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## MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Monday 26th August 2024

Harrogate Model Railway Group welcomes you to its exhibition, here at St. Aidan's Constance Green Hall.

Layouts, trade stands, demonstrations and societies are located in both the hall and cafeteria.

Refreshments are available in the cafeteria, adjacent to the hall, with access to the toilet facilities.

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BSC Orgreave	OO	Hall
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HMRG Test Track	N/OO	Cafeteria
Hudson Street	EM	Hall
Menabrea	HO	Hall
North Milford Halt	OO	Hall
North Oakwood	N	Hall
North Road	N	Hall
Outwell Village	OO	Hall
Serendipity	OO	Hall
Urban Sprawl	N	Hall
Winn Street Engineers' Sidings	O	Hall

## Demonstrations/Societies

A.C.O.M.B. Models	Cafeteria
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Wensleydale Heritage Railway	Hall

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Elaine's Trains	Hall
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# Layouts

## **Annerley**

**David Harrison**

**N gauge**

The Hull-Scarborough line leaves the coast at Bridlington and heads north to Filey, missing a great chunk of fantastic coastal scenery. Imagine, then, if the line had carried on to Flamborough Head. This is exactly what I've done with this layout. The line crosses Danes Dyke over a viaduct and the village of Annerley is served by a small station, the architecture of which is typical of those found on the Hull-Scarborough line. The buildings in the village are based on examples found in Flamborough and Sewerby. The coastal scenery is based on real features which can be found around Flamborough Head, and this includes the lighthouse. The layout is set on a summer Saturday in the early 1960s, so there are seaside specials from the West Riding and the Midlands, and occasional excursions from Scotland and the South. There is a mixture of steam locomotives – B1s, Black Fives, etc., plus diesel Class 37s and 40s. There is also a regular pick-up goods service in addition to local services provided by DMUs.

The name Annerley is taken from the novel *Mary Anerley*, written by R. D. Blackmore. The novel is based on smuggling exploits around the East Yorkshire coast during the eighteenth century. Mary Anerley is the lead character in the book and lived at Anerley Farm, which is thought to be based on Danes Dyke Farm. Yes, the misspelling is deliberate, as it looked more balanced on the station sign!

## **BSC Orgreave**

**Alex Roughsedge**

**OO gauge**

Built in less than two months, the layout sits on a laser cut Scale Model Scenery "Layout in a Box" baseboard kit, with an extra board forming the main fiddle yard on the left-hand end, and a smaller head shunt board at the opposite end. Track is Peco Code 75 Bullhead, fully wired for DCC-only operation and servo point control, as well as a working end-tippler. The track plan is purely functional and not based on any specific aspect of the real site. The building arrangement is much the same. However the buildings themselves, all 3D-printed, are heavily based on their real-life counterparts. Stock consists of Yorkshire Engine Co. Janus No.3, and a Rolls Royce Sentinel, both closely resembling two of the real locomotives that worked on the site. With some artistic licence, various other motive power may be seen, including British Rail Class 03 and 08 shunters, plus a few more fanciful visitors! Operationally, loaded coal trains were brought in from nearby Orgreave and Treeton Collieries via a direct rail link. The internal user tipplers dumped the coal into underground hoppers where it was then transferred to the coking ovens.



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... *BSC Orgreave continued*

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**Colinton            Alistair Dickson            P4 gauge**

The layout was initiated for the Scalefour Challenge to build a portable layout within a surface area of 18.83 square feet, culminating in an invitation to the Scalefour Society's exhibition at Leatherhead in September 2005. The layout has continued to develop since that time. The layout replicates an actual location, that being Colinton on the Caledonian Railway's Balerno branch to the south west of Edinburgh, now all part of Edinburgh district. The location was chosen because there was freight traffic generated by paper and grain mill operations along the length of the branch, as well as at the station itself. The track layout and lack of a run round loop in the station provides for restricted shunting movements that adds interest to the layout's operation. With the removal of signalling in the early 1900s, one engine in steam is the norm, thus simplifying operations! Passenger traffic was discontinued in 1943, so the layout is normally a freight-only operation, although Rail Tour specials that visited the branch in the 1960s are replicated. The large industrial building replicates the original "Scott's Porage Oats" mill which has only recently been demolished and replaced with a similar building of private apartments. Please feel free to ask us any questions about the layout or location.

**East Colne            Nigel Thomas            N gauge**

The layout is based on the real branch line to Brightlingsea, a small coastal town in Essex located at the mouth of the River Colne. The original railway was built by the Great Eastern Railway, branching off the Colchester to Clacton line at Wivenhoe for Brightlingsea. It closed in 1964 and was lifted, and only the riverside embankment and a few rusty girders in Arlesford Creek remain. I have modelled the original swing bridge, plus a representative section of the line on either side. The station track plan is as the original, but I have added a short turntable and double slip to enhance the operating potential of this quite simple layout. As the station building and the buildings on Station Road are not as per the real Brightlingsea, I have called it East Colne. The layout is controlled by 12 volt DC power, and is set in the late summer of 1959. However, the original branch only had a very small variety of locomotives and stock, so I have expanded the range in my imagination.

## **HMRG Test Track      N/OO gauge**

Have you purchased a fancy new locomotive at the exhibition and would like the opportunity to test it before heading home? If so, please feel free to do so on our N and OO gauge test track. Please note that the test track is set-up for DC operation only, not DCC.

## **Hudson Street      Peter Fletcher    EM gauge**

The original York station, located behind the City walls, opened in 1841 and closed to passenger traffic in 1877, when the present York station was completed. The station building survives as part of the City Council offices, but in the 1950s and 1960s the site was used for carriage cleaning and storage. This compact layout, fictitious in nature, attempts to recall features of the old station site, hence the reference in its title to the infamous entrepreneur, George Hudson, who placed York firmly on the national railway map. Hudson Street is operated as a parcels depot, set in the late 1950s/early 1960s. The lines from the platforms run adjacent to a building based on the original goods warehouse and pass through an arch in the city walls, modelled on those still to be seen opposite the present York station. The layout was featured in the February 2016 edition of Railway Modeller magazine.

## **Menabrea      Alan Wardman      HO gauge**

The layout is based on a small country station and goods yards somewhere north of Milan, towards the Swiss border. The track is Peco Code 100 with Insulfrog points, using them to isolate the sidings. Control is by Gaugemaster handheld units; points are changed by wire-in-tube. The buildings are from the Hornby International range. Locomotives, coaches and wagons are from Roco, Lima and Rivarossi for the most part. We operate the layout from its front as we like to chat to people. There is lots of shunting in and out of the station and yards. The layout was featured in the December 2015 edition of Continental Modeller magazine.

*Visitors are kindly asked to refrain from touching any of the exhibits. They take many hours to make but only a second to break!*

**North Milford Halt****Daniel Cawkill****OO gauge**

North Milford is a fictional hamlet between Church Fenton and Towton, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, and has a farm and a few houses. The Harrogate-Church Fenton railway line, built by the York and North Midland Railway, passed through North Milford, the line opening in 1847. My fictional station is situated between Church Fenton and Stutton on a spur off the line. Surrounding the station is an agricultural dealership, a livestock auctioneers and a coal merchant. The station has a few sidings, and both a passenger and goods platform. The bridge at the end of the layout is based on the bridges at Tadcaster and Market Weighton. The railway line closed for passengers in 1964 and the last section to Tadcaster was closed in November 1966, with ex-LNER B1 number 61013 Topi working the final goods train. I started building this layout in late 2018 when I was 12 years old, first exhibiting it at one of the Harrogate Model Railway Group's exhibitions in 2022.

**North Oakwood****Phoenix Page****N gauge**

A layout based on a fictional town in the UK. This layout has been built by a young modeller and features ready to run locomotives and rolling stock.

**North Road****David Harrison****N gauge**

North Road (no relation to the Darlington area station) is a twin track DCC layout incorporating carriage and wagon repair facilities, and also a fuel depot. Totally fictitious, it can be located anywhere one chooses. All track is Peco Code 55 Finescale nickel silver Streamline with Unifrog points. Set in a busy market town in a low-level position, the layout provides all manner of running and shunting possibilities. Some 55+ Metcalfe kits, some detailed with guttering and down pipes, low relief and full size, were used to create the town effect on the upper level where Faller 'N' gauge vehicles can be seen running. Railway buildings are a mixture of Peco, Manyways kits, Graham Farish and Hornby Lyddle End. The bridge is scratch built using various Peco girder bridge sides and trestle kits. Modern street and yard lighting include strip LEDs. The pedestrian crossings, working traffic lights and colour light signals/modules are supplied by Layouts4U, CR Signals and ModelEx.

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## **Outwell Village**

**Alan Price**

**OO gauge**

An OO gauge layout built to fine scale standards. The track is SMP Code 75 with handmade points. It depicts the largest intermediate depot on the Wisbech and Upwell tramway in Lincolnshire. The period is post second world war, although this can be stretched to some 20 years as little changed during that period. It does, however, allow us to run both in LNER and British Rail formats. The Tramway was built to service the Fens, bringing fruit and so forth to the rest of the rail network. The motive power is what could have been seen running on the tramway, these being scratch built. The Y6 tram engines, the Class 04s and the two Sentinels are kit built. All buildings are scratch built using Plasticard and depict structures that once stood around the depot.

## **Serendipity**

**Chris Martin**

**OO gauge**

A layout, designed with children in mind, available to young (and not so young!) visitors to play trains. A donation to the *Harrogate Women's Refuge* (details overleaf) would be appreciated before budding locomotive drivers take control of a train for a few minutes.

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## **Urban Sprawl**

**David Frost    N gauge**

A scenic layout of UK trams showing countryside, hamlet and town, with multiple modes of transport through the ages.

## **Winn Street Engineers' Sidings    Richard Pratt    O gauge**

Welcome to Winn Street. Sadly, the local passenger service has been withdrawn. The station remains in situ for now but looks very run down. The passenger service may be reinstated in the future, but that depends on the availability of modern DMUs. The area remains in use by the engineering department and on view will be a variety of engineers' stock, much of it being kit built. There are numerous different Fishkind wagons around. There are a variety of BR road vehicles on the layout too. I try to operate a time period from late BR through to early privatisation, which allows for a great mixture of stock and locomotive classes in many different liveries. I have previously modelled in both OO and N gauge but I was so impressed with the offerings from Heljan and Dapol that I moved up to the larger scale! Track work on the layout is Peco and operation is through DC control with isolated sections. I try to ensure that the locomotives and stock are weathered to add to the atmosphere.



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