

WJVintage

July 2022 Newsletter



Welcome to the July 2022 WJVintage newsletter. Well, what an interesting time I am continuing to have. On top of looking after my elderly mother as reported last month, I now have a health issue of my own to deal with. However, its not bad news, in fact I am rather excited to get it over with. For some time now I have had problems with a developing cataract in my right eye. Driving, particularly at night, has been most problematic and so with the fear that NHS waiting times might be several months, if not a year or more, I felt I had to act sooner rather than later.

Much to my surprise, within 2 weeks I received a letter confirming an appointment to assess my condition, and even more surprising, I was offered the operation in just 4 days' time (Tuesday 19th July).

I am explaining all this because as I write, on Monday 18th, it means I have a little over 24 hours to complete a newsletter for you all. I did originally plan to be at a running day with Paul Gumbrell all day, but I had already cancelled for other reasons, and so luckily, I have all day to myself.

I will however, of necessity, make this a short one as I have no idea how I might feel using a screen after the operation. The recommendation is not to work for a full week, so this also potentially impacts my attendance at TCS at the weekend. All other dates should be ok.

In summary, I have tried to include a little of everything in this newsletter, but not to the usual level of detail. Have a great summer and I will be back out there seeing you all as soon as I am allowed!

**Stay Safe &
Keep enjoying your trains**

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Out & About



East Coast Trains Through Grantham

Most of my 'Out and About' this past month has been backwards and forwards to my mother in North-East London. However, I did manage a swift trip up to see Brian Edinboro in Grantham so I could drop off his British Railways Atlantic and grab a few photos of his loft layout at the same time.

Unfortunately, we chose a rather warm day and even with a fan on all day, it was still swelteringly hot up in Brian's loft, so the visit was rather curtailed in favour of coffee in the living room.

I'm afraid all we managed was a couple of shots of the Atlantic (see above and as the header photo to this newsletter), plus a shot of Brian's J94. **WJVintage** Mineral Wagons also feature behind both locos 😊



Over the Queen's Jubilee weekend at the beginning of June, Brian visited the Nene Valley Railway in the hopes of being hauled by Jubilee Class 45596, 'Bahamas'. Unfortunately, the locomotive had a failure and was unserviceable.



However, the last-minute replacement service was hauled by the equally impressive Battle of Britain Class Spam Can 34081 '92 Squadron'



I hope you enjoyed your day Brian and thank you for sharing your photographs with the newsletter readership. Let's hope it's a little cooler next time I visit!

What a Picture!

Green Steam

I recently stumbled across this superb piece of topiary art (below) on a Facebook page. A little research traced it back to the Daily Star newspaper, which had in turn discovered it on 'Reddit', an online news/discussion site.

Sadly, none of the original posters had any details of the owner of this beautiful A4 'Mallard' hedge.

It is really clever, having dustbin lids for wheels, has the nameplate 'Mallard' and on the front a plaque thanking the NHS. It must therefore be UK based. Does anyone know where it actually is?



I have personally never seen anything like this before but in searching the web for more information, it seems that such living, 3-D artworks are actually quite commonplace.

Jack Fisher from Retford is the proud creator/owner of the 'Thomas' style tank engine below.

Retford to me is synonymous with HRCA auctions so I wonder if this gent is also a member? Does anyone from the Retford Area HRCA Group read this newsletter and know this gentleman? I'd love to know more.



Or how about another 4-6-2 tender loco? Again I have no info on the creator but would love to know more if anyone out there knows of it and/or its creator/owner.



Last but not least here is yet another A4 'Mallard'. This one is the creation of a Mr Brian Childs. After retiring from his job as a controller at the AA, Brian from Cotgrave, Notts decided to create the privet loco, having had a

framed photo of 'Mallard' hanging in his kitchen for many years. Although it's a hobby, it is apparently a full-time job keeping it trimmed and nicely in shape. Wow, he must be bushed 😊 😊



If any of you have your own local example of 'Green Steam', why not send me a photo plus any details you might have, for inclusion in a future newsletter

What's New?

More Atlantics now in Stock!



I am delighted to announce that the second scheme of the brand new C1 Atlantic is now in stock. It's the super-heated steam, unlined black British Railways version and it is certainly another impressive looking beast! You

will note the subtle differences between this and the earlier LNER saturated steam release (snifter valve behind chimney and non-shrouded brass safety valves).

Once the pre-orders are accounted for, I have just five of these available to sell so please get in touch quickly if you would like to secure one.

The price is **£695.00** each plus P&P

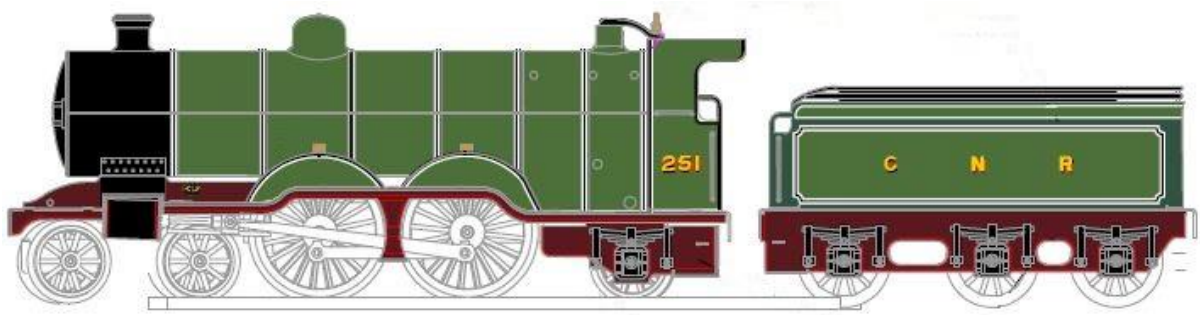


I now have just 1 piece of the LNER lined green RN4433 left but if you miss out on this, the later super-heated LNER version with running number on the cab rather than on the tender, will be along soon as the final release (after the GNR version) and I have 10 of these still available. Again, all locos are priced at **£695.00** each plus P&P

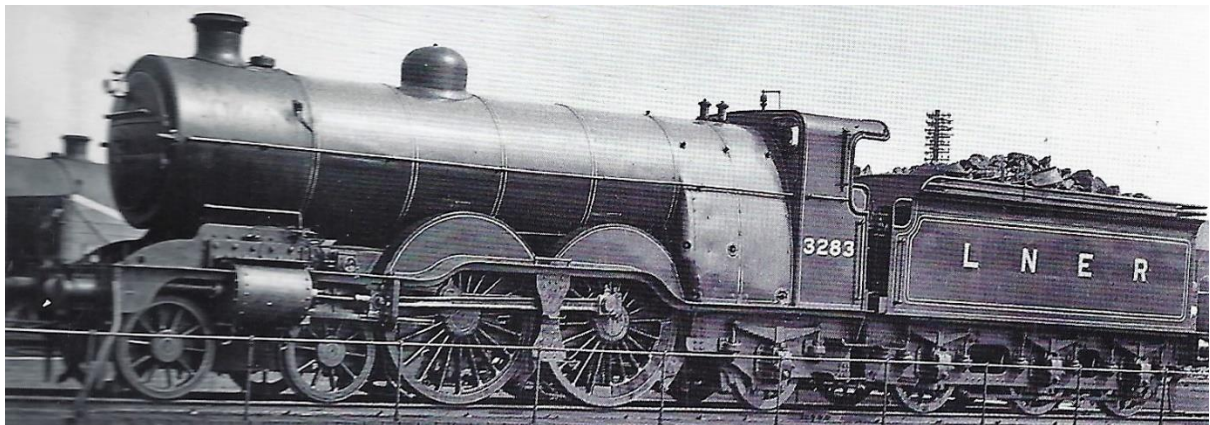


Note – crew figures not supplied – available separately (see below)

The next version to arrive is scheduled to be the much anticipated, (and **SOLD OUT**) GNR green lined scheme which promises to be an absolute beauty. The artwork is shown below to give an idea as to how it will look. Sadly, another Covid outbreak at ETS has slowed this a little but we hope to see them by early to mid- August.



The later LNER green lined scheme representing a superheated steam engine will be the final release.



ETS are manufacturing these as quickly as they can. The lining on the GNR and LNER, plus the fine detail takes a long while to produce but is well worth the wait in my opinion. They will hopefully all arrive within the next 2 to 3 months.

The locos are selling very well indeed, so if you would like to reserve one, please do get in touch as soon as possible.

Once again, all Atlantics are **£695.00** plus P&P

With an open cab such as the Atlantic's, you may wish to consider a crew set as shown in the photos above.

I still have stock of a few sets from the excellent Graham Lock figures range. They are priced at **£15.00** plus P&P per set

Pre-war



Post-war



If I should sell out, please don't worry, Graham can produce these pretty quickly so I will be able to order more with a lead time of about 2 weeks.

WJVintage 10th Anniversary Wagon on the Way!!



The great news is that my 10th anniversary PO Wagon has arrived and I am working my way (slowly) through the list of orders. If I haven't been in touch yet, I do apologise, my working week has been rather shortened of late but I will get to you as quickly as I can. These photos now show the actual production wagon, and it does look rather nice (if I do say so myself).



Packing and wrapping is surprisingly slow business, but I will be working overtime to get these to you.

Just as a reminder the price is **£39.99** each plus P&P

Mineral Wagon Wagon Update

I have now sold close to 200 of these wagons so I really do thank you all for your support. My total order was for 250 so there are still a few of both liveries available.

Prices for these mineral wagons are **£39.95** each for a single wagon and **£150.00** for a set of 4 wagons, both plus P&P.

The second batch of coal loads has also now been delivered and these are priced at **£4.50** each plus P&P.

These make a great finishing touch, don't you think?



More from the late Rev Alan Cliff

Thank you all for your purchases from the latest Alan Cliff listings. I now just have 2 items remaining as you will see below. Please email to secure either of these.

Ace Trains/Seven Mill Models LNER N2 0-6-2 – Lined Black

£400.00 plus P&P



The N2. Whilst Ace branded, was in fact a collaboration between Ace and Seven Mill Models. This model is one of a small batch of these locos modified by ETS for Seven Mill Models to include twin clutches for super smooth running, plus a smoke generator.

Raylo Exclusive – London Transport Acton Shuttle – Dark Red

£375.00 plus P&P



Produced exclusively for Raylo by LT model specialists Radley Models, this beautiful model is fully illuminated and does therefore require a bit of extra voltage to run properly. I have tested it at about 18volts and it runs well. It also features an additional pick-up, together with photos and hand-written instructions as to how this was done (but not why).

See us at Shows

As life returns to normal, so I am pleased to be getting out and about more regularly! I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the coming months of summer.

Saturday 23rd July – TCS Summer Show Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Narborough Road, Leicester, LE3 2RD – 10:00am to 4:00pm

Note, due to my cataract surgery, I will almost certainly have to miss this one

Tuesday 26th July – HRCA Cambridge Group

Fulbourn Village Library, The Swifts, Haggis Gap, Fulbourn CB21 5HD
5:30pm to 9:00pm

Monday 8th August – HRCA Cotswolds Group

Northend Village Hall, Top Street, Northend, Warks CV47 2TN 3:30pm to 8:00pm **NOTE – This meeting has returned to its old venue**

Tuesday 16th Aug – Northants and Rutland O Gauge Group (NAROGG)

Gretton Village Hall, 61 Kirby Rd, Gretton, Corby, Northants NN17 3DB – 1pm to 5pm, refreshments - £3.00 entry

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW VENUE – just a couple of miles from the old one

Tuesday Aug 30th – HRCA Merseyside Group

Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane, Whitley, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 4EJ
– 2pm to 6:30pm

NOTE: This is a new summer venue for the group that used to meet at Preston Brook. It will return to PB during the winter months but on a Saturday – more info to follow.



Don't forget to like our WJVintage Facebook Page

With over 500 Facebook 'likes', the WJVintage page is almost as popular as this newsletter! That said, many subscribers on Facebook are associates, friends and family with a passing interest in what I get up to – so not my key target audience. 😊 However, it keeps growing and all the latest news is often seen on Facebook before it appears in the newsletter as updates can be done instantly rather than monthly. If you are a member of Facebook, why not look us up and give us a 'like'?



Plus, we also now have a 'YouTube' Channel!

I have to confess, after a good start, the channel has been quiet for a while but I am pleased to say that a new video of the Atlantic running has now been posted.

I am hoping that this will be the first of many and that the videos will be able to recommence on a more regular basis over the coming weeks. I am working with my son to produce and post another video update over the coming weeks - I'll keep you updated.

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.

Credit Card

We have a credit/debit card facility, so you can telephone and place your order with us by calling **07711 092497** – please have your card to hand when calling.

Cheque

If you would prefer to pay by cheque, that is no problem either. Just download the order form from our website and complete your requirements. Then make a cheque out for the total and post both order form and cheque to us at the address shown. Please make cheques payable to **WJVintage**.

Email

Alternatively, you can place your order by email and payment can then be made either by card, PayPal, direct bank transfer or cheque. Please note our email address is: wjvintage@outlook.com

BACS

A growing number of customers are now choosing to send money direct to my account by BACS transfer. If you would like to use this method, please contact me and I will send you my bank account details.

Stay Safe Everyone!

Paul

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