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MIDLAND BUS KITS NEWSLETTER 3

Wow is this really the 3rd Newsletter already?, where is the time going. We are certainly hoping you are finding our Newsletter interesting, and thank you for your contributions, it really is appreciated. If you have finished any of our kits, we would love to show them on our gallery page on our website so please send them in to

midlandbuskits@outlook.com

Midland Bus Kits is currently working on 5 new kits for release in the coming months so please keep your eyes on our website and Facebook page for announcements.

Midland Bus Kits - the home of friendly bus modellers

This Month's theme:

The Die-cast Model bus - Aaron Clark

I have loved buses for as long as I can remember. I started making cardboard models six years ago, then 2 years ago started painting Die-Cast models after seeing other peoples work.

My most favourite model bus is the Alx400 and the Enviro 400, I love how they look and sound.

The open top buses I like to recreate are from Skegness were I'm from, my

My favourite livery is the beachball and stagecoach gold beachball, the stagecoach gold one has nice colours.

I do my repaints mainly for myself, and other modellers too and I want to inspire other modellers to do the same.













This is the one I designed. I had a dream when I was younger there was some new seasiders and that was one of them, so I drew it, sent it to stagecoach and they made it.



Starting from next months Newsletter we would like to add a sale/wanted section for kits no longer available, so if you send us your sales or wanted items, we will add them here and see if we can't get you that kit or sale. send your sales or wants to midlandbuskits@outlook.com

SCENICS ADD SO MUCH TO OUR HOBBY - Doug Nicholson

The growth in the use of scenics to produce large layouts, dioramas or where space is at a premium, a minirama, to display our models to their best advantage adds so much to the hobby. Whether it is a garage, bus station or general road scene, showing models in their natural environment keeps moving the hobby forward. The well known and much admired work by such as Eric Wain, Dick Lindsay amongst others shows what can be achieved with time and effort. Starting with a minirama perhaps gives us chance to try out different materials

An early attempt to produce a minirama representing an actual location is shown below picking up Goat Fell on Arran as the backdrop for buses heading in and out of Brodick from the west or north.

The picture shows a 1949 Bedford OB from the Weir of Machrie fleet heading into Brodick with passengers for the ferry, on the route from Pirnmill. DBN 627 joined the Weir fleet in 1961, served until 1965 and became a mobile shop.

The model is a repainted EFE with a mixture of Sunrise and homemade transfers.



Below you can see what a difference a background makes to your models as seen here with Leon Richardson's Stevensons models.





Alan Roberts models below, look so realistic with a backdrop. It's the little things that add that little bit more.



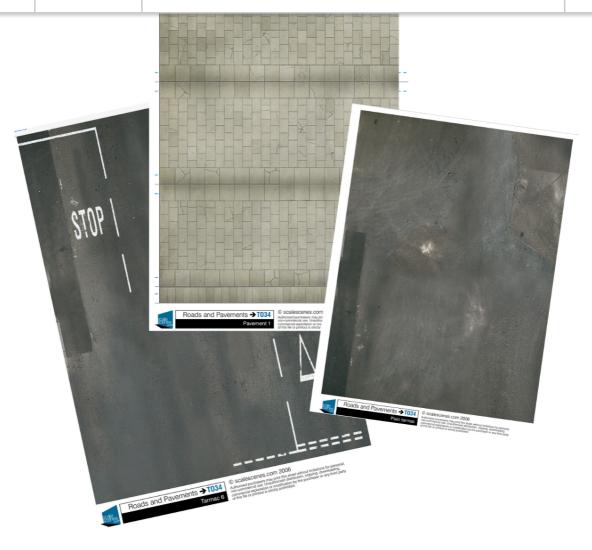


To show case the repaints I produce as well as kit builds, I don't just want a white background, I want a scenic backdrop. So I have bought 2 Superquick model kits from www.superquick.co.uk

The first kit I have built is the four terraced cottages kit. The next kit is their Two Country Town shops kit. These will be then added to a small board which I will put on a Tarmac surface. www.scalescenes.com do various road and pavements PDF downloads as you can see below, starting from £1.99. Daryl







Metcalfe Models & Toys Ltd also produce SCALE TOWN & COUNTRY BUILDINGS and their website is worth a look.

USEFUL TOOLS - Daryl Hemsell

I always like to make modelling easy, and if there is a tool that helps, I will buy it. and here is one such great bit of kit for all modellers.

It's the Ultimate Photo Etch Placer, is a wax based re-usable positioning aide for those small photo etch or styrene parts, priced at £2.99. I have used it a lot and it has been a great addition to my tools.

This set contains two photo etch placers that work by gently sticking small parts to the wax inside of the pencil, because the small part is only temporally attached to the wax it can be easily moved & placed in the correct position. When the wax end is beginning to blunt you can simply sharpen it either a pencil sharpener or even a

This photo etch placer from <u>Ultimate Modelling Products</u> can be a real help, saving you time & allowing you to work in a more accurate way.





You can still register your interest in any of our kits by visiting our website Midland Bus Kits

We still have The Optare Excel L1150 and Excel 2 L1180 available.

Order now at MIDLAND BUS KITS

Kit MBK003 - Barton AEC Regent V / NCME Body £48 unbuilt kit, £77 Built & painted kit - Postage included

This kit is currently being revised and will be available soon Please register your interest in this kit at www.midlandbuskits.co.uk









Because we can have any amount of kits cast, we can always have in stock extra kits so you never miss out.

You can still get your hands on the MBK002 Mercedes Benz 0405n **£47.20 unbuilt kit** Price includes postage

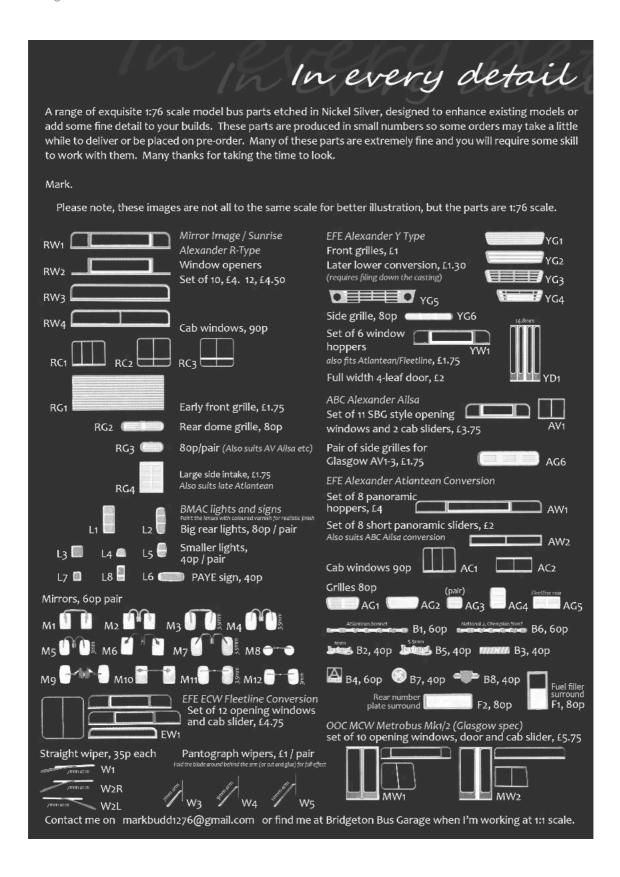




Just a selection of Photo Etched parts made by Mark Budd for his own projects, but as they came out so well he has decided to offer them for sale too.

He would like to expand the range if there is demand. So he is looking for requests and suggestions.

Mark says "Feedback so far has been really positive so I must have done something right"!







More new transfers that came to Sunrise with the MBC Decals business - though not listed in an MBC catalogue - are these five sets for East Anglian independent Chambers, Bures. Established in the horse drawn days of 1877, Chambers survived as an independent company till 2012 when Go-Ahead acquired the business.

Set EN-CB1 traditional gold names £2 25p Set EN-CB2 including Village Bus lettering £3 25p

Set EN-CB3 including underlined fleetnames £3 25p

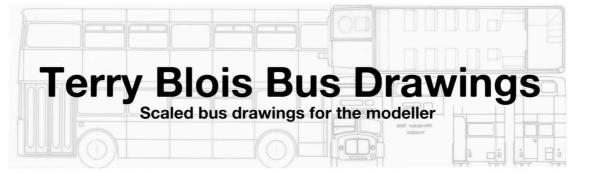
Set EN-CB4 with 0787 227233 phone number £4 25p

Set EN-CB5 with 01787 227233 phone number £4 25p

Note that the colour has been considerably darkened in the picture to show up the cream fleetnames/logos etc.

These sets can be ordered from Sunrise by email to george@georgeheaney.co.uk





Terry Blois 4mm scale Bus and Coach Plans

For those who like to scratch build their own model buses, Terry Blois's website is a great addition to help with your model building.

Each drawing is priced at £3.00 and postage is £2 per order.

Payment options are cheques you can use the <u>ORDER CONTACT PAGE</u> to get in touch with me to arrange a bank transfer or to pay via Paypal.

www.terrybloisbusdrawings.co.uk



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Kit CM007 Volvo B5TL Gemini 3 11.5m is £45.00 plus postage being released in two weeks.



CM012 Mercedes Benz OC500LE MCV Evolution is back in stock at £43.00 plus £5.50 p&p

If you are interested in any of our kits, please get in touch citibusmodels505@gmail.com or visit our website www.citibusmodels.co.uk

Charity Auction for the Archie foundation





OUR 3RD CHARITY CHRISTMAS AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE GROUP ON THE WEEKEND OF 27/28 NOVEMBER

Can you help?
We are looking for any models, kits, books and any other transport related items to be auctioned off to benefit this years chosen Charity
The Archie Foundation

Facebook page or get in touch at modelbusscotland@gmail.com

The Archie Foundation exists to make the difference in healthcare and bereavement for children and their families across the north of Scotland. We do this by working in partnership with the NHS and other child development professionals including, but not limited to, those working in the education and social work sectors.

We might be best known for transforming children's hospital environments to make them more child friendly, welcoming and age appropriate, but we do so much more than this. Click through our site to find out more about the <u>work we do.</u>

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