

WJVintage

May 2024 Newsletter



Welcome to the May 2024 edition of the WJVintage newsletter. I'm pleased to report that we have finally had some nice weather, but now it's raining again – typical spring in the UK! However, nothing can dampen our enthusiasm for our O gauge model railways and for me the recent and coming weeks have been/will be extremely busy with shows and club meets.

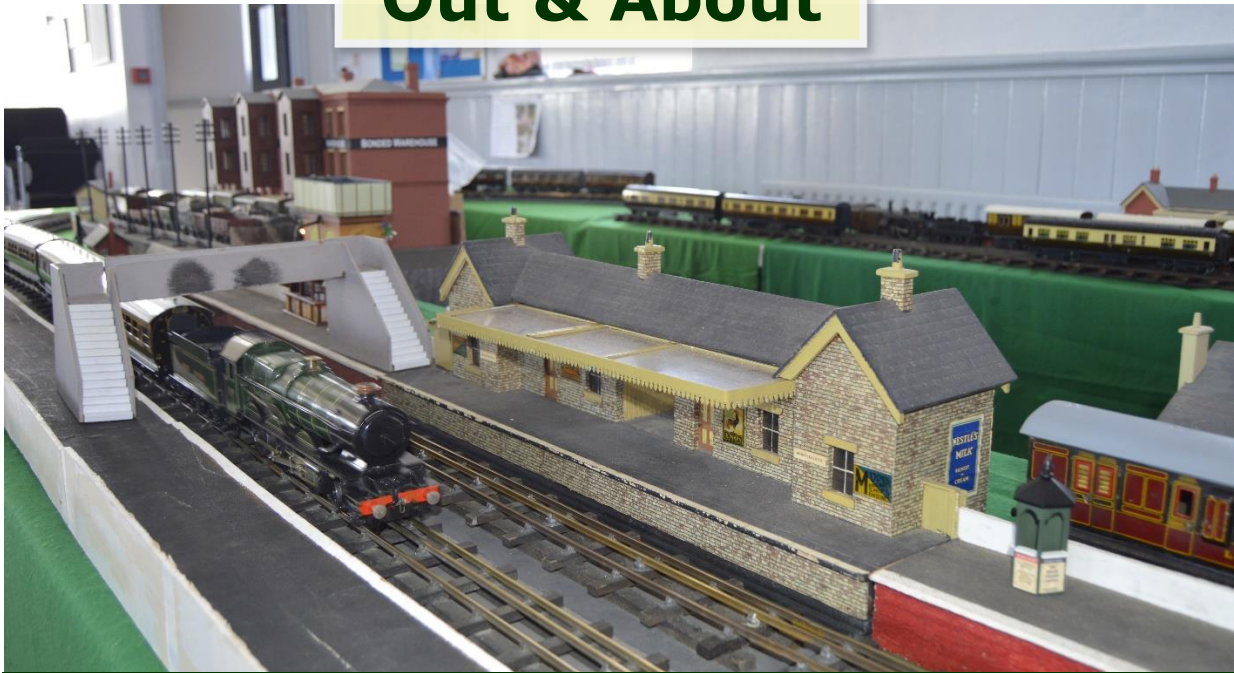
I have just returned from another busy Sandown Toyfair, and in the coming weeks I'll be at the combined TCS/Bassett-Lowke/Trix show at Gaydon, followed quickly by Bassett-Lowke Digswell and the Alresford Festival of Toy Trains. All promise to be really excellent events and I am looking forward to meeting lots of you at one of these great shows. Full details as always are given towards the end of this newsletter in the 'See Us at Shows' section. It's a busy start to summer!

With the ongoing deliveries of the beautiful new Atlantics continuing, there hasn't been too much activity in the 'What's New' feature of late. I'm pleased to report that has changed this month as I feature a newly arrived Ace Deltic, a couple of re-discovered locos I had forgotten I had, plus some superb pre-owned Ace Tank Wagon sets which look completely unused. There is also another new 'figures' offering from Graham Lock. Lots to tempt you so do please scroll down for more details.

Obviously, all the regular show reports are also included below, so please settle down with a nice cuppa and enjoy another newsletter.

Stay Safe &
Keep enjoying your trains

Out & About



Vintage Model Railway Show Eccleshill Mechanics Institute, Bradford – Saturday, April 20th.

This was the third time this event has been held in Bradford and I'm pleased to say that this was the best yet. Word is clearly getting out there and attendance is getting better at each show. I am so pleased that all the hard work that John Lockwood and his team have put into this is paying off.

John and team provide the Gauge 1 layout, whilst the Bassett-Lowke Society Northern Branch create the O gauge layout. On this occasion the stand-out pieces for me were the buildings that enhanced the Bassett-Lowke layout. These were brought along by Mark Armstrong and the Warehouse building, in particular, was outstanding. It was one of several wooden buildings by model maker Mark Jackson and now owned by Mark (Armstrong). I have used one photo as the main header of this newsletter, but I think it justifies another view so please see below.



Here are another couple of the wooden buildings. Some people are really gifted when it comes to such creations.



Sometimes its not until you get home and review the shots taken, that you realize you have unconsciously focussed on a particular thing. In this case, I seem to have concentrated on green locos.

On the O gauge layout:

Here is a very nice 4-6-2 Britannia Class 70004 'William Shakespeare' in BR (late crest) lined green.



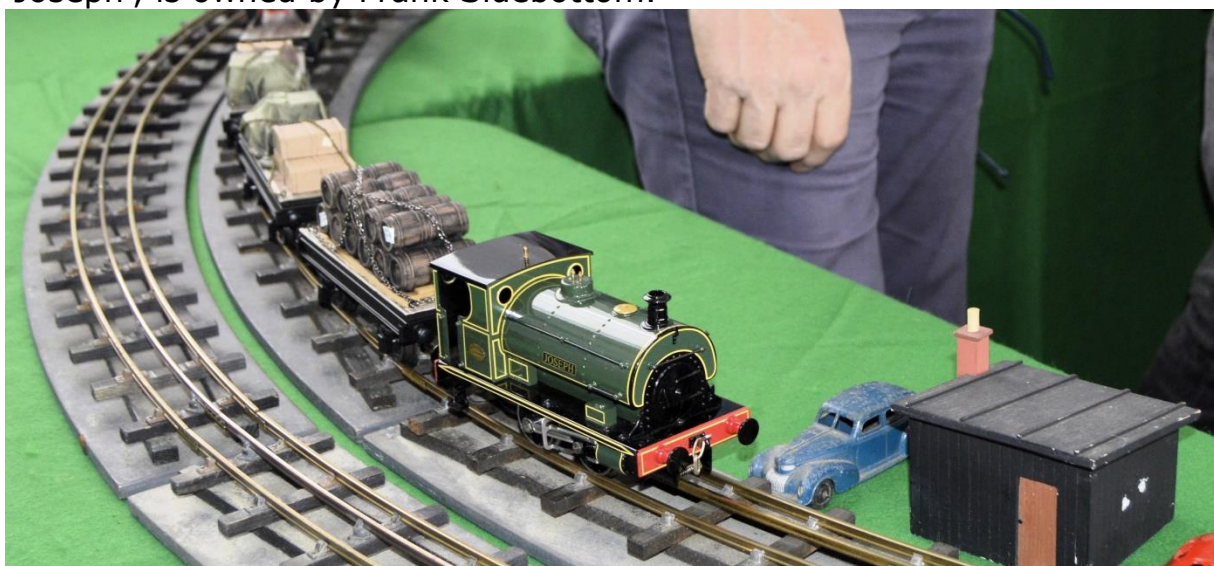
Next up is a lovely GWR 4-6-0 King Class 6009 'King Charles II'



The Gresley LNER A3 Class 4-6-2 is instantly recognisable but perhaps not with the name 'Spion Kop' (a thoroughbred racehorse from 1919 to 1921) and running number 2752



Finally, on the O Gauge layout, I guess I would be drawn to this Peckett 0-4-0 Tank. It was the last model produced under the Bassett-Lowke (Corgi/Hornby) name and was one where I was personally involved with the design and development during my time at Corgi. This one, named 'Joseph', is owned by Frank Sidebottom.



The unconscious green theme continued for me over on the Gauge 1 layout where I was, again not surprisingly drawn to a lovely GNR C1 Class 4-4-0 Atlantic, which I just had to pose next to my own version in O Gauge. Unfortunately, the perspective of the shot doesn't really show just how much bigger the Gauge 1 version is. Both beautiful locos though 😊



Organiser, John Lockwood is also a big collector of larger scale model locomotives, and he always puts on a good display of his 5¼ inch gauge locos at Eccleshill. Here the humans give a very good indication of the sheer scale of these steam-driven beauties!



Buoyed by the success of this event, John is now planning another show for later in the year (Oct). It really is the most friendly and welcoming of

shows so I would thoroughly recommend a visit – the details are in the **'See Us at Shows'** section towards the end of this newsletter.



HRCA Cotswold Group – Northend Village Hall 13th May 2024

This Month, the theme at Northend was 'Wartime' and I have to say that, most unusually, it was not one of the best supported themes – perhaps the drabness of the, mainly black liveries, does not have such wide appeal?

That said, there were still some nice examples as the photo above of LNER Gresley 4-6-2 A3 Class 2477 'Grand Parade' shows. There were also some nice examples of military wagons as shown below.





Actually, on this occasion, the OO displays probably outdid the O Gauge. Bob Field, an acknowledged Hornby Dublo expert, and collector extraordinaire, presented a fine display of locos in wartime liveries.



The Hornby Dublo layout also had some fine examples of military trains being run.



Of course, these meetings are always very relaxed and there is no stuffiness about not keeping to the theme. On the O gauge layout I was, as always, delighted to see so much **WJVintage** product on display and being enthusiastically run – with a distinct Western region theme!



There is a really nice feeling about seeing these locos being enjoyed by others. Makes it all worthwhile 😊

Customer Corner

Last month I featured some photographs from regular contributor Brian Edinboro. This month I am going to give him another feature. Last year Brian visited one of the UKs nicest preserved railways, The North Norfolk Railway, also known as 'The Poppy Line'. He sent me a photo of the magnificent Class 37 Diesel which is based there but somehow I completely overlooked it – until now. So with apologies to Brian here, belatedly, is the photo showing the loco bathed in sunshine at Holt station in Norfolk.



Diesels appear to be becoming quite popular amongst 3-rail O gauge enthusiasts at the moment - see the Ace Deltic I have for sale in **'What's New'**. I wonder if a Class 37 might make a good follow-up release to the Deltic? What do you think?

What's New



Southern Railway H2 4-4-2 'Brighton' Atlantic in Malachite Green Scheme.

As we go to press, the latest on the Southern Rail Malachite Green livery of the H2 Atlantic is that all the parts are sprayed and printed, and assembly is now underway. Hopefully these should be shipped in the next couple of weeks. I still have just 3 pieces of this scheme available from my allocation, plus I am still trying to determine what stock might be available from the Raylo allocation. Do please get in touch if you would like to reserve one of these locomotives.

BR (early crest) Lined Black Scheme

Following after this one (around July time) will be the much-anticipated BR black lined scheme 'Beachy Head'. This is the same scheme as the full-size H2 locomotive that is being built from scratch at the Bluebell Railway and the real thing is also due to steam for the first time this summer. What a well-co-ordinated coincidence 😊

I have just 2 of this scheme available from my allocation so please, don't miss out on this very special release. I may have some Raylo stock to allocate as well but please get in touch as quickly as possible to secure one.

Price for all the H2 Atlantics is **£750.00** each plus P&P.

SR Maunsell Green Scheme – SOLD OUT at WJV

In the meantime, I have now contacted all of my pre-order book for the Southern Railways Maunsell Green livery.



My allocation of these SR Maunsell Green locos is sold out and I am making good inroads into the Raylo stock. I do still have a few available so let me know if you would like one. I have both 'Trevose Head' and a couple of 'The Needles' available from Raylo stock.

LB&SCR Umber Scheme - SOLD OUT at WJV

I have also now sold my entire allocation of the LBSCR Umber H2 Atlantics and virtually all of these have now been delivered. I have also started to deliver some of these to Raylo customers but again, I do hope to have a few extras available from Colin's allocation – unless further pre-orders come to light.



Livery

Qty Expected (approx.)

LB&SCR lined Umber	30	Sold Out (WJV stock)
SR lined Maunsell Green – 'Trevose Head' and 'The Needles' PLUS a very small batch of 'North Foreland' and 'South Foreland'	25	Sold Out (WJV stock)
SR lined Malachite Green – 'South Foreland' 'Trevose Head'	10	June
BR (early crest) lined Black - 32424 'Beachy Head'	10	July

I have a short clip of the production LBSCR Umber Brown 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.

Remember - all Brighton H2 Atlantics are priced at **£750.00** each plus P&P.

Please get in touch to order yours now!

IMPORTANT - Colin Toten/Raylo Atlantic Orders

I have now taken over the distribution of Colin's order book for the H2 Atlantics. If you ordered one of these through Colin at Raylo and have not yet been in touch with me, please do so as quickly as possible.

Obviously, Colin's family do not want to be left with lots of these unsold, so they have asked me to help sell them as quickly as possible. I don't want to disappoint anyone who has already ordered, but I will eventually have to let unaccounted for stock go, as this release has proved incredibly popular.

PLEASE NOTE – this only applies to orders for the H2 Atlantics at this moment in time.

...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

Just Arrived!

Ace Trains English Electric Deltic Co-Co Diesel Locomotive - E/41 British Railways (late crest) D9017 'Durham Light Infantry'

From time-to-time customers do ask me to source new Ace releases for them and often I add a loco or two to my order for general sales. This is one such loco and what a stunner it is. Literally just arrived, this Deltic is in, what I consider to be, the best livery of this iconic diesel. It brings back memories of waving my grandmother off back to her home in Sunderland from the platform of Kings Cross Station in London, after a holiday visit back in the mid- to late-60s.



The Ace Trains model captures the sheer power and size of the original superbly and features authentic diesel sounds (which can be muted/switched off) plus directional lighting and crew figures. It is 2/3 rail switchable, 0-20 volts DC and can operate on curves down to 30 inches radius.



The Deltic is priced at **£795.00** plus P&P. Sadly, on this occasion I only ordered one extra so I'm afraid its first come, first served with this one. Do get in touch asap if you would like to add this impressive model to your collection

Re-Discovered

Sentinel Y1 Class 0-4-0T - LNER lined black 8400

From time-to-time customers do request special finishes or specifications when releases are announced, and I always try to accommodate these if

possible. As with the Deltic above, sometimes I even add an extra to the order to offer for general sales. In this case I ordered a couple of specials of the Y1 Sentinel, and promptly forgot all about them – until a recent search for something else happened to uncover them. So, here up for grabs are the following:

Offer 1) LNER lined black 8400 – Gloss black finish (3-rail operation only)



The regular production run of the Sentinel was all completed in satin black finish. This is one of only two that were sprayed in a deep gloss black finish and it does look very smart. Price is **£275.00** plus P&P. Only one available

Offer 2) LNER lined black 8400 – regular satin black finish (2-rail operation only)



Whilst the regular production run was all for 3-rail operation, this is a one-off version for the 2-rail enthusiast, complete with special low-flange wheels. Price is **£275.00** plus P&P. Only one available.

New Loco Crew Sets from Graham Lock

Many of you are by now very familiar with the driver/fireman crew sets produced and hand-painted by Graham Lock. To-date these have been based on the old Hornby style figures, slightly over-scale and rather toy-like. The new figures are aimed at those who would prefer a more realistic and scale-like crew.



The photo shows a traditional crew member on the left alongside two of the new style figures. They will be priced at **£15.00 plus P&P** per set of two cast and hand-painted figures and will be available in the pre-war style (as shown in pale blue overalls and jacket) and the post-war style (in dark blue overalls and jacket). If you would like some of these figures, please let me know. Graham is just commencing production of these and will make to order within around 2-3 weeks of order.

Ace Trains Tank Wagons - Pre-owned but as new

I am pleased to be able to offer no less than six sets from the excellent Ace Trains Tank Wagon Series. These are all in excellent (almost as new) condition and each set is offered at just **£85.00 plus P&P** per set of three



Set 1

Mobiloil
Esso
Ace Trains

Set 2

Esso
Castrol
Regent

Set 3

Pratt's High Test
Pratt's Motor Spirit
Pratt's Spirit

Set 4

Anglo American
BP Motor Spirit
Colas

Set 5

Royal Daylight
Shell
Redline Glico



Set 6

Royal Daylight
Shell
Redline Glico

Remember, I only have one of each set. When they are gone, they are gone, so please don't delay!

See us at Shows

Here we have a comprehensive schedule of events for 2024. 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.**

Tuesday May 28th – HRCA Cambridge Group

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

Saturday June 1st – 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

Saturday June 8th - 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 June 10th – HRCA Cotswolds Group

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

Saturday June 15th – 30th Alresford Festival of Toy Trains

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

Monday July 8th – HRCA Cotswolds Group

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

Tuesday July 23rd – HRCA Cambridge Group

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

Saturday September 7th – Sandown Park (Barry Potter Fairs)

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

Saturday September 14th - 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

Saturday October 26th - Yorkshire, Vintage Toy, Tinsplate and Live Steam Railways Fair 2023

Eccleshill Mechanics Institute, 93B Stone Hall Rd, Bradford BD2 2EW – 10:00am to 4:30pm

Saturday November 16th – Sandown Park (Barry Potter Fairs)

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



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.

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.

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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

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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

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