

N-Train

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Good things come in small packages

NEWSLETTER

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A potted update.

I attended the first N Gauge Show (2006), at Leamington Spa as a visitor, wandering round the stalls and layouts and having a good time.

At this time, I was having on-line discussions with various people about producing some possible EMU kits. My personal interest was for a Class 365. What resulted was me learning CAD and starting N-Train and several of us booking a 6ft table at the 2nd N Gauge Show (2008).

Two of that original merry gang have stuck together and have attended every N Gauge Show since.

No we are no longer a 6ft table!

www.n-train.net

www.facebook.com/pages/N-Train

www.shapeways.com/shops/ntrain

How things change

When I first attended the first N Gauge Show, there was a great deal of excitement because there was a show dedicated to N Gauge. Yes, a whole show, other than an N Gauge Society event dedicated to N Gauge.

We all practically swooned.

If memory serves, our main contact points were some Yahoo groups which did some wonderful jobs of spreading the word.

Now we come to the present day, and the advent of social media, and instant commenting. It saddens me to see people give a show a bad review, simply because it did not have enough of their interest area.

Show organisers try to give a cross section of layouts, and please remember that this particular show is ***The International N Gauge Show.***

I note that there have been comments about the lack of bargains. It is easy to look at at current market forces to work out reason why. High Street Traders everywhere are having a hard time.

The bargains are to be had on line these days.

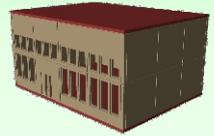
The Future

Some idea I have had for a future range of buildings. Others, just waiting to happen.

Block of Flats



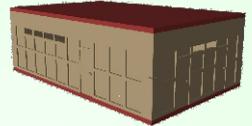
Retail Unit



Tower Block



Toilet Block



Small Workshop



Bungalow



Station Hall



Small Shop



First stage of the project was to come up with a design concept. This proved to be a bit of a challenge for the sloping roof designs, but I like challenge.

Second stage has been to get a couple of designs, test printed through conventional agencies, to prove the design goes together.

Stage three, is to bring the printing 'in house' with a FDM 3D printer which is now on order.

Look out for further updates on this and a possible range of budget lorries I have designed, subject to successful production
(Fingers crossed)

No-Frills Kits

Consisting of just bodies and dummy chassis.

In the cases of EMU's there will also be underframes

While underground stock will have moulded interpretation of underframes and seating.

Prices

One of my suppliers announced a 10% increase in price. This will effect some of my kit costs and will mean I will have no choice but to revise my prices in October.

