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EWS Class 60 No. 60014 Alexander Fleming approaches Water Orton with a loaded steel coil service on 30th November. **Brian Garrett**

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Class 375/7 'Electrostar' No 375707 rounds the curve from Cannon Street to Borough Market Junction on 30th November as a Class 319/4 passes, forming the 09.40 First Capital Connect Thameslink service from Bedford to Brighton. **Brian Morrison**

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Newsdesk

▲ ***After a stop for water, the latest returnee to the mainline steam scene, LNER Gresley-designed A4 Pacific No. 60019 Bittern departs from the old Doncaster Royal Mail terminal, bound for York, with the Railway Touring Company's 'The White Rose' charter. After several failed attempts at a mainline return, it was certainly fitting to see the 'A4' back on the mainline on its old stamping-ground, the East Coast Main Line.*** **Derek Porter**

▼ ***Following repairs at Barrow Hill, which resulted in HNRC's Class 20 No. 20096 temporarily deputising at the Corus Scunthorpe plant, (Class 20) Corus No. 82, departs from Barrow Hill on a low-loader back to its more usual home at Scunthorpe in North Lincolnshire.*** **Shaun Bamford**

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First Great Western bids farewell to the Valenta power unit

First Great Western marked the end of over 30 years service of the HST Valenta on 1st December with the last scheduled use of a pair of Valenta-powered vehicles in traffic together.

To mark the occasion FGW paired up two of the last powercars still fitted with Valenta power units, Nos. 43002 *Techniquest* and 43003 *Isambard Kingdom Brunel* and re-adorned them with their original set number of Class 253 No. 253001.

Complete with a fully unrefurbished Mk3 set (LA14) comprising FOs Nos. 41029 and 41030, TRFB No. 40726, TSOs Nos. 42042, 42043 and 42044 and TGS No. 44014 worked the 06.40 Exeter to Paddington, 10.05 Paddington to Exeter, 13.52 Exeter to Paddington, 17.00 Paddington to Bristol Temple Meads and finally 19.30 Bristol Temple Meads to Paddington.

Although originally planned to be paired together for the day, the same two powercars and set worked a diagram the following day as well, working a return trip to both Exeter and Bristol.

The coaching stock set is due to move to Bombardier for refurbishment shortly, while both powercars will undergo fitment of the MTU power unit as part of the re-engining programme at Brush Traction, Loughborough.

▲▲ ***With a refurbished powercar arriving on a service from Bristol on the left, No. 43002 brings up the rear of the 10.05 departure to Exeter.***
▲ ***No. 43002, adorned with its original set number, stands underneath the magnificent roof at Paddington on 1st December.*** **Both: Richard Tuplin**

ROVs help firefighters

Disruption to train services caused by fires that are close to railway tracks and involving acetylene cylinders could be minimised if the current six-month trial using Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) continues to prove successful.

Network Rail, working with the London Fire Brigade, has commissioned QinetiQ, the international defence and security technology company, to provide and operate specialised ROVs. These can be used to safely assess and deal with the cylinders, allowing incidents to be resolved more quickly, so enabling the lines to be promptly reopened. If acetylene cylinders are thought to be involved in a fire, the Brigade can request the attendance of QinetiQ. The ROVs, with their all-terrain capabilities, will be able to enter environments that would be unsafe for fire-fighters. Their cameras can identify whether any acetylene cylinders are present and, using thermal imaging, can gauge whether the cylinders are sufficiently cool for the Brigade to safely approach and deal with them. During this year there have been an increasing number of line-side fires, each causing massive disruption to passengers. The total number of acetylene incidents across London (not just trackside) has also risen.

▶ With the South West Trains' Class 455 refurbishment contract coming to an end, the Bombardier Transportation facility at Chart Leacon, Ashford, is to lay off 200 of its 300 workforce by Christmas. Staff numbers fluctuate according to the work at hand. The company has been trying hard to land a replacement contract but has been unsuccessful. Two years ago, prior to the SWT work arriving, the workforce totalled around 60, and will rise again as soon as new contracts are won.

▶ As part of its plans to build a new station at Corby, East Midlands Trains held a summit meeting for key stakeholders in Corby on 5th December. The summit was an opportunity for key partners in the project to discuss and agree a way forward to build the station and plan passenger services for it when it is due to open in December 2008. Tim Shoveller, East Midlands Trains Managing Director said: "East Midlands Trains was launched in November this year and throughout our bidding and mobilisation period we consulted and involved stakeholders. This is something we see as key to winning and running a successful rail franchise. The building of Corby station and the launch of passenger services there is one of the key opportunities for success for our franchise and we want stakeholder input into our plans. We're keen to get the debate about services for Corby started so that we can start planning a brand new train service linking people in Corby with London and the rest of the UK rail network." Attending the summit were directors from East Midlands Trains and guests from the Department for Transport, Network Rail, Corby Borough Council, East Midlands Development Agency, local MPs, English Partnerships and the North Northants Development Company.

▶ Transport Minister Rosie Winterton MP, officially opened the new £6 million St Helens Central station on 4th December, with a new 'Park & Ride' facility to be added in the new year, which will be built on the site of the old station. The new Pilkington glass-fronted station has been designed to complement the neighbouring George Street conservation area and to blend in with its surroundings, providing an impressive gateway to the town. The building includes a new booking and ticket office, new lifts, a footbridge for improved access, CCTV and new customer information systems.

▶ Network Rail has arranged three community meetings to provide an update on the progress on the Gretna-Annan double tracking works and highlight the project goal to have work finished by summer 2008. Upon completion, the eight-mile, £35 million project will have provided a major upgrade to the important secondary passenger route from Carlisle via Dumfries, to Ayrshire via Kilmarnock and on to Glasgow Central, and the route will also provide an improved pathway for the transportation of coal from Ayrshire to power stations in England. The work was originally estimated to be complete by February 2008, but it has now been realised that a summer date will be a more realistic timescale to ensure that the engineering work is carried out to the highest standards. The double-tracked line will also provide an improved diversionary route for trains on the Glasgow & South West route, as well as those travelling on the West Coast Main Line. The upgrade has already included works to several bridges along the length of the route and will also include upgrades to Gretna Green station, including a new platform, improved parking and a footbridge.

▲ *First GBRf's Class 66/7 No. 66723 stands outside the new March depot.* **First GBRf**

First GBRf opens new depot at March

First GBRf, in conjunction with Electro-Motive Services International Ltd (EMSI), has opened a new maintenance depot in March, Cambridgeshire, to service part of its Class 66 locomotive fleet.

The depot in East Anglia will ensure more efficient use of First GBRf's freight vehicles by reducing the distance the locomotives travel for servicing. With facilities formerly in Peterborough, the new depot is expected to reduce 'light engine' movements by 200 miles a month.

The depot was previously a redundant Victorian railway goods shed. EMSI, as part of its five-year contract to maintain the Class 66s, has converted the building into a state-of-the-art service and engineering facility with space for two locomotive exams and on-site stabling capacity for six locos. The depot is the first of its kind to have a roaming repairer on call 24 hours-a-day to assist with vehicle breakdowns wherever they occur.

EMSI is part of Electro-Motive Diesel Inc group, whose Managing Director Duncan R. Scott commented: "The March facility and its location give Electro-Motive the ideal opportunity to deliver improved locomotive availability and reliability aligned to our Class 66, and in addition, will allow us to address overall maintenance efficiency. The depot complements our 'man-in-the-van-concept' keeping GBRf locomotives in service."

The site will be used to carry out 'C' exams where all safety systems including brakes, AWS and Driver Safety Devices are inspected and tested. Weekly 'RS' exams, which include the replacement of consumable items such as oil filters and takes three to four hours to complete, will also now be undertaken at March depot.

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Class 47 changes for Direct Rail Services

▼*The only non-ETS equipped Class 47 operated by Direct Rail Services is reported to have been sold to Cotswold Rail. Class 47/0 No. 47237 was moved from Kingmoor to York on 3rd December, has been allocated to the CRRH TOPS pool and has had all DRS brandings removed. On 5th December, the loco passes Purley-on-Thames with a Kineton MoD to Eastleigh Railcare stock move.* **Ken Brunt**

▼ *Rail Vehicle Engineering Limited (RVEL) at Derby has outshopped the latest member of the DRS Class 47 fleet. No. 47712, previously owned by FM Rail and used as motive power for the popular 'Blue Pullman' train has undergone attention to bogies and a full repaint to the company's colour scheme. Previously named* **Lady Diana Spencer**, *the locomotive is pictured at Derby on 30th November.* **Colin Fearnley**

▶ Freightliner Heavy Haul Limited (FHH) has been awarded a contract to supply drivers to TransPennine Express (TPE) following an extension by the Department for Transport to extend TPE's routes to Scotland. An invitation to tender was extended at the beginning of this year, and in September, FHH was awarded the contract to supplement TPE's own pool of drivers for its new Manchester to Glasgow and Edinburgh routes that commence on 9th December. TPE drivers will operate the trains between Manchester and Carlisle, where FHH drivers will then take over to complete the journey. Freightliner will supply up to six drivers per day, seven days a week. The dedicated employees have all been given the appropriate Class 185 unit training and route knowledge, and have been supplied with TPE uniforms that they will wear while operating the services. The drivers will exclusively work for TPE while driving the services. The partnership is a post privatisation first for a freight operator.

▶ A new Neighbourhood Policing Team that will be responsible for policing stations and trains throughout the West Yorkshire area commenced on 5th December in partnership with the British Transport Police. The team, consisting of one inspector, two sergeants, five constables and 12 police community support officers, are dedicated to policing train services and stations across the whole of West Yorkshire from Huddersfield to Halifax and from Bradford to Leeds. The officers will also work closely with West Yorkshire PTE, West Yorkshire Police, Network Rail, Train Operating Companies, universities and local resident's groups to address any issues that are identified.

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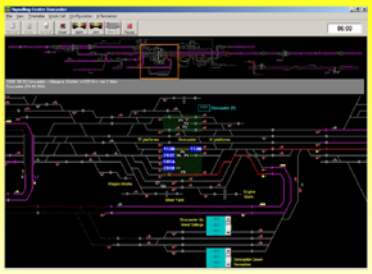

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▶ Kingfisher's 'Christmas Dalesman' from Hellifield to Carlisle and return on 22nd December will be diesel-hauled in place of No. 71000 *Duke of Gloucester,* which is currently undergoing repair and boiler overhaul. West Coast Railway Company will now provide the traction from its 'heritage' fleet.

▶ No. 6024 *King Edward I* undertook a successful test run from Bristol Barton Hill to Weston-super-Mare and back in the early hours of 4th December, following completion of repairs to its inside right cross-head and piston rod. Later in the day the loco and support coach then worked via Hereford and Shrewsbury to Bescot where it was positioned for its next booked workings, which are to Chester for Past Time on 22nd December and a Welsh Marches circular for Kingfisher on 29th December.

▶ Spitfire Railtours has announced a trans-Pennine outing for No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* on 23rd February, originating at Liverpool Lime Street and travelling via the Standedge route to Huddersfield, Leeds and York for a run along the ECML to Edinburgh. The train also picks up at Newton-le-Willows and Manchester Victoria.

Heritage Class 86 returns to the mainline

The highlight of Vintage Trains early 2008 programme is the mainline return of Class 86/2 No. 86259 *Les Ross*.

The train has two booked workings, commencing with a Birmingham New Street to Liverpool Lime Street charter, picking up at Sandwell & Dudley and Wolverhampton on 1st March. Later, on 3rd May, the loco has a chance of really stretching its legs with a return to Shap, over which the loco spent a significant part of its mainline career especially in latter days with Virgin Cross Country. Again, the train has a Birmingham New Street start, picking up along the Stour Valley corridor to Stafford, before heading north along the WCML to Carlisle for a short break.

The company will also be employing heritage diesel traction on a series of 'Explorer' workings, in the shape of 'top and tail' Class 47s, one of which will certainly be its own No. 47773. The first working is a 'Welsh Marches Luncheon Special' on 23rd February which runs from Birmingham Moor Street on a circular itinerary back to Birmingham New Street via Stourbridge, Worcester, Hereford (reverse), Shrewsbury and Wolverhampton.

Other trips are to Portsmouth Harbour on 12th April, Bournemouth, Poole and Weymouth on 10th May and Southend Central (for the Airshow) on 26th May.

On the steam side there is much mechanical work on-going, and purchasing of Brunswick green paint at Tyseley's workshop as two Castles are set to emerge in 2008.

The first, after a general overhaul, will be No. 5029 *Nunney Castle*, which has a mainline return scheduled for Easter Saturday, 22nd March. This will be a local turn from Birmingham Snow Hill via Kidderminster to Worcester Shrub Hill, returning to Snow Hill and continuing on via Henley-in-Arden to Stratford-upon-Avon for a break. The train returns to Snow Hill via Dorridge.

As well as being the first main line outing for Nunney Castle, it is likely to provide a rare opportunity to see a chimney-first run south along the North Warwickshire line, as most workings operate tender or bunker first on the outward working to Stratford-upon-Avon.

Other trips scheduled for No. 5029 include Chester on 5th April and York on 24th May. With *Rood Ashton Hall* out of ticket after it's 15th March Didcot trip, No. 4953 *Pitchford Hall* could well see more action, and is scheduled to head the 'Welsh Highlander' on 17th May to Llandudno Junction, which includes is a trip on the Welsh Highland Railway.

The other 'Castle', you ask? Well, that is No. 5043 *Earl of Mount Edgcumbe* which could well make a mainline appearance quite soon as the locomotive's overhaul is well advanced as described in *Railway Herald* Issue 106.

A Scottish Western for May next year!

The master plan of ensuring that every part of the rail network eventually is graced with the presence of a Class 52 takes a significant turn on 3rd May with the plan to take D1015 *Western Champion* to Edinburgh, which will be the first occasion that a member of the Class has travelled north of the border.

Pathfinder is the organiser of the tour, which also covers other lines not yet 'Westernised'. The route is from Tame Bridge Parkway, picking up at Birmingham New Street, Sandwell & Dudley, Wolverhampton, Stafford and Crewe via Shap and the Upperby curve to Newcastle via Hexham, and then ECML to Edinburgh for a short break. The return is via Haymarket, Carstairs and Beattock to Carlisle and then WCML back to Birmingham.

Another new tour is Pathfinder's 'Grays Church Elegy' to London Fenchurch Street and Thameshaven with a pair of EWS Class 37's. The tour originates at Crewe, travelling via Birmingham, Leicester, Peterborough, Ely, Cambridge and Bishops Stortford to Fenchurch Street for a break. This is followed by a trip down the freight-only Thameshaven branch, running via Barking and Grays. The return operates via Finsbury Park and the ECML to Peterborough, and thence as outwards.

▼ ***LNER 'A4' No. 60009* Union of South Africa *powers through Great Cheverill on the Berks & Hants with the 'Cathedrals Express' from London Victoria to Bristol on 1st December.***
Tom Curtis

▲ *Vintage Train's 'The City of York' charter from Tyseley Warwick Road on 1st December slows for a permanent-way slack at Belper, with GWR 'Hall' 4-6-0 No. 4965* **Rood Ashton Hall** *at the helm.* **John Whitehouse**

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.

7th December

SRPS	55022	Linlithgow-Newcastle upon Tyne-Lincoln and return
Steam Dreams	60009	London Victoria-Kensington Olympia-Stevenage Peterborough-Spalding-Lincoln (break)-Newark-Grantham and return

8th December

Compass Tours	2xCl 47	Stockport-Bolton-Wigan-Preston-Stirling-Perth-Dundee and return
Hertfordshire (Pullman)	2xCl 47	Southend Central-Barking-Stratford-Lincoln (break/rev) and return
Kingfisher Railtours	EWS Cl 67	Derby-Kettering-Bath and return
Kingfisher Railtours	6201	(Hellifield-Blackburn-Preston)-Shap-Carlisle and return
Kingfisher Railtours	6024	Paddington-Salisbury (break) and return **Cancelled**
Pathfinder Tours	Cl.50	Salisbury-Southampton Central-Havant-Woking-Huntingdon-Lincoln-Barnetby (rev)-Lincoln-Nottingham-Kettering & return
Railtourer	2xWCRC Cl47	Stevenage-Sandy-St. Neots-Huntingdon-Peterborough-Grantham-Newark-Retford-Doncaster-Chester (break/rev) and return
Railway Touring Company	4523145407	St. Albans-Melton Mowbray-Chesterfield-Barrow Hill-York and rtn
Vintage Trains	47773	Tyseley WR-Birmingham Moor Street-Kidderminster-Droitwich Spa-Cheltenham-Bristol-Taunton-Minehead and return

9th December

Hertfordshire (Pullman)	2xClass 47	Finsbury Park-Potters Bar-Stevenage-Lincoln (break/rev) and return
Railtourer	2xWCRC Cl47	Stevenage-Chester and return
Railway Touring Company	45407	York-Leeds-Wakefield-Sheffield-Nottingham-Lincoln and return
Steam Dreams	60009	London KX-Stevenage-Cambridge-Ely (break/rev) and return

11th December

Hertfordshire (Pullman)	2xClass 47	London Victoria-Winchester-Chichester-Arundel-Pulborough-Horsham-Dorking-Epsom-London Victoria
Steam Dreams	30777	London Victoria-Woking-Salisbury-Eastleigh-Basingstoke and return

13th December

Hertfordshire (Pullman)	tbc	London KX-Potters Bar-Stevenage-York (break/rev) and return
Steam Dreams	34067	London Victoria-Ashford-Dover-Ashford-Tonbridge and return

15th December

Hertfordshire (Pullman)	tbc	London King's Cross-Peterborough-Skipton (break/rev) and return
Past Time Rail	tbc	London KX-Peterborough-York-Edinburgh and return

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
BLUE Provisional excursion

(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.

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- Online railtour listings
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The Week Ahead

A busy week is in store, with the seasonal traffic really gearing up as Christmas approaches.

The action starts on 11th December with Steam Dreams Waterloo to Salisbury 'Christmas Carol Cathedrals Express' (CCCE) with No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel*. The change to Waterloo is because *Sir Lamiel* is out of gauge at London Victoria for arrivals (departures are fine!) and so the routing has been changed. Outwards remains via Staines, Basingstoke and Andover, but the return is now also via Andover, but the train will swing round through Hounslow and Kew in order at attach a diesel to haul the train into Waterloo. Hertfordshire have a circular tour, also from Victoria, running via Winchester, Fareham, Havant, Chichester and Arundel, returning to the capital via Horsham, Dorking and Epsom.

Steam Dreams has No. 34067 *Tangmere* and a Kent circular on 13th December, from Victoria via Tonbridge, Ashford, Canterbury and Dover, returning to Victoria via Ashford and Tonbridge. York is Hertfordshire's destination on the same day, from King's Cross, Potters Bar and Stevenage.

Currently, eight tours are scheduled for 15th December, of which half are steam-hauled. Two A4s feature, with No. 60009 now working for Past Time following its recent exchange from Steam Dreams' Chichester charter due to gauging issues. Past Times' seasonally named 'Ewell Tide Express' runs from London Victoria, passing through Ewell East en route to Horsham, Arundel, Havant, Cosham and Eastleigh before returning to Victoria via Basingstoke.

Railway Touring Company has No. 60019, working its second mainline train, on the return leg of its 'Christmas White Rose' from York to Kings Cross. It is diesel-hauled on the outward leg. As previously mentioned, Steam Dreams now has No. 34067 *Tangmere* on its Chichester CCCE from Victoria through Epsom, Leatherhead, Dorking and Arundel both ways.

In the Midlands, Vintage Trains operate luncheon excursions to Worcester on both 15th/16th December with No. 4965 *Rood Ashton Hall*. The routing on the 15th is slightly longer, running from Tyseley Warwick Road to Walsall, Galton Junction and then to Stourbridge Junction and Droitwich, while the return is directly back to Tyseley via the Jewellery Line and Birmingham Snow Hill. The train on 16th December runs via Snow Hill and the Jewellery Line direct route both ways. Whichever route is taken, the key feature is that both trains include the ascent of Old Hill Bank!

Pathfinder's traditional festive 'Spin'n'Win' is the notable modern traction tour of the day. The highlight is probably the Wembley EFOC to Dollands Moor Yard section, which has Class 92 traction outwards via Swanley and Maidstone East, and returning via Tonbridge and Brixton to bring the unlikely sight of a pair of First GBRf Class 73's to the bufferstop at Euston. The train originates at Swindon and runs to Birmingham International via Stroud and Bromsgrove with an EWS Class 66, which in turn gives way to a First GBRf Class 66/7 from Birmingham International via Banbury, High Wycombe and Ealing Broadway to Wembley EFOC. A Freightliner Class 90 covers the return from Euston via Northampton to Birmingham International, before giving way to a different EWS Class 66 for the return to Swindon, as outwards. Other trips include an 'Edinburgh Flyer' for Past Time from King's Cross, Steamy Affairs head to York from Colchester and Hertfordshire have a 'Pullman' working to Skipton, again from King's Cross.

The remaining tour is Railway Touring Company's 'York Yuletide Express' from Liverpool Lime Street via Standedge to York on 16th December which will now be in the hands of Nos. 45407 and 76079 in place of the unavailable *Duke of Gloucester*.

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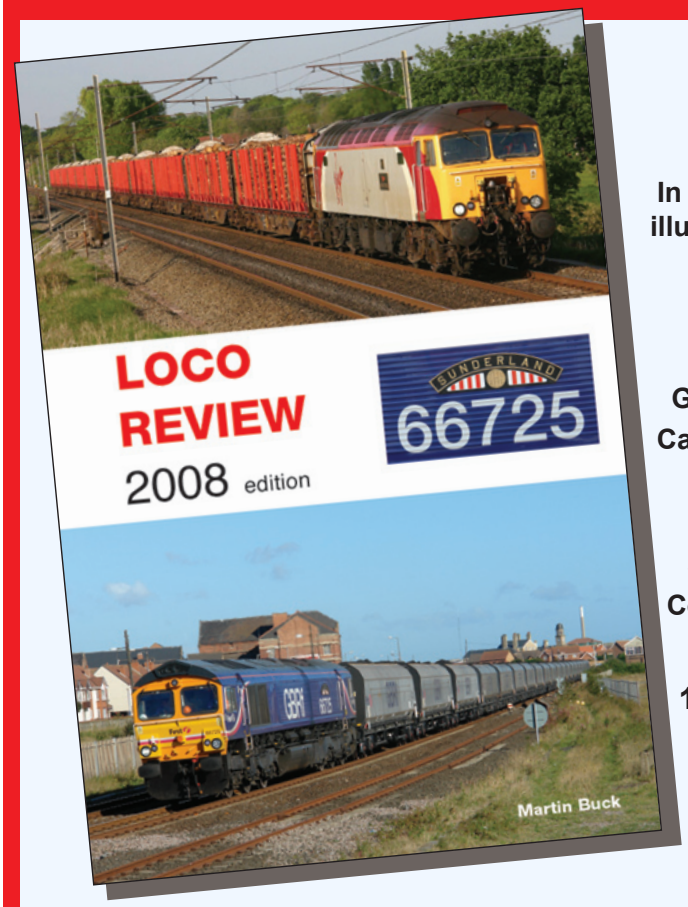

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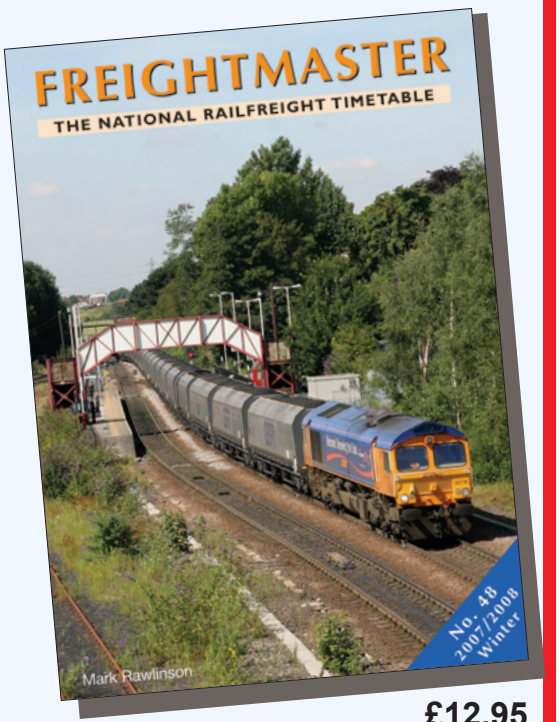

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▲ *With Class 90 No. 90026 'dead in tow', EWS Class 37/4s Nos. 37422* **Cardiff Canton** *and 37417* **Richard Trevithick** *prepare to depart Crewe on 26th November, shortly after 02.30, with a diverted 23.45 London Euston - Glasgow Central 'Caledonian Sleeper' service.* **Bushcutter**

▼ *DRS Class 37/6s Nos. 37606 (leading) and 37605 power away from the camera at Pye Corner, just north of Park Junction on the Ebbw Vale branch with a Derby-Ebbw Vale-Derby working on 30th November, which ran in connection with the reopening to passenger services.* **Robert Dumelow**

▲ *Presenting a bright image and certainly one displaying the corporate colours of Network Rail, the company's two Class 73/2s Nos. 73212 and 73213 head a set of former GLV's from Tonbridge to Eastleigh at Chertsey on 5th December.* **Ken Brunt**

▼ *Freightliner Heavy Haul provided Class 47/4 No. 47816 to move a pair of stored Class 442 'Wessex Electric' EMUs Nos. (44)2412 and (44)2414 from Eastleigh to Wolverton on 3rd December. The train is pictured passing through West Byfleet.* **Chris Holt**

KWVR WD in action on goods service

▶ *The Keighley & Worth Valley Railway's restored WD re-entered traffic during the year, having been converted from a Swedish locomotive, built by the North British Locomotive Company to the same design as the UK War Department engines. Having been converted back to the same look as the UK engines, the locomotive was given the next numerical number in the series - 90733. Here the only member of the 2-8-0 Riddles design to survive in preservation climbs near Oakworth on 3rd December.*
John Whitehouse

▼ *On the same day and in a sunshine moment between rain storms, No. 90733 slogs up grade between Oakworth and Haworth on the approach to Mytholmes Tunnels. It has to be an amazingly rare event for a photographer to be in the right place at the right time, to capture a rainbow, with a hard working steam locomotive and the sun out!*
Kieran Pilsworth

▶ The Tanfield Railway reports with regret, that one of its founding members, Derek Knott, passed away on 31st October. Mr Knott was working on a locomotive at the line's Marley Hill engine shed when he suffered a major heart attack and died on his way to hospital. It was around his fireside that a group of young steam fanatics proposed the relaying of the Tanfield line, nearly 40 years ago. Since then, Derek had worked ceaselessly to save the material of the steam age to build the Tanfield Railway and its collection of locos and rolling stock. At the end of the 1960s and through 1970s he was at the centre of efforts to beat the scrapman to the residue of the north-east's railway heritage and he successfully worked to create the uniquely focused range of engines, carriages, wagons, machinery and buildings which are today at Marley Hill. Furthermore Mr Knott was a key operator in lifting tracks from elsewhere and laying them between Sunnyside and East Tanfield.

▶ LMS '8F' 2-8-0 No. 48173, currently still in Barry scrapyard condition, has been purchased by a Director of the Churnet Valley Railway following the failed purchase by another prospective customer. The remains of the locomotive are currently located at Bittern on the Avon Valley Railway and once transferred to Cheddleton, the initial stages of a long restoration are planned to commence in the New Year. The locomotive is missing many parts and an appeal is being made to anyone with suitable '8F' items for sale and/or the whereabouts of any '8F' spares. The Fowler tender that has been associated with the locomotive since purchase from Woodhams at Barry in 1987 by the Avon Valley Railway, arrived at the CVR on 22nd November. Ironically the number, still visible, on the tender is 44422. This '4F' locomotive was the first resident operational engine on the Churnet Valley Railway. Unfortunately, plans to move the rest of the '8F' did not materialise as quickly as had been hoped due to a seized pony truck. The locomotive arrived on 5th December.

▶ The Telford Steam Railway suffered its second vandal attack in a week on 3rd December when 16 windows were smashed, causing over £1,500 of damage. During the first attack, thousands of pounds worth of books were stolen from the railway.

▶ The Midland Railway - Butterley has won an £80,000 lottery award to buy land to extend its country park. The money was awarded from the Big Lottery Fund.

▲ *BR Standard 4MT 2-6-4T No. 80078 drifts into Cheddleton station with the 13.45 'Santa Special' service from Froghall on 1st December. Of note is the work on the new signal gantry and cleared Platform 2, which has taken place during the year.* **David Gibson**

Churnet Valley enhances carriage and wagon fleet

Throughout the year the Carriage & Wagon (C&W) department on the Churnet Valley Railway, which consists of a staff of 19, has been busily working away in the background restoring eight wagons and undertaking a full renovation on a Mk1 coach.

Work on all eight wagons entailed stripping down, repairing where necessary and re-painting. Any work required on the frames and bogies was carried out in-situ by the MPD. Wagons returned to service included two VAA 12-ton Vans Nos. 200056 and 200155, five 12-ton Standard Box Vans Nos. B785811, B230017, B230029, B230235 and B230327, all of which finished in Bauxite livery, and finally 1944 Wolverton-built 20-ton Goods Brake Van No. 731790.

The main renovation project of the year has been BSK Mk1 Coach No. M35343, built at Wolverton in 1962. Over 1,500 of these coaches were built by British Railways, which provided seating for 24 in four Second Class compartments. No. M35343 was bought from BR at Crewe in 1991 and moved to the railway's storage sidings at Oakamore sidings.

All external paintwork was removed as were the doors, which were completely dismantled and rebuilt. Steam heating has been installed in the luggage area and most of the interior has been repainted following repairs to the floors and ceilings. Some upholstery work has also been carried out on high-wear areas such as arm rests. The body was lifted from the frames, and again all maintenance work required was completed by the MPD.

Finally, after mechanical attention from the railway's motive power department, No. 35343 had an external repaint to a very high standard, before being rolled out on 24th November. The next vehicle to undergo the attention of the C&W department will be stored Mk1 FK No. E43236.

▼ *The latest resident on the Churnet Valley Railway, albeit not a working locomotive as yet, is un-restored LMS Class 8F 2-8-0 No. 48173, previously on the Avon Valley Railway. See separate story, left.* **David Gibson**

TURNING THE CLOCK BACK

The Southern Region in December 1962

Brian Morrison looks back to the 1960s and uncovers several colour images of steam at work on the Southern Region

Despite being early December, the day was bright and sunny for a special event from Waterloo featuring two former London & South Western Railway 1878 Beattie 0298 class 2-4-0WTs and an H16 class Pacific tank.

The locomotives were being used for a joint Railway Correspondence & Travel Society/Stephenson Locomotive Society series of special trains to three Southern Region branch termini, Hampton Court, Chessington South and Shepperton.

While out for the specials, there was also the opportunity to record a few day-to-day workings as well at both Waterloo and at Wimbledon Yards.

▲ ***Rebuilt Merchant Navy Pacific No 35018 British India Line awaits departure from Waterloo on 2nd December 1962, heading the 12.30 train for Bournemouth West.***

◀ ***The RCTS/SLS 'South Western Suburban Railtour' arrives at Hampton Court on the same day, behind 0298 class 2-4-0WTs Nos 30587 and 30585.*** **All: Brian Morrison**

▲ *Tender-first Bulleid Q1 class 0-6-0 No 33007 passes Wimbledon Yards on 2nd December 1962, hauling an inter-Regional working of tanks, and runs alongside N class Mogul No 31408 awaiting its next duty. Overnight frost remains on the sleepers that are still in shadow.*

◀ *1921-built Urie H16 class Pacific tank No 30517 unusually heads a passenger working on the day, passing Raynes Park with a leg of the RCTS/SLS 'South Western Suburban Railtour' from Waterloo to Chessington South and returning to Wimbledon.*

▲ *In times, when the only daylight to come through the roof at Waterloo station was from missing panes of glass, Beattie Class 0298 2-4-0 Well Tank No 30585 awaits departure from the terminus with the RCTS/SLS 'South Western Suburban Railtour' of 2nd December 1962.* **Brian Morrison**

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Diary

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

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

7th December 2007
Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway (Birmingham Area Group)
Northfield Library, Church Road, Northfield. Evening Slide show by Phil Darlaston. Starts 19.30.

Stephenson Loco Society
Settlement Centre, Union Street Middlesbrough. ' North American Steam 1940 - 1994' by Ian McInnes. Contact 01642 321205 for further details. Start 19.00.

8th December 2007
Irwell Vale Railway Photographers,
Church Hall, Irwell Vale, Rossendale, Lancs 'Modern Traction Scene' by Terry Eyres Start 7.30pm with pie and pea supper. Further details contact Mike Taylor on (01282) 436653.

10th December 2007
Stephenson Loco Society
New Trinity Parish Hall, Saltcoats Ayrshire.
'Railway Photography, a Different Perspective' by Max Fowler. Contact 01294 822303 for further details. Start 19.30

York Railway Circle
Archbishop Holgate's School, Drama Studio, Hull Road, York. 'Mainline Steam in 2007' DVD/ Stereo large screen presentation by Karl Jauncey & Dave Richards of PSOV. Sales Stand. Starts 19.30. Membership available. Non-Members £2

12th December 2007
Bromsgrove Railway Club
St. Godwalds Church Hall, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. 'Club AGM, Members Slides, Photographic Competition and more!' Arrive 19.15 for 19.45 start. New members welcome

The Grimsby & Cleethorpes Railway Group
Royal Air Force Club, Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes. 'Picture Postcard Railway Rambles' by Stephen Gay. Starts 7.30pm

Stephenson Loco Society
YMCA, Bridge Street, Guildford. 'Swindon and the Great Western Railway' by Bernie Holland. Contact 01372 379216. Start 19.30

13th December 2007
Locomotive Club of Great Britain (St. Albans)
United Reform Church, Watford Road, Chiswell Green. 'Locomotive and Tender Loving Care' filmshow by Dave Baker. Starts 19.30.

Stephenson Loco Society
United Reform Church Hall, Mowbray Road, New Barnet. 'On and Off the Footplate Part 4' by Bill Davies. Starts 19.30 Contact 0208 368 6200.

14th December 2007
Altrincham Electric Railway Preservation Society
Altrincham Methodist Church Hall, Barrington Road, Altrincham. 'Manchester and the Llandudno & Colwyn Bay Tramway Then and Now' by Keith Chadbourne. Start 19.30, Non-members £3.00

Stephenson Loco Society
The Mining Institute Lecture Theatre, Neville Hall, Westgate Road. Newcastle Upon Tyne. 'Yuletide Festivities'. Starts 19.00 Contact 01434 688946.

16th December 2007
D. J. Fairs Ltd
National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. Toy & Train Fair. 10.30-16.00. Adults £5, Children £2.

17th December 2007
The Great Central Railway Society (Spinkhill branch)
Angel Hotel, College Road, Spinkhill. 'Picture Postcard Railway Rambles' by Stephen Gay. Starts 7.30pm

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Brighton)
Model Railway Club, BR London Road Station, Shaftesbury Place, Brighton. 'Member's Memories of 2007' presentation. Starts 19.45.

Stafford Railway Society
St. Leonard's Sport & Social Club, St. Leonard's Avenue, Stafford. "Member's Christmas Special", Starts 19.30, Adults £2, Concessions £1.

18th December 2007
Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)
St Johns Church Hall, St Johns Street, Bedford. 'Christmas Special'. Starts 19.30.

North Wales Railway Circle
Railway Institute, Euston Road, Bangor (above the Post Office, Sorting Office. "Members slides, digital and video pictures." Starts 19.30, Entrance fee £1.50.

Peak Rail Association (Chesterfield Branch)
Upstairs function room, New Inn, 229 Mansfield Road, Hasland. "Pre-grouping railtour of Britain in Colour" by Ken Grainger. Start 7.30pm. Admission free.

RCTS Cheltenham
The Victory Club, Burlington House, Lypiatt Road, Cheltenham. "Garratt K1 - The story of an articulated Locomotive" by Paul Inman. Start 7.30pm

20th December 2007
Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Croydon)
United Reform Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon Branch meeting. Starts 19.30.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North West)
NOTE AMENDED DATE
The Victoria Hotel, Wargrave Road, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside'. 'Steam in the UK and South Africa' by Ian Fisher. Starts 19.30.

21st December 2007
Locomotive Club of Great Britain, (Central London Branch)
Main Hall, Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street. "Mainly narrow gauge in East Germany", memories of former DDR, plus wine and mince pies. Starts 19.15, Donation of £2.

27th December 2007
D. J. Fairs Ltd
Donnington Park Exhibition Centre. Toy & Train Fair. 10.30-15.30. Adults £3, Children £1.

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway
Diesel Running Day.

28th December 2007
Peak Rail (Sheffield Branch)
The Library Theatre (by The Crucible) Tudor Place, Sheffield. "Railways Remembered - light-hearted end-of-year special selections from the archives" Filmshow by Rob Foxon Starts 19.30, £5.50 (concessions £5) non-members welcome. Contact Dave Sharp on 0114 274 5478.

29th December 2007
Julie & John Webb Toy Fairs
The International Hall, Brentwood Centre, Brentwood.

29th-30th December 2007
Churnet Valley Railway
'Winter Warmer' event.

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway
'Christmas Cracker' event. All available engines, incl. GW 'City No. 3440 City of Truro, will run an intensive timetable. First train dep. 09.45 non-stop to Cheltenham (double headed by City of Truro and Foremarke Hall). First departure from Cheltenham Race Course 10.30 £12 ticket provides unlimited travel on day of purchase.

30th December 2007
D. J. Fairs Ltd
East of England Showground, Peterborough. Toy & Train Fair. 10.30-15.30. Adults £3, Children £1.

Halifax Model Railway Club
Halifax MRC Clubrooms, 5 Deal Street, Halifax Open Day from 10.00-16.00, featuring five working layouts. Admission free, although Donations will be gratefully accepted. Geoff Bridge on 01422 371489 for more details

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

31st December 2007
D. J. Fairs Ltd
Doncaster Racecourse, Doncaster.. Toy & Train Fair. 10.30-15.30. Adults £3, Children £1.

1st January 2008
Didcot Railway Centre
Didcot New Year Steamday.

Julie & John Webb Toy Fairs
George Stephenson Exhibition Hall, The Showground, Newark (A1/A6 Junction)

2nd January 2008
Stephenson Loco Society
Hayes Village Hall, Hayes Street, Hayes, Bromley. 'The Spa Valley Railway since 1985' by Brian Halford. Starts 19.30. Contact 0208 289 9935.

4th January 2008
Stephenson Loco Society
The Mining Institute Lecture Theatre, Neville Hall, Westgate Road. Newcastle Upon Tyne. 'By Train and Tram Through New Zealand' by Howard Burchell. Starts 19.00. Call 01434 688946.

Stephenson Locomotive Society
Fox Covert Inn, High Leven, Nr Yarm, Teeside. ' The Glorious Years – Scottish Region' by Martin Green. Starts 19.30. Contact 01642 321205.

5th January 2008
Kidderminster Railway Museum
Railway Photograph Fair

50th anniversary of last train from Abergavenny to Merthyr Exhibition.
The Welsh Railways Research Circle and Abergavenny & District Steam Society. St. Michael's Church Centre, Penypound in Abergavenny on 12.00-17.00. Admission £2. Various displays on show. Call 01873 855000 for further details.

7th January 2008
Stephenson Locomotive Society
New Trinity Parish Hall, Saltcoats, Ayrshire.
'Glasgow Central: Central to Glasgow' by Bill Ure. Starts 19.30. Contact 01294 822303.

8th January 2008
Great Western Society (Bristol Group)
Room 7, BAWA. 589 Southmead Road, Filton, BRISTOL, BS34 7RG. "A Broad Gauge Journey - Part 1" talk by Brian Arman.
Starts 19.30 for 19.45. Non-members welcome. Contact: 0117 987 3244 for further details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)
St Johns Church Hall, St Johns Street, Bedford. 'An Evening with Colin Gifford'. Starts 19.30.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North London)
Wood Green Labour Club, 3 Stuart Crescent, Wood Green, London. N22 5NJ.
'Film Miscellany' by Dave Baker. Starts: 19.30

Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire Branch)
Eastleigh Railway Institute in Romsey Road, Eastleigh.
'The Tramways of Siberia' talk by Mike Russell. Starts 19.30. Entrance £2

9th January 2008
Scottish Rly Preservation Society (Motherwell)
Conference Room, St. Mary's Church, Avon Street. Motherwell. 'Railway Travels in Retirement' by Fred Landery. Starts 7.30pm, contact Alistair Maclean on 01698 263814 for further details.

Stephenson Locomotive Society
YMCA, Bridge Street, Guildford. 'Japanese Railways' by Edward Talbot. Contact 01372 379216 for further details of this meeting. Start 19.30

10th January 2008
Locomotive Club of Great Britain (St. Albans)
United Reform Church, Watford Road, Chiswell Green.
'West Coast Mainline Upgrade - 2008 and beyond' by Stuart Baker. Starts 19.30.

Scottish Railway Preservation Society (Edinburgh)
Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh.
'Pulling & Pushing' by Jim Summers. Illustrated talk on railway freight operations during the 1960s. Starts 7.30pm,
Contact Dr. Peter Howell on 0131 334 5232 for further details.

11th January 2008
Altrincham Electric Railway Preservation Society
Altrincham Methodist Church Hall, Barrington Road, Altrincham.
'Wester & Wessex Wanderings' by Tony Icke Start 19.30,
Non-members £3.00

12th January 2008
Stephenson Locomotive Society
Kidderminster Railway Museum.
'Members Slides'. Starts 14.15.
Contact 01242 582152.

14th January 2008
York Railway Circle
Archbishop Holgate's School, Drama Studio, Hull Road, York.
'Midland & Great Northern Railway & North Norfolk Railway' by David Harris. Starts 19.30. Membership available.

15th January 2008
Stephenson Locomotive Society
Fox Covert Inn, High Leven, Nr Yarm, Teeside. 'The Railways of Cornwall' by John Irving. Starts 19.30. Contact 01642 321205.

17th January 2007
Monmouthshire Railway Society
Room LL1, UWCN, Allt-Yr-Yn Ave., Newport , Gwent. '16mm Archive Railway Films' by Chris Plaister. Meeting starts: 19.30
Non-members £3.

Stephenson Loco Society
United Reform Church Hall, Mowbray Road, New Barnet.
'Patagonia Narrow Gauge in 1996' by Alan Pearce. Starts 19.30
Contact 0208 368 6200.

18th January 2008
Locomotive Club of Great Britain, Central London Branch
Main Hall, Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street.
"Just in front of the good Doctor, Operation 8" by Blake Paterson. Starts 19.15, Donation of £2.

Stephenson Loco Society
The Mining Institute Lecture Theatre, Neville Hall, Westgate Road. Newcastle Upon Tyne. 'The Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway' by Steven Walker. Starts 19.00. Contact 01434 688946.

19th January 2008
Churnet Valley Railway
'Burns Night' event.

24th January 2008
RCTS (Sussex Branch)
Brighthelm Church & Community Centre, North Road, Brighton.
"Tales of an International Railway Journalist" by Chris Jackson. Start 7.30pm. Donation of £1.50 is requested.

1st-6th February 2008
Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Oversea's Tour)
'IGE Winter Steam' in Slovenia. Participants must be members of LCGB for insurance purposes. Further details visit the website at http://www.lcgb.org.com

1st February 2008
RCTS (Bristol Branch)
St Peters Church Hall, Church Road, Filton.
'Central Switzerland's Railway Wonderland' by Arthur Turner. Start 7.30pm.

4th February 2008
RCTS (Merseyside Branch)
The Lever Club, Greendale Road.
'Civil Engineer Part 3' by John Ryan Start 7.45pm.

5th February 2008
RCTS (Watford Branch)
St. Thomas's United Reformed Church, Langley Road. 'The Midland Railway Trust' by Peter Featherstone. Start 7.30pm.

Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire Branch)
Eastleigh Railway Institute in Romsey Road, Eastleigh.
'Miscellany of steam railway and tram slides' talk by Martyn Davies. Starts 19.30. Entrance fee £2

6th February 2008
RCTS (Ipswich Branch)
St Thomas Church, Back Room Bramford Lane. Ipswich.
'Transport in the Philippines' by Dave Carson. Start 7.30pm.

Scottish Rly Preservation Society (Motherwell)
Conference Room, St. Mary's Church, Avon Street. Motherwell.
'An abc of BR Steam' colour slideshow by Hamish Stevenson. Starts 7.30pm, contact Alistair Maclean on 01698 263814.

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

▼ ***First GBRf Class 66/7 No. 66727 passes Cow Roast, near Tring, on the West Coast Main Line, on 26th November with the 10.59 Felixstowe - Hams Hall intermodal service.*** **Chris Holt**

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