

## **Dartford Model Railway Group**

## 'Ffordd Felin'

The OO9 gauge layout is a non-specific region or era representation of a narrow-gauge railway line terminal.

It was created by one of our Group Members, Mervyn, several years ago. Unfortunately, Mervyn passed away a few years ago and the layout was donated to the Group.

Mervyn was an accomplished carpenter and built the cabinet which houses the layout as an item of furniture in his home. The top is hinged (but is removed for exhibition purposes) and the front is detachable.

The layout was in storage at our Group premises for some time before we decided to assess its working potential and so it was brought out of storage and an attempt was made to get something running on it. The control system had some issues and sections of the track had not been laid ideally, so it was decided to spend some time stripping back the wiring and building a new control system. During this period, we also re-built the fiddle yard from scratch; built interior detailing in some of the buildings, re-laid quite a bit of track; added lighting and light effects; and renovated a lot of the grass scenery with 'static grass' and the addition of some live-stock.

Rolling stock was examined, cleaned where necessary and given some gentle 'exercise' and we think it now runs very well.

We hope you think that the work we have put into it has been worthwhile. Thank you for looking.

They layout is named 'Ffordd Felin' which is Welsh for 'Mill Road' which is the name of the road where Mervyn lived, in his memory.