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# **REDDITCH MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION**



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## **Show Guide**

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# Welcome

Welcome to the 53rd Redditch Model Railway Exhibition. This is the 41st show I have organised for the club. This year we have our award winning Club layout Oakenshaw back on display which can be seen at the Severn Valley Railway modelling event in May and the Sour Valley Model Railway show in August.

Also on show this weekend is Club Member John Tisi's Temple Bridge layout that depicts a London Southern Region terminus in the 1950s and was featured in the February 2026 edition of Hornby Magazine. In the coming months the layout will also be featured in the British Railway Modelling magazine.

At our club rooms our test track, now sporting circuits in N and OO scale, is available for members to use on club nights using either analogue or DCC control and we are continuing to build our new 1970s south Birmingham based layout Norgrove and our other new layout depicting Saltley Motive Power Depot in the same era. Both layouts have plenty of buildings to scratch build so it will however be a few years before they both are on the exhibition circuit. Our club has come a long way in 59 years and we plan to be here for many years to come. If you are over 16 why not become a member of the Redditch Model Railway Club ? Next year the Redditch Model Railway Exhibition will be back here over the weekend of **6th and 7th March 2027**.

I hope you enjoy our display of layouts and trade stands that we have brought to you from around the country for this weekend and I would like to thank all the exhibitors and traders for their support in making this exhibition happen. You can keep up to date throughout the year with Club progress via our extensive and award winning web site at [www.redditch-mrc.com](http://www.redditch-mrc.com). You could also become a friend on our Facebook site. We hope you enjoy the show and look forward to seeing you back here next year for a very special show to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our Club over the weekend of the **6th and 7th March 2027** for which we have some very special layouts booked for the event in addition to our Arrowmouth layout which will also be celebrating 35 years on the exhibition circuit.

**Guy Craddock CMILT,**  
*Exhibition Manager, Club Secretary & Director*

The Redditch Model Railway Exhibition is organised solely by the Redditch Model Railway Club Ltd. The Club was formed on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1967, when a group of like minded railway modellers got together. The Club has a membership of around 25. Members' model railway interests range from the pre-grouping era to the contemporary scene. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening 1900 until 2200 in our own club rooms actory unit in Redditch. We welcome new members, experience is not necessary, all we ask is just a keenness to get involved.

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# The layouts on show in alphabetical order :

## Auch Ae - presented by Buchanan McInroy - 4mm Scale

STAND 21

Auch Ae is a 4mm scale Scottish Region locomotive shed based in the 1960s. It is very much work in progress but showing it in a part built state gives the opportunity to see how a layout is built. All the track work has been laid using Peco code 75 track and wired for DCC operation. Buildings on the layout are scratch built and are based on prototypes in Scotland. The layout will be operated with a mixture of steam and diesel locomotives with many featuring working sound. .

## Bazil Radford - presented by David Maries - 4mm Scale

STAND 16

Bazil Radford station is the terminus station on a 12 miles single track branch line. The line leaves the main line at Bazil Radford Junction and terminates in the small market town of Bazil Radford. The line was built by the Great Western Railway and after nationalism and BR's regional boundary changes it is now operated by a mix of ex GWR/ LMS and BR Standard Classes of motive power. All the buildings have been scratch built on this layout, with the track plan promoting movement.

## Bristol Avon Bridge - presented by Keith Sully - 4mm Scale

STAND 20

Bristol Avon Bridge may remind you of a certain large station in Bristol in an era when the evenings and early hours of the morning had a bustling newspaper, parcels and post office traffic flowing to and from the South West. The layout depicts platforms 3 and 5, their avoiding lines and the Severn Beach bay to the north and motorail terminal platform to the south. Pause a while to watch long distance trains change crew or loco. Regular HST services mix with mark I to mark III regional services to Weymouth, Fishguard, South Wales and beyond Exeter. The station pilot fuses over motor rail and parcels formations, while Speed-link services for Severn Tunnel Jn and beyond arrive in the avoiding lines. DCC control allows flexibility to create a bustling, noisy environment. Signalling is automated, many thanks to TrainTech for support in developing this. The operating era spans almost 20 years, liveries Blue through Intercity, sectorisation and Rail Express Systems. The scene is compressed, between the Post Office conveyor bridge and the Bath Road Bridge, after crossing the River Avon "cut". The great trainshed is a representation, hopefully capturing the essence of Bristol as you view the coming and goings from platform 3, the booking hall or the buffet! The buildings and platform canopies have been an experiment in laser cut components, supplied by LCUT and bespoke structures created with help from friends. The signal box is the guardian of the old Bath Road locomotive depot, and the Post Office conveyor buildings are both scratch built from photographs. I hope you enjoy Bristol Avon Bridge, "BABS".

## Dunwood Engine Shed - presented by Rob Newman - 7mm Scale

STAND 13

The Dunwood Railway was an industrial line built to convey timber from the Dunwood Forest to processing plants along the line, which had a connection to British Railways. The line used a variety of second hand rolling stock including steam and diesel locomotives bought from other industrial concerns. The locomotives were serviced at Dunwood Engine Shed, which is depicted on this layout. Situated within the forest, the shed provided basic facilities accessed along a spur line off the main running line. In operation the layout will show the arrivals, movements and departures within shed limits. The time is assumed to be the late 1950s. It was a time when some industrial concerns were sometimes using hired in locomotives from British Railways, and at Dunwood Engine shed it may be possible to see some small BR locomotives as well as the resident fleet. Most of the locomotives are kit built examples, with a few detailed and weathered ready to run engines where appropriate.

**Don't forget Refreshments are available from stand 12 in the main hall**

**YOU COULD BE A PRIZE WINNER**

**Tell us what you think of the show and you could win a train set—Entry forms by the admission desk — Peter Walker from Bromsgrove was our last winner — Well done!**

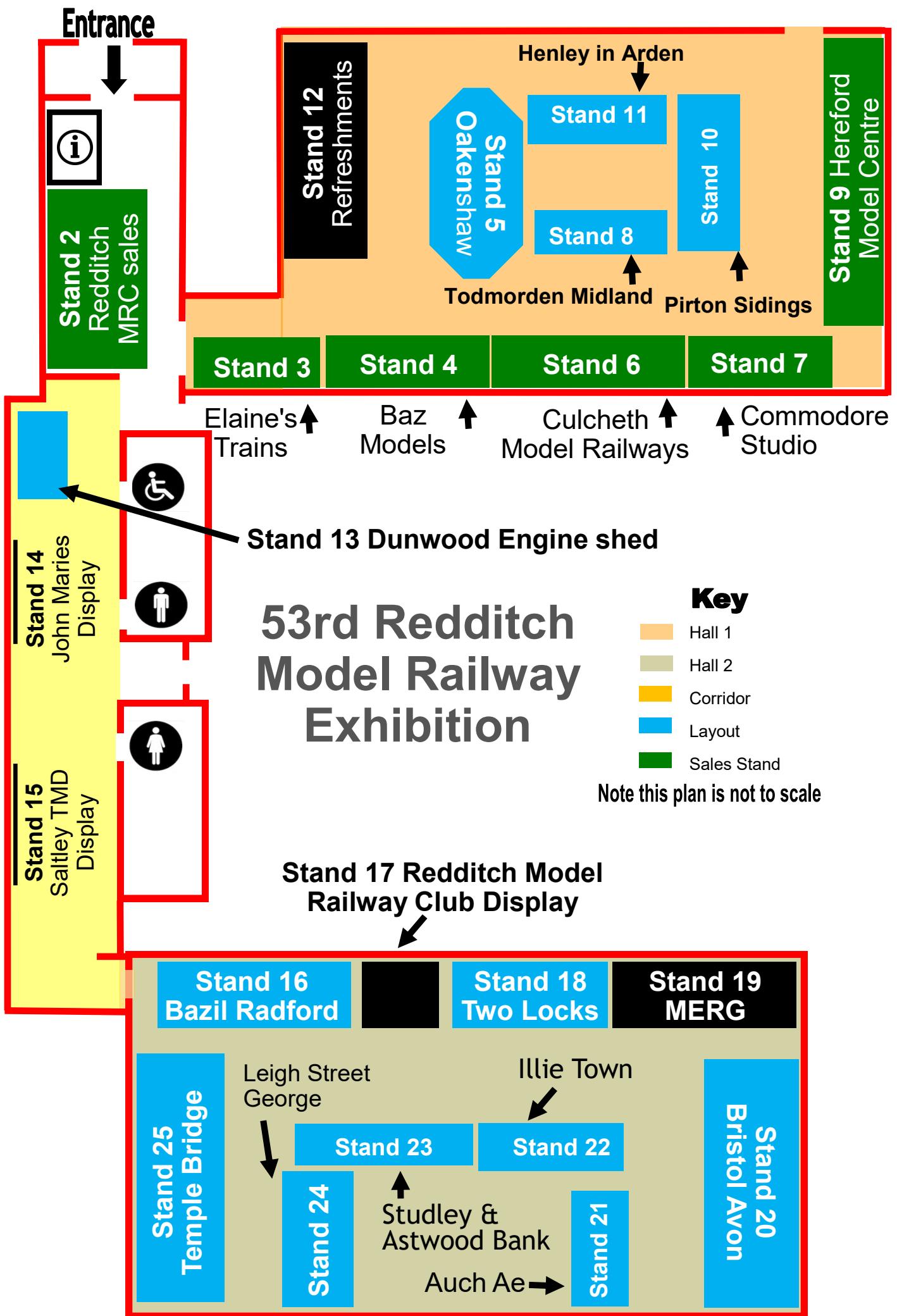
The Henley-In- Arden Line, a twice derelict railway, is reborn in model form. In 1861 a private company was formed to build a railway from Rowington Junction to Kingswood (now Lapworth) to Henley-in-Arden, a little over 3 miles. Five years later, when the line was half made, funds ran short, and work on the line was suspended. The line lay derelict for twenty-eight years. Then came another and larger scheme and the project was rejuvenated so work on the long-neglected line was resumed in 1889, and by 1894 the line was ready for use. The Great Western Railway worked the single line service from the very outset and took it over in 1900. However, in 1914 the passenger service was suspended although goods continued to pass until 1916 when the service was closed all together. During the 1980's when I ran my small business in Hatton, I not only saw remnants of the line but, walked most of what was left before the M40 wiped nearly all trace of the line. Well as per usual I have massaged fact with more than a soupcon of fiction and added a dash of essence to create a might have been 1939 and 1950 version of the original. Adding at least on the timetable station halts at Rowington and Lowsonford, the track layout is similar as are the buildings although using artistic licence the Station building is now timber and not brick and I have moved Potato Lane bridge to help conceal the fiddle yard. Points are constructed from copper clad sleepers to which the rail is soldered. but the plain track is SMP. The power supply and control are by DCC Power Cab, rolling stock is mostly kit built but the locomotives are proprietary models from Dapol.

Illie Town is a small modern image layout based in Cheshire. Passenger services are operated by Arriva Wales, East Midlands, Cross Country and Northern. On the freight side, there's a ballast siding and a warehouse that imports steel, which are served by a variety of locos from different companies. There's a two-road loco depot with a separate fuelling point. The layout is over 20 years old and has been on the exhibition circle previously known as Bridge Street, but a lot of work has gone into making it Illie Town. Though the track plan is pretty much the same, we added the bay platform, fuelling point and warehouse for extra interest, along with new background scenery. Fully wired for DCC and controlled by NCC power cab, all turnouts and signals are analogue. With a daily timetable of over 400 movements, there's always something to watch.

Leigh St George is a fictional market town, somewhere in the Midlands. Set between 1990 & 1996, the station comprises two platforms and a small station building. A Traction Motive Depot and fuelling point is situated to the south of the layout operated by British Rail Railfreight. Royal Mail occupies the former British Rail goods siding and platform for their mail & parcels trains. A stabling point is situated to the west of the layout for resting engines, and a type 15 signal box is situated to the east of the layout, which was saved from demolition by the local railway enthusiasts club. At the back of the station is a row of houses, known locally as "Railway Terrace" and contains a fish & chip shop called "The Cod father" and a pub called the "Lamb and Flag".

Oakenshaw is a fictitious West Yorkshire mill town set in the early 1960's located somewhere near to the real town of Keighley on the Airedale line. Like so many of the Yorkshire mill towns the layout portrays a town in a valley centred around a river crossing. Regional boundary changes in 1957 brought this former Midland Railway Station into the short lived North Eastern Region of British Railways. The station is very much based on Midland Railway practice and the scale is 4mm using "OO" gauge fine scale code 75 track. All the buildings on the layout are scratch built, mainly using thick card for the basic structure. These were covered with plasticard to replicate stone or brick finishes. The structures have then been painted and weathered to represent the prototypes from the area. The fiddle yard features sixteen roads and is capable of holding 24 separate trains. Trains are made up of correctly formed trains for the era and location that are hauled by a mixture of steam and diesel locomotives.

Pirton Sidings was on the Birmingham to Gloucester main line south of Worcester. The layout features Pirton Signal box, level crossing and sidings together with a model of the former Wadborough station. The whole catalyst for the layout was when Hornby introduced what they call the Holy Trinity Church model into their Skaledale range of trackside model buildings. It appears to be a pretty accurate replica of St. Peters Church in Pirton, with its distinctive black and white tower. The layout was then constructed to showcase this model. The layout is exhibited by the Permanent Way Gang (Pirton and Wadborough) and features trains that would have operated on the line in the 1950's and 1960's.



## Studley and Astwood Bank- presented by Steve Monk - 4mm Scale

STAND 24

The station was three miles south of the town of Redditch, on the line which left the Birmingham to Gloucester main line at Barnt Green and re-joined it again at Ashchurch near Tewkesbury. The line ran through the towns of Redditch and Evesham. At its beginning it was operated by the Midland Railway until it became part of the London Midland and Scottish Railway in 1923. At nationalisation in 1948 it was part of the London Midland Region and, following reorganization of the boundaries the Western Region from 1958 until final closure on 6th July 1964. The station facilities comprised a yard that could handle up to fifty-five wagons in its heyday, a signal box, with a 16-lever frame and goods shed with a single cart/lorry porch and loading cane. There was also a cattle dock and weigh bridge. In the yard there was space for household coal and timber merchants, which included T & M Dixon, The Alcester Co-Operative Society and G. Shimpton. Some modeller's licence has been taken at the Redditch end of the layout to give some additional points of interest

## Temple Bridge - presented by John Tisi - 4mm Scale

STAND 25

Of the constituent companies of the Southern Railway the London Brighton & South Coast Railway was the only one not to cross the river Thames to have a terminus on the north bank near to the lucrative City of London with its growing commuter traffic, being content to terminate at London Bridge. Temple Bridge is a model of a fictitious station built by the LB&SCR to right this wrong, modelled in the 1950 to 1960s BR(S) period. It is located between Charing Cross and Blackfriars stations in the Temple area of the Embankment, roughly where the present-day Temple District Line tube station is located between Somerset House and the Inner Temple legal office area. Temple Bridge station occupies the area between The Strand at the eastern end of the Aldwych and Victoria Embankment. The station fronts on to The Strand and has been rebuilt by the Southern Railway in the 1930s in their concrete Art Deco style. The station buildings and bridge over the Embankment were reconstructed to modernise the station and of course the signal box was replaced with a new concrete glass house style box when the station was re-signalled with colour light signalling. Below the signal box the Temple Bridge tube station on the District line has been rebuilt in the Charles Holden style of the 1930's. The station forecourt has a bus station as well as the normal drop off and pickup facilities, railway offices, shops and taxi rank. The station concourse has the remains of its LB&SCR overall roof, now in the 1950's devoid of its glass due to bomb damage during World War II. This gives our passengers access to five platforms. Services are worked by a variety of third rail EMUs ranging from the converted steam stock 4SUB through the Southern Railway 2 HAL and BIL units to the latest BR 2 and 4 EPB's & 4CEP units. The river bridge is a 4 arch wrought iron structure on granite piers carrying three tracks across to the south bank at Southwark. Just off the South side is a 2-road locomotive depot providing light servicing and storage for the locomotives. The arches of the curving viaduct are home to trades and businesses and the river side is dominated by an London County Council block of flats in the typical hipped roof yellow brick style common across central London from the 1920's.

## Todmorden Midland - presented by Ed Purcell - 2mm Scale

STAND 10

Todmorden Midland is a former Midland Railway terminus 48 by 14 inches with a 2-foot cassette fiddle yard. This is small even for N gauge, but the scenic section includes station, goods shed, coal yard, loco shed, canal scene, a couple of West Yorkshire mills, a pub, and distant views of hills. Motive power is former Midland Railway and London Midland Scottish Railway along with some BR Standards, some visiting ex LNER locos on summer holiday trains and even one or two diesels and DMUs. Rumour has it that Holbeck has occasionally sent a Jubilee or a Scot on a summer special. Track is PECO with SEEP operated points; control is analogue via an excellent controller designed and built by Warley Model Railway Club members. Stock is by Graham Farish, Dapol, Peco, N gauge society, Union Mills, and some kit-built items. Scenery uses various products including the excellent (and rare) Graham Avis trees. Buildings are mainly scratch built with a couple of modified kits. PECO N gauge stone building sheets have proved very effective. However, the church is made from OO Wills sheet! Some buildings are scratch built Settle and Carlisle designs which are justified by the line's presumed historic origins. Mill buildings and pub are scratch built, based on types of building found in the area. The backscene uses acrylics.

## Two Locks - presented by Nigel Harrod - 2mm Scale

STAND 18

Two Locks is an N Gauge layout with the canal at the forefront, with two locks rising to the canal basin. Running behind the canal is the railway with local station and town. The station has a platform each for the up and down line and the third bay platform for local DMU services. The trains are operated using DCC and because the layout is not set in any particular era, it can operate using stock from any of the three eras of 1960s steam or diesel, British Rail blue or the present day.

# Demonstration Stands:

**MERG - Model Electronic Railway Group**

**STAND 19**

We welcome members of the Model Electronics Railway Group to the show to demonstrate the possibilities with the application of electronics in model railways.

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**We are not just layout builders but exhibitors as well !!**

See our layouts at these shows in the coming months

**Model World LIVE show** at the NEC on 26th & 27th April,  
*We are there with our ARROWMOUTH layout*

**Severn Valley Railway** Model Railway open weekend on 2nd & 3rd May  
*We are there with the OAKENSHAW layout*

**Loughborough Model Railway Exhibition** on 22nd & 23rd August  
*We are there with our OAKENSHAW layout*

**Warley at Statfold Barn Model Railway Exhibition** on 22nd & 23rd August  
*We are there with our SMALLWOOD layout*

**60th Anniversary Redditch Model Railway Exhibition** on 6th & 7th March 2027  
*Here again at the Trinity High School. We are assembling a great lineup of layouts for this event including our own Arrowmouth layout that will be celebrating 35 years on the exhibition circuit, the extensive 7mm fine scale Great Western Railway layout Newchapel Junction and Phil Bullock's 4mm layout of Abbotswood and Norton Junction in the early 1970s.*



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Worcestershire's oldest model railway club*

# Display stands :

## Redditch MRC Display

STAND 17

A display of models made by members of the Redditch Model Railway Club showing how varied our model railway interests are.

## John Maries Display

STAND 14

A display of models of buildings from Redditch by the late John Maries—John was a founder member of our Club.

## Saltley TMD - by Redditch Model Railway Club

STAND 15

A display of part our new Saltley TMD layout.

## *The trade stands available in alphabetical order :*

### Baz Model Rail

STAND 4

Baz Model Rail, 199 Church Road, Yardley, Birmingham, West Midlands, B25 8UR (Telephone: 0121 257 2717) A selection of quality model railways from an East Birmingham based model shop.

### Commodore Studio

STAND 7

Commodore Studio is a model railway retailer

### Culcheth Model Railways / Holder Collectables

STAND 6

Culcheth Model Railways, Unit 3 CPS Centre, 7 Common Lane, Warrington, WA3 4EH (Telephone: 01925 899959) A selection of quality model railways from a Warrington based model shop.

### Elaine's Trains

STAND 3

Elaine's Trains, (Telephone: 01673 857423) - A range of mainly pre owned railway modelling items in many different scales and gauges.

### Hereford Model Centre

STAND 9

Hereford Model Centre, 4 Commercial Road, Hereford, HR1 2BA (Telephone : 01432 352809) A Hereford based Model Railway Shop dealing in scales between 2mm and 7mm.

### Redditch MRC Sales

STAND 2

The club sales stand of pre-owned items in aid of Redditch Model Railway Club.

***Thank you for your support - see you next year  
6th & 7th March for 60th Anniversary and the  
2027 Redditch Model Railway Show***

**here at the Trinity High School  
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