



## Scalefour Society Press Release

### *Burntisland star of Scaleforum 2009*

The P4 layout Burntisland was the star of the Scalefour Society's premier annual exhibition, Scaleforum, held at Leatherhead Leisure Centre on the last weekend of September.

It was the winner of both the York Trophy for best layout in show, as voted by the visiting public, and the Model Railway Journal Chalice, chosen by Paul Karau as the best example of 4mm modelling exhibited. The Society wishes to thank Wild Swan Publications for its continued support of the exhibition and this award.

Burntisland is a layout representing Scottish railways servicing a harbour on the north shore of the Firth of Forth, and includes working machinery for loading coal into a number of excellent ship models. It has been substantially extended since it was originally built as an entry to the Scalefour Society's 18.83 Challenge – a competition to build a layout to 18.83mm gauge in a maximum space of 18.83 square feet. Burntisland is also unusual in that it represents a period that is rarely modelled – continuing with the P4 theme, it is set in the year 1883 and consequently the rolling stock is entirely kit or scratch-built.

Altogether there were thirteen layouts present, covering a span of 100 years from '1883' to the British Railways diesel era. The second place in the visitors' vote was Flintfield, on a repeat visit to Scaleforum and notable as an excellent depiction of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century Great Eastern Railway branch line that has been modelled by a group of Dutch P4 modellers living in the Netherlands.

The show was subject to some changes from previous years due to the ongoing refurbishment of the venue. However a virtue was made of these and many visitors commented that the use of a dedicated hall for layouts created an atmosphere where examples of some of the best modelling in 4mm scale could be easily enjoyed.

The quality of the exhibits and trade stands won the attraction of the public and despite the disruption the number of attendees was approaching the record numbers of the previous year.

The 2009 show was the last show for the current organising team, who are retiring and as a recognition of this at the close of the show they were presented with a number of commemorative gifts to acknowledge the thanks of the Society for much hard work. A new organising team is already in place for the 2010 exhibition, which will see both new innovations and the return of some old favourites.

As usual, a Retrospective of the 2009 Scaleforum will be prepared from the photographs taken during the weekend and will be published on the Society's website at [www.scalefour.org](http://www.scalefour.org)

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