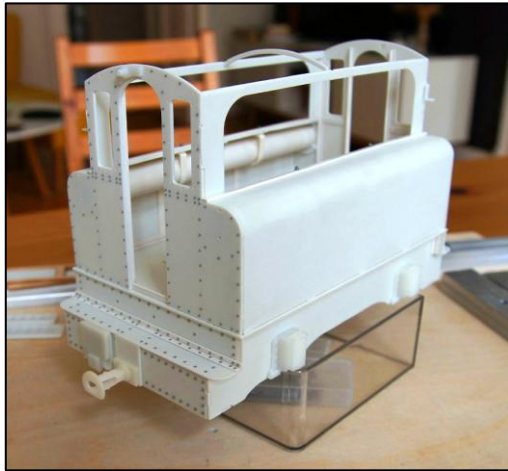
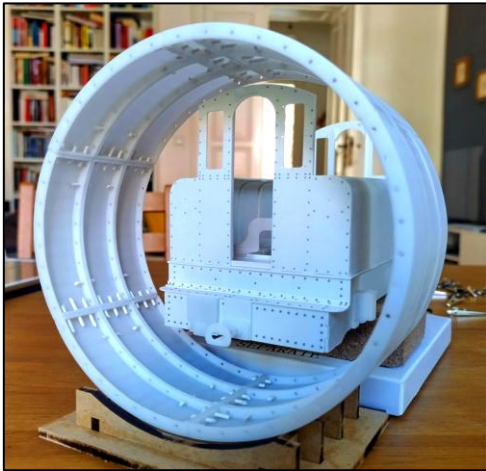


MODELLING MATTERS

by Roger Tuke

Another Modelling Matters, following several members getting in touch to share their modelling, or even saying hello in person at a couple of excellent exhibitions I've attended in September, namely the Mid-Essex MRC show in Shenfield, followed by the Rapido Railx in Maidstone.



Following the 7mm model of the C&SLR loco under construction and on display at Alexandra Palace by Adrian Garner and the follow up in *Underground News* No.752, page 491, a relatively new member, Alexander Jarowy in Berlin, has been in touch to advise he is also working on a model of the

same Mather & Platt prototype but to a larger scale, 1:22.5 with 64mm track, complete with tunnel lining segments. His is 3D printed with some brass attachments.



Next, is another relatively new member, John Doyle, who has shared some images of his OO Gauge layout at home set in the 1970s with BR and

LT trains in a three platform Farringdon style station Nazing Road, complete with a Leslie Green Bakerloo Line station, Lower Nazing just down the road.

Not a member (yet), but a good friend Eric French, (known to many on Facebook as "Underground Eric") has recently taken his new OO Gauge exhibition layout Harefield Road out to a couple of exhibitions. Firstly, the AGR Model Railway Store exhibition in a marquee followed the next weekend by being at the Rapido event in Maidstone, where I caught up with him. The layout is still a work in progress but is based around his favourite bits of the Metropolitan Line with a Met. Signal box and Holden style station building, various rakes of S Stock, 1938 Stock, 1960 Stock as well as heritage formations, including a Heljan Sarah Siddons, Rapido E1, and GWR pannier tank 9466 with a rake of NSE coaches. Battery locos and general purpose wagons were noted in a siding. To complete, a class 121 diesel railcar unit calls at the station and few National Rail freight trains pass through, most with GBRf locos hauling, reflecting his day job.



Whilst at the Rapido event, another layout (*Above*) caught my eye, which I have to acknowledge – somehow I failed to recall from the Aylesbury Raillex exhibition back in May. This is again an OO Gauge layout by the name of Wendover, a station on the former Great Central and Metropolitan Joint set in 1930 after the LNER had absorbed the Great Central, by members of the Bexhill MRC. Some gorgeous scenic modelling with trains running through recreation of the Bucks countryside, supported by a great mix of prototypical trains run to a scheduled sequence, including some Met. Loco hauled pickup goods and passenger stock.

Another layout new to me was spotted by another member and good friend at The Battlefield Line Models Weekend back in early August. This is another OO Gauge layout by the name of Thompson

Street by the Corby MRC. I've not yet seen it, but from Facebook photos it appears to have a station inspired by East Finchley with at least 1962 and S Stock trains running on it.

New releases now, and Revolution Trains N Gauge LT liveried 1938 Stock units are now here and available (*Below*). These appear absolutely stunning models, in a range of LT livery schemes and I believe are the first ready to run Underground trains ever in this scale. The only minor criticism, spotted by the Editor of *Underground News* is, unlike the IOW units, the LT ones did not have a rain strip over the motorman's cab doors.

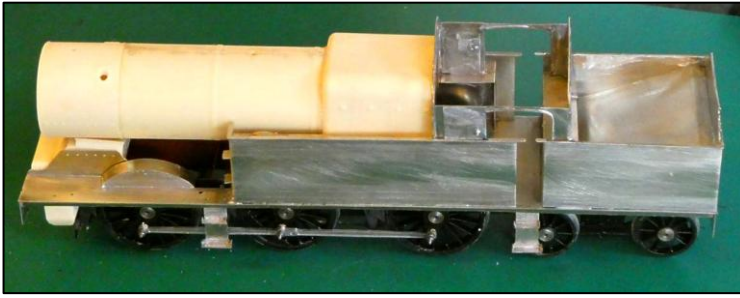


Bachmann have announced an OO Gauge BR 20T brake van in a red, white and blue livery (*Left*) that was used as a London Transport barrier vehicle in the 1990s. List price £37.95.

Yet another member has been touch to advise me of 12A Models. Another new name to me, but appears to be run by a Kim Durose, a LT & Southern modeller who offers certain 4mm LT 3D printed accessories on his website – a detailing kit for the Bachmann pannier tank,

conversion kit for Dapol or Cambrian Turbot wagon to represent the LUL Spoil & Ballast wagon, LT ballast wagon dog ears, LT ground semaphore signals, lightable retro ticket machines and line side cable hangers. It is interesting it also appears he is working on a OO Gauge battery loco kit and viewing some of his modelling, there are a rather nice pair of yellow brake vans as the Tube gauge match wagons from the 1990s.





Dr Arun Sharma has shared an image of his latest project, a 7mm scale "Robert H. Selbie" in its final LNER condition in late 1948 (Left).

My own latest workbench project is a 4mm, Overground 4 car Class 378 unit from 3D printed bodies, chassis and bogies by CMAC models (*Below, Left*). This should look the part alongside D and S Stock trains on my layout when completed. Hopefully, some more pictures as work progresses over the winter months.

Lastly for this update, member Steve Smith a former LT/LUL employee and well-known modeller, whose layout London Road has featured several times in *Underground News* over the years, has kindly donated an A3 file to the Society of 123 rolling stock drawings, including passenger stock, coaches, wagons and locos. I've listed out what's in the file and I'm more than happy to share the list with any modellers or respond to specific enquiries. But they include drawings from the C&SLR of 1890, through many UERL, Met. And LT prototypes

up to the Second World War and with a few examples from the 1980s included as well – a most valuable resource.
