

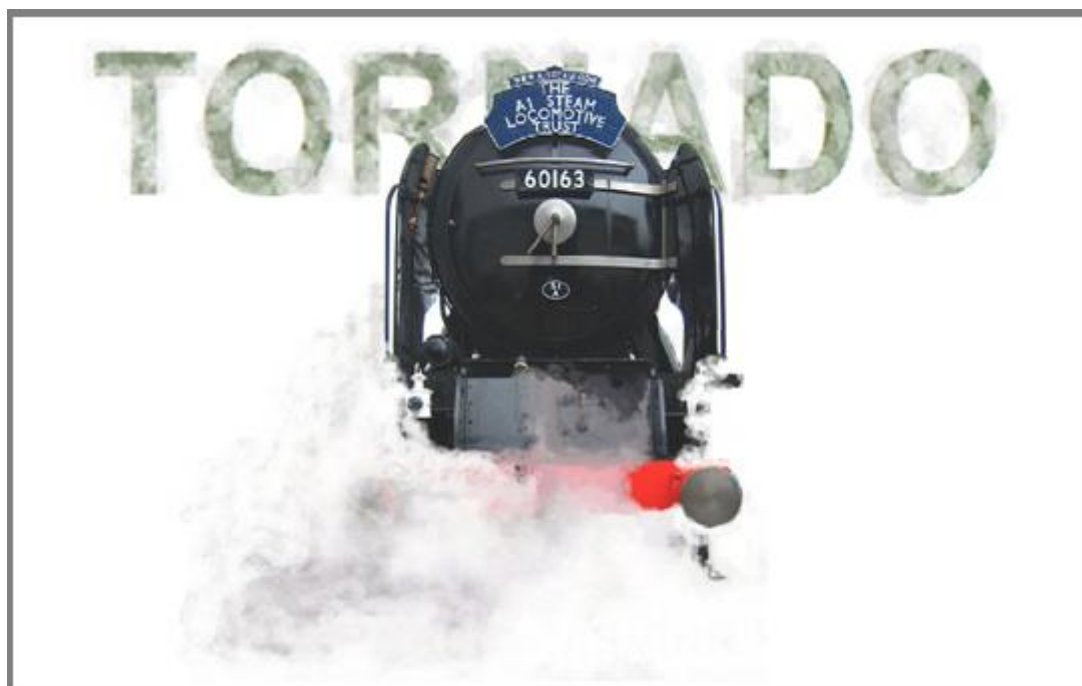


Wakey, Wakey! 2013 has arrived!

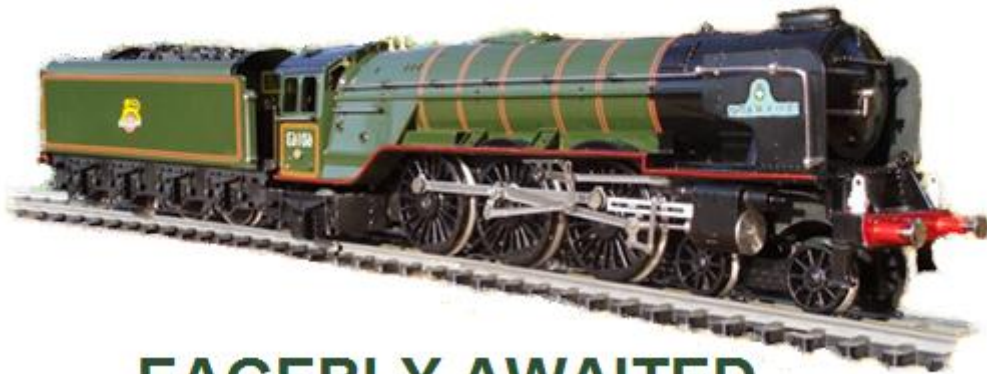
I do trust you are not too hungover to read your latest e-newsletter! I'll keep it brief.



Welcome to the Darstaed e-newsletter No. 16 January 2013



TORNADO



EAGERLY AWAITED

Its the evening of Friday 28th December and your editor has been doing very little other than sitting and thinking. Sitting, looking and thinking? Looking at one remarkable feast for the eyes – the Darstaed 4-6-2 Pacific A1 Class TORNADO. For so long this model has been talked about. Would it ever show up? Now one of the pre-production models sits before me. What does one say about it? The most important thing is to issue a warning – it's seriously heavy. If you thought the A4 Pacific's were heavy, prepare to get a shock. They weigh in; engine and tender at: 3.03Kg. The TORNADO engine and tender come in at 3.86Kg!

Some weeks ago Andries got in touch wondering if I might be in a position to assist in the writing of an information booklet which would be used to promote the model and eventually be available with the model when purchased. That undertaking has just about been completed and what we believe will be the front cover of the booklet is in part reproduced above, so keep your eyes out for it's publication which will of course be announced in the pages of the newsletter.

So what can one say about what will hopefully become Darstaed's first main line offering since the days of the A3 Flying Scotsman as sold under the ACE Trains name. Despite being from the 'coarse scale' end of the market, it is nevertheless alive with detail.

As is my way, the model has been stripped out of curiosity, even to opening up the gearbox and I have photographed my investigations which may well be used in a further article concerning the mechanics of the model. If it ever stops raining in the UK for five minutes I will power up the garden layout and obtain some film and further photographs for you to 'soak' up.

When one considers the enormous lengths that The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust have gone to in creating this very special steam locomotive and the great effort which is perhaps not fully appreciated, that Andries Grabowsky has likewise gone to to make this model available, it really is very hard to dismiss the model as of no concern. I'm sure this is a model that is destined to grace many layouts around the world.

'When can I have one' is the most common cry. *'As soon as Darstaed are able'*, seems to be the most obvious response. Whilst a number of pre-production models are now out there with distributors for your perusal, they still do not represent the finished article as there is still research and improvements being made as I write, this being because Darstaed have always been keen to show you what they have been working on for so long, but are also very keen to ensure the model is absolutely right first time. You would be amazed how much discussion goes on behind the scenes as all concerned strive to help bring about something worthy of the actual TORNADO locomotive.



TORNADO



On an over cast, wet afternoon in December this photograph is about the best I can come up with at the moment, but it nevertheless creates an interesting comparison between the mighty TORNADO and a Gresley A3 Pacific from whose Class the 'Peppercorn' A1 Pacific's and TORNADO were eventually developed.

More updates will follow, and two more photos, taken today at the end of the newsletter.



Remember -



**DARSTAED VINTAGE TRAINS
BRINGING MODEL RAILWAYS ALIVE!**



The 0-6-0 Jinty Tank Engine

STOP THE PRESS!

Literally just received at 4:00pm GMT today, these striking photographs of the V 200 locomotive which Andries Grabowsky has had produced on behalf of German associate, Herr Frank Elze of MBW.



It is with great pleasure that Darstaed has entered the finescale arena again with a 2-R model of the V200.1 that is sold under the name Modellbahnwerkstatt or MBW. A coarse scale 3-R model of the V200.0 in metal will appear in a few months time. The V200 was manufactured from 1953 onwards by the German firm Krauss-Maffei and saw service, in Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, Spain, Greece, Albania, Saudi Arabia and Algeria.

Krauss-Maffei granted the licence to British manufacturers who built from 1958 to 1961 38 diesel engines that strongly resembled the V200 and became known as the "Warship" Class 42 and 43. After having produced our coarse scale model for the European market we will produce the warship for the British market.

Andries Grabowsky Jan 2013

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



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Now for something I'm sure any Darstaed fan will find interesting. Have you ever given much thought to just exactly how a finished model, made in the Far East actually ends up in your hands at your local train show or swap-meet? What has your local distributor had to do to get the stock into his hands? Like most things in life, there is much more to it than might be imagined.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED....

By Darstaed Distributor Colin Toten

Have you ever wondered what happens to your models after they are packed for shipping from the factory?

Depending on the Country they come from the first action is to decide on the method of transporting them to the UK, depending on the urgency, value, size, weight and price, International Couriers (FedEx, TNT, UPS) postal services, Air or Sea Freight are all used.

The distributors are sent documentation for the impending delivery with differing forms from different countries of origin as required by that Countries exporting procedures; packing lists, air cargo manifests, Rala security declarations, transport documents and pro-forma invoices etc. Most deliveries arrive by air and the distributors have forwarding agents authorised to act on their behalf, getting customs clearance, arranging final delivery (Heathrow to delivery address) and settling the many charges that have to be paid before release and then invoicing us accordingly.



Having been charged the initial transport charge (in many cases shared 50/50 with Darstaed) we then have to pay airline handling, customs clearance service fee, handover fee, final delivery fee, customs V.A.Tax and advance of Duty/Vat fee.

Having satisfied all these procedures a delivery date will be advised (weekdays only) so we have to keep that day free as no times am/pm can be notified and on occasions the delivery fails to arrive another days plans have to be put on hold.

When the delivery finally arrives a careful check often reveals signs of damage so the drivers delivery receipt needs to be signed and marked: "unopened and unexamined". I had one occasion where it was obvious that the fork truck driver has put his forks through the side of the lower row of boxes instead of the slots in the pallet, this was recorded and

photographic evidence taken, but the claim was refused as the tiny lettering in the terms and conditions said that signing for the delivery transfers total responsibility to the recipient regardless of any visible or other kind of damage noted. I have to say that in my case they swiftly changed their minds on receipt of a letter from the solicitors I engage with - carrying out valuations and purchase of collections from probate when the items are not left to a beneficiary and are sold on behalf of the deceased to complete the executor service and render the estate value to the next of kin. The forwarding Agents Insurers then paid for the damage but not the delays, time and aggravation caused.



So now our delivery is in the front drive, fortunately this time it is dry and the 26 boxes can be trolled four at a time into the garage, the outer boxes opened and the contents carried upstairs to be tested and examined for quality, Darstaed have a low attrition rate usually about 3% and mostly limited to bent couplings or other minor items, the odd locomotive failure is usually caused by the fine wires to the front lamps getting trapped when the mechanism is fitted into the body and is easily remedied.



All good stock is then listed, priced, wiped free of fingerprints, re-boxed and taken to the stock room and placed on its designated shelf. Stock needing attention is then made good and tested and then joins its fellow's in the stock room. The final procedure is to send a Bank transfer to pay for the delivery and the Bank charge £30 for that privilege.

Now the good bit, select the ordered items and contact the customers, either deliver to attended events or Post/ Courier the goods to the new owners, sit back and wait for the next delivery.

P.S. Does anyone out there collect empty cardboard boxes or packing materials? If so I am your man!



The 6 Wheel coaching stock.

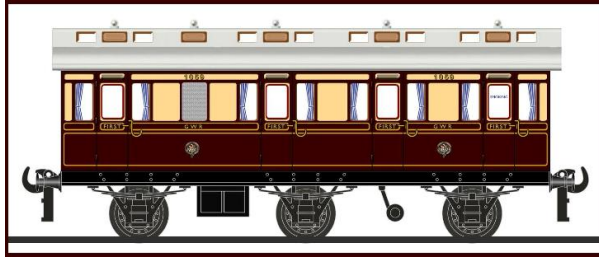
First liveries available: **LMS, GWR, SR, CR, GCR, LBSCR, LNWR, LSWR, LT, MR, SECR, NZR** closely followed by: **LNER, MET, SDJR, SNCF, and PLM.**

- 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. The latest I can bring you from the factory states:

Samples are being made now. We are making a tool for fixing the interiors to the chassis.



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

More as soon as I get it.



Tim & Jack, the train mad father and son.

Loosely based on a real father & son, but who?

"Well now", said his father Tim. "What's your New Year's resolution, Jack?"

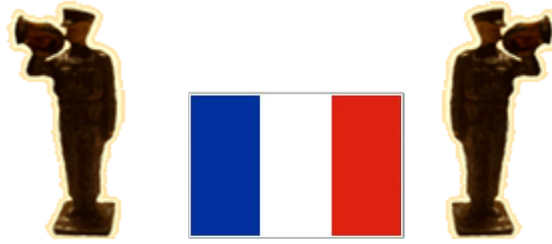


"Why father", said Jack. "I shall resolve myself to get one of these truly wonderful Darstaed model's of TORNADO!"

"Good lad", said his father.

"Oh will you now?" said his mother.

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.

Gentlemen,

By popular request we will also put on the order sheet for regular production, the Sir Nigel without valances in the Garter Blue with shaded lettering and double Chimney. Although it never ran like that it now does in preservation.

**Cheers,
Andries**

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.

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.

'WARSHIP' CLASS LOCOMOTIVE

NEW PROJECT



CONCEPT & DESIGN



DB CLASS V 200 LOCOMOTIVE

NEW PROJECT



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 , who is pleased to accept advanced orders ." Andries Grabowsky Dec 2012

LMS PRINCESS CORONATION STREAMLINED LOCOMOTIVE



PLANNING



LMS JUBILEE



PLANNING



LMS BLACK 5



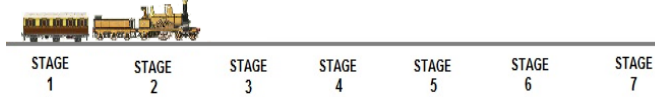
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SINGLE WHEELERS

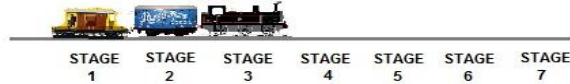


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NCB JINTY TANK ENGINE

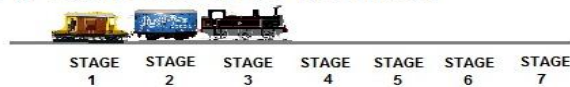
MOCK-UP SAMPLE & LIVERY DRAWINGS



FRENCH 0-6-0 JINTY TANK ENGINES

£325

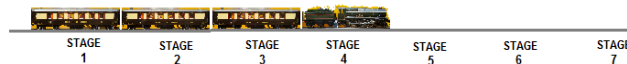
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MAIN-LINE CORRIDOR COACHES



TOOLING UP



A4 PACIFIC LOCOMOTIVES

£685



TOOLING UP



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

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



PRE-PRODUCTION SAMPLE READY



ADDITIONAL NON-CORRIDOR COACHES

£345 set of 5.

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

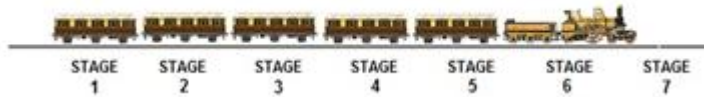
PRE-PRODUCTION SAMPLE READY



6 WHEELER COACHES



PRODUCTION IN PROGRESS



0-6-0 JINTY TANK ENGINE 2 RAIL VERSION

£325

PRODUCTION IN PROGRESS



0-6-0 PANNIER TANK ENGINE 2 RAIL VERSION

£325

PRODUCTION IN PROGRESS

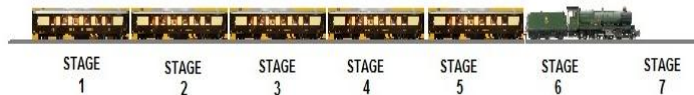


CASTLE CLASS LOCOMOTIVES

£525



PRODUCTION IN PROGRESS



NCB PANNIER TANK ENGINE

£295



AVAILABLE



0-6-0 PANNIER TANK ENGINE

£325



AVAILABLE



MINERAL WAGONS

£150 set of six.

Singles £25 each unboxed.



AVAILABLE



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

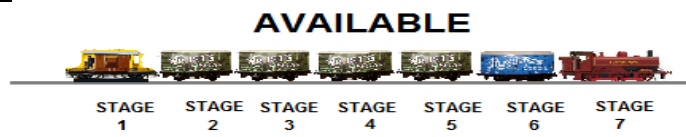
£325



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.



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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 SHELIVING 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 

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:



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Pullman coaches:



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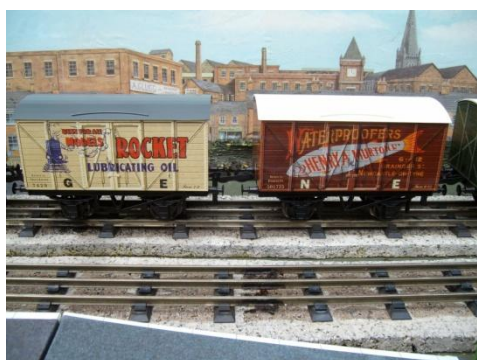
Brighton Belle:



<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



Darstaed PO Vans





Q

Dear Andries, I am excited to read about the new A4s which will shortly be in production. It is not clear from the newsletter however whether these will be available in two rail as well as three rail. I wonder if you could please clarify. Many thanks, Robert

A

Dear Robert, Thank you for your mail. I believe we have mentioned in the previous Newsletter of October (or was it September?) that we are pondering to make a 2-R version after the first runs of the 3-R version. Once the A4 will be in production shortly we will publish delivery dates and more details like liveries, names etc. Thank you for reminding us to mention the 2-R issue again. Best Regards, Andries

Q

I see by your 14 November 2012 Newsletter that you have the LMS Princess Coronation Streamliner and a so far unlabeled Single Wheeler listed as "in planning." Please count me as one collector who's hoping you do bring them out soon. I'd be very interested in both, especially if the single wheeler is a Stirling Single, with fender/splashguard cut-outs and all. For years, there's been a lot of lamenting on the various tinplate web forums about the lack of such a model. Mike Gordon

A

Dear Mike, Thank you for your interest. Once we have started production of the A1 Peppercorns, Tornado and A4s we will start up the tooling of the Coronation and Single wheelers. Best Regards, Andries



Thank you David for this excellent vintage of Darstaed Newsletter, plus its supplement. I take this opportunity to wish a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Pascal. A Darstaed fan (from the ante beginning)

David

Brilliant Flying Scotsman article, thanks for sharing. From my side a merry Xmas and a prosperous new year. (the grand children's NCB Jinty and coal wagons are arriving next week). Regards Piet Hein Velzeboer

Morning David Yes I can confirm got both including the famous trains. Has been quite a read this month still going back and re reading, you must have writer's cramp! All the best James

**** STAR LETTER! ****

Dear Andries,

I wish you the best and speediest recovery from your last operation. Please do not go back to work too soon.

I am sorry that you have had to endure such suffering. I shall pray for your rapid recovery, and I hope that you and your family will have a wonderful and restful holiday season.

Thank you for all the magnificent model trains that have given me and many others, so much delight. I am gearing up for the new models that are on the way. The newsletter is a great way to keep up with their progress. I look forward to it each month.

I hope you have some idea of the pleasure you have brought to so many people with your incomparable model trains. Please take care of yourself.

Very best wishes,

John Ross

San Diego, California

Our stated aims:

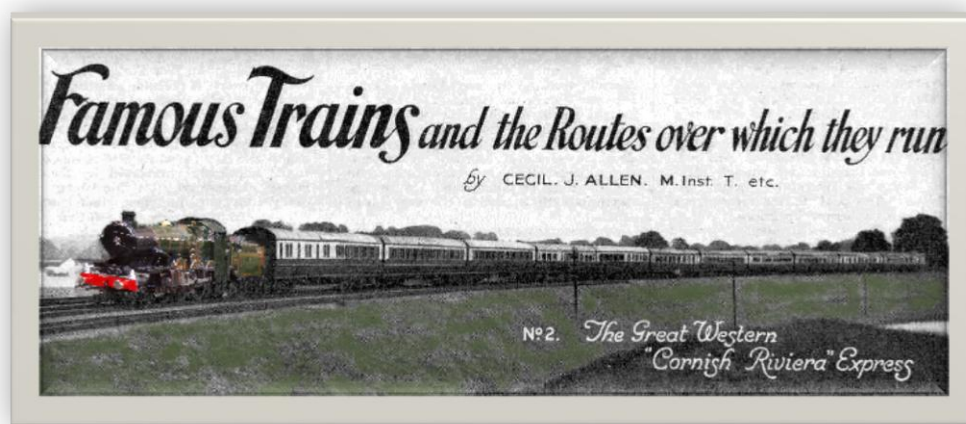
QUALITY, RELIABILITY & VALUE FOR MONEY



Where will you find our Distributors?

Colin Toten supplies the following dates & venues:

January	6 th . Potters bar	February	9 th . HRCA AGM Leicester
	13 th . Stafford		10 th . NEC
	19 th . Brentwood		16 th . Sandown Park
	23 rd . HRCA Chesham		24 th . Huntingdon

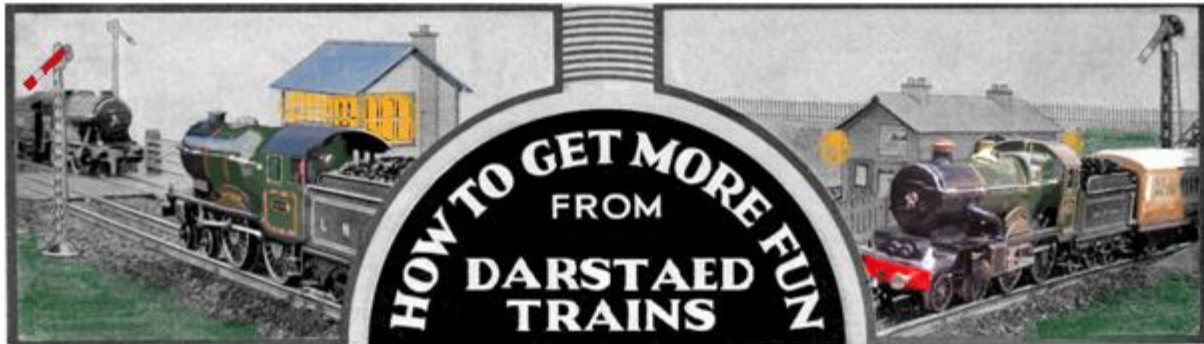


No. 2. THE GREAT WESTERN "CORNISH RIVIERA" EXPRESS

Make sure you have received your 'free' supplementary PDF attachment.

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. Put your feet up and have a good read with the additional PDF supplement you should find with your monthly newsletter.



Run them more often!



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'THE O GAUGE GUY' www.theogaugeguy.com email: dave@theogaugeguy.com Mobile Tel: 0421778151.

CURRENT STOCK SITUATION: Most NC sets, all Pullman sets, many 2-6-2's, Panniers and Australian styled Jinties as NSW 18 class, 2-6-2 in NSW livery, all Darstaed and Horton Ad Vans, Mineral wagons, J class Tender locos, Brake Vans and Milk Tankers. I also stock a wide range of O gauge 3 rail

track, from Lionel, K-Line, as well as DC and AC transformers and controllers, remote control systems, smoke fluid, buildings and scenery accessories.



UK LONDON & SOUTH:

Authorised Darstaed distributor BRUCE

COLEMAN www.wonershtrains.com email: brelcol@talktalk.net Tel/Fax: 01483 892373 (South East)
"I normally have most models in stock, both current and out of production. Will split sets of coaches and wagons, depending on stock position. All postage by secure courier."

Latest: *"On supply of a Brighton Belle Motor Coach I can now 2 Rail convert them for the customer. £65 plus courier return postage of £10."*



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Authorised Darstaed distributor COLIN TOTEN

www.raylo.co.uk email: colin@bhvccc.co.uk Tel: 01582 873460 *"I am happy to bring your purchase to any toy fair or exhibition I attend for you to collect in person or alternatively by post or courier as required"*.

CURRENT STOCK SITUATION: At this time I have stock of *all* Darstaed products produced to date except the Brighton Belle sets (**SOLD_OUT**). GWR Clerestory roof suburban coaches *now back in stock*. I have had a second delivery of the Raylo exclusive Colmans Mustard Advertising Vans, so they are now back in stock. NCB rolling stock from the Directory Series.

UK NORTH & SCOTLAND: Authorised Darstaed distributor CHRIS REEVE Tel: 01557 860080 email: chrisreeve@sky.com *"I regularly visit HRCA meetings and other events in Scotland and the Borders with an extensive display of all available products"*.

CURRENT STOCK SITUATION: Most LMS Jinties in stock, including maroon nos. 4 & 7 but very few BR. All 2-6-2s still available (except LNWR & LBSCR) but one or two only in most liveries. I have most NC coaches including a special offer on the last remaining slight seconds of LSWR - *almost* perfect!

CONTINENTAL EUROPE: Authorised Darstaed distributor HERR FRANK ELZE

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Keeping in Touch.

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If you can stay awake you can lose yourself for an hour or so watching numerous clips of running on my garden layout, on my YouTube channel entitled very simply: A Model Railway in the Garden. Just click on this link: <http://www.youtube.com/user/ARKWIRGHTIS?feature=mhee>

Have you got a Darstaed product filmed or photographed that you would like to share with the readership? If so, why not get in touch.

THE TIN PLATE FORUM (ALL MAKES) If you are looking for an independent forum covering *all* brands of coarse scale tin plate O Gauge then why not take a look at this forum site which now has numerous discussions under its belt, technical tips and ready advice from like minded enthusiasts: <http://www.spoornul.nl/tpforum/>

If like me you like pictures then you may well find my 'blog' site of interest. Here I post on any developments relating to my garden layout and all that runs on it: <http://www.jcstudiosinc.com/BlogCategoryMain?catId=944>

Darstaed's Stated Aims:

QUALITY, RELIABILITY & VALUE FOR MONEY

Within Darstaed the aims to which the company strives to aspire have been distilled to just three essentials: **QUALITY, RELIABILITY** and **VALUE FOR MONEY**. Whilst these are very easy aims to boast about, here at Darstaed they genuinely are put above all else. Enthusiasts are reminded that CEO Andries Grabowsky takes a personal oversight of every product made and daily stakes his own reputation on the quality of the products turned out. Darstaed want nothing more than for you to enjoy your purchase for years to come which is why every effort is made through the dealerships and Andries in person to ensure total satisfaction is achieved in the unlikely event of a fault developing with any of the products. That said it has to be appreciated that these are 'coarse scale' models, made quite deliberately in the style and spirit of what has gone before by such great makers as Hornby, Bassett Lowke and the like. We believe this is very much reflected in the price and which is why we furthermore believe the products of Darstaed Vintage Trains represent genuine value for money.

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Before wrapping up this, the first Darstaed e-newsletter of 2013, I sincerely hope no one will mind if I take the opportunity to make mention of a charity fund raising initiative being undertaken by a Dave Cook, son of of one of our customers.

In this day and age it's all too easy to dismiss the youth of today as air-headed layabouts sat all day on gaming machines, however this young man and his associates break that mould completely. Last year he embarked on a marathon cycle challenge for exactly the same purpose. This is what he says about that venture: *"The last project we cycled 10,000 miles through 23 countries in Europe and raised £5000 for Paralympics GB, the road safety charity 'Brake' and the Jokadu District Development Fund that has now completed their project on building a health clinic in the Gambia. The expedition took 5 months and on cycling days we covered 100 miles a day. We very much appreciate the support you gave us for that project as well."*

Undeterred by the saddle soreness, Dave is gearing up once again and I have told him I will give him and the team a mention. Of this year's efforts the mission statement reads:

In 2014, a group of university students will set out on an aid project called 'Action4Asia', cycling 13,000km from Singapore to Pakistan through 11 countries, home to some of the world's poorest people . The primary objective of Action4Asia is to raise money for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Aquabox who provide short term sanitation relief for disaster struck areas. We will also document the issues faced by local people and publicise the work of local and international charities helping in Asia. We shall create a book and documentary of this project to raise public awareness and money for charities working in the focus areas that are at the heart of our project. These focus areas are:

Children's education and wellbeing.

Disease prevention and treatment.

Water and sanitation.

Disaster relief.

People in Asian countries suffer from some of the most debilitating, culturally damaging diseases such as Polio, HIV, Malaria and Dengue fever. Organisations such as Rotary International and the World Health Organisation (WHO) tackle such diseases through eradication projects, education programmes and infrastructural development. Charities such as UNICEF carry out education and support projects for children, which are vital in the long term development of these countries. Unfortunately much of the work by these charities goes unnoticed by the wider world. We want to help to change this. Action4Asia is going public in February 2013. To move this project forward and make it a success we need your help to 'pump prime 'this expedition. Our advertising plan has been designed to ensure sponsors obtain advertisement benefits before, during and after the expedition. The project can offer number of sponsorship packages to provide flexibility for investors which are detailed in the portfolio. Please help us bring Action4Asia.

Our website is designed by my friend Jack Boden www.action4asia.org We also have a facebook page found which can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/Action4Asia?fref=ts> and our twitter is https://twitter.com/Action_4_Asia



The Dartsaed 0-6-0 Pannier and coaching stock in London Metropolitan Transport livery.

COMING NEXT MONTH.

More on TORNADO. The V200 Project! 6 Wheel wagons roll? A4 & Castle Class updates, and as ever, much, much more!

On behalf of everyone within Darstaed, may I wish every reader a very Happy 2013.



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