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DRS liveried Class 57/0s Nos. 57011 and 57009 'top and tail' a Shenfield to Clacton RHTT working through Ingatestone on 10th October. **Charlie Robbins**

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Unusually displaying no front end number, grey-liveried EWS Class 60 No. 60082 heads through Basingstoke with a Marchwood - Didcot MoD stores train on 3rd October.
Chris Wilson

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Newsdesk

HM The Queen names Silver Class 67 - *Royal Diamond*

To mark the forthcoming 60th wedding anniversary on 20th November of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, EWS Class 67 No. 67029 was named *Royal Diamond* at Rugeley Trent Valley station on 12th October, the locomotive having been given 'Royal' silver livery.

Following a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were greeted by local children as they arrived back at the station to conduct the locomotive naming, after which No. 67029 departed with the Royal Train.

The first Royal Train ran on 13th June 1842, when Queen Victoria and Prince Albert travelled from Slough to Paddington. The journey from Rugeley Trent Valley marked the 193rd occasion that EWS has operated the Royal Train since the company became the operators of the stock in 1996. The Queen has named the two other Class 67s responsible for hauling the Royal Train, *Queen's Messenger* and *Royal Sovereign*, both of which are in 'Royal' claret livery, the official colour of the Royal Train.

▲ ***With newly-named Class 67 No. 67029 Royal Diamond leading, the Royal Train passes through Lichfield Trent Valley, on 12th October conveying HM The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. The Royal Train on this occasion comprised of the Royal Household vehicle No. 2921, HM The Queen's Saloon No. 2903, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh's Saloon No. 2904, HRH The Prince of Wales' Sleeping Car No. 2922 and Day Saloon No. 2923, Dining cars Nos. 2916 and 2917, Royal Household Sleeping Car No. 2915 and brake vehicle No. 2920.*** **John Whitehouse**

▶ ***HM The Queen looks on as the Royal Train departs Rugeley Trent Valley behind Class 67 No. 67029 Royal Diamond.***

▼ ***The newly unveiled nameplates on No. 67029.*** **Both: Wilf Smith**

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Harrogate station gains new semaphore signals

▲ *Class 144 No. 144020 departs from Harrogate on 6th October with the 14.33 service to York. The bracket signal here has recently been replaced by an entirely new structure and new signals, the previous wooden frame having been removed due to wear and tear. The new structure also provides the latest in safety railings for those S&T staff that have to climb up to the signal arms.* **Nick Lawrence**

New long-term contracts announced by EWS

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has awarded its Strategic Rail Capability and Mainline Rail Freight Services haulage contract to EWS Network.

The MoD awarded the £28 million contract to EWS Network following a competitive tender process. The agreement spans four years and also covers the maintenance of the MoD's wagon fleet.

EWS Network will supply locomotives to haul the MoD's own fleet of wagons, as well as providing specialist services utilising the EWS wagon fleet as required.

The company has also announced that it has won two contracts for coal transportation. The first of these involves the movement of coal to 'RWE npower' generating stations at Aberthaw and Didcot. As part of the contract, EWS Energy will establish a new traincrew depot at Aberthaw as part of a range of service enhancements that will be implemented under the new agreement. The second contract is a £50 million agreement with EDF Energy to provide rail services to Cottam and West Burton Power Stations. As part of the new contract, coal will be loaded from a number of different coal mines and ports in the North East and East Midlands.

Lowestoft station staff member wins Rail Award

The 'Outstanding Railway Staff Contribution' at this year's National Community Rail Awards has been won by Ray Stone of Lowestoft station.

The immediate impression of Ray Stone from customers is his unfailing courtesy and good humour, coupled with a completely unflappable nature. He is always ready to help passengers, and keeps a very careful eye on the state of the station concourse, booking hall and the surrounding area. The station is also enhanced by Ray's enthusiastic adoption of the floral displays at the station, and there is no doubt that his dedication and commitment has transformed the appearance and feel of the complex.

The judges commented on Ray's cheery nature and his commitment to maintaining the station to a high standard, while going the extra mile in caring for the hanging baskets.

▼ *At Ray Stone's immaculate and colouful Lowestoft station, Class 156 No 156402 & Class 170/2 No 170205 are at the bufferstops on 4 August.* **Brian Morrison**

▶ 'one' railway introduced its new Train Driving Simulators on 5th October, which are based at the company's Customer Service Academy in Stratford, East London. The two simulators were manufactured in Germany by KMW and the £1.2 million investment by 'one' includes their installation, with the units purpose-built to replicate the driving cab operation of a Class 170 Turbostar and a Class 315 EMU. Driver simulation training at the Academy complements the already extensive practical training programme for new train drivers and ongoing training for 'one's 850 existing train drivers, including areas such as route knowledge, energy efficient driving techniques and regular refresher training. By replicating the operation of existing train types, the training programmes now more accurately reflect day-to-day driving techniques and operations.

▶ Tube Lines and Metronet have invested £1.4 million in a new fleet of ten vehicles to help the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) reach incidents faster and restore London Underground services quicker after problems.

The new response vehicles have more carrying space for specialist equipment and are designed to make it easier for the emergency teams to do their work. When fully equipped, each vehicle weighs 11 tonnes and carries far more equipment than the old lorries. Having more equipment means teams are able to fix problems on the Underground more quickly, hence reducing the delays for passengers.

The new equipment includes a 168kg water pump with the capability of moving a swimming pool's worth of water in a few seconds, a submersible pump for draining flooded stations and remote-controlled hydraulic jacks, which can be used in tunnels where there is not enough space for a person to use a manual jack

The new vehicles also reduce the likelihood of emergency workers injuring themselves when handling the heavy machinery required to fix problems on the Tube, as the storage of tools is better suited for manual handling. Some of the vehicles also have welfare facilities for the teams, for example space to change into specialist clothing, a hot water boiler and a microwave.

The new Emergency Response vehicles will be based at each of the four ERU centres across London, in Acton, Camden, Vauxhall and Tottenham Hale.

▲ *Engineering work between Exeter St Davids and Exeter St James' Park stations on the Southern route to Yeovil resulted in the use of a Yeoman-liveried Class 59/0. No. 59001* **Yeoman Endeavour** *is shown at Exeter St Davids, having arrived from Westbury with a rake of low-height Network Rail ballast wagons, awaiting the call forward up the bank on the evening of 6th October.* **Richard Sulzmann**

▶ Around £1.4 million is to be spent on improving the railway in East Yorkshire between Hull and Bridlington. The work, which is being carried out over the half-term period, will see the total renewal of all tracks, sleepers and ballast at Hutton Cranswick station, Driffield South, Scarborough and Hutton Lane between 19th and 29th October. More than 8,000 yards of track are being replaced with continuously welded rail. Northern Rail will operate a replacement bus service during the work.

▶ Virgin Trains is to offer enhanced complimentary menus to passengers travelling First Class on its West Coast services to and from London Euston from 17th October. On selected early morning business trains into Euston, the popular Primo Breakfast service will offer Craster kippers as a permanent Signature Dish and Weetabix cereal will replace muesli to offer a nut-free product. The All Day offer will feature a choice of the hot option, speciality sandwich or a traditional sandwich. Four of the six hot options are designed as a complete snack served in a bowl, each accompanied by focaccia bread. New sandwich fillings have also been introduced to the Primo Afternoon Tea menu. The evening menu has a new option, a Dutch meal consisting of bacon pieces, green French beans, carrots, potatoes, apples and pears. Also, the Friday Fish option will now be accompanied by a portion of mushy peas!

'one' Railway honours station adopters

'one' railway has honoured its station adopters on the Rural Routes network in Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk at the company's annual rural stations awards ceremony held recently in Norwich.

The company has over 100 volunteer station adopters across its entire network, and with over 40 stations adopted on the rural network, an annual awards ceremony has been established to recognise the efforts of the station adopters in working with the Community Rail Partnerships (CRPs) to improve station environments for the benefit of both passengers and local communities.

The adopters help with the upkeep of floral displays, and work closely with railway staff including the station maintenance teams in reporting faults and defects, acting as the 'eyes and ears' in their local community. This year's awards were for Best Staffed Station - Great Yarmouth, runner-up Lowestoft, Best Medium Size Station - Acle, commendation for Brandon and Best Small Size Station - West Runton, with Brundall Gardens and Reedham both highly commended. The Most Improved Station award was given to Newmarket, while the Rural Business Director's Award for Outstanding Contribution went to Trimley.

The winning stations all received cash prizes to contribute to future workplace improvements and floral displays.

Christmas and New Year rail disruption in Scotland

Network Rail says Scotland's railways will benefit from a series of major engineering works over the festive holiday period this year as part of the £800 million enhancement to transform rail travel in Scotland over the next five years.

The company will be working at locations across Scotland to deliver a range of improvements and enhancements to modernise the railway and help deliver massive projects such as the new Airdrie-Bathgate and Stirling-Alloa-Kincardine lines and the Glasgow Airport Rail Link.

The planned works will include the electrification of Waverley station's Mound tunnel, the redesign and renewal of track at Shields Junction, Glasgow, and the installation of new signalling systems at both Glasgow Central and between Larbert and Stirling. Vital maintenance will also take place at various locations on the Edinburgh-Glasgow and Dundee-Aberdeen routes.

All the projects have been timed to minimise the impact on passenger services and to take advantage of the absence of trains on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The scale of the work does, however, require several line closures for the full holiday period between Christmas and early January.

In the west, resignalling works at Glasgow Central Station will be carried out on 25th and 26th December and 1st and 2nd January, with all services into High Level platforms on Boxing Day and 2nd January being replaced by trains to Low Level platforms or by buses.

Improvement works at Shields Junction, just west of Glasgow Central, will mean that services to and from Ayrshire and Inverclyde will start and terminate at Paisley Gilmour Street between 26th December and 6th January, with replacement bus services operating between Paisley Gilmour Street, Paisley Canal and the city centre.

In Edinburgh, work to electrify the Mound Tunnel will begin on 25th December and will continue until 4th January. Services to and from Waverley will be reduced in frequency with some starting and terminating at Haymarket.

In the New Year, on 2nd January, services travelling through the Larbert area to Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen will be affected by resignalling works on the line between Larbert and Stirling.

Hybrid NMT heads to Blackpool

▲ ***Desperately trying to avoid any jokes about the Hybrid (battery powered) NMT HST set heading to the illuminations at Blackpool, this unusual sight of the train is indeed on the Blackpool route. Class 43 powercars Nos. 43062 John Armitt and 43089 are pictured near Weeton, between Poulton and Kirkham, while working the 17.22 Blackpool North-Heaton ECS working. The seven-coach train had previously operated from Derby to London Euston before working a special service to Blackpool in connection with the Conservative Party conference then taking place.*** **Mark Bearton**

AC Locomotive Group's Class 86 back in action

Folliowing the fitment of OTMR equipment, the AC Locomotive Group's Class 86/1 No. 86101 *Sir William A. Stanier FRS* has returned to mainline operation.

The '86' worked a test run from Crewe to Carlisle and return on 11th October in preparation for working a weekend diagram for Hull Trains.

As revealed last week in *Railway Herald*, the passenger company is currently short of a Class 222 Pioneer set following the accident at Crofton Depot.

The Class 86, together with a five-coach Mk3 set from Cargo-D, is expected to operate a Friday-Sunday Doncaster - London King's Cross diagram, potentially from 19th October, although industry insiders expect the workings to commence from 26th October, following a period of driver training.

Railway Herald understands that the initial plans that involved 'dragging' the set from Doncaster to Hull have now been amended, with passengers being transferred to a 'Pioneer' set between Doncaster and Hull instead.

After the set-backs that the company has suffered with regards to replacement traction, the use of Mk3s and the Class 86 is to be applauded.

▼ ***The AC Locomotive Group's Class 86/1 No. 86101* Sir William A. Stanier FRS *stands in the loops at Carlisle station on 11th October, having run-round its Cargo-D rake of Mk3 coaches while on a Crewe - Carlisle test run following the fitment of OTMR equipment.*** **Mark Honey**

▶ Heritage-liveried Class 37/4s Nos. 37411 *Caerphilly Castle* and 37425 *Pride of the Valleys* have been reinstated to the WKBN pool. The two locomotives have undergone maintenance at Margam LIP and underwent a test run on a Margam to Trostre steel working during the afternoon of 11th October (see Weekly Pictorial) before being hauled northwards to Bescot by Class 66/0 No. 66126 in the consist of the evening Trostre-Doncaster Belmont service the same night. It is expected that the two locomotives will continue north to cover Railtour duties in Scotland.

▶ Swift Rail has confirmed the purchase of Class 86/2 No. 86233. The locomotive, which is currently residing at Wolverhampton Oxley, is said to be in a very good condition requiring only a comprehensive 'A' Exam to return it traffic. Work is to be undertaken at Oxley over the next few months, with a view to keeping the loco 'warm' and powered on occasions. If the current situation goes according to plan, the '86' should be back on the mainline during early 2008 and already has a railtour booked for early March. Swift Rail's Fleet Manager, James Riise, told *Railway Herald* that the current plan is to acquire further Class 86 locomotives as the business builds. The company have confirmed that the loco will remain based at Alstom's Oxley depot in Wolverhampton and will retain its current livery.

▶ Problems in sourcing white metal has delayed the return to traffic of No. 6024 *King Edward I*, causing Past Time to delay its 'Torbay Express' for seven days to 21st October. It is reported that tickets are available for the re-dated train. Also for Past Time, the Tees-Don Express on 10th November will now be hauled by the K1 No. 62005 and No. 61994 *The Great Marquess* due to A4 No. 60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley* not being available. However, Past Time remain confident that the A4 will be available for its 'Borderman' tour over Shap, two weeks later.

▶ This weekend's Heartland Rail tour from Bristol Temple Meads to the Wensleydale Railway on 13th October, has now been cancelled, as has the Vintage Trains excursion from Birmingham to Chester behind GWR 'Hall' 4-6-0 No. 4965 *Rood Ashton Hall* which was booked to run on 27th October.

Three 'A4s' and a 'K4' on a weekend excursion to Scotland as part of the 'North Briton' charter

Next year is certainly beginning to look as being the year of the Gresley A4.

With Steam Dreams already posting a sold-out notice for its 'Coronation' in July, the Railway Touring Company has announced their own 'A4' jamboree between 12th-16th April.

Encouraged by the success of its 'Great Britain' charter earlier this year, 'The North Briton' will concentrate on the east coast route, throwing in for good measure 'the holy grail' for A4 fans with No. 60009 scheduled to operate between Glasgow and Aberdeen via the Forth and Tay bridges, rekindling memories of the famous 'three-hour' A4-hauled expresses in the twilight days of BR steam.

Appropriately, the tour starts at King's Cross on 12th April with No. 60019 *Bittern* scheduled to haul the first leg of the tour to York, where No. 60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley* will take over for the second leg via Newcastle to Edinburgh for the first overnight stop. Day two dawns with No. 60009 *Union of South Africa* now at the head of the train for the first steam-hauled service along the Scottish east-coast from Glasgow to Aberdeen, for many years.

Upon arrival at Aberdeen, No. 60009 gives way to 'K4' No. 61994 *The Great Marquess* for the final leg to Inverness. Day three is an optional day, with *The Great Marquess* taking a reduced load to Kyle of Lochalsh and back. Because of the reduced capacity of this leg, it is not included in the overall tour costs and a supplement will be charged.

Day 4, and another day to savour, with the pairing of K4 No. 61994 and A4 No. 60009 from Inverness through to Perth, where the K4 will detach leaving No. 60009 to continue onwards to Glasgow for the final overnight break. The final return leg on 16th April will commence at Glasgow with *Sir Nigel Gresley* again in charge, running via Beattock, Carlisle and Hexham to regain the east coast route at Newcastle and onwards to York. Traction for the final part of this marathon back to King's Cross is as yet undecided, the choice being No. 60019 or Class 55 No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey*.

Prices are Premier Class £995 and £725 First Class, with a supplement of £99 for the trip to Kyle of Lochalsh. For more details contact the Railway Touring Company on 01553 661500.

▲ ***The sight of a 'Deltic' back on the East Coast Main Line, especially in superb autumnal sunshine, is one that is too good to miss. East Lancashire Railway-based No. 55022 Royal Scots Grey powers north through Cromwell, Nottinghamshire, on 5th October with Hertforshire Rail Tours 'Autumn Highlander' tour to Perth, where Class 40 No. 40145 took over. On the rear of the train was Class 50 No. 50049 Defiance.*** **Steve Philpott**

2008 becomes the year of re-enactments as Kingfisher announce a re-run of the 1968 RCTS 'Farewell to Steam' excursion

Hot on the heals of the planned re-run of BR's 'Fifteen Guinea Special' comes news that Kingfisher plans to re-enact the Railway Correspondence and Travel Society (RCTS) Tour which ran one week prior to the end of BR steam on 4th August 1968.

This day was the last official day of steam operations on BR, with the 'Fifteen Guinea Special' the following week as the final death throw of mainline steam traction in the UK. The RCTS Special was one of four dedicated trains operating that day, and Kingfisher boss Roger Hardingham, who travelled on the train, is looking to recreate the day, as far as possible using the same routes and locomotives. The RCTS is also co-operating with arranging this tour, and will also be using the train to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the society in 1928.

In 1968, a Class 85 electric covered the initial stage from Euston to Stockport, where No.70013 *Oliver Cromwell* took over as far as Manchester Victoria, giving way to Nos 48476 and 73069 to Blackburn. The train then continued to Hellifield with Nos 45407 and 73069, where it reversed for Skipton prior to taking the then through route via Colne to Preston. As the train by this time was four hours late, Oliver Cromwell returned it directly to Manchester, instead of the booked route via Ormskirk and Earlstown.

Kingfisher's tour will operate on 3rd August 2008, when No. 86101 *Sir William A Stanier* should head the train from Euston to Stockport, where a combination of Ian Riley's Nos 44871 (if ready) and 45407 together with West Coast's No. 48151 hopefully will follow the original itinerary as far as possible. Reservations will open in January 2008.

'Queen of Scots' heads to Worcester

◀ ***On 6th October, the 'Queen of Scots' luxury excursion train ran from Kensington Olympia to Derby via Worcester. It is seen here passing the semaphore signals at Droitwich Spa before reversing at Worcester Shrub Hill to head back north. The train made use of no less than three Class 31 locomotives, Nos. 31452* Minotaur *and 31454* Heart of Wessex *powering from the front with classmate No. 31128* Charybdis *on the rear.* Dave Pagett**

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.

		12th October	
Hertfordshire (Pullman)	EWS Cl. 90	'The Autumn West Highlander': London Euston-Penrith-Dumbarton.	
		13th October	
Compass Tours	tbc	Codsall-Shrewsbury-Crewe-Cumbrian Coast-Carlisle-Shap & rtn	
Green Express Railtours	2xWCRC Cl47	Ashton-under-Lyme-Huddersfield-Wakefield-Brighton and return	
Heartland Rail	2xCR Cl47	Bristol TM-Yate-Wensleydale and return	**Cancelled**
Hertfordshire (Pullman)	2xEWS Cl. 37	'The Autumn West Highlander' Dumbarton-Oban-Dumbarton	
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)	
		14th October	
Hertfordshire (Pullman)	2xEWS Cl. 37	'The Autumn West Highlander' Dumbarton-Stranraer-Dumbarton	
Past Time Rail	6024	Bristol TM-Paignton-Kingswear and return	**Postponed**
		15th October	
Hertfordshire (Pullman)	EWS 90	'The Autumn West Highlander' Dumbarton-Carstairs-London Euston	
		20th October	
Kingfisher Railtours	76079&45407	Blackpool North-Preston-Bolton-Manchester Victoria-Peak Forest-Buxton (break/rev)-Whaley Bridge-Manchester Victoria and return	
Pathfinder Tours	86101/2xEPS37	Crewe-London Euston-East Croydon-Ashford Int-Folkestone Harbour-Dungeness-Hastings-Willesden-via WCML-Crewe	
PMR Tours	48151	(Leicester-Stoke-Carnforth)-Carnforth-Ravenglass-Carnforth-(and rtn)	
Railway Touring Company	6024	London Paddington-Stratford upon Avon	**Cancelled**
Railtourer	2xWCRC Cl47	Huntingdon-via ECML-Doncaster-Whitby and return	
SRPS	60009	Glenrothes-Carlisle (break/rev) and return	**Cancelled**
		21st October	
Past Time Rail	6024	Bristol TM-Taunton-Exeter SD-Paignton-Kingswear and return	
		24th October	
Steam Dreams	30777	London Victoria-Bromley South-Canterbury and return	
UK Railtours	EWS Class 67	London Euston-Northampton-Castleton-Rawtenstall and return	
		27th October	
Kingfisher Railtours	6024	London Paddington-Slough-Maidenhead-Reading-Salisbury & return	
Past Time Rail	D1015	Paddington-Bristol Pkway-Cardiff Central-Milford Haven and return	
Railway Touring Company	34067 & Cl.37	London Victoria-East Croydon-Norwood (rev)-Horsham-Littlehampton and return	
Railtourer	2xWCRC Cl47	Skegness-Sleaford-Grantham-via Skipton-Morecambe and return	
Vintage Trains	4965	Tyseley Warwick Road-Chester 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.

The Week Ahead

Not so long ago six steam-hauled specials were scheduled for 20th October, but that has now been whittled down to just three, two in the north-west and one in the south-east.

Pride of place in the north-west has to be Kingfishers 'The Derbyshire Dalesman'. The train provides a rare chance to travel by steam from Blackpool North, picking up via Bolton to Manchester Victoria, prior to reaching its destination at Buxton via Chinley and Peak Forest. The return is via Whaley Bridge and Stockport.

Also operating in the north-west, but with a change of motive power, is PMR Tours which is going to Ravenglass with steam from either Preston or Carnforth. This tour, which originates at Leicester, was originally booked for its own No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland*, but the locomotive has been declared out of gauge and now West Coast's Class 8F No. 48151 will deputise. This will be the second successive week for No. 48151 between Carnforth and Ravenglass, as it is booked to haul a Vintage Trains charter this coming weekend.

In the south, VSOE has a 'British Pullman' working, featuring No. 35028 *Clan Line* between London Victoria and Southampton, while for Past Time, No. 6024 *King Edward I* should be in charge of the re-dated 'Torbay Express' the following day on 21st October.

Unfortunately, now cancelled is the Railway Touring Company's Paddington to Stratford-upon-Avon charter, the SRPS's charter between Glenrothes and Carlisle and finally Past Time's London Victoria to Weymouth trip.

The principal non-steam tour has to be Pathfinder's 'Atomic Harbour Master' which is expected to feature the last passenger working with EPS Class 37/6s. The Dungeness branch and Folkestone Harbour are the joint destinations. The EPS Class 37s are due to come onto the train at Euston, with the northern section scheduled for haulage by Class 86/1 No. 86101 *Sir William A Stanier*, undertaking its first charter working since having OTMR installed.

Ashford is the start point for two tours, with Hertfordshire heading for Lincoln, while Steamy Affairs has Chester in its sights. Also operating is Green Express from Huntingdon and principal ECML stations to Whitby behind West Coast Class 47 traction.

Regular Steam Workings

Regular steam operations are a familiar part of the Railtour Listings, especially during the summer season.

In the North East, the North Yorkshire Moors Railway's through operation to **Whitby** runs on Sunday 21st October. The next steam-hauled dates for Whitby being Tuesday-Thursday 23rd to 25th October, as part of the railway's LNER Festival. The final dates for Whitby running in 2007 are the post-Christmas services between Goathland/Grosmont and Whitby on 27th-30th December.

▲ *Heading their first workings on the National Network in several months, Class 37/4s Nos. 37425* **Pride of the Valleys** *and 37411* **Caerphilly Castle** *approach Trostre Works with a steel working from Margam.* **Martin Bray**

◀ *A Serco test train from Derby RTC to Bournemouth Depot, operating via Weymouth, powers through Holton Heath, near Poole, in Dorset, on 8th October, behind Class 37s Nos. 37059 and 37607.* **Julian Churchill**

▼ *On a beautiful October afternoon, Class 37/4s Nos. 37410 and 37417* **Richard Trevithick** *power away from a speed restriction on the approach to Althorpe station in North Lincolnshire with the 10.30 Crewe Basford Hall - Scunthorpe Anchor Yard working, conveying an empty continuous welded rail wagon set. Unfortunately, technical problems with the locos resulted in the return working departing from Scunthorpe some eight hours late and behind a Class 60 locomotive!* **Richard Tuplin**

▲ *The VSOE 'British Pullman' paid a visit to the little-used Folkestone Harbour branch on 7th October. Motive power for the train was Class 67s Nos. 67026 (seen here crossing the viaduct on the arrival at Folkestone Harbour station) and 67001.* **Patrick Seale**

▼ *Three days later and the other VSOE set, the 'Northern Belle' was engaged on a trip through Gloucestershire. With Class 67 No. 67017 Arrow in charge, the 13.05 Chepstow - London Victoria Pullman service passes Kemble on 10th October.* **Ken Brunt**

▲ *Due to overnight possessions, the booked RHTT working through to Grimsby Town that normally runs overnight was retimed on 8th and 10th October to run additionally during the daytime. As the low autumn sun almost vanishes, the latter train passes through Scunthorpe with Class 20/3 No. 20301 leading and classmate No. 20302 on the rear.* **Richard Tuplin**

▶ *The sight of a loco-hauled train at Grimsby Town station on anything other than a railtour is definitely a rare event! On 10th October, No. 20302 prepares to depart from the station bound for Barnsley via Adwick and Wakefield Kirkgate.* **Jordan Allen**

▲ *In preparation for the re-introduction of loco-hauled passenger services on the North Wales Coast route, a number of driver training trips have recently been undertaken between Crewe and Holyhead using EWS Class 67s and four Arriva Trains-liveried Mk2s. No. 67014 powers through Abergele and Pensarn on 4th August.* **Craig Leaper**

▼ *On 11th October, the EWS Executive Train was in use on a return run between London Euston and Birmingham International. Here, the 13.22 return working from Birmingham passes Bradnocks Marsh hauled by 'Royal' Class 67 No. 67006, the more usual No. 67029 being prepared at Bescot TMD for other duties the following day.* **Ron Kosys**

▲ *One of only three surviving Class 37/9s, No. 37901* **Mirlees Pioneer** *approaches Glyndyfrdwy on 6th October, during the Llangollen Railway's diesel gala weekend.* **Justin Buckley**

▼ *Visiting Class 27 No. D5401 approaches Glyndyfrdwy station while working the 14.20 Carrog - Llangollen demonstration goods service on 6th October.* **Fred Kerr**

Restored Quad-Art set back at Sheringham

The first two of the North Norfolk Railway's four unique LNER Quad-Art coaches that comprise set No. 74, built at Doncaster in 1924, were returned to the railway from the West Coast Railway Co's works at Carnforth on 8th October.

The restoration, which has been in progress for the past four years, has been funded by a £500,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

Following unloading, the coaches (compartment Thirds Nos. 48863 and 48864) were moved inside the Bridge Road Carriage shed (again funded by a HLF grant) built especially to house the Quad set and the line's other heritage rolling stock. The final two coaches (Third No. 48863, and Brake Third No. 48861) are due to return to the North Norfolk next February.

▲ Having been unloaded, the first two restored 'Quad-Art' coaches of set No. 74, compartment Third's Nos. 48863 and 48864 stand in the yard awaiting their movement to Holt.

▼ With the missing articulated bogie still at Carnforth, an ingenious temporary wheel arrangement allowed the slow movement of the coaches to Holt. **Both: Steve Allen**

▼BR green-liveried Class 20s Nos. D8007 and D8137 power through Ferry Meadows on 5th October, during the Nene Valley Railway's Diesel Gala. The event also saw the return to service of refurbished Class 37/5 No. 37518, as illustrated in the news pages of our last issue. **James Welham**

▶ The West Somerset Railway is holding a New Volunteers Day on 14th October as the 20-mile line between Bishops Lydeard and Minehead looks towards further expansion of its business in the future. The day will begin in the Gauge Museum at Bishops Lydeard at 11.00 and will end at 17.00. The day will introduce those interested in becoming involved on the WSR to railway work, and how to get started, and will also incorporate a round trip by steam train to Minehead during which members of the Railway will introduce themselves and explain what tasks and work are available. More information about the New Volunteers Day can be obtained by ringing the West Somerset Railway Association on 01823 433856. The railway has also reported an excellent year to date with current passenger figures standing 179,675 at the end of September, compared with 167,877 at the same point in the 2006 season.

▶ The Great Central Railway is celebrating after being named the 'Best Tourism Experience' in the East Midlands. The railway beat other attractions to first place in a field that attracted entrants from across the region including Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire. The awards are organised by East Midlands Tourism, part of the Enjoy Excellence in England scheme and come just ahead of the major gala on the railway which will see six locomotives in steam, including the Severn Valley's LMS Black 5 No. 45110 and will also feature the return to steam after its technical problems of No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel*.

▶ For those who fancy a day out with a difference, why not look at the Top Lots website. This is a month-long auction of activities with a difference spanning a wide range of subjects. On the railway front, the North Yorkshire Moors Railway is offering a day on the railway, including a footplate ride, the Welsh Highland Railway (Porthmadog) is auctioning the chance to drive one of its locomotives, and Beamish Museum is offering the opportunity to discover the secrets of how the 1813-designed locomotive *Puffing Billy* was made and why it worked so well. Other lines taking part include Crich Tramway Museum and the Avon Valley Railway. If you are interested in finding out more and possibly making a bid, visit the auction website at http://www.toplots.co.uk, but be quick, some auctions only have a couple of days left!

◀ *At Bo'ness, the Scottish Railway Preservation Society turned out a wide array of locomotives for its diesel gala on 29th/30th October. On the second day of the event, the ELR-based Class 40 No. 40145 East Lancashire Railway stands at Bo'ness alongside Class 37 No. 37025, which was rededicated Inverness TMD the previous day.* **John Macpherson**

▼ *The West Somerset Railway held its Autumn Steam Gala on 4th-7th October. The four days were blessed with excellent weather and a large number of those who visited on Saturday and Sunday arrived by train, taking advantage of the Virgin Trains 'Voyager' shuttle between Taunton and Bishops Lydeard. By the time the last trains arrived at their destinations on the final day, over 6,300 passengers had been carried. GWR Prairie No. 4160 passes Castle Hill with the 14.30 Williton to Bishops Lydeard goods service.* **Adam Hiscock**

NORTHAMPTON & LAMPORT DIESEL GALA 20th&21st OCTOBER 2007

The Northampton & Lamport Railway are proud to present their 2007 Diesel Gala, featuring the line's home diesel fleet comprising: D5401 (Class 27) , 31 289, 47 205 and 45 118 on regular passenger services, plus special guest 33 053 (subject to availability). 37 679 and 56 098 will also be on display along with the resident shunters.

Please note all locomotives are subject to availability on the day.

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▲ *On the Canadian National Railroad, two of the latest General Motors type SD70M-2 locomotives, Nos. 8828 and 8811, only recently delivered, head eastbound through Whitby, Ontario (about an hour east of Toronto) with a general freight. This type of locomotive is still being delivered to CN.* **Thomas Blampied**

Via Rail's $600 million plus investment

On 11th Octoher, the Canadian federal government gave a multi-million-dollar boost to Via Rail, announcing $692-million in funding for the passenger rail service.

Transport Minister Lawrence Cannon told a news conference at Toronto's Union Station that the money will allow Via Rail to provide more efficient and faster service for passengers.

The investment, the largest in Via Rail's 30-year history, will be spread out over five years, with $175.9 million going to transitional operating costs and $516 million ticketed for capital investment.

New Brakes!

Norfolk Southern has operated the USA's first revenue service train equipped exclusively with electronically controlled pneumatic brakes.

The train, consisting of three new locomotives and 115 new hybrid coal gondolas, will be used in south-western Pennsylvania.

▶ The first friendship railway linking Laos and Thailand is set to be completed on schedule in April 2008 and over half the construction work is already complete. A recent report suggested that the remaining work for the 3.5 km railway connecting the existing railway in the centre of Lao-Thai Friendship Bridge to Tha Na Laeng train station in Dongphosy village on the outskirt of Vientiane is already underway.

▶ Hong Kong's Mass Transit Railway (MTR) has announced that shareholders have backed the proposed merger with the Kowloon-Canton Railway. It is hoped to complete the merger before the end of the year. Passengers on the two railways undertake almost three million rail journeys a day, and one effect of the merger will be a fare reduction.

▶ The *Financial Times* newspaper has reported that the Chinese government looks to have approved the construction of a 1,318km high-speed line between Beijing and Shanghai. The official Xinhua news agency said the line would be designed for cruising speeds of 300km/h and have a maximum speed of 350km/h. It is expected to involve a budget of more than £10.5 billion and will take five years to construct.

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The Blue & Grey Years

We continue our 'occasional' photographic feature looking at the Blue & Grey years with a brief interlude at London Euston.

Chris Nevard and **Brian Morrison** take another look back to British Rail in the 1980s.

Reader's colour contributions for this section, either as digital images, prints or colour slides are welcomed, via the editorial email/postal address. A SAE should be included for their return.

▲ An unidentified Class 82 locomotive arrives at Euston with an empty stock working in May 1985.

▶ The Class 501 EMUs were used on the Euston to Watford services untii replaced by the Class 313s.. Here, No. 501159 departs from Euston in its last month - May 1985.
Both: Chris Nevard

The Blue & Grey Years

▲ *Class 85 No 85035 departs from Euston on 21st February 1989, hauling ECS of the sleeping car service morning arrival from Glasgow Central to Wembley Depot for cleaning before its use again that evening.*

▼ *On 15th June 1984 at Euston, Class 86/2 No 86220 Goliath awaits departure with a service for Blackpool North and Class 87/0 No 87001 Britannia heads the 14.00 for Carlisle.* **Both: Brian Morrison**

TURNING THE CLOCK BACK

Ruabon on the 9th August 1956

Brian Morrison looks back over a lifetime of railway photography to the railway scene at Ruabon in the 1950s.

Situated on the Shrewsbury-Wrexham-Chester line, Ruabon today has a reasonable passenger service with Class 153s usually operating local turns and Class 158s forming trains from Birmingham and Cardiff Central travelling further afield to the likes of Aberystwyth and Holyhead.

No longer are there through trains to Pwllheli or Barmouth, however, as these services now emanate from Machynlleth, and trains to Birkenhead, Bala and Llangollen are but a memory. Freight is relatively sparse with the regular steel workings between Llanwern and Dee ▶

▲ *The 5.04pm local service for Llangollen awaits departure from Ruabon on 9th August 1956, headed by Class 5101 Prairie No. 5103.*

◀ *The 1.21pm train to Bala leaves the station behind 5400 class 0-6-0PT No. 5416.*
All: Brian Morrison

TURNING THE CLOCK BACK

▲ *Passing Ruabon, 2800 class 2-8-0 No 3802 hauls a train of vans from Oxley to Wrexham. Today, this locomotive is in service on the now preserved Llangollen Railway.*

▶ *A 12-coach summer train from Birmingham New Street to Barmouth leaves Ruabon, double-headed by 4300 class Mogul No. 7310 and 2251 class 0-6-0 No. 2209.*

▼ *At the time allocated to Croes Newydd shed (84J), 'Manor' class 4-6-0 No 7817* Garsington Manor *restarts from Ruabon with an express for Wrexham.*

◀ Marsh adding to the fairly regular timber shipments between Carlisle and Chirk, which run-round here on the northbound working.

On 9th August 1956, the weather was dull but certainly the traffic that was to be seen was not! Cross-Country services, invariably double-headed, ran through to places such as Barmouth, there were 'Castles' and 'Counties' on the Birkenhead services, 'Manors' and 'Granges' on runs to Wrexham, Chester and Pwllheli, Class 5400 and 5800 tanks operating to Bala and Llangollen and fairly regular freights with a variety of motive power.

Steam was probably at its height when this visit was made and during the few hours spent on the station and in the surroundings, 12 different classes were recorded on both passenger and freight turns.

▶ ***Also Croes Newydd (84J)-based, 5800 class 0-4-2T No. 5810 approaches Ruabon, heading the 3.45pm local service from Wrexham to Bala. Passenger services over this route ceased in January 1965.***

▼ ***Great Western designs were not the only locomotive type to be seen at Ruabon throughout the 1950s. Here, London & North Western Railway designed Class G2 '7F' (known to enthusiasts as Super Ds) 0-8-0 No. 49403 is our final view of Ruabon, as it passes with a mixed freight for Oxley Yard, Wolverhampton.***

Please print this page and pass onto anyone with an interest in the UK railway scene who may be able to help!

Railway Herald needs your help and your input for ...

The 2007 Railway Census

21st - 27th October 2007

***Railway Herald* magazine is looking to its readers for their help and assistance with a major project coming up in a couple of weeks time.**

November marks the next major change in the UK railway network, with the loss of Central Trains, Midland Mainline, Silverlink and Virgin Cross-Country, all of which will be taken over by the three new franchises, Arriva Cross-Country, East Midlands Trains and London Midland. In addition, from early December, the GNER branding will start to disappear as National Express introduces its own mark onto the East Coast network.

As a result, we have decided to try and document, in-depth, Britain's railway network just before the franchise changes. The aim is to bring together, in a special edition of *Railway Herald*, a complete view of the railway and its operations from the enthusiasts perspective. But to do this, we need **YOUR** help.

Reports on problems, incidents, operational issues are all needed, along with sightings of locomotives, multiple units, coaches and wagons in both a written and pictorial format all compiled and taken within the time period covered. Entries from the National Network and heritage railways, together with steam, diesel and electric traction are all valid.

As usual with *Railway Herald*, the special edition, which is likely to be a large issue, will be available to all, free of charge from our website and with enough information, sightings records, news and pictures, it is hoped that a dedicated set of web pages will take the project even further forward and create a permanent resource. To create an even more permanent record and to encourage those who do not see the magazine regularly or do not have web access, it is proposed to create a printed edition, which will be available, direct from us. Price on application.

Chris Holt

For answers to any other questions you may have, check out our dedicated FAQ page by clicking here!

Contributing guidelines

Like all major projects, to try and get the best result we possibly can, a few basic guidelines have been laid down:

- All submissions, written or pictorial, must be taken between 21st and 27th October 2007. Deadline for submissions is 10th November 2007.
- Images from mobile phones and low-end digital cameras are accepted, but only from 3MP cameras and upwards please!
- If submitting prints, slides or medium format pictures, please ensure that your name and address/contact number is clearly marked on the surround or back of all images.
- For written reports please include as much information as possible, i.e. time of report (or time period), a direction of travel if you do not know the specific details and a filename if the sighting has an associated picture.
- Digital images can be submitted on CD-ROM/DVD through our postal address.
- Any railway related image is valid, whether it is a rare loco-hauled working or day-to-day DMU service. Its all part of the scene and there to be recorded.
- The only non-UK contributions accepted are EWS Class 66s/92s in France.
- Please act responsibly and follow the laid down photographer's guidelines when on stations and **DO NOT** tresspass.

How to submit your contributions

The easiest way for both contributions to be submitted is via email.

A special email address has been set which will be live from 21st October. This is **railwaycensus@railwayherald.co.uk**

For friends or colleagues wishing to contribute who do not have internet access, written notes (neatly in black ink please!), together with any 35mm slides, prints or medium format images should be submitted via post to:

2007 Survey, PO Box 252, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire. DN17 2WY

Please note, especially where pictures are concerned, a stamped SAE must be included for their return. ***Without this*** *we are unable to return submissions.*

For any queries, please call the Railway Census line on **0870 28 56042**. Calls cost 7p per minute from BT landlines, other operators may charge more.

Can I contribute and how?

Most definitely! Without the help of the UK's enthusiasts who make up a significant part of our readership, the project will fail.

Anyone, whether they read *Railway Herald* regularly or not, can help. As the project aims to provide an in-depth view of the network, pictures and details of locomotives, multiple units and even wagons and track machines are welcome. There are two forms of submissions for the project - written and pictorial.

Written Submissions

These can take the form of sightings, be it one train or several hours at different locations. Train formations, details about a problem that may have occurred ... it is all helpful and goes towards providing an insight into how the railway operates.

Pictorial Submissions

Everyone who owns a camera, be it a conventional SLR or compact or even a mobile phone can submit images. and for this project, that includes those still using traditional film, slide or medium format cameras. Even if you have never had pictures published before, we need your help and input.

For a list of valid subjects, click here.

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.

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 from Bewdley to the northern limit of operations using shunters - special fares apply.

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

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

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

Great Central Railway Society
Ruddington Transport Heritage Centre. 10.30 Tour of site, followed at 14.00 by a talk on 'Woodhead - The Lost Railway' by Stephen Gay

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 weekend

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

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

15th October 2007
Great Central Railway Society (Spinkhill Branch)
The Angel Hotel, College Road, Spinkhill. 'The Blue Pullman' by Mick Hayes, starts 7.30pm

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 Rly 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.

18th October 2007
Marlow & District Railway Society
Garden Room, Liston Hall, Liston Road, Marlow. 'A railway tour of Northern France' by Michael Bunn. Starts 7.45pm for 8pm, Non-members £2.

19th October 2007
Great Central Railway Society (London Branch)
The Exmouth Arms, Starcross Street, Euston. 'Travelling around Brtiain' Video evening with Richard Butler. Starts 7.30pm.

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 is requested.

D. J. Fairs Ltd
National Exhibition Cente, Birmingham. 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" slideshow by Hugh Gould. Start 7.30pm. Small donation requested.

Scottish Railway Preservation Society (Perth Branch)
Museum & Art Gallery, George Street, Perth. 'Mainly Scottish Steam' by Ken Falconer. Starts 7.30pm, contact Alex R. Forsyth on 01738 622187 for further details.

26th October 2007
Cambridge University Railway Club
Andrew Room, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. 'The role of BRT systems in tomorrow's Britain' a debate involving Christian Hoskins and Tim Philips. Starts 8.30pm, non-members welcome.

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

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

Churnet Valley Railway
Ghost Train.

27th-28th October 2007
East Lancashire Railway
Autumn Steam and 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
Great Central Railway Society (Rotherham Branch)
The Three Horseshoes, Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham. 'Around and About' by Ken Horan.. Starts 7.30pm

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

Scottish Rly Preservation Society (Edinburgh Branch)
Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh. 'Switzerland by Rail and Steamer by Dr. Ann Glen. Starts 7.30pm, contact Dr. Peter Howell on 0131 334 5232.

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

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway (Birmingham Area Group)
Northfield Library, Church Road, Northfield. 'A Railway Miscellany' by Ian Boskett. Starts 19.30.

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 excursion 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.

Scottish Railway Preservation Society (Motherwell)
Conference Room, St. Mary's Church, Avon Street. Motherwell. 'SRPS Grand Challenge Quiz'. Starts 7.30pm, contact Alistair Maclean on 01698 263814 for further details.

8th November 2007
RCTS (Newcastle)
The Brunswick Methodist Hall, Newcastle. "Peregrinations with a Pentax" 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

Cambridge University Railway Club
Andrew Room, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. "High Level Output Strategy" by Chistian Wolmar. Starts 8.30pm for 9pm, non-members welcome.

10th November 2007
East Lancashire Railway
Sulzer Diesel Theme Day

RCTS (Exeter)
Conference Room, Richmond House, YMCA, 39-41 St. Davids Hill. "The Magnificent Hydraulics" by Bernard Mills. Start 7.00pm.

Toy & Train Collectors' Fair
Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlinton, Oxford. Toy & Train Fair. 11.00-16.00.

10th-11th November 2007
Barrow Hill Roundhouse
Steam Gala - LNER Theme Event, with visiting K1, K4, A4 locomotives and others.

Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway
Diesel Gala Weekend.

11th November 2007
East Lancashire Railway
Sulzer Diesel & Steam operating day.

12th Noveber 2007
RCTS (Sheffield)
St. Mathews Church Rooms, Carver Street, Sheffield. "Steam around Sheffield" by Mike Haynes. Start 7.30pm.

York Railway Circle
Archbishop Holgate's School, Drama Studio, Hull Road, York. 'Running a Heritage Railway by Philip Benham, General Manager of NYMR. Starts 19.30. Membership available. Non-Members £2

13th November 2007
8E Railway Association
The Gladstone Club, Station Road, Northwich. 'Rail Tour of Glorious Devon' by Stephen Gay. Starts 7.45pm

Great Western Society (Bristol Group)
Room 7, BAWA. 589 Southmead Road, Filton, BRISTOL, BS34 7RG. Contact: 0117 987 3244. "Aspects of the GWR" talk by Peter Lugg. Starts 19.30 for 19.45. Non-members welcome.

RCTS (Nottingham)
Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street. "All aboard the Pines Express Part 2" by Chris Youett. Start 7.30pm.

14th November 2007
Bromsgrove Railway Club
St. Godwalds Church Hall, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. 'Darjeeling & Himalayan update by David BarrieArrive 19.15 for 19.45 start. New members welcome

Grimsby & Cleethorpes Railway Group
Royal Air Force Club, Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes. 'More of my favourite steam slides' by Tony Othen. Starts 7.30pm

RCTS (Hitchin)
Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Road. "Leighton Buzzard Railway" by Colin Bassett. Start 7.30pm.

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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