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**H**ello fellow enthusiasts and welcome to the January 2015 edition of *'Just the Ticket.'* During December the news got out that I am due to take over as editor of the Hornby Railway Collectors Association Journal, when it's current editor Chris Graebe steps down in February, having completed issue No. 500 and having been in the post and done a superb job for the past eight years. The shock of having been asked to consider taking on this very challenging task has still not really sunk in, despite this having been ongoing for me since August. Several of you have sent your congratulations but all want to know if *'JtT'* is going to be affected as a result. The truth is, I just don't know because even as I write now, in late December, I have still not as yet arrived at that point where the hard work actually starts; my first edition will not come out until March, so February is going to be the tester. I sincerely hope I can keep putting *'JtT'* together for you – it is not onerous at all, in fact quite the contrary, even a great way to unwind after a stressful day.

There are various marvellous things going on in the world of coarse scale O gauge, right now but there are also some very sad stories as well. For some, 2014 just did not work out well at all and for others, accidents and ill health have and are taking their toll. I have no wish to be more specific, it is unnecessary to do so, but on the other hand this is a reality which I think should not be glossed over and so to those who will know to whom I refer; do not feel forgotten and many other enthusiasts out there will I'm sure, join with me in hoping and praying that 2015 will hold better times for you.

Changing the tone; what O gauge goodies did Father Christmas manage to get down your chimney for Christmas? For me it was all very curious this year, as I simultaneously experienced my first Christmas as a Grandfather but also became a young lad once again when I was presented with a bicycle by my son and his wife! Thankfully, not one with stabilisers, but rather one of those hybrid, mountain bike type thingies, with suspension and gears galore. What can this mean? Is this a very broad hint I should get out more? Is sitting at the computer turning me into a vegetable in their eyes? Actually, my son had finally found a suitable replacement to the one I loaned him a few years ago whilst he was living in York – a bike which he in turn loaned to a 'friend' and never saw again. So I suppose this means I will have to make use of it and get my lycra out again. Good lord - can you imagine?!

Welcome to 2015.

David Upton



## *Garden railways are great - when the sun shines.*

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Layout photographed 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014



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*Hello Readers,*

*May I start by wishing you all a Happy New Year and a special thank you to all those who gave orders last year and leading up to Christmas, the job I most hate doing is the annual stocktaking for the end of the year and your orders make it so much easier.*

*Just before Christmas the first delivery of GWR Parcels Railcars arrived and many have gone to their new homes, more will follow this month along with the first of the remaining liveries.*



*We also received deliveries of the new Seven Mill Models A2's and later this month the first A1's will make an appearance, the other liveries will follow so please refer the RAYLO & W.J. Vintage joint announcement. (page 7)*

*We have a busy schedule as the first of the new LMS "Mickey Mouse" 2-6-0 locomotives are scheduled to begin in February and the 03 Diesels in March.*

*Finally as we are now the ETS appointed UK distributors we would like you to see a small sample of their models, these items are in stock, all have UK drop link couplings and the locomotives are for 3 rail operation, catalogues are also available and enquiries are welcome.*

*Best Regards,  
Colin*





# Joint update:



## **LNER/BR Peppercorn A2 Pacific 4-6-2 (O Gauge Coarse Scale)**

We are absolutely delighted to be able to announce the launch of a superb new **Seven Mill Models** LNER/BR Peppercorn A2 Pacific 4-6-2.

What's more it is available for delivery **RIGHT NOW** and is distributed exclusively by **WJVintage** and **Raylo**.



This fantastic new coarse scale, ready to run, O Gauge release is going to be highly limited to just 50 pieces and the first batch will consist of 5 each of the following:



- BR Green Lined (early crest) 'A H Peppercorn'**
- BR Green Lined (early crest) 'Sugar Palm'**
- BR Green Lined (early crest) 'Sun Chariot'**
- BR Green Lined (early crest) 'Tudor Minstral'**
- BR Green Lined (early crest) 'Trimbush'**

In late January there will be a further batch to include

- LNER Apple Green lined 'A H Peppercorn'**
- LNER Apple Green lined 'Sugar Palm'**
- BR Apple Green lined 'Sun Chariot'**
- BR Apple Green lined 'Tudor Minstral'**

**See below for full A2 specification details**

**The A2s are all priced at £795.00 each plus P&P**

## BR Peppercorn A1 Pacific 4-6-2 (O Gauge Coarse Scale)

These will be available from the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January 2015 and are again exclusive to **WJVintage** and **Raylo**. This further fantastic new coarse scale, ready to run, O Gauge release is going to be highly limited to just 50 pieces and will consist of only 10 each of the following:



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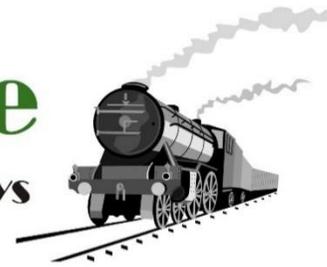
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## **Gustav Taus**

I would just like to send my very best wishes to Gustav Taus, CEO of ETS in Prague. Gustav suffered a bad accident just before Christmas and has been hospitalised ever since. I haven't had any update on his condition over the holiday period but he was really quite poorly and I am hoping and praying for his full recovery. My thoughts are also with his family for whom this is a very stressful time.

## **What's New for January? ETS 'Merci' Train Wagons**

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1949, A 'Merci' Train arrived in New York Harbour from France. It consisted of 49 French railway box cars filled with tens of thousands of gifts from a huge number of French citizens. They were showing their gratitude for the more than 700 American box cars of relief goods sent to them after the Second World War by mainly individual Americans. Each of the 48 US states at the time received one of the 'Merci' box cars and the 49<sup>th</sup> was shared between Washington DC and the Territory of Hawaii. Large parades took place in all the State Capitals and major cities of America to receive the box cars.



ETS has just launched a fabulous three piece set of 'Merci' Wagons as a commemoration of this act of gratitude. Produced from beautifully litho-printed, full-colour tinplate, with structural detail formed in relief, this superb set is sure to become highly collectable.



For the UK market each wagon has been specially fitted with UK-specification, chemically blackened, coarse scale, spoked wheels and Bassett-Lowke/Ace style drop-link couplings. The wheels are fully insulated and can therefore be used on both 2- and 3-rail layouts.

Each wagon is also supplied with a sheet of customer applied, self-adhesive, coats of arms representing all the French Departments.



This set is available in very limited numbers in the UK at just **£125.00** plus P&P

### **Railcar Update**

The first two batches of GWR Chocolate & Cream Passenger Railcars have now arrived and once again all my stock has been sold!

However, I have now completed all the pre-orders so when further stock arrives early in the New Year it will be available for sale again at **£450.00** each plus P&P.

Meanwhile the first batch of GWR Chocolate & Cream Parcels Railcars arrived just in time for Christmas and I do still have a few of these available priced at **£430.00** plus P&P



Picture above shows the Production Parcels Railcar which is now available

### **Update - WJV01024 – War Office (WW1) Tank Wagon First Delivery in time for Christmas!**

The first batch of WW1 War Office Tank Wagons also arrived just before Christmas. ETS has managed to produce half of the total of 100 pieces and the first delivery contains running numbers 50 and 57. Running numbers 65 and 74 will follow in January. Here are the first production photos of this highly limited release.



These are priced at **£42.50** each (plus P&P)

For every one I sell I will make a donation of £1 to be split equally between the Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes. So if I sell them all I will donate £100 total direct to the charities.

Close to half of the total production is now sold on pre-orders so don't delay your order to avoid disappointment. There will not be any re-runs!



If you are a user of social media why not look up **WJVintage** on **facebook**

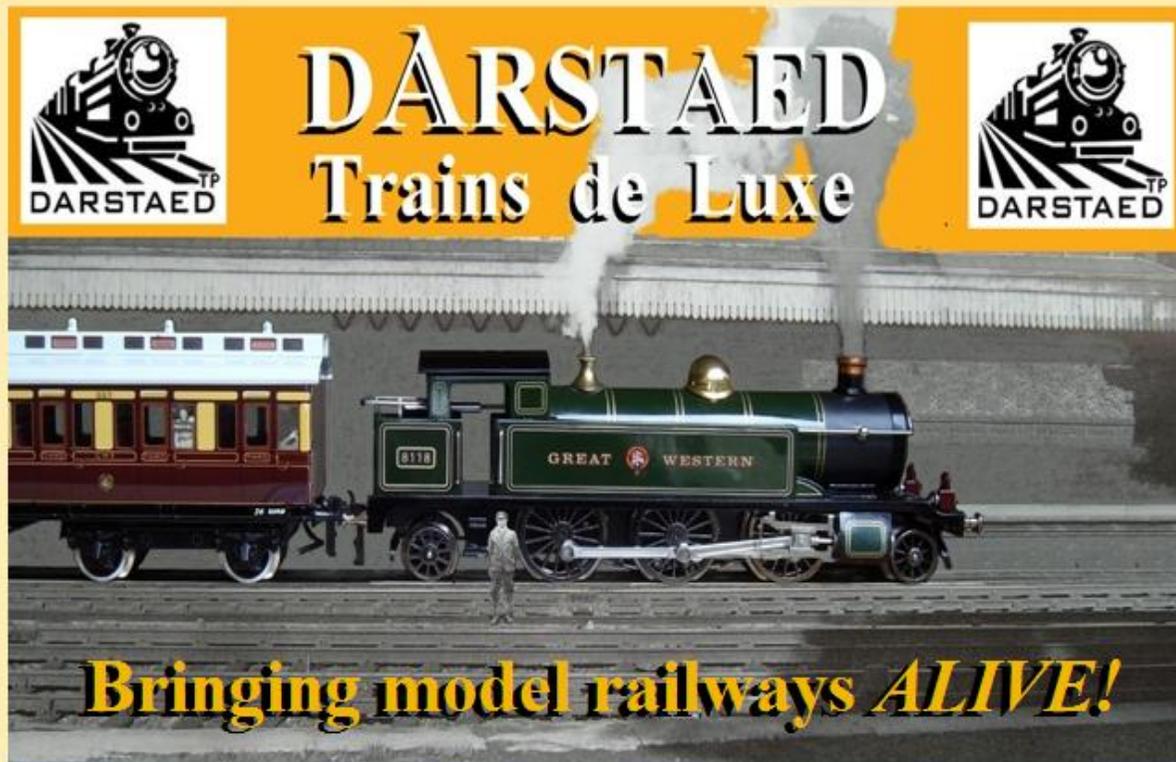
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**May I close by wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful 2015!**





## Darstaed Newsletter No. 40 January 2015

Most news and updates will first appear on our facebook page where you also can leave a message. Veivable [HERE](#)

**Dear All,**

**We at Darstaed wish you and your beloved ones a prosperous 2015 in good health. Our thoughts go out to our dear friend for over 25 years Gustav Taus of ETS who is less fortunate and in a very serious condition. When you switch on the light in your Darstaed coaches give him a thought as he personally designed the electronics for us.**

**Darstaed will continue to be the manufacturer that cherishes personal connection with our customers, we like to learn of your experiences so that we can serve you better. Whatever parts you wish for personal projects we will try to supply as best as we can as we have done so far. Your satisfaction is ours.**

**Darstaed will continue to manufacture the best product at the best value to keep the hobby affordable and vibrant. To rein in the costs even further we have established a warehouse in Britain in order to cater better and faster to our expanding distributor's network. This new factory warehouse facility will be managed by Mr. Dave Barnicoat (The Toy Guy) and is the factory on-line store for Darstaed in Britain and abroad. Both myself and Dave have worked very hard to make sure customers get what they want in 2015. Overseas non EU customers will also benefit from VAT free shopping from February 1<sup>st</sup>, an issue I know many of our valued overseas customers have wanted addressing.**

**For Darstaed 2015 we will fulfil many expectations, the A4s, A1/2s, Tornados, a long promised small loco, the Warship followed by the Deltic, Corridor and other coaches, a range of new wagons and a set of line side items when we find the time. This year will also see the reissue of the 40cm replica Märklin coaches to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.**

**The CCs (Corridor Coaches) will start coming off the line in a few weeks time starting with LMS period I set A followed by sets A of LMS period II and BR ex LMS II carmine/cream and BR ex LMS II maroon.**



Many of you are understandably impatient for announced products to materialize but it is often little understood how much time, effort and costs are involved in setting up a production of which the assembly is only the final step.

Therefore from time to time we will record important parts of the production process so that you are able to witness progress.

Here are the first recordings of the litho printing and coach side stamping and what happens to the printed sheets afterwards.

*Lithoprinting Corridor Coaches – You tube Link : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcKgVjXS-OY>*



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BR Maroon  
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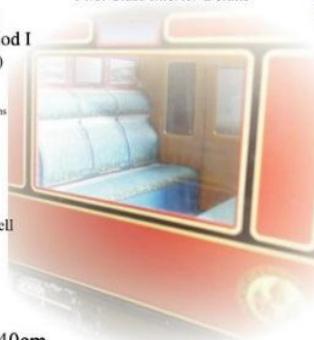
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Maroon Pullmans LMS  
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2. BR Carmine/Cream ex-LMS Period I
3. LMS Maroon Period II (1928 - 33)
4. BR Maroon ex-LMS Period II
5. GWR Choc/Cream Toplight & Collet Designs
6. BR Chocolate/Cream ex - GWR
7. BR Carmine/Cream ex - GWR
8. SR Maunsell Olive Green
9. SR Bulleid Malachite Green
10. BR Carmine/Cream ex-SR Maunsell
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*\* Suggested Loco/Coach combinations*

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As mentioned previously, at the moment we can only produce 600 coaches per month which means only 50 sets of 3 coaches in 4 liveries. Our program extends well into 2017 before any rerun will be contemplated. Therefore early reservation of your favourite liveries is recommended.

On the North Eastern front we have started with the A4s and components are slowly coming in.

For a complete list of A4 names and liveries available now, please visit this link:

[http://www.darstaed.com/products\\_a001a.html](http://www.darstaed.com/products_a001a.html)

Once the painting and printing starts we have to limit orders for some names and paint finish, therefore although we will continue to produce the most desired names and liveries some versions will have sold out.

If you wish to be kept up to date regularly with the latest developments at Darstaed you can visit our

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Enjoy your trains!

Cheers,

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# 'JtT's' Mailbag



*Hello David,*

*from Hildesheim I want to send you and your family a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year. Your monthly mail give me a lot of information round about the beautiful British tinsplate-0-gauge-trains. Thank you very much.*

*The (attached) photos shows some impressions of our exhibition round about ten days ago. We have had a tinsplate-layout with German trains of the 1920/30er years, my test-layout with British trains and many other layouts and staples of old toys.*

*Best greetings from a stormy Hildesheim. Broder*



Thank you very much Broder. Ed.

*Dear David*

*The old year is going to end and Christmas is knocking the door. I wish you merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Hopefully we are playing with old Tinsplate, see Jean Schoenner, and we enjoy holiday season.*

*Best regards from Switzerland.*

*Michel*



Here is another email coming from a continental enthusiast, Wolfgang Hendrischk of Germany.

***Hello David Upton,***

***your monthly newsletter has been a lot of fun and information for me, thank you so much for your work!***

***I write relating to running trains with a mix of 6wheeler coaches of ACE and Darstaed and installing Darstaed's spare-part PC boards as interior lighting into ACE coaches.***

***I have posted on German tinplate forums (e.g. improving newer Merkur locomotives ) but are not familiar with the English scene, so I do not know whether such a small article would be of general interest at all, and if so, what newsletter or forum would be the suitable place. Your advice is very much appreciated!***

***Best regards***

***Wolfgang Hendrischk***

***Germany***

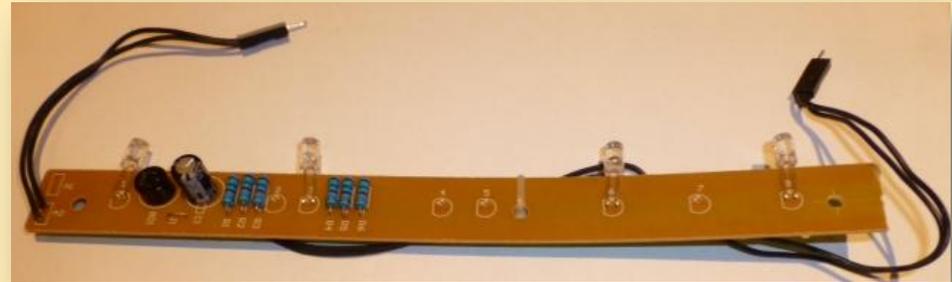
My advice to Wolfgang was to simply forward the article he referred to and so here it is, below. Ed.

## Mixing 6 wheelers for daytime and night time operation.

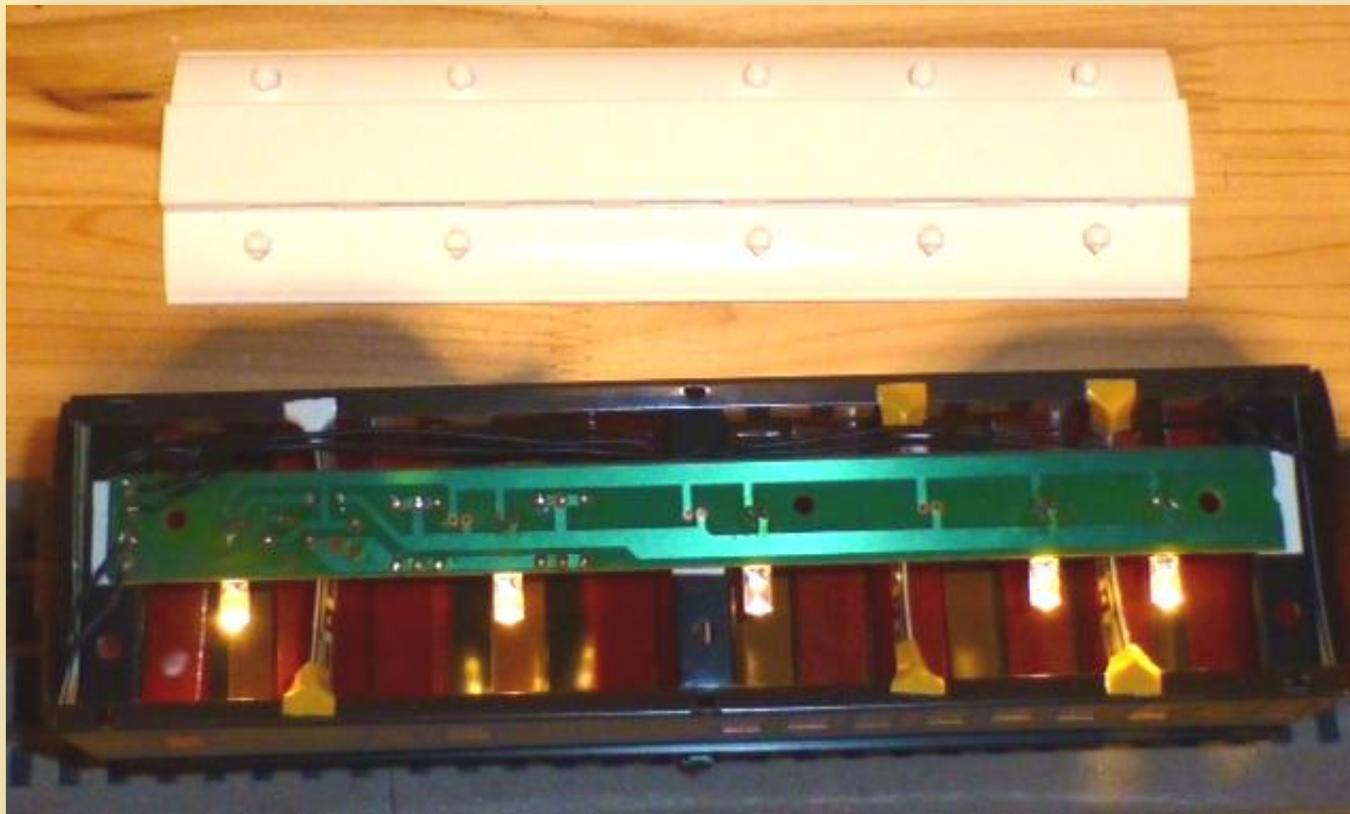
The 6 wheeler coaches from ACE and Darstaed are nice to look at and perform well even on the tight curves which we frequently use in Germany at “player meetings”. Based mostly on Märklin replica rails 2 and 3 feet radii are used and the 6 wheeler with the middle axle steering the end axles perform well on both. So in the daytime, all cars can be combined to form a longer train or add variety. Even led by a foreign 01 from Merkur (much modified, a story in itself) the train looked great on a modular exhibition layout.



But when the room lights are dimmed, only the Darstaed coaches were illuminated. Luckily I got a couple of these interior lighting printed circuit boards for installation into the “dark” 6 wheelers.

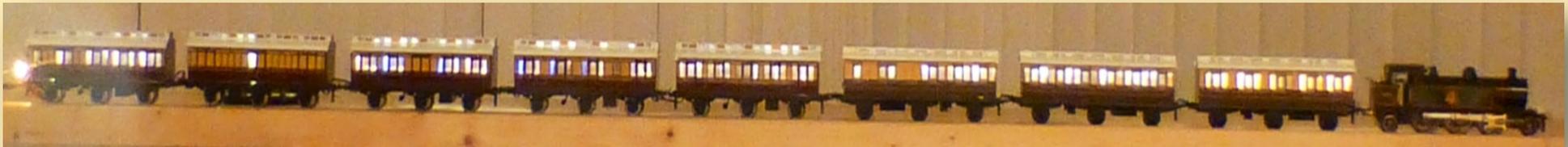


**A lot of LEDs are available today, but it makes sense to stay with one type, because the human eye registers even small colour variations. After removing the roofs (really the most difficult part) I first matched the LED positions according to the compartments by unsoldering and re-soldering, - there are enough open positions on the board. The boards were mounted with double-sided tape to avoid a short circuit.**



The connectors to the next car are too large to pass through the holes in the ACE coaches either on the bottom or at the small side, so their wires were unsoldered and later re-soldered to the previous positions. As each board has a rectifier, the polarity is not critical. But when I had finished everything, as an afterthought I wanted the free pin on the last connector of the train to be connected to the outer rails (mass) rather than the center. According to the laws of probability 50% of the cars would have the wires wrong, but Murphy's law ruled and I had to open 6 out of 8 roofs to change the wiring.

Now there is a whole train uniformly lit, nearly 7 feet long, drawing about 240 milliamps. Hope at our next operator's meeting the stations are long enough!



**Wolfgang Hendrischk**

Excellent results, Wolfgang and thank you for sharing with the readewrship. Ed.



On page 4 of this newsletter, you get some photos of my snow-bound garden railway and an invitation to listen to some nostalgic music from the 1930's. If this was your sort of thing then can I suggest you take a look at this fascinating site created by HRCA member Clive Heath. [www.cliveheathmusic.co.uk](http://www.cliveheathmusic.co.uk)

Clive has painstakingly, digitally 'restored' numerous 78rpm records in his collection so that you can now listen to them in perfect clarity. He also has various other musical treats available via the site and as he himself says, the music makes a perfect accompaniment to running your trains.



Click [HERE](#) to visit The Vintage Vault.

# World War 1 Remembered



It is now January 1915 and on the Western Front bitterly cold. The opposing forces have fast becoming locked into trench warfare, but the Germans are managing to make inroads into the British lines at the town of Soissons. The first narrow gauge track is being used for movement close to the front lines. At first, motive power is provided by manpower or horse, but it will rapidly develop into a complex network of moveable tracks with powered locos.



## Featured YouTube™ uploads:

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Before you launch into doing so you might like to take time to look at all that is involved in laying the track!!



**‘HOW TO MAKE THE POINTS AND RAILWAY JUNCTIONS’**  
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Something for every reader to consider.

In recent months and in an attempt to make sure you all actually receive the newsletters when I circulate them, I have begun to make use of a ‘free’ PDF hosting website: [www.freepdfhosting.com](http://www.freepdfhosting.com) The site works extremely well, and every link I have circulated has been useable by every recipient except just one. As we all know however, there is no such thing as a free meal, and in reality there is no such thing as a free hosting site, which has its own expenses to cover. The site’s operators simply ask the users to make a donation as and when they feel able. ‘JtT’ is on the other hand produced without cost to anyone but myself in the form of time. As a result I simply draw this matter to your attention and if you really are appreciative of getting these newsletters each month then I would ask you to consider making a donation to the hosting site concerned – it does not have to be substantial.

David

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**Below are a couple of remarkable sites catering mainly for the American enthusiast.**



## O Gauge Railroading magazine On-Line Forum

For the OGR Forum click [HERE](#)



J&C Studios O Gauge Archive O Gauge / O Scale Forums and Individual Blogs for Model Railroading. For the site click [HERE](#) It's on this site that I have my own 'blog' in which I post on any developments relating to my garden layout and all that runs on it. To view click [HERE](#)

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