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Class 37/0 No. 37059 was provided to move Stoneblower No. DR80200 on 29th July, the movement from Taunton to Wymondham, seen here at Bromsgrove, was made via Cheltenham, Birmingham, Melton Mowbray and Peterborough! **Don Gatehouse**

Rear Cover

Now branded 'London Overground, Class 508/3 No. 508301 approaches Carpenders Park on 11th August, forming a stopping service from London Euston to Watford Junction. **Brian Morrison**

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Newsdesk

▲ ***Class 66s in Canada! Canadian National Railway locomotives GP38-2 No. 4700 and GP9 No. 4131 haul a convoy of new Class 66s through Mimico, Ontario, Canada, on 7th August. The first Class 66 is Jarvis Fastline No. 66303. It is followed by Euro Cargo Rail ECR Nos. 77024 and 77028, then DLC No. DE6313F, ECR Nos. 77023, 77027, 77025, DLC No. DE6312F and finally ECR No. 77026. The convoy was heading east towards Toronto Harbour for loading.***

▶ ***Class 66/3 No. 66303 is pictured in Mimico Yard, Ontario on the same day.*** **Both: Thomas Blampied**

National Express introduces ticket for Football fans

National Express East Anglia has introduced a new match day travel season ticket for Colchester United football supporters who travel by train to the club's home matches for the new 2008/09 football season which kicked-off on Saturday.

The match day ticket is available to Colchester United season-ticket holders and provides a discount of 25% on the combined cost of a cheap day return ticket for travel by train to each home game from the supporter's origin station to Colchester.

The offer is available from stations across Essex and South Suffolk including Braintree, Chelmsford, Harwich, Ipswich and Sudbury, as well as local stations closer to Colchester. Child fares are available at 50% of the adult price.

Supporters can purchase the new match day season ticket on a special booking line by calling National Express on 08458 50 90 20.

A similar ticket is available for supporters of Ipswich Town, Norwich City and Tottenham Hotspur football clubs, who travel to home matches on National Express East Anglia train services.

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▲ *The first MetroTrain Class 333 has been outshopped in Northern Rail livery. Here, No. 333002 departs from Leeds on 4th August with the 10.26 service to Skipton.* **Ron Cover**

Prestwick Airport bosses look for rail expansion to support increasing air trade

Prestwick Airport is to introduce plans to more than double Passenger numbers within a decade, but says it depends on improvements to the 'unprofessional' train service to Glasgow.

The airport's plan for the future, which will be published within the next two months, aims to raise passenger numbers beyond five million a year from last year's 2.4 million, but with as many as 450,000 passengers a year, either unable to get a train or bus from Glasgow early enough for their flight, or landing after the last bus or train has gone in the evening, it is worried that its main customer, Ryanair, will be discouraged from adding new Prestwick routes.

The airport also feels restricted by the fact that rush-hour trains regularly arrive there from Ayr already full to capacity, and that the train service drops from half-hourly to hourly on Sunday evenings, a key time for people returning from weekend city breaks or people arriving from abroad for Monday morning business. It says that this encourages Scottish passengers to park their cars at the airport, placing extra traffic on the roads, while large numbers of foreign visitors have to rely on taxis or the slow early morning/late-night airport bus.

Executives have had numerous meetings with Transport Scotland and Network Rail over the years to find a solution, and Transport Scotland recently announced plans to extend the numbers of Ayrshire train carriages from three or six to eight and lengthen platforms. Moves that are welcome by the airport but seen as only partly solving the problem. It wants longer operating hours to cover the first and last flights of the day; more trains than the current two an hour, especially during peak times; and an express service that misses out many stops between the airport and Glasgow Central. With these changes, it believes it could raise the proportion of passengers that use the train from 20% to 30% each year, an increase of 200,000.

A spokesman for Network Rail said that although it had held informal meetings with the airport about the situation, it had not received the formal approach from Transport Scotland necessary to consider making changes.

◀ *Class 319/4 No. 319454 passes Crofton Park as Southeastern Railway Driver Inspectors take their first Class 319 route-learning diagram around the Catford Loop as part of driver training for Thameslink Project 0. It is understood that the closure of the bay platforms at Blackfriars, will result in the majority of services on the Catford Loop, being served by '319s' within a year, crewed by both First Capital Connect and Southeastern drivers. It is also understood that Southeastern drivers will be working trains north of the Thames as far as Bedford.* **Dave Woodford**

❖ Tube Lines has announced that it has achieved practical completion on refurbishing a further 11 stations, taking the total number of stations completed to 58 across the Jubilee, Northern and Piccadilly lines. Many of the stations were completed ahead of schedule, and costs have now been reduced by as much as 30% since the first 10 stations were upgraded in 2004.

❖ A consortium of investors including Babcock & Brown, AMP Capital and Deutsche Bank have completed the acquisition of Angel Trains, the largest European rolling stock provider, from the Royal Bank of Scotland. The business will now be separated into individual UK and European entities, reflecting the differences in their market environment and positions. Rob Verrion has been appointed CEO of Angel Trains' UK business and Haydn Abbott has been appointed as CEO of Angel Trains International. Haydn joined Angel Trains in 1999 as Group Managing Director.

❖ The Swanage Railway is running special evening trains between Norden 'park and ride', Corfe Castle, Harman's Cross, Herston and Swanage on three successive Saturdays, 9th, 16th and 23rd August to take people to three Saturday evening firework displays in the town, departing from Norden at 18.45, 19.45, 20.18, 20.45, 22.15, 22.40 and 23.37. The attended car park at Norden will be open until 12 midnight to allow people attending the firework displays in Swanage to leave their car at Norden and travel to the events at Swanage by train. On the three Saturday evenings, the 'Dorsetman' dining train will also operate between Swanage, Herston Halt, Harman's Cross, Corfe Castle and Norden 'park and ride', leaving Swanage on two round rips at 19.35 and 20.50. Full train service details and timetables are available from the Swanage Railway at www.swanagerailway.co.uk or by calling 01929 425800. Train tickets for unlimited evening travel on the day of issue after 17.00 are £5 for adults and £3.50 for children and senior citizens.

❖ After a number of false starts, Network Rail says that the work to redevelop Gourock station is to commence before the end of the year. Some £5 million will be invested on new station building and new passenger shelter sand improved station approaches and platforms.

▲ *Southern-liveried Class 319/0 No. 319003 crosses Blackfriars Bridge on 11th August, forming the 14.43 First Capital Connect service from St Albans to Sutton. This classic view will be lost once the Blackfriars platforms to the rear of the train are extended to cross the River Thames.* **Brian Morrison**

£350 million to be invested in new Blackfriars station

Work has started on the new £350 million London Blackfriars station that will form a vital part of the multi-billion pound Thameslink expansion project.

When completed at the end of 2011, the new station will be able to deal with three times the number of trains and passengers that it does today. It will be the first station in London to span the Thames, having an additional South Bank entrance.

Other work includes widening the bridge to allow new track to be laid and all the platforms being extended across to the South Bank of the Thames. A new glass façade will also be added and the station will have new step-free access.

Blackfriars 'overground' station will remain open and operational throughout the reconstruction, but the complete rebuilding of the London Underground station means that it will need to be closed from March 2009, not reopening until autumn 2011!

The Blackfriars project is just one element of the Thameslink upgrade programme, with work having already begun at Luton Airport Parkway and the major works at Blackfriars, Farringdon and Borough Market viaduct to start soon. Work to radically overhaul the track layout to the east of London Bridge, including work at Bermondsey and Tanners Hill, is planned to begin in late 2012.

Phase One of the programme is due for completion by early 2012 and is scheduled to provide longer trains, delivering a 50% increase in carriages on local services between Bedford and Central London. with the number of trains between north and south London between King's Cross/ St Pancras International and Blackfriars doubling from eight to 16 per hour.

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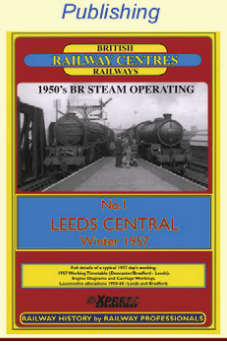

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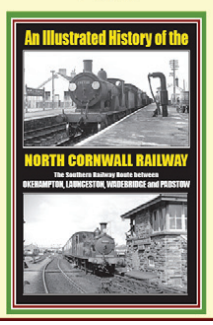

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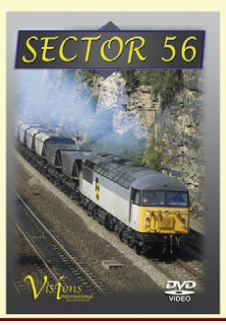

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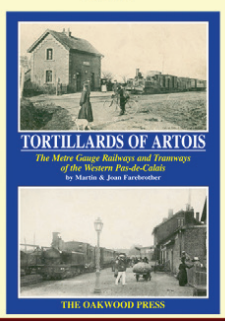

Future of Weymouth Harbour Tramway hangs in the balance

The fate of the Weymouth Harbour Tramway is currently the subject of talks.

With the Harbour terminal itself due to be taken over by the Pavilion redevelopment, the council and the railways have to decide what to do with the line. Seemingly there are three options open; leave the remaining part of the line in place; surface over it or rip it up completely.

The situation has come about as the Harbour station and a section of the tramway are part of the Pavilion redevelopment and need to be acquired from Network Rail.

The tramway opened in 1865 to provide a direct link from the railway station to the quay to serve the Channel Island ferries. Harbourside lines exist elsewhere in Britain but Weymouth was the only place where full-length mainline trains travelled down a main road.

Regular train services ceased in the 1990s but there have been a number of specials' down the line, although the last one was nearly 10 years ago. There have also been proposals to turn the line into a tourist attraction with tram services operating.

Blue plaque for Ilkley station

The Ilkley Civic Society established a Blue Plaque Scheme to honour local people and important buildings that have shaped the town.

The scheme is modelled on the familiar round blue plaques that appear in London, Leeds and other towns. The scheme started with two blue plaques given to the Town Hall and the Manor House, the 12th plaque being unveiled on 11th August at Ilkley station by Cllr Chris Greaves, Chairman of Metro. The wording on the plaque is: Ilkley Railway Station Opened in 1865 the terminus of Otley & Ilkley Joint Railway. The railway helped Ilkley's growth as a tourist and dormitory town and was extended to Skipton in 1888. The extension closed in 1965 but a public campaign saved the line to Leeds and Bradford'.

Ilkley station is important to the architecture of the town being a Grade 2 Listed Building and it occupies a significant location in the town's Conservation Area close to other public buildings.

▼ ***Now devoid of its unique Stobart livery, Class 47/4 No. 47832 Solway Princess stands at Preston awaiting departure with a route learning special. This locomotive has carried four liveries (FM Rail, Victa WestLink, Stobart and DRS Compass) in the same number of years!*** **Michael Dalgleish**

Timetable set for Waverley rebuilding

The Waverley Railway (Scotland) Act 2006 received Royal Assent in July 2006, the line to serve a combined population of about 200,000 in the Scottish Borders and Midlothian.

The timetable for construction of the Borders line, considered a major milestone in the rebuilding of the old Waverly route, has now been confirmed and the project handed on to Transport Scotland.

Work is expected to start by 2011 and be completed by 2013 at a cost of between £235 and £295 million. Transport Scotland is now expected to deliver the project in partnership with the rail industry.

▼ ***After a few weeks out of service undergoing repairs, Class 66/4 No. 66411 Eddie the Engine, returned to its regular diagram at the end of July. Here, the locomotive awaits departure time on 28th July at Grangemouth, bound for Daventry. Of note are the recently added white cab roofs.*** **Michael Dalgleish**

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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.

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	30777	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

15th August

Railway Touring Company	71000	Crewe-Warrington Bank Quay-Manchester Victoria-Huddersfield-Wakefield Kirkgate-Castleford- York-Scarborough & return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Classic Tour-Day 5:** Dundee- North Queensferry-Edinburgh
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Western Tour-Day 1:** Edinburgh- Spean Bridge

16th August

5305 Loco Association	70013	Preston-Hellifield-Carnforth-Shap-Carlisle-Preston **Cancelled**
Kingfisher Railtours	45231/5690/850	York-Leeds-Skipton- S&C-Carlisle (break/rev) & return
Pathfinder Tours	40145	Wolves-Eastbourne (break/rev) & return **Cancelled**
Railway Touring Company	Pool	Crewe-Manchester Victoria-Carlisle & return **Cancelled**
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Western Tour-Day 2:** Spean Bridge Arisaig-Bridge of Orchy
Spitfire Railtours	2x DRS 37	Wolverhampton-Telford Central-Shrewsbury-Wrexham General-Chester-Warrington Bank Quay-Manchester Victoria- Standedge-Huddersfield-Wakefield Kirkgate-Crowle-Scunthorpe-Cleethorpes (break/rev) & return
SRPS	55022	Dundee-Leuchars-Cupar-Markinch-Kirkcaldy-Dalgety Bay-Dalmeny-Edinburgh Waverley-Drem-Berwick upon Tweed- Durham-York-Scarborough & return
Stobart Pullman	2xDRS 47	Wolverhampton-Telford Central-Shrewsbury-Chester-Manchester Victoria- Standedge-Huddersfield-Wakefield Kirkgate-York-Whitby (break/rev) & return **Cancelled**
Vintage Trains	47773	Birmingham Moor St-Solihull-Dorridge-Warwick Parkway-Leamington Spa-Banbury- Oxford-Reading-Guildford-Redhill-Lewes-Eastbourne (break/rev) & return **Cancelled**

17th August

Kingfisher Railtours	30777	Hellifield- Appleby-Carlisle (break/rev) & return
Past Time Rail	tbc	Bristol TM-Taunton-Exeter SD-Paignton-Kingswear and return
Railway Touring Company	71000	Liverpool Lime Street-Broad Green-Warrington Bank Quay-Frodsham-Chester-Colwyn Bay-Llandudno Junction-Bangor-Holyhead & return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Western Tour-Day 2:** Bridge of Orchy-Wemyss Bay
Vintage Trains	tbc	Birmingham Snow Hill-Stratford upon Avon & return (two trips)

18th August

Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Western Tour-Day 3:** Wemyss Bay Edinburgh
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Classic Tour-Day 1:** Edinburgh-Aberdeen-Keith

19th August

Kingfisher Railtours	70013	York-Harrogate-Leeds-York Scarborough and return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Classic Tour-Day 2:** Keith-Dingwall-Kyle of Lochalsh

20th August

Kingfisher Railtours	30777	Hellifield Hellifield-Appleby-Carlisle (break/rev) and return
Kingfisher Railtours	70013	York-Harrogate-Leeds-York Scarborough and return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Classic Tour-Day 2:** Kyle of Lochalsh-Boat of Garten

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
11-22 Aug	WCRC	Jacobite	Fort William-Mallaig and return	62005 or 45407
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	70013
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. **RED** Tours cancelled by the operator
GREEN Tours postponed to a future date by the operator **BLUE** Provisional excursion
WCRC West Coast Railway Company
(Locations) in brackets on a steam tour listing indicates a diesel or electric-hauled section.

The Week Ahead

With the regular charter services now well into their season there are three exceptional workings in the coming days, none more so than the appearance of a Stanier Pacific at Weymouth for the first time.

Steam Dream's 'Sunny South Special' is due to be hauled by No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* from Clapham Junction (due to lack of platform capacity at Waterloo) via Staines and then the South West mainline through Southampton, Bournemouth and Poole to Weymouth. The return runs as outwards, except that the train is mainline all the way back to London Waterloo via Surbiton.

Two other tours of note feature classic diesel traction with No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* probably being the tour of the day on 16th August with the SRPS working from Dundee to Scarborough, which will operate via the Tay and Forth Bridges to Edinburgh and then onto home turf for *Royal Scots Grey* for a dash down the ECML to York, before a reversal which will take the train to Scarborough. Also heading for the east coast, but in this instance Cleethorpes, is Spitfire Railtours with its 'Meridian Mariner' from Wolverhampton with a pair of DRS Class 37s. The train is booked via Shrewsbury, Wrexham, Chester, Manchester Victoria and Huddersfield outwards, and along the Calder Valley on the return.

Also operating is No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel* on the 'Dalesman' workings for Kingfisher on 13th & 17th August while No. 35028 *Clan Line* has the VSOE 'British Pullman's' on a circular luncheon train from London Victoria to Guildford. The Railway Touring Company will have a 'Scarborough Flyer' from Crewe on 15 August and West Coast's inaugural 'Settle & Carlisle Venturer' from York via the S&C to Carlisle is booked for 16th August. Traction on the latter two trains has yet to be announced.

Now to changes involving the regular itinerary trains, commencing with the 'Scarborough Spa Express', which for the next two weeks will be hauled by No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell*. As a consequence, The 'Dalesman' on 13th, 17th and 20th August will be hauled by *Sir Lamiel*, reverting back to *Oliver Cromwell* for the workings on 27th and 31st August, together with 7th September, prior to moving to London to take up a short season of trains for Steam Dreams.

Meanwhile the Railway Touring Company has been forced to cancel the last two 'North Wales Coast Expresses' on 24th & 31st August, due to engineering work at Broad Green, between Edge Hill and Roby, on the line to Earlestown. The remaining dates on 17th August and Bank Holiday Monday 25th August will operate as scheduled.

The company has also cancelled its 16th August 'Cumbrian Mountain Express' due to 'operating difficulties', but the trains from Liverpool Lime Street on 23rd August and Manchester Victoria (starts at Crewe) on 30th August will operate as advertised.

It also looks like the decision to keep Scarborough as a destination, albeit with only one train per week from Crewe, has been vindicated as the trip with No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* on 8th August was reported as being fully booked, although it must be remembered that the previous week's train was cancelled.

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▲ *Ian Riley's BR Standard 4MT No. 76079 is reported to have encountered problems while working 'The Cambrian' at Pwllheli on 6th August. It is understood that the situation occurred while the locomotive was being serviced at Pwllheli, which takes place in the nearby carriage siding, when the water supply taken from a hydrant became polluted with sea water. Reports indicate that this caused the loco to prime badly on the return to Porthmadog, where the train is believed to have been terminated. 'The Pocket Rocket', as No. 76079 is affectionately known, later struggled back to Machynlleth. Next day the train was strengthened with the addition of West Coast's Class 33/2 No. 33207 at the rear of the outward working to provide assistance to the lame steam locomotive. The return is also believed to have sustained a delay due to a problem with the Class 33, which eventually returned to Machynlleth with No. 76079 leading the 'Crompton'. The same arrangements were employed the following day without incident. A warm washout was scheduled for No. 76079 over the weekend, and hopefully it will be back in action for the forthcoming week. Here, No. 76079 leads Class 33/2 No. 33207* **Jim Martin** *over Pont Briwet at Penrhyndeudraeth on the return leg of the 'The Cambrian' on 7th August.* **Dylan Williams**

No Torbay for *Nunney Castle*

Plans to use No. 5029 *Nunney Castle* on 'The Torbay Express' have foundered as there is insufficient space at the EWS Barton Hill Depot and the only alternative was to use the nearby Gloucester Road sidings, but these are outside the depot and lacking in the basic facilities required to maintain the locomotive.

Security was also a major issue, as the area is considered to have a high potential for vandalism and graffiti. Strenuous efforts were made by all parties to find a satisfactory solution, but as a suitable alternative had not been found by 5th August, a joint decision by the 5029 Support Group and Past Time Rail sadly concluded that *Nunney Castle* should stay at Tyseley for the time being.

A path to position No. 5029 at Bristol had already been booked by West Coast for 8th August and it was due to be in steam on 7th August, both in preparation for the move and for inspection by EWS, operators of the 'Torbay Express', as part of its registration process.

It is hoped that *Nunney Castle* will feature on the 'Torbay Express' at a future date, but meantime Battle of Britain No. 34067 *Tangmere* will head the train on 10th August, and 'King' No. 6024 *King Edward I* on 17th August.

The remaining turns for the 2008 summer season will be shared by *Tangmere* and *King Edward I*.

▼ *SR 'Battle of Britain' Pacific No. 34067* **Tangmere** *gets to grips with the 'Steam Dreams' working to Salisbury on 7th August as it approaches Vauxhall, very unusually taking the ex-Eurostar route through Platform 1.* **Ian Docwra**

▲ *Branded 'Hull Trains', ex-First Great Western Class 180 Adelante No 180111 passes Alexandra Palace on 10th August, forming the 16.04 Hull Trains service from King's Cross to Hull.*

▼ *Around 10 minutes later, and formed of a NXEC HST with Class 43 powercar No 43051 and Midland Mainline-liveried powercar No 43116, the 16.00 King's Cross to Edinburgh is hurried through Alexandra Palace on 10th August, hauled by Class 67 'Thunderbird' No 67020.* **Both: Brian Morrison**

▲ *Class 66/0 No. 66134 passes Freemans Crossing, North Blyth, with the 17.54 North Blyth to Lynemouth alumina tanks on 30th July.*

▼ *On 21st July, one of the few remaining Class 37/4s No. 37417* **Richard Trevithick** *powers southwards on the approaches to Drem, on the East Coast Main Line, with the 07.12 Powderhall to Oxwellmains 'binliner'.* **Both: Chris Booth**

▲ *Wellington station in Shropshire is well served by regular trains between Birmingham and Shrewsbury. On 6th August, one of the London Midland City-liveried Class 170s pauses for custom. No. 170506 stands with doors open before departing as the 10.57 Birmingham New Street-Shrewsbury stopping service.* **John Stretton**

▼ *East Midlands Trains Class 222 No. 222013 stands underneath the magnificent roof of York station while working a London St Pancras to Scarborough service on 9th August.* **Colin Darvill**

▲ *The first visit of a Class 395 Hitachi set to Dartford (pictured here) occurred in the early hours of 9th August, while en route from Victoria to Margate, when No. 395001 reversed at Rochester.* **Bill Turvill**

▼ *London Midland has been quick to apply its distinctive green, black and grey colours to the fleet of Class 350 Desiros, by far the majority now looking like No. 350111, passing Carpenders Park on 11th August, forming the 12.56 service from Tring to Euston.* **Brian Morrison**

▲ *On 2nd August, Class 67s Nos. 67021 and 67025 'top and tail' the 16.55 departure from Weymouth, bound for Bristol Temple Meads, at Clifton Maybank, near Yeovil. The train is passing the site of the proposed South Chord connection to Yeovil Junction from the GWR line. The alignment was constructed but no rails have ever been laid.* **John Newberry**

▼ *DRS Compass-liveried Class 37/4 No. 37423 with saloon* **Caroline** *in tow passes Kettering on 4th August, working a Derby RTC to Clapham yard ECS working, in readiness for several days of operation on the Southern Region.* **John Coleman**

***BR 'Britannia' No 70013* Oliver Cromwell *dwarfs Manchester Museum of Science and Industry's replica of George Stephenson's 2-2-0 locomotive* Planet. *The 'Britannia' was stabled overnight at the museum, prior to working the second leg of the 1T57 charter the following day.* Mick Rogers**

Dukedog arrives at Bridgnorth

The much anticipated visit of ex-Great Western 'Dukedog' No. 9013 *Earl of Berkeley* to the Severn Valley Railway became a reality on 29th July when the locomotive arrived by low-loader at Kidderminster from its home on the Bluebell Railway.

It is due to star in the SVR's Autumn Gala in September, as well as several photographic charters during early October. It was 'lit-up' on arrival and worked 'light engine' to Bridgnorth where a valve and piston examination was to take place followed by any identified repairs.

Meanwhile, the railway's 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 45110 was to be ceremoniously withdrawn from traffic upon expiry of its boiler certificate, which coincided with the 40th anniversary of its involvement in the 'Fifteen Guinea Special' of 11th August 1968. It will now join the queue at Bridgnorth, and may find a temporary home at the Engine House in Highley.

Works Open Day event brings steam and diesel line up to Butterley

The Midland Railway at Butterley will be recreating the atmosphere of a 'works open day' over the forthcoming Bank Holiday weekend.

There will be an extensive line up of both steam and diesel locomotives at Swanwick Junction, together with an intensive timetable, which should see BR Standard 4MT 2-6-4T No. 80098, Class 9F 2-10-0 No. 92214, ex-S&D 2-8-0 No. 53809 and BR Standard Class 5MT 4-6-0 No. 73129 in action alongside Classes 20, 31, 33, 40, 45, 47 and 50 from the extensive diesel fleet. Also in service will be diesel shunters from Classes 03, 08 & 11, plus DMU Classes 101, 114 and 127. Look out for 'Jinty' No. 47327, previously the line's *Thomas* engine in blue livery, which is due to receive a transformation into maroon and carry it's original number of 16410.

Two operating features of note will be the use of the rarely used Codnor Park Curve, made possible by the use of the DMU fleet, and also the Swanwick Colliery branch for the first time. The latter diverges from the mainline at the east end of Swanwick Junction station, which itself is slowly being transformed with the erection of the ex-Syston station building.

The Golden Valley Light Railway will also be joining in the event with a cavalcade of locomotives on each day, as well as welcoming visiting 0-4-2ST *Stanhope*. Elsewhere, there will be a brass band performance, an internal bus service utilising a vintage 'Midland General' bus, a real ale bar and a DMU cinema coach showing British Transport Films.

An added bonus will be an incoming UK Railtours mainline charter on 23rd August that is likely to feature an EWS Class 66 or 67. This is due to terminate at Swanwick Junction and then proceed ECS to Butterley, where it will probably be positioned on the siding that straddles the causeway to Hammersmith.

The event takes place over the weekend of 23rd-25th August, and visitors are recommended to take the train from Butterley as access to Swanwick is very restricted. For more details, including the intended locomotive rosters, go to www.midlandrailwaycentre.co.uk

Also the Midland Railway - Butterley, will be holding a Vintage Train weekend on 15th-17th August featuring its historic collection of vehicles, the oldest of which dates back to 1865. Repainted 'Jinty' No. 16410 should feature. Paddington Bear will be visiting on 30th/31st August, and there will be a Diesel Gala on 6th/7th September with Classes 20, 31, 45, 46 & 47 in action.

MIDLAND RAILWAY BUTTERLEY

Presents

WORKS OPEN DAY

A commemoration of the Horticultural and Open Days held at Derby Locomotive Works.

Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th August 2008

EVENT FEATURES

- Over 100 Locomotives on display with 25 in operation over the weekend
- Diesel and steam hauled trains
- Intensive timetable including Codnor Park branch
- Mobile Cinema Coach showing railway films
- Swanwick Branch official opening with DMU shuttle
- Traction and Rolling Stock Displays with selected cab access
- Golden Valley Railway Cavalcade on all dates
- LMS Inspection Saloon on selected services serving light refreshments
- Internal Bus service at Swanwick with Vintage bus
- Presentation each day on Railway and Industrial Archeology
- Model, Miniature and Narrow Gauge railways operating
- Brass Band, Flypast and much more.....

A reflection of times past re-created at Midland Railway-Butterley

Further details from

MIDLAND RAILWAY – BUTTERLEY

Butterley Station, Ripley, Derbyshire DE5 3QZ

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Ecclesbourne Valley Railway

(Derbyshire's hidden railway gem)

Presents

'Wirksworth Goes Green'

Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August 2008,

Locomotives and passenger carrying stock in different 1960's green liveries. Various train formations, demonstration freight, Buffet Car

Ravenstor and Idridgehay lines open

Adults £7.50; Children £4.00; Concessions £6.50 (all day rover tickets)

Ecclesbourne Valley Railway, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth. Derbyshire. DE4 4FB

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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.

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.

14th 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. Contact Ron Dawes (0208 660 3532) for 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.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Central London)
Keen House, Calshot Street, London. N1. 'Members slide evening' Meeting starts at 19.00.

18th August 2008
Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Dorking)
Pethick-Lawrence House, 85 South Street, Dorking, Surrey. 'Fireless Locos' by Nick Kelly. Meeting starts at 19.30.

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 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.

30th-31st August 2008
Ecclesbourne Valley Railway
Wirksworth Station. 'Wirksworth Goes Green' Event weekend when all diesel locos and passenger stock in use will be in various 1960s green liveries. Class 20 on freight and passenger train, 'Iris' on passenger services. Four miles travel for £7.50 all day ticket Contact 01629 823076

2nd September 2008
Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)
St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford. 'Chiltern Trains' by Adrian Shooter. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North London)
Wood Green Labour Club, 3 Stuart Crescent, Wood Green, London. N22 5NJ. 'South Devon Railway' by John Keohane. Meeting starts at 19.30.

Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire Branch)
Eastleigh Railway Institute in Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'London and its environs' by Bruce Oliver. Meeting starts at 19.30.

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 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 the society secretary Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 for further details. Meeting commences at 19.30

4th September 2008
Great Central Railway Society (Rotherham)
The Three Horseshoes, Bawtry Road, Wickersley. 'From Roade to York' by Robin Patrick. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact 0114 254 0275 for further details.

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

York Railway Society
Archbishop Holgate's School, Drama Studio, Hull Road, York 'Pictures from Keith Smith' by Rob Tibbits. Meeting commences 19.30. Contact Robin Patrick on 01904 412232 for further details. Visitors £2 entrance fee.

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 are available. A £2 donation is requested. Contact the society secretary Ron Dawes on 0208 660 3532 for further information.

Grimsby & Cleethorpes Railway Group
RAF Association Club, Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes. 'The story behind the paintings' by John Willerton. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the society secretary on 01724 341358 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 Gray. Admission £2, Meeting commences at 19.15 promopt. contact the secretary, Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for further details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (St. Albans)
United Reform Church Hall, Watford Road, Chiswell Green. 'The Railway Clearing House' by Dr. Roy Edwards. Meeting commences at 19.30.

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.

13th September 2008
Bournemouth Railway Club
All Purpose Room, Winton Methodist Community Centre, Bournmouth. 'Australia in the 21st Century' by David Cable. Entrance £2 to members and non-members. Meeting commences at 14.30. Contact the club secretary Martyn Tresh on 01202 742099 or email martyn.thresh@ntlworld.com for further details.

15th September 2008
Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Dorking)
Pethick-Lawrence House, 85 South Street, Dorking, Surrey. 'Channel Tunnel Rail Link - Section 2' by Phil Bassett. Meeting commences at 19.30, prompt.

The Great Central Railway Society (Spinkhill branch)
The Angel Hotel, College Road, Spinkhill. 'The Settle & Carlisle : England's most scenic railway' by Paul Beardsley. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the society secretary on 01909 473927 for further details.

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.

▲ *On 2nd August, during the NYMR's End of Steam event, LNER 'K4' Mogul No. 61994* **The Great Marquess** *climbs past Water Ark (between Beck Hole and Goathland) with an evening dining service.* **Nick Wise**

18th September 2008 continued

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Merseyside)
The Kirkfield Hotel, Church Street Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside. 'The Great Western Broad Gauge' by Ken Grainger. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Marlow & District Railway Society
British Red Cross Society, Victoria Road, Marlow.
"More Classic British Transport Films" by Alan Willmott. Meeting commences at 19.45 for 20.00 Non-members entry £2.

19th September 2008

Great Western Society (Taunton Group)
Stoke St. Mary Village Hall, near Taunton. 'Steam in the 1960s' by Alan Reeve. Meeting commences at 19.30, Contact the society secretary Peter Triggs on 01823 334188 for further details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Central London)
Keen House, Calshot Street, London. N1. 'East Anglia & North-East England in the 1960s' by Chris Hurricks. Meeting commences at 19.00.

20th September 2008

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)
St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford. 'Branch 50th anniversary open day. 10.00-16.30.

25th September 2008

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Merseyside)
United Reformed Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon. 'Branch Photo Competition and Members Slides'. Meeting commences at 19.15.

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 from attendees.

28th September 2008

Bournemouth Railway Club
All Purpose Room, Winton Methodist Community Centre, Bournmouth.
'50 years of Railway Photography' by Hugh Ballantyne. Meeting commences at 19.30. Entrance £2 to members and non-members. Contact the club secretary Martyn Tresh on 01202 742099 or email martyn.thresh@ntlworld.com for further details.

West Lancashire Light Railway
'Railways on the Air'. The West Lancashire Light Railway will be participating in this event with members of the Bolton Wireless Club, who will set up a radio station on site - see the website http://www.westlancs.org for further details.

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 slide show by Malcolm Ranieri. Contact Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 for details. Starts 19.30.

2nd October 2008

Scottish Rly Preservation Society (Edinburgh Area)
Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh.
'The Northern Belle - Cruising in style with the LNER' by P (Sam) Woods. Meeting starts at 19.30, a donation is requested. Contact Fred Landery on 01698 457777.

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.

5th October 2008

West Lancashire Light Railway
Gala weekend with all locomotives in steam, - see the website http://www.westlancs.org for further details.

Internet Links

Further contact details for the clubs and societies list in this column can be obtained from our website by clicking here.

Should your club or society event be listed here? If so then please email the editor with the appropriate details.

7th October 2008

Locomotive & Carriage Institution
London Underground Ltd HQ, St. James Park Station, London.
Presentation by Doug Lindsay on 'Pullman Coaches Pt 2'. Starts 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.

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

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