

“Paint Your Wagon”

by Mike Thomas

Or should it be painting of your wagon or lorry or whatever you call yours? Interested? Chris Woodcock is now offering to paint or draw lorries for members - full colour paintings in Gauche watercolour or black and white line drawings respectively. Having heard his offer, I decided to try it out and opted for the water colour option. I am absolutely delighted with the result.

Chris always works from photographs but can vary such items as body styles, liveries or loads. In my case, I presented him with more of a challenge as I wanted an artist's impression of how my lorry may look one day. He therefore worked from a photo of



the lorry “as is”; several photos of the lorries of Alexander Melville from Kirriemuir (my home town) on whose livery I want to base my lorry; photographs of ballast boxes which are typical of what I hope to fit and text of how it will one day be sign written. Chris rose to the challenge and I received the A3 sized original watercolour painting and an A4 copy.

You can see the end result above. As I said, mine is in colour and this doesn't really do justice to the end result, which can be seen in full colour on the website.

If anyone is interested in a painting or drawing of their lorry, or any other lorry they like for that matter, please contact Chris, send him a photo and you'll get a quote. He tells me that black and white drawings start at £150 while full colour paintings in Gauche water colour and ink start at £250. Prices are dependent on the vehicle and technical detail required but Chris will quote individually.

You can write to Chris at 52, Seward Road, Badsey, Evesham, Worcs, WR11 7HQ, phone him on 01386 833308 or email woodcock65@btinternet.com