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Diesel days on Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway

Photographic coverage of the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway's diesel gala weekend held in early August, with Class 14 'Teddybear' No. D9513, Class 31s Nos. D5600 and 31119 and Class 37 No. 37294 all in action on a frequent interval timetable.

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On 27th July, one of CrossCountry's HST sets, led by Class 43/2 powercar No. 43378 briskly passes Creech St Michael, near Taunton, working one of the long-distance inter-regional services, the 14.25 from Plymouth to Edinburgh. **Stuart Warr**

East Coast goes silver and purple!



▲ The first reliveried Mk4 set for Anglo-Scottish operator East Coast has been outshopped from Wabtec Doncaster. Rather than keeping with the ex-National Express style of grey coach ends and a white centre area, the company has elected for a modern all-over silver livery with purple stripe and brand lettering. The set, led by Mk4 DVT No. 82202, with Mk4 vehicles Nos. 12232, 12402, 12450, 12448, 12302, 10302, 11299, 11302 and 11402 is propelled through Colton Junction, south of York, by un-repainted Class 91/1 No. 91130 on 9th August, while working the 07.50 Glasgow Central to London King's Cross service. **Ron Cover**

Harlow Town celebrates 50th anniversary of opening

Harlow Town station celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special event on 30th July to mark the completion of a major station refurbishment.

It has been upgraded through a partnership between National Express East Anglia (NXEA), Harlow Renaissance and Essex County Council, as part of a £390,000 investment project to renew and improve the station buildings and environment, and provide easier access for passengers. The station overbridge, which previously housed a small waiting area, and the former parcels depot have been renewed with new floor tiles, panelled and redecorated walls and ceiling and new lighting, with the colour scheme being chosen to reflect the station's original paintwork.

There are two new waiting areas, timetable boards

and a display of station memorabilia, including photographs from when the station opened in 1960, and the original mosaic tiles have been refreshed and retained. The new works have provided improved access to the platforms and the passenger lifts have been modernised. New parking bays for disabled passengers have been provided adjacent to the station forecourt. To complete the transformation, NXEA has completed a separate £3 million investment, and have a newly constructed three-storey car park, increasing vehicle capacity by 300 spaces to 700. The station and car park was officially reopened by Robert Halfon MP for Harlow.

The station was opened in 1842 as Burnt Mill, to serve the small village of the same name, but in July 1960 was renamed Harlow Town and enlarged to serve the post-war new town of Harlow.

Network Rail looks to ease the flow of rail services in and out of York

Plans to remove the bottleneck south of York at Holgate Junction could move forward now proposals for new signals have been drawn up.

Network Rail has applied for permission to install new signals on Platforms 9 & 10 at York as part of the remodelling scheme, with the aim of making it easier for trains to enter and leave the station. The project would involve laying an additional line

between the junction and the station as part of a multi-million-pound package of improvements. It now hopes to get approval from the City of York Council for the new signals, saying their installation would be necessary to cope with any alterations to service routes once the junction changes come into force. The aim is for the overall Holgate scheme to be completed by 2014, without harming the station's listed building status.

Coal services restart between Daw Mill and Welbeck Colliery



▲ On 3rd August, Class 66/0 No. 66134 heads a rake of 30 MEA wagons past the cooling towers of Ratcliffe Power Station, forming the 10.06 Welbeck to Daw Mill empty coal service. Having ceased several weeks ago, the flow of coal from Daw Mill to the now defunct colliery in Nottinghamshire has restarted recently with several trains a week heading from Warwickshire to North Notts. **John Illingworth**

Deutsche Bahn confirms ICE3 to visit UK this year

The Chairman of Deutsche Bahn has stated that it is to send an ICE3 test train through the Channel Tunnel for tests this autumn, as part of its preparations for possible train services to London, and also said that DB is in talks with SNCF to start a passenger service from Frankfurt to Lyon and Marseille from 2012.

Although ICE3 trainsets do not meet current rules for carrying passengers through the Channel Tunnel, the four-system Class 407 Velaro D trainset introduced at Siemens' Krefeld plant in April was

developed specifically for international services, and includes additional fire safety measures.

Earlier this year, a review by the Inter-Governmental Commission, which oversees Channel Tunnel safety, recommended permitting the use of non-splitable trainsets, as well as trains shorter than the current 375-metre minimum length. The commission also recommended that the rolling stock fire safety requirements of the European Technical Specification for Interoperability could be used rather than existing Channel Tunnel-specific rules.

Sheffield Council will take EMT to court if necessary

Sheffield Council is prepared for a legal battle with Stagecoach as it fights to have the station footbridge made a public right of way.

At a full meeting of the authority, councillors voted in favour of a proposal for its officers to investigate how it can use powers to make the bridge a public footpath, which would prevent East Midlands Trains, the Stagecoach subsidiary, from banning non-rail passengers using it. The Sheffield Council leader said: "East Midlands Trains is behaving in a way that is cutting the city in two. We believe that taxpayers, who paid to build the bridge, are getting a raw deal. If East Midlands Trains opposes our plans and this ends up

being a test case in the courts, so be it. We will fight this".

East Midlands Trains has come under fire for holding regular ticket checks where staff have been placed at either end of the bridge to stop people without rail tickets crossing. The operating company says it is mounting the operations to prevent fare dodging and make the station more secure, but tram passengers and people living at Park Hill and Norfolk Park are unhappy because the bridge is a safe, disabled-friendly way of crossing into the city centre. The train company says the council should make the alternative footbridge, south of the station, safe and attractive.

Additional NXEA services for Lowestoft Airshow

National Express East Anglia is providing extra trains between Norwich and Lowestoft again this year for the Lowestoft Seafront Airshow on 12th and 13th August.

In addition to the scheduled services, the extra trains will run at the following times on both days; 09.30, 09.45, 10.30, 11.10 & 11.55 Norwich to Lowestoft, and 17.20, 18.00 & 19.57 Lowestoft to Norwich.

Other services between Norwich and

Lowestoft, and vice versa, will operate as in the scheduled timetable, with additional carriages being provided wherever possible. Trains on the East Suffolk line between Ipswich and Lowestoft will run as normal. Some additional supplementary bus services will also run.

Further details are available on the National Express East Anglia website at <http://www.nationalexpress-eastanglia.com>, or call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50.



▲ On 24th July, DRS Class 37/5 No. 37682 and Class 37/0 No. 37194 power a lightly-loaded Ditton to Tees Dock intermodal service, on the approach to Balshaw Junction on the WCML. **Dave Dean**

DRS trial new cross-country intermodal service

Direct Rail Services has started trials to move freight for P&O Ferrymasters from the East Coast to the West Coast, by means of a new type of wagon, enabling a cross-country service to operate with the necessary gauge clearance.

The two-stage trials form part of a wider project for DRS to look at ways of accommodating the increasingly popular high-cube ISO containers within the British loading gauge. The trials started in mid July, using a traditional megafret carrying a 9'6" container. With restricted gauge clearance on some of

the lines, the route from Teesport to Widnes had to be taken via Edinburgh, Carlisle and Crewe.

Phase 2 of the trials started on 26th July, with the introduction of an IDA 'lowliner' wagon to move the container. These wagons are particularly useful for conveying high-cube containers where loading gauge may vary on the rail infrastructure between destinations. The train successfully made the cross-country move from Teesport to Widnes, via Derby and Crewe. The results of the trial will be analysed with a decision on whether to commence the service, to be taken in September.

Metro and Light Rail News

New 'S' stock enters traffic on Metropolitan Line



London Underground's first 'S' Stock air-conditioned train, built by Bombardier at Derby, went into service on the Metropolitan Line between Wembley Park and Watford on 1st August, and is the first of an eventual fleet of 191 such units that will operate on the sub-surface lines.

As well as air-conditioning, they will also have CCTV coverage in each carriage and improved accessibility. The trains will start being delivered on the Circle and Hammersmith & City Lines from next year, and start operating on both lines from 2012. The District line will follow in 2013 and all the trains are due to be in service on the network from 2015.

▲ Driving Car No. 21004 leads the set into Moor Park on 31st July with a Watford bound service.

▶▲ The set discharges passengers at Wembley Park after arrival of the first train. **Both: Kim Rennie**

▶ The spacious interior of the new 'S' stock. **Bill Turvill**



Storage wanted for Edinburgh Trams

Transport Initiatives Edinburgh (TiE), the company responsible for delivering the capital's troubled tram project, is seeking temporary accommodation for its new trams all due to be delivered by the Spanish manufacturer CAF, from September.

Although work has begun on laying the track that would allow the 40-metre vehicles to be stored at the depot at Gogarburn, TiE said it was in discussions with undisclosed

partners over temporary storage of the vehicles, at a cost of around £1,200 per month per tram, until the facility was ready. TiE said that it expects the depot to have been completed to a sufficient extent to start to receive trams by the end of this year.

Delays to the infrastructure works have meant the 12 trams, out of a total of 26, already built by CAF, have had to be stored abroad at the firm's plant., but are scheduled to be delivered in pairs every month from September.

Bond Street station to be redeveloped

The £300 million redevelopment of Bond Street Tube station, a key element of the London Underground upgrade, has moved a step closer, Transport for London having announced that it is to award the contract for the work to get underway next year.

When completed in 2017, the redevelopment will transform the station providing a dramatic increase in station capacity ahead of the completion of Crossrail. A new entrance and ticket hall north of Oxford Street will increase capacity

and provide step-free access to both the Central and Jubilee Lines, while new escalators and an additional access route to the Jubilee line to reduce congestion will provide an improved interchange between the Central and Jubilee Lines. More than 155,000 passengers currently use the station every day, a figure that is expected to rise to over 225,000 with the arrival of Crossrail in 2017.

Separate contracts will be let in due course for the construction of the new Crossrail stations at Davies Street and Hanover Square, which will connect to Bond Street station.

Teething problems hit Victoria Line stock

Teething troubles with the new London Underground Victoria Line 2009 Stock caused two morning peak hour line shutdowns during the last week of July.

The line was suspended for nearly an hour on 26th July, when one of the new trains broke down at Oxford Circus, and the previous week, ambulances

were be called to Pimlico station when some 3,000 passengers were trapped inside the carriages, which had become very hot when a northbound train broke down. Transport for London said that the problems were caused by computer software failures and from over-sensitive door sensors, which applied the brakes when passengers leant against them.

■ With the new Government wishing to sell off assets, the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, believed to be the world's largest sovereign wealth fund, is reported to be part of an investor group seeking to purchase High Speed 1, the Authority having joined private equity group 3i and Morgan Stanley for the potential deal. High Speed 1 could reportedly go for between £1.5 and £2 billion. However, the consortium will face competition from a group led by Channel Tunnel operator Eurotunnel, which includes Goldman Sachs and infrastructure fund Infracapital.

■ On 23rd July, Freightliner Heavy Haul conveyed its 100 millionth tonne of coal since commencing coal haulage in December 2000. The 14.30 departure from Killoch, to Fiddlers Ferry Power Station left and arrived on time and included the one hundred millionth tonne carried. Freightliner's first coal train was operated into Eggborough power station, and since then the company has grown significantly and now, uniquely, operates regularly into all of the rail connected power stations in the country, offering services from all the mines and coal ports that serve the energy market.

■ Eurotunnel reports that on the opening weekend of the British school summer

holidays, its passenger shuttle service carried 9,382 passenger vehicles through the Channel Tunnel between Folkestone and Coquelles, the highest total since services began in December 1994. On 23rd July, a total of 71 passenger shuttles left Folkestone, departing every 15 minutes from 08.00 until midnight, with an average load capacity of 96.3%.

■ Hornby, the model makers, has opened up its archive in Margate, Kent, in a bid to help attract more visitors to the area. According to the BBC, the visitor centre will feature trains and layouts that date back to the 1920s. Other toys and models from manufacturers acquired by the company, such as Scalextric, Airfix and Corgi, are also on show. Located on the Westwood Industrial Estate, the archive will be restricted to people who have applied for tickets, and will also include the latest products yet to go into full production.

■ A £7.5 million upgrade of Arriva Trains Wales Class 175 DMUs on main line routes from Wales has been announced. The investment will take place over 18 months, with the latest stage of work on the trains due to start in December. This year The upgrade includes new seating, luggage areas and toilets, aiming to bring 'as new' interiors to the carriages.

Work starts on major transformation of Bolton station

Preparatory work has started at Bolton station under the Department for Transport's National Stations Improvement Programme, the scheme designed to improve some 150 medium-sized stations throughout England and Wales from 2009 to 2014.

The work is set to transform the station for its two-and-three-quarter-million passengers a year, creating a brighter, modern, more welcoming environment, with the two main areas of work being the station entrance and platforms. The existing booking office, travel centre and shop are to be completely stripped out, as will the toilet block and redundant parcels office. The internal walls will be removed to allow for a completely new layout to incorporate a new ticket office with

four positions, one of which will be for wheelchair users.

There will be a new retail unit, lighting and security doors, and the information screens and public address systems will be relocated, flooring will be renewed and the walls and ceilings painted. At platform level, the café will get a new conservatory-style frontage, and in light of the decision to move the train stopping point nearer to the foot of the stairs to reduce the walking distance for passengers, the canopies at the northern end of Platforms 1, 3 & 4 will be extended to protect passengers from the elements.

The existing waiting rooms will benefit from new lighting, information screens and public address speakers. The flooring will be replaced and the walls and ceilings painted. The existing

toilets on both main platforms will be gutted and refitted with new fixtures and fittings, including disabled and baby change facilities.

New cycle stands will be provided at the ends of Platforms 1, 3 & 4, and existing cycle cabinets will be relocated to these positions. There will also be new litterbins on the platforms, and lighting will be upgraded, new seats installed along the length of the platforms, and the exterior of the platform buildings steam cleaned. The platform surfaces will be pressure washed, repaired and renewed as necessary, and new tactile paving installed. Finally, passenger security will be considerably improved with the installation of a new CCTV system with monitoring and recording equipment. The cost of the project? £4 million!

► The Old Dalby test track, once part of British Rail's Research Department, now in private ownership, is currently being used to test the new London Underground 'S' Stock prior to delivery. On 30th July however, the Network Rail NMT was on test on the line. Class 43 powercars Nos. 43013 and 43014 power through Widmerpool, heading back to the operational centre of the route at Asfordby.

Dave Moxon



Powercar upgrade and renumber for Grand Central

The first MTU 16v 4000 engine has been installed into a Grand Central HST powercar, No. 43068, at Brush Works, Loughborough, marking the approaching culmination of a life-extension programme across the HST fleet, which began in 2005 with two Class 43 powercars operated by First Great Western.

The other companies operating HSTs, with the exception of East Midlands Trains, which has opted for VPI85s, have now replaced the original Valenta engines with MTUs. Grand Central's first two power cars are expected to leave Loughborough later this month and travel to Brush's other facility at Kilmarnock, where its HST coaching stock is being refurbished. The first of its renewed HST sets is likely to enter passenger service next month, with the final power car scheduled for completion in March

next year. Once refurbished, the third digit of the powercar number is to be replaced with a 4, so No. 43068 will emerge as No. 43468.

Grand Central has also announced that it wants to set up a direct rail service from Mirfield, as part of the existing West Riding service between Bradford Interchange and London King's Cross, and is in discussions with Network Rail to ascertain possibilities. Dewsbury MP, Simon Reeve, said: "I'm a huge fan of Grand Central and believe it's done a great job in providing a quality direct service to London for many communities in West Yorkshire. If we could get a direct service from Mirfield as well that would be of enormous benefit for those who travel to the capital for work and leisure. It could take a year or two, but it's certainly a campaign worth fighting and I'm looking forward to meeting with Grand Central next month".

Liverpool underground refresh project continues

Work started on a key phase of essential improvement work on the Liverpool underground railway on 24th July, the project being part of a wider scheme to renew track on the Northern line in the tunnel beneath the city centre.

It is the same type of work that has been carried out on the curved parts of the Wirral line in recent years. Almost 400 yards of track and approximately 130 metres of concrete will be ripped up, re-poured and relaid. Replacing the concrete, which should last for at least two decades, completes the work that is scheduled to end on 27th August. Merseyrail is providing replacement bus shuttle services between Hunts Cross and Liverpool Central stations throughout the five-week project.

The work on the lines uses rail fixings called Vipa base plates to hold in place the two rails that make up the track. The base plates also cut down on noise and vibration. The underground system in Liverpool is unusual compared to conventional railway tracks, where most systems consist of two rails held in place on sleepers by

steel clips and packed into ballast.

The four-mile Liverpool underground system, constructed in 1971, consists of a circular loop line in a single bore tunnel, the tracks sitting on base plates that are bolted onto a solid slab of concrete that takes the place of the sleepers and ballast. This system is used because of the limited clearance in the tunnels and the need to make sure that the track does not move out of alignment. The work involves taking up the old track and using drills to break up the existing concrete base. Once the debris has been removed, wooden shuttering is put in place to hold the concrete that will form the new base. The concrete is poured, and once set, holes are drilled in the new slab, and the base plates are fixed in place before the new rails are positioned.

The final alignment of the track is done with lasers before the rails are secured into position. Almost the last piece in the jigsaw is to put back the third-rail that carries the 750 volts of electricity needed to power the trains, before the stations are given a thorough clean ready for passengers to start using them again.



▲ DRS-liveried Class 47/4 No. 47841 stands in the yard at Barrow Hill on 25th July, having freshly outshopped. Behind the loco are DRS Class 20/3s Nos. 20315 and 20308, both of which had recently arrived from Crewe Gresty Bridge. **David Wragg**

Online Onboard

NXEA has awarded Icomera a multi-year contract to install and maintain Internet connectivity on its main line services.

The initiative has been partly funded by a £346,000 grant from the East of England Development Agency and Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils. The trains will be equipped with Moovbox mobile broadband gateways that switch between multiple mobile data networks to ensure always-on connectivity. It is expected that Vodafone and Orange will provide the cellular backhaul.

A new Locomaster *Wired for Sound* DVD

SOLENT SULZER

47827: Portsmouth Harbour-Reading

Turn the clock back to the summer of 1999 for a nostalgic cab ride over the Portsmouth Direct Line on board Virgin CrossCountry's 1M32 service from Portsmouth Harbour to Reading. 47827 was specially *Wired for Sound* to capture the sound of the Sulzer hard at work over the steeply-graded route, where it passes various slam-door and 442 'Wessex' EMU's. The journey starts at Portsmouth Harbour and continues via Fratton to Havant where the train heads north over the 'Pompey Direct' starting with an 8 mile climb over the North Downs through Rowlands Castle to Buriton summit. After descending to Petersfield, there then follows another climb – this time for 13 miles over the western Weald through Liss and Liphook to Haslemere where there's a standing start on a gradient of 1 in 101. After descending to Guildford, the 1M32 takes the North Downs route to Reading, which starts with a taxing two mile 1 in 100 climb out of Guildford. The journey continues across Surrey Heath through Ash Vale, Sandhurst and Wokingham to Reading where the train takes the short connecting spur to the Great Western main line.

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▲◀ **Class 47/7 No. 47739 Robin of Templecombe** leads **Fastline Freight-liveried Class 56/3s Nos. 56301 and 56302** past the camera at **Rotherham Masborough**, while working from **Doncaster to Hitchin** on 29th July. **Matt Moore**

▲ Having been overhauled at Derby, **Class 73/1 No. 73138** heads south to **Selhurst**, with **Class 31/6 No. 31602** in tow, as the locos pass **Ratcliffe Power Station**. It is thought the pair will return to Derby on 5th August, after third rail testing. **John Illingworth**

◀ Two unidentified **Class 222 Meridian** driving cars are pictured stabled outside the new shed on **Derby Etches Park Depot**, on 28th July. **Will Jagger**

UK Steam & Modern Traction Railtour Listings

10th August 2010

WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Dovey Junction-Tywyn-Harlech-Porthmadog & return
WCRC	tbc	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough & rtn

11th August 2010

WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Dovey Junction-Tywyn-Harlech-Porthmadog-Pwllheli & return
WCRC	tbc	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough & rtn
Statesman Rail	tbc	Lancaster-Blackburn-Long Preston-S&C-Appleby-Carlisle and return
Railway Touring Co.	tbc	Preston-Frodsham-Chester-Llandudno Jct (rev)-Llanwrst-BI. Ffestiniog & rtn
Railway Touring Co.	30777	London Victoria-Woking-Bournemouth-Wareham-Weymouth and return

12th August 2010

WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Dovey Junction-Tywyn-Harlech-Porthmadog & return
WCRC	tbc	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough & rtn
Steam Dreams	44932	London Victoria-Redhill-Guildford-Swindon-Sapperton-Gloucester and return
UK Railtours	DBS Class 90	London KX-Stevenage-Peterborough-York-Newcastle-Edinburgh Waverley
Statesman Rail	tbc	Chesterfield-Loughborough-Leicester-Wellingborough-Eastbourne and return

13th August 2010

WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Dovey Junction-Tywyn-Harlech-Porthmadog-Pwllheli & return
WCRC	tbc	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough & rtn
UK Railtours	DBS Class 90	Edinburgh Waverley-Newcastle-York-Peterborough-Stevenage-London KX
Railway Touring Co.	6201	Crewe-Wilmslow-Stockport-Huddersfield-York-Scarborough and return
UK Railtours	tbc	Edinburgh Waverley-Linlithgow-Stirling-Alloa-Dunfermline Town-Edinburgh

14th August 2010

5305 Loco Association	2xWCRC 33	Wolverton Works Shuttles	Cancelled
Rail-Blue Charters	2xDRS 47	Chesterfield-Bedford-Virginia Water-Eastleigh-Salisbury-Basingstoke-Reading & rtn	
Railway Touring Co.	6201	Liverpool LS-Wigan-Carnforth-Shap-Carlisle-S&C-Hellifield-Blackburn-Liverpool & rtn	
Steam Dreams	60163	London King's Cross-York and return	
SRPS Railtours	tbc	Inverurie-Dyce-Aberdeen-Montrose-Arbroath-Dundee-Perth-Oban and return	
Statesman Rail	tbc	(Newport-Ludlow-Crewe-)Carnforth-Grange over Sands-Ravenglass & return	
UK Railtours	2xDBS 66	Wolverton Shuttles	Cancelled
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
Whestrail	WCRC 37/47	Edinburgh Waverley-Fort William	Cancelled

15th August 2010

5305 Loco Association	2xWCRC 33	Wolverton Works Shuttles	Cancelled
Railway Touring Co.	WCRC Pool	York-Leeds-Shipley-Keighley-Skipton-Hellifield-S&C-Carlisle & return	
Railway Touring Co.	5029	Bristol TM-Bath Spa-Westbury-Frome-Dorchester-Weymouth and return	
Railway Touring Co.	6233	Liverpool LS-Broad Green-Warrington BQ-Chester-Bangor-Holyhead & return	
Torbay Express Ltd	71000	Bristol Temple Meads-Kingswear & return	
UK Railtours	DBS 92	Preston-Milton Keynes for Wolverton Works Weekend	Cancelled
Vintage Trains	Tyseley Pool	B'ham SH-Henley in Arden-Stratford-Dorridge-B'ham SH (two trips)	
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
Whestrail	WCRC 37/47	Fort William-Edinburgh Waverley	Cancelled

Not all pick up/set down points are shown. Check with the operator before travelling any distance.

BLACK Charters expected to operate as booked.

RED Tours cancelled by the operator

GREEN Tours postponed to a future date by the operator

BLUE Provisional excursion

(Locations) in brackets on a steam tour listing indicates a diesel or electric-hauled section.

The Week Ahead

With the high season repeat itinerary workings now in full flow, a consequent reduction in one-off specials is inevitable.

With the huge variety of workings already on offer, there is still one more to report, and that is the first of two 'Weymouth Seaside Expresses' from Bristol Temple Meads to Weymouth for Railway Touring Company. These will operate on 15th & 29th August, in competition with 'The Torbay Express', and are routed via Bath Spa, Trowbridge, Westbury, Castle Cary, Yeovil Pen Mill and Dorchester. Traction for 15th August is 'Castle' class 4-6-0 No. 5029 *Nunney Castle*.

Steam Dreams will also be looking forward to a busy period with three trains, the first being to Gloucester on 12th August from London Victoria, and operating via the Sapperton route. 'Black 5' No. 44932 has stepped into the breach following the recent catalogue of locomotive failures, and will haul the train throughout. The other two workings are from London King's Cross to York and back on 14th & 16th August, which hopefully will herald the return of 'A1' Pacific No. 60163 *Tornado* to main line duty following its recent temporary withdrawal as a result of problems with boiler stays. The 'A1' is scheduled to work both trains throughout. Rail Blue's 'Southern Circular 2' on 14th August will take a pair of DRS Class 47s

▼ **Class 55 No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* was hired by GBRailfreight to operate a Newcastle to Scarborough, via Doncaster, customers and staff charter. The loco heads north through Colton Junction on 24th July. Matt Moore**



by John Whitehouse

to Salisbury from Chesterfield. The route is along the Erewash Valley to the Midland Main Line, and following a meander through West London, the train continues via Staines to Woking, and then through Guildford, Haslemere, Havant, Fareham, Eastleigh and Romsey, to a well-earned rest at Salisbury. The return is booked directly over the London & South Western route through Andover and Basingstoke, and then to Reading, before rejoining the Midland for the journey home.

Also on 14th August, SRPS Railtours head for Oban from Inverurie, Aberdeen, Stonehaven, Montrose, Arbroath, Dundee and Perth, most likely with a pair of West Coast Class 37s throughout.

Two non-steam workings are also booked for 12th August, the first being a UK Railtours train from King's Cross to Edinburgh, returning on 13th August, that will likely feature a DBS Class 90 throughout, while Statesman Railtours head for Eastbourne with West Coast 47s from Chesterfield.

And finally, a reminder that we will not be featuring any of the repeat itinerary high season trains in the weekly preview following their mention ahead of the first week of operations. Full details of these trains, including up-to-date locomotive allocations (where known) can be found on our [website railtour listings](#).

Compass secures RSG as replacement for Western Champion

Compass Railtours has been quick off the mark to fill the gap created by the failure of Western Champion for its 'Western & Eastern Coast Express' booked for 30th August.

Beaver Sports, owners of Class 55 No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey*, has made the 'Deltic' available at short notice, and it will now haul the tour throughout from Crewe, via Hooton, Warrington, the Cumbrian Coast and Tyne Valley to Durham. The afternoon mini tour around the Durham Coast is also still available and will be 'Deltic' hauled, while the return to Crewe is via York, Leeds, the 'Little North Western', Carnforth and then the WCML. In terms of mileage and routes covered this could arguably be rightly described as 'The Tour of the Year'. Compass advises that seats are available.

Looking forward to late summer, Compass has two tours booked for Class 47s, commencing with a run down the Conwy

Valley to Blaenau Ffestiniog on 22nd September, from Burnley Manchester Road, calling at Rose Grove, Accrington, Blackburn, Cherry Tree and Bamber Bridge. Two days later, a pair of DRS '47s' feature on a tour from Crewe to Grosmont and Whitby, which picks up at a host of stations to Liverpool Lime Street, prior to a reversal for Manchester Victoria and the Standedge route.

Inverness is the destination on 4th September, operating from Carlisle and the Glasgow & South Western route through to Paisley Gilmour Street, while on 1st October, Pitlochry and Aviemore will be visited from Llandudno Junction and North Wales coast stations. The next day, Blaenau Ffestiniog receives its second visit in as many weeks with a DBS Class 66-hauled working from Shrewsbury, which also picks up at Cannock Chase line stations, and offers a set-down at Betws-y-Coed for the town and railway museum.



▲ Drawing many admiring glances, BR Standard 8P Pacific No. 71000 *Duke of Gloucester* makes a rare visit to the Bristol-Birmingham main line, as it passes Ashchurch on 26th July, with 'The Midland Tornado' charter from Gloucester to London Waterloo. **John Stretton**

A circular tour around the Firth of Forth

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UPCOMING DAYS OUT BY RAIL

28th August	The Cumbrian Fellsman	Eastleigh, Winchester, Basingstoke, Woking to Carlisle, via Shap and S&C
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Major failure hits *Western Champion* after working the 'Western Fellsman' charter

The horrendous sequence of main line locomotive failures over recent weeks claimed another high-profile scalp on the evening of 31st July, when the 'B' engine of No. D1015 *Western Champion* put a piston through its crankcase while working from Westbury to Eastleigh with the empty stock off Pathfinder's 'Western Fellsman' charter.

The damage to the engine is serious, the full extent of which will not be totally evident until it has been stripped down and the component parts examined to determine the cause of the failure. Ironically the locomotive was due to come out of traffic later this year for this very engine to be overhauled.

Earlier *Western Champion* had put in another fine performance on the Westbury to Appleby excursion, its 50th main line charter, typified by some prolonged fast running. However, the tour was seriously delayed in the Upperby area, as the locomotive was reported to be low on fuel. There was already congestion at Carlisle due to three other charter trains using the

station, and the Pathfinder working found itself stranded on the Upperby curve. Once on the move again, and with Appleby now reduced to a brief pick-up stop, the crew set about the task of pulling back over one hour of delay, which resulted in a virtual right time arrival back into Westbury.

As to the future, the Diesel Traction Group (DTG) has a huge task ahead. It is understood that it does have a spare power unit, but whether that is installed or the now shattered unit repaired will depend upon the ongoing investigation and assessment of the relative costs of each option. The 'Western' was booked for two further tours this year, for Compass Railtours on 30th August and Pathfinder on 19th September, which are both likely to run with alternative motive power.

The DTG expects the repairs to be very expensive, and donations from those who have enjoyed the thrill of riding, photographing or just watching 'Champion' on any of its 50 railtours or heritage line visits would be very gratefully received. Further details can be found on www.westernchampion.co.uk.



▲ Gresley A4 class Pacific No. 60019 *Bittern* returned to the main line on 28th July after a protracted absence, being used to work the Dorset Coast Express from London to Weymouth. Here, well away from its home territory, the 'A4' passes Eastleigh on the outward journey. **Mervyn Turvey**

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▲ SR 4-6-0 No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel*, coasts down the 'slip road' towards Stewarts Lane, passing Battersea Power Station, with the 'Dorset Coast Express' on 4th August. **Ian Docwra**

▼ Class 47/4 No. 47580 *County of Essex* heads the 'Settle & Wensleydale Circular' charter, with WCR Class 47/4 No. 47826 on the rear, near Manea on 7th August. **Kev Gregory**



Ups & Downs

by John Whitehouse

■ K1 class Mogul No. 62005 was dragged back to Carnforth from Fort William on 2nd August by West Coast Class 37/5 No. 37676 *Loch Rannoch*, ahead of remedial attention to the pinholes in a flue tube that caused the locomotive to be withdrawn from 'The Jacobite' pool. It is looking unlikely that a quick return to Scotland will take place, as a thorough examination of the boiler and the rest of the locomotive is to be undertaken in order to establish what action is required.

■ Hastings Diesels will be repeating its popular pre-Christmas excursion to Kensington Olympia and Shepherd's Bush this year on 18th December with the DEMU. The trip caters for the Royal International Horse Show at Olympia and 'shopaholics' at the Westfield Centre. It originates at Hastings, and picks up at St Leonards Warrior Square, Battle, Robertsbridge, Etchingham, Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge.

■ UK Railtours will be running an add-on excursion around the Alloa Circle as part of the two-day trip from London King's Cross to Edinburgh. On 13th August, it is due to depart Edinburgh Waverley at 09.17, and work via Linlithgow, Stirling and Alloa, prior to reversing at Dunfermline Town to return to Waverley, over the Forth Bridge, around 12.30. UK Railtours say that a pay on the day arrangement is likely to be available, but it is advisable to check with the company in advance.

■ Ian Riley's 'Black 5' No. 44871, which is stationed at Machynlleth for the 2010 'Cambrian' season, was involved in ERTMS testing along the Cambrian Coast line on 1st August. The locomotive worked between Machynlleth and Porthmadog, and it will be interesting to see whether there will any further Sunday workings with the locomotive during its short stay on Cambrian metals.

■ The continued absence of 'Britannia' Pacific No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* and uncertainty of the availability of classmate No. 70000 *Britannia*, are cited as the reason for the postponement of The Railway Touring Company's three-day 'Sou-Western' charter from Manchester Victoria to Stranraer, which was booked to operate from 1st to 3rd October. A likely new date for the tour to operate is sometime in May 2011.

■ The next HF Railtours charter will feature *Tornado*, operating 'The Merseyside Tornado' on 2nd October from Liverpool South Parkway through to London Euston. The train will be steam-hauled throughout, and will also pick up at Runcorn, Crewe, Stafford and Lichfield Trent Valley.

■ Steam Dreams is gradually getting its locomotive issues sorted out, with 'Black 5' No. 44932 now booked to cover for the absent *Oliver Cromwell* on the 18th August working to Weymouth, which will run outwards through Bournemouth and return via Yeovil, Sherborne and Salisbury. Confirmation is awaited of the traction for the 'Cathedrals Expresses' to Cambridge, Ely and Norwich on 29th August, and the 5th September working to Salisbury and Exeter.

■ The 'Torbay Express' trip on 8th August was diesel-hauled by Class 67 No. 67018 after the booked motive power, BR Standard 8P Pacific No. 71000 *Duke of Gloucester* failed its fitness-to-run exam after a flat was discovered on the fireman's side wheel of the trailing bogie. It is hoped to move the loco to St. Philips Marsh depot, for further examination and, depending on the severity, to turn the flat out on the wheel lathe. The owning trust hope to complete the repairs prior to the loco's next booked working, which is the 'Torbay Express' on 15th August.

LMS 'Princess Royal' Pacific No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* crosses Saddleworth Viaduct catching the strong evening sunlight with the return leg of the Scarborough Flyer' charter on 23rd July. **Chris Gee**



▲ 'Western' No. D1015 *Western Champion* powers away from Settle bound for Westbury on 31st July, with the 694-metre high Pen-y-ghent in background.
Anthony Roberts





▲ Having rescued the South-East railtour programme, LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 44932 approaches Wandsworth Road with a 'Cathedrals Express' from London Victoria to Canterbury on 29th July. **Stuart Chapman**

Severn Valley media stalwart John Leach dies after heroic fight against cancer

John Leach, Sales and Marketing Manager of the Severn Valley Railway, passed away on 29th July, following a heroic fight against pancreatic cancer. He was just 55 years old. Our condolences go to his wife Sue and his three children Denise, Anna and Kieran.

His enthusiasm, energy, commitment and communication skills were just perfect for the key role of promoting the Severn Valley Railway, which at the time of his arrival was suffering from a downturn in patronage. During his tenure, passenger figures have risen from 172,000 to 250,000, and the railway's turnover in the same period has trebled to in excess of £6 million. These figures offer the best possible testament to a man, who for many was the face and voice of the SVR.

To talk with John was a joy, as he always had something positive to say, and his message was clear. Add to the mix, frequent 'off the record' snippets, and the SVR story, as he wanted it told, graced many a journal, magazine and newspaper. He recognised the importance of local publicity and established excellent relationships with all the local media outlets, enabling the SVR to be regularly featured on television and radio as well as the printed media. The value of this media exposure is simply beyond valuation when considered in terms of the cost of traditional advertising.

He had a way with people, be it the hard-nosed hack from a local newspaper or specialist magazine, through to the cub reporter from the local weekly give-away. Everyone got what they needed, in a manner that invited further enquiry, which meant

that the SVR invariably received a 'good press'.

He held a lifelong interest in railways and joined British Rail straight from school as an assistant at 'Collectors Corner' in Euston. His media skills were honed by a spell as a Press Officer with the then London Midland Region during the mid-1970s, which prepared him for taking on of the Marketing Manager role at the fledgling Steam Locomotive Operators Association in 1985, which at that time was responsible for running all steam excursions on the main line. He stayed with SLOA, and its various different guises until joining the SVR in 1995.

Modest by nature, maybe, but his contribution to the heritage railway industry in general and the Severn Valley Railway in particular, has been vital to their development. He maintained a low profile, but will be remembered as one who made an enormous contribution to his chosen calling.

SVR Guarantee Company Chairman David Williams, who worked alongside John throughout his career at the SVR, paid this tribute: "We have lost someone who made a real difference in the continuing story of the SVR, a very professional railway enthusiast who was an exceptional communicator and facilitator".



Local council plans to demolish Furness Railway buildings

The original sandstone Furness Railway locomotive repair shops, that date back to the 1860s are to be demolished as part of the Marina Village project in Barrow-in-Furness.

The buildings are now in the ownership of the

local council, and are to be flattened to make way for houses, although Barrow Borough Council says some of the dressed stone and arches will be saved for future suitable developments. The works was closed in the early 1930s, a decade after the Furness Railway was taken over by the LMS in 1923.



▲ BR Standard 9F 2-10-0 No. 92214 arrives at Pickering on 26th July. **David Hainsworth**

Standard 9F No. 92214 is sold to Yorkshire company

BR Standard Class 9F 2-10-0 No. 92214, which is presently based at the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, has been sold by the 9F Locomotive Charitable Trust to Grosmont-based PV Premier Ltd.

Detailed discussions will now follow between the new owners and the NYMR, with the aim of the locomotive becoming a long term resident at Grosmont. It has already made an impact with visitors, and will be a key

acquisition to bolster the resident locomotive fleet.

The NYMR General Manager, Philip Benham, has expressed his delight that the locomotive has been acquired by the local firm, and has paid tribute to the 9F Locomotive Charitable Trust for its excellent work in the restoration and operation of No. 92214. PV Premier Ltd is owned by long term volunteer NYMR driver Stuart Whitter, who is also a professional rail traction engineer and major international projects consultant. Company

secretary Valerie Walter and David Dymott are also key players, having been widely involved in the acquisition.

It was built in 1959 at Swindon at a cost of £33,497, and after a working life of six years was withdrawn on 9th August 1965, being sold to Woodham's scrapyard at Barry. Recorded mileage as at 31st December 1963 was 85,029. The loco spent 15 years at Barry prior to being rescued, and its restoration was completed at the Midland Railway Centre, Butterley, in 2002.



▲ Class 58 No. 58045, the source of spares for the Class 58 Project's main target, No. 58016, stands at Barrow Hill on 1st August, in the process of being stripped, prior to being scrapped. **Craig Adamson**

▼ During the weekend of 31st July-1st August, the Llangollen Railway held its '1960s Gala', with a mix of steam and diesel locomotives. The Llangollen Diesel Group's resident Class 37 has undergone restoration into 1960s style and made its debut at the event in BR Blue and carrying its original number. During a brief spell of sunshine on 31st July, No. 6940 approaches Fisherman's Crossing with the 14.00 Llangollen-Carrog service. **Mark Riley**



Swanage gets main line connection funding

Purbeck District Council (PDC) provided the Swanage Railway with the news it had been anxiously awaiting, when it approved a proposal to support the Dorset District Council decision to provide a £3 million funding guarantee to Network Rail to cover the cost of re-signalling Worgret Junction, and thus provide Swanage with a permanent connection to the National Network.

The money is already 'ring fenced' in a regional fund, which is based on charges levied upon developers of any new buildings within the county, and is primarily aimed at paying for improvements to roads in the vicinity of the development sites. The permanent re-connection of the rail link between Swanage and Wareham is seen as an essential part of easing the heavily congested A351 route between the two towns, and thus qualifies for support from this specific regional development fund.

The re-signalling of Worgret Junction is part of a wider Network Rail project covering the main line between Poole and Wool, with an anticipated completion date of 2013. Indeed, Spring Bank Holiday 2013 may be a date to put in one's diary, as if all goes to plan it could be when the first services between Swanage and Wareham (and maybe beyond) will operate.

With funding now in place, what happens next? Most importantly is to sort out the tenure of the branch from Swanage Railway's boundary to Worgret Junction, and this will be subject to negotiations between the Purbeck Community Rail Partnership (PCRP) and Network Rail. The PCRP is an important organisation that has, and will continue to play, a key role in this project. Its

members include representatives from Dorset County Council, Purbeck District Council, the Swanage Railway, Poole Borough Council, Network Rail, South West Trains and BP.

In addition to sorting out the tenure of the branch, a priority is to reach agreement with BP for the installation of a formal barrier-controlled level crossing where the line just to the north of Norden station crosses BP's private road to its nearby Wych Farm complex.

The branch will also need to be upgraded for the proposed new service, and the Swanage Railway has already offered its services. Generally the branch is not felt to be in a bad condition, so hopefully this part of the project will not be expensive in terms of both time and money.

The PCRP will also be setting up a 'community interest company' (CIC), which is a special type of company registered to deal with specific community schemes, and ensures that the finances and assets thereof are only used for the approved purposes of the CIC. The CIC will be eventually be responsible for managing the normal operations of the project, which will include authorising who can run trains over the line. At this stage no decisions have been made concerning the type and scope of the service, but there are various options open from a shuttle between Swanage and Wareham to longer distance services to Poole, Bournemouth and beyond. Indeed, a proposal to operate trains by Cambrian Transport Ltd has already been lodged and this will be considered in time by the CIC along with any other bids.

Following the decision by PDC, a meeting of the PCRP on 4th August was described as very productive, with the members being enthusiastic to get the project up and running.



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Duchess of Sutherland in action at Butterley

The Midland Railway Butterley (MRB) will be featuring 'Princess Coronation' Pacific No. 6233

Duchess of Sutherland on its service trains over the weekend of 14th/15th August.

The locomotive is currently at Crewe, where it is currently positioned for charter train operations with Railway Touring Company, but the 'Duchess' will be making a short visit back to base at the West Shed, which is part of the MRB's Swanwick Junction complex, for the Princess Royal Class Locomotive Trust Patrons Weekend.

A normal hourly timetable will be in operation on the MRB, and the 'Duchess' is expected to be working in 'top and tail' mode with one of the resident diesel locomotives.

It had been hoped that the West Shed's BR Standard 4MT 2-6-4T No. 80080 would be ready in time to perform with the 'Duchess', but although its boiler is now back in the frames after overhaul at Bridgnorth, and a successful steam test was completed on 29th July, there is just too much more to do for it to be available for the coming weekend.

Funds donated for Merlin restoration project

The Merlin Locomotive Group, which is based in the Goods Shed at Locomotion, the NRM at Shildon, has received a cheque for over £4,800 from Durham County Council's 'Area Action Partnerships'.

The donation has been made to assist with the purchase of parts for its Peckett 0-6-OST Merlin to allow for its restoration to be completed.

The Group is looking for new members with lots of enthusiasm who would like to help with the restoration, and later become a guard, fireman or driver, no previous experience being necessary.

Readers interested or able to assist the group in anyway, can telephone Locomotion at Shildon on 01388 777999 or email the Group Secretary, Steve Down by [clicking here](#).

Pitchford Hall and a Chinook to visit GCR

The coming weekend, 14th/15th 15 August, will feature visiting 'Hall' No. 4953 Pitchford Hall in the Great Central Railway's Mixed Traffic 'Magic'.

With hourly departures from Loughborough and Leicester North, the weekend will also have BR Standard Class 2MT Mogul No. 78019, LMS 'Jinty' No. 47406, Class 20 No. D8098 and Class 25 No. D5185 joining in the fray. The hourly timetable will be supplemented by a series of 'top and tail' shuttles, which will consist of a combination of Mk1 coaching stock and box vans. The plan is also to

feature Nos. 78019 and 47406 double-heading on the 16.45 ex-Loughborough.

A more unusual visitor will be the star of the GCR's 'Veterans Weekend' booked for 18th/19th September. It will be a RAF Chinook helicopter, which will be crewed by Afghanistan veterans, who will be available to give the public a guided tour of the helicopter. The Chinook will be at the event from Friday through to Sunday and its visit will help to raise funds for the RAF Benevolent Fund. Veterans of all services should note that they can travel for free during the event upon production of appropriate identification.



▲ Haydock Foundry 0-6-0 well tank *Bellerophon* visited the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway for its steam gala weekends on 31st July, 1st and 7th/8th August. On 2nd August the 1874-built locomotive took part in a photographic charter, and here approaches Wirksworth station with a short freight train. **Stuart Chapman**

▼ The fourth and final Travelling Post Office Demonstration of the day, Class 55 Deltic No. D9009 *Alycidon* powers through Quorn & Woodhouse during the Great Central Railway's 'Mail By Rail' gala on 24th July, with the line's set of recently-repainted TPO carriages, performing an 'on the move' mailbag transfer. **Kev Gregory**






Preservation View

▲ The Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway held its Diesel Gala over 24th/25th July, when an intensive service involving three sets was in use. Class 31 No. D5600 worked one diagram in 'top and tail' mode with classmate No. 31119, seen here at Bolton Abbey, having arrived with a service from Embsay on 25th July.

◀ Class 37/0 No. 37294 was also in service, seen on Hambleton Straight on the approach to Bolton Abbey.

▼ Class 14 No. D9513, in the guise of NCB 38, arrives at Bolton Abbey on 25th July. **All: Fred Kerr**





Class 60 No. 60011 heads north through Dunhamstead, near Droitwich, working the Westerleigh to Lindsey discharged tanks on 3rd August. The loco is one of seven Class 60s currently in traffic with DB Schenker. **Stephen Tucker**

Weekly Pictorial

On 27th July, the 14.03 Ditton to Felixstowe intermodal heads south through Road Cutting with Freightliner Class 86/6s Nos. 86604 and 86639 at the helm. **Ian Willott**





A busy scene at the east end of Edinburgh Waverley station on 1st August as an East Coast HST set arrives and a CrossCountry HST waits to depart with the 08.50 service to Plymouth. **Stephen Tucker**

Weekly Pictorial

The 21st century Stratford bears little resemblance to the Great Eastern station of steam days. A combination of overhead electric wires, new platforms for the North London Line, the demolition of Stratford Major Depot and new construction for the 2012 Olympics have totally changed the appearance of the location.

◀ The 14.20 NXEA local service from London Liverpool Street to Shenfield arrives at Stratford on 23rd July, formed of Class 315 No. 315843.

▼ Class 360/0 No 360102 arrives forming the 13.00 NXEA service from Harwich Town to London Liverpool Street, while in the new platforms on the left, Class 378/0 Capitalstar No 378019 awaits departure, forming a London Overground service to Richmond.

Both: **Brian Morrison**



Freightliner Class 70 No. 70003 emerges from Clifton Bridge Tunnel on the Portbury Branch in Bristol, while working the 08.25 loaded coal service to Rugeley Power Station.

Mike Radford



16th July 2010

GWS (Taunton)

Village Hall, Stoke St. Mary, Nr Taunton. 'My Memories of the Mid 20th Century' by John Cramp. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01823 334188 for further details.

19th July 2010

GCR Society (Spinkhill)

The Angel Hotel 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'A Look Back at Sheffield Trams to Crookes and Walkley' by Paul Fox. Starts 19.30. Contact Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for details.

25th July 2010

St Albans Signal Box

St Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust, Ridgmont Road, St Albans AL1 3AJ. Exhibition of signalling memorabilia. Admission free. Open 14.00 - 17.00. Contact K.Webster on 01727 836131 for further details.

28th July 2010

Basingstoke & District Railway Society

Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Steam on London Underground 1933 - 1971' by John Manners. Starts 20.00. Contact 01256 819401 for details.

2nd August 2010

RCTS (Ashford)

Members visit to IECC Ashford. Contact southeast@rcts.org.uk for details.

RCTS (Northampton)

'Southern Day Saver' day out. Contact the Secretary, David Pick on 01604 810613 for further details.

3rd August 2010

Weston super Mare Railway Society

Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. Members Slides. Starts 20.00. Contact 01934 628289 for details.

5th August 2010

The Great Central Railway Society (Rotherham)

The Three Horseshoes, Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 2BW. 'Tramcars to Buses' by Andy Firth. Starts 19.30. Contact Mick Hayes on 01709 821544 for further details.

7th August 2010

RCTS (Northampton)

Visit to Welshpool & Llanfair Railway. Contact David Pick on 01604 810613.

8th August 2010

St Albans Signal Box

St Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust, Ridgmont Road, St Albans AL1 3AJ. Exhibition of signalling within the preserved signal box. Admission free. Open 14.00 - 17.00. Contact the Chairman, K.Webster on 01727 836131 for further details.

9th August 2010

Lincoln Railway Society

St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 'The Blue Pullman Story' by Mick Hayes. Starts 20.00. Contact 01522 705365 for details

SEG (Sussex)

Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'Closed Stations' by Malcolm Stroud. Starts 19.30. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for details.

10th August 2010

Abergavenny & District Steam Society

Upper Room, The Hen and Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'When Steam Ruled the Rails' by Colin Jacks. Starts 20.00. Contact Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com.

RCTS (Merseyside, Chester & North Wales)

Station Observation at Chesterfield. (optional visit to Barrow Hill). Contact, Geoff Morris on 01244 376808 for further details.

11th August 2010

Basingstoke & District Railway Society

Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Signal Boxes, People and Trains on the Berks & Hants Line' by David Canning. Starts 20.00. Contact 01256 819401 for details.

Swiss Railways Society (London)

The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT. (nr Kings Cross Station) Members Slides - 'Foreign Night'. Start 19.00. £2 donation requested. Contact the Secretary, Ron Dawes on 0208 660 3532 for further details.

16th August 2010

GCR Society (Spinkhill)

The Angel Hotel 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'Nottingham Victoria' by Ken Grainger. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary, Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for details.

RCTS (Northampton)

Visit to Midland Metro Depot at Wednesbury. Contact the Secretary, David Pick on 01604 810613 or at northampton@rcts.org.uk for further details.

RCTS (Thames Valley)

Evening Observation At Didcot Station. Contact Murray Lewis at thamesvalleyoutdoor@rcts.org.uk for further details.

19th August 2010

Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society

Roundhouse Lecture Theatre, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. 'The Woodhead Route' by Jeff Lane. Starts 19.30. Admission £2 non members. Contact beardspaul@aol.com for details.

Breconshire Railway Society

R.A.F.A.Club, The Struet, Brecon. 'The Great Western Society at Didcot' by Andrew Hook. Meeting commences at 19.30. Members only. Please contact Arthur Robinson on 01982 560219 for further details and all membership enquiries.

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. 'Developments in Hornby Railways' by Simon Kohler. Starts 19.45. Contact the Secretary, Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for further details.

22nd August 2010

RCTS (Merseyside, Chester & North Wales)

'Preservation Sites in Welshpool/Oswestry Area'. Contact the Secretary, Geoff Morris on 01244 376808 for further details

St Albans Signal Box

St Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust, Ridgmont Road, St Albans AL1 3AJ. Exhibition of signalling and railway ephemera within the preserved signal box. Admission free. Open 14.00 - 17.00. Contact the Chairman, K.Webster on 01727 836131 for further details.

25th August 2010

Basingstoke & District Railway Society

Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'The History of the Ian Allan Publishing Group' by David Allan. Starts 20.00. Visitors Welcome. Contact 01256 819401 for details.

1st September 2010

Warwickshire Rly Society

The Lamp Tavern PH, Barford Steket, Highgate, Birmingham. 'Two Americas' by Dave Lacey. Starts 19.30. Contact Don Taggart on 01746 710676 for further details.

▼ **Class 150/2s Nos. 150249 (in First Great Western livery) and 150267 (in Arriva Trains Wales livery) arrive at a sunny St Erth with the 08.57 service from Penzance to St Ives on 21st July. Neil Bradley**



Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)

St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford. 'GRES Reminiscences' by GRES Members, Old and New. Starts 19.30. Contact 01525 750149 for details.

SEG (South Hampshire)/LRTA (Southern)

Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'Railways in the North East - Retrospective and Recent' by Bruce Oliver. Starts 19.30. Admission £2. Contact the SEG Secretary, John Goodrich on 023 8067 0028 for further details

Weston super Mare Railway Society

Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. 'Steam on Road and Rail' by Malcolm Ranieri. Starts 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for details.

Should your society information be listed on this page?

If so, then please email the details to the editor, remembering to include the date, starting time and location, together with details of the event, speaker and entrance charges if applicable. It is not necessary, but helpful to people, if you can also include a contact name and phone number/email address that can be published.

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Web Links

Links to the various society websites can be found by [clicking here](#). Is yours missing? Send the details to the editor.

8th September 2010 Basingstoke & District Railway Society

Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Broad Gauge Railway Journey' by Canon Brian Arman. Starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

Bromsgrove Rly Club

St Godwalds Church Hall, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. 'Cine Film Evening' by John Constable. Starts 19.45. Contact 01527 873800 for further details.

9th September 2010

Bath Railway Society

Bath Green Park Station Meeting Room. 'Rare, Unique and High Quality Photographs' by Paul Chancellor. Starts 19.30. Contact Kevin Plummer (evenings) 01225 312564 for details.

Continental Rly Circle

St Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. 'Southern Africa' by Ron White. Starts 19.15. Admission £2. Contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for details.

10th September 2010 Great Western Society

Lawn Community Centre, Guildford Avenue, off Windsor Road, Lawn, Swindon, SN3 1JE. TBA. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01793 495976 for further details.

11th/12th September 2010

St Albans Signal Box

St Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust, Ridgmont Road, St Albans AL1 3AJ. Exhibition of signalling plus model railway. Admission free. Open 10.00 - 16.00. Contact the Chairman, K. Webster on 01727 836131 for details.

13th September 2010

Lincoln Railway Society

St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 'British Transport Police' by Brian Bell. Starts 20.00. Contact 01522 705365 for details

SEG (Sussex)

Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'Vintage SR EMU Photographs from the 1950s' by Richard Larkin. Starts 19.30. £2 Donation. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094.

14th September 2010

Abergavenny & District Steam Society

Upper Room, The Hen and Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'The Power of Steam' by Peter Donovan. Starts 20.00. Contact Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for details.

16th September 2010

Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society

Roundhouse Lecture Theatre, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. 'Steaming Through Britain'. Starts 19.30. Non-members £2. Contact the Secretary at beardspaul@aol.com for details.

21st September 2010

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)

St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford. AGM & Branch Annual Photographic Competition. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01525 750149 for further details.

22nd September 2010

Basingstoke & District Railway Society

Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Trains in the Snow' by Les Nixon. Starts 20.00. Visitors Welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

23rd September 2010

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. AGM. Start 19.45. Contact Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North West)

St David's Social Centre, 249 Wargrave Road, Newton-le-Willows. 'The Lancaster & Carlisle Railway' by Noel Machell. Starts 19.30. Contact Neville Bond on 01925 226476.

24th September 2010

Great Western Society (North West)

St. Hilda's Clubroom, Slater Street, Latchford, Warrington. 'Lost Stations of St. Helens' by Alan Moore. Starts 19.30.

The Great Central Railway (London)

The Exmouth Arms, 1 Starcross Street, Euston, London NW1 2HR. 'My Railway Career' by Bill Davies. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary, Richard Butler on 01525 372487 for further details.

26th September 2010

St Albans Signal Box Open Day

St Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust, Ridgmont Road, St Albans AL1 3AJ. Exhibition of signalling and railway ephemera within the preserved signal box. Admission free. Open 14.00 - 17.00. Contact the Chairman, K. Webster on 01727 836131 for further details.

5th October 2010

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. '40 Years of the Severn Valley Railway' by Dave Baker. Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact the Secretary, Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for further details.

Locomotive & Carriage Institution

55 Broadway, London. 'The Restoration of B Standard 9F, 92212' by Les Greer. Meeting commences at 18.00. Contact the Secretary, Stuart Smith at smithstuart@btinternet.com for further details

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)

St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford. 'Trains in the Snow' by Les Nixon. Starts 19.30. Contact 01525 750149 for further details.

Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire)/ LRTA (Southern)

Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'A Railway and Tramway Miscellany' by John Godfrey. Starts 19.30. Admission £2. Contact John Goodrich on 023 8067 0028 for further details.

Weston super Mare Railway Society

Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. 'In the Realm of the Sachsen Meyers' by Andrew R. Hook. Starts 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

11th October 2010

Lincoln Railway Society

St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 'L.N.E.R. Locos' by Alex Hurd. Starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary on 01522 705365.

Southern Electric Group (Sussex Branch)

Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'Bournemouth Electrification 1966 Onwards' by Robert Burch. Starts 19.30. £2 donation. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for further details.

12th October 2010

Abergavenny & District Steam Society

Upper Room, The Hen and Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'The Tornado Story' by John Rawlinson. Start 20.00. Contact the Secretary, Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for details.

13th October 2010

Basingstoke & District Railway Society

Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. Society Photographic Competition. Starts 20.00. Visitors Welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

Bromsgrove Railway Club

St Godwalds Church Hall, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. 'The Paul Riley Collection 1961 to 1966' by Tony Bowles. Starts 19.45. Contact Dave on 01527 873800 or Gordon on 05127873609 for further details.

14th October 2010

Continental Rly Circle

St Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. '50th Anniversary Meeting - 'Miscellany from 1957 - 63' by Lance King and 'Finland and Greece' by Charles Firminger. Meeting commences at 19.15. Admission £2. Contact the Secretary, Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 or at akpalmer@talktalk.net for further details.

21st October 2010

Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society

Roundhouse Lecture Theatre, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. 'The Duchess and The Royal Train' by Phil Eccleston. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £1.50 members, £2 non members. Contact the Secretary at beardspaul@aol.com for details.

Breconshire Railway Society

R.A.F.Club, The Struet, Brecon. 'The Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway' by Anthony Bowles. Meeting commences at 19.30. Members only. Please contact the Secretary, Arthur Robinson on 01982 560219 for further details and all membership enquiries.

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. 'Tornado in Gravesend' by Roger Aves/Mark Allatt. Starts 19.45. Contact the Secretary, Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for further details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North West)

St David's Social Centre, 249 Wargrave Road, Newton-le-Willows. 'Horwich Works' by Jack Smith. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Acting Secretary, Neville Bond on 01925 226476 for details.

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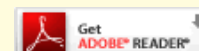
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