

A message from Iain Rice

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Greetings from a sodden and very muddy Devon. As we embark on what looks like being another long, hard wet British winter, the temperate climes of New Zealand have an ever-increasing allure! By the time Qantas finally wing me into Christchurch next Easter, I'll have been exposed to some fairly dramatic climatic extremes, as by way of a change from horizontal Dartmoor rain I'm spending a bit of time in February with my younger daughter Bryony - who lives in northern Cambodia: 100°F, 90+% humidity, and mosquitoes that show up on the radar!

So I'm very much looking forward to good weather, good company and good modelling in the autumn. In the meantime, I'm busy putting together a variety of presentations covering both practical and anecdotal topics, and showcasing some of the best of the scale modelling scene here in Blighty as well as in Europe and the USA. Between now and April, life bids fair to be pretty hectic, with several book and magazine projects to finish - all of 'em behind schedule! By the time I leave I'll also have recorded my first DVD (on wagon modelling) for Activity Media's Right Track railway modelling series. Mine's the one subtitled 'and here's one I bodged earlier...'

By all accounts, the welcome in New Zealand is something special, the scenery and seafood are spectacular and the standard of modelling blows your socks off! I'm very much looking forward to seeing and learning at first hand, as I'm well aware what a pool of skill and talent you have out there. Roll on April!

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