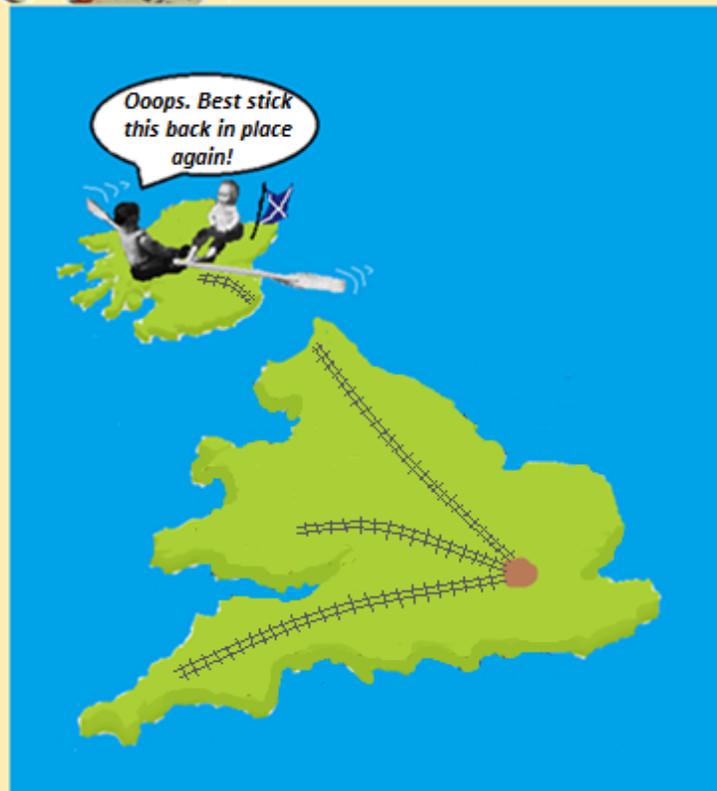




Ladies & Gentlemen...This is - *'Just the Ticket'*

Issue No. 18 October 2014

*60 pages!! of information
and enthusiasm and
remarkably still only*



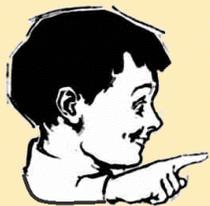
This royal throne of kings, this sceptred isle,
This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars,
This other Eden, demi-paradise,
This fortress built by Nature for herself
Against infection and the hand of war,
This happy breed of men, this little world,
This precious stone set in the silver sea,
Which serves it in the office of a wall
Or as a moat defensive to a house,
Against the envy of less happier lands,--
This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England.

William Shakespeare, "King Richard II", Act 2 scene 1

**An e-newsletter concerned with the modern coarse scale O Gauge railway scene
and available throughout the re-United Kingdom and beyond.**

Greetings fellow enthusiasts of all things coarse scale O gauge and welcome to this the 18th edition of the monthly e-newsletter, 'Just the Ticket', and aren't times just 'a changing'? Quite how one keeps a cheery disposition in a world so full of fast moving turmoil as we currently have, is a very real challenge to us all. There is so much happening around us, it's very hard to know which way to

turn. Further comment on last page. This month however, I thought I would deliberately re-use this particular page header from last month's edition. I wanted to re-use it because it serves to demonstrate



Into the Land of Fun



"If it's not fun, then don't bother..."

how fragile life can be and all that is in it? Let us enter a 'World of Fun' the header invites, and so the world of coarse scale O gauge trains can surely be, but alas for Rob Horton of Wessex Transfers it all too suddenly became anything but fun and you cannot help but feel for the man, currently still located in Tasmania. For anyone unaware, on the 9th of September it was formally announced by Allen Levy of ACE Trains that Rob's personal circumstances had changed considerably and that as a result production of his advanced and engine shed were to be placed on indefinite 'hold'. You might recall that barely a week previous, on the 1st of the month I had been able to write: *In similar fashion I understand Rob Horton's amazing, personally designed engine shed is also on the verge of general release.* Such is the speed at which life can change around us. Rob and I have communicated since the Sept 9th announcement and he has given me his blessing to write in this way. He has new plans to move back to the UK (thankfully I can still call it as such), where he and his children will be close to family and friends which should undoubtedly help. I'm sure I write on behalf of others when I say I hope it won't be long before the Wessex Transfer brand is available once again.

In an attempt to lighten this rather somber tone, the other day something quite unexpected happened? I was wandering around our local village shop when I bumped into a familiar face! None other than Headboy, Mr. Paul Lumsdon. “*Hello Paul*” say’s I, “*What are you doing here in this sleepy back-water shop?*” “*Looking for the eggs,*” replied Paul.



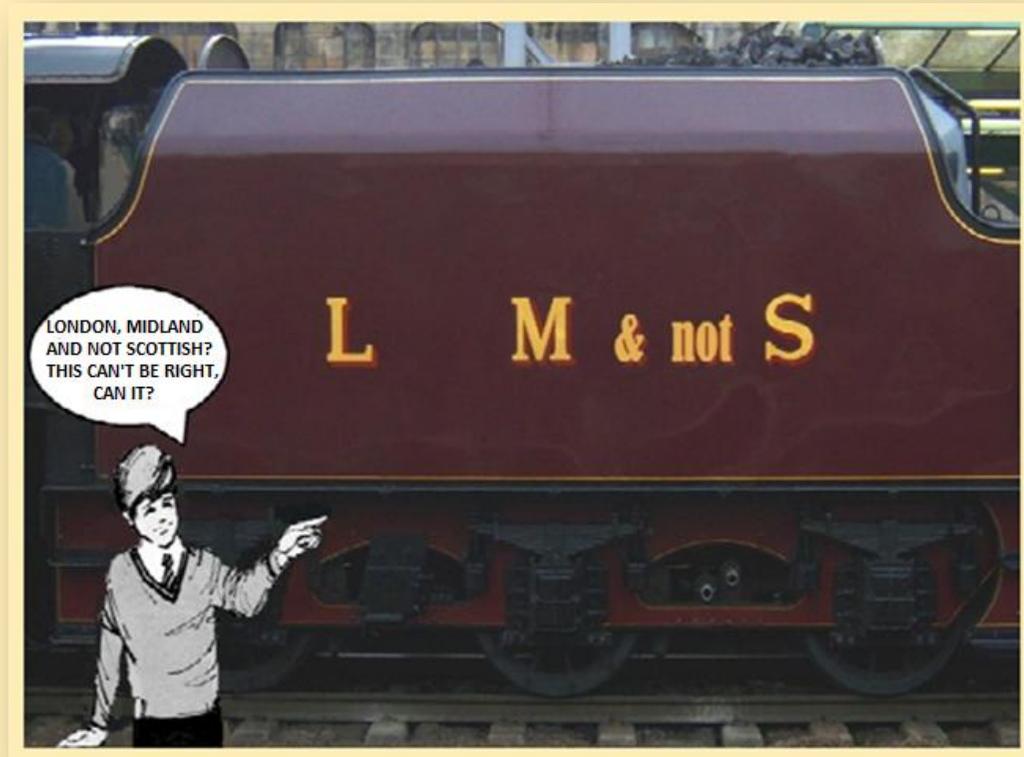
Well actually none of the above conversation took place because Paul and his family were taking a short break in the Derbyshire Peak District and took the opportunity to call in and say ‘hello’ for which I was very grateful as this sort of thing really brightens up my working day (I’m the one with the sort of sailor suit look going on), and if you are still somewhat confused, the shop is where I spend my working days helping my wife and family run our own village store and Post Office.

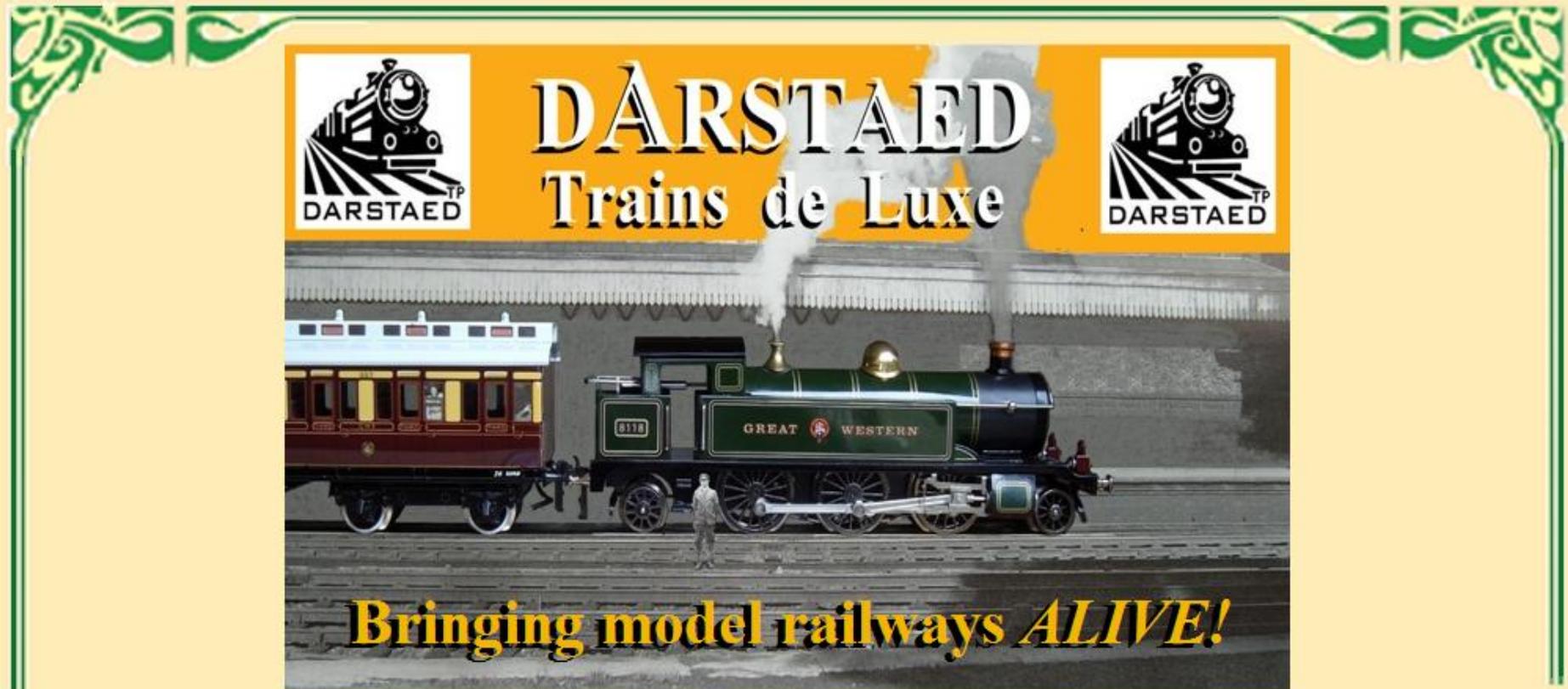
‘Well that’s all very nice David’ I hear you say, *‘but what about our O gauge – is there any news or not’?* Well, indeed there is! Top of the list has to be the arrival of the Darstaed Hornby inspired Engine Shed, in both single and double track form and also modular so you can

configure them as long or in as many pairs as you like. I feel sure Mr. Frank Hornby would approve. I perhaps ought to touch on one particular matter which I know crops up from time to time and this concerns the instances of repetition of certain products within the pages of the same newsletter. There is no escaping

the fact that three or four different dealers may well feature the same product within their own articles and so a sense of repetition can arise. My response to this is fairly defensive in that each of the dealers concerned submit their own articles to me and it has always been my stance that if they have taken the time and prepared something for inclusion, then I will – if at all possible – find room for it. I hope this does not make your time within the newsletters pages in any way tedious and that you will at least be pleased to see how alive and well the hobby is, on the other hand, thank you for all the kind messages received, they really make my day.

David Upton





Darstaed Newsletter No. 37 October 2014

Gentlemen,

We at Vintage Trains / Darstaed are delighted to report that we have shipped the first container load of Model Train products which for a relatively small manufacturer like us is a real accomplishment. The shipment consisted of the ES (Engine Sheds) that will arrive in Britain at the end of October.



Stacking the pallets 2 Meters high for loading the container

As reported in last month's Newsletter some ES's have been shipped by courier to arrive in time for the meets at Rugby and Sandown where they were very well received. My Dutch natural modesty precludes me to blow the trumpet too much, therefore here what two satisfied customers reported on the Classic O Gauge Forum <http://www.classicogauge.net/forum/index.php>

"I was at Rugby Vintage Saturday and I bought the Darstaed one.....take a look

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQxeMIKkSV8>

I am really impressed with its design, construction and the quality. I wish I had room for more.

The interior detailing is excellent also.

David"

“Mine turned up today it’s the Darstaed twin track job, very pleased and for the money paid an absolute steal. The modular aspect was a big factor in the choice.

Phil”

We have been asked why we don't plaster advertisements all over it but in reality these sheds were placed quite a distance away from where the public would see them so which company would pay for advertisement that nobody really notices? Therefore these sheds generally did not have advertisements and thus nor do ours.

Our distributor Bruce Coleman has an almost complete collection of original B/L tinsplate advertisements and we are in the process of professionally scanning them so we can print them on magnetic sheets and anyone can stick them anywhere if so desired.

British sheds nearly always have doors on both ends and likewise so do ours although it adds considerably to the manufacturing costs.

Now the decks are cleared we have continued with the last batch of passenger 6Ws followed by the second batch of goods stock.



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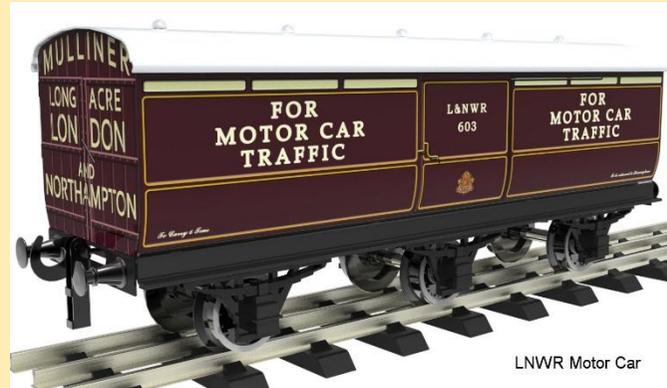
LMS Fruit Van



LMS Horse Box
Windows will be cut out in Production



LMS Parcels Van



LNWR Motor Car



SR Milk Van



SR (ex-LBSCR) Parcels van
Windows will be cut out in Production

Thereafter in November we will continue with our next opera d'arte, - the CCs (Corridor Coaches). There is some delay in production because the roofs are made in Taiwan and importing from Taiwan to China is a big hassle as was the case with the Castle materials from Koashiung to Shanghai some years ago.

In the meantime the materials are arriving and one noteworthy component is our new lighting strip. Setting a new standard in coach building we have developed a new interior lighting strip with SMD (Surface Mounted Device) components including the LED's. In the left picture the small yellow oblong object is the LED (Light Emitting Diode)



The picture on the right shows that the strength of the light (in the center) is more diffused but certainly not weaker than that emitted by the LED that is several times larger in size (left and right of it).

This technology allows fully automated assembly of all components thus eliminating weak soldering joints that are not evident at final inspection before dispatch.

Having set the standard for installed interior lighting, all our coaches past and present will run with any other make regardless the power supply, AC or DC or any Voltage < 20 Volts.

Our specifications and standards are the same as applied by ETS. Mr. Gustav Taus being an accomplished electronics engineer has been helpful in the development of the control unit so that some uniformity in modern tinsplate will evolve for the benefit of the customer. After all it is fun to run trains of different makes without problems. The new design lighting strip can be retrofitted to any of the previous coaches designed and made by us including those sold under the Ace Trains name.

Once the CC production is under way in November we will dedicate our time fully to the A4s and A1s for which all basic preparations have been made. It is just a matter of finding the time to do it well.

In our Newsletter of November or December we will unveil the program of next year which will have some pleasant surprises. One of them is a line of new buildings and line-side items.

Most news plus some more will first appear on our Facebook page where you also can leave a message. You do not need to be a facebookie yourself to visit our page. The URL is: <https://www.facebook.com/Darstaed>

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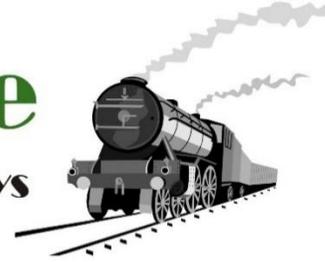
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What's New for October?

Brand New 6-Wheel Tank Wagon Announced

Following the success of the CWS, Nestle's Milk and Express Dairy 6-Wheel Tank Wagons recently launched by **WJVintage**, we are pleased to announce another specially commissioned O Gauge coarse scale release.



'British Vinegars' will be strictly limited to just 50 pieces and production models are due to be in transit from Prague by the time this issue of 'Just the Ticket' goes to press. Price as for the previous 6-wheelers will be **£51.50** plus P&P and these have already been selling quickly to recipients of the **VJVintage** newsletter.

Calling all 'Grahams' – or should that be 'Mr Graham'?

This new, exclusive to **VJVintage**, tank wagon was announced last month and we now have the first production photos.

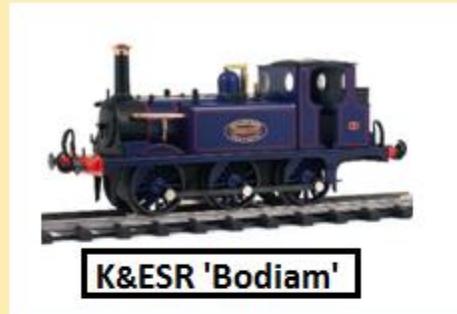


Again by the time this 'Just the Ticket' is distributed the production models should be on the way to the UK from Prague. Only 40 pieces have been produced and nearly half of these are already pre-sold. Unfortunately ETS still haven't confirmed the price of this but around **£45.00** each plus P&P is anticipated.

Terriers Reach the End of the Line

Delivery of the LSWR Terrier in September brought to an end the very successful run of this iconic little loco. For anyone that missed out, I'm afraid all my allocation of the LSWR variants were sold before they arrived but I do still have limited stocks (very limited in some cases) of most of the others (see below).

Standard Liveries Priced at £299.00 plus P&P



Very Limited LBSCR Liveries (only 12 of each name produced) at £325.00 plus P&P



GWR Diesel Railcar – The wait is nearly over!

As this issue of 'Just the Ticket' goes to press Colin (Raylo) and I (**VJVintage**) will be in Prague and we hope to be signing off the first production samples of the Railcar! As soon as we return I will be contacting my customers with an update on delivery. We are hoping the first production batch will be delivered in the next week or two following our visit.



Railcar Prices

The Passenger Railcar, which as noted above will feature seating and interior lighting, will be priced at **£450.00** plus p&p.

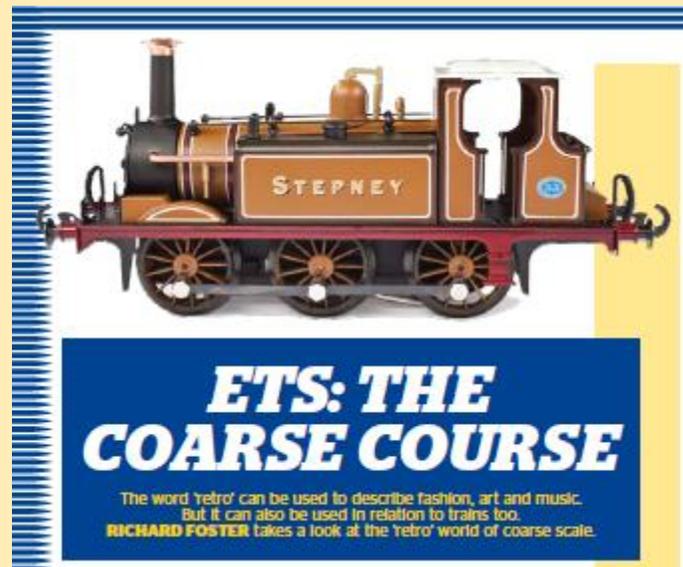
GWR Choc/Cream, BR Carmine/Cream, BR Green

The Parcels Railcar will be priced at **£430.00** plus p&p.

GWR Choc/Cream, BR Carmine

Have You Seen....?

The October 2014 issue (issue 201) of 'Model Rail' Magazine? It includes a full 3-page article on Coarse Scale, O Gauge from ETS. All the current modern O Gauge Coarse Scale manufacturers/suppliers get a mention and I'm pleased to say that **VJVintage** gets a very decent bit of coverage too!



It is quite unusual to get this sort of coverage in a mainstream model railway magazine so let's hope it is the start of something more regular.

Issue 201 of 'Model Rail' is available now from all good newsagents including WH Smith.

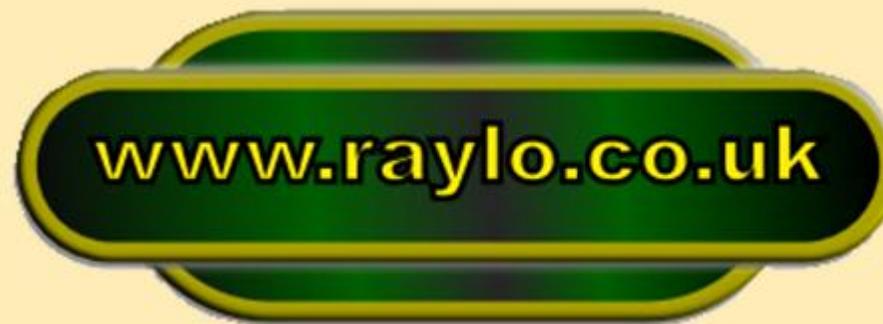


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Hello Readers,

September has been a busy month, the latest livery of our ETS Terriers has arrived and look most appealing in their LSWR Green and Brown livery, PICTURE, the pre ordered ones have been delivered and a few remain available along with some of the earlier liveries.

When this publication is available Paul (W.J.Vintage) and I will be in Prague viewing the first production run of our GWR Railcars and deciding on the quantities and production order for the various liveries in both Passenger and Parcels form.



I have had my first delivery of Darstaed Engine Sheds and they are nearly all accounted for by pre delivery orders, a further larger delivery was dispatched by Darstaed on the 26th.September so they will soon arrive.

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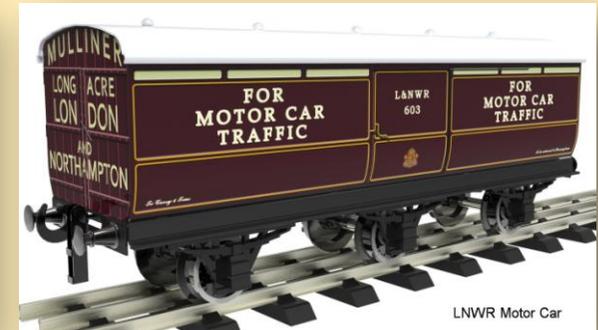
Orders are now invited for the second run of 6-wheeled vans from Darstaed. These useful little vans would be an ideal companion to the 6-wheeled coaches or our LB & SCR Terrier Tank Locomotive.



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SR Milk Van



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LMS Horse Box



CR Horse Box



GWR Luggage Coach

NB: Eight different liveries.

All the latest delivery of Horton vans have been checked and the early orders fulfilled. I still have all the liveries available but the SR and GWR ones are limited as they have proved very popular closely followed by Guinness and Liptons Teas. The earlier liveries continue to be in demand and a second batch of the most popular (Lyons Swiss Rolls, Robertsons Golden Shred, Standard Fireworks and Weetabix have also arrived.

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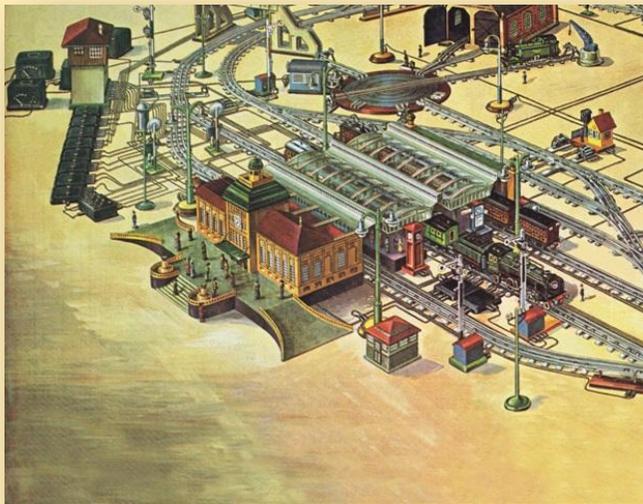
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The Horton Series engine shed has been postponed at present due to some personal problems Rob Horton is dealing with.

I have also had a delivery from Mth-railking including some trackwork items and smoke oil that were on back order. The most interesting news is that Mth-railking and Marklin have reached agreement over a modern production of their famous Leipzig station, these are planned for delivery by the end of the year with the platforms and canopies coming in 2015.



Above: box lid artwork



"The finest point of departure or arrival."

Lettering will be available in English, German or French and as this will be a limited issue early ordering is suggested to avoid disappointment, not only is it a very impressive model but I think it also represents a very strong financial investment for the future.

All the best.

Colin



During the month of September I took a phone call from regular reader Bernard Burke. It went like this:



"Hello, is that Mister Upton?"

"Yes, hello, who's that?"

"It's Bernard here - I'm suffering withdrawal symptoms - I've not had my September edition of 'Just the Ticket' yet!"

"Oh, I'm sorry, I'll get onto it right away."

"I think it's marvellous, those jokes and cartoons make my day. They remind me of my school days!"

Bernard then went on to crease me up with his description of games of football he was obliged to play whilst at school and during which his level of concentration was often distracted thanks to a nearby railway line. This cartoon is for you Bernard! Original pen drawings by T.D.B. If you know who this was, please let me know.



Now then readers. This technique as been promoted in a previous newsletter from me, but this year I thought we would give it a go earlier in the year?

What I'm talking about is Christmas, and more importantly, what you would like Father Christmas to leave just for you.

Here's my advice. From the newsletter, select the picture of the item that you would most prefer and leave it on screen so that your nearest and dearest can't help but see it. When they do, all you need to say is how very attractive it looks and how very much you would like one – 'one fine day.' Put the emphasis on 'one fine day' and I'm sure they will get the message. If by chance it seems as though they don't get it, leave the same picture on screen and this time take a postit note and write on it. ***'This would be nice for Christmas'*** and then stick the note on the screen next to the photo. Hopefully this will do the trick, and hopefully you won't end up getting another PC or laptop for Christmas – there is only so much help one can give!!



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Neil Bailey of Vintage Trains, Norwich writes....

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In the next few weeks I will have a shipment of Darstaed Engine Sheds to satisfy the increasing demand from the tin-plate community and I am pleased to tell customers that they are well worth the wait and the production quality control standards at Darstaed are very strict.

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Thinning out.

An article on behalf of David Peacock, of The Leeds Stedman Trust.

How many of our older model railway enthusiasts, especially collectors, suddenly realise just how many items they have, and that it might just be time to start 'thinning out'! David Peacock, who first suggested the now highly successful Gauge '0' Guild's Executor and Trustee Service, knows only too well what such thinning out can involve. David, better known to many of us as the man behind The Leeds Stedman Trust, has over many years helped several old friends dispose of their collections. "Most of my friends these days are old" he says. Right now he is helping out yet again with disposal of a large collection of Leeds Model Company and a few Bassett-Lowke locomotives. As with his previous help-outs, every item is checked over to make sure it is in working order, and repaired if it is not. The ready availability in the Trust workshop of LMC and other spare parts is an essential factor. Once checked the models go onto David's website, www.leedsstedmantrust.org- check out the 'Sales' section, or e-mail David, dkpeacock@tiscali.co.uk, for any specific interests you have which he may have but has not yet tested or repaired.

The Leeds collection includes the standard 0-4-0STs, most examples of the first and second series of standard tanks, one Pickersgill 0-6-0 and several examples of the post 1945 4-4-0 tender locomotives in various liveries.

The Bassett-Lowke locos are a GW Mogul, Flying Scotsman, Bing LBSC 4-4-2T, an early Bing 4-4-0 steamer, and a re-motored Enterprise.



Bassett-Lowke Mogul



Leeds Series 2 standard 0-6-0T



Leeds Series 1 standard 4-6-0T



Introducing.....



Mr. Dave Barnicoat.

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Dave is better know as: www.atoyguy.com

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For those who are new to me my name is Dave Barnicoat and for 24 years I have been a toy dealer, 'a toy guy' is my online store and I still attend major toyfairs around the UK. For 19 years I was the face of a well known retail store in Warwickshire and after the retirement of my father in 2013 I am now flying solo.

O gauge course scale has become some what of a passion of mine and I have been lucky enough to have built some of the countries most fantastic layouts. Over the the years I have supplied millions of pounds worth of collectable toys and model railways to a wide range of collectors and big kids.

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*News from Benelux
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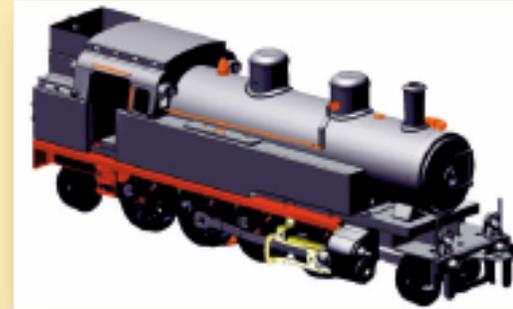
What will MERKUR bring in 2015?

I am pleased to inform you about some new items MERKUR will bring to you in 2015.

Although we still wait for the second prototype of the J 94, MERKUR has announced 6 new locomotives! There will be two new steam engines, a model of the SNCF 140 C and a model of the CSD 423.0 (see below).



The SNCF 140 C



The CSD 423.0

There will be one new diesel, a model of the Czech locomotive “Kyklop” (cyclops) and three new electric locomotives, the German E 32 and E 132 and the German E 69.



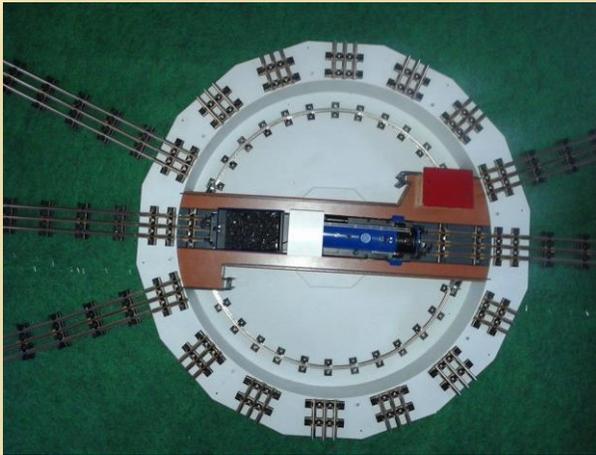
The German E 32



The German E 69

Unfortunately, I am just able to show you some cad drawings and pictures from the live models.

If this is not enough MERKUR, has announced remote control for their points, an electronic railway crossing and a software controlled turntable!





The remote controlled points may be of particular interest for our beloved costumers in the UK. The control unit may be mounted on the left or the right side of the points.

All this good news! The factory is putting so much effort in developing new models and just to show us how they have faith in our hobby, although I am a little afraid MERKUR is going to hard? The J 94 project is not yet finished and I am still waiting for the crossings which were announced for 2014, but not yet delivered. On the other hand, the new catalogue promises a lot and I will support MERKUR.



Last week I visited the car-trunk market in Krefeld Germany, at a 'secret' parking area next to the racecourse a lot of collectors and traders met each other. Also, Lankes Auktionshaus organised a tinplate auction where very old tinplate model trains and tinplate toys were offered.

I arrived with my (mostly) new tinplate model trains very early in the morning (4.30 am). I parked my car next to a very friendly trader from Belgium and we both saw how people arrived and the traders, with a torch in their hand, explored the trunks of many cars. Hard to imagine how this all works! Arriving in the dark, the only thing I knew, there was a market with people strolling around in the dark, torch lights, open trunks and when it was light again, a wonderful exhibition of old and very old tinplate gauge 0 and gauge 1 and yes, some new.... I may say, Lankes had splendid models in their auction and I wondered if there might at some time be an auction of the MERKUR train and Lehnhardt tram models I brought.....?

I took a picture to give you an impression on the Saturday; most of the people were there on Thursday and Friday. Until next time - *Rob Giskes*. email: info@blik-en-speelgoed.nl
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'JtT's' Mailbag



Good evening David

I enjoyed the September "Just the Ticket." There is always lots of information in JtT as to what is going on in the World of Standard Scale/Tinplate Trains. To my mind one of the most delightful arrivals on the scene has been the ETS built "Terrier" 0-6-0 tank. This is a small model that can traverse tight curves and so be used on minimal 0 gauge layouts that can be accommodated in the modern house. The different livery versions of this loco,

all reasonably accurate, are a model railway historian's dream come true. Just as the real locos served many more railways than their LBSCR originators so the models are finding their way far from Southern Britain. Attached is a photo of four of them parading round the outermost 3-rail test track of the Rhyl and District Model Railway Club's 0 gauge Standard Scale Group. Alan Cliff PS: Photo credit is Mark Armstrong using my camera!!



In another email from Alan Cliff, he writes:

Dear David

The photo of the LMS Ro-Rail Bus, capable of running on rail or road, heading the September issue of JtT brought back many memories. Back in the 1960s I was regularly in touch with E Rankine Gray the founder of the model railway suppliers ERG and the builder and operator of the Model Railway at Boscombe in Hampshire. Edward Gray built me some 00 gauge kits including an LMS Ro-Rail bus that was manufactured by K's. I cannot recall whether Gray had actually seen the real bus which was operated by the LMS



during 1934. I rather think he had as he was particularly enthusiastic about the model. The Ro-Rail bus ran in regular service on the railway line from Blisworth ex Stratford and Midland Junction Railway station to Stratford on Avon. It then finished its journey on the road at the LMS owned Welcombe Hotel not far from Stratford. I believe the bus was also tried, unsuccessfully, on the LMS Hemel Hempstead branch. Why this little bus, it was a 26 seater, never caught on as an ideal way of using the advantages of both rail and road is something of a mystery. Neither the LMS nor Karrier Motors, with which firm the LMS conducted the experiment, made any attempt to develop the concept. So UR 7924, its road registration number, disappeared into oblivion but its photos and memories of its LMS crimson lake livery still live on. ER Gray contemplated making the road wheels work so that the model would genuinely reflect the prototype but gave up the idea. 4mm scale was too small. In more recent years an 0 gauge kit has been available.

Alan Cliff

During September 'Just the Ticket' reader Michel Berthet sent me several emails and numerous photographs of several excellent model train shows he has attended – in fact several photos and a YouTube upload were of a remarkable continental real steam engine event. The upload can be viewed [HERE](#)



Michel also drew my attention to an event at Männedorf and provides this link where many photographs from the event can be viewed [HERE](#)
The following photographs were taken by Michel's friend Holger and were taken at an event held in Greifrath, a small town in Germany near the border to the Netherlands.
There are so many excellent photographs supplied by Michel, I feel sure I will have to compile a separate supplement at some point, in the mean time, here's a flavour of what can be found on the Continent.



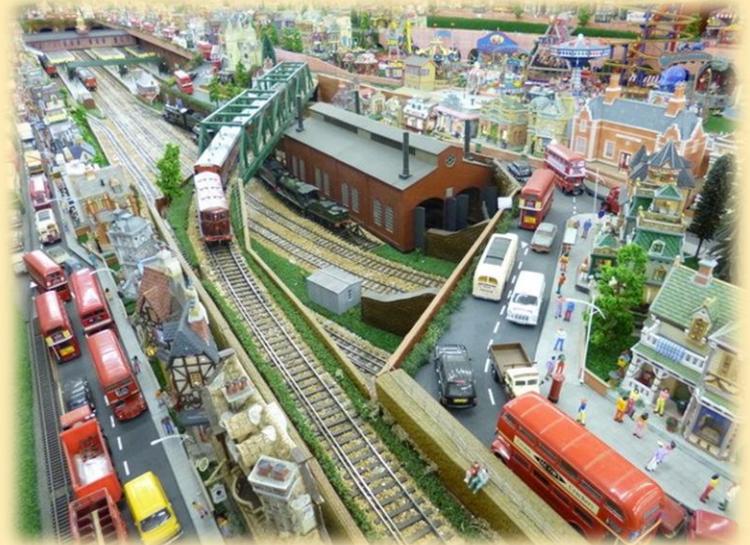




With a further email which came to me just a couple of days ago, Michel sent another host of pictures which covered the final day of the "Männedorf" O gauge event. What struck me amongst the photographs was that several showed the often unsung enthusiasts packing away after the event. Seeing these photos served to remind of the sheer amount of work which goes into putting on such marvellous events and I'd like to close this sequence of images with some from the event, but most notably those of the workers behind the organisation – you will know who you are. Ed.



Roy James draws my attention to these recently taken photos on his own enormous layout. Featured locos are the ACE Trains Britannia Class Oliver Cromwell and the Met Westinghouse.



If you want an idea about the scale of Roy's work, take a look at this upload: Midday Scot(1) [HERE](#)

Or here's another remarkable film: [HERE](#)



World War 1 Remembered



It's now October 1914 and as the saying goes – it's all kicking off now. From the four corners of the British Empire, men are now heading to England for forward posting to France where the British Expeditionary Force are now well engaged with the enemy. Between the 10th and the 13th of the month three major battles are commenced – La Basse, Messines and Armentieres and the British Army take over the town of Ypres. The Germans make first use of submarines in the Channel and on the 17th attempt an attack of the British Grand Fleet at anchor at Scapa Flow. Towards the end of the month Turkey declares war on Russia prompting the British Government to enforce their treaty with Russia and similarly declare war on Turkey. Hundreds of men are still being moved by train.



Featured YouTube™ uploads:

One of the very first of the new Darstaed Engine Sheds was sold to JtT reader David Webb by Dave Barnicoat at the Rugby event. David bought the ES2 – double track version and was bowled over by it, writing to me almost immediately to enthuse about it. He also put together another of his excellent Tinkers Hill Production films to show it off and you can view it [HERE](#). **Darstaed Tinplate Modular O Gauge Engine Shed ES2**

Elettren FS 0428 Gauge 0.



This particular upload was sent to me by OKT848.

As the title implies it concerns a tinplate model by Elettren pulling a set of Paya coaches. You can view the film [HERE](#) This Italian company makes some quite fascinating products and we may well give more space to them in the pages of 'Just the Ticket'. Here are some pictures of the FS 0428.



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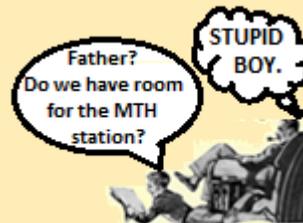
For the OGR Forum click [HERE](#)



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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And finally. Please note, the below has very little to do with coarse scale O gauge trains and I appreciate it will be of no interest to some readers, if so then please disregard, nevertheless sometimes in life, some things just have to be aired and right now I feel I need to air this.

On page 2 I've written about the state of the world at large. I know we now live in a world where news flashes around the world in seconds and we get to hear about situations in a way that our grandparents could not even imagine, so it may well seem there is so much going on it's hard to know which way to turn. Nevertheless, the state of the world is currently nothing short of alarming and if you are personally caught up in some of these events then the current situation is absolutely perilous and I, for one can no longer take comfort in just going into my peaceful garden and running a few trains in an attempt to forget all that is happening around me.

What has particularly prompted me to write along these lines was a posting put on facebook concerning the desperate situation which Canon Andrew White and his congregation in Baghdad find themselves in. I read his update which was posted early on Tuesday the 30th Sept with great unease. On the one hand, that very morning, the BBC were reporting that the forces of ISIS had been brought to a halt some 25 miles SW of Baghdad, but on the other hand and as you can read, Canon White was reporting the streets of his part of Baghdad were emptying as it appeared to them, forces of ISIS were within 5 – 15 miles of the capital. Very shortly after, I found that his facebook page had been updated again, this time to the effect that Sky News were reporting the forces of ISIS were within a mile of the capital and clashing with Iraqi forces. I feel sure the situation will have changed again by the time you read this. Andrew also informs he has been assigned a soldier to try and guard him, but that soldier has candidly admitted that at the first sign of ISIS he will rip off his uniform and run for his life and Canon White has also posted a graphic photograph of an entire family of believers who, young and old, have all been shot in the head in their living room. Their Bible can still be seen on their couch. Of the photo, he admits it's dreadful to look at, but such is life in the area right now.

I read and see all these things and as a Christian am sickened to the pit of my stomach. This is religion gone mad, nevertheless I simply cannot sit here writing about the fun of running model trains, knowing that I am in touch with many of a similar persuasion, and say nothing. But then, on the other hand what can be said?

Lord have Mercy seems to me to be the only fittings words right now.

David

You can view Canon White's facebook pages [HERE](#)

Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant sing 'Lord have Mercy' [HERE](#)