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The purpose of our annual convention called Guildex is to bring the build is available from traders at the show. Don't forget to post a, together a good range of layouts to show people what can be layout name into the suggestions box before Sunday at 12 midday. achieved in 7mm scale/O gauge modelling; to show people how to The first name drawn out of the hat will be selected. do various aspects of modelling through demonstrations and, to Apart from the demonstrations please make time to attend the bring together as many specialist traders as possible into one place. workshops this weekend which take place upstairs in the seminar

room; you may learn a new skill or be able to discuss problems you In 2023, the Show Manager Steve Robinson has tried hard to show you a great range of layouts which illustrate very small end to end have with a particular modelling activity such as soldering. In addition, please vote for the modelling competition entries on achievements and a large continuous running club layout. We are very grateful to Learnington & Warwick Model Railway Society for Saturday and for the best 'Small Layout'; more examples of what you can achieve. sharing some of the costs of getting their big layout to us this year. Finally, thank you very much to all of our traders for attending We have an example of 7mm narrow gauge and a layout set in the Guildex. Unfortunately some are not with us anymore and we will not USA. The East Midlands Test Track will have a team of modellers forget those traders who have died during 2023. Others have decided showing you what is possible in live steam and the York Test track to have a break from shows, it is jolly hard work and very expensive can be used for exercising your 7mm narrow gauge models as well to travel around the country and show off your products so, we as O gauge appreciate those who continue to attend Guild Shows. Also, welcome A major feature this year is to prove that you can build an O gauge

to our new traders, attending Guildex for the first time. layout that offers plenty of operating opportunities within a small Traders not only attend our shows but some provide products for space using off the shelf products and components. A layout will be projects we undertake, give us sponsorship in different ways and offer built during the two days of the show and will be running by Sunday. competition prizes. They also contribute by covering the expenses It will be an exhibit at all of our shows in 2024 so you can see what incurred to get some layouts to the show and this helps us to bring was achieved. We are very grateful to PECO and all of the traders who more layouts. Trader support is much appreciated. have donated products for us to use and to Railway Modeller for So, enjoy the pop-up café on the ground floor or the restaurant publicising this project; those traders who contributed are listed on upstairs, put your telephone on the public Wifi if you need to; the code the boards beside the live layout build area.

You do not need a huge space, pots of money and model engineering skills to create something that will fit into a shed or a small bedroom in a modern house. The build is based on Bankfield Road which was featured in the Gauge O Guild 'Small Layouts Volume 3' and the October 2018 issue of Railway Modeller. Small layouts Volume 3 and fellow publications volume 1 and volume 2 show a range of possibilities for you to consider and everything used during

> 14/15 October 2023 as they announce their

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Wedmore 7mm O Gauge • Exeter O Gauge Group

Wedmore is a large village in North Somerset and the layout represents an imaginary branch line off the Somerset and Dorset Railway at Edington Junction.

Buildings and structures are all genuine S&D scratch built models of those at West Pennand Station and Steanbow level crossing.

Built by Trevor Gibson in the early 1990s Wedmore was exhibited regularly before being sold on. In more recent years it was 'rescued' from abandonment in a damp garage by Graham, one of our members. Sadly Graham died before he could do much with it. Our group decided to continue Graham's work. The layout had deteriorated due to its poor storage conditions but Wedmore has since been fully refurbished.

It had been totally rewired with a new control panel, Cobalt and Tortoise point motors and a completely new fiddle yard. We can switch between DCC and DC control so all members of the club can run their stock

Above ground much of the scenery has also been refreshed with new paintwork, static grass, fresh presentation and new curtains

The work has been done by a dedicated band of modellers, led very much from the front by our chairman Ken. There's more to do, as they say, 'a model railway is never finished.'

We hope you enjoy Wedmore, please feel free to ask question or just say hello. Featured in September 2023 Railway Modeller.



I 1 Wedmore

Live Layout Build L2 7mm O Gauge

Can you build an end to end O gauge layout that will fit in the spare bedroom or shed at home, during a weekend?

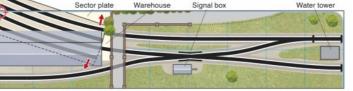
In collaboration with Peco and other traders, The Gauge O Guild intend to show that you can do exactly that! There are still some modellers who think that an O gauge layout is not even worth considering because it requires a huge amount of space, lots of money and a lot of time. They also think that in the main, it has to be built from scratch or from kits.

So...during Guildex 2023 a team will be using 'off the shelf' components to show that if you have your eye on a nice ready to run O gauge loco and want somewhere to run it at home, or in the shed, then building an O gauge layout can be fairly easy and relatively fast. It can even be made transportable and you could start exhibiting it.

The build team are Nigel Smith, Neil Podbery, Paul Bambrick and Thomas Hoy. The layout will be exhibited so it can be seen by others after Guildex and Railway Modeller will talk to the build team about their experience after September.

Thank you to the following traders for donating products used in this build: White Rose Model Works; Peco; LCUT Creative; DCC Concepts; Squires Model & Craft Tools; Dapol Ltd; Ellis Clark Trains; Omen Modelling Paint; Northumbrian Painting Services; and Skytrex (2013) Ltd. Put a name for the layout in the suggestion box by 12 midday on Sunday

> L2. Live build schematic as drawn by Railway Modeller Warehouse Signal box Water towe



Overall size: 2700mm x 600mm. Each grid square: 300mm x 300mm

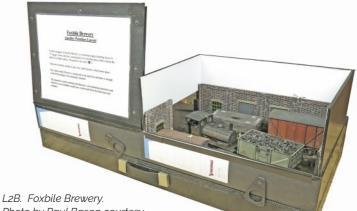


Photo by Paul Bason courtesy of Railway Modeller

L2B Foxbile Brewery

7mm O Gauge **Colin & Margaret French**

We have slipped in an extra layout next to the live layout build. It wasn't hard to find space because it is only 29 x 15 inches! Like the live build, it proves how small you can go.

Foxbile (anagram of boxfile) Brewery is a minimum space shunting layout in O gauge, constructed in two box files plus a little extra at the back for a hidden siding. The period is the early 19505

The layout is simple DCC operated and there are no points, similar to Colin's other layouts, which saves space.

This small country Brewery is connected to the local line and there is enough work for the sidings to be continually shunted.

Who said you need a lot of space to build an O gauge layout. You are welcome to ask the operator questions

L3 East Midlands Test Track 7mm O Gauge

The East Midlands O Gauge Group Test Track can accommodate most 7mm stock and also allows Live Steam running. If you have a loco or stock that you feel would benefit from a continuous run, please bring it along. It is free to use.

L4 Blakecaster 7mm Narrow Gauge • Peter Wilson

Blakecaster is the terminus of the Staffordshire Moorlands Light Railway. The railway serves a large country estate and the village of Blakecaster which are isolated from the outside world by the infamous Patchway Bog. Blakecaster has limited road connections to the outside world and its main connection is by the narrow gauge railway which was laid along a narrow ridge across the bog.

The layout is 21 x8ft. The fiddle yard is a turntable angled towards the rear of the layout, One person operates the stone hopper from the right hand end as viewed by the public. Two people operate from the rear.

For further information please visit http://www.staffordrailway circle.org.uk/layouts/members-layouts/blakecaster/



L4 Blakecaster

Dovedale L5

7mm O Gauge • MIOG

Set in the depths of the Peak District in the early 2000s when limestone traffic was on the rise again, after the decline during sectorisation. Featuring a servicing point which sees a variety of traction sporting all the modern liveries of the modernisation of Railfreight including the right up to date and striking EWS era of Railfreight. Modern traction running along side the mechanical semaphore signals and signal boxes of a time gone by, this snapshot of operations is loosely based on Peak Forest and the guarrying operations of the area.



L5 Dovedale



L5 Dovedale

L6 Holcome Brook

7mm O Gauge Winchester Railway Modelers

Holcombe Brook was the terminus of a $3^{\frac{1}{2}}$ mile branch line completed in 1882. The branch left the East Lancashire Railway's Bury to Accrington line just north of Bury Bolton Street station. It was absorbed into the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway in 1888.

The model represents the station in the early part of the 20th century. So far as possible within the limits of space available, the track plan, buildings and signalling arrangements are authentic. One liberty has been taken with historical accuracy: the addition of a small engine shed to house a station pilot. This never existed, but it has been added to give more operational action, shunting the yard whilst trains come and go in the station.





York O Gauge Group

There are three circuits. The outer circuit is 32mm gauge with a maximum radius of 6 foot. He centre circuit, again 32mm gauge with a maximum radius of 5 foot 5. The inner circuit is of mixed gauge with 32mm, 19mm and 16.5 mm gauge. The maximum radius is 5 foot. All tracks can be operated on DC or DCC. We have the capability of selecting one track with DCC plus 2 on DC or all three on DC with controllers. The outer and centre circuits have switchable loops with standard Peco points at each end. Apart from the mixed gauge track which is hand built, all of the track uses Peco. Thanks to Ellis Clark Trains for covering transport costs.

L8 Grafty Green 7mm O Gauge · Tony Walmsley

Following the success of the Kent and East Sussex Railway, Colonel Stephens promoted the Weald of Kent Railway (WoKR). This was to run north east from Headcorn and eventually reach Sittingbourne. However, when construction had reached the edge of the village of Grafty Green, the money and enthusiasm ran out and the line got no further. The Lord of nearby Boughton Malherbe was sufficiently enthused by the arrival of the WoKR that he had constructed his own private railway (the BMR) connecting with the WoKR at Grafty Green. It served various small industries on his estate. Both lines closed at the end of the 1950s and no trace can now be found

Enough of the fiction! Grafty Green is my first attempt at a layout in O gauge and there is always more to do, particularly on the scenery. The locomotives and rolling stock are a mixture of "ready to run" and kit built, some bought second-hand. The plain WoKR track is from Marcway in Sheffield and the points and BMR tracks are hand built. Train control is conventional DC and the points are operated by DCC concepts Cobalt point motors. Various scenic pieces come from 422 Developments, Purple Bob kits and other sources.



L8 Grafty Green

L9 **Mordaunt Street** 7mm O gauge · Bill Campbell

Mordaunt Street runs parallel to the London Road extension line of the former Caledonian Railway between Strathclyde Junction and London Road Junction. This area of south east Glasgow is the setting for the model. In the 19th century this part of Glasgow was heavily developed with a wide variety of industries and many of these were served by the railways. The model includes a fictitious station built to service the considerable number of workmen and women who commuted to the area each day.

Track on the scenic area of the layout has been built from a Templot design using individual components. Most of the buildings are scratch-built. Train control is DCC with turnouts and



L9 Mordaunt Street.

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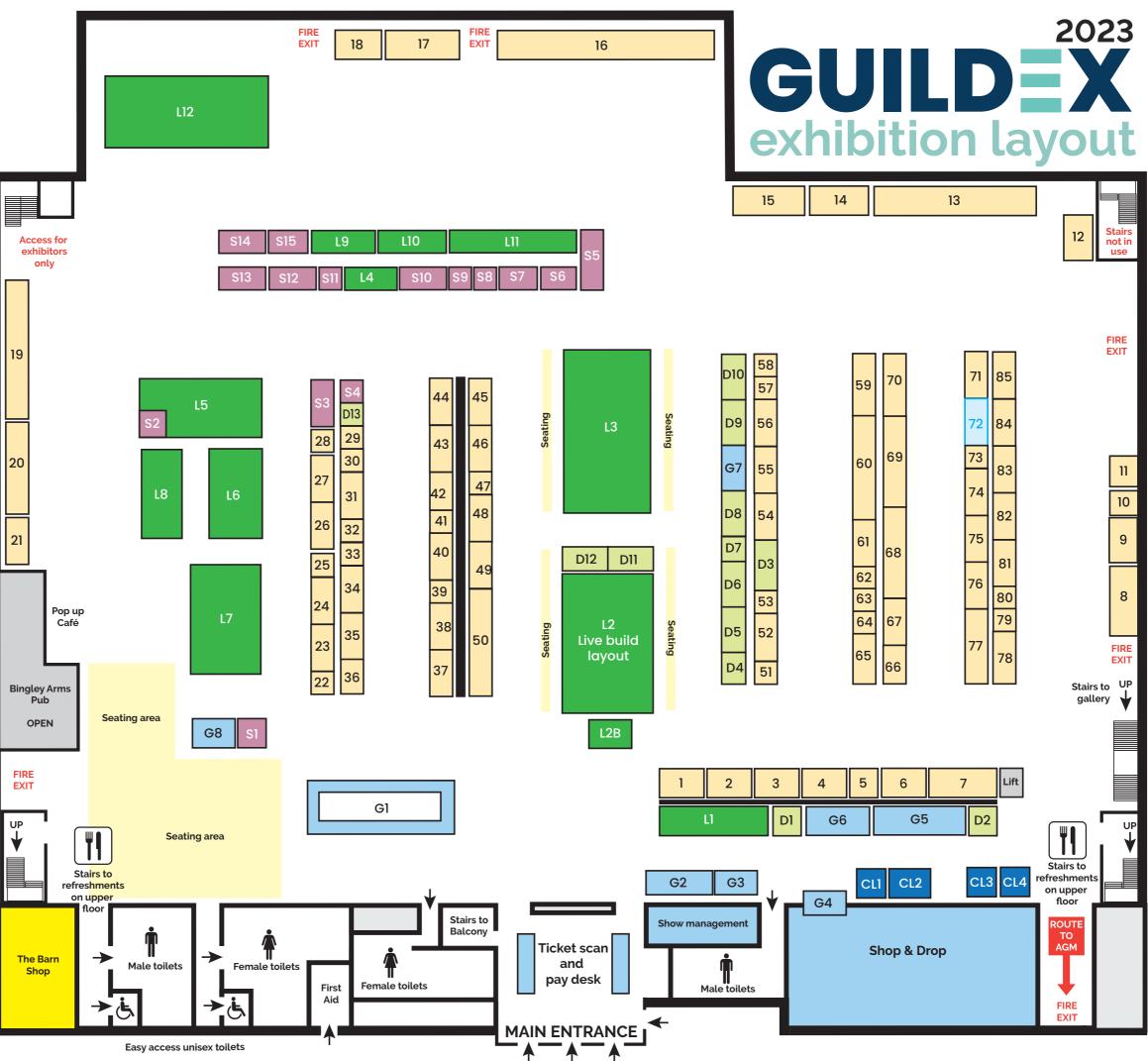


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signals operated from a signal box style control panel. The signals are all operational and electrically interlocked with the turnouts. The rolling stock normally used on the layout has all been built from kits.

L10 Second Hand Yard O Scale USA · Arry Dodd

The layout is set in a small town in the US Midwest where the railroad services a number of local industries. It is essentially a shunting layout, but more complex than the usual type due to the variety of different industries and the restricted area, including a kick back siding, not helped by the sector plate being only capable of taking a loco and 3 freight cars! Operation is DCC using NCE equipment, with manual points and can be operated from the front or the rear

Why 'Second Hand Yard'? Everything on the layout, track, buildings etc. have been 'recycled' from previous layouts. Thanks to Squires Model & Craft Tools for covering the transport costs.



L10 Second Hand Yard

L11	Glebe Street	7mm O gauge Elgin Model Railway Club
		Eight House Hairing Stab

The year is 1963 and the layout is set in urban Glasgow somewhat NE of the Maryhill area but it is an imaginary location. It is on two levels, the upper level being solely passenger terminating at Sauchtonburn station, part of the Glasgow suburban network. This is operated by a combination of loco hauled trains and a DMU as the transition from steam to diesel is underway and although the line is not yet electrified there is evidence of the start of construction for electrification. Other evidence that modernisation has started is that colour light signals and powered points have been installed with the signals and points on the upper level are fully interlocked and following prototype practice.

The lower level is entirely goods featuring Glebe Street Goods Station which extends across the main road, Glebe Street, into a foundry located beside a branch of the Forth and Clyde canal. The yard is also operated by a mixture of steam and early diesel power as described for the high level.

A tram operates from the front of the layout by the goods station, crossing the railway line into the foundry, under the highlevel station, and round the back of the layout.

The layout is DCC using NCE controllers but an analogue 12V supply for the points and signals. It is operated by 3 people at any one time, one in the rear at the cassettes, one at the end operating the high level, and one in front operating the goods yard although a second person can also operate here. Communication is by bell codes and block instruments and, if necessary, by telephone. Thanks to Squires Model & Craft Tools for covering the transport costs.







L12 Kimble

Overall measurements: 12.2m x 4.9m, (40' x 16').

The layout can be viewed from the front only or from the front plus one or both curved ends. It has its own LED lighting rig.

Learnington and Warwick Model Railway Society

7mm O gauge

A double track (continuous loop) main line has a through station and a 6 track fiddle yard which allows for 12+ trains to be marshalled at any one time.

The modelled location is non-specific, the buildings and structures based on BR (LMR). The period represented for exhibition running extends from early BR to steam/diesel transition, demonstrating a wide variety of stock.

Control is by DCC using MERG components. The majority of locos are fitted with sound decoders, and all signals are operational.

The focus at exhibitions is running main line trains although loco movements on and off shed are an attractive feature.

At the southern end (left), the town of Kimble is set on a hill, dominated by Knight's Brewery with its array of industrial buildings, workers' housing and private railway with a wagon turntable, operated manually or with an automatic shuttle. Below the town there is the through station, set-back siding and a comprehensive motive power depot with roads leading to the loco shed, coaling/sand/water renewal, storage and turntable.

At the north end (right), is an impressive viaduct, with hills, rocky outcrops, pine trees and a tunnel.

All structures on the layout are scratch built, closely modelled on or inspired by actual prototypes.

For transporting the layout, all the baseboards are stacked (up to 6 high) in bespoke wheeled trollies. Level access is required from parking area to the exhibition hall. Erection and dismantling of the layout can be accomplished in little over an hour.

Operating a reasonably intensive service requires 5-8 operator per shift of 8-12. Thanks to Learnington & Warwick MRS for covering their own accommodation costs.



L12 Kimble

Competition layouts

Descriptions as supplied by layout builders. Dont forget to vote for your favourite

Stephen Fay

CL1 Grimsby Loco Shed



CL1 Grimsby Loco Shed

Grimsby loco shed is set in 1923 right on the grouping and was built to showcase a lovely collection of Great Central Railway locomotives. Measuring only 4 x 2ft it is more of a diorama than an actual layout. It features half of the 6 road shed, a booking on point and part of the filled in turntable just before the gable end of the brick shed was demolished.

CL2 Clough Street Sidings Ian Chippendale

A 10 foot by 2 foot layout, of a Northern urban industrial goods yard in the format of two back to back inglenook sidings with a space saving feature of a double ended fiddle yard accessed from the middle of the layout. Coal yard, scrap yard, brewery, engineering works and oil depot ensure shunting puzzles. Buildings are mostly scratch built and kit built. Rolling stock is mostly kit built representing the LMS circa 1930. The layout was built to meet small layout criteria but covid intervened.



CL2 Clough Street Sidings

CL3 Itchen End Goods

Brian Wilson

Itchen End Goods is a small layout which is 7ft x 2ft stands on one 6ft table, it is DDC controlled, own lighting. Designed to show that O gauge can be built in to a Micro layout, all Locos and Diesel have sound, as it is a shunting layout I have used Kadee Couplings, there is a small fiddle yard to right, initially the station was passenger but numbers declined, it became a very busy goods dept handling warehouse goods containers,etc.



CL3 Itchen End Goods

CL4 Lapping Works

Matt Stevens

Lapping Works is an industrial site on the edge of the Black Country set in 1947. Served mainly by the GWR with a small amount of LMS traffic. 2m x 0.4m



CL4 Lapping Works



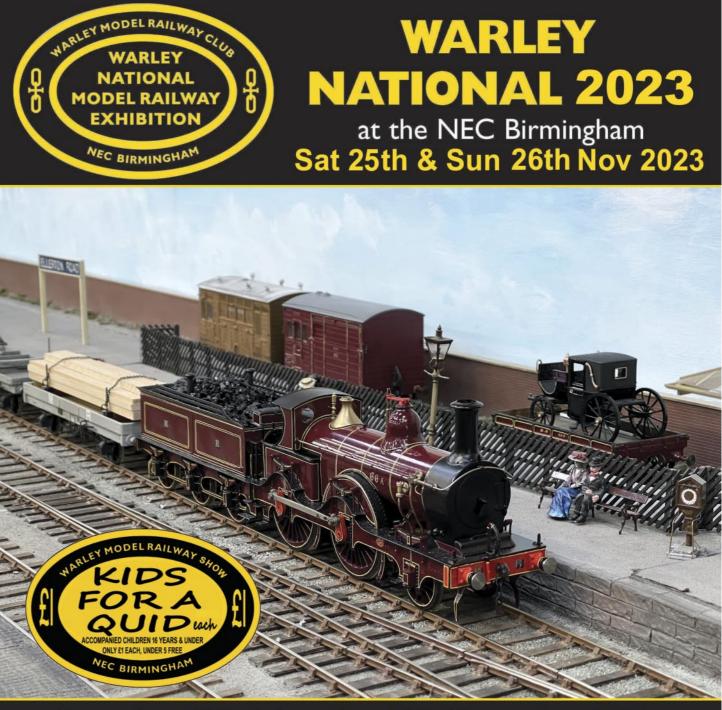
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