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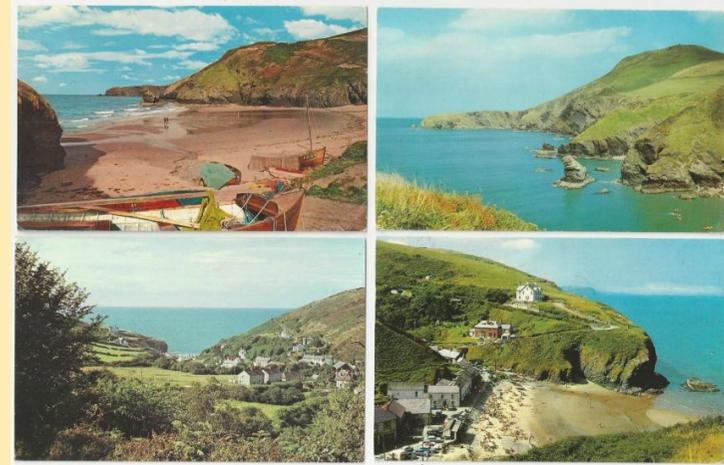
I gather there is something called the World Cup taking place somewhere in the world. I hope it does not interfere too much with your train operating! I'm sure it won't in Britain now that England has been knocked out although there's always the distraction of Wimbledon, and a host of other sporting events which might try.

Summer has certainly got going here in the (still) United Kingdom. Mrs. Upton and I have had our annual week away from work and for a change we disappeared into Wales. All previous experience has usually involved rain and mist so there was some trepidation especially as we set off in pouring rain, but after some five hours on the road we arrived on the Welsh coast under a cloudless blue sky to be amazed at the beauty of it all and what's more the superb weather stayed with us all week!! For those who know this mysterious land we were staying in Llangrannog, between Cardigan and Aberystwyth which I would describe as a good sized cove of the most delightful kind and highly recommend. I could enthuse and no doubt bore for hours on how good this time away was but I won't because I know this is not what you have come to expect from a publication such as this. I should however point out that this



is not a holiday snap of me in the sea but here is a postcard all the same!

This month is a significant one for a number of reasons. Not only do we have this World Cup thing going on but more importantly we have new submissions from Neil and Alexa at Vintage Trains, Norwich as well as the first submission by Allen Levy and the team at ACE Trains; something I know many of you have been patiently waiting to see – well here it is complete with a complimentary advertising promotional as designed and compiled by Mr. Mike Eniss. I don't think you will be disappointed. Also significant was June 28th because due to what happened in Sarajevo exactly one hundred years ago, in little over a month from now, much of the world would be caught up in war – The Great War which it was believed would end all war. How wrong they were and in the coming months I'll try to give due recognition the fateful years of 1914 -1918.



Whilst on my holiday, I had a few days doing nothing at home and on one particular day I read something which caught my attention. As you will read, this stirred my wife and I into heading out in the car and resulting in us both having a really fascinating time delving into the very early history of railway development. If my wife found it interesting, then you are bound to. So fascinated was I, you can guess what happened when I got home and this month you also get another free supplement!! **'Believed to be the oldest railway lines in the world'**! Do enjoy.

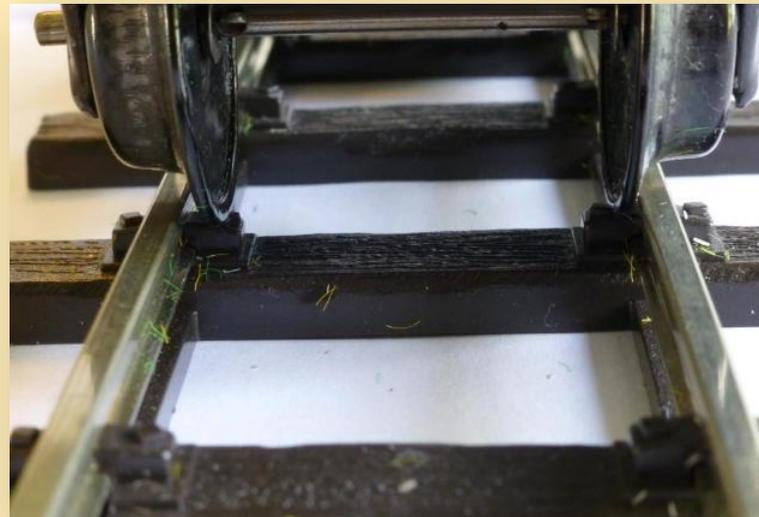
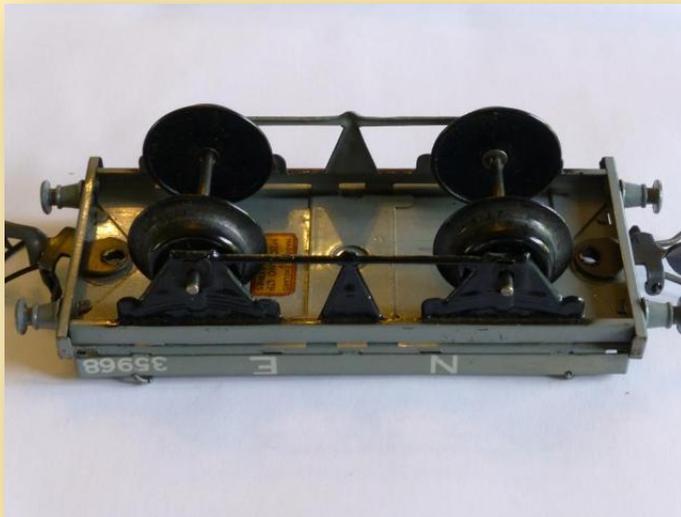
David Upton

An interesting article by Robert Ashmore

Tinplate meets Finescale

I often feel I am ploughing a lone furrow by attempting to run tinplate wagons and rolling stock on Peco fine scale track. Although there have been some wonderful vans and wagons released by the modern manufacturers there are still lots of other wagons such as cattle, cement, crane, container etc which have not been copied or up-dated as of yet and are only available in vintage tinplate.

Post war Hornby plastic wheels will cope with Peco points but they don't run as well as the modern B-L Corgi wagons with their steel wheels.



Prewar Hornby wheels are much worse. They even bump along the rail chairs on Peco SM 32 track!

I have therefore been searching for some fine scale, metal tyred, insulated wheels for my vintage Hornby stock.

I could not find anything suitable via

the internet but noticed that **Peartree Models** offered a custom design service for wheels. I sent the measurements to the proprietor,

Malcolm Fisher, and he has produced a wheel set with the right axle length and diameter to fit the standard Hornby tinplate wagon chassis. The only reservation I have is that the wheel treads are quite narrow and whilst fine for Peco track might produce some wheel drop at the frog on coarse scale points.



Malcolm was curious about whether there might be wider demand for this product in which case he might develop as a standard item. Coming back to the start of this article, I have no idea if I am in a minority of one or if there are other people who would like to upgrade the wheels on their tinplate stock.

Cost is not cheap at approx. £5 per axle plus p&p but obviously the price will drop, the more wheels sets you order or if more people place orders so that this becomes a normal stock item.

Normal disclaimer applies (I have no connection with **Peartree Models** other than as a satisfied customer).

Robert Ashmore

For any reading interested in getting some of these wheel sets they are available from:

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With this edition of *'Just the Ticket'* you should also receive two other emails bringing you two additional supplements; the complimentary ACE Trains advertising supplement and also an article written by yours truly. If you have not received both of these documents then please get straight back in touch and let me know. d.upton355@btinternet.com

"Believed to be the oldest railway lines in the world!"

So was a claim I came across whilst thinking through a book about my home county of Derbyshire. The claim obviously caught my attention and I read on. Well, hindsight. It would have been more accurate if the writer had written: Believed to be the oldest railway line still in use. Nevertheless, I look a little out to what is known as High Peak Junction which can be found beside the Cromford Canal, near Matlock. Since looking further into this subject, I perhaps ought to point out that the railway lines mentioned are more likely the second oldest lines in the world, but nevertheless are extremely interesting to anyone with an interest in the historical development of railways in Britain.



Picture if you will, a very tranquil canal-side location surrounded by greenery, wild flowers and you are some way to envisaging what we discovered once we had parked the car. Just a short walk from the car park you cross a foot bridge over the single track railway line from Matlock to Derby followed by another foot bridge across the Cromford Canal and before you stands High Peak Junction, a section of former railway, buildings not particularly impressive and very high speed today. In the 21st Century, the only sound to be heard is the passing traffic on the nearby A8 road which is just beyond the large building which can be seen in the above photograph, a property which was at one time the home of the Superintendent of the Junction. In point of fact, this is one of the few places in the country where all four means of transport run parallel with one another: giving a graphic illustration of how transportation has developed over the years in the river (Derwent), the road, the canal and the railway, even if today the canal has long since ceased to be used and the High Peak Junction of what was once the Cromford and High Peak Railway Company has long since lost the sound of an active work.

To try and explain fully the significance of this Junction and the canal beside it to take an involved exercise which is why in my books have already been written on the subject, and there is a

Darling. Surely the boy ought to be more sporting, rather than just reading these newsletters all day long?

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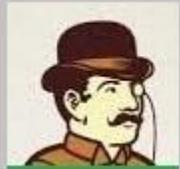


We have 20x New A4 Locomotives on order from Darstaed and if you go to my website you can see which of the twenty locomotives are available to order. (2-rail versions are special order)
Please note that unlike some other suppliers we do not need a deposit for any pre-orders that you would like to reserve.

Visit my website here at www.vintagetrainsnorwich.com



Also in the last few months I have imported some large shipments from Darstaed Trains and have many locomotives , coaches , goods vans and also many spares available.



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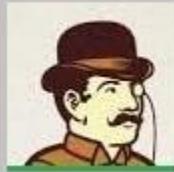


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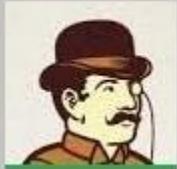


The new range of Darstaed Corridor Coaches will be superb and we will carry the full range in stock. Don't forget that we ship world-wide.



Thank you for reading our latest news article and there are many exciting new projects on the horizon, so rest assured the vintage train world is not in decline !

Regards Neil & Alexa.



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*News from Benelux
& the Continent,
with Rob Giskes
& Blik en Speelgoed.*



“Dear David. I am on holiday at the moment and am unable to send an update, but I will have one in your next edition.”

I’ve added this very brief entry for Rob because I want to express my appreciation to Roger Jones who kindly troubled to write in and point out that Rob’s business name **Blik en Speelgoed** was being consistently misspelt. This is down to your editor who is very pleased this has been pointed out and hopefully the correct spelling will appear from here on!



And now for something I know many of you have been eagerly looking out for....



ACE 2014

Brilliantly Old Fashioned



A selection of introductions from 2014

This is our first formal announcement in David's digital Newsletter. Owing to various disputes in the past we thought it inappropriate to submit material as it might have led to various differences being aired on what we regarded should be a neutral information source.

As far as we ACE Trains are concerned those problems have been determined elsewhere and any ongoing differences will not be aired in this non partial publication.

So what are we up to ?

We have just received the first pre production sample of our E/27 Britannia class locomotive. This incorporates a feature not seen in our type of production since 1928 when Marescot featured an opening smokebox door in their ground breaking ETAT pacific.



This E/27 is finished in satin black as were the real 'No 7000s' when first introduced. ACE have produced a small run of these in this livery. The rest of the run will be in BR Brunswick Green with a special edition finished as William Shakespeare was presented at the 1951 Festival of Britain Exhibition on the South Bank in London. Deliveries will commence in early September 2014.



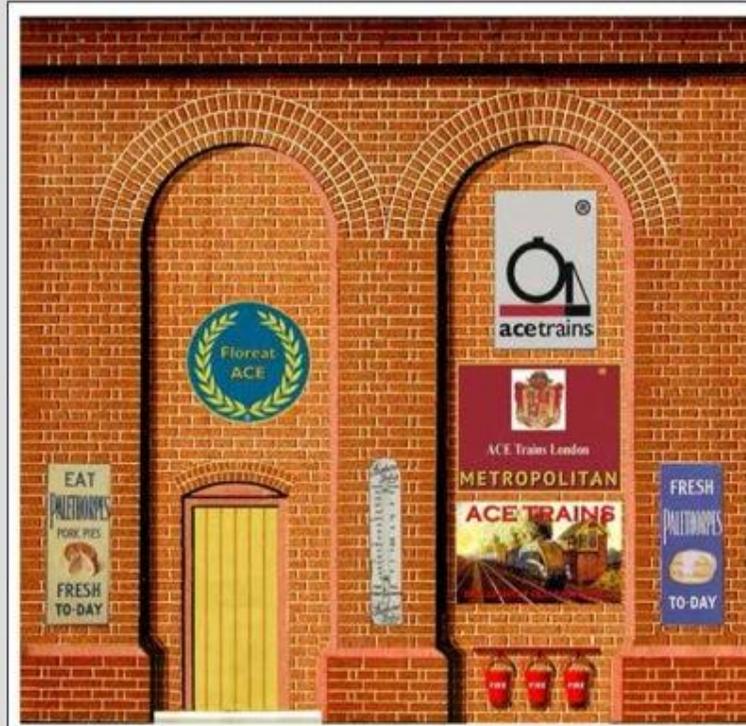
Our E/20 Westinghouse 'Steeple Cab' Bo Bo is in production and will be issued in late June. It will conclude our Met 150 program with the issue of the Met Pullmans Galatea and Mayflower in umber and white and the later madder liveries.



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Our City Class 'City of Truro' series will be issued in October and other City names will be
Type E/22A 1900 GWR lined green and Indian red, with 'GWR' scroll on tender, selection of four names and numbers as follows,
3433 City of Bath
3434 City of Birmingham
3440 City of Truro
3441 City of Winchester

Type E/22B 1923 Great Western lined green and black, 'Great Western' in full on tender, as all GW engines were post 1923. Selection of four names and numbers as follows
3712 City of Bristol
3713 City of Chester
3716 City of London
3719 City of Exeter



AC/2

We will be running another edition of our very popular AC/2 Carriage style Water Tank. It will be finished in gloss and the lamp covers will be blue/grey plus some additional 'enamel' signs on the back

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What's New for July?

Southern Railways A1X Terrier B655



Please note some of the Terrier photographs used have been reproduced in full size in Colin Toten's Raylo entry.



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This fabulous new Southern Railways Terrier A1X is available now! This is a small batch of just **30 pieces** split equally between **WJVintage** and **RAYLO**. The first run of SR Green Terriers (2662) sold out very quickly indeed and £299.00 each plus P&P is very reasonable for this lovely little locomotive which has been receiving rave reviews for its smooth running and excellent hauling capability for its size. We do not anticipate these being around for long so please place your order quickly to avoid disappointment.

Great Western Terrier A1X N0.5 'Portishead'

The next Terrier to be produced will be another A1X but this one will be in the colours of the GWR, namely No.5 'Portishead'



This will be a limited run of just **20 pieces**, again split equally between **WJVintage** and **RAYLO**. Pre-orders are being accepted now for anticipated delivery towards the end of July. The price will be £299.00 plus P&P

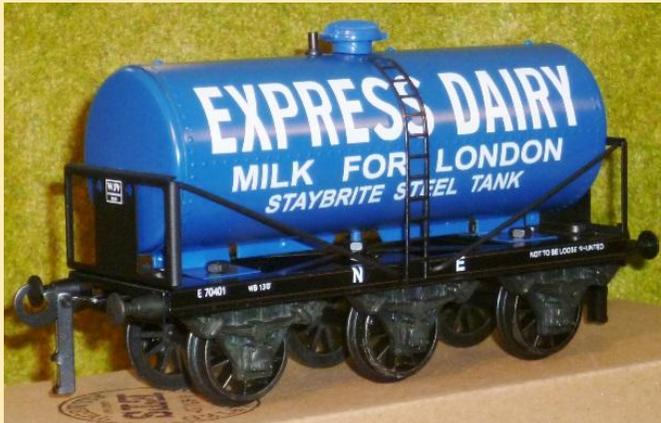
LBSCR Terriers

The LBSCR A1 Terriers in Stroudley's 'Improved Engine Green' scheme have all been delivered. I have sold out of No.40 'Brighton' but still have a few of the others if you are quick! Limited to just **12 pieces** of each name these are priced at £325.00 plus P&P. The choice is from: No.62 'Martello', No.44 'Fulham', No.55 'Stepney' and No.72 'Fenchurch'



Express Dairy Tank Wagons

The exclusive WJVintage Express Dairy 6-Wheel Tank Wagons have now been delivered and are selling fast. This limited edition run of 80 Pieces is now already 70% sold so please order quickly before they are all gone. I can still offer limited numbers of all 4 variants at £51.50 each plus P&P as follows: GWR, SR, LNER, LMS. The tank is the same for all models but the chassis is specific to each operating company.



Seven Mill Models

A couple of months ago now I first hinted at some exciting new releases from Seven Mill Models. Well plans have moved on somewhat and I am pleased to announce that **WJVintage** and **RAYLO** have once again teamed up as **exclusive distributors** for these latest superb Seven Mill Models releases. Availability is still to be confirmed but is likely to be by **Autumn 2014**.

LMS/BR Class 2F 2-6-0 'Mickey Mouse'

- 2/3/rail (with isolating switch)
- Twin motor and clutch arrangement for super smooth running and impressive hauling capability
- 0-20 Volt DC operation
- Supplied with set of lamps and operating instructions



Model depicted is a pre-production prototype. Improvements will be made for production (blackened wheels for example)

The following releases have now been agreed:

- LMS Plain Black
- LMS Black Lined
- BR Plain Black
- BR Black Lined
- BR Green Lined

Projected Prices (subject to confirmation):

Plain schemes priced at **£595.00** plus P&P

Lined schemes priced at **£645.00** plus P&P

Class 03 Diesel

- 2/3/rail (with isolating switch)
- Single motor and clutch arrangement for super smooth running.
- 0-20 Volt DC operation
- Supplied with set of lamps and operating instructions



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The following releases have now been agreed:

- BR (late crest) Green
- BR (late crest) Green with Wasp Stripes
- BR Blue
- BR Blue with Wasp Stripes

Projected Prices (subject to confirmation):

All schemes priced at **£450.00** plus P&P



Loco Lamp and Disc Sets now available

I have just commissioned moulds to produce these sets of O Gauge lamps and discs. They are manufactured from white metal and finished in gloss white. They are a good replica of the lamps and discs supplied with recent (Corgi era) Bassett-Lowke locomotives. Each piece has a slot moulded into the rear which drops onto the lamp irons of your locomotive. Each set contains six pieces.

Sets are available now as follows:

WJV01019 – set of six lamps - £4.75 plus P&P (£1.00 for UK)

WJV01020 – set of six discs - £4.75 plus P&P (£1.00 for UK)

Please note for UK you can buy up to four sets and the combined postage remains at £1.00 total



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Don't forget that **WJVintage** and **RAYLO** have now been appointed joint UK distributors for ETS. If you have any requirements from the wide range of O Gauge products offered by ETS please get in touch and we will be happy to quote prices and availability.

The entire ETS catalogue can be viewed online at:

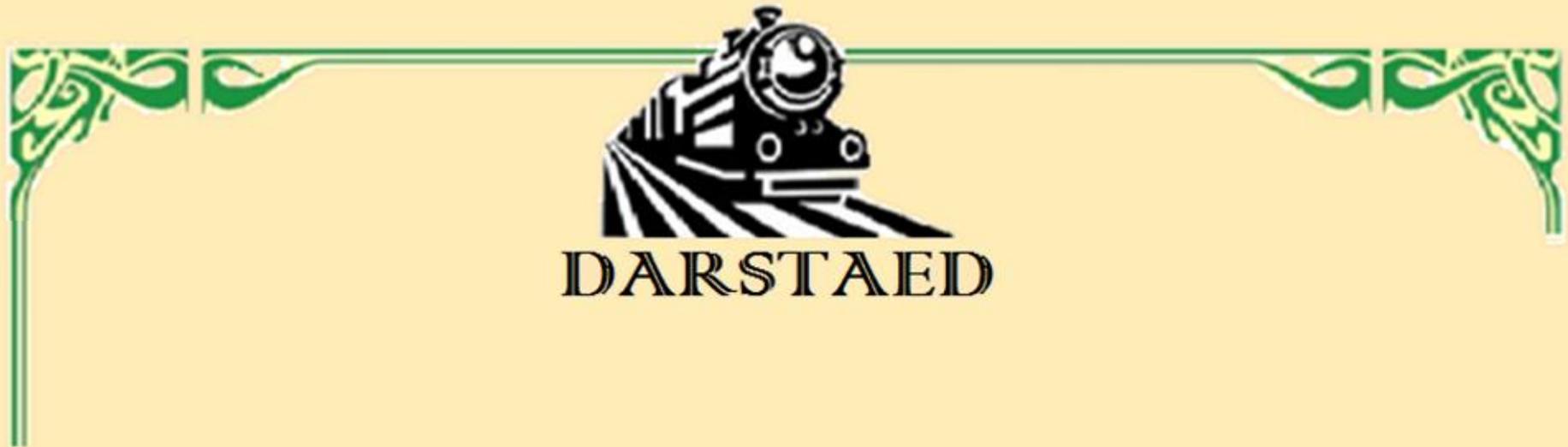
<http://www.ets-trains.com/>

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And now news from Andries Grabowsky and Darstaed....

Darstaed Newsletter No. 34

July 2014



Gentlemen,

“The bulk of the 6 Wheelers have now been shipped and preparations are made for the next production including Batch 2 of the 6W goods and some distributor exclusives.

The jigs for printing the ES (Engine Sheds) have been tested and printing will commence on July 1st when you read this. The first container load should leave in the first half of August by sea.



Final checking of ES Printing Jigs. Printing starts 1st July 2014

The 35 cm CCs (Corridor Coaches) are in preparation as well and materials have been ordered. The seats for the multiple varied interiors came out very nicely. We really pulled out all the stops on these models by faithfully replicating all the many different interiors, setting again new standards.

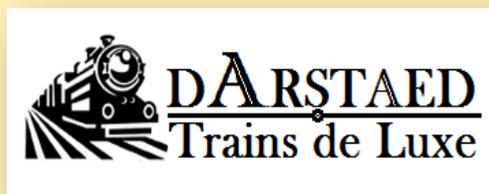


Our coach program will take until the end of 2015 to complete including the BR Pullmans, BR Brighton Belle, MET Pullmans, LMS Maroon Pullmans and an additional new issue of MKI coaches for an engine planned after the A1 Tornado. For a full overview of our Corridor Coach program please visit our website at: http://www.darstaed.com/products_b004.html

In 2016 Darstaed celebrates its 50th anniversary as a manufacturer and for that occasion of course the traditional 40 cm Darstaed coaches have to be done plus an extraordinary train set for Britain.

Therefore every month we will have to produce four different liveries which means that once a livery is shipped out a first possible rerun will not occur before 2017 at the earliest.

As for each of the four liveries we produce every month we can only make 50 sets it would be recommended to reserve your set with our distributors to avoid disappointment. If of some sets more are ordered than of others we will produce accordingly, thus your input is important. The 12 wheeler coaches will be produced in accordance.





The A4 pre-production has started and materials are being ordered. Later in the month we will do the die casting and after that the polishing which is a very precise job. We also take orders now for the 2-R versions to be produced after the 3-R versions per livery.



Since the start up of our new assembly/processing unit in January this year the hiring , firing and training of staff pays now its dividend as there is a good team in place with all the necessary checks allowing us to grow on sound foundation.

We thank you for your continuing support. Enjoy our hobby,”

Cheers,

Andries Grabowsky

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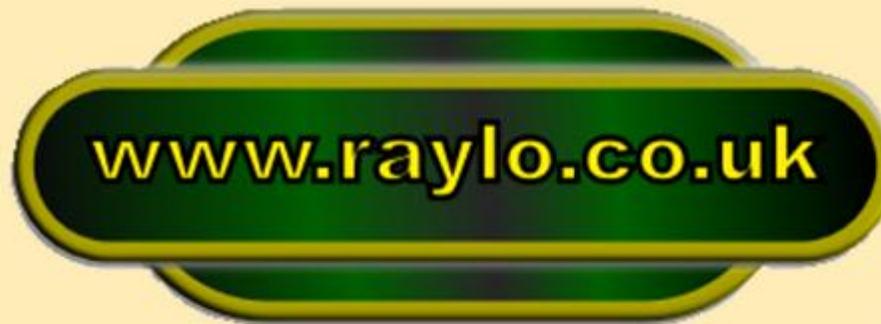
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Hello Readers,

“June is traditionally a quieter month for 0 gauge model railway sales but this month has shown how popular it still is, not many toy fairs or exhibitions but the web site has kept me busy.

The special named and numbered limited edition improved engine green Terriers with only 12 of each have been going fast, in transit and here by the time you read this another batch of Southern Green Terriers (requested by some customers who missed the first livery), will be available.

Pictures of latest Terrier and possibly one or two of the named and numbered ones shown last month?

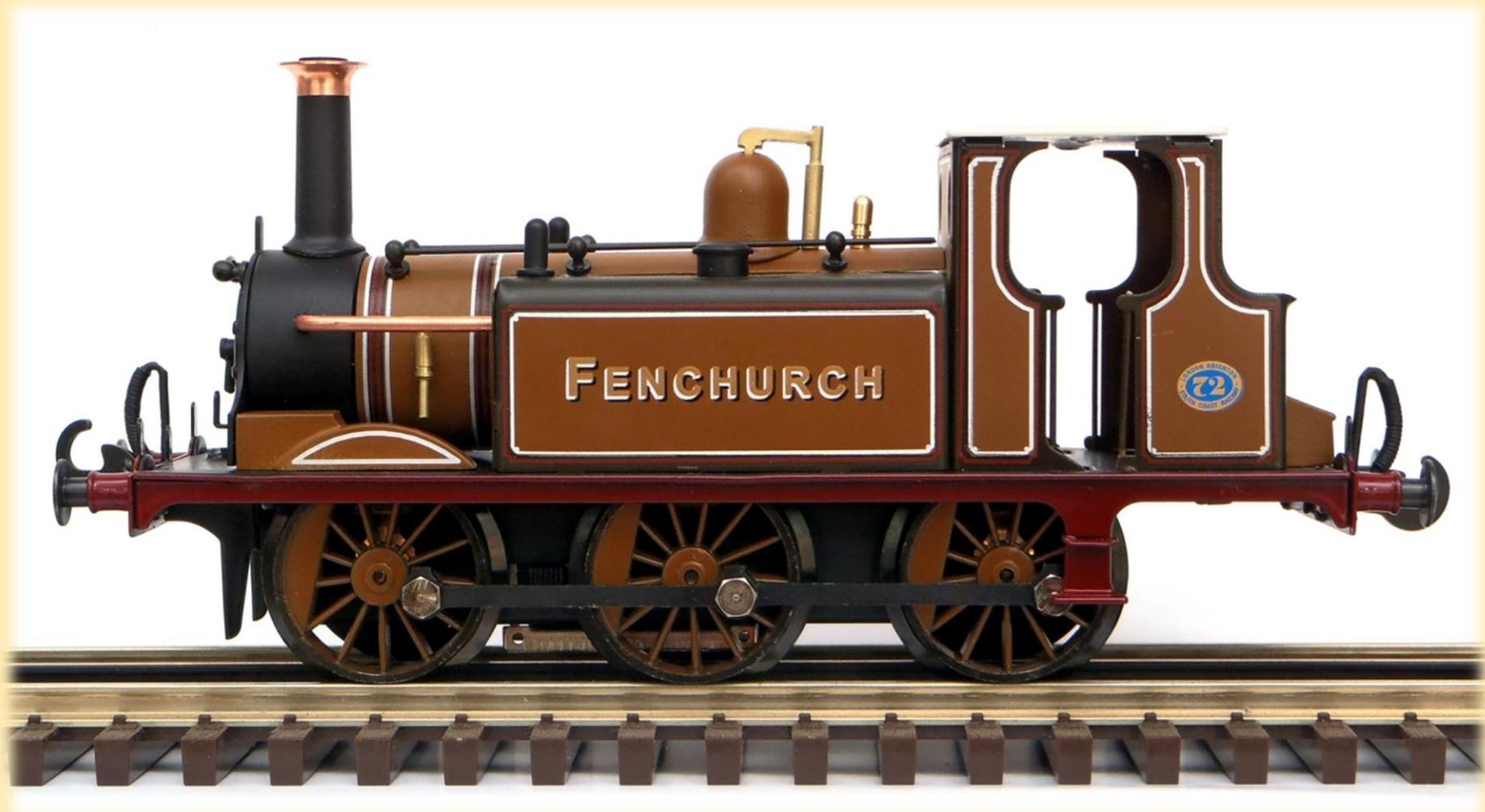








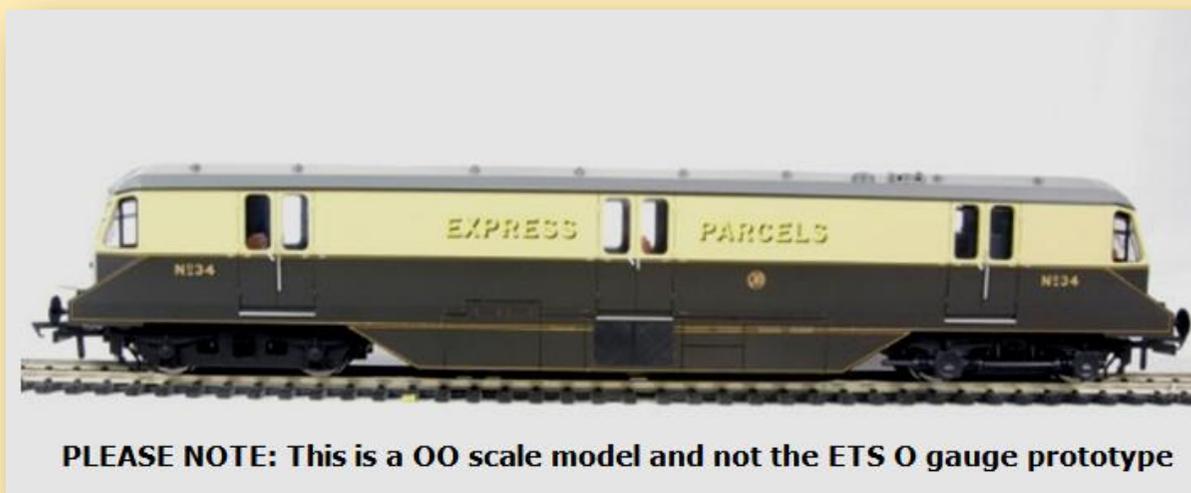






July should see the last two liveries GWR and K&SER arrive and then in late August-early September the first of the Railcars (GWR Passenger) will arrive followed by monthly deliveries of the other liveries.

Darstaed have advised that a further delivery of 6 wheeled vans and coach sets are ready for dispatch but I do not have the livery details at this time (25-6-14)



www.raylo.co.uk



Most of the models on the web site are available, only very few of the early ETS Terrier liveries and the Seven Mill models V2's are left.

A new batch of Horton Series advertising vans are being prepared and hopefully pictures will be available in time for the next 'Just the Ticket' issue in August, there will also be a re-run of some of the earlier advertising vans currently sold out.



If you do not have access to the web site www.raylo.co.uk you are welcome to e-mail me at colin@bhvccc.co.uk or telephone on 01582 873460



'JtT's' Mailbag



Michel Berthet from Switzerland dropped me a few lines and what he had to reveal certainly took me by complete surprise. The subject of the future of the hobby is often and hotly contested at times, but what Michel brings to readers attention will surely dispel any suggestion that the hobby is dead or dying? Just take a look at this utterly remarkable remake of a highly desirable and extremely expensive line-side accessory.

Dear David

2 pictures of the new Märklin "Leipziger Bahnhof" from MTH. It is a accurate replica from Märklin in gauge 0 and very nice. Price today in Germany 1000.- Euro. I think that is a great deal and one of the spectacular things this year in Tinsplate.

As you can see Mike himself was at the show in Tuttlingen in the south of Germany, to present this fabulous train station. Hope you are fine Kind regards from Switzerland, Michel



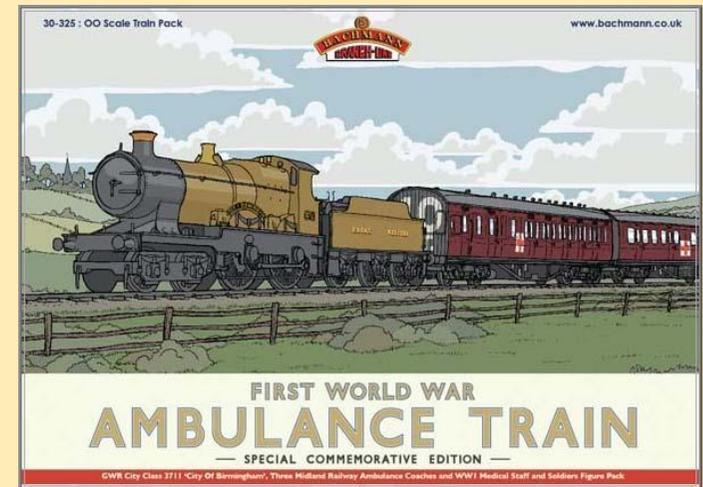
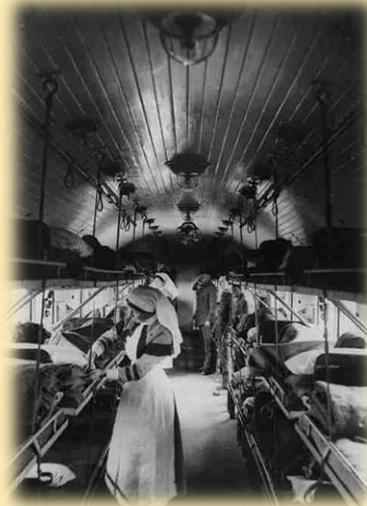




Here's an original one without the sweeping steps and ramps which sold on eBay in 2013 for over £1000. Christies sold one in 2005 for £1,1080, so a complete and authentic replica selling at approximately £780 seems a steal to me. If ever there was proof that the tinplate O gauge market is strong, this is surely it.

World War 1 Remembered

Readers will recall that for a while now I have put forward the idea of a commemorative Ambulance Train set to mark WW1. Bachmann recognised the potential a while ago, hence this advertisement appearing. I also note the same company has a similar set in the planning – First World War Landship Train (tanks), in N scale.



Further to this suggestion, how about a model of the 1918 Armistice Coach; the same coach which of course was used by Hitler to receive the surrender of France in 1940.

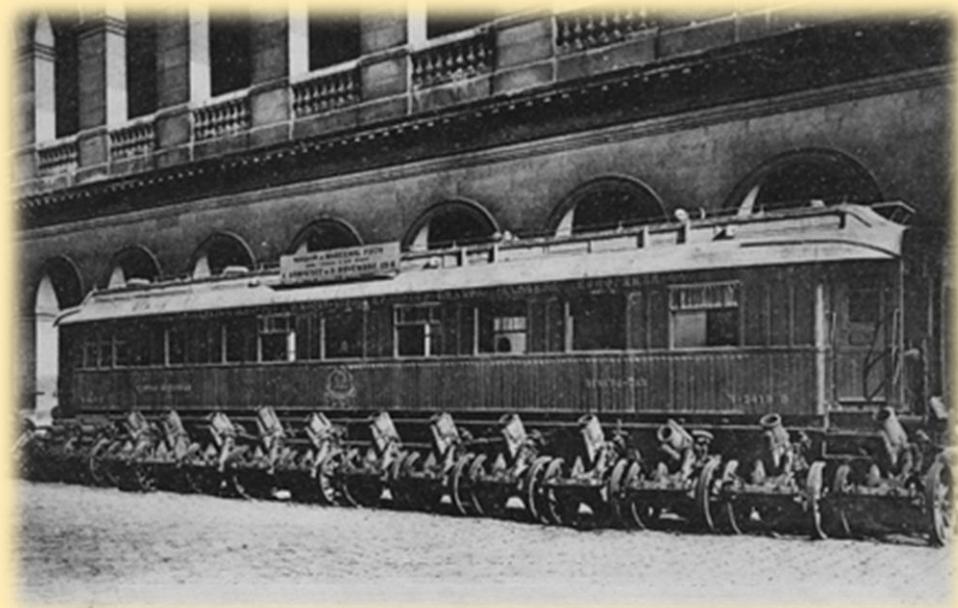


From what I can ascertain, actual models of this coach in any scale are very rare indeed. The original coach was destroyed by German SS in 1945 and today the 'preserved coach' which resides in a museum in Rethondes, France is in fact a very close copy, where photography is prevented so even detailed photographs of it are rather scarce.

This is the only model I can find via the Internet, the Lilliput Wein (Bachmann) HO scale 2419D which I believe is no longer available.

Surely another perfect subject for a coarse scale train maker?

Any takers?



Keeping in touch.



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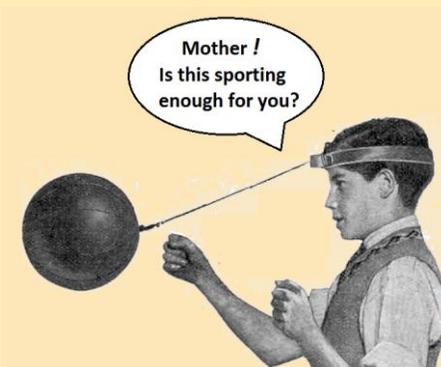
Here are a couple of remarkable sites catering mainly for the American enthusiast. For the OGR Forum click [HERE](#)



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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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