



# **WJVintage**

## **December 2018 Newsletter**



Welcome to the December issue of the WJVintage Newsletter and may I take the opportunity to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2019. Reflecting back over the past 12 months, 2018 has certainly been a memorable year for **WJVintage** with the launch of the beautiful Adams Radial and my first show in mainland Europe amongst many highlights.

Thank you all for your continued support over the past year. It has been great to meet and get to know so many of you as I travel the length and breadth of the UK. The level of camaraderie within this hobby is something else, and I do feel privileged to a part of it. I also really do appreciate all your comments, suggestions and ideas. They may not all get actioned, either short or long term, but they are all logged and go towards shaping the direction I take, particularly with product development. Watch this space for exciting new announcements as we go into another new year. All the best for 2019!

As I go to press the final liveries of the Adams are due to arrive any day, so scroll down for full details in the '**What's New**' section, along with first production photographs of the GNR and NE High Capacity Brick Wagons.

I'm pleased to report there has been quite a bit of customer feedback this month, so do take a look at the '**Customer Corner**' feature to get an insight into how others enjoy this wonderful hobby.

Have a relaxing break and see you on the other side!

Until next month  
Keep playing trains!

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## Out and About



### **Monday Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – Northants and Rutland O Gauge Group, Harringworth Village Hall**

Richard and I do continually stress that our theme for the evening is only a loose suggestion, but every time our enthusiastic attendees seem to do us proud with a wonderful array of 'on theme' models. For our 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary meet the theme was 'Red' and the hall was a crimson lake of locos, coaches and wagons!

What a fantastic meeting this was, with a record turnout of some 43 persons to celebrate our anniversary in style. Thanks to all who attended. If we continue to grow at this rate, we may need to find a bigger hall!

We also had the pleasure of welcoming John Hobden, Chairman of the O Gauge Guild Membership and General Purposes Committee, who presented former Guild Treasurer, John Webb' with a special trophy to acknowledge his work and achievements over many years.





Railway-wise it is always so difficult to choose highlights as there were so many. However, I was particularly taken by Don Neale's beautiful Hughes Dreadnought 4-6-0 which looked absolutely superb.



Martin Bloxham never fails to provide something of interest and on this occasion, it was a wonderful Millbro Princess Royal dating back to around 1938. Martin's notes were also fascinating. Apparently, this loco was priced when new at £24 and 10 shillings. Compare that to a Bassett-Lowke Princess at £14 and a Hornby one at £5 and 5 shillings and you'll start to understand why these are so rare!



Another rarity was Dave Busfield's superb, beautiful condition, Hornby No.1 LNER 0-4-0 Tank dating to the early 1920s and complete with original box and papers. Without mentioning figures, Dave picked this up for a 'song' at auction, one of those lucky purchases that was perhaps not as accurately catalogued as it could have been. It ran well too!





Dave Peasant has a huge collection of all types of vintage toys and he brought along another fantastic display all completely in the spirit of the 'red' theme and covering locos, carriages, wagons and road vehicles – plus appropriate signage! 😊



Finally, we can't forget the girls in the kitchen who exceeded even their own high standards with a superb spread of snacks and Cathy even baked us a 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday cake!

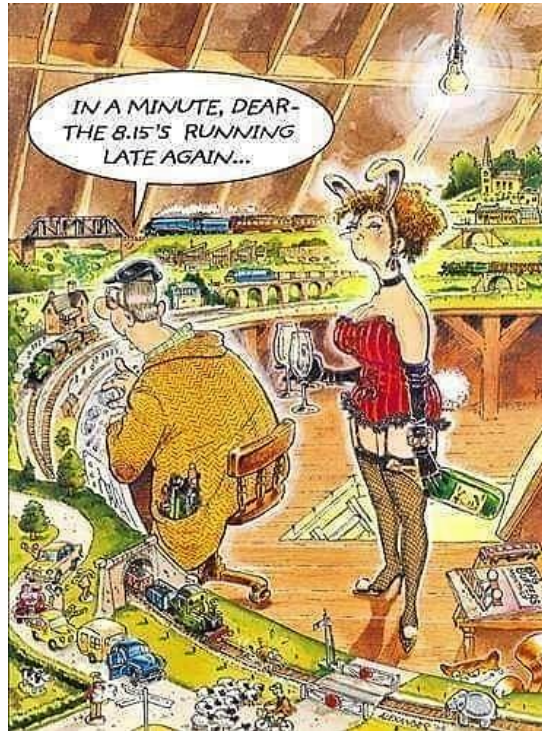


If you would like to join in the fun, the next NAROGG meet is on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, where the theme will be tank engines. We are going to attempt to fill our largest oval with nose to tail tank engines, each of different types/liveries! Everyone is very welcome, and we start from around 4pm to around 8pm.

# Ooh, Err, Missus!

As it is Christmas, I thought a little light-hearted fun might be in order this month! 😊

I found the cartoon below on the internet and it made me smile. I wonder how many of us are guilty, from time to time, of letting our hobby become all-consuming to the point where we overlook other potential 'pleasures' that may be on offer!!

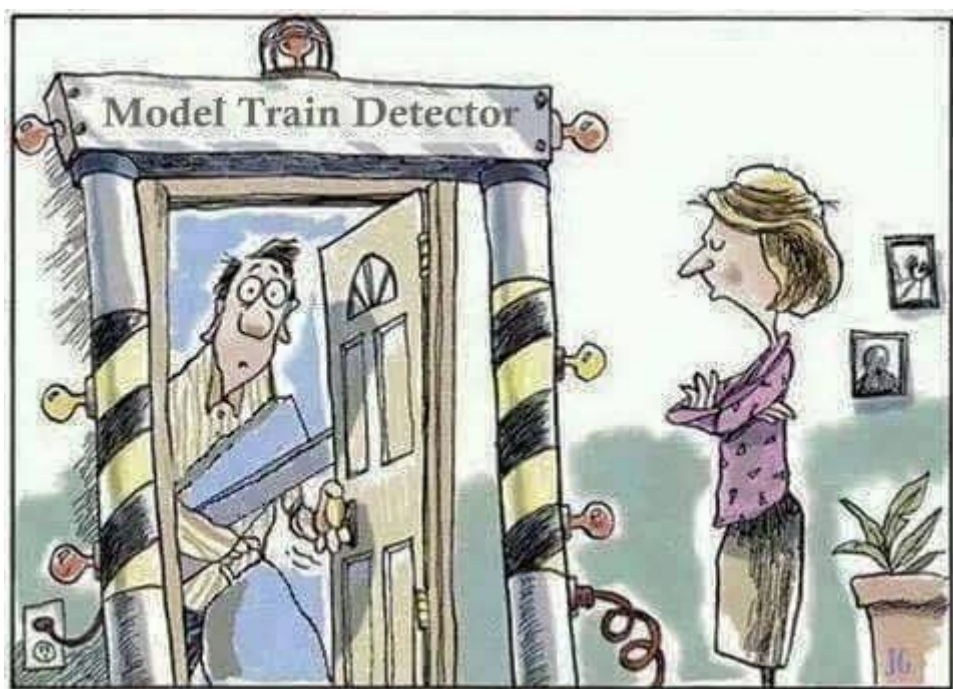


If you have seen my Facebook page recently you may have already seen the next cartoon. I won't name any names, but I definitely have customers who have tried pulling the wool with this old scam!





.... and how many of us have to go through 'security' checks when we arrive back home after a weekend show I wonder?



## Customer Corner



Toby Ross lives in Malta but on a recent trip to the UK he visited the Reading Train Show where he planned to pick up his LSWR Adams Radial. However, he didn't just collect the loco. He was also lucky enough to acquire a superb set of four LSWR coaches. Toby describes them as being of similar quality to Western Wagon Works Coaches. They were in actual fact scratch built by Philip Preston between 1979 and 1980. Philip signed and dated them but then decided to keep them for himself. However, Toby's father was a good friend of Philip, and so it was that he decided to let Toby buy the set for use with his Adams Radial. What an excellent purchase!

Also found by Toby at Reading was a lovely set of Victorian WLR 4-wheel coaches made immaculately from brass kits and purchased for a very reasonable sum. All in all, a very worthwhile trip for Toby!



Gordon Sandell has featured before in these pages. Gordon and a group of friends are really flying the flag for vintage-style O gauge in the USA and they take every opportunity to promote British outline. Over the weekend following thanksgiving Gordon and his team visited a train show at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) in Seattle.

Gordon's layout featured both old and new running side by side. In his own words here is what he said; *'I thought you might be interested in this picture of the old and the new. The Adams Radial was delightfully boring, by which I mean that she did NOT behave like a diva - no histrionics, no dancing off the track at the drop of a hat, and no screeching to a halt for no reason. She just went round and round for hours on end, with the only stops being for photographic purposes, and to allow me to oil some wagon axles that were squeaking!'*





A fantastic photo Gordon and thanks for the glowing endorsement of the running qualities of the Adams Radial. Keep up the good work there over the pond. 😊

Jonathan Ward and David Knighton are also keen to fly the flag for traditional vintage-style O Gauge, but they are based here in the UK. They are well-known in particular at the Leicester TCS events. Recently they put on a display layout at the Abbey Pumping Station in Leicester. This featured largely LSWR and LNWR models (including of course the Adams Radial – they do get about, don't they?), but I was particularly pleased to see a photo that included the Bassett-Lowke Peckett 0-4-0T hauling a rake of **WJVintage** open PO wagons. When I worked at Corgi the Peckett was the first loco where I was responsible for the design and development, and of course the wagons are something I have produced much more recently – very satisfying to see from a personal point of view and thanks to David for the photo.



## What's New?

### **LSWR/SR Adams 415 Class Radial 4-4-2T Update** *The Epitome of Victorian Elegance in Locomotive Design*

I now have stock of, or I am about to have stock of, all the Adams Radial schedule of releases (Except the highly limited and sold out EKR release which will follow in 2019).





At time of going to press the Southern black scheme is due to leave Prague and will be available (just) before Christmas. The BR black lined (early and late crest) releases are already in stock and look absolutely stunning. In fact, call me biased if you like, but I think all the liveries look stunning on this locomotive!

WJV01078	Adams Radial LSWR lined Adams Pea Green
WJV01079	Adams Radial Southern lined Maunsell Green
WJV01080	Adams Radial Southern unlined Black 'Sunshine' lettering
WJV01081	Adams Radial BR early crest lined Black
WJV01082	Adams Radial BR late crest lined Black

Price for all versions is **£450.00** each plus P&P.  
Please get in touch to buy/reserve yours.

## New and Available Now!

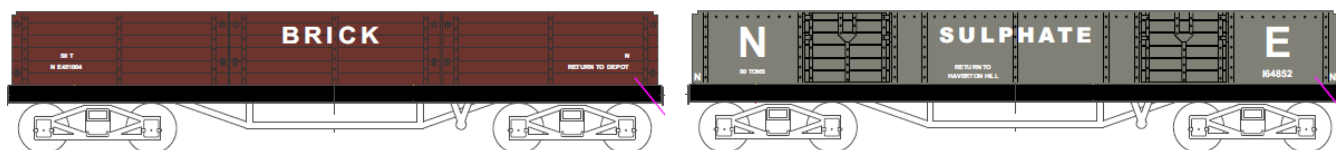
### GNR/LNER High Capacity Bogie Brick Wagon/Sulphate Wagon

I'm pleased to say that the first two versions of the new High Capacity Bogie Brick Wagons have now arrived.



WJV01093	GNR Bogie Brick Wagon	In Stock
WJV01094	LNER Bogie Brick Wagon	In Stock
WJV01095	BR Bogie Brick Wagon	Coming Soon
WJV01096	LNER Sulphate Wagon	Coming Soon

The BR Brick Wagon and LNER Sulphate Wagon are expected in the first quarter of 2019.



Once again, all four variants will be produced with two different running numbers, for those that may wish to order a pair to run together. Each wagon is priced at **£85.00** each plus P&P.

### United Dairies Six-Wheel Milk Tankers

We have received deliveries of the SR and LNER versions of the new Six-Wheel Milk Tank wagons, so the entire series has now been produced – call me biased if you will, but a splendid series I think they make too!



Sadly, I have already sold out of the GWR version, but I still have stocks of LMS, SR and LNER but only limited numbers are available (see table below)

Remember, all four different variants are being produced with two different running numbers, for those that may wish to order a pair to run together.



Demand is proving to be high so do please place your orders early to avoid disappointment. Below is the full list of livery variants.

WJV01089	United Dairies GWR – <b>SOLD OUT</b>
WJV01090	United Dairies LMS – 7 Left
WJV01091	United Dairies SR – 5 Left
WJV01092	United Dairies LNER – 10 Left

**Stocks available as of 20/12/18**

The price for these is **£55.00** each plus P&P.

## New Loads by Graham Lock



I have featured a couple of these fantastic loads by Graham Lock before (when the Bogie Bolster Wagons were first launched). They are produced as really high-quality paper wraps around solid wood shapes with additional detail to add relief. Graham has produced this small batch for me to sell and the prices are shown below.

Boiler on Plinth – Marklin (Grey)	£24.00
Boiler on Plinth - J.T. Lowke (Brown)	£24.00
Packing Case - Pickfords	£18.00
Packing Case - WJ Vintage	£18.00
Container - Bassett-Lowke (Green)	£12.00
Twin Cable Drum & Frames - BICC	£23.00

**All plus P&P**

They are not mass produced, and these are all I currently have available, so they are offered on a strictly first come, first served basis.

They are not yet listed on my website to give newsletter readers an exclusive opportunity to acquire them.

Please email me at [wjvintage@outlook.com](mailto:wjvintage@outlook.com) if you are interested.

## **New South Wales Government Railway C30 Class 4-6-4T**



These were launched last month as an extremely limited edition by ETS and have sold very well indeed. In fact, as we go to press I have just one remaining of my allocation. Although most were made as 2/3 rail switchable, the one I have left is **2-rail only** (factory produced). It is priced slightly cheaper than the 2/3/rail versions at **£479.00** each plus P&P.

If you would like it, please do not delay, get in touch quickly so I can hold it for you. A small number are due any day now, but the majority will be arriving in the New Year.

## **HAA MGR (Merry-Go-Round) Hopper Wagons**





I am delighted to announce that I have the opportunity to become the exclusive distributor of a new '0' Gauge range of 'Simple Super-Detail' (SS-D) wagons. The first of these new wagons is the HAA 'Merry-Go-Round' Hopper. Introduced into British Rail in 1964, these wagons stayed in operation until 2010, spanning steam to diesel traction. You could run them behind the humble J39 or the mighty 9F engines, Class 37s or even the Class 20s.

Featuring a superb injection moulded hopper body, detailed down to the last rivet. They are mounted on metal chassis units from ETS, giving very much a 'Super-Detail' product on a strong metal chassis, complete with spring and brake gear, buffers and, as standard, Bassett-Lowke style drop-link couplings. Standard insulated high flange wheels are supplied but low flange wheels are also available to special order.

The best thing about these new wagons is the price. They will be **£39.95** each or **£150.00** for a set of four, both plus P&P. A decent rake is therefore not going to require a new mortgage 😊  
Coal loads as shown will be supplied separately at **£6.00** each plus P&P  
Please let me know if you would be interested. The order is yet to be confirmed but if there is a good level of interest, it will definitely go ahead.

## See us at Shows

If it's convenient and you'd like to save the postage, why not come and see us at one of the regular shows we attend in the Midlands and East of England or occasionally in Mainland Europe, and you can buy on the day. We always like to meet our customers face to face – it makes a pleasant change from the virtual world we seem to live in these days!

### Below are our forthcoming shows:

#### **Thursday Dec 27<sup>th</sup> – NEC (Barry Potter Fairs)**

Hall 18, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, B40 1NT – 10:30am to 3:30pm

#### **Saturday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> – Bassett-Lowke Society**

**Vintage Train Show** – Memorial Hall, Lower Green, Tewin, Herts, AL9 0XY – 10:00am to 4:00 pm

**Saturday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> – Tappers New Year Open Day** - Bromley Common Methodist Church, Bloomfield Road, Bromley, Kent, BR2 9RZ – 10:30am to 5:00pm

#### **Tuesday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fulbourn, Cambridge (HRCA Running Night)**

Fulbourn Village Library, The Swifts, Haggis Gap, Fulbourn, Cambs CB21 5HD – 6:00pm to 9:00pm ('OO' and 'O' Gauge layouts)

## Ordering from WJVintage is Easy

### Online

Please use the **WJVintage** website as a shop window and then place your order by using the dropdown menu on each product page to select and submit the item you wish to purchase. This automatically sends me your details and I will be in touch to confirm your requirements and take payment. Alternatively select what you want and then give me a call or email me. Whichever method you use I will get back to you asap and I can confirm stock, particularly for highly limited items, and postage options. Please see below for full contact details.

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### Email

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### Shows

We also take the credit/debit card machine to all our shows.

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2019 to You All!

Best Wishes

*Paul*

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