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Brian Bell has come a long way since he first made Lego buildings on his bedroom floor.

Now he's a professional industrial model-maker, travelling the country to produce exact miniatures of real buildings for clients.

His current project is a model of the Sizewell B power station for the CEBG, which he's been working on for more than six months.

But his proudest creation has just been completed back in his bedroom at home in The Oval, Stainton Grove. It's a 72:1 scale replica of the village featured in the war film *The Eagle Has Landed*, which Brian, 27, has spent all his spare time this year making out of card, wood and polystyrene foam and which is now going on permanent display in the place where the film was made.

Model-maker Brian scales the heights

It starred Michael Caine, Donald Sutherland and Jenny Agutter in a fictional account of how a squad of German paratroopers took over an English village in attempt to kidnap Winston Churchill. "I've always been interested in films and special effects," said Brian. "I built the model to highlight the skill of the special effects people, who built three fake shops, a working watermill, a pub and even a village green for the film."

They were constructed beside a real church, manor house and mill house at Mapledurham, near Reading in Berkshire. All the fake

buildings were demolished after the film was made in 1976, but Brian has re-created them after visiting the site, looking at photographs taken by the film-makers, and watching *The Eagle Has Landed* more times than he cares to remember.

"I've got it on video and spent a lot of time staring at it on freeze-frame. Some bits I must have seen 40 or 50 times, trying to get the details right." The most difficult bit, he says - apart from manoeuvring the six-by-three foot model downstairs when it was finished - was making and planting nearly 200 tiny gravestones in

their right places in the churchyard.

The model is now on view to the public at Mapledurham House, where it is hoped it will become the central attraction in a room devoted to relics from the film.

"I've always loved modelling," said Brian, who works for a company based in Darlington. "I did the usual plastic kits and Lego when I was a boy, and then discovered I could actually make a living from it. I was very lucky."

"The ones I do in my spare time are different to the stuff I do during my working day. That involves a lot of calcula-



Brian, inset, and his meticulous model of the village, complete with army vehicles

tion and it has to be exactly right; at home, if it looks all right I can just say to myself, 'that'll do, and leave it.'

Brian, a former Teesdale Comprehensive pupil whose

work includes models in the Bowes Museum of Iron Age and Roman settlements, has not finished with *The Eagle Has Landed* yet.

He is already planning his

next project - a model of the small Cornish harbour of Charlestown, near St Austell, which was transformed into part of the occupied Channel Island of Alderney for the film.

Whin Park, change of use and double garage and extension. J. McGhie, 8 Barnard Castle, extension to provide dining area and garage into play area. Pickworth, 216 Church View, extension and landscaping of doctors' surgery. N. and Mrs J. Key Service Station, extension to arts department, 1, 23 Bartlemere, extension of (retrospective), Ltd, Liosean, Evenwood, change of use of house; Glaxo, Barnard Castle, extension of use of cricket pitch. K. R. Mayfield, Barnard Castle, extension of use of cricket pitch. K. R. Mayfield, Barnard Castle, extension of use of cricket pitch.

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Man took cars he thought were scrapped

Milkman Alan Briscoe, 22, towed away cars he thought had been abandoned, and sold them for scrap, Teesdale magistrates were told on Wednesday.

Mr Toby Thomas, prosecuting, described how a Fiat 132 which had been involved in an accident on the A689 near Wolsingham had been left on the side of the road. Briscoe saw it and took it without the owner's consent.

He sold the vehicle to Mr Kenneth George Allen, a garage owner, for £50 scrap.

The owner of the Fiat, Mr Derek Scarlett from Crook, happened to see an advert for Fiat parts for sale and went up to the garage and found his

car. Briscoe admitted theft and obtaining property by deception, and asked for two similar cases to be taken into consideration. He was fined £150 and ordered to pay £130 compensation and £25 costs.

Mr John Shaw, defending, said Briscoe, from Esh Winning, was "a very naive young man." He had no previous criminal record, was interested in cars, and genuinely believed the vehicles were abandoned.

In one case when he towed away a Renault he left his name, address and telephone number at a nearby farm in case anybody came to reclaim it. He also took away a Chevette which had been badly vandalised and left on a verge for some days.

He heard nothing from these two but when he saw the Fiat he "jumped the gun," said Mr Shaw.

Hang-gliders along the Way

After the heatwave it was a pleasant sunny day as Barnard Castle Ramblers motored to Hawes for the start of their walk.

Using the Pennine Way they headed towards Gayle. It was then a steady climb up the West Cam road to Ten End where there were good views across Wensleydale. The high ground was kept as another Roman road was used to Kidlowgate. In ideal walking weather the group continued on to Wether Fell, where was time to watch the many hang-gliders.

The next outing is on 2nd September. Cars will leave the Post Office at 9am for Little Salkeld for a 13-mile walk to the 'Long Meg and her Daughters' stone circle.

Many pay respects at funeral of popular farmer Wally Stanwix

There was a large attendance at a funeral service for Mr George William "Wally" Stanwix at the church of St Peter and St Felix at Kirby Hill.

He spent all his life at Whashton Farm, Whashton, which his late parents, James and Margaret, took over on their marriage 68 years ago.

Wally was a large, jolly, popular figure who enjoyed life, and he had many friends around the area, all saddened by his death at the age of 64. He was in partnership with his brother James and two nephews, who are now carrying on the farm and an adjoining one.

The service was conducted by the Rev Carlos D'Aguiar. Bearers were nephews - Ian McDonald, and Peter, Neil, Kevin and Andrew Stanwix.

Family mourners were Mrs Margaret McDonald rep Mr C. McDonald, Mr and Mrs D. Stanwix, Mr and Mrs J. Stanwix, sister, brothers and sisters in law;

Mr Ian McDonald, rep Mrs Janice McDonald, Mr and Mrs Peter Stanwix, Mr and Mrs Neil Stanwix, Mr Kevin Stanwix rep Mrs Julie Stanwix, Mr Andrew Stanwix, Miss Amanda Stanwix rep Gillian Stanwix, nephews and nieces;

Mrs E.A. Stanwix, Mrs G. Stanwix rep Mr A. Stanwix, Miss N. Powell rep Mrs A. Powell, uncle and aunts; Mr Michael Blenkinson, Mrs Annie Webster.

Other mourners included Mr Ken Hutchinson, Mr and Mrs R.F. Herring, Mr I. Herring rep family, Mrs D. Saunders rep family, Mr B. Stevenson rep Mr and Mrs D. Stevenson, Mrs P. Herring rep Mr and Mrs A. Clough, Mr F. Smith rep family, Mrs J. Foster rep Mr M. Foster and Mr and Mrs Whittle, Mr and Mrs J. Powell, Mr J. Alderson rep Mr G. Alderson, Mr and Mrs S. Anderson, Mr H. Robinson, Mr J. Rucroft;

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