



WJVintage

March 2019 Newsletter



Welcome to the March edition of the WJVintage Newsletter. Spring is definitely in the air as the UK enjoyed temperatures up to 20°C last week, and in the village, snowdrops are beginning to give way to daffodils. What a fabulous time of year! In the world of O Gauge things are beginning to stir too.

I am delighted to report a fantastic response to last month's 'What I'd Really Like' feature. Thank you all so much for your ideas and suggestions. As predicted, the spread of subjects has been huge, but, as I had hoped, there are a few themes that keep cropping up and a pattern is emerging. It will certainly help to shape future model development from 2020 onwards, and I will report back in a future newsletter (but without giving too much away of course) when I have had more time to analyse all the information you have submitted – and continue to submit.

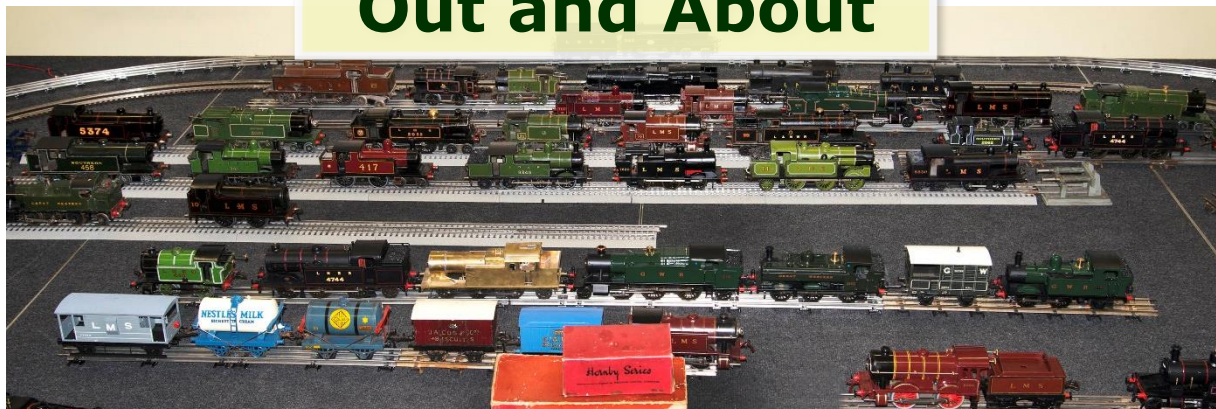
In the meantime, we have exciting new releases for 2019 to consider! The Sentinel Y1/Y3 announced last month certainly seems to have struck a very positive chord, with a good number of pre-orders already received. Please see the 'What's New' section below for full details, and also photos of the final Adams Radial release, plus a new series of bogie coal wagons to follow the very successful bogie brick wagons.

It has been a relatively quiet month on the 'Out and About' front but I'm sure you will agree this is more than made up for with other news.

Until next month
Keep playing trains!



Out and About



Northants and Rutland O Gauge Group (NAROGG) – Running Night - Harringworth Village Hall, 25th Feb, 2019

With it being three months since our last meeting, it was great to see everyone again at this meeting which had as its theme - 'Tank Engines'. Our goal was to make a complete circuit up from different types/colour schemes of tank engine, all posed nose to tail. Did we make it? – read on

We theme every meeting, but it is only ever a loose suggestion and in reality 'anything goes' at all our meetings. However, I have to say it was fantastic to see how many of our group had taken up the challenge and brought along their tank engines in numbers – in fact everywhere you looked the loco parks were full of them as you will see from **Dave Busfield's** photo above!



So, when it came to the allotted time of 6:30pm to try to create the full circuit, we were confident we would have sufficient locos – and we were right! In fact, we had more than we needed and managed to fill not only the main layout, but also two thirds of the guest layout as well!



Our official counter on the night, Chris Holmes, confirmed no fewer than 76 locos and only 2 duplicates – quite an achievement, I reckon! We also had one late arrival and I forgot that I had an Australian C30 in my van so we could have made it to 78.

This really was great fun and very interesting to see such a huge variety of locos – old, new, kit-built, scratch-built and (mainly) ready-to-run. I think I should also thank Kevin Payne, who came up with the idea in the first place, but in the event was unable to attend the meeting! Kevin, you missed a great night but I am sure it will be repeated in a year's time so you will hopefully be able to join in then. I have uploaded a rather shaky video to YouTube for those who are interested. Here is a link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYVMewvjhM&feature=youtu.be>

We also had some other interesting variations on a 'tank'

theme – in particular a series of diecast Centurian 'tanks' and a rather nice Graham Lock 'tank' load (and crate load) on a pair of Dinky Fodens – all, I think courtesy of Dave Busfield.



I must also mention a much admired Biller Portal Crane brought along by John Mawson. This is quite a rare tinplate toy having been made by Biller Toys of Nuremburg in (West) Germany and it looked fantastic as part of a small industrial siding – ideal for use with the new WJVintage/Raylo Sentinel shunter



All in all, another fantastic meeting and I'm looking forward to the next one already. Make a note of the date – **Monday April 29th** – and we look forward to seeing you there. No theme as yet but Richard will announce this in the NAROGG newsletter in a couple of weeks and I will confirm it in the April **WJVintage** newsletter as well.

Ooh, Err, Missus!

First featured in the December 2018 edition of the newsletter, I have a feeling this light-hearted feature may be aired more frequently in the future as there appears to be more model railway humour to be found out there than I had first thought. So here is this month's 'smile or grimace' offering - one that may just strike a chord with some of our better halves!



Customer Corner

Nearly all the recent submissions to 'Customer Corner' have been from overseas customers. I think it is fabulous to see that the hobby is flourishing not only here in the UK, but in other countries too. First up this month are a couple of photos from Broder-Heinrich Christiansen from Hildesheim, near Hannover in Germany. Every year in December, Broder and a group of like-minded railway enthusiasts put on a vintage O gauge display in the museum in Salzgitter where Broder works, and members of the public get to view first-hand a selection of old and new traditional O gauge trains running on the fabulous layouts that they build.



Above you will see trains by Bing and (less well known to me) Krauss-Fandor. Krauss-Fandor was established in Nuremberg, Germany in 1910 and produced steel pressed trains for clockwork and later electric drive – mainly aimed at the US and Canadian markets. During World War 2 the factory was bombed and never re-built.



The real rarity at this meeting was a superb Bing tram set produced during the early years of the 20th century. Broder likens it to the Bassett-Lowke underground trains (see last month's newsletter) in terms of rarity and so it is fantastic to see such toys in action for all to enjoy.



Meanwhile, over in Malta, Toby Ross has been enjoying his new layout which he reports will comfortably take seven coaches. Above is a lovely looking Seven Mill Models V2 with a rake of Sunset tourist coaches, whilst below is a Bassett-Lowke Scotsman with a superb rake of Exley tourist stock.



Finally, below is an Ace Castle pulling a fantasy Exley rake consisting full brake, Ocean Mail, corridor, restaurant, sleeper – the night train to Penzance! Fantastic Toby and many thanks for taking the time to send these in.



Other Interests

Most of us have other interests outside of model railways and some of you may recall that a couple of years ago I played a policeman in the King's Cliffe Players production of 'Dracula the Pantomime'. At the time I thought this was a 'one-off' but I have to confess about six months ago I was persuaded to tread the boards once more and, as a result I have just finished a two-week, sell-out run of Peter Pan.

This time I was one of Captain Hook's rather nasty pirates. The photo below left shows the pirate chorus in full song performing (song and dance!) our theme tune 'Bad Guys' borrowed from the film 'Bugsy Malone'. (I'm the one in the middle).

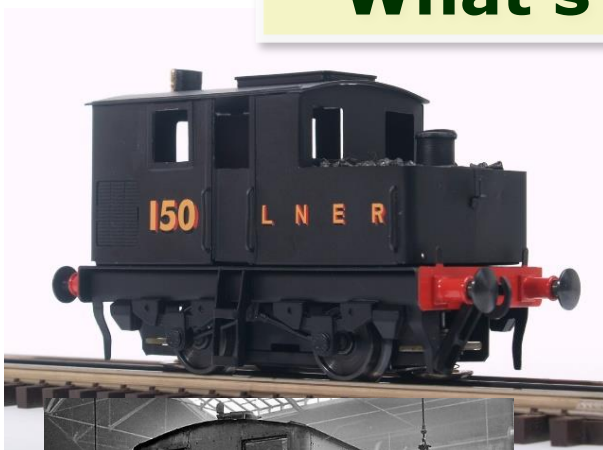


Me with Mrs L who was one of Tiger Lilly's red Indians

I have to say the whole thing went down very well and was again enormous fun to do. Will I now do it next year? Well, as they say, 'never say never again!' If it wasn't so time consuming, both in terms of rehearsals and performances, I would definitely say 'yes'. We shall see.

Who else has an interest outside of O gauge that they would like to share? Send me a photo and a brief description and I'll happily feature it.

What's New?



Y1/Y3 Sentinel 0-4-0T Shunter

As announced last month our first new locomotive for 2019 will be the Sentinel Centre Engine 0-4-0T, perhaps better known by its LNER designations of Y1 and Y3. As standard we will be offering this loco for 3-rail use only, but a 2-rail version will be available to special order.

It will happily negotiate curves with a radius down to 18 inches making it equally at home as a starter loco for smaller layouts or in the shunting yard of a larger layout.



WJV01097	Sentinel Y1/Y3 LNER black unlined - 150	10
WJV01098	Sentinel Y1/Y3 LNER black lined - 148	20
WJV01099	BR early crest black unlined - 68138	10
WJV01100	BR late crest black unlined - Departmental loco No.57	5
WJV01101	BR (Eastern) black unlined - Civil Engineers Dept No.42	5
WJV01102	British Railways black unlined - 47182	10
WJV01103	LMS black unlined - 7161	20
WJV01104	GWR (shirtbutton) Green unlined - No.12	15
WJV01105	WD khaki green unlined - 'Molly'	5

The price for all Sentinel locos will be just **£275.00** each plus P&P
You can pre-order to reserve yours right away!
As you will see from the table above, the quantities of some of these are going to be very low indeed, so please don't delay your orders to avoid disappointment.

Hopefully by the April newsletter we may have production shots of the Sentinel. Watch this space!

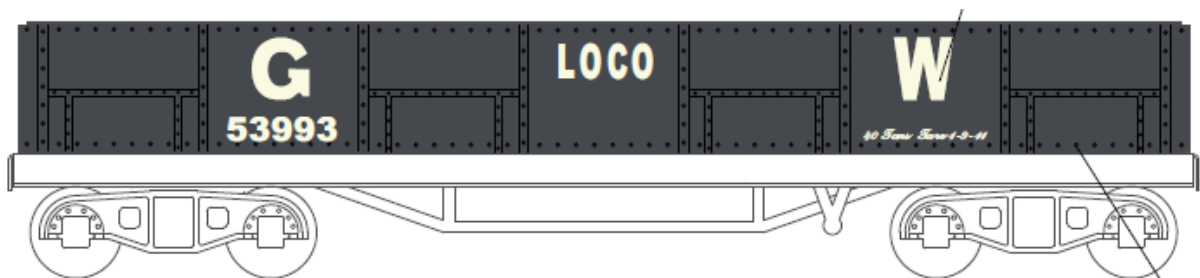
Coming Soon!

CR, LMS & GWR High Capacity Bogie Coal Wagons

Following on from the very successful launch of the High Capacity Brick and Sulphate wagons, I am excited to announce that another new series of bogie wagons will be coming soon.

These all feature re-tooled sides to alter the relief detail and I think they are going to look really nice.

Here is a sneak peek at the first two off the production line, plus artwork for the GWR version



WJV01107	CR Bogie Coal Wagon
WJV01108	LMS Bogie Coal Wagon
WJV01109	GWR Bogie Coal Wagon

In this instance, only the GWR version has been produced with two different running numbers, for those that may wish to order a pair to run together.

The Caledonian Railway only had one wagon of this design - which then went into service with LMS following grouping. To remain authentic, we will produce just the one running number for these.

Each wagon is priced at **£85.00** each plus P&P.

If 2-rail enthusiasts wish to specify, I now have a few spare bogies with low-flange wheels. Let me know if you would prefer these at time of ordering and I will fit them for you.

New and Available Now! **GNR/LNER & BR High Capacity Bogie Brick Wagon/Sulphate Wagon**

I'm pleased to say that, although the GN version of the brick wagon very quickly sold out, ETS have confirmed they have parts to make a few more, and so I will soon be taking delivery of just 6 more pieces. So, for now all four versions of the new High Capacity Bogie Brick Wagon/Sulphate Wagon are still available but stocks are running low.



Once again, all four variants have been produced with two different running numbers, for those that may wish to order a pair to run together. Do let me know if you prefer the low-flange 2-rail wheels and I can fit them for you.

Each wagon is priced at **£85.00** each plus P&P.

Coming Soon

Brick Loads, Sulphate Sack Loads & Coal Loads

I am pleased to report that loads will very soon be available for all the high capacity bogie wagons. They really add the finishing touch, I hope you will agree.

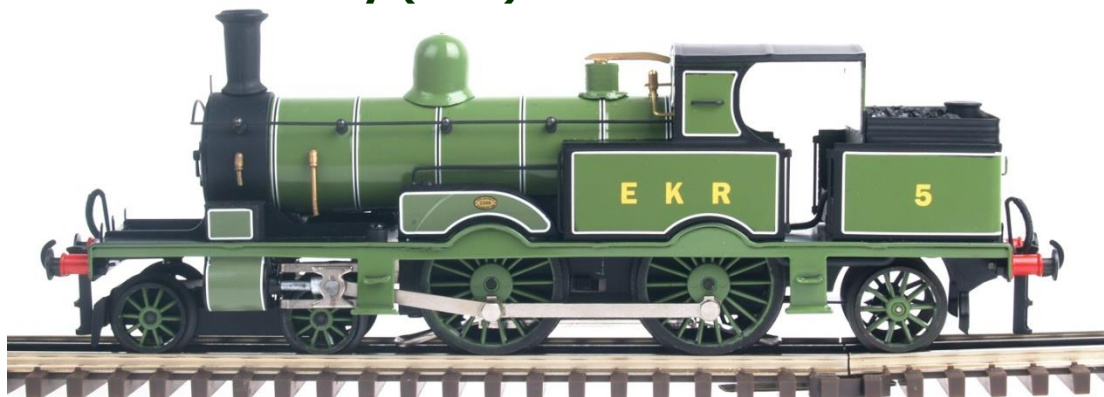
First to arrive will be brick loads. The photo below is of a prototype load – there will be some slight amendments before production.



The brick loads will be cast in resin and painted. These will be priced at **£15.00** each plus P&P and will be available in about a month's time.

Sack loads and coal loads will follow, and we hope to have photos of the sacks for the April newsletter.

East Kent Railway (EKR) Adams Radial



The final variant of the Adams Radial has now arrived. I won't say too much about it other than it is the East Kent Railway (EKR) livery. These were highly limited and my allocation of just three locos was sold out almost the moment it was announced.

If you were one of the lucky three to have this on order I will by now have already been in touch.



'As New' O Gauge Train Collection

Prod No.	Description	QTY	£ each
BL99031	J39 0-6-0 Locomotive - British Railways [late crest]	3	320.00
BL99039	20 Ton Brake Van-British Railways	1	40.00
BL99043	20 Ton Brake Van-LNER	1	40.00
BL99059	3-Plank Wagon - NE	3	22.00
BL99063	0-4-0 Peckett Industrial Locomotive - 'Joseph'	1	300.00
BL99072	7-Plank Coal Wagon-NE	9	24.00
BL99075	12 Ton Ventilated Goods van - NE	1	30.00
DARSTAED	Set of 4 x 6 Wheel Vintage Coaches SECR	1	200.00
ETS140	0-6-0 USA Class Steam Tank Loco - BR (early crest) Black	1	275.00
H&M	Multipack Controller (mint – as new, time warp condition)	2	17.00
Hornby	Portland Cement Wagon – boxed (vintage, not new)	1	22.00
WJV01024	WJVintage Tank Wagon - WW1 War Office	1	35.00
WJV01046	7-Plank Colliery Wagon - Winstanley	1	27.00
WJV01049	7-Plank Colliery Wagon -B.W.&Co Bentley	3	27.00
WJV01055	7-Plank Coal Wagon -Charringtons	1	27.00
WJV01056	7-Plank Colliery Wagon - C&G Ayres	1	27.00
WJV01058	7-Plank Coal Wagon - Cains	1	27.00
WJV01086	Bogie Bolster Wagon-LNER No.188507	3	65.00
	NOTE – All prices are plus P&P		

As you will see, quite a lot of the items have now sold since last month, but there are still some very nice models available and at very reasonable prices, especially given none have been used (except the Hornby wagon of course).

If any of these take your fancy, do please get in touch asap. Once they are gone, they are gone!

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:

Saturday Mar 2nd – Sandown Park (Barry Potter Fairs)

Sandown Exhibition Centre, Sandown Park Racecourse, Portsmouth Road, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9AJ - 10:30am to 3:30pm

Monday Mar 4th - Cotswolds Area HRCA Meeting, Rye Hill Golf Club, Milcombe, Banbury, OX15 4RU – 4:00pm to 9:00pm

Tuesday Mar 5th - HRCA Merseyside Area Meeting

Preston Brook Village Hall, Preston Brook, Cheshire WA7 3AW - 4.00pm to 9.00pm

Saturday Mar 16th - Rugby Vintage (Barry Potter Fairs)

The Benn Hall, Newbold Road, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 2LN - 10.30am to 3.30pm

Saturday Mar 23rd – Vintage North West Model Railway Exhibition (formerly Bassett-Lowke Society Northern)

St. Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh, Lancs WN7 2PR – 10am to 4pm

Tuesday Mar 26th – Fulbourn, Cambridge (HRCA Running Night)

Fullbourn Village Library, The Swifts, Haggis Gap, Fulbourn, Cambs CB21 5HD – 6:30pm to 9:00pm ('OO' and 'O' Gauge layouts)

Saturday Mar 30th – Bassett-Lowke Society Running Day, Digswell

The Cowper Arms, 31 Station Road, Digswell, Welwyn, Herts, AL6 0EA – 10:30am to 3:30pm

Please note The Cowper Arms is next to Welwyn North Station

Monday April 1st - Cotswolds Area HRCA Meeting, Rye Hill Golf Club, Milcombe, Banbury, OX15 4RU – 4:00pm to 9:00pm

Saturday Apr 6th – Beckenham Vintage Toy Train Show

St John's Church, Eden Park Avenue, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3JN - 10am to 5pm – 10 working layouts, trade stands and light refreshments

**Sunday Apr 7th – St Ives Toy and Train Fair
- formerly Huntingdon (JJ Webb Fairs)**

NEW VENUE!

One Leisure St Ives, Burgess Hall Events and Conference Centre,
Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU – 10:00am to
2:30pm

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Best Wishes

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