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Streamlined *Duchess of Hamilton* heads north

With the project to re-streamline the National Railway Museum's LMS 'Princess Coronation' Pacific No. 6229 *Duchess of Hamilton* now complete, the locomotive has taken to the National Network, albeit briefly to head north and take pride of place in a new exhibition.

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LMS 'Jubilee' No. 5690 *Leander* **passes Horton in Ribblesdale station with the northbound 'Settle-Carlisle Express' on 17th May. John Wooley**

First TransPennine service changes

In the new timetable from 17th May to 12th December, First TransPennine Express is to run four extra services on Sundays between Manchester and Edinburgh and Glasgow, increasing the total number of trains between Manchester and Edinburgh to nine and between Manchester and Glasgow to five.

The new timetable also has an additional Sunday service to Liverpool, leaving Manchester Piccadilly at 09.07, and an additional Liverpool to Middlesbrough service at 10.22. Summer services on the York – Scarborough line are also being increased with an extra two trains each way in July and August.

In response to passenger feedback, there will also be an additional stop at Salford Crescent for the 04.50 service from Blackpool North to Manchester Airport and an extra stop at Lostock for the 18.29 Manchester Airport to Blackpool North.

First Class 377 visit to Moorgate?

▼ **On 12th May, FCC Class 377/5 No. 377502 became, what is believed to be, the first of the sub-class to visit the closed terminal at Moorgate. It is understood that operational problems had occurred at Farrington, resulting in the set operating ECS to Moorgate. This unusual, and possibly unique, image was captured by a Railway Herald reader on his cameraphone. Chris Deal**

Alloa passenger figures more than double expectations

▲ **The success of the Stirling-Alloa line has exceeded expectations, with more than 400,000 passengers using it in its first year – two and a half times as many as expected. Transport Scotland, which was in charge of the project, said 155,000 passengers were initially forecast to use the six-mile route in its first year. The hourly service to Glasgow has now been supplemented by some peak hour direct services to Edinburgh. The 10.35 ScotRail service for Glasgow Queen Street departs from Alloa on 10th April, formed of Class 170/4 Turbostar No. 170459. Brian Morrison**

Consultation on electrification plans commence

A formal consultation to look into expanding the electrified network in Great Britain commenced on 15th May, when Network Rail published a proposed strategy on the prospects.

The route utilisation strategy on electrification, currently in draft form, forms part of a consultation on a long-term plan being developed by Network Rail, in collaboration with the rail industry, to meet rising passenger and freight demand across the country. The strategy outlines the benefits and value for money that more electrification can bring, such as reducing the costs of running the railway, increasing capacity and lowering CO2 emissions.

Iain Coucher, Network Rail's Chief Executive, said: "Electric trains are not only better for the environment, but are quieter and smoother for passengers while causing less wear and tear to the track. Our plan to develop a method that can install power lines quickly, and efficiently, without disrupting services and at a cost that is affordable is already at an advanced stage."

Currently only 40% of the rail network is electrified, including most of the south-east of England and the mainlines from London to Edinburgh and Glasgow, as well as the Merseyrail network around Liverpool and the Glasgow suburban network. Were the funding secured for further electrification, the strategy recommends that the busiest 3,000 miles of non-electrified routes should be electrified as a priority to achieve the greatest benefit. These routes include the Midland Main Line from London St Pancras to Sheffield and the Great Western Main Line covering services from London Paddington, plus strategic infill to provide more diversionary routes.

Network Rail will now carry out a formal 60-day consultation with industry partners and following consideration of any comments, the strategy will be finalised and submitted to the Office of Rail Regulation to become an established strategy. In parallel, work will continue with the Government as they assess the case for funding for a rolling electrification programme.

CrossRail landmark occasion as Prime Minister and Mayor of London start construction of London's new cross-city rail link

Crossrail reached a landmark on 15th May as the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, and the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, attended the start of the line's construction at a breakfast briefing with UK business leaders, when the first of nearly 400 20ft tall steel piles were installed to form the basis of the new station in London Docklands at North Dock, between Canary Wharf and North Quay, which when completed will be one of the largest on the Crossrail network.

The station will be the first Crossrail station to be constructed, and includes plans for 100,000 square feet of retail space and a rooftop car park. Crossrail services are due to start from 2017, cutting journey times across London to allow travel from Canary Wharf to Liverpool Street in seven minutes, Paddington in 17 minutes and Heathrow in 44 minutes.

The formal start of construction means that the major multi-billion pound project has now begun in earnest, and follows the confirmation of major funding agreements with BAA, Canary Wharf Group and the Corporation of London, the appointments of the new Chief Executive and Chairman of Crossrail and the appointment of the main contractors who will oversee the overall project delivery, including design, tunnelling and construction.

The Prime Minister said: "Many people said it would never be built, but today we are celebrating a defining moment for London as Crossrail's construction gets underway. Crossrail will not only mean faster journey times across the Capital and beyond, it will also bring a massive economic boost to the city, creating thousands of jobs and adding at least £20 billion to our economy. Investment into important projects like Crossrail, the largest construction project in Europe, is vital to create and protect jobs as well as supporting businesses, so that we can grow our way out of recession and ensure a strong future for London and the country as a whole".

As Europe's largest infrastructure project, Crossrail will employ some 14,000 people at its peak, providing a crucial boost to London and the UK's economy. Another 7,000 jobs will be supported indirectly through project support services through items such as manufacturing equipment. As a beginning, a Crossrail Tunnelling Academy will open in Newham in spring next year to train some 1,000 people up to 2015, providing the skills necessary for work in a variety of tunnelling roles.

New website launches this week!

Although later than originally planned, the new *Railway Herald* website will launch this week.

As a result, part of the existing site may be unavailable for 24 hours while the switchover occurs. *Railway Herald* would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

There are a number of exciting new items planned for the system, which will become available in stages, once the new site is online.

We have completely revamped the user sign-up, log in and control systems. As a result of this, all registered users will receive an email about the changes shortly. A video tour, accessible from the new home page, will show you some of the changes that have taken place, as well as presenting a guided tour. The new Imaging Centre, follows the same principles as previously, but is now fully searchable. Moving between images within collections is also easier as a result of 'next' and 'previous' buttons.

The *Railway Herald* website currently receives over 950,000 hits and delivers 136,000 webpages and over 165GB of data to users on average per week!

NEW from Locomaster Profiles...

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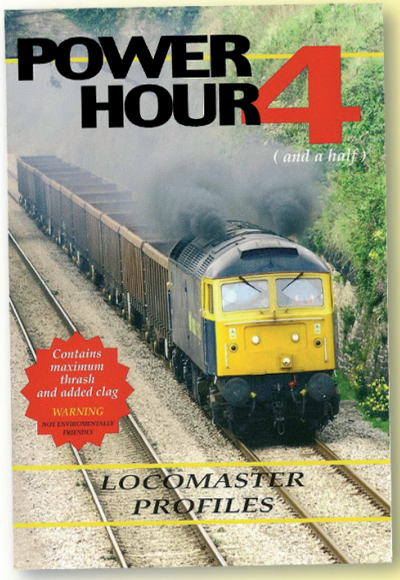

If you enjoy the sight and sound of heritage main line diesel locos being pushed to the limit, then this latest DVD might just be what you've been looking for. This spectacular collection of scenes from around Britain's national rail network were filmed over a 15 year period from 1993 to 2008, and include 14 different loco classes on gems such as these....

56 090 pounding up Hatton Bank with the Swindon-Longbridge Rover vans; 33 025 & 33 202 storming through Oxford with scrap wagons; 37 425 blasting pigeons out of Castle Bar Park tunnel; 33 065 clags away from Tonbridge on a weekend infrastructure train; 37 890 at full tilt on the 6E89 Mossend to Immingham enterprise; 20 075 & 20 187 powering a Bescot-bound ballast; 37 114 slipping and sliding on the Birch Coppice branch; 60 033 & 56 037 in tandem struggling up Sapperton with a 3,000 tonne steel train; 31 552 proving that load is not equal to thrash; classes 37, 56 and 58 suffering major meltdown in France, 56 035 screaming out of Coventry for VXC; D1015 obliterating the Central Wales Line; trademark 'Deltic' clag as 55 019 blasts away from Tyndrum Upper, and 50 031doing battle with Hemmerdon bank.

In fact there is so much impressive footage that we have added an extra 30 minutes to the programme.

So that's POWER HOUR 4 and a half! This DVD is available now priced at £19.95 (post free) from the address below. Alternatively you can pay by credit or debit card by calling us on our CREDIT CARD HOTLINE on 01753 545888.

LOCOMASTER PROFILES

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▲ After its accident on 6th October last year, which caused considerable damage to its cab and rear end, General Motors switcher No. 120 is loaded onto a Heanor rig in Deacon Trading Estate, Eastleigh, after repairs had been completed at Eastleigh Works. **Dave Kirwin**

Agreement signed for £24 million depot development

Siemens Mobility, Transport Scotland, ScotRail, FirstGroup, Network Rail and Clough Smith Rail have signed an inter-working agreement for a £24 million redevelopment of Shields Traincare Depot in Glasgow.

The work will house and maintain a new fleet of 38 Siemens Class 380 Desiro EMUs on Ayrshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire routes as well as some of the existing ScotRail fleet, and is expected to be completed by September 2010. Up to 130 new jobs will be created to operate and maintain the new fleet and expanded depot facilities.

Commenting on the depot upgrade, Siemens Mobility Project Director, Dean Philpott said: "This is an exciting project that will considerably improve the appearance of the existing depot and surrounding area. It represents a key milestone for ScotRail and its passengers, allowing trains to be maintained to a high standard and enhancing the quality of rail journeys".

As illustrated in *Railway Herald* last week, a full-size prototype of the Class 380 Desiro EMU is available for public viewing at Glasgow Central Station until 20th May, after which it will be gifted to the Museum of Transport in Glasgow as a permanent exhibit.

Metro and Light Rail News

London Underground gains new Track Recording Train

The London Underground Track Recording Train (TRT) periodically visits most of the underground network, excluding the self-contained Waterloo & City route.

The current set, which is due for replacement shortly, comprises of two converted former-1960 Tube Stock Driving Motor Cars and one ex-1973 Tube Stock trailer, which is the actual Track Recording Vehicle.

LUL's replacement TRT has been converted from 1972-built tube stock. The new set being due for delivery to LUL within days.

▲▶ **The existing TRT, formed of 1960 and 1973 stock, passes through Upton Park on 13th May. Kim Rennie**

▶ **The new-style replacement, comprises a three-car 1972-built set converted specially for the purpose. The new set is pictured in the shed at Swanwick Junction, Midland Railway - Butterley on 25th April. Neil Walkling**

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Plus a Couple of Surprises !

▲ The Scottish Transport Minister arrived at Laurencekirk on 18th May on one of the first weekday southbound services following the inclusion of the station into the timetable. Class 170/4 No. 170434, sporting the latest ScotRail Saltire colours, stands at Laurencekirk, having arrived from Aberdeen with the Minister. **Cyril Lofthus**

Laurencekirk station officially opened

The Scottish Transport Minister, Stewart Stevenson, formally reopened the £3.5 million refurbished Laurencekirk station on 18th May. The station, which opened in 1848 and closed in 1967, is a fully restored Grade-B listed building.

Network Rail managed delivery of the project on Transport Scotland's behalf, with Galliford Try being awarded the design and build contract that included the refurbishment and restoration of the station building, a new accessible footbridge, two new platforms and installation of customer information systems.

The station waiting room includes original wooden features and British Rail posters reclaimed from the derelict building, in addition to period fireplaces that are in keeping with the features. Local secondary school, Mearns Academy, is providing artwork depicting the history of the station and area for the waiting room walls.

Rail expansion at Drax power station

Tritech Rail Ltd will be working with C Spencer Limited on an £18 million design and build contract to develop rail and handling systems for Drax power station's co-firing biomass facility.

The largest of its kind in the world, this co-firing facility will mix and burn carbon neutral renewable biomass materials with coal, significantly reducing the CO^2 emissions from the power station.

Tritech Rail will undertake the permanent way design works contained within the rail element of the project. Initially this will involve the design and installation of temporary switch and crossing work, to divert existing traffic while the biomass unloading facility is constructed.

The final stage of the project, post construction of the plant, will be the development and commissioning of the rail system to support the facility on a permanent basis. This system will be used to transport the biomass materials to the unloading facility.

UK News In Brief

■ Rail Minister Lord Andrew Adonis has officially opened the upgraded £8.9 billion West Coast Mainline. The project has taken five years and now allows reduced journey times of up to 30%, with a 45% increase in long distance services on the line. The Minister said: "Getting to this point has not been easy. That we are here today is testament both to the hard work of Network Rail and the Government's continuing commitment to this vital project. It is easy to lose sight of how this work has changed the transport map of Britain and brought real improvements for rail passengers. Five years ago, Manchester was nearly three hours from London and was served by barely one train an hour. Today trains reach Manchester in two hours and run every twenty minutes throughout the day. This project helps to better connect Britain. Businesses rely on it both to move their people and to move their freight, giving them the connections they need to help our economy through these difficult times". Passenger numbers on the line have doubled since 2004, while improved journey times have caused a large shift from air to rail on the busy Manchester to London route, with rail now accounting for two-thirds of journeys, up from one third in 2004. Weekend travellers should also be beneficiaries of the completed upgrade with far fewer engineering closures and an almost doubling of weekend trains. Future closures will be confined to the late Saturday evening/early Sunday morning period or holiday periods when passenger volumes are lower. Work will now continue to help improve resilience and capacity on the line. Four extra Class 390 Pendolinos have been ordered to help ensure that the higher frequency services are more resilient to disruption, while 31 existing Pendolinos are to be lengthened from nine to 11 coaches to provide extra capacity on the route.

■ Over recent months, a number of readers have contacted the editorial team asking if it is possible to make a financial contribution to the magazine. As a result, we have made an online donations button available. A donation is not compulsory, but if any reader wishes to, the feature is available 24 hours a day, by clicking the button on the website.

◀ First Great Western Class 43 powercar No. 43172 unusually operated 'light engine' by itself from Bristol St Phillips Marsh to Laira depot on 11th May. The highly unusual move, without a second powercar or barrier coach, passes Totnes. **Nathan Williamson**

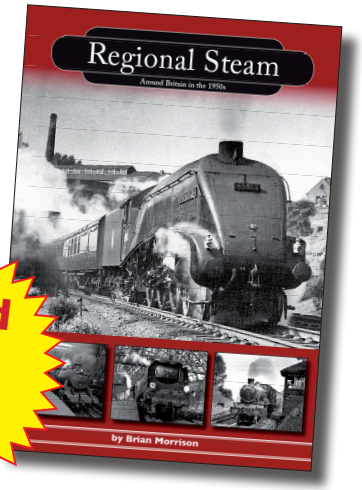
▼ Having reached the final of the FA Vase tournament, Glossop North End Football Club organised a special charter to take some 700 of their fans to Wembley on 10th May. Operated by West Coast Railways, the 12-coach train worked out of Glossop ahead of the normal Sunday passenger service. Owing to the failure of Class 47/7 No. 47786 *Roy Castle OBE*, assistance was required from a Virgin 'Thunderbird' loco that was on hand at Longsight TMD. Class 57/3 No. 57308 *TIN TIN* passes Broadbottom heading the 06:50 Longsight TMD to Glossop empty stock working. **Jonathan Stevenson**

New products from RH Publishing

The following books are available now to pre-order and will all be released at Eastleigh Works Open Weekend on 23rd May

Regional Steam

By Brian Morrison



With over 200 quality black & white images from the archive of well known railway photographer Brian Morrison, this 128-page title is the first book fromRailway Herald Publishing and forms the authors fortieth title.

Covering all six regions of British Railways, all images are from the 1951-1959 period.

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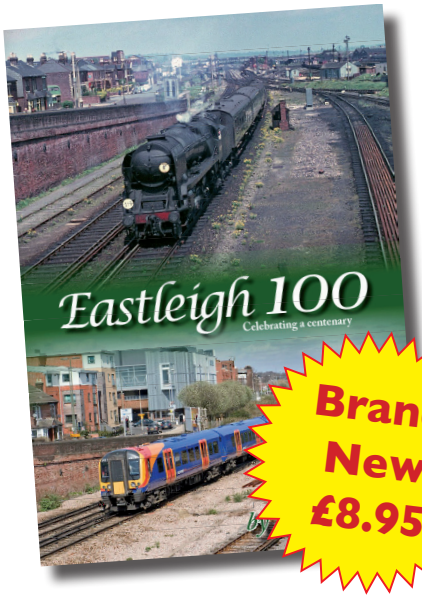

Produced especially for Eastleigh Works Open Weekend, this special, limited print run publication, marks the centenary of the Works.

This 56-page book tells the story of how the town grew and explains how the railways brought prosperity to the town, right through to the present day activity at the works, in addition to providing an insight of a fitters' role at Eastleigh Shed

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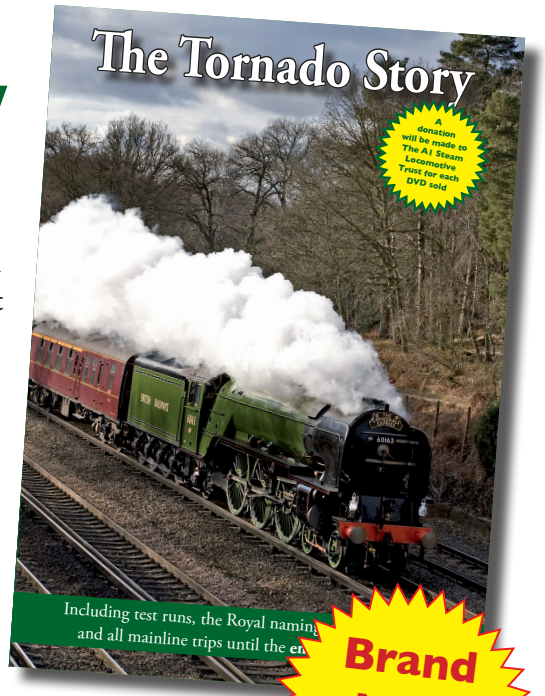
The Tornado Story

One of the most popular railway events of 2009 has been the launch and inaugural mainline operations of the first steam locomotive to be built in Britain for over 40 years - No. 60163 *Tornado*.

RH Publishing presents this special DVD, filmed over recent months in co-operation with the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust



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- 60163 on its Great Central and mainline test runs.
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- Working the Royal Train
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UK Steam & Modern Traction Railtour Listings

The following table details the latest information available on railtours for the forthcoming weeks from the date of publication. Information is understood to be correct at the time of going to press.

23rd May

Compass Tours	40145	Shrewsbury-Crewe-Stockport-Manchester Piccadilly-Bolton-Leyland-Blackburn-S&C-Edinburgh. Return is via Shap.
Railtourer	2xWCRC 47	Retford-Huntingdon-North London Line-Canterbury (break) & return
Railway Touring Company	70013	Norwich-Thetford-Harringay-Eastleigh-Bournemouth-Poole (& return)
Spitfire Railtours	2xDRS 37	Crewe-Leamington Spa-Eastleigh-Southampton-Weymouth & return
Steam Dreams	60163+60007	London KX-Doncaster-York & return
UK Railtours	35028	London Waterloo-Romsey-Southampton-Eastleigh-Fareham-Havant-Guildford-Leatherhead-London Victoria

25th May

Compass Tours	40145	Holyhead-Bangor-Manchester Vic-Rochdale-Hebden Bridge-York & rtn
Compass Tours	40145	York-Knaresborough-Harrogate-Leeds-York (Mini tour)
North East Railtours	2xWCRC 47	Newcastle-Cramlington-Alnmouth-Berwick-Fort William & return

30th May

NENTA Traintours	2xWCRC 47	Norwich-Diss-Bury St. Edmonds-Ely-March-Peterborough- York-Durham-Newcastle upon Tyne (break/rev) & return
Past Time Rail	6024	Minehead-London Paddington **Cancelled**
Pathfinder Tours	60163	The Severn Coast Express I (Bristol TM-)Gloucester-Chepstow-Newport-Cardiff Central-Severn Tunnel-Bristol TM-(Gloucester)
Pathfinder Tours	60163	The Severn Coast Express II (Gloucester-)Bristol TM-Minehead (& rtn)
PMR Tours	6233	(Milton Keynes Central-Stafford-) Crewe-Preston-Shap-Carlisle & return
Railtourer	2xWCRC 47	Skegness-Boston-Nottingham-Worcester Shrub Hill-Cardiff & return
Railway Touring Company	70013	Poole-Eastleigh-Salisbury-Westbury-Bath Spa-Bristol TM & return
SRPS	tbc	Dunbar-Edinburgh Waverley-Kirkcaldy-Markinch-Perth-Pitlochry-Inverness-Plockton-Kyle of Lochalsh & return
Vintage Trains	48151/86259	(Birmingham New St-Crewe-)Carnforth-Ulverston-Ravenglass & return

6th June

Compass Tours	2xDBS 37	Preston-Crewe-Tame Bridge Pky- Exeter-Torquay-Paignton & return
Northern Charters	86101	Crewe-Preston-Glasgow Central-Ayr-Glasgow & return
Railway Touring Company	5690/45407	Mill hill Broadway-Melton Mowbray-York (& return) **Postponed**
Railway Touring Company	70013	Poole-Eastleigh-Salisbury-Westbury-Bath Spa(-Bristol TM) & return
Steam Dreams	60007	(London (tbc)-)Banbury-Crewe-Chester and return
UK Railtours	DBS 67	London Euston-Kidderminster-Long Marston & return
Vintage Trains	5043	Tyseley Warwick Road-Crewe-Chester-Llandudno Junction & return

10th June

VSOE	35028	London Victoria-Staines-Woking-Salisbury-Westbury-(Westbury-Bath Spa-Bristol TM (break/rev)-Bath Spa- Westbury)-Newbury-Reading-Kensington Olympia-London Victoria (Route tbc)

13th June

Past Time Rail	6024	London Paddington-Stroud-Worcester Shrub Hill-Kidderminster-Old Hill-Birmingham Snow Hill-Solihull-Oxford(-Didcot Parkway & rtn)

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.

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The Week Ahead

The centenary celebrations at Eastleigh Works dominate the charter scene on 23rd May, with two steam-hauled and a modern traction tour all delivering participants to the Open Day.

UK Railtours provide a rare opportunity to see No. 35028 *Clan Line* on a mere ordinary train as its time tends to be monopolised by VSOE British Pullman workings. The Merchant Navy will head the train from London Victoria to Eastleigh, via Basingstoke, with the return running via Havant, Guildford and Leatherhead.

Meanwhile, also heading for Eastleigh will be No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* on Railway Touring Company's 'Dorset Coast Express', which is steam-hauled throughout from Norwich via Thetford, Ely and Cambridge, and is booked to reach Southern metals via Harringay and Willesden. The train is scheduled to run through to Poole, also setting down at Bournemouth, but may be diesel-hauled from Eastleigh and throughout on the return journey as the 'Britannia' is booked to attend the works open weekend. Spitfire completes the trio of tours for Eastleigh with its 'Wessexman' from Crewe, which runs via Birmingham New Street, Oxford and Basingstoke, and also offers options to continue to either Bournemouth or Weymouth. DRS Class 37s are the booked traction throughout.

Steam Dreams has a return working from London King's Cross to York featuring No. 60163 *Tornado* outwards and No. 60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley* on the return. Fast timings are the order of the day in each direction, but even more so on the return, as the train commemorates a fast run by the 'A4' on 23rd May 1959, when it set a post-war speed record of 112mph on a special from Doncaster to King's Cross.

Class 40 No. 40145 *East Lancashire Railway* features on two Compass Railtours charters over the weekend, commencing with the 'Settle Scotsman' to Edinburgh on 23rd May from Shrewsbury, which travels via Crewe, Manchester Piccadilly, Bolton, Leyland, Blackburn and the Settle & Carlisle. The return runs via Shap and the West Coast Main Line. Two days later, on Bank Holiday Monday, the Class 40 heads for York from Holyhead and North Wales Coast pick-up points. 'The Pennine Fellsman' is booked via Rochdale and the Calder Valley for added spice, and also for an optional mini-tour around the Harrogate Circle. Railtourer is also in action on 23rd May, with a WCRC Class 47-hauled charter from Retford and selected stations to Finsbury Park, prior to heading for Canterbury. North East Railtours operates its first charter of the year with WCRC Class 47s to Fort William from Newcastle, Cramlington, Morpeth, Alnmouth and Berwick-upon-Tweed on 25th May.

▼ **The footplate crew receive friendly waves as 'Britannia' Pacific No. 70013** *Oliver Cromwell* **restarts from a long stop at Harrowden Junction, having arrived 30 minutes early with Steam Dreams' 'The Palatine' railtour to Manchester, re-routed to Sheffield, via Harringworth Viaduct, on 9th May. John Stretton**

LMS Princess Coronation class Pacific No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* **emerges from Northgate Tunnel, complete with 'The Welsh Dragon' headboard, after departing Chester on 9th May with the outward leg of a Gloucester to Holyhead charter, which the 'Duchess' worked forward from Crewe. Andy Bridges**

◀ **On 9th May, LMS 'Princess Royal' class Pacific No. 6201** *Princess Elizabeth* **passes Bingley station running slightly early with the northbound 'Cumbrian Mountain Express'. Phil Sanderson**

▼ **BR 'Britannia' class Pacific No. 70013** *Oliver Cromwell* **with 08.14 London Victoria - Sheffield, 'Cathedrals Express charter, approaches Wellingborough on the same day. Ken Brunt**

Ex-GWR Castle class 4-6-0 Nos. 5043 *Earl of Mount Edgcumbe* **and 5029** *Nunney Castle* **head the 'Welsh Marches Express' southwards through Pontrilas, before the climb to Llanvihangel summit on 16th May with Vintage Trains circular trip from Tyseley via Abergavenny and Chepstow. Mick Rogers**

A streamlined 'Duchess' returns, briefly, to the National Network

In Preparation for its unveiling to '229 Club' members and sponsors of the streamlining appeal on 19th May, LMS 'Princess Coronation' No. 6229 *Duchess of Hamilton* **was hauled north from Tyseley to the National Railway Museum at York on 18th May.**

The familiar streamline casing, the likes of which has not been seen in well over 50 years, has been created and fitted by Tyseley Locomotive Works. Motive power for the movement was provided by Class 47/7 No. 47773.

The locomotive will be on display in the Great Hall of the NRM.

▲ The streamlined 'Princess Coronation' is hauled north behind Tyseley's Class 47/7 No. 47773, pictured passing Water Orton on 18th May. Bob Harrow

▼ A close up view of *Duchess of Hamilton*, **the iconic nose shape being clearly visible as No. 6229 leaves Tyseley. Richard Moreton**

Western Fusilier for GCR Diesel Gala in September

The Great Central Railway has announced that the star of its September diesel gala will be the National Railway Museum's Class 52 No. D1023 *Western Fusilier***.**

It will be the first time that a member of the class has visited the GCR, and with the projected visit of an as yet unidentified Class 50, it will certainly generate a 'West of England' flavour to the event.

Other visitors are expected to be Class 47/7 No. 47717 and Class 37/3 No. 37314, and Class 20 No. D8098 of the home fleet is hoped to be available. The cosmetic renovation of the GCR's Class 4BIG EMU is also complete and should be available to operate in 'push-pull' mode with the GCR's Class 33.

Frames cut for new-build *The Unknown Warrior*

The LMS-Patriot Project, the charitable company that has started building a new 'Patriot' 4-6-0 No. 45551 ***The Unknown Warrior*****, has reported that Corus Steel has now cut the two frame plates that will form the backbone of the new engine.**

The Corus Plate Processing Centre at Cradley Heath supplied the steel for the new 'Patriot' and cut them to shape using their plasma cutting facilities at the end of March. Drilling of the frame plates is currently being undertaken at the Boro Foundry in Lye, after which they will be taken to the Llangollen Railway for assembly to begin. The LMS-Patriot Project continues to fundraise for the new engine, and aims to have it complete and in steam by 2018, the 100th Anniversary of the First World War Armistice. In this respect, the Project has received official endorsement from the Royal British Legion.

Donations for the project, both large and small, will be most welcome, and supporters are invited to contribute on a monthly basis to help build the new National Memorial engine. Cheques should be made payable to The LMS-Patriot Co. Ltd, and sent with completed Gift Aid form (for UK taxpayers) to The LMS-Patriot Co. Ltd., PO Box 3118, Hixon, Stafford, ST16 9JL, to which written requests for membership forms should be sent.

NBLPG offered 105-year-old Hendrie Class 1 loco

After several years of trying, the North British Locomotive Preservation Group (NBLPG) has been given the opportunity to acquire a 105 years old Hendrie Class 1 4-8-0 in virtually original condition.

Although David Hendrie was Scotland's foremost steam locomotive designer, he has never received full credit for his work in his home country and none of his engines have been preserved in this country. This chance to acquire one of his most famous designs is now seen by the NBLPG as a perfect opportunity to rectify the situation.

Moving from the Highland Railway to the Natal Government Railways in 1903, Hendrie ordered 50 of the locomotives straight from the drawing board. They were constructed by North British in Glasgow, and were an instant success in traffic. A further 21 followed for South African Railways in 1910 and Hendrie continued as SAR CME until 1922 developing many fine locomotives. Most of the Class 1s had working lives of more than 70 years, and, when their SAR days were over, several of them extended their careers in industrial service. Seven of them still exist in South Africa but all are stored out of use.

Time is tight for the group to obtain the engine as the area where it is stored is scheduled for redevelopment. The Group have until the end of July to move the locomotive to Masons Mill shed on the Umgeni Steam Railway, where restoration work can begin. Some £10,000 is urgently needed for this initial phase of the project and in the longer term it is planned to repatriate the loco to this country for permanent display.

Anyone able to help in any way or requiring further details of the project, should contact the NBLPG via its website www.nbloco.net, telephone NBLPG Secretary, Ken Livermore on 01189 864 706 or write to NBLPG, Hendrie Class 1 Project, 4 Porchfield Close, Earley, Reading, Berks, RG6 5YZ

◀ With the hire agreement for Class 37/0 No. 37248 having expired, and the owning group having taken the decision to remove the locomotive from mainline operations, No. 37248 is dragged by WCRC Class 57/6 No. 57601 from Carnforth to East Leake on the Great Central Railway (Nottingham), past Barrow-upon-Soar on 12th May. **Carl Westwood**

◀▼ Royal Class 67 No. 67006 *Royal Sovereign* hauls Fertis-liveried Class 56s Nos. 56059 and 56095, together with a rake of Mk1 and Mk2 coaching stock, past Eastleigh on 14th May. The whole train was taken to Fawley, where the stock was detached before the '67' returned the '56s' to Eastleigh Depot. **David Kirwin**

▼ Hanson Class 56/3s Nos. 56311 and 56312 'top and tail' Class 50 No. 50008 *Thunderer* through Barton-under-Needwood on 14th May. The working was to move the Class 50 from Crewe to the Nene Valley Railway. Following arrival at Peterborough (NVR), the formation was swapped and with the 'Hoover' leading, No. 50008 dragged the ensemble to Wansford. **Stuart Chapman**

Freightliner Heavy Haul's Class 66/6 No. 66617, having just reversed at Latchford Sidings, takes the low level road beneath Warrington Bank Quay with a loaded coal train to Fiddlers Ferry Power Station on 12th May.
Neil Bradley

▲ Class 186 No. 186 122, owned by Angel Trains and currently on hire to SNCB for Brussels-Amsterdam services, due to poor availability of Class 11s on these trains, passes Zwijndrecht on 11th May. **Les Peters**

Alstom selected to supply 23 Citadis trams to Montpellier

FRANCE: The Montpellier area council has selected Alstom to supply Citadis trams to run on its third tram line, Alstom having already supplied the equipment for lines 1 and 2, brought into service in 2000 and 2006.

The contract is worth a total of ☐17 million and includes design studies, building a scale 1 model and manufacturing 23 Citadis trams. It also covers three conditional phases relating to 12 additional trams and maintenance of the vehicles over 10 years. The third Montpellier tram line will connect the west and the south of the region and will serve the areas of Juvignac, Montpellier, Lattes and Pérols. It will be 22.4 km long and includes 32 stations, and is due to be brought into service in 2012.

The Alstom Citadis trams have a low integral floor, air-conditioning, video surveillance and on-board visual and audio information, and with a length of a 42 metres will be able to accommodate more than 300 passengers. They will be developed at Alstom's Valenciennes site in northern France, with five other sites in France taking part in the manufacturing. Tarbes will provide electrical and electronic traction equipment, Ornans the engines, Le Creusot the bogies, Villeurbanne the onboard electronics and La Rochelle the final assembly.

To date, 1,221 Citadis trams have been ordered by 29 cities across the world.

New five-car units for RATP

FRANCE: The Alstom-Bombardier consortium has now received official confirmation from the Regie Autonome des Transports Parisiens (RATP) for the construction of 60 five-car M109 units as first reported last month.

The trains are a new generation of the M12N units that were built by the same consortium, but with many additional features, including added capacity, higher performance, and environmentally friendly technology. The order is valued at ☐842 million and the first train is scheduled for delivery in December next year.

Bombardier is to supply the three middle-cars of the units, which will be designed and assembled at Crespin, in the Valenciennes area.

DB Schenker Rail chosen to move car bodies for new Porsche Paramera model

GERMANY: DB Schenker Rail, the freight carrier of Deutsche Bahn, is to transport Porsche car bodies for the new Paramera model from the Volkswagen plant in Hanover to the Porsche production site in Leipzig.

Deutsche Bahn has been involved in the movement of car bodies for the Cayenne model since 2002 and from August, the production in Leipzig is expected to be so far advanced on the new type that three block trains with 24 car bodies each will leave for Leipzig every week.

A unique feature of the transportation service to Leipzig is the exact timing of the two supply streams for the two models, the Panamera and the Cayenne. The car bodies have to be delivered in a specific sequence and in the right position. They have to be properly positioned from the very beginning, as otherwise they would have to be manually unloaded. They have to be delivered in the right sequence in order not to interfere with Porsche's precisely cycled production of the cars, which are manufactured individually in accordance with customers' requirements.

New Jersey Transit Board agrees new provision of passenger rail services

A project to provide rail services between the Borough of Hawthorne in Passaic County and the City of Hackensack in Bergen County has been agreed with the New Jersey Transit Board of Directors, who have authorised an agreement to be entered into with the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway (NYS&W).

The plan is to construct and operate the Passaic-Bergen line using the NYS&W main line right-of-way between Hawthorne and Hackensack, the expanded rail network providing travel alternatives to congested roadways and improving access to employment and recreational destinations.

The new line will serve nine new stations along more than eight miles of the NYS&W's main line corridor between Hawthorne and Hackensack, the project's proposed station in Hawthorne being just a short walk from the existing main line station. Construction could begin by the end of this year and will take approximately three years to complete.

$325 million rail plan to move railroad out of Rochester

Rochester and Olmsted County, Minnesota, officials have proposed a $325 million rail alignment that would re-route the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad line away from the centre of Rochester.

Preliminary plans call for the 'Southern Rail Corridor' to run about 48 miles from Dover in Olmsted County to just west of Dodge Centre. The line would accommodate freight services and provide a right-of-way option for future high-speed passenger-rail services to Chicago, and will also reduce the risk of a train accident in the city.

The final alignment for the route will be determined at a later date.

Deals signed to allow Mississippi freight provisions to continue

Canadian National (CN) has agreed a deal with Grenada Railway and Natchez Railway to allow rail lines to remain in place serving Mississippi businesses.

Since 2003, CN has worked with the State of Mississippi in its economic development efforts to bring additional rail business to these routes, but there has been no substantial increase created, and volume on the routes has dropped to the point where CN says it is no longer economically viable to continue the operation.

CN will continue to offer interchange services, hopefully maintaining a seamless access to the broader CN network, and will continue to operate nearly 600 miles of mainline serving Mississippi businesses and carrying Amtrak passenger services. This transaction involves the former CN Grenada subdivision, the Water Valley branch line, and the former CN Natchez subdivision.

The Grenada line runs some 175 miles from the Mississippi/Tennessee border to nearly two miles north of Canton, Mississippi and the 11-mile Water Valley line intersects the Grenada Line at Water Valley Junction and extends to Coffeeville, also in Mississippi, while the 66-mile Natchez branch runs from Brookhaven to Natchez.

▼ **BNSF ES44DC No. 7402 and Norfolk Southern SD70M No. 2627 head a mixed freight through Cumberland, Maryland, on a very wet and miserable day in early May. Nigel Capelle**

18th May 2009

Great Central Railway Society (Spinkhill Branch)
The Angel Hotel, 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'The Sandringhams' by Bob Goodman. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the secretary, Frank Greaves, on 01909 473927.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Brighton Branch)
Brighton Model Rail Club Room, BR London Road Station, Shaftesbury Place, Brighton. 'UK Steam's Last Stand - the NIR Stone Trains' by John Burling. Meeting starts at 19.30.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Dorking Branch)
Pethick-Lawrence House,85 South Street, Dorking, Surrey. 'Penzance to Thurso' by Dr Gerry Siviour. Meeting starts at 19.30.

RCTS (Oxford Branch)
West Oxford Democrats Club, 1 North Street, Osney. Branch AGM and Members' Slides. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Shenfield Branch)
Shenfield Parish Hall, 80 Hutton Road, Shenfield. 'Black and White London Midland Region Miscellany' by David Cross. Starts at 19.30.

19th May 2009

RCTS (Woking Branch)
Woodham Hall, Christ Church, Town Square, Woking. 'South African Steam' by Lewis Orchard and 'LSWR 1914' by Alan Norris. Starts at 19.15.

20th May 2009

Kent and East Sussex Railway (Ashford Group)
The Railway Staff Club, Beaver Road, Ashford, Kent. TN23 7RR. Members Slide and Digital Evening. Meeting commences at 19.30. Donation of £2 requested. Contact the Secretary, Keith Mapley on 01303 269138 for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (Bristol and West of England Branch)
Scott Wilson, The Tri Centre Three, New Bridge Square, Swindon. Graduate and Young Members Presentations. Starts 18.00. Contact Phil Harrison on 0117 976 5432.

Permanent Way Institution (Glasgow Branch)
Upstairs Lounge, The Iron Horse, West Nile Street, Glasgow. 'Gretna to Annan Doubling' by Richard Dugdale. Doors open at 17.15 for 17.30 start. Contact, Jack Scott on 0141 952 2562 for details.

RCTS (Eastleigh Branch)
Mid Hants Railway/S&D Trust Joint Meeting. Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'Glasgow in the 1950's' by Hugh Gould. Meeting commences at 19.45.

21st May 2009

Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Barrow Hill Roundhouse. 'A Different Perspective' by Paul Bigland. 19.30 start. Non members £2.00.

Breconshire Railway Society
R.A.F.A.Club, The Struet, Brecon. 'Post War Years Part 2 - In the St Pancras District' by Arthur Turner. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Arthur Robinson on 01982 560219 for details

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BB. 'The Bredgar & Wormshill Light Railway' by Bill Best. Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact the society secretary Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for further details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North West Branch)
St David's Social Centre, 249 Wargrave Road, Newton-le-Willows. 'The GWR Broad Gauge' by Ken Grainger. Meeting starts at 19.30.

Marlow and District Railway Society
British Red Cross Society, Victoria Road, Marlow. 'From the Atlantic to the Adriatic - European Steam in the 1960s' by John Gulliver. Doors open 19.45 for 20.00 start. Non-members £2

RCTS (Darlington Branch)
The Scout Building, Widdowfield Street, Darlington. 'Light Rail in France - The Current Scene' by Graham Jellett. Meeting commences at 19.00.

RCTS (Hull Branch)
Upstairs, The Highway Public House, Willerby Road, Hull. 'Steam & Diesel Home and Abroad' by John Dixon. Meeting starts at 19.30.

RCTS (Pudsey Branch)
The Fulneck Room, Pudsey Civic Hall, Pudsey. 'Hull Trains' by David Townend. Meeting starts 19.30.

20th-25th May 2009

LCGB Overseas Tours
DENMARK; 'Randers Open Days' LCGB membership is compulsory for participants on these tours due to insurance reasons.

23rd May 2009

RCTS (West Riding Branch)
Eastleigh Works Open Day by Mini Bus. Contact Malcolm Riley on 01274 589488 or mobile 07887 908501 for further details.

24th May 2009

RCTS (West Riding Branch)
Isle of Wight Railway and Southampton FLT. Contact Malcolm Riley on 01274 589488 or mobile 07887 908501 for further details.

25th May 2009

RCTS (West Riding Branch)
Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway, Cholsey & Wallingford Railway. Contact Malcolm Riley on 01274 589477 or mobile 07887 908501 for further details.

26th May 2009

Permanent Way Institution (Nottingham and Derby Branch)
The Midland Hotel, adjacent to Derby Station, Derby. 'Railways in the Canadian Rockies' by Trevor Horner. Starts 18.30. Contact Colin Cowey on 07946 482343 for details.

RCTS (Welwyn GC)
Methodist Church, at the Junction of Ludwick Way & Colegreen Lane, Welwyn Garden City. 'Glasgow Steam in the Fifties' by Hugh Gould. Meeting commences at 14.15.

27th May 2009

Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'The Local Scene 20 Odd Years Ago' by Brian Perryman. Starts 20.00. Contact on 01256 326096 for further details.

28th May - 4th June 2009

LCGB Overseas Tours
FRANCE; 'Burgundy Express' LCGB membership is compulsory for participants on these tours due to insurance reasons.

28th May 2009

Mid Hants Railway Preservation Society (Thames Valley Branch)
The Church House, Church Street, Caversham. 'Photographing the Mid Hants' by Henry O'Dwyer. Doors open 19.30 for 19.45 start. Donations appreciated.

RCTS (Brighton Branch)
Brighthelm Church & Community Centre, North Road, Brighton. 'The Man & His Railways' by John Blackwell. Meeting commences at 19.30.

29th May 2009

Scarborough Railway Society
The Public Library, Vernon Road, Scarborough. 'Missed Loco's and Lost Locations' by Ted Parker. Meeting starts at 19.30. For details contact Adrian Scales at email@scarboroughrailwaysociety.org.uk

Great Western Society (Oxford Branch)
Pauling Human Sciences Centre, 58 Banbury Road, Oxford. TBA. Meeting commences at 19.30.

30th May 2009

N Gauge Society (North Lincolnshire Area Group)
The Pelham Suite, Masonic Hall, Cambridge Road, Grimsby DN34 5EZ Public Exhibition - Over 14 N Gauge Model Railway Layouts. Open 10.00-17.00.

Should your society information be listed on this page?

If so, then please email the details to the editor, remembering to include the date, starting time and location, together with details of the event, speaker and entrance charges if applicable.

It is not necessary, but helpful to people, if you can also include a contact name and phone number/email address for the organisation that can be published.

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Internet Links
Links to the various society websites can be found on the website, or by clicking here.

▼ **Class 67 No. 67029** *Royal Diamond* **visited Ipswich on 12th May, pictured heading south on the rear of the EWS Management Train, while working from Stoke-on-Trent to Reading, via the Great Eastern mainline. Mk3 DVT No. 82146 was leading the set. Keith Partlow**

RCTS (West Riding Branch)
8 Day RCTS Visit to Belgium. Contact Malcolm Riley on 01274 589488 or mobile on 07887 908501 for further details.

Stephenson Locomotive Society
Kidderminster Railway Museum, Kidderminster.
SLS Centenary Event, buffet and SVR trip. Contact the Secretary on 0242 582152 for further details

1st June 2009

RCTS (Ashford Branch)
The Elwick Club, Church Road, Ashford.
'A Digital Extravaganza' Branch Members. Meeting commences at 19.30.

RCTS (Northampton Branch)
East Midland Day Ranger. (depart 1st northbound train after 09.30 from Wellingborough). Contact D.Pick on 01604 810613 for further details.

2nd June 2009

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BB.
'Kent & East Sussex Railway' by Graham Baldwin. Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for further details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford Branch)
St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford.
'Abandoned Stations of the London Underground' by Jim Connor. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Croydon Branch)
United Reformed Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon.
'Half a Century Ago' by Charles Firminger. Meeting starts 19.15.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North London Branch)
Wood Green Labour Club, 3 Stuart Crescent, Wood Green, London N22 5NJ. Members Slides Evening. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Permanent Way Institution (Wessex Branch)
Technical Visit to the Bluebell Railway. Contact the Secretary, Richard Workman on 01428 645771 or by e-mail at richardworkman5@tiscali.co.uk for further details.

RCTS (Watford Branch)
St. Thomas's United Reformed Church, Langley Road, Watford.
'French Railways - The Advent of the TGV' by Michael Burn. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire Branch)
Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. Members' Slides Evening. Starts at 19.30. Admission charge £2. Contact John Goodrich on 023 8067 0028 for further details.

Weston super Mare Railway Society
The Function Room, The Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare.
'30 Years on Railways' by Robin White, The Chairman of the WSRA. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 or e-mail fotophile69@talktalk.net for further details.

3rd June 2009

Burton Railway Society
Marston's Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton upon Trent.
"The Popular Annual Railway Quiz' by Dave Hook. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £1.50 non members. Contact Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (Thames Valley Branch)
Davidson House, Reading.
'P'Way of the Swindon and Crickdale Railway' by Clive Thompson. Meeting starts 17.45. Contact the Secretary, Peter Simmons at peter181102@yahoo.co.uk for further details

4th June 2009

Great Central Railway Society (Rotherham Branch)
The Three Horseshoes, Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 2BW.
'My 1060s Slides and the Back Door to Russia in 1942' by Robin Patrick. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Mick Hayes on 01709 820544 for further details

RCTS (Bristol Branch)
Afternoon and Evening Observations at Newport Station. Contact Paul Udey on 01225 427779 or by e-mail at paul.udey@talktalk.net for details.

5th June 2009

Slough & Windsor Railway Society
The Manor, Slough West Car Park, Slough Railway Station, Brunel Way, Slough. 'Memories of 81B' by Brian Maynard. Start 19.30. Contact John Coke on 01753 860567 for details.

6th June 2009

Permanent Way Institution
(Darlington and North East, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Lancaster, Barrow and Carlisle, Manchester and Liverpool Branches)
The Lakes Court, Carlisle.
Annual Inter Section Quiz. Meeting commences at 13.30. Contact the Secretary, Dave Lugsden on 01904 389838 or by e-mail at David.Lugsden@Networkrail.co.uk for further details.

8th June 2009

Permanent Way Institution (London Branch)
10th Floor Restaurant, 55 Broadway (LUL HQ), London St James Park tube. 'Victoria Line Upgrade' by John Hardy. Doors open at 17.30 for 18.00. Contact the Secretary, Alison Stansfield on 07703 326080 for further details.

Southern Electric Group (Sussex Branch)
The Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre.
'Current Signalling in the Brighton Area' by David Larkin. Meeting commences at 19.30. Donation of £2 requested. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 or by e-mail at b.cakebread@ntlworld.com for details.

9th June 2009

Abergavenny and District Steam Society
Upper Room, The Hen & Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny
'Back for the Future with 1054' by Pete Skellon. Starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary, Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for details.

RCTS (Merseyside Branch)
Afternoon and Evening Observation at Warrington Bank Quay Station. Contact Geoff Morris on 01244 376808 or by e-mail at geoffreymorris@tiscali.com.

10th June 2009

Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St Club, New Road, Basingstoke.
'Gosling's Gallivants' by Paul Gosling. Meeting starts at 20.00. Visitors welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 326096 for details.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Railway Group
Royal Air Force Club, 5 Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes DN35 8LQ.
'The A-Z of Football Club Railway Connections' by Colin Briggs. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Mike Hartley on 01724 341358 for further details.

RCTS (Hitchin Branch)
;Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Road, Hitchin. 'Wolverton & Stony Stratford Tramway' by Bob Ayres. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Swiss Railways Society (London Branch)
The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT (near Kings Cross Station).
'Switzerland 1989' by Nick Freezer. Meeting commences at 19.00. A £2 donation is requested. Contact Ron Dawes on 020 8660 3532 for details.

11th June 2009

Continental Railway Circle
St Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. Business Meeting followed by 'Railways of Scandinavia' by Donald Wilson. Meeting commences at 19.15. Admission £2.00. Contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 or by e-mail at akpalmer@talktalk.net for further details.

12th June 2009

Slough & Windsor Railway Society
The Manor, Slough West Car Park, Slough Railway Station, Brunel Way, Slough. 'The Prisoner - D.R.P.K.' by Robin Rattery. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact John Coke on 01753 860567 for further details.

13th June 2009

Bournemouth Railway Club
All Purpose Room, Winton Methodist Community Centre, junction of Alma Road and Heron Court Road, Bournemouth. 'Slides from the John Bailey Collection' by Bert Moody. Meeting commences at 14.30. Admission charge £2.

Great Central Railway Society (London Euston Branch)
Visit - Mangapps Farm Railway' Meet at Liverpool Street Station Travel Centre at 09.15.

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Visiting Class 55 'Deltic' No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* powers across Corfe Common with an afternoon working during the Swanage Railway Diesel Gala on 9th May. Peter Milford

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