

moving the hobby forward

MidlandBus *Kits*



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The Miniature Bus Modellers' NEWSLETTER 58

MOVING THE HOBBY FORWARD

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SEPTEMBER!!!!, I can't ever remember the months going this quick before. Anyway, what a summer, hot, hot, hot, I hope you managed to get a lot of models done?

Now the preparations for the Xmas show begins, still space if you would like a stall, tables are free, just message me or email me at midlandbuskits@outlook.com

My 3d printer has been busy printing and Chatgpt and Tripo 3d Ai has also been busy. I am still working on my CAD of the Nottingham Scania, making improvements. Then hopefully have a go at the interiors. Also in progress is my 1/50 scale Nottingham Atlantean, just adding the interior panel pattern and leather seams to the seats. Once this one is finished, I can start on the Nottingham unique Atlantean known as 666 in the same Scale. These will be my main show display models.



The lower saloon of the 1:50 scale Atlantean has had the seams added as mentioned and painted green. The floor has been painted and needs the Silver lining added for the access panels.

The ticket box and cash vault will be removed and replaced with ones I had ChatGPT and Tripo create for me.

Then I need to paint the staircase and door partitions as well as the steps and cab. I also have the Autofare 3 machine create by Ai. After all this, I Need to print off the seat back pattern that Nottingham City Transport had. Next but not least, the hand rails and seat rails need to be installed.

The driver is actually, I had Ai create it so I could print it off and paint it. This was my 1990's era at NCT.



I have been saying it is a 1/50 scale, but it's slightly larger than that, so I have had to use Ai to create my wheels. So this is what Ai created for Me, I have yet to print them off, but here's the 1/76 version.



Right I must crack on, this Newsletter won't produce itself. Enjoy. And so from the Friendly Bus Modellers. Daryl, Leon & David, ENJOY!

'ONE TEN BUS'

MODEL BUS KITS IN MINATURE



NEW Optare Excel L1150 KIT

New to the 1/110 model kit range, is the MKI Optare Excel L1150. It has a 3d printed resin body shell, interior and road wheels, and the glazing is Printed. This scale of kit is ideal for those with limited space for a full size layout.

Nottingham's Enviro 400 MMC City is also Available in our kit range along with other Modeller's favourites. Single deckers are £30, double £35 and Postage is £5



Also new to the 1/110 model kit range, and displayed for the first time at the Midland Bus Kits Show was the Duple Dominant bus and coach version & Volvo City bus.

For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Sunrise Models and Transfers

[Click here for Sunrise Catalogue](#)



N Gauge - N'TASTIC



N Gauge - 1974 Leyland Leopard PSU3 & PSU4 Northern Counties Buses (2 Options) £11.95 Price

N Gauge - 1974 Leyland Leopard PSU3 & PSU4 Northern Counties Buses (2 Options)

Available are: 1974 Leyland Leopard PSU3 / Northern Counties Lancashire United 424 (GBN331N) which was a one off for an exhibition and 1974 Leyland Leopard PSU4 / Northern Counties - Chester City Transport.

3D Printed resin model, comes in 6 parts main body, wheels (x4) and chassis with fixed seats. Open, unglazed windows body shell.

This is available in 1:76 / OO gauge along with TT120 & TT3mm / 1:100, please check out our other scales page.

Sold under licence and based on an STL file by Paul Kevill

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Iwans Bus Bits

'Another model fixed by Iwan's Bus Bits'



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Find us on Facebook

We have a wide range of spare parts for model buses and coaches, both brand new and second hand. Here is just a small selection. We have partnered with some of the best model bus producers to supply the very best parts to keep your model buses looking good as new. Visit my [website](#) [Facebook](#)



3D Printed Spares

We have found in our stock some 3D printed spares from many years ago.

We only have one of each of these items. Mercedes Citaro mk1 bumper £3 Prices plus £2.10 standard or £3.10 tracked posting

Second Hand Spares For Sale



Please keep following our Facebook page and see our full spares range on our website www.iwansbusbits.co.uk Thank you for your support. Iwan

Model Buses Creations ADL Enviro 400 City EV



We have had number of requests and messages from our followers asking for more detailed images of the Enviro 400 City EV test casting, which we shared last month. We are delighted to share the images of this sample, which was also on show at the Rails of Sheffield Showcase event. Please be aware this was a first test of the tooling and a number of elements have been changed, ahead of the pre production samples for the Stagecoach London and Bakerloop models we recently announced.

Soon, we will be sharing the finalised body drawings for the Stagecoach and Bakerloop models.

We hope you enjoy looking at these sample images, we are so excited to see the pre production samples of the first two releases.

Thank you, Iwan, MBC Production Manager



Barton Leyland Lion LT5 scale model bus



We have two versions available: an early/open door version and a later closed door version. Alongside the door position, the two versions have a slight difference in the bonnet detailing, the front chassis details and the later version has a rear destination box on the roof that the early version does not.

The kit will include glazing, static wheels and for the first time extra detail on the underside of the interior piece showing the spare wheel, and chassis.

Transfers are not included in the kit, but we do have them available to purchase alongside the kit.

Both versions of the kit and all the transfers are available in O (1:43) 1:50, OO (1:76) and N (1:148). Kit prices N - £15, OO - £38, 1:50 £60, O - £70.

Three Peaks Models

Link to the bus kit: <https://threepeaksmodels.co.uk/products/leyland-lion-lt5-model-bus>

Link to the transfers: <https://threepeaksmodels.co.uk/products/waterslide-transfers-for-barton-leyland-lt5-model-bus>

"We're excited to announce something a little different this time – it's not a new bus kit. We have instead finally managed to complete a request we've had since our first time at the Alfreton Model bus show – some flat tyres!

We can now offer our Leyland bus wheels and Duple coach wheels (both front and back) in a set of 4 with modelled flat tyres.

All wheels come with a hole in the back, suitable for a 1mm brass rod, so you can mix these wheels with our standard wheel sets if you wish.

The wheel sets are available in O (1:43), 1:50 and OO (1:76) to match the scales we off the standard wheel sets. Prices are £8 for O and 1:50, £4 for OO – postage is £4.20 on all orders under £50.

The sets are available to purchase on our website: <https://threepeaksmodels.co.uk/products/flat-bus-coach-wheel-sets>



We are looking to produce flat tyre options for many of the buses we offer as kits too, so let us know if you have a preference for which we tackle first."

In Every Detail- Mark Budd



EFE ECW Fleetline Conversion
Set of 12 opening windows
and cab slider, £4.75



14mm Alexander sliders and hoppers for earlier Glasgow Atlanteans but fit many other buses including half cabs.
Nearside and offside versions of sliders (6 of each)
Set of 12, £3.50



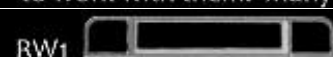
ECW Olympian - sold individually to make up required set
Single hopper, 35p Cab window, 90p

A range of exquisite 1:76 scale model bus parts etched in Nickel Silver, designed to enhance existing models or add some fine detail to your builds. These parts are produced in small numbers so some orders may take a little while to deliver or be placed on pre-order. Many of these parts are extremely fine and you will require some skill to work with them. Many thanks for taking the time to look.

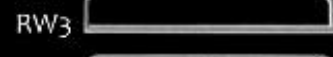
OOO MCW Metrobus Mk1/2 (Glasgow spec)
set of 10 opening windows, door and cab slider, £5.75



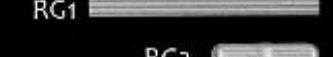
Mk2 Metrobus front grilles. £2.50
Sold as a pair - choose different upper design



RW1 Mirror Image / Sunrise
Alexander R-Type
Window openers
Set of 10, £4. 12, £4.50



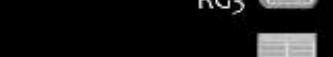
Cab windows, 90p



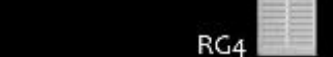
£1.10



Early front grille, £1.75



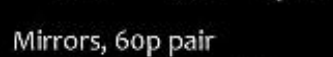
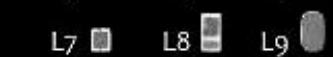
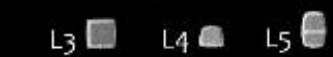
Rear dome grille, 80p



80p/pair (Also suits AV Ailsa etc)



Large side intake, £1.75
Also suits late Atlantean



BMAC lights and signs
Paint the lenses with coloured varnish for realistic finish

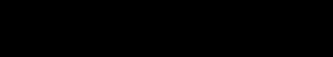
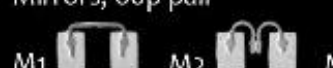
Big rear lights, 80p / pair

Smaller lights,
40p / pair

PAYE sign/blank, 40p

L6 L10

Mirrors, 60p pair



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EFE Alexander Y Type

Front grilles, £1

Later lower conversion, £1.30
(requires filing down the casting)



Side grille, 80p

Set of 6 window
hoppers

also fits Atlantean/Fleetline, £1.75

Full width 4-leaf door, £2

ABC Alexander Ailsa

Set of 11 SBC style opening
windows and 2 cab sliders, £3.75

Pair of side grilles for
Glasgow AV1-3, £1.75

EFE Alexander Atlantean Conversion

Set of 8 panoramic
hoppers, £4

Set of 8 short panoramic sliders, £2

Also suits ABC Ailsa conversion

Cab windows 90p

Grilles 80p

(pair)

AG1 AG2 AG3 AG4 AG5

AG6

B1, 60p

B2, 40p

B3, 40p

B4, 60p

B5, 40p

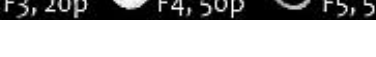
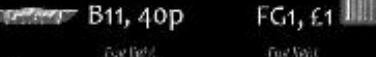
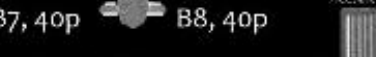
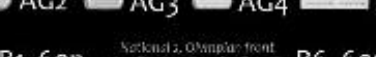
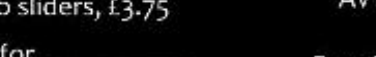
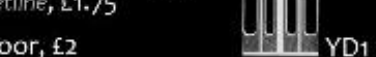
B6, 60p

B7, 40p

B8, 40p

B9, 40p

B10, 60p



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Straight wiper, 35p each

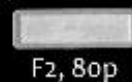


Pantograph wipers, £1 / pair

(fold the blade around behind the arm for cut and glide for full effect)



Rear number plate surround



Fuel filler surround
F1, 80p

Please contact Mark directly markbudd1276@gmail.com

MARK HUGHES MODELS

23 Orchard Rise, Tibberton, GLOUCESTER GL19 3AT

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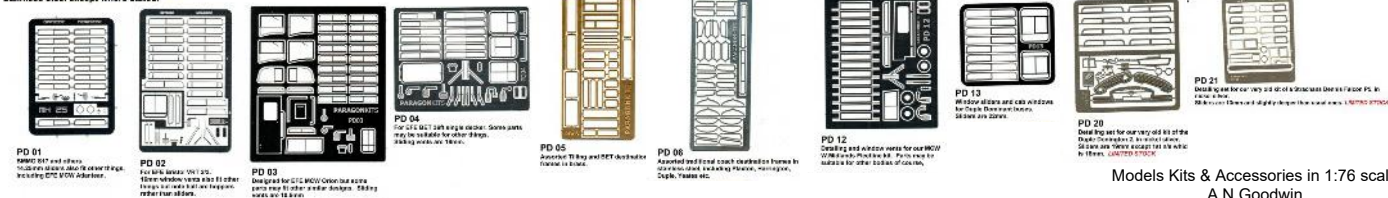
CATALOGUE



LITTLE BUS COMPANY

For all enquiries and pre-orders, please contact karl@little-bus.com Please send postal enquiries and kit orders to Little Bus Company 2 Brookside Cottages, Barlow, Dronfield, Derbyshire S18 7TB Tel. 01246 230468.

PARAGONKITS ETCHED DETAILING FRETS
Stainless steel except where stated.

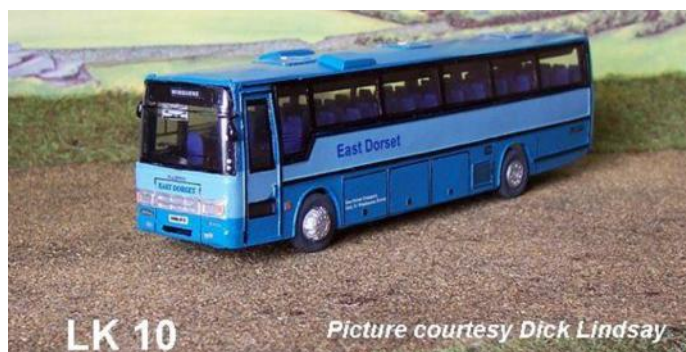


Just a reminder that most of the etched detailing sets are still available and can be very useful for both kits and scratchbuilds, regardless of what they were designed for. enquiries to: agoodwin206@mail.com please



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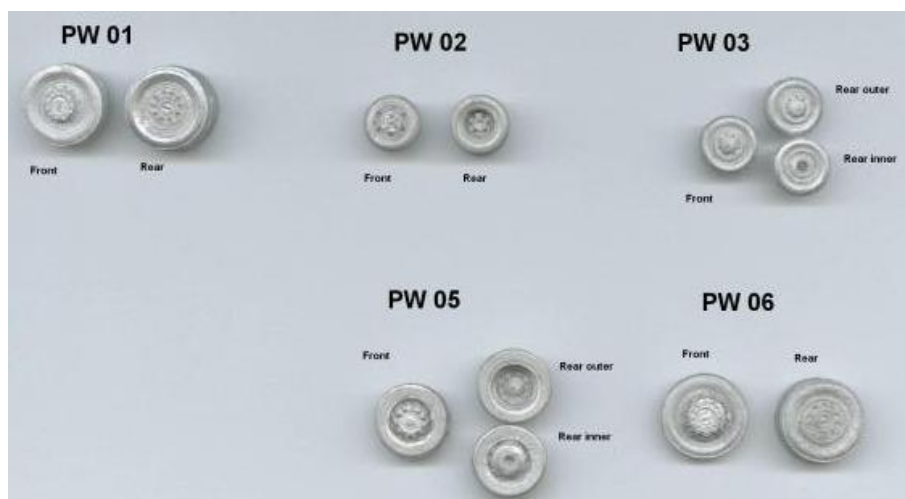
LK 10

Picture courtesy Dick Lindsay



KIT REMINDER

Kit LK 10, the ex Dennis Javelin Paramount 3, has been re-issued twice in 'normal' resin. After a few enquiries I have been persuaded to ask if there is any interest in another re-run. Let me know on: agoodwin206@mail.com please. Pictures of a built kit courtesy of Dick Lindsay..



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CURRENT KITS



PARAGONKITS

Models Kits & Accessories in 1:76 scale
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NORTHAMPTON NN5 5EU
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September 2026

CANCELS AND REPLACES ALL PREVIOUS ISSUES

A range of mainly resin bus kits and body shells. The following items are currently available from stock – **all supplied UNBUILT**:

IMPORTANT NOTE

If you are on **gmail** you need to use the personal email above or you will not get a reply!

PB 02	Plaxton Pointer Dart SDL 8.5 m body	short re-run	£15.00
PB 02A	Plaxton Pointer Dart SDL 9 m body	last few	£15.00
Both for use with EFE 9.8m Dart SDL suitably shortened			
PB 03A	Duple Vega "fishmouth" 206" wheelbase	BODYSHELL	£17.00
PB 03B	Duple Vega "early butterfly" 206" w/base	BODYSHELL	£15.00
PB 04	Plaxton Venturer early 206" wheelbase	BODYSHELL	£17.00
PB 06	Weymann Reliance BODYSHELL [East Kent style]	ASK!	£17.00
PB 07	Plaxton M1/D2 full front	BODYSHELL short re-run	£15.00
PB 12	Marshall C37 9.8m Dart body	for use with EFE SDL Dart	Pre-order
PB 18	Burlingham 'Sun Saloon' BODYSHELL	short re-run	£15.00

PX 01	Full height lower deck for EFE VRT3	short re-run ordered	N Y A
PX 03	Dual door lower deck+seats for EFE Olympian [London]		SOLD OUT

RESIN & METAL BUS KITS

PK 17	Reeve Burgess 'Harrier' Leyland Swift	ASK!	£37.00
PK 35	Beadle "Chatham" AEC B42F M & D	ASK!	£35.00
PK 39	Plaxton Elite Bedford VAM C45F	LAST FEW	£46.00
PK 41	Caetano Estoril II Bedford YRT C53F	2026	Pre-order
PK 50	Commer Avenger Churchill coach	2026	Pre-order
PK 51	East Lancs Royal Tiger [Southdown MCD rebuild]		£40.00
PK 56E	Beadle-Commer integral [East Kent KFN 250-3]		£40.00
PK 56C	Beadle-Commer "Rochester" centre entrance		£40.00
PK 58E	Duple Viceroy 37 Express Ford 1192 [1970s]		£46.00
PK 65	Viceroy 37 Bedford VAL [1970s]	2026	Pre-order
PK 71	AEC Regal Beadle rebody (M & D WKM)	ASK!	£40.00
PK 72	Dennis Lancet Park Royal [East Kent CFN OMO rebuild]		£40.00
PK 74	Plaxton Verde DAF SB220 Dublin Bus P class	2026	Pre-order
PK 76	Duple Dominant 1 Bedford SB	ASK!	£42.00
PK 77	Volvo B6 Northern Counties Paladin 9.8m		£40.00
PK 80	Commer Avenger Harrington M & D "Knightrider" LC1	ASK!	£40.00
PK 83	Plaxton Prestige DAF SB 220	2026	Pre-order
PK 85	MCW Metroliner Mk 1 single deck (East Kent/DBG etc.)		Pre-order

EK 4	Park Royal Fleetline 1969 East Kent/M&D RFN series	2026	Pre-order
[Ex TrystCo Models kit]			

POSSIBLE RE-RUNS OF EARLIER KITS/BODIES

PB 10	UVG 'Urbanstar' 9.8m SDL Dart	Pre-order
FAN 17	Duple Commander 1964 AEC/Leyland	Pre-order
Former Fanfare Transport Models kit		
M 3	Beulas Stergo Iveco Eurorider C53F	Pre-order
Former Mirror Image Kit		
LK 03	East Lancs EL2000 Dart SDL 9.8m	Pre-order
Former Lancer Models kit		
LK 10	Platon Paramount 3 Dennis Javelin	Pre-order
Former Lancer Models kit		

ALL OF THE ABOVE need a LOT more orders to be viable but have been requested by customers.

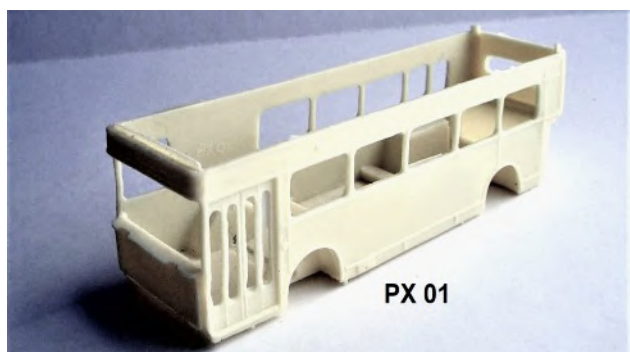
ALTHOUGH MOST PROJECTS ARE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF BUILD THEY WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST TO JUSTIFY PRODUCTION COSTS.

THE LAST TWO KIT RE-ISSUES ARE STILL IN THE RED!

SEE ALSO LANCER MODELS SHEET FOR BMMO (Midland "Red") PROJECTS.

PARAGONKITS

September 2026 update and news



PX 01

PX 01 'full height' lower deck for EFE VRT 2/3 is now back in stock at £15.00 + p&p.

LK 02	Plaxton Beaver Mercedes 811D	[Ex Lancer kit]	SOLD OUT
PV 12	Caetano 'Beja' Fiat 60F10 minicoach		SOLD OUT
RTC 28	Optare Vecta MAN [Ex RTC Models kit]	2026	Pre-order
N.B. this will be made in RESIN not whitemetal!			

SOME OTHER KITS IN PREPARATION: *Pre-Orders accepted for these kits now.*

FAN 02B	1966 Duple Vega Major [as planned by Fanfare]	Pre-order
PK 1310	Caetano Nimbus 10.7m single door	Pre-order
PK 45	Massey lowbridge 30' decker – 1968 PD3 etc	Pre-order
PK 55	MCW Metropolitan Bedford VAM C45F	Pre-order
PK 62	Bedford OB Thurgood	Pre-order
PK 81	Duple 320 Leyland Tiger	Pre-order
PK 82	Duple 340 Leyland Tiger	Pre-order
TK 15	Harrington Wayfarer 1 AEC/Leyland [from TINY list]	Pre-order

Other items, not mentioned above, may be produced and in addition some earlier kits and bodies could be re-issued if there is sufficient demand.
Stock position changes daily so you are advised to CHECK AVAILABILITY, especially if shown as LIMITED or LAST FEW. Similarly, if interested in a SOLD OUT item let us know in case one becomes available at a future date.

PROJECTED KITS AND BODIES

The following are **PROJECTED**. This does not mean they will definitely appear, as sufficient interest needs to be recorded before production is viable. We **NEED TO KNOW YOU WANT IT!**

PK 36	Plaxton Supreme Bedford VAS	In build
PK 44	Lex Maxeta Bedford YMQ/S	In build
PK 64	YRT Plaxton Elite III	In build
PK 66	Viceroy 37 R226 etc	In build
PK 69	Metro-Scania 10m B—D [LT MS class]	In build
PK 75	not yet announced	
PK 86	Unicar Bedford YRT/YMT	
PK 87	Yeates Riviera Bedford SB	
PV 01	PMT 'AMI' Mercedes 811D	In build
PV 11	Wadham Stringer Vanguard 2 Leyland Swift	In build

Bodies:

PB 13	Alexander Y type VAM or LH body B45F	In build
PB 15	Burlingham Seagull Bedford SB body	In build
PB 16	Burlingham Seagull front entrance body Mk VI	In build
PB 17	Burlingham Seagull front entrance body Mk IV	In build

ITEMS IN BOLD ARE READY FOR PRODUCTION AS SOON AS ORDERS ARE SUFFICIENT
ITEMS IN ITALIC ARE PROVISIONAL AND DEPEND ON LEVEL OF INTEREST

PRE-ORDERING

Pre-orders are accepted in writing, by letter, e-mail or on our form. **A postal address is required.** No advance payment is needed as you will be advised when (and if) items become available.

Production is usually only sufficient to meet advance orders with a few spares so the best advice is: pre-order!

Because the master building and casting process is a lengthy one it may be some considerable time before items are issued. If you feel competent to build a master for issue as a kit we will be happy to discuss your project with you.

IMPORTANT NOTE

If you are interested in a kit or body that is sold out PLEASE TELL US. If your name is not on the list and it is re-run, or any become available, **YOU WILL NOT BE TOLD.**

STANDARD TERMS:

Post and packing:	NOTE INCREASED PRICES
KITS & BODIES: £5.00 per order (1-3 kits), £10.00 [4+ kits]	
Overseas: Airmail Signed For at cost ALL ITEMS	
Minimum postage on accessory and parts orders: £2.50	
Maximum postage per UK order: £10.00	
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If there is any interest in another re-run of PK 58 Duple Viceroy 32 Bedford VAM it could be done.



It may also be possible to get a few more of PK 10 Burlingham 30'x8' bus and PK 24 Leyland bodied Royal Tiger bus.

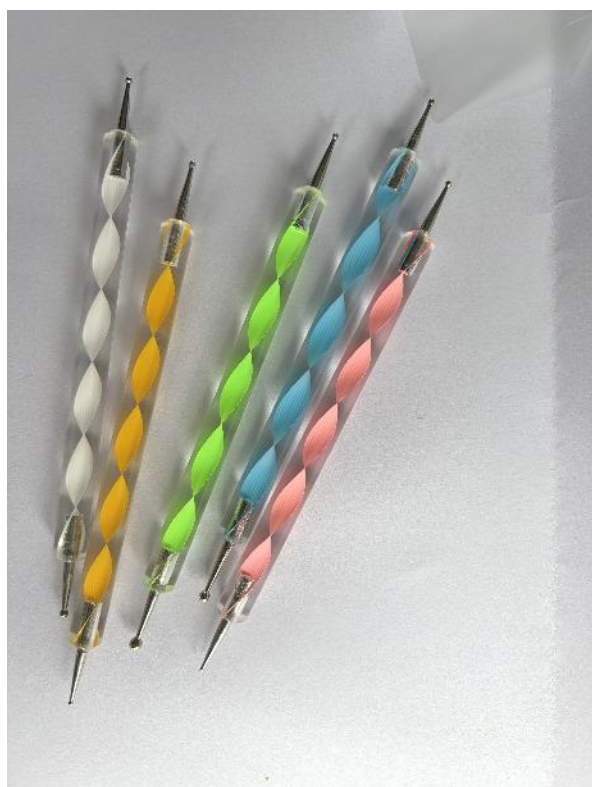
PK 10 built by George Heaney



If you are interested in any of these you need to let me know or they won't happen!
 .All enquiries and reservations to agoodwin206@mail.com please.

Daryl's tips

I am always looking for new things to help with our modelling, I have mentioned before of using a cocktail stick for applying silver paint to headlights, but I have now found another helpful tool for adding paint to raised areas on the model.



The bigger end is ideal for Bigger lights



And the little end is goof for small lights

Nail Dotting Pen. I was watching my daughter putting dots on her nails and there was no smudging, and that's when it hit me. Can this pen that has a large ball one end and a smaller ball the other, be used to apply silver paint to headlights, raised side indicators or raised rear lights. Well. I kind of borrowed one from my daughter to try it, before I bought some. So I tried it on a primed model, just to see. These can be purchased off of [Amazon](https://www.amazon.co.uk) in a pack of 5 from £2.99. Right I best put the one I borrowed off of my daughter back, shhhhhh.

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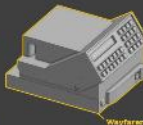


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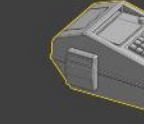


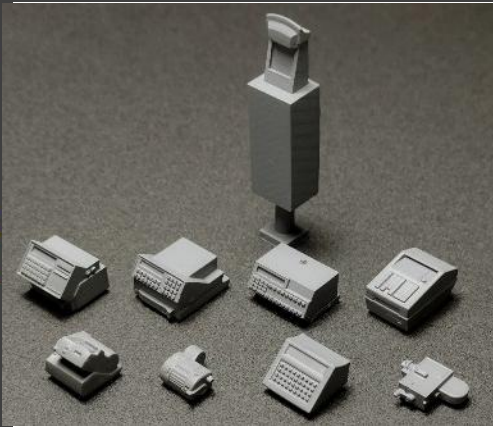








1, Almex A and Setright ticket machines. Ticket machines (pack of 5) - £2.00 plus, £1.50 p&p Fare vaults (pack of 5) - £3.50 plus £1.50 p&p.

Engine cover upgrade for EFE Leyland Nationals. Detailed resin printed part including panel lines, slanted number plate recess and lamp. As shown in photo this is only the engine cover and the original EFE lights are retained. Priced - £2.00 plus £1.50 P&P please [CONTACT ME](#)

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And when you add to your basket, in the comments section add send to Sue Matthews then contact her with your requirements.

T i N Y Bus & Coach Kits



T i N Y Bus & Coach Kits update

Work on the STL files for kit TK82, the Ribble Marshall bodied Bristol RESL are awaiting final detailing, with production scheduled for late Summer. the it will come complete with printed glazing, wheels, axles etc. The reservation list is still currently open.

An early photograph of the STL file, awaiting further detailing.

For more information, please email tinybuskits@gmail.com



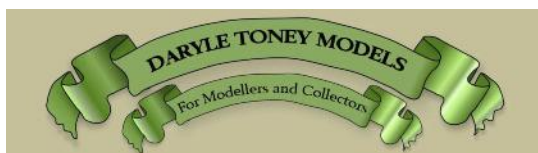
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A unique take on 1/76 models



Welcome to Michael's Models, We've included a selection of buses / vans & lorries previously completed to demonstrate what can be achieved in such a small scale. You'll see working LED screen installs on buses alongside accurate representations of vehicles that use emergency beacons.

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Terry Blois Bus Drawings

Scaled bus drawings for the modeller

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 or 4 for £10 and postage is £2 per order. Payment options are cheque's you can use the ORDER CONTACT PAGE to get in touch with me to arrange a bank transfer or to pay via Paypal. www.terrybloisbusdrawings.co.uk

Saltire Buses & Model Bus Scotland



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volvo plaxton profile. SMF1, This kit will come with printed glazing/ front window/ wheels/ removable toilet unit section and 2 removable seats.



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Carl's engraving



My name is Carl, and a few months ago I decided to start engraving, as you can see, I have sent a few of non-bus items as a idea of what can be done.

I have done a few of buses and am able to also make colour pictures of buses and make into coasters, if anyone wants something done, please send me the image and I will do what I can, it doesn't have to be bus related it can be anything practical. Prices are £6.00 gbp inc p/p, all come fully varnished and glossed coat, can be used as coaster or just decorative plates, please do not hesitate to contact me on my email address. Many thanks for your help Key rings are £4.00 Inc p/p

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1:76
Scale



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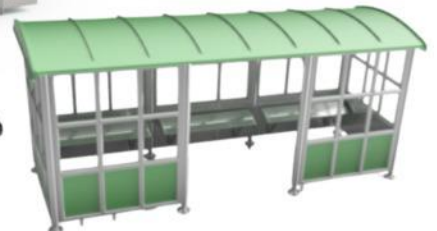
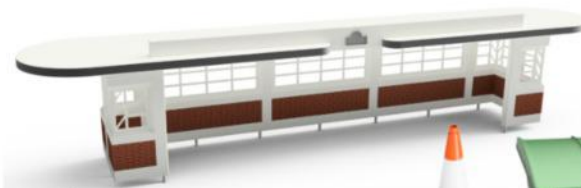
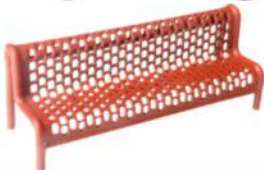
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Events

MidlandBus Kits

CHRISTMAS CRACKER 19TH DECEMBER 2026

The Post Mill House Centre
Market St, Alfreton DE55 2EJ

MidlandBus Kits

ANNUAL MODEL BUS SHOW

SATURDAY 27TH MARCH 2027

The Post Mill House Centre
Market St, Alfreton DE55 2EJ

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW VENUE LOCATION AND DATE



MODEL BUS FEDERATION

MBF Scotland
ANNUAL MODEL BUS SHOW
Sunday 1st November 2026



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by a paying adult



doors open from
8am - 4pm

we extend a warm welcome to everyone attending our
ANNUAL MODEL BUS SHOW
come along - there's plenty to see!

PLEASE REMEMBER
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model bus sales
MBF raffle
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for further details regarding the MBF Scotland Show
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Workshop S80 2AT - 05/09/2026

MBF Chester Model Bus Show - St Columba's Church Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester,
CH2 1PL - 03/10/2026

MBF Scotland Area Show - Bishopton Community Centre, Greenock Road, Bishopton
PA7 5AU - 01/11/2026

MBS ANUAL SHOW 31st OCTOBER



ST ANDREWS CHURCH BARRHEAD
2 Ralston Rd, Barrhead, Glasgow
G78 2QQ



**Entry Fee is
£3**

Sales stalls
model displays
cafe
soup/ hot food
tea/ coffee
raffle
model competition



**TIME
10AM till 3PM**

Our annual MBS show will be coming back 31st October. Time 10AM till 3PM

Enter fee will be £3 per person on the day. (To members of the public)

If you would like a table for displaying it will be £2 (1 table) if you would like to bring your own tables that's fine, If you would like a table for selling stuff it will be £5 (2 tables) if you would like to bring your own tables that's fine If you would like to book a table please comment on the post or email

modelbusscotland@gmail.com

There will be a cafe on the day selling. soup/ hot food /tea & coffee, Along with the raffle on the day lots of prizes to be won- The model competition will Be back again.

(Entries will be charged at £1) (More details will be added up about the competition what classes there is) prize money and trophies to be won (please note we can only get the Saturday for setting up tables. Time for set up is 8AM till 9AM then the doors will open at 10AM (please remember don't turn up at 8AM if you're not setting up doors open at 10AM to the public.

This we'll be held at St Andrews Community hall in Barrhead. There are plenty of transport links to Barrhead. Number 3 McGills and shuttle buses 395 all stop right outside the church. Along with the Barrhead railway station only 2 minutes walk. Also there is 2 carparks on site.

St Andrews church Barrhead, 2 Ralston Rd, Barrhead, Glasgow G78 2QQ

Please note there are 2 car parks both can be used along with the disabled bay outside the hall door. Entrance is at the side of the hall. There will be plenty of signs up to show you where the hall is.

Model Bus SCOTLAND



MEETING DATES

Join us for our
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**St. Andrew's Parish Church
2 Ralston Rd, Barrhead,
Glasgow G78 2QQ**

26/09/26
31/10/26 (ANNUAL SHOW)
12/12/26
13/2/27
17/4/27
12/6/27
14/8/27
11/12/27

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!

MBM

THE MODEL BUS MEET
AT OXFORD BUS MUSEUM

**SUNDAY 8TH
NOVEMBER 2026
10:00-16:00**

OXFORD BUS MUSEUM
HANBOROUGH RAIL STATION Yard,
Main Rd, Long Hanborough, Witney
OX29 8LA

GETTING THERE

Oxford Bus Museum is immediately adjacent to Hanborough Railway Station, and is accessed through one small part of the station car park.

Parking is extremely limited on-site, and visitors will be asked to park in the larger nearby station car park, accessed via the yellow arrow on the map. Parking here is chargeable, at a rate of £2.80 for the Sunday (at time of writing).

Most exhibitors will, however, be able to park on-site free of charge. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The front of the museum will be used for drop-off of displays, before exhibitors are directed to park.

Hanborough station has links to a variety of national destinations, whilst the S7 bus service provides regular links to Oxford and Witney.

MUSEUM ENTRY

Visitors will be asked to pay the museum standard admission fee, see their website for further details. Exhibitors' trade stands will gain free admission to the museum, and will be provided with a wristband to wear for the day, upto a maximum of two per stand.

The museum will be operating its normal range of activities throughout the day to enhance the offer.

REFRESHMENTS

The museum will be providing a range of refreshments, including hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, etc. at their on-site cafe.

For exhibitors and traders, free tea and coffee, as well as lunch (details TBC), will be provided free of charge as a thank you for supporting the event.



DISPLAYS/ TRADE STANDS

Displays and trade stands are free to book, and will be spread into several zones throughout the museum. There are both heated and unheated spaces at the museum - we know it is likely to be cold, and hence will use the heated space first.

If it is necessary to use unheated space, exhibitors will be prioritised for the heated areas over trade stands. We appreciate this is not ideal - as this is a new event, we do not yet know how popular it will be. If we need the unheated space, we will look into options for providing some level of heat (e.g. space heaters) to make things manageable.

The museum has a limited number of tables and chairs available in a variety of sizes - if you have your own, it would be a massive help. For this reason, please let us know the approximate size of the display you would like to bring when booking, and if you do not need tables/ chairs. Power will not be available at this event.

To book a table, please email modelbusmeet@gmail.com or send us a message on the Model Bus Meet Facebook Page.

OXFORD BUS MUSEUM
Morris Motors Museum

MBM

THE MODEL BUS MEET

08.11.2026

10:00 - 16:00

DISPLAYS - TRADE STANDS - MUSEUM ENTRY - REFRESHMENTS - MUCH MORE



OXFORD BUS MUSEUM
Morris Motors Museum

HANBOROUGH RAIL STATION Yard, Main
Rd, Long Hanborough, Witney OX29 8LA

Something for your Diary MBC are supporting this event with some exciting new products and our Event Competition held on the day. We're really excited to be organising a brand new event for the model bus community - the model bus meet, held at Oxford Bus Museum on Sunday 8th November from 10:00 - 16:00. This event has been a long time in the making, with a lot of work behind the scenes. We're hoping to host a variety of displays and trade stands at the museum on the day, and would love to see you there. We've compiled some information about the event in the images you see below. This includes information (preferably via an email to the address given) on how you can book a table, if you would like to. We've also set up an event on Facebook for this. We will be updating both this page and the event with information when needed. The event is at <https://www.facebook.com/events/4408587819385953/> This is a real step into the unknown for us and we hope it will be a success. More news will follow in due course as we near the event. Thanks, Iwan and Ryan

Your Models - Steff Charlton



Two VDLSB4000XF's from JM coaches in Pembrokeshire. They were new in 2010 and used by them on schools work. Following a change in direction they became available in Winter 2026. The 'Goodwins' white stripes have been retained on both, but different green shades have been applied. 880 required replacement white metal wheels adding as the original corgi ones had split. This done, the coach has been readied for the new school year beginning September 2026.

Your Models - Scott Anderson



Fishwicks Leyland Atlantean AN69 GRN895W started as an unboxed EFE Wallace Arnold Bristol VR. With the body split and glazing and seating removed, the front and rear ends were prized off. The front was replaced with a Wee Friends Daimler Fleetline conversion left spare after the rear was used on a Central SMT Daimler with a different front. The rear from the Bristol was filed down to remove its lines but leave the light clusters. A rear window was added using the leftover from a Tower Olympian kit before building the Atlantean bustle using sheet plastic, not forgetting the angled cut on these to represent the noise reduction unit fitted on the real vehicle. Next step is primer.



Fishwicks Leyland Atlantean AN69 A462LFV started as a standard Tower Models Leyland Olympian kit.

The first job was to adjust the length of most body and internal parts using sheet plastic with small windows added to the upper and lower decks and the entry / exit door changed from a two part to four part door.



The rear end required the kit part to be cut and filed to fit inside a spare EFE Atlantean bustle. Cuts were made on the body sides to accommodate the bustle.

A mock build let me see what adjustments were needed such as lower deck being too long and it also required filing to fit in the bustle. The lower deck also required to be split in to two parts to allow it and the roof to be fitted last so glazing can be added after painting. As with its sister AN69, primer is next.



The British Airways Leyland National needed a significant amount of chopping so another damaged EFE was used.
Cuts were made to remove half of the front and all of the front entrance and to accommodate an extra set of doors on the offside.



A set of doors from a plastic kit (possibly CMC or MTS East Lancs) fitted nicely with the nearside half cab section made with sheet plastic and a Tower Models front windscreen cut to fit. I'm still working on the roof, using leftovers from the build of TLS733P, so more to follow....

Scott Houston - Western scottish berkhof emperor B187CGA KV187



So I started off with a pirate models Jonckheere Jubilee P90 white metal kit.

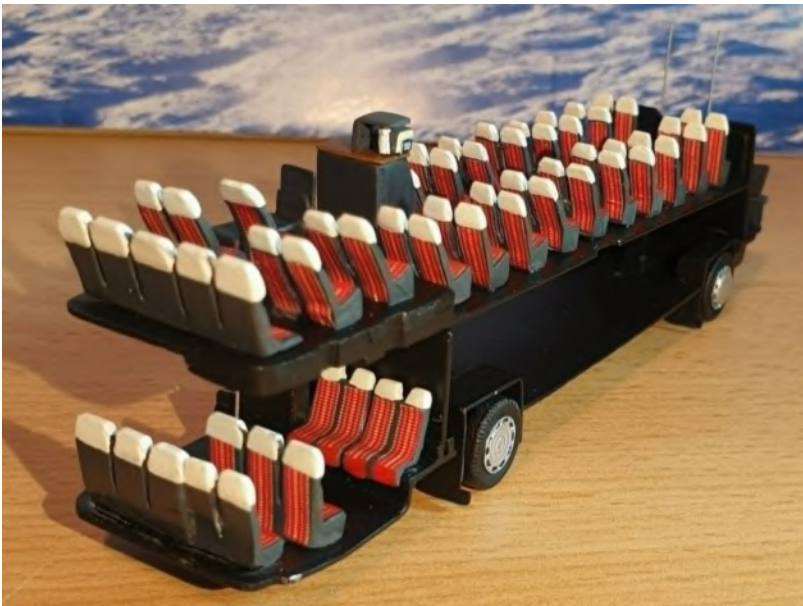
The front panel was filed down flat, bar the 2 lower fog/spot lights and then reworked with plasticard to represent the Berkhof front end. The side panels were also filed flat. Some side window dividers were removed and replaced with new ones with the correct Berkhof spacings.



Any new bodyside mouldings, ie luggage doors/flaps shapes were carved in with a sharp scalpel blade. Etched wheelarches from Mark Hughes Duple Dominant detail kits were then fitted. The rear end and roof were modified pretty much in the same way as front and sides, flattened back.



Then new detail added with plasticard of different thickness, then filed to the correct shape of each component required.



The wheels came from a pirate models MCW Metroliner kit that will be built in the future but won't require that wheel design.

The interior proved quite a challenge as I didn't really know what it looked like.

The toilet area in the Jonck is at the offside rear where as the Berkhofs is three quarters the way up the nearside so the toilet was swapped over to the other side.

The rest of the layout was soon sorted with grateful advice from friends David Kat and David Love along with drawings from Terry Bois.... however there were a few changes here and there! Seats were painted base grey and red inserts with really good red seat fabric transfers from sunrise transfers. White antimacassars painted to finish them off.

A servery was made with microwave and coffee/tea machine and placed above the toilet.

The driver's area was completely reworked as the Jonckheere dash differed a lot from the Berkhof, so a new dash and instrument pod were made from scratch with plasticard





Painting was pretty simple with base white, with black skirting added at the bottom of the body. It was then varnished and flattened back.

The blue Scottish transfers are tailor made items I had produced by fox transfers some time back for other projects. These were also modified in shape/size to portray the prototypes colour scheme.

The white fleetnames/numbers, Scottish logos and people going places wording at the rear were very kindly, specially produced by John Atwood. Legal lettering and destination screen details along with the seat transfers came from the excellent Sunrise range.

A second coat of varnish, followed by final fit of small details etc finished the model off.... Sounds simple right!!

Real or Ai? - Daryl Hemsell



TEDDY the Skegness seasier is PIW4456 the latest version of Teddy a enviro 400 converted to open top, but is it real or Ai?



Sandy the Skegness seasier is S813BWC which has had this plate transferred over from the original Sandy ALX400

Two Stagecoach Enviro on Skegness lumley road about to enter the sea front clock tower island. But are they real or Ai? Well, they are Ai generated by Leon Richardson and are his models..

Chatgpt and other Ai software is quickly becoming the new aid for most of us modellers. It enables you to put your model, that you painted up to be Put in the location it would have run in. In a world we live in today, it takes us away from all of that and immerses us in a happier place.



Chaserider MCV Evora Volvo BU74YRN decked out as the xmas bus in the dark nights

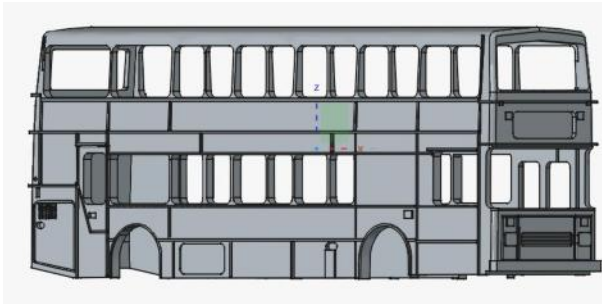


Number 70 - C103UHO National 2 in all over advertising livery for a local car dealer of the late 80s era location Rugeley Bus Station loading for a local town circular to the Springfields estate



No 47. OUC47R DMS Fleetline again at Rugeley Bus Stn wearing the Toons carpets all over advert which was seen also on many Stevenson's vehicles over the years





My CAD created Nottingham Scania



The printed model



But is Ai welcome in the model bus world? Not everyone can use CAD (Computer Aided Design), I am trying it, yes I am ripping my hair out and relying on others to help me by making short tutorial videos for me. For that I am really grateful, These friends are busy, they work, they have a social life and I am asking them for help. I managed to create and print my own model, it was like Christmas day, my wedding and the birth of my daughter all rolled into one when it came off the printer.

But hang on, we are talking about Ai here. Ok yes, Ai is a great tool for anyone who wants their own favourite bus, but doesn't warrant the expense of a professional CAD designer, cost could start from £200, is that worth one model? So this is where Ai comes in. I won't go through the steps again as this has already been covered in other newsletters. I have seen posts on socials moaning about Ai, dismissing it. We have to accept it is the future



I wanted a South Notts Lowlander, there is no way I am at the stage of creating one in CAD, hopefully one day, I am still on L plates, and I have a Lovely 5 year old next door, so swearing is a no no, so the only option was Ai.



It's not perfect, but I have a Lowlander, tidy it up a bit, paint it, and it will look good on any layout.

If you have your own printer, you can now print a fleet of them.

3d printers like my Elegoo, are coming down in price. My set up with wash and cure machine was in total £444.00. The printer was over £576 on it's own when it's not in their sale. Plus the day I decided to buy mine, I clicked on the website, a spinning wheel came up which I clicked on and it gave me another 20% off.

They also offer via Clearpay and Klarna monthly interest free payments. 3d printing is now in reach of everyone. I was sceptical when I saw my machine on a Facebook ad, the print quality, I thought nah, never in a million years would it look that good. I WAS WRONG and it was the best thing I ever bought. 1kg of resin for it is £11 on Amazon, Sunlu. As my daughter says, it's a no brainer!!



Another one I tried which needs corrections, is the Barton Loline.

So as you can see, Ai helps us with what we can't produce ourselves.

I envy scratchbuilders, I always have. What an Amazing skill.

This is my equivalent to it. Love it, or hate it. Ai can give you what you want. Only your Imagination stops you.

So, does Ai belong in the model bus world?

Off side! - John Finney

The 5th heatwave has just gone rumbling off over the fields flashing and banging as it went and the long awaited rains have started at last. Sounds a bit like Oz but this year this was the UK.

However it must have been a cracking year for ice cream sales, a job my wife and I did at the weekends in the sixties when I was an apprentice electrician and our wages were low.

So as well as a collection of buses I also have a collection of Walls ice cream vehicles and so for this newsletter I've combined the two.

Throughout the model bus fleet there are a number of open top buses operating on sea front services, docks tours and garden tours during the summer. Many are quite elderly, but that's part of the appeal and a number carry large or small adverts for Walls ice cream. But the downside is they are mainly on the offside! So instead of the more normal front nearside views of buses this month I am going for the back, off side view, which you don't see very often. Whist I'm talking about backs of buses had anybody got a decent photo of a Nottingham Leyland PD 2(2 ATO onwards) back end I could scrounge as it's one of the models planned by 1/110 bus this year.

So sit yourselves down and enjoy a Cornetto whilst you read the newsletter. Sorry the days of the four penny cornet or a six penny wafer have gone, but Walls is still the best.



Walls 'Jowett Bradford' van with an usherette and tray.

Anyway let's get back to buses. Many operators with a sea side town in their area, or a tourists spot like the Cotswolds or Portsmouth with its large navy dock yards ran open top vehicles in the summer. They were generally buses that had already completed 15 to 20 years of service life with a few of the pre war ones even more. However it did mean a few vulnerable elderly vehicles escaped the long tow to Barnsley that their siblings took. They were refurbished and very often a white or cream based livery was applied in a reverse of the normal operational fleet. The roof was removed as far down as the bottom of the upstairs windows. Some retained an upstairs windscreen but the majority didn't. A few just had the roof removed and others, particularly in the later years retained the front part of the roof to a point about 3 windows back from the front.

Some companies pushed the boat out and bought convertibles from new, where the roof could be lifted off and one I came across recently that had a frame on a which a tarpaulin could be put over for use in inclement weather.

Most open toppers only operate over the summer months, but a year or two ago I was on the east coast, in the middle of winter and the coastal services were being run by open top buses. I can only assume the upper deck was blocked off as I did not see one single person riding up there and the driver didn't look like Santa or Jack Frost.



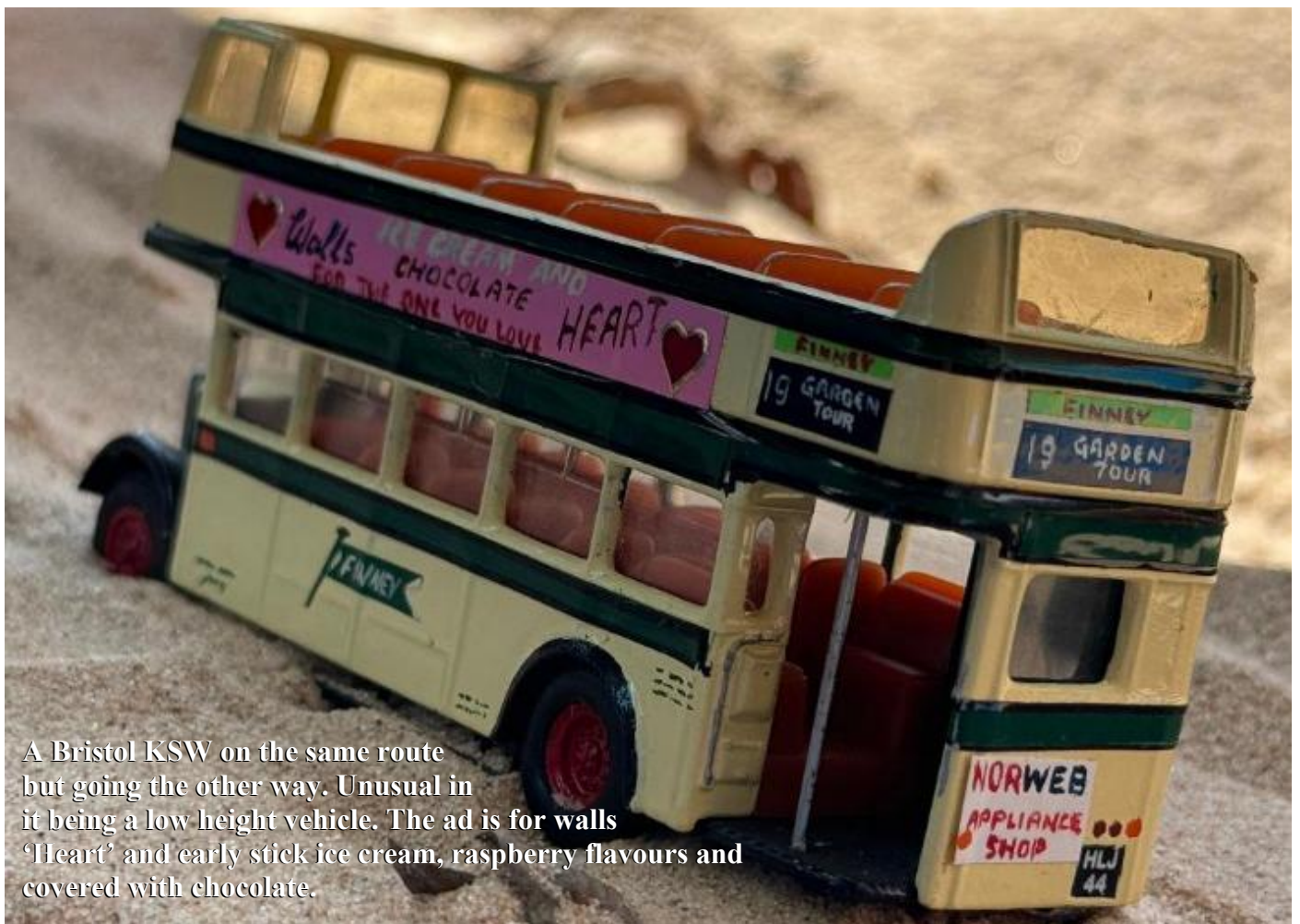
AEC Regent 1, with Walls famous slogan, more than a treat, a food. Working a garden tour.



AEC Reliance,, based on the 'Royal Iris' which was an ex Wallasey bus used to tour Britain extolling the town of New Brighton. The ad is a banner type for Walls.



The back side of a later second hand Guy Arab. Running along the sand covered road in Skegness. Advert is for Walls Solero.



A Bristol KSW on the same route but going the other way. Unusual in it being a low height vehicle. The ad is for walls 'Heart' and early stick ice cream, raspberry flavours and covered with chocolate.



Again on the sea front service, a 'in house' rebodied example, the second to be built.



Just setting out to start the mornings services, a Leyland PD 3 ex Maidstone with just the roof removed, heading for the garden tour. The ad is for walls 'fruit parfait'.

The first of the rebodied Guy Arab utilities of for a run round the docks and advertising 'Mr Whippy, Walls soft ice cream. There you have it, buses and ice cream, and I'm off now to see what we've got in the freezer, but it will be Walls.

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