

PRODUCT REVIEWS

Welcome to *Railway Herald's* new occasional product review section. The feature will aim to provide an unbiased overview of a whole range of new products from books and DVDs to the latest railway models.

In addition to this feature, all the reviews will also be included in a fully searchable 'Reviews Library' on our website. From here, readers can easily access information on products, obtain an unbiased view and also add their own comments.

We welcome products being forwarded for inclusion in this section, publishers and manufacturers should contact the editorial office for details.

The new online Reviews Library will launch shortly at www.railwayherald.com/reviews



Duchess of Abercorn
Illustrated by Richard Green

London Midland & Scottish Railway 4-4-2 Princess Coronation Class, No. 46234 Duchess of Abercorn

Duchess of Abercorn limited edition print

Produced by: Locos in Profile

Contact: Richard Green on 01634 362735 or email richard@locos-in-profile.co.uk

Size: 320mm x 720mm

Price: £25.00 GBP post free

[Click here to visit the website](#)

The latest release by Locos in Profile is a stunning profile full colour limited-edition print of Stanier Princess Coronation No. 6234 *Duchess of Abercorn* portrayed in the condition in which it made its record run on 26 February 1939.

The degree of detail in this 320mm x 720mm (12.5in x 28.5in) top-quality drawing is quite exceptional and the print size makes it ideal for framing and wall mounting.

Each print is signed and numbered by the artist Richard Green, and only 250 copies are available at £25 each, representing excellent value for money. Also available in the 'Duchess' series is No. 46232 *Duchess*

of *Montrose* in BR Brunswick Green and No. 46245 *City of London* is due out later this month. Given that there is also a print available depicting Nos. 6220 *Coronation* and 6225 *Duchess of Gloucester* there is scope for your own 'Duchess' corner in the lounge!

Loco's in Profile is the brainchild of freelance and graphic artist Richard Green, whose childhood interest in steam locomotives blossomed again in 1974 during a visit to his local railway, the Bluebell.

He is responsible for the masthead of its house magazine and also produced drawings of the enamel nameplate plaques for No. 34059 *Sir Archibald Sinclair*. He

has since produced line drawings for various publications.

Additionally, there are prints available representing locomotives of other railway companies and a visit to the website is recommended, whether your tastes are Bullied Battle of Britain's, B17/4 'Footballers' or 'Coronations'.

Readers can also make their particular preference known via the website, as suggestions for future products.

With Christmas looming, one (or more!) of these prints would make an excellent gift for any self-respecting railway enthusiast, as well as a potential long term investment!

Highly recommended
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Classic Countdown

Produced by: Globe Video Films

Catalogue Number: GVF132

Available from: Highfield House, Saltern Road, Goodrington, Paignton, Devon. TQ4 6NT

Media: DVD Only

Price: £19.95 GBP

Running Time: 92 mins [Click here to visit the website](#)

Every so often a video company produces a programme which makes people think - why has this not been done before?!

Classic Countdown

is one of the latest programmes from Globe Video and is based on the results of a six-month online questionnaire to find out the most popular diesel class. Not



Bachmann Class 166 3-Car DMU

Produced by: Bachmann Europe plc

Catalogue Number: 31-027

Available from: All good model shops

Gauge: OO Gauge

Price: £96.80 GBP Recommended Retail Price

[Click here to visit the website](#)

One of the items released by Bachmann Europe during 2006 has been the Class 166 3-Car DMU set.

In reality these DMUs were built between 1992 and 1993 by British Rail Engineering Limited (BREL) at York and currently work on First Great Western Link services out of London Paddington, being based at Reading depot.

The model is a superb recreation of the prototype and nicely detailed.

The external livery has been very well applied with the edges of all bodyside colours being clean and the lettering of both the FGW Link logo (see image below) and the numerous data panels and stickers, together with the nose-end miniature First logo and set numbers being

very crisply applied and readable.

Although the Class 166s are all three-car units, any modeller wishing to run the set as a two-car version will have a major problem, as it is the centre coach which contains the motor!

Couplings between vehicles are of the European style of model coupling, which when connected, not only provides a close-coupled train, but plenty of flexibility in the model for curves.

On a layout, the model is smooth, with a stable body and the ability to obtain slow running. The only slight downside being the lack of a DCC connection built in. Overall, a good model that will enhance any modern day layout.

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unsurprisingly, the video is devoid of Class 66s!

A good cross section of traction is featured, including 'Deltics', 'Westerns', 'Hymeks', Class 20s, 31s, 47s, 50s and 56s.

The video comprises a countdown from number 12 to one. Each section begins with archive cine footage (where appropriate) followed by early video and then

more recent footage. The cinefilm sections are well produced with the footage being of good quality.

The reproduction of early video isn't as good, but this isn't the fault of the producer, more the technology of the time!

A worthy video to add to the collection. The winning locomotive class by the way is we're sworn to secrecy!

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