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## Mini Steam Festival for Fort William in September

With the cancellation of the WhestRail diesel workings from Edinburgh to Fort William during the summer, the company has announced plans for Fort William-Glenfinnan shuttles on 26th September, the same day as the 'K4' works the company's steam charter from Edinburgh.


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**Class 47/4 No. 47826 leads a Carnforth-Barnetby ECS move through Kebwood on 11th June. Class 47/0 No. 47270 was attached to the rear. Richard Tuplin**

# Entire route for new HS2 line to be reconsidered to mitigate and reduce its social and environmental impact

**Uncertainty surrounds the plans for high-speed rail services between London and the West Midlands, as the new Government has now said that it will not be bound by the findings of the inquiry that recommended building a new station in Birmingham city centre.**

Minister for Transport, Theresa Villiers, said Government "reserve our position" on the study published by the previous Government. This called for a new station close to the old Curzon Street station, as well as a second station serving Birmingham International Airport and the NEC in Solihull. As a result, the public consultation due to begin this autumn is likely to be delayed, Ms Villiers saying that the Government would publish details of a new timetable for the consultation process "in due course". However, on the brighter side, she confirmed that the Government remained committed to building a high-speed network with trains running at up to 225mph, which could reduce the journey time between Britain's two biggest cities by between 30 and 50 minutes. The Government now plans to introduce legislation allowing the line to go ahead before the next election, with preparatory building work being expected to begin by 2015. The previous Government had announced that it wanted to alter some aspects of the proposed High Speed 2 route by adding services to Heathrow Airport and ensuring there would be a direct link to continental Europe via the Channel Tunnel, but in the first major statement on high-speed rail by a minister since last month's general election, Ms Villiers made it clear that the entire route drawn up by High Speed 2, the company created by the previous Government, would be reconsidered. She said: "We reserve our position on the route High Speed 2 has suggested. The Secretary of State is considering the timetable set out by the High Speed 2 company, and is also considering questions around the integration of Heathrow in the HS2 network. The intention is to go forward with the consultation as promptly as possible. It is also our intention to present a hybrid bill in this parliament. And it is our intention to allow enabling work to begin in 2015. Work is already underway on further work on lines going beyond Birmingham. I have no doubt that there will be difficult times ahead, not least in relation to decisions about the route and how we mitigate and reduce the impact it will have on communities and landscapes, but I firmly believe future generations will thank us".

Still on the subject of costs, Transport Secretary, Philip Hammond, has said that private firms are likely to be encouraged to fund stations along the route of the proposed National north-south high-speed line, together with rolling stock and interchanges. The Government is committed to the new route, but has acknowledged that as long as the budget deficit remains, the very high cost will mean that the project will have to be accomplished in phases.

# First Class 86 repainted in Freightliner's new corporate colour scheme

**The first Freightliner Class 86 locomotive to receive the company's dynamic new livery has been outshopped from Crewe.**

The repaint follows Freightliner's introduction of the new streamlined livery introduced with Class 70s in late 2009.

Class 86/6 No. 86637, previously in triple-grey livery, is the first of Freightliner's non-GE fleet to receive new livery design, which features streamlined curves, the addition of the silver areas and incorporation of Freightliner Group's new logo. The livery is to be rolled out to the rest of the fleet.

**▼ Fresh from the paintshop, the first Class 86 to carry the new colours, No. 86637 stands at Crewe. Freightliner**

**The event, the first for 17 years, takes place over the weekend of 14th/15th August.**

Advance booking admission prices are £12.50 for Adults, £9 for children (under 16). Under 3s go free. Entry tickets for families and senior's together with 'Early Bird' admission are also available, click here for full details.

To download the PDF booking form for the 'Wolverton Wanderer' shuttles, click here.

# Crossrail estimates rise by 30%

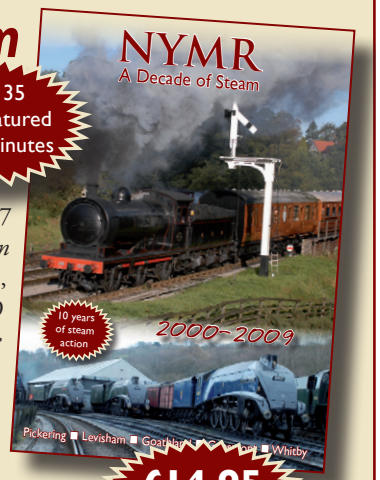
**Cost estimates for the £2 billion overground sections of Crossrail have risen by 30% as the project's management remain under pressure to cut costs on the £16 billion scheme.**

Recently it has been shown that the cost of integrating the line with the Great Western signalling system in particular, is likely to be higher than anticipated. Also, it had been hoped to reduce costs by closing parts of the line for longer periods, rather than restrict them to overnight closures. However, it has now been realised that this is either technically unfeasible or likely to trigger expensive penalty clauses. The team is now looking into the possibility of a minimalist approach of shortening trains, thereby allowing existing overground stations to operate without extending platforms and building new ticket halls, which would result in large savings. Such a move would not assist passenger loading problems however, and in addition ministers say that the new Government had not ruled out removing some stations or whole spurs in order to reduce costs. A Department for Transport spokesperson said: "We need to ensure that every pound invested in the project is well spent".

# London Overground hires Network West Midlands Class 150 DMU

London Overground has hired Class 150/1 No. 150132 from London Midland. The set is pictured at Wanstead Park on 7th June, working from Gospal Oak to Barking. Kim Rennie


## NYMR: A Decade of Steam

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## Metro and Light Rail News

# Revised closures for Northern Line upgrade

**A revised closure programme for London Underground's Northern Line upgrade has been agreed, which will reduce disruption for passengers.**

Previously Tube Lines had wanted to shut the entire line north of Stockwell from early each evening in July and August, but Transport for London (TfL) has said that the plans were unacceptable and would cause too much disruption. Instead the revised work will involve the High Barnet branch north of East Finchley being closed from around 9.30pm Monday to Thursday from 5th July, with replacement buses provided. The Bank branch between Kennington and Camden will shut at the same times, while the Charing Cross branch will be unaffected to allow a service to London's West End.

The new plans were confirmed ahead of TfL's purchase of Tube Lines after it was agreed to end the partnership. The upgrades to signals and tracks are expected to result in increased capacity on London's busiest line and much better services.

Meanwhile, seemingly to counter criticism by TfL, Tube Lines has announced that it has completed upgrades to Archway, Clapham South, West Ham, Stratford, Westminster and Canning Town stations, only South Wimbledon and Hounslow East stations remaining as the company nears its target of 96 station upgrades by June this year.

Keith Sibley, Stations Delivery Manager for Tube Lines, said: "All over London, millions of passengers are benefiting from major improvements to their Tube stations. In the past seven years, we have modernised some of the network's busiest stations like Leicester Square and Waterloo. At Wembley Park, for example, we almost doubled capacity so that it could handle the increased numbers of passengers travelling to the redeveloped stadium. We have also become remarkably adept at developing new ways of working, building on lessons learned, and making good use of all available access time. This continuous improvement in how we carry out our work has enabled us to upgrade stations faster and cheaper, thereby minimising disruption and cost."

The scope of a station upgrade varies, depending on how recently it has been refurbished and what the general condition of the station facilities are. Stratford, Canning Town, West Ham and Westminster are modern stations with state-of-the-art facilities, so the focus of the improvement work was on boosting the existing passenger information systems and enhancing their overall ambience. The upgrades to Archway and Clapham South stations greatly improved the journeys for millions of passengers who use the stations each year. Passengers can now access better information on how the Underground network is performing thanks to new information displays on the platforms and in the ticket halls, as well as a new public address system at Clapham South. New station control rooms, more CCTV systems, emergency signage and passenger help points greatly improve safety and passengers will also have seen improvements to the overall look of stations as structural repairs are undertaken, wall tiles replaced and the decor is improved. For example, the timeline for station upgrades has reduced by 30%, from an average of 12 to nine months, and the unit cost per square metre is now 50% less than that of the first 10 stations upgraded by Tube Lines.

# Victoria Underground station to be transformed

**London Underground's Victoria station, one of the busiest and most congested on the network, is set for a radical £700 million transformation, TfL having announced that a contract has been awarded for its redevelopment.**

As part of TfL's multi-billion pound Investment Programme to improve and expand the transport network, the station will be reconfigured, creating a brand new ticket hall, doubling in size the existing southern ticket hall, and installing new entrances, nine new escalators and step-free access. Cuts in peak time congestion and improved capacity will result in a new North Ticket Hall and entrance to the station beneath Bressenden Place that allows passengers from Victoria Street to enter the station without crossing the busy roads above ground. The work will be undertaken in two main phases; the first will be the construction of the new entrance and the new North Ticket Hall, which will start in 2011 and be completed in 2016. Phase 2 will involve the remainder of the upgrade works, including the new lifts and escalators from the existing Victoria line ticket hall, which will be doubled in size, and is scheduled for completion by 2018. During the upgrade work, TfL will work closely with the contractors to ensure any possible disruption is managed with as little impact as possible on passengers.

Between now and 2018, TfL intends to upgrade eight Tube lines, hopefully complete Crossrail, and expand the DLR and London Overground networks, as well as delivering other major improvements.

▼ One of the Docklands three-car (actually three, two-car) trains arrives at South Quay. **Kim Rennie**

# UK News In Brief

■ London Overground services between Gospel Oak and Stratford resumed again on 1st June, following a three-month programme to renew track, install 17,000 metres of overhead catenary, replace 23km of signalling cable and lengthen platforms.

■ The platforms at Loughborough station are to be extended with new canopies, lifts will be installed and the inside of the station will be refurbished. The approach to the station will also be remodelled, with extra space for taxis and improved car parking. The work is set to be completed by January 2012, shortly before Loughborough University hosts Team GB as well as the Japanese team for the 2012 Olympics, the university acting as the training ground for both teams before the event.

■ Yet more strikes have been have been announced by the RMT, this time involving members working for Serco Docklands on the Docklands Light Railway. A three day walk out is to take place from 04.00 on 23rd June to the same time on 26th June. Widespread disruption is anticipated.

■ London Midland has announced that it is using pioneering liquid glass technology to help its trains sparkle, while protecting the environment. A thin coating of liquid glass, 500 times thinner than a human hair, is being applied to trains at Tyseley Depot to produce surfaces that are easier to clean and are highly durable. The coating has also lead to a dramatic reduction in the amount of water and cleaning chemicals used in train cleaning, benefiting the wider environment and making the trains both cleaner and 'greener'.

■ Train services on the Newquay branch had to be cancelled on 9th June, when two wagons of a DB Schenker china clay working were left straddling the tracks after they derailed at St Blazey. No one was injured, although the derailed wagons, which are among more than 20 leased by china clay company Imerys to supply its plant at Cliffe Vale, blocked services along the line. A heavy rail crane was brought in to lift the wagons back onto the track, but repairs to the permanent way and signal wiring were needed before the route could reopen. Some trains operated between Bugle and Newquay on the following day, and the line was expected to fully reopen by the end of the week. Bus services were laid on while the work was carried out.

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▲ WG Tankers at Foston, near Derby, has undertaken the shot-blasting, re-coating and overhaul of Nacco's 90-ton hopper No. 19266, which is employed on Cleveland Potash traffic. The extensive scope of works carried out by WG Specialist Coatings provided the first opportunity to make use of the new rail-equipped workshops on the Foston site, which includes a purpose built three road workshop, with heated spray booths and a full depth pit to allow underframe access. **WG Tankers**

▼ On the Lindsey Oil Refinery to Preston Docks flow, the previous 100-ton TEA bogie tank wagons used by Total are being replaced with a new set of 30 wagons leased from VTG. The first one has arrived at Ribble Rail for testing and evaluation. **Chris Mills**

▲ Serving members of 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment, 'The Vikings', attended Liverpool Street station on 10th June to introduce the support that National Express is giving for Armed Forces Day on 26th June. The two National Express train companies, National Express East Anglia (NXEA) and c2c are offering serving members and veterans of the three armed forces up to 1,500 complimentary train tickets for travel to an Armed Forces Day event later this month in East Anglia. The event at the London terminus took place alongside Class 90 No. 90012, with a specially polished *Royal Anglian Regiment* nameplate and crest. **Brian Morrison**

▼ East Midlands Trains has completed a £10 million investment programme to fully refurbish its 25 Class 158 DMUs, primarily used for services between Liverpool and Norwich. Internally, the new-look units feature an improved seating layout with over 10% more seats now available, a brand new toilet area, and all the trains have been repainted in East Midlands Trains livery. **Ron Cover**

▲ As reported last issue, First ScotRail's 18.20 Glasgow Queen Street to Oban service on 6th June, operated by Class 156 No. 156499, was derailed near Cruachan Power Station at Loch Awe after hitting a boulder on the line. No passengers were seriously injured. Both vehicles from the unit have been craned out and moved to Glasgow Works for repair. This was the scene on 7th June.

# The News In Pictures

◀ Freightliner 'PowerHaul' Class 70 No. 70005 heads past the village of How, on the Carlisle to Newcastle 'Tyne Valley' line with a loaded Revenstruther to York Holgate Sidings coal service on 3rd June. **Nigel Capelle**

▼◀ The Class 483 (ex-London Transport) trainsets are the sole traction on South West Trains Island Line services and have recently been repainted into London Transport red. On 8th June, Class 483 No. 483006 shows its new livery as it departs from Smallbrook Junction, where a connection is made with the Isle of Wight Steam Railway, with a Ryde Pier Head to Shanklin service. **Fred Kerr**

▼ What is thought to be one of the final runs for the Colas-operated steel runs from Boston operated on 6th June, Class 47/7s Nos. 47749 *Rebecca* and 47727 *Demelza* head the 06.02 Washwood Heath to Boston steel empties through Netherfield Junction on the eastern outskirts of Nottingham. **John Illingworth**

## 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.

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| **14th June 2010** | | | |
| WCRC | 45231 or 62005 | Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return | |
| **15th June 2010** | | | |
| WCRC | 45231 or 62005 | Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return | |
| **16th June 2010** | | | |
| UK Railtours | 60163 | London Victoria-Winchester-Wareham-Swanage & return | |
| WCRC | 45231 or 62005 | Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return | |
| **17th June 2010** | | | |
| Steam Dreams | tbc | London - Nottingham and return | **Postponed** |
| WCRC | 45231 or 62005 | Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return | |
| **18th June 2010** | | | |
| Compass Tours | DBS 67 | Nuneaton-Lichfield TV-Alsager-Crewe-Shap-Beattock-Falkirk-Dalmeny-Forth Bridge-Tay Bridge-Dundee & return | |
| Spitfire Railtours | DRS 20/3 & 37 | Birmingham International-Crewe-Carlisle-Cumbernauld-Perth-Dundee-Montrose-Aberdeen-Elgin-Inverness | |
| WCRC | 45231 or 62005 | Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return | |
| **19th June 2010** | | | |
| Hastings Diesels Ltd | Hastings 201 | Hastings-Redhill-Guildford-Reading-Westbury-Taunton-Minehead & rtn | |
| North East Railtours | 2xWCRC 47 | Alnmouth-Cramlington-Newcastle-Hexham-Carlisle-Wemyss Bay & rtn | |
| Railway Touring Co. | 30777 | Three Bridges-Hove-Eastleigh-Salisbury-Bath Spa-Bristol TM & rtn | |
| Spitfire Railtours | DRS 20/3 & 37 | Inverness-Dingwall-Achnasheen-Kyle of Lochalsh & return | |
| Statesman Rail | tbc | (Birmingham International-Stafford-Stockport-Manchester Victoria-Bolton-Preston-)Carnforth-Grange over Sands-Ravenglass & return | |
| Vintage Trains | 70013 & 4965 | Dorridge-Banbury-Oxford-Didcot Parkway-Swindon-Badmington-Bristol Parkway-Swansea (70013) & return | |
| VSOE | 35028 | London Victoria-Guildford-London Victoria | |
| UK Railtours | 6024 & D1015 | (London Paddington-Reading-Bishops Lydeard & return | |
| **20th June 2010** | | | |
| Compass Tours | 40145 | York-Huddersfield-Manchester Victoria-Bolton-Wigan North Western-Preston-Shap-Beattock-Edinburgh-York and return to Preston. | |
| North East Railtours | 2xWCRC 47 | Alnmouth-Bishop Auckland-Stanhope and return | |
| Spitfire Railtours | DRS 20/3 & 37 | Inverness-Dingwall-Wick-Thurso-Inverness | |
| Steam Dreams | 60163 | London Victoria-Bromley South-Whitstable-Dover-London Victoria | |
| Steam Dreams | 60163 | London Waterloo-Weybridge-Guildford-Eastleigh-London Waterloo | |
| **21st June 2010** | | | |
| WCRC | 45231 or 62005 | Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return | |
| Spitfire Railtours | DRS 20/3 & 37 | Inverness-Aviemore-Perth-Edinburgh-Carlisle-Shap-Preston & return | |
| **22nd June 2010** | | | |
| WCRC | 45231 or 62005 | Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return | |
| **23rd June 2010** | | | |
| WCRC | 45231 or 62005 | Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return | |

**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

(Locations) in brackets on a steam tour listing indicates a diesel or electric-hauled section.

# The new way to follow charter trains on the lineside

**A tie-up between the well known internet site for steam charter timings, *Railway Herald* and the National Preservation forum has created Railtours Live.**

The system is a new way of helping enthusiasts and photographers to keep track of charter trains while on the lineside. The 'gen-list' approach of using emails distributed automatically to users has become widespread and popular over recent years, however Railtours Live adopts a slightly different approach and allows those IT-savvy and the technophobes to use its easy and simple system.

The system is free to register and updates are delivered by SMS text messages to any UK mobile phone. The system works by relying on other members to post updates, whether it is from the lineside or in the case of a passenger, from on-board the train.

Members can register for the service through the National Preservation website, and then any registered user can post an update on the location or any problems/incidents with a charter, simply by sending a text message to the RailTours Live number. There is no cost for sending the text, although your mobile phone provider may charge you a small fee. To receive messages, users must 'top-up' their account using a credit or debit card through a secure server, and as long as the account remains in credit, messages will be forwarded at a charge of 12p each.

Where the system differs from the 'gen-list' approach is that users simply send a quick text message to the system with a short code to subscribe or unsubscribe to updates on a specific tour. That way, users are only charged for the trains they want updates on and when they want them. Users are in total control of their accounts, being able to stop and start updates at any time via a simple text message. The system will also advise if the balance of the account falls below £1. Although the system is not moderated, the owners will watch the messages being posted to ensure that users do not abuse the system, any such users would have their account revoked.

The system can be used for both steam and modern traction charters, the codes for each tour being available through www.uksteam.info (steam charters only) and the *Railway Herald* railtours listings, by clicking on the mobile phone symbol alongside each tour on that website, although the organisers are keen to see the system developed to keep track of any tours that run on rails! Further information is available on the RailTours Live FAQ page, and users can register by clicking here.

▼ **GWR 'King' 4-6-0 No. 6024 *King Edward I* powers past Brent Knoll on the Paignton to Bristol Temple Meads 'Torbay Express' working on 6th June.**
**Darren Brooks**

## Reader Offer

**Nat Pres Limited, the operator of RailTour Live has offered *Railway Herald* readers a special deal.**

When signing up to the service, enter the promotional code of '*RAILWAYHERALD2010*' (without the quotes!) and your account will be automatically credited with eight free text messages, worth £1, when you top-up your new account for the first time.

# The Week Ahead

**by John Whitehouse**

**With the coming week including Father's Day on 20th June, there are a number of tours and excursions with a wide variety of destinations and motive power.**

Ahead of the weekend, there is mid-week activity, from three operators, the headlining trip has to be the four-day 'Highlander' trip from Spitfire Railtours. This excursion sets out from Birmingham International on 18th June bound for the Far North of Scotland with a pair of DRS Class 37s, as there is not currently a Class 20 locomotive available. Day 1 heads north up the WCML, round Glasgow, through Dundee and Aberdeen to Inverness. The following day is Kyle of Lochalsh, followed by Wick and Thurso on Father's Day. The fourth and final day covers the return south, via the Highland Main Line to Edinburgh, then Tyne Valley to Carlisle, prior to the return south over Shap.

At some point on 18th June, Spitfire's 'Highlander' will meet Compass Railtours 'Forth & Tay Bridges Circular Tour', the destination of which is Dundee. This train originates at Nuneaton and picks up along the Trent Valley before meandering round to Crewe via Stoke-on-Trent. It then follows the WCML to Motherwell, before heading for Falkirk and the Forth and Tay Bridges. The return is via Perth, Stirling and Cumbernauld. Outline timings put Compass just over an hour ahead of Spitfire at Crewe, so the likely meeting (or passing point) is at Dundee.

The mid-week workings are due to get off to a good start with UK Railtours sell-out charter from London Victoria to Swanage, via Basingstoke and Bournemouth, with No. 60163 *Tornado*, which will be making its first outing following the recent problem with boiler stays, which must be kept in context as the loco has travelled over 20,000 miles without a hitch. In order to cater for the demand for this train, UK Railtours has already organised a re-run on 26th September.

No less than five steam tours are booked to operate on Saturday 19th June, with Vintage Trains 'Red Dragon' taking pride of place as it features Tyseley's No. 4965 *Rood Ashton Hall* from Dorridge to Didcot, where the plan was for No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* to take over for a return run to Swansea, via Swindon, Bristol Parkway and the South Wales main line. Operating under the umbrella of the 'GW175' celebrations, it was aimed at celebrating the use of 'Britannias' on the 'Red Dragon' workings, but the likely unavailability of the locomotive means that an enforced change of traction will be required. It is understood that No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* may again be the substitute loco.

UK Railtours will also be celebrating the 'GW175' celebrations with its train of the same name from London Paddington to Minehead, which works outwards with classic Western Region diesel-hydraulic power in the shape of Class 52 No. D1015 *Western Champion*, returning with the epitome of Great Western steam traction, No. 6024 *King Edward I*.

Two ex-Southern engines are also booked out on 19th June, with 'King Arthur' No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel* heading for Bath Spa and Bristol Temple Meads for Railway Touring Company from Three Bridges, and then along the coast via Preston Park to Worthing, prior to heading north through Havant, Eastleigh, Salisbury and Westbury. Meanwhile, and subject to having fully recovered from its recent problems, Merchant Navy No. 35028 *Clan Line* has a Surrey Hills luncheon working with the VSOE British Pullman from London Victoria. Statesman Rail has the second 'Lakelander' of the season, featuring steam between Carnforth and Ravenglass, which on this occasion originates at Birmingham International and works north via Crewe, Manchester Victoria, Bolton and Lancaster. West Coast's Stanier 8F 2-8-0 No. 48151 had charge of the inaugural working a few weeks ago, but the locomotive pool also consists of Nos. 5690 *Leander*, 46115 *Scots Guardsman* and 'Black 5' No. 44932, the latter being in an advanced stage of restoration.

The West Somerset Railway has two visiting tours on 19th June, UKR's 'Great Western 175' mentioned earlier, and also Hasting Diesel's aptly named 'West Somerset Limited', which features the Class 201 DEMU throughout from Hastings. The train picks up at all the usual stations to Guildford, prior to making for Reading and the Berks & Hants line to Taunton and West Somerset metals at Norton Fitzwarren. The remaining modern traction tour operating is for North East Railtours, which will be operating with West Coast Class 47 traction and the SRPS maroon Mk1 set from Alnmouth, via Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Carlisle to Wemyss Bay.

Other than Spitfire's 'Highlander', which will be spending Father's Day on the Far North Line, there will be four other charters on 20th June. Two are steam-hauled by *Tornado* and operated by Steam Dreams, consisting of a luncheon and dinner circular working from London. The luncheon train heads out of London Victoria, and after a further pick up at Bromley South, takes the Kent Coast line via Whitstable and Dover. The dining service departs from Waterloo, and after further pick-ups at Surbiton, Weybridge and Woking, heads for Haslemere and Havant, prior to returning to Waterloo via Eastleigh and Basingstoke.

Compass Railtours has 'The Father's Day Scotsman', which is booked for Class 40 No. 40145 *East Lancashire Railway* throughout from York to Edinburgh, via the Standedge route and WCML. The train has several pick up points along the way, but naming them is academic as it is already reported as being a sell-out, as is the train two days earlier to Dundee - great news for Compass.

Last, but not least, is a trip along the scenic Weardale Railway to Stanhope for North East Railtours, which means the company has workings on consecutive days. West Coast Class 47s should again feature on the tour, which starts from Alnmouth, and picks up via Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Durham and Darlington, prior to a reversal for Bishops Auckland, Shildon and the Weardale Railway.

## Ups & Downs

■ Pathfinder has teamed up with Ian Allan's *Modern Railways* and *Railways Illustrated* magazines, and First Great Western, for a charter from London Paddington to the Bristol area on 25th September. 'The Brunelian' will be formed of a First Great Western HST, which after also calling at Reading, will travel via Newbury to Swindon for a short break that will include giving passengers time to visit the STEAM museum. The journey continues via Bristol Parkway to Hallen Marsh and Avonmouth, through to Bristol Temple Meads. There is an option to stay on board to enjoy a rare chance to traverse the Portbury branch, which includes passing beneath Brunel's classic Clifton Suspension Bridge en route, before returning back to Temple Meads. The return to Paddington will be via the Bathampton route. James Abbott and Pip Dunn, editors of the two magazines will be on-board to take your comments.

■ As suggested last week, No. 71000 *Duke of Gloucester* has now been confirmed for two 'Torbay Expresses', which are on the consecutive weeks of 8th and 15th August.

■ Steam Dreams has made available an entire First Class carriage on the Father's Day 'Hampshire Circular' for the benefit of injured service personnel who are recuperating at Hedley Court, which is the Joint Services Rehabilitation Centre. Also, for the 'Hampshire Circular', Steam Dreams is offering a special 25% reduction off the price of the evening trip, and will also donate a further 25% to the Afghan Heroes Charity itself. Passengers, too, will be encouraged to pass on their saving to the charity.

■ As part of the 'GW175' celebrations, ex-Great Western 'King' No. 6024 *King Edward I* will be on display at Taunton station between 15th & 18th June. Visitors will be able to view the cab and talk to former staff that worked on the Great Western Railway.

# Whestrail suspends summer loco-hauled excursion programme

**One of the newest rail operators to the National Network has announced the cancellation of its proposed summer services.**

WhestRail was proposing to provide a summer loco-hauled operation between Edinburgh and Fort William, aimed at promoting tourism in, and providing easy access to, the West Highlands, alleviating the need for passengers to travel via Glasgow. The trains had received good support from the business community, with a number of high-profile brands looking to be involved in the service in various ways.

Intended to operate each weekend in July and August, the trains were scheduled to travel outwards on a Saturday morning, returning from Fort William on Sunday afternoon. The company reports that initial bookings for the trains were good and very encouraging, however, a number of issues surrounding the pathing of trains, especially with regards to a pick-up at Springburn, and a significant drop in ticket sales have caused the company to cancel this year's advertised programme.

The opening train of the season, which was promoted as a steam charter from Edinburgh, following a similar method of operation has also been cancelled, although this is due to the uncertainty surrounding the availability of LNER 'K4' No. 61994 *The Great Marquess* and the lack of an available alternative locomotive.

As a result, WhestRail Director, Gerald Rivett, has told *Railway Herald* that all passengers that have already booked onto the diesel-hauled trains, or on the first steam service, are being advised that they can have their booking transferred to the second steam-hauled excursion in September, or receive a full refund. Mr Rivett expressed disappointment at the decision, saying that the trains were the result of two years work with the rail industry and local businesses, and would hopefully have proved to First ScotRail that there was indeed a demand for a through Edinburgh to Fort William service, the Scottish TOC so far having disputed that such demand from passengers exists.

This is not the end for WhestRail however, which is committed to operating high quality loco-hauled services to support and promote Scottish tourism. The company is in talks to operate weekend loco-hauled ski trains between Edinburgh and Aviemore early in 2011, and are also looking to operate a loco-hauled service between Edinburgh and Oban next year, potentially utilising Class 37 traction.

Of note is that First ScotRail has introduced a direct Edinburgh to Oban service through July and August this year, which is believed to be the first such service in 50 years! The company has also extended its Club 55 cut-price fare offer, which allows anyone over 55 to travel between any two Scottish stations (including Berwick-upon-Tweed and Carlisle) for just £22 return standard class, or £27 first class. The Club 55 offers that traditionally operate during May and June, allow Scottish travel for £15 return and specifically excludes the West Highland line from Glasgow to Fort William and Mallaig, as well as the Inverness to Wick and Thurso routes, but First ScotRail were unable to confirm whether or not the same restrictions would apply to the summer offer.

As a result of the cancellations, the plans for the Edinburgh to Fort William charter with the 'K4' on 25th/26th September have been extended, with the possibility of two steam shuttles from Fort William to Glenfinnan on 26th September using one of the 'Jacobite' locos, while the other Fort William resident may well double-head with the K4 as far as Corrour on the return.

# Whistling to Cambridge

**Following the success of the recent Cornish tour, which was a joint venture with the DTG, the Class Forty Preservation Society now once again is go it alone with a tour to Cambridge on 4th September.**

Featuring its Class 40 No. 40145 throughout, it sets out from Rawtenstall on the East Lancashire Railway, picking up at Ramsbottom, Bury Bolton Street and Heywood, before venturing onto the National Network for further calls at Stockport and Chesterfield. The route will follow the Erewash Valley to Trowel Junction, where the Nottingham line will be taken, and the train then continues via Netherfield Junction and Grantham to the first set-down point at Peterborough, for the Nene Valley Railway, then onwards to Ely and finally Cambridge.

The CFPS will also be operating a mini-tour from Cambridge to sample rare locomotive haulage on the branch to Stansted Airport, which will be operated by the Class 40 and a DBS Class 67 in 'top and tail' mode.

▼ **LMS 'Princess Royal' Pacific No. 6201** *Princess Elizabeth* **passes Claverton with Steam Dreams' 'The Cathedrals Express' excursion from London Victoria to Bristol Temple Meads excursion on 10th June. The Pacific was standing in for the unavailable LNER 'A4' Pacific No. 60019** *Bittern*. **Stephen Moore**

▲▲ **LMS Pacific No. 6201** *Princess Elizabeth* **crests the summit of the Lickey Incline at Blackwell on 28th May, deputising for No. 70013** *Oliver Cromwell*. **John Whitehouse**

▲ *Princess Elizabeth* **with GWR Pannier No. 9600 banking at the rear, 'gets to grips' with the Lickey Incline, earlier in the climb. Bernard Warr**

# 200th anniversary for Dean Forest

**This year is a notable one for the Dean Forest Railway, as it marks the 200th anniversary of the opening of the first part of what became an intricate railway network within the close community of the Forest of Dean.**

It is also the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Dean Forest Railway Society when only the line from Lydney to Parkend remained. The last BR train ran in 1976, and the section of line passed into the Society's ownership in 1985.

To celebrate these events the DFR will be operating a gala between Saturday 19th June and Saturday 10th July, the star of which will be No. 3440 *City of Truro*. A special gala weekend will operate on 26th/27th June, which should see Nos. 3440, 5521, 1450 and 9681 in traffic on both passenger and demonstration goods trains, while the last day of the celebrations on 10th July will be turned over to the DFR's diesel fleet to reflect the line in the latter days of BR ownership.

In addition to weekend activity, the Dean Forest Railway will also be operating on Wednesdays 23rd & 30th June, and Thursdays 24th June & 1st July, when on each day a two-train service will be shared between steam (No. 3440) and diesel traction. Indeed, *City of Truro* will be busy, as it scheduled to operate on every operating day except for the all diesel day on 10th July.

Full details will be available on the railway's website at http://www.deanforestrailway.co.uk

# Yorkshire-based German railbus visits Llangollen's Railcar Gala event

**An unusual visitor is set to headline at the Llangollen Railcar Gala, which is scheduled for the weekend of 26th/27th June. German-built Railbus No. 79964, which previously has only ever worked on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, will be working at Llangollen for this weekend only.**

The Railcar was built by Waggon und Maschinenbau in 1957, and was one of two purchased by the infant K&WVR. The units were intended to be the saviours of the more remote British Railways branch lines, unfortunately however, this was not achieved.

Another feature of the gala will be the introduction into traffic of Class 108 trailer No. 56223, which has been recently obtained from the East Anglian Railway Museum, and will be paired with the reliveried Class 127 Driving Motor No. 51618. Three other railcar sets will feature, providing examples of Classes 104, 108 and the unique Wickham unit. Also in traffic will be ex-GWR Class 1600PT No. 6430 working the auto-train, which will provide visitors with an ideal contrast between low-volume local services of different generations. There will be 15 diagrams each day, of which three will be steam-hauled, together with some additional Saturday evening shuttles to a barbeque event. For more information go to www.llangollen-railway.co.uk

# Dangerous boiler passed as fit for operation by boiler inspector

**A jury at Chichester Crown Court has found boiler inspector Anthony Sidney Reen, trading as Steaming for Pleasure, guilty of serious breaches of Health & Safety obligations, following a successful prosecution brought by the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR), and a fine of £750 has been imposed in addition to costs of £1,500.**

The prosecution followed a complaint from the owner of a steam locomotive, who purchased it to restore. During the restoration, it was given the guise of Ivor the Engine from the children's television series and was then made available for hire. The boiler was inspected between November 2006 and April 2007, as it needed to pass several safety checks before it could enter service.

ORR's investigation found that when the boiler was inspected it was already in a dangerous condition and should not have been allowed to operate without suitable repairs being carried out, but Mr Reen failed to discharge such duties. Commenting on the verdict, ORR said: "This was a serious breach of Health & Safety legislation; had the boiler failed in service then the staff of the hiring heritage railway and members of the public could have been placed at risk – possibly serious risk. The failings of Mr Reen - who was employed as an expert in order to verify the condition of the boiler - put everyone who came into contact with the locomotive at risk, and that is simply unacceptable.

There is absolutely no room for complacency in Health & Safety, and ORR will not allow staff and public safety to be put at risk. We will continue to press for improvements and take enforcement action, including prosecution when necessary. ORR will continue to work with the heritage sector to ensure that inspections by competent persons are undertaken to the highest standards".

**◀ BR Standard 9F 2-10-0 No. 92214 steams into Levisham, while working light engine to Pickering, on 11th June. The locomotive was undertaking a gauging run prior to entering traffic on the Moors line. Andrew Graves**

▲ Manx Electric Railway 'Winter Saloon' No. 20 of 1899 has been outshopped in a new livery and lettering combination following winter repairs. The livery is the standard ornate red and white colour scheme with varnished teak panels with simple 'M.E.R.' side lettering.

◀ As in previous years, the Isle of Man Railway operated commuter trains over eight days during the busy TT motorcycling race fortnight in early June to help ease road congestion. The trains departed Port Erin at 07.45 and Douglas at 17.45. So far passengers numbers are up on last years figures. On 5th June, Beyer Peacock-built No. 4 *Loch* is seen after arrival at Douglas.
**Both: David Lloyd-Jones**

# Rare visitor for Welshpool

**For the first time in over a decade the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway (W&LLR) is to welcome a visiting steam locomotive to its annual September Gala.**

The locomotive, Manning Wardle 0-6-2T *Chevallier*, has several connections with the Mid-Wales line, and visited once before in 1991. Currently, the locomotive is receiving a heavy general overhaul at the Flour Mill workshop, which is scheduled for completion in August.

The W&LLR Steam Gala will run from 3rd to 5th September, and is to feature a number of attractions in addition to Chevalier. The last locomotive to visit the line was Henschel 0-6-0 *Siam* from the Bredgar & Wormshill Railway in Kent, in 1995.

# The Severn Valley experience

**The Severn Valley Railway is offering enthusiasts the choice of four different locomotive types in its summer programme of 'footplate experience' diesel driving courses, including the opportunity to take the controls of one of the only two surviving Class 42 'Warship' diesel-hydraulics, No. D821** *Greyhound***.**

The Diesel Traction Group locomotive, which was 50 years old on 25th May, has been allocated four of the nine 'drive-a-diesel' dates, and with only four places available each day, the £240-a-head half-day sessions, all on a Friday, are expected to be snapped up quickly.

For the remainder of the year, *Greyhound* carries the nameplates *Chris Broadhurst*, in tribute to the DTG's inspirational engineer who died in 2008.

Also available in the SVR diesel experience line-up is a chance to drive one of the railway's three operational Class 50s, Nos. 50031 *Hood*, 50035 *Ark Royal* or 50044 *Exeter*. It is believed to be the only opportunity currently offered by any line to drive a loco of this class.

Also, the Western Locomotive Association's diesel-hydraulic No. D1062 *Western Courier* and Class 37/9 No. 37906 are both nominated for two dates each in the new programme. Course participants must be 18 years old or over and fit enough to climb a vertical 6ft ladder, to get to take control of their chosen locomotive for a 12-mile run, and to take the role of second man for a similar duration, after first receiving expert tuition and a full safety briefing.

Further details are available online click here.

# Anything Goes in the Peak District

**An intensive passenger and freight timetable will be the feature of Peak Rail's 'Anything Goes' weekend on 10th/11th July, which will include its diesel fleet of Nos. 31270, 37152, 44008 and 47635, together with 'Austerity' 0-6-0ST** *Royal Pioneer***.**

For added spice, the Heritage Shunters Trust will be providing No. 08016 and D9525 for the event, while the railway's steam crane will be giving demonstrations, and the new turntable at Rowsley will also be in use.

A full timetable covering the weekend is due to be published shortly and will be available on the Peak Rail website at http://www.peakrail.co.uk

▲ **Class 50 No. D444** *Exeter* **passes Ladydon on 9th June, with Class 37/3 No. 37308 in tow on an Eastleigh-Cardiff Canton movement. Stephen Moore**

▼ **A convoy of locos passes Coalpit Heath, near Bristol, en route to the West Somerset Railway. Class 50 No. 50044** *Exeter* **leads classmate No. 50026** *Indomitable*, **Class 42 No. D821** *Greyhound* **and Class 52 D1062** *Western Courier* **on the 10.32 Kidderminster-Minehead working on 8th June. Edward Gleed**

# North Norfolk Mixed Traffic Gala

▲ **LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 44767** *George Stephenson* **climbs past Sheringham golf course on the 11.22 service to Holt on 5th June.**

◀ **Leyland Experimental Vehicle 1 (LEV1) runs down to Sheringham on the 11.10 service from Holt, during the first day of North Norfolk Railway's mixed traction weekend on 5th June. Both: Ian Williams**

DB Schenker Class 66/0 No. 66227 heads south across the Royal Border Bridge at Berwick-upon-Tweed with a steel working, against a stormy sky on 27th May. **Simon Eccles**

DBS Class 66/0 No. 66117 heads across the almost prairie-like Fenland landscape towards Manea in Cambridgeshire, with a rake of loaded sand hoppers forming the Middleton Towers - Peterborough Yard service on 4th June. **Julian Hodgson**

Northern Rail's Class 158/0 No. 158757 waits to depart from Blackpool North with the 17.20 service to York on 5th June, while First TransPennine Express Class 185 No. 185150 arrives with a service from Manchester. In the background and looking very dominant is Blackpool Tower.
**Richard Holmes**

Class 86/6s Nos. 86613 & 86637, the latter sporting the new Freightliner dynamic livery, head through Hademore, near Lichfield, with the 14.01 Ditton - Felixstowe intermodal service on 14th June. **John Whitehouse**

**7th June 2010**
### RCTS (Ashford)
The Elwick Club, Church Road, Ashford. 'A Digital Extravaganza'. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretar at southeast@rcts.org.uk for further detail

**8th June 2010**
### Abergavenny & District Steam Society
Upper Room, The Hen and Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'Landore Shed (87E)' by Brian Miles. Meeting starts at 20.00. Contact the Secretary, Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for details.

**9th June 2010**
### Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Cable's Railway Year 2009' by David Cable. Meeting commences at 20.00. Visitors Welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

### Bromsgrove Rly Club
St Godwalds Church Hall, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. 'Tornado, a Locomotive for the 21st Century' by Bob Alderman. Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact Dave on 01527 873800 or Gordon on 05127873609 for further details.

### RCTS (Cardiff)
Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr. 'Quiz. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretar at noelinda@noel65.fsnet.co.uk for further details.

### RCTS (Hitchin)
Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Rd, Hitchin. 'Blue Grey to Black Green' by Paul Chancellor. Meeting commences at 19.30.

**10th June 2010**
### Continental Railway Circle
St Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. AGM followed by three short presentations by Brian Garvin, Geoff Warren and Mike Hudson. Meeting commences at 19.15. Admission £2. Contact the Secretary, Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 or at akpalmer@talktalk.net for further details.

**12th June 2010**
### Bournemouth Railway Club
'All Purpose Room', Winton Methodist Community Centre, Junction of Alma Road/Heron Court Road, Bournemouth. 'The North Cornwall Railway' by George Reeve. Starts 14.30. Admission £2. Contact the Hon.Chairman, Martin Thresh on 01202 742099 or at martyn.thresh@ntlworld.com for further details.

### RCTS (Northampton)
'Visit to Bluebell Railway' (Travel by train - Southern day Saver). Contact David Pick on 01604 810613 or at northampton@rcts.org.uk for details.

**14th June 2010**
### Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. Members Slides. Starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary on 01522 705365 for further details

### Southern Electric Group (Sussex)
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. '40th Anniversary of SEG' Meeting commences at 19.30. £2 Donation. Contact the Secretary, Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for further details.

**15th June 2010**
### Monmouthshire Railway Society
Room A28, UWCN, Allt-Yr-Yn Ave, Newport, South Wales. 'The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway' by David Barrie. Meeting commences at 19.30. Non-members £3. See www.mrsoc.co.uk for further details.

**16th June 2010**
### SVR (South East)
Wenlock Arms, 26 Wenlock Road, Islington, London N1 7TA. 'On and Off the Footplate' by Bill Davies. Meeting commences at 19.30..

**17th June 2010**
### Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Roundhouse Lecture Theatre, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. 'Out With the Old - In With the New' by Howard Turner. Meeting starts 19.30. Admission £2 non members. Contact the Secretary at beardspaul@aol.com for details.

### Breconshire Rly Society
R.A.F.A.Club, The Struet, Brecon. 'Each a Glimpse and Gone Forever? - The Vanishing Infrastructure of Railways' by Graham Vincent. Starts 19.30. Members only. Please contact Arthur Robinson on 01982 560219 for further details and all membership enquiries.

### Marlow & District Railway Society
Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Road, Bourne End. 'Rebuilding the Welsh Highland Railway' by Andy Savage. Starts 20.00. Non-members admission £2.

**18th June 2010**
### Great Western Society (Taunton)
Village Hall, Stoke St. Mary, Nr Taunton. 'Pulling the Levers' by Martin Southwold. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01823 334188 for further details.

**21st June 2010**
### Great Central Railway Society (Spinkhill)
The Angel Hotel, 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'A Tribute to Doug Copley'. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for details.

### RCTS (Northampton)
'London Midland Day Rover' Contact David Pick on 01604 810613 or at northampton@rcts.org.uk for details.

### RCTS (Shenfield)
Shenfield Parish Hall, 60 Hutton Road, Shenfield. 'Nottingham Victoria' by Ken Grainger. Starts 19.30

**23rd June 2010**
### Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Operating the Freightliner Fleet' by Tom Jones. Starts 20.00. Contact 01256 819401.

**28th June 2010**
### RCTS (Brighton)/LCGB
Brighton Railway Model Club Room, London Road Station, Shaftesbury Place, Brighton. 'Mass Production in Railway Engineering - The LMS Contribution' by Keith Harcourt. Meeting commences at 19.30.

**29th June 2010**
### RCTS (Welwyn Garden City)
The Methodist Church, Junction of Ludwick Way and Colegreen Lane, Welwyn Garden City. 'An Afternoon with David Kelso'. Meeting commences at 14.15.

**5th July 2010**
### Swanage Railway (Bath)
St John's Church Hall, St John's Road, Bathwick, Bath. 'Here, There and Roundabout' by Bob Bunyar. Starts 19.30. Admission £1. Contact John Lakey on 01225 315918 for details.

**6th July 2010**
### Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. 'South Eastern Trains' by Neville Dyson. Starts 19.45. Contact Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for further details.

### Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)
St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford. 'A Round-up of Early Steam Locomotives' by Dr Michael Bailey. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01525 750149.

### Weston super Mare Railway Society
Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. Evening Trip - TBA. Contact the Secretary, Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

**8th July 2010**
### Continental Rly Circle
St Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. 'A Tribute to Dave Theobald' by Peter Greatorex. Meeting commences at 19.15. Admission £2. Contact the Secretary, Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 or at akpalmer@talktalk.net for further details.

**10th July 2010**
### Bournemouth Rly Club
'All Purpose Room', Winton Methodist Community Centre, Junction of Alma Road/Heron Court Road, Bournemouth. 'Bournemouth Central Station 125'. Meeting starts at 14.30. Admission £2. Contact Martin Thresh on 01202 742099 for further details.

**12th July 2010**
### Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. Annual Quiz Night. Starts 20.00. Contact 01522 705365 for further details

### Southern Electric Group (Sussex)
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'The Great Western Broad Gauge Project' by Sam Bee. Starts 19.30. £2 Donation requested. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for further details.

**Should your society information be listed on this page?**

If so, then please email the details to the editor, remembering to include the date, starting time and location, together with details of the event, speaker and entrance charges if applicable. It is not necessary, but helpful to people, if you can also include a contact name and phone number/email address that can be published.

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### Web Links
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▼ **LMS Pacific No. 6233** *Duchess of Sutherland* **stands at Blackpool North after arriving with the 'Fylde Coast Express' railtour from Sheffield on 5th June. Allan Mckever**

**13th July 2010**
**Abergavenny & District Steam Society**
Upper Room, The Hen and Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'My Father's Work in B&W' by David Cross. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact the Secretary, Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for further details.

**14th July 2010**
**Basingstoke & District Railway Society**
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Tender Loving Care (TLC) for Trains' by Colin Boocock. Meeting commences at 20.00. Visitors Welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

**15th July 2010**
**Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society**
Roundhouse Lecture Theatre, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. 'A Grinder to Town (Sheffield Midland - London St |Pancras over 60 years of images)' by Martin Bromley. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £2 non members. Contact the Secretary at beardspaul@aol.com for details.

**Breconshire Rly Society**
R.A.F.A.Club, The Struet, Brecon. AGM. Meeting commences at 19.30. Members only. Please contact the Secretary, Arthur Robinson on 01982 560219 for further details and all membership enquiries.

**16th July 2010**
**Great Western Society (Taunton)**
Village Hall, Stoke St. Mary, Nr Taunton. 'My Memories of the Mid 20th Century' by John Cramp. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01823 334188 for further details.

**28th July 2010**
**Basingstoke & District Railway Society**
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Steam on London Underground 1933 - 1971' by John Manners. Starts 20.00. Visitors Welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

**2nd August 2010**
**RCTS (Ashford)**
Members only visit to IECC Ashford. Contact the Secretary at southeast@rcts.org.uk for further details.

**RCTS (Northampton)**
'Southern Day Saver' day out. Contact the Secretary, David Pick on 01604 810613 or at northampton@rcts.org.uk for further details.

**3rd August 2010**
**Weston super Mare Railway Society**
Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. Members Slides. Starts 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 or at wsm1977rlysocy@talktalk.net for further details.

**7th August 2010**
**RCTS (Northampton)**
Visit to Welshpool & Llanfair Railway. Contact the Secretary, David Pick on 01604 810613 or at northampton@rcts.org.uk for further details.

**9th August 2010**
**Lincoln Railway Society**
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 'The Blue Pullman Story' by Mick Hayes. Starts 20.00. Contact 01522 705365 for details

**Southern Electric Group (Sussex)**
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'Closed Stations' by Malcolm Stroud. Starts 19.30. £2 Donation requested. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for further details.

**10th August 2010**
**Abergavenny & District Steam Society**
Upper Room, The Hen and Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'When Steam Ruled the Rails' by Colin Jacks. Starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary, Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for further details.

**11th August 2010**
**Basingstoke & District Railway Society**
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Signal Boxes, People and Trains on the Berks & Hants Line' by David Canning. Starts 20.00. Contact 01256 819401 for details.

**16th August 2010**
**RCTS (Northampton)**
Visit to Midland Metro Depot at Wednesbury. Contact the Secretary, David Pick on 01604 810613 or at northampton@rcts.org.uk for details.

**RCTS (Thames Valley)**
Evening Observation At Didcot Station. Contact Murray Lewis at thamesvalleyoutdoor@rcts.org.uk for further details.

**19th August 2010**
**Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society**
Roundhouse Lecture Theatre, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. 'The Woodhead Route' by Jeff Lane. Starts 19.30. Admission £2 non members. Contact beardspaul@aol.com for details.

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**Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society**
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. 'Developments in Hornby Railways' by Simon Kohler. Starts 19.45. Contact the Secretary, Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for further details.

**25th August 2010**
**Basingstoke & District Railway Society**
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'The Hiustory of the Ian Allan Publishing Group' by David Allan. Meeting commences at 20.00. Visitors Welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

**7th September 2010**
**Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society**
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. 'On and Off the Footplate No 2' by Bill Davies. Starts 19.45. Contact the Secretary, Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for details.

**Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)**
St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford. 'GRES Reminiscences' by GRES Members, Old and New. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01525 750149 for further details.

**Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire)/ LRTA (Southern)**
Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'Railways in the North East - Retrospective and Recent' by Bruce Oliver. Starts19.30. Admission £2. Contact the SEG Secretary, John Goodrich on 023 8067 0028 for further details

**Weston super Mare Railway Society**
Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. 'Steam on Road and Rail' by Malcolm Ranieri. Starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary, Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

**8th September 2010**
**Basingstoke & District Railway Society**
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Broad Gauge Railway Journey' by Canon Brian Arman. Starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

**Bromsgrove Rly Club**
St Godwalds Church Hall, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. 'Cine Film Evening' by John Constable Starts 19.45. Contact Dave on 01527 873800 for further details.

**9th September 2010**
**Continental Rly Circle**
St Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. 'Southern Africa' by Ron White. Meeting commences at 19.15. Admission £2. Contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for details.

**10th September 2010**
**Great Western Society**
Lawn Community Centre, Guildford Avenue, off Windsor Road, Lawn, Swindon, SN3 1JE. TBA. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01793 495976 for further details.

**13th September 2010**
**Lincoln Railway Society**
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 'British Transport Police' by Brian Bell. Starts 20.00. Contact 01522 705365 for details

**Southern Electric Group (Sussex)**
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre.'Vintage SR EMU Photographs from the 1950s' by Richard Larkin. Starts 19.30. £2 Donation. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094.

**14th September 2010**
**Abergavenny & District Steam Society**
Upper Room, The Hen and Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'The Power of Steam' by Peter Donovan. Starts 20.00. Contact Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for details.

**16th September 2010**
**Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society**
Roundhouse Lecture Theatre, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. 'Steaming Through Britain'. Starts 19.30. Admission £2 non members. Contact the Secretary at beardspaul@aol.com for details.

**Breconshire Rly Society**
R.A.F.A.Club, The Struet, Brecon. Annual Luncheon. Meeting commences at 19.30. Members only. Please contact, Arthur Robinson on 01982 560219 for further details and all membership enquiries.

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