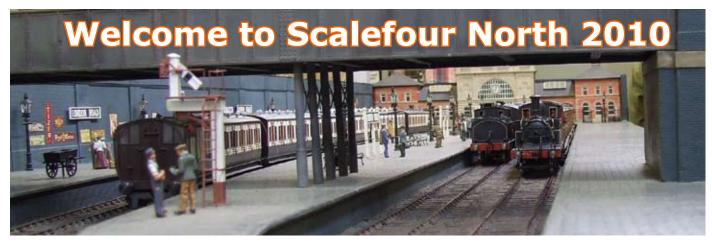


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Partners free of charge Thekets are valid both days



All welcome

The exhibition is organised primarily for Scalefour Society members, but as always we extend a warm welcome to the many non-members who visit the show each year. We would like to think that you are sufficiently impressed to consider joining the Scalefour Society here and now, in which case your admission fee will be reduced. The membership desk is near the entrance.

Our unique atmosphere

Scalefour North provides a unique opportunity for like-minded Model Railway Enthusiasts to meet, talk, exchange ideas or information, and generate new friendships or revive old ones. To encourage dialogue between visitors and exhibitors, we don't place barriers in front of the layouts, so please feel free to ask advice from the exhibitors: this is what the show is all about.

Over the years, many new and innovative ideas which have advanced the art of finescale modelling have emanated from the Scalefour Society membership. Scalefour North provides the ideal showcase to present these new developments, and we hope that all visitors will be inspired by what they see over the weekend.

The Best Layout in the Show

The Clive Walton-Evans trophy is awarded each year to the most popular layout in the show as judged by our visitors.

Moreover

In addition to the layouts, we have

- lectures and a range of demonstrations where you are encouraged to ask questions and learn new modelling techniques;
- the leading 4mm finescale specialist traders;
- the Society's Bring and Buy stall where there is bound to be something of interest. Our special thanks go to members of the Manchester Area Group for running the Bring and Buy stand.

Refreshments

A range of hot and cold food and drinks will be available in the College refectory over lunchtime on both days.

We hope you enjoy the show

The Scalefour North Team

If you haven't been before . . .

Orienteering

From all over the city you should follow the brown signs to Thornes Park Athletic Track and then follow our blue Scalefour signs. The grid reference for the ordnance survey maps is SE3244198

By Road

From the North using the M1, exit the M1 at Junction 40, approach the Town Centre along Dewsbury Road then turn right into Horbury Road and then left when you see the Wakefield College signposts into Thornes Park. See map opposite.

There is ample free parking in the large car park located to the right at the top of the driveway, follow the blue Scalefour signs. Parking for disabled permit holders is available outside the front entrance to the college (continue past the main car park entrance and take the next right turn).

From the South, exit at Junction 39, approach along Denby Dale Road, turn left into Thornes Road and then right into Gill Sike Road. Another right brings you into Horbury Road, then turn right when you see the Wakefield College signposts into Thornes Park and proceed as above.

By Train

CrossCountry Trains operate hourly through services to Wakefield Westgate from the South West, Birmingham, Derby and Sheffield and also from Edinburgh, Newcastle and York. East Coast Trains operate from London Kings Cross, Peterborough and Doncaster. Local services also operate to Wakefield Westgate and Kirkgate stations. Good bargains are to be had, especially if you book well in advance.

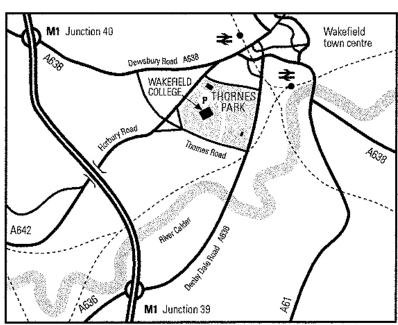
It is quite practical to walk from the stations and will take around 15 – 20 minutes. From Wakefield Westgate, turn right out of the station approach into Westgate End and continue until the road forks where you bear left into Horbury Road. Wakefield College entrance is on your Left after a short distance. From Wakefield Kirkgate proceed along Ings Road to Westgate End then continue as above. One advantage of walking is that you can see the live steam miniature railway near the entrance to Thornes Park.

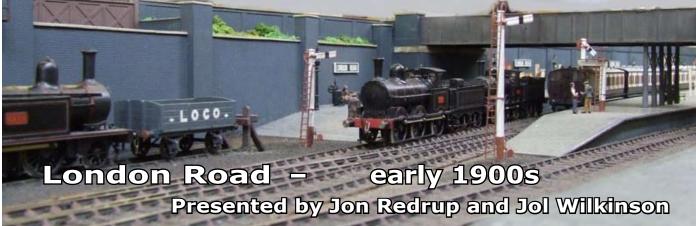
By Bus

Bus services 126/127, or 263/4/5 run from Wakefield centre to the entrance on Horbury Road, or you can take bus numbers 128/9 to the entrance on Thornes Road.



Wakefield College, Thornes Park





London Road is a freelance L&NWR small urban terminus, somewhere between Euston and Carlisle. Trains can arrive at two and depart from any of the four platforms. There is little scope for goods traffic, other than that which can be accommodated in the two sidings, one of which serves the loading dock.

Regarded by many as an influential P4 layout when it appeared in the 80s, the layout was exhibited at a number of shows until 1994, but only appeared in one magazine article (*Model Railways* May 1988). It was stored in a garage until 2006, when it came back into the hands of John Redrup, one of the original owners, and Jol Wilkinson. With the exception of the need for a new fiddle yard traverser plate and some cosmetic and electrical connection repairs, the layout had survived extremely well. It was first shown again in 2008 but is only allowed out occasionally.

The track work was built using the Joe Brook-Smith method with rivets and ply sleepers and cosmetic white metal chairs. The points are operated by Kean Maygib point motors driven by a CDU controlled by switches on the control panel. The signals were produced from MSE and D&S components, operated by solenoids and are removable for transport. The controllers are from Pentrollers and Modelex. The majority of the buildings and structures were scratch built from Plastikard, although the main station building is a heavily modified Faller kit. The fiddle yard traverser runs on computer drawer slides and a twin track turntable plate has been installed.

Locomotives and rolling stock are from a variety of sources, including London Road Models which started off from the need to manufacture some L&NWR carriage stock for the layout. The rake of LRM 50ft suburban arc roof carriages were featured in *MRJ* 52 in an article on 4mm coach livery.



Demonstrations

Chassis Building Workshop

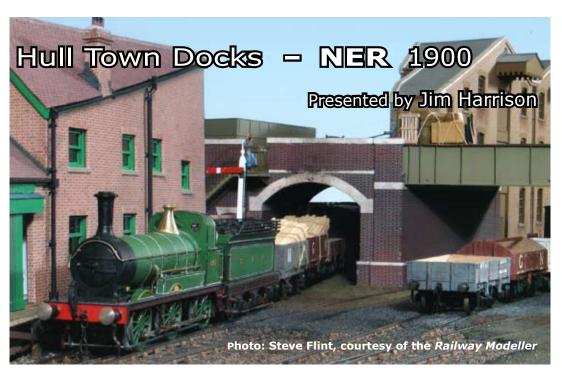
John Brighton

An exciting innovation for Scalefour North this year will be a "hands on" workshop where visitors can have a go at chassis assembly using the Avonside Works chassis assembly jig. Members and visitors are invited to bring along (or purchase at the show) any 4mm etched chassis kit, which, under John's guidance they will be able to complete basic assembly using the jigs to ensure totally square and accurate loco chassis.

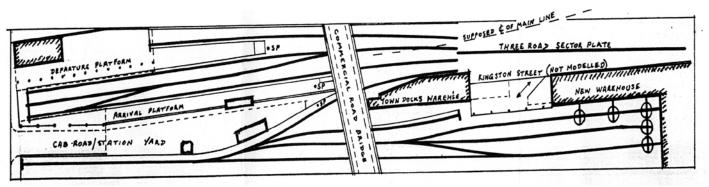
Modelling Overhead Line Equipment (OHLE)

Jim Smith-Wright

Jim Smith-Wright will be demonstrating his scratchbuilt Overhead Line Equipment, built as a prototype for his model of Birmingham New Street, currently under construction.



The fictional station is based on the assumption that a Humber Bridge of the late nineteenth century would have been a route into Hull for the Great Northern Railway. The site of the station is taken to be between the original Hull and Selby Railway terminus and Railway Dock, and the date to be about 1900. Another assumption is that once construction of the route was inevitable, the North Eastern Railway would have accepted GNR use of Paragon Station for most of the passenger services, leaving only shorter express boat trains and other passenger services in connection with the old Town Docks area of the city. The station has separate arrival and departure platforms. The goods yard has no facilities for coal (there is not room for everything), but has warehouses along one side and at one end. It is served frequently by short trains with goods for distribution both locally and by sea.Rolling stock is a mixture of scratch and kit built, with just a few from the box. Being to P4 standards, even the ones from the box need modification. Scratch building includes all the passenger stock. The separation of arrival and departure trains in the passenger station, and the number of goods trains serving the yard leads to a lot of movement on the layout and a lot of work for the operators, but they will never be too busy to answer your questions.



Modelling in Plastikard

Geoff Kent

Geoff's work has been featured many times in the model press and includes buildings, rolling stock and road vehicles all constructed from plasticard. Geoff will explain his techniques to get the best results out of this versatile modelling material.

Locomotive Construction

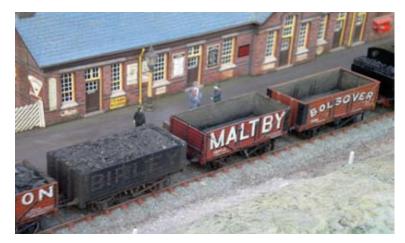
Dave Holt

David will show model locomotives built with the aid of kits, the emphasis being on the larger prototypes of LMS and BR standard origin with outside valve gear. David's chassis are compensated with the bogies and pony trucks taking their share of the weight distribution

Modelling Trees

Charles Shearn

Locally based Charles will be demonstrating how he creates amazingly realistic trees which are suprisingly tall when modelled to scale height in 4 mm scale.





Presented by the South Yorkshire Group

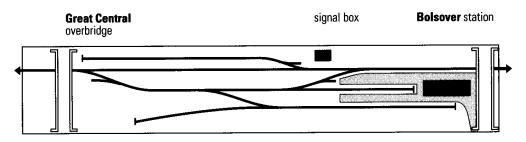
(on behalf of and in tribute to

the late Bob Barrott)

The model is based on a closed-down, Midland Railway through station with a passing loop on a single track. The line ran through the Derbyshire Doe Lea Valley, serving the coal industry and the market gardening business, and some through passenger/goods traffic. The period modelled is circa 1937. Fortunately Bob was able to take many useful photographs and survey the site just days before the bulldozers flattened everything in the 1970s. A sentimental factor in the choice of the station was that Bob's wife Avril spent her childhood in the area.

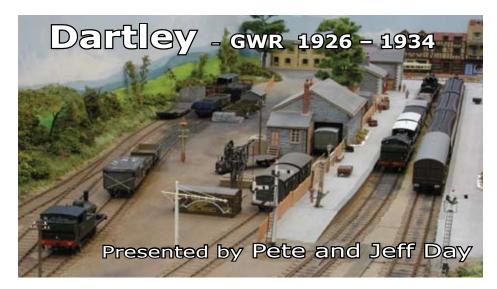
The layout started as a test track for Protofour modelling and was exhibited many times as it developed. The initial card buildings were replaced with superior scratchbuilt, Plastikard ones, and carved stonework bridges were constructed after the style of John Hayes's work on Bodmin and Heckmondwike. The baseboards were widened circa 1994, allowing an extended loop and two extra sidings. A novel cassette storage system evolved using plastic conduit, and finally, unlike the majority of early P4 layouts, Bolsover was fully chaired by Bob – after leaving the cosmetic chairs to mature for around eight years after purchase, the task was completed in about 80 hours. Although never designed to be exhibited, the layout won a few third prizes and was present at the LMS 50th celebrations at Leeds in 1983. Very inspiring for many modellers in the early days of P4, it graced the front cover of PROTOtype, the Protofour Society newsletter, no less than three times and also featured in the January/February 1982 issues of Railway Modeller magazine. All the operation is manual; 3-link couplings are used on stock, with signals and points operated by switches pulling or pushing wire in tubing. This has all proved most reliable. At the last exhibition with Bob, at Halifax 2006, the layout performed perfectly with no derailments all weekend. The layout, generously donated by Avril and the Barrott family following the sad, untimely loss of Bob in 2008, stands as a fine memorial to a very talented, exceptional man. It was a privilege and a pleasure to assist Bob in exhibiting Bolsover at shows up and down the country over the last six years.

The layout is now manned by members of the South Yorkshire Area Group, based in Sheffield. Feel free to enquire about its activities. At the time of writing we don't know what stock we'll have available, so if any visitors would like to try any of theirs, please do ask; we should be able to accommodate digital also.



Dartley is a fictitious GWR seaside town located on the North Devon / Cornwall coast set between 1926- 1934.

Despite being a seaside town Dartley had a thriving market which meant that the yard could become extremely busy on market days.



The layout is built along traditional lines using $3'' \times 1''$ framing and cross members and 1/2'' chipboard assembled into $4 5' \times 2'$ baseboards plus a hinged section on the end of the fiddle yard to allow hands free operation giving a total length of 21ft. The layout is to 4mm: 1ft scale built to P4 standards. The trackwork is constructed, on two layers of underlay, using plywood sleepers onto which functional C & L chairs are glued. The point work is all built in-situ after transferring the important dimensions onto the cork base from one of C & L's turnout plans. All pointwork on the layout is operated from Fulgerex point motors which also control the polarity of the crossings. The signals are operated from solenoids with a balance weight return. Both points and signals are operated from a lever frame which has some of the interlocking installed to make operating interesting and has a complete track plan similar to an actual signal box to allow easy understanding!

Control is by ECM Ramblers, Kent Panel and Gaugemaster controllers with the layout split into two operating sections to keep things moving, the station approach being common to both sections to allow trains to and from the fiddle yard without interrupting the other operator. All rolling stock on the layout is fitted with Sprat & Winkle couplings so all operating can be done from one position without the need for operator intervention.

The rolling stock on layout consists of a mixed bag of converted RTR, kit-built and scratch-built items which at the current time is not truly representative of the vehicles found in this area. This will be corrected as time permits. Locos are the typical mixed bag from RTR to scratch built items fitted with new chassis and can motors although there is a couple of Portescaps and a D11. Most rolling stock has compensation or springing of some sort or another, which ever seemed suitable at the time.

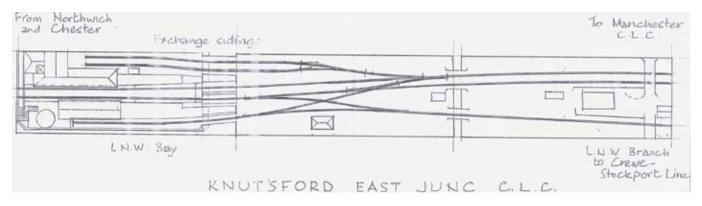
Please feel free to ask if you have questions about anything at all or if you want to look behind the scenes.





The layout represents an historical "might have been" and considers how a LNWR branch from the Crewe – Stockport line, near Chelford, might have terminated at Knutsford station, CLC. Powers were taken in 1865 by the L.N.W. to construct branches from Sandbach to Northwich and Chelford to Knutsford. The former was built, but the latter was deferred, because the LNWR secured its access to Knutsford via Altrincham (Cheshire Midland), which became the CLC. The layout assumes otherwise.

The modelling period chosen is late 1947, prior to the LMS and the CLC losing their separate identity. The CLC was originally $^1/_3$ Midland, $^1/_3$ G.N.R., $^1/_3$ GCR, but subsequently $^1/_3$ LMS and $^2/_3$ LNER. Operating potential covers actual CLC workings: typically Manchester Central to Chester passenger trains. Branch working is limited to peak hour passenger, motor train and pick-up goods, but the interest lies in how this traffic is handled in the restricted track layout, which is a typical CLC wayside station configuration. Since our last appearance at Scalefour North, in 2006, we have increased the variety of motive power both on the LNE and LMS side, together with additional CLC passenger stock. Point rodding and working signals have been added.







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Manufacturers of component parts for railway modellers mainly in etched metal. This includes Lever Frames, Specialist rails, Point Rodding, Stretcher Bars, aid for Alex Jackson coupling users, drawbar hooks (over 10 types), parts for wagon underframes and a range of windows and doors for railway and industrial buildings. We also make Eastwell Ironstone company simulated corrugated iron sheeting in 3 profiles. There are over 200 different items in our current range which is always expanding.

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All of the other RTR detailing kits for the Bachmann LMS Crab, Jinty and Ivatt 4MT, the Hornby 8F, Black 5, Rebuilt Patriot and Royal Scot and the Hornby/Lima class 52 Western will be available. Other accessories include the latest indispensable Axle Spacing Gauges, the ever popular Cleminson style 6-wheel chassis kits, track detailing parts, and sprung axleboxes. The full range of high quality LMS loco kits and fittings is also in stock.

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The P4Track Company provides easy to build and fully detailed track to P4 standards and the range now includes 1:8 diamond crossing and single A starter pack is available for those wishing to try their hand at track construction. Turnouts come as complete kits with rails and double slip kits. precision cut to length, check rails formed to shape, crossing with wing rails pre-assembled and switch rails pre-assembled to their adjacent stock rails - and include a complete set of correct pattern chairs. Only those skills needed to construct any detailed plastic kit are required. Note that the special switch and crossing chairs used in the kits will now be available separately.

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Before selling the business, Alan sold out of all his locomotive kits without restocking. We are not restocking all these kits in one hit: batches will only be produced when interest in any specific kit reaches an economic quantity. For full details or to register an interest in a kit, please ask for a form on the stand or download it from the website.

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Also on sale will be Modelmaster and Old Time Workshop decals for our kits. A selection of 4mm scale narrow gauge will also be available.

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and Retrospectives

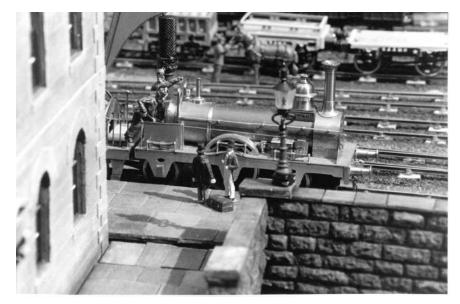
The Scalefour Society website www.scalefour.org offers a splendid Exhibition Retrospective section, which contains photographs and details of exhibits which have appeared at recent society shows - Scaleforum, Scalefour North and Scalefour South West. Photographers amongst you are encouraged to email any photographs of the show to David Brandreth at the dedicated email address: retrospectives@scalefour.org



Shortly before Christmas 1845, a train of 20 carriages hauled by 2 locomotives, left the Bridgehouses terminus of the Sheffield, Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester Railway. Soon after mid-day it arrived at the Store Street terminus of the Manchester and Birmingham Railway. Thus was opened throughout, the Woodhead line. This model was built to commemorate the sesqui-centenary of that occasion. A major problem for prospective modellers of the very early period of railway history, is the severe shortage of information. However, some information does exist and it is all part of the hobby to find it. The trackplan is part of a map of central Sheffield, dated 1851. Two features should be noted. First, the requirement for an up passenger train to change direction twice, before entering the platform. Secondly, the lack of run around facilities at the platform.

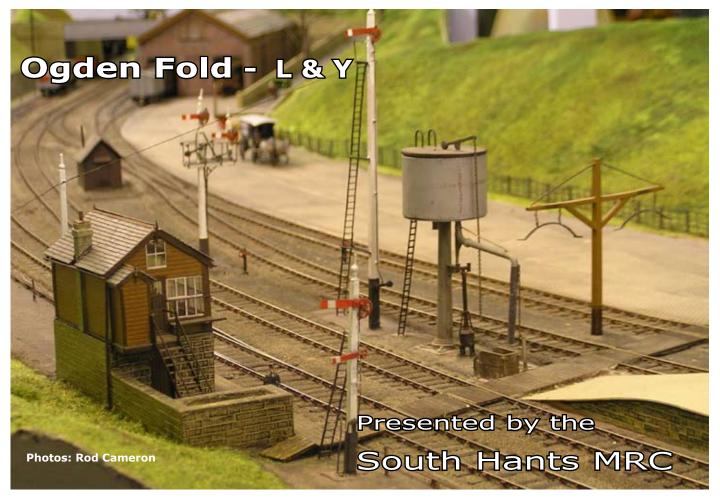
All the trackwork was built using P4 methods. The original stone block sleepers of the S.A.M.R. are represented by thick card squares. A P4 rivet will turn sufficiently, then the rails may be soldered to gauge over a drawing. Hidden by the ballast are the wooden sleepers, which hold the stone blocks to gauge. The chairs are the old "Kingsway" type, which whilst being too large do help with the desire for realism.

As Bridgehouses was only meant to be a temporary passenger station, it was quickly altered, becoming a goods depot when Sheffield Victoria opened in September 1851. As such, it lasted until the yard at Tinsley opened. Some of the buildings on the model are therefore, imaginary. The half-relief warehouse built by my younger son, is based on the structure which still exists at the canal basin in Sheffield. "Bridgehouses Works" is a model of a former cutlery works, still extant on Trippet Lane in the city. The main materials used in the construction of buildings and retaining walls, are thick card and stone or brick embossed plastic sheet. "Evostik" is a much underrated adhesive and is ideal for this work.



A few S.A.M.R. carriage drawings exist, but the vehicles on the model are either conversions or kits. The conversion was a Triang carriage, made to run with the "Rocket". The kits are old K's kits to 3.5mm. scale, for, I believe, a Spanish railway. Nothing at all is known of the company's goods stock. It is unlikely that anything will be discovered, so I rely on the fact that early railway wagons were generally, very similar. I have 4 wagons built by Martyn Chapman based on Liverpool and Manchester vehicles.

Five locomotives now work the layout. The first built was my "Little Sharpie", "Pluto". Then followed "Atlas" and "Sphynx", both Sharp goods engines. "Pegasus" is a recently built model of a "Crampton". I have nearly completed a model of an E.B. Wilson 2-2-2, "Jenny Lind". It was made from a 5 & 9 Models kit, although the others were all made from scratch, using very basic information. In truth, so little data is available that I do not know how these old engines were painted.



Ogden Fold is a 'might have been' layout based on proposals put forward by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, which promulgated a line from Rishworth near Huddersfield in Yorkshire towards New Hay on the Oldham Loop Line, thereby reducing the distance from Sowerby Bridge by about five miles. This scheme would have involved a four-mile long tunnel under Blackstone Edge but was never carried out, though the threat of its construction was sufficient to stop any further interest by competitors of the L&YR. Having looked at maps of the local area we decided that, had the line been built, it could (at reduced cost) have joined the Oldham Loop at a triangular junction giving two routes to Manchester. We also considered that a station at the south end of the tunnel was desirable and we thought that a suitable area for this station would be the hamlet of Ogden that would quickly develop. Hence Ogden Fold was established.

