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DRS Class 37 No. 37607 is seen at Watery Lane, near Chertsey, on the Virginia Water to Weybridge leg of a Woking Down Yard - Hither Green Serco train on 12th September. **Richard Sulzmann**

Rear Cover

One of the Voyager sets that will be debranded and pass to Arriva, No. 220017 Bombardier Voyager approaches Stockport on 17th September, bound for Reading. **Richard Tuplin**

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National Rail Timetable

The entire UK National Rail Timetable is now available as a PDF download from the Network Rail website.

Produced in the same fashion as the printed version and ordered by table number, the current timetable is available by clicking here.

The railway by-laws and information for enthusiasts are also available online from the Network Rail website, by clicking here.

Newsdesk

▲ ***Previously owned by FM Rail, Class 73 No. 73107 undertook a First GBRf test trip on 20th September, with two Hastings DEMU motor coaches in tow from St.Leonards Depot, via Rye and Ashford, to Tonbridge and back via the Tonbridge - Hastings line. Here, the train is passes Ham Street on the Ashford to Hastings line.*** **Andrew Wood**

Change of plan finds Eastleigh Works remaining open

It was only several issues ago that *Railway Herald* reported on the closure of Eastleigh Works, with the removal from the site of Southern Railway 4-6-0 No. 850 *Lord Nelson*.

In a remarkable twist of fate, it now appears that the works is to remain open and in operation as a railway works, although no longer with Alstom.

Railway Herald understands that initial plans were for the site to be sold to a building developer, but its position on the flight path into Southampton Airport has persuaded the company concerned that the sale of housing there may not be as bouyant as it first thought!

As a result, it is believed that the site is now leased by Knights Rail Services, which also operates at MoD Shoeburyness. Although the long-term plans for the site are not known, it is confirmed that the next two Colas Rail Class 47/7 locomotives will pass through Eastleigh for repairs and return to traffic and the luggage modifications to the Class 442 'Wessex Electric' fleet, which need to be undertaken before the sets enter service on the revised Gatwick Express trains, will be carried out there as well.

The site is currently home to a number of multiple units, including four Class 153 DMUs and several diesel shunters, four of which are understood to be ex-Army locomotives.

Whatever the future holds for the site, even if temporary, this reprieve can only be good for the town and the railway and does prove that air travel at times, can benefit the railway network!

Late change to 'Hall' specials

This coming weekend features a special series of workings from Birmingham Snow Hill to Kidderminster and Bewdley in connection with the Severn Valley Railway gala event.

The first train from Birmingham Snow Hill was due to be operated by 'Hall' No. 4965 *Rood Ashton Hall* on 22nd September. Unfortunately, the locomotive was declared a failure at Tyseley on 20th September.

Current plans, as *Railway Herald* went to press, were for the train to be worked by classmate No. 4953 *Pitchford Hall* instead.

Both No. 4936 *Kinlet Hall* and *Pitchford Hall* had already moved to the SVR for the event, with the latter locomotive now expected to return to Birmingham on 21st September.

EDITORIAL HOLIDAY

As a result of editorial holiday, the next issue of Railway Herald, Issue 102, will be published a week late on THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2007.

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▲ *Class 67 No. 67006* **Royal Sovereign** *powers the Royal Train south through Burn on the East Coast Main Line on 14th September, following the visit of HRH The Prince of Wales to Scarborough. On the rear was classmate No. 67005* **Queen's Messenger.** *This train is being powered by bio fuel for a four-month trial.* **Richard Tuplin**

Royal train '67s' go eco-friendly on bio fuel

The two Royal train locomotives became the first in the UK to be fuelled by 100% bio fuel on 14th September, when they powered the Royal Train, conveying HRH The Prince Of Wales, to a visit to Scarborough.

The trip forms part of a four-month programme of testing to assess the suitability of this fuel for mainline rail services. EWS has worked closely with the Royal Household as part of its continuing work to lower the amount of carbon emitted from transportation to Royal engagements.

If the results from the trial prove positive, it will assist in the decision making process regarding the Royal Train being permanently powered by 100% bio fuel and allow EWS to consider operating freight trains for its customers using the same fuel, subject to acceptable levels of bio fuel duty.

The trial follows testing by the company to assess the impact that various blends of bio-diesel would have on the locomotive. These tests concluded that 100% bio-diesel could be used for mainline operations. EWS engineers will evaluate the results of the trial to assess its suitability.

The bio fuel used for the trial comes from sustainable sources and meets the European EN 14214 standard. It is produced from selected waste vegetable oil, which ensures the fuel is made from rapeseed or sunflower derived waste cooking oil.

First GBRf celebrates coal contract with naming

First GBRf has celebrated the successful winning of its first coal contract by naming one of its latest Class 66/7s after one of the power stations served.

The name was unveiled by Peter Emery, Production Director of Drax Power Limited, in a ceremony at the National Railway Museum in York on 20th September, presided over by John Smith, Managing Director of First GBRf and celebrated the company's first coal contract with Drax Power, moving imported coal from the Port of Tyne to West Yorkshire. A second flow has recently commenced for EDF Energy, to move coal from Welbeck or Thoresby collieries to West Burton.

▲ *First GBRf Managing Director John Smith looks on as Peter Emery of Drax Power Limited unveils the new* **Drax Power Station** *nameplates on No. 66724 at the NRM in York.* **Richard Tuplin**

▶ Virgin Trains has become the first Virgin company to be officially recognised as an Investor in People and joins over 38,000 organisations in the UK to have achieved the accolade.

▶ On 10th September, First Capital Connect marked the start of the 90-day countdown to its move to a brand new underground station at St Pancras International. The company marked the occasion by switching on a countdown clock at King's Cross Thameslink station counting down to the last train leaving on 9th December.

The new station will offer state-of-the-art customer information screens and better passenger facilities, as well as lifts and escalators to easily access the larger platforms and interchange with other services.

▶ Network Rail has announced that following a six-month assessment of its track renewals, it is to reduce the number of contractors delivering work from six to four. The proposal to rationalise arrangements was originally announced in December 2006. The four remaining contractors are Amey SECO (JV), Balfour Beatty (BBRIS), First Engineering Ltd, and Jarvis PLC.
Transfers of work between contractors will take place in a planned manner in the next few months. Employee transfers will follow contractors' consultation with Trade Unions so that the handover is done effectively. Approximately 16 major depots are likely to change hands. Renewals in the short-term will continue under the existing arrangements by the teams currently in place. It is anticipated that the transition will mainly be complete by the new year. The two companies whose contracts are not being renewed are Carillion Rail and GrantRail.

▶ Following on from the 'Go Greener Go Cheaper' campaign in March, Virgin Trains is to launch a new £4 million campaign to 'hammer home' the environmental benefits of rail over road and air travel.

▶ The number of First Capital Connect trains arriving on time has reached its highest level since April 2006. During the period 20th August – 16th September, 93.04% of trains arrived less than five minutes late at their destination, therefore meeting the Public Performance Measure (PPM). This was First Capital Connect's best performance for the period since taking over the franchise.

First Paris, now its a record run from Brussels via High Speed 1

On 20 September, Eurostar ran the first train from Brussels into St Pancras International, the journey took just 1 hour, 43 minutes and 53 seconds start to stop to cover the 232 miles, travelling at 186mph (300km/h) on the UK's new high-speed line, High Speed 1 (HS1) and setting a new record for the journey between the Belgian and British capitals.

From 14 November, the scheduled non-stop time between St Pancras International and Brussels will be 1 hour and 51 minutes, cutting at least 20 minutes off the current journey time from Waterloo.

This train was the first from Brussels to run the full length of HS1, the new railway between the Channel tunnel and central London.

Richard Brown, Chief Executive of Eurostar, said: "Today's journey puts London and Brussels firmly within the 'two hour club'. Eurostar is quite simply the fastest, most convenient way to travel – avoiding wasted time and money in getting to out-of-town airports, lengthy check-in times, and baggage reclaim delays."

▲ *The departures board at Brussels-Midi showing the first train.* **Ron Cover**

▼ *The record run was in the hands of Driver David Green (right) and Traction Inspector Nigel Brown, seen on arrival at St Pancras International.*

▲ *Half-sets Nos. 3223 and 3224 prepare to depart from Brussels Midi with the inaugural train to St Pancras International.*

▼ *Eurostar 'Half-sets' Nos. 3314/3313 & 3309/3310 stand inside St Pancras International on 20 September while on test runs.* **All: Brian Morrison**

Colas Rail unveils new-look Class 47s at Eastleigh

▲ *The striking new livery on Class 47/7 No. 47727 is displayed at Eastleigh Works on 20th September, following its naming* **Rebecca**. *Both locomotives were named by Colas Rail CEO, Charles-Albert Giral.* **All: Wilf Smith**

The new livery for Colas Rail was unveiled in a double-naming ceremony at Eastleigh Works on 20th September.

Colas Rail is a new name in the UK rail industry, having been formed through the amalgamation of SecoRail and Amec Spie Rail, the latter of which was purchased by SecoRail owners, the Bouyges Group in July this year.

The new company has a number of operations in the UK being involved in infrastructure maintenance and Rail Head Treatment Train operations for Network Rail, as well as working of the timber traffic in the North West.

The company has purchased four Class 47 locomotives in a move described as being the start of the fleet. The first two of these, Nos. 47727 and 47749 have undergone an intermediate overhaul at Eastleigh Works, which is now remaining open. The main generators have been cleaned, all electrical systems checked, new AWS and OTMR equipment has been fitted and both locomotives now have 'Blue Star' 27-way multiple-working jumpers. In addition to the external repaint into the striking new livery, the locomotive cabs have been repainted and various bodywork repairs undertaken.

During the ceremony at Eastleigh on 20th September, No. 47727 was named *Rebecca* while No. 47749 became *Demelza*. Both locomotives will see use on the Cornish RHTT workings being based at Par in Cornwall. All heavy repairs will be undertaken at what will become the locomotives more usual base of Tavistock Junction, Plymouth, now classified as depot code TJ on TOPS. The next two locomotives, understood to be 47739 (currently at EMR Kingsbury) and 47759 (currently at Crewe IEMD) will move to Eastleigh for repairs and an intermediate overhaul before being outshopped in the Colas Rail colour scheme.

There are currently no plans for the Class 47s to replace the leased Virgin Class 57/3s on the north-west timber traffic to Chirk, as the company says it is content with the performance and reliability of the '57s'. The company is currently investigating further freight traffic, although not specifically timber, and the expectation is that the '47' fleet will grow as the business grows, although it has been hinted that new locomotives, presumably Class 66s, could be a possibility in the future. The other use for the Colas Rail locomotives will be in the haulage of tamping machines and ballast cleaners as required.

▲ *The* **Demelza** *and* **Rebecca** *nameplates on Nos. 47749 and 47727 respectively.*
▼ *The Colas Rail logo.*

▼ *The yellow and orange livery adorning the two 47s certainly creates an unusual image. Both '47s' will be heading to Cornwall shortly for RHTT duties.*

Rolling Stock

▶ DRS 'Heavyweight' Class 37/5 No. 37688, recently returned to traffic, was used to move a track machine from Sleaford to Ashford on 19th September.

▶ Cotswold Rail's Class 47/4 No. 47813 *John Peel* powered a rake of 58 PGA hopper wagons from Coalville to Gloucester Yard on 19th September.

▶ The next refurbished Class 170/3, No. 170308, to be delivered from Clacton to Bombardier's Crofton Depot ran on 19th September.

▶ The fire damage sustained to Class 33/2 No. 33202 on 7th September is not believed to be too serious and after remedial attention, the loco should undertake a test run over the forthcoming weekend.

▶ First Great Western's Class 43 No. 43132 should have departed Brush Works for Swansea Landore on 19th September, but was not ready.

▶ Modifications to the Class 442 'Wessex Electric' EMUs that will be used on the new Southern/Gatwick Express service are to be undertaken at Eastleigh Works.

DBSO conversions proceed at Derby

◀ *An unidentified ex-Anglia Mk2 DBSO is pictured nearing completion on its conversion work in the workshops of Serco at the Railway Technical Centre in Derby on 11th September. The vehicle is still to have its front marker head and tail lights added and the complete remodelling of the cab is to be done, although the vehicle is well on target to meet the proposed release date at the end of October, to allow driver training to take place. The vehicle will be used on test train services.* **Ken Parker**

Class 31s from York

Still carrying the fmrail.com web address on its nose end, purple-liveried Class 31/6 No. 31601 Gauge O Guild leads Intercity liveried No. 31454 The Heart of Wessex through Sherburn-in-Elmet on 17th September, with a stock move from York Holgate Sidings to Barrow Hill. **Ron Cover**

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Time for a *different* kind of number?

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Watchdog urges government to consider terminating First Great Western

Work on EARL to be suspended during review

Eurostar's full high speed timetable won't arrive until December

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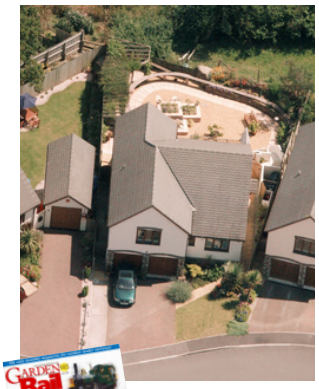
HOUSE FOR SALE

Luxulyan Valley, Cornwall

House for sale complete with working garden railway, close to the Newquay branch line in a most beautiful part of Cornwall.



This is a beautiful three bedroom house with a self contained luxurious garden level apartment beneath. At the head of the Luxulyan valley, the professionally designed garden is complete with a Gauge 1 railway, as featured in Garden Rail Sept. 06. This includes stock, two live steam locomotives, and some buildings.

One of the rooms is currently used for a small B+B business and proves very popular with guests with a railway interest. It is in one of the most peaceful positions in Cornwall.

Price £330,000 freehold.

For further details see www.chrisarundell.com, click this advert, or contact Jackie Perry at Miller Countrywide on 01726 66435.

▲ *A sight that will become rarer as vehicles pass through the workshops for refurbishment. Still in the older company colours, apart from the rear MTU power car No. 43176, No. 43037* **Penydarren** *powers through Worle Parkway on a Weston-super-Mare to Paddington working on 25th August.* **Chris Perkins**

HST Formations - Part 2 (First Great Western)

Following on from the first part of *Railway Herald's* investigation into the HST formations of Great North Eastern Railway and Midland Mainline, this issue looks at the fleet of First Great Western.

The details for this fleet are slightly more complicated than for the other two, due to the on-going refurbishment concerning both the powercars and trailer sets.

To allow readers to identify sets easier, the formations for the HST Mk3 trailers have been split into un-refurbished and refurbished, although obviously these details are continually changing as the programme progresses.

On the powercars, the entire fleet list has been provided, with those now fitted with MTU power units, or presently located at Brush Traction to be fitted with MTUs, clearly highlighted.

Railway Herald will endeavour to update readers through the Rolling Stock News column in the Newsdesk pages as HST powercars pass through ▶

First Great Western

Powercars in pool EFPC as of 28th August

43002, 43003, **43004**, **43005***, **43009**, **43010**, 43012, 43015, 43016, **43017**, **43018**, **43020***, **43021**, **43022**, **43023**, **43024**, **43025**, **43026**, **43027**, **43028***, **43029**, **43030**, **43031***, 43032, **43033**, 43034, **43035**, 43036, 43037§, **43040**, 43041, 43042, **43063***, **43069**, **43070§**, **43071**, 43079, **43086§**, **43087***, **43088***, **43091**, 43092, **43093**, 43094, **43097**, **43098**, **43122**, **43124**, **42125**, **42126**, **42127**, **42128**, **42129**, **43130**, **43131**, **43132***, **43133**, 43134, **43135**, **43136**, 43137, **43138***, **43139**, **43140§**, **43141**, **43142***, 43143, **43144***, 43145, 43146, **43147**, **43148**, **43149**, **43150***, **43151**, **43152***, **43153**, **43154**, **43155**, **43156**, **43158**, **43159§**, **43160***, **43161**, **43162***, **43163**, **43164**, **43165**, **43168**, **43169**, 43170, **43171**, 43172, **43174**, **43175**, **43176**, **43177**, **43179**, 43180, 43181, **43182**, **43183**, **43185**, **43186**, **43187**, **43188**, 43189, 43190, **43191§**, **43192***, **43193***, **43194**, **43195**, **43196***, 43197, **43198**

Spares Donors

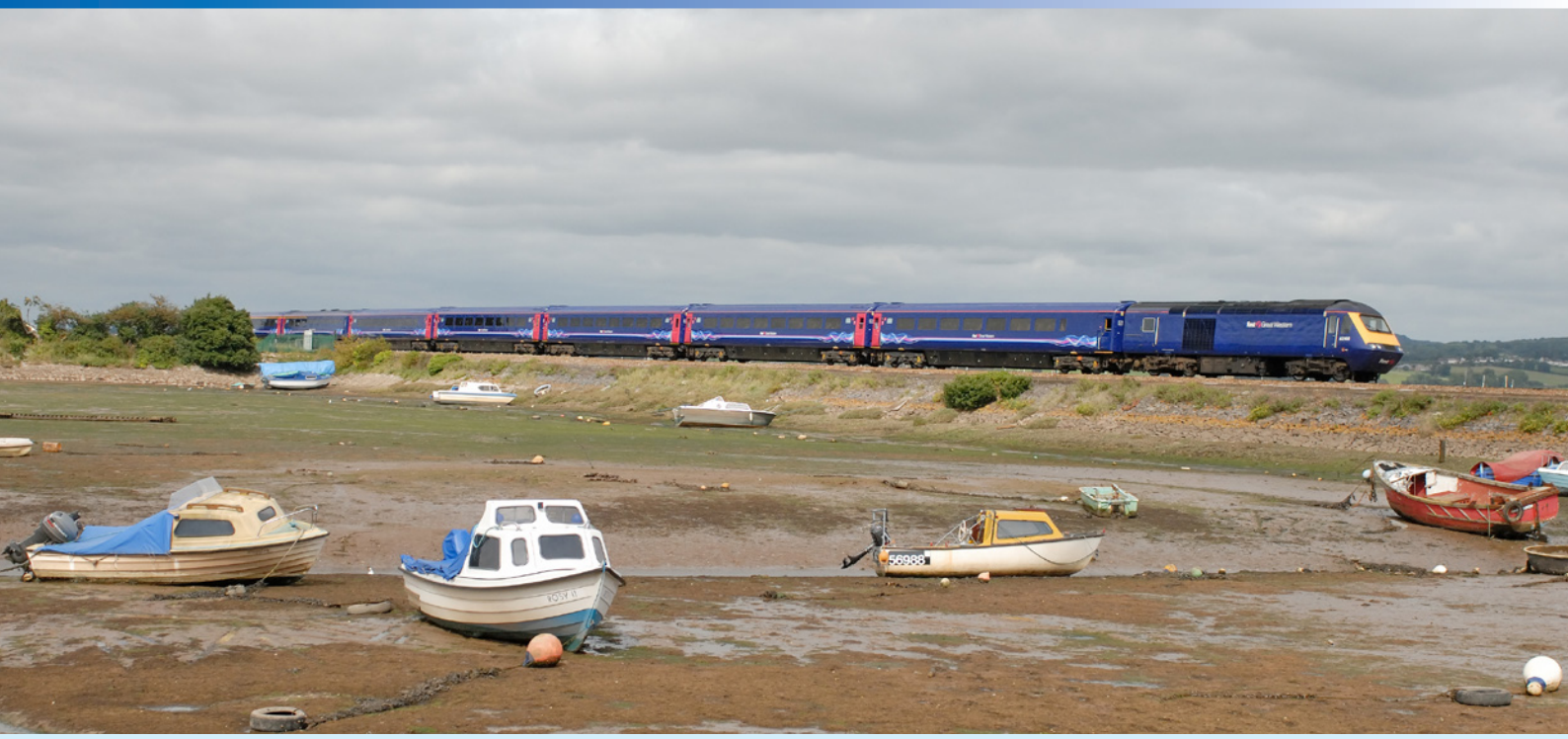
43078, 43197

Those listed in **BLUE** type are now fitted or are being fitted with MTU power units.
* denotes the power car is at Brush
§ denotes under repair at Landore

First Great Western (unrefurbished sets)

LA01	41093	41094	40733	42183	42184	42181	42107	44001	
LA02	41101	41102	40712	42201	42178	42203	42204	44064	
LA03	41162	41104	40802	42206	42273	42208	42209	44066	
LA04	41009	41010	40204	42347	42013	42014		44004	
LA05	41011	41012	40810	42015	42005	42016	42361	44005	
LA07	41015	41016	40809	42021	42027	42006	42356	44007	
LA08	41017	41018	40208	42024	42025	42074	42223	44093	
LA09	41019	41020	40901	42007	42009	42028	42029	44009	
LA10	41180	41022	40738	42038	42010	42031	42032	44010	
LA11	41023	41024		42033	42034	42035		44011	
LA13	41027	41028	40725	42073	42039	42040	42041	44013	
LA14	41109	41030	40726	42066	42042	42048	42044	44014	
LA16	41033	41034		42048	42049	42050		44016	
LA18	41037	41038		42343	42292	42055	42066	44018	Works
LA20	41181	41135	40903	42317	42232	42060	42061	44059	
LA21	41157	41158	40752	42200	42129	42245	42250	44086	
LA22	41089	41065		42062	42221	42067	42068	44022	
LA23	41105	41106	40744	42070	42071	42118		44023	
LA25	41051	41052	40710	42004	42076	42077	42078	44025	
LA26	41007	41008	40747	42008	42236	42079	42080	44026	
LA27	41055	41056	40709	42081	42043	42083	42126	44043	
LA29	41123	41124	40727	42255	42263	42256	42257	44029	
LA30	41126	41125		42344	42216	42260	42261	44030	Works
LA33	41131	41132	40736	42271	42196	42272	42264	44033	
LA34	41133	41134		42276				44034	
LA35	41179	41116	40807	42279	42265	42280	42281	44035	
LA36	41137	41138	40228	42360	42026	42003	42285	44036	
LA37	41139	41140		42099	42288	42289		44037	
LA38	41141	41142	40734	42291	42075	42333	42293	44038	
LA39	41143	41144	40745	42295	42350	42296	42297	44039	
LA40	41145	41146	40900	42299	42351	42300	42301	44040	
LA51	41029	41149	40221	42287	42170	42162	42166	44079	
LA56	41186	41147	40806	42266	42262	42256	42258	44000	
LA58	41188	41107	40808	42218	42173	42195	42217	44002	
LA60	41114	41182	40717	42095	42259	42231	42284	44074	
LA79±	41075	41076	40729	42328	42341	42148	42149	44085	
LA97	41004	41110	40209	42138	42349	42346	42089	44003	
LA98	41105	41106	40714	42211	42212	42213	42214	44067	

Note: ± LA79 is the Midland Mainline set currently on hire to First Great Western



▲ *Class 43 powercar No. 43168 brings up the rear of the 14.15 HST from Paignton to Paddington passing Cockwood Harbour on 31 August, heading for its next scheduled stop of Exeter St Davids.* **Brian Morrison**

▶ *The former experimental standard class TV Entertainment 'Volo' coach, Mk3 No. 42076 has now lost its distinctive livery and has been refurbished and and returned to use with First Great Western. The vehicle was photographed during a booked station call at Newton Abbot on the 11.05 Paddington to Plymouth on 19th September.* **Nathan Williamson**

Brush Traction and are re-accepted into traffic.

◀ Unlike the GNER refurbishments, the FGW powercars are not being renumbered, but are being repainted into the now standard First Great Western deep blue colour scheme.

The Mk3 trailer fleet is being overhauled by Bombardier Transportation at either Derby or Ilford Works, with movements between the two locations and Plymouth Laira being undertaken by First GBRf.

The final four powercars not mentioned as yet are those owned by Porterbrook which are off-lease. Two of these are currently based at Wabtec Rail Doncaster, where they are used for shunting GNER Mk3 trailers around the yard. All four have however, been claimed by Arriva Cross Country and are likely to be put through the works for overhaul and a repaint before entering traffic.

For Arriva, in addition to the four off-lease powercars, a further six powercars are to be transferred from the current Midland Mainline fleet. For the coaches, three sets will again come from Midland Mainline, while the remaining two will comprise converted ex-loco-hauled Mk3 vehicles.

The key issue for HST operators now is the lack of Mk3 trailer vehicles. In the case of both Arriva Cross Country and Grand Central, several sets of loco-hauled Mk3 coaches, previously used by Virgin West Coast prior to the introduction of the Pendolino's, are to be converted and rewired to allow operation with HST powercars.

Part of this shortfall has come about through additional sets being obtained by First Group and by GNER increasing the length of its HST sets from eight to nine vehicles.

The final part of this Newsdesk XTRA special will be featured in Issue 102 and will provide a complete round-up of the HST powercar and trailer fleet in numerical order. All pages of the feature will also be available as a special download from our website, from the publication of Issue 102. ■

First Great Western (refurbished sets)

LA15	41031	41032		42207	42045	42046	42047	44015
LA61	41086	41160	40904	42362	42303	42304	42251	44068
LA62	41085	41167	40231	42167	42168	42169		44078
LA63	41045	41059	40902	42023	42175	42176	42177	44081
LA64	41163	41166	40724	42054	42093	42094	42222	44076
LA70	41119	41187	40207	42348	42247	42248	42249	44055
LA71	41096	41161	40801	42197	42334	42336	42338	44042
LA72	41087	41108	40803	42308	42309	42090		44060
LA73	41184	41189	40210	42233	42085	42086	42087	44069
LA74	41148	41169	40757	42319	42320	42321		44091

Porterbrook (off-lease)

Powercars in pool SBXL as of 28th August 43101, 43103, 43121, 43157.

The first two are located at Brush Traction, the latter two at Wabtec Rail, Doncaster.

▲ ***Merchant Navy Pacific No. 35028* Clan Line *approaches Basingstoke with a rare non-VSOE charter. In this case, a private London Victoria-Kidderminster working on 14th September that* Clan Line *worked as far as Salisbury FROM where Class 52 'Western' No. D1015* Western Champion *took the train onwards to Kidderminster.* Chris Wilson**

UK Steam & Modern Traction Railtour Listings

The following table details the latest information available on steam, diesel and electric railtours for the forthcoming weeks from the date of publication. Information is understood to be correct at the time of going to press.

		22nd September	
A1 Steam Loco Trust	60019	(London KX-Grantham)-Newcastle and return	**Postponed**
Heartland Rail	2xCR Cl47	Gloucester-Brighton and return	
Hertfordshire Railtours	2xRiveria Cl47	London Paddington-Slough-Reading-Paignton and return	
Kingfisher Railtours	2xEWS Cl37	Reading-Stroud-Cheltenham Spa-Birmingham NS-Aberystwyth and rtn	
Past Time Rail	6201	(Paddington-Taunton)-Penzance (rev & return)	**Cancelled**
Pathfinder Tours	2xCl31	Leicester-Sheffield-Preston-Workington and return	**Postponed**
Railway Touring Company	34067	East Croydon-Worthing-Chichester-Bath-Bristol TM and return	
SRPS	40145	Linlithgow-Inverness-Aberdeen-Dundee-Tay & Forth Bridges-Linlithgow	
		26th September	
Hertfordshire Railtours	2xRiveria Cl47	London Euston-Cumbrian Coast-Carlisle and return (via Shap)	
		27th September	
Railway Touring Company	34067	East Croydon-Worthing-Chichester-Bath-Bristol TM and return	
		29th September	
Hertfordshire Railtours	tbc	London KX-Peterborough-Durham-Newcastle and return	
Hertfordshire (MM)	Class 31	Minehead-Taunton-Kensington Olympia-Canterbury West and rtn	
Past Time Rail	6201	(Gloucester-Penzance)-Taunton-(and return)	**Cancelled**
Pathfinder Tours	2xEWS Cl37	Worcester SH-Shrewsbury-Chester-Carnforth-Cumbrian Coast-Carlisle-Shap-Carnforth & return	
Railway Touring Company	60019 or 6201	London KX-Peterborough-York (break/rev) and return	
Steam Dreams	34067	London (tba)-Gloucester and return	
Steamy Affairs	2xCR Cl47	Colchester-Shenfield-Romford-Stratford-Oxenholme and return	
Vintage Trains	4965	Tyseley Warwick Road-P'boro-Wansford and return	**Cancelled**
		5th October	
Railway Touring Company	40145/55022	London KX-Perth (55022)-Inverness (40145)	
		6th October	
Kingfisher Railtours	tbc	(Derby)--Folkestone Harbour-Canterbury and return	**Postponed**
NENTA Traintours	tbc	Norwich-Stowmarket-Peterborough-Oxenholme-Carlisle and return	
NYMR	D7628	Pickering-Whitby-Battersby-Grosmont-Goathland-Grosmont-Whitby-Grosmont-Pickering	
Past Time Rail	76079 & 34067	(Worcester SH-Wolves-)Shrewsbury-Craven Arms-Llandrindrod Wells-Newport(-Hereford-Shrewsbury & return)	
PMR Tours	6233	Derby-Nottingham-Grantham-London KX and return	
Railway Touring Company	40145 & 50049	Inverness-Kyle of Lochalsh-Inverness	
SRPS	tbc	Dundee-Kirkcaldy-Dalmeny-Linlithgow-Oban and return	
Vintage Trains	Tyseley Cl 47	Tyseley Warwick Road-Nuneaton-Market Harborough-Kettering-Luton-Barking-Southend Central-(MV Waverley for Thames cruise)-West Hampstead Thameslink-Market Harborough-Tyseley Warwick Road	

Key to tour listings:

BLACK Charters expected to operate as booked.
GREEN Tours postponed to a future date by the operator
MM Merrymaker from Hertfordshire Rail Tours
RED Tours cancelled by the operator
WCRC West Coast Railway Company

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

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

Useful Weblinks

- Online railtour listings
- Tour operators contact details
- Current fire-risk status info
- Email the railtours editor

The Week Ahead

Pathfinder leads the way this weekend with its 'Lakeland Coast', featuring a pair of EWS Class 37s from Worcester Shrub Hill to Carlisle. Outward, the train runs via Shrewsbury, Chester and the scenic Cumbrian Coast to Carlisle. For good measure the return is via Shap.

Hertfordshire operate two trains on 29 September, the first being a Pullman working from London King's Cross to Durham, the second a 'Merrymaker' from Minehead to Kensington Olympia and Canterbury which is scheduled for Class 31 haulage. Steamy Affairs head for Oxenholme in the last of their series of trains featuring Lake District attractions. This train originates at Colchester and a pair of Cotswold Class 47's should be the traction.

There are two steam charters, the first for Steam Dreams featuring No. 34067 *Tangmere* from London Victoria via Kensington Olympia, Maidenhead and Reading to Gloucester via Kemble and Stroud. Traction for the Railway Touring Company's 'White Rose' from London King's Cross to York and back is still undecided and depends upon the availability of No. 60019 *Bittern*. No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* is on stand-by.

The following weekend sees the Railway Touring Company's 'Autumn Highlander' with English Electric traction throughout from King's Cross to Wick and Thurso, with a trip to Kyle of Lochalsh for good measure. 'Deltic' No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* is the traction from King's Cross through to Perth on 5th October, giving way to Class 40 No. 40145 for the remainder of the journey to Inverness. Next day the Class 40 is joined by Class 50 No. 50049 *Defiance* for an 'out and back' to Kyle of Lochalsh, with both locomotives again 'topping and tailing' north from Inverness to Wick and Thurso the following day. The Class 40/50 combination then returns the train south on 8th October, with No. 55022 taking over at Edinburgh. On 4th October, Hertfordshire also head north from King's Cross to Berwick-on-Tweed.

During it's layover period, *Royal Scots Grey* was booked for a SRPS charter from Dundee to Oban via both Tay and Forth Bridges. However, a gauging issue on the Oban line has precluded anything other than Class 37s on the route, even though members of the class have been to Oban before. It is understood that the tour will proceed, but with Class 37s instead. The Esk Valley Line plays host to the first mainline outing of the NYMR's Class 25 No. D7628 on 6th October. Also operating is a Vintage Train special from Tyseley to Southend Central for a cruise on-board the *PS Waverley*. Meanwhile, Nenta Traintours head for the borders from Norwich, setting down at Oxenholme and Carlisle. On the steam front, No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* has a PMR Charter from Derby, via Nottingham to King's Cross and Past Time has its re-dated charter from Worcester Shrub Hill with double-headed steam from Shrewsbury via Llandrindod Wells to Newport in the shape of Nos. 76079 and 34067 *Tangmere*.

Regular Steam Workings

Regular steam operations are now a familiar part of the railtour listings.

In Scotland, the **Jacobite** season operates on Mondays thru to Fridays until 12th October. Motive power is supplied by either LMS 'Black 5' No. 45407 or LNER 'K1' No. 62005. Further south, the North Yorkshire Moors Railway's through operation to **Whitby** continues on Sundays and Tuesdays to Thursdays. The next operation being 23rd September, then 25th-27th and finally the 29th and 30th September.

▲ *'Western' No. D1015* **Western Champion** *powers through Bewdley South Junction on the Severn Valley Railway with the VSOE 'British Pullman' stock. The working is an ECS move from Bewdley to Kidderminster for servicing, following arrival at Bewdley on a private charter from Victoria, which was steam hauled by Merchant Navy No. 35028* **Clan Line** *as far as Salisbury (see previous page).* **Justin Buckley**

▶ Tyseley's 'Hall' No. 4965 *Rood Ashton Hall*, which over the past 10 years has arguably been the most active of all the mainline certified locomotives, as well as being one of, if not the most, reliable is due to be withdrawn from traffic next year upon the expiry of its boiler certificate. Vintage Trains plans to commemorate the event with a '4965 Adieu' tour from Birmingham Snow Hill to Didcot, returning via Cheltenham, Worcester and Old Hill, which was the itinerary of the loco's first mainline outing. However, Tyseley is at pains to point out that No. 4965 will be back!

▶ Pathfinder has announced three more Heritage traction tours commencing with a pair of Class 37s (perhaps not heritage, but certainly old enough to qualify) on 24th November from Swindon to Leeds, travelling via the Welsh Marches, the WCML and the 'Little North Western' line from Carnforth to Settle Junction. On 8th December the company schedule Class 50 haulage from Salisbury, via Southampton and Woking to Lincoln for the Christmas Fayre. Finally, No. D1015 *Western Champion* returns to old (and new) haunts on 22nd December from London Paddington via Reading and Swindon, firstly to Whatley Quarry followed by a trip around the Avonmouth Loop before returning to London.

▶ Currently, No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* is on standby to cover for *Bittern* on the Railway Touring Company's 29th September King's Cross to York and return 'White Rose' charter.

'Talisman' tour postponed after *Bittern* problems

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust's 'Talisman' charter, booked for 22 September, has been postponed due to the non-availability of No. 60019 *Bittern*.

A new date has yet to be announced as the locomotive suffered middle big-end problems while undergoing a mainline test run on 7th September and was taken off the train at Bristol.

Reports indicate that the problem is not serious, with lack of lubrication a potential cause, and rectification is not expected to be a lengthy process.

However, No. 60019 will still need to successfully complete its mainline certification process before being available for its booked mainline work.

Gauging issues continue as Oban is restricted to '37s'

The Scottish Railway Preservation Society has encountered problems with one of its forthcoming charters.

On 6th October, the society was due to run a tour from Dundee to Oban via both Tay and Forth Bridges using recently repaired 'Deltic' No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey*.

However, the tour now looks likely to be in the hands of Class 37 locomotives after Network Rail banned the use of the 'Deltic' due to weight restrictions on a bridge on the branch from Crianlarich to Oban. Despite the appearance of the class at Oban previously, it is believed to be the same bridge which has denied both Class 47's and Class 50's to Oban on other occasions. The tour will operate, but most likely with WCRC Class 37 traction.

▼ *In the bright early morning sunshine of 15th September, EWS Class 67 No.67012 speeds south through Northway, near Cheltenham, with Past-Time Rail's 'The Welsh Marches Express', en route from Birmingham to Bristol Temple Meads, where Princess Royal class Pacific No. 6201* **Princess Elizabeth** *was due to take over.* **John Stretton**

'Queen of Scots' Pullman visits the North West

▲ *The 'Queen of Scots' historic Pullman train had a rare outing on 14th September, when the set was used for a one-off charter from Kensington Olympia to Chester. Operated by Virgin Trains, haulage was provided by a pair of specially prepared Class 57/3 locomotives, Nos. 57315* **The Mole** *and 57316* **FAB 1**. *The train is pictured arriving at Chester, having worked north via the West Coast Main Line.* **Tom McAtee**

▼ *The return working gave a late-evening arrival at Kensington Olympia, where Class 57/3 No. 57316* **FAB 1** *is pictured.* **Chris Holt**

▲ *Past Time Rail operated a joint tour with Mark Elderkin on 15th September featuring WCRC Class 37 No. 37248 and Class 40 No. 40145, taking in several branches and termini including Buxton, Peak Forest, Bradford Interchange and Morecambe! Here the 'Whistler' powers over Copy Pit heading for Morecombe, having reversed at Bradford.* **Kevin Truby**

▶ *On the Buxton - Leeds leg of the tour, No. 40145 leans into the curve at Earles.* **Tom Mcatee**

▼ *The train leaves the Peak Forest line behind as No. 40145 negotiates Chinley East Junction, bound for Leeds via Sheffield. WCRC No. 37248 led the train from Leeds to Bradford, where the '40' once again took over for the next section to Morecambe.* **Steve Philpott**

▲ *On 19th September, Cotswold Rail-operated Class 47/4 No. 47813* **John Peel** *enters Elford loop with a late-running PGA wagon move from Coalville Mantle Lane to Gloucester Yard.* **Bob Gibson**

◀ *Riveria Trains-owned Class 47/4 No. 47815* **Great Western** *passes Totnes on 17th September with the 11.30 Laira TMD - Derby Litchurch Lane First GBRf move, conveying a further six Mk3 trailers for refurbishment.* **Phil Bellamy**

▼ *WCRC Class 47 No. 47851* **Traction Magazine**, *still in two-tone green livery, passes through Great Wishford in the Wylye Valley with the 'The Bath & Salisbury Venturer' running from Wakefield to Salisbury on 15th September.* **Richard Sulzmann**

▲ *Virgin Trains currently lease a Class 57/3 locomotive to Colas Rail, previously Amec Spie Rail, for use on the timber traffic from Carlisle to the paper mill at Chirk. On 10th September, No. 57310 Kyrano passes Dillicar with the 13.27 Carlisle - Chirk timber train, comprising bogie CargoWaggon flats.* **Mark Bearton**

▼ *A shortage of motive power in mid-September led to Freightliner Intermodal hiring a Class 66/4 from Direct Rail Services for two days. No. 66414 leads a Southampton Martime to Ditton intermodal service near Basingstoke, on the line north to Reading on 14th September. A few days later, the loco was working for Victa Westlink Rail!* **Chris Wilson**

▲ *Operational problems for Great North Eastern Railway on 13th September led to Class 91 No. 91110* David Livingstone *assisting Class 43 powercar No. 43306* Fountains Abbey *on the 15.30 King's Cross - Edinburgh throughout. With defective power car No. 43310 on the rear, the train crosses Welwyn Viaduct as it heads north.* **Paul Townsend**

▼ *Engineering work on the electrified route means that Virgin West Coast Pendolino services out of Liverpool Lime Street at weekends are currently being dragged via Manchester. On 15th September, Class 57/3 No. 57315* The Mole *passes through Warrington with the 16.47 Liverpool Lime Street -London Euston service, which it worked as far as Crewe.* **Mark Enderby**

Night Shift at Tanfield

◀ *During a night photographic session on the Tanfield Railway on 14th September, Robert Stephenson & Hawthorne (RSH) 0-6-0ST NCB Backworth Colliery No.49 is pictured blowing off outside the shed. The wagons in the background adding to the atmosphere.*

▲ *GWR 0-6-0ST No.813, running as Backworth Colliery No.12, minus safety valve cover and GWR numberplates during its visit to the Tanfield Railway is seen at Marley Hill engine shed during the 'Legends of Industry' Gala on 14th September.*

▼ *Hudswell Clarke 0-6-0ST Renishaw Ironworks No.6 stands in front of Robert Stephenson & Co 0-6-0T Twizell, while an Andrew Barclay 0-4-0T is dismantled for overhaul in front of an RSH 'Austerity' 0-6-0ST No. 38 at Marley Hill shed.* **All: Nick Wise**

Successful gala for Spa Valley

The stars of the Spa Valley Railway's 'Main Line Gala' held on 15th/16th September were Great Western 0-6-2T No. 6695 from the Swanage Railway and Dennis Howell's 0-6-0 'Pannier' No. 9466.

No. 6695 arrived several days before the event, with the 9400 Class being delivered the day before. This was the first occasion that two GWR design locomotives had worked together on the line.

The event featured five engines from the 1950s and 1960s period covering the steam to diesel changeover years. As well as the GWR locos, LMS 'Jinty' No. 47493, Class 25 No. D7612 and Class 73 No. E6047 were all in service.

All profits from the event were channelled into the railway's £500,000 'Return to Eridge' appeal. The line has recently received a donation of over 100 tons of ballast, delivered courtesy of Gramm-Interlink Rail and the railway is hoping that the target amount can be reduced by companies donating materials or services to the appeal.

◀ ***GWR 5600 Class 0-6-2T No. 6695 is shown in action on the Spa Valley Railway on 16th September.***
Jon Nye

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▲ *BR Standard Class 5MT 4-6-0 No.73096 climbs from Ropley on 15th September with a mixed goods, while on a Matt Allen/Warwick Falconer organised charter. The 07.00 start paid dividends for the assembled photographers, by catching perfect early morning sun.* **Paul Pettitt**

▼ *The frequently unseen side of steam preservation. Two members of the Churnet Valley shed team remove the superheater tubes from USATC S160 Class 2-8-0 No. 5197 at Cheddleton. New tubes were fitted to the locomotive a few days later.* **David Gibson**

▶ The Mid Hants Railway Autumn Steam Gala on 21st-23rd September, has special guest 'Schools' Class No. 30926 *Repton* from the NYMR starring alongside Southern Pacifics Nos. 34007 *Wadebridge*, 34016 *Bodmin* and 35005 *Canadian Pacific*, together with Ivatt 2-6-2T No. 41241 and BR Standard 5MT 4-6-0 No. 73096.

▶ Following the mainline failure of SR 4-6-0 No. 850 *Lord Nelson* at Westbury on 8th July while working 'The Southern Sunset' mainline tour, a meeting was held at Eastleigh on 17th September, where the Eastleigh Railway Preservation Society and the National Railway Museum agreed a plan of action for the repairs. The locomotive was taken out of service with the discovery of two rows of broken stays adjacent to the crown. A thorough investigation into the cause of the problem will be carried out, including an examination of the paperwork and historic records, followed by a physical inspection of the boiler itself in order to assess what will be required to get the locomotive back into service

Because this work will take some months to carry out, it has been agreed that *Lord Nelson* will move to the National Railway Museum, where it can be seen by the public while the necessary research is taking place.

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Diary

The editor welcomes details of forthcoming events, talks, slide shows, conferences, model railway exhibitions and club meetings for inclusion within this section.

Details should be sent via email to ***editor@railwayherald.co.uk*** and should include a brief outline of the event, including the speakers name if appropriate, date, time and location, together with contact details (either telephone, web or email). *Railway Herald* cannot accept any responsibility for any inaccuracies or events which are amended, cancelled or postponed. Information, such as advance programmes and club meeting line-ups can also be sent through the post to the editorial address.

21st September 2007
Locomotive Club of Great Britain, Central London Branch
Main Hall, Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street. "Rails into London", 8mm and 16mm film show by Dave Baker Starts 19.15, Donation of £2.

Scarborough Railway Society
Public Library, Vernon Road, Scarborough. '45 Steamy Years' by John Whiteley. Starts 19.30. Visitors welcome

21st-23rd September 2007
Severn Valley Railway
Autumn Steam Gala - services operating between Kidderminster and Bewdley only - visiting engines, special timetable and special fares apply. Mainline shuttles from Birmingham Snow Hill

Mid Hants Railway
Steam Gala Weekend

22nd September 2007
East Lancashire Railway
Diesel Running Day - Warship No. D832 in operation

Barry Island Railway
DMU Running Day

22nd-23rd September 2007
Bodmin & Wenford Railway
Diesel Gala Weekend featuring 37142, 47306, 50042 and Class 108 DMU.

Locomotion
Steam Gala Weekend - B1 1306 *Mayflower*, Terrier 662 and 0-6-0ST 813 visiting the museum

Mid Norfolk Railway
Autumn Diesel Gala

Peak Rail
Diesel Gala Weekend.

23rd September 2007
East Lancashire Railway
Diesel Running Day - Warship No. D832 in operation

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway
Transport Nostalgia Days

Yeovil Railway Centre
Steam running day. Cuneo Fine Arts attending as well.

27th September 2007
RCTS (Sussex Branch)
Brighthelm Church & Community Centre, North Road, Brighton. "Sunset of Indian Steam" by Lawrie Marshall. Start 7.30pm. Donation of £1.50 is requested

28th-29th September 2007
Great Central Railway
Real Ale Festival

28th-30th September 2007
North Yorkshire Moors Railway
Autumn Steam Gala - including Battersby Bash on 30th September. Special Fares Apply. Adults £18, Children £9. Additional fares/ tickets available for Esk Valley operations.

29th September 2007
Dean Forest Railway
Diesel Running Day

East Lancashire Railway
Diesel Running Day - Class 20 No. 20087 in operation

Locomotion
Diesel Driver Experience wih NS663. Charge of £3.

National Tramway Museum
Enthusiasts Day - behind-the-scenes tours and works cars in action.

29th-30th September 2007
Boness & Kinneil Railway
Diesel Gala Weekend.

Churnet Valley Railway
DMU Gala Weekend

Dartmoor Railway
Autumn Diesel Gala Weekend

Didcot Railway Centre
Artists & Modellers Weekend. Includes signalling operating days and TPO demonstrations.

Nene Valley Railway
1940s Weekend

30th September 2007
East Lancashire Railway
Diesel Running Day - Class 20 No. 20087 in operation

Midland Railway - Butterley
Diesel & Steam Weekend

1st October 2007
Stafford Railway Society
St. Leonard's Sport & Social Club, St. Leonard's Avenue, Stafford. "Preston to Carlisle 1962-2007 (Steam, Diesels, Electrics & Specials)" by Peter Fitton. Starts 19.30, Adults £2, Concessions £1.

2nd October 2007
Great Western Society (Bristol Group)
Room 7, BAWA. 589 Southmead Road, Filton, BRISTOL, BS34 7RG. Contact: 0117 987 3244. "Dominion Dimensions' talk by Terry McCarthy. Starts 19.30 for 19.45. Non-members welcome.

North Wales Railway Circle
Railway Institute, Euston Road, Bangor (above the Post Office, Sorting Office. "West Coast Electrification - story of the great project." Starts 19.30, Entrance fee £1.50.

4th-7th October 2007
West Somerset Railway
Autumn Steam Gala.

5th October 2007
Scarborough Railway Society
Public Library, Vernon Road, Scarborough. 'Out and About in the 1960s' from the Norman Skinner Collection by David Tyreman. Starts 19.30. Visitors welcome

5th-7th October 2007
Manchester Model Railway Society
New Century Hall, Corporation Street, Manchester. Model Railway Exhibition. Over 20 layouts and around 26 trade stands. Friday 17.00-21.00, Saturday 10.00-18.00 and Sunday 10.00-17.00, Adults £6, Children £3, Concessions £5, Family (2 Adults+2 Children) £15.

Nene Valley Railway
Autumn Diesel Gala

6th October 2007
North Yorkshire Moors Railway
Class 25 No. D7628 operating between Whitby and Battersby Junction. Pickering (0845) - Whitby (1020-1030), Battersby (1206-1224), Whitby (1340-1405), Goathland (1445-1630), Whitby (1710-1740) - Pickering (1910). Fare £30 - book through Rail Express magazine via phone on 01780 470086.

Great Central Railway
Class 31 Golden Jubilee event - D5830 in action.

Leighton Buzzard Railway
Steam Gala - Night Photography

Ribble Steam Railway
Diesel running day.

Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway
Double header day.

6th-7th October 2007
East Lancashire Railway
Thomas the Tank Engine : Diesel Running Day - Class 47 No. 47402

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway
Final running days of No. 37219 at the railway.

Kent & East Sussex Railway
Folk Festival.

7th October 2007
D. J. Fairs Ltd
Doncaster Racecourse, Doncaster. Toy & Train Fair. 10.30-15.30. Adults £3, Children £1.

East Anglia Railway Museum
Steam Running Day.

West Lancashire Light Railway
Autumn Steam Gala

8th October 2007
York Railway Circle
Archbishop Holgate's School, Drama Studio, Hull Road, York. 'NRM Support Crew Memories, 1970-1990' by Rob Tibbits. Starts 19.30. Membership available. Non-Members £2

11th October 2007
The Model Railway Club
Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London. N1 9DA. "The Development of the APT" an illustrated talk by Kit Spackman, the Development Engineer of the gas-turbine APT.

12th-13th October 2007
Severn Valley Railway
Diesel Gala - visiting engines between Kidderminster and Bewdley. Proposed shuttle service to Northwood Lane using shunters - special fares apply.

12th-14th October 2007
Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
Autumn Steam Gala. 3802 visiting the line.

North Yorkshire Moors Railway
Wartime Weekend. Special Fares Apply - Adults £18, Children £9

13th October 2007
East Lancashire Railway
Diesel Running Day - Class 40 No. D335 in operation

13th-14th October 2007
Bodmin & Wenford Railway
Branch Line Weekend

Boness & Kinneil Railway
Caledonian Railway Celebration.

Foxfield Railway
Harvest of Steam event.

13th-14th October 2007 cont...
Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway
Autumn Steam and Vintage Rally

Great Central Railway
Steam Gala Weekend - 5643 and 45110 visiting.

14th October 2007
Severn Valley Railway
Classic car and bike day.

15th October 2007
Stafford Railway Society
St. Leonard's Sport & Social Club, St. Leonard's Avenue, Stafford. "The Percy Mosley Collection" part 1 (Digital images from the WWII period) by Robin Mathems. Starts 19.30, Adults £2, Concessions £1.

16th October 2007
North Wales Railway Circle
Railway Institute, Euston Road, Bangor (above the Post Office, Sorting Office. "More Historic Rail Colour Slides." by Norman Foster (Chairman of RPS Ireland) Starts 19.30, Entrance fee £1.50.

Peak Rail Association (Chesterfield Branch)
Upstairs function room, New Inn, 229 Mansfield Road, Hasland. "British Transport Films on a theme of infrastructure" by Nick Wheat. Start 7.30pm. Administion free, donations encouraged.

19th October 2007
Scarborough Railway Society
Public Library, Vernon Road, Scarborough. 'A passion for steam - journey from Abergavenny to Merthyr Tydfil' by David Edge Starts 19.30. Visitors welcome

19th-21st October 2007
Bluebell Railway
Giants of Steam Gala Weekend - last steaming for Stepney

21st October 2007
Locomotive Club of Great Britain, Central London Branch
Main Hall, Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street. "AGM plus themed Members slides - Railways by the sea and Trains in the Mountains". Starts 19.15 - *LCGB Members only BEFORE 20.00*
Donation of £2.

D. J. Fairs Ltd
National Exhibition Cente, Birminghham Toy & Train Fair. 10.30-16.00. Adults £5, Children £2.

20th October 2007
East Lancashire Railway
Diesel Running Day - Class 45 No. 45135 in operation

Julie & John Webb Toy Fairs
The International Hall, Brentwood Centre, Brentwood.

20th-21st October 2007
Spa Valley Railway
Autumn Diesel Gala

21st October 2007
Avon Valley Railway
Steam Operating Day - S&DJR 7F No. 53809 in operation

23rd October 2007
Avon Valley Railway
Steam Operating Day - S&DJR 7F No. 53809 in operation

24th October 2007
Avon Valley Railway
Steam Operating Day - S&DJR 7F No. 53809 in operation

Didcot Railway Centre
Didcot Half-Term Steamday.

25th October 2007
Avon Valley Railway
Steam Operating Day - S&DJR 7F No. 53809 in operation

RCTS (Sussex Branch)
Brighthelm Church & Community Centre, North Road, Brighton. "BR in the 1960s" by Hugh Gould. Start 7.30pm. Donation of £1.50 is requested

26th-28th October 2007
Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
Beer & Music Festival

27th October 2007
Bodmin & Wenford Railway
Diesel Running Day - 37142.

27th-28th October 2007
East Lancashire Railway
Autumn Steam Event with steam nightrider

Seaton Tramway
End of season gala weekend

West Somerset Railway
Diesel and Steam weekend.

28th October 2007
Avon Valley Railway
Steam Operating Day - S&DJR 7F No. 53809 in operation

D. J. Fairs Ltd
Exeter Westpoint Exhibition Centre. Toy & Train Fair. 10.30-15.30. Adults £3, Children £1.

East Anglia Railway Museum
Steam Running Day.

Julie & John Webb Toy Fairs
The Charter Hall (part of Colchester Leisure World), Cowdray Avenue, Colchester

29th October 2007
Stafford Railway Society
St. Leonard's Sport & Social Club, St. Leonard's Avenue, Stafford. "Long ago and far away" (steam from the Basil Roberts collection), presented by Richard Pelham. Starts 19.30, Adults £2, Concessions £1.

1st Noveber 2007
RCTS (Milton Keynes)
CIU Workingmen's Club, London Road, Stoney Stratford. "My Life and Times on the Railway" by Julian Worth. Start 7.30pm.

2nd Noveber 2007
RCTS (Bristol)
St. Peters Church Hall, Church Road, Filton. "Rails to Infinity" by Terry Nicholls. Start 7.30pm.

Scarborough Railway Society
Public Library, Vernon Road, Scarborough. 'Does S&T sometimes mean Signal & Telepathy' by David Mclean Starts 19.30. Visitors welcome

3rd November 2007
East Lancashire Railway
Diesel Running Day - Class 55 No. 55022 in operation on the diesel diagram.

South Devon Railway
Autumn Diesel Gala.

Railfuture (E Anglian Branch)
National Rail Users Conference, The Maltings, Ely. 10.45-17.00 Members £10, Non-members £12.50. Speakers include Bob Breakwell Director, First Great Western, Dave Wetzel Vice Chairman, Transport for London and Guy Dangerfield, Passenger Focus. Booking forms available from http://www.railfuture.org.uk

3rd-4th November 2007
Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway
Diesel Gala Weekend

4th November 2007
D. J. Fairs Ltd
Donnington Park Exhibition Centre.. Toy & Train Fair. 10.30-15.30. Adults £3, Children £1.

RCTS (West Riding Branch)
Minibus trip to Crewe Basford Hall. Non-members welcome if seats are available - contact Mr. M. Riley (01274) 589488 for details - £5 charge for charity

5th November 2007
Stafford Railway Society
St. Leonard's Sport & Social Club, St. Leonard's Avenue, Stafford. "30 Years of BR Steam 1938-1968" PLUS pre-preservation days on the SVR by Clive Smith. Starts 19.30, Adults £2, Concessions £1.

Internet Links
Click on the name of the group or society to visit their website.
- Bassetlaw (Nth Notts) Rly Society
- Great Western Society (Bristol)
- Locomotive Club of Great Britain
- Manchester Model Railway Society
- North Wales Railway Circle
- RCTS
- Stafford Railway Society

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