



A warm welcome to the
Darstaed/**V**intage **T**rains
e-Newsletter No 15 December 2012.



So this is it. Christmas 2012 will soon be upon us. The office, factory and shop will eventually close up, the 'phone will soon fall silent; and you can finally switch off for an all too brief moment in time if possible. Christmas is such a remarkable time of year. Some love it; some hate it but it seems to matter not where you might be or what might be your beliefs about its origins, it somehow still seems to wrap its influences about us, the Christmas truce in the trenches of 1914 being a graphic example.

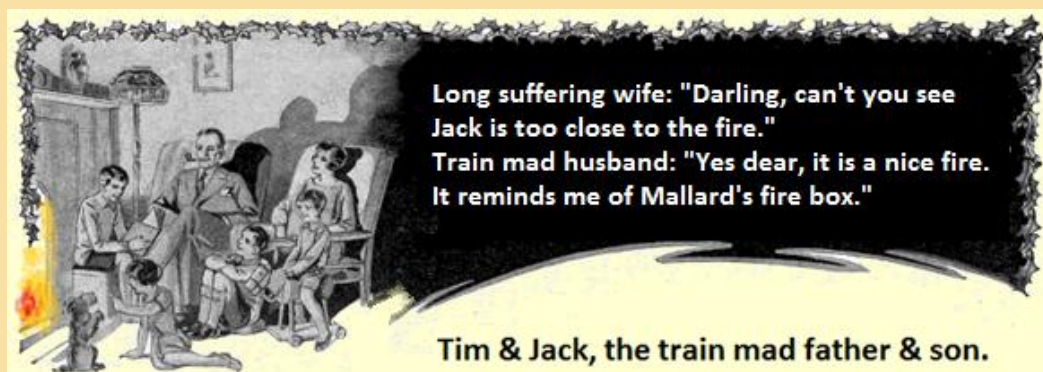
Unfortunately, with just weeks to go, many here in the UK have suddenly had their lives turned upside down by severe flooding affecting large parts of the country. If this applies to you then once again we extend our very deep sympathy to you and trust the recovery is swifter than is feared.

So; hopefully the bird will eventually be in the oven, the fire burning brightly and we can put on our slippers. If you can, let's then raise a glass or two to Peace and Goodwill, Christmas and all that's in it, and here's hoping something Darstaed shaped is in it for each and every one of you!

Christmas tip No. 2. For the perfect Christmas – make it Darstaed shaped!

Ladies and gentlemen.
Let me take the opportunity to
drop another very **BIG** hint -
Christmas is only days away!!
Ho. Ho. Ho.





Loosly based on a real father & son but who?



ne of these is a real firebox – but which one?





Engine driver: Is the Darstaed TORNADO in the shop yet?
 Queuing customers: Why do you think we're stood here
 freezing cold waiting for the shop to open?



CAN YOU SMELL
 BURNING,
 FATHER?

QUIET MY BOY, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE READING A
 COPY OF THE DARSTAED NEWSLETTER.

TIM & JACK
 THE TRAIN MAD
 FATHER AND SON.





The story of TORNADO so far.

As promised and against all the odds considering Andries Grabowsky's current situation, the very first pre production models of TORNADO made their appearance at the Sandown Park event on Saturday 17th November. They were reported as running perfectly, straight from their boxes and swiftly attracted admiring glances and favourable comments from all who saw them with orders being taken on the day, the most frequently asked question being 'when can I have one'? At time of writing, it is simply not possible to confirm a delivery date for reasons that will become more apparent as you read on, but this much can be said. They will be with you as soon as the maker can produce them, and the newsletter will carry the information as soon as it is able to.

Ladies & Gentlemen



Direct from distributor Bruce Coleman's garden to the pages of your Newsletter - the Darstaed TORNADO is finally amongst us.

Prospective customers should note that this is a pre-production model which in recent weeks has been produced under very trying conditions for CEO Andries Grabowsky and it has inevitably proved impossible to complete the model in every respect prior to its appearance at Sandown

Park. The customer may however remain confident that when TORNADO is made available to purchase it will be complete in every detail. Next month I anticipate more developments and hopefully a look at the new mechanism driving the model.



Model wears the 3rd of four liveries – BR Brunswick Green



1st livery Factory Grey bearing the A1 Trust
website address on the tender: www.a1steam.com



2nd & 'core' livery Apple Green



4th and final livery; British Rail Dark or Express Passenger Blue

More updates will follow.



So how is Andries?

Last month you will recall it had to be reported that Andries first operation on his hip had not gone at all well. Everything seem to be fine at the outset, but before long he was in great pain and it was fast becoming apparent all was not well. After a return to hospital and some x-rays the cause of the problem soon became apparent, the earlier operation had somehow failed completely. In hindsight it appears he may have overdone his own return to work and this will no doubt have been influenced by his eagerness to finally see the A1 project and TORNADO come to fruition. Whatever the cause however, the first operation had now failed and he was very swiftly taken back into hospital for a second operation on the same hip. This is now reported has having gone very well indeed, but this time round there will be no speedy return to work – chiefly on the orders of Andries wife Michelle. Muscles which have done very little for too long are going to have to encouraged back into operation and the whole recovery process is clearly going to take him several months. Just how much this will impact of the completion of the several projects he has ongoing at the moment remains to be seen. At the moment thanks to the help of especially VJ and Mr Sunshine* in China all seems to be still on course and naturally all concerned wish him a speedy and wholesome recovery this time round. * See page 10 of the June 2012 Newsletter.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your well wishes.

After yet another complication tomorrow I will finally be released from hospital to start rehabilitation which will take about six months. If careful and with my wife's permission in three weeks we can fly again. I thank you all who have been visiting me or have been of great support otherwise and I especially thank our team for the successful debut of the Tornado last night at Mortimer.

Cheers, Andries 15th November 2012



The Darstaed Pullman 3rd & Brake



Remember -



DARSTAED VINTAGE TRAINS
BRINGING MODEL RAILWAYS ALIVE!



The 0-6-0 Jinty Tank Engine



The 16 ton Mineral Wagons.

- ☐ Sets of 6, each one with a different number
- ☐ Detailed die-cast body and chassis
- ☐ Available in brown or grey
- ☐ 2 sets of each colour (12 different numbers each colour)
- ☐ Sprung buffers
- ☐ Wheels free running on the axles
- ☐ Suitable for 3-Rail and 2-Rail operation
- ☐ Available NOW
- ☐ Price **£150 per set (+ P&P)**
- ☐ **Drop-in coal loads £12 a pair, NOW available from:**

Bruce Coleman

email: brelcol@talktalk.net

Tel: 01483 892373

Colin Toten

email: colin@bhvccc.co.uk

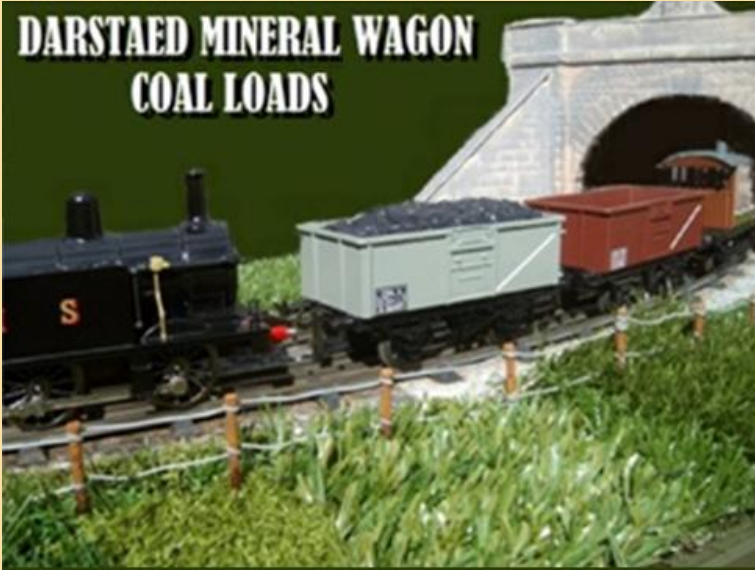
Tel: 01582 873460

Chris Reeve

email: chrisreeve@sky.com

Tel: 01557 860080

Here are the brand new drop-in coal loads, referred to above and now available from Darstaed distributors.



**DARSTAED MINERAL WAGON
COAL LOADS**

£12 a pair. Exclusively available from
Bruce Coleman email: brelcol@talktalk.net Tel/Fax 01483 892373
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Factory photos of The National Coal Board Pannier



All ready to take a long line of Mineral Wagons and coal loads wherever you want to run them!



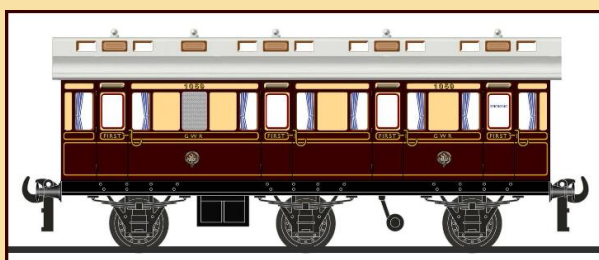
The 6 Wheel coaching stock.

First liveries available: **LMS, GWR, SR, CR, GCR, LBSCR, LNWR, LSWR, LT, MR, SECR, NZR** closely followed by: **LNER, MET, SDJR, SNCF, and PLM.**

- ☐ Set of 4
- ☐ Installed interior lighting
- ☐ Installed window curtain and interior detailing
- ☐ Liveries carefully researched, correct compartment spacing
- ☐ Suitable for 3-Rail and 2-Rail operation (2-Rail pick-ups to follow)
- ☐ Wheels free running on the axles
- ☐ Pick-up from spoons (3-Rail) or plunger (2-Rail) at the brake end.
- ☐ **Delivery now expected January 2013**
- ☐ Price **SET OF FOUR - £245 (+ P&P)**



Still on their way, but this month there is a new development. It's always Darstaed's aim to get things right first time if they possibly can and so it applies with these first class coaches. There has been a glitch with tooling used to produce the roofs with their rolled edges but the disruption has actually given time to ponder and as a result in the past few days a decision has been taken to enhance the windows whilst there is a chance. When finished the coaches will now show curtains and indicate the smoking compartment in a similar way to the Pullman coaches. Here is a CAD image of what I refer to.

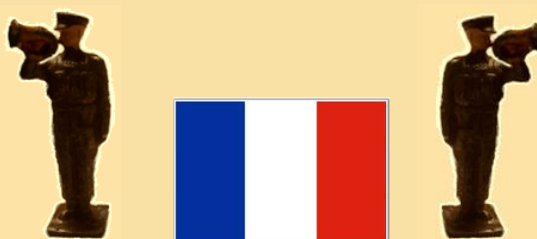


The addition of curtains does not suggest interior detail is being lost – this detail will still be reproduced making these coaches ever more desirable.





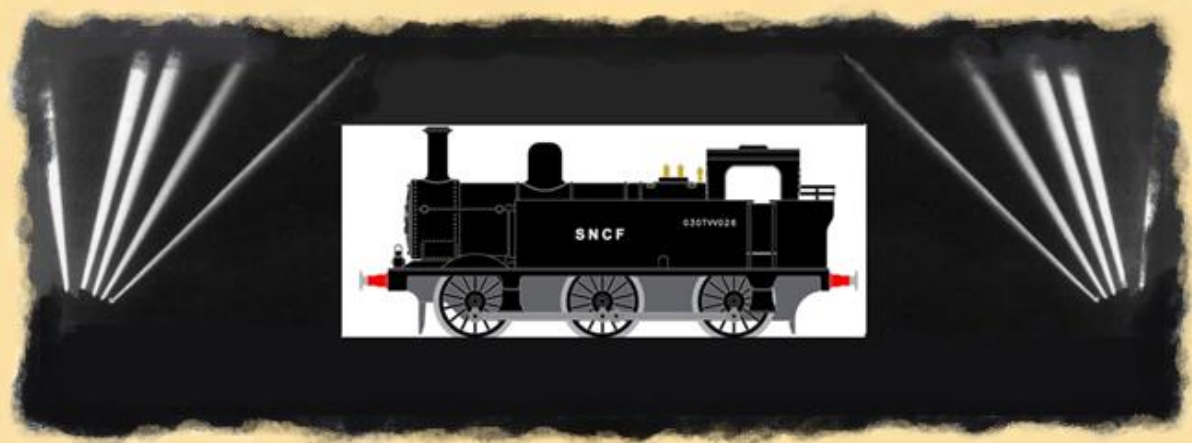
Le French Jinty



The SNCF (Société Nationale des Chemins de fer Français)

"French National Railway Corporation" is France's national state-owned railway company.

Eight Jinties went to France in 1940; five came back in 1948.





There's so much to look forward to in 2013

The A4 'Pacific's'

Solid die-cast body produced from new tooling. Traditional gloss livery, satin finish - as per the previous Castle Class locos with nickel hand-railing and now 'High Rail' which is a satin finish livery with blackened hand-railing as per the Pannier engines. Brand new heavy duty gearbox as designed for the forthcoming A1 TORNADO. Price held at an incredible £685. Please refer to your local Darstaed distributor for details of the running numbers and names that will be made available.



A4 'Pacific' in gloss Garter Blue with side valances.



A4 'Pacific' in gloss British Rail Brunswick Green without side valances.

STOP PRESS: Some complain that re-releases such as this undermine previous values. I shouldn't be overly concerned. At the Vectis auction of 24th November a twin tendered Bittern has just sold for an amazing hammer price of £1500 i.e. £1860 in total!



The Castle Class Locomotive



The iconic Castle Class locomotive is captured perfectly in the Vintage Trains 3 rail O gauge model. This is a heavy model having a die-cast body over a die-cast chassis providing great traction to the drive wheels. The loco was designed by the GWR's Charles Collett and is presented here with the Collett designed tender. The model is finished in either Darstaed's traditional gloss livery or if preferred the satin finish that Darstaed reproduces so well. The model is DC only and is price held at £525 plus p+p (single chimney version). Contact your local distributor to secure one of your own or find out more. For the USA we will produce a small number of engines in gloss for a very special price together with a rake of FIVE 40 cm coaches. AC on request, please contact Darstaed's U.S. distributor John Hoover for more details.



Castle Class locomotive in British Rail Brunswick Green.



In Other News

Readers might recall that last month I was rather expectantly awaiting a visit from Darstaed's Australian distributor Dave Allen as part of his 'Around the World in 80 Train Layouts Tour.' I think mine was due to be No. 75 on the list? Unfortunately something called Hurricane Sandy rather spoil the party and the UK leg of the tour had to be dropped at the last minute. Nevertheless, Dave has recently sent me a few snaps he took whilst in the U.S.A., in company with the U.S. Darstaed distributor, John Hoover. The first couple are of what Dave describes as: *"Surely the biggest O gauge layout in the world"* after a visit to the New Jersey Hi-Railers club. The club also have the late Tom Snyders Gauge 1 tinplate layout on display.

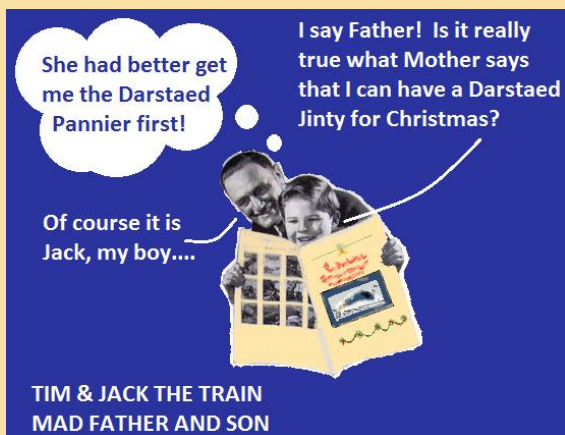


Certainly a mighty project!



Before Dave (on the left) moved on, he and John Hoover paid a visit to the Kennedy Space Centre but found no model railways?!





Loosely based on a real father and son; but who?



Production stage updates.

For anyone reading this newsletter for the first time, perhaps a brief explanation might assist. In order to enable the enthusiast to follow the production stages of each project, we have devised a visual graphic which should hopefully make things much clearer. Each project is running along the track from left to right, starting at **STAGE 1: CONCEPT & DESIGN** and progressing to **STAGE 7: AVAILABLE** (to the customer). A fuller explanation of the **SEVEN STAGES** can be found below the following graphics. Please note all prices indicated are current as of this newsletter and exclusive of p+p. To avoid disappointment, check with your local distributor for confirmation.

4-6-0 B12 LOCOMOTIVE



CONCEPT & DESIGN



0-6-0 TERRIER TANK ENGINE

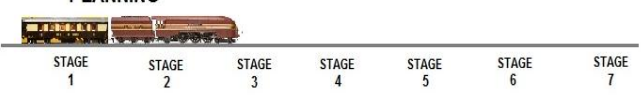


PLEASE NOTE: "Darstaed have decided to withdraw the Terrier project on account of our esteemed train making colleague ETS proposing to produce the same model that will be marketed by our Darstaed distributor Mr. Colin Toten."
Andries Grabowsky Dec 2012

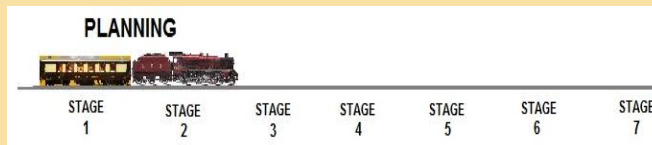
LMS PRINCESS CORONATION STREAMLINED LOCOMOTIVE



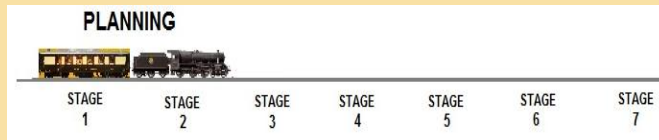
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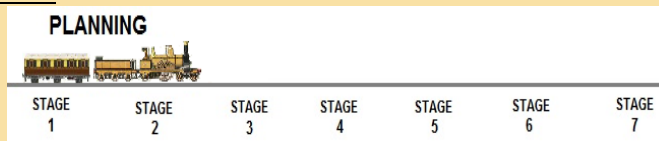
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LMS BLACK 5



SINGLE WHEELERS



NCB JINTY TANK ENGINE



FRENCH 0-6-0 JINTY TANK ENGINES

£325

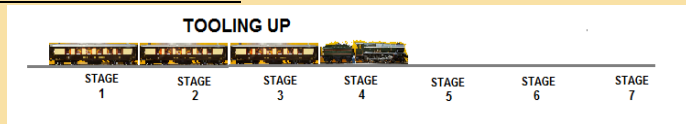


A1 & TORNADO LOCOMOTIVES A1 £685 TORNADO with A1 royalty £ 745

OR: Supplied in mahogany presentation box with royalty to the A1 Trust £850.

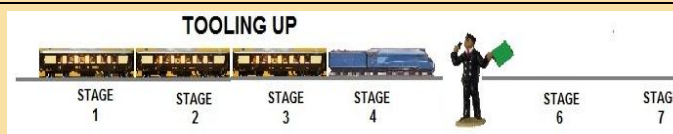


MAIN-LINE CORRIDOR COACHES



A4 PACIFIC LOCOMOTIVES

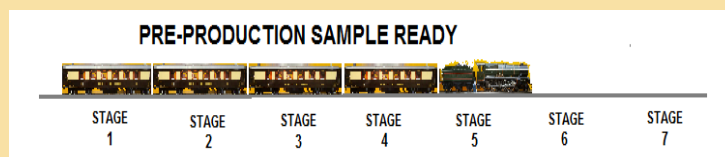
£685



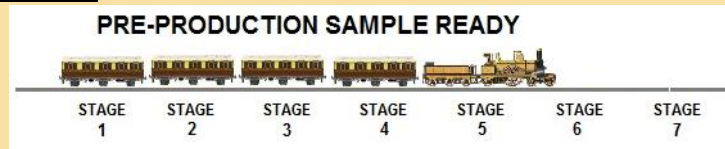
ADDITIONAL NON-CORRIDOR COACHES

£345 set of 5.

Singles £80 or with 3rd rail pick-up £90.



6 WHEELER COACHES



0-6-0 JINTY TANK ENGINE 2 RAIL VERSION

£325



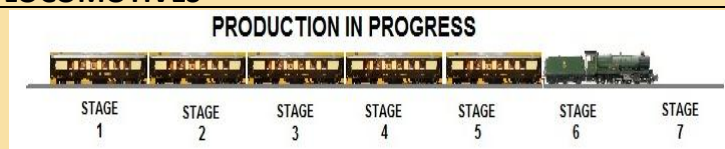
0-6-0 PANNIER TANK ENGINE 2 RAIL VERSION

£325



CASTLE CLASS LOCOMOTIVES

£525



NCB PANNIER TANK ENGINE

£295



0-6-0 PANNIER TANK ENGINE

£325



MINERAL WAGONS

£150 set of six.

Singles £25 each unboxed.



HORTON/DARSTAED ADVANS (WHILE STOCKS LAST)

£39 each.

Raylo Exclusive's £40 each.



0-6-0 JINTY TANK ENGINE (BLACK)

£325

The Jinty on/off switch is now available, £10 each, easy to fit. Contact your local distributor.



0-6-0 JINTY TANK ENGINES (COLOURED LIVERIES)

£325

NB: no further in grey



2-6-2T ENGINES

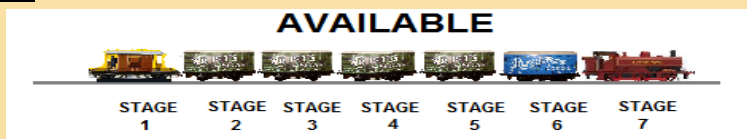
£325



1ST SERIES ADVANS

£45

Individually boxed



J19 0-6-0 TENDER ENGINE

£345

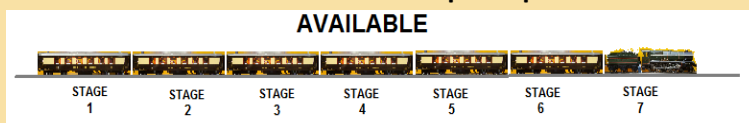
Limited number of plain black with NE on tender at £365



PULLMAN COACHES & BAR CARS

£395

Set of 5. Single's and Bar Cars £89 each. With 3rd rail pick-up £99.



CANOPY STATIONS AVAILABLE BUT VERY FEW REMAINING. £250



Contact: www.trainshoover.com email: trainshoover@gmail.com

or: 'The O Gauge Guy': email: bluedja@gmail.com

BRIGHTON BELLE



SORRY, SOLD OUT HOWEVER IN TIME THE SET WILL BE REPRODUCED AGAIN WITH THE BR BLUE/GREY LIVERY AND A 2-RAIL VERSION

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE ABOVE PRODUCTS FEATURED IN A YOUTUBE CLIP YOU WANT TO SHARE, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

THE PRODUCTION STAGES EXPLAINED.

STAGE 1: CONCEPT & DESIGN. In this initial phase, the concept and viability is widely considered within the Darstaed Team looking at all aspect of how the model might be produced. Which versions and liveries might be made available, whilst inviting customers to indicate their thoughts on the proposal.

STAGE 2: PLANNING. The production of drawings and costings in respect of tooling and parts required.

STAGE 3: MOCK-UP SAMPLE & APPROVED LIVERY DRAWINGS.

IF AT THIS STAGE THERE IS INSUFFICIENT INTEREST WE WILL CONSIDER POSTPONING OR SHELVEING THE PROJECT. HOWEVER; IF THE PROJECT IS DEEMED TO HAVE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT AND VIABILITY, IT WILL BE GREEN FLAGGED THUS:



AT THIS POINT IN TIME, YOU THE CUSTOMER MAY FIND THE MODEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION WILL BECOME AVAILABLE AT A SPECIAL PRE-PRODUCTION PRICE.

STAGE 4: TOOLING UP.

STAGE 5: PRE-PRODUCTION SAMPLE READY AND BEING TESTED. If all goes well distributors should shortly thereafter have a pre production model to show prospective customers.

STAGE 6: PRODUCTION IN PROGRESS.

STAGE 7: AVAILABLE - RELEASE OF FINISHED MODEL & DELIVERY DATE CONFIRMED.



See Darstaed on YouTube™

The A4 Pacific:



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ybk5yuteCvk>

Castle Class:



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gywgbT3gG44>

0-6-0 Pannier:



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F74YEVQ5T0A>

Mineral Wagons:



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXG14ryiTYs>

0-6-0 Jinty



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laKoKSmCtEQ>

2-6-2T:



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CF2cjPY3Ok8>

J19 0-6-0:



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejXHNWioShk>

Pullman coaches:



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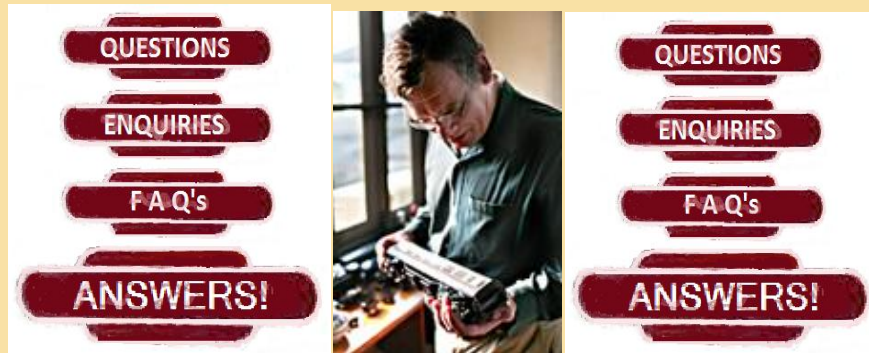
Brighton Belle:



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DM6IOTyvaHA>

Many more films are available here: <http://www.youtube.com/user/ARKWIRGHTIS?feature=mhee>

If you have film of your Darstaed rolling stock on YouTube and would like to have it featured here please get in touch. upton@darstaed.com



Q

I ordered two of your upcoming engines—one Castle and one A4—from John Hoover at the recent TCA show in York, PA, USA, and am looking forward to receiving them when they are ready.

In planning for their trackage to add to my layout, I've run into a space problem. John indicated that the minimum recommended track radius was 24 inches (O-48 in American model train parlance). However, will the engines run on 21 inch radius (O-42) track if the speed is kept low?

If so, you will have saved me a lot of carpentry work; if not, it's back to the drawing board. Thanks for your help.

Michael Gordon

A

The following after conferring with John Hoover:

Hello Michael, Thank you for bringing up this subject which in Vintage Trains is currently of prime interest since we have recently been selling engines with six coupled mechanisms and are now preparing the release of several mainline engines.

At the moment our standard is that all our locomotives and coaches run on 2Ft radius or O-48 curves. Our wagons and vans run on O-31. O-48 is traditionally the minimum size we comply with as it is the minimum radius of the Hornby O Gauge and the same radius as Lionel Fastrack as well.

We have made some mechanisms with the flanges taken off from the centre wheels at the special request of our US distributor John Hoover who reported back that the customers were now able to run their engines with the O-6-0 mech on their layouts with very small radii.

Indeed the Americans do not object at all to flangeless centre wheels and we are contemplating with John Hoover making 40% of all engines destined for the US market without centre flanges.

This does not solve the problem for our bogie coaches for which the only solution is to make an extra set of couplings that are much longer for those who wish to use long coaches on tight curves.

In our Newsletter John Hoover and Dave Allen will inform us in detail which options in electronics will be available including AC operation.

Andries
Vintage Trains
Darstaed

Q

Dear Sir,

I wonder when, if ever, Continental coaches, ex Marklin, page 4, will be produced? Your British products are superb, how about something for the rest of us?

Thanks awfully,

Cheers

D. Hall

Santa Fe

A

Dear Mr Hall,

Thank you for your mail.

We have just this last weekend launched with our German distributor MBW (Modelbahnwerkstatt <http://www.mbw-spur-0.de/index.html>) the V-200.1 in 2-Rail finescale at the Modellbahnmesse Köln 2012. This will be followed by the 3-R coarse scale version of the V-200.1 in metal hopefully to be launched in February for the Nuremberg Spielwarenmesse under the Darstaed name. The V-200 will be followed by the coaches on page 4 of the Modelbahnwerkstatt website.

Best regards,
Andries Grabowsky
Darstaed

Q

A few questions:

1. Is Castle satin (for the A4) the same finish I have on my new ACE Castle - or is it glossier or more matt?
2. Will the A4s have shed code plates and can you choose which one?
3. I think the excel file seems to say that you can choose silver or black handrails - is that correct?
4. Do you know if there will be any Darstaed dealers or products on show at the Reading 0 Gauge show next Saturday? Regards, Pete



Dear Pete,

Thank you for your mail to David,

1. The Castle, if it is ours, is "Castle satin" but the degree of satin may vary as the lacquer ingredients are mixed by hand. I could spray in Switzerland where I get exactly the correct Refraktionskoeffizient I ask for (75%) but the budget does not allow that.

2. If we make shed codes we will make them all and include them so you can choose. If we don't make them you have to purchase from Guilplates or Fox (?) see here:

<http://www.ukmodelshops.co.uk/suppliers/40231-Guilplates>

3. Indeed, we have three finishes.

a. Traditional = gloss with steel handrails like all mainline engines we designed and made that were sold under the Ace name.

b. Satin Castle = satin as our Castles with steel handrails

c. High Rail = Satin Castle with black handrails except in the case of A4's where the Grey livery and the Garter Blue ones ALWAYS has steel handrails.

4. The events where Darstaed is present are listed at: <http://darstaed.com/links.html> or the distributors websites or the newsletter from now onwards. Reading is not listed.

Cheers, Andries



Greetings David:

Wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the newsletter this month. Two things of note however really jumped out. The photograph of the Mineral Wagons, "Jinty on the Minerals" was incredible. As a U.S. train enthusiast I don't typically search these European images out. So when I saw it I was captivated. I guess I'll need to send John Hoover an email for a set

of these wagons as well as a Jinty or Pannier. He already beat me up pretty bad at York a few weeks ago. Oh well. Worth it!

And finally – page 30 was a treasure. Lots of good information. I love your garden railway incidentally. In fact, I'm planning on something similar here at my home in the summer of 2013.

It just looks relaxing. So it will not be large, "just enough" to relax in the summer.

Thank you for all of your hard work on the newsletter. It's a great tool. Looking forward to December.

Best,

John Newberger

Where will you find our Distributors?

Events during December at which UK Darstaed distributors may well be in attendance – check to avoid disappointment.

1st – 2nd Christmas Fayre, Threave House, Castle Douglas, Dumfries & Galloway

2nd The Connexion, Ryton-on Dunsmore, Coventry CV8 3FL 10:30am – 3:30pm

4th HRCA meet, Preston Brook

5th Toddington Hall, Leighton Road, Toddington, Beds LU5 6AN 7:00pm – 9:00pm

9th HRCA meet, Border Counties, Houghton Nr Carlisle

9th Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade SG18 8JH

15th The International Hall, Brentwood Centre, Doddinghurst Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9NN 10:00am – 2:30pm

16th International Indoor Arena, Kings Bush Centre, Wood Green Animal Shelters, London Road, Godmanchester, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE29 2NH 10:00am – 3:00pm

17th HRCA meet Duddington Golf Club, Edinburgh

27th Hall 18, The National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham B40 1NT 10:00am – 3:30pm





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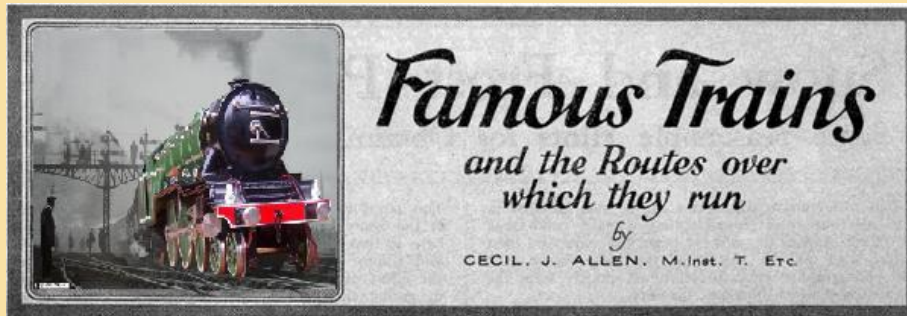
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Please retain this half of your Guarantee for your records.

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The Darstaed 2-6-2T



No. 1. THE "FLYING SCOTSMAN," L.N.E.R.

In 1927 railway engineer and writer Cecil J. Allen commenced a wonderfully informative series of articles for Meccano Magazine under the heading 'Famous Trains'. I could not possibly improve upon his writing. Ideally I should like to treat the readership to reproducing these fascinating articles as it will surely go without saying that as model train enthusiasts you may well find the series just as readable as it was in 1927. Whilst I could simply reproduce the pages concerned, on occasions the print is not particularly clear so despite the time it takes I've decided to do full-justice to Cecil Allen's writings by re-typing the text. I'd like to run the articles in the same order he first wrote them in and readers in America, Canada and the Continent will be pleased to know that Cecil Allen also included 'famous trains' of your own. Below is how his first article appeared in 1927. Put your feet up and have a good read with the additional PDF supplement you should find with your monthly newsletter.





The family gathered to listen to Jack read 'The Night Before Christmas'. His father leaned forward in anticipation - knowing what was coming. Jack began: "So this is it. Christmas 2012 will soon be upon us. The office, factory and shop finally closed up, the 'phone will soon fall silent....." "JACK!" groaned his mother. "Not the Darstaed newsletter yet again!"



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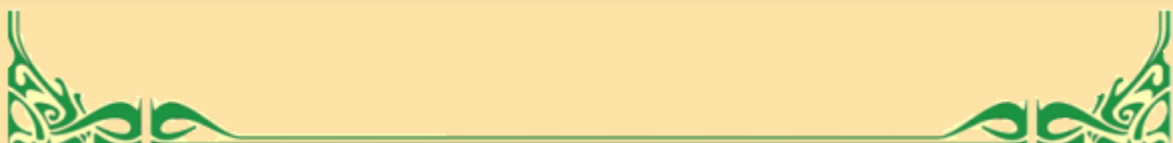


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What of coming months?

See below.

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So with this edition of the Newsletter, 2012 will eventually draw to a close and inevitably one begins to look to the future. This has been going on for a while within the Darstaed team and one of the questions has been the future of the Newsletter. Should it continue on a monthly basis? Perhaps bi-monthly or even quarterly might be more appropriate and less time consuming to myself? Firstly, I'd like to reassure the readership that the newsletter was entirely my own initiative, and to publish every month was again entirely down to me, so if I feel under pressure then I only have myself to blame. As it happens I have thoroughly enjoyed producing them and I trust this is reflected in each new edition. Even more importantly my good lady wife seems perfectly content that I am not constantly under her feet.

That said; I am very conscious that a Newsletter has to be a Newsletter to serve any real purpose. With this in mind I plan to continue into 2013 as I have done over the past few months, however should it be apparent that as a company there is really no new news, then rather than try and create some, the newsletter will not actually be produced for that particular month and instead a courtesy email will be sent around explaining why you are not getting the usual publication. At time of writing I have no idea when or if this may become applicable as at the moment there seems to be plenty going on despite Andries personal situation, time will tell.

On that note, and on behalf of Andries Grabowsky and everyone both seen and unseen who in their own way help to make these marvellous models come into being, may I wish you all a very

Happy Christmas.

David Upton

