

# Scalefour Society Press Release

## *Alex Jackson – The Man and the Coupling*

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The Scalefour Society, guardian and supporter of all things good in 4mm scale, has published a comprehensive guide to the development, production, installation and use of the Alex Jackson coupling.

There can hardly be a finescale modeller that is not aware of this most slimline of couplings, combining reliable operation with invisibility, economy and surprising robustness.

An A4 sized soft-back publication, printed on high-quality glossy paper, it is nearly sixty pages in length and packed with photos and diagrams. It offers a readable and straightforward account of... dealing with all of the elements – manufacture, fitting, and operating – section by section and in an easy reading style.

As well as describing the history of the AJ coupling, the book is very practically based, taking the modeller through the steps of forming the coupling hook, mounting it on various types of vehicle, and operating it.

The book has been written to help with aspects that have previously been regarded as part of the black arts of railway modelling – a frequently asked questions chapter gives useful troubleshooting advice, and guidance on many alternatives available to use; a separate section describes and shows the use of many of the jigs that are now available to help the forming and mounting of Alex Jackson coupling.

Not just of appeal to modellers in 4mm scale, a chapter is also included that describes the use of the AJ coupling in 2mm, "S", and 7mm scales, together with points of note specific to these scales.

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This book represents an excellent introduction to the use of what remains the most unobtrusive auto-coupling yet designed. Most encouraging of all, it de-mystifies many of the processes involved, showing that using Alex Jackson couplings is neither difficult nor in any way expensive.

The book is available to non-members of the Scalefour Society, and should be a “must-have” addition to the library of any finescale modeller.

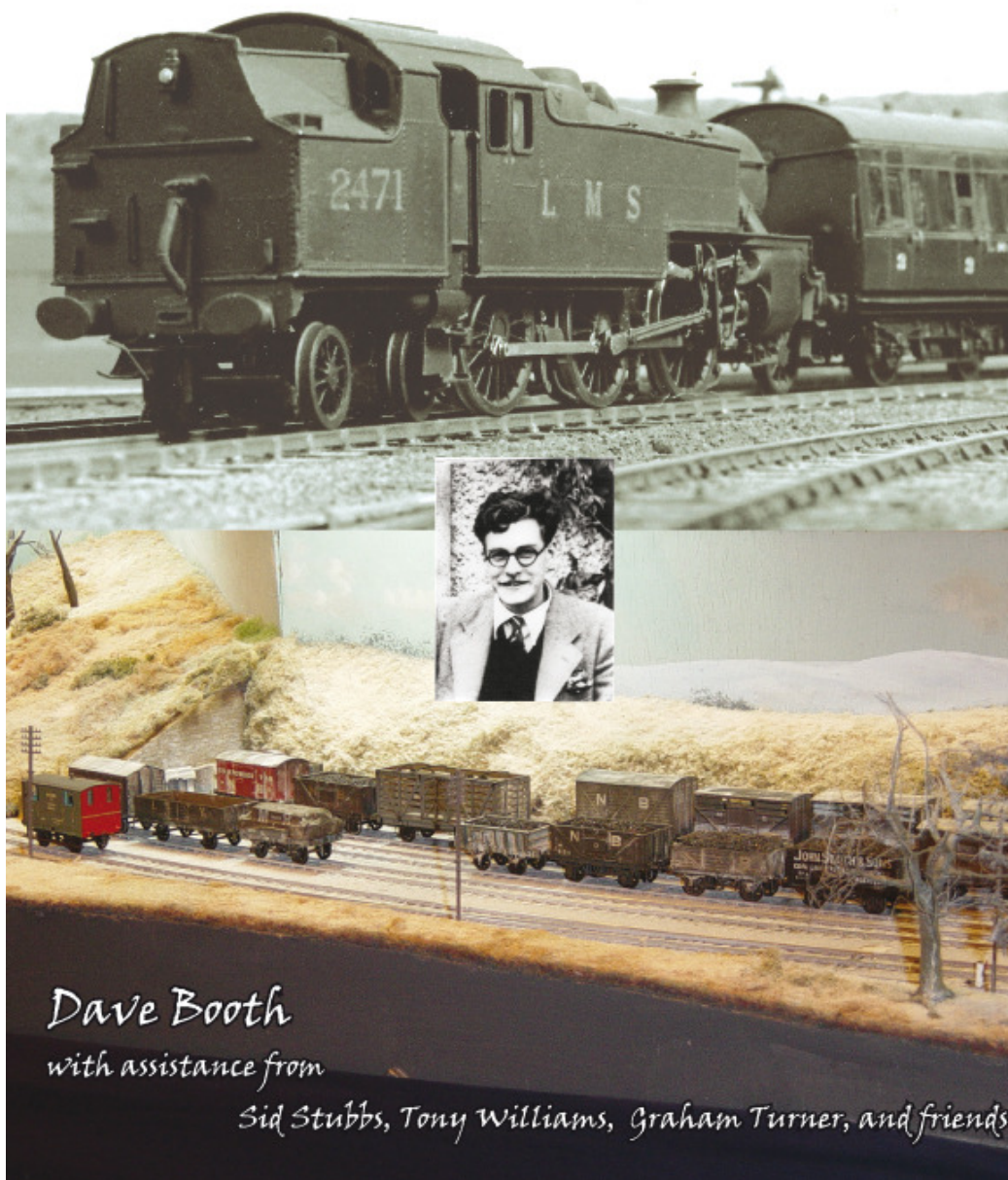
The book is priced at £6.00 with £1.50 post and packing. Copies are available by writing to the Scalefour Society Trade Officer, 120 Hayhurst Avenue, Middlewich, Cheshire, CW10 0BD. It will also be available from selected model railway shows where the Scalefour Society will be in attendance.

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