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The Miniature Bus Modeller's NEWSLETTER 13

Well, what a month September was, we lost the Queen, someone who has been a part of all of our lives and now we have a King, still seems weird saying King.

A new era begins.

It's been a busy time at MBK HQ, looking at new kits to release and other projects, we will let you all know in due course. Myself, I have been busy building/making transfers and spraying customers models, I didn't realise the Barton AEC Regent would have been so popular, I am still working down my list of customers who ordered one built and painted. As for the Barton BTS, I can't give a time when I will start building and painting these for customers sorry, hopefully I can start on them next year.

Just looking at John Finney's collection this month, reminds me of my first ever model bus I bought. It was Dinky's build up Atlantean.



My mum bought it me whilst on holiday at Skegness as a child of 10. I was so excited, i quickly built it up and painted it Nottingham City Transport colours and placed a small strip of kitchen self-adhesive floor tile in white as a destination on the front. I wrote 60 City on it in pencil, when it arrived at the terminus, I rubbed the the 60 City of and rewrote 60 Bilborough for the return journey. That was my start into bus models. Can you remember yours; we would love to share your stories.

This month is another packed Newsletter, thank you to everyone who has contributed, it really is appreciated. right, that's enough from me, lets crack on.

So, sit back and enjoy - Daryl

MODELLER'S GALLERY

Pete Best - South Essex Coachworks







Pete Best at South Essex Coachworks never ceases to amaze me with his repaints, always turning out top notch work for customers and himself. You can find him on [Facebook](#), check out his work. He can also be contacted here south.essex.coachworks@gmail.com

Another lovely chap is Darrell Woolley of East Midlands PSV Sales, always turning out great work on fleets not that well known. Have a look at what he has to offer on [Facebook](#)





Chris Fletcher - Depot atmosphere



Aberdeen: The clock says five past eleven - not sure whether it's a winter's morning or a summer evening, but it's almost dark as a Grampian Atlantean emerges into the gloom.



Oxford: AEC Reliances at rest.



Aldershot: Dennis Lolines preparing for a day's work



Glasgow: the morning sun bursts into the depot.

John Finney's Model Bus Collection Part 4 - It's all over now.

The first all over advertising bus I came across was RM 971 in 1971, which was an all over advert for the now defunct 'Yellow Pages'. Dinky made a model using the ads but put it on the second model Atlantean (295). Corgi replied with an all over advert for the Cadbury double decker chocolate bar on their existing model RM. Which was very appropriate.

My fleet in those days consisted of primarily 'Matchbox' sized models, Matchbox had introduced the last of their MB5s, the bigger RM and the Fleetline MB73 in 1967, so by 1971 I had a fair number of both in my fleet. Some had fallen fowl of the hacksaw and fire cement to produce Bridgemasters,g, Renown's and Regent 5s with and without an exposed radiator. Some of the Fleetlines had morphed into single deck Atlanteans and a solitary Wulfrunian. More of them another time, however. I did not want to change scale, but I wanted overall ads.

Well on the basis of if you can't buy em, then make em is the answer. Out came the paint brush and the first of my overall advertising buses appeared in 'Yellow Pages' livery. Next came the Donnington one and a fair bit of buying of Letraset, some from Asda, who did a short, but very useful range of fully coloured sheets of something like Letraset covering all sorts of subjects.

Over the years the CCPR garages and the Theatre Royal RMs appeared, along with the Autoweld Fleetline. The last one was the RM 'Jockey' 'all the jockeys

eventually started to move over to the more common 1/76 scale or bigger for most of my vehicles, after all there is only so much you can do with the hacksaw and fire cement.

The first of the larger scale was the enhanced Dinky Leyland c, with actual Moquette seating on the lower deck and which was in the then livery of the company vans and advertised both the electrical and building side of the business. The model stood outside in a showcase on the front of my then house for several years only being bought in when we move premises in 2002.

This was followed by the Millennium Dennis and shortly afterwards by the Scania advertising the new showroom on Canal St. Nottingham. Finally, the Lynx, basically a standard production model with an all over advert for McDonalds slightly altered to advertise their West Bridgford outlet and fitted with company fleet names.

In 2006 a withdrawn Regent 3 was reconfigured to represent a tram to celebrate 60 years of passenger transport. The pole only being put on when the vehicle was a static exhibition.

Finally, all over advertising I suppose is a term which can loosely be applied to those lovely buses which had been converted to extol the virtues of various seaside towns around Great Britain. I remember seeing them with on board cinemas and leaflets being given away. The 2 here are 'free-lance' based on what might have been. An RM advertising holidays 81, so I know exactly when I did that one, and an AEC Reliance (Minix) decorated for the sea front service. All the buses are in the model bus museum.



The Dinky Yellow Pages Atlantean



Corgi Cadbury RM





My Yellow pages Fleetline



The Donnington Collection Fleetline.



The last of the Fleetlines in Autoweld livery



The last one (at least up to now) passes the depot.



The 'modernised' Leyland in company van colours.



Thameshead RT n guage



It's the millennium, remember that, thought it might be the last



The bus advertising the new showroom





NCT's 'inclusive' You,They Them bus also multicoloured.



Feeling hungry, Lynx overall ad for the West Bridgford outlet.

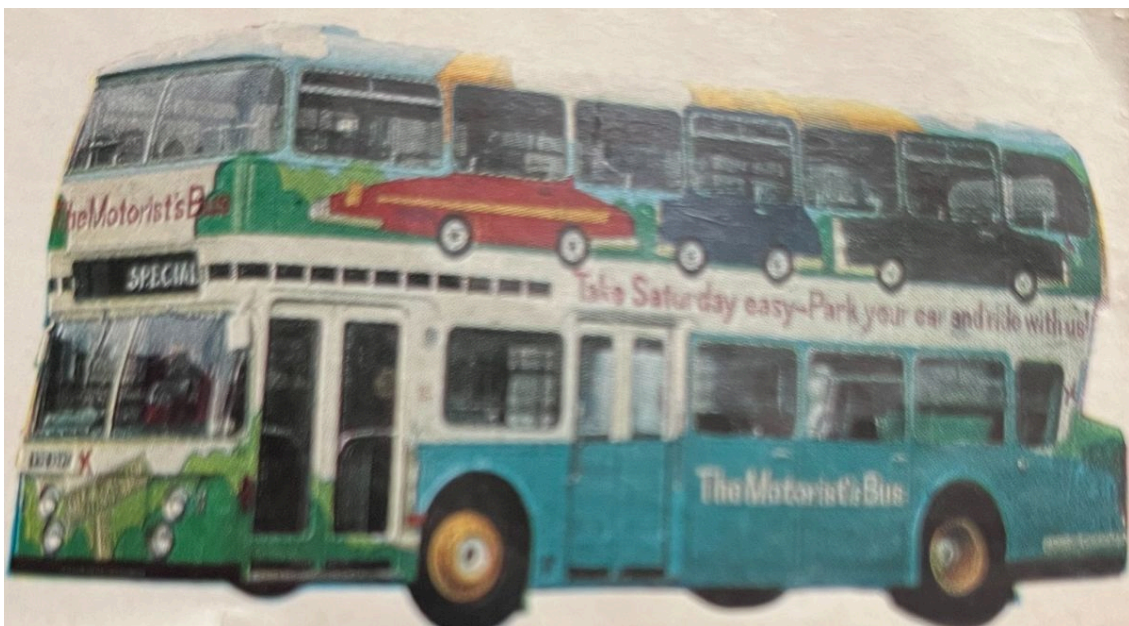


Tramobus, a converted regent 3 to celebrate 60 years of carrying passengers.





The Donnington again, with the Queens Golden Jubilee going in the opposite direction.



NCT first overall advertising bus, I think, got the Forest park and ride service, saying we're riding in a Daimler.

Modelling Tips - Vac Formed Windscreens

When I bought my first ever kit, the thought of cutting the Vac Formed Windscreen filled me with dread and made me sweat. I made a right mess of everyone I ever did.

It wasn't until I produced my first kit with, yes, a Vac Formed Windscreen of all things, that I got the hang of it. Here's my tip for those like me dreading the little plastic things.



Firstly, I cut as close to the screen edge as possible, being careful not to cut into the actual screen. A decent pair of sharp pointed scissors are good for this.



Once I have cut the screen out, I use a new sharp scalpel blade to carefully trim off the edges of the screen to neaten it up.



Once you are happy and tested fitted the screen, you can then glue it into place. As mentioned before, I use [Glue N Glaze](#).

Swapmeets and Toyfairs Calendar - October

**Sat 1st - [Northern Toy Fairs - Gateshead Stadium Toy Train & Sci Fi Fair](#)
Gateshead International Stadium, Neilson Road, Gateshead, Tyne and
Wear**

Largest toy fair in North East England. Over 200 tables of trains, diecast, Sci fi, soldiers, slot cars, TV and film memorabilia etc. Refreshments and free parking.

**Sat 1st - [Geoff Martin Toyfairs - Maidstone Vintage Toy Fair](#)
Market Hall, Lock Meadow Complex, Barker Road, Maidstone, Kent**

Sun 2nd - [BP Fairs - Doncaster Racecourse Toy Collectors Fair](#)**Doncaster Racecourse, Leger Way, Doncaster, South Yorkshire**

One of the country's best fairs, the popular Doncaster Racecourse Toy Collectors Fair features 400 stalls full of collectable toys, trains and models for sale in the exhibition centre. Exhibitors from all over the country will be at the show, selling all kinds of collectables from vintage rarities to the very latest releases. Expect to find new and second hand model railways, as well as diecast models of cars and lorries, model kits and many other interesting collectables for sale

Sun 2nd - [Stowmarket Model Railway Club - Toy and Model Fair](#)**Needham Market Community Centre, School Street, Needham Market, Suffolk**

This is our first event since Covid.

Sat 8th - [J & J Fairs - Toy & Train Collectors Fair](#)**Brentwood Leisure Centre, Doddinghurst Road, Brentwood, Essex**

On sale will be a superb selection of old and new collectable toys, trains, models, sci-Fi and much, much more.

Sat 8th - [Chris Dyer Fairs - Cardiff Toy & Train Sale](#) - **New Entry********Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan, Cardiff**

Our major show in the Capital of Wales and the largest such event in the Principality. 100 tables operated by top UK traders. Cafe within the show. COGAN RAILWAY STATION is alongside the venue so why not travel by train

Sat 8th - [Crewe Model Railway & Engineering Society - Crewe Toy & Train Collectors Fair](#)**Crewe Heritage Centre, Vernon Way, Crewe, Cheshire**

Sale of new and used model trains including locomotives, rolling stock, buildings and accessories in gauges N, OO and O. Also diecast model cars trucks and buses, meccano, transport books, DVD's and railwayana. Miniature railway in operation. Refreshments available.

Sun 9th - [DP Vintage Toy Fairs - Ashington Vintage Model Toy & Train Collectors Fair](#)**Ashington Community Centre, Foster Lane, Ashington, West Sussex**

Buy, sell and swap from a large range of toys old and new. Including Triang and Hornby trains of all gauges plus

and TV & film related merchandise plus lots more.

Sun 9th - [Midland Air Museum \(Coventry\) - Aviation Fair](#)

Midland Air Museum, Coventry Airport, Baginton, West Midlands

The Aviation fair is held once a year and will give you access to the whole museum, and the fair. Subject to weather, the Viscount, Vulcan, Hind & Victor nose will be open for inspection on the day of the fair. This event will feature aircraft related collectable items, on dozens of stalls including models, kits, printed matter including books, postcards, slides, photographs, tickets, DVDs and assorted memorabilia.

Sun 9th - [SRP Toyfairs - Toy and Model Collectors Fair](#)

Crofton Halls, Station Road, Orpington, Kent

Trains in popular brands and scales, diecast buses and lorries to scale and size, collectible vintage and classic toys. Good selection of books, and other toys dependant on stallholders as these vary at each event. U18 accompanied children free.

Sun 9th - [BP Fairs - Stafford Showground Toy Collectors Fair](#)

Stafford County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford, Staffordshire

Always a great event, Stafford Toy Collectors Fair features 300 stalls full of collectable toys, trains and models for sale in two halls at the showground. Exhibitors from all over the country will be at the show, selling all kinds of collectables from vintage rarities to the very latest releases. Expect to find new and second hand model railways, as well as diecast models of cars and lorries, model kits and many other interesting collectables for sale

Tue 11th - [Newcomen Fairs Ltd - Elsecar Toy Train & Doll Fair](#)

Ironworks (Building 21) Elsecar Heritage Centre, Wath Road, Elsecar, Bardsley, South Yorkshire

Early entry available from 5pm £2. Stands selling tin plate and collectable toys, model railways, diecast models, teddies and dolls. Free parking - Refreshments available.

Tue 11th - [Steven Clements Fairs - Hook Toy and Train Collectors Fair](#)

Hook Community Centre, Ravenscroft, Hook, Hampshire

Back wth our regular second Tuesday evening fair again! Just £1 entry to the only evening fair just of the M3. Top local

door!

Thu 13th - [Joe Lock Model Railways - Theydon Bois Toy Fair](#)

Theydon Bois Village Hall, Coppice Row, Theydon Bois, NR Epping, Essex

Close to M25 (Junction 26) and M11 (Junction 5), near to Theydon Bois Station with direct connection to London (Central Line). A great selection of good quality used diecast and railways and masses of Hornby Dublo, Tri-ang railways, Trix Twin, Dinky toys, Corgi toys and other diecast, Action Man and transport books.

Sat 15th - [Chris Dyer Fairs - Oswestry Toy & Train Sale](#)

The Pavilion, Oswestry Show Ground, Park Hall, Oswestry, Shropshire

Our regular and great show on the borders between the Midlands of England and North Wales; located just off the major A5 trunk road and one mile from the town centre at OSWESTRY. Easily accessed from all over Wales, the Midlands and the North-West of England and the show is noted for the massive amounts of free car parking on-Site. A great local outside caterer attends and there will be 80 tables in operation and operated by many of the UK's leading Toy & Train traders.

Sun 16th - [SRP Toyfairs - Toy and Model Collectors Fair](#)

Sweyne Park School, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, Essex

Trains in popular brands and scales, diecast buses and lorries to scale and size, collectible vintage and classic toys. Good selection of books, and other toys dependant on stallholders as these vary at each event. U18 accompanied children free.

Sun 16th - [J & J Fairs - Toy & Train Collectors Fair](#)

One Leisure St Ives, Burgess Hall Events & Conference Centre, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire

On sale will be a superb selection of new and old toys, models, collectables, trains and much, much more.

Sun 16th - [Wimborne Toyfairs - Wimborne Toy & Train Fair](#)

Queen Elizabeths Leisure Centre Sports Hall, Blandford Road, Wimborne, Dorset

Now firmly established in the Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre, with around 75 stalls (40 Traders), there is a good selection of

most makes & brands, something for all collectors. There are light refreshments available, and a large free car park. Come along and Buy, Sell or maybe swap!

Sun 23rd - [BB & PC Fairs - Collectors Train and Diecast Fair](#)

Copdock Village Hall, Old London Road, Copdock Near Ipswich, Suffolk

Copdock Village Hall is within easy reach of the A12 and A14 trunk roads. The Fair attracts some of the best Traders in East Anglia selling Model Trains, Diecast Cars, Buses and Lorries as well as older Toys from long ago. The Hall has excellent lighting and ventilation. Teas and Coffee plus hot and cold snacks will be available.

Sun 23rd - [SRP Toyfairs - Toy and Model Collectors Fair](#)

Ditton Community Centre, Kiln Barn Road, Ditton, Kent

Trains in popular brands and scales, diecast buses and lorries to scale and size, collectible vintage and classic toys. Good selection of books, and other toys dependant on stallholders as these vary at each event. U18 accompanied children free.

Sun 23rd - [Plymouth Diecast Collectors Club - Toyfair](#)

Jan Cutting Healthy Living Centre, Scott Business Park, Beacon Park Road, Plymouth, Devon

A great venue, with a warm, friendly atmosphere. Plenty of choice for the model / diecast collector. All on the ground level, very easy access, a lovely cafe and free parking.

Tue 25th - [Garstang Toyfair](#)

Kirkland and Catterall Memorial Hall, Corner of A6 and A586 - the Avenue, Churchtown Near Garstang, Lancashire

Small friendly toyfair. Refreshments available.

Tue 25th - [SRP Toyfairs - Toy and Model Collectors Fair](#)

West Kingsdown Village Hall, London Road, West Kingsdown, Kent

Trains in popular brands and scales, diecast buses and lorries to scale and size, collectible vintage and classic toys. Good selection of books, and other toys dependant on stallholders as these vary at each event. U18 accompanied children free.

Sat 29th - [SRP Toyfairs - Toy and Model Collectors Fair](#)

Herne Bay High School, Bullockstone Road, Herne Bay, Kent

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Sat 29th - [DP Vintage Toy Fairs - Horsham Vintage Toyfair](#)

Broadbridge Heath Village Hall, Wickhurst Lane, Near Horsham, West Sussex

Buy, sell and swap from a large range of toys old and new. Including Triang and Hornby trains of all gauges plus continental makes. Dinky, Corgi, Matchbox diecasts. Other toys including Meccano, Lego, action figures, comics, action figures and TV & film related merchandise plus lots more.

Sun 30th - [BP Fairs - NEC Toy Collectors Fair](#)

National Exhibition Centre, Hall 18, Birmingham, Warwickshire

Britain's BIGGEST Toy Fair hundreds of stalls full of collectable toys, trains and models for sale in Hall 18 of the National Exhibition Centre. Exhibitors from all over the country will be at the show, selling all kinds of collectables from vintage rarities to the very latest releases. Expect to find new and second hand model railways, as well as diecast models of cars and lorries, action figures, lego, Scalextric model kits and many other interesting collectables for sale

Sun 30th - [Maidenhead Static Model Club - Windsor International Toy Fair](#)

The Free Reach School, Long Lane, Mill End, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire

A new venue with many tables and a huge variety of old toys and collectables. Established in 1971 and still a premier event.

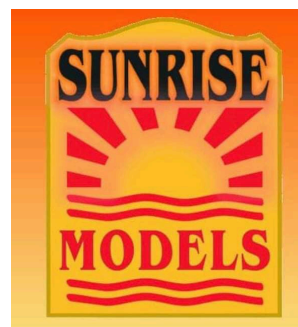
Kit & Accessories

We have a few 20 seater Transits left, so first come first served on these and the Wright Endeavour pre orders are now full. Thank you all for your interest. currently all of Midland Bus kits are now out of stock.



Model bus kits, accessories and conversion parts in 1:76 scale

[Bus Kits \(paragonkits.com\)](http://paragonkits.com)

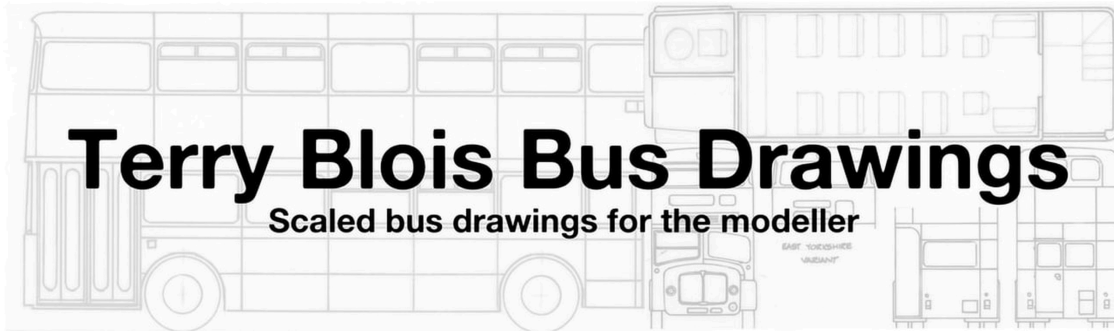


Something a bit different! First glimpse of the work that has been done on the master for the forthcoming Sunrise Kit 90 of CIE's distinctive batch of Aer Lingus Leyland Titan PD2 double-deck coaches. These kits can still be pre-ordered at this stage if anyone has missed doing so - by message here or email to george@georgeheaney.co.uk



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