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Class 45/0 'Peak' No. 45066 departs from Newton Abbot on 2nd July 1979 forming a cross-country service from Leeds to Paignton. Brian Morrison

Govia retains South Central franchise until 2015

The Department for Transport (DfT) has announced that Govia has been successful in retaining the South Central franchise, operated under the name Southern.

It is to retain the name and the new term will commence on 20th September and run until 25th July 2015. The final year is subject to performance and there is a two-year extension available at the discretion of the DfT.

Chris Burchell will continue as Managing Director, and will lead the team into and during the new franchise, which is to deliver a comprehensive package of benefits to passengers, including train, station and security investment, improved operational performance and innovative retailing.

These benefits include an additional 10% carrying capacity across the network by December 2013, including the extension of eight-car trains to 10-cars on key Metro routes, and an increase in capacity on peak time Metro arrivals and departures into London Victoria and London Bridge, and peak time services into Brighton. There is to be a £76 million investment programme including £23 million spent on interior improvements to trains and £28 million to improve facilities at stations, targeting areas that provide the greatest benefit to passengers such as real-time information at every station and new 'help points' installed at another 40.

In addition, staffing at almost all Greater London stations is to be extended to provide cover from the first to the last service. All trains and stations are to have CCTV and passenger information systems by 2011, and a new 38-strong 'Safer Travel Team' is to be in place by Spring 2010, to include British Transport Police and Rail Enforcement Officers. Ticket purchase is to be made easier with a £3 million investment in 120 new ticket machines and the introduction of a new 'Smartmedia' system, both by early 2012.

Similar to Oyster, 'Smartmedia' will make ticket buying easier and enable automatic top-ups for season tickets at 26 stations outside London and 18 stations within the City. There are to be new automatic ticket barriers at 22 stations, supplemented by additional stations funded by the DfT to increase the number of gated stations from 28 to 49. These improvements will be supported by a team of 100 Revenue Protection Officers and the Safer Travel Team, who will also have revenue protection responsibilities.

As regards services, the Gatwick Express non-stop trains are to be retained between London Victoria and Gatwick Airport, and there will be an enhanced 'Brighton Express' operated by additional refurbished Class 442 units. The Class 377 fleet is to receive interior refurbishment by 2011, and the Class 455s by 2012.

▼ **Southern three-car Class 377/3 Electrostars stand at Brighton on 29th November, No. 377307 forming the 14.03 to Portsmouth Harbour and No. 377320 on the 14.14 to Hove. Brian Morrison**

New multi-million public transport scheme for Gravesend

Extensive station improvements form part of a proposed multi-million pound scheme to bring together public transport and a new traffic system in Gravesend.

The new plans will be the subject of a public exhibition taking place in the town over the next month to share the plans and allow people to have their say before an application for the final scheme is submitted. The overall scheme is being led by Gravesham Borough Council, which is working in partnership with Network Rail, Kent Highway Services, Arriva, Fastrack and the Government's Homes and Communities Agency on the various different elements, which include an improved railway station, increased car parking, a bus interchange next to the station, a new two-way road link, development of new homes on the site of the existing Rathmore Road car park and a new public space uniting the Civic Centre forecourt with the sensory gardens.

The enhancements planned for Gravesend station include enlarging the ticket hall areas within the station buildings on both Platforms 1 and 2, with design considerations sympathetic to the heritage status of the Grade II listed structure, creating additional space for improved retail facilities and waiting areas, refurbishment of the toilet block on Platform 2, which will include amenities for mobility impaired persons and baby changing facilities, CCTV coverage of all areas, and provision of new seating and improved lighting on platforms

▼ **The Metro fleet of Class 144 DMUs is slowly being repainted into Northern colours. Here, one of the three-car Class 144s No. 144020 arrives at Leeds on 5th June, with a local service. Robert Jefferys**

New international railfreight terminal at Telford officially opens for business

The formal opening of Telford International Railfreight Park (TIRP) took place on 10th June, with the ceremony being performed by Shadow Secretary of State for Transport, Theresa Villiers.

This new facility is situated on ex- Ministry of Defence (MOD) land near Donnington, on the remains of the branch line that formally ran from Wellington (Shropshire) to Stafford, which lost its passenger service in 1964 and closed in 1969, except for the stub from the junction with the main Shrewsbury - Wolverhampton route near Wellington and the MOD facility at Donnington. The development of the site was through a partnership between Telford & Wrekin Council, the MOD and the Homes & Communities Agency (formally English Partnerships). It culminated in re-instating nearly 3km of the stub that previously served the MOD depot and the construction of freight handling and storage facilities. The near £6 million project has been financed by a combination of Advantage West Midlands, which was also very much involved in the scheme to repair the Severn Valley Railway in 2007, Homes and Communities and the European Regional Development Fund.

The facility has been in operation since March this year, and has been handling as required train movements for the MOD since. Initially, the MOD will become the principal user, as it has secured the work of re-conditioning or repairing equipment that is being returned from Iraq, and will no doubt then be sent to Afghanistan. However, John G. Russell (Transport) Ltd, which will be managing the facility is anxious to exploit its location close to the western boundary of the West Midlands conurbation and the local concentration of multi-national manufacturers and distributors.

The single line branch fans out to a fan of four reception sidings plus the main line access road, before reducing to two loading sidings situated next to a large hard standing pad. A spur already exists to a potential further development, while plans exist for another development adjacent to the reception sidings.

▲ **Direct Rail Services Class 57/0 No. 57008 and the unique DB Schenker-liveried Class 66/0 No. 66152 break the banner at Telford to officially open the new Telford International Railfreight Park on 10th June. Both: John Whitehouse**

Theresa Villiers, in her formal opening address, commented that the opening of TIRP is good news not only for the railfreight industry but also the local economy. The view of Ken Russell, Director of John G Russell (Transport) Ltd, made for interesting listening, when he went further in emphasising the potential importance of TIRP as part of a national network of such terminals. He added, "that to unlock a future of fundamental shift towards rail we need collaboration, then we will utilise capacity far better, as (currently) we see too many partially filled trains running".

Although the facility has no regular traffic at present, except for the 'as required' MOD workings, he does expect to see the growth of container traffic from the deep-sea ports to service the specific nature of the local industries as a key factor in developing TIRP.

He called for innovation, adding that the railfreight industry needs to think as logistics operators and develop new equipment to make full use of the UK loading gauge, as well as making more routes available for the larger containers. Retailers were identified as a potentially huge market, but the industry needs to attune itself with their needs, especially in addressing the issue of the timely delivery of goods so that stock levels can be managed effectively. Higher speeds for freight traffic, he considers is an important future factor, as is the need to create consistency and predictability for freight flows, as well as suitable access. He said that TIRP was well designed and positioned to make a sustained contribution to the railfreight industry.

The official opening took place with DRS Class 57/0 No. 57008 and DB Schenker Class 66/0 No. 66152 being driven through the formal opening banner. The DRS Class 57 was later named *Telford International Railfreight Park - June 2009* by Theresa Villiers. Later, invited guests witnessed the departure of the 13.00 intermodal service to Warrington Arpley, hauled by No. 66152.

New team to be created to investigate the business case for extending high-speed rail to Scotland

The Scottish Transport Minister, Stewart Stevenson, has announced that a new high-level team has been brought together to produce a fully developed business case for extending high-speed rail links between Scotland and England.

The economic evidence will be submitted to High Speed Rail 2 (HS2), the company formed to progress UK high-speed links, and will be used to press the case for Scotland. The Minister said: "High Speed Rail links between Scotland and England present fantastic economic and environmental opportunities for Scotland. Faster journey times could provide significant benefits to Scotland's economy, improving connections and opening up new opportunities. Cutting journey times between Scotland and London to the three-hour mark would offer direct competition with air travel and could result in substantial carbon emissions savings. The formation of this stakeholder group will allow us to produce a fully developed business case to advance our argument for high-speed rail to be extended to Scotland".

While the first phase of the High Speed Rail project will consider the case for services between London and the Midlands, UK Government Transport Minister, Lord Andrew Adonis, has asked HS2 to examine the potential for expanding high speed services into Scotland and the north of England. HS2 will report its initial recommendations for the service between London and Birmingham by the end of this year, the initial report attempting to clarify issues of costs, proposed routes and technologies that would be required to turn the proposals into reality.

In January, Lord Adonis commented that there was a strong case for a new £20 billion high-speed line between London and Manchester.

Last movements for '37s'

▲ ▶ Class 66/0 No. 66182 passes Eastleigh on 8th June with Class 37/0 No. 37077 and Class 37/3 No. 37377 in tow, on their final journey, forming the 10.00 Eastleigh T+RSMD - Southampton Eastern Docks 'trip' working. The two 'Tractors' were 'tripped' between brake force runners (bogie seacow hoppers) to the docks, where Allelys removed them by road to Booths Scrapyard, Rotherham. In the background, Class 66/5 No. 66531 powers the 10.27 Southampton-Crewe Basford Hall intermodal service . Both: Dave Kirwin

Freightliner expands its Eastern European '66' fleet with UK locos

Freightliner's eastern European division - Freightliner PL - continues to gain work fairly quietly and without fuss. However, the traffic levels are now such that further locomotives have been added to the fleet.

Following the export of Freightliner UK's Class 66/5 No. 66586 in November last year, which is now No. 66008 of the company's Polish fleet, a further two locos from the UK have been modified at Midland Road and shipped out as a result of the downturn in UK traffic, these being Nos. 66582 and 66583, which are likely to become Nos. 66009 and 66010 respectively. In addition, the company has also hired European Class 66 No. CB1001, on a short-term basis from Rail4Chem Benelux.

Restored Cromford station reopens after completion of a £300,000 refurbishment

The result of months of careful conservation work on a regeneration project at Cromford station in Derbyshire was shown when the Duke of Devonshire formally opened the site on 28th May.

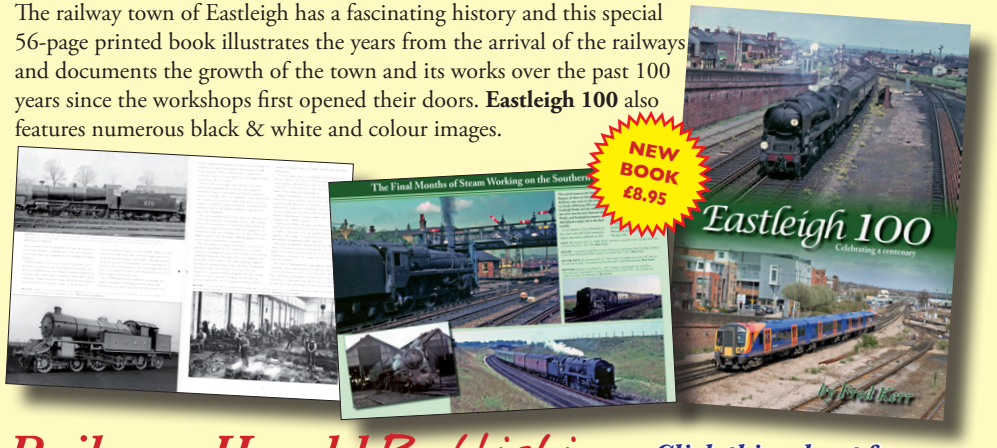
The Duke, accompanied by Sir William McAlpine, Chairman of the Railway Heritage Trust, along with other representatives from the project's key funding bodies, arrived at the station by the Matlock branch train to be met by a large crowd of guests and onlookers. The station is a survival of the Midland Railway line to Manchester, and is the only original station within the Derwent Valley Mills world heritage site.

The building dates from 1874, and remains little changed. In 2005, local charity, the Arkwright Society, launched a rescue operation designed to save the derelict west platform building which is Grade II listed. They were able to secure a 99-year lease from Network Rail and then a large fundraising operation began.

Over £300,000 was raised from various funding bodies, public donations and material sponsorship, and four years later the refurbishment is complete, two office suites have been created and the station is back in use again. In addition to the publicly funded project on the west platform, a complimentary private development has also taken place on the east platform, where the former derelict 1860-dated waiting room has been tastefully refurbished to provide a luxury holiday cottage. The owners have invested over £100,000 of their own money in this part of the project, plus a local authority grant of £20,000.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Eastleigh Works comes this limited print run book

The railway town of Eastleigh has a fascinating history and this special 56-page printed book illustrates the years from the arrival of the railways and documents the growth of the town and its works over the past 100 years since the workshops first opened their doors. **Eastleigh 100** also features numerous black & white and colour images.



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Metro and Light Rail News

Strike hits London Underground

A large part of London Underground came to a 48-hour halt from 21.00 on 9th June to the same time on 11th June, after eleventh-hour talks between the RMT union and Transport for London broke down.

The RMT called the strike in two disputes with London Underground over pay and working conditions and over two members who had been dismissed on the grounds of job security. London Underground Limited attempted to head off the walkout by making two last-minute pay offers, but the union turned down both.

Unless agreements can be reached, further such strikes are in the offing.

New track

The first sections of tram track arrived in Edinburgh Princes Street on 8th June.

The arrival of the track forms a significant milestone for the project and also provides the first glimpse of the final tram infrastructure in Edinburgh City Centre

▼ **London Underground C Stock led by Driving Car No. 5535 heads a Circle Line service as it awaits departure from Farringdon on 12th June. Robert Jefferys**

Government takes control of London & Continental Railways

The Government has taken control of London and Continental Railways (LCR), as the next step towards converting Eurostar into a private sector operation.

Newly-appointed Transport Minister, Sadiq Khan, told the House of Commons: 'This is a further step toward this Government's stated intention to complete the restructuring and sale of LCR and its assets, following the enactment last year of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill. The financial and operational restructuring of LCR's interests in the high-speed line to the Channel Tunnel and in Eurostar operations will establish these businesses on a commercial basis, with the aim of delivering the best return for the taxpayer from significant public investment. As part of this restructuring LCR is transferring ownership of its finance subsidiaries, which together are liable for £5.169 billion of debt in the form of bonds and securitised notes, to the Government. This debt is already supported by a range of Government guarantees. Separately, the Government is purchasing, for a nominal sum, the shares of LCR, taking it into direct Government ownership. The Government has held a special share in LCR since 1999, which has given it a wide range of controls over the company.

LCR and its liabilities are already accounted to the public debt; consequently, there is no change to existing public borrowing requirements". LCR is the owner of St Pancras International and the British arm of Eurostar. The Government wants Eurostar to be let as a private sector concession, although no details have yet been given, and it is not yet clear if the chosen operator would take the commercial risk of the operation. Discussions are already underway with its French and Belgian Eurostar partners over possible developments.

MP reshuffle takes place as expenses claims see Transport Secretary step-down

Transport Minister, Lord Andrew Adonis, has replaced Geoff Hoon as Transport Secretary, after the latest round of MPs' expenses revelations included a claim by Mr Hoon for bills at a house that had ceased to be his designated second home, described by him as an 'administrative error'.

He repaid £384 when the mistake was drawn to his attention but still stepped down from his position. As Lord Adonis has no voice in the House of Commons, he has been represented there by new appointee, Sadiq Khan MP, who is now Minister of State for Transport.

The new transport team comprises of:

- Lord Andrew Adonis - Secretary of State for Transport
- Sadiq Khan MP - Minister of State for Transport
- Paul Clark MP - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport
- Chris Mole MP - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport

The DfT team now consists of Chris Mole, Paul Clark and Sadiq Khan.

▲ The new hump installed at Harrington. **Network Rail**

Don't get the hump!

A new-style fixed ramp at Harrington station to raise the height of the platform that in the past has been too low for other than able-bodied rail travellers to use, has been given the official nickname of the 'Harrington Hump'.

Made of plastic that comes in sections so it can be built to any length, it is also variable in height to suit any platform, no matter how large the difference in height between the surface and the stepping board of the trains. Developed in a joint initiative between Network Rail and Cumbria County Council, the new system is to be known permanently by its nickname. It can be custom-built to suit the needs of a particular station and installed in a matter of days at a fraction of the accepted cost of rebuilding the platform height.

Since the railway first came to this country nearly 200 hears ago, different stations were built by different railway companies and there was no uniformity in their design. Consequently, the height of the platforms varied considerably. This has left a legacy of stations for the modern-day railway that simply cannot be used by the elderly or the disabled, or by parents with children in buggies and people with lots of luggage.

The 'Harrington Hump' is now set to make life easier for passengers at St Albans Abbey and Aberdovey stations, where Network Rail is working with the local authorities and communities to install the system. More orders will surely follow.

UK News In Brief

■ Seven of London Midland's Class 321 EMUs are being given the company's livery, the first of which No. 321411 is scheduled to return to service today, 15th June. The remainder, Nos. 321412 to 321417, will follow and should be completed by the end of the year. In addition to the exterior, the units will receive engineering improvements to key mechanical systems, and any parts of the interior trim that are worn out, such as carpets, will be replaced with new at the same time. The Siemens 321 fleet maintenance team at Northampton won the Modern Railways 'Golden Spanner' award last year for hitting high reliability targets.

■ The £40 million, seven-year restoration of Robert Stephenson's 160-year-old High Level Bridge in Newcastle has been recognised by the European Union prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra awards 2009, the only award of its kind in England this year. The bridge received a grand prize, which included an award of □0,000 on top of the 2009 European heritage award for conservation that was formally announced at the awards ceremony that took place in Sicily. The Jury commented that they were enormously impressed with the level of engineering professionalism shown in the project, from original research into the fatigue performance of cast-iron, down to the restoration of the original lamp standards. Iain Coucher, Chief Executive of Network Rail, said: "This award is a fabulous recognition of the detailed and complex work which went into the High Level Bridge project. It's a unique structure and our engineers had to develop new techniques to protect the bridge while respecting its Grade I listing". The awards scheme, jointly organised by the European Commission and Europa Nostra, the pan-European Federation for cultural heritage, celebrates outstanding initiatives within the European cultural heritage sector and highlights exceptional restoration and conservation, research and education achievements, as well as dedicated service to heritage conservation.

◀ **Class 90 No. 90039 is presently on hire to National Express and is pictured arriving at Ipswich on 1st June, with the 13.00 Norwich to London Liverpool Street service. Keith Partlow**

◀▼ **Wrexham & Shropshire-liveried Class 67 No. 67013 powers the 'Northern Belle' set, with classmate No. 67008 on the rear, as it approaches Reigate on 6th June. This was a special charter starting from London Victoria, via Guildford, for the Derby Day race meeting. The passengers alighted at Reigate and were then taken by coach to the nearby Epsom Downs for the race meeting, while the train stabled at Stewarts Lane before returning. Andrew Crampton**

▼ **Virgin Class 57/3 No. 57307** *Lady Penelope* **hauls First GBRf Class 66/7 No. 66730 out of Worcester Tunnel on 8th June, working from Long Marston to Oxley, via Kidderminster, where the '66' was detached. Both locos had been on display at the Long Marston event. Stephen Tucker**

◀ **Class 56/3s Nos. 56312 *Artemis* and 56311, with four covered steel wagons in tow, approach Acton Bridge on the 14.10 Ditton to Washwood Heath service on 10th June. Anthony Roberts**

▼ **The initial run of a new Channel Tunnel intermodal service, operated under the open access agreement, ran on 15th June, formed of 15 empty SNCF IFA wagons from Dollands Moor to Hams Hall. This is associated with an SNCF/Colas service for Norfolk Line CT Intermodal (believed to commence in Milan). Here, the unique-liveried Class 56/3 No. 56312 *Artemis* passes Tonbridge with the inaugural run. Brian Morrison**

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.

16th June			
Past Time Rail	tbc	Manchester- Ascot	**Cancelled**
17th June			
Past Time Rail	tbc	Crewe- Ascot	**Cancelled**
18th June			
Past Time Rail	tbc	Manchester-Ascot	**Cancelled**
Steam Dreams	tbc	London (tbc)- Minehead & return	
19th June			
Pathfinder Tours	D1015	Day 1: Bristol TM-Cheltenham Spa-Birmingham NS-Bescot (Cl67)-Stafford-Shap-Carlisle-Edinburgh Waverley-Potobello Jct-Niddrie W Jct-Craiglockhart Jct-Haymarket W Jct-Dalmeny-Forth Bridge-Kirkaldy-Ladybank-Perth-Inverness	
20th June			
Compass Tours	2xDBS 37	Carlisle-Penrith-Oxenholme-Lancaster-Preston-Chorley-Horwich Pky-Bolton-Manchester Victoria- Standedge-Huddersfield-York (break/rev)-Leeds-Skipton-S&C-Carlisle & return as outwards	
Pathfinder Tours	D1015	The Western Chieftain: Day 2: Inverness-Kyle of Lochalsh-Inverness	
Railway Touring Company	70013	(Birmingham International)-Bristol-Plymouth & return	**Postponed**
Vintage Trains	5043 & 47773	(Tyseley Warwick Road-Nuneston-)Crewe-Shap-Carlisle & return	
VSOE	35028	London Victoria- Clapham Jct-Richmond-Staines-Virginia Water-Woking-Guildford-Reigate-Redhill-East Croydon-Clapham Jct-London Victoria	
21st June			
Compass Tours	2xDBS 37	Crewe-Capenhurst-Chester-Helsby-Frodsham-Warrington Bank Quay-Newton le Willows-Wigan North Western-Shap-Carlisle-S&C-Hellifield-Blackburn-Wigan North Western & return	
Past Time Rail	tbc	Manchester Victoria-Copy Pit-Blackburn-Manchester	**Cancelled**
Pathfinder Tours	D1015	The Western Chieftain: Day 3: Inverness- Aviemore-Perth-Ladybank-Forth Bridge-Edinbugh Waverley-Slateford-Midcalder Jct-Carstairs-Beattock-Birmingham New St & return as outwards	
Steam Dreams	60163	London Victoria-Winchester-Havant-Haselmere-London Victoria	
Steam Dreams	60163	London Victoria-Bromley South- Faversham-Ramsgate-Deal-Dover-Folkestone-Ashford-Tonbridge-Bormley South-London Victoria	
23rd June			
UK Railtours	tbc	London Euston- Wolverhampton-Shrewsbury-Aberystwyth & return	

The following are classed as scheduled steam services, operating several times each week.

15th-19th June	WCRC	The Jacobite	Fort William-Mallaig-Fort William	45231
21st Jun-4th Sep	WCRC	The Jacobite	Fort William-Mallaig-Fort William	45231 or 62005

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

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

The Week Ahead

With a busy weekend of railtours looming, especially with Sunday 21st June being Fathers Day, one tour stands out head and shoulders above the rest, namely, the first visit to Inverness and the Kyle of Lochalsh by a 'Western'.

Pathfinder's 'Western Chieftain' sets out on Friday 19th June from Bristol Temple Meads with a DBS Class 67 at the helm, heading for the West Midlands where No. D1015 *Western Champion* will be waiting at Bescot to take over the tour for the historic journey over the WCML to Carstairs, and then around Glasgow, via Mossend and Coatbridge, to Stirling, Perth and finally Inverness. Next day, the tour consists of an out and back to Kyle of Lochalsh, again with No. D1015 throughout, before heading home on Sunday 21st June. The return follows the Highland mainline to Perth, after which it takes the Ladybank route at Hilton Junction to Edinburgh, via the Forth Bridge. A trip around the Edinburgh Suburban follows, before heading, via Slateford, back to Carstairs and home, which will be worked by *Western Champion* through to Birmingham New Street, where a DBS Class 67 will take over for the return to Bristol. The 'Western's' fuel capacity is the limiting factor, which means that the Bristol-West Midlands sections are with DBS Class 67s. It is understood that there are tickets still available for this tour.

Normally a 'Castle' over Shap would automatically get tour of the week, but this week is exceptional, so Vintage Trains 'Castle over Shap' on 20th June is the best of the rest, so to speak. Many people are waiting with interest to gauge the performance of No. 5043 *Earl of Mount Edgcumbe*, as other illustrious Great Western engines in the past have struggled on the Northern Fells. The tour commences at Tyseley Warwick Road with Class 47/7 No. 47773 in charge as far as Crewe, which is reached via Coleshill Parkway, Nuneaton and the Trent Valley. At Crewe, No. 5043 takes over for the run to Carlisle, which is via Shap both ways.

VSOE's British Pullman is in action on 20th June, with Merchant Navy Pacific No. 35028 *Clan Line* heading a Luncheon Special around the Surrey Hills circuit from London Victoria, via Kensington Olympia, Brentford, Staines, Guildford, Reigate, East Croydon and Herne Hill.

Compass Railtours has a weekend double-header in more ways than one, with tours operating on both the 20th and 21st June, each featuring DBS Class 37s. 'The Jorvik Fellsman' starts proceedings on 20th June from Carlisle to York, outwards via the WCML, Bolton, Manchester Victoria and the Standedge route, while the return heads back directly to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle before setting down as outwards. Next day is 'The Fathers Day Fellsman' to Carlisle, outwards over Shap, and by way of the S&C on the return. The tour originates at Crewe, and travels via Hooton, Warrington and Wigan North Western.

Steam Dreams will be keeping 'A1' No. 60163 *Tornado* busy during the period of this review, with three tours planned commencing on Thursday 18th June, with the return portion of 'The Sunny South Special' from London Victoria to Minehead. The outward leg will be in the hands of a DBS Class 67 as far as Bishops Lydeard, from where it will be piloted by a WSR diesel. *Tornado* has the return throughout to London Victoria, running via the Berks and Hants route to Reading, and then through Ascot and Staines. This is followed by a busy Fathers' Day, on which the operators will be operating two trains with No. 60163. The lunchtime working will follow a circular route from London Victoria through Winchester, Havant and Haslemere. The evening train, however, breaks new ground following the new Pacific passing the stringent gauging requirements of the Kent Coast route. It will operate outwards via Faversham, Herne Bay, Margate and Ramsgate to Dover, and continue back to London via Folkestone, Ashford and Tonbridge.

Two other tours were booked to operate, but Railway Touring Company's 'The Devonian' is now re-dated to 25th July, while 'The Cotton Mill Express' will not be running due to the demise of Past Time Rail.

Ups & Downs by John Whitehouse

NELPG's Class K1 No. 62005 was due to return from 'Jacobite' duties at Fort William to Carnforth on 14th June, due to reported firebox problems.

The extent of the required repair is currently unknown, but the same unconfirmed source indicated that it was expected that the locomotive should be ready to move back to Fort William within a 'week or so'. Black 5 No. 45231 *Sherwood Forrester* will cover 'The Jacobite' roster in the meantime.

There have been reports circulating that Torbay Express Limited will also be operating some, if not all, of the advertised Past Time Rail autumn season programme, the jewel of which was to be 'The Lickey Tornado' featuring No. 60163 *Tornado* from Gloucester to London Paddington. *It is* understood that the matter is under consideration but at this point a decision has not been taken as some operating issues still have to be resolved. These do not affect 'The Tamar Tornado' (previously Past Times' 'Armada') from Birmingham International to Plymouth on 8th August which is now confirmed as being operated by Pathfinder Tours.

Steam for Cleethorpes?

RTC has announced three further trains, two of which are due to run during its hectic spell of operations in August.

No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* is booked to feature on these, commencing with 'The Easterling' on 15th August from London Liverpool Street to Lowestoft, via Norwich outwards and the East Suffolk line on the return. The charter celebrates the summer-dated holiday train of the same name which ran in the 1950s from Liverpool Street non-stop to Beecles on the East Suffolk Line.

The following week, and London King's Cross is the starting point for its 'Lincolnshire Coast Express' featuring No. 70013 throughout to Cleethorpes, via Lincoln, outwards, while steam will give way to diesel at Doncaster on the return, which is reached via Gainsborough Central. The third new train is a 'CME' for Grimsby Lions Club, which is steam-hauled throughout from Cleethorpes to Carlisle, outwards with either No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* or No. 71000 *Duke of Gloucester*. The train returns diesel-hauled from Carlisle via Hexham, Durham and York.

On 13th June, the NRM-owned BR Standard Class 7MT Pacific No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* worked the 'Dartmouth Express', originating at London Paddington and steam-hauled from Westbury to Kingswear for Dartmouth. The 'Britannia' then worked the return leg of the journey as far as Bristol. The locomotive is photographed departing Kingswear on a very dull and overcast day. Chris Dixon

Large logo-liveried Class 40 No. 40145 *East Lancashire Railway* **passes Daresbury, south of Warrington, on a Rawtenstall to Aberystwyth charter service on 13th June. Mark Enderby**

With LNER K1 No. 62005 out of action and returning to Carnforth for repairs, LMS 'Black 5' No. 45231 *Sherwood Forrester* is currently the sole operational steam loco for the Jacobite service, seen here on 12th June climbing towards the summit west of Glenfinnan with the 10.20 Fort William - Mallaig. **Paul Armitage**

A truly puzzling experience!

The Buckingham Railway Centre at Quainton Road is holding a Shunting Puzzle Day on 19th July, described as a sort of 3D train chess.

The idea is to see how all types of wagons are connected and moved around to form an authentic fully-linked 1930/40s train set. A large model of the shunting yard will be on hand to help work out the puzzles, while the Beattie 2-4-0 Well Tank No. 30585 will be doing the work.

If you solve the puzzle in as few moves as possible, a BRC limited edition lapel pin could be won, with an alternative prize for younger fans. In addition to the fun competition, there will be locomotives in steam all day with photo opportunities in the yard. There will also be a chance for footplate visits on 0-4-0ST *Millom*, and the gift shop and café will be open along with the second-hand bookshop.

Aside from being a fun day, the event offers an insight into how steam engines function on a day-to-day basis set within the centre's 25-acre site.

For further information, telephone 07534 919101.

Memories of the early days on the Bluebell

On 17th June, the four original students that thought up the idea of the Bluebell Railway in 1959, and were instrumental in organising the original meeting in Haywards Heath where the Bluebell Railway Preservation Society came into being are having a grand re-union at Sheffield Park station.

The four will travel on a specially chartered train, together with the President of the Society and a founder member, 101-year-old Bernard Holden MBE.

The students, who are now, all around 70 years of age, are Alan Sturt, Martin Eastland, Chris Campbell and David Dalimore. This is being treated as a very special occasion as it is suspected that it may well be the last time they are all together with the President Bernard Holden, especially as one of them now lives in Canada.

They will be travelling on the Wealden Rambler Lounge Car service. The train with other invited guests, all founder members, will depart at 14.30 for the round trip to Kingscote and back to Sheffield Park.

Scottish away-days

◀▲ **Class 26 No. D5301, currently on loan from the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway stands at Brechin station on the Caledonian Railway on 7th June 2009. No. D5301 was the first Class 26 to enter traffic, being delivered to Hornsey Depot, in North London, in September 1958. Stuart Chapman**

◀ **The SRPS Diesel Group's Class 37/0 No. 37025 *Inverness TMD* was in action during the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway diesel gala. Here the 'Growler', visiting from the Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway, runs around its train at Oxenhope on 5th June, in readiness to double-head the next service to Keighley with Class 37/5 'Heavyweight' No. 37682. Robert Jefferys**

◀ The South Devon Railway held its annual diesel gala on 13th/14th June, using the home fleet featuring Class 33/0 No. 33002 on its first workings on the line. The first train of the day was a ballast from Buckfastleigh to Totnes using the loco, seen passing Caddaford. **Nathan Williamson**

▼ Class 50 No. 50017 stands in a layby just outside Plymouth, about to start the final part of its journey from Tyseley to the Plym Valley Railway. **Paul Maycock**

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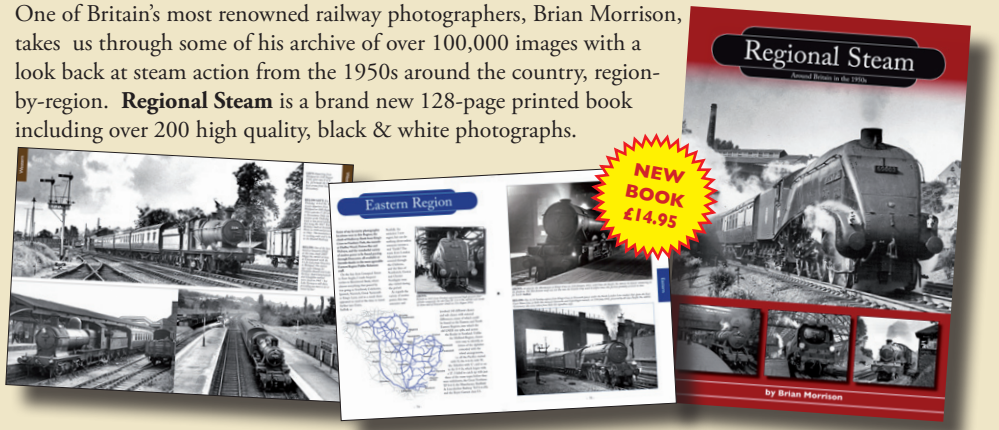

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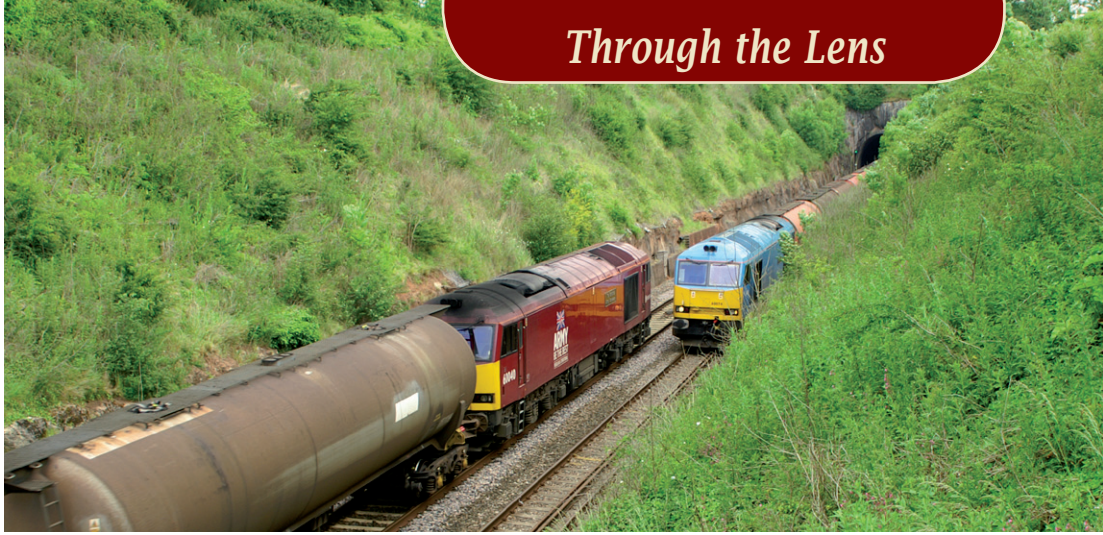
Through the Lens

◀ A long journey for a Class 153 single-car 'Bubble' is the 17.06 First Great Western service from Worcester Foregate Street to Southampton Central, where it is scheduled to arrive at 20.48, three hours 42 minutes after departure. Here, No. 153359 sets out on its journey from Worcester, photographed near Abbotswood Junction on 5th June, bound for Southampton. **Brian Morrison**

▼ Class 185 No. 185108, still sporting Liverpool 2008 Capital of Culture vinyls (which from a distance, looks as if the unit is badly in need of a repaint!) is seen at Leeds on 5th June. **Robert Jefferys**

▲ Class 37s Nos. 37401 and 37670 power out of Wakefield Kirkgate with the Warrington Arpley to Horbury Storrs Hill wagon 'trip' on 4th June. **Stuart Chapman**



▲ The two celebrity liveried DB Schenker Class 60s No. 60040 and 60074 pass each other at Wickwar, with oil workings to Immingham and from Robeston respectively. **Edward Gleed**

▼ DRS Class 37/6 No. 37607 and Class 37/0 No. 37218 storm away from Hare Park Junction, near Wakefield, with the 05.18 Derby-Doncaster test working on 8th June. **Mark Walker**

▲ Class 59/2 No. 59206 powers the 07.12 Merehead-Acton Yard Yeoman 'jumbo' train passes Ruscombe on 11th June.
Ken Brunt

◀ Class 66/0 No. 66152 departs the Anglesey Aluminium plant on 13th June bound for Warrington Arpley.
John Whitehouse

▲ Carrying its branded Arriva livery, Class 57/3 No. 57315 calls at Newport with the Holyhead to Cardiff morning passenger working on 5th June. **David Thomas**

◀ An early morning line up of Class 395s at Ashford Depot sidings on 12th June, taken during a main line possession. Seventeen of these units have now been delivered. **Andrew Wood**

The Blue & Grey Years

Continuing our occasional 'Blue & Grey Years' feature, Brian Morrison looks at the Class 45s and 46s in action across the country during the 1970s.

◀ **In the days before high-intensity headlights became standard on all traction, an unidentified Class 45/1 'Peak' passes Coryton Cove, near Dawlish, on 9th July 1979, hauling the 06.38 cross-country service from Leeds to Paignton.**

▼ **Class 45/0 'Peak' No. 45039** *The Manchester Regiment* **curves around the Devon sea wall at Teignmouth on 8th August 1975, heading a cross-country service to Paignton.**
Both: Brian Morrison

The Blue & Grey Years

Not a common sight at Bickley Junction on the Southern Region. Class 45/1 'Peak' No. 45107 passes the junction heading for Betteshanger Colliery with empty coal wagons from the Western Region on 16th May 1974.
Brian Morrison

The Blue & Grey Years

◀ Still carrying its pre-TOPS number, Class 45 'Peak' No. 129 (later No. 45073) departs from Darlington on 13th June 1974 with the 10.15 cross-country train from Newcastle to Cardiff Central.

▼ Class 46 No. 46035 passes Pilmoor, near Thirsk, on 13th June 1974, hauling a northbound express to Newcastle. The locomotive has been preserved, following several years of Departmental service and now carries the name *Ixion*. **Both: Brian Morrison**

The Blue & Grey Years

The only Class 46 to carry a name, No. 46026 *Leicestershire & Derbyshire Yeomanry* **climbs away from Totnes on 4th August 1975, with a service from Bristol Temple Meads to Penzance. Brian Morrison**

15th June 2009
Great Central Railway Society (Spinkhill Branch)
The Angel Hotel, 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'From Somewhere to Nowhere' by Fred Coupland. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for further details.

RCTS (Northampton Branch)
Line-side Observation at Bedford Station from 17.00. Contact D.Pick on 01604 810613 for further details.

RCTS (Shenfield Branch)
Shenfield Parish Hall, 80 Hutton Road, Shenfield. 'Photocharters UK' by Adrian Palmer. Starts 19.30.

16th June 2009
Monmouthshire Railway Society
Room LL1, UWCN, Allt-Yr-Yn Ave, Newport, South Wales. 'Railways Around E.Devon and the Exe Valley' by Peter Gray. Meeting starts at 19.30. Admission: non-members £3. .

17th June 2009
Burton Railway Society
Marston's Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton upon Trent Natter Night 'A Practical Guide & Demonstration of Constructing Buildings for Model Railways' by David Wright. Starts 19.30. Contact Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 or for further details.

18th June 2009
Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Barrow Hill Roundhouse. 'Around the World by Motorcycle - The Pan American Highway' by Paul Pratt. Doors open 19.00 for 19.30 start. Admission: members £1.50, non members £2.00

Breconshire Railway Society
R.A.F.A.Club, The Struet, Brecon '6000 'The King' at Bulmers, Hereford' by Len Roberts. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary, Arthur Robinson on 01982 560219 for further details

Marlow and District Railway Society
British Red Cross Society, Victoria Road, Marlow. 'A Beginner's Guide to British Railway Signalling - part 1' by Mike Walker. Starts 20.00. Non-members admission £2

RCTS (Bristol Branch)
Visit to the Avon Valley Country Park 5" Minature Railway. Contact the branch secretary, Paul Udey, on 01225 427779 or by e-mail at paul.udey@talktalk.net for further details.

RCTS (Thames Valley Branch)
Observation & Photography at Reading Station (for Ascot Trains). Contact the branch secretary Murray Lewis on 0118 942 6681 or by e-mail at murraylewis@hotmail.co.uk.

RCTS (West Riding)
Visit to Shipley Glen Tramway and Evening Meal. Contact Malcolm Riley on 01274 589488 or mobile on 07887 908501 for further details.

Great Western Society (Taunton Branch)
The Village Hall, Stoke St. Mary, Nr. Taunton. 'Railways of the Exe and Culm Valleys' by Mike Pym. Meeting commences at 19.30.

19th June 2009
Great Western Society (Taunton Branch)
Village Hall, Stoke St.Mary, Nr Taunton. 'Railways of the Exe and Culm Valleys' by Mike Pym. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Slough & Windsor Railway Society
The Manor, Slough West Car Park, Slough Railway Station, Brunel Way, Slough. 'More Trams & Trolleys' by Graham Bilbe. Starts 19.30. Contact John Coke on 01753 860567 for details.

20th June 2009
RCTS (West Riding Branch)
Day out to Liverpool & visit Merseyside Tramway Preservation Centre. Contact Malcolm Riley on 01274 589488 or mobile 07887 908501 for further details.

21st June 2009
RCTS (West Riding Branch)
Crewe Basford Hall at 12.00hrs. Contact Malcolm Riley on 01274 589488 for further details.

24th June 2009
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St Club, New Road, Basingstoke. '1000 Eggs on a Bicycle' by Colin Boocock. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact 01256 326096 for further details.

25th June 2009
Mid Hants Railway Preservation Society (Thames Valley Branch)
The Church House, Church Street, Caversham. 'History of Wokingham Station' by Jack Meatcher. Doors open 19.30 for 19.45 start.

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

26th June 2009
Slough & Windsor Railway Society
The Manor, Slough West Car Park, Slough Railway Station, Brunel Way. 'Memorabilia of Windsor Railways'. Starts 19.30. Contact John Coke on 01753 860567 for further details.

27th June 2009
RCTS (West Riding)
Visit Falsgrave Signal Box and North Bay Railway. Contact Malcolm Riley on 01274 589488 for further details.

29th June 2009
RCTS (Northampton)
West Midland Day Ranger and visit to the RAF Museum, Cosford. Contact D. Pick on 01604 810613 .

1st July 2009
Burton Railway Society
Marston's Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton upon Trent. 'Preserved Locomotives of the LMS and The North Briton Rail Tour' by Alan Price. Starts 19.30. Contact Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537.

6th July 2009
RCTS (Ashford Branch)
The Elwick Club, Church Road, Ashford. 'Cairnryan Military Port and Diesel Locos of WW2' by Mike Walshaw. Meeting starts at 19.30.

Swanage Railway (Bath Area)
St John's Church Hall, St John's Road, Bathwick, Bath. 'Isle of Wight Transport Roundup' by Malcolm Tong. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £1. Contact John Lakey on 01225 315918 for further details.

7th July 2009
Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BB. 'The Art of Railway Photography' by Alan Crotty. Starts 19.45. Contact Roger Hart on 01474 833320.

8th July 2009
RCTS (Hitchin Branch)
Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Park. 'Rebuilding the Welsh Highland Railway' by Andy Savage. Starts 19.30

Swiss Railways Society (London Branch)
The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT (near Kings Cross Station). 'Countries Bordering Switzerland. Members Slides. Starts 19.00. A £2 donation is requested. Contact Ron Dawes on 020 8660 3532 for details.

9th July 2009
Continental Railway Circle
St.Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London nW1 6NJ. 'White Pass and Yukon Railway' by Philip Wormald. Starts 19.15. Admission £2.00. Contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for further details.

10th July 2009
RCTS (West Riding Branch)
Peterborough, Nene Valley Railway - March by Mini Bus. Contact Malcolm Riley on 01274 589488 or by e-mail at bigmal.w.b.r.rcts@talk21.com for further details.

11th July 2009
Bournemouth Rly Club
All Purpose Room, Winton Methodist Community Centre, junction of Alma Road and Heron Court Road, Bournemouth. 'Colour-Rail in Person' by Ron White. Meeting commences at 14.30. Admission charge £2.

RCTS (Northampton Branch)
Visit to the Battlefield Line by Mini Bus. Contact D. Pick on 01604 810613 or by e-mail at northampton@rcts.org for further details.

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Internet Links

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▼ **DB Schenker Class 67s Nos. 67005** *Queen's Messenger* **and 67006** *Royal Sovereign* **pass through Staines with the Royal Train on 11th June. Ken Brunt**

11th July 2009 (cont..)
RCTS (West Riding)
Colne Valley Railway, Ipswich by Mini Bus. Contact Malcolm Riley on 01274 589488 for further details.

12th July 2009
RCTS (West Riding)
Norwich Crown Point and Mid Norfolk Railway by Mini Bus. Contact Malcolm Riley on 01274 589488 or by e-mail on at bigmal.w.b.r.rcts@talk21.com for further details.

13th July 2009
RCTS (Northampton)
Line-side Observation at Kings Sutton Station from 17.00hours. Contact D. Pick on 01604 810613 for further details.

Southern Electric Group (Sussex Branch)
The Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'Southern Steam in the 60s' by Terry Cole. Meeting commences at 19.30. Donation of £2 requested. Contact the Branch Secretary, Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for further details.

14th July 2009
Abergavenny and District Steam Society
Upper Room, The Hen & Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny 'More Travels of a Ferroequinologist' by Terry McCarthy. Starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary, Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for further details.

RCTS (Merseyside Branch)
Observation at Chesterfield (optional visit to Barrow Hill). Contact Geoff Morris on 01244 376808 or by e-mail at geoffreymorris@tiscali.com for further details.

15th July 2009
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'The Railways of Czechoslovakia' by Jeremy Harrison. Meeting commences at 20.00. Visitors welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 326096 for details.

16th July 2009
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Barrow Hill Roundhouse. 'Grand Central - The Story So Far' by Giles Fearnley. Doors open 19.00 for 19.30 start. Admission: Non members £2.

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17th July 2009
Great Western Society (Taunton Branch)
The Village Hall, Stoke ST. Mary, Nr Taunton. 'An Audience with our Chairman' by Richard Croucher. Meeting commences at 19.30.

20th July 2009
RCTS (South Essex Branch)
Annual visit to the Mangapps Farm Railway Museum. Contact John Stone on 01245 464756 for further details.

RCTS (Thames Valley Branch)
Observation & Photography at Didcot Station. Contact Murray Lewis on 01189 426681 or by e-mail at murraylewis@hotmail.co.uk for further details.

22nd July 2009
RCTS (Bristol Branch)
Afternoon Observation at Oxford and Evening at Didcot Stations. Contact Paul Udey on 01225 427779 or by e-mail at paul.udey@talktalk.net for further details.

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26 July 2009
RCTS (Merseyside Branch)
Car Trip to Ribble Steam and Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railways. Contact Geoff Morris on 01244 376808 or by e-mail at geoffreymorris@tiscali.com for further details.

27th July 2009
RCTS (Northampton Branch)
Canal Trip - 2 Boats from Blisworth Wharf. Contact D. Pick on 01604 810613 or by e-mail at northampton@rcts.org for further details.

28th July 2009
RCTS (Welwyn Garden City Branch)
The Methodist Church, Junction of Ludwick Way and Colegreen Lane. '38 Years a Railwayman - North London and Herefordshire' by Dave Cockle. Meeting commences at 14.15.

29th July 2009
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'The Lickey Incline' by Dave Besley. Meeting commences at 20.00. Visitors welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 326096 for further details.

RCTS (West Riding Branch)
Day out to Bletchley for Observation. Contact Malcolm Riley on 01274 589488 or by e-mail at bigmal.w.b.r.rcts@talk21.com for further details.

4th August 2009
Weston super Mare Railway Society
The Function Room, The Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. Members' slides. Meeting commences 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 or e-mail fotophile69@talktalk.net for details.

5th August 2009
Burton Railway Society
Marston's Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton upon Trent. 'Lost Railways of Derbyshire' by Geoffrey Kingscott. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £1.50 non members, 50p members. Contact Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 for further details.

10th August 2009
Southern Electric Group (Sussex Branch)
The Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'CTR: Section 2' by Phil Bassett. Meeting commences at 19.30. Donation of £2 requested. Contact the Branch Secretary, Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for further details.

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21st August 2009
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Village Hall, Stoke St. Mary, Nr Taunton. 'Then Till Now' by Philip Kelly. Meeting commences at 19.30.

26th August 2009
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'F.W.Webb of the London and North Western Railway' by Martin Bloxom. Meeting starts 20.00. Contact 01256 326096.

1st September 2009
Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BB. 'Transport options at Walt Disney World' by Dekota Dibben. Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for details.

Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire)
Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'Varied Railway Interest - both old and new' by Martyn Davies. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary, John Goodrich on 023 8067 0028 for further details.

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