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BR Standard 7P Pacific No. 70013 Oliver Cromwell crosses the viaduct at Knaresborough with the outward leg on 21st August, it's last day of service on these trains it. **Stuart Chapman**

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WCRC Class 33 No. 33207 leads classmate No. 33025 south through Queen Camel with Pathfinder Tours 'The Dorset Coast Explorer' charter from Crewe to Weymouth on 23rd August. **Brian Garratt**

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Editorial

▲ ***Having arrived with its inaugural public mainline steam charter, LMS 'Royal Scot' No. 46115 Scots Guardsman awaits departure back to York at Carlisle on 16th August, providing the opportunity to see old and new West Coast passenger traction side-by-side.*** **Paul Hepworth**

▼ ***One aspect of London Underground operations that is normally out of sight of the public's view is that of the maintenance trains, which normally involves the small fleet of battery-powered electric locomotives. Here Nos. L54 and L19 'top and tail' a short engineers working on 17th August as the train leaves Amersham, in Buckinghamshire.*** **Colin Cooke**

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▲ *The forthcoming addition of Class 377s on to FCC services, has led to the move of No. 377202 to Bedford for driver training. On 6th August, the unit was observed stabled in Bedford EMU sidings.* **Fred Kerr**

Franchise changes for FCC and Southeastern

Following the change in franchises agreed with the Department for Transport (DfT), passengers on both First Capital Connect (FCC) Thameslink services and Southeastern are set to benefit from new Class 377 coaches on order, providing longer and more frequent trains as well as a greater choice of destinations.

The changes are a key in the wider £5.5 billion Thameslink modernisation programme and mean that passengers will benefit by increased service frequencies, with the number of trains running through central London on the Thameslink route increasing from eight up to 15 per hour during peak hours from 1st March 2009.

The new coaching stock will provide 92 new carriages worth around £100million, which will be deployed on FCC services between Bedford, London and Brighton, and Southeastern services between St Pancras International and Bromley South, Orpington and other Kent stations also from March 2009. The new stock will allow for an additional 1,150 seats in the morning peak and 2,080 seats in the evening peak on FCC with more direct journeys. Some Southeastern trains will join FCC routes, meaning passengers can travel between Sevenoaks, St Pancras International and stations in north London without changing trains.

The franchise changes are all part of the wider Thameslink modernisation programme that is designed to transform the Thameslink network by 2015. The programme is designed to provide up to 50% longer trains across the current Thameslink route with new direct services from the southern Home Counties to destinations on both the Thameslink and Great Northern routes. The scheme will also provide a good increase in capacity, with up to 12-car trains running up to 24 times an hour through central London, new trains across the Thameslink route, with an entirely new fleet of EMUs by 2015, with extra carriages providing around 14,500 extra seats each day. Also, Blackfriars, Farringdon and London Bridge stations, will be improved, giving them the capacity to handle more passengers and easing bottlenecks. Blackfriars will become the first station to span the Thames, and by the end of 2011 will be able to handle 12-car trains for the first time. Platform extensions at 50 stations outside central London are also to be undertaken.

On Southeastern, more than 4,000 extra seats in the morning peak and more than 3,500 in the evenings is the welcome prospect for many passengers from March next year. This will also be as a result of the £5.5 billion Thameslink Improvement Project, as some Southeastern services will be joining the Thameslink routes, enabling passengers to travel between Sevenoaks and stations in north London without changing trains at Blackfriars, where the present bay platforms will become redundant. This will release Class 465/466 Networkers currently in use on services to and from Blackfriars, enabling both the length and frequency of many trains on its wider suburban Metro routes to be increased to ease problems with crowding - and from December, Southeastern aims to provide two additional early morning services between Barnehurst and Cannon Street and one between Hayes and Cannon Street, with a fourth additional service from Hayes starting in March 2009.

Southeastern is owned by Govia, which is the most enduring partnership between transport operators delivering rail franchises in this country. Southern is also operated by Govia a partnership between the Go-Ahead Group and Keolis. It is the UK's busiest rail operator, responsible for nearly 30% of UK passenger rail journeys through its three rail companies, Southern, Southeastern and London Midland. Southeastern runs train services into London from Kent and East Sussex, operating some 1,750 trains a day, facilitating more than 400,000 passenger journeys a day, managing 182 stations and covering 480 miles of track. The network now forms part of the Integrated Kent Franchise and Southeastern will provide high-speed domestic services with Hitachi Class 395 'Javelins' on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link from December 2009.

Cathcart Circle returns to use after repairs

A full train service resumed on Glasgow's Cathcart Circle line on 14th August after Network Rail completed track repairs at Pollokshields East four days earlier than planned.

The £2.4 million project to stabilise subsidence to the track caused by ancient mine works near Pollokshields East station, on the city's south side, began on 22nd July and had been scheduled to run until 17th August.

The time needed to undertake the works has also been used as an opportunity to further improve services with more than £250,000 being invested in maintenance work at the five affected stations of Pollokshields East, Queens Park, Crosshill, Mount Florida and Cathcart.

During the works, track and overhead line equipment had to be lifted or moved while 600tonnes of grouting material was injected into 170 boreholes to fill 800 square metres of abandoned mineworks. The tracks were then relaid and overhead power lines reinstated before additional track drainage works were undertaken at the site.

The station improvement works, carried out in partnership with First ScotRail, included refurbishment and painting of the station canopies at Crosshill and Queens Park, improvements to the station roof and pedestrian access at Mount Florida and platform resurfacing at Crosshill and Mount Florida.

❖ Sunday services between Inverness and Elgin are to be affected by planned rail improvements in the Forres area over the next four weeks as Network Rail commences a major track replacement scheme. The essential works are to replace aging sections of the track between Nairn and Forres to provide smoother journeys and improved reliability. Network Rail is working closely with First ScotRail to minimise disruption for passengers, First ScotRail providing a bus replacement service between Inverness and Elgin, calling at Forres and Nairn, on 17th, 24th & 31st August and 7th September.

❖ London Underground (LUL) has applied for planning permission to undertake major improvements to Green Park tube station in time for the 2012 London Olympics, the upgrade to provide step-free access from the street to platform levels. LUL is also to work with Westminster City Council and the Royal Parks to improve the public space surrounding the station. The upgrade would provide a larger southside station entrance and direct access from the park itself. The work would be completed prior to the Games.

❖ South West Trains' Class 159 No 159007 is currently running trials on a fuel that is a mixture of diesel, soya beans and rape seed oil in a bid to examine possible alternatives for the future. The unit is operating in normal passenger service on the London Waterloo-Exeter route and will run until the end of the year to assess performance in respect of speed and engine emissions in all seasons. Eventual widespread adoption will depend upon factors such as pricing, taxation and the current debate on the overall sustainability of biofuel use.

❖ With both Whiston and Halewood stations having now achieved 'Secure Station' status for bringing in measures to reduce anti-social behaviour and make people feel safer, this means that all of Knowsley's six stations are now 'secure'. All such stations have to have good CCTV coverage and lighting, regular station maintenance including removal of graffiti and positive results from an independent survey of passengers using the station on how they feel about the security. Following the audit, Whiston achieved the highest score of all Northern stations and was commended on the improvements made in and around the station, including such items as cutting back hedges and overgrown bushes to improve visibility and general environmental clean-ups.

£1.1 million public transport improvement scheme for Hope Valley and Dinting routes

Station improvements in the Peak District and Derbyshire costing £285,000 are the result of a partnership between Northern Rail, East Midlands Tourism, Derbyshire County Council, Peak District National Park Authority and High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership.

The work is part of a three-year £1.1 million project to improve public transport facilities for visitors, and include new waiting shelters at Edale, Bamford, Hathersage, Hope and Grindleford, a refurbished waiting room and CCTV at Buxton and CCTV at Whaley Bridge and Glossop.

Also passenger information help points have been installed at Edale, Bamford, Chinley, Glossop, Dinting, Whaley Bridge and Chapel-en-le-Frith.

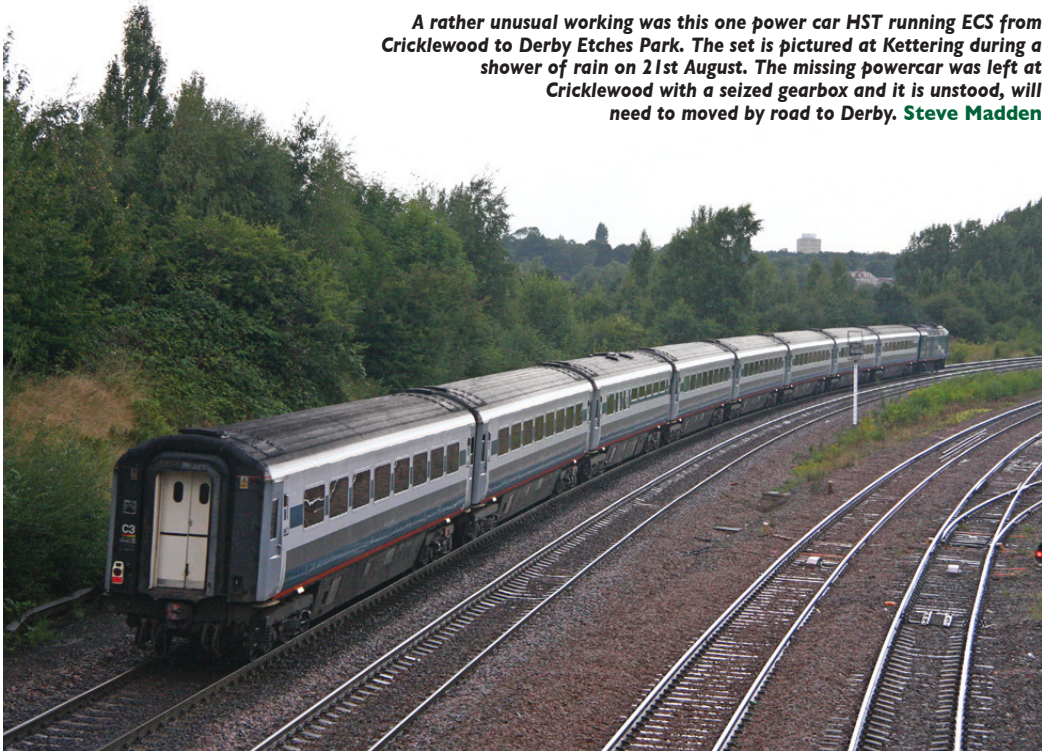
New rail scheme for Oxford-London service

Oxford could get a new regular train service to London in a £200 million scheme that would operate direct trains to Wembley Stadium for the first time.

Chiltern Railways has revealed plans for a new half-hourly service that would link Oxford with London Marylebone via Bicester. The proposals would see a quarter of a mile of extra track built in Bicester, linking the Oxford-Bicester line with the Chiltern Line. The proposals would also see the route between Bicester and Oxford revamped and a new station built at Water Eaton 'park and ride'. If everything goes to plan there could be 35 direct services from Bicester to Oxford a day on revamped double track with journey times cut from 26 to 14 minutes.

At present, there are just four direct trains a day from Bicester to Oxford. The plan would also mean that Oxford would have a train link with High Wycombe for the first time since 1964. Chiltern Railways has said that it would be prepared to meet the estimated development costs itself and hopes that the line could be up and running before the London 2012 Olympics.

The railway also says it would strengthen the case for the proposed Oxford to Milton Keynes east-west rail link.



A rather unusual working was this one power car HST running ECS from Cricklewood to Derby Etches Park. The set is pictured at Kettering during a shower of rain on 21st August. The missing powercar was left at Cricklewood with a seized gearbox and it is unstood, will need to moved by road to Derby. **Steve Madden**

c2c and BTP on the trail of the railway cable thieves

c2c, the British Transport Police (BTP) and Network Rail took to the sky last week in an attempt to tackle the rising problem of cable theft on the railway.

Company representatives took flight in the Network Rail helicopter, which is kitted out with state-of-the-art crime fighting camera equipment. The camera includes a high-powered zoom lens, has a recording ability and infrared facilities, making it capable of identifying people, even at night. They flew along the entire c2c route and focused on specific 'hotspots' in an attempt to catch people in the act of vandalising or stealing the copper cable.

This activity is just one of the latest security measures introduced by Network Rail to help address a problem that is costing the rail industry millions of pounds each year, bringing travel chaos and disruption to thousands of passengers.

c2c passengers have already experienced approximately 4,500 minutes of delays and 200 service cancellations this year alone, as a direct result of cable theft, which has also cost the company around £500,000.

c2c is also working closely with BTP on Operation Shellshock, which is a campaign to target route-based crime, specifically breaking windows, obstructing trains and vandalism, which also causes delays to a number of services each week.

Any reader with information about cable theft or any other railway crime should contact the BTP on freephone 800 40 50 40 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. All calls will be treated in confidence.

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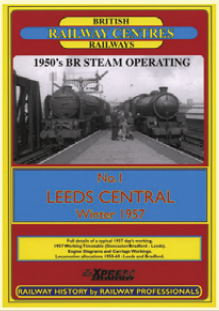

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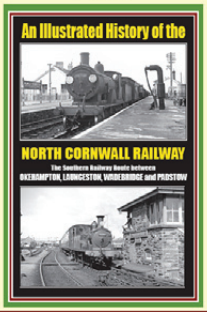

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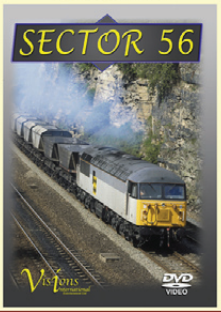

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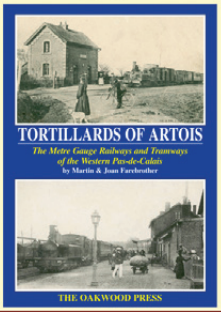

New look for oldest working mainline electric locomotive

The London Transport Museums Art Deco 1938 Tube train and the Metropolitan Railway 1923-built electric locomotive No. 12 *Sarah Siddons*, in newly applied original maroon livery, will both be in operation on 14th September, running shuttle services throughout the day between Harrow-on-the-Hill or Watford and Amersham.

Sarah Siddons, the oldest working main line electric locomotive in the country, will be hauling a set of 1950 coaches.

Tickets can be booked on 0207 565 7298 and cost £20 per adult, which also allows travel for up to two children. Tickets are limited for the 1938 Stock working departing from Harrow-on-the-Hill at 10.26 (the only trip on the day to run to Amersham via Watford) and these cost £25 per adult. Subject to space being available, all tickets are then valid for unlimited travel on both Heritage Trains throughout the day.

Special 1950s buses will provide free trips from Amersham station to Amersham Old Town to join Amersham Heritage Day celebrations and visit the Amersham Museum, which has free admission to Heritage Train ticket holders.

The repaint was carried out as a joint venture between the London Transport Museum and Metronet Rail for London Underground.

▲ ***Metropolitan Railway No. 12 Sarah Siddons is pictured in its newly applied original livery at its rededication ceremony on 19th August. The loco is now fitted with new replica 1920s style nameplates.*** **Dave Brabham**

All in a name!

▶ ***The change of a franchise operator so often ends up with the new franchise trading name simply being applied in some way, shape or form over the top of the existing livery. The effectiveness of this method works better with some brands than others. However, East Midlands Trains has obviously given the matter a great deal of thought and simply replaced the 'Midland Mainline' branding on powercars with the East Midlands Trains name and style as an interim measure. The result, being a livery that to the general public looks as if it was designed for the EMT branding! On 18th August, Class 43 powercar No. 43074 leads an ex-Midland Mainline-liveried rake of Mk3s through Irthilingborough Road, near Wellingborough.*** **Derek Elston**

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▲ *The sight of three locomotives on a coal working is not exactly commonplace, especially when the three engines are not Class 66 locomotives! DRS Class 37/0 No. 37059, Class 37/4 No. 37423 and Class 47/7 No. 47712* **Pride of Carlisle** *power 10 new coal wagons for Fastline Freight through Oakley Junction with a Wembley to Chaddesden working on 21st August.* **Steve Madden**

Department for Transport unveils four short-listed bidders for new South Central franchise

The Department for Transport (DfT) announced the list of short listed bidders for the new South Central franchise on 20th August as NedRailways South Central Limited (NedRailways Limited), NXSC Trains Limited (National Express Group plc), Southern Railway Limited (Govia Limited), and Southern Trains Limited (Stagecoach Group plc).

The DfT has recently consulted on proposals for the franchise, which includes plans to increase capacity by around 10% overall. The consultation also states that the winner must help facilitate the East London Line Extension from 2010 and the £5.5billionThameslink Programme, both of which will provide a significant increase in capacity in and through London, once operational (see separate story).

Other proposed improvements include smartcards introduced throughout the franchise area, safer stations, later running evening services, improved reliability and better environmental performance. Passenger Focus has also advised the Department on key priorities for the new franchise.

The successful bidder is expected to be announced in early summer 2009, with the franchise commencing on 20th September 2009 for five years and 10 months (expiring in July 2015), with the final year dependent upon achieving acceptable performance levels. The new South Central franchise will be formed from the existing Southern franchise, which incorporated Gatwick Express from 22nd June this year, and will also include the Tonbridge-Redhill route of the current Southeastern service from December 2008.

The franchise will include an ability to extend by up to two years from July 2015 at the DfT's discretion

Bombardier awards contract to First GBRf

Bombardier Transportation has awarded First GBRf a new three-tier contract for the movement and service of new units on three separate train networks.

Under the new contract, First GBRf will provide drivers and locomotives to transport the newly manufactured Bombardier Movia metro cars from the production site in Derby to Metronet Rail for use on London Underground's sub-surface lines. 191 seven-car and eight-car units (1395 vehicles) will be transported over a five-year period, to replace outdated rolling stock. First GBRf is also to assist Bombardier by providing drivers and maintenance engineers to service and test the new Electrostars on the East and North London Railways. The servicing will be primarily undertaken at a new purpose-built maintenance facility situated at New Cross Gate.

Under the final tier of the contract, First GBRf will provide drivers, loco and translator vehicles for the delivery of 23 Class 377 Electrostar units from Derby to Selhurst for Southern GoVia. The movements will begin in October and run until March 2009.

▼ *West Coast Railway Company is to be congratulated for the innovative and effective method of advertising used to promote this year's 'Scarborough Spa Express' steam charters, by creating a mobile billboard out of Class 47/4 No. 47826, to carry the message countrywide. The branding carried by the loco is seen to full effect, as are the number of holidaymakers turning to watch the train passing - in this case at the helm of NENTA TrainTours' Norwich to Plymouth charter on 22nd August, with classmate No. 47851, which had failed at Taunton, passing Langstone Rock, Dawlish.* **Ken Brunt**

▶ *On test from Crewe International Electric Depot to Stafford and return following its reinstatement from storage at Toton, Class 60 No. 60099* **Ben More Assynt** *waits to head back north at Stafford on 22nd August. As of noon on the same day, 42% of the 100-strong EWS Class 60 fleet were in an active status (i.e. not stored or withdrawn): 60005, 60007, 60009, 60010, 60012, 60013, 60014, 60017, 60018, 60020, 60021, 60024, 60025, 60026, 60029, 60031, 60040, 60041, 60042, 60043, 60044, 60047, 60049, 60052, 60054, 60056, 60059, 60060, 60062, 60063, 60065, 60066, 60068, 60071, 60076, 60082, 60083, 60085, 60091, 60094, 60096 and 60100. Of those that are stored, three are presently at Margam (Nos. 60033, 60037 and 60067) and one (No. 60061) is at Eastleigh, having arrived on 22nd August. The remainder of the stored fleet are now at Toton.*
Stuart Rogers

4,000 engineers complete Network Rail's WCML Bank Holiday work

Network Rail says that over 4,000 engineers were working on the West Coast Main Line (WCML) over the August Bank Holiday at seven major locations covering over 130 miles of the route.

They have installed new track, new points, a new subway, new platforms, new signalling and refurbishing a long flyover. The work is part of the project that will allow the introduction of over a third more services on the line and significantly cut journey times next year. The seven locations of work were Stoke (new track and overhead line and signalling work), Lichfield (new signalling, lengthening platforms and overhead line work), Nuneaton (new signalling, new track and new points), Rugby (opening two new platforms, new subway (involving use of a very large crane), refurbishment of 450-metre flyover, new track, new points and signalling and overhead line work), Milton Keynes (new track and a platform extension), Berkhamsted (refurbishment of the subway) and Harlesden (new track and a new sets of points).

Prior to the work, Chris Gibb, Managing Director of Virgin Trains, said: "I would like to apologise to all our customers who will experience disruption over the Bank Holiday weekend. We shall be doing everything possible to provide as much capacity and information as possible during this particularly difficult period. For anyone travelling between 23rd August and 7th September, I would ask that they re-check their journey details 24 hours before travelling with the Virgin Trains website".

There was little other major disruptive work affecting any other main lines over the Bank Holiday weekend as manpower and resources were concentrated on completing the work on the WCML.

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Pete Waterman

A stunning new book which celebrates the 50 years that Pete Waterman has dedicated to railway modelling, and which beautifully portrays the pride of his extensive collection. Over 350 stunning images of hand-built locomotives, both steam and diesel, adorn the pages, together with close-ups of the exceptional, high-quality detailing.

Above all, the collection is more than just model railway engines and the book is not just about Pete's collection, it's also about the the people that built the locomotives, the modellers themselves. This book is a tribute to the skill and passion of the model makers who have taken the art and practice of modelling in miniature to a new level.

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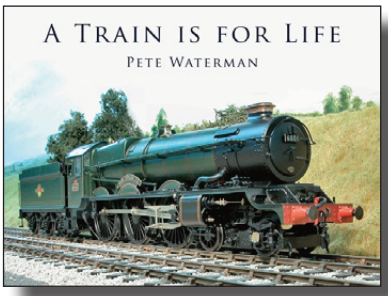

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by John Whitehouse

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		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
		26th August
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Classic Tour (Day 2)** Keith-Tain (rev)-Dingwall-Kyle of Lochalsh
		27th August
Kingfisher Railtours	70013	Hellifield- Appleby-Carlisle (break/rev) and return
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Classic Tour (Day 3)** Kyle of Lochalsh-Aviemore-Boat of Garten
Steam Dreams	6233	London Victoria-Clapham Jct-Staines-Ascot-Reading-Kemble-Stroud-Cheltenham-Worcester Shrub Hill (break/rev) & return
		28th August
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Classic Tour (Day 4)** Boat of Garten-Blair Atholl-Perth-Dundee
		29th August
Kingfisher Railtours	2xWCRC 47	Skipton-Hellifield-Settle(pu)-Carlisle & return **Cancelled**
Railway Touring Company	Various	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
		30th August
Kingfisher Railtours	48151	Carnforth-Grange over sands-Ravenglass and return
West Coast Rly Co.	45231/5690/850	York-Leeds-Skipton- S&C-Carlisle & return
Past Time Rail	D1015	Bristol TM- Kingswear & return
Pathfinder Tours	2xEWS 37	Crewe-Burngullow-Parkandillack & return **Postponed**
Railway Touring Company	tbc	Crewe-Manchester Victoria-Preston-Carnforth-Shap-Carlisle-S&C-Hellifield-Wigan North Western and return
Retro Railtours	55022	Huddersfield-Stalybridge-Manchester Victoria-Wigan North Western-Preston-Shap-Beattock-Edinburgh and return via ECML
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Western Tour (Day 2)** Spean Bridge Arisaig-Bruidge of Orchy
Shepherd Neame	34067	London Victoria-Bromley South-Chatham-Faversham (break)-Canterbury-Ashford-Tonbridge-London Victoria
Shepherd Neame	34067	Faversham- Whitstable-Ramsgate & return
UK Railtours	2xEWS 67	London Paddington-Slough-Reading-Banbury- Wolves-Shrewsbury-Wrexham-Chester S-N Jcts-Hooton (break)-Ellesmere Port-Frodsham-Runcorn-Ditton Jct (rev)-Latchford (rev)-Hartford-Northwich W-S Jcts-Middlewich-Stafford-Bloxwich-Walsall & return
Vintage Trains	47773	Tyseley Warwick Road-Birmingham Moor St-Stourbridge Jct-Kidderminster-Worcester Shrub Hill- Cheltenham Spa-Bristol TM-Exeter SD-Paignton-Kingswear and return
		31st August
Kingfisher Railtours	70013	Hellifield Hellifield-Appleby-Carlisle (break/rev) and return
Past Time Rail	tbc	Bristol TM-Taunton-Exeter SD-Paignton-Kingswear and return
Railway Touring Company	Various	Liverpool Lime Street-Holyhead and return **Cancelled**
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Western Tour (Day 3)** Bridge of Orchy Wemyss Bay
Steam Dreams	6233	London KX-Cambridge-Ely-Norwich-and return
Vintage Trains	tbc	Birmingham Snow Hill-Stratford upon Avon and return (twice)
		1st September
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Western Tour (Day 4)** Wemyss Bay-Edinburgh
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Classic Tour (Day 1)** Edinburgh-Montrose-Aberdeen-Keith
		2nd September
Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	**Classic Tour (Day 2)** Keith-Tain (rev)-Dingwall-Kyle of Lochalsh

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
25 Aug-1 Sep	WCRC	Jacobite	Fort William-Mallaig and return	62005 or 45407
25-28 Aug	WCRC	Scarborough Spa	York-Harrogate-Scarborough & return	70013
25-29 Aug	WCRC	Cambrian	Machynlleth-Porthmadog & return	76079
25-30 Aug	NYMR	Whitby	Pickering-Whitby and return (three trips)	NYMR Pool
1-6 Sep	NYMR	Whitby	Pickering-Whitby and return (three trips)	NYMR Pool
8-11 Sep	NYMR	Whitby	Pickering-Whitby and return (three trips)	NYMR Pool

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

As the days begin to get noticeably shorter, so it is that some of the high season specials also operate for the last time.

The coming week will see the end of West Coasts' 'Scarborough Spa Express', which is booked for 'Black 5' No. 45231, and 'The Cambrian' with BR Standard 4MT Mogul No. 76079. The Railway Touring Company's series of Scarborough, Carlisle and Holyhead specials operate for the last time as well. It is also the last full week of 'Jacobite' operations, as they become weekdays-only from 1st September.

The week ahead, though, still has much to offer with Steam Dreams probably grabbing the star turns with No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland*. They have two trains with the 'Duchess' commencing on 27th August with a London Victoria to Worcester Shrub Hill, which will run via Staines, Reading, Swindon, Kemble and Sapperton, also setting down at Cheltenham Spa. This is followed by No. 6233's last turn of its short visit to the south-east with a King's Cross to Norwich train on 31st August, which operates via Cambridge and Ely.

Also in the south-east on 30th August is brewer Shepherd Neame's annual 'Spitfire' trains to celebrate the end of the hop picking season. This year No. 34067 *Tangmere* has the lead from London Victoria and Bromley South to Faversham and return. It will also haul an afternoon mini-excursion from Faversham to Ramsgate via Whitstable. Note, however, that plans for a Sunday train from Brighton to Faversham, and afternoon mini-excursion to Sheerness, are reported to have fallen foul of engineering works.

Kingfisher has three workings, consisting of 'Dalesman' trains on 27th & 31st August from Hellifield to Appleby and Carlisle, which are 'booked' for No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* and a 'Cumbrian Coast Fellsman' on 30th August, the traction for which will be from the West Coast steam pool. As mentioned earlier, Railway Touring Company operates a 'Scarborough Flyer' from Crewe on 29th August and a 'Cumbrian Mountain Express', also from Crewe, on 30th August, which is booked northbound over Shap to Carlisle and returning via the Settle & Carlisle. Traction for both should be either No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* or No. 60009 *Union of South Africa*.

There is also plenty of quality modern traction activity on 30th August as well, with perhaps UK Railtours operating the tour of the day with the 'Hooton Owl' from London Paddington, which runs via Banbury, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury to Wrexham, before taking Chester South to North Junctions for a rare locomotive hauled trip onto the Wirrall as far as Hooton. Here the train reverses, and proceeds via Ellesmere Port to Ditton Junction for a further reversal before heading to Northwich and Middlewich onwards to Crewe, with the return south also taking in the Cannock Chase line via Bloxwich.

Retro Railtours is a new name on the block, and its first tour features Deltic No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* on 'The Deltic Retro Scot' from Huddersfield, west via Standedge to Manchester Victoria, Wigan North Western (note the re-routing as the Bolton-Chorley line is closed for engineering) and Preston to Edinburgh. The route is outwards via Shap and Beattock, returning via Newcastle and York. It is understood that 'pay on the day' will be possible.

The Dartmouth Regatta always draws a large crowd, and this year will be no exception. The numbers attending the event will be further enhanced with the arrival of two railtours at Kingswear, with Vintage Trains utilising its Class 47 No. 47773 from Tyseley Warwick Road, and Past Time having D1015 *Western Champion* from Bristol Temple Meads.

▲ *Pathfinder Tours 'The Dorset Coast Explorer' passes Trent, between Castle Cary and Yeovil Pen Mill, hauled by WCRC's Class 33/2 No. 33207 and Class 33/0 No. 33025 on 23rd August.* **Roger Marsh**

Kingfisher announces autumn dates for *Sir Lamiel*

Kingfisher has announced three new autumn dates, two of which are booked to feature No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel*.

On 25th October the 'King Arthur' is booked for a trip to Minehead for the West Somerset Railway's autumn gala. However, getting through to Minehead is dependant on pathing and the availability of the Minehead turntable. If not, passengers will change at Taunton for a connection to the WSR.

The tour originates at Eastleigh, and runs via Southampton, Romsey and Salisbury. A week later, Weymouth is the starting point, again with No. 30777, via Dorchester West, Yeovil Pen Mill, Castle Cary and Westbury to Bristol Temple Meads.

Earlier, on 11th October a pair of West Coast Class 33s is employed throughout from Didcot, via Swindon, Kemble, Stroud, Cheltenham Spa, Ashchurch and Barnt Green to Porthmadog and Pwllheli.

❖ It's official! After having a quiet test over the Settle & Carlisle it can be confirmed that Carnforth-based 'Royal Scot' No. 46115 *Scots Guardsman* is the booked traction on West Coast's 'Lune Habitat' charter on 6th September from Carnforth, via Wennington (pu), Bentham (pu), Hellifield, Blackburn, Wigan North Western, Warrington Bank Quay and Helsby to Chester. The numbers for ticket booking is 01524 737751 or 01524 737753.

❖ Pathfinder has been forced to postpone its Crewe to Parkandillack 'Cornish Parker' tour on 30th August due to pathing issues. It is believed the problem concerns the return journey only, and a new date will be announced in due course. To compound the week, Fastline was unable to provide a Class 56 for the 'Alloa Alloer' tour on 24th-25th August and EWS produced a pair of Class 37/4s to deputise. On the day it is understood that Network Rail had not issued the necessary instructions to allow the tour to access the goods lines at Millerhill Yard, but a defective headlight on the lead Class 37 actually ensured that an engine change at Millerhill did take place, with the booked Class 60 taking over for the new leg of the tour, the planned visit to the newly reopened Alloa to Stirling line.

▼ *The SRPS ran its 'Routes and Branches' tour of Strathclyde on 23rd August. Here, CFPS Class 40 No. 40145* **East Lancashire Railway** *leads the return from Larkhall on the last leg back to Bo'ness from Ayr, just to the north of Larkhall.* **Kenny Marrs**

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by John Whitehouse

BR Standard 7P 'Britannia' No. 70013 **Oliver Cromwell** *powers through Knapton (between Malton and Seamer) on the outbound Scarborough Spa Express on 20th August.* **Phil Sanderson**

October return to mainline for *Earl of Mount Edgcumbe*

The long overhaul of Tyseley's 'Castle' No. 5043 *Earl of Mount Edgcumbe* is nearly complete and it is booked for a 'Return to Steam' mainline outing on 25th October.

The outline itinerary is from Birmingham Snow Hill to Didcot, via Stratford-upon-Avon, Banbury and Oxford. The return will run directly to Birmingham via Hatton and Dorridge. Further details will follow, including more information on a 'Tyseley Open Day' on 26th October when No. 5043 will be formally re-commissioned. *Earl of Mount Edgcumbe* is one of three 'Castles' owned by 7029 Clun Castle Limited, a registered charity, and the last one to be in mainline service. The other two, No. 7029 *Clun Castle* itself and No. 5080 *Defiant* have both been mainline performers and are the subject of a new appeal to fund their restoration. Tyseley Locomotive Works has been commissioned to undertake the necessary repairs to return *Clun Castle* to mainline service as well as maintaining No. 5043 as a mainline runner.

If sufficient funds are raised *Defiant* too, will be the subject of an overhaul to mainline standards. For more information contact Vintage Trains on 0121 708 4960.

▼ *Powering Spitfire Railtours 'Meridian Mariner' charter through Hatfield & Stainforth station on 16th August are DRS Class 37/0 No. 37059 and Class 37/4 No. 37423. The train, which was formed of the now de-branded DRS Mk3 set, was accompanied by Class 47/7 No. 47712 on the rear for drawback purposes between Cleethorpes and Barnetby.* **John Johnson**

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Lincoln Christmas Market

December 5th - Full details to be announced shortly

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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.

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▲ *Class 66 No. 66054 approaches Eastleigh on 22nd August, with Class 37/0 No. 37077 and Class 37/3 No. 37377 in tow, working the 11.43 Bristol Barton Hill to Eastleigh Works service.* **David Kirwin**

▼ *The rare sight of an operational Class 37/4 at Eastleigh. No. 37401 is pictured awaiting departure from the yard on an Eastleigh - Southcote Jn working on 23rd August.* **James Paice**

▲ *Class 47/4 No. 47851* **Traction Magazine** *powers the NENTA TrainTours Norwich to Plymouth charter past Wyke Champflower on the approach to Castle Cary on 23rd August. The Class 47 lasted as far as Taunton where it failed with an unknown fault and Class 47/4 No. 47826 (which was attached to the rear) was then added to the front of the train for the onward run to Plymouth, see news pages.* **Brian Garrett**

▼ *On 19th August, Cotswold Rail Class 47/4 No. 47828* **Joe Strummer** *powers through Bromsgrove with a stock move from Gloucester to Glasgow. The consist includes two blue-grey liveried translator/barrier coaches Nos. ADB 975867 and 975864, which had been collected from Eastleigh, followed by three InterCity-liveried Mk2 coaches Nos. 5897, 5812 and 5779, which were moved from MOD Kineton on the previous day. The special working travelled via the WCML to Alstom's Glasgow Works and then onwards the following day to Inverness, the final destination for the Mk2 TSO vehicles.* **Don Gatehouse**

▲ *A pair of EWS Class 66s, lead by No. 66108, apply the power with a long engineer's train in tow, as they depart from a signal check at Woking.* **Ian Docwra**

▼ *EWS Class 66 No. 66014 powers the Aldwarke to Deepcar loaded steel train through Tinsley Station Junction, Sheffield, early on the evening of 23rd August. At 03.00 the following morning, the two remaining 70-year-old cooling towers, seen in the background and a familiar part of Sheffield's landscape for many years, having been part of the Blackburn Meadows power station, were demolished.* **Gary S. Smith**

▲ *A chance shot for the photographer at Slitting Mill, as Freightliner Class 66/5 No. 66595 approaches with the 12.50 Doncaster Decoy to Rugeley Power Station coal working, Class 60 No. 60063 working 'light engine' from Blackwell to Earles Sidings passes in the opposite direction!* **Chris Booth**

▼ *First GBRf is now working daily coal services out of Immingham Docks. On 16th August, Class 66/7 No. 66711 was in charge of the empty inbound working at Brocklesby.* **John Terry**

▲ *With non-standard numbers on the nose end, triple grey-liveried Class 60 No. 60068* Charles Darwin *snakes out of the loop at Elford, near Tamworth, with a southbound Lindsey Oil Refinery to Kingsbury loaded petroleum tanks on 18th August.*

▼ *The same day, and one of the celebrity members of the class, Class 60 No. 60059* Swinden Dalesman, *now minus its yellow 'beasties' sticker, makes for a colourful sight in the Staffordshire countryside as it passes Elford with the Walsall to Tunstead empty cement tanks.* **Both: Andy Middleton**

▲ *Class 60 No. 60009 approaches Great Rocks signal box with the 11.20 Leeds (Hunslet) - Tunstead empty cement tanks, as it crosses over to enter the Buxton Lime Industries Works at its destination on 20th August.*

▼ *Normally in the hands of a Class 60, Class 66 No. 66137 is pictured at Great Rocks with the 14.14 Hindlow - Tunstead, having just run round its train a short distance from its final destination, on the same afternoon.* **Both: Geoffrey Arnold**

Steam returns to Wensleydale Railway again

Without question, the scenery surrounding the Wensleydale Railway has to be some of the most stunning in the land, with views from Redmire looking along the dale towards Hawes quite breathtaking.

Combining this with the fact that the railway is operating a steam service until 7th September has to be an inducement, if one was ever required, to pay this heritage line a visit.

The Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway's BR Standard 4MT 2-6-4T No. 80105 has been hired in for the duration and will be operating with a four-car rake of the line's DMU stock.

The first train of the day leaves Leeming Bar at 10.35 and runs throughout to Redmire. There are then two 'shuttle' services from Redmire at 12.05 and 14.05, which run through to Constable Burton, where the train reverses and returns to Leyburn. The last train of the day from Redmire is at 16.05, and runs through to Leeming Bar. During the day a first-generation DMU 'shuttle' also operates between Leeming Bar and Leyburn to connect with the steam service.

For more information telephone 08454 50 54 74 or go to www.wensleydalerailway.com.

▲ ***BR Standard 4MT No. 80105 is seen mid-way between Constable Burton and Leyburn.*** **John Whitehouse**

▶ ***The same locomotive departs from Leyburn with the first steam-hauled train of the day. The blue object to the left of the loco is a temporary watering facility for the engine.*** **Stuart Chapman**

Final days for Severn Valley's Stanier 'Black 5'

▶ ***Running as long-scrapped classmate No. 45134, LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 45110 arrives at Bewdley on the Severn Valley Railway with the 15.15 Kidderminster to Bridgnorth service. The locomotive's boiler certificate expires at the end of the month, requiring a full 10-year overhaul before further use. The locomotive will then, join the queue awaiting admission to the works at Bridgenorth.*** **David Pagett**

▲ *The arrival of No. 60163* **Tornado** *at the Great Central Railway has been greeted with considerable interest, with a large crowd gathering at Quorn on 20th August when the locomotive was winched off the low-loader, which had transported it from Darlington, and onto GCR metals for the first time. The following day it was engaged in two light engine runs, followed on 22nd August by an initial run with the GCR's ex-LMS Officers Saloon in tow (seen above easing through Quorn), and later on a set of coaches for the first time. It was due to be in light steam over the Bank Holiday weekend, with further testing planned for the coming month prior to a public launch on 21st September, when covenanters to the project will have the first chance to be hauled by the locomotive. On 22nd September, and following weekends until mid-October, it is planned to have Tornado operating on GCR services to complete the testing and running-in process. After which it will go to Derby for weighing and then to York where it will be based for mainline certification, probably between York and Newcastle. Once certification is complete, the apple green livery will be applied with British Railways insignia and numbering ahead of a formal naming ceremony in the New Year.* **John Whitehouse**

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▲ *After a 10-year overhaul, 'Western' No. D1062* Western Courier *returned to traffic on 16th August. Here, it leaves Bewdley with the 11.55 service from Bridgnorth on its first day in revenue earning service.* **John Edkins**

▼ *The latest addition to the NYMR's fleet of locomotives passed for operation on Network Rail is Southern Railway 'S15' 4-6-0 No. 825. The locomotive, which is certified for use on NYMR services between Whitby and Battersby only, departs from Whitby with the 11.00 service to Pickering on 23rd August, its first day on Whitby services. Whitby Abbey can be seen on the horizon.* **Nick Wise**

Barrow Hill Bonanza!

▲ *BR Standard 2MT 2-6-0 No. 78019 works the shuttle in 'top and tail' mode with Peckett No. 2000 and passes the line-up of steam and diesel traction on display in the yard on 23rd August.*

▶ *The interior of the roundhouse was kept clear of trade stands, thus allowing the chance to photograph (from left to right) Catch Me who Can, shed pilot Class 03 No. 03066 and LMS 1F class 0-6-0T No. 41708 at the end of the day.*

▼ *An unexpected sight was the use of two 19th century Southern Railway veterans on the shuttle, when No. 662 Martello piloted Beattie 2-4-0 Well Tank No. 30587 during the afternoon in 'top and tail' formation with Hudswell Clarke No. 1464.* **All: Fred Kerr**

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.

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.

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 Rly 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 Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 for further details. Starts 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 the society secretary on 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
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Driving the GNER Eurostars' by Mick Barstow. Commences 20.00 Contact the society secretary on 01256 326096 for further details. Visitors welcome.

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. Frequent passenger service.

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 £2.

RCTS (West Riding) Branch
Pudsey Civic Hall. 'Grand Central Trains'. Commences 19.30.

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.

24th September 2008
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Working the ballast trains' by Brian Denton. Commences 20.00 Contact 01256 326096 for further details. Visitors welcome.

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.

▲ *Power is applied to Fastline Freight Class 56/3 No. 56302* **Wilson Walshe** *as it leads a Birch Coppice to Thamesport Intermodal service off the branch at Kingsbury on 20th August.* **Andy Middleton**

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 the society secretary, Fred Landery, on 01698 457777 for further details.

3rd-5th October 2008
Manchester Model Railway Society
New Century Hall, Corporation Street, Manchester. Open from 5pm-9pm (3rd October), 10am-6pm (4th October) and 10am-5pm (4th October) Adult £6, Pensioners £5, Junior (5-16) £3 and Family (2+2) £15. Advanced tickets available. Discounts available on advance purchases. Exhibition guide available.

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
Narrow gauge 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 & District 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
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Kent & East Sussex Railway' by Graham Baldwin. Commences 20.00 Contact 01256 326096 for further details. Visitors welcome.

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.

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