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Editorial

Welcome to Issue 102, a smaller, more compact edition than normal, as a result of editorial holiday.

Rather than leaving readers an entire fortnight without *Railway Herald*, we hope that this smaller than usual edition will keep you up-to-date with news and events occurring around the country.

Next week's Issue 103 will be back to normal and will provide a deeper in-depth coverage of both weeks. Our next issue will also carry the final part of our Newdesk Xtra coverage of the HST fleet.

Richard Tuplin
Editor

Front Cover

Colas Rail Class 47/7s Nos. 47727 Rebecca and 47749 Demelza power past the traffic at Aller, near Newton Abbott, with a test run from the Exeter stabling point to Plymouth. **Robert Sherwood**

Rear Cover

EWS Class 66 No. 66086 reverses into MoD Ashchurch with a late running Didcot - Ashchurch train on 24th September. The service had previously needed to run-round at Worcester. **Brian Cherrison**

Submissions

We welcome submissions from all readers, especially digital photographs. Pictures should be sent to the editor at editor@railwayherald.co.uk

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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

First Grand Central HST powercar ready

▲ ***The first powercar for Grand Central's new Sunderland - London service, Class 43 No. 43067, left Plymouth Devonport on 22nd September, bound for Newcastle Heaton.*** **Steve Andrews**

EWS Class 56 returns to the mainline ... briefly!

▲ ***BR blue-liveried Class 56 No. 56006 made a brief return to the mainline on 20th September, albeit not under its own power. The locomotive was moved from Barrow Hill to Worksop in preparation for a further movement from Worksop to Ratcliffe Power Station, where it was displayed at a recent open day along with several other exhibits. Here No. 56006 heads for Worksop Yard behind Class 66 No. 66220 as it passes Shireoaks West Junction.*** **Chris Booth**

Trains all ways at Exeter!

▶ ***One vehicle of First Great Western's Class 150/2 No. 150248 is carefully manoeuvred across the level crossing at the north-end of Exeter St Davids on 26th September, en route to Bristol St Phillips Marsh Depot.*** **Roger Austin**

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▲ *Class 158/0 No. 158761 is pictured in the works yard of Wabtec Rail at Doncaster on 26th September.*

First Great Western launch 'refreshed' Class 158

First Great Western unveiled the new look to its West Country Regional Fleet at Wabtec Rail in Doncaster on 26th September.

The refurbish and upgrade of the Class 158s is part of an £11 million investment in FGW local services and includes a major engineering overhaul, new interiors and a new livery. The sets have undergone various modifications to improve performance and reliability, as well as providing a better environment for both passengers and staff.

Safety on board the train has been developed with £1 million being spent on installing Close Circuit Television to improve passenger and staff security, with laminated glass also being introduced as an additional safety measure.

A total of 21 Class 158 DMUs will pass through Wabtec, as well as the 11 single car Class 153s, the latter of which will be dealt with at Eastleigh - see separate story. FGW's 17 Class 150 and eight Class 143 units are being dealt with by Pullman Group in Cardiff.

The budget for the interior improvements is £4 million and the key features of the new look trains include a new lilac and blue colour scheme, new toilets and lighting together with new floor coverings and re-upholstered seats. On the Class 158s, the seating has been re-configured to allow a turning circle for wheelchairs and new tables have replaced the old ones.

The new exterior livery for the units is a variation of First Great Western's corporate 'Dynamic Lines' branding, with names of villages, beauty spots, tourist attractions, pubs and even schools forming the images on the side of the carriages, which were suggested as part of a competition.

▲ *The interior seating layout, with new style lighting and refurbished seating in Class 158 No. 158761.*

▼ *The attractive seating, together with the 'Dynamic Lines' in the moquette, which is now used on the trains.*

▼ *The new version of the 'dynamic lines' livery for local services.* **All: Richard Tuplin**

▶ Northern Rail is to invest £80,000 in refurbishing Rochdale station. The work follows a recent 'meet the manager' session where passengers and staff could voice their opinions. A variety of work will be undertaken including replacing the doors between the ticket hall and platforms, provision of new signage and redecoration. Local security patrols will also visit the station. The work is scheduled for completion next month.

▶ Imerys and EWS Network have signed a new five-year contract for the haulage of china clay from Cornwall to locations across the UK. EWS says that the contract discussions had a central environmental remit where both Imerys and EWS Network worked on the objective to maximise volumes moved by rail rather than road and, in doing so, reduced carbon emissions for the haulage of china clay. As a result there will be a 'significant' increase in the amount of china clay moved by rail and also through the provision of longer trains. The new contract will be implemented in phases during the autumn, with the final phase being completed early next year.

▶ Wabtec Rail have announced plans to take over the workshops at Eastleigh Works in a move the company describes as the creation of 'Doncaster South'. The company now undertake a significant amount of work for train operating companies in the south and the creation of Wabtec at Eastleigh is intended to allow the company to become more competitive and reduce the amount of empty stock movements.

▶ Although no comment was available from either company as *Railway Herald* went to press, it is understood that an agreement has been reached between Hull Trains and Cargo-D for the use of the Mk3 stock on certain services between London King's Cross and Hull. The company has been operating its service with three Class 222 'Pioneer' sets since the maintenance accident with the fourth set at Crofton. Although a range of options have been looked at nothing has yet come to fruition. The key problem over replacement stock is the top speed. The Class 222s work on paths timed for 125mph running on the East Coast Main Line and any replacement stock would need to be able to achieve near to this in order to keep to the advertised timetable.

The Week Ahead

The big event over 5th and 6th October has to be Railway Touring Company's 'Autumn Highlander' which is scheduled to feature English Electric traction throughout from London King's Cross to Wick and Thurso, with a wander down to Kyle of Lochalsh for good measure.

Deltic No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* is the nominated traction from Kings Cross through to Perth on Friday 5th October, giving way to Class 40 No. 40145 *East Lancashire Railway* 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 and Class 50 combination then returns the train south on 8th October, giving way to No. 55022 again at Edinburgh.

Earlier, on 4th October Hertfordshire Rail Tours also head north from London King's Cross to Berwick-on-Tweed (for Lindisfarne).

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 much smaller structure on the Oban line, which in the past has precluded everything other than Class 37's, looked as if it would preclude use of the Class 55, even though members of the class have been to Oban before. However, *Railway Herald* understands that the tour will now proceed with *Royal Scots Grey* at the helm.

Another notable mainline diesel happening takes place on the Esk Valley Line with the first outing of the NYMR's Class 25 No. D7628. It is booked to operate on 6th October from Pickering through to Whitby, where a run-round will take place before heading to Battersby, the limit of the NYMR jurisdiction on the branch. The train returns to Whitby, prior to hauling a shuttle to Goathland, before heading the final working back to Pickering from Whitby. For more information contact *Rail Express* magazine on 01780 470086.

Also operating is a Vintage Train special from Tyseley to Southend Central, where passengers board the *PS Waverley* for a Thames cruise, before rejoining the train at West Hampstead Thameslink. Beware, Vintage Trains warn there is an amount of walking involved! Meanwhile Nenta Traintours head for the borders from Norwich, setting down at Oxenholme and Carlisle.

On the steam front, No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* heads deep into LNER territory with a PMR Charter from Derby, via Nottingham and Grantham to London King's Cross, with the 'Duchess' working the train throughout. Meanwhile Past Time operates 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 the 29th and 30th September. In October, the service is limited to 7th, 12th-14th, 21st and 23rd-28th, excluding the 26th. The 12th-14th October being one of the railway's busiest weekends of the year as the line goes back to Wartime in 1943.

▲ ***Class 40 No. 40145* East Lancashire Railway *stands at Elgin, during a brief-stop on the return leg of SRPS Railtour's Linlithgow to Inverness trip.*** **Garry Sparks**

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.

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-Kettering-Southend Central-(Thames cruise)-West Hampstead TL--Tyseley WR
7th October		
Railway Touring Company	40145 & 50049	Inverness-Wick-Thurso-Inverness
Steam Dreams	30777	London-Woking-Salisbury (pu/sd)-Exeter and return **Cancelled**
8th October		
Railway Touring Company	40145, 50049	Inverness-Perth (40145/50049) Perth-King's Cross (50049/55022)
13th October		
Heartland Rail	2xCR Cl47	Bristol TM-Yate-Cam & Dursley-Wensleydale and return
Kingfisher Railtours	6201	(Eastleigh-Salisbury-Warminster-Westbury-Bath Spa-Bristol TM)-Bristol TM-Hereford-Shrewsbury-Hereford-Bristol TM (and return)
Vintage Trains	VT47 & 48151	'Lakes Explorer': (Tyseley Warwick Road-Birmingham NS-Crewe-Carnforth)-Ravenglass-Carnforth (and return)
17th October		
Past Time Rail	6201	(London Euston-Crewe)-Carlisle-(and return) **Postponed**

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

Colas Rail 'Type 4s' work into Devon

▲ *Following a series of test runs, the two Colas Rail Class 47/7s, with No. 47727* **Rebecca** *nearest the camera, are pictured stabled at Exeter on 26th September.* **Phil Belamy**

▼ *Having worked from Taunton through to Plymouth, Nos. 47749* **Demelza** *leads No. 47727* **Rebecca** *along the seawall at Langstone Rock, Dawlish, destined for Taunton. When the Colas Rail operated RHTT trains for Network Rail commence, the pair will be based at Par in Cornwall.* **Nathan Williamson**

Locomotives lending a hand!

▲ *Following a problem on the booked Class 325 EMU, First GBRf's Class 87 No. 87028* **Lord President** *was used to work a Sheildmuir to Warrington postal service on 14th September. Here the train is pictured passing Winwick Junction, approaching the Royal Mail terminal at Warrington.* **Mark Enderby**

▼ *Riviera Train's large-logo blue liveried Class 47/4 No. 47847, previously named* **Brian Morrison/Railway World Magazine**, *was used by First GBRf on 24th September to power a First Great Western stock move, conveying HST Mk3 trailers for refurbishment. The locomotive is seen at the head of the 11.30 Plymouth Laira to Derby Litchurch Lane move, while climbing the Lickey Incline at Vigo.* **Roger Cutts**

West Coast Main Line drags

▲ *Following completion of its engine repairs, privately-owned Class 55 No. 55022* **Royal Scots Grey** *worked light engine from Barrow Hill to the East Lancashire Railway, to collect several locomotives returning to the Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway. With a true motive power variety of Class 26 No. 26010, Class 37 No. 37175, Class 20 No. D8020 and Class 40 No. 40145 in tow, the 'Deltic' powers through Beckfoot on the West Coast Main Line, bound for Bo'ness. The CFPS Class 40 had been attached at Carnforth and was heading north for railtour duty.* **Kevin Truby**

▼ *Engineering work overnight has resulted in the Scottish sleepers being diverted between Crewe and Preston, via Manchester, on some Sundays. Due to a Class 67 not being able to produce enough ETS supply for the train of 16 coaches, the solution has been to attach one Class 67 at the head of the dead Class 90 to supply the front eight coaches, and a second Class 67 at the rear of the train to supply the rear eight coaches. Providing the motive power for the whole ensemble is a Class 60! Here No. 60034* **Carnedd Llewelyn** *is seen on arrival at Preston station with Class 67 No. 67014, Class 90 No. 90028 16 vehicles and Class 67 No. 67016 at the rear!* **Ian Tunstall**

Preservation View

▲ *During its first visit in preservation to the Mid-Hants Railway, Southern Railway 'Schools' class No. 30926* **Repton** *passes North Street, Ropley, with the 14.20 Alresford to Alton service on 22nd September.* **James Mayl**

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Total of twelve locos in steam for WSR Gala

The West Somerset Railway has confirmed a final two visitors to its Autumn Steam Gala, due to be held from 4-7 October.

GWR 'City' 4-4-0 No. 3440 *City of Truro* (courtesy of the National Railway Museum) and 2884 Class 2-8-0 No. 3802 (courtesy of the Llangollen Railway) will be the final additions to the line-up, which will feature no less than twelve locomotives from the 'Big Four' in traffic over the weekend and have in part come about because of the failure and withdrawal from the gala of West Country Pacific No. 34046 *Braunton*. The visit of No. 3802 will provide the sight of two ex-Great Western Railway 2-8-0 'Heavy Freight' locomotives in steam together on the same line for the first time in several years.

As a result of this announcement, the full lineup of traction now features: 1400 Class 0-4-2T No. 1450, 'City' 4-4-0 No. 3440 *City of Truro*, 2884 Class 2-8-0 Nos. 3802 and 3850, 5600 Class 0-6-2T No. 6619, Prairie's Nos. 4160 and 5553 and 9300 Class 2-6-0 No. 9351 all representing the Great Western Railway, '5MT' 2-6-0 No. 42968 and '4F' 0-6-0 No. 44422 representing the London, Midland & Scottish, '7F' 2-8-0 No. 88 from the Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway and finally 'Terrier' 0-6-0T No. 662 *Martello* from the London, Brighton & South Coast Railway. The industrial Peckett 0-4-0ST No. 1788 *Kilmersdon*, the last steam loco to work in a Somerset coalfield, will also be in steam providing shunting demonstrations at Washford during the event.

In addition, visitors to the Gala will be able to see several steam locomotives on display at Williton including SR 4-6-2 No 34046 *Braunton*, GWR 0-6-0PT No 6412 and GWR 0-6-2T No 6695, the latter arriving from the Swanage Railway for a contract repair this winter. Progress with the overhaul of BR(W) 'Manor' 4-6-0 No 7828 *Odney Manor* can also be viewed inside the workshop at Minehead.

Freight workings and the bash to Battersby!

The forthcoming weekend sees the North Yorkshire Moors Railway hold its annual Autumn Steam Gala event.

This year's gala weekend has an attractive locomotive line-up with visiting LNER 'K4' No. 61994 *The Great Marquess* and 'B1' No. 61264, LNWR 'Super D' No. 49395 and S&DJR 7F No. 53809 in action, alongside the home fleet of LNER 'A4' No. 60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley*, SR 'Schools' 4-4-0 No. 30926 *Repton* and BR Standard 4MTs No. 4-6-0 75029 and 2-6-4T No. 80135, plus NELPG's newly returned to steam 'Q6' No. 63395.

The event sees a variation to the normal programme with an early morning freight working from Goathland to Pickering, returning early evening and working between Pickering and Levisham during the day.

On the Sunday, the railway will host the 'Battersby Bash' bringing two steam hauled trains back to the Esk Valley Line for the first time since the end of steam. No. 61264 and 61994 are the allocated motive power, with departures from Whitby at 11.00, 12.35, 14.25, 16.05 and 17.40, the last of which will be direct to Pickering. Departures from Battersby will be at 10.59, 12.25, 14.15 and 15.50.

In a further move the railway will be holding an LNER week at the end of the month, which will feature the double-heading of 'K1' No. 62005 and 'K4' No. 61994 on the railway for the first time since the end of steam.

▶ The first solo run on the national network of the NYMR's Class 25 No. D7628 takes place on 6th October when the Type 2 heads 'The Rat Resurrection' on a Pickering - Whitby - Battersby - Goathland - Whitby - Pickering circuit. Tickets are available from *Rail Express* magazine in advance, priced at £30 Adults and £20 children. Phone 01780 470086. NYMR members and those with Rail Staff Travel (RST cards) can purchase tickets on the day for half-price. The trip starts from Pickering at 08.30 on 6th October.

▶ On 14th October, the Tanfield Railway in County Durham and the Bowes Railway in Tyne & Wear are holding a joint coal train event. The day willl feature demonstration coal trains on both lines in addition to normal passenger services. On the Tanfield Railway, coal trains will work between Andrews House and East Tanfield, with 0-6-0ST No. 49, 0-6-0ST *Renishaw Ironworks No.6* and 0-4-0ST *Sir Cecil A. Cochrane* will be in action, while on the Bowes line, the resident locomotives will be in steam, together with shunting in Springwell Yard and wagon rope haul demonstrations. Events on both lines commence at 10.00 and a discount is available to visitors producing a ticket for that day, from the other railway.

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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.

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 Rly
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

10th October 2007
Bromsgrove Railway Club
St. Godwalds Church Hall, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. 'Steam in the 1960s' by Michael Clements Arrive 19.15 for 19.45 start. New members welcome

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 October 2007
Altrincham Electric Railway Preservation Society
Altrincham Methodist Church Hall, Barrington Road, Altrincham. 'Preservation in South of England' by John Owen Start 19.30, Non-members £3.00

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 Rly
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.

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
Monmouthshire Railway Society
Room A28, UWCN, Allt-Yr-Yn Ave, Newport, Gwenty. 'Severn Tunnel Junction' a reflection in video, audio and slide of 20 years by Bryn Thomas. Starts 19.30, Non-members £3

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. Admission free, although a small donation is 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. Small donation requested.

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

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

Churnet Valley Railway
Ghost Train.

27th-28th October 2007
East Lancashire Railway
Autumn Steam Event & 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 November 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 November 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 (East 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.

RCTS (Port Sunlight)
The Lever Club, Greendale Road, Port Sunlight. "Online Transport Archives" by Charles Robert. Start 7.45pm.

6th November 2007
North Wales Railway Circle
Railway Institute, Euston Road, Bangor (above the Post Office, Sorting Office.) "Video show" by Brian Bollington Starts 19.30, Entrance fee £1.50.

RCTS (Watford)
St. Thomas's United Reformed Church, Langley Road. "Railway Archive Films" by Frank Banfield. Start 7.30pm.

7th November 2007
RCTS (Ipswich)
Castle Hill Community Centre (Room 3), Highfield Road, Ipswich. "Longmoor Military Railway and Shoeburyness Military Tramway" by Mike Walshaw. Start 7.30pm.

8th November 2007
RCTS (Newcastle)
The Brunswick Methodist Hall, Newcastle. "Peregrinations with a Pentaz" by Steve Batty. Start 7.30pm.

9th November 2007
Altrincham Electric Railway Preservation Society
Altrincham Methodist Church Hall, Barrington Road, Altrincham. '40 Years of Steam in Yugoslavia' by John Sloane. Start 19.30, Non-members £3.00

10th November 2007
East Lancashire Railway
Sulzer Diesel Theme Day

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

▼ ***Cotswold Rail Class 47/4 No. 47828 Joe Strumner heads through Tredington with First Great Western's re-engined MTU fitted powercar No. 43078 on a Brush Traction, Loughborough, to Swansea Landore working on 24th September.*** **Jack Boskett**

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