

# **WJVintage**

## **May 2023 Newsletter**

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**Welcome to the May 2023 edition of the WJVintage newsletter. As I intimated last month, this newsletter is a short interim update to help me get back on track with the monthly news arriving mid-month rather than end of month. But more importantly, the May newsletter is all about the exciting unveiling of our brand new locomotive for 2023!**

**Yes, I am delighted to announce that after many months of planning, costing and development, the new locomotive is ready to be presented to you. I have to say, I still find this to be as exciting today as it was when I first started working in the toy/model industry way back in 1991.**

**I started to tease you about this model a few months back, but as you will be aware, a period of worldwide economic instability has resulted in galloping inflation, and has made it very difficult to quote for future productions with any degree of certainty. I thank you all for your patience in waiting for this announcement, and I thank ETS for all their hard work in terms of designing, quoting and producing a beautiful prototype of the new release – yes, the prototype is made, and exclusive photos follow in the 'What's New' feature below. What's more, if you can get to the Sandown toyfair this coming Saturday (20<sup>th</sup> May), you should be able to see the prototype first hand as it is due to arrive later this week.**

**I've kept you waiting long enough – scroll down and all will be revealed ..... 😊**

**Stay Safe &  
Keep enjoying your trains**

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# What's New



## LBSCR H2 4-4-2 'Brighton' Atlantic

I am guessing, that following the release of the GNR C1 Atlantic last year, it is perhaps no great surprise that our new release is another Atlantic. What was more of a surprise to me, was just how many new parts were required to be tooled to produce this most handsome of locomotives. So here it is, and I really hope that you like it. I have had so many requests for this locomotive that I think it should prove very popular. Do bear in mind that this is a hand-made prototype, and we are already working on several key improvements, but overall I am really delighted at the look of this model.

Take a look at it from a few more angles:



The specification will unsurprisingly be pretty similar to the GNR Atlantic but with one additional key feature – this version will be 2/3 rail switchable. Here is the full list of features:

- Precision engineered, (7mm to the foot) O gauge model.
- Hand-built tinplate construction.
- Beautifully tampon-printed authentic liveries.
- 2/3-rail switchable.
- Includes ON/OFF isolating switch.
- 10–14 Volts DC operation.
- Twin motors with super-smooth clutch drive mechanism.
- Fitted with standard Bassett-Lowke/Ace style couplings on tender.
- All-metal construction
- Suitable for minimum radius 27-inch (686mm) curves.
- Will run on raised centre third track.



Although there were only ever six examples of the H2 class built, they were tremendously successful and were in service from 1911 until their final withdrawal in 1958. During this time span the locos wore several really smart liveries and we hope to be able to bring you examples of each. Production numbers are going to be kept pretty low and my allocation across all liveries will be just **75 pieces** so I would advise early ordering to avoid disappointment.

The planned liveries/quantities are as follows:

Livery	WJVintage Allocation
LB&SCR lined Umber	25
SR lined Maunsell Green – possibly 2 names/numbers	20
SR lined Malachite Green – possibly 2 names/numbers	10
BR (early crest) lined Black 32424 'Beachy Head'	20



We do reserve the right to amend these allocations according to demand but the total quantity produced will remain 150 total with just 75 pieces allocated to **WJVintage**

Below are some images found on the internet to show how the Southern and BR liveries will look.

**Lined Maunsell Green**



**Lined Malachite Green**



**BR Lined (early crest) Black**



The superb H2 Atlantics are scheduled to start arriving from October 2023 and the prices will be a little more than the previous GNR examples. The cost for the 'Brighton' Atlantics is anticipated to be **£750.00** each plus P&P.

Note - We will do everything we can to maintain this price but if there are serious cost fluctuations between now and production, we do reserve the right to review pricing and will advise all customers as quickly as possible.

Please get in touch to pre-order/express interest in any of the 'Brighton' Atlantics and I will take your details. Progress updates will be available via this newsletter over the coming months

### **...Still available - C1 Atlantics**

I do still have a few of the C1 Atlantics left in just two schemes  
LNER (superheated)



BR (superheated)



These are now in very limited quantities and are priced at **£695.00** each plus P&P

How about some lovely LNER Gresley Teak Coaches to haul behind that LNER C1 Atlantic?

I still have on offer some Ace C4 **pre-owned** coaching stock as follows:

**Set A** with clear windows but no interior partitions

6461 all first/break, 61639 all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1516 brake/3<sup>rd</sup> with working rear light and pick-up (1 set only – photos show both sides)



These are all in excellent condition and the sides still have the protective film in place

Note: roof boards 'The Flying Scotsman' on one side of each only

Price **£220.00** plus P&P for the set

## See us at Shows

This month I have tried to give a more comprehensive schedule of events going forward as far as June 2023 and some beyond. With rising fuel costs and a general decline in spending with cost-of-living rises, I have reduced my travelling to some of the general Toy Fairs and I am focussing instead on the Model Railway club meets and shows. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the coming months as we head through winter towards a hopefully brighter spring! **Do check back on these dates with each newsletter as I have already had to add, subtract or alter some events and may continue to do so as necessary.**

### **Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> – Sandown Park (Barry Potter Fairs)**

Sandown Exhibition Centre, Sandown Park Racecourse, Portsmouth Road, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9AJ - 10:30am to 3:00pm

### **Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> – HRCA Cambridge Group**

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

**Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bassett-Lowke Society/TCS/Trix Twin Society Combined Vintage Model Railway Show**

British Motor Museum, Banbury Road, Gaydon, Warwickshire, CV35 0BJ  
10:00am to 4:00pm

**Monday June 12<sup>th</sup> – HRCA Cotswolds Group**

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

**Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> - Northants and Rutland O Gauge Group**

Gretton Village Hall, 61 Kirby Rd, Gretton, Corby NN17 3DB  
1:00pm to 5:00pm – entry £3.00

**Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Alresford Festival of Toy Trains**

Perins School, Pound Hill, Alresford, Hants, SO24 9BS  
10:30am to 4:30pm

**Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> - 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

**NOTE: this date has been changed to avoid a clash with Alresford. Please note the new date**

**Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> – HRCA Cotswolds Group**

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

**Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> – HRCA Cambridge Group**

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

**Monday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – HRCA Cotswolds Group**

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**Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> – Sandown Park (Barry Potter Fairs)**

Sandown Exhibition Centre, Sandown Park Racecourse, Portsmouth Road, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9AJ - 10:30am to 3:00pm

**Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> - Bassett-Lowke Society Running Day, Digswell**

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

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### **Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup> – HRCA Cambridge Group**

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

### **Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> – Sandown Park (Barry Potter Fairs)**

Sandown Exhibition Centre, Sandown Park Racecourse, Portsmouth Road,  
Esher, Surrey, KT10 9AJ - 10:30am to 3:00pm

### **Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> - Bassett-Lowke Society Running Day, Digswell**

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

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### **Don't forget to like our WJVintage Facebook Page**

With well 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, remember our 'YouTube' Channel!**

I have to confess, after a good start, the channel has been quiet for a while but the most recent post is a rather nice video of the Atlantic running.

I am hoping that there will be more to come in future.

### **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](mailto: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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