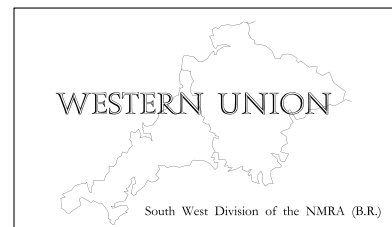


# NMRA Western Union Newsletter No6



The HO modular layout is taking a different track. We originally planned to build a new yard down the centre of the layout, but recently we've found that we have trouble getting enough modules to make a complete layout. To avoid this problem Steve and Brian are building a new storage yard which will be used on the back of the layout with modules on the other side. The yard will be variable in length to allow it to be able to match with different combinations of modules. If more modules become available we will then alternate them. If in the future we feel it is required we can reconfigure the yard for use in the centre. Steve and Brian are financing most of the yard,



## Scenery appearing on the N Gauge layout

with what spare funds the group has, going towards buying track. When finished the yard will be up to 36 feet long with eight tracks of up to 31 feet long.

Another idea is to introduce modules with two single track mainlines on either side of a backscene. Initially these modules will operate within the existing system of corners and modules, adaptor boards will be built to convert between the two types of module. We plan to be more strict with the end profile of these boards to make joining together much easier. In the future we plan to build one or two return loops which will allow a single line run of several scale miles, either from loop to loop or loop to yard. One major advantage of this system is that any combination of boards can be used as there is no need to match lengths between corners. It also allows members to build boards of any length. So those of you who thought you couldn't build a board

## A pair of CP units switching in Steve's yard

because of transportation or storage can now build it to fit your car or storage space. The new plan may even run through both rooms (moving the N-gauge layout into the main room, with more room for that layout to expand), with corners we can turn the layout back on itself to give even longer runs. The possibility of branch lines also becomes relatively easy as well. So you could build a small yard or industry off the mainline. The final specifications will be published once they are finalised.

After exhibiting at the Plymouth Exhibition on 13th & 14th August I put forward a large layout suggestion for next year. We now hope to take a 32' long layout to the 2006 exhibition. We plan to run sound equipped trains with the layout operating as a yard on a single track mainline.

Note that meeting dates for 2006 are printed below.

I hope to see you in the New Year.

### Meetings for 2006 are:

January 14th  
February 18th  
March 18th  
April 15th  
May 13th  
June 17th  
July 15th  
August 19th  
September 16th  
October 21st  
November 18th  
December 16th

Costs -  
£4 per person  
£2 under 16's



**SD90MAC pushing on the rear of a coal train  
(note only dim head light is on)**

Other layouts sometimes attend, and if you have one you would like to bring please contact me to ensure there is space.

For those who bring boards for the HO modular layout. If you cannot bring your boards can you please let me know with as much notice as possible so we can work out what others need to bring.

### Directions to Hilltop:

**If traveling from Tavistock** take the turn off after the Crownhill flyover, go through the shops, keep in the lefthand lane over the flyover, taking the left which turns you back towards Tavistock. Keep left off the main road:-

**If traveling from the A38** turn off at the junction for Tavistock and follow the Tavistock route around the roundabout. Take the left immediately after passing under the next flyover:-

Take the right lane onto the roundabout, take the second exit onto Budshead Road. At the next roundabout turn right on to Tamerton Foliot Road, follow this road down to Tamerton Foliot up into the village on Fore Street. Go straight across all the mini roundabouts, when you reach the top of the hill follow the road to the left, then turn right into Linton Close. The community centre is right in front of you on the left side of the road. We use the large room immediately left after entering the building.

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