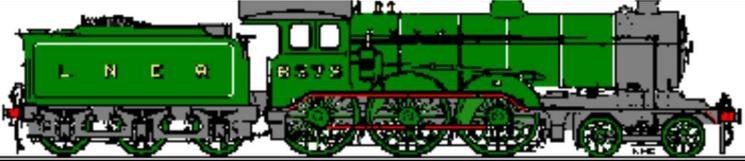


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Description

The railway was built over 20 years or more by Mr Teulwyn Jones to entertain his grandchildren. All the buildings and structures were hand built, using wood hardboard and card and painted by Mr Jones., a civil servant by profession but whose hobby was painting. The various stairs and steps were cut by hand from solid pieces of wood, After his death, the layout languished in his widow's conservatory, and as none of the grandchildren were sufficiently interested enough to take it on, the layout was offered to the club just in time to save it from going to the local tip. Apart from a few buildings there was only painted scenery, with no figures, animals and apart from a few conifers, no trees on the layout. Various items were donated to the layout, including an Airfix building and a Triang halt where painted and added. The club decided to refurbish the layout, so some sections of track and a few points were replaced ; a works depot outside the mines were constructed ; figures, animals and fences were placed in position; lock gates were built; scenery and trees were added, as were removable back scenes to give access to the several hidden tunnels for track maintenance and stock retrieval. It had originally been built against a wall. The elevated section comprising the Rivendell was missing, so we started to guess what should have been there. Luckily, just before its first outing to the club's annual exhibition, Mrs Jones found the missing part in the garage. What we had built was nothing like , or a s good as the original, so it was scrapped.

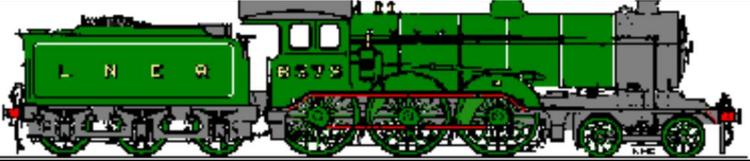
The layout is L -shaped, constructed in two sections (about 6ft * 6ft) on the outer sides) and had been built to fit round the outside of a corner inside the conservatory, and sat on various items of furniture. It is basically a rabbit-warren type layout on 2 levels. The solidly built layout now sits on its own legs and after delivery to the club the scenery was fixed down and a the back was completed as a detachable piece to give access to the hidden tracks. The inn (the Prancing Pony) was adapted from one of the loose buildings and glued in place on a removable piece of scenery.. When the elevated section was re-united with the layout, the original site of the loose building became apparent. This gap was filled by an Airfix Kit and a Triang building was painted and place in position on the halt. All the other buildings were hand built and painted by Mt Jones.

A works depot was constructed outside the mine entrance together with a short line track on which there is a kit-bashed travelling crane.. The coach body, which is the work's depot, was reroofed using corrugated paper. The wire fencing is cut from from a panel of galvanised wire. The back scenes are all

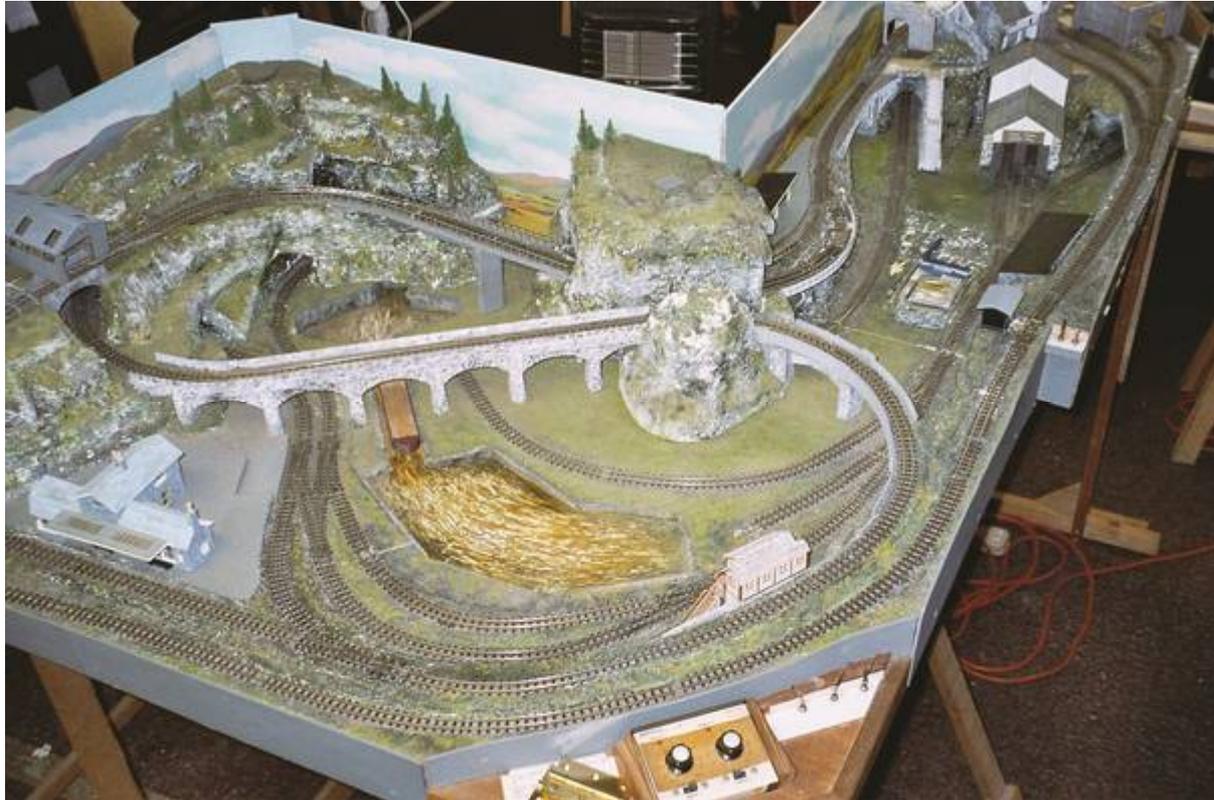
The rolling stock is quite varied. - The earliest is an Eggerbahn 3 coach toast rack set from the 1960's. There are a few Parkside Dundas kits and Minitrains, Roco and Lilliput stuff mainly bought from the Society. Control is by a very ancient H&M double controller. Point control is by wire in tube. The band wagon is a N gauge open wagon.

The layout originally had a Welsh name, but is unpronounceable so it the names were updated with names and locations taken from a well known book and film series..

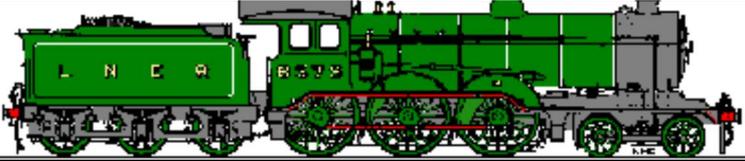
The layout has been to a couple of exhibitions and has been well received, especially by the very young and the more mature visitor who try to work out the track plan.

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Layout plan



2 foot

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Size	
Exact size of baseboard. - Maximum length (Diameter)	6 ‘
Exact size of baseboard. -Maximum width	4’ 6”
Where is the fiddle yard from viewing side	No fiddle yard Left hand side
Requirements	
Steel Barriers	If possible
Stock table	1
Chairs for operators	2
Power requirements	One mains socket, 0.5 A current draw maximum
Layout summary	
Prototype	-
Period	
Gauge	
Scale	OO9 gauge
Insurance Value	£1000 inc stock
Exhibition Information	
Number of operators	
For a 1 day show	3
For a 2 day show	3
Access	
Transport	2 cars

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