

# Sodbury Vale Model Railway Club

## Model Railway Exhibition

**Welcome to the 36<sup>th</sup> Model Railway Exhibition hosted by Sodbury Vale MRC.**

We hope you will find this year's show up to the usual high standard and full of diversity that regular visitors have come to expect. It is our first exhibition since before Covid impacted on us all. We also welcome you back to Yate Community Hall, a venue our exhibitions have been at in the past and we'd welcome your feedback for future exhibitions.

**Next year's event is currently being planned for. The 2024 Exhibition date has not yet been set, but it will be advertised on our website asap.**

You can keep up to date on our website on [www.sodburyvalemrc.co.uk](http://www.sodburyvalemrc.co.uk)

Speak to any club member if you've questions/feedback or contact Steve Douglas (Secretary) online.

The exhibition is spread across the three halls at this venue. All halls can be accessed from the front of each building. They all have toilet facilities. Most of the layouts, traders, demonstrators, and societies are displayed in both the Community Hall and the Parish Hall. The YMCA is predominantly the refreshment hall serving a range of hot/cold drinks and snacks. Use this Key below for reference.

**Key to which of the Halls the Layouts, Traders, Demonstrators and Societies are located.**

**CH** = Community Hall

**PH** = Parish Hall

**YMCA** = YMCA

**OF** = Outside Front

### **Refreshments and seating in the YMCA Hall**

There is a café in the YMCA hall serving a comprehensive range of hot and cold refreshments. This includes a choice of hot and cold drinks, cakes, savouries, sandwich rolls, toasted sandwiches and snacks. There is plenty of seating and tables for you to have a timely break from the exhibition displays and layouts. We also offer a takeaway service.

**Demonstrators** – we are delighted and very privileged to have 4 recognised modellers who are all highly respected in the model railway circuit. They are here to help any modellers with questions and who may require advice on their own modelling techniques and projects.

- **CH - Eddie Michael** – 0 gauge rolling stock construction
- **CH - David Murdoch** – 0 gauge locomotive construction
- **CH - Paul Willis** – Pre-grouping P4 modelling
- **CH - Des and Penny (Penduke models)** – scatter grass & ballasting techniques

**Trade** – we've a selection of well known and reputable traders supporting the exhibition today.

- **CH - Lord and Butler**
- **CH - 813 Society**
- **CH - Amberley Components**
- **CH - Sodbury Vale MRC sales stand**
- **PH - Tony Wilcox Model Railways**
- **PH - Aspire Models**

## **Societies, Museums, Heritage and Preservation**

1. **CH - Pendon Museum** – Pendon recaptures scenes from the English countryside as it was in the 1920s and 1930s using exquisite models to explain a past era
2. **CH - Vale of Berkeley Railway** – the volunteers are providing information to restore Berkeley Station and restore railway traffic to the line.
3. **CH - Scalefour Society** – offering advice for railway modellers who are focussing on modelling in 4mm/ft scale. They promote and encourage using scale wheels and track, effective modelling techniques and fine scale standards.
4. **PH - Avon Valley Railway** – Paul Baulch is a volunteer supporting this railway. He provides memorabilia for sale and information on this preserved railway.
5. **PH - Swindon and Cricklade Railway** – The S&CR is one of the first heritage railways to undertake complete reconstruction of a standard-gauge railway with no legacy of track or buildings. Volunteers are here to share their story.
6. **PH - Eric Arnold's 5inch gauge modelling** – a steam loco displayed and built by one of our own members an enthusiastic 4mm scale modeller. This loco is a kit-based project which is readily available from the manufacturer, as are spares. These kits can be built by modellers confident with assembly, some mechanical, some soldering and painting skills, without any engineering background. Why not visit the Railway Group at Ashton Court Park, Bristol?
7. **YMCA - Yate & District Heritage Centre** – David, Karen and Sylvia provide information on this Community resource. It's a source of history and archives for the local Yate area. The centre also offers education and events for schools and public.

## **Layouts**

1. **CH - Dinas/Snowden NWNCR** (Peter Booth) – 8mm/ft scale

Both layouts represent the Northern and Southern ends of the N. Wales Narrow Gauge Railways Company circa 1910. Linked together by a central fiddle yard, trains typical of this period are in operation. All locos and rolling stock are scratch built using the best available research. It's a unique scale being 8mm/ft with hand-built track of 16mm gauge. The line still exists as part of the modern-day Welsh Highland Railway.

2. **CH - Quay Town** (Paul Davis) – 0n30/7mm/ft scale

The end of an imaginary line somewhere in new England. It depicts a Dock and loading pier, wagons being loaded and then being tipped into the ship. There is also a working gate. Look into the engine shed and see the welder, the pendulum of the clock working. Everything other than the locos is scratch built. The locos (mostly Bachmann) have had extra details and modifications and weathered. Stock is mostly Chivers; some are scratch built.

3. **CH - Abbots Moreton** (Paul Fogg) – 4mm/ft 00 scale

This layout was built by one of our club members and is being run by a few of our club members. It's a model of one of the proposed lines from Broom Junction to Worcester. It's assumed, the line was started but only reached Abbots Moreton (hence a terminus station) before the funds ran out, as was a regular outcome for the railways of this period.

4. **CH - Barwick Green** (Jonathon Edwardes) – 7mm/ft 0 scale

This layout began as Thornbury MRC's layout called Severn Mill. I was luckily in the right place and time to purchase it. It's now wired in DCC and fitted with slow acting point motors. The scene is still near the Severn, but it has moved further North and has the Malvern Hills in the distance. The layout depicts a light railway, on the wane, fighting a losing battle with decreasing traffic.

**5. CH (on the stage) - Dent** (Phil Lovell) – 4mm/ft 00 scale

Dent Station on the Midland Railway Settle to Carlisle is one of the most popular stations to model. One of the smallest stations on the line, Dent station and its limited goods facilities capture the true Midland style surrounded by scenery typical of the line running through a bleak, inhospitable and desolate location. Inspired by David Jenkinson's research and publications, this layout was built as an oval to allow running 'at home'.

**6. CH - Great Swilling** (David Burnett/Nailsea & Backwell MRC) – 4mm/ft EM scale

Originally opened in 1844, the Bristol to Coalpit Heath Tramway progressed in reaching Gloucester. Absorbed into the Midland Railway in 1846, it was sponsored by the LNWR. One of the two junctions linked to docks on the River Severn, Great Swilling played second place to Berkeley Road and Sharpness. Situated to the West of the M5, the small dock near to the town of Great Swilling focussed on general goods and importing potatoes/exporting Bitumen to/from Ireland. In the 1930's, local passenger and freight traffic reduced following the introduction of a loop by-passing Berkeley Road.

**7. CH - Morella Light Railways (MLR) Mk1 and Mk2** (Heather Hatch) – 009 scale

A real pleasure to see both space-saving layouts that Heather's late father (Don Dickson of the Nailsea and Backwell MRC) once exhibited many years ago. Both Layouts are displayed as a memory to Don. The MLR is situated 'somewhere' in England stating life in the 1880's to move stone from Bird's hill Quarry to nearby towns. MK1 was built by the late H.R. Norman of Wimbledon MRC and the baseboard is a wicker-edged tea tray. MK2 was built by Don himself to visualise the station as a heritage line and the ongoing fortunes of the quarry. The rolling stock was hand built or made from kit adaptations and all are named after family members.

**8. CH - Harbour Diorama** (BOB Edwardes) – 4mm/ft 00 scale

This displays four Stothert and Pitt 3-ton electric cranes (nos. 28, 29, 30 and 31). They are situated on the Princess Wharf, Bristol and visualise much as they would have been seen in the 1960s. The railway also operates, together with a representative capstan operation, a rope-hauled wagon (or two) pulled along the quayside. The museum's three preserved vessels, Mayflower, John King and Pyroaut, are also represented as well as two ships, not dissimilar to those that worked at the City Docks in its heyday.

**9. CH - Blaendare Road** (Phil Harries) – 4mm/ft 00 Scale

A fictitious layout based in the 1950's/60's. to give a blend of mixed traffic from both the steam and diesel eras. This layout is modular and offers two diorama options. Today, Phil Harries is displaying the MOD layout version. The other version is of modern image industrial diorama.

**10. CH - St. Philips** (Thornbury & S. Glos MRC) – 4mmft 00 scale

A former LMS terminus station in central Bristol that opened in 1870. It closed to traffic in 1967 and much research went into delivering this accurate model railway in 4mm scale.

**11. CH - Lockdown Fen** (Chris Hopper - Missenden Modelling tutor) – 4mm/ft 00 scale

A delightful small cameo railway and a project built in Lockdown. Chris operates from the front to help interact with visitors to the exhibition. Chris also welcomes questions on any details of operational or modelling aspects of the hobby.

**12. PH - Wellington Street** (John Greathead) – 7mm/ft 0 scale

The Black Country was once described as 'Red by night, Black by Day'. Wellington Street depicts part of the Earl of Dudley's railway and played an important part in the development of the Black Country, first opened in 1829. The layout is a snapshot of the system, taking scenes from different parts to

create an essence of the area, there are factories to be served, a coal wharf and parts of an abandoned section, typical of the progress and change which marked the system which grew to about 40 miles of track at its peak, finally shrinking back to its core at Round Oak Steel Works before complete closure in the 1980's.

**13. PH - Mallingford** (Jim Bryant) – 2mm/ft N scale

Set in the early 1980's, this 2mm/ft layout represents a terminus station in a fictional town south of Birmingham. The overall setting is inspired by the railways of North Wales, but the layout gives an opportunity to use a wide variety of rolling stock from the 1980s and later when the BR Rail Blue era was ending. Used as an 'Inglenook' shunting puzzle as well as a connected branch line and small halt to add operational interest. The buildings are a mixture of scratch-built, plastic and laser cut kits. All the bridges are of Styrene Sheet construction.

**14. PH - Valencia Harbour** (Andy Cundick) – 4mm/ft 00Scale

In County Kerry 1935, the line to Valencia left the GSWR line between Killarney and Tralee at Farranfore. The railway was built in stages between 1885 and 1893. This westernmost rail head closed in 1960. Look out for the warning triangle by the building – indicating where the North Atlantic telegraph cable entered the Atlantic.

**15. PH - Heybridge Wharf** (Mike Corp) – 3mm/ft fine scale 14.2 gauge

A delightful model railway that is operated from the front. Mike Corp will be delighted to answer any questions how the layout was built and the pleasure of modelling in 3mm/ft fine scale.

**16. PH - New Mexico Railway Museum - Santa Fe** (Peter Everitt) – HO and Hon3

This model represents a fictitious location. Santa Fe only had a narrow-gauge service until the 1940's when the line from Antonia was abandoned. However, this layout assumes the narrow gauge survived to deliver supplies; the standard gauge line gives an opportunity to display and run more loco variety.

**17. PH - Smallcombe** (Ted Olney) – 4mm/ft 0 scale

This is a busy terminus station at the end of a single line branch. It's located 'somewhere' on the Western/Central division of the LMS in the 1930's. Hence the distinct Midland flavour.

**18. PH - Brimscombe Station** (John Yorke and Shirehampton MRC) – 2mm/ft N scale

Is located on the Gloucester to Swindon Cross-country line in between Stroud and Kemble. This 24ft layout provides superb perspective of distance and includes the station and part of the long climb towards Chalford and Sapperton Bank. Look out for the banking of heavy freight trains up the long climb out of Brimscombe towards St Mary's crossing. Most buildings are scratch built. There is an option to run trains operated by using a timetable.

**19. OF - Train Trailer** (David and Lisa Hill) – 2mm/ft N scale

A unique railway layout built in a trailer made from the body shell of a car.

**We give special thanks to:**

**Whirlpool UK Appliances** in Station Road, Yate for providing secure car parking for all exhibitors, demonstrators, layout operators and traders that have come to support our exhibition.

**The Cotswold Bakery** in Chipping Sodbury High Street for their kind donations of fresh rolls for the catering and refreshments.