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FOOTPLATE

Lockdown Special



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WELCOME

I hope you are all keeping well during the lockdown period. The clubs Facebook group is now up to 41 members.

Work still continues on the Community Centre, the roof is just about complete and work is going on inside on the floor and underfloor heating. The Town Council are now advertising for someone to take on the running of the café.

Here are the modelling stories from this month.

Paul

Front cover: Swiss Federal Railways class 522 Stadler FLIRT (Fast Light Intercity and Regional Train) at Geneva Cornavin Station August 2020. The 522s can operate in France as well as Switzerland.

Paul

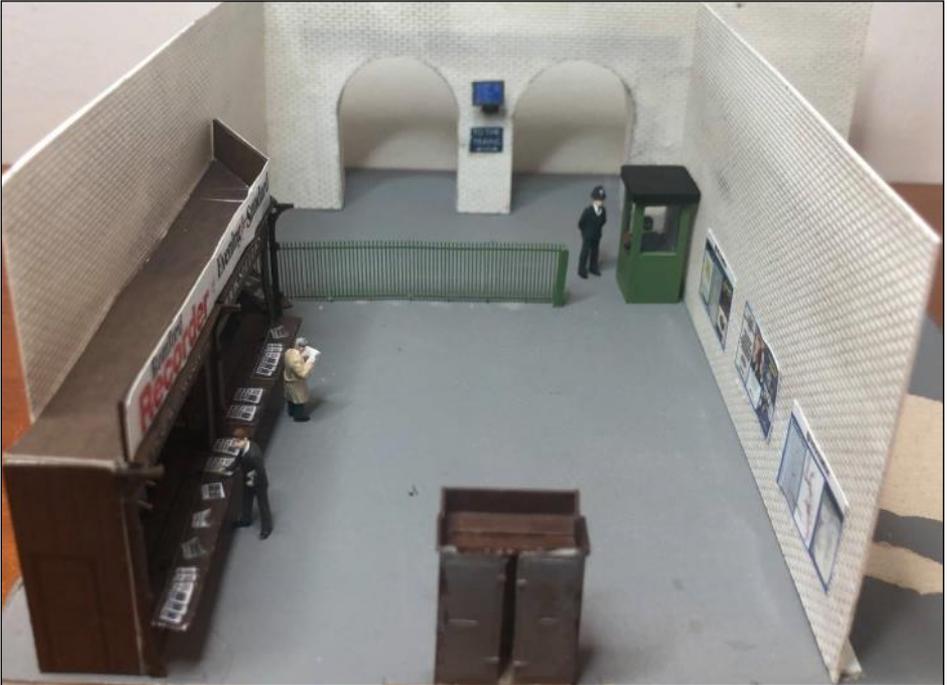
Alec

Backwoods FR Linda finished a few months ago. It runs really well and has 17000uF of stay alive.



Gary

Taking up Paul's challenge for a diorama, attached photos show Romford Station Booking Hall; not that anyone will see it when the station is complete!







Right: I've been trying to find a solution to creating a standard concrete type BR station lamp for some time. I have now managed to create one by dissecting and re-wiring a Woodland Scenics model. The new lamp shade was made from brass wire, the trim of a plastic takeaway carton with Fox transfer lettering applied.



Francis

Kimble, this morning. Brunel would be very angry!



Francis

Diesel day at Risborough. 31, 37, two bubble cars and stock parked while track work is undertaken at Chinnor



The coach is a SR EMU 3CEP, ex Lymington Flyer.





Neil

A good subject for a diorama!



Paul

This is the Rotterdam Metro at De Akkers. There is a crossing just before the station that allows trains to enter either platform and then get to the correct track when leaving. Beyond the station is a 3 track service point and then the viaduct and track ends. This seems to be a common layout on the Metro and looks like it is designed to be extended. The whale tails are fibreglass and are obviously very strong!

A short video from EuroNews:
<https://youtu.be/Fc2zKvpxlyM>

And a couple more photos. This should have been a simple low speed manoeuvre!



The above photo is from The Independent.



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Mick

Driving Canadian Pacific at Tyseley..... 1993.



Small Diorama Project Rules

Here are the rules for the diorama challenge:

- 1 maximum size of the base is A5 or any shape with the same area. (311cm²)
- 2 Must have plants: trees, grass, hedges, flowers, moss etc
- 3 Must have hardscape: stone, rock, brick, concrete etc
- 4 Must have water: river, stream, fountain, puddles etc

There is no minimum amount of any of the above features and you can add anything else you want. Other than that, it is up to your creativity, feel free to bend the rules as much as you like!

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.

Paul

Small Diorama Project.

Now experimenting with static grass. The best effect is to use multiple layers, e.g. if you want 12mm high grass, use 3 layers of 4mm, it gives more variation. I have tried 1, 2 and 4mm fibres. It is also a very messy process, not to be done on the dining table.

The boat has some "water" on it which is not very visible on the model but does show up really well in the photo. I removed the boat (and repainted the effected area) and found the water layer comes off as well! It is good to know the water can be easily removed if you are not happy with it.



I have now replaced the ripples that came off and the boat is reattached without getting "water" up the side. I have added the ropes holding it to the bank. This is slow stuff: first the rope has to be attached to the boat (with superglue) and then around the post. Each part has to be soaked in very dilute PVA. This has the effect of allowing you to position the rope (cotton thread) and then when it dries it stays in place and stays straight if required. Without the PVA the thread will absorb water and stretch so will not stay taught. It has to be done a short

section at a time so takes a few days to complete. In this case: boat to post, around the post, post to boat and finally inside the boat. If it does go wrong just soak in PVA again and move it. The posts are painted plastic rod.



O Gauge figures for Okehampton. I am slowly working my way through the cupboard of models to be built. These are Dart Castings figures painted in acrylics.



Tim

A little light relief over the weekend. Apologies to those of you on GW modellers group where I have also posted. This is a Ratio body inherited from Phil Bax. I've not gone mad on detail as this is a layout vehicle and will be amongst 20 - 30 other vans. Masokits brake gear and Modelmaster transfers. A V23 vacuum fitted version - just so ya know. Back to the canopy for the final push and installation. Hopefully, photos later this 🙌 week.



Another 3 UFOs knocked off the list and added to the fleet. From L>R; ex GW unfitted Mink Diag V34; ex LMS 3 plank open with sheeted load; ex LNWR 4 plank open (in very scruffy condition) with mixed load of timber and a couple of crates.

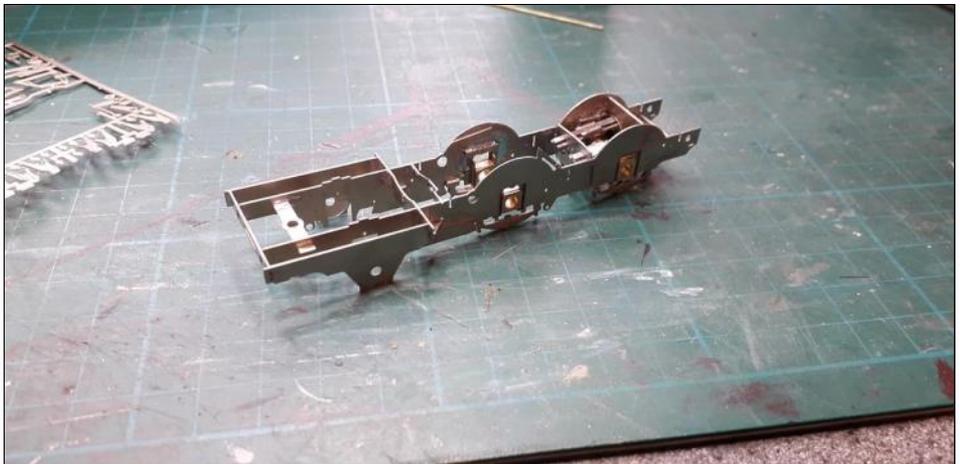
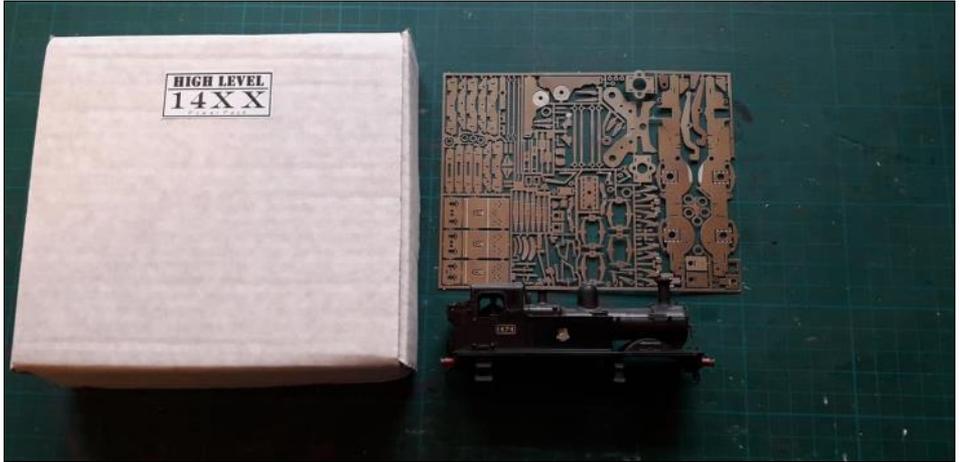




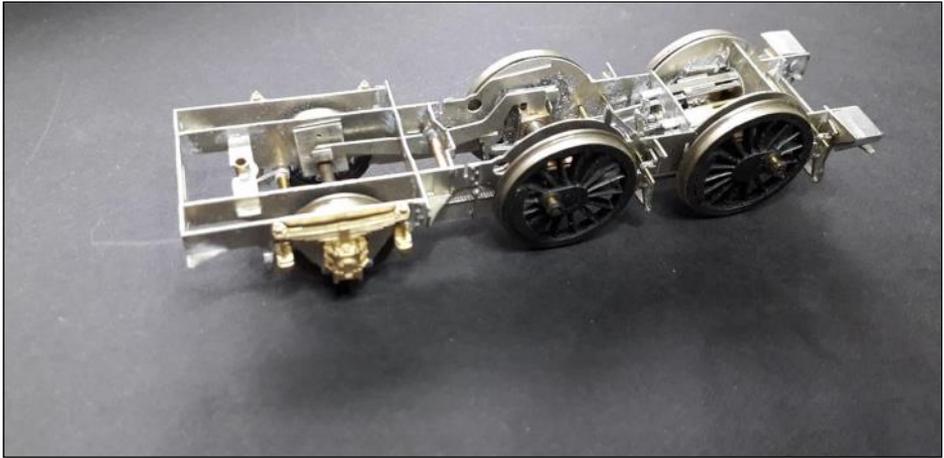
FINALLY, at last, the canopy for platforms one and two is finished and installed. It's taken 2 years and 2 attempts but I'm pleased with the final result - all 4' of it. Figures by Modelu and seats, barrows and stuff of various provenance. Subway needs a ramp either side and then that's done too.



With the canopy out of the way, time to start something new and make a small dent in the stash. This chassis has gone together really well with minimal fettling of parts. No chassis jig required. Next clip shows it running smoothly on fly leads. Mick has kindly offered to do the sound install - a Zimo for a change.



This originally ran on a Perseverance chassis. This one is in a different league. As ever, fitting pickups (a job I hate) and fiddling to get them to work has taken a disproportionate amount of time. Hey ho, nearly there. 🙄



Club Diary

2020

December	5-6	The National Festival of Railway Modelling, East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6XE Cancelled
January		
February		
March	20	Abingdon & District Model Railway Club, Abingdon & Witney College, Wootton Road, Abingdon OX14 1GG
	20-21	Warners Exhibitions, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace Way, London N22 7AY
April	3-5	York, Knavesmire Suite, The Racecourse, Knavesmire Road, York YO23 1EX
May	8	Association of Larger Scale Railway Modellers. Rivermead Leisure Centre, Richfield Avenue, Reading RG1 8EQ
	15-16	EM Gauge Society, Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bagshot Road, Bracknell RG12 9SE
	22	German Railway Society, Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot OX11 7JN
June		
July	3	Beaconsfield & District Model Railway Club, Beaconsfield School, Wattleton Road, Beaconsfield HP9 1SJ