

# MERG related courses

If you know about any other relevant courses not listed here, please add them.



Note that you do not have to be a MERG member to come on these courses.

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## More CBUS

**9-10th July 2019**

**Strode College, Somerset**

This course is for those already familiar with the basics of CBUS, who would like to take it further.

The course will take place at Strode College in Somerset, as part of their Summer Workshops.

This course assumes that you have attended the Introduction to CBUS course, or that you already have a good understanding of the basics of CBUS, building modules and getting them working.

Booking is direct with Strode College, click below for more details:

[More CBUS weekend course details](#)

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## STARTING OUT WITH JMRI PANEL PRO

**11-12th July 2019**

**Strode College, Somerset**

The course will take place at Strode College in Somerset, as part of their Summer Workshops.

JMRI is free software that you can download to control your model railway.

The course assumes no previous knowledge of JMRI and takes you through from first principles.

Booking is direct with Strode College, click below for more details:

[Starting out with JMRI Panel Pro course details](#)

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## Introduction to DCC

### 4-6th October 2019 (Missenden Abbey)

This course is for those who are new to DCC (Digital Command Control) of model railways, and assumes no prior knowledge.

The course will take place as part of the Missenden Railway Modellers autumn weekend in 2019.

For those just considering or starting out in DCC, this weekend course will take you from first principles through fitting decoders to DCC operations, including the use of Decoder Pro for setting up your decoders.

This course assumes no previous knowledge of DCC.

Bookings are open and are via the Missenden Railway Modellers website.

[Introduction to DCC weekend course details](#)

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## Missenden Railway Modellers weekends

The Missenden Railway Modellers Weekends are workshops with expert tutors from MERG on hand. The Autumn weekend every October includes electronics classes that come with expert MERG tutors, covering all aspects of electronics for model railways including CBUS.

In October 2018, we will be running a beginners group with John Gowers integrated with a general workshop group with Mike Bolton. The beginners group will have breakout sessions on specific subjects. We are also running the "Introduction to DCC" course once again with Pete Brownlow as described above.

Bookings are open and are via the Missenden Railway Modellers website.

[Missenden Railway Modellers weekend](#)

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## Introduction to CBUS

### 13th to 16th September 2019 (Rushden)

**Please note revised date form original one announced provisionally. This revised date is now confirmed**

By popular demand, we have arranged another weekend course for those who want to learn about CBUS.

The course will take place in the “Goods Shed” meeting room at the Rushden Transport Museum & Railway, Rushden Station, Northamptonshire.

For those just starting out in CBUS, this weekend course will take you from first principles through building CBUS kits to setting up CBUS operations.

This course assumes no previous knowledge of CBUS.

Bookings are open: click below for more details:

[Introduction to CBUS weekend course details](#)

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## JMRI Part 2 - Blocks, Routing, Logic and Signalling

### Next course date/venue TBA

This is part 2 of our three JMRI courses.

The course will take place in the “Goods Shed” meeting room at the Rushden Transport Museum & Railway, Rushden Station, Northamptonshire.

This is a weekend course for those already familiar and competent with the basics of JMRI.

As a pre-requisite you should have attended our introduction to JMRI Panel Pro course, or be fluent with drawing a layout diagram in the Layout Editor, setting up turnouts & sensors, turnout feedback, linking from a Layout Editor Panel to the physical layout & the basics of train detection.

Course details will be published when the next course date is set. In the meantime, here are the details for the last course to give you an idea:

[JMRI Part 2 - Blocks, Routing and Signalling course details](#)

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## JMRI Part 3 - Automation with scripts and the Dispatcher

### Next course date/venue TBA

This is part 3 of our three JMRI courses.

This is a weekend course for JMRI power users who want to take it on to partial or full automation.

As a pre-requisite you should be a fluent JMRI user, having attended our Introduction and part 2 courses, or be comfortable with setting up panels in the Layout Editor, blocks and train detection, pathing and signalling.

Course details will be published when the next course date is set. In the meantime, here are the details for the last course to give you an idea:

[JMRI Part 3 – Automation with scripts and the Dispatcher course details](#)

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