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John Whitehouse

Siemens show off new Scottish multiple units

Siemens previewed the new Scottish Class 380 EMUs to the railway press on 1st July, at a special event on the Wildenrath test track in Germany.

The new Class 380s will be used throughout Ayrshire and across the electrified network of Scotland, including displacing the current Class 322s from the North Berwick services.

The EMUs are being built at the company's Krefeld works, near Dusseldorf, and moved by road to Wildrenrath where the vehicles are formed into complete units. Presently 12 sets are present at Wildenrath for commissioning.

The trains feature a bright interior, and benefit from bigger than usual windows as a result of the 23-metre bodyshell. All seating bays are fitted with tables.

First ScotRail currently has six staff in Germany who are being trained on the units, who will then train ScotRail's drivers following delivery.

◀ **Four-car Class 380 No. 380106 is previewed to the railway press in action on the test track at Wildenrath on 1st July.**

Inside the set, the disabled-friendly toilet area (▲), the spacious and bright interior (▼) and seating bays (◀) present a very modern-looking unit. All: Bill Winter

German through trains back on the agenda for DB?

As anticipated, Deutsche Bahn AG is now in talks with London and Continental Railways about running its trains on the high-speed line to London St Pancras International.

As previously reported, Deutsche Bahn expressed interest in running direct rail connections between London and the continent following the liberalisation of the European cross-border rail passenger market at the start of the year. With the development of rolling stock that would meet the stringent fire safety of the Channel Tunnel, DB will be well placed to operate services under the guise of open access. Such a move would break the monopoly of Eurostar, and increase the profitability of Eurotunnel, the Channel Tunnel operator, which would also have to provide access for such services.

In April, Deutsche Bahn clinched a £1.5 billion takeover of the British transport group Arriva, to become Europe's No.1 passenger carrier.

▲ **Class 66/0 No. 66142 heads Class 59/2 No. 59202 and Class 66/0s Nos. 66159 and 66005 on the Newport ADJ-Westbury engineers train, as it arrives at its destination on 25th June. All four locomotives were moved to Westbury to work various weekend engineering trains. Classmate No. 66160, in the bottom of the photograph, is stabled after working an Eastleigh-Westbury departmental service. Darren Brooks**

Could the axe fall on plans for new Haxby station?

The plans for a new station at Haxby, York, are set to be stalled because of the uncertainty about Government funding, and the county executive for city strategy is to be asked to suspend any further work on the project until the amount of public money available for such schemes can be clarified.

The authority has hoped to build a station in Haxby for many years, having included it in its Local Transport Plan, and the aim is for it to ultimately be placed on the TransPennine network with trains to York, Scarborough, Leeds and Manchester. It is also hoped that the station, which could be built on a patch of land near the level crossing at Towthorpe Road and Station Road, would reduce congestion levels on the A64 and outer ring road. However, the estimated cost of the project has been put at some £5 million, so hopes are not currently high.

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Metro and Light Rail News

Aldwich temporarily opens its doors

London Underground's Aldwych station, closed in 1994, opened its doors to the public again for two weeks from 28th June to 9th July for an exhibition that will invite Londoners to step into the Tube's past and see how it will be transformed in the future.

The 'Transforming the Tube' exhibition will give people an opportunity to find out how the investment is transforming the network. It will show what the Tube of the future will look like once dramatic upgrades have taken place, including remodelling of Victoria station, and the introduction of new air-conditioned trains on the Metropolitan, Hammersmith & City, Circle, and District lines.

The investment programme being delivered by Transport for London (TfL) between now and 2018, will improve and expand the transport network with an upgrade of the entire Tube network, the building of Crossrail, and expanding the Docklands Light Railway and London Overground networks.

Historic tram route reopens to Fleetwood

The tram link between Cleveleys and Fleetwood will be restored from 26th July. Work on the new supertram meant services stopped during the winter.

Trams between the towns should have been running in April, in common with the rest of the network, but the theft of £135,000 of overhead cable in the area put paid to that hope.

Work on the historic tramway route in Fleetwood town centre means that services will only be able to reach Fisherman's Walk at the bottom of Lord Street at this time, but the news has still been welcomed.

▼ **From 1st July, the first of the Class 378s were introduced on the London Overground service from Euston to Watford Junction. With the Class 378/0s now being upgraded from three to four-car sets at Derby and becoming Class 378/2s in the process, Class 378/2 No. 378228 calls at Headstone Lane on the first day working the service. Kim Rennie**

GBRf shows off new wagons for bio-mass traffic

GB Railfreight, now part of Europorte, aspires to be a vital cog in the supply chain of bio-mass fuels to Drax Power Station in Yorkshire.

The generator is committed to improving its green credentials by introducing a co-firing policy to generate 12.5% of its output from renewable fuels. Bio-mass is the fuel to be used, which is grown instead of being mined, and consists of wood-based products, forestry residues and residual agricultural products such as the husks of sunflower seeds and peanuts. Sourced from Africa and South America, these will be transported to the Port of Tyne where a separate terminal has been constructed for the handling of bio-mass products. The products themselves, as well as being around three times more expensive than coal, also need to be kept dry.

At this point GB Railfreight enters the arena, having secured a contract to transport the bio-mass products from Tyneside to Drax. Due to the need to keep the payload dry, a re-design has been commissioned for 23 of the existing HYA bogie hopper wagons to accommodate the new flow. In partnership with VTG Rail UK, Lloyds Register Rail and WH Davis, these wagons have been retro-fitted with fully automatic top doors. Due to the nature of the product, the loading and unloading process has to be fully automatic, and is undertaken by passing the wagons through the terminal, where a series of magnets positioned along the side of each hopper are activated to trigger the process of opening and closing of the doors. Designated IIA, the wagons have been modified so that the new top doors and the existing bottom doors operate automatically, using sensors controlling a pneumatic cylinder on each door. The doors will fully open in under 20 seconds when passing through terminals at between 0.5 and 0.75 mph. The unloading process will take no more than 90 minutes.

Three examples of the new wagons were exhibited at a presentation by GBRf at Barrow Hill on 1st July. The converted wagons with top doors, have been designed to be weatherproof for the important process of keeping the payload dry in transit.

▲ **Class 66/7 No. 66723 stands at Barrow Hill on 1st July with one of the newly-adapted bio-mass wagons in tow. The newly-fitted pneumatically-operated top loading doors are clearly visible in this view, and show how the HYA coal hoppers have been modified. John Whitehouse**

GBRf Class 66/7 No. 66723 *Drax Power Station* was used to marshal the stock and to demonstrate the wagons to the assembled guests and media. The full rake of wagons is now available, and commissioning trials between the new Port of Tyne terminal and Drax Power Station will commence in the autumn. The Port of Tyne expect to be handling around 1.4m tonnes of biomass per annum which will be ultimately destined for Drax, which presents a huge opportunity for GBRf.

UK News In Brief

■ The new station building at West Hampstead has moved a step closer, with the demolition of two shop units on the junction of Iverson Road and West End Lane. This will allow the pavements to be widened, eliminating a notorious bottleneck and improving the safety of the junction for all pedestrians. A new station building on Iverson Road will increase passenger capacity, ease congestion and improve the interchange with West Hampstead Overground and Underground. The new station will also link into and complete the new footbridge, allowing step-free access to all platforms.

■ Detailed plans for a new station at Northampton Castle are to be drawn up following the appointment of a design team. The station will be a new construction, and will include a multi-storey car park, footbridge and approach roads, with later phases of the scheme including a commercial development on the surrounding land. The outline design phase is due to be completed by the end of this year.

■ £5 million of the first phase of the Tees Valley Metro project, is being earmarked for improvement work at Redcar Central and Saltburn stations. Originally the phase included plans for a new station at Wilton, but that has now been shelved and the investment has been switched to improving the two existing stations, with Redcar getting the majority of the funding. Providing the scheme is not hit by the Government's spending cuts, it is hoped the work will start early in 2011. The improvements planned at Redcar Central include replacing the wooden platform on the north side of the station, improving the footbridge and installing lifts to enable disabled access, improving passenger waiting areas, and better information services. Passenger waiting areas and information services at Saltburn will also be improved.

■ Oyster card holders are able to travel using cheaper fares in a new month-long promotion. From 26th June to 25th July inclusive, TOCs in conjunction with TfL are offering good savings on off-peak journeys from London to more than 500 stations, with some fares offering more than 75% off normal prices. Card holders can buy off-peak return fares to destinations for as little as £5. Destinations included in the 'Get out of London' offer are Bournemouth, Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, Eastbourne, Salisbury, Southend and Windsor. To claim the discount, card holders need to visit www.daysoutguide.co.uk/oyster to download a special rail voucher for each return journey.

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Approval for new Kirkstall Forge plans

Leeds City Council has approved plans for a new station at Kirkstall Forge, to form part of a developer's wider scheme to transform the 56-acre former industrial site into a thriving mixed-use community.

The plan for Kirkstall Forge includes 1,045 homes, 300,000 sq ft of commercial office space, and retail and leisure facilities. The developers have provided £4 million towards the delivery of the station, which will serve the new Forge development and the wider area including Kirkstall, South Horsforth and Bramley Falls.

Metro has worked closely with Network Rail, Northern, Leeds City Council and the site developer on the £23 million rail growth scheme, but it is now important that the Government gives the scheme the go-ahead to avoid the private sector funding being lost.

The new railway station will mean that Kirkstall Forge will only be a six-minute journey from Leeds city centre. This, together with the riverside frontage and facilities such as a gym, crèche, hotel, restaurants and bars makes it an ideal location for residents and businesses to locate.

▲ **Following problems with the Virgin Class 57/3s on First Great Western's loco-hauled Cardiff, Bristol Temple Meads and and Taunton diagram, services have been operated with a GBRF Class 66 in 'top and tail' mode with a '57/3'. On 28th June, the heavily delayed 14.00 Cardiff - Taunton has just passed Cogload Junction and approaches Charlton, on the outskirts of Taunton, with GBRf Class 66/4 No. 66402 leading and Class 57/3 No. 57308 at the rear. Due to the un-reliablility of the diagram, DBS Class 67s are due to be introduced from 5th July. John Whitehouse**

Strathclyde agrees £9.2 million upgrade for Dalmarnock station

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport has given the go-head for the revamp of Dalmarnock station, after backing from the city council, Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration Company and Transport Scotland.

The work is estimated to cost £9.2 million, but the project has already secured European cash backing of almost £3 million. The existing station is run down and attracts only a small number of passengers despite rail connections into Glasgow, Hamilton and Motherwell. It has been criticised as being unsafe and unpleasant, and is said only to be busy during football games at Celtic Park.

However, the station will play an important role when Glasgow hosts the 2014 Commonwealth Games, work having already started on a national sports arena and indoor cycle track, as well as an athletes village within a five-minute walk of the station. The Games will be attended by thousands of spectators, as well as 6,500 officials and competitors. Athletes will live in more than 750 new homes, which are to be sold once the curtain comes down on the 11-day sports extravaganza.

An influx of 20,000 residents, and 20,000 jobs as well as 10,000 new homes are then being predicted.

NXEA takes over Clacton Depot

National Express East Anglia (NXEA) has completed a £1.5 million investment to refurbish and reopen the former Clacton-on-Sea Train Maintenance Depot, which has now been totally upgraded as part of the company's Service Improvement Plan.

The Depot was officially reopened on 2nd July. It is situated adjacent to Clacton-on-Sea station and was closed in 1994. It has since remained dormant, other than for some external contracting work.

NXEA's Service Improvement Plan includes improvements to train service capacity on the Great Eastern main line route, and the reopening of the maintenance facility at Clacton will complement NXEA's main Depot at Ilford, and will enable Class 321 EMUs to be maintained at Clacton. The total refurbishment has included work to rebuild the administration block, renew all lighting and facilities in the Train Shed, including the roof, install 16 new lift jacks with the ability to simultaneously lift four-coach trains and fitting a new jib crane.

▲ The interior of the refurbished workshop.

▲▶ Clacton-on Sea Maintenance Depot is formally reopened on 2nd July by Councillor Alan Goggin, Chairman of Tendring District Council, accompanied by the National Express East Anglia Director of Engineering, John Ratcliffe. **Both: Brian Morrison**

Scottish Electrification is on

The electrification of the route between Edinburgh and Glasgow has been confirmed as going ahead.

Transport Scotland having said that it is committed to installing electric power lines on more than 200 miles of track in the Central Belt by 2016, aiming to cut journey times between the two cities to 35 minutes.

This support for the £1 billion Edinburgh Glasgow Improvement Programme comes despite electrification becoming one of the first railway investment programmes to fall foul of the UK Government's new era of austerity, both London to Wales and Liverpool to Manchester electrification having been postponed, probably for years. That decision was met with disappointment by rail commentators and environmental groups, who say it will widen the gap between Britain's railways and most of Europe, where electric trains have been the norm for decades, offering cheaper, faster and more environmentally friendly services.

Network Rail has said that it was necessary to delay these electrification programmes after the Department for Transport last month cancelled an order for 700 new carriages. "There is no point electrifying track if you don't have the trains to run on it," a spokesman for the company said.

Thales takes on apprentices

This coming autumn, the rail signalling solutions business of Thales UK will welcome 20 apprentices into the company for the first time as part of a new work-based apprentice training scheme.

Created to meet future needs and to grow a technical skills base, the scheme will train successful candidates for roles in design, installation, testing and commissioning and maintenance. Apprentices will take part in work-based training over the course of the three-year scheme, dividing their time between on-the-job training and classroom-based learning at City of Westminster College, with Thales UK offering a competitive annual starting salary.

The News In Pictures

◀ As part of the ongoing process of removing 'First' branding from GBRf locomotives, Class 73/2 No. 73212 has lost its red stripe in favour of a broad white one. This can be compared with unmodified Class 73/1 No. 73141 behind. **Andy Armitage**

▼◀ The 'Northern Belle' made its second visit of the week to Alnmouth on 2nd July. The train approaches Copmanthorpe, south of York, on the return journey, headed by Class 67 No. 67005 *Queen's Messenger*. **Paul Braybrook**

▼ The 1·2 km rubber-tyred automated 'Peoplemover' that links the north and south terminals at London Gatwick airport in less than three minutes reopened on 1st July, following a £43 million modernisation. The twin-track elevated line opened in 1987, and the Airport estimates the original vehicles subsequently ran the equivalent of five return trips to the Moon. Bombardier was awarded a €32m contract to modernise the electrical and mechanical systems in December 2007, and work began in April 2008, with services suspended from September 2009. The guideways have been retained, but all other systems replaced. Two trains each comprising three Bombardier Innovia APM 100 cars built in Pittsburgh, have been purchased offering more seats and CCTV. **Bill Turvill**

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.

4th July 2010			
Torbay Express Ltd	6024	Bristol Temple Meads-Taunton-Exeter-Paignton-Kingswear & return	
Vintage Trains	4965	B'ham SH-Henley in Arden-Stratford-Dorridge-B'ham SH (two trips)	
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
Whestrail	61994	Fort William-Rannock-Falkirk Grahamston	**Cancelled**
5th July 2010			
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
6th July 2010			
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
7th July 2010			
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
8th July 2010			
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
9th July 2010			
Railway Touring Co.	46115	London Victoria-Woking-Bournemouth-Weymouth-Dorchester South-Wareham-Bournemouth-& return	
The Royal Scotsman	WCRC 47	Edinburgh Waverley-Perth-Aviemore-Boat of Garten (Strathspey Rly)	
Steam Dreams	30777 & 70013	London-Woking-Southampton-Bournemouth-Wareham-Swanage & rtn	
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
10th July 2010			
Pathfinder Tours	tbc	(Tame Bridge Parkway-)Bristol TM-Carmarthen & return	**Cancelled**
Rail-Blue Charters	2xDRS 47	Leicester-East Midlands Parkway-Chesterfield-Sheffield-Meadowhall-Wombwell-Barnsley-Wakefield Kirkgate-S&C-Carlisle-Workington-Ulverston-Preston-Standedge-Huddersfield-Wakefield Kirkgate & return	
Railway Touring Co.	44871 & 45407	(Manchester Victoria-Warrington Bank Quay-Crewe-Shrewsbury-Newport)-Cardiff-Llandrindod Wells-Craven Arms-Shrewsbury & return	
Spitfire Railtours	WCRC 33/37	York-Middlesborough-Battersby (rev)-Whitby & return	
Statesman Rail	tbc	Swindon-Stonehouse-Cheltenham Spa-Worcester SH-Kidderminster-Crewe-Llandudno Jct-Betws-y-Coed-Blaenau Ffestiniog & return	
The Royal Scotsman	2xWCRC 47	Boat of Garten-Aviemore-Inverness-Nairn-Elgin-Keith-Aberdeen-Dundee	
UK Railtours	6024	London Paddington-Banbury-Birmingham Snow Hill-Stourbridge Jct-Kidderminster-Worcester Shrub Hill-Cheltenham Spa-Stroud-Kemble-Swindon-Reading-(London Paddington)	
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
Whestrail	WCRC 37/47	Edinburgh Waverley-Fort William	**Cancelled**
11th July 2010			
Steam Dreams	34067	London-Exeter St. Davids & return	**Cancelled**
Torbay Express Ltd	60163	Bristol Temple Meads-Kingswear & return	**Cancelled**
Vintage Trains	4965	B'ham SH-Henley in Arden-Stratford-Dorridge-B'ham SH (two trips)	
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
Whestrail	WCRC 37/47	Fort William-Edinburgh Waverley	**Cancelled**

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
RED Tours cancelled by the operator
BLUE Provisional excursion
(Locations) in brackets on a steam tour listing indicates a diesel or electric-hauled section.

Tornado is grounded with leaking stays

After a truly stunning performance over Shap and the climb to Ais Gill on the southbound ascent of the Settle & Carlisle line, two suspected faulty stays in *Tornado*'s boiler were identified during a routine inspection of the locomotive by fitters at Stewarts Lane Depot on 26th June.

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust says that neither of these faults were present when a similar inspection of *Tornado* was conducted on 25th June, during the locomotive's lay-over at Crewe Heritage Centre following its use on 'The Border Raider' excursion the day before.

This new discovery follows the identification of five defective stays in late May/early June, and the subsequent replacement of these and seven neighbouring stays during repairs at Hither Green depot.

The A1 Steam locomotive Trust has therefore taken the decision to temporarily withdraw *Tornado* from service to enable a comprehensive repair to be put in place. Since the earlier defects were discovered, the Trust has been conducting a thorough investigation into the likely causes, which has yet to be completed. All of the Trust's customers have been advised of the situation and will be informed of the date of *Tornado*'s planned return to service as soon as possible.

Chairman of the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, Mark Allatt, commented: "This latest news is a blow to all of *Tornado*'s supporters and customers and our customers' passengers. We are working as hard as we can to bring *Tornado* back to full health as soon as possible and back onto the main line where it belongs."

The locomotive is now at Hither Green Depot, and stripping has commenced to allow the repairs to be undertaken. All work is in relation to the leaking stays, but the extent of the repair is not known at this stage.

▼ **Although running over an hour late, apparently as a result of problems during the watering of the locomotive at Carlisle, 'A1' Pacific No. 60163 *Tornado* powers the last few yards to the summit of the Settle & Carlisle line at Ais Gill on 26th June, sounding and looking in fine form. Richard Tuplin**

The Week Ahead

by John Whitehouse

Without doubt the highlight of the week will be on Friday 9th July when two steam specials head along the old London & South West main line to coastal resorts.

Steam Dreams goes to Swanage while the Railway Touring Company head for Weymouth. Current locomotive availability problems has resulted in the RTC charter being worked throughout from London by a total outsider, none other than ex-LMSR 'Royal Scot' 4-6-0 No. 46115 *Scots Guardsman*. Local Southern aficionados will no doubt closely monitor the locomotive's performance climbing Upwey Bank on the return working!

Meanwhile, Steam Dreams will have Maunsell 'King Arthur' No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel* working solo for the visit to Swanage, again with the 4-6-0 working the train throughout, except from Swanage to Southampton on the return, which will be diesel hauled as it is not possible to turn No. 30777 at Swanage. It will reverse at Southampton, and with *Sir Lamiel* again in charge, work back to Basingstoke and London, via Redbridge, Romsey and Andover.

The following day's 'Royal Oak' commemorates no less than 80 years in traffic for GWR 'King' 4-6-0 No. 6024 *King Edward I*. Running-in turns from Swindon for the then brand new No. 6024 commenced in July 1930, and so it is entirely appropriate that on 10th July, the locomotive returns to an old-stamping ground, the once Inter City route from London Paddington to Birmingham Snow Hill, using the route through High Wycombe. If only it could continue to Wolverhampton Low Level instead of having to diverge for Stourbridge Junction and Worcester Shrub Hill at Handsworth Junction! After a break at Worcester, the train returns with the 'King' via Sapperton to Reading, where diesel traction takes over for the last few miles back to Paddington.

Also on 10th July, Ian Riley's 'Black 5s' head RTC's 'Heart of Wales' from Manchester Victoria, which is diesel-hauled via the Welsh Marches to Newport, from where the steam section begins. Nos. 44871 & 45407 head west to reach the Central Wales Line by way of the Swansea District Line, ahead of a break at Llandrindod Wells. The steam-section then continues via Shrewsbury, Crewe and Warrington Bank Quay back to Manchester Victoria.

Statesman will also be heading into Wales on 10th July, but in its case Snowdonia is the destination. West Coast Class 47s should feature throughout from Swindon, via the West Midlands, to Blaenau Ffestiniog. DRS Class 47s should be heading Rail Blue Charters working from Leicester to Carlisle on the same day, which runs north via Chesterfield, Sheffield and the Settle & Carlisle, returning around the Cumbrian Coast and the Standedge route. A popular train this, as it is sold out and a 'relief' is already booked for 25th August. As mentioned last week, Spitfire has a late addition to the listings with the 'Whitby Jet' on 10th July, which is booked for a West Coast combination of Classes 33 & 37 'topping and tailing' from York and Middlesbrough to Whitby.

The second scheduled 'Shakespeare Express' of the season, which Vintage Trains confirm is booked for No. 4965 *Rood Ashton Hall* for the second successive week, runs on Sunday 11th July. 'The Torbay Express', also booked for 11th July with No. 60163 *Tornado* was cancelled some time ago, due to a lack of bookings with the World Cup Final cited as the reason - long before England got the heave-ho it must be said.

Having already spoken of the 'highlight' of the week, the tour of the week has to be a rare foray south of the border by 'The Royal Scotsman', which on 9th July will commence it's 'Grand Tour of Great Britain' from Edinburgh Waverley to Boat of Garten on the Strathspey Railway, running via the Forth Bridge, Perth and Aviemore. On Day 2, the train initially heads north to reverse at Inverness, prior to working east via Nairn, Aberdeen and Montrose to Dundee. The following day, 11th July, the train heads south over both the Tay and Forth Bridges, then via Waverley and the Edinburgh Suburban Railway, Carstairs, Carlisle, Warrington Bank Quay and Chester to arrive at the small Conwy Valley station of Llanrwst.

On Day 4, the 'Royal Scotsman' continues to Blaenau Ffestiniog, and then after a break, back to Llandudno, where after a further break and reversal it heads for Hereford via Chester, Crewe and Shrewsbury. The tour continues via Bath Spa, Cambridge, York, Scarborough and Alnmouth, with a reported overnight stay on the Nene Valley Railway at Wansford. The detailed itinerary from Day 5, 15th July, is not yet available (our website listings will be updated with this information when to hand). West Coast Class 47s are the booked traction for this quite unique tour of the country.

▼ **Wrexham & Shropshire-liveried Class 67/0 No. 67012** *A Shropshire Lad* **approaches Crianlarich on 26th June, with the final leg of the 'Three Peaks Challenge', from Fort William to London Euston, returning the participants home. Graeme Eadington**

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SATURDAY, 14TH AUGUST - 'The Southern Circular II'

This tour provides for an interesting day out, with haulage by a pair of Class 47s, to the cathedral city of Salisbury, via an interesting route along the Midland Mainline. Outwards our route should see us run via Virginia Water, Woking, Havant, Fareham, Eastleigh and Romsey. You will then have time to visit Salisbury before we return via Basingstoke, Mortimer, Reading, Slough and Acton.

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FARES: **First Class** £85 (£65 for juniors) and **Standard Class** £57 (£37 for juniors)

FRIDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER - 'The West Coast Premier'

A visit to historic Edinburgh behind electric traction, in the form of BR blue-liveried 87002 is on offer with this trip. The train takes a scenic run through the Cumbrian and Lakeland Fells, over Shap, then on through the Borders over the spectacular climb to Beattock and along the Cobbinshaw line into Edinburgh with distant views of the Forth Bridge. Edinburgh offers a world of shopping and award winning attractions like the historic castle or a tour around the Royal Yacht Britannia.

Ride the WCML behind a Class 87

PICK UP STATIONS are Watford Junction, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhampsted, Tring, Leighton Buzzard, Milton Keynes Central, Northampton, Rugby and Nuneaton.

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Cornish Riviera weekend trip a "great success"

'A great success' is Steam Dreams' MD Graeme Bunker's assessment of last weekend's 'Cornish Riviera' from Paddington to Penzance, to the extent that there is a demand to do it all again next year.

The combination of a Great Western pairing of Nos. 5029 *Nunney Castle* and 6024 *King Edward I*, a weekend in the Duchy and some of the hottest and sunniest weather so far this year made this a very special tour. However, a batch of poor coal that caused the 'King' to struggle together with an incident with the rolling stock between Theale and Newbury, did not bode well for the trip. As a precaution, 'Western' No. D1015 *Western Champion* had been dispatched from Exeter St Davids to Taunton in order to pilot the 'King' over Whiteball summit. This was an expedient move, as otherwise there could have been operational issues with a poorly steaming locomotive over Whiteball, but it also provided the first 'Western-King' combination on the main line since 1962. The break at Exeter sorted out the fire on the 'King', and with the 'Western' sent ahead to Par, the combination of the 'Castle' and the 'King' set out to provide what Graeme Bunker describes as a 'truly awesome' run to Par, where steam came off, and No. D1015 took over for the final miles to Penzance. Following a day of off-train activities on Sunday, *Western Champion* duly worked the ECS on Monday morning from St Blazey to Penzance with *Nunney Castle* and *King Edward I* attached at the rear, which included running 'wrong line' through the section at Hayle, where the steam locomotives were out of gauge due to insufficient clearance at a bridge on the down line. This was the reason why the 'down' working on Saturday had to be diesel-hauled from Par, as plans to run 'wrong line' with steam were scuppered by there not being a path available.

The 'up' train continued with some blistering running, and the two locomotives were easily keeping time despite a heavy 13-coach train. However, north of Taunton the weather nearly influenced the remainder of the journey, when lineside fires were reported between Cogload Junction and Highbridge after the passing of the 'Cornish Riviera', and there was some debate as to whether it would continue steam-hauled from Bristol Temple Meads.

Steam held sway, and actually passed a shower of rain in the Bath area on the way back to Paddington, to bring a stunning weekend to a very satisfactory conclusion. The train was a sell-out, as no doubt, will be any re-run in 2011.

▼ **GWR 'Castle' No. 5029** *Nunney Castle* **& GWR 'King' No. 6024** *King Edward I* **head Steam Dreams' 'Cornish Riviera' over Cornwood Viaduct on 28th June. John Whitehouse**

Penzance 'Maisey Day' celebrations

Saturday 28th June was 'Mazey Day' in Penzance, which is an annual street festival that celebrates the arrival of Midsummer.

It has long been a destination for railtours, this year being no exception, with three being shoe-horned in during the mid-day period followed by 'The Cornish Riviera' in the early evening when things, in railway terms, had quietened down. Pathfinder was due to arrive from Tame Bridge Parkway with a pair of Hanson Class 56s, Spitfire from Gloucester with a pair of DRS Class 37s and UK Railtours from Paddington with DBS Class 67s. The southbound workings all ran well, with the stock of UKR's tour going back to Truro for servicing. Whether this was a booked move or due to the derailment of an HST set at Long Rock is not clear, as the Pathfinder and Spitfire charters were deal with locally.

However, a problem from beyond the railway was to create chaos for the return workings, when a lineside fire which started outside the railway boundary got out of control, resulting in the line having to be closed to enable fire crews to work safely.

One of the last trains to squeeze past was reported to be the UK railtours ECS working, returning to Penzance, after which the line was effectively closed for two hours while the blaze was bought under control. This caused serious delays to trains, especially the charters, with Pathfinder arriving back roughly two hours late, and Spitfire over an hour late. However, the fire had been extinguished by the time the 'Cornish Riviera' passed by. The cause of the fire is not known, and Network Rail confirm it was in no way connected with any railway activities.

▲▲ **King class No. 6024** *King Edward I* **double-heads with Castle class No. 5029** *Nunney Castle* **as the pair power past Dawlish Warren bound for Penzance on 26th June. Darren Brooks**

▲ **The last rays of the sunset catch the double-headed Class 56 tour 'The Cornish Explorer' as it crosses Cockwood Harbour running over 80 minutes late, due to a fire adjacent to the railway earlier in the day, near Truro. Duncan Langtree**

▲ **LNER 'K4' 2-6-0 No. 61994** *The Great Marquess* **passes Ballinluig on 26th June with the Broomhill to Polmont working of the SRPS charter to the Strathspey Railway. WCRC Class 47/7 No. 47760 took over the tour from Perth for the final run to Polmont. Robert Duff**

Crewe Pacifics at Crewe!

Over the weekend of 30th July/1st August, Crewe Heritage Centre will be holding an event featuring two of Crewe Works famous Pacifics, Nos. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* **and 6233** *Duchess of Sutherland*, **which will both be at the centre between railtour duties.**

No. 6233 will return to the centre on Friday evening having hauled 'The Scarborough Flyer', while on Saturday morning No. 6201 will depart the centre to haul 'The Cumbrian Mountain Express', returning in the evening.

Friday and Saturday evening will feature late-night photographic opportunities with both locos, and the centre will open early on Saturday to allow visitors to have breakfast and photograph *Princess Elizabeth* as it is prepared for, and departs on its railtour duty. Both locos will be present on Sunday and in steam throughout the event.

Both days will also feature brakevan rides with the resident Class 03 No. D2073, and possibly one of the Pacifics. There will also be some model railways and trade stands in the main hall. The miniature railways will be in operation throughout and all of the signalboxes will be open.

Graffiti attack at Keighley

Graffiti vandals who have struck the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway must be caught before they cause more damage in the region say Police and the Railway.

On 19th June, the crew of the first train from Oxenhope to Keighley discovered that Bridge 4, which spans Park Lane, had been covered with graffiti. A platelayers' cabin nearby had also been defaced. The crew reported the matter to the West Yorkshire Police. Vandals who two years ago defaced historic coaching stock that had been carefully restored on the line, were caught, thanks to a painstaking enquiry involving the West and North Yorkshire Police and co-ordinated by the British Transport Police.

Anyone who saw the vandals or who knows anything about the incident should contact Keighley Police on 0845 606 0606.

▼ **The KWVR's Railbus made a rare visit away from its home line on 26th/27th June, when it starred at the Llangollen DMU Gala. The visitor made an interesting comparison with the GWR auto-train set hauled by 6400 Class 0-6-0PT 6430 at Carrog on 27th June. Fred Kerr**

First waste train arrives at Bluebell

▲ **GBRf Class 73/2s Nos. 73204** *Lisa* **and 73208** *Kirsten* **propel their train of empty wagons into the Bluebell platform line at East Grinstead, having arrived from the National Network, to be loaded with waste from Imberhorne Cutting. Tony Sullivan**

A bid to kick-start the fundraising campaign for the Bluebell Railway extension has been boosted by a £50,000 windfall from the Mid Sussex District Council, which agreed to donate the sum at a recent cabinet meeting.

The project will eventually provide an uninterrupted rail journey between East Grinstead and Sheffield Park, once the former landfill site has been cleared. The management of the railway believe it has reached a critical stage, and £3 million must be raised within the next 12 months to succeed.

The first train to use the mainline connection and cross Imberhorne Viaduct, delivering empty wagons to be loaded with waste arrived on 3rd July.

Alnwick railway could become reality

Plans to re-establish the line between Alnwick and Alnmouth are being recommended for approval by Northumberland County Council, 42 years after trains last ran on the route.

The scheme, developed over the last decade by the Aln Valley Railway Trust, involves building a new station at Lloyds Field, on the edge of Alnwick at the Lionheart Enterprise Park, and relaying 2.1km of track to Greenrigg Overbridge, roughly halfway to Alnmouth. The ultimate aim is to reconnect the town with the ECML, creating a combined heritage and commuter service. The first phase, including the proposed Lionheart station, will be a single-storey, part-wooden structure incorporating a cafe, shop, ticket office and toilets. But while many are supportive of the tourist-friendly attraction that would be created, some residents who have homes near the line have concerns. The main issues raised are loss of farming land on the station site, environmental disruption and even questions about whether the final connection to Alnmouth will ever be completed.

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway

SHUNTERFEST & DIESEL GALA

Friday 9th - Sunday 11th July 2010

Friday 9th July will see the return of our popular "Shunterfest" event which will feature temporary-resident 08683 alongside two industrial Class 08s: 08202 and 08598 – neither of which have worked a passenger train before! ***This is an extremely rare opportunity.***

Service trains operating from Toddington to Gotherington Halt in 'top and tail' formation.

PLUS! On the Sunday, there will be a bus rally at Toddington displaying a fine collection of buses from vintage vehicles to the more modern designs.

Other locos in action over the weekend will be:

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◀ Providing a splash of colour, Colas Rail Class 66/8 No. 66842 passes Fiddlers Gill, just to the north of Carstairs, while piloting DRS Class 66/4 No. 66419, which on this occasion was 'dead in tow', on the Coatbridge to Daventry working on 30th June. **Kenny Marrs**

▼ All 24 arches of the magnificent Ribblehead Viaduct can be seen in this view as Class 70 No. 70006 powers a rake of empty coal wagons over the viaduct on 30th June, working from Ferrybridge 'C' Power Station to Killoch for loading. **Edward Gleed**

Class 66/7 No. 66708 passes Irthlingborough Road, Wellingborough, on 29th June with an ECS move from Willesden to Barrow Hill, the stock having been used on the 'Three Peaks Challenge' charter. **Steve Madden**

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.

The Great Central Railway Society (Rotherham)
TheThree Horseshoes,Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 2BW. 'Classic Film Night' by Mick Hayes. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary, Mick Hayes on 01709 821544 for further details.

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.

North East Essex Railway Association
Room 6, Frinton Community Centre, The Triangle, Frinton. 'East Anglian Railway Museum' by Bob Breakwell. Meeting comences at 19.45.

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.

11th July 2010
St Albans Signal Box Open Day
St Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust, Ridgmont Road, St Albans AL1 3AJ. Exhibition of signalling and railway ephemera within the preserved signal box. Admission free. Open 14.00 - 17.00. Contact the Chairman, K.Webster on 01727 836131 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.

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.

Swiss Railways Society (London)
The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT. (nr Kings Cross Station) 'The Turn of the Century' by Alan Pike. Meeting commences at 19.00. A £2 donation is requested. Contact the Secretary, Ron Dawes on 0208 660 3532 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.

Marlow & District Railway Society
Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Road, Bourne End. 'A Beginner's Guide to British Railway Signalling - Part 2' by Mike Walker. Meeting commences at 20.00. Non-members admission £2.

16th July 2010
GWS (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.

19th July 2010
GCR Society (Spinkhill)
The Angel Hotel 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'A Look Back at Sheffield Trams to Crookes and Walkley' by Paul Fox. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary, Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for details.

25th July 2010
St Albans Signal Box Open Day
St Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust, Ridgmont Road, St Albans AL1 3AJ. Exhibition of signalling memorabilia. Admission free. Open 14.00 - 17.00. Contact K.Webster on 01727 836131 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. Contact 01256 819401 for details.

2nd August 2010
RCTS (Ashford)
Members visit to IECC Ashford. Contact southeast@rcts.org.uk for details.

RCTS (Northampton)
'Southern Day Saver' day out. Contact the Secretary, David Pick on 01604 810613 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 for further details.

5th August 2010
The Great Central Railway Society (Rotherham)
TheThree Horseshoes,Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 2BW. 'Tramcars to Buses' by Andy Firth. Starts 19.30. Contact Mick Hayes on 01709 821544 for further details.

7th August 2010
RCTS (Northampton)
Visit to Welshpool & Llanfair Railway. Contact David Pick on 01604 810613.

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Web Links

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▼ **'Powerhaul' liveried Class 86/6 No. 86637 leads classmate No. 86632 through Lichfield Trent Valley with the 10.28 Tilbury-Crewe Basford Hall intermodal service on 23rd June. John Whitehouse**

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

SEG (Sussex)
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'Closed Stations' by Malcolm Stroud. Starts 19.30. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for 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 Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for details.

RCTS (Merseyside, Chester & North Wales)
Station Observation at Chesterfield. (optional visit to Barrow Hill). Contact, Geoff Morris on 01244 376808 or at geoffreymorris@tiscali.co.uk 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.

Swiss Railways Society (London)
The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT. (nr Kings Cross Station) Members Slides - 'Foreign Night'. Start 19.00. £2 donation requested. Contact the Secretary, Ron Dawes on 0208 660 3532 for further details.

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

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

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22nd August 2010
RCTS (Merseyside, Chester & North Wales)
'Preservation Sites in Welshpool/ Oswestry Area'. Contact the Secretary, Geoff Morris on 01244 376808 for further details

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Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'The Hiustory of the Ian Allan Publishing Group' by David Allan. Starts 20.00. Visitors Welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

1st September 2010
Warwickshire Rly Society
The Lamp Tavern PH, Barford Steket, Highgate, Birmingham. 'Two Americas' by Dave Lacey. Meeting commences at 19.30.. Contactthe Secretary, Don Taggart on 01746 710676 for further details.

2nd September 2010
The Great Central Railway Society (Rotherham)
TheThree Horseshoes,Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 2BW. 'J.G.Robinson and other Railway Artists' by Ken Grainger. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary, Mick Hayes on 01709 821544 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 & Carriage Institution
55 Broadway, London. 'Presidential Address' by Nick Agnew. Starts 18.00. Contact Stuart Smith at smithstuart@btinternet.com 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 01525 750149 for details.

SEG (South Hampshire)/ LRTA (Southern)
Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'Railways in the North East - Retrospective and Recent' by Bruce Oliver. Starts 19.30. 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 Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for 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 01527 873800 for further details.

9th September 2010
Bath Railway Society
Bath Green Park Station Meeting Room. 'Rare, Unique and High Quality Photographs' by Paul Chancellor. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Kevin Plummer (evenings) 01225 312564 for details.

Continental Rly Circle
St Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. 'Southern Africa' by Ron White. Starts 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.

11th/12th September 2010
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21st September 2010
Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)
St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford. AGM & Branch Annual Photographic Competition. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01525 750149 for further details.

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FGW Class 43 powercar No. 43156 heads the 18.00 London Paddington-Bristol Temple Meads service past Bathampton Junction on 22nd June.
Darren Brooks

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