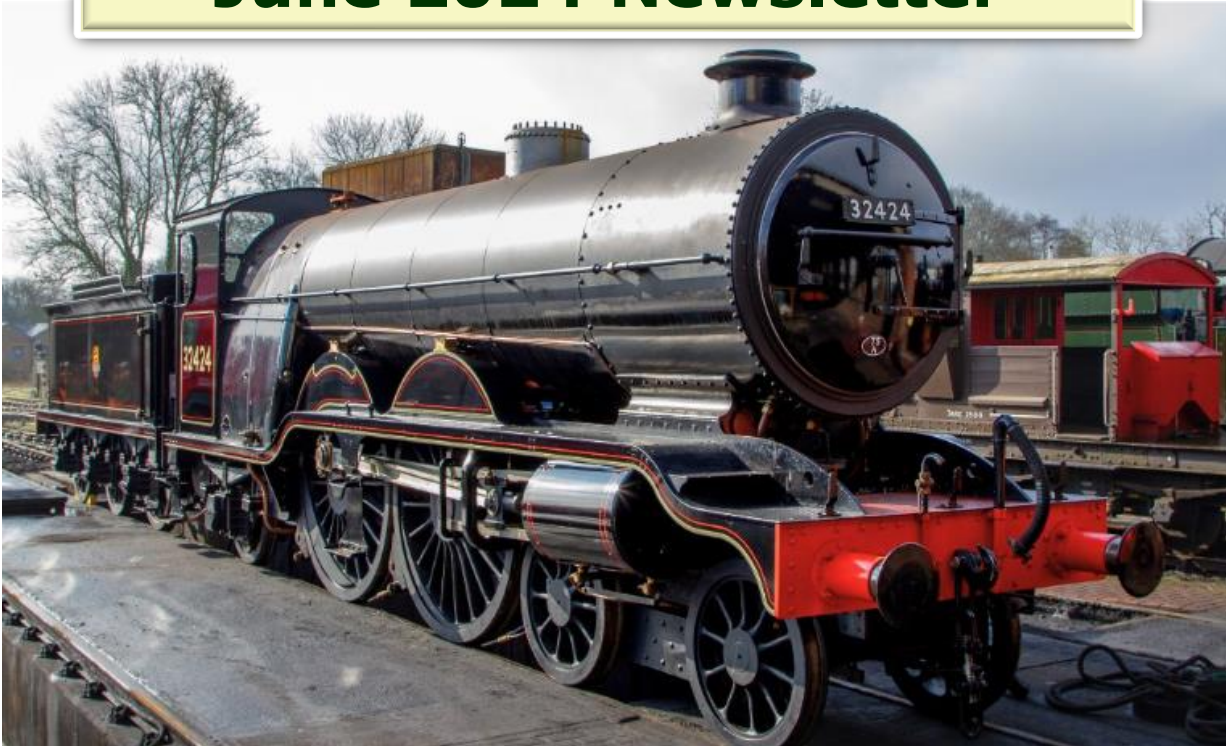


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June 2024 Newsletter



Welcome to the June 2024 edition of the WJVintage newsletter. The exciting news this month is that the Bluebell Railway has recently announced that the new-build H2 Atlantic 'Beachy Head' will start hauling its first trains in August. Dates between Aug 23rd and Sept 1st have now been released. I have never visited the Bluebell before, but I certainly will be there for this! Hopefully, the O Gauge version will be here around the same time, maybe even a little earlier. Exciting times all round!

Just as exciting is the imminent arrival of the very latest H2 Atlantic variant – the Southern Railway in Malachite Green scheme. First production photos are featured in the 'What's New' section as you scroll down through the newsletter. It's another absolute beauty I hope you will agree.

I have had another fabulous month out and about at some fantastic shows. Reports appear below in the 'Out & About' section and in particular, I focus once again on some fantastic pieces of model engineering that are very rare and/or that I have never seen before. I say it quite a lot, but where do they all keep coming from?

Finally, I have just picked up a very nice and varied collection from a good customer of long standing. This is now offered for sale so scroll down quickly – first come, first served!

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Customer Corner

I am starting with customer corner this month so that things can appear in the correct order. All will become clear as you read on through the newsletter.

Paul Ross recently sent in a couple of very nice photos (taken by friend Chris Holmes) of his recently purchased H2 Atlantic 2422 'North Foreland' in SR Maunsell Green. The loco, one of only 5 produced with this name/running number, was paired with a rake of Darstaed SR coaches and looked very elegant indeed on Chris's 'Gutter Lane' layout.



He also sent in a photo of his latest acquisition, a superb AS Trains Sprague Paris Metro Set. I had never seen one of these sets before and nor had anyone at the Houghton Conquest meet when Paul ran them there just recently.



They were produced by AS Trains during the 1980s/90s and here are a few details from Paul:

'The AS Trains Paris Metro Sprague set was also photographed on his (Chris Holmes') Gutter Lane layout (or, in this case, Voie de Gouttière!). The motor car is at the far end of the set and has one motor bogie, powered by two vertically-mounted motors. These were coupled by an O-ring which failed on the train's first outing. However, the motor car seems to perform perfectly well without it, so replacement is not an urgent job. As these Sprague models were made between 1980 and 1990, the O-ring might well have been over 40 years old! Although there's only one powered bogie, the motor car weighs something like 1.2kg, so there's no shortage of traction. The train is currently only 80% complete as I'm awaiting the arrival of the red/green 1st/2nd Class Trailer Composite car to make up the full 5-car set.'

What a fantastic find and I believe Paul now has the 5th car to make up the full set.

Now you know what happens when you are waiting ages for a bus? You guessed it – having never seen anything like this before, a couple of weeks later I went to Alresford and Adam Heeley, by sheer coincidence, was running another AS Sprague Metro set (slightly different to Paul's). The details are shown below in the Alresford show report in the **'Out and About'** feature.

So, a huge thanks to Paul for sending in his photos and particularly for introducing me to the AS Metro set. I wonder if any other readers have a set of these?



Bassett-Lowke Society Running Day – Cowper Arms, Digswell, Saturday 8th June, 2024

Well, this was the meet that nearly wasn't! Serious subsidence on the A1 resulted in a total closure northbound and only one lane open southbound right by the Welwyn exit. This coupled with weekend railway maintenance and poor bus services had a major impact on attendance.

In fact, I arrived nearly half an hour late, to find that only Mike Green had managed get to the Cowper Arms. We decided to wait a while and slowly but surely others started to arrive, and we proceeded to build the layout. I am really glad we did wait. What this meet lacked in numbers was more than compensated for by the quality and rarity of some of the items on display. To my mind, the clear winner at this meeting was Peter Sturt, who brought along two fabulous and unique rarities.



1274 is a Midland Railway 1252 Class 0-4-4T. It was produced as a one-off by Ron Spears in the late 1940s/early 1950s and features a 'rocket' motor. Its claim to fame is that it featured on the cover of a Bassett-Lowke leaflet of the day.

However, just as rare, if not rarer, is 2048 a Marklin Midland Railway 2-4-4? It should in fact be a Midland 0-6-4 'Flatiron' but Marklin chose to alter the driving wheel configuration to allow it to go around tighter radius curves. It is a refurbished clockwork loco and Peter says that he has never seen another like it. It would have been produced around 1909 as it did feature in some leaflets from the period. Peter came across it purely by chance as it was one of several locos in a job lot that he purchased. Some people have all the luck eh? 😊

To cap it all the 'Flatiron' was also displayed with a beautiful rake of Carette short coaches in Midland scheme – and they don't exactly grow on trees either!



Elsewhere, Marcus Peacock, as always, had some very interesting locomotives on display. I was particularly taken by two of them, both ebay purchases and both presumably kit or scratch built

The lovely Reid D34 'Glen' (GNR K Class) 4-4-0 tender loco numbered 9307 'Glen Nevis



Small but hugely characterful was the little LNER Y8 0-4-0 Shunter



I always look forward to seeing what Marcus brings to these running days as there is always something of interest and never run of the mill. I'm looking forward to the September meet already!



30th Festival of Toy Trains – Perins School, New Alresford - Saturday 15th June, 2024

This is always one of my favourite shows of the year. The location in the Hampshire countryside is lovely and the school offers a great setting for what has become a fantastic family day out. I was therefore saddened to hear that this may be the final show at Perins School – more on this below.

First let's concentrate on the positives. Once again Bob Leggett and his team put on an extraordinary display of model railways across all the genres and scales. It really did have something for everyone offering a great family day out. Once again, Howard Starr-Keddle and his team from the HRCA Mortimer Group created a large and beautifully detailed layout and it was here that I came across my first rarities.



Not specifically train related, but certainly great trackside accessories, and highly desirable all the same, Howard displayed some extremely rare items from his Triang collection. I cannot ever recall seeing a Lock-Ups and Garage Space building before, and I certainly haven't ever seen a post-war Triang Rotapark multi-story garage (complete with post-war plastic moulded vehicles). No great surprise as both are extremely rare, so it was fantastic to see them displayed together.



Just across the way from the Mortimer display, Adam Heeley had created one of his typically innovative layouts. This centred around a raised section with a London Underground Station, complete with a simulated subterranean tube tunnel. Fantastically creative!



It was on Adam's layout that I saw two further rarities. Firstly a super little Bing 0-4-0 CLR (Central London Railway) Steeplecab style Locomotive. This was manufactured in 1904 – so 120 years ago – and was running around, powered by its original mech, and hauling a decent rake of wagons.



Then, for the second time in a fortnight, Adam was also running a AS Trains Sprague Paris Metro Set. These were different variants to the ones belonging to Paul Ross (shown earlier in the newsletter), these being in grey and red. How remarkable that two versions turn up in such quick succession.

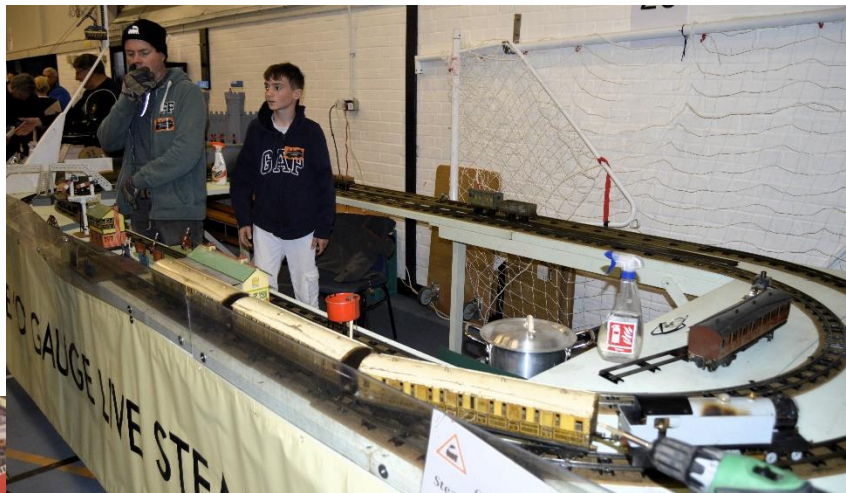


Adam also managed to cram a small tram circuit onto his layout as well. There were two Van Riemsdyk trams and also two kit-built models with ETS tram mechanisms. In the photo below the white roof variant is kit built with the two Van Riemsdyks behind.



Elsewhere we had Big, Big Train and Lego Layouts to enthral the youngsters, plus live steam which appeals to all ages. Bryan Pentland was also there on behalf of the TCS with his futuristic Monorail layout. Here's a flavour in photos.





All round, this was another excellent day with good support from traders and a great turnout from the general public, The show is put on to support local charities, in particular youth groups, so it was particularly disappointing to hear that this may have been the last. Apparently, year on year the school have become more and more difficult to deal with, and costs have also risen considerably. However, all is not lost. In a follow-up email after the show, Bob has made mention of a potential new venue in the area, so we wait with bated breath to see what he comes up with. Fingers crossed eh?

What's New



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

As we go to press, I am delighted to report that the Southern Rail Malachite Green livery of the H2 Atlantic is just departing Prague and should be with me within a week or so. I still have just 3 pieces of this scheme available from my allocation, plus I now have an additional 3 pieces from the Raylo stock allocation. Do please get in touch if you would like to reserve one of these stunning locomotives.



BR (early crest) Lined Black Scheme 'Beachy Head'



Following after the Malachite Green scheme (hopefully next month - July) 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 it has now been announced that the real thing is due into service from 23rd August. 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 will probably have some Raylo stock to allocate as well but I don't yet know exactly how many so 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**



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 'Trevoise 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 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 – 'Trevoise 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' 'Trevoise Head'	10	June – arrival imminent
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.
- Twin motors with super-smooth clutch drive mechanism.

- Beautifully tampon-printed authentic liveries.
- 2/3-rail switchable.
- Includes ON/OFF isolating switch.
- 10–14 Volts DC operation.
- 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.

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'

Rather surprisingly still available, 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 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. It is offered on a first come, first served basis.

Ace Trains Tank Wagons - Pre-owned but as new

I am pleased to say that the Ace tank wagons shown last month all sold with the exception of Set 1. However, I have now been offered another pre-owned series of these sets, this time with Set 8 also included. 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 (2 available)

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

Colas
Pool
National Benzole



Set 8

Mobiloil
BP
Pool Fuel Oil

....and there's more!

Quite a bit more in fact. A very good customer of long standing is thinning down his collection and I am pleased to offer some of his items for sale.

Ace Milk Tankers



Set B Express Dairy
£110.00 plus P&P



Set C Nestle Milk
£110.00 plus P&P

Ace Vans



Set 2
Bananas, Meat, XP
£90.00 plus P&P



Set 4
ED, LMS, GC
£90.00 plus P&P



Set 8
True-Form, Jacob's, LNWR
Gunpowder
(Roofs are poor on two)
£70.00 plus P&P



Set 9
Huntley & Palmer, NE
Gunpowder, Seccotine
£90.00 plus P&P

Bassett-Lowke Tank Wagons



Set of three
BP, Shell, National
£90.00 plus P&P



Bassett-Lowke Model
Engineers (2 available)
Rare Model
£50.00 plus P&P

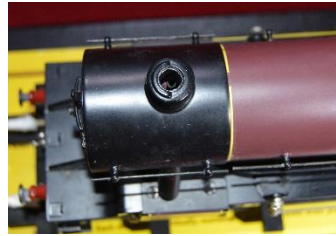


Esso (3 available)
Pratts (2 available)
£40.00 each plus P&P

Bassett-Lowke Locomotives



BL Live Steam – new and unsteamed
 Stanier 2-6-0 Mogul – LMS
 Inc all accessories
 Note – small piece of lining missing behind smoke box
£450.00 plus P&P



BL LNER 4-6-2 Pacific 'Flying Fox'
 Lined Apple Green
 Excellent as new condition
 2/3 rail, 10-20volts DC
£500.00 plus P&P



BL LNER J39 Class 0-6-0
 Good little used condition
 2/3 rail, 10-14volts DC
£350.00 plus P&P

WJVintage Locomotives



GWR Diesel Passenger Railcar
 Chocolate & Cream
 Excellent little used condition
 2/3 rail, 10-14volts DC
£420.00 plus P&P



GWR Diesel Parcels Railcar
 BR Maroon
 Very Rare Model – only 10 produced
 Excellent little used condition
 2/3 rail, 10-14volts DC
£430.00 plus P&P

ETS Locomotive



ETS Swiss Electric Crocodile
Green
Excellent little used condition
2-rail only, 10-14volts DC
£450.00 plus P&P

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.**

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

Monday August 12th – HRCA Cotswolds Group

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

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

Monday September 9th – HRCA Cotswolds Group

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

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

Tuesday September 24th – HRCA Cambridge Group

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

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.

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