage.
	Eric Challoner	Derry Road	Photos of Eric's latest atmospheric layout depicting an abandoned Irish railway line, specifically the 'Derry Road' between Portadown and Londonderry.
	Trevor Hughes	Keeping Connected	Various types of coupling used on Trevor's Talylyn Railway layout and the Newtown club's Bishops Castle layout
	Scott Stephenson	Some Gauge 1 Stuff	A loco display plinth and various goods wagons
	3 May 2020	Alan Coppin	-
Ian Payne		A Garden Railway in 16mm	Ian's garden layout
Eric Challoner		A GNR (Ireland) Engine Shed	Irish branch line engine shed (diorama)
Mike Bennett		Much Pending	Mike's small N Gauge layout, built as an interim while planning a new large N Scale layout
Nick Coppin		A Couple of 32mm Gauge wagons	Highly-detailed 32mm gauge wagons, built by Nick Coppin
Mike Bennett		Historic Word Use	An old LNWR tinplate notice unearthed by Mike's neighbour from his garden
Trevor Hughes		More on the Coupling Saga	Further thoughts on coupling and uncoupling of rolling stock
David Gotliffe		Kyburg	An update on Dave's Z-Scale layout, including a fiddle yard extension
Sam Ryan		Some OO9 Stuff	An update on Sam's latest narrow gauge projects
Scott Stephenson		Some Gauge 1 Stuff	Photos of Scott's J38 loco - now completed - plus some rolling stock
Tim Lewis		Plastikard Challenge	Window construction in plastikard
Tim Lewis		4mm Wagons	Construction of an ex-North Eastern Lowmac wagon (Scalefour)
Stephen Duffell		Recent Arrivals	2 LSWR tricomposite coaches
Scott Stephenson	Social Media Catchup	Internet & Social Media News	
4 June 2020	Michael Glover	London Tram	Photo of Michael's G-45 scale model of a 1903 London Tram Car.
	Stephen Duffell	On My Workbench	Illustrated article of buildings and coaches under construction
	Howard Mainwaring	LMS Jinty	Illustrated article showing progress on Howard's Class 3 LMS Jinty Tank in O Gauge - based on a Connoisseur Models kit.
	Sam Ryan	"Four Seasons"	Photos of the preliminary work on Sam's "Four Seasons" layout, in particular the backscene, depicting each of the four seasons.
	Tim Lewis	Plastikard Challenge	An illustrated article showing significant further progress on the Coldstream station cottages.
	Tim Lewis	Ex-North Eastern Lowmac wagon	Photo showing final detailing on Tim's ex-North Eastern Lowmac wagon.
	Phil Rowe	Painting my Midland Single	Progress - including painting - of Phil's Gauge 1 Midland Single loco
	Scott Stephenson	The Model Railways of Chris Nevard	A selection of photos of the remarkable model railways of renowned modeller Chris Nevard (reproduced with permission).
	Trevor Hughes	Narrow Gauge Wagon Building	An illustrated article showing progress on Trevor's superb scratch-built Talylyn Railway slate wagons.
	Gordon Woods	Upgrading Kitmaster Mk 1 Coach Kits	An illustrated article, showing Gordon's upgrades to his rake of already excellent Kitmaster Mk 1 coach kits.
	Mike Bennett	Baseboard Building	Preliminary work on Mike's large N Scale layout
Nick Coppin	Something for the Stuck-At-Home Modeller	A short description - and possible challenge to members - regarding building Cameo Layouts.	
Alan Coppin	"and to Close the Show..."	2 more photos from the collection of Nick Coppin's father - this time taken at the Milford Haven Oil Refinery	
5 July 2020	Phil Yeend	London Trams	An illustrated article by Phil, regarding his O Gauge London trams.
	Graham Betts	Plastikard Challenge	Goods shed, goods office and signal box
	Stephen Duffell	On My Workbench	Manning Wardle 0-4-0T F Class loco
	Howard Mainwaring	The Wellington to Craven Arms Railway : a Brief History	An illustrated article on this local former branch line.
	Gerry Willsmore	Gospool to Liverpool Phase 1	A layout in progress.
	Mike Bennett	More on baseboard building	Problems regarding Mike's latest project - and how to solve them!
	Peter Cox	A Home-Made Rail-bender	A simple, but effective device constructed by Peter.
	Andy Vaughan	Field Gun & Limber Carriage	A superb 16mm scale model, under construction by Andy.
	Mike Wakefield	Rotting Railways	Renovating the decking and track on Mike's garden railway.
	Scott Stephenson	The Shrewsbury Railway Modellers Website	Latest developments regarding the ASRM's Social Media presence.
6 August 2020	Nick Coppin	"That's Not What It Was Meant For Originally!"	Combining O Gauge and 16mm narrow gauge layouts
	Dave Gotliffe	Uetliberg: the Top of Zurich	Dave's latest project - a Cameo layout in Z Scale.
	Graham Betts	Static Grass on the cheap	Graham explains how an inexpensive Chinese-made static grass applicator has produced perfectly acceptable results.

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	Michael Ling	Shunting at Arley	Michael explains how he ties to operate his Severn Valley layout to a strict timetable, based on the actual timetable used on the line.
	Trevor Hughes	Pendre Level Crossing Gates	Trevor explains how he has used 4 Fulgurex point motors and elaborate electronics in order for the four level crossing gates on his Talylyn Railway layout to open one at a time, as per the original.
	Peter Cox	Filling a Corner	Progress on Peter's American HO Scale layout, based on the Norfolk and Western Railway in the Appalachians.
	Mike Bennett	The Mont Blanc Tramway	An illustrated article describing Mike's visit to this remarkable narrow-gauge line in France.
	Howard Mainwaring	Engine Shed Progress	Howard describes further progress made on detailing his engine shed, originally constructed as part of the Plastikard Challenge
	Scott Stephenson	Baseboards - a modern cheat	Using 3mm ply and 6mm MDF, as an alternative to the more conventional softwood and Sundeala for baseboard construction.
	Stephen Duffell	On my workbench	Photos of Stephen's latest acquisitions - various LSWR locos, wagons and coaches (plus Stephenson's Rocket!)
	Sam Ryan	Progress of the Seasons	Photos of scenery now being added to Sam's "Four Seasons" layout.
	Eric Challoner	The Titfield Thunderbox!	An unusual photo of a works train on the South Devon Railway!
7	September 2020		
	Nick Coppin	The motorised challenge	Nick introduces this year's challenge to be presented during the second half of 2021's AGM meeting - something motorised, but not a locomotive!
	Graham Betts	Beldman: USA in N Scale	An illustrated article describing Graham's N Gauge layout, based on the Rio Grande, Tennessee Pass route, in the USA.
	Tim Lewis	The ASRM Plastikard challenge & other modelling	A progress report on Graham's Coldstream station cottages and his ex-North Eastern Lowmac wagon.
	Michael Glover	A brief history of British trams	A short history of a subject of long-standing special interest to Michael.
	Mike Bennett	Control cabinet, operating and slow progress	Construction of the control cabinet for Mike's large N Scale project, and the installation of the sophisticated control equipment.
	Dave Gotliffe	Uetliberg Part 2	Progress on Dave's Cameo layout.
	Peter Cox	Diamonds are forever	Construction and installation of 3 non-standard diamond crossings for Peter's American HO Scale layout.
	Andrew Vaughan	Point levers in 7mm and 4mm scale	A description, with photos, of Andy's latest Severn Models products - working point levers in 7mm and, remarkably, 4mm scale.
	Sam Ryan	Four Seasons	Sam presents the now-completed Four Seasons Cameo layout.
	Nick Coppin	From the Interweb	A few YouTube and BBC IPlayer videos, described by Nick.
8	October 2020		
	Peter Cox	And then there were 3 (diamonds that is)	Peter describes the completion - including the elaborate wiring - of his 3 hand-built diamond crossings for his American layout, complete with photos and comprehensive diagrams.
	Dave Gotliffe	Swiss Motive Power in Z Scale	An illustrated article describing two scratch-built EMUs and a loco, mounted on proprietary chassis, as featured in his Z Scale layout Kyburg.
	Nick Coppin	The transformation of an idea (or Tyler's Curve to Merthyr Vale via Tracy Island!)	A potted history of Nick's many, varied, projects over the past few years, including the conversion of a circular layout from depicting a sharp curve on the Ffestiniog Railway in 16mm Scale narrow gauge to a site in Merthyr Vale in 7mm standard gauge.
	Tim Lewis	ASRM Plastikard Challenge and other modelling	An illustrated description of Tim's impressive Hopper train, comprising a large rake of kit-built ex-NER and ex-LNER Hopper wagons.
	Mike Wakefield	Restoration of an Accucraft Excelsior live-steam loco	Mike describes his substantial renovation and modification of an Accucraft live steam 0-4-2 saddle tank, including the addition of radio control.
9	November 2020		
	Mike Bennett	Gangway Connectors	Mike describes construction of gangway connectors, based on plans originally drawn up by a Scottish model railway club.
	Gordon Woods	Shed Bashing	An illustrated article describing the research and construction carried out by Gordon for Shed 52a - Gateshead - for his brother Stuart's layout.
	Andrew Vaughan	War Department Field Gun Carrier #2	Andy continues his new-found liking of WW1 16mm scale wagons by constructing a second field gun carrier of a different design from his earlier version.
	Howard Mainwaring	O Gauge K2 Telephone Kiosk	Howard gives us a brief history of the ubiquitous GPO telephone box, and describes how he constructed one in model form for his O Gauge garden layout.
	Trevor Hughes	Rhymney Railway "J" Class	Trevor describes his progress to date on building a 4mm scale Rhymney Railway J Class loco based on a Lester brass kit, meticulously modified in Trevor's inimitable way.
	Peter Cox	Layout and Point Control: DCC, DC and Megapoints	An illustrated article describing Peter's elaborate control system for his American layout, using Dave Fenton's Megapoints system.
	Mike Bennett	Another "Just" Job	Further progress on Mike's huge N Gauge layout; this time Mike describes construction and installation of the baseboards connecting the MPD to the main layout.
	Nick Coppin	More of the wall...	Construction of 30' of stone wall for the inside curve of his circular layout in its current Merthyr Vale guise.

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10 December 2020	Gordon Woods	Working on the Locos	Modifying proprietary locos for a layout based around Gateshead, being constructed by Gordon's brother.
	Mike Bennett	Layout Progress (or lack of...)	Constructing 7 platforms, with a total of 12 platform faces, for Mike's huge N Gauge layout.
	Phil Rowe	Painting my Midland Single: Stage 2	A photo of Phil's Midland Single, having now been magnificently painted by Phil.
	Peter Cox	Scalescenes Buildings	Using downloadable Scalescenes buildings as a quick and relatively simple way to populate a large layout.
	Ian Payne	Perils in the Garden	Ian describes how he had to remove several old tree roots in order to restore level track on his garden layout.
11 January 2021	Mike Bennett	Of Link Baseboards	Further progress on the construction of Mike's link baseboards, including photos of the full layout, rapidly becoming a huge N Scale masterpiece.
	Michael Glover	San Francisco California Tram	Mike describes construction of a beautiful G Scale California Tram, based on an OcCre kit.
	Nick Coppin	Building a 7mm Private Owner Wagon	Nick marries a nicely resin-casted body from the HMRS with his own superbly-engineered wheels and other parts in order to create a high-end 7mm private owner wagon.
	Dave Gotliffe	Retro-fitting Point Mechanisms	Dave explores ideas for adding point control mechanisms to previously-dummy sidings in order to improve operational interest on his Z Scale layout, Kyburg.
	Phil Rowe	Gauge 1 Midland Single	A picture of Phil's now complete Gauge 1 Midland Single loco, superbly constructed and beautifully painted and lined.
12 February 2021	Dave Gotliffe	More on Green Stuff	An article describing useful modelling materials, not easily obtainable from other sources, from the Spanish supplier Green Stuff World.
	Mike Bennett	Earl's Hall - progress with the [missing] link	The baseboard and trackwork for Mike's magnificent N Gauge layout - now Christened "Earl's Hall" - is now nearing completion, and Mike is now running in some of the rolling stock.
	Nick Coppin	Loco-ites and Ju-Jubes	A brief history of the railway book career of Ian Allan, gleaned from the London Review of Books and described by Nick Coppin.
	Peter Cox	Backdrops, Empty Spaces, Factories and a Lumber Yard	Adding buildings and other details to the town of Diggory on Peter's American layout.
	Gordon Woods	Fitting (and adapting) the C&L Universal Switch Blade Bar	Gordon describes his techniques for connecting hand-made point tie bars to point motors.
	Stephen Duffell	Books at Christmas	Stephen recommends five books you may like to see in your Christmas stocking.
	Graham Betts	Earls Bridge	An illustrated article describing progress on Graham's Lockdown project - a OO Gauge layout, set in Yorkshire, somewhere between Huddersfield, Bradford and Sheffield.
	Nick Coppin (feat Eric Challoner)	Guards Van	A photo of our own Eric Challoner, taken during his previous life as a railway guard in 1974!
13 March 2021	Mike Bennett	Earl's Hall Link Baseboard - Progress	Final adjustments to the baseboards of Earl's Hall.
	Graham Betts	Get Shorty	Graham describes how he is now able to convert his 5-metre American layout, Beldman, into a shorter 3-metre layout, to fit into his new smaller home, by building a new shorter intermediate board. The new layout is based on a joint LMS/GWR route in North Wales.
	Eric Challoner	A Sion Mills Mystery	A photo of a long-closed railway in Ireland. Is the apparition the ghost of a former railway staff member, disgruntled at the closure of the railway?
	Ian Payne	A North American lifting bridge	A North American lifting bridge, constructed by Ian using drawings of the original prototype.
	Peter Cox	The Town Takes Shape	Peter's town is now taking shape, the centre of which is based on a Walther's Merchants' Row kit of five connected buildings.
	Trevor Hughes	Dudley Trams	Trevor describes the building of a Dudley Tram, the first step in constructing a Black Country tramway exhibition layout.
	Sam Ryan	The Novice Modeller	A fascinating article by our youngest member, Sam Ryan, explaining the background to his fascination for railways.
	Phill Yeend	Phill's London trams: progress at last	Phill resurrects an earlier project to construct an exhibition layout to accommodate his collection of O Gauge London trams.
14 April 2021	Mike Wakefield	Designing and making a signal box for my garden railway	A 3D-printed signal box, designed and constructed by Mike Wakefield.
	Kevin Hughes	More Dudley Trams	A photographic record of the significant progress made by Kevin on his hand-built brass Dudley tram.
	Dave Gotliffe	Wadebridge: North Cornwall in the 1960s, including a first attempt at using CAD	A new project for Dave: helping his friend Phil Herdson, now sadly suffering from Arthritis, to create the buildings for Phil's new N Gauge layout, set in Wadebridge in Cornwall.
	Eric Challoner	Irish trackwork	Photos of the unusual trackwork at Rathkeale Station on the now-closed North Kerry line, taken by Eric.
	Sam Ryan	Diorama update	Sam presents a photographic report of the progress made on the scenery for his latest diorama, together with the repainting of some of his locos, currently in progress.
	Mike Bennett	Earl's Hall - Work continues on the link	Fitting point motors to Earl's Hall - now looking superb, even though not yet complete.

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15 May 2021	Gordon Woods	NER Buffers	Gordon describes the construction of an excellent set of NER buffer stops from Lanarkshire Models.
	Mike Wakefield	A new Burner	Mike experiments with replacement parts, including a new burner, in order to improve the performance of his Accucraft Mortimer live steam loco.
	Stephen Duffell	A Mimic Panel	Stephen describes his construction of a mimic panel for the station area of his layout.
	Mike Bennett	Earls Hall MPD	Mike describes his problems - and solutions - in constructing the MPD for Earl's Hall.
	Sam Ryan	Diorama Update	A photographic guide to progress on Sam's lovely OO9 diorama.
	Nick Coppin	The Coal Mine Railway Update	A short illustrated update on Nick's layout, set in the Merthyr Vale.
	Peter Cox	Logging	Peter describes the construction of a set of delicate logging cars for his American layout, including the painting process used to drastically improve the appearance of the plastic "logs".
	Gordon Woods	A Short Road	Using Wills Granite Setts and Metcalf paving slabs to good effect on the colliery section of Gordon's Dearness Valley Junction layout.
16 June 2021	Gordon Woods	A Loading Bunker	Gordon describes the construction of a scratch-built coal bunker for the colliery on his Dearness Valley Junction layout.
	Ian Payne	00 loco kit build by an N scale man!	Ian changes scale from N to OO in order to build a South Eastern Finecast E1/R Class 0-6-2 tank loco for a friend.
	Mike Bennett	Earl's Hall's Hall & a Miracle	A photo selection from Mike showing the scenic developments on Earl's Hall, including - appropriately enough - a "hall" constructed from a Scalescenes kit.
	Ian Payne	16mm live steam	A photo of locos on shed at Ian's Firs Garden railway.
	Stephen Duffell	A Scratch Built Manning Wardle Tank Engine	A fascinating article by Stephen, describing the construction of a scratch-build Manning Wardle tank loco in 4mm scale, completed over a period of 25 years (!), and including a history of Manning Wardle and its associated companies in Leeds.
	Tim Lewis	Coldstream - a start on the Goods Shed, and learning about brickwork	Tim describes his background work preceding the construction of the goods shed for his Coldstream layout, carried out in Tim's customary meticulous manner.
	Howard Mainwaring	This History Making Coronavirus Pandemic	Photos of Hornby's representation of Class 66 loco no. 66731 - "Capt. Tom Moore", in its special livery commemorating the Coronavirus pandemic, the NHS and Capt. Tom Moore.
	Scott Stephenson	Model Paint Conversion Charts	In the light of the increasing rarity of Humbrol paints, Scott points readers to an online chart setting out the nearest equivalent paint shades available from other manufacturers.
	Peter Cox	Track-cleaning Wagon	Peter reflects on the difficulties of track cleaning, and the partial success achieved by using a track-cleaning wagon made by Zeller.
	Nick Coppin	A water tank made from an old Lancashire boiler	Nick describes the construction of a water tank for his colliery layout, based on a prototype which itself was converted from an old Lancashire boiler. The scale diameter was identical to the diameter of a full-size plastic drainpipe, from which Nick's model was constructed.
Trevor Hughes	Best laid plans ---	The trials, tribulations - and fun(!) - and, not least, Trevor's fantastic skills, involved in the construction of his Dudley Tram.	
17 July 2021	Sam Ryan	Diorama update	Sam presents photos of his first - and highly successful - at producing a hand-painted backscene for his OO9 diorama.
	Trevor Hughes	Graphite on the rails	A highly informative technical article from Trevor on how dirt and other factors disturb conductivity, and the possible merits of coating rail with graphite in order to improve running. Tim is currently conducting an experiment, in conjunction with Mike Bennett's Earl's Hall layout.
	Mike Wakefield	Not much to do with railway modelling!	An article on laser cutting and engraving.
	Peter Cox	The Logging Train Completed	A photo gallery of Peter's now complete logging train.
	Mike Bennett	Earl's Hall - a Trilogy of Errors	Now that Earl's Hall is nearing completion, Mike reflects on three issues that should have been resolved earlier in the project, and the action taken to resolve them.
	Graham Betts	The Brewery	Following the construction of a power station, this is Graham's latest large industrial building, constructed for his OO Gauge layout Earl's Bridge.
	Nick Coppin	Seen on the Interweb	Nick points to a wonderful video on YouTube, filmed in 1969 around the coal mine railways around Manchester.
18 November 2021	Mike Bennett	Quality Control (Or Lack Of)	Mike reflects on the reliability (or lack of) of current proprietary rolling stock compared with older products.
	Graham Betts	Earls Bridge	An illustrated article by Graham, describing the building of his latest OO Gauge layout, based on a fictional joint MR/NER route in Yorkshire.
	George Nutter	Scalescenes Box File Layout	Photos of a compact box file diorama under construction by George.
	Gordon Woods	Notes from the Workbench	Gordon describes progress on several small projects, in an attempt to reduce his ever-growing To Do list.
	Nick Coppin	Building a Live Steam Locomotive in O Gauge	Nick embarks on the construction of a scratch-built live steam loco in O Gauge, based on a Kitson 0-6-0 tank loco, operated by the National Coal Board at Cannock.
	Dave Gotliffe	Wadebridge: North Cornwall in the 1960s	Dave describes his progress with constructing the buildings for his friend Phil Herdson's N Gauge layout Wadebridge.
(Not credited)	Modelling Inspiration	Old shops signs from Llangynllo, Powys	

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19 March 2022	Graham Betts	Triang 3F updating	Graham describes the refurbishment he carried out to three old Triang locos that he bought cheaply, now restored both cosmetically and to full working order.
	Sam Ryan	Awdry Extravaganza Weekend	Sam describes, with accompanying photos, his trip to the Tallylyn Railway in August 2021, to an event held to celebrate the works of Rev Wilbert Awdrey.
	Mike Bennett	Earl's Hall Layout Operation	Mike describes the steps he is taking to develop an elaborate sequence to run his very large N Gauge layout, which is now more or less complete.
	Andy Vaughan	OO Scale Lattice Footbridge	Photos of Andy Vaughan's latest Severn Models masterpiece - a stunning OO Scale lattice footbridge, based on prototypes in New Milton (Hampshire) and Addlestone (Surrey).
	Nick Coppin	Building a Live Steam Locomotive in O Gauge	Nick describes, with accompanying photos, the completion and testing of his scratch-built O Gauge live steam loco.
	Chris Kapolka	Works in Progress	Chris presents superb photos of two projects he has been working on - a Scalefour diorama of the western end of Wadebridge in Cornwall, and a 2mm FS diorama of Box Middlehill Tunnel, built to review the Farish Castle in the Great Western Society Magazine.
	Tim Lewis	On My Workbench - Cattle Wagons	Tim describes the construction of his rake of 9 cattle wagons for his Coldstream layout. They are highly modified and detailed from a mixture of Parkside and David Green kits, and Hornby proprietary wagons.
	Eric Challoner	The Ultimate Upsizing	Eric describes his work in helping to restore a full-size hand-operated rail-mounted crane, currently based at the Kidderminster Railway Museum.
	Dave Gotliffe	Wadebridge Update	Dave describes progress made to date on the engine shed for Wadebridge, together with a brief history of the North Cornwall line.
Graham Betts	N Gauge Layout For Sale	Graham offers his excellent American N Gauge layout, Beldman, featured in earlier Newsletters, for sale as he wishes to move on to new projects.	
20 June 2022	Mike Bennett	Earl's Hall - Working to a Timetable	Mike describes his rapidly-developing comprehensive timetabling and operation of Earl's Hall, in order to take advantage of the many main and branch line routes available on this vast layout.
	Graham Betts	Low Relief Warehouses in Plastikard	A short article, with photos, showing the scratch-built low-relief buildings constructed by Graham for his OO Gauge layout, Earl's Bridge. The buildings are freehand, but inspired by buildings in the area of Yorkshire in which the layout is set.
	Gordon Woods	Static Grass by the Bagful	Following his acquisition of a static grass applicator, Gordon describes his experiments with applying static grass to his Dearness Valley Junction layout, and in particular his experiments with "layering", as suggested by War World Scenics.
	Dave Gotliffe	Photographing Kyburg	A selection of photographs of Dave's Z Scale layout Kyburg, taken by Dave on his digital SLR, using techniques suggested by Gordon during his Zoom presentation on 5th January 2022.
	Mike Wakefield	A Regner Vincent	Mike describes his acquisition and restoration of a Regner Vincent live steam loco, together with a short history of the original loco on which the model is based.
	Nick Coppin	Gardening' Notes	Nick describes the building of his outdoor railway, together with the design of his garden and the various plants which were designed to ensure the railway blends in seamlessly with the garden.
	Andy Vaughan	Resin Casting Curly Spokes	Andy describes how he cast the wheels for his proposed 16mm petrol electric loco, out of necessity as no commercially-made wheels of the correct size are available.
	Peter Cox	Good News and Bad News	Peter describes the difficulties encountered during his efforts to produce home-made transfers for his American rolling stock, and his rather more successful efforts to improve the layout lighting.
	Nick Coppin	Down but Not Out	A photo of one of the remaining HST sets at Exeter, taken by Nick on 13th May 2022.
Andy Butler	Extensive OO collection for sale	Andy describes the vast collection of OO trains collected by his friend Dr Ian Dormer, who died earlier in 2022. Andy is helping Ian's widow, Lorna, to catalogue the collection, which will be offered for sale, with priority being given to local model railway enthusiasts.	
21 September 2022	Peter Cox / Tim Lewis	Remembering Gordon Woods	Peter and Tim present their obituaries of our friend and fellow modeller Gordon Woods, who sadly died earlier in 2022.
	Eric Challoner	Someweir Junction	Eric describes his visit to Barnstaple Museum in the Summer of 2022, where he was able to view Someweir Junction, a superb layout based on Barnstaple Junction in LSWR/SR days, constructed by our former Chairman David Knight. David had donated the layout to the museum in 2019 as his health began to fail.
	Nick Coppin	Great Eastern Railway wagon wheels	Nick explains how he modifies Wizard Models split-spoke wheels to represent GE wagon wheels, which have a riveted ring just inside the rim. The ring is produced by expertly crafting these from Plastikard. The completed wagons will be used on Nick's O Gauge layout, currently under construction, based on Tollesbury station in Essex.
	Mike Bennett	Walls and buckled track	An illustrated article by Mike, explaining how he built a long wall at the front of Earl's Hall to create a pleasing visual effect at the front of the layout, and his work on repairing buckled track on his small exhibition layout Much Pending, in time for it to appear at the Welshpool and Llanfair Steam Gala.
	Ian Perrin	Penrhos and Lydgate	New member Ian Perrin takes the opportunity to introduce himself and present his two layouts, Penrhos and Lydgate.
	Graham Betts	Ordnance maps for planning a layout	As a former cartographic draughtsman, Graham promotes the use of extensive ordnance maps available online to plan layouts, especially those based on real locations.
Graham Betts	Beldman	As Graham has not received any offers for his American layout Beldman (as referred to in the March 2022 Newsletter), Graham has decided to keep it and offer it for exhibitions once again.	

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22 November 2022	Chris Kapolka	Cover photo	An atmospheric shot taken while on a photo charter on the Mid Hants Railway, with SR Schools class 30925 Cheltenham on the last day of its boiler ticket.
	Graham Betts	My Ordinary - Layout Update	Having nothing out of the ordinary to submit to the November 2022 Newsletter, Graham stated "I thought an update on 'my ordinary' may be of interest." The article provides further background to Graham's OO scale layout Earl's Bridge, described in previous newsletters. He explains the background to its construction and its fictitious location, near Dewsbury in Yorkshire, but based on actual MR/NER practice. Graham also describes the construction of the baseboard, trackwork and electrics. The article is accompanied by a further selection of photos of this outstanding layout. We suspect that many of our readers will regard Graham's "ordinary" to be anything but that - extraordinary, in fact!
	Ian Perrin	My Attempt at Creating a Backscene	Ian describes the construction of a backscene in a crucial corner of his layout, which actually comprises two separate layouts joined together. Ian acquired a backscene from "id Backscenes", based on a large photo mounted on a self-adhesive plastic backing sheet. This needed to be unrolled and applied to the mounting boards very carefully in order to keep it straight and free from creases. The article is accompanied by a selection of photos.
	Mike Bennett	Graphite – An Antidote To Track Cleaning?	Mike describes his experience of using a graphite stick for track-cleaning on his vast layout Earl's Hall, as endorsed by many (but not all) modellers. Despite a few drawbacks, Mike's experience has been positive, and he gives the graphite stick a conditional endorsement.
	Phil Rowe	16mm Scale Steam Tram	A photo of Phil's latest project - a 16mm scale steam tram body, now painted and lined.
	Dave York	4mm Scale Signals	Photos of 3 exquisite signals, constructed by Dave from Wizard components, operated with Tower-Pro SG 90 servos housed in Wizard Retford servo mounts controlled via Peco Smart Switch (ANE) boards.
	Dave Gotliffe	The Craven Arms Hotel	Dave describes the construction of his 4mm scale model of the Craven Arms Hotel - a large structure based in the town of the same name - as part of the refurbishment project of the Craven Arms MRC's layout Craven Arms & Stokesay. The original still exists, although it is currently unoccupied and has been for sale over the past 3 years.
	Chris Rowlatt	Barleyminster, Miggleborough and Reevesham Railway	In a somewhat poignant article, Chris describes the decision to embark on his dream retirement project to construct a large layout based on an imaginary railway, using prototypical railway practices. This has evolved over the past eight years into the magnificent Barleyminster, Miggleborough and Reevesham Railway. However, the time has now come to downsize, and the railway will shortly be dismantled. Each of the three sections is available for purchase, as is some of the stock. The article is accompanied by a selection of photos, showing the excellence of the BM&RR.
	Dave York	Some photos from the September meeting	LMS (ex MR) Belpaire Rebuild Johnson 1142 class (2F) no 22918 c. late 1930s in EM Gauge, and an LNWR Type 4 Signal Box. Size 'E' (length 18'9") with 25 lever frame.
23 March 2023	Nick Coppin	The Westinghouse Brake	In this article Nick describes the four main types of railway braking systems, with particular attention to the Westinghouse system. Nick knew little about this system until a visit to the Isle of Wight in the summer of 2022, where Nick was able to examine Westinghouse-fitted locos at close quarters.
	Stephen Duffell	The Netley Ambulance Carriage	In this fascinating article, Stephen explains the history of the Netley Ambulance Coaches, built at the turn of the 20th Century by the LSWR in order to transport injured servicemen from Southampton Docks to the nearby Netley Hospital. The article includes a photograph of Gavin Hill's beautiful P4 model of a Netley Ambulance Coach on his renowned layout Kerrinhead.
	Chris Kapolka	Modelling Progress (1)	Chris presents a photo of his exquisite card model of the Bodmin & Wadebridge Railway workshop, which will form part of his Wadebridge layout, together with a photo of the original for comparison.
	Andy Vaughan	Modelling Progress (2)	Andy provides a brief update on his Crewe Tractor project, together with a few photos of the model under construction.
	Vernon Larcombe	Photographs from the Welshpool and Llanfair	A wonderful photo of a W&L loco taking on water at Llanfair Caereinion, together with a photo of a large stockpile of briquettes - "It's coal Jim, but not as we know it!"
	Dave Gotliffe	Soldering for Dummies	Dave describes his first attempt at constructing a simple model (bridge railings) using soldered construction, using the most basic of tools.
	Graham Betts	Ingleby Incline	Graham's article describes the Ingleby Incline in North Yorkshire, once used to create access to the long-closed Rosedale Mines. It was inspired by a discarded spindle for the rope rollers once used to haul wagons up the incline, discovered by Graham during a walk in the North York Moors National Park.
	Mike Bennett	A Trip Behind Tornado with a Little Anecdote	An amusing article, with photos, describing an eventful journey from Paddington on a Valentine's Day Special hauled by Tornado.
	Nick Coppin	30 Years Ago	A snippet from the East Hants Area Group report to the Scafeour Society 30 years ago, revealing a connection between Nick's father and our own Scott Stephenson in a previous life!
	Chris Kapolka	Photograph	A superb photograph, in both colour and black & white, of LMS Jubilee class 4-6-0 No. 45596 Bahamas heading north over Cefn Viaduct with an excursion heading for Chester.
24 June 2023	Dave Gotliffe	Guide to local railway attractions and events	
	Nick Coppin	"Make a building for your layout"	Nick describes the current year's ASRM Challenge, to be presented at the 2024 AGM on 3rd April 2024.
	Dave Gotliffe	First Thoughts on the Challenge	Dave outlines his preliminary thoughts on the construction materials he is considering for the Challenge and, in particular, the advantages of using Bristol Board as a construction material, as preferred by the Pendon Museum teams.
	Mike Bennett	The Wells & Walsingham Light Railway	Mike describes this charming 4-mile 10¼" gauge line, that runs between Wells-next-the-Sea and Walsingham, discovered by Mike during a holiday to the North Norfolk Coast.

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	Chris Cox	Coventry: A Project in Historical Railway Modelling	Chris introduces readers to a project embarked upon by Chris and his friend Tom Nicholls, to model Coventry Station of the London & Birmingham Railway c.1839. Chris points readers to the website that he and Tom have set up to document their progress on what will undoubtedly produce a stunning layout in EM scale.	
	Andy Vaughan	Road Vehicle Challenge #1	Andy describes the construction techniques used to produce the first of his two entries in the 2023 ASRM Challenge to produce a road vehicle. Andy's first entry was a WW1 Model T Ford Ambulance, built to a scale of 1:19 (16mm/foot).	
	Andy Vaughan	Road Vehicle Challenge #2	Andy's second article describes the construction techniques used to produce the second of his two entries in the 2023 ASRM Challenge - a WW1 Crewe Tractor in road-mode, also built to a scale of 1:19 (16mm/foot). He also refers to a follow up project to build a rail-mode version of the Crewe Tractor. Andy's two articles are accompanied by a superb selection of photos of his exquisite models.	
	Nick Coppin	Transforming a Layout	Nick describes how his plan to build a historically-accurate model of Tollesbury, on the Great Eastern Railway, which had ground to a halt owing to difficulties in creating a suitable loco, has temporarily changed by converting the partly-completed track into NCB exchange sidings. However, the GE version may be resurrected later, subject to the acquisition/construction of a suitable GE loco.	
	Chris Kapolka	Photographs	The Newsletter is completed by three superb photos, by Chris Kapolka, featuring 60007, Sir Nigel Gresley and 7029, Clun Castle, taken in Shropshire and Cheshire in May 2023.	
25	August 2023	Nick Coppin	Bath and a Shooting Board	Nick describes his recent visit to the Larkrail exhibition in Bath, which included a demonstration a device, using a shooting board and block plane, for cutting perfectly square edges in plastikard. Nick subsequently constructed one of his own, which he has used to construct a coal merchant's office for his latest layout.
		Graham Betts	The Gas or Coke Works Cometh	Graham Betts describes how he has re-purposed a redundant building, donated by Chris Cox, as a gas works. The building is of the excellent quality we have come to expect from Chris, and following a few minor repairs and modifications it now occupies a corner on Graham's layout.
		Michael Bennett	Earl's Hall - a brief update	In this article Mike describes further scenic development on his magnificent Earl's Hall layout, including his use of a number of Scalescene buildings he already had in stock, together with the installation of additional lighting, which involved connecting an addition lighting transformer in order to avoid the thermal cut-out cutting in on the existing unit.
		Chris Cox	A London & Birmingham Novelty	Continuing his previous article on the London & Birmingham Railway, Chris describes the construction of an Open 3rd carriage with full raised ends, based on his existing cast white metal kit for a standard open carriage, with the raised ends fabricated from Plastikard. The result is another exquisite addition to Chris's stunning layout in EM scale.
		Dave Gotliffe	New Control Panel for the Craven Arms Goods Yard	Dave describes how he is building a replacement control panel for the Craven Arms Goods yard, in order to site it more conveniently, while taking the opportunity to replace the poor-quality wiring.
		Andy Vaughan	WW1 Crewe Tractor	This article contains a number of photos depicting the final stages in the construction of Andy's wonderful WW1 Crewe Tractor.
		Chris Kapolka	Constructing Wadebridge	Chris provides some background to his 40-year ambition to build a model of Wadebridge, the penultimate station on the North Cornwall line. The layout will be based on Wadebridge in 1961, and this article includes a number of rare photos from that period of the original engine shed, which by 1961 was used as a storage shed (a replacement engine shed having subsequently been built).
26	November 2023	Graham Betts	LMS 6109 'Royal Engineer'	Having originally acquired an Airfix 46100 'Royal Scot' loco from eBay for £10, Graham describes how he fixed the damage, converted it to DCC operation and repainted it in matt black as 6109 'Royal Engineer.' The article also contains a cautionary tale on choosing your supplier of etched nameplates carefully!
		Chris Kapolka	Southampton Docks 1912 and Box Tunnel in N	Chris opens his article with a superb photo of an LSWR train at Southampton Docks with Titanic in the background. This was created for a product review of the new EFE LSWR period livery coaches in OO scale. The set was created like a film set, modelling only the bits that can be seen. A further photo, taken from a different angle, shows how this very clever effect has been achieved. Chris includes a final photo of his Box Middlehill tunnel diorama, which acts as a publicity photo for the Dapol GWR Hall loco.
		Graham Betts	Calder Bank Layout Update	Graham's article contains photos of his superb Calder Bank layout, started during the Covid lockdown. Scenery and structures, while containing some proprietary items, are largely scratch-built. The buildings include the Gas Works donated by Chris Cox, as referenced in Newsletter No. 25.
		Chris Cox	Double Coupé No. 69	Chris describes his latest construction for his layout depicting Coventry in the early days of the London & Birmingham Railway - the L&B's luxury Double Coupé - only one of which was ever built. Repurposed from an incomplete etch of a First Class carriage, the result is another exquisite addition to Chris's growing rolling stock fleet for the layout.
		Mile Bennett	Cotswold Festival of Steam	Mike's article describes his visit to the Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway's festival in May 2023, and includes photos showing a selection of the locos operating during the festival.
		Nick Coppin	GWR Document	Diagram of Special Wagons, 1932, available on loan, on request to Ray Graham
		Nick Coppin	The Rise of the Railway Station; an on-line study course	Details of this online course, run jointly by the NRM York and the University of Strathclyde
		Andy Vaughan	First World War Narrow Gauge Track	Andy describes the construction of a batch of highly-detailed track, in 16mm:1ft scale, to use as wagon loads for his WW1 rollong stock and as part of a diorama.

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27 March 2024	Chris Kapolka	Cats and Dogs and Only the Barking...	Chris describes two railway photography "sorties", accompanied by a selection of his customary wonderful photographs: the first, a recent trip to Ais Gill on the Settle & Carlisle line; the second, a trip he took some years ago on the Indian Pacific - a 2,700-mile train journey from Perth to Sydney. Included in the article is a stunning photo taken from the driver's cab on the Nullarbor Straight - a 297-mile stretch of straight track stretching seemingly-endlessly into the distance.	
	Chris Kapolka	A Bridge Not Too Far	Chris describes a small model he is building for an article to be published in the Bluebell Railway news journal, featuring a small bridge, still extant, over the long-closed Lyme Regis branch line.	
	Graham Betts	Detailing at Calder Bank Power Station	An illustrated article by Graham, describing how he has used a number of a number of lineside accessories acquired from the Christmas bring-and-buy sale (and from a Severn Models voucher won in the raffle) to build several detailing items on his Calder Bank layout.	
	David Gotliffe	A Little Bit of Llangollen	Dave describes the research, drawings and small mock-up built to date, as part of his latest project to build a cameo layout of Llangollen Station.	
	David Gotliffe	Rediscovering Limonene	During the construction of Llangollen Station, Dave explains how he has rediscovered Limonene, as recommended by Geoff Kent during a presentation on 2019, as a mild solvent for welding polystyrene, and in particular its usefulness for bonding clear styrene due to its non-clouding property.	
	Mike Bennett	The Zermatt to Gornergrat Railway	Mike describes his visit to the world-famous Gornergrat Railway, from Zermatt to Gornergrat, near the summit of the Matterhorn, accompanied by a selection of photographs.	
	Chris Cox	SER 'Coffee Pot' No. 126	This is a reproduction of an article written by Chris in 2020, describing his exquisite hand-built model of the SER's unique diminutive "coffee pot" loco. The article is now enhanced by the addition of some new photographs of the coffee pot in situ on Chris's Bricklayers Arms layout, the original home of the prototype.	
	Ian Perrin	Model Railway Collection for Sale	Ian has been asked to sell the model railway collection of a friend who has sadly died. The collection comprises a large quantity of OO scale model railway items, most of it unused, and much of it still in its original packaging. A number of photographs are included, together with contact details for any prospective purchasers.	
	28 June 2024	Chris Kapolka	Cats and Dogs and the barking...Part 2	A miscellany of photo shoots by our prolific railway photographer Chris Kapolka - on the Settle & Carlisle line, and also in Chile!
		Graham Betts	Calderbank Update	
Andy Vaughan		Westonhock Control Point Diorama		
Dave Gotliffe		Update on the Craven Arms Hotel		
Nick Coppin		Signal Operating Units for South Waltham		
Chris Cox		Canterbury and Whitstable Railway 0-6-0 Goods Locomotive		
Dave York		Buildings and Signals at Woodsall		
Paul Bowen		A Tale of Three Coaches	An article with accompanying photographs describing Paul's delight in finding a rake of three hard-to-find coaches made by specialist 16mm garden railway supplier Brandbight.	
Vernon Larcombe		An up date on Dawley and Stirchley in 2mm		
Chris Kapolka		Between a rock and a hard place	Chris describes his latest article for the Bluebell Railway model review, prompted by the visit of Erlestoke Manor to the Bluebell Railway. Chris has taken the opportunity to review Dapol's new Manor class locomotive in Chris's latest diorama, based on Talerddig Cutting in central Wales. A selection of Chris's customary wonderful photographs accompany the article.	
29 September 2024	Nick Coppin	A borrowed live steam engine	Nick describes a recent side-project to evaluate a live steam loco borrowed from a neighbour. The loco, made by Leech of Rochester, is based on LBSC's 'Mollyette' design. After some remedial work it ran well, but derailed easily. After some research, Nick discovered that some modifications were recommended in order to make the loco run well, but its sound basic construction would probably make this worthwhile.	
	Chris Kapolka	California Dreamin'	Chris regales us with stories of several visits to the USA, which included journeys on many of that country's wonderful railroad system. The article contains many of Chris's equally wonderful photographs.	
	Paul Bowen	Traffic Movements past Oswestry South Signal Box	Paul's recent visit to the Oswestry South Signal Box (which took place as part of the ASRM's July's visit to the Cambrian Railways) has prompted him to carry out research into the working timetable for 1962/63, and in particular the consequent activity taking place in the signal box at that time. This article gives a fascinating insight into such activity, which took place during the railway's final years before closure.	
	Dave Gotliffe	On the Straight and Narrow in Wales	Dave describes visits made during August to the Llangollen Railway and the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway.	
	Graham Betts	Normanton - Crewe of the North?	Graham's article takes the form of a brief history of the railway at Normanton in West Yorkshire - nowadays just a halt with a bus shelter, but once known as "the Crewe of the North", due to its initial location as a major junction and immense amount of coal traffic. The article is accompanied by a selection of photographs.	
	Chris Cox	Ballast - the perfect shade?	A short whimsical article by Chris, accompanied by a remarkable photograph showing a bewildering array of ballast colours on the main line near Craven Arms over just a few yards. Food for thought for those modellers who spend time trying to get their track to look just right!	
	Chris Cox	Coalbrookdale Modelling Day	Chris describes the recent successful modelling day at Coalbrookdale on 27th July, and invites readers to the next modelling day on 19th October.	
	Vernon Larcombe	5 things not to do when modelling	The title says it all. Read the article to discover the 5 things not to do!	

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	Andy Butler	Confessions of a Train Collector	Andy's dilemma on which version of the Tilbury Tank to purchase, together with his eventual decision!
	Michael Bennett	Bachmann and the Swanage Railway	Mike describes his VIP visit to the Swanage Railway, courtesy of the Bachmann Collectors Club, of which he is a member.
	Graham Betts	Calderbank gets point rodding	Graham's article, accompanied by a selection of photos, describes the installation of point rodding on his Calderbak layout, using 3D-printed components supplied by his former work colleague, and friend, John.
	Nick Coppin	Scanning Railway Photos for Posterity	As a member of the Great Eastern Railway Society, Nick has volunteered to help scan their large collection of photographs. In this article, Nick describes the process used to do this with maximum efficiency, and includes a small selection of the Society's wonderful collection.
	Dave York	Goods Stock Analysis 1920	Following Dave's fascinating talk on 6th November 2024, Dave's article consists of a copy of the full pre-Grouping goods stock analysis from 1920.
	Graham Betts	British Railways Modelling Standards Bureau	In the same vein, Graham's article consists of a copy of the loading gauge dimensions in a variety of scales, originally published in the 1950 edition of the Model Railways Handbook.
	Dave York	GWR Station Truck	This article consists of a copy of an article from 6th the 1935 edition of the Great Western Railway magazine, describing the use of GWR station trucks.
	Chris Cox	Coalbrookdale Modelling Day	A selection of photos taken at the successful modelling day held on Saturday 19th October 2024 at Coalbrookdale.
	Andy Butler	Modellers Tips	A whimsical note by Andy, while acknowledging that allowing a little slack in your layout's wiring is a good thing, warning that too much slack is not good...
	Chris Cox	Queen Adelaide's First Railway Carriage	Chris describes the background to the first royal railway journey, undertaken by Queen Adelaide, consort of King William IV, in 1839. He then goes on to describe the construction of his model of the carriage, the original of which was constructed especially for the occasion. The accompanying photos convey the elegance of both the prototype and Chris's exquisite model.
	Chris Cox	Tales from the dining room table	In addition to Queen Adelaide's carriage, this photo by Chris shows two more items currently under construction - a Birmingham & Derby Junction second-class carriage c1839, and a scratchbuilt Bury 2-2-0 loco.
		And finally...	...and finally, three wonderful photos - one of the real thing, and two of renowned modeller Gordon Gravett's Ditchling Green layout.