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Stobart Rail changes rail operations

It could be bye bye to Eddie and James as Direct Rail Services loose the contract with Stobart Rail, in favour of DB Schenker, bringing all UK and inter-European operations under the latter freight operator and using electric traction on the WCML.

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Class 60 No. 60074 disturbs the peace on a sunny Sunday afternoon at Ashley while working the Tunstead-Northwich hoppers. Ian Tunstall

DB Schenker take over all Stobart Rail activity within the UK

Stobart Rail has appointed DB Schenker Rail (UK) Ltd as its main provider of rail freight services.

The new contract for domestic rail services within the UK will enable a further expansion in Stobart's multi-modal plans, and complements the recent collaboration between the two companies on temperature-controlled intermodal services from Spain.

DB Schenker will now be responsible for all of Stobart Rail's existing rail freight operations in the UK and will work closely with the company to deliver further movement of goods from road to rail. The new arrangement will also use electric locomotives for the first time on Stobart's service from the Midlands to Scotland.

Stobart Group's Chief Executive Officer said: "Firstly, I wish to express my gratitude to Direct Rail Services for their service and support over the years in operating the rail service. The move from DRS was not a reflection on either service or performance and was simply due to the rapid expansion of the business and move into Europe following the recent collaboration with DB Schenker Rail (UK) Ltd. These are both exciting and challenging times and by using electric locomotives where possible, we and our customers will ensure we further reduce our carbon emissions".

DRS is disappointed with the development, but says that plans are in place to redeploy the assets for other projects. It says that it is, 'confident that its robust business portfolio and strong customer base will allow it to develop opportunities in the market place'.

It is understood that the changes will affect the daily Daventry to Grangemouth 'TESCO Express' service, together with the daily operation from Grangemouth to Inverness, along the Highland Main Line, although loadings on other DRS operated intermodal trains may be affected.

With the use by DB Schenker of electric traction on the West Coast Main Line trains, the future operation could be interesting!

▼ **DRS Class 66/4s Nos. 66411 *Eddie The Engine* and 66413 *James The Engine* are likely to be debranded following the change in operator, although nobody from DRS was available for comment. No. 66411 passes Coatbridge Central bound for Daventry with one of the Tescoliner services operated for Stobart Rail. Richard Tuplin**

Southeastern expand high-speed commuter services to Dover

Southeastern has announced the expansion of high-speed preview services to Ramsgate, Canterbury West, Dover Priory, Folkestone Central and Folkestone West from 7th September.

Charles Horton, Managing Director of Southeastern, commented: "We always hoped we could expand the preview service and thanks to the success of the first weeks we are now in a position to do this. We want as many people as possible to be able to experience the service before the full timetable is introduced in December".

There will be two morning peak services from Ramsgate via Canterbury West and two others from Dover Priory via Folkestone Central and Folkestone West, returning in the evening peak. All the new services will also stop at Ashford International, resulting in an additional peak service on top of the present three trains to St Pancras International.

An off-peak return train is also being introduced between St Pancras and Ashford, via Ebbsfleet International. Trains from Ebbsfleet will continue to have six morning peak services to St Pancras and seven services back in the evening.

Throughout the day, services run twice hourly between Ebbsfleet and St Pancras. All will continue to run Monday to Friday. The new services will radically improve journey times, saving 49 minutes on average from Ramsgate and 47 minutes from Dover.

Industrial action suspended on NXEA

Following three weeks of 48 hour Thursday/ Friday strikes on National Express East Anglia, further industrial action by the ASLEF, RMT and TSSA unions was suspended following an agreement reached on 13th August.

The industrial action affected the majority of services in and out of London Liverpool Street, including Stansted Express.

DB Schenker sets its sights on new traffic with demonstrator wagon

DB Schenker also reports that it has introduced a new secure and watertight wagon that has been developed to meet the high standards and needs of the dry bulk sector, and is said to represent the biggest improvement in the market for the movement of dry bulk products by rail in Britain for many years.

It is already approved to run up to 75mph on the rail network in Great Britain, and has a haulage capacity of 74.5 tonnes per wagon. The vehicle is also efficient to load, taking less than two minutes to open or close. In addition, its design ensures that the loading gauge on the network is maintained at all times. As well as targeting bulk commodities that must be kept dry during transit and converting traffic from road to railway, it is intended to enable the introduction of new freight services for customers in the power generation, construction, grain and forest products sectors. In particular, the wagon is aimed at supporting power generators in their move to introduce biomass and other alternative fuels for energy generation. It will also enable the movement of fly ash from power stations. To date, the railway has carried marginal flows of dry bulk cargo, with specialist wagons owned by customers in these sectors. The lack of suitable multi-purpose wagons in the market has been a barrier to rail freight growth in this sector.

▼ The demonstrator wagon, HTA coal hopper No. 310552 has been rebuilt with a covered roof and recoded as TOPS code CGA, although it retains its buckeye coupling. **DB Schenker**

Authorities do not have the powers to delete digital images or destroy film says Metropolitain Police

The Metropolitan Police has revised its anti-terrorism guidance in order to clear up confusion surrounding the powers that police officers have over both amateur and professional photographers.

Issued in July, the original guidance brought about serious criticism for failing to make clear that the police do not have the power to delete or destroy images without a court order.

It has now added the following paragraph to the text outlining police powers under the Terrorism Act: "Officers do not have the power to delete digital images or destroy film at any point during a search, and where it is clear that the person being searched is a journalist, officers should exercise caution before viewing images as images acquired or created for the purposes of journalism may constitute journalistic material and should not be viewed without a Court Order".

Through its website, the Metropolitan Police have also reiterated that "members of the public and the media do not need a permit to film or photograph in public places and police have no power to stop them filming or photographing incidents or police personnel."

Readers are urged to ensure that they work within the guidelines laid down when photographing on railway stations and in public places. It is also suggested that they print a copy of the Metropolitan Police website text, see web link below, and carry it with them when photographing, along with copies of the Network Rail and ATOC photographers guidelines.

▶ Metropolitan Police Website link

Metro and Network Rail work on Leeds accessibility

Passengers will have quicker and more convenient access to Leeds station under plans for a new southern entrance.

Metro and Network Rail are developing the scheme which will allow people to get in and out of the station from both sides of the River Aire around Granary Wharf. Public exhibitions started on 14th August to canvass the opinions of travellers and local residents and businesses.

The route director for Network Rail, said: "More than 100,000 people come through Leeds station on a normal weekday and the number of passengers is steadily increasing. This new entrance will not only improve access for those coming into the station from the south but will also help us to manage future demand. This is the first stage in a range of exciting plans for the station which will continue to improve facilities and services for passengers".

Together with the proposed new stations at Kirkstall Forge, Apperley Bridge and Low Moor, this would seem to be a significant investment in rail travel in the area. Subject to planning approval and funding the new entrance will open in 2012.

▲ A computer generated image of how the new southern entrance to Leeds station, from Granary Wharf, could look. **Network Rail**

Metro and Light Rail News

▲ People in East Croydon were surprised to find a new modular tram stop, complete with coated steel fencing, handrails and signboards, erected in George Street on the morning of 9th August. The finished platform, produced by Cambrian Transport, is a high quality, passenger friendly facility, with full disabled access and has been placed to assist Transport for London (TfL) in its programme of investment in the Tramlink system. On completion of TfL's track works programme, the stop will be dismantled and moved to storage ready for use elsewhere on the system in the future should this be necessary. In new London Tramlink livery, Bombardier-Wein Schienenfahrzeuge Bo-2-Bo tram No 2553 arrives at the temporary East Croydon terminus platform on 14th August, from where it will return to Wimbledon. **Brian Morrison**

Woolwich Arsenal development agreement

Transport for London has signed a joint venture agreement with Oakmayne Properties to develop 1.5 acres of space above the new Docklands Light Railway (DLR) station at Woolwich Arsenal and at the former DLR work site in Woolwich Town Centre.

The new developments are planned to be around 165,000 sq ft in size and will include residential and commercial use, both of which are expected to add to the number of passengers using the extension, which has already seen more than two million people passing through the station since it opened in January.

Under the terms of the joint venture Oakmayne will be responsible for gaining planning permission for the sites and the delivery of the development whilst TfL will remain landowners. On completion, the properties will be sold and any profit from the sale split between the two parties.

Construction work continues on Airdrie-Bathgate route

Construction of the rail link between Airdrie and Bathgate, closed 50 years ago, is progressing well with over 120,000 man hours having been completed by 300 on-site workers across 50 sites in the last month alone.

Along the course of the route, a 17-mile route corridor has been cleared of vegetation and ground work has begun, while six bridges have been removed to accommodate new track, and 13 others have had construction work takeplace. Work is also being carried out on two additional bridges on the existing line between Livingston and Bathgate. Elsewhere four temporary roads have been constructed; mining remediation works have filled old mine shafts along the route; drainage works are being carried out; 1,000 foundations and 600 overhead line masts have been installed!

Work on the first new station along the rail link at Armadale is underway, the platforms at Livingston North and Uphall stations are in operation, and rock cutting and retaining walls are being built adjacent to Hillend Loch. The £300 million Transport Scotland-funded project also involves upgrading the existing lines between Bathgate and Edinburgh and between Airdrie and Drumgelloch. Once completed, the route will be double-tracked and electrified from Edinburgh to Glasgow, and passengers will be able to travel continuously through to Helensburgh.

▼ The MoD Camp at Ashchurch receives regular, almost daily, trains, although technically running 'as required'. On 13th August, in glorious summer sunshine, Class 66/0 No. 66147 reverses the 07.32 Didcot Yard to Ashchurch MoD stores train along what was the old MR Evesham branch, on the final approach to the camp (beyond the trees to the right). **John Stretton**

▲ **Class 92 No. 92007** *Schubert* **hauls the heavily laden (unclean!) silver bullets containing imported China Clay slurry past Beck Houses on the West Coast Main Line. The service originates at Dollands Moor and is destined for Irvine Caladonia Paper Mill. Ian Tunstall**

Work starts on £600 million Birmingham Gateway project

Work is scheduled to start on the £600 million Birmingham New Street Gateway Project in September, planned to transform the 1960s-built station into a 21st century transport hub, providing a bigger, better and brighter complex for the 40 million passengers that use it each year.

The first phase of the project is to build a new concourse next to the station in what is currently the NCP Pallasades lower-level car park. The car park will close on 1st September, to enable preparatory work to start a few weeks later. The station and the Pallasades shopping centre will stay open throughout.

The new concourse is expected to open to the public in 2012, and in the second phase of the project, the old concourse will be redeveloped to deliver what is described as a world-class station upon final completion in 2015.

The New Street Gateway project will double passenger capacity and provide a concourse that is three-and-a-half times bigger than at present, enclosed by a large, light-filled atrium. Also, there will be more accessibility, brighter and clearer platforms, serviced by over 30 new escalators and over 15 new public lifts, together with a new station façade.

UK News In Brief

■ A £50,000 revamp of Selby station has been given the go-ahead, and will be completed by the end of the year. First TransPennine Express has received permission to rebuild its ticket counter, improve disabled facilities and install new measures to make the building safer for staff and commuters. North Yorkshire County Council is to contribute towards the cost, with Network Rail also playing a part.

■ The Airport Express Alliance is to be disbanded when its current contract expires on 21st September. The Commercial Director for Airport Express said: "Both Heathrow Express and Gatwick Express are very strong brands and want to refocus priorities on their core business, so they can continue to deliver excellent customer service. We would like to reassure all clients and customers that the transition will be as smooth as possible". Southern is understood to have decided to look after its own sales and marketing for Gatwick Express after being told it must run the franchise for a further five years. It is unknown at this time whether Airport Express will continue to look after sales and marketing for Heathrow Express. Southern was effectively forced to take over the rail service linking Gatwick to London Victoria last year when the Department for Transport terminated the franchise. Stansted Express was the first to leave the partnership in 2004 when 'one' Railway took over as operator. Heathrow Express and Gatwick Express founded the Alliance in 1999 and Stansted Express joined soon after.

■ Plans for a test track on the Robin Hood Line to assess new plant and equipment could boost passenger services to villages in Nottinghamshire. Network Rail says that making the Thoresby Colliery to High Marnham line into a test track could make passenger services to outlying areas a possibility, as it will be fully maintained. There have been ongoing calls for an extension to the Robin Hood Line, which runs between Nottingham and Worksop, but a study, nine years ago, concluded that a branch line to Warsop, Edwinstowe, Ollerton and Tuxford would be uneconomic, but there has since been a significant growth in the number of houses and firms near the route.

RH Statistical Information

Every month, *Railway Herald* receives numerous queries for information on how many copies of the magazine are downloaded and how popular is the website, so we have decided to publish the figures here, every week, subject to space.

Covering the period 10th-17th August

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20 uniformed Officers deployed on TfL services

Transport for London (TfL) has announced a 12-month trial, which will see 20 uniformed officers on London Overground services helping passengers and deterring anti-social behaviour.

The new team will, in time, have the power to issue Penalty Notices for Disorder such as graffiti, criminal damage or littering and will also be able to take names and addresses of people behaving unacceptably on the network and pass them on to the Police. For the trial period, the new team will boost the number of staff in uniforms patrolling London Overground services. They will work closely with the British Transport Police's Neighbourhood Policing Teams, who already work on the Overground, and provide an extra deterrent to bad behaviour and help tackle the fear of crime.

Ian Brown, Managing Director of London Rail said: "We are committed to making our passengers feel even safer when travelling on our network - particularly as we know that the fear of crime remains for many Londoners. The trial of Travel Safe Officers will add to the existing BTP officers on our network. They will also add to the improvements already made to lighting and security at stations. The new trains, which have clear sightlines right through the carriage and onboard CCTV monitored by the driver, will also increase the feeling of safety. Further upgrades will see Help Points and cameras at all stations by 2011".

The Travel Safe Officer initiative is being funded by TfL London Rail at a cost of around £600,000 over 12 months. TSOs already patrol Docklands Light Railway stations and trains during late hours, and at least 70 to 80% of TSOs time will be spent patrolling on the trains with the remainder of their time spent patrolling stations. They will be deployed between Gospel Oak – Barking, Stratford – Willesden and Watford Junction – Euston.

Final Class 90 works Anglia passenger services

▼ Class 90 No. 90026 is reported to be the last of the class to work passenger turns on the Great Eastern mainline, although Freightliner's No. 90047 is only believed to have worked one service between Ipswich and Norwich after a failure. DB Schenker-operated No. 90026 is pictured on Belstead Bank, near Ipswich, on 15th August with the 10:30 Norwich to Liverpool Street service. This was the loco's first day in service since its transfer to National Express duties six days earlier. Keith Partlow

The weekly column looking at some of the more unusual and newsworthy movements on the UK network

The week commenced with the usual National Express East Anglia 'drags' with DRS Class 47/4 No. 47832 hauling Class 90 No. 90012 to Great Yarmouth. All was not well however, as the '47' was declared a failure at Norwich on the return run, resulting in the afternoon working being a Class 153 and 156 unit!

Another failure that evening was Class 86/6 No. 86609 (paired with classmate No. 86610), which was assisted forward to Crewe by DRS Class 37/0 No. 37229 after being declared a failure at Carlisle. A shortage of Wrexham & Shropshire Class 67s on 8th August resulted in No. 67017 operating one of the day's diagrams.

First GBRf Class 66/7 No. 66728 was used to deliver Class 378 No. 378016 to Willesden on 8th August, while in Scotland, Class 37/5 No. 37676 was paired with Class 47/4 No. 47804 on the 'Royal Scotsman' for a working to Mallaig. Further south, but heading for Scotland, one of the 'Royal' Class 67s No. 67006 *Queen's Messenger* worked the 'Northern Belle' charter from London Victoria to Edinburgh, via Kensington Olympia and York, the same day, before handing over to DB Schenker Class 37/4 No. 37401 and Class 37/5 No. 37670 *St Blazey T&RS Depot* for the final leg to Inverness. The 9th found both locos working a 'Northern Belle' 'fill-in' special from Aberdeen to Kyle of Lochalsh, having worked ECS from Inverness. The duo returned to Inverness later that evening in preparation for working the return 'Belle' to London, as far as Edinburgh. Class 67 No. 67006 however, found itself employed on the Fife Circle loco-hauled diagram on the morning of 10th August, No. 67008 taking its place on 'Northern Belle' duties in the afternoon, working the weekend excursion back from Edinburgh to London.' Royal' classmate No. 67005 *Royal Sovereign* found employment on 10th August, paired with No. 67025 on the First Great Western Cardiff–Taunton diagram.

The 10th also found Class 67 No. 67003 working from Crewe to Birkenhead in preparation for moving Merseyrail Class 508 No. 508136 to Doncaster Works (5X75). That evening, having returned to Mossend from their outing to Inverness and Kyle, Class 37s Nos. 37401 and 37670 were joined by classmate No. 37419 in the consist of the Mossend to Wembley 'Enterprise' working (6M66), powered by Class 92 No. 92037 *Sullivan*. The Type 3s were detached from the train at Warrington. The following day found First GBRf once again hiring in a Class 57 to move a pair of Class 321 EMUs (Nos. 321409 and 321408) from Bletchley TMD to Eastleigh Works (5O21), a Class 57 being required as the translator vehicles for these moves as ETS supply is needed. As previously noted, the two operational DBS Class 37s moved south after their Scottish adventure, with No. 37401 being noted on the Cambrian route learner on the 11th, with classmate No. 37670 on the Warrington Arpley to Dowlow trip.

After repairs at Eastleigh, Colas Rail Class 47/7 No. 47727 worked

◀ **Class 57/0s Nos. 57012 and 57003 pilot Class 37/6 No. 37607 with a Sellafield to Crewe flask train at Carnforth station, awaiting the road south on 12th August. DRS has recently started using Class 57s on flask traffic. Stuart Harrison**

▲ **The third member of the Hanson Traction Class 56 fleet, No. 56114 (still carrying its faded EW&S livery) was transferred from the Nene Valley Railway to Washwood Heath on 15th August. With classmate No. 56311 providing the power, the pair are pictured passing Wichnor. It is understood that once OTMR has been fitted to No. 56114 it will become No. 56314. Stacey Thew**

back to Ashford on 11th August, to join classmate No. 47739 in time to work that evening's steel service from Dollands Moor to Burton. First GBRf Class 66/7 No. 66704 worked from Tyne Dock to New Cumnock (4Z50) the same day with empty coal hoppers. The set worked back overnight, loaded, to Lynemouth, forming the first part of a new trial working.

Having been officially outshopped last week, Electric Traction Ltd Class 86/7s Nos. 86701 and 86702 were moved by First GBRf from Long Marston to Crewe on the afternoon of 11th August, motive power being provided by Class 66/7 No. 66728. Advenza Freight received its fourth Class 66/8 on the same day, when No. 66843 was released from Springburn Works and headed south to Warrington. A rare outing for stored Class 508s Nos. 508210 and 508211 occurred on 12th August when the pair worked from Stewarts Lane to Brighton (5Z80) and return (5Z81). On the same day, Class 57/3 No. 57310, having worked to Eastleigh the previous morning, worked through to Polmadie with two translator vehicles, while another Class 58, No. 58001, was tripped to Wembley (0Z58) by Class 67 No. 67008.

Having been employed on Cambrian testing duties, Class 97/3 No. 97301 failed at Aberystwyth on the 12th, with classmate No. 97303 being sent out from Shrewsbury Coleham Depot to rescue it. Also causing problems was Merchant Navy No. 35028 *Clan Line*, which had operational difficulties resulting in Class 67 No. 67003 'topping' the train to Westbury, where the steam was booked to be removed. Now part of the active First GBRf pool, Class 66/4 No. 66401, having moved from Peterborough to Doncaster as part of a loco-convoy on 9th August, ended up on the opposite side of the Pennines at the start of the week, being noted on the Fiddler's Ferry to Middlesbrough Gypsum working (4E77) overnight on 12th/13th August. On 13th August, Class 47/7 No. 47760 worked the 11.00 Carnforth to Bo'ness (5Z98) stock move, conveying five SRPS Mk1 vehicles. DRS Class 57/0s No. 57012 and 57003 worked the Dungeness to Willesden flask service again on 13th August.

Having been on display at the Barrow Hill diesel event, Class 66/8 No. 66842 stabled at Doncaster prior to working to York on 13th August to collect a rake of intermodal flats and work south to Tilbury (4L72), prior to the start of the new West Burton Power Station to Tilbury working (two trials for which ran earlier in the summer).

▶ **Class 508s Nos. 508210 and 508211, currently in warm storage at Stewarts Lane Depot, undertook a maintenance service run to Brighton and back on 12th April. Here the duo approach Gatwick Airport on the outward journey. Andrew Crampton**

The first working took place on 13th August, when No. 66842 worked north to West Burton Power Station (4E61), returning south (4L72) the following afternoon.

In preparation for a return to service, Class 37/4 No. 37425 *Pride of the Valleys* was moved northwards to Crewe on 13th August, while EWS Executive liveried Class 67 No. 67029 found employment on the Toton Yard to March Whitemoor (6L15) civil engineers working that evening.

The penultimate Class 395 'Javelin' unit, No. 395026, was moved from Southampton Docks to Ashford (7X95) on the same evening by Class 67 No. 67008, while on 14th August, Class 66/7 No. 66730 provided the motive power for a Derby Litchurch Lane to Willesden move of TfL Class 378 No. 378017.

◀ In a rare daylight move for the Structure Gauging Train, Class 31/4 No. 31465 and Class 31/1 No. 31233 'top and tail' a Bristol Temple Meads to Eastleigh working past Upton Scudamore on 12th August.
Ken Brunt

The weekly round-up of news and information from the DB Schenker Class 60 fleet

Railway Herald understands that the DB Schenker Class 60 fleet is to be increased in the run-up to the autumn Sandite season, although it is not known whether the '60s' will see use on Sandite workings or replace Class 66s on schedule freights, allowing the 'GM' traction to be released for Autumn operations.

After its failure last week while working the Lindsey to Jarrow tanks, No. 60061 was transferred to Doncaster on 8th August for repairs, being sandwiched between Class 66s Nos. 66167 and 66125 for the move.

It was transferred to Toton on 9th August and stored. On the 10th, No. 60004 returned to the active pool, its first working being a 'light engine' move from Toton TMD to Immingham, prior to working from Lindsey Oil Refinery to Westerleigh (6V98) and return (6E41). On the same day, No. 60087, which was transferred from Warrington to Toton at the end of last week, was removed from the operational fleet.

On 11th August, Nos. 60055 and 60082 (both stored) were transferred from Bescot to Crewe Electric Depot, motive power being provided by Class 92 No. 92013. The following day No. 60049 ran 'light engine' from Toton TMD to Rotherham Masborough (0J06) before being noted between Masborough and Aldwarke (0J57), and then working the evening Stocksbridge service and returning to Masborough (6D61). The loco ended the week working off Peak Forest, replacing celebrity No. 60074 *Teenage Spirit*, which left the area on 13th August, being hauled to Toton by Class 66 No. 66011.

Also on 12th August, with no Humber to Jarrow 'tanks' on the day, No. 60013 was employed on the depot fuel tanks to Neville Hill, and returned with just one TTA in tow! A further returnee appeared on the scene on 13th August with Mainline-blue liveried No. 60011 working from Toton to Crewe Basford Hall (6K50) and back before heading north 'light engine' to Scunthorpe Trent Yard (0D74), giving no less than four '60s' in the Immingham area, a first for many months. On 14th August, No. 60011 worked 'light engine' (0F54) from Doncaster LIP to Toton TMD, prior to working to March Whitemoor Yard (7L15) and back.

Having returned to Toton, No. 60074 found employment on 14th August working from Toton Yard to Crewe Basford Hall (6K50) and back, before heading down the Midland Mainline on the following day. The only operational members of the fleet not mentioned as yet, being Army-liveried No. 60040, which remains based at Immingham, Nos. 60019 and 60059 which have been employed in South Wales all week, and No. 60091, which spent the entire week working off Peak Forest.

Active Class 60 Locomotives

Active Fleet: 60004, 60011, 60013, 60019, 60040, 60049, 60059, 60074, 60085, 60091, 60096
Additions: 60004 (10th), 60011 (13th), 60049 (12th). **Stored:** 60061(9th), 60087 (10th)
Active Fleet Total: 11

▼ **Recently reinstated Class 60 No. 60004 powers through Oddingley, Worcestershire, on 12th August working the Westerleigh to Lyndsey discharged tanks. Stephen Tucker**

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.

17th August

UK Railtours	tbc	London Victoria-Eastleigh (break)-Havant-Woking-Victoria (Ocean Liner)	

19th August

Railway Touring Company	tbc	Crewe-Llandudno Town-Blaenau Ffestiniog & return	**Postponed**
Statesman Rail	WCRC Pool	Lancaster-Preston-Blackburn-Hellifield-Appleby-Carlisle & return	

21st August

Railway Touring Company	6233	Crewe-Wilmslow-Wakefield Kirkgate- York-Scarborough & return	

22nd August

Compass Tours	DBS66 2xDBS37	Workington-Maryport-Aspatria-Wigton-Carlisle-Locherbie-Motherwell-Mossend Yard-Oban & return	
NENTA Traintours	2xWCRC 47	Norwich-Ipswich-Chelmsford- Bath Spa-Bristol TM-Cardiff & return	
Past Time Rail	tbc	Manchester Victoria-Huddersfield-Blackburn-Victoria	**Cancelled**
Railway Touring Company	6201	Liverpool LS-St. Helens Central-Wigan North Western-Preston-Shap-Carlisle-S&C-Hellifield-Blackburn-Wigan NW & return	
Railway Touring Company	70013	London KX-Lincoln-Cleethorpes and return	**Cancelled**

23rd August

Railway Touring Company	6233	Liverpool LS-Warrington Bank Quay-Frodsham-Chester-Colwyn Bay-Llandudno Juncyion-Bangor-Holyhead (break/rev) & return	
Railway Touring Company	45231	York-Leeds-Shipley-Keighley-Skipton-S&C-Appleby-Carlisle (break/rev)-Carlisle-Appleby-S&C-Skipton & return	
SRPS	60009	Linlithgow- Dalmeny-Inverkeithing-Kirkcaldy-Thornton Jcts-Cardenden-Dunfermline-Kincardine-Alloa-Stirling-Larbert-Polmont-Linlithgow (AM)	
SRPS	60009	Dalmeny- Inverkeithing-Kirkcaldy-Cardenden-Dunfermline-Kincardine-Alloa-Stirling-Larbert-Polmont-Linlithgow-Dalmeny	(PM)
Steam Dreams	70013	London- Cambridge-Ely-Norwich (break/rev)	
Torbay Express Ltd	6024	Bristol TM-Taunton-Exeter SD-Torquay-Paignton-Kingswear & return	
Vintage Trains	5043	Birmingham SH-Stratford upon Avon-Birmingham SH (twice)	

26th August

Railway Touring Company	45231	Preston-Warrington BQ-Chester-Llandudno Jn-Blaenau Ffestiniog & rtn	
Statesman Rail	WCRC Pool	Lancaster-Preston-Blackburn-Hellifield-Appleby-Carlisle & return	

27th August

Steam Dreams	34067	London- Warwick-Stratford upon Avon & return	

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

Mon, Wed & Fri	WCRC	The Cambrian	Machynlleth-Porthmadog-Pwllheli	76079
Tues & Thurs	WCRC	The Cambrian	Machynlleth-Porthmadog	76079
Daily	WCRC	The Jacobite	Fort William-Mallaig-Fort William	62005, 45407
Tues-Thurs	WCRC	Scarborough Spa	York-Harrogate-Leeds-Scarborough & return	45231
Mon-Thurs/Sat	NYMR	Whitby	Pickering - Whitby	75029, 828

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

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

The Week Ahead

The highlight of the week is probably the inaugural 'Ocean Liner Express' train for UK Railtours, which is due on 17th August from London Victoria to Eastleigh to view the rare occurrence of two Cunarders, Queen Mary II and Queen Victoria, both berthed in Southampton at the same time. DRS Class 47s should feature, and the tour will work outwards via the direct route and return via Fareham, Havant and Guildford. Delays with the coaching stock refurbishment programme resulted in last week's proposed inaugural run to Skegness being cancelled.

Once again 'Britannia' Pacific No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* has a busy week ahead working for Steam Dreams; commencing on 19th August it heads the 'Sunny Seaside Special' from London Waterloo to Weymouth, running via Basingstoke and Southampton in both directions. A 'Cathedrals Express' from London Liverpool Street to Norwich, via Cambridge and Ely, on 23rd August, follows this.

Also on 23rd August is the SRPS 'Forth Circles' featuring 'A4' Pacific No. 60009 *Union of South Africa*, running from Linlithgow (morning) and Dalmeny (afternoon) via both the Fife and Clackmannan Circles. The route is outward via the Forth Bridge, Kirkaldy, Thornton Junctions and Cowdenbeath to Dunfermline, and then onwards via Alloa to Stirling, returning Linlithgow and Dalmeny via Polmont.

Two modern traction tours conclude the 'one-offs' for the coming weekend, with Compass Railtours 'The West Highlander' heading for Oban from Workington and Carlisle with DB Schenker Class 37s from Mossend to Oban and return. The remainder of the tour will be covered by a DBS Class 66. Meanwhile, Nenta Traintours will be heading for Bath Spa, Bristol Temple Meads and Cardiff from Norwich with West Coast Class 47s in charge.

For details of all the regular itinerary charter workings please refer to the *Railway Herald* comprehensive steam and modern traction railtour listings which can be found on website www.railwayherald.co.uk

▼ **After being held for ninety minutes GWR 'Castle' No. 5043** *Earl of Mount Edgcumbe* **passes Hatton North Junction on 9th August as it heads for Birmingham with the 12.37pm 'Shakespeare Express' from Stratford-upon-Avon. A Points failure at the junction was the cause of the delay. John Edkins**

In beautiful lighting conditions on 7th August, LMS 'Princess Royal' Pacific No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* **crosses Uppermill Viaduct, near Oldham, bound for Stockport and Crewe. Colin Irwin**

Ups & Downs by John Whitehouse

■ Two cancellations from the Railway Touring Company this week, commencing with the 'Lincolnshire Coast Express' with No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* on 22nd August, together with the 'North Wales Coast Express' on 30th August, which was booked for No. 60009 *Union of South Africa*. After yet another cancellation from the North East Lincolnshire resort, will any steam-operated charter out of Cleethorpes operate again?

■ It looks as if *Tornado* will have to await another day for a tilt at the Lickey Incline, as Pathfinder's 7th November train booked for the 'A1', which was due to run north from Gloucester, now looks likely to run south from Gloucester back to London. This is essentially a positioning special to get the locomotive back to London after its two week visit to the Severn Valley Railway at the end of October.

■ Merchant Navy Pacific No. 35028 *Clan Line* encountered problems when working the VSOE British Pullman on 12th August. The loco is reported to have encountered injector problems on the outward leg from London Victoria to Salisbury, and diesel assistance was requested. The locomotive was due to work the return from Westbury throughout, having received attention during the layover in Westbury, but in the event was hauled back by the Class 67.

■ Following a prolonged period out of traffic for repairs, 'King' 4-6-0 No. 6024 *King Edward I* was back on 'Torbay Express' duties from 16th August through to the end of the season on 27th September. However, a further problem prior to its 'fitness to run' exam prevented its use on 16th August, which resulted in the train being worked throughout by 'Royal' Class 67 No. 67005 *Queen's Messenger*.

■ Some locomotive changes to note for Railway Touring Company: No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* will now operate the 'Scarborough Flyer' on 21st August and the 'North Wales Coast Express' on 23rd August, while the 'Cumbrian Mountain Express' on 22nd August will be hauled by No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth*.

■ Good news from the SRPS, which advises that the 23rd August 'Forth Circle' workings with 'A4' No. 60009 *Union of South Africa* are selling very well, and the remaining seats are selling fast. The support for the trains this year has been excellent, and if the trend continues the SRPS 40th year should be one of its most successful. Also contributing to revenue is the short-term hire of coaches to West Coast during July and part of August to augment the fleet at a traditionally busy time, thus promoting the SRPS brand south of the border!

The final farewell to Bernard Staite

On 10th August, GWR 'King' No. 6024 *King Edward I* **successfully completed a mainline test run, following eight months away from the National Network.**

After an arrival nearly an hour early, a thorough check at Shrewsbury revealed no problems and Traction Inspector, Gareth Jones, said the loco was running better than ever. The load was five coaches and carried some of Bernard Staite's family as well as the support crew.

On the northbound climb of Llanvihangel, there was an emotional moment as Bernard's ashes were reverently placed in the firebox. May his final resting place witness many more steam hauled trains battling the fearsome bank.

◀ **GWR 'King' No. 6024** *King Edward I* **awaits departure time at Brisol Temple Meads on 10th August with the 'Bernard Staite Salopian' test run.** **Ron Cover**

▶ **The train departs from Hereford, bound for Shrewsbury.** **Robert Lewis**

Unrebuilt Battle of Britain Pacific No. 34067 *Tangmere* **approaches Lawrence Lane Bridge Buckland, near Reigate, on 'The Downsman' charter on 8th August. Andrew Crampton**

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◀ **On 10th August 'A1' Pacific No. 60163** *Tornado* **approaches Platform 4 of Lewisham station en route from Bristol Barton Hill to Hither Green via Bexleyheath, the Crayford Spur and Sidcup, in readiness for its Steam Dreams assignments on 15th August. Lewisham's Platform 2 is out of bounds to the locomotive on gauging grounds, hence the circuitous route. The Bexleyheath route has not witnessed a steam locomotive for many years. Bill Turvill**

◀▼ **DRS Class 47/4s Nos. 47501** *Craftsman* **and 47802** *Pride of Cumbria* **power through Tibberton, Worcestershire, with an excursion from Chesterfield to Paignton on 15th August. Operational problems on No. 47802 during the day resulted in the train returning to the Midlands behind No. 47501. Stephen Tucker**

▼ **LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 45231** *Sherwood Forrester* **and support coach arrive back at West Coast Railway's Carnforth depot on 3rd August. After several weeks working 'Jacobite' services, the loco had left Fort William at 04.30 that morning. Several West Coast Railway locos are visible in the background. Stuart Harrison**

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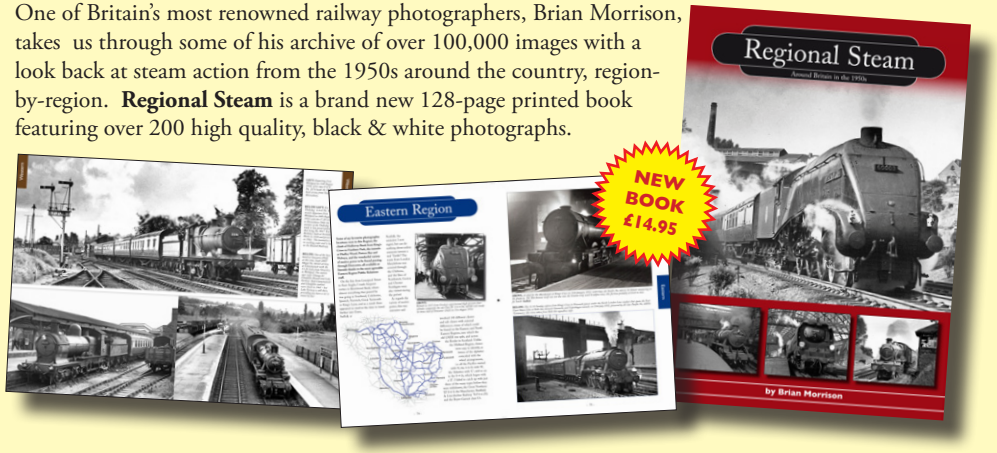

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Vintage trains and Works Open Weekend at Midland Railway - Butterley

The Midland Railway at Butterley has a busy end of August to look forward to, commencing with this coming weekend when it will be operating the vintage coaches on both 22nd & 23rd August, utilising visiting Manning Wardle 0-6-0ST *Sir Berkeley*.

The fleet of 19th Century four and six-wheeler coaches, together with the Midland Railway 'Royal Saloon' will all be in action.

This will be followed over the August Bank Holiday weekend with a 'Works Open Day' event which will feature five steam locomotives, including Princess Coronation Pacific No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland*, and a number of mainline diesels in action, together with a host of other attractions celebrating the great days of the Horticultural Show and Open Days at Derby Locomotive Works.

Also, between 24th & 28th August there will be celebrations for the 40th anniversary of the railway at Butterley with a number of special exhibitions featuring the history of the railway and of the local network, together with signalling in the Derby area.

Pennine Rail Express uses First Generation DMU!

▼ A Pennine Rail Express service to Leeds departs Castlebury with two-car Metro-Cammell vehicles Nos. 51188 and 51505. This isn't some little known company however, more the result of the BBC Drama Productions team. Filming work for a new Drama entitled 'Five Days 2', to be shown in January 2010, took place at Wirksworth station on 2nd August, with the resident BR Blue liveried DMU gaining livery emblishments for its role. Martin Miller

NYMR Autumn steam event

The star attraction at the North Yorkshire Moors Autumn Steam Gala on 2nd - 4th October will be the National Railway Museum's Class 7MT Pacific No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell***, being the first visit of a 'Britannia' to the line.**

Three other locomotives approaching completion of overhauls/ major work may also just make the Gala. Agreement has been reached in principle for the attendance of LMS Class 7P 4-6-0 No. 6100 *Royal Scot*, and Ian Riley's latest LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 44871, and the NYMR is working to have its own 'Black 5' No. 45428 *Eric Treacy* in steam if the final stages of the engine's major overhaul can be completed in time.

It is planned to operate SR 'Schools' 4-4-0 No. 30926 *Repton* between Whitby and Battersby on the Sunday. This will mark two notable 'firsts' – the locomotive's first return to the mainline after 47 years, and the first 'Schools' class locomotive on the national network since the Liverpool and Manchester Railway celebrations at Rainhill in 1980.

'Hoover' works SVR passenger services

▶ **Looking good in its BR two-tone green livery, The Fifty Fund's Class 50 No. D444** *Exeter* **arrives at Bewdley on the Severn Valley Railway with a morning working to Kidderminster from Bridgnorth on 8th August, complete with a matching rake of Mk1 stock in 'crimson & cream' livery.**
David Bissett

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Barrow Hill Diesel Gala Weekend

◀ Class 03 shunter No. 03066 stands centre stage on the turntable at Barrow Hill Roundhouse during the Twin Diesel/Type 5 Diesel Gala on 8th August.
Robert Jefferys

▼ The Barrow Hill Diesel Gala held over the weekend of 8th/9th August included the operation of Advenza Class 66/8 No. 66841 on its first passenger working, albeit on the short gala shuttle service. Complete with 'The Marauder' headboard, the loco passes the display area with Class 55 No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* and Class 56 No. 56006 on display.
Fred Kerr

On 15th August, Class 33/0 No. D6355 passes Leigh Woods with the 14.05 Minehead to Bishops Lydeard service. The loco had been given the full 'Bath Road' treatment, together with special headboard and white ribbons, specially for the wedding party, which we gather included several 'Crompton' fans on board the service train. **Brian Garrett**

The Great Garratt Gathering

To celebrate 100 years of Garratt locomotives, the first. the Welsh Highalnd Rilway based 'K1' being 100 years old, the Great Garratt Gathering took place in Manchester from the 14th-16th of August.

A number of Garratt locomotives of varying scales were present, including 'K1' and the standard gauge *William Francis* 0-4-0+0-4-0, visiting from Bressingham Steam Museum. A number of other Beyer Peacock locos were also on display including a works 0-4-0ST shunter and Bo-Bo Hymek No. D7076.

▶ **Two of the visiting locomotives were Beyer Peacock Gorton Works 0-4-0ST shunter No. BP1827, loaned by Foxfield Railway, and 'Hymek' No. D7076 from the localllly-based East Lancs Railway. Fred Kerr**

▼ **Manchester Museum of Science and Industry's own Pakistan 5ft 6in gauge 4-4-0 No. PR 3157, built by Vulcan Foundry in 1911, was brought outside into the open the first time in twenty years. Robin Patrick**

▶ **The Baddesley Colliery Garratt No. 6841 *William Francis*, built by Beyer Peacock in 1937, and visiting from Bressingham was moved around the site by other locomotives during the course of the event, the locomotive being out of boiler certificate. Robin Patrick**

17th August 2009
Great Central Railway Society (Spinkhill Branch)
The Angel Hotel, 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'The Buses of Booth & Fisher' by Andy Firth. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for further details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Dorking Branch)
Pethick-Lawrence House, 85 South Street, Dorking. 'European Trams and Trolleybuses' by John Zebedee. Meeting commences at 19.30.

RCTS (Northampton Branch)
'Visit to the SVR'. Contact the society secretary, D.Pick, on 01604 810613 or by e-mail at northampton@rcts.org for details.

RCTS (Thames Valley Branch)
'Observation & Photography at Didcot Station'. Contact Murray Lewis on 01189 426681 for details.

19th August 2009
Aeron Valley Railway Society
Prince of Wales Inn, Aberaeron. 'A Cambrian Journey' by Alan Williams and Brian Duke. Meeting commences at 19.45.

RCTS (Humberside Branch)
'Evening at Barnetby'. Contact R. Hall on 01482 501058 or by e-mail at richardh@djbraody.co.uk for details.

20th August 2009
Breconshire Rly Society
R.A.F.A.Club, The Struet, Brecon 'The Daffodil Line' by David Postle. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Arthur Robinson on 01982 560219 for further details.

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BB. Bring a Thing. Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for details.

20th - 25th August 2009
LCGB Overseas Tours.
Germany ' Chemnitz Rail Fest' LCGB Membership is compulsory.

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

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Central London Branch)
Keen House, Calshot Street, London N1. Members Slides Evening. Meeting commences at 19.00

23rd August 2009
RCTS (West Riding Branch)
'Crewe Basford Hall at 12.00 hrs'. Contact Malcolm Riley on 07887 908501 for further details.

25th August 2009
RCTS (Mersey & N.Wales Branch)
'Lancashire Day Ranger'. Contact Geoff Morris on 01244 376808.

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. Starts 20.00. Contact the secretary on 01256 326096 for details.

27th August 2009
GC Railway Society (Rotherham Branch)
The Three Horseshoes, Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 2BW. 'Coming up with the Goods' by Steward Donohoe. Starts 19.30. Contact Mick Hayes on 01709 820544 for details.

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

LCGB (Bedford Branch)
St John's Church Hall, St John's Streeet, Bedford MK42 0DL 'The Dick Schaeffer and Ian Hall Collection' by Ken Dickens. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01525 750149 for details.

LCGB (North London)
Wood Green Social Club, 3 Stuart Crescent, Wood Green, London N22 5NJ. '57 Ways of Wheels Going Uphill & Around Corners (Pt1). by Ray Schofield. Starts at 19.00.

Permanent Way Institution (Edinburgh Branch)
The Scots Guards Club, 2 Clifton Terrace, Edinburgh. 'S&C Construction to Delivery' by Forbes Prentice. Meeting commences at 18.00. Contact the Secretary, Alan Morrison on 07834 507497 or by e-mail at alan.morrison@atkinsglobal.com for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (Wessex Branch)
The Freemantle Club, Waterloo Road, Southampton. 'The New Western Way' by Neil Hobden. Meeting starts at 18.00. 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. 'Oxford to Cambridge - Then and Now' by Richard Crane. Starts 19.30.

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 John Goodrich on 023 8067 0028 for details.

Weston super Mare Railway Society
The Function Room, The Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare '"Tornado" A Steam Locomotive for the 21st Century' by Bob Alderman. Starts 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

2nd September 2009
Burton Railway Society
Marston's Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton upon Trent. 'All Trains Great & Small' by Dennis Lovatt. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £1.50 non members. Contact Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 for further details.

Mid Hants Railway (Woking & Guildford)
St Nicholas Church Hall, Bury Street, Guildford. 'Narrow Gauge Spectacular' by Les Nixon. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact, Dave Pegg on 01483 834062 for details.

3rd September 2009
RCTS (Milton Keynes)
CIU Workingmen's Club, London Road, Stony Stratford. '30 Years of the Rail Atlas of Britain and Ireland. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at dexter-skiddaw@tiscali.co.uk for details.

4th September 2009
RCTS (Bristol Branch)
St Peters Church Hall, Church Road, Wilton. 'From Blue and Grey to Black and Green' by Paul Chancellor. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at paul.udey@talktalk.net for further details.

4th-11th September 2009
LCGB Overseas Tours
'IGE Benelux Express' LCGB membership is compulsory.

5th September 2009
M&GN Circle
Gaywood Community Centre, Gayton Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk. M&GN Roadshow. Open 10am - 4.30pm. Admission Adults £3, Children £2, Family £8. Contact 01692 650056 for further details.

7th September 2009
RCTS (Ashford Branch)
The Elwick Club, Church Road, Ashford. 'American Wanderings' by Gordon Davies. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at southeast@rcts.org.uk for further details.

RCTS (Northampton Branch)
'Lineside Observation at Rugby Station from 17.00hrs' Contact D.Pick on 01604 810613 for further details.

8th September 2009
Abergavenny and District Steam Society
Upper Room, The Hen & Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny 'Update on the WHR' by John Stretton. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact the Secretary, Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for further details.

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▼ 'Hymek' No. D7076 from the East Lancashire Railway is pictured stabled in the sidings at the Manchester Science Museum on 5th August, in preparation for the Museum's 'Great Garratt Gathering' event on 14th-16th August, when numerous other locos constructed by Beyer-Peacock and 'Garratts' will be in attendance. **Robert Beardwell**

Oxfordshire Railway Society
Seacourt Day Centre, Seacourt Road, Botley, Oxford OX2 9LN.
'A Broad Gauge Journey - Paddington to Bristol' by Canon Brian Arman. Meeting commences at 19.30. Visitors welcome.

RCTS (Merseyside, Chester & North Wales Branch)
'Observation at Doncaster 07.30 - 19.00hrs'. Contact Geoff Morris on 01244 376808 for further details.

RCTS (Nottingham Branch)
Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham.
'The London Underground' by Chris Wolmar. Meeting starts 19.30.

Tewkesbury Railway Society
YMCA, Church Street, Tewkesbury. Members Slides/Digital Images. Meeting commences at 20.00.

9th September 2009

Permanent Way Institution (Thames Valley Branch)
Davidson House, Reading.
'Design Reality or Maintenance Nightmare on Light Rail' by David Bateman. Starst 17.45. Contact, Peter Simmons at peter191102@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

RCTS (Scottish Branch)
'Visit to Edinburgh Waverley IECC 19.00hrs' Contact E.Williams on 07710 266696 for further details.

RCTS (Hitchin Branch)
Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Road, Hitchin. 'Hertford East Branch' by David Dent. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Radyr Branch)
Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr.
'A Diesel Scrapbook in Colour' by Derek Short. Meeting commences ar 19.30. Contact the Secretary at noelinda@noel65.fsnet.co.uk for further details.

Grimsby & Cleethorpes Railway Group
Royal Air Force Club, 5 Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes DN35 8LQ.
'Forty Five Years of Railway Photography' by Les Nixon. Meeting commences at 14.00. Contact Mike Hartley on 01724 341358 for further information

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

10th September 2009

Continental Railway Circle (London & The Home Counties Branch)
St.Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ
'Railways of Taiwan Today' by Michael Reilly. Starts 19.15. Admission £2.00. Contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for details.

Permanent Way Institution (Birmingham Branch)
The 11th Floor Boardroom, Network Rail Offices, The Mailbox, 100 Wharfside Street, Birmingham B1 1RT. 'Railway Surveying - The Way Forward' by Chris Preston. Starts 18.00. Contact, Ian Wardle on 07824 410961 for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (York Brnach)
Park Inn, North Street, York,.
'Presidential Address - The Role of the PWI in the Future Railway' by Bob Cummings. Starts 18.00. Contact the Secretary, Martin Fairbrother on 07802 657839 for further details.

RCTS (Newcastle Branch)
The Brunswick Methodist Hall, Newcastle. '21st Century British Freight' by Geoff Brockett. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at jimbrick@fsmail.net for further details.

11th September 2009

RCTS (West Riding)
'8 Day Visit to Devon and Cornwall'. Contact Malcolm Riley on 07887 908501 for further details.

Shropshire Railway Society
The Gateway, Chester Road, Shrewsbury. 'Mid-Summer Norton from Ashes to Operation' by John Baxter. Meeting starts at 19.30.

14th September 2009

RCTS (Ipswich Branch)
Bridge Ward Social Club, 66 Austin Street, Ipswich. 'The M&GN - 50 Years On' by Nigel Digby. Meeting starts at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at ipswich@rcts.or.uk for further details.

Southern Electric Group (Sussex Branch)
The Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'The Modern Industrial Scene' by Nick Kelly. Meeting commences at 19.30. Donation requested. Contact the Branch Secretary, Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for further details.

15th September 2009

RCTS (Hull Branch)
Upstairs, The Highway Public House, Willerby Road, Hull.
'Rails in the Dales including the S&C' by Eddie Parker. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at richardh@dibroady.co.uk for further details.

Tewkesbury Railway Society
YMCA, Church Street, Tewkesbury. Slide Show 'Steam Around the World' by Mike Squire. Meeting commences at 20.00.

16th September 2009

Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St Club, New Road, Basingstoke. Members Quartet - 4 Separate Topics. Meeting commences at 20.00. Visitors welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 326096 for further details.

Burton Railway Society
Marston's Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton upon Trent
Natter Night 'Railways in the 1960s: Around Burton & Derby plus the works,signal boxes and scrap yards' by Malcolm Crick. Meeting commences at 19.30. No admission charge. Contact Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (Bristol & West of England Branch)
Arup Auditorium, 63 St Thomas Street, Bristol.
'Severn Tunnel Junction Renewal' by Phil Groves. Doors open at 18.00 for 18.30 start. Contact the Secretary, Phil Harrison on 01179 765432 or by e-mail at philip.harrison@arup.com for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (Glasgow Branch)
(Joint meeting with the Institution of Railway Operators)
Upstairs Lounge, The Iron Horse, West Nile Street, Glasgow.
'Modular S&C Renewals on Network Rail' by Kevin Percival and Geoff South. Doors open at 17.15 for 17.30 start. ;Contact the Secretary, Jack Scott on 07789 765291 or by e-mail at Jack.scott1@Btinternet.com for further details.

RCTS (Eastleigh Branch)
Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh.
'The Exe Valley Railway' by Mike Pym. Meeting commences at 19.45.

17th September 2009

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North West Branch)
The St.David's Social Centre, 249 Wargrave Road, Newton-le-Willows.
'1968:The Last Months of BR Steam' by Peter Fitton. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Marlow & District Railway Society
British Red Cross Society, Victoria Road, Marlow. 'Future Developments on the Great Western' by Matthew Dolton. Doors open 19.45 for 20.00. Non-members £2.

RCTS (Darlington Branch)
The Scout Building, Widdowfield Street, Darlington.
'Eastwards from Anstruther' by Andrew Hajducki. Meeting commences at 19.00. Contact the Secretary at jimbrick@fsmail.net for further details.

18th September 2009

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Central London Branch)
Keen House Clashot Street, London N1. 'The Crossrail Project' by Simon Bennett. Meeting startsw at 19.30.

19th September 2009

RCTS (Merseyside, Chester & North Wales)
Statfold Barn Open Day (near Tamworth)'. Contact Geoff Morris on 01244 376808 for details.

Tewkesbury Railway Society
Visit to Statfold Barn Railway. Minibus departs YMCA, Church Street, Tewkesbury at 20.00hrs.

21st September 2009

Great Central Railway Society (Spinkhill Branch)
The Angel Hotel, 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB.
'Classic Film Night' with Mick Hayes. Starts 19.30. Contact Frank Greaves

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