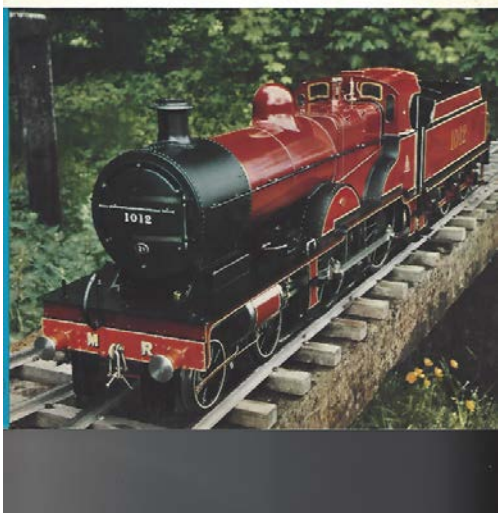


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The two books this month are recent donations that do not appear on the library list. Both relate to model locomotives but of different disciplines.

The first book is **World Locomotive Models** by George Dow published in 1973.



This book demonstrates visually the development of motive power on railways from the earliest days of steam to the end of its dominance. It documents some 250 scale models from early in the 19th century.

The photographs have been assembled in chronological order. There are 268 representing 40 countries. The vast majority of locomotives are steam; 20 or so are electric or diesel traction. Probably 25% of the models are of British locomotives ranging from Trevithick's first engine built in 1804 to British Railways 9F of 1960. Each photograph is accompanied by a text which describes in detail the model and gives the history, design and performance of the prototype.

Obviously the book covers the best of their kind. Some of the models have been professionally built by the manufacturers, or specialist companies commissioned by locomotive manufacturers, to promote their full-size products. Some models are for display only and are not working models. All photographs are profile not showing cab details. The book is an encyclopaedia of exceptional models.

George Dow was the President of the Historical Model Railway Society and first President of the Model Engineering Trade Association.

If you are looking for a project it's worth a perusal; perhaps the Hudswell Clarke 4-4-0, Fiji's only passenger locomotive, might be of interest.

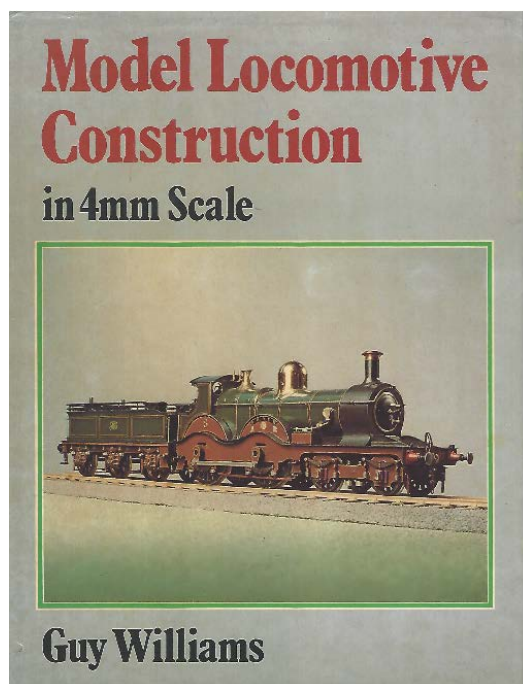
The second book is **Model Locomotive Construction in 4mm Scale** by Guy Williams published in 1979.

This book takes our members with a 4mm model railway through every aspect of the construction, step by step, showing all stages simply and clearly of constructing a model, electric, locomotive.

The book runs to 100 pages and is well illustrated with 126 figures accompanying the text. The author relies on some on proprietary parts such as motors and wheels. Whereas the manufacturers he refers to may not be producing the parts mentioned other equivalents might be available, the book concentrates on the frames, coupling rods and the superstructure including chimneys, domes, safety valves cab interiors. A small lathe is essential along other engineering apparatus.

These two books will be available to peruse at the next but one club night.

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Clive Reynolds. 1st June 2022