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EWS Class 67 No. 67012 A Shropshire Lad in Wrexham & Shropshire livery runs through Chirk Bank with the 08.55 Wrexham - London Marylebone on 16th August. **Nigel Capelle**

Rear Cover

Class 376 Suburban 'Electrostars' Nos. 376028 and 376022 slow for the Dunton Green stop on 15th August, forming the 10.56 local service from Charing Cross to Sevenoaks. **Brian Morrison**

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Editorial

The steam movement - a remarkable cost-effective industry in the 21st century?

The last few weeks have perhaps seen some of the most awaited scenes in recent years, with the return to the mainline of BR 'Britannia' Standard 7P Pacific No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* and LMS 'Royal Scot' 4-6-0 No. 46115 *Scots Guardsman*, not to mention the first moves of the first mainline steam locomotive to be built in Britain in over 40 years in the form of 'A1' No. 60163 *Tornado*.

The latter is perhaps ironic, occurring just days prior to the anniversary of the end of steam on British Railways. The fact that within 10 years of Britain's railway system casting steam to one side, a small band of people had broken the steam ban with a small number of locomotives was an achievement in itself. The fact that 40 years later, steam workings on the now privatised National Network are not only a weekly event, but in parts of the country a daily one during the summer, could be termed as being a major triumph.

But the fact that the people and teams that we now call the 'preservationists' cannot only take a working locomotive apart, refurbish it and put it all back together again, but can take a Barry wreck and manufacture the missing or damaged parts to such an extent that a completely new steam locomotive can be built from scratch is a massive, massive achievement and something to which we should be very proud.

It is work such as this, together with the constant battle made by the heritage railways to keep steam operational, that will ensure that the steam locomotive, the nearest that science has come to developing a mechanical or electronic object that is living and breathing, and at times has a mind all of its own, will continue running for years to come.

As the stage for mainline operations becomes ever more difficult, at least the steam industry is in a situation whereby it is worth the time and effort to all concerned to continue the work. Those in Network Rail and the train operating company planning and control offices, the steam support crews, the drivers and firemen, behind the scenes there are many, many people, some voluntary, some paid who spend many hours ensuring that the weekly diet of steam charter trains can continue and yet, for something discarded by British Railways 40 years ago, the fact that these giants can still generate the thousands of pounds of revenue that it takes to pay for staffing, for track access and planning, not to mention the thousands that are spent each year on maintenance and upkeep is quite remarkable.

But it does year after year, and it allows us to create scenes that many people back in 1968 thought had been banished for ever. The photographs below, the top one taken, taken by a 15-year-old Allan McKever, serve to demonstrate that well. Both depict the 'Fifteen Guinea Special' arriving at Carlisle, but the top image taken on 11th August 1968 is some forty years before the bottom one, taken on 10th August 2008!

As Allan says "Both taken from the south end of Carlisle Citadel station and from almost the same spot. I took the 1968 photograph with a Brownie 127 camera as a 15-year-old schoolboy, the later photograph I took with an Olympus Digital camera."

As evident in the Railtour Pictorial pages of this issue, the re-run of the 'Fifteen Guinea Special' was a huge success and just goes to prove what this editorial has been discussing. Back in 1968, who would have thought that in 40 years time we could repeat the train over basically the same route, using four different steam locomotives of three different types, and one of those engines would have been exactly the same locomotive on both trips! It wouldn't have been inconceivable, just purely a glint of a distant dream in somebody's eye!

The big fact of mainline steam, and indeed any steam action today, is its cost. Without the enthusiasts and general members of the public alike, steam will not survive. It was pleasing to watch *Scots Guardsman* climbing towards Selside and Ribblehead Viaduct on its inaugural mainline charter for many years, but saddening to see, what appeared from the lineside, to be so many empty seats on the train. The reasons for this could possibly be debated for many hours, and for the photographer it is always a difficult choice whether to photograph or travel, but without the support for the charter train industry, the ticket sales that bring in passengers for a day out, all the achievements of the last 40 years will slowly decrease.

Maybe the industry is at a pinnacle, with something of a unprecedented number of trains operating. One thing is for sure, the current economic climate does not make it easy for those riding the trains as well as those running them, but where possible support the charter operators in your area, without it there's a chance they might not be there.

▼ ***Allan McKever***

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▲ *Class 57/0 No. 57005 powers through Frisby-on-the-Wreakem, near Melton Mowbray, with the recently introduced Advenza Freight scrap working from Cardiff to Hitchin Yard. On 11th August, the train (pictured here) commenced from Gloucester, having stabled overnight.* **Carl Westwood**

Hatfield & St Albans stations in Travel Plan Pilot

Hertfordshire County Council has successfully bid to be part of the National Station Travel Plan pilot programme, a project to help make it easier for people to travel to local railway stations without using cars.

The stations to be included are Hatfield, St Albans City and St Albans Abbey, which together handle eight million passengers each year. The 24 pilot stations across the country will particularly encourage travel by walking, cycling and taking the bus. The plans will include detailed surveys of how rail passengers currently travel to the station and where they come from.

The findings will be used to determine how local authorities can make the best use of investment in local stations to improve access to them, such as improving signage along pedestrian paths, improving cycle access or by improving bus routes or bus interchanges.

The council will now work with Welwyn, Hatfield and St Albans councils and train operators First Capital Connect and London Midland to develop the plans. The scheme has the support of the rail industry through the Association of Train Operating Companies (ATOC).

▼ *A rare sight at Carlisle, two of the DRS-operated Class 57/0s, Nos. 57010 and 57011, pilot Class 66/4 No. 66412 into the Border City on 16th August, with a northbound intermodal working to Grangemouth for the Malcolm Group. It is unusual to see the DRS 57s being used on intermodal duties.* **Paul Cocking**

❖ Six stations operated by National Express East have received Car Park Mark Accreditation under the safer parking award scheme administered by the British Parking Association. The stations accredited are Brentwood, Harold Wood, Hatfield Peverel, Ingatestone, Shenfield and Southend Victoria. The safer parking scheme is an initiative of the Associations of Chief Police Officers. Safer parking status, Park Mark®, is awarded to parking facilities that have met the requirements of an assessment conducted by the police, whereby the operator has taken measures to reduce instances of crime and create a safe environment.

❖ The Cotswold Line Promotion Group, in partnership with the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway, has arranged a Saturday bus link during August to run between Evesham station on the First Great Western Cotswold Line and Toddington station on the GWR. There is an option to board/alight at Broadway. The bus link started operation on 5th August and departs from Evesham at 10.00, 12.00, 14.00 and 16.00 returning at 11.00, 13.05, 15.00 and 17.00. Journey time is approx 25 minutes. Fares are £5 adult, £4 seniors (60+) and £2.50 child (5-15 years). All passengers receive a £1 discount off GWR fares.

❖ The first of London Midland's fleet of 10 Class 153 units returns to the rails this week after its refurbishment. The units are the mainstay of the Coventry-Nuneaton line, and all will be upgraded at Wabtec's Eastleigh site by the end of the year. The units are also used between Bedford and Bletchley and on the Stourbridge Town shuttle. £750,000 is being spent on each of the single-car units and the refit involves better cycle storage, information screens, and CCTV as well as a new livery, seat covers, interior wall coverings, carpets, seat grab handles and table tops.

❖ A project to transform the former Great Western Railway works in Swindon has begun. Called Churchward Village, work on the mixed-use development follows a multi-million pound deal to regenerate eight acres of the land into an urban residential development of apartments, restaurants, hotel accommodation and office suites. The Grade II listed buildings on the site will be converted into offices. Inside and outside the buildings are regarded as 'engineering gems' from the Brunel period, and will become features of the development

▲ *First Capital Connect Class 319/3 No. 319379 passes through Dunton Green on 15th August. The unit was engaged on driver training runs between Blackfriars and Sevenoaks.* **Brian Morrison**

Siemens celebrates five years of Desiro

The Siemens Desiro trains operating in Great Britain reached a landmark five years in passenger service on 12th August.

From Class 360s entering commercial service for what was then First Great Eastern in August 2003 and the Class 450s joining South West Trains two months later, the name Desiro has been one of Siemens' most recognisable achievements on British metals.

The 279 strong fleet of Classes 185, 350, 360, 450 and 444 consists of 1,393 carriages, and these are now to be joined by 38 Desiro Express 23 metre units for Transport Scotland and First ScotRail. This combined with the recent £164 million order from Porterbrook for 37 class 350 electric Desiros for the new London Midland franchise will bring the total of Desiros running in the UK to over 350.

NXEC runs special train for Rugby fans

National Express East Coast is to operate an extra direct train to London to take Hull Rugby League fans to their side's Challenge Cup final at Wembley Stadium on 30th August.

Hull reached the final by beating Wakefield 32-24 and will face the current trophy holders St Helens.

The extra train will leave Hull at 08.47, calling at Brough and Selby, and will then run non-stop to London King's Cross, arriving at 11.44. The return service will depart from London King's Cross at 19.10, arriving back at Hull at 21.54 after again calling at Brough and Selby.

Tickets for the special are now on sale – for details and bookings, go to the National Express website www.nationalexpresseastcoast.com or call 08457 225225 or visit any staffed station.

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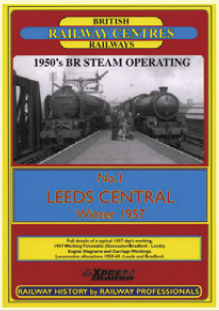

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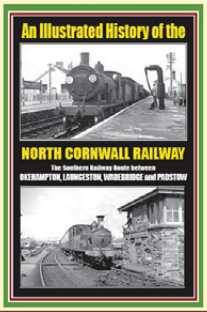

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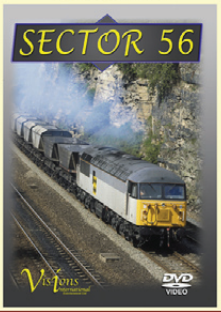

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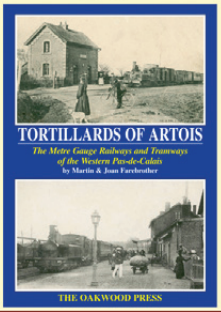

2-for-1 fare deal from Grand Central

Grand Central is offering 2-for-1 fares between 18th and 31st August.

Two passengers travelling together can travel for half the normal price by booking in advance on the Grand Central website (http://www.grandcentralrail.co.uk)

The price of two off-peak First Class returns from Sunderland to London would normally be £198.00 (£99.00 each), but with the special 2-for-1 ticket two passengers can travel First Class for just £99 (£49.50 each)!

Standard class with a 2-for-1 return fare, Sunderland to London, starts at just £69 (£34.50 per passenger). Similar concessions operate from Hartlepool, Eaglescliffe, Northallerton and York. Tickets are sent by text to your mobile phone. The two people travelling on the 2-for-1 ticket must travel together and on the service they have specified when purchasing the tickets.

Grand Central say that as demand for the half-price tickets is expected to be heavy, intending passengers should log-on early to avoid disappointment.

Liverpool celebrates football hero's as part of capital of culture year

As part of Liverpool's Capital of Culture Year, two of the local Merseyrail Electric Class 507 EMUs have been named after two Liverpool football legends, Everton FC striker Dixie Dean and Liverpool FC manager, Bob Paisley.

Families of the two men gathered at Rock ferry station on 14th August for the ceremonies, the names being chosen following a poll in the regional media.

A third unit has already been named *Red Rum* and another is to be unveiled as The Beatles later in the year.

No. 507004 *Bob Paisley* recognises one of the country's most successful football managers with a career of almost half a century at Liverpool FC while No. 507009 *Dixie Dean* commemorates the Everton FC legend, the most prolific goal-scorer in English football history.

Scotland's railway re-branding commences

▲ *While parts of the Cathcart Circle were closed, the opportunity was taken to repaint the stations and put up new signs, all in the new colours and bearing the branding of Scotland's Railways. This is the entrance to Queen's Park station on 16th August with the new dark blue colour scheme and logo.* **Simon Manton**

ODA's 'Pace' reports on 2012 transport planning

The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) has published a document showing that residents and commuters will benefit from major London 2012 transport projects as early as 2010.

The plans are outlined in 'pace', the second in a series of progress reports on 2012 transport planning, which explains how the ODA is investing £500 million in infrastructure to develop and deliver transport facilities that are needed before, during and beyond the 2012 Games.

These new facilities include new trains, platforms, lifts and bigger stations, in addition to wider benefits, such as new transport hubs for the more deprived areas of London and an increase in the number of people using a wider range of public transport.

A number of projects will be finished well before the Games commence, including trebling capacity and improving accessibility at Stratford station, a three-car instead of two-car train service on Docklands Light Railway (DLR), completion of the new DLR extension to Woolwich Arsenal and projects to deliver new and improved walking and cycling routes.

▼ *Class 220 No. 220016 in the new Cross Country livery stands at Plymouth on 31st July, ready to form the 13.25 service to Manchester Piccadilly. Some of the original Virgin red livery is still retained on the front buffer impact areas.* **Nathan Williamson**

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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.

		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 3:** Kyle of Lochalsh-Boat of Garten
		21st August
Past Time Rail	tbc	Bristol TM-Taunton-Exeter SD-Paignton-Kingswear and return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Classic Tour-Day 4:** Boat of Garten-Blair Atholl-Perth-Dundee
		22nd August
WCRC	2xWCRC 47	Skipton-Hellifield-Settle-Appleby-Carlisle & return
Railway Touring Company	60009/71000 or 6201	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
		23rd August
Kirklees Green Party	tbc	Lancaster-Preston-Blackburn-Accrington-Hebden Bridge-Brighouse-York-Newcastle-Edinburgh (break) & return via WCML to Brighouse.
Compass Tours	2xRiviera 47	Holyhead-Llandudno Jct-Flint-Chester- S&C-Carlisle & return
Kingfisher Railtours	tbc	Carnforth-Grange over Sands-Ravenglass (break/rev) and return
WCRC	45231/5690/850	York-Leeds-Skipton-S&C-Carlisle (break/rev) & return
NENTA Traintours	2xWCRC Cl47	Norwich-Diss-Stowmarket-Ipswich-Manningtree-Colchester-Witham-Chelmsford-Stratford- Taunton-Exeter SD-Totnes-Plymouth & return
Pathfinder Tours	2x WCRC 33	Crewe-Barnt Green-Bristol Parkway- Bath Spa-Westbury-Castle Cary-Yeovil Pen Mill-Dorchester-Weymouth (break/rev)-Wareham-Poole-Southampton-Oxford-Evesham-Worcester Shrub Hill & return
Railway Touring Company	71000	Liverpool Lime Street-St. Helens Central-Wigan North Western-Preston-Carnforth-Shap-Carlisle (break/rev)-Carlisle-S&C-Hellifield-Wigan North Western & return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Western Tour-Day 2:** Spean Bridge-Arisaig-Bridge of Orchy
UK Railtours	2xEWS 67	Woking-Staines-Finsbury Park-Potters Bar-Peterborough-Oakham-Loughborough-Toton Centre-Codnor Park Jct-Swanwick Jct-Nottingham-Grantham & return
		24th August
Past Time Rail	tbc	Bristol TM-Taunton-Exeter SD-Paignton-Kingswear and return
Pathfinder Tours	EWS 66	**The Alloa 'Alloer':** Bristol TM-Barnt Green-Leeds (see 25th Aug)
Railway Touring Company	60009/71000 or 6201	Liverpool Lime Street-Broad Green-Warrington Bank Quay-Chester-Colwyn Bay-Llandudno Junction-Holyhead (break/rev) & return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Western Tour - Day 3:** Bridge of Orchy Wemyss Bay
SRPS	55022 & 40145	Bo'ness-Polmont-Glasgow Queen Street-Anniesland-Drumgelloch-Larkhall-Paisley Canal-Ayr-Ardrossan Harbour and return
Vintage Trains	tbc	Birmingham Snow Hill-Stratford upon Avon & return (two trips)
		25th August
Compass Tours	2xRiveria 47	Carlisle-Oxenholme-Preston-Leyland- Kidderminster (for SVR)-Worcester-Gloucester-Bristol TM-Worcester & return
Past Time Rail	tbc	Bristol TM-Taunton-Exeter SD-Paignton-Kingswear and return
Pathfinder Tours	Fastline 56, EWS 60 Fastline 56	**The Alloa 'Alloer (contd):** Leeds-York Avoider-Millerhill Yd Edinburgh Sub-Forth Bridge-Alloa-Stirling-Glasgow Central Beattock-Carlisle(FL56)-Crewe (EWS 92)-Bristol TM (EWS 66)
Railway Touring Company	71000	Liverpool Lime Street-Broad Green-Warrington Bank Quay-Chester-Colwyn Bay-Llandudno Junction-Holyhead (break) & return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Western Tour - Day 4:** Wemyss Bay Edinburgh
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Classic Tour-Day 1:** Edinburgh-Dundee-Aberdeen-Keith

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
18-31 Aug	WCRC	Jacobite	Fort William-Mallaig and return	62005 or 45407
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
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.
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 August Bank Holiday weekend brings with it a host of tours, the highlight of which is Pathfinder's 'Alloa Alloer', which sets out from Bristol Temple Meads during the evening of 24th August to progress north as far as Crewe, where a Fastline Class 56 is scheduled to take charge for an overnight run via Leeds and the York avoiding lines to Millerhill yard. Here traction changes to a Class 60 to progress via the Forth Bridge onto the recently re-opened line from Alloa to Stirling, before heading the train back to Glasgow Central for a break. With the Fastline Class 56 back at the helm, the return working is booked via the WCML over Beattock to Carlisle, where the '56' gives way to a Class 92 to take the train to Crewe, for an EWS Class 66 back to Bristol Temple Meads.

Also in contention for tour of the weekend is the SRPS 'Routes and Branches' on 24th August, which is due to feature Class 40 No. 40145 *East Lancashire Railway* and Class 55 No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* throughout on a meander around the suburbs of Glasgow. The train starts at Bo'ness and picks up also at Polmont and Glasgow Queen Street, and then proceeds during a quite long day to visit Helensburgh Central, Glasgow Queen Street (Low Level), Ayr, Ardrossan Harbour, Hamilton Central and Springburn, plus a host of junctions in between.

Meanwhile, UK Railtours pays a visit to Swanwick Junction on the Midland Railway-Butterley on 23rd August where a 'Works Open Day Weekend' is being held (see issue 141). The train originates at Woking and runs via Peterborough, Oakham and Loughborough. Meanwhile, Pathfinder start a busy weekend on 23rd August with the 'Dorset Coast Explorer' from Crewe to Weymouth, working with a pair of West Coast Class 33s, outwards via Cheltenham and Bath Spa and with a rare working across the Cotswold line from Oxford, via Evesham, to Worcester Shrub Hill on the return. On the same day Nenta Traintours head for Plymouth from Norwich, Compass go to Carlisle from Holyhead, and Kirklees Green Party cross the Pennines from Lancaster en route to Edinburgh. Class 47s should predominate. Compass also has a train on 25th August from Carlisle to Kidderminster (for the SVR) and Worcester Shrub Hill. As a bonus there is also on offer a 'mini-tour' from Worcester to Bristol Temple Meads and back.

Highlight of steam operations is No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* for Steam Dreams on 20th August. Originally this train was booked through to Minehead, but as the West Somerset's new turntable is not yet commissioned, the itinerary has been changed. Now the 'Duchess' will haul the train from London Victoria via Reading to Westbury, where it will detach from the train for turning and servicing. The tour continues diesel-hauled to set down at Castle Cary (for Wells) and Taunton (for Minehead) before continuing to Exeter St.Davids. No. 6233 will then work the train back to London Victoria.

Of the regular performers, 'The Scarborough Spa' has 'Britannia' Pacific No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* again this week, there should be two runs over the S&C on 23rd August from York to Carlisle with the 'S&C Venturer' for West Coast and from Liverpool Lime Street to Carlisle (CME) for the Railway Touring Company. RTC also operates its 'Scarborough Flyer' on 22nd August, but it should be noted that the 'North Wales Coast Express' only runs on Bank Holiday Monday, the Sunday trains being cancelled due to engineering work. No. 60009 *Union of South Africa* will work some, if not all of the RTC trains. Kingfisher will have a 'Dalesman' on 20th August, which is booked for 'King Arthur' 4-6-0 No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel*, and a 'Cumbrian Coast Fellsman', traction for which is from the 'West Coast Pool'.

▲ *LMS 'Duchess' No. 6233* **Duchess of Sutherland** *approaches Basingstoke on 13th August with Steam Dream's 'Sunny South Special' working to Weymouth.* **Chris Wilson**

Welsh Marches and Settle & Carlisle for Past-Time autumn

The Welsh Marches feature strongly in Past Time's autumn programme, with three trains booked to run along the route.

A pair of 'Halls' is the feature of 4th October with the 'Three Choirs' from Nottingham, with steam haulage commencing at Stourbridge Junction, which also offers a rare chance to travel over the Cotswold mainline from Worcester Foregate Street via Ledbury to Hereford. Steam continues south along the Marches and then via Chepstow and Gloucester back to Worcester Shrub Hill, where diesel traction again takes over for the return run.

On 25th October, Hereford is the starting point for the 'Cathedrals Venturer', which is booked for No. 6024 *King Edward I* throughout to Paddington, running via Abergavenney, Chepstow, Gloucester and Swindon. The return is diesel hauled throughout.

Later, on 29th November, *King Edward I* again features on a return run between Bristol Temple Meads and Shrewsbury, setting down at Ludlow for the Christmas Medieval Market en route. This train originates at Paddington. The Christmas train this year is the 'Christmas Capitals United', scheduled for No. 6024 from Cardiff to Paddington and return, with the hope of a non-stop run to the capital after the final pick-up at Bristol Parkway.

There are also three notable trains in the north, two of which head for the Settle & Carlisle, commencing with 'The Pennine Limited' on 20th September with steam haulage from Hellifield via Appleby to Carlisle. After a break, the train is scheduled to head south steam hauled over Shap to Carnforth where diesel traction will take over for the return via Crewe and Shrewsbury to its originating point of Hereford. The locomotive will be from the 'West Coast Pool'.

The next train, on 1st November, has 'A4' No. 60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley* becoming re-acquainted with the Northern Fells as it takes charge of 'The Cumbrian Mountain Express' from Peterborough, which is steam-hauled via the Aire Valley and S&C to Carlisle outwards, and returning over Shap to Carnforth where diesel traction will take over for the return to Peterborough.

Finally, there is 'The Pendle Witch' on 30th November, which is a variation of the highly successful 'Cotton Mill' trains, which sets out from Manchester Victoria and heads for Hellifield via Bolton and Blackburn. The route is then to the 'Little North Western' via Wennington, joining the WCML at Carnforth and onwards to Preston for a short break. The train returns to Manchester Victoria via Chorley and Bolton.

Regarding the 'Cotton Mill Express', do not forget that Past Time will also be operating a series of these trains in the autumn on 27th September, 25th October and 22nd November as well as on the 6th, 13th & 20th December.

Additionally, this year there will a 'Yuletide Torbay Express' between Bristol Temple Meads and Kingswear, also operating on Saturdays 6th, 13th & 20th December plus Sunday 21st December.

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Saturday 20th September 2008. Locomotive to be announced

Steam hauled northbound over the Settle & Carlisle, break in Carlisle, then southbound over Shap Steam Section: Hellifield – Appleby – Carlisle – Penrith - Carnforth

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▼ *LMS 8F 2-8-0 No. 48151 accelerates through Seamer with the 12-coach 'Scarborough Spa Express' on 7th August with the return leg to York, via Leeds and Harrogate.* Paul Etherington

'Electric Scot Tribute' charter

Irony is a wonderful thing, because some eight months ago we were bemoaning the circumstances that ruined Spitfire's sell-out 'Electric Scot Farewell', yet now it is time to rejoice!

The joint Rail-Blue Charters/ Spitfire Railtours trip on 15th October will feature the AC Locomotive Groups Class 87 No. 87002 *Royal Sovereign* from Birmingham International to Glasgow Central on 15th October - a Wednesday tour to avoid West Coast engineering works on Saturdays.

Maybe it should have been the 'Electric Scot Phoenix' as this tour has been resurrected from the fire (or more like the lack of power to the coaching stock that killed off the 'Farewell' tour on that cold but gloriously sunny day last December).

The tour also picks up at Wolverhampton, Stafford, Crewe, Warrington Bank Quay and Preston. Let us hope that the sun, and providence, shines on this tour as it always better to celebrate a return than a farewell.

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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 Plus and Premier dining options.

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▲ *LMS 8F 2-8-0 No. 48151 leaves Liverpool Lime Street on 10th August, with first leg of the 'Fifteen Guinea Special' (1T57) commemorating the 40th anniversary of the end of steam on British Railways.* **Michael Jackson**

▼ *BR 'Britannia' Pacific No. 70013* **Oliver Cromwell** *crosses the River Calder on the 48-brick arch Whalley Viaduct, near Langho, Blackburn, at a sedate pace, hauling the 'Fifteen Guinea special', 40 years since it performed the same role on the original train.* **Daniel Cross**

▲ *A scene that is reminiscent of the original train in 1968 (except for the satellite dishes!) as BR 'Britannia' Pacific No. 70013* **Oliver Cromwell** *heads out of Bolton, bound for Hellifield and the Settle & Carlisle route.*

▼ *The return working from Carlisle was in the capable hands of LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0s Nos. 45407 and 45231. The leading locomotive, Ian Riley's No. 45407 was detached at Blackburn, leaving 45231 to return the train to Liverpool alone.* **Both: Bob Green**

▲ *Presenting a rare and most unusual sight on the Birmingham-Bristol main line, Mk2 DBSO No. 9703 leads the 22.49 Bristol Barton Hill-Derby RTC (via Swansea!) through Ashchurch station, early on the morning of 1st August. Providing motive power at the rear was Class 31/1 No. 31233.* **John Stretton**

▼ *Working the 09.45 Derby to Derby test run, Network Rail yellow-liveried Class 97/3s Nos. 97304 and 97303 pass Slitting Mill crossing on 14th August. Classmate No. 97301 was attached to the rear of the train.* **Chris Booth**

▲ *On 15th August a Class 59/2 made a rare trip north along the Midland Main Line when No. 59204* Vale of Glamorgan *was used to transfer a rake of 28 empty MEA wagons from Southall yard to Healey Mills. The locomotive was then to return south to Toton for tyre turning. The special working was recorded passing Cossington, north of Leicester.* **Don Gatehouse**

▼ *Mendip Rail Class 59/0 No. 59001* Yeoman Endeavour *shows off its brand-new Aggregate Industries livery while working an Acton Yard to Merehead Quarry empties, seen at Styles Hill on the Frome cut-off route on 8th August.* **Glen Batten**

▲ *GBRf 66/7 No 66715* **'VALOUR - in memory of all railway employees who gave their lives for their country'** *passes Carpenders Park on 11th August hauling Wessex Electric No (44)2401 from Bournemouth Depot to Wolverton Works.* **Brian Morrison**

▼ *On 16th August, one of the now regular movements of Wessex Electric units occurred, when Class 442 No. (44)2404 worked from Brighton Lovers Walk depot to Ashford Chart Leacon depot, captured by the camera, passing Redhill.* **Alex Dasi-Sutton**

▲ *The second Class 59/0 No. 59005* **Kenneth J Painter** *has been outshopped from Eastleigh Works in a modified version of the Aggregate Industries colour scheme. The green, originally used on the first repainted loco, No. 59001, was deemed to be too light and did not allow the company name to be clearly seen, so a darker version has now been chosen. No. 59005 (right) is pictured in the works yard on 17th August, in company with No. 59001, which had returned to have the green colour amended.*

▼ *Class 47/7 No. 47739 has now gained full Colas Rail-livery, although using a different font, as part of its overhaul and refurbishment at Eastleigh Works by Arlington Rail Services. The locomotive, is pictured within the workshops on 8th August.* **Both: Carl Watson/Arlington Fleet Services Ltd**

▲ *The DRS-owned Mk3 set, previously branded with Stobart livery, had its first outing on 16th August since the Stobart Railtours operation ceased trading last month. The set was used for Spitfire Railtours 'Meridian Mariner' charter from Wolverhampton to Cleethorpes. The train, hauled by Class 37/0 No. 37059 and Class 37/4 No. 37423 powers past the aquaduct at Chirk with the outward leg of the train.* **Nigel Capelle**

▼ *Almost five hours later and the same pairing, Class 37/0 No. 37059 and Class 37/4 No. 37423, storm through Melton Ross on the final section of the run to Cleethorpes. On the rear of the train was Class 47/7 No. 47712* Pride of Carlisle, *which was used to release the stock at Cleethorpes.* **Jonathan Stevenson**

▲ *The Nene Valley Railway's BR Standard 5MT 4-6-0 No. 73050 City of Peterborough departs from Wansford on its home railway on 19th August with the 12.00 service to Peterborough. The locomotive has recently returned to service after protracted boiler repairs.* **Colin Darvill**

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▲ *The steam locomotive graveyard at Barry Island gave up its last remaining occupants to a variety of preservation societies. Not so lucky were most examples of the first generation of AC Electric Classes 81, 82 and 83, which were transferred to the yard of Crewe Electric Maintenance Depot (ETMD) following closure of Crewe Works 'Melts' Shop and, which were later supplemented by a host of withdrawn Class 85s. A field of such West Coast traction greeted the visitor to the ETMD in the summer of 1991, in many ways resembling the scene of motive power at Barry in the 1960/70s, as can be seen from this viewpoint. In the row nearest to the camera are Class 85/1s Nos. 85104, 85108, 85105 and 85113.*

The Barry of AC Electrics

In a special 'one-off' pictorial compilation, Brian Morrison looks back to a sight, rarely covered by the railway press at the time, the electric equivalent to Barry scrapyard.

All photographs by the author

▼ *Through the ever expanding weeds of Crewe ETMD, Class 85/1s Nos. 85109 and 85104 can be seen, along with Class 81 No. 81020. For almost all of these locos, the next move was to the scrapyard.*

◀ *Withdrawn in March 1989, Class 83 No. 83012 was also painted in the InterCity colours of the times to match the coaching stock livery of the empty stock workings it hauled to and from London Euston. This was one of two locomotives rescued from the electric Barry, being purchased by the AC Locomotive Group after a lengthy period in store, and moved to Barrow Hill Roundhouse.*

▼ *Class 81 No. 81004 appears to curtsy to classmate No.81009. The locomotives were withdrawn from Willesden Depot in April and February 1991, respectively. From here, the two locos met their end at opposite ends of the country! No. 81004 was one of only four of the class to be scrapped by MC Metals at Glasgow, while its classmate, like the majority of the '81s', was sold to Coopers Metals at Sheffield.*

▲ *The other locomotive, destined not to meet the dreded oxy-cutters torch, was ex-celebrity Class 82 No. 82008. Still carrying its faded InterCity livery when pictured here, awaiting its fate along with Class 83 No. 83015. The two were taken out of service in December 1987 and February 1989, respectively. No. 82008 was the sole member of the class to make preservation, being saved by the AC Locomotive Group.*

► *Minus any windscreen glass, Class 81 No. 81018 was withdrawn from Glasgow Shields Road Depot as long ago as January 1986. This was quite a recent candidate for scrapping compared with some others still on the scraplines here, however, behind it being Class 82 No. 82003, which was condemned from Longsight Depot in August 1983! Completing this line-up are Nos. 81003 (withdrawn from Shields Road in March 1988), and 85015 and 85020, both taken off Crewe Depot's active list in October 1990.*

▼ *The AC Electrics on view in this corner of the Crewe ETMD graveyard are from left to right Nos. 81015, 85026, 81008, 81007 and 81013.*

The Blue & Grey Years

▲ *Finally, a look back to happier times before the likes of the Class 81s, 82s, 83s and 85s ended up in the graveyard of Crewe Electric Traction Maintenance Depot. Painted in InterCity livery, Class 83 No. 83012 had an extended lease of life in use for hauling empty coaching stock to and from Euston. Hauling coaches from an earlier arrival away from the London terminus on 1st May 1987, the early 1960s-built locomotive heads for Wembley yards. Today, this locomotive is owned by the AC Locomotive Group and carries 'electric blue' livery with its pre-TOPS No. E3035.*

▼ *Ford Motor Company containers for Dagenham are powered through Bushey on 30th June 1976 by Class 85 No 85012.*
Both: Brian Morrison

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.

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 commences 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 & District 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 'An evening with father' 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, £2.00 non members.

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 starts 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.

▲ *One of the latest Freightliner Heavy Haul Class 66/5s, No. 66598, is pictured on the approach to Abergele & Pensarn with a Penmaenmawr-Crewe loaded ballast service.*
Mark Sutton

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 the society secretary Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 for further details. Meeting commences at 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 commences at 19.30 and a donation is requested from attendees. 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.

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. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Roger Marsh on 01935 814367 or www.ydrs.org.uk for details.

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.

9th October 2008
Continental Railway Circle
St.Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. A talk on 'Germany - the changin scene' by Brian Garvin. Admission £2, Meeting commences at 19.15 promopt. contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for further details.

9th-10th October 2008
West Lancashire Light Railway
Gala weekend with four locomotives in steam, including visiting locomotive 'Howard' - see http://www.westlancs.org for further details.

Internet Links
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10th October 2008
Altrincham Electric Railway Preservation Society
Altrincham Methodist Church Hall, Barrington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire. 'Steam on shed' and illustrated presentation by Alan Ashurst. Admission £3 for non-members Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Andrew Macfarlane on 0161 928 9394 for details.

11th October 2008
Bournemouth Railway Club
All Purpose Room, Winton Methodist Community Centre, Bournmouth.
'Members' colour slides. Meeting commences at 14.30. 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.

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