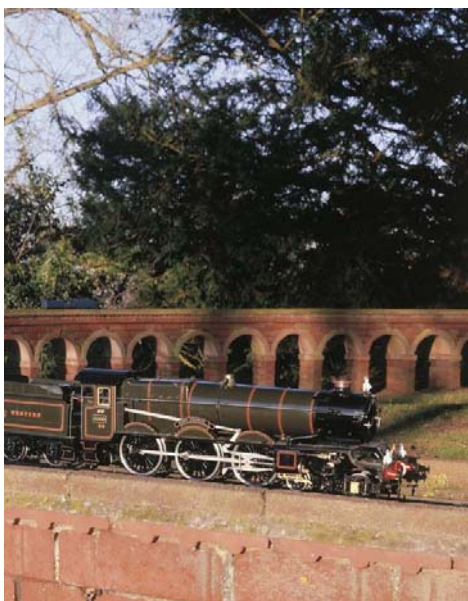


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## ***STEAMING AHEAD***

*Model Railway Rolling Stock from the Collection of the late R.W. Head*  
*Tuesday 1 April at 10.30am & 2pm*



*Uplands – R.W. Head's garden railway*

*South Kensington – Christie's South Kensington is proud to announce the sale of Model Railway Rolling Stock from the Collection of the late R.W. Head. Consisting of over 400 models, the auction features one of the largest and finest Gauge 1 and Gauge 0 model train collections ever to be offered. A major event for the international model train movement, the auction promises to be the first great model train sale of the millennium.*

*Expected to realize £300,000, the auction features over 230 lots, including 140 locomotives, 66 freight wagons, 213 passenger coaches and 11 unopened Gauge 1 Aster kits. An unparalleled opportunity to bid on such a diverse and unique collection, model trains from all over the world are represented, including the UK, France, Germany, the U.S. and Switzerland and the sale also features 40 custom-made prototypes that were commissioned by Head during his 20 year love affair with train modelling.*

*Robert Head (1936–2002) was a seminal figure in the growth of larger scale railway modelling and his name and reputation extends around the modelling world. Born in South Staffordshire, Head made his fortune in the construction industry after gaining experience and business acumen in the coalfields of the North but despite his wealth and success, he always remained loyal to his regional roots and retained his unaffected manner. He took an interest in the railways from a very early age and his first love was Brunel and the GWR, often reciting his tale of awe as he arrived at Paddington station in London for the very first time as a young boy.*

*Head's decision to enter the modelling field took place after a chance encounter with the Gauge 1 Model Railway Association at the Royal Showground at Stoneleigh in 1983. Impressed by the demonstration, Head immediately left orders for models and organised lunch with the members to discuss plans for his own railway. The result of this meeting is now part of Gauge 1 folklore, with Robert Head assembling one of the largest collections of Gauge 1 models ever amassed by one man. He even turned his Staffordshire garden into an incredible track modelling spectacle, with scale replicas of Brunel's Saltash Viaduct, Brunel's Maidenhead Bridge and timber viaducts in Cornwall prominent features in the circuit layout.*

*Sale highlights include a pair of distinctive LNER Class A4 4-6-2 locomotives built by Aster – the famous royal blue No. 4468 Mallard, still unbeaten as the world's fastest steam locomotive (estimate: £3,000–4,000) and No.2512 Silver Fox in dashing silver livery (estimate: £2,500–3,500). A bright American highlight is a Southern Pacific RR Class GS 4-4-8-4 No. 4449 Daylight Aster model, painted in vivid red and yellow and estimated at £4,000–6,000. Two further notable lots are LNER class P2 No. 2002 Earl Marischal (estimate: £1,500–2,500) and LMS 4-6-2 No. 6203 Princess Margaret Rose, built by Barrett Engineering and estimated at £1,200–1,800.*

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