

Alan Gibson News Letter

Welcome to our Sixth News Letter, after the long gap between news letter 4 and 5 we've been able to get 6 out on time (nearly), which is handy as we have Warley coming up. Not everybody got news letter 5 due to some temperamental emailishness, which I think went back to a problem we had around April / May. Anyway, hopefully having changed tack, this will work and we've included Newsletter 5 just to make sure you're fully dosed up.

The intention is still to use this News letter to keep customers up to date with the latest things within the business, these will include new products and developments, shows we are attending, kits we have available, etc. For those people who are seeing this news letter for the first time, the previous releases are available from the web site.

News

Not much in the way of news really, as it isn't too long since there wasn't any news last time. We have the Warley show this coming weekend and most of our efforts have gone in to servicing our trade and mail order customers and restocking after a successful Scaleforum. As I write this on Sunday afternoon it isn't quite clear what we'll have at Warley, we will have almost everything from the catalogue and the kits listed as being in stock at the end of this news letter, but we may have a couple of other kits 4mm GWR 517s, Stanier Moguls, LMS 2P. In 7mm there may be LSWR/SR G6, S&D Deeley Tendered 7F and all 5 of the diagrams of the 54' LBSC stock.

New Products

See news letter 5.

Brass Centred Wheel Kits – We have some new wheel sizes on the way, the tooling parts are about 85% complete, unfortunately the 415V supply on one of the machines is on the fritz so we've been unable to finish them. When Warley is out of the way I'll find the big 'ammer' and threaten it. We another 3 of the 4'7" patterns which are 4855, 4855G and 4854S.

Conversion Sets – The Driver conversion pack for the new Hornby Star will be in stock and the data sheet is on the website, we will also have the correct pattern bogie wheel, not the one Hornby have fitted. Also on the website is a sheet for re-wheeling the Hornby Railroad MK1 coaches.

Castings – Only one thing to talk about here really and that's our vacuum pipes 4M600. I've never really been happy with them and the bottom of the upright as the original people that did the casting made a bit of a fist in the way they cut the feeds. So we looked through our patterns and found a nice upright with a 90° elbow fitting to take it under the buffer beam. Will e available at Warley as a replaced part ie they will keep the 4M600 number.

Catalogue – We are continuing to develop the catalogue. The emphasis is on the online version as we have to think about production costs of the paper version. Having said that we are still producing a few copies of the full version for sale at shows but in the main that will be available as the online

version. If that doesn't seem to be a particularly clear statement, then that is because it isn't clear in our heads. The Full version will hopefully eventually contain everything we manufacture; the standard version will contain everything we stock.

Over the period of time we've owned the business it has come to be a concern that we don't provide any guidance on how to use our main products, such as Driving wheels, Bogie/Tender Wheels and Rolling stock wheels. It seems to have always been assumed that the modeller will know what to do. This worries us as there must be numerous people who have bought our products and 'not got on with them' just for the want of a little information. We're not seriously considering putting instructions in every packet because if you bought loco and tender wheels for a Pacific you could have nine or ten bits of paper floating about, also, it would add cost to our packing operations. With all this in mind we've added a section to the Online/Full catalogue giving hints and tips for using and looking after our wheels products. If you're one of those people who don't like to be told how to do things, please don't read that section.

RTR Loco Wheel Conversion 'How to sheets' – Since Pete Hill has been producing 'how to sheets' for us, these (at least) have continued to be produced and we have added several new ones. The latest ones are Hornby 08 & Star, Bachmann 4F, V2, D11/1, 5700 & City, also the Heljan Class 16.

Upcoming Shows

Our forthcoming shows are-

Warley MR Show	Saturday 23 rd & Sunday 24 th November 2012, NEC
Scalefour North	Saturday 14 th April and Sunday 15 th April Queen Elizabeth Grammer School, 154 Northgate, Wakefield, WF1 3QX NEW VENUE
York MR Show	Saturday 19 th March to Monday 21 st April Knavesmire Stand, York Race Show Course

Kits

We have been steadily producing kits and kit components. Sometimes by the time we produce a batch of kits some people no longer require them. Whilst this is unfortunate for us, it means we have them in stock for other people to buy. Therefore available to buy now and at the shows listed above are

4mm S&D 7F	4mm LSWR O2	4mm LNER E4 / GE T26
4mm LNER J15	4mm GWR 850 Saddle	4mm GWR 850 Pannier
4mm GWR County Tank		4mm GWR '1076' (Buffalo) Pannier
4mm GWR '1076' (Buffalo) Saddle tank		
7mm LSWR O2	7mm LBSC 54' Bogie Carriages	

Tender Kits – We have both BR and LMS Stanier Tender kits in stock and available at shows from now on.

We are currently packing

4mm MR/LMS 3F 4mm LMS 2P 4mm Stanier Mogul
4mm GWR 517

7mm S&D 7F 7mm LSWR G6 7mm LBSC 54' Bogie Carriages

It is entirely possible that anywhere from some to most of these kits will be available at Warley. We understand people might be keen to get hold of these kits but we intend to only make any surplus available from Scaleforum onward to avoid any distractions from the work at hand.

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If you picked this news letter up from an exhibition you may not be aware that we send them out by email. To stay up to date and receive future editions of this news letter you can subscribe to the email version by sending an email to newsletter@alangibsonworkshpo.com with **SUBSCRIBE** in the subject field.

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