



WJVintage

Nov/Dec 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to the November/December 2023 combined edition of the WJVintage newsletter. I have only once or twice combined months with the newsletter, but this past month has been a real roller coaster ride of highs and lows and somehow time has been at a premium and has just evaporated away. That's my excuse and I'm sticking to it!

I must start with some rather sad news. Most of you will know that whilst WJVintage and Raylo operate as two independent businesses, Colin Toten and I have for a long time collaborated on releases and both tend to take 50% of a given model run – an arrangement that has worked very well for both of us over the years. I am really very sorry to report that Colin is quite poorly following a stroke, and is currently still in hospital. I am sure you will all want to join me in wishing him a full and very speedy recovery. If you are a customer of Colin's I'm afraid he will not be able to respond, at least in the short term. His daughters are doing their best to ensure that any existing orders are fulfilled but please bear with them as both have their own day jobs.

On top of this, my 93-year-old mother-in-law was recently rushed to hospital and spent over a week as an in-patient receiving treatment. Fortunately, she has bounced back brilliantly and is now back home and finding her feet again. With my own mum's on-going health issues (which are thankfully also stable at the moment), we really do seem to have had our quota of ill-health issues over the past weeks!

On a more positive note, I am pleased to say that ETS have now supplied the first production models of the new LBSCR H2 Atlantic in Umber brown livery. It really is a beautiful locomotive and the small amends and additions following review of the prototype have really paid dividends. Unfortunately, ETS were only able to complete two pieces in time for the recent Sandown toy fair, but in the event, these were held by customs and only released the following week. Best laid plans, eh?

I am now awaiting news of the first 'quantity' delivery so that I can start getting in touch with all those that have pre-ordered. Hopefully this will be very soon indeed. Scroll down to the '**What's New**' feature below for the very first photographs of the production loco.

You'll also see details in '**What's New**' of some very nice new container loads from Graham Lock. These are dual purpose as they have been carefully designed to fit both the **WJVintage** range of Well Wagons, as well as Corgi diecast flatbeds and flatbed trailers. Hopefully these will become another really welcome addition to your layouts in either guise.

I have also recently taken delivery of another collection from an enthusiast who is 'thinning down', and whilst several of his items were already sold at Sandown Park, I do still have one or two very nice items at very good prices.

All in all, there is plenty to tempt you as a pre-Christmas treat 😊

All the other regular favourite features are also included in the newsletter so I hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Finally, the lovely header photo this month is from the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway website. Their 'Elf Explorer' and 'Festive Flyer' services will be starting soon and will really get you and your family in the Christmas mood. If you happen to be in West Yorkshire over the coming weeks, why not look them up?

It just remains for me to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2024

**Stay Safe &
Keep enjoying your trains**



Out & About



Yorkshire Vintage Toy, Tinplate and Live Steam Railways Fair – Eccleshill Mechanics Institute, Bradford – October 28th.

This was only the second meeting at this new venue in Bradford and, once again, John Lockwood and his team put on a fabulous event with both Gauge 1 and O Gauge layouts and a good number of static displays, plus excellent trader support.

The facilities at the Eccleshill Mechanic Institute are also top class, with a lovely purpose-built café. Mike Green and I arrived on the Friday for an early set-up, and we enjoyed a delicious (and huge) Chinese banquet in a packed café on Friday evening. It was such great value for money too! I really do recommend it if you are up in that part of the world.

To be honest, it is the friendly and welcoming reception that makes the weekend for me. This is probably just as well because, if I am honest, the attendance on Saturday was really quite poor. It is such a shame because the amount of work that goes into the organisation deserves better. I hope that as the word gets out the attendances will rise accordingly for next year's events.



One of the outstanding features at this event for me was the quality of some of the larger models on display and running. I have a real soft spot for Gauge 1 and the beautiful Atlantic that was running throughout the day was just so lovely. One day I will give in and start collecting, I am sure!

Organiser, John and his friend Malcolm, are both collectors of larger scale railways, so it was no real surprise to see up to 5¼ inch scale represented. They really do make the most impressive models.



A real highlight for me was a superb, and rather unusual/rare Bassett-Lowke train in Gauge 2. The locomotive was a near mint GNR N1 Class 0-6-2 Tank and the coaches were the most gorgeous set of GNR teaks you could ever wish to see.





On the subject of unusual and rare, one of the traders had a 'mega-rare' example of a Marklin painted tinplate station. Dating from around 1900, this absolute beauty is called the 'Central Bahnhof' but acquired the nickname of the 'onion dome' station for fairly obvious reasons looking at the gold-coloured central dome.

I have never seen one of these before, so I had to 'google it' and found just a couple of references. I wasn't originally sure whether the canopy on the rear was also Marklin, but it appears that it is. Back in 2018 a set like this of station and canopy together sold at auction in Europe for 2,100 Euros so it is clearly a very desirable collector piece.



It never fails to impress and astound me that such rarities can be found at these shows, and it just goes to show what can be found if you look hard enough.

Let's just hope that this lovely show gets a little more support at next year's events. It would be such a shame to see the trader support wane as that would more than likely impact on the financial viability of putting the event on.

I will post the dates in the newsletter as soon as I receive confirmation from John and his team.



HRCA Cotswolds Group Meet – Dasset Village Hall, Northend, Warks - November 13th.

Northend has always been one of my favourite HRCA meetings and it would seem that others enjoy it too. Richard Taylor, in his address to the meeting was overjoyed that once again the meeting had attracted well over 40 enthusiasts. Sadly it was to be my last of 2023 as I have a clash of dates in December.

The theme for the night was 'Nevva Wazzas', in other words items that look like regular O Gauge ready to run pieces, but which were in fact never put into production.

For once, I have to say the theme did not have such a strong following as it usually does. However, on the O gauge layout someone always thinks of a humorous take on the theme and this meet was no exception, with a 'Toblerone' shaped load on a Lionel flatbed wagon and entitled 'Neverwazza Heavyweight Chocolate Biscuit Co'. This was being hauled by a very large and impressive (presumably also Lionel) Rock Island US locomotive, as part of a chocolate biscuit themed train.





Sadly, I forgot my camera on this occasion, so I had to rely on my phone camera which is fine in natural light, but pretty poor indoors (or is it the photographer?). I won't therefore bore you with blurry out of focus shots. However, this next one looks ok and depicts a really immaculate display of Hornby Dublo from Bob Field, just to continue the theme of non-O gauge that we seem to have developed this month!



I will close with one further thought. The cakes, sausage rolls, cheese scones etc that are provided by Richard Taylor's wife Sue and her friends are quite delicious and extremely good value for money. Perhaps this is why the numbers at Northend are on the up! 😊



Another Trip to the Seaside - Steve Smith Running Day, Oulton Broad, November 25th.
 As this newsletter is rather late I have actually managed to squeeze in another trip to see Steve and his fantastic O Gauge layout. This was the final one of the year, and there was a noticeable chill in the air, on a bright crisp day in Oulton Broad.

Whilst Steve never sets a theme for these running days there was a very definite leaning towards the Southern part of the country, with a Longmoor Military Railway as a sub-theme. Certainly my recently received first production example of the LBSCR H2 Atlantic, did not look out of place and I was very pleased for the opportunity to pose it for some publicity photos and to take a short video clip of the locomotive in action. If you would like to view this here is a link to the video on my Youtube video channel

[WJVintage O Gauge LBSCR H2 Atlantic - YouTube](#)

Here are a few photos from another memorable day in Lowestoft.





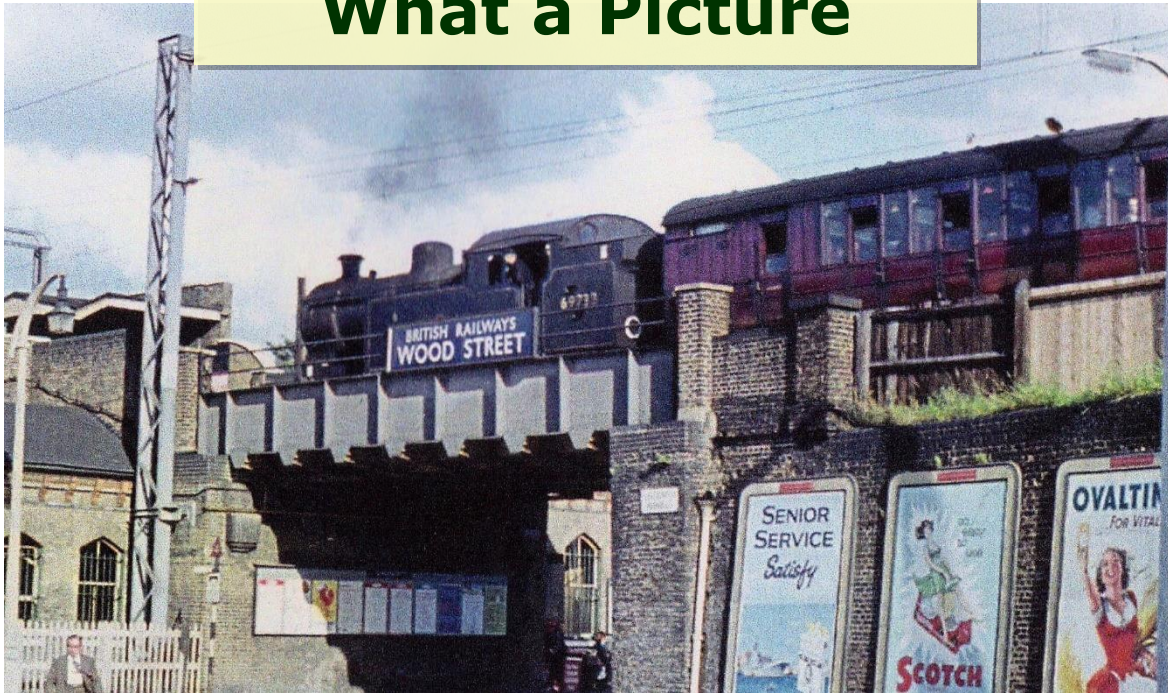


I couldn't not include this fabulous cable drum load for a Bogie Bolster. The drums are cleverly attached using a thick elastic thread. Looks great!



Thanks to Steve and Debra for another great day out. Debra, the sausage rolls and warming chilli were just the job on a chilly day. Roll on next spring!

What a Picture



I came across this photograph a few years ago (2019 I believe) and saved it for a reason – but then promptly forgot all about it. Until just recently, that is, when I came across it whilst looking for something else. It was taken in October of 1960 and shows a BR N7 0-6-2T hauling a suburban train from Liverpool Street to Chingford, over the bridge across Wood Street in Walthamstow.

The reason for saving it? Well firstly it was taken in colour, which was still fairly rare, even in 1960. Secondly, I was brought up in Chingford, so I used the Chingford to Liverpool St line on a fairly regular basis. Finally, and most importantly, that bridge over Wood Street is about 200 yards from the Dukes Head Pub, which is where I first met my lovely wife Angela, way back in 1987!

Incidentally, both pub and bridge are still there! Here is the bridge as it looks today – things around it may have changed, but the bridge is just as it was.



Customer Wants

Well, just as I was about to give up on this idea, I have had a note from another customer with some items he would like to track down and buy. If you have any of the following and would be prepared to sell, then please drop me a line.

WANTED

Ace Trains - One (or more) of the G2 series of North Eastern Vans (the brown ones, not the red gunpowder type)

Darstaed – Gresley Teak Full Brake Coach

Darstaed - LBSCR 2-6-2 Tank in LBSCR Umber livery

If you can help with any of the above, do please get in touch and please let me know how much you would like to achieve for your items.



If you have any particular 'Wants' do, please let me know and I will continue the feature to advertise these through the newsletter. With a bit of luck, you never know, another reader might be able to help.

What's New



LBSCR H2 4-4-2 'Brighton' Atlantic

Well, it has been a while coming but boy, I really do think that it was worth the wait. The prototype was good, but in production it is even better, a truly stunning release – if I do say so myself! I hope you will all agree.

As I mentioned in the introduction to the newsletter, the quantity of two received (that's one for me and one for Raylo) is not much use to anyone if I'm frank. However, the first full 'quantity' delivery should follow shortly, and I will be contacting everyone that has pre-ordered very soon.

Please note, the first production run is only the LBSCR Umber scheme. The SR Maunsell Green, SR Malachite Green and BR Black Lined releases will follow early in the new year (please see the table below to find the livery you have ordered and the anticipated release date).

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Livery

Qty Expected (approx.)

LB&SCR lined Umber	30	November/December
SR lined Maunsell Green – 'Trevoise Head' and 'The Needles'	25	January/February
SR lined Malachite Green – 'South Foreland'	10	February/March
BR (early crest) lined Black - 32424 'Beachy Head'	10	March/April

In the meantime, please find below a few more photos of the production model in LBSCR Umber Brown livery.



I still have just a very few of each livery available if you would like to place an order. They are all priced at **£750.00** plus P&P each. And of course, thanks to everyone that has already placed a pre-order for one of these. Your support during difficult financial/cost of living times is really appreciated.

If you haven't seen the prototype or production locos in person (and I appreciate that many of you won't have yet) do remember, I now have a short clip of the production loco in action on my Youtube Page – here is a link: [WJVintage O Gauge LBSCR H2 Atlantic - YouTube](#)

The specification is unsurprisingly pretty similar to the GNR Atlantic but with one additional key feature – **this version is 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 tampo-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.

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



All Brighton H2 Atlantics will be priced at **£750.00** each plus P&P. Please get in touch to order yours now!

...Still available - C1 Atlantics

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



8 remaining

BR (superheated)



4 remaining

As you can see, these are now in very limited quantities and are priced at **£695.00** each plus P&P

New from Graham Lock

I am pleased to say that Graham has once again been busy and has come up with a rather nice series of container loads that have been carefully designed to fit on the WJVintage Well Wagon.



Not only that but they are also perfectly sized to fit on Corgi diecast 1:48 scale flatbed trucks and trailers.





The containers are paper wraps around solid wood formers and are available in the five schemes shown, namely BR, LNER, SR, GWR and LMS.

All are priced at **£18.00** each plus P&P and I have a limited quantity of each style in stock and ready to ship now!

Drop me a line to order yours. If I run out of stock, Graham can usually supply a re-stock within a couple of weeks.

A New Pre-owned Collection

Just in time for Christmas, I have taken delivery of another pre-owned collection. A fair bit of this sold at Sandown but I did hold back a few nice **items for the newsletter.**

Ace Trains LMS 10000 Co-Co Diesel



This beautiful example is virtually brand new, with very little running at all. Features realistic engine sounds which can be switched on or off as required. Suitable for 2-rail or 3-rail operation. It comes complete with instructions and bag of lamps & discs. Box is excellent. Price is **£525.00** plus P&P

Ace Trains 4-6-0 'Jubilee' Class loco – LMS Maroon – 5701 'Conqueror'



This is another lovely locomotive with very little running time to its name. I have included a photo of the spoons below to show how little wear there is on them (wheels could do with a clean though).



Features working front lamps and is suitable for 2-rail or 3-rail operation. It comes complete with operating instructions and the box is in excellent condition. These are becoming quite sought after, particularly in this lovely LMS Maroon scheme.

Price is **£675.00** plus P&P

ETS Southern USA 0-6-0 Dock Shunter – BR (early crest) Black

This characterful little tank engine is offered in its post war BR Black scheme with the early cycling lion crest. Once again, it has seen virtually no use and is in immaculate 'as new' condition. The spoons have very

little wear on them at all. The loco is suitable for 2-rail and 3-rail use and is supplied with instructions. Box is in good condition.



Price on this one is just **£250.00** plus P&P which is a real bargain in my opinion (RRP £345.00)

Darstaed BR (Ex-LMS) P1 Set A – Blood and Custard Corridor Coach Set



This is a lovely, as new, set of BR Corridor Coaches comprising a Brake Third, Third Class and Composite. All feature working interior lighting with a rear light on the brake coach.

Price is **£195.00** plus P&P

Darstaed SR Suburban Coach Set – SR Green



This is a lovely example of a very rare set that was produced exclusively for Raylo. It comprises a Brake Third, All Third and (uniquely) a First/Third Composite. These are very hard to come by and are quite sought after.

Price is **£250.00** plus P&P

Ace Trains C/5 Set A BR Mk.1 Blood and Custard Coach Set

Another excellent condition set of coaches comprising a full First, full Third and Brake Third with working rear light. The set also comes with a sealed bag of 'The Elizabethan' name boards.

Price is **£195.00** plus P&P

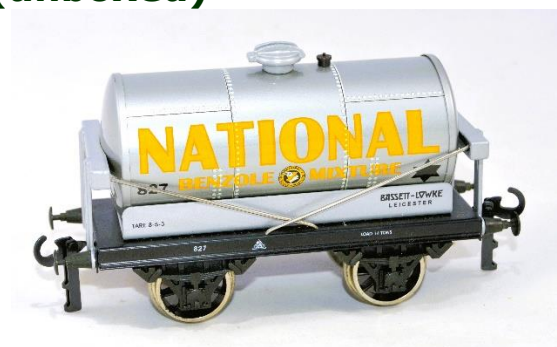


Bassett-Lowke LNER Brake Van



Bassett-Lowke (Corgi/Hornby Era) brake van in good used condition. There is a slight wear mark on the roof edge and on one of the ducketts as shown in the photos. Features a working lamp powered by 2 x AAA batteries (not supplied). Price is **£35.00** plus P&P

Bassett-Lowke Tank Wagons (unboxed)



Taken from an original set, these two tank wagons in Shell and National liveries are in excellent but unboxed condition.
Priced at **£28.00** each plus P&P

Bassett-Lowke Tank Wagon – Pratt's Spirit



Excellent example in great condition and good box too.

Price is **£40.00** plus P&P

Bassett-Lowke Tank Wagon – Esso



Nice Esso tank wagon that has unfortunately been sun-bleached on one side (right hand photo shows bleached side). Box has some sun bleaching on label too. Displays very well on the good side 😊

Price is **£25.00** plus P&P

Bassett-Lowke 7-Plank Wagon – LMS



Excellent example in great condition but the box label is very sun-bleached

Price is **£30.00** plus P&P

The Brian Edinboro Collection

WJVintage C1 Atlantic 4-4-2 – 62822, British Railways unlined black



This is quite a difficult one for me. I wasn't expecting to be selling a used Atlantic whilst I still have new ones available! As you can imagine this loco is not very old and has seen very little running. It presents in almost 'as new' condition, as does the box – instructions included. Now priced at **£595.00** plus P&P so a full £100.00 discount from the 'brand new' price.

Wagons – just the 1 left!



Paya Jacob's Cream Crackers Van - unboxed, chrome plating on wheels and buffers not too bad (it is not normally very good on Paya rolling stock), overall very good
£12.00 plus P&P

Dinky 190 Caravan Cream/Blue



Produced between 1956 and 1960 this caravan is in nice, play-worn condition with a few paint chips as can be seen in photos. The tow hook is complete, and the jockey wheel is in place. Tyres both look to be in good condition. Price **£5.00** plus P&P

Cararama/Oxford Diecast Volvo FH12 1:50 Scale Low Loader Rawcliffe & Sons

This truck comes boxed and is in very good used/displayed condition. Box is also in good condition with slightly dusty window.

This looks great with a Volvo Digger as a load (sold separately see below)

Price **£15.00** plus P&P



Motorart Volvo EC280 1:50 Scale Excavator

This is a very nicely detailed model in good condition and in great working order (tracks revolve, jib arm and bucket are fully articulated, and the body rotates). It is very much a collector model rather than a toy but does not come with box. It looks great on the Volvo low loader (sold separately see above).

Price **£20.00** plus P&P



Maisto Articulated Tractor Digger/Plough

In contrast to the above, this is much more of a toy and actually has a friction motor which seems to have a slipping clutch so doesn't run too well. It is all complete and will display well after a bit of a clean.

Price **£5.00** plus P&P



See us at Shows

Here we have a comprehensive schedule of events into the New Year. 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.

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 December 16th - 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

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Monday January 8th – HRCA Cotswolds Group

Northend Village Hall, Top Street, Northend, Warks CV47 2TN 3:30pm to 8:00pm

Sunday January 14th – Bassett-Lowke Society, Vintage Toy Trains at Bromsgrove

Dodford Village Hall, Priory Road, Dodford, Bromsgrove, B61 9DD
10:30am to 3:30pm – Free Entry for all Bassett-Lowke Society members

Tuesday January 23rd – HRCA Cambridge Group

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

Saturday March 23rd – Beckenham Vintage Model Railway Show

Forest Hill Boys School, Dacres Road, Forest Hill, London, SE23 2XN
10:30 to 16:30

NOTE: This is a new venue for Beckenham Vintage



Don't forget to like our WJVintage Facebook Page

With close to 650 Facebook 'likes', the WJVintage page is 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 prototype LBSCR H2 Atlantic running.

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

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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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Cheque

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Email

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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
Have a very Merry Christmas!

Paul

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