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Approaching the end of Scarborough's semaphores

The October completion date for the resignalling work around Scarborough is fast approaching. Completion of the work will involve removal of the station's semaphore signals, together with Falsgrave signal box and the famous gantry, which is being donated to the NYMR.

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Publishing Break

Railway Herald will not be published on Monday 2nd August, as a result of an editorial break. We will return to our usual weekly publishing schedule as from:

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As usual, we advise readers to continue to sending imagery and news contributions for the magazine during this time, and the Imaging Centre will continue to be moderated as normal.

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On 17th July , Class 155 No. 155344 passes through Eastwood, just east of Hebden Bridge in the Calder Valley, with a Leeds - Manchester Victoria Northern Rail service. This route has a service frequency of four trains each way per hour. Fred Kerr

Eurostar remembers those who died at Fromelles in 1916

The new Commonwealth War Graves Commission Military Cemetery at Fromelles, near Lille in France, was dedicated on 19th July, when over 400 guests visited what was the 1916 Fromelles battlefield.

Many of the dead British and Australian troops from the First World War battle were buried by the Germans in several mass graves and have never been identified or properly interred with military honours and an appropriate gravestone. A mass grave containing 250 bodies was recently discovered and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, has so far identified 96 remains from the battle with DNA from relatives, and all 250 have now been individually buried with an appropriate gravestone. The Commission intends to continue the work to identify the remaining soldiers for the next four years.

▲ **Class 373 Eurostar No. 3009 stands at St Pancras International on 19th July, prior to being named** *Remembering Fromelles* **by HRH The Duke of Kent. No 3010 on the other end carries the same plates. Brian Morrison**

▼ **Richard Brown, Deputy Chairman of Eurostar, shakes the hand of HRH The Duke of Kent after he had unveiled the name** *Remembering Fromelles* **on the bodyside of Eurostar No. 3009 at St Pancras International on 19th July. Brian Morrison**

Many of the train passengers were relatives of the deceased, and some had arrived at St Pancras International from all over the UK and from Australia. As the President of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, HRH The Duke of Kent named both Class 373 Eurostar powercars Nos. 3009 & 3010 with the plates *Remembering Fromelles*, before the train departed for Lille at 08.04.

▲ **The 18.00 stock movement from Slade Green Depot to Wolverton Works, taking a Class 465 Networker for refurbishment passes Falconwood on 24th July, headed by Class 66/0 No. 66182. Any form of locomotive movement on this line is extremely rare, but was used on this occaion as a severe fire on the usual route via Sidcup stopped all traffic on that line for some hours. Brian Morrison**

NXEA honours 125 years of publishing

▼ **Andrew Goodrum, NXEA Customer Service Director, the Editor of The Evening Star, Nigel Pickover, the Mayor of Ipswich, Councillor Jane Chambers, and the MP for Ipswich, Ben Gummer, pose beside the nameplate of Class 90 No. 90013 unveiled at Ipswich on 23rd July, to commemorate 125 years since the local newspaper first went into print. Brian Morrison**

The results of railway tresspass...

Network Rail has reported that 49 people, a quarter of whom were aged between 11 and 20, died between April 2009 and March 2010 after trespassing on live railway tracks.

The company is concerned that people do not realise they can be killed by simply touching one of the rails and is warning young people of the dangers of playing on railway lines during the school holiday period. The Network Rail campaign 'No Messin' also highlights the hundreds of objects thrown onto tracks each year. The Rail Safety and Standards Board recorded 3,400 incidents of trespass and vandalism during the 2009-2010 period. Part of the danger lies in the fact that when people touch the live rail, they 'stick' to it and the emergency services often cannot help until the power is switched off.

The problem is not solved by having overhead power lines, as in wet weather the electricity can arc through the air and hit people up to four feet away. The danger also is not just to those who are trespassing. Last year 76 shopping trolleys were placed on lines, as well as 180 bikes, seven prams and one bouncy castle.

Trespassing on the railway is a criminal offence and people can be fined up to £1,000. If someone puts an object on the track that causes an accident, the maximum sentence is life imprisonment - and if a child is charged with causing a train accident, then a parent or guardian is liable to be prosecuted as well.

Airdrie station closes for upgrade work

Airdrie station was closed for nine days from 16th July for upgrading work ahead of the reopening of the rail link to Bathgate, bus replacement services being in operation.

A new platform, footbridge and easy-access lifts were installed, the closure being timed to coincide with the traditional 'Glasgow Fair' holiday fortnight in an attempt to minimise disruption. Commuters from Drumgelloch station have already been using bus replacement services to reach Airdrie since the current line terminus closed in May, due to the major upgrading work. It is being relocated 500 metres east with a new 358-space car park, and will open when the £300 million line is completed in December.

Ron McAulay, Network Rail's Director for Scotland, said: "The Airdrie to Bathgate project is one of the largest civil engineering projects in Europe, and certainly the biggest railway project in Scotland for several decades. We are making excellent progress, but are acutely aware that projects of this scale cause some temporary inconvenience for people nearby, and we will work with North Lanarkshire Council and ScotRail to keep this to a minimum. As we carry out the work at Airdrie station and other sites across North Lanarkshire, we thank the travelling public and local residents for their continued cooperation and patience".

Preparation for new National Operations Centre continues

The main contract to construct Network Rail's new National Centre in Milton Keynes has been awarded.

The new centre will bring up to 3,000 employees together under one roof, and will save the company nearly £20 million every year as the amount of office space it rents at a number of locations across the country will be greatly reduced.

The new centre will also create further benefits, as bringing Network Rail's national functions together in one place will improve teamwork and planning, and provide better support to the route and area teams across the country.

The building will have a range of measures designed to regulate temperature and reduce energy use, including optimising the building's orientation and facade, narrow floor plans, high overhanging under roofing (soffits) to provide shade, and natural ventilation, all of which will be complemented by very high efficiency, low carbon systems. The centre will also include extensive 'living' roofs to greatly enhance and encourage diverse habitats for flora and fauna, and sizable rainwater harvesting systems will be used to flush toilets and irrigate the plants.

Material from the National Hockey Stadium, which used to occupy the site, will be sourced as much as possible to help limit the number of lorries being used.

▶ As a result of the takeover of GBRf by Eurotunnel Group, the company is in the process of training its drivers on the route from Dollands Moor to Willesden. As a consequence the Europorte2 driver training programme has been extended for at least two months. On 5th July, Class 92 No 92028 *Saint Saens* passes Paddock Wood, with the 11.12 Dollands Moor-Willesden driver training run. Bill Turvill

Metro and Light Rail News

Metrolink's extended Queens Road depot officially opened by Transport Minister

Transport Minister, Norman Baker, in the cab of a new Metrolink M5000 tram, formally opened the newly-extended Manchester Metrolink Depot at Queen's Road on 15th July.

The £10.5 million extended facility will provide stabling and maintenance for part of the network's growing Metrolink fleet of trams, which are to increase from 32 to 80 as part of the ongoing Metrolink expansion. Completed on budget and without disruption to the operation of services, the depot now has new maintenance berths with improved access, a new stores building, more stabling sidings to increase the depot's total capacity to 44 trams, and workshop equipment to allow the new trams to be maintained.

The new Metrolink routes to Oldham and Rochdale, Chorlton, MediaCityUK and Droylsden are already taking shape, and last month, despite massive nationwide savings being made, Metrolink was seemingly exempted when the Government agreed to fund the next phase of the expansion to Ashton and East Didsbury.

▼ **Wearing the latest Croydon Tramlink livery, light rail vehicle No. 2545 stands outside East Croydon station with a service to New Addington in early July. Daniel Leach**

TfL confirms no network closures during Olympic Games

Two years away from the biggest event that London has ever staged, Transport for London (TfL) is on time with preparations for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, with a number of projects already completed on London Underground, London Overground, Docklands Light Railway and Tramlink.

With the amount of work that is being put into upgrading the network ahead of the Games, TfL has been able to plan its ongoing engineering so that there will be no planned line closures over the Games period, with closures also minimalised in the weeks before. Network Rail will also be suspending its engineering works during the same period, from 17th July 2012 until the conclusion of the Paralympics on 14th September 2012. Overnight maintenance work will continue as usual during this time, but there will not be any planned station or line closures for the duration in Greater London.

Key 2012 transport projects completed or nearing completion ahead of the Games by TfL and Network Rail include:

- Major upgrade to Stratford station, the main transport hub for London 2012 spectators, which will accommodate 120,000 passengers and enable over 200 trains to call during the Games.
- Upgrades to the Jubilee Line to boost capacity to Wembley Stadium, the Olympic Park and Canning Town for DLR connections.
- Docklands Light Rail extensions to London City Airport, Woolwich Arsenal and Stratford International, which will serve the heart of the Olympic Park and form a crucial travel link during the Games.
- Introduction of 55 new carriages on the DLR to create trains of six cars (two three-car units) that will increase capacity by 50 %.
- Upgrade of the North London Line and opening of the extended East London Line.
- Expansion and modernisation of key London Underground stations including King's Cross, which has quadrupled in size, North Greenwich, West Ham and Wembley Park.
- Step-free access at both Green Park and Southfields stations, enabling access to Olympic events at Hyde Park and Olympic tennis matches at Wimbledon.
- Introduction of 54 new London Overground trains with air conditioning, CCTV, wheelchair bays and energy-efficient braking.

Tower Pier modernisation, delivering improved facilities and capacity at this key river pier, making the river an easier and more accessible transport option – and improvements to cycling and walking networks, including those directly accessing the Olympic Park area.

▼ **Central Line 1992 stock with driving motor No. 91109 on the rear, stands at North Acton on 13th July. Robert Jefferys**

UK News In Brief

■ Network Rail is carrying out vital renovation and strengthening works to the Victorian viaducts of Enterkin Burn and Crawick, near Sanquhar, with ScotRail providing replacement bus services between Kilmarnock and Carlisle and Dumfries and Carlisle from 25th July to 1st August. The £7 million project will involve internal strengthening and repairs to the stonework on both listed structures, and will result in speed restrictions being removed.

■ VTG Rail UK, the subsidiary of VTG Aktiengesellschaft, has signed a deal with BP Oil for the purchase and leaseback of its fleet of 124 tank wagons. The agreement represents a significant increase to the VTG fleet, and introduces GB Oils and BP Air as new customers for the company. Under the agreement, all 124 wagons will operate out of the Grangemouth refinery, with 57 two-axle aviation kerosene wagons used to deliver fuel to Prestwick and Linkswood Airports, and 12 bogie wagons used to deliver aviation kerosene for engine testing at Rolls Royce in Derby. Of the other wagons in the acquired fleet, VTG will hire 18 two-axle wagons to GB Oils for the transportation of regular kerosene to its Lairg and Fort William depots, and the remaining 37 wagons will be used by BP Oil for movements to its depot in Dalston.

■ The first of 30 four-car Class 379 Electrostars for Stansted Express services will begin tests at Bombardier's Derby Litchurch Lane plant in September. The 160 km/h units will have larger than normal luggage racks for airport traffic, as well as 'enhanced' CCTV and onboard wi-fi. The EMUs were ordered in April 2009 when Lloyds TSB entered the train leasing market with a £173 million contract, which includes a three-years maintenance deal. Bombardier has two production lines running, and expects to deliver the trains between March and June next year.

■ The Welsh Assembly Government has said that a decision on whether the Ebbw Vale to Newport line, closed in 1962, will go ahead will not come about before March next year, a feasibility study being awaited from Network Rail into its economic and logistical viability. However, £2.6 million is also being spent to install a connection at Gaer Junction, which would pave the way for the line between Ebbw Vale and both Newport and Cardiff once completed.

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c2c upgrade announced

The contract to extend platforms on the Essex Thameside Tilbury loop and Ockendon branch has been awarded.

The job involves extending platforms at nine c2c stations to allow for 12 carriage trains. Survey and design work gets underway this month and all stations are due to be completed by November 2011. In addition, work will be undertaken on the trackwork, overhead line and signalling equipment, and upgrading will take place on lighting, public address and CCTV security systems.

The contractor will use a mini piling system to support the new platform structures, which will cut down the amount of time needed to complete the work, and minimise disruption and noise to rail users and local residents. In a traditional piling operation, specialist machines are used on the tracks and work is carried out during possessions, at evenings or weekends. However, the mini piling system can be set up off the tracks, enabling lines to stay open throughout the project.

The stations to be upgraded are Dagenham Dock, East Tilbury, Grays, Ockendon, Pitsea, Purfleet, Rainham, Stanford-le-Hope and Tilbury Town.

Scarborough resignalling approaches completion

Work to completely renew the track, drainage and signalling around the Scarborough station approach area began in January, and is being carried out overnight until completion in October.

The project is being undertaken at a cost of £29 million, and essential works will affect all services working into and out of the station between 6th October and 1st November.

The work also includes other relaying on the line and a refurbishment of Huttons Ambo River Bridge, to ensure that it is fit for purpose for many years to come. The signalling works will mean that control of the system will be fully transferred to Seamer (currently split between Falsgrave and Seamer) and a new track layout installed to improve timetable flexibility and give better access for refueling steam trains. The listed signalbox at Falsgrave will be closed following the works, and a new user for it is being actively sought.

▼ **The first 'Scarborough Flyer' of the 2010 summer season passes Falsgrave signal box on the arrival at Scarborough with LMS 'Princess Royal' Pacific No. 6201** *Princess Elizabeth* **in charge. The scene will change completely with a move to colour lights. Robin Patrick**

Upgrades for Welsh stations in £21 million plan

Stations in the Welsh Valleys are to receive £21 million from the Convergence European Regional Development Fund under a Welsh Assembly Government scheme called the Wales Enhanced Station Improvement plans.

Developed in partnership with Network Rail and ATW, the aim of the programme is to increase use of rail services to access jobs, shops and recreation for a wide range of people, including those with disabilities. The aim to improve more than half of the stations on the ATW network by 2014.

Derby work will proceed thanks to Euro funding

The revamp of the surrounds to Derby station, which was reported as being scrapped by the Government as part of the national spending cuts, has been rescued thanks to alternative funding.

More than £800,000, due to be spent on redesigning the layout of the car park, taxi rank and bus stops, was withdrawn to the disappointment of organisations and councillors, who felt an improved station was the key to the future success of the city.

Now Derby City Council has negotiated other money to make sure the scheme can go ahead. The overall cost of the scheme, £1.78 million, will stay the same, but instead of more than £800,000 coming from the Government's Single Programme pot and £875,000 from the European Regional Development Fund, the European funding has been increased to £1.5 million.

In addition, the council has increased the amount it was going to invest from its transport plan budget from £49,000 to £158,000 and will also put a further £75,000 towards the project. Planning permission has already been secured for the station forecourt plans, and work is due to start in the next few months.

Farringdon foundations laid

The foundations have been formally laid for London's next major transport hub, Farringdon station.

From 2017, it is planned for upwards of 140 trains per hour to flow through the station as north/south Thameslink, east/west Crossrail and London Underground services will all meet there, meaning that Farringdon would surpass Clapham Junction as Britain's busiest station.

It will be the only station from which passengers will be able to access Crossrail, Thameslink and London Underground trains. In addition the longer platforms will be able to take 12-car Thameslink trains.

New waiting room at Kidsgrove

East Midlands Trains has opened the wedge shaped waiting room on Platforms 2 & 3 at Kidsgrove station following a £42,000 refurbishment.

The work has been jointly funded by Network Rail and Staffordshire County Council, which is a member of North Staffordshire Rail Partnership. The brick building, used by passengers travelling north towards Macclesfield and Manchester, and east to Stoke and Derby, has been completely gutted and the old fixtures and fittings replaced by modern facilities and safety features such as CCTV and an electronic door that automatically locks at 18.00 to substantially reduce the risk of vandalism and anti social activities. There will, however, be an emergency door release in the waiting room should anyone be accidentally locked in after this time!

Outside the waiting room, the brickwork has been repaired and guttering and fascias renewed. There is also a new CCTV system to deter vandalism and the Friends of Kidsgrove Station, who are all volunteers from the local community and have adopted the station, will keep a watchful eye on the new facilities.

New 100mph junction for Northolt

The London Borough of Hillingdon has approved plans for a new railway line and junction at Northolt.

The consent will allow the construction of a new westbound line at Northolt Junction, with a maximum speed of 100mph, which will allow trains to avoid restrictions through the dive-under on the existing 'down line', and to enable fast trains to overtake slower ones.

Construction work is expected to commence within the next few months and will take around eight months to complete.

Northolt Junction is the largest and most important planning consent for Chiltern Railways' 'Evergreen 3' project, outside the main Transport and Works Act Order.

▼ **East Coast has hired in an East Midlands Trains HST set for what is believed to be a two-week period. On its first day in traffic, Class 43 powercar No. 43058 (with classmate No. 43059 on the rear) passes Offord on the 08.40 Leeds to London King's Cross service.**
Paul Townsend

▲◀ One of only two Class 156s retaining Central green livery with blue ends, No. 156418 resides in Ipswich station yard on 23rd July, prior to working the 13.16 NXEA service to Cambridge.

▲ Unusually formed of a pair of two-car Class 466 Networkers instead of the usual four-car Class 465, the 10.47 Cannon Street-Cannon Street Southeastern service, via Woolwich Arsenal and Sidcup, arrives at New Eltham in mid-July, formed of units Nos. 466002 & 466026.

Both: Brian Morrison

◀ Class 33/2 No. 33207 rolls through Warrington Bank Quay with a Carnforth - Crewe ECS working on 23rd July. The 'Crompton' joined with LMS 'Black 5' No. 44871 at Crewe, from where the pair worked through to Machynlleth, in preparation for the summer Cambrian steam workings.

Sam Bacon

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.

26th July 2010		
UK Railtours	71000	(London Victoria-)Gloucester-Lickey Incline-Camp Hill-Water Orton-Nuneaton-Melton Mowbray-Harringworth Viaduct-Bedford-London
WCRC	45231	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Tywyn-Barmouth-Harlech-Minffordd-Porthmadog-Pwllheli & rtn
27th July 2010		
WCRC	45231 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Dovey Junction-Tywyn-Harlech-Porthmadog & return
WCRC	45407	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough & rtn
28th July 2010		
Railway Touring Co.	48151	Preston-Warrington BQ-Chester-Llandudno Jct-Bl. Ffestiniog & return
Railway Touring Co.	30777	London Victoria-Basingstoke-Weymouth-Dorchester South-London Victoria
Statesman Rail	tbc	Lancaster-Preston-Blackburn-Hellifield-S&C-Appleby-Carlisle & return
WCRC	45231 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Tywyn-Barmouth-Harlech-Minffordd-Porthmadog-Pwllheli & rtn
WCRC	45407	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough & rtn
29th July 2010		
Steam Dreams	44932	London Victoria-Bromley South-Canterbury & return
WCRC	45231 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Dovey Junction-Tywyn-Harlech-Porthmadog & return
WCRC	45407	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough & rtn
30th July 2010		
Railway Touring Co.	6233	Crewe-Wilmslow-Stockport-Huddersfield-York-Scarborough & return
WCRC	45231 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Tywyn-Barmouth-Harlech-Minffordd-Porthmadog-Pwllheli & rtn
31st July 2010		
Railway Touring Co.	6201	Crewe-Wilmslow-Manchester Victoria-Wigan-Shap-Carlisle-S&C-Hellifield-Blackburn-Wigan-Manchester Victoria-Wilmslow-Crewe
UK Railtours	2xDBS 67	London KX-Doncaster-Hellifield-S&C-Carlisle-Hexham-York-London
WCRC	45231 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
Whestrail	WCRC 37/47	Edinburgh Waverley-Fort William **Cancelled**
Spitfire Railtours	DRS 57, DRS 37 & DRS 66	Birmingham Intl.-Burton-Derby-Sheffield-Keighley-Hellifield-S&C-Carlisle-Hexham-Newcastle-York-Church Fenton-Swinton-Sheffield-Birmingham
Pathfinder Tours	D1015	Westbury-Chippenham-Banbury-Coventry-Nuneaton-Shap-Appleby-Garsdale-Hellifield-Blackburn-Crewe & return
1st August 2010		
Railway Touring Co.	WCRC Pool	York-Leeds-Shipley-Keighley-Skipton-Hellifield-S&C-Carlisle & return
Torbay Express Ltd	71000	Bristol Temple Meads-Kingswear & return
Vintage Trains	Tyseley Pool	B'ham SH-Henley in Arden-Stratford-Dorridge-B'ham SH (two trips)
WCRC	45231 or 61994	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. **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 Week Ahead

by John Whitehouse

As there will not be a *Railway Herald* published on 2nd August, this preview covers the 64 planned charter workings (excluding the NYMR's Esk Valley Whitby service) scheduled to run between 26th July and 9th August.

Now, 64 charters are a serious number of trains, and it will be interesting to see how the traditional high season trains perform this year, both in terms of passenger numbers and available steam traction. During this hectic season, due to space issues, each of the repeat itinerary trains will be covered in the week prior to the commencement of the service, but will then be ommitted from this column. A full daily listing of all operating railtours can be found on our website (which is updated regularly), including pick-up points, routing and, where known, the identity of the locomotive (or class) that will be operating the train.

The Northern Fells features prominently, with several tours using the WCML over Shap and the Settle & Carlisle. Saturday 31st July is a prime example, with RTC's 'Cumbrian Mountain Express' from Crewe, via Manchester and Preston to Carlisle, over Shap outwards, and returning along the Settle & Carlisle. This is the first of three dates, the others being the 14th & 28th August, for which *Princess Elizabeth* is booked for the first two, with *Duchess of Sutherland* earmarked for the latter.

Also engaged in a clockwise circuit over the Northern Fells is No. D1015 *Western Champion* for Pathfinder, which is due to work its 'Western Fellsman' throughout from Westbury to Appleby, via Oxford, Coventry, Nuneaton, the Trent Valley, Crewe, Shap and the Upperby curve. After a break at Appleby, the train heads south over the S&C, back to Crewe via Hellifield and Blackburn and then home as outwards. Working north to Carlisle will be Spitfire with another DRS miscellany of traction; the 'Cumbrian Crusader II' is booked for a Class 57 from Birmingham International to Sheffield, with a pair of Class 37s likely to be in charge to Carlisle, via the S&C, and then over the Tyne Valley route to Newcastle with a Class 66/4, prior to a pair of Class 37s back to Birmingham, via York. Also heading north over the S&C will be UK Railtours with the 'Grand Settle & Carlisle Circular Tour' from London King's Cross, which after a break at Carlisle, will return along the Tyne Valley through Hexham to Durham and then along the East Coast Main Line all the way back to King's Cross. DBS Class 67s should feature.

Staying with the Settle & Carlisle theme, 28th July will see the commencement of the 2010 season of Statesman Rail's 'The Fellsman', arguably the most successful repeat working of the 2009 season. This year it will operate each Wednesday through to 15th September, and already the inaugural working this week and that of 11th August are sold out. The route is from Lancaster, Preston, Bamber Bridge, Blackburn, Clitheroe and Long Preston, via the S&C to Carlisle, setting down also at Appleby. The return is as outwards, and the locomotive pool is advertised as including last year's regular No. 5690 *Leander*, together with Nos. 46115, 44932 and 48151 from the West Coast fleet.

The coming week will also witness the commencement of two other notable peak-season workings, bringing steam-haulage to Wales. West Coast's 'Cambrian' service starts on 26th July, and runs each weekday through to 27th August, plus an additional working on Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August. The train operates from Machynlleth, calling at Tywyn, Barmouth, Harlech, Minffordd and Porthmadog, and on Wednesdays and Fridays continues to Pwllheli. After three seasons of operation with the popular ex-BR Standard Class 4MT 2-6-0 No. 76079, this year the traction will be provided by recently restored 'Black 5' No. 44871. Wednesday 28th July will also have the first of four 'Welsh Mountaineers' from Preston via Warrington, Frodsham, Chester and Llandudno Junction, to Blaenau Ffestiniog. The trains are also booked to run on 11th, 18th and 25th August, with motive power from the West Coast consisting of Nos. 44932 or 48151, plus Bert Hitchen's No. 45231 *Sherwood Forester*, once it is released from 'The Jacobite' pool.

Two other workings of note feature this

UK Steam & Modern Traction Railtour Listings

Due to *Railway Herald* not being published on 2nd August, we have included the railtour listings for the following week as well.

2nd August 2010

WCRC	45231	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Tywyn-Barmouth-Harlech-Minffordd-Porthmadog-Pwllheli & rtn

3rd August 2010

WCRC	45231 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Dovey Junction-Tywyn-Harlech-Porthmadog & return
WCRC	45407	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough & rtn

4th August 2010

Railway Touring Co.	30777	London Victoria-Basingstoke-Weymouth-Dorchester South-London Victoria
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WCRC	45407	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough & rtn

5th August 2010

Steam Dreams	tbc	London Victoria-Salisbury-Bath Spa-Bristol Temple Meads & return
WCRC	45231 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Dovey Junction-Tywyn-Harlech-Porthmadog & return
WCRC	45407	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough & rtn

6th August 2010

WCRC	45231 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Tywyn-Barmouth-Harlech-Minffordd-Porthmadog-Pwllheli & rtn
Railway Touring Co.	6233	Crewe-Wilmslow-Stockport-Huddersfield-York-Scarborough & return
Compass Tours	DBS Class 67	Nuneaton-Tamworth-Stoke on Trent-Crewe-Shap-Beattock-Edinburgh Waverley & rtn

7th August 2010

Amethyst Experience Ltd	tbc	Ipswich-Colchester-Chelmsford-Shenfield-Romford-Stratford-Minehead & return
NENTA Traintours	2xWCRC 47	Norwich-Ipswich-Cambridge-March-S&C-Carlisle-Hexham-York & rtn to Norwich
Pathfinder Tours	tbc	Bristol TM-Chippenham-Oxford-Dorridge-Coleshill Parkway-York-Hartlepool & rtn
Railway Touring Co.	6201	Liverpool LS-Wigan-Carnforth-Shap-Carlisle-S&C-Hellifield-Blackburn-Liverpool & rtn
Statesman Rail	tbc	(Newport-Ludlow-Crewe-)Carnforth-Grange over Sands-Ravenglass & return
UK Railtours	2xDBS 67	London KX-York-Stockton-Hartlepool-Sunderland-Gateshead-Durham-York & rtn
VSOE	tbc	London Victoria-Didcot Parkway-(Didcot Parkway-Oxford-Didcot-London Victoria
WCRC	45231 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
Whestrail	WCRC 37/47	Edinburgh Waverley-Fort William **Cancelled**

8th August 2010

Railway Touring Co.	WCRC Pool	York-Leeds-Shipley-Keighley-Skipton-Hellifield-S&C-Carlisle & return
Railway Touring Co.	6233	Liverpool LS-Broad Green-Warrington BQ-Chester-Bangor-Holyhead & return
TBC	Hastings DEMU	Hastings-Tonbridge-Bromley South-London Waterloo-Bournemouth-Poole & rtn
Torbay Express Ltd	71000	Bristol Temple Meads-Kingswear & return
Vintage Trains	Tyseley Pool	B'ham SH-Henley in Arden-Stratford-Dorridge-B'ham SH (two trips)
WCRC	45231 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
Whestrail	WCRC 37/47	Fort William-Edinburgh Waverley **Cancelled**
Compass Tours	DBS Class 67	Holyhead-Preston-Wennington-Keighley-S&C-Upperby Curve-Shap-Preston-& rtn

9th August 2010

WCRC	45231	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Tywyn-Barmouth-Harlech-Minffordd-Porthmadog-Pwllheli & rtn
Railway Touring Co.	5690	York-Knaresborough-Harrogate-York-Northallerton-Stockton-Hartlepool & return

coming week, both steam-hauled. UK Railtours 'Midland Tornado' now features No. 71000 *Duke of Gloucester* from Gloucester to London Victoria, in place of the unavailable *Tornado*, The route pits No. 71000 against the Lickey Incline, before the train skirts Birmingham to Water Orton, Nuneaton, Leicester, Melton Mowbray, Kettering and Bedford, back to Victoria via the West London line. Having taken on the Lickey, *Duke of Gloucester* also crosses another major railway landmark en route, namely Harringworth Viaduct. Steam Dreams will also be in action with a 'Cathedrals Express' to Canterbury from London Victoria. In the absence of the booked *Oliver Cromwell*, West Coast's recently restored 'Black 5' No. 44932 will deputise.

Coming up soon will be the 'Tall Ships' gathering at Hartlepool, which will culminate in the grand departure parade as the vessels leave harbour on Monday 9th August. Railway Touring Company will be covering the event with a charter from York, initially running around the Harrogate Circle to pick up at Knaresborough, Harrogate and Leeds, before returning to York and then through Northallerton to Hartlepool, with No. 5690 *Leander* the booked traction throughout. Both UK Railtours and Pathfinder also plan to visit the event, the former from London King's Cross, outwards through Stockton, and returning around the Durham Coast, while the latter is from Bristol Temple Meads, working via Oxford, Dorridge and Coleshill Parkway to York, and then onwards through Stockton to Hartlepool.

Other workings for the week commencing 2nd August include a 'Cathedrals Express' from London Victoria to Bath Spa and Bristol Temple Meads, the traction for which has yet to be confirmed, so watch the railtour listings for updates. Statesman has a 'Lakelander' on 7th August from Newport and the Welsh Marches, with steam from Carnforth to Ravenglass and VSOE have a'Luncheon Circular' from London Victoria on the same day which is also booked for steam haulage. Nenta TrainTours will be in action on 7th August, working from Norwich to Carlisle, outwards over the S&C, returning along the Tyne Valley and ECML, and to the south, Amethyst Experience head for Minehead from Ipswich. Compass Tours' head for Edinburgh on 6th August, from Nuneaton, picking up along the Trent Valley and proceeding to Crewe via Stoke-on-Trent. The route north is over Shap and Beattock, and DBS Class 67s should feature. This is followed on 8th August with a working from Holyhead and North Wales Coast stations to Skipton and Keighley. Its 'Craven & Bronte Explorer' works outwards to Carnforth, and across the Little North Western via Wennington, but the return heads initially northwards over the S&C, before turning south by way of the Upperby curve to return via Shap. And finally, on 8th August, the first of two North Wales Coast Expresses operated by RTC, from Liverpool Lime Street, via Frodsham and Chester, to Llandudno Junction, Bangor and Holyhead. No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* is booked for both workings, the second of which is on 22nd August.

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'The Cambrian' positioning working heads west

▼ LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 44871 leads the ECS for the 2010 season's Cambrian operation through Meole Brace in Shrewsbury, with West Coast Class 33/2 No. 33207 positioned at the rear. The train was heading for Machynlleth, and was hauled throughout from Crewe by No. 44871. Earlier, the Class 33 had worked from Carnforth to Crewe (see 'News In Pictures') with the coaching stock, where it was joined by the 'Black 5' and its support coach that had moved down from Bury. The train was re-marshalled at Crewe so that the 'Black 5' led, with No. 33207 re-positioned at the rear. This working is unique, as it is the only steam-hauled train where the locomotive works chimney first onto the Cambrian, as steam locomotives are usually chimney-first towards Shrewsbury so that they are facing the arduous assault of Tallerdig on the return. At the end of the season, this ECS will have the benefit of a diesel pilot when it returns on 31st August. 'The Cambrian' runs each weekday from 26th July through to 27th August, plus Bank Holiday Monday 30th August, from Machynlleth to Porthmadog, and onwards to Pwllheli each Wednesday and Friday. **John Whitehouse**

Sun, sea, sand and a Deltic!

▲ Summer days for some, mean a trip to the seaside, and that was certainly the case for Class 55 'Deltic' No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* when it was used on a GBRf staff special from Newcastle to Scarborough, via Doncaster! Here, the train passes Strensall, near York, on 24th July during the outbound working. **Duncan Langtree**

Ups & Downs

by John Whitehouse

■ Non-destructive testing of the boiler platework on A1 Pacific No. 60163 *Tornado*, has revealed no defects, cracks or grooving in any of the boiler plate or welds. A total of over 150 stays from the side and back of the firebox have now been removed. Welders from DB Meiningen are due to arrive at Hither Green depot on 26th July to assist with repairs and hydraulic testing. *Tornado* is expected to return to main line operations from 14th August, on Steam Dreams' 'The Cathedrals Express' to York.

■ Hastings Diesel's 'English Electric Echo' charter on 18th September will now also be setting down at Boston, in addition to the previously reported Wainfleet and Skegness. Featuring the DEMU throughout, the train will call at the usual pick-up stations from Hastings to Bromley South, and then additionally at Kensington Olympia and Finsbury Park.

■ WCRC '8F' No. 48151 worked 'light engine' from Carnforth to York on 24th July, in order to deputise for unavailable 'Royal Scot' No. 46115 *Scots Guardsman* on 'The Waverley' excursion from York to Carlisle the following day. This led to the unusual sight of a steam locomotive on the main line in the 21st century, running without any stock or a support coach!

Another first in the bag for Vintage Trains as a Stanier Pacific returns to Birmingham New Street

▲ **History in the making as LMS 'Princess Royal' Class Pacific No. 6201** *Princess Elizabeth* **storms through Adderley Park on 17th July, with Vintage Trains' 'The Midlander' charter to London Euston. This was the first steam on the Birmingham New Street to Stechford line for over 40 years! Donald Taggart**

This year is becoming something of a vintage year for Vintage Trains, having operated a 'Castle'-hauled 'Bristolian' non-stop each way between Paddington and Bristol Temple Meads, followed by 'The Princess and The Pannier' on the Lickey and the first steam on the Looe branch for nearly 50 years booked for September.

Last weekend the company firmly placed another 'first' into its trophy cabinet, when just before 10.00 on 17th July, No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* eased the first steam-hauled working out of Birmingham New Street for the best part of 45 years. Although New Street remains classified as an underground station, and therefore out of bounds to steam traction, this only applies within the enclosed part of the station, and there is sufficient space beyond the enclosed area to accommodate a steam locomotive, which is what happened on the day.

The train was 'The Midlander', to London Euston via Birmingham International, Coventry, Rugby, and Watford Junction, which celebrated the train of the same name that was a regular feature of the West Coast Main Line in the latter days of steam traction. It started at Tyseley's Warwick Road platform and was drawn into New Street by Class 47 No. 47773, with the Pacific attached at the rear. Other than taking the Northampton Loop instead of the more direct Weedon cut-off, the 2010 itinerary was faithful to the original routing. In so doing, No. 6201 became not only the first of the class to steam into Euston for 46 years, but was also the first Stanier Pacific to do so in the same period.

In addition to being the first steam-hauled working out of New Street since the mid-1960's, it was also the first steam to traverse that part of the London & Birmingham line through Proof House Junction to Stechford, where the chord from Aston joins the main line, which has no steam operations. Also, the stretch of line between Coventry and Rugby has seen very few steam-hauled workings.

The southbound journey was to feature some spirited running, perhaps the feature of which was a rare non-stop charge through Coventry. South of Northampton, 'The Midlander' became more entwined with the intensive passenger services that use the slow lines, although this did not hinder a memorable passage through the tight curve of Berkhamsted station at line speed. After a checked approach, Euston was reached just ahead of time and the spectacle of a 'Princess' on the blocks of 'its home station' was enjoyed by all, including the station staff.

A hearty attack on Camden Bank typified the first part of the return working, followed by some strong running as far as Bushey before 'The Midlander' caught up an all-stations to Cheddington local service, which somewhat dampened proceedings for a while. A problem with watering at Bletchley resulted in the need for a top-up at Nuneaton, but in the interim *Princess Elizabeth* again showed its power with 11-bogies and a dead Class 47 in tow. With some leeway in the schedules after Nuneaton, and an easy ascent of the bank from Landor Street to Bordesley Junction, the train pulled back into Tyseley Warwick Road only a few minutes behind time.

And so ended a very satisfying day - but that was not the full story. As always, these tours are a partnership between the organisers, locomotive owners, the TOC and Network Rail, and the many individuals who all contribute to making a successful day. One of the highlights of the day was how the staff at Birmingham New Street station handled a potentially very difficult situation.

The platform ends of the station are tapered and become quite narrow, presenting an immediate safety issue, especially as *Princess Elizabeth* would be positioned at a

point where the platform narrows. Network Rail staff and BTP officers were present, and strategically placed to manage the crowd to encourage onlookers to use all the platforms to view the proceedings.

Station Operations Manager Andy Knowles said that a special plan had been constructed for the occasion, covering all aspects of the working of the train, including managing the crowds, as well as issues relating to the presence of a steam locomotive at a station with a rigorous fire prevention policy. The staff had been well briefed, especially on the departure platform, where everyone made for the platform end to get the key picture of No. 6201 with the unmistakable facade of New Street in the background. Photographers were requested to move on after having obtained their pictures, allowing others to have the opportunity to do so, as well as keeping everyone well clear of platform edges. This was all accomplished in a helpful and good-natured way, even to the extent of loudspeaker announcements reminding people that they had plenty of time to see the 'steam train'. The plan worked very well, and the welcome at New Street enhanced the enjoyment of the day. Station Manager Susan Kirkwood and her team are to be congratulated for their proactive approach in making this unique occasion a memorable one. The same also needs also to be said for their colleagues at Euston, who although not having the acute space constraints of New Street, were nevertheless their usual welcoming and friendly selves.

The only question remaining is when was the last steam out of New Street? Tyseley's Bob Meanley recalls a journey with a 'clapped-out' 'Black 5' and unheated stock from New Street to Tamworth in January 1966, which is about the closest we have got to a 'last day'. If any reader has details of any later workings from New Street, please let us know!

▲ **The tour brought the sight of the first Stanier Pacific to arrive at London Euston for 46 years. No. 6201** *Princess Elizabeth* **stands 'at the blocks' at Euston after arriving from Birmingham.**
▼ **Network Rail station staff and BTP officers excelled themselves on the day, and handling of the crowds, especially on the narrow platforms, was dealt with superbly. Both: John Whitehouse**

▲ **The use of 'Royal Scot' 4-6-0 No. 46115** *Scots Guardsman* **on 'The Cotton Mill Express' on 17th July, was an eagerly awaited event after its previous failures on the circuit. Here, it races through Brock on the initial Lancaster to Manchester leg. Fred Kerr**

Scots Guardsman fails on Cotton Mill Express

The problems for main line steam continue, as a result of failures.

WCRC sustained a further setback after having replaced the middle-cylinder piston rod packing on No. 46115 *Scots Guardsman* at Ian Riley's workshops on 17th July, when the locomotive suffered a further failure at Scarborough on 21st July with a collapsed rocking grate. The tour was returned to York by Class 47 No. 47760, where No. 46115 was deposited in Holgate Sidings, while the '47' continued with the 'Scarborough Spa Express'. WCRC staff attended the stricken 'Scot' overnight and repaired the problem and *Scots Guardsman* was back on 'Scarborough Spa Express' duties the following day. Well done West Coast, again!

The question is why did No. 46115 turn up on the 'SSE' in the first place, as the train was booked for haulage by No. 5972 *Olton Hall*? Unconfirmed reports talk of gauging issues around Wakefield, and Ian Riley's Black 5 No. 45407 is reported to be on 'SSE' duties for the next two weeks (and corresponding Sunday 'Waverley' turns) ahead of it moving to Fort William to join 'The Jacobite' pool. An appearance by No. 5690 *Leander* on the 'SSE' is suggested for the week commencing 10 August. So no *Olton Hall* in the forthcoming weeks.

The big news of last week, following the escapades of *Scots Guardsman*, is that the long held dream of many has just come true: K4 No. 61994 *The Great Marquess* moved from its base at Thornton to Fort William on Thursday 22nd July to deputise for 'K1' No. 62005 in 'The Jacobite' pool. It is understood that the 'K4' will be based at Fort William until 20th August, but this may well depend upon how quickly the leaking flue tube on No. 62005 can be fixed. It will share duties with 'Black 5' No. 45231 until the planned exchange with No. 45407 booked for 9th August. *The Great Marquess* was reported to have worked 'The Jacobite' on 24th July, the day after it arrived.

The lack of traction to meet the demands of trains in the South East will be eased next week as it is expected that West Coast's recently restored 'Black 5' No. 44932 will move to Southall, and already has bookings for Steam Dreams 'Cathedrals Expresses' to Canterbury on 29th July and Gloucester on 12th August.

The CFPS are operating a railtour from RAWTENSTALL and picking up at selected stations, see opposite, to PETERBOROUGH (for Nene Valley Railway), ELY (for the Cathedral) and CAMBRIDGE, where a minimum of a four-hour stay has been requested. All timings are provisional and confirmed timings will be posted on the CFPS website as soon as available.

Book by 31st July and receive an EARLY BOOKING discount of 5% off the main tour ticket price. All tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please note, ALL JUNIORS must be accompanied by an adult.

A non-dining buffet service will be available on the train, selling a range of hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, crisps and confectionery.

It is **hoped** to run an 'add-on' mini tour from Cambridge to Stansted Airport using 40145 in 'top and tail' mode with a Class 67 - please add £10 (£5 for under 16s) to the prices listed if you wish to travel on the mini-tour and you have booked on the main tour. The add-on price is the same for both standard and first class passengers.

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▲ **In overcast conditions, LMS 'Royal Scot' 4-6-0 No. 46115** *Scots Guardsman* **passes Hellifield pond on 19th July, with the ECS for 'The Scarborough Spa Express', bound for York. John Woolley**

▲ **BR Standard 8P No. 71000** *Duke of Gloucester* **passes Aller Junction, from the Paignton direction, on the return 'Torbay Express' on 18th July. Paul Maycock**

▲ **Standing in for LMS 'Royal Scot' No. 46115** *Scots Guardsman*, **Carnforth-based '8F' 2-8-0 No. 48151 powers away from Settle with 'The Waverley' charter to Carlisle on 25th July. Fred Kerr**

Fund raising starts for prompt overhaul of *Hinton Manor* in 2012

Plans are being formed to ensure that funding will be available to return GWR 'Manor' No. 7819 *Hinton Manor* to steam when its current four-year loan to Swindon's Designer Outlet shopping centre expires in 2012.

The 'Manor' was last steamed in 1994 and currently has no priority in the Bridgnorth 'queue' of locomotives awaiting overhaul, but it has been 'adopted' by the engine's previous custodian, the Wolverhampton branch of the Severn Valley Railway Association, which originally donated No. 7819 to the Severn Valley Railway Rolling Stock Trust in 2004.

They have a strategy to ensure that when *Hinton Manor* returns to the SVR in two years time that both plans and finance will be in place to put the locomotive back into working order. An appeal for £330,000 has been started to finance an overhaul with a view to having No. 7819 back in action within the next five years. To this end, the SVRA Wolverhampton branch has launched a number of initiatives, including the sale of a limited edition watercolour print of No. 7819 on Llanvihangel by Frederick Lea, a member of the Guild of Railway Artists, for £78.19 each. Additionally, branch member, Simon Dewey, has produced a new album entitled 'Wolverhampton Railways in Colour', together with a super detailed model of *Hinton Manor* in 00, EM and 18.83 gauges, which will be sold for £375 (or £425 for ultra scale wheels and sprung hornblocks). Railway modellers will also no doubt be interested in a limited edition 00 gauge GWR 'Toad' brake van bearing the legend 'Restricted User-Stafford Road Works', which has been commissioned from Bachmann.

▲ **Oswestry (89A)-allocated 'Manor' 4-6-0 No. 7819 *Hinton Manor* pulls away from Oswestry on 28th August 1952, heading the 10.50 service to Pwllheli. Brian Morrison**

The locomotive will probably be best remembered for its heroic effort on the first steam working to Plymouth in the preservation era in conjunction with the 'GW150' celebrations in 1985, and later it was one of the pool of locomotives based at Machynlleth for British Rail's 'Cambrian Coast Express' workings in 1987 and 1991. All these workings, and more, will feature on a specially commissioned one-hour compilation from top steam video and DVD producers PSOV, which will be on sale for £10.

Fund raising has commenced and has already received a major boost by the investment of £19,000 towards a new set of tyres from South Africa, for all wheels including its tender, which has been funded by the SVR Rolling Stock Trust. The SVRA Wolverhampton branch will be looking to maximise fund raising events so that the overhaul can start as soon as possible after the return of the locomotive to the SVR.

The 'Manor' is a former Royal Train engine, having conveyed HM The Queen between Barmouth and Chester in August 1963, and almost certainly a 'million mile' machine as well, having covered more than 925,000 miles in main line service between 1939 and 1963, when BR ceased to keep steam mileage records, and a further 71,867 miles in Severn Valley traffic and main line charters since preservation. This arithmetic leaves *Hinton Manor* some 3,133 miles short of the million-mile benchmark, but it is widely accepted that the engine covered appreciably more than this between 1963 and final withdrawal by BR in November 1965. The last of the 'first batch' of 'Manors' to be built at Swindon in February 1939, No. 7819 spent most of its main line career on the Cambrian section, being based for the better part of 20 years at Oswestry (1943-1963), and subsequently at Shrewsbury, Machynlleth and Aberystwyth, and was regularly employed on the Shrewsbury-Pwllheli section of the 'Cambrian Coast Express.'

Churnet Valley to run steam service to Cauldon Low in November

One of the most significant heritage railway events looks set to go ahead in November, when the Moorland & City Railway (MCR) in collaboration with the Churnet Valley Railway (CVR) will be running passenger trains again over the steeply-graded branch from Leekbrook Junction to Cauldon Low.

This section of line was mothballed by Network Rail, and purchased by MCR, in addition to the remainder of the branch to Stoke-on-Trent, with a view to generating freight traffic from the quarry at Cauldon Low. The condition of the line has been found to be better than expected, which has created the opportunity to operate passenger trains over two weekends, 13th/14th and 20th/21st November.

Work is presently underway to complete the clearance of the trackbed, and an inspection by the ORR is planned to enable train services to commence.

In a joint exercise with the CVR, an intensive three-train service is planned for the first weekend, for which *Duke of Gloucester*, the SVR's Stanier Mogul No. 42968, Class 8F No. 48624 and 5101 class Large Prairie No. 5199 will feature, together with 'a surprise visitor as yet unseen in the Staffordshire Moorlands'. Diesel traction will include Class 37 No. 37075, Class 33/1 No. 33102 and the resident Class 104 DMU, plus a further 'truly local class of diesel locomotive'.

The route is a switchback, with gradients varying between 1 in 40 to 1 in 59, which will test the locomotives hill climbing ability, especially with a planned six-coach rake in tow. The summit of the line is at Ipstones, at an elevation of 1,063ft above sea level.

Pre-booking of seats, especially on the inaugural working on 13th November, which will be the 09.55 from Froghall to Cauldon Low with No. 71000 in charge, will be available from the Churnet Valley in due course.

▲ The Isle of Man Post Office launched a series of Manx Railway stamps on 3rd July, with a special MER tram, complete with a van, from Ramsey to Douglas, where the stamps were transferred to a vintage bus for a trip along the promenade to the Isle of Man steam railway and onward to Port Erin. **David Lloyd-Jones**

Swanage is one step closer to permanent connection

Thursday 29th July will be a crucial day in the history of the Swanage Railway, as that is the day that Purbeck District Council will confirm, or otherwise, that it will support a scheme to provide a permanent connection to the National Network.

Currently a ground frame at Worgret Junction, which permits 'occasional use', governs access. However, this temporary arrangement is due to be swept away by a resignalling scheme covering the area between Poole and Wool that is due to commence in 2012.

In order to include access to the Swanage branch in the scheme, Network Rail requires an assurance that the estimated £3 million costs of making a permanent connection will be in place by the end of this month.

Dorset County Council made the historic decision to support the scheme by providing the outlay over a three-year period, from an existing fund that developers pay into when they build in the county. However, as responsibility for collecting developer's funds rests with Purbeck Council, and its guarantee to support the scheme is required before Dorset Council can give Network Rail the necessary assurance that funding is in place.

Purbeck Council will be meeting on 29th July to consider its decision. The scheme to reconnect the Swanage Railway to the National Network is a key component of the overall Purbeck Transport Strategy, and is thought to provide 'huge environmental and commercial benefits' to the area.

The plan is to operate a commuter service from Swanage to Wareham, which will ease traffic congestion in the area as well as providing a long distance rail connection to the heritage line and local amenities.

Historic locos move to secure storage

Three museums in North Wales have joined forces in a bid to restore two historic locomotives, which were among the first in the country to run on electricity.

The Coalition and *The Eclipse* were put on static display at Llechwedd Slate Mines, Blaenau Ffestiniog, after being taken out of service in the 1960s, both having originally entered service in the 1890s. The two engines were converted from Bagnall 0-4-0 saddle tank steam locomotives to electric power in 1927 and 1930, and will now be moved to the Welsh Highland Heritage Railway, Porthmadog, to be kept under cover until funds can be raised for their restoration.

The Narrow Gauge Railway Museum in Tywyn is funding the transport for the two locomotives between Blaenau Ffestiniog and Porthmadog.

▲ *The Coalition* stands under the electric overheads at Llechwedd Slate Mine, while still in use in 1960s. **Mike Messenger**

▶ The same loco stands on display at Llechwedd in July this year. **Welsh Highland Heritage Railway**

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Now a regular sight on the West Highland Line, GBRf Class 66/7 No. 66726 heads the 15.13 Fort William - North Blyth empty alumina tanks passing through Glen Falloch south of Crianlarich on 15th July. **Andrew Wood**

On 14th July, Class 66/0 No. 66107 crosses Angarrack Viaduct, between Camborne and Hayle in West Cornwall, with three TTA fuel tanks bound for Long Rock depot, Penzance. **Glen Batten**

On 17th July, LMS 'Black 5' No. 44932 failed at Ravenglass, while working 'The Lakelander' charter from Carnforth. Tyseley-based Class 47/4 No. 47580 *County of Essex* was summoned to work the return leg from Ravenglass through to Leicester, where the train had commenced. Here, the '47' crosses Eskmeals Viaduct, near Ravenglass. **Andrew Wood**

The unusual sight of a quadruple-headed intermodal service. Class 86/6s Nos. 86639 and 86638 head through Rugeley Trent Valley on 22nd July with the 10.28 Tilbury-Crewe Basford Hall service, with classmates Nos. 86621 and 86610 in the consist, which were being repositioned to Crewe.
John Whitehouse

▲ Class 172 No. 172004 departs from Harringay Green Lanes on 17th July, on the first day of revenue-earning operation for the class, while forming the 10.39 Barking to Gospel Oak service. **Stephen Atkinson**

▲ On 17th July Class 158/0 No. 158755, recently reformed as a three-car set, joins the Calder Valley route at Hall Royd Junction, Todmorden, with a Blackpool North to York service after crossing the Pennines, via Copy Pit. **Fred Kerr**

▼ Viewed across a sea of wheat, near Manea, a Cross Country Class 170 heads towards Ely with the 15.22 Birmingham New Street to Stansted Airport service on 19th July. **Kev Gregory**

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 Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for details.

25th July 2010
St Albans Signal Box
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 01934 628289 for 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.

8th August 2010
St Albans Signal Box
St Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust, Ridgmont Road, St Albans AL1 3AJ. Exhibition of signalling within the preserved signal box. Admission free. Open 14.00 - 17.00. Contact the Chairman, K.Webster on 01727 836131 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

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.

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

16th August 2010
GCR Society (Spinkhill)
The Angel Hotel 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'Nottingham Victoria' by Ken Grainger. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary, Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for details.

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.

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.

Breconshire Railway Society
R.A.F.A.Club, The Struet, Brecon. 'The Great Western Society at Didcot' by Andrew Hook. Meeting commences at 19.30. Members only. Please contact Arthur Robinson on 01982 560219 for further details and all membership enquiries.

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.

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

1st September 2010
Warwickshire Rly Society
The Lamp Tavern PH, Barford Steket, Highgate, Birmingham. 'Two Americas' by Dave Lacey. Starts 19.30. Contact 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. Starts 19.30. Contact 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 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.

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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▼ **Unbranded Freightliner Class 90 No. 90046 leads a Manchester Trafford Park to Felixstowe Docks intermodal through Stratford on 17th July. Martin Coles**

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. Starts 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
St Albans Signal Box
St Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust, Ridgmont Road, St Albans AL1 3AJ. Exhibition of signalling plus model railway. Admission free. Open 10.00 - 16.00. Contact the Chairman, K. Webster on 01727 836131 for 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

SEG (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. Non-members £2. Contact the Secretary at beardspaul@aol.com for details.

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.

22nd September 2010
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Trains in the Snow' by Les Nixon. Starts 20.00. Visitors Welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

23rd September 2010
Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. AGM. Start 19.45. Contact Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North West)
St David's Social Centre, 249 Wargrave Road, Newton-le-Willows. 'The Lancaster & Carlisle Railway' by Noel Machell. Starts 19.30. Contact Neville Bond on 01925 226476.

24th September 2010
Great Western Society (North West)
St. Hilda's Clubroom, Slater Street, Latchford, Warrington. 'Lost Stations of St. Helens' by Alan Moore. Starts 19.30.

The Great Central Railway (London)
The Exmouth Arms, 1 Starcross Street, Euston, London NW1 2HR. 'My Railway Career' by Bill Davies. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary, Richard Butler on 01525 372487 for further details.

26th September 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.

5th October 2010
Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. '40 Years of the Severn Valley Railway' by Dave Baker. Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact the Secretary, Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for further details.

Locomotive & Carriage Institution
55 Broadway, London. 'The Restoration of B Standard 9F, 92212' by Les Greer. Meeting commences at 18.00. Contact the Secretary, Stuart Smith at smithstuart@btinternet.com for further details

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)
St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford. 'Trains in the Snow' by Les Nixon. Starts 19.30. Contact 01525 750149 for further details.

Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire)/ LRTA (Southern)
Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'A Railway and Tramway Miscellany' by John Godfrey. Starts 19.30. Admission £2. Contact John Goodrich on 023 8067 0028 for further details.

Weston super Mare Railway Society
Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. 'In the Realm of the Sachsen Meyers' by Andrew R. Hook. Starts 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

11th October 2010
Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 'L.N.E.R. Locos' by Alex Hurd. Starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary on 01522 705365.

Southern Electric Group (Sussex Branch)
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'Bournemouth Electrification 1966 Onwards' by Robert Burch. Starts 19.30. £2 donation. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for further details.

12th October 2010
Abergavenny & District Steam Society
Upper Room, The Hen and Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'The Tornado Story' by John Rawlinson. Start 20.00. Contact the Secretary, Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for details.

13th October 2010
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. Society Photographic Competition. Starts 20.00. Visitors Welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

Bromsgrove Railway Club
St Godwalds Church Hall, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. 'The Paul Riley Collection 1961 to 1966' by Tony Bowles. Starts 19.45. Contact Dave on 01527 873800 or Gordon on 05127873609 for further details.

14th October 2010
Continental Rly Circle
St Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. '50th Anniversary Meeting - 'Miscellany from 1957 -63' by Lance King and 'Finland and Greece' by Charles Firminger. Meeting commences at 19.15. Admission £2. Contact the Secretary, Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 or at akpalmer@talktalk.net for further details.

21st October 2010
Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Roundhouse Lecture Theatre, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. 'The Duchess and The Royal Train' by Phil Eccleston. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £1.50 members, £2 non members. Contact the Secretary at beardspaul@aol.com for details.

Breconshire Railway Society
R.A.F.A.Club, The Struet, Brecon. 'The Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway' by Anthony Bowles. Meeting commences at 19.30. Members only. Please contact the Secretary, Arthur Robinson on 01982 560219 for further details and all membership enquiries.

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. 'Tornado in Gravesend' by Roger Aves/Mark Allatt. Starts 19.45. Contact the Secretary, Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for further details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North West)
St David's Social Centre, 249 Wargrave Road, Newton-le-Willows. 'Horwich Works' by Jack Smith. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Acting Secretary, Neville Bond on 01925 226476 for details.

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DBS Class 67 No. 67017 departs from Dawlish with the 08.00 Cardiff - Paignton service on 19th July. Classmate No. 67029 *Royal Diamond* is on the rear. Network Rail is actively seeking an alternative home for the signal box, which although disused, still resides on the station platform.
Peter Lovell

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