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Front Cover

Wearing undercoat livery and with steam oozing from its pipes, 'A1' Pacific No. 60163 Tornado stands outside the A1 Trust's Darlington Works on 1st August. **A1 Steam Locomotive Trust**

Rear Cover

Class 40 No. 40145* East Lancashire Railway *heads Compass Tours 'Whistling Fellsman' through Pennington, shortly after leaving Ulverston on 2nd August. **Trevor Jones**

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

Newsdesk

▲ ***West Coast Railway Company has made Class 47/4 No. 47826 a mobile advertising hording, promoting the company's summer Scarborough Spa Express operation. Here, the loco stands at the back of York station.*** **Ron Cover**

To err or not to err ... yes we do make mistakes!

Unfortunately the gremlins were well at work with our last issue and several minor errors crept in. Apologies to all concerned for this.

To correct the details, the back cover picture of 'Western' No. D1015 *Western Champion* at Liverpool Lime Street should have been credited to John Whitehouse. The last Scotrail-liveried Class 158 pictured on page 7, is of course crossing the River Ness while working an Inverness to Wick/Thurso service, not Edinburgh.

Finally, several readers could not work out whether we'd put the wrong caption with the right photograph in the Diary section on page 25 or vice-versa. The real situation being that we were just testing readers to see how many people picked it up! (Very quick thinking there - Ed!) OK, we admit it, we made a mistake, it was actually the wrong photograph that was pulled onto page, with the wrong caption!

Apologies to all involved.

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Ashford regains its direct Brussels service

Eurostar has announced that it is adding an 11th daily service (Monday to Friday) in each direction between London and Brussels from 14th December.

The extra train is being introduced to meet fast-growing demands, passenger numbers on the route having increased by 30% since the introduction of Eurostar services on High Speed 1 in November. The additional service will leave St Pancras International at 11.04 and arrive in Brussels at 14.03; the Brussels departure will be at 12.59 arriving in London at 14.03 (times subject to confirmation).

The extra service will provide 7,500 seats each week on the London-Brussels route with tickets for travel going on sale from 16th August. The introduction of the additional daily service has also enabled a direct Ashford-Brussels service to be reintroduced from 14th December. Eurostar also report that it carried a record number of passengers in July, numbers being up 16.8% from the same month in 2007 to a record 923,000.

Blackpool tram refurbished to 1934 livery

▼ ***Restored to its 1934 livery at Blackpool's Rigby Road Depot and standing in ex-works condition is 1934 English Electric 'Balloon' tramcar No. 717. The unit was fully refurbished as the final wish of life-long tram enthusiast Phillip R. Thorpe who, prior to his death had made provision for this work to be carried out and in recognition of this, Blackpool Transport Tramways named the unit in his honour. The vehicle is seen standing at Blackpool's North Pier awaiting the signal for it to proceed to Fleetwood, where it formed the first tram into the Transport Festival and remained on display there for several hours.*** **Chris Dixon**

New look for Scotland's internal passenger services

It is reported that ScotRail trains are all to be rebranded with Scotland's national flag, a uniform look using saltire livery.

Stations are also to be revamped using a dark blue colour scheme and blue signs similar to those at Glasgow Central and Edinburgh Waverley.

Transport Scotland says it wants the country's trains to have the same connection as red buses have in London, the thought being to provide the country's railways with a livery that will not change each time a new company takes over.

The work will be carried out during routine re-painting to avoid extra costs, eventually eliminating both First ScotRail and Strathclyde Partnership brands. The look is due to be launched next month to mark the 25th anniversary of the ScotRail name being coined by British Rail. The saltire livery, which will also be extended to train interiors, will cover 260 trains across the country, the overall aim being to create a brand that is independent of the franchisee.

❖ A goat caused delays to commuters when it decided to graze on the railway line at Baylham, between Ipswich and Cambridge on 29th July. A train driver spotted the goat - initially thought to be a llama! - on the track near Ipswich at about 06.50. Travellers on the line had delays of around 30 minutes as all trains in the area were halted before Network Rail managed to remove the animal from the tracks.

❖ Plans to build two new railway stations in West Yorkshire have taken a step forward after the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly Regional Transport Board backed a £14.3 million package of rail enhancements for the Leeds area. The investment will allow new stations to be built at Kirkstall Forge and Apperley Bridge and almost 700 new 'park and ride' spaces to be created at stations across the county.

❖ Northern Rail is installing automatic ticket gates at Leeds City station in a £1.6 million investment. Work began on 1st August to replace the existing ticket booths with 25 new gates, which are similar to those on London Underground, and are expected to reduce congestion at peak times and cut the number of fare-dodgers. They will be installed on the platform side of the existing barriers and should be in use by the end of the year. The station is the busiest in Great Britain outside London.

❖ London Midland has presented the Railway Children charity with a cheque for £15,000 after raising the money at the annual Tyseley Family Day. The money will go towards helping homeless children across the world. Some 5,000 employees and their families enjoyed the Family Day at the depot on 28th June - an extra special event this year as, not only was it the first since London Midland took over the West Midlands rail franchise, but it also celebrated 100 years of Tyseley Depot.

❖ First Capital Connect (FCC) has opened a new training centre in north-west London that has the ability to train up to 1,000 delegates a year. The training rooms will deliver induction, customer service and revenue protection training to new recruits and will also offer management development programmes and safety specific training to FCC's 2,150 staff. When this is achieved FCC will be able to run in-house BTEC & NVQ programmes. Since the start of franchise in April 2006 the company has awarded 299 NVQs and BTECs to staff and the new centre will help push this figure higher.

▲ *Newly-named Class 90 No. 90015* Colchester Castle *leaves Colchester bound for Norwich Crown Point, being dragged by Advenza Freight Class 47/3 No. 47375. The '90' will undergo further tests before being accepted back into traffic with NXEA on 2nd August.*

NXEA Class 90 named *Colchester Castle*

National Express East Anglia (NXEA) Class 90 No. 90015 was named *Colchester Castle* at Colchester station on 31st July by Bob Russell, the MP for the town.

The naming was in recognition of NXEA's partnership with the Castle Museum and East of England Tourism to promote the stunning 'Guardians of the King' exhibition at the Castle Museum this summer, which features 43 miniature terracotta figures from the Chinese Han Dynasty.

Class 86/2 No. 86242 was previously named *Colchester Castle* in October 2002.

▶ ***Bob Russell, MP for Colchester, and Theo Steel, National Express East Anglia Projects Director, stand beside the newly named locomotive.***
Both: Adam Putland

£300 million investment for T&W Metro

Major renewals on the Tyne and Wear Metro and plans for a new river crossing in Sunderland have been given the green light, Transport Minister Rosie Winterton announcing new funding of around £400 million for the schemes.

Almost £300 million will be spent modernising Metro stations, creating a new communications system, modernising overhead power lines, overhauling 160-year-old bridges and tunnels, and refurbishing the 90 Metrocars that make up the train fleet. Most of the balance will support Sunderland's proposal to create a crucial new crossing over the River Wear with nearly £98 million in Government funding.

The scheme was granted conditional approval in January, and promoters expect to submit a full approval bid later this year. The bid includes more than £50 million of investment in new ticket machines and barriers, a new station at Simonside, rebuilding of Haymarket station and refurbishment at Sunderland station.

Nameplate donated

As Donald Campbell's hydroplane *Bluebird K7* nears the end of a significant phase in its rebuilding programme, both nameplates from Class 221 'Super Pendolino' No. 221135 *Donald Campbell* have been donated to the Ruskin Museum at Coniston.

It is hoped that the donation will help to keep the new Bluebird Wing project on target. One will be displayed in the Wing when it is completed and the other will be auctioned to help raise funds.

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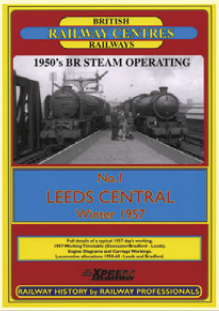

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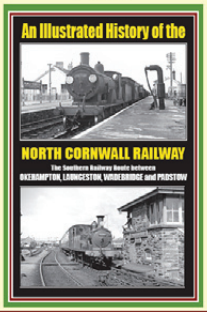

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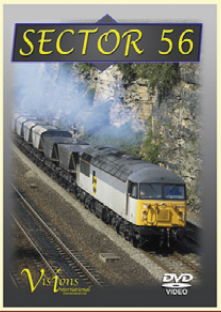

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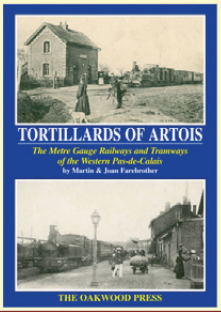

▲ *EWS Class 66/0 No. 66065 leads the recently introduced Ketton to West Thurrock cement train through Offord on the ECML on 30th July.* **Paul Townsend**

▶ *Freightliner Class 66/5 No. 66547 hauls 'Wessex Electric' No. (44)2406 as the 11.44 Stewarts Lane to Wolverton Works at South Kenton on 21st July.* **Ken Brunt**

Virgin Rail Projects is chosen for DfT deal

Virgin Rail Group has announced that its subsidiary, Virgin Rail Projects, has been chosen by the Department for Transport (DfT) as the chosen bidder to assist in the introduction of both new and lengthened Pendolinos for the West Coast Main Line.

Four completely new 11-car trains and 62 additional trailer cars to lengthen 31 of the existing sets from nine to 11 coaches are to be ordered by the DfT from Alstom, Italy.

Under the contract, Virgin Rail Projects Ltd will support DfT throughout the design, manufacture, delivery, testing and commissioning of the new stock through to the end of the current West Coast franchise on 31st March 2012, although the vehicles are not due to be in full service until December 2012.

▶ *Class 150 No. 150244 brings up the rear of a First Great Western local service, with FGW-liveried Class 153 No. 153368 leading, at Newton Abbot on 1st August, bound for Exeter St. Davids. Readers will notice that the Class 150 is in a dual colour scheme, with the rear coach (No. 52282) being in Arriva Trains Wales livery and the leading vehicle (No. 57244) in First Great Western local places livery! The rear vehicle having become part of set No. 150244.* **Stacey Thew**

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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.

		5th August
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Highland Tour-Day 2:** Boat of Garten Inverness-Nairn-Dundee
		6th August
Kingfisher Railtours	tbc	Hellifield-Appleby-Carlisle (break/rev) and return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Highland Tour-Day 3:** Dundee Edinburgh
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Highland Tour-Day 1:** Edinburgh-Dalwhinnie-Boat of Garten
		7th August
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Highland Tour-Day 2:** Boat of Garten Inverness-Nairn-Dundee
Steam Dreams	34067	London-Salisbury and return
		8th August
Kingfisher Railtours	WCRC47s	Skipton-Hellifield-Settle (pu)- Appleby-Carlisle & return
Railway Touring Company	tbc	Crewe-Warrington Bank Quay-Manchester Victoria-Huddersfield-Wakefield Kirkgate-Castleford- York-Scarborough & return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Highland Tour-Day 3:** Dundee Edinburgh
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Western Tour-Day 1:** Edinburgh- Spean Bridge
		9th August
Compass Tours	2xRiveria 47s	Crewe-Warrington Bank Quay-Wigan North Western-Preston-Lancaster-Carnforth- Ulverston-Workington- Hexham-Newcastle upon Tyne-Durham-Ferryhill-Norton Jcts-Hartlepool-Sunderland-Newcastle upon Tyne & return
Kingfisher Railtours	tbc	Carnforth-Grange over Sands-Ravenglass (break/rev) and return
Past Time Rail	D1015	The Red Dragon: London Paddington-Swansea **Cancelled**
Pathfinder Tours	Cl.50 x 2	Worcester Shrub Hill-Edinburgh & return **Cancelled**
Rail-Blue Charters	55022	Crewe-Earlestown-Manchester Victoria-Hope Valley-Sheffield-Huddersfield-Standedge-Manchester Victoria & return
Railway Touring Company	6201	Crewe-Stockport-Manchester Victoria-Wigan North Western-Preston-Carnforth-Shap-Carlisle (break/rev)-Carlisle-S&C-Hellifield-Wigan North Western (change for Preston)-& return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Western Tour-Day 2:** Spean Bridge Arisaig-Bridge of Orchy
Stobart Pullman	2xDRS 47	Newcastle upon Tyne-Llandudno **Cancelled**
UK Railtours	2xEWS 67	**The Edinburgh Military Tattoo-Day 1:** London KX-Edinburgh
		10th August
Past Time Rail	tbc	Bristol TM-Weston super Mare-Exeter SD-Paignton-Kingswear & rtn
Railway Touring Company	60009/71000 or	Liverpool Lime Street-Broad Green-Warrington Bank Quay-Chester-Colwyn Bay-Bangor-Holyhead (break/rev) & return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Western Tour-Day 3:** Bridge of Orchy-Wemyss Bay
UK Railtours	2xEWS 67	**The Edinburgh Military Tattoo-Day 2:** Edinburgh- London KX
Vintage Trains	tbc	Birmingham Snow Hill-Stratford upon Avon and return (two trips)
WCRC	Various	Liverpool Lime Street- Manchester Victoria (48151)-Manchester Victoria-Bolton-Blackburn-S&C-Carlisle (70013) (break/rev) Carlisle-S&C-Blackburn-Manchetser Victoria (45231 & 45407)-Manchester Victoria-Liverpool Lime St (45231)
		11th August
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47s	**Classic Tour-Day 1:** Edinburgh-Dundee-Aberdeen-Keith
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47s	**Western Tour-Day 4:** Wemyss Bay-Edinburgh
		12th August
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47s	**Classic Tour-Day 2:** Keith-Inverness-Dingwall-Kyle of Lochalsh
		13th August
Kingfisher Railtours	70013	Hellifield Hellifield-Appleby-Carlisle (break/rev) and return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47s	**Classic Tour-Day 3:** Kyle of Lochalsh-Inverness-Boat of Garten
Steam Dreams	6233	London-Weymouth and return
		14th August
Kingfisher Railtours	tbc	Taunton-Bristol TM-Bath Spa-Trowbridge-Reading- Eastbourne & rtn
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47s	**Classic Tour-Day 4:** Boat of Garten-Blair Atholl-Perth-Dundee

Regular Scheduled Steam Operations

Services detailed below, do not appear in the main listings above, being regular itinery operations.

Dates	Operator	Train	Route	Loco Pool
5-22 Aug	WCRC	Jacobite	Fort William-Mallaig and return	62005 or 45231
5-7 Aug	WCRC	Scarborough Spa	York-Harrogate-Scarborough & return	48151
5-8 Aug	WCRC	Cambrian	Machynlleth-Porthmadog & return	76079
5-9 Aug	NYMR	Whitby	Pickering-Whitby and return (three trips)	NYMR Pool
11-15 Aug	WCRC	Cambrian	Machynlleth-Porthmadog & return	76079
11-16 Aug	NYMR	Whitby	Pickering-Whitby and return (three trips)	NYMR Pool
12-14 Aug	WCRC	Scarborough Spa	York-Harrogate-Scarborough & return	tbc
18-22 Aug	WCRC	Cambrian	Machynlleth-Porthmadog & return	76079

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

BLACK Charters expected to operate as booked.
GREEN Tours postponed to a future date by the operator
WCRC West Coast Railway Company
RED Tours cancelled by the operator
BLUE Provisional excursion
(Locations) in brackets on a steam tour listing indicates a diesel or electric-hauled section.

The Week Ahead

The irony of the week must be that a few days after the public unveiling of the first passenger express steam locomotive to be built in Britain in over 50 years, we are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the demise of steam haulage on the national network.

The very last steam-hauled train (or so everyone thought at the time) was the infamous 'Fifteen Guinea Special' (£15.75 in todays terms, but a lot of money in 1968) from Liverpool Lime Street to Carlisle and back, operating under the reporting number of 1T57, which ran on 11th August 1968. And so, on 10th August 2008, that fateful day will be remembered with a 21st Century version of the train, which will depart from Liverpool Lime Street for Manchester Victoria with Stanier Class 8F 2-8-0 No. 48151 in charge. At Manchester Victoria the '8F' will give way to a locomotive that appeared on the original train in 1968, Britannia Pacific No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* (subject to a successful mainline test this week), which is booked to haul 1T57 through to Carlisle, via Bolton, Blackburn, Hellifield and the S&C. At Carlisle the train will reverse, and after a break, head back south by the same route to Blackburn Victoria with Black 5 4-6-0s Nos. 45231 & 45407 in charge, after which it returns to Liverpool with No. 45231 alone.

In fact, 1T57 is just one of five steam-hauled workings booked for the week, which together with the regular 'Jacobite', 'Scarborough Spa', 'Cambrian', 'Dalesman', 'Shakespeare' and 'Torbay' operations add up to a staggering 24 individual steam workings in the seven days between 4th and 10th August! Included is another steam-hauled departure from Liverpool Lime Street on 10th August, which should be Railway Touring Company's inaugural 'North Wales Coast Express' (the previous week's train being cancelled due to engineering work). No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* should be in charge, running via Warrington, Helsby and Chester to Holyhead. The same Pacific is also booked to work RTC's 'Cumbrian Mountain Express' the previous day, which features steam from Preston to Carlisle via the S&C, returning as far as Hellifield. and also the 'Scarborough Flyer' from Crewe to Scarborough via the Standedge route on 8th August.

Steam Dreams has a 'Cathedrals Express' from London Waterloo to Salisbury on 7th August with No. 34067 *Tangmere*, and Kingfisher operate a 'Dalesman' on 6th August with No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel* between Hellifield, Appleby and Carlisle plus a 'Cumbrian Coast Fellsman' from Carnforth to Ravenglass on 8th August with either No. 5690 *Leander* or No. 48151.

Rail Blue Charters, which is the charter arm of Cargo-D, has their inaugural train, 'The Hope Valley Circular', which features 'Deltic' No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* from Crewe, Warrington Bank Quay, Earlestown and Manchester Victoria to Sheffield via the Hope Valley, which after a break returns west via Huddersfield and the Standedge route. However, once again Compass Tours has the itinerary of the day, operating from Crewe with Class 47s, which takes in three of the most scenic lines in the land. Outward the train runs via the WCML to Carnforth, where it takes the Cumbrian Coast route via Workington. It avoids Carlisle and proceeds directly onto the Tyne Valley to set down at Newcastle and Durham. From Durham there is an optional mini-tour running via Ferryhill and onto the Durham Coast passing through Hartlepool, and Sunderland, before returning to Durham via Newcastle for the return home. The route back to Carnforth follows the ECML to York and Leeds before turning north to Shipley and Skipton to gain the "Little North Western' via Wennington. It should come as little surprise that this tour is already flagged as a sell-out.

▲ *GWR 'King' 4-6-0 No. 6024* **King Edward I** *departs from Westbury on 1st August with a Bristol to Weymouth charter. The 'King' was booked to work through to Yeovil, where a Class 66 was due to takeover the train to allow the steam locomotive to be serviced, prior to hauling the return working.* **Richard Dunn**

❖ West Coast's Saturday Settle and Carlisle trains, running under the 'Settle & Carlisle Venturer' banner, have been cut back to three runs on 16th, 23rd & 30th August. Operating from York with the locomotive and stock from their weekday 'Scarborough Spa Express' service, the services pick up at Leeds and Skipton en route to Carlisle. The return is as outwards, and the locomotive pool is reported as Nos. 45231 *Sherwood Forester*, 5960 *Leander* and 850 *Lord Nelson*.

❖ Steam Dreams charter to Minehead on 20th August has been re-routed to Exeter St. Davids as the West Somerset Railways' new turntable at their Minehead terminus will not be commissioned in time. Apparently it needs to be tested with a 'big engine' to prove it can accommodate the largest in the land, but running that test half way through a railtour is not considered the most opportune time. Instead No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* will operate the train as far as Westbury on the outward run, with the train continuing to Exeter St. Davids with diesel haulage.

❖ The small matter of a mainline certificate for No.70013 *Oliver Cromwell* is due to be addressed on 5th August, when the locomotive is to undergo a loaded test run around the 'Carnforth Circle'. Provisional dates are also booked for 6th & 7th August to address any issues that may be identified on the first run. As mentioned in 'Railtour Preview' it has its first mainline booking scheduled for 10th August on the Manchester Victoria to Carlisle leg of 1T57.

RAILTOUR REVIEW: 'The Cambrian'

In the first of an occasional series, our mystery passenger travels on one of the UK's steam railtours and gives an unbiased, genuine opinion of all aspects of the day and journey!

It was decided to try to sample the first steam into Pwllheli for 21 years, but having left the decision until two days prior, advance booking was not an option. However, in previous years of Cambrian operations it had been possible to pay on the train, but as a precaution a quick word with West Coast was considered expedient to confirm that this was still an option.

Two days of multiple and fruitless attempts to speak to Carnforth followed, and so we set off on Wednesday morning to drive to Machynlleth with the hope of getting on board, which in fact we did by simply buying a ticket at the booking office. Unfortunately, though, the booking office did not tell us that the first two coaches were reserved! So, the on-board team, who, by the way, are very happy to sell tickets, were faced with a logistical exercise of moving people about the train. The first two days of the season had relatively light loadings, but this train was upwards of 75% full after Barmouth and was to be their first real challenge. It is good to report that they came through with flying colours. One good example was personally finding seating accommodation for a group of seven at Porthmadog who wished to travel onwards to Pwllheli.

Putting everything into context, however, all these issues were irritants, and nothing more, although we did wonder how many potential bookings West Coast has lost by its booking line not being able to cope with the volume of calls. As soon as Ian Riley's BR Standard Class 4MT No. 76079 got the train moving from Machynlleth the day just got better and better. Some sharp point-to-point running kept the train on schedule, and its passage was the subject of much lineside attention throughout a great piece of self-publicity! Although this train probably carried more enthusiasts than normal, being the first steam into Pwllheli for ages, it is good to report that it was also very well patronised by its target market, families on holiday.

A short break was made at Porthmadog for coal, before another burst of classic 'Pocket Rocket' action on the climb from Porthmadog to Pwllheli, where the arrival of a steam train provoked further great interest. Several locals enquired what was going on, and were thrilled to learn that this was going to be a regular Wednesday and Friday occurrence for the next five weeks. Passengers have around 90 minutes to wander around Pwllheli, and the Wednesday and Friday operation is to coincide with market day. On the day, the departure was delayed due to a late running Arriva service so the opportunity was taken to top up the water in the coaches tanks, which had been depleted on the outward run as a result of a problem with the water supply at Machynlleth. In any event, the train was close to right time upon arrival at Porthmadog anyway, and continued to be so all the way back to Machynlleth.

This was a truly excellent day out, with the locomotive performing faultlessly and the large windows of West Coast's early Mk2 vehicles (which were well presented) offering superb views of the spectacular coastal scenery - and most importantly the on-board crew were great ambassadors for the service, being friendly, helpful and informative. The public address system was used to good effect in keeping passengers up to-date, especially when some difficulty was experienced with the radio signalling system. They also now have a process for dealing with pre-booked passengers having reserved seats, which is a local initiative and reflects their positive attitude.

The return fare is £33 for an adult and £21 for a child from Machynlleth to Pwllheli (£28 & £16 respectively to Porthmadog), and there are also fares from intermediate stations. Tickets can be purchased in advance by telephoning 01524 737751 /753 (and the best of luck in getting through!), from the booking offices at Machynlleth and Aberystwyth stations or from the guard on the day of travel (who can only accept cash). The train picks up from Machynlleth (dep 10.05, return 16.59), Dovey Junction (10.10/16.53), Tywyn (10.33/16.22) and Barmouth (11.02/15.50), setting down at Harlech (11.23/15.23), Minfford (11.42/15.00), Porthmadog (11.49/14.55) and on Wednesdays and Fridays Pwllheli (12.40/14.15). There is a morning connecting Arriva service from Birmingham New Street (06.33) and Shrewsbury (07.28), which arrives at Machynlleth at 08.42. In the evening there is an 18.02 departure to Shrewsbury (19.21) and Birmingham New Street (20.18).

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August 9th

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The Hope Valley 'Executive' is a lunchtime train that offers an meander through the Pennines. The routes the trains take have also been chosen to allow you to sample not only the food in unique surroundings, but the contrasts that only a moving train can offer.

Each train departs Crewe (dep. 11.00) and calls at Warrington Bank Quay (dep. 11.30), Earlestown (dep. 11.45) and Manchester Victoria (dep. 12.30). The train then heads via the spectacular Hope Valley Southern Pennine route to Sheffield where we have a leg-stretch break. The train turns to head north towards the Leeds conurbation before heading west over the Northern Pennine route via Huddersfield back into Manchester Victoria to set down. We then retrace our steps back to Crewe (arr. 17.30).

Fares from £59 per person

All timings are provisional and will be confirmed 10 days prior to travel

Bristol & Minehead

October 18th

Hauled by both 50044 Exeter AND 50049 Defiance

Join us for a jaunt down to Devon and a meander along the beautifully picturesque West Somerset Railway.

This picture postcard railway boasts immaculate stations, wonderful scenery and adds to the whole day out by emphasising what an easy day it will be.

Our train departs from Manchester Piccadilly (at 06.30) and pick up at Stockport (06.45), Wilmslow (07.10), Crewe (07.30) and Shrewsbury (08.05) before heading along the Welsh Marches route via the Severn Tunnel to Bristol, where passengers may alight or continue to the West Somerset Railway to our destination, Minehead. Standard, First and Premier Dining fares available.

A limited number of part fares are also available for those wishing to board at Bristol for a return trip to Minehead. Fare for this option is **£20** in Standard Class or **£30** in First Class. Why not **CLICK HERE** to book now

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Lincoln Christmas Market

December 5th - Full details to be announced shortly

The numerous christmas markets around the country continue to provide an attraction for a family day and the long established market at Lincoln is no exception.

Our train departs from Crewe and calls at Wilmslow, Stockport and Manchester Piccadilly before reversing to head eastwards over the Hope Valley route and through Sheffield and Worksop to the historic City of Lincoln.

Passengers can enjoy a break of around five hours in the city with much to see and do alongside the Christmas Market, including the historic Cathedral and an excellent shopping area.

Full details are still to be announced for this trip, including details of fares and proposed timings, however, the charter will offer Standard, First and Premier dining options.

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▲ *On 26th July, recently delivered Fastline Freight Class 66/3 No 66304 hauls a loaded coal service out of Toton yard past the remains of the wagon repair sheds, bound for Ratcliffe Power Station. The growth of the Fastline wagon fleet means that only two First GBRf vehicles are now hired for this set.* **Andy Shotts**

▼ *EWS Executive-liveried Class 67 No. 67029* **Royal Diamond** *makes an appearance at Toton on 16th July, while working the daily Bescot to Toton Yard Departmental service, following which the loco worked to Whitemoor Yard at March.* **Carl Westwood**

▲ *Class 313/0 No. 313038 arrives at Harringay on 21st July, forming the 10.23 FCC local service from Welwyn Garden City to Moorgate, at the same time as the fully reliveried 08.40 National Express East Coast HST from Leeds to King's Cross rapidly passes, led by Class 43 powercar No. 43306.*

▼ *Hull Trains' Class 222 Pioneer No. 222101* **Professor George Gray** *passes Harringay at speed later the same morning, forming the 08.12 from Hull to King's Cross.* **Both: Brian Morrison**

▲ *Wabtec-branded Class 08 No 08571 shunts Mk4 DVT No. 82230 and three coaches at Alexandra Palace on 21st July, in order to change roads in Bounds Green depot yard.*

▼ *In WAGN livery with First Capital Connect branding, Class 317/3 No 317337 approaches Harringay at speed on the same day, forming the 10.36 service from King's Cross to Peterborough.* **Both: Brian Morrison**

▲ *Class 455s Nos. (45)5873 and (45)5720 bask in the afternoon sunshine at Waterloo on 29th July. The difference between the first 455/8 class and second 455/7 generation front ends is clearly evident.*

▼ *Class 508 No. 508203 arrives at Redhill as the 14.03 London Bridge to Tunbridge Wells service on 29th July. These units will no longer run on this route from the December timetable change, as Southern takes over the operation of trains between Redhill and Tonbridge from Southeastern.* **Both: Keith Helmsley**

▲ *EWS Class 60 No. 60074* **Teenage Spirit** *comes off the eastern chord at Chinley South Junction and begins the climb up to Dove Holes Tunnel with the empty Ely - Peak Forest Cemex bogie hoppers on 1st August.* **Nigel Capelle**

▼ *Two days earlier, and the same locomotive is pictured reversing empty Cemex / RMC hoppers under the loader at Cemex Dove Holes Quarry, having again just arrived from Ely.* **Geoffrey Arnold**

Lincoln Resignalling

Another of the remaining clusters of semaphores has gone from the railway network as Network Rail is amidst a major six-week blockade as part of the Lincoln station resignalling project. Chris Booth takes a final look at the four boxes, in their final days.

▲ *All of the existing four signal boxes in the Lincoln station area, Pelham Street, High Street, East Holmes and West Holmes rang their last bells on 19th July. High Street and East Holmes boxes have preservation orders on them, so will stay for the immediate future. Class 60 No. 60094 Rugby Flyer creeps past High Street box on 19th July with the 12.16 Rectory Junction to Lindsey Oil Refinery service.*

◀ *East Midlands Trains-liveried Class 153 No. 153374 passes Pelham Street as it arrives with a service from Peterborough. This box will be removed immediately as the track remodelling will see the line towards Wrawby Junction slewed towards where the box now stands, to alleviate the curve and allow a greater line speed through the area.*
Both: Chris Booth

▲ *East Holmes signal box is one of two that will remain for the immediate future, although out of use, as it has a preservation order on it. Still carrying Central Trains livery, Class 153 No. 153385 passes the box with the 11.28 Grimsby to Newark service. This image was taken from adjacent to the University on public land.*

▼ *A new brick-built signalling centre has been erected on land behind West Holmes box (seen to the right of the picture), which will control all of the Lincoln station area and, in the future, allow for further expansion.* **Both: Chris Booth**

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▲ *A sight that many doubted would ever become reality and a sight that many have waited years to see. Having moved under its own steam for the first time, proving to the assembled guests and media scrum that this is no computer-generated mock up, the new 'A1' Pacific stands on its short length of track at Darlington on 1st August.* **C Hall**

It moves! The 50th 'A1' Pacific moves (and stops!) at Darlington

Perhaps one of the most anticipated events for many a long year took place at Darlington on 1st August, when under the spotlight of the national media, the A1 Steam Trust's 'Peppercorn' Class A1 4-6-2 No. 60163 *Tornado* moved under its own steam for the first time.

It spent the weekend moving along a short stretch of track at the Darlington Works installed especially for the occasion. On 1st August the event unfolded in the full glare of media publicity on both national and local television and radio, followed by major coverage in all of Saturdays daily newspapers. On Saturday and Sunday it was the turn of the covenanters to enjoy the fruits of their donations over a period of several years in witnessing the locomotive, still in undercoat grey, in action for the first time.

The event has generated a huge amount of interest, as reflected on the near 1,200% increase in hits to the A1 Steam Trust website, www.a1steam.com. Hopefully this will generate further income as there is still some £50,000 to raise in order to complete the final tasks to obtain a mainline running certificate. The actual operation of the engine, other than proving that it actually moves, and more importantly stops, did highlight a few minor tweaks that will be sorted out before the planned move to the Great Central Railway, which is planned for the week commencing 18th August. Once at Loughborough, the task of 'running in' will commence, with a view of commencing mainline work early in 2009, although an appearance to obtain its mainline certificate later this year remains a possibility.

Part of the GCR testing will be running at 60mph as part of the certification process and allowing crews from EWS and West Coast Railway Company to undertake driver familiarisation, as it is intended that both companies will be operating the 'A1' at some point.

In a movement that has frequently proved that impossibility is merely a hindrance in turning problems into achievements, the A1 Steam Trust has surmounted probably the greatest 'impossibility' of the lot, in not just building an engine, but an express passenger mainline engine, which hopefully we will see operating well into the future and maintaining the important legacy that the British have with steam propulsion.

Railway Herald congratulates the vision, tenacity, invention, energy and achievement of all those involved in the construction of *Tornado*.

▼ *If nothing else, the press launch on 1st August proved that steam locomotives and railways can, at times, get the correct attention of Britain's national and regional media. This was the media scrum, seen from the top of No. 60163* **Tornado.** **A1 Steam Locomotive Trust**

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Onwards to Carrog for Llangollen

Llangollen Railway is pushing ahead with plans to extend services from Carrog to Corwen by early 2010.

The railway, which currently runs through the Dee Valley to Carrog, is on track to extend its services by 2.5 miles, and will announce new amendments to the scheme at a meeting in Corwen on 11th August.

The changes follow the first round of public consultations about the plans that were held last year, and as a result a number of alterations have been made to the proposed route in the Corwen area. The main alteration is to remove part of an old embankment along the original route, which took the railway to Ruthin before its closure in 1965. Other changes include a redesign for the access road to the nearby Dwr Cymru sewage treatment plant, a flood plain needing to be expanded and provisions for a path alongside the railway for part of the route.

Consultants have been appointed to find money, and organise permission for the complex work to go ahead and next month railway officials and Denbighshire Council officers will hold a public meeting to explain the changes to local people. In the longer term, there is an ambitious plan in mind – an extension in the opposite direction back through Trevor to Ruabon, which would provide a link back to the mainline.

The original line through Llangollen was closed to passenger traffic in 1965 and to goods services three years later.

New arrival to be one of the stars of Bodmin gala

Pannier tanks representing three different classes will be the highlight of the forthcoming Steam Gala & Real Ale Festival on the Bodmin & Wenford on 5th to 7th September.

The guest engine will be 1366' class 0-6-0PT No 1369 from the South Devon Railway, the only surviving member of its class. No 1369 will be joined by the newest locomotive in the B&WR steam fleet, 6400 class 0-6-0PT No 6435, recently purchased by the Bodmin & Wenford Railway Trust from the Paignton & Dartmouth Railway, and the railway's 5700 class 0-6-0PT No.4612.

▲ *Formerly on static display at the Cadeby Light Railway, Peckett No. 2012, built in March 1941, has been restored to working order and is currently based on the Lavender Line at Isfield in Sussex. Here the loco heads towards Isfield station with a breakvan on 17th July as part of an IRS event.*

▼ *With the arrival of the summer months, many railways have begun their midweek services. Here* Lady Ingrid, *an Andrew Barclay 0-4-0ST built in 1951, approaches Pokehill Farm crossing on the Spa Valley Railway on 17th July.* **Both: Stuart Chapman**

▼ *The painting of Class 26 No. D5300 into undercoat begins inside the roundhouse at Barrow Hill on 20th July.* **David Wragg**

NYMR visitors at home and away

◀ *The North Yorkshire Moors Railway's resident GWR 6600 Class 0-6-2T No. 6619 has been visiting the Kent & East Sussex Railway since 28th July. Here, it arrives at Northiam on 1st August with an early afternoon service. Its last steaming day on the railway before returning northwards is expected to be on 16th August.* **Stuart Chapman**

▼ *The Barrow Hill-based Deltic Preservation Society has been visiting its old base at the North Yorkshire Moors Railway during the summer, with Class 55 'Deltic' No. 55019* **Royal Highland Fusilier** *being used on an occasional basis. Throughout August, the 'Deltic' is starring with the line's resident form of premier East Coast power - LNER 'A4' Pacific No. 60007* **Sir Nigel Gresley** *- in several East Coast Giants weekends on 9th/10th, 16th/17th and 30th/31st August. Here, the loco departs from Grosmont on 26th July. The NYMR Autumn Steam Gala takes place on 26th-28th September and should feature the first-ever visit of a BR-built Pacific to the railway in the form of BR Standard 8P No. 71000* **Duke of Gloucester.** **Gary Lane.**

▲ *Class 73/1 No. 73140 approaches Pokehill Farm crossing with the first train of the Spa Valley Railway's Diesel Gala on 1st August. The Electro-Diesel was actually deputising for Class 37/0 No. 37254 which had failed prior to departure, but which continued with its booked diagrams later that day.*

▼ *Recently restored, Class 37/0 No. 37254 waits its next turn of duty at Tonbridge Wells West on 1st August.* **Both: Stuart Chapman**

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.

5th August 2008
Yeovil & Disctrict Railway Society
Yeovil Sports & Social Club, Johnson Park, Yeovil. 'Members photographs,slides and photographic competition' Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Roger Marsh on 01935 814367 or www.ydrs.org.uk for further details.

6th August 2008
Burton Railway Society
Marston's Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton-upon-Trent. 'Steaming through Britain' by Graham Briggs. Contact Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 for further details for further details. Meeting commences at 19.30

7th August 2008
The Great Central Railway Society (Rotherham branch)
The Three Horseshoes, Bawtry Road, Wickersley. 'Coming Up With the Goods' by Stewart Donohoe. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact 0114 254 0275 for further meeting details.

11th August 2008
Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 'Canklow to Cape Town' by Mike Eggenton. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact 01522 705365 for further details.

12th August 2008
Abergavenny & District Steam Society
Upper Room' at 'The Hen and Chickens', Flannel Street, Abergavenny. LNER and SR varieties by Colin Jacks. Meeting commences at 20.00.

13th August 2008
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. Members quiz night. Commences 20.00 Contact 01256 326096 for further details. Visitors welcome.

Grimsby & Cleethorpes Railway Group
RAF Association Club, Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes. 'Football Teams : An A to Z of Railway Connections' by Colin Briggs. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact 01724 341358 for further details.

13th August 2008
Swiss Railways Society (London Branch)
The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT (near Kings Cross station) 'A-Z of Switzerland' - Members Slides. Meeting commence at 19.00, Refreshments available during the evening. A £2 donation is requested from attendees. Contact Ron Dawes (0208 660 3532) for further details.

15th August 2008
Great Western Society (Taunton Group)
Stoke St. Mary Village Hall, near Taunton. 'Britannias & Broads' by Max Wilkinson. Meeting commences at 19.30, Call 01823 334188 for further details

18th August 2008
The Great Central Railway Society (Spinkhill branch)
The Angel Hotel, College Road, Spinkhill. 'From the Carriage Window' by Howard Turner. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact 01909 473927 for further details.

27th August 2008
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. Railways and the Army by Major Stuart Buechel. Commences 20.00 Contact 01256 326096 for further details. Visitors welcome.

28th August 2008
Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Barrow Hill Roundhouse. The Glory of Steam. A slide presentation by Geoff Procter. Show commences 19.30. Admission £1.50 members, £2.00 non members.

2nd September 2008
Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire Branch)
Eastleigh Railway Institute in Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'London and its environs' by Bruce Oliver. Meeting commences At19.30.

Yeovil & Disctrict Railway Society
Yeovil Sports & Social Club, Johnson Park, Yeovil. 'The North Wales Coast' by Arthur Turner. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Roger Marsh on 01935 814367 or www.ydrs.org.uk for further details.

3rd September 2008
Burton Railway Society
Marston's Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton-upon-Trent. 'The Southern in the South & West' by Peter Gray. Contact Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 for further details. Meeting commences at 19.30

8th September 2008
Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln 'NYK' by David Cross. Meeting commences 20.00. Contact 01522 705365 for further details.

9th September 2008
Abergavenny & District Steam Society
Upper Room' at 'The Hen and Chickens', Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'An evening with Malcolm Ranieri'. Meeting commences 20.00.

10th September 2008
Swiss Railways Society (London Branch)
The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT (near Kings Cross station) 'Bernese Oberland Revisited' by Paul Russenberger. Meetings commence at 19.00, Refreshments available. A £2 donation is requested. Contact Ron Dawes (0208 660 3532) for further details.

11th September 2008
Continental Railway Circle
St.Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. A talk on 'Northern Spain 1960-1961' by Peter Grey. Admission £2, Meeting commences at 19.15 promopt. contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for further details.

12th-14th September 2008
Swanage Railway
Steam Gala and Vintage Transport Rally: A weekend of steam with a Vintage Transport Rally at Harmans Cross Station.

18th September 2008
Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Barrow Hill Roundhouse. Steaming Through Britain. A DVD presentation by GB Productions. Preserved steam at work all around the country, both on the main line and at heritage railways. Doors open 7.00 p.m., show commences 7.30 p.m. Admission £1.50 members, £2.00 non members.

19th September 2008
Great Western Society (Taunton Group)
Stoke St. Mary Village Hall, near Taunton. 'Steam in the 1960s' by Alan Reeve. Starts 19.30, Contact Peter Triggs on 01823 334188.

25th September 2008
Mid-Hants Railway Preservation Society (Thames Valley Group)
Church House, Church Street, Caversham, Reading. 'Zimbabewe Railways' by Simon Bowden. Meeting commences at 19.30. A donation is requested.

30th September-7th October 2008
LCGB Overseas Tours
Tour to Italy on IGE Italia Express. Further details are available on www.lcgb.org.com. Note: LCGB membership is compulsory due to insurance reasons

1st October 2008
Burton Railway Society
Marston's Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton-upon-Trent. '20 years of mainline steam', a large format slide show by Malcolm Ranieri. Contact Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 for further details. Meeting commences at 19.30

4th-12th October 2008
LCGB Overseas Tours
Tour to Industrial Steam in Serbia. Further details are available on www.lcgb.org.com. Note: LCGB membership is compulsory due to insurance reasons.

7th October 2008
Locomotive & Carriage Institution
London Underground Limited HQ, St. James Park Station, London. Presentation by Doug Lindsay on 'Pullman Coaches Part 2'. Meeting commences 18.00

Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire Branch)
Eastleigh Railway Institute in Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'The tramways of Bournemouth and Poole' by Richard Pennell. Meeting commences at 19.30. Entrance fee £2

Yeovil & Disctrict Railway Society
Yeovil Sports & Social Club, Johnson Park, Yeovil. 'Castleman's Corkscrew: The First Railway in Dorset' by Brian Jackson. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Roger Marsh on 01935 814367 or www.ydrs.org.uk for details.

▲ *With another month of steam starting on the Cambrian Coast, BR Standard 4MT No. 76079 approaches Picnic Island on its first run this year from Machynlleth to Porthmadog on 30th July.* Dylan Williams

8th October 2008
Swiss Railways Society (London Branch)
The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT (near Kings Cross station) Show title to be confirmed. Presented by Martin Fisher. Meetings commence at 19.00, Refreshments available. A £2 donation is requested. Contact Ron Dawes (0208 660 3532) for further details.

13th October 2008
Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln
'Steaming around in 2006/2007' by Alex Hurd. Meeting commences at 20.00. Please contact the secretary on 01522 705365 for details.

14th October 2008
Abergavenny & District Steam Society
Upper Room' at 'The Hen and Chickens', Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'Men of the Mechanicals' (Lickey Incline Memories) by Neville Billington. Meeting commences at 20.00.

Scottish Railway Preservation Society (Lanarkshire Area)
Vestry Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Avon Street, Motherwell.
'Steam in Switzerland and Eastern Europe' by Alistair Maclean. Meeting starts at 19.30, a donation is requested. Contact Fred Landery, 01698 457777.

14th-22nd October 2008
LCGB Overseas Tours
Tour to participate in steam charters in Etriea. Further details are available on www.lcgb.org.com. Note: LCGB membership is compulsory for insurance reasons.

16th October 2008
Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Barrow Hill Roundhouse. Sheffield Victoria and the G.C. War Memorial. A presentation by Ken Grainger. A look back to the days of Sheffield Victoria in its heyday and the restoration and re-siting of the G.C. War Memorial.

17th October 2008
Great Western Society (Taunton Group)
Stoke St. Mary Village Hall, near Taunton. 'India by Rail - a Family Evening' by Peter Tickner. Starts 19.30, Contact Peter Triggs on 01823 334188 for details.

23rd October 2008
Mid-Hants Railway Preservation Society (Thames Valley Group)
Church House, Church Street, Caversham, Reading. 'Mid-Hants Railway signalling' by Mike Ball. Meeting commences at 19.30.

30th October-17th November 2008
LCGB Overseas Tours
Tour to Broad and Narrow Gauge railways in Argentina. Further details are available on www.lcgb.org.com.

4th November 2008
Locomotive & Carriage Institution
London Underground Limited HQ, St. James Park Station, London. To be advised. Meeting starts at 18.00 prompt.

Yeovil & Disctrict Railway Society
Yeovil Sports & Social Club, Johnson Park, Yeovil.
'BR Rail: 1980's & 1990's' by Quentin Hawkes.
Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Roger Marsh on 01935 814367 or www.ydrs.org.uk for details.

5th November 2008
Burton Railway Society
Marston's Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton-upon-Trent.
'Railways in the Peak District' by Les Nixon. Contact Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537. Starts 19.30

7th November 2008
Great Western Society (Taunton Group)
Rockwell Green School, Brooklands Road, Rockwell Green, Wellington. Somerset. TA21 9DJ. 'Trains in the Countryside' by Peter Triggs. Starts 19.30, Contact 01823 334188 for details.

10th November 2008
Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln AGM & Photo Competition. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact 01522 705365.

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