



Risborough and District
Model Railway Club

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FOOTPLATE

Lockdown Special



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WELCOME

I am pleased to tell you that Gary has taken on the position of Publicity & Social manager which has been vacant for some time.

We are now well underway in our planning for the Virtual Railex. Layouts have been organised and traders have been invited. We are also holding our Wheeltapper competition at this event. The categories are as normal but instead of judging the model, we will judge photographs of the models. The entry form has been sent out with the weekly Club Update email. Please enter as many models as you can. If you would like assistance with the photography let me know. I hope many of you will enter, you never know what the judge will find interesting.

Our next Zoom meeting is on 21st May, Mick will be talking about loco maintenance. If you would like to talk at the meeting or there is a subject you would like to know more about, let me know.

Paul

Francis

A slight problem on the Aylesbury branch on Wednesday. The remaining train carried on to Acton but the rear section was hauled back to Calvert. Should have fitted Kaydees!



Front cover: NS ICE3M and Bison at Utrecht Centraal, October 2012, Paul

David

Spotted this on another group schools 30925 Cheltenham at Aylesbury in 1962



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.

Francis

On the back of Tim's stunning Gresley coach, here are two more photos taken in the early 1950s near High Wycombe. Not the best quality but fascinating historical value given the period. WR 6983 Otterington Hall is clearly on an up train just south of Pictonville bridge and about to pass through West Wycombe, protected by the LNER outer distant.



However, the location of WR 6004 King George III has challenged local spotters! Same photographer and almost certainly the same day when he captured trains between Saunderton and Whitehouse Tunnel. Pole route on Joint was on the Up side so it cannot be Pictonville again as the curve is wrong! The foot crossing is similar to that at the latter site but not quite the same. So the King is heading north and just passing an outer suburban with what appears to be articulated Gresley stock. Any thoughts on the location are welcome!

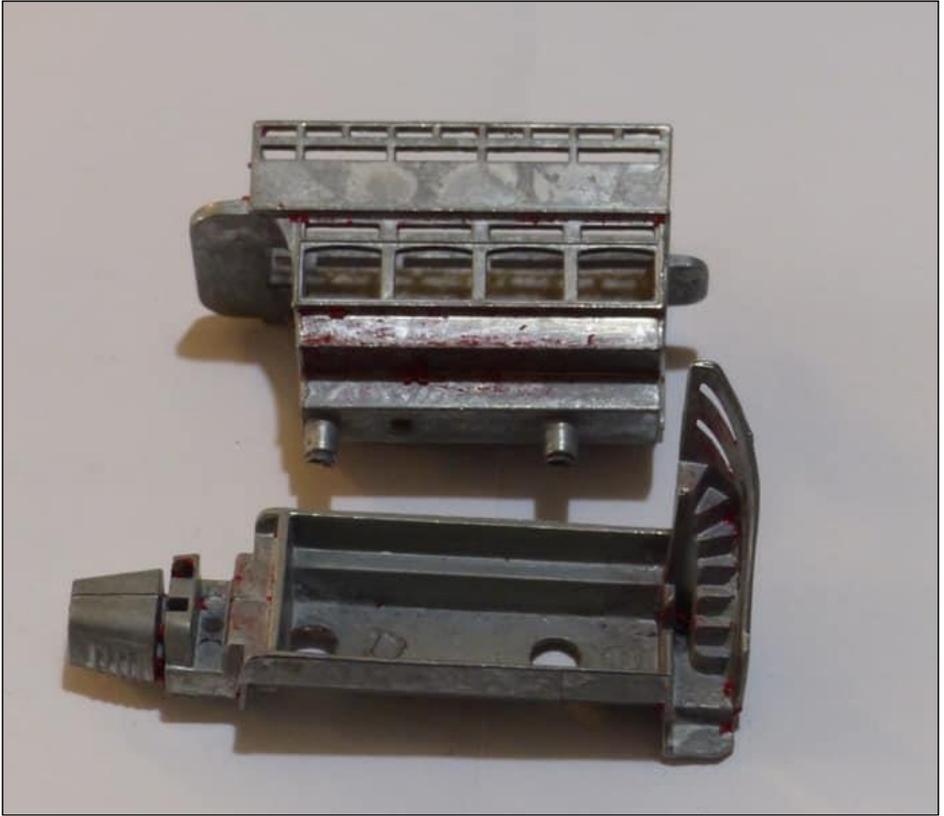


Gary

I have created a public Facebook page for the Club. Please feel free to comment and follow:

<https://www.facebook.com/Risborough-District-Model-Railway-Club-103436715224270>





Looking at other busses of the era i realised that there were many bus manufacturers so Modify the model to an unspecified style of single deck bus.

We also spoke on the last zoom session about using Dettol as a paint stripper.

Alec

In the garden today!



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!

Mick

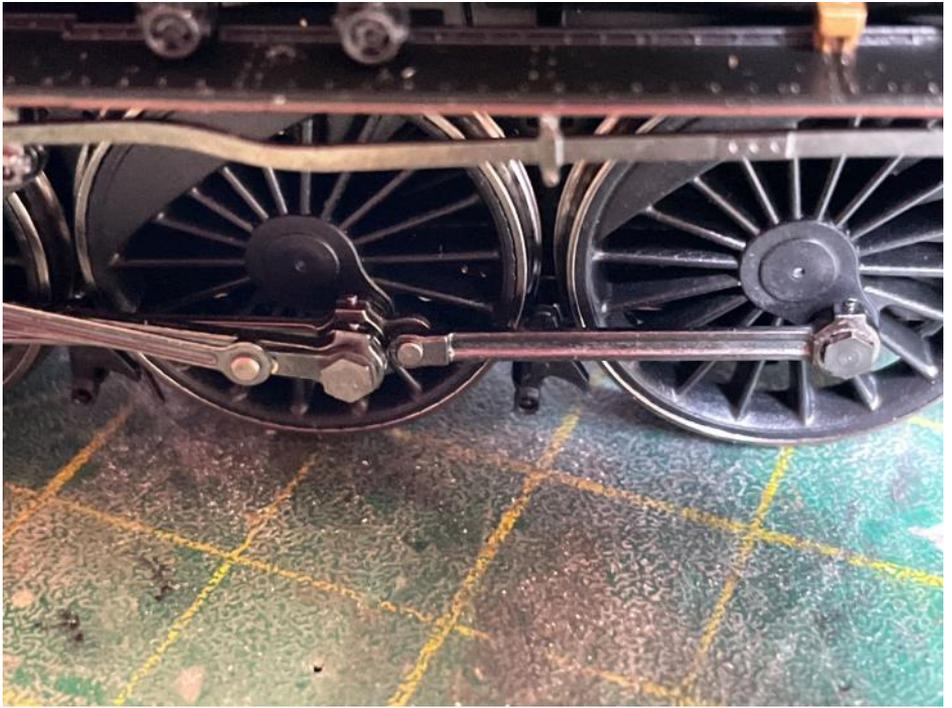
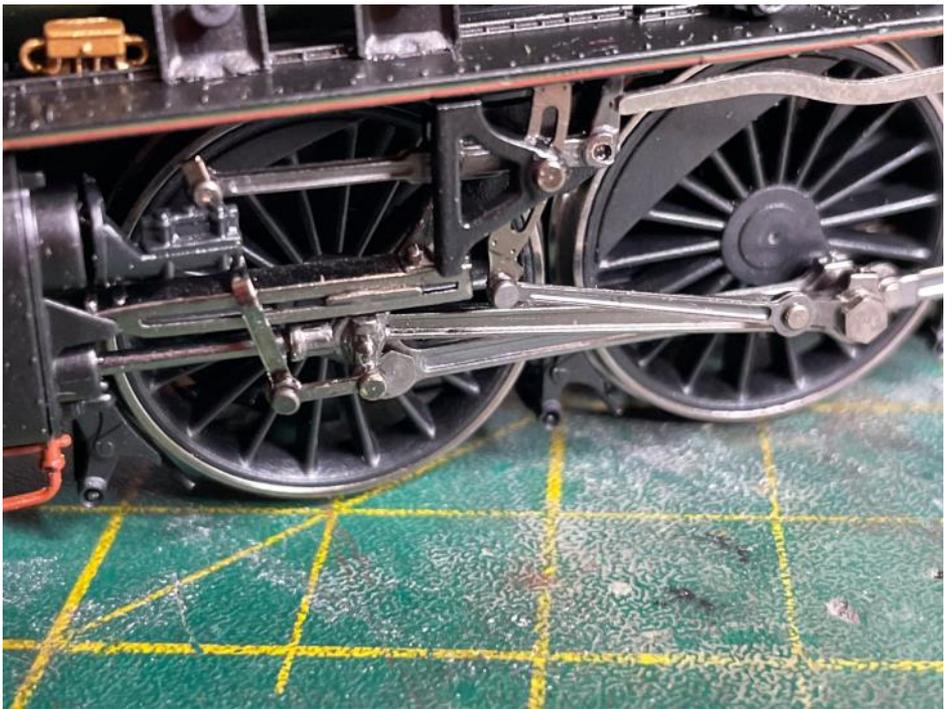
Brickwork the old fashioned way. I need a chimney and I have some HO size bricks....



Had a new Hornby A2/2 for DCC install today. I'm not competent to proclaim about the accuracy but it does look the part. Ran ok on DC, but not on DCC. Serious minus point, but easily fixable once diagnosed was that the 4-wire plug on the loco to plug in to the tender was miswired, two wires swapped round. This error will blow decoders so if you buy one of these I suggest a careful check.

I also noted a very poor tooling line on the top of the boiler, that it came with one pickup on the tender bent out of shape, and with extremely dirty wheels which, particularly on the tender, have very thin flanges that are a good bit deeper than the RP25 standard. One good point is that quite a few of the motion parts are decently chunky castings particularly the nicely presented slide bars, though the expansion link is still a single layer component.

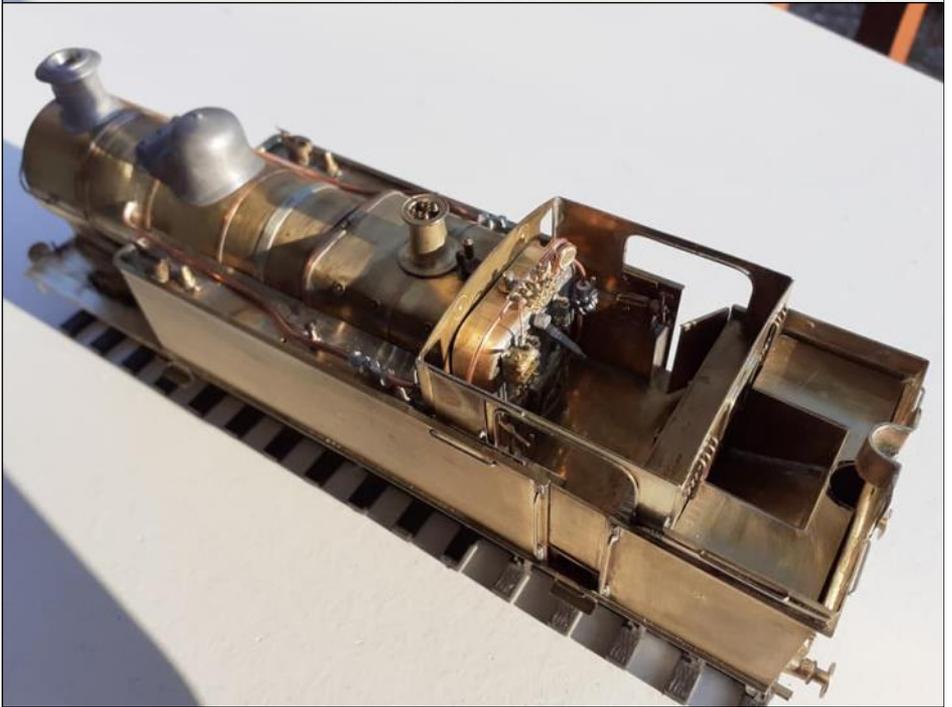




Russ

Some of you might remember I started building a kit for an ex. Rhymney Railway 'R' 0-6-2T at the Club nearly 16 months ago as a commission. Well, it's nearly complete. Took rather longer than hoped as a lot of parts weren't included in the kit, or replacements had to be scratchbuilt, castings bought in, etc. A visit to the paint shop is due later this week. It will be a heavily weathered GWR no.38, the last to be withdrawn in Oct.1957.





Paul

Just had a go at making a spruce tree, Heki armature and static grass foliage. It is 18cm high but there is an additional piece in the kit to add about 4cm more trunk.



These trees are made from a Heki 1970 tree kit. This consists of 10 identical tree mouldings with detail on one side only. Two of these can be attached together with MEK to make a complete tree. The branches are then bent into position and it can be attached to a base.



I decided to make these a background half tree (see lower left) as I think there are not enough branches for a fully round tree. Once shaped the armature is painted as required.



The kit comes with a fine ground foam for foliage. This might be OK but I thought that static grass might be better. I used a layer of 4mm brown grass for the first coat and then 2mm green over the top of this. I used the War World Scenics (WWS) pump spray adhesive. The result is OK although the process is messy!

Left: the tree with the 4cm extension. If you use the extension the base no longer fits but there is a longer spike for planting.

I made a second tree in the same way but using the WWS aerosol spray adhesive. This gives a finer and more even spray that is easier to control and direct. Therefore it is not as messy. Surprisingly it does not have much smell either. The only disadvantage is that it does give a very even coverage which may not be what you want. For a more random spray the pump

adhesive is better.

If using the pump spray you must remove the pump after use and clean it to prevent the glue drying in the pump and blocking it.

Tim

Latest coach finished. This is a Gresley D246 BT and is part of the outer suburban sets running out of Marylebone. The rake comprised 6 vehicles - an all third, a 1st/3rd Twin (downgraded to all third seating in my period) and a BT/Lav Compo Twin. When finished, I will have 2 complete sets - one behind an A5 (built) and the other hauled by an L1 (Hornby with Bradwell chassis - not started yet). The coach is painted with Precision faded coach crimson P303.



Club Diary

2021

Many exhibitions are being cancelled and I suspect those still listed will be cancelled as well, at least for the first half of the year.

May	7	Trustees Meeting
	21	Zoom meeting
	29	Virtual Railex
June	18	Zoom meeting
July	3	Beaconsfield & District Model Railway Club, Beaconsfield School, Wattleton Road, Beaconsfield HP9 1SJ
	2	Trustees Meeting
	31	Annual Convention of The World Wide Group of the NGS, Wyllyotts Theatre, Wyllyotts Place, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, EN6 2HN. If this goes ahead, I will be there with a Dutch N gauge display.
August		
September	18	European Railways Association, The Venue - Edgbaston, 100 Icknield Port Road, Birmingham B16 0AA
	25-26	Scalefour Society, Cressex Community School, Holmer Lane, High Wycombe, HP12 4QA

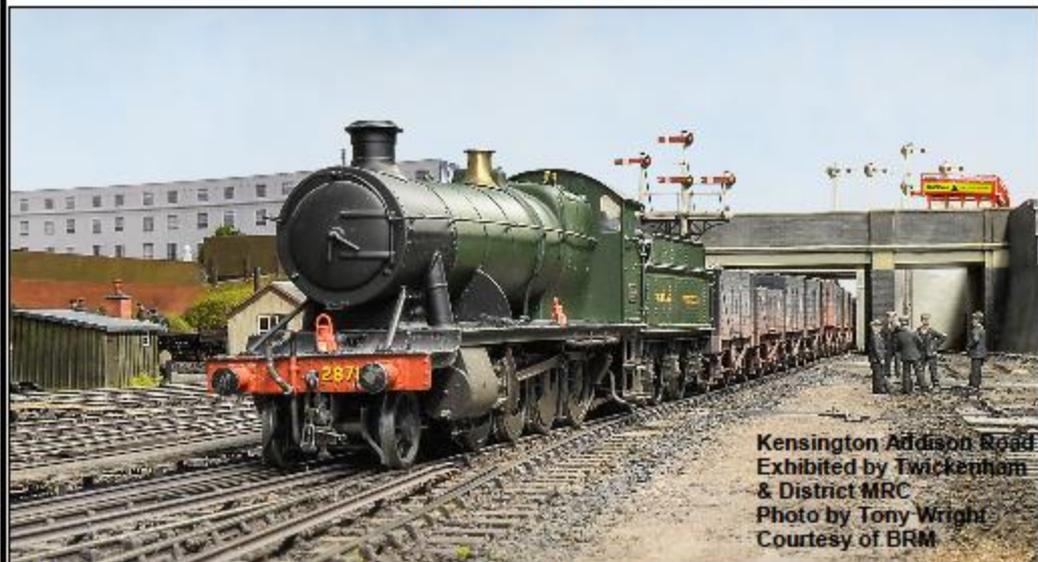
Outstanding Layouts, Quality Manufacturers, Trade & Demos. All in one Virtual Exhibition.

RAILEX 2021

VIRTUAL MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 29th MAY

See many of the layouts that were scheduled to come to Railex in 2020 and 2021: Kensington Addison Rd, Lighterman's Yard, Love Lane, Old Parrock, Kyle of Lochalsh, Freshwater, Modbury, Thorne Yard, Beijiao, Grindley Brook & Pottendorf.



Kensington Addison Road
Exhibited by Twickenham
& District MRC
Photo by Tony Wright
Courtesy of BRM

Also featuring some of the club member's home layouts that never visit the exhibition circuit, including High Wycombe & Padfracombe (O gauge garden railway) and a section devoted to those new to the hobby.

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Access to the show is at: railex.org.uk