# EXETER GAUGE O GROUP



Vistory Hall, Whimple EX5 2T\$

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Adults £5 (sash please), U-16 FREE

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#### WEDMORE Gauge O - the club layout

Originally built by Trevor Gibson this layout came into the club's ownership a few years ago after the sad passing of member Graham Bean. In our ownership it has been extensively re-wired, re-signalled, extended, and generally updated. Based on a line in East Somerset, it provides a great showcase for members' models.



#### NOOK END Gauge O - Barrie Colley



Nook End represents a byway between the GW and LMS railways, in a corner of the imaginary town of Wednesford in the Black Country, and was inspired by the builder's memories of the area in the grim post-war years. Traffic is mainly freight, with workmen's passenger trains during the day. Typical industrial wagons can be seen in the small but busy

goods yard. The layout measures 3m x 0.6m including a traverser, 2 points are down to 36" radius, which restricts the stock to be used. Traction is 12V DC and RC.

## **BORDESLEY NORTH Gauge N - Jim Allwood**

I have assumed that local services from Leamington and Stratford were growing at a rate that could not cope with existing facilities at Moor Street and Snow Hill. To relieve the log-jam, a small station was created at the end of the disused Duddeston Viaduct, called "Bordesley North". Below, freight lines from the Vauxhall/Curzon Steet yards end in a cement terminal and headshunt.



# BREWERY LANE MPD Gauge O - Ken Banks



This real-life brewery supplied beers and ales to pubs in South Somerset, and being near to the railway they made use of this connection. When the brewery closed the SR (in fiction!) bought the site and installed a 60' turntable and engine sheds, using

the old buildings for offices and stores. When diesels started to appear a maintenance and refuelling depot was added.

## CROSSWAYS WAGON WORKS Gauges O and O9 - John Cavell



Fiction: the remaining part of the c19th Crossways Wagon Works has been saved by a preservation society. Now a 'working museum', the society's rolling stock is restored, repaired and

maintained there. Fact: this 7mm scale layout has a scenic area of only 840 x 480 mm and is unusual in that there are no points or curves. As well as standard gauge, narrow gauge was used extensively at Horwich Works and Crewe whilst traversers saw service at such locations as Swindon, Didcot, Derby, Pecorama and Felixstowe.

## LITTLE BURFORD Gauge O - Richard Frost



Little Burford is a fictitious sleepy little GWR country station located somewhere in the 1930's rural Midlands, with a gentle nod to the Severn Valley Railway. It is 18ft x 2ft in size overall with a 3-board (4ft x 16ins each) scenic section and can be operated in either DC or DCC mode. It comprises mainly commercially

available products (PECO track & signal box, Cobalt point motors, laser cut wood buildings & Dapol signals) and was built by the highly talented Dan Evason from Tunnel Lane Model Railways.

## EXEGOG TEST TRACK Gauges O-32, O-16.5, O-14



Our test track is just over ten years old and gives us much enjoyment at virtually every club evening. Operation is by either DC or DCC. Sound is optional!

## **DISPLAY OF MODEL BOATS – Brian Underhill**

Brian is a non-railway modelling member who chauffeurs our senior tea-boy Trevor from South Devon for meetings. However, he is a marine modeller of note and some of his models are here for you to see today.

#### CHARMOUTH Gauge O16.5 - Dave Taylor



Charmouth is a freelance narrow-gauge railway, set in Dorset. Originally built in the 1980s and exhibited widely, it is now retired and rarely goes out to shows. Charmouth was succeeded by Bridport Town, which is still regularly exhibited. When I

started, there was little commercial support for the scale, so almost the entire layout is scratchbuilt, including locos and rolling stock. Everything is based on genuine NG prototypes from around the British Isles, including England, Wales, Ireland and The Isle of Man. All the rolling stock still runs on Bridport Town. Due to its age, much refurbishment was done a few years ago, and I hope it still looks up to scratch among the finest examples of today's modelling.

## MEREFIELD Gauge O - Dave Harding & Paul Doran

Merefield – named after a much-missed friend is an imaginary through country station on a former Southern branch line with a few facilities



and a service to the nearby builders warehouse. Set in the Devon/Somerset/ Dorset area, the timeline is late 50's/early 60's BR period. It could've been somewhere on the Somerset and Dorset even (watch out for the Jinty!). Control can be either DC or DCC and it's wired so that both systems can be used simultaneously. Stock is predominantly proprietary. The layout was started in January 2023 and is still very much work in progress.

#### FOOTNOTE - a bit about us...

Exegog was formed in the early 1990s at the instigation of the late Peter Goodwin to provide a sociable group supporting O-gauge modellers in the Exeter area. Originally meeting in Hope Hall, Wonford, we decamped to Whimple about 15 years ago and are very happy in this super hall. We have a membership of around 40, and welcome anyone interested in modelling to the scale of 7mm to 1'. There are always plenty of folk willing to give advice and share their experiences. If you would like to know more then have a look at our web site <a href="https://www.exeter-gog.net">www.exeter-gog.net</a>, phone Chairman Ken on 07484 213267 or chat to any of the members on duty today. We generally meet on the first and third Thursday of every month – please check before travelling – from around 7pm until about 9.45pm.

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