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Ladies & Gentlemen,

Welcome to our DArstaed newsletter No: 55 March 2016 and the year of Monkey

During the New Year Holidays we have not been sitting idle and prepared ourselves well for the coming year, although time never seems to be enough.

The first A4s have been delivered to their new owners and were very well received. Both the satin and Hi Rail liveries appears to be very popular besides the traditional high gloss. New orders are pouring in for these two liveries that also will be used for our 2-R versions. We will continue production of batch I unabated and then go to batch II, the lined versions.





# Corridor Coaches

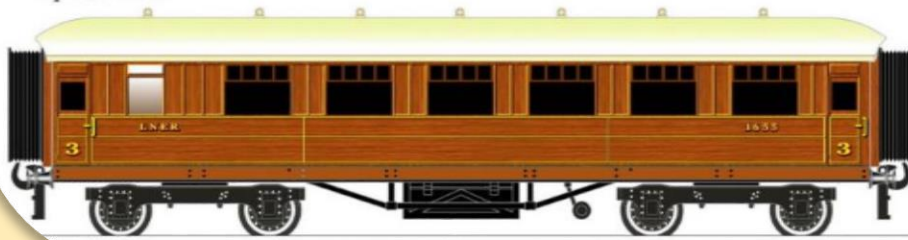
The month of March will see the conclusion of the CC (Corridor Coach) range with sets C & D of the LNER Gresleys and the complete range of 4 sets of BR(E) Gresleys.

## SET C

*Articulated 3rd / 3rd Brake*



*Open Third*



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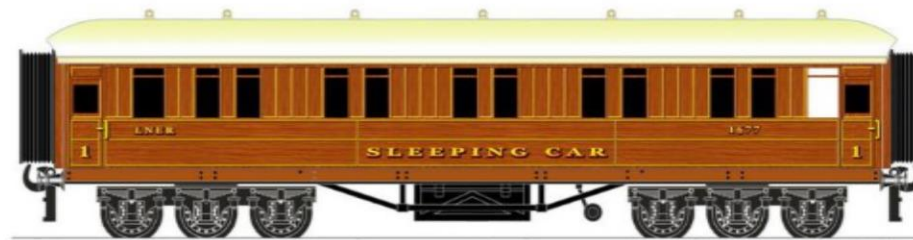
# Corridor Coaches

## SET D

*Articulated Sleeper*



*Sleeper 12 Wheeler*



## Singles

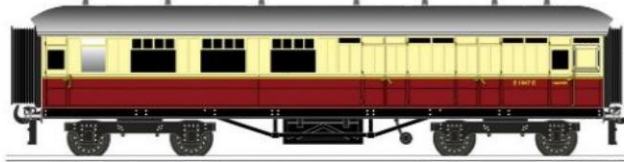
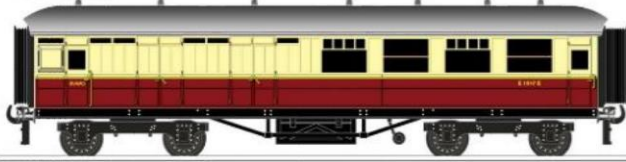
*Full Brake*



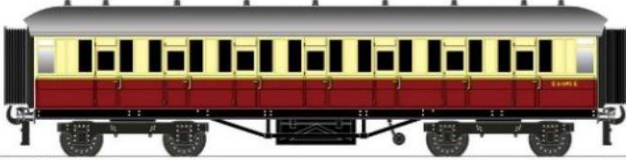


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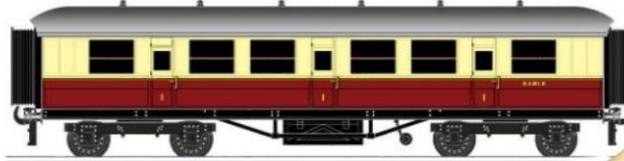
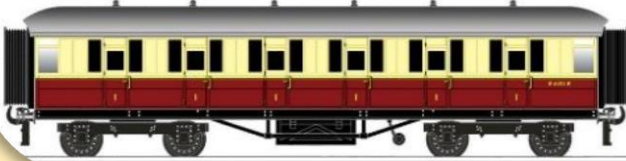
*Third Brake*



*Third Class*



*First Class*

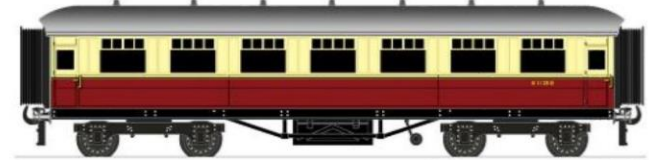
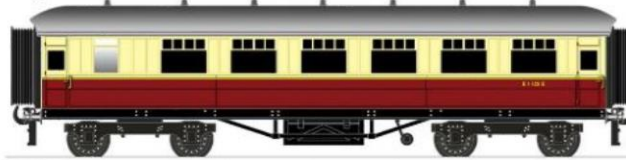


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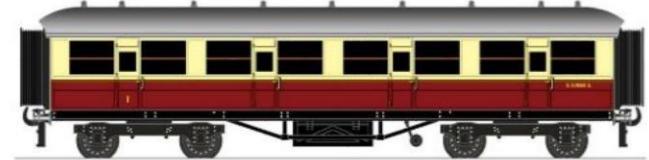
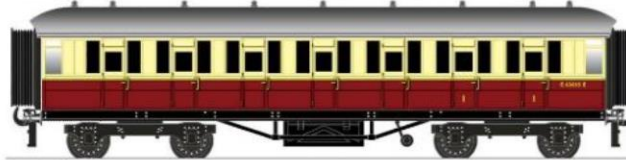
BR E ( Ex Gresley )

SET B

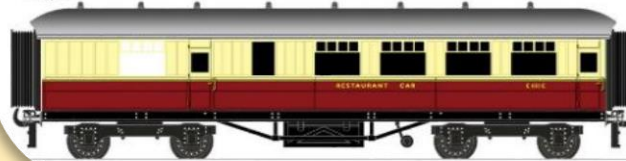
*Open Third*



*Composite*

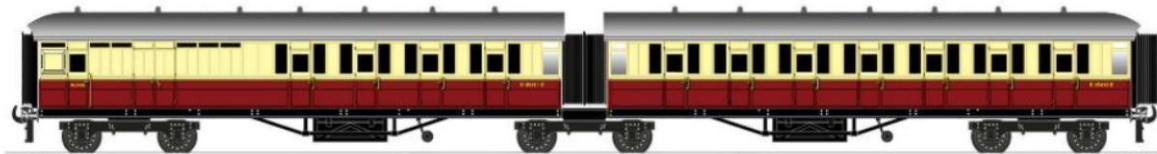
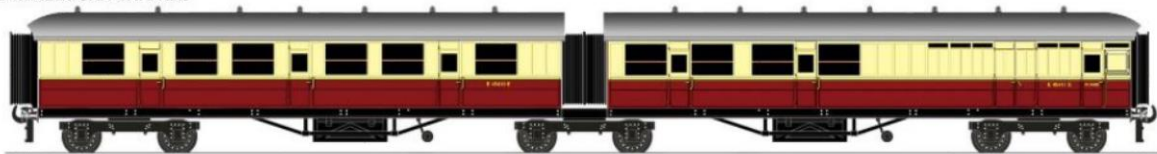


*Buffet*

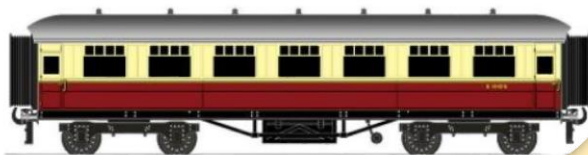
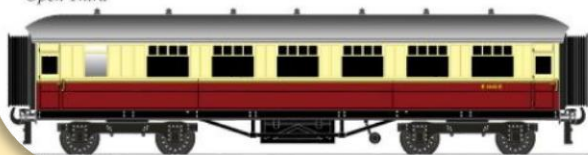


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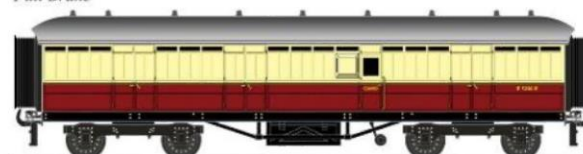


*Sleeper 12 Wheeler*



## Singles

*Full Brake*



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*Prewar*

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## Bogie Tankers

The month of April will see the production of the BTs (Bogie Tankers) for which all tooling will be finished this week.



*Postwar*

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All the BTs will be supplied with wheels that also run on 2-R PECO track SM-31, Code 143, Code 124 and LENZ. Of course the checkrails of the switches do not have to be removed or altered. If we offer 2-R that means we offer truly 2-R operation without compromise. Fine scale couplings will be made available.



PECO Code 124



LENZ



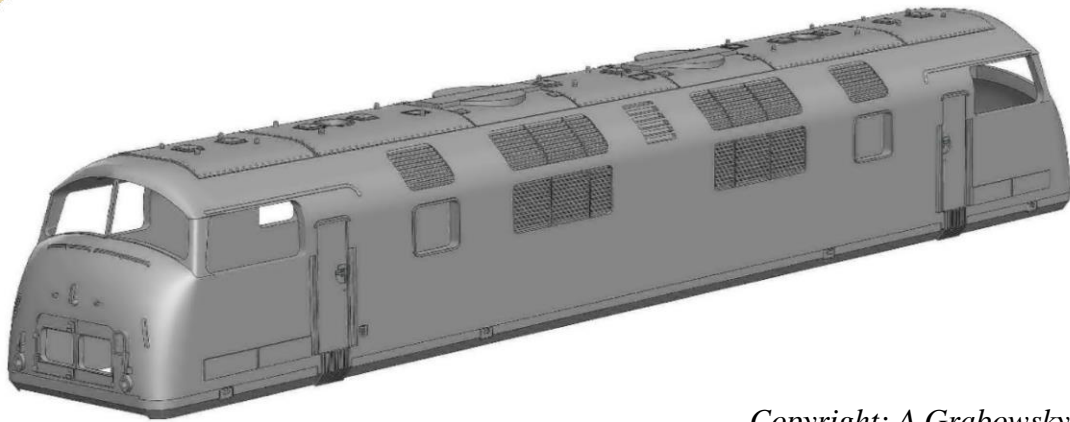
## New Developments

First of all we like to share with you the news on our Night Ferry (NF). It will be made with the SR Fourgon instead of the SNCF one. Here the design i.s.n. made by Ian Coleman who also made the unrivalled artwork of our Advans some years ago. Of course it will contain an escargot somewhere.

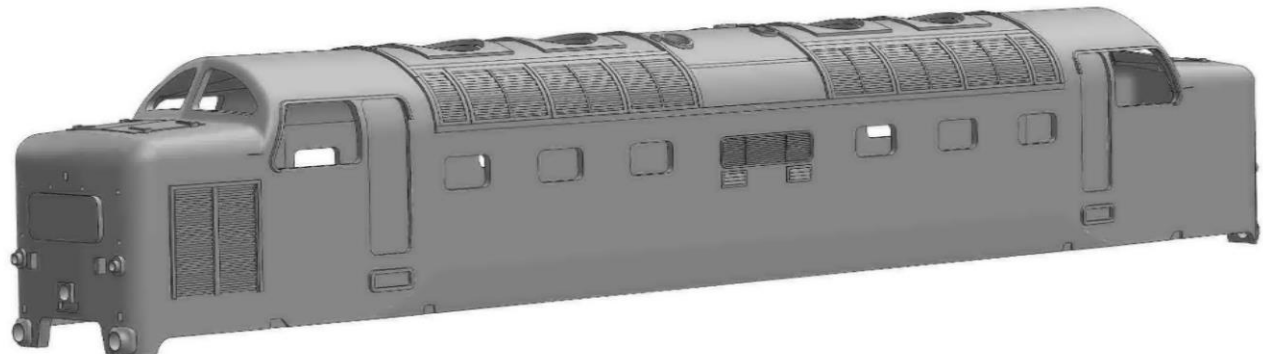


## Diesels

On the Diesel front we have commissioned the tooling which will be common tooling for both the Warship and a Deltic and any other Diesel we wish to make. This is saving a lot of time and cost. It may be remembered that a few years ago we made a fine scale version of the cousin of the Warship which is the V-200 bringing another cost saving that we will apply for the benefit of the customer. The Diesels will both be truly either 3-R or 2-R without compromise.



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It may be remembered that in the Easter issue of 2015 ( [Click here for NL 44](#) ) we told the story of Taiwan Sugar that celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday for which occasion they commissioned the manufacture of a very fine scale model of one of their first (Belgium) made locos, the SL 370. Now it is finished and the launch is in April 2016 on nation wide television. Only 840 will be made which are all pre sold.

Why I mention this project is because as can be seen on the clip (see below) it has a smoke generator. The “smoke” is not the smelly oil generally used for the purpose but just tap water or mineral water that is simply poured into the chimney to fill a large reservoir underneath where the water will be ionized and resurgitated at room temperature.

We are now studying how to build this in into our Diesels.

*To check the video please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/Darstaed/videos/1679323158991796/>*

## Two Rail or not Two Rail ?

We thank all of you who have sent your comments on the questions posed in our January NL no 53. We have since purchased all relevant PECO track and switches plus LENZ of Germany and found out that a wheel set dimension for rolling stock can be found that suits all. However for locos different wheel sets have to be offered for 2-R and 3-R operation as for 3-R operation the driving wheels need lateral movement. We are of the opinion that it is not a good idea to offer 2-R/3-R switchable because the result will be goose nor ganter. More about that when we have samples running to illustrate but some large scale 2/3R switchable locos offered at the moment do not perform on 2ft radius tinsplate track (nor even on 054 Atlas) and if used on PECO switches the checkrails have to be removed. This in our view is not acceptable.

Enjoy your trains,

Cheers,  
*Andries*





## *Announcement*

### *LIES DEBUNKED*

It has pleased a con artist to spread some lies again which are suitably debunked on a public forum :

<http://www.classicogauge.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=10&t=1211>

As one of our customers observes “it lays bare the ravings of a very jealous and worried man.”

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