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Lockdown Special



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WELCOME

I hope you are all keeping well during the lockdown period. I know many of you are modelling and have posted onto the clubs Facebook group (now up to 39 members) but not all of you are members. So I have collected these modelling stories and have reproduced them here for everyone to see.

We are now getting closer to reopening. The work on the main hall is complete, the scaffolding has been removed and the room cleaned. The new boilers will be installed by the end of the month. Now we are waiting for the TC to complete their risk assessment and room capacity review. So maybe we can reopen at the end of Sept or beginning of October.

Paul

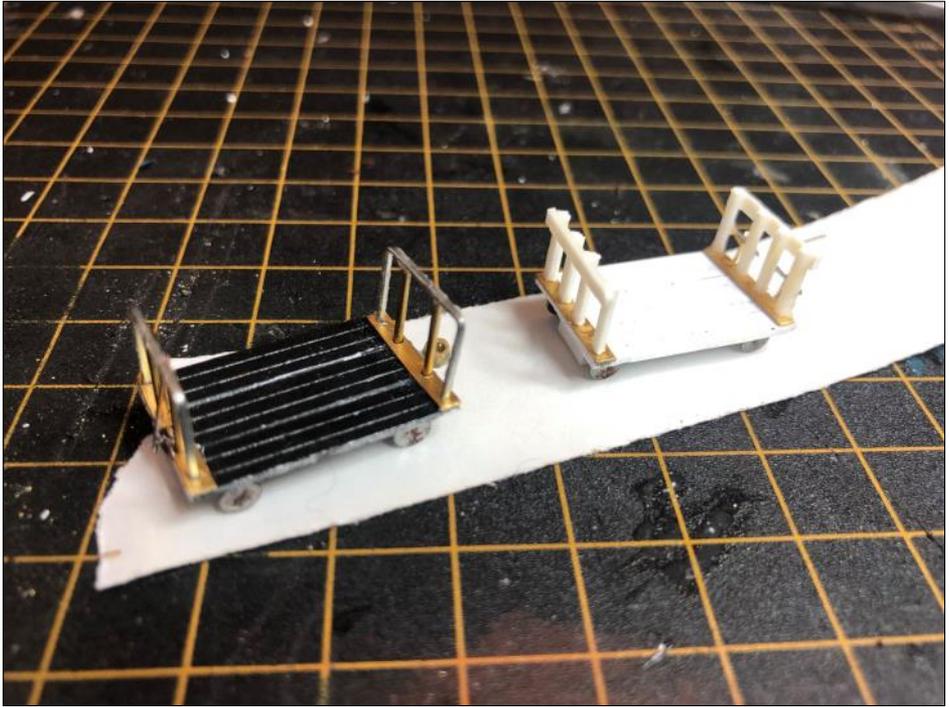
Front cover: The view of Geneva Hbf from the Hotel Cornavin. Paul

Gary

This cameo is by special request. A contributor on RMWeb mentioned how he sat on the barrow at Romford station after school, to train-spot; I duly obliged. The barrows are scratch built from Romark offcuts, office staples, bits of fencing and 3/4" nails for the wheels.



Barrows before the paint shop.



Articles for Publication in Footplate

Articles can be on any subject including, model reviews or construction, places you have visited, your own layout etc. and should be sent at least 1 month before publication dates, i.e. beginning of March, June, September and December for publication in April, July, October and January. Plain text, no formatting, photos as high a resolution as possible.

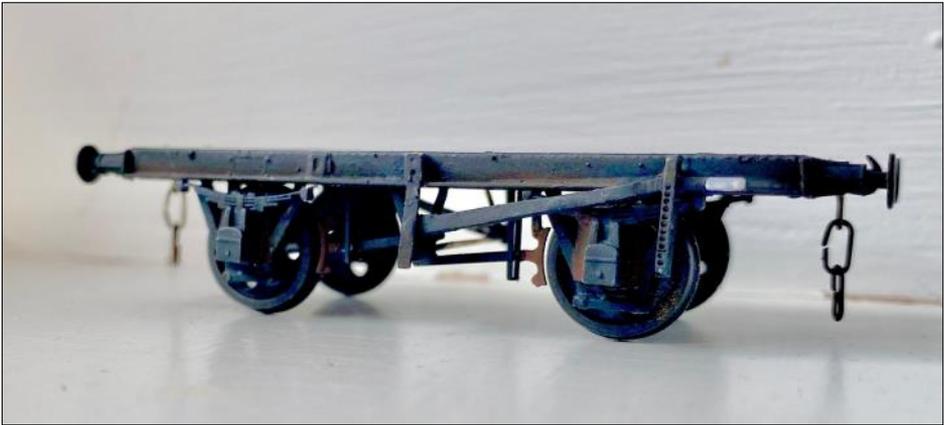
Graham

The compensated chassis kits have been completed and painted. Parkside riveted bodies & spare Bachmann welded bodies have been fitted.

I've also converted & weathered a batch on 12T tanks in P4

Some Hornby 21T hoppers to go with my HUOs.

Finally a weathered Sand wagon, again in P4







Recent effort has been completing another batch of buildings from my dad for Inchyra Mill.

First Aid hut, weathering only as Dad had built & painted it.





The power station building. Full painting & weathering on this.

The fitters workshop building Plus a RTR yard hut. Full painting & weathering on these.



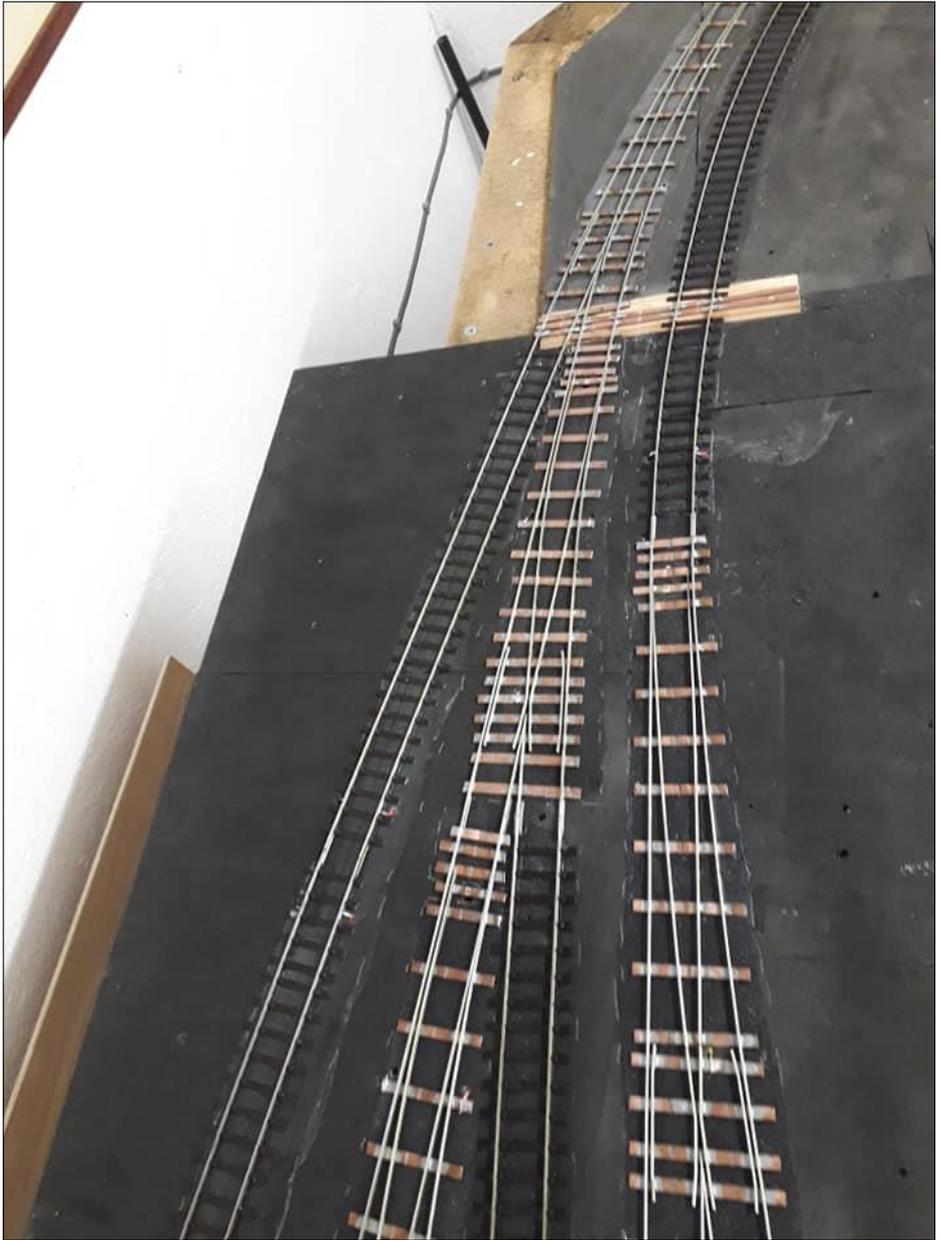
Tim

Not amazing detail like Paul's recent work, but a utilitarian reworking of the country end of my fiddle yard. I had realised for some time the entry and exit curves were too tight. Larger 6 coupled locos were struggling and clearly an 8 coupled was just not going to hack it. Easing the curves would throw the entry mark away from the centre of the board meaning a complete relay of all 10 points.

Funnily enough the hardest part was making the decision to get on and do it. It's taken me 3 weeks but things run much more sweetly now. There have been other benefits too. The first 2 point motors are now located under the tie bars because the underboard cross beam no longer fouls them. I have better insulation onto the crossing vees, so no more shorts in hot weather. Finally,

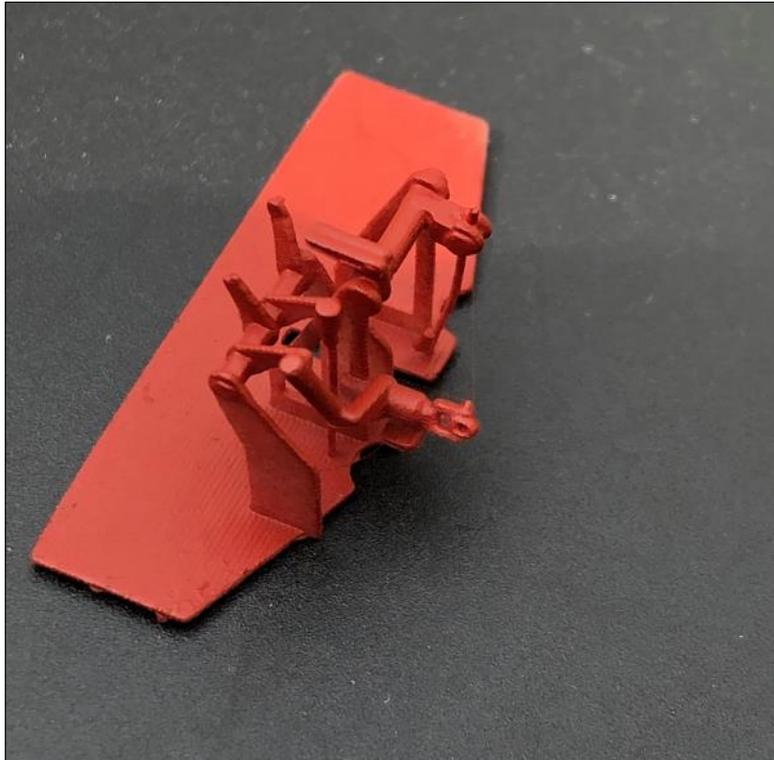
I've installed a new point that will feed an extra siding and run round on the empty area of board to the right. This will make managing the suburban sets much easier. Glad it's done as running now much more pleasurable.





David Lane

I have been drawing up the control gear under the driving cab of GWR autocoaches, I visited Didcot last week to measure the preserved examples there, then drew the parts up in Fusion 360. I then planned to print a sample off to see if it fitted to the coach and would then turn it in to an etch, I was really surprised how well the print turned out and as it is incredibly fine and I really cant see how I could improve or even equal this print in brass.



As fitted to the coach



Ian Gearing

https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/1-76-Finescale-Scale-Girl-being-Sick-down-Toilet/363066110017?hash=item54886d3041%3Ag%3AHaIAAOSwayZfJ8b3&fbclid=IwAR1fwI574ugaKTkctUEEdhqmJGUqLoDHAPoHq_rZrfJrKxCzR07FVM9-N-8



The manufacturer of the above figure has quite a large range of figures in 1:42 & 1:76 figures on their eBay shop or you can find them here:

www.all scales.co.uk

Steve Lovett

Trial fit of baseboards went well this morning..... the trestle noggins helped immensely to locate the baseboard ends and align the fixing bolts (see photo). Resultant baseboard height is around 4 feet; good for viewing, a bummer to build on.



Woburn Sands trestles built and ready for use... testing at least. There's 5 of them each made from CLS and some spare 9mm ply; cost around £10 each.

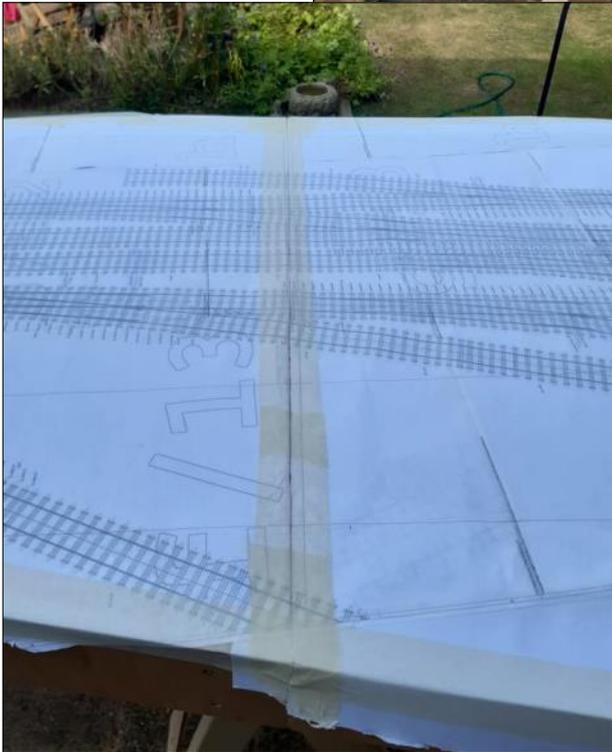
Yes they are substantial but having seen some layouts wobble when setting up and then in use I thought I'd over engineer them.



Over the weekend the baseboards were again set up and track plan laid in position; centralising this was a devil of a job, especially when there was an occasional light breeze, but all worked out in the end.....

Second photo shows the central point on the plan with baseboard joint below masking tape; it is from here that the track will be built, and laid, working in opposite directions.

Next job..... laser cutting many sleepers.



Paul

Another building completed. I changed the colour to something a little more subtle than Vollmer's colours. It will need an interior but I am not sure what it will be. Not a cafe as I have several of those, maybe a clothes shop?



The box showing a much more colourful building. I did some searching on Google maps looking at building colours. There are some bright colours but they tends to be on the back of the buildings. Coloured fronts tend to be quite subtle.



I have had some suggestions for what this building could be: a model shop, part of the red light district or a “coffee shop”.



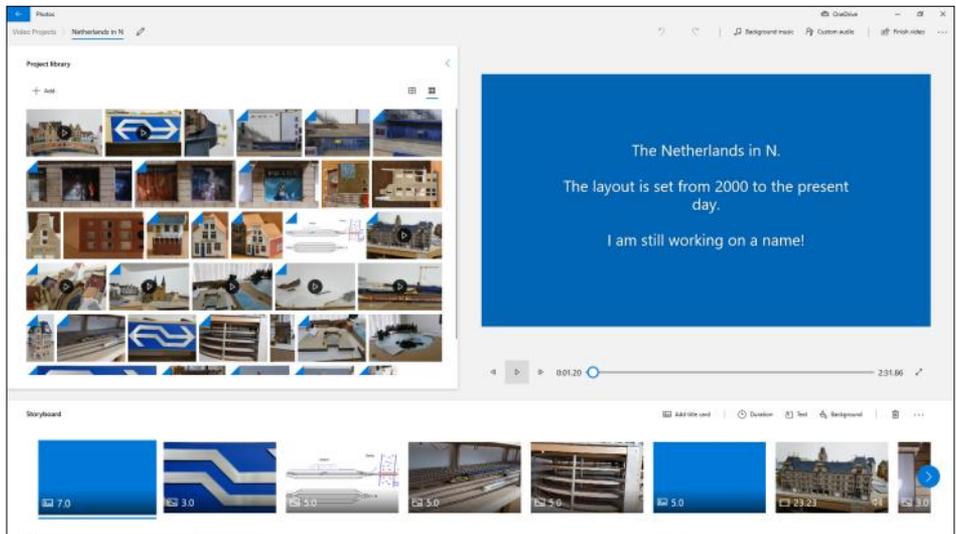
I have now completed a video of my layout and Gary has added it to the club YouTube channel. Take a look and then post your own videos. You will also find videos from Adrian and Graham.

You can find it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4eItEY8bcGpEXRGNedvlg?fbclid=IwAR2TmZExMW0uPofR19fIYH9Y6-8Dflh5QNmcf7FjJelBBdnz22nBZPQwMdo>

Or use the link on our website home page.

I used a program called Video Editor to produce the video which I took using my phone. I started by trying to get the whole thing in 1 shot but found it easier to break it down into several short videos and then add some stills. The editor allows you to add title pages and captions.



You drag and drop all your video clips and images into the top left section, then drag them to the bottom of the screen and arrange the order. Top right allows you to play the video to see how it will look. You can split the video clips, add title pages, add captions and set the times. Finally you can add background music.

It did take a lot longer than I thought it would but it was a fun project. I expect there are other programs you could use and probably better ones but this worked for me.

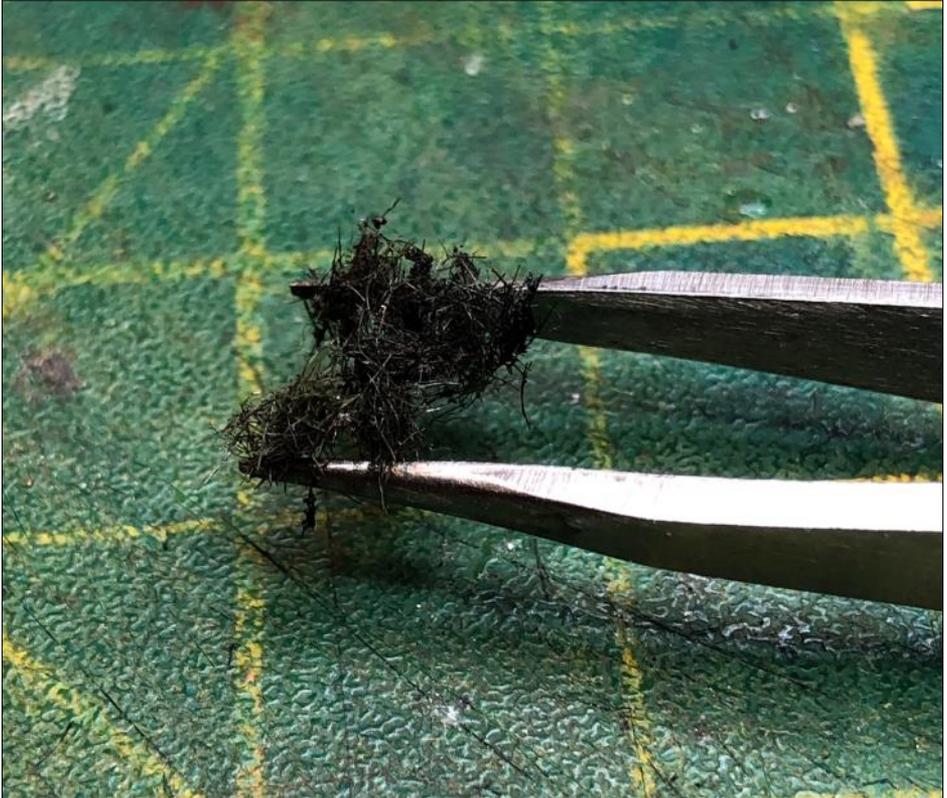
Tim

Latest addition to the layout. Small but characterful lineside signal equipment boxes. These are 3D printed and the work of John Chivers found on FB. I've assembled with concrete support posts etc, painted and weathered.



Mick

Removed from the tender pickups of a loco....



Not my loco, I hasten to add...

And people wonder why their engines stop working! That's amazing Mick . James
floor runner. Ian

Carpet Bagger . Francis



Chris

Richard



Club Diary

2020

All events are subject to the Government lifting movement restrictions.

September	4	Trustees Meeting
	18	Test Track
	19	European Railways Association, Cancelled
	26	Tring & District MRC, The Cottesloe School, Cancelled
October	16	Talk by Geoff Plumb, Postponed
	23	Test Track
November	6	Trustees Meeting
	7	High Wycombe & District MRS Exhibition, Cancelled
	20	Test Track
	28-29	Warley National Model Railway Exhibition, Cancelled
December	5-6	The National Festival of Railway Modelling, East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6XE <i>At the time of publishing this event is still scheduled to go ahead.</i>
	11	Club Christmas Dinner at The Peacock in Henton
	18	Test Track