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Turning the Clock Back : Isle of Wight

Railway Herald's Contributing Editor, Brian Morrison, looks back to the 1950s and steam locomotives at work on the Isle of Wight and its various branches, many of which succumbed to the axe at the end of steam, a far cry from the current Ryde to Sandown line.

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East Midlands Trains Class 222 'Meridian' No. 222003 gathers speed after crossing Sharnbrook Viaduct, as it heads south, forming the 16.18 Nottingham to London St Pancras service on the 22nd August.
Andy Moore

First Class 380 is delivered to Polmadie

After an apparent delay in delivery, the first Siemens Class 380 EMU to arrive in the UK was delivered, via the Channel Tunnel, to Polmadie Depot in Scotland on 26th August.

The DB Schenker press office was unavailable for comment on the reason for the apparent delay. With the first unit delivered, the second arrived two days later on 28th August.

▲ **The first Class 380 EMU No. 380106 passes Shortlands on 25th August, hauled by Class 66/0 No. 66189. Brian Morrison**

▶ **The second unit, No. 380105, sandwiched like the first between barrier wagons, passes near Petts Wood on 27th August. Bill Turvill**

New station to be built near Chorley

Work is set to start within the next few weeks on a new station at Buckshaw Village, in Chorley.

Contractors are due on site in September and the station is expected to be up and running by autumn 2011 following planning permission being granted by Chorley Council. The project is a joint venture between Chorley Council, Lancashire County Council, Network Rail and Northern Rail. Work to build Buckshaw Village started in 2002 to create a sustainable location for over 2,000 homes, with employment areas, open spaces, a district shopping centre, a primary school, outdoor sports activities, footpaths and cycleways. A planning application by Network Rail for a station was approved in 2008 but it was a revised plan submitted earlier this year that has now received the go-ahead.

The two platform station, on the same Manchester to Preston line as Chorley, is expected to accommodate 450,000 passengers a year and will be operated by Northern Rail. There will be park and ride facilities on the northern side of the station offering free parking for 204 cars, including 10 spaces for disabled parking, and there will be a pedestrian access bridge linking the two platforms.

Bathgate-Airdrie line moves forward

Network Rail completed track laying on the new stretch of railway between Airdrie and Bathgate on 27th August, making it the longest domestic passenger railway with new stations to be built in Britain for a century.

A 200-tonne mobile track-laying machine ran through the site of the relocated Drumgelloch station over the course of two hours, completing a modern, soon-to-be electrified rail link between West Lothian and North Lanarkshire.

In December when the line opens, it will carry four trains an hour in each direction, opening up travel options between Edinburgh and Glasgow.

The Scottish Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change, Stewart Stevenson, said: "Scotland has the most ambitious climate change legislation anywhere in the world, and our climate change delivery plan means persuading motorists to get out of their cars and use more sustainable forms of transport. That's why we are investing £300 million in the Airdrie-Bathgate route to bring considerable benefits for the communities along the route, forming a direct rail link to Glasgow and Edinburgh for towns like Caldercruix, Blackridge and Armadale for the first time in 50 years".

From Airdrie to Bathgate is 15 miles, making it the longest domestic passenger railway to include new stations to be built in Britain since the Ashendon to Aynho line was constructed through Bicester North in 1910. In Scotland, it is the longest line to be built since the Ballachulish branch line opened in 1903.

The rail link includes three new stations at Calderdruix, Blackridge and Armadale as well as two relocated stations in Drumgelloch and Bathgate. Trains will operate as far west as Helensburgh and Milngavie and as far east as Edinburgh.

▲ **c2c Class 357/0 No. 357011** *John Lowing* **passes Bow Olympic Yard, between Bethnal Green and Stratford, on 23rd August, forming one of several driver training runs, out and back from Liverpool Street as part of driver route familiarisation programme. Brian Morrison**

W&S call on photographers for calendar

Wrexham & Shropshire Railway is calling on photographers of all ages to put their talents to the test, and win the chance to contribute photos to the company's first-ever charity calendar for 2011.

The overall winner will not only have his/her photo displayed in the charity calendar, but also on the prized front cover. They will also win a pair of First Class Wrexham & Shropshire tickets for a trip to London.

The remaining 11 winners whose photos are selected to feature in the calendar will also receive a classic Wrexham & Shropshire mug. The company has supported the Railway Children charity, since it started a direct service to London Marylebone in 2008. The calendar will be available to purchase on trains from late autumn for just £10 (or by mail order for £12). For each calendar sold, 50p will go directly to the charity to support their work.

Wrexham & Shropshire is keen to see creative shots of its trains from anywhere along the route, on stations, or perhaps on-board or including staff, and preferably showing off the company's distinctive branding.

To take part in the competition, which closes on 17th September, visit: www.wrexhamandshropshire.co.uk/charity-calendar-competition.php

The link provides all the information you need about the competition, including details of how to upload your digital shots.

Thameslink Project upgrades continue on 140-mile route

The platform extensions at St Albans that will allow longer trains to call at the station from December have been completed.

The station is the third now ready for 50% longer trains as part of the Thameslink Programme, the £5.5 billion investment that will significantly increase capacity across the 140-mile Bedford to Brighton route. The programme is funded by the Department for Transport and is being undertaken by Network Rail in conjunction with First Capital Connect. In total 12 stations outside Central London will have the platforms extended to take 12-car Thameslink trains.

As part of the Thameslink Upgrade project, the north station concourse at Blackfriars station has also been completed in readiness for the track change, which will involve tracks being moved from the western side of the bridge to the eastern side. This somewhat complex move will create the new and final track alignment for the redeveloped station and allow deck replacement and widening work on the western side of the bridge, where the new terminating bay platforms are to be built. The station will close to passengers for eight weeks from 20th November until 17th January 2011 to enable the work to be carried out. Trains will continue to run through the station for the majority of that time, with Blackfriars passengers having to use nearby City Thameslink station.

When complete in spring 2012, the new Blackfriars station will be the first to span the River Thames and will provide passengers with direct access to London's cultural quarter on the South Bank for the first time.

The final phase of the programme is scheduled to start after 2012. Redeveloping London Bridge station will then provide the capacity to run to up 24 trains per hour in each direction through Central London.

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◀ **While not a UK locomotive, this 37000 Class French electric, which was owned by Veolia Cargo, is now adorned with Europorte logos. Veolia Cargo was purchased by Eurotunnel & SNCF earlier in the year, with Eurotunnel's Europorte divison gaining Veolia's French freight operations. With the recent purchase of First GBRf by Europorte, and the rumoured repainting of a Class 66/7, could a new livery be about to hit the UKs rails? On 1st August, No. E37506 is pictured, while stabled in the east port at Dunkirk. Neil Golding**

Train fares and 'peak' times are confusing says *Which?*

Which? **Magazine has accused train operating companies of confusing passengers with peak rates, some starting as early as 15.00, stating that some are 'charging peak rates well outside busy travel times' and making travel 'very confusing' for passengers.**

The watchdog has revealed that companies have vastly different rules on what constitutes peak-time travel. Some major operators, including Virgin and East Coast, start their 'evening peak' from 15.00, and, as a result, it lasts for four hours. In comparison, however, other operators, including Chiltern and Merseyrail, do not have an evening peak at all. Super off-peak tickets are also subject to more restrictions than normal off-peak tickets, and other restrictions vary according to destinations and the train company that is offering the service.

Which? outlined some examples: East Coast's morning peak to London ends at 10.05, unless you're travelling First Class, with an off-peak day return or travelcard or super off-peak, all of which have different times. Others are more straightforward – Merseyrail's morning peak ends at 09.30, as does that of Northern at Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester.

Travelling with Virgin, the earliest you can arrive off-peak at London Euston from Oxenholme in the Lake District is 10.12, while peak from Penrith (one stop and 30 miles from Oxenholme) to London Euston lasts an hour longer! Virgin is quoted as saying that this is 'due to timetabling constraints caused by the Department of Transport'.

Redesignating trains as 'peak' of course allows train companies to increase fares without needing permission from the Regulator, but a spokesman for the Train Operating Companies (ATOC) said that 'demand differs greatly at different times in different parts of the country, so it's not surprising that peak times vary. Millions of people travel on the railways every week and the overwhelming majority buy the right ticket and get on the right train with no problem whatsoever'.

UK News In Brief

■ Babcock Marine is rumoured to be submitting a planning application to Fife Council in September to build the new £85 million international container terminal at Rosyth Dockyard. It is to be hoped that rail will be a key part of the development.

■ Angry residents living close to the London Overground's New Cross Gate EMD claim that squealing wheels are keeping them awake at night, and that Transport for London (TfL) is failing to meet a pledge not to move trains between 01.00 and 04.00. A TfL spokesman said: "We are aware of residents' concerns and are working to address them, and we are undertaking monitoring of noise levels. In the short term, our maintenance team is checking and maintaining the units around the depot, which lubricate the tracks to alleviate the noise from rubbing between the wheels and rails".

■ One of the two heritage 3CIG units that were withdrawn earlier this year from the Lymington branch is to be preserved. Blue & grey-liveried No. 1497 *Freshwater* has been purchased by a consortium and is to be based at the Mid-Norfolk Railway.

■ London Thamesport celebrated a record share of inland movements by its rail division in July. A total of 25% of import containers were moved by rail in the month of July, setting a new record in terms of multimodal share. Rail movements during the same period have been the highest handled at the London port since 2008.

Network Rail should be split into regional companies says Tom Winsor

Tom Winsor, whose five-year tenure as Rail Regulator spanned Network Rail's replacement of Railtrack in October 2002, has urged the new coalition Government to take a radical approach to railway reform.

He is proposing that Network Rail be split into three or four regional companies, bringing them closer to their train operator customers and allowing regulatory benchmarking between them to drive efficiencies. Eventually the companies could be privatised.

Welcoming the review of rail costs, Mr Winsor said: "We are told there are no sacred cows which the Department for Transport is not prepared to slaughter. Given the continuing scale of spending on the railways, with Network Rail still 40% to 50% less efficient in maintenance and renewal than comparable European railways, and UK civil engineering costs typically up to twice those in Europe, that is no bad thing".

As Rail Regulator, he complained of the difficulties of 'incentivising' the management of Network Rail – a company limited by guarantee and without shareholders - whose £23.8 billion net debts are guaranteed by the Government. Most of its £5.5 to £6 billion annual revenues come from the taxpayer. Mr Winsor, who was critical of the last Government's "micro-management" of the railways, said: "Breaking up Network Rail would produce regional companies, which not only have greater knowledge of their customers' needs but would be much more responsive to them". His comments were made prior to the current publication of his article in *Modern Railways*.

Chiltern celebrates 50 'Bubble' years

Aylesbury station is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Class 121 'Bubblecar' between 10.00 and 17.00 on Saturday 4th September, one of the single-car DMUs still being used by Chiltern Railways during the weekday peak period between Princes Risborough and Aylesbury.

Entertainment at the station on the day includes music from local jazz band Anything Goes, face painting plus many other attractions. There will also be a raffle for guests to participate in, where all proceeds go to the Railway Children charity, and Hugh Jones will be signing The Chiltern Railways Story from 11.00 to 15.00.

Tickets for travel are only £1 from Aylesbury and Prince Risborough stations, and for £7 for an adult and £3.50 for a child, visitors can purchase the Bubblecard, a special ticket sold only at Aylesbury and Princes Risborough. These will be valid for 'Bubblecar' shuttles, which will run between Aylesbury and Princes Risborough exclusively available for visitors at the event.

Metro and Light Rail News

▲ Class B07 unit No 112 leads a Lewisham to Bank DLR service on 23rd August, climbing the gradient to Deptford Bridge station. **Brian Morrison**

Jubilee Line upgrade will bring line closures in final quarter of 2010

London Underground Ltd (LUL) has set out the next phase of the Jubilee Line upgrade, which when complete will mean considerable improvements for passengers, with capacity boosted, journey times reduced, and new style signalling used for the first time in passenger service.

Most progress has been made on the section east of Waterloo, meaning that disruption to businesses in Canary Wharf and at North Greenwich, which serves the O_2 stadium, will be limited. Services on the part of the line between Green Park and Waterloo will be suspended on some weekends in October and November, and to enable the full end-to-end system to be tested, the complete line will close for one weekend in October, one in November, and over the Christmas period.

Along the north of the line, a series of further weekend closures will be needed, mainly affecting the section between West Hampstead and Stanmore. Parts of the Metropolitan Line will also be affected. Alternative transport will be available including rail replacement buses.

Over the next month extensive testing will allow LUL to confirm during the autumn when the upgrade is likely to be completed.

The bucket and spade EMT workings

▲ The summer Saturdays-only 11.26 Skegness to Derby service, passes Quarrington, near Sleaford, led by powercar No. 43058. EMT has used an HST set on this service, and the corresponding outward working during the summer to relieve overcrowding. The final working is on 4th September. **Steve Harper**

▶ EMT also extends its Saturdays-only London St Pancras to York service to Scarborough during the summer. On 21st August, an unidentified 'Meridian' crosses the River Derwent at Huttons Ambo, near Malton, bound for the Yorkshire resort. **Paul Braybrook**

Ongoing success of *Railway Herald's* website

The editorial team thought it was about time that we updated readers on several remarkable statistics from the *Railway Herald* website and also thanked you for your support.

Since it was relaunched in November 2009, a mere 10 months ago, we have seen the number of visits made by you, our readers, to the RH website climb significantly. Last year, the website delivered 675,000 pages to viewers in October alone, a statistic worthy of jubilation in itself. However, August 2010 has been the best month yet, with over 1.67 million web pages being delivered to users (for the technical ones among you, that is almost 7 million files, totalling more than 750 gigabytes of data!). We are not aware of many websites that are dedicated to the railway scene that provide users with more than 53,000 webpages a day! It is an amazing statistic, but one which is not a 'one-off', as we are seeing figures like these month on month, and within the next seven days, our servers will deliver their 15 millionth webpage since November.

Part of this success is undoubtedly the Imaging Centre part of the site, a feature that is second only to the magazine itself in popularity. This section of the site contains over 44,000 images, all of which have been contributed by yourselves - this represents approximately 63% of images that have been submitted, the remaining 37% having been declined for a variety of reasons. In the past seven days alone, visitors to the site have looked at over 183,000 photographs, and of that 44,000 total, around 52% of them have been viewed at least once in the same period. Since the revamp in November last year, the images contained within it have been viewed over 740,000 times.

While statistics are, perhaps, not the most exciting of subjects, they do go to prove why the three people that make up the editorial team (and our separate Imaging Centre moderating team), spend so many hours every week compiling news and information, and working on the website. As part of this, as Editor and founder of *Railway Herald*, I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to everyone for your continued support.

We always like to think of *RH* as a 'rail hub' that provides visitors with news, information and high quality imagery, and from the feedback we receive, we believe that we do this. We always enjoy hearing from readers on what they like and, in some cases, which parts they believe could be better. We are not perfect, there are always improvements to be made, and with your help and support we will continue to develop the website and the magazine.

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▲◀ Soon to be replaced by Class 172 Turbostars, Class 150/1 No. 150128 crosses Walthamstowe Resevoirs with a Gospel Oak to Barking service on 22nd August. **Julian Gajewski**

▲ Seen from the temporary vantage point of the stairs installed at Clapham Junction, while the step-free access works are underway, Gatwick Express Class 460 No. 460006 passes through the station, heading for London Victoria. **Ian Docwra**

◀ The bridge over the Afon Dwyryd carries both a railway and a toll-road and is to be replaced in the coming years owing to the rotting of the bridge supports. Here, Arriva Trains Wales-liveried Class 158 No. 158821 crosses the bridge on the approach to Llandecwyn on 24th August, while working the 17.38 Pwllheli to Machynlleth service. **Stuart Warr**

UK Steam & Modern Traction Railtour Listings

30th August 2010

Compass Tours	55022	Crewe-Ellesmere Port-Warrington BQ-Workington-Hexham-Durham-Hartlepool-Sunderland-Durham-York-Leeds-Hellifield-Carnforth-Warrington BQ-Hooton-Crewe
Pathfinder Tours	6024	(Exeter St. Davids-Bath-)Bristol TM-Landore-Carmarthen and return
WCRC	44871	Machynlleth-Dovey Junction-Tywyn-Harlech-Porthmadog and return
WCRC	44932	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough and return
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return

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WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return
WCRC	46115	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough and return

1st September 2010

Railway Touring Co.	30777 or 60019	London Victoria-Woking-Bournemouth-Wareham-Weymouth and return
Statesman Rail	tbc	Lancaster-Blackburn-Long Preston-S&C-Appleby-Carlisle and return
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return
WCRC	46115	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough and return

2nd September 2010

Steam Dreams	46115	(Lonodn KX-Stevenage-Doncaster-Leeds-)Hellifield-Settle-Carlisle & and return
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return
WCRC	44871	York-Normanton-Wakefield-Woodlesford-Castleford-York-Scarborough and return

3rd September 2010

Railway Touring Co.	5690	Liverpool LS-St.Helens Central-Preston-Carlisle-Beattock-Carstairs-Glasgow Cen.
Railway Touring Co.	6233	Crewe-Wilmslow-Stockport-Huddersfield-York-Scarborough and return
UK Railtours	GBRf 73	London Victoria-Woking-Southampton-Poole-Wareham-Dorchester-Weymouth & rtn
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return

4th September 2010

Railway Touring Co.	61994/45231	Glasgow QS-Crianlarich-Rannoch-Fort William-Mallaig-Fort William
SRPS Railtours	WCRC 47	Dundee-Markinch-Kirkcaldy-Edinburgh Waverley-Berwick-Newcastle-Durham-York- Stanhope (Weardale Railway) & return
Class 40 Pres. Soc	40145	Rawntenstall-Heywood-Stockport-Chesterfield-Peterborough-Ely-Cambridge & rtn
Class 40 Pres. Soc	DBS 67 & 40145	Cambridge - Stansted Airport (rev) & return
Compass Tours	DBS Class 67	Carlisle-Dumfries-Newton on Ayr-Troon-Perth-Aviemore-Inverness & return
WCRC	46115	Carnforth-Wennington-Settle Jct-Hellifield-Blackburn-Warrington BQ-Helsby-Chester & rtn

5th September 2010

Railway Touring Co.	61994/45231	Fort William-Crianlarich-Oban-Crianlarich-Glasgow Queen Street
Railway Touring Co.	WCRC Pool	York-Leeds-Shipley-Keighley-Skipton-Hellifield-S&C-Carlisle and return
Shepherd Neame	44932	London Bridge-Bexleyheath-Faversham-Dover-Tonbridge-Redhill-London Bridge
Shepherd Neame	44932	Faversham-Canterbury East-Dover Priory and return
Steam Dreams	60019	London Waterloo-Salisbury-Exeter St.Davids-London Waterloo **Postponed**
Torbay Express	6024	Bristol TM-Taunton-Exeter SD-Paignton-Kingswear and return
UK Railtours	2xDBS 67	London LS-Bishops Stortford-Cambridge-Bury St. Edmunds-Ipswich-London LS
Vintage Trains	Tyseley Pool	B'ham SH-Henley in Arden-Stratford-Dorridge-B'ham SH (two trips)

6th September 2010

WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return
Railway Touring Co.	5690	Glasgow Central-New Cumnock-Dumfries-Carlisle-Shap-Preston(-Liverpool LS)

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

After a busy August, the railtour market is easing back to something like normality this coming week.

The last 'Cambrian' is booked for 30th August, and this week also will see the end of this year's 'Scarborough Spa' workings. There is a connection between these two trains, as it is understood that Riley's 'Black 5 No. 44871 will move directly from Machynlleth to York on 31st August to cover the last two days of the 'SSE'. This will release No. 46115 *Scots Guardsman* for Steam Dreams 'Cathedrals Express' on 3rd September, which is booked to operate from Hellifield to Carlisle and back via the S&C each way, originating at London King's Cross. Two days later, and *Scots Guardsman* is in action again, on a WCR's train for the Lune Rivers Trust from Carnforth to Chester, which picks up at Wennington and Bentham, then via Hellifield, Blackburn, Warrington BQ and Helsby

These workings explain why 'Jubilee' 4-6-0 No. 5690 *Leander* will now haul The Railway Touring Company's 'West Highland Steam Express' from Liverpool Lime Street to Glasgow Central, via Shap and Beattock, on 3rd September, and back from Glasgow Central to Preston on 6th September, via the Glasgow and South Western route. Other enforced changes to the itinerary of this train revolve around the non-availability of K1 Class Mogul No. 62005. The leg from Glasgow Queen Street to Fort William on 4th September will be hauled by 'K4' No. 61994 *The Great Marquess*, while a Fort William-based 'Black 5' will continue the tour to Mallaig and back. The 'K4' also covers the return to Glasgow QS on 5th September, but will pause at Crianlarich while a 'Black 5' works out and back to Oban.

The SRPS will be heading south from Dundee on 4th September, with its tour to York, and then after a reversal back up the East Coast Main Line to Darlington, where the train diverges to visit the Weardale line, taking a break at the Stanhope terminal. The train picks up via Kirkcaldy and Edinburgh Waverley to Berwick-upon-Tweed, and West Coast Class 47s should feature throughout. Meanwhile, Compass Railtours heads north from Carlisle to Inverness with the 'Highland Clansman', picking up at Dumfries, Newton-on-Ayr and Paisley Gilmour Street, prior to winding around Glasgow to reach the Highland main line and Inverness, via Perth and Aviemore. A DBS Class 67 is the traction.

UK Railtours' 3rd September working includes a trip on the *Waverley*, the paddle steamer that is. The three-hour cruise along the Jurassic Coast is from Weymouth, and the tour originates at London Victoria, calling at Woking, before taking the direct L&SW route to Weymouth with a GBRf Class 73 throughout as an added bonus. A pleasant Sunday Luncheon circular working follows on 5th September, with UKR operating an all-First Class train from London Liverpool Street, which will run via Bishops Stortford, Audley End, Cambridge, Newmarket, Stowmarket, and then back to Liverpool Street through Colchester and Chelmsford.

Also heading for Cambridge is the Class 40 Preservation Society with its Class 40-hauled 'East Lancashire Explorer' on 4th September from Rawtenstall. Set-down options are Peterborough and Ely, as well as Cambridge, and there is a mini-tour from Cambridge to Stansted Airport, which will operate in 'top and tail' mode with a DBS Class 67 joining tour engine No. 40145 *East Lancashire Railway*.

Brewers Shepherd Neame will be operating its now annual 'Spitfire' trains on Sunday 5th September, which celebrate the hop-picking season. This year the train operates from London Bridge, and runs via Bexleyheath, Dartford and Gillingham to Faversham. The mini-excursion will continue to Dover Priory, via Canterbury East, while the return to London Bridge is due to take the Kent coast route through Whitstable and Ramsgate to Dover, and then Folkestone, Tonbridge and East Croydon. Motive power will be provided by West Coast's 'Black 5' No. 44932.

Final months for black *Duchess of Sutherland* as its 10-year overhaul looms closer

With the high season specials now drawing to a close, the reality is setting in that there is less than two months of main line operations left for No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland.*

PMR Tours report a good demand for its final tours, and especially the 2nd October one to Stirling, as well as the last working to King's Cross on 16th October.

Ahead of these is the opportunity to enjoy some high speed running along the ECML, the scenery of the Tyne Valley and the sheer brute force of a 'Duchess' taking on Ais Gill with the 'Tyne Valley Tourer' on 18th September from Peterborough, which has steam haulage from York to Hellifield, via Durham, Hexham and Carlisle.

It is not absolutely the end on 16th October, as the PRLCT will again be offering 'driver experience' opportunities with No. 6233 on the Midland Railway at Butterley from 1st to 5th November. Please note though, that at this early stage over two-thirds of the available places have already been taken, so any intending 'Bill Andrews' out there do not delay booking your place (full details are available on line at http://www.prclt.co.uk).

Once these have concluded the huge task of undertaking a full 10-year overhaul commences and it is off with the boiler, which will be despatched to the LNWR Works at Crewe.

The aim? Well, maybe we shall hopefully see the 'Duchess' back on the main line in its traditional LMS crimson lined red livery, in 2012, or thereabouts.

▼ **LMS Princess Coronation Pacific No. 6233** *Duchess of Sutherland* **approaches Ais Gill summit with the return leg of the 'Cumbrian Mountain Express' railtour on 21st August. The only problem of the day was when the train was incorrectly signalled at Edge Hill, resulting in the Class 47 that had hauled the ECS into Liverpool, being called upon to tow the train back a short distance, so that the correct route could be obtained, although arrival at Carlisle was slightly ahead of booked time. Full marks also go to the charter operator, Railway Touring Company, which, upon hearing that a passenger had received the sad news of the death of a relative, arranged for an impromptu stop at Oxenholme to allow the passenger off.**
John Woolley

Spitfire heads for Edinburgh, Bathgate and Saltburn

Spitfire Railtours has announced two new tours, one of which will become the third charter working over the newly reinstated Bathgate line on 6th November.

Interestingly the train clashes with Pathfinder's Bathgate tour mentioned last week, and also has common pick-up points of Crewe and Preston. Spitfire's 'Lowland Growler II' also serves Birmingham International, Birmingham New Street, Wolverhampton and Stafford, and is booked to work north over Shap and Beattock to Edinburgh Waverley with a pair of West Coast Class 37s. The Bathgate line is part of a mini-tour from Waverley, named 'The Poppy' as all profits will go to the British Legion and Help for Heroes charities. This will work via the 'Edinburgh Sub', via Bathgate and Drumgelloch to Shields Junction, where it will reverse for a short break at Glasgow Central, which will be reached by way of the City Union Line, prior to returning to Waverley over the Shotts route. A West Coast 47/57 will be used to 'top & tail' the mini-tour.

Earlier, on 2nd October Spitfire employ a pair of DRS Class 37s on its 'Jorvic Growler II' from Taunton to York, which picks up via Weston-super-Mare, Bristol Temple Meads, Bristol Parkway, Cam & Dursley, Cheltenham Spa, Worcester Shrub Hill and Droitwich Spa, and reaches York by way of Chesterfield and 'The Old Road' to Beighton Junction. Additionally there is the operator's 'Saltburn Smuggler' mini-tour from York via Northallerton, Eaglescliffe, Middlesbrough and Redcar.

▲ With the 2,273-feet high Pen-y-ghent, one of Yorkshire's famous 'Three Peaks', in the background, LMS Stanier Class 5MT 4-6-0 No. 44932 passes Selside with the northbound leg of 'The Waverley' charter from York to Carlisle, via Leeds, Skipton and Settle, on 22nd August. The train was running approximately half-an-hour late at this point, after a delay in Hellifield. **Richard Whiteley**

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'Lizzie' out of King's Cross and *Britannia* to Exeter

It was mentioned last week that Steam Dreams would be operating the first 'Princess Royal' Pacific out of London King's Cross on 24th September.

It can now be confirmed that the company will be also operating the first 'Princess Royal' into King's Cross (except for ECS movements that is). This situation has come about due to No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* now being booked to work both legs of the 'Cathedrals Express' to Nottingham, Chesterfield and Barrow Hill, and not staying over at Barrow Hill as an exhibit at the large 'Model Rail' Exhibition taking place on 25th/26th September.

LMS 'Princess Coronation' Pacific No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* is also helping out Steam Dreams, as it will now be working the York-Newcastle-York leg of the 'Silver Jubilee' on 30th September in place of the 'A4' Pacific No. 60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley*, which remains out of commission. Although intended as a celebration of the exploits of the East Coast A4s, the appearance of No. 6233 now means it is a celebration of the cream of both East and West Coast traction in the late 1930s, as 'A4' No. 60019 *Bittern* will cover the King's Cross-York-King's Cross section.

The current problems with finding suitable traction are cited as the reason for the postponement of Steam Dreams 5th September 'Cathedrals Express' to Salisbury and Exeter until 30th October. The good news, according to Steam Dreams boss Graeme Bunker, is that No. 70000 *Britannia* will likely be ready after overhaul, and if so, this will be its inaugural public main line run. The September date was always going to be a close run thing, and attempts to bring in alternative traction failed, as there was simply nothing available. *Bittern* was in the frame, until it was realised that it was virtually double-booked, and so the postponement brings forward the prospect of running the tour with *Britannia* as originally planned.

◀ **During its brief spell in the north, LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 44932 approaches Haw Lane Crossing as it pulls away from Hellifield with the return leg of 'The Waverley' from Carlisle to York on 22nd August. Chris Gee**

▼ **LNER 'K4' No. 61994 *The Great Marquess* stands at Stirling after working the first of two Fife Circle SRPS charters on 22nd August and stands below the modern footbridge that spans the station. James T Ormiston**

GWR Castle Class 4-6-0 No. 5043 *Earl of Mount Edgcumbe* **heads north along the WCML with 'The North Wales Explorer' charter from Tyseley to Llandudno Junction on 21st August. Anthony Roberts**

On 25th August, LMS 'Black 5' No. 44871 opens up after crossing the bridge over the Afon Mawddach on the approach to Barmouth, while working 'The Cambrian' from Machynlleth to Pwllheli. **Stuart Warr**

A moody Pen-y-Ghent forms the backdrop as LMS 'Jubilee' 4-6-0 No. 5690 *Leander* crosses Ribblehead Viaduct with 'The Fellsman' charter on 25th August. **John Woolley**

UK Railtours ran its usual charter to the Edinburgh Tattoo on 12th and 13th August, the first day from King's Cross to Edinburgh, and on the second an optional trip by train from Edinburgh, via Linlithgow, along the line from Stirling, via Alloa, to Dunfermline and Townhill before heading back to the Scottish capital, via the Forth Bridge. This view of the train headed by Class 66/0 No. 66114 was taken on the Alloa line. Bill Turvill

LNER 'K4' 2-6-0 No. 61994 *The Great Marquess* **climbs away from Glenfinnan with 'The Jacobite' on 17th August, standing in for LNER 'K1' No. 62005. Barry Martin**

Llangollen wins Transport & Works order for Corwen but loses grant

The Llangollen Railway has announced that its application for a Transport & Works Order to extend the line two miles from Carrog to Corwen, where a new station will be built, has received a successful outcome.

The application was submitted in September 2009 after four years of work to assemble the required documentation, and has been granted after two periods of public consultation, the resolution of issues raised by statutory authorities and a further review of the line by an independent inspector to satisfy the requirements of the Welsh Assembly Government.

Bill Shakespeare, Vice-President Llangollen Railway Trust, said: "Whilst we are delighted to receive the Order after such a protracted period of negotiation and consultation, funding for the project remains an issue before any work can proceed. The original promised grant of £1.2 million from the Welsh Assembly is no longer available because the Order had not been approved Assembly Government has now offered us a grant of £500,000 available from 1st April 2011 until 31st March 2012, provided we can offer an equivalent amount of matched funding to complete the extension. In view of the fact that the Railway has already spent close on £200,000 in legal, consultancy and material costs to enable us to reach Corwen, we are discussing with Welsh Assembly Government officials whether they will be prepared to accept this expenditure and the voluntary labour we will provide, as matched funding so that we can access the £500,000 without further conditions. If this can be agreed, we would have sufficient funds available to lay track to the outskirts Corwen, while seeking further financial assistance to complete the complex station development. You can see from the above that the Railway will need all the financial and practical assistance we can obtain from our well-wishers and supporters. Those who wish to see the train arrive in Corwen are asked to donate to the Llangollen Railway Trust's Corwen Appeal Fund or to purchase shares in Llangollen Railway plc".

Gordon Heddon, Vice-President of Llangollen Railway Trust added: "The application for the Transport and Works Order by LRT has been a time consuming and costly exercise in terms of money spent on legal and consultancy fees. Applications for extensions to heritage railways are not for the faint hearted. Those with ideas for expansion would do well to ponder on our experience and learn from its lessons. This exercise has involved the voluntary input of some 2,000 man hours by a team of three, in addition to the fees charged".

North Norfolk hosts 'little and large' Grand Steam Gala weekend

The North Norfolk will be offering a variety of visiting traction during its Grand Steam Gala booked for 3rd-5th September.

It has something of a 'Little & Large' theme, with the visiting Great Central-based 'Jinty' 0-6-0T No. 47407 contrasting with Class 9F 2-10-0 No. 92212 from the Mid-Hants Railway. Hunslet 0-6-0ST No. 1982 *Ring Haw* will operate alongside main line registered 'King Arthur' 4-6-0 No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel*, as well as the unique 'Black 5' No. 44767 *George Stephenson*.

Add GER J15 0-6-0 No. 65462 and 5600 class 0-6-2T No. 5619 into the mix, together with the Quad-Art set and a local goods train, and the term 'Grand Steam Gala' certainly lives up to its name.

South Devon celebrates Class 33 birthday

The oldest Class 33 in preservation, the South Devon Diesel Traction Ltd's No. D6501 (TOPS No. 33002 *Sea King*), will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the class at the South Devon Railway on 4th September.

The 'Crompton' is scheduled to haul five return workings between Buckfastleigh and Totnes Riverside, with departures from Buckfastleigh timed for 10.00, 11.30, 13.00, 15.00 and 16.30. Day rover tickets at £10 each will be available, and there will be real ale available on-board throughout the day.

Battling with the Southern Region

Class 33s will dominate the Battlefield Line's Autumn Diesel Gala scheduled for 17th-19th September.

Named 'The Sunny Southern Weekend', it is hoped to have up to four 'Cromptons' in operation, as well as 'other Southern related traction'. Confirmed are Class 33s Nos. 33019 and 33208, and a start-up for No. 33008 is planned to take place during the event.

Also expected to put in appearances will be Nos. D2867, 03170, 04110, 25067, 31130, 47640, 73114, the Class 116/118 DMU, and hopefully, one other guest locomotive of which details have yet to be finalised.

An hourly timetable will operate, which will be supplemented by a 'pig roast' on Saturday evening. A special bus service will be operating from Nuneaton station on the Saturday.

▼ **Now in preservation and still carrying its fertis-livery, Class 58 No. 58016 stands outside the roundhouse at Barrow Hill during the Class 58 Locomotive Group's AGM on 21st August. The loco has been painted with a red buffer beam and black buffers and piping making it look smarter. Matt Moore**

Pioneer Hughes 'Crab' undergoes work at Locomotion

▼ **Hughes-designed LMS 'Crab' 2-6-0 No. 2700 is seen undergoing preparation work at Locomotion on 26th August, prior to being finished in LMS crimson lake livery for static display within the complex at Shildon. Tom Anderson**

Llangollen Growlers

The Growler Group's members day will be held at the Llangollen Railway on 16th October, and operates in conjunction with the Llangollen Diesel Group using its Class 37 No. D6940.

Six round trips will operate between Llangollen and Carrog on the day, with departures from Llangollen for 'The Glyndyfrdwy Growler' at 08.00, 09.35, 11.25, 13.25, 15.25 and 17.25. Pre-booking is recommended, and Growler Group members can secure an all-day rover for £15 (non-members £20), or a half-day for £7.50 (non-members £10). Tickets bought on the day will be £17.50 (non-member £25) for a members' day rover, and £10 (£12.50) respectively for a half-day ticket. A booking form can be downloaded from www.thegrowlergroup.org.uk

Dukedog visit to Devon postponed to 2011

The planned visit of 'Dukedog' 4-4-0 No. 9017 to the South Devon Railway has been postponed until 2011, due to the job of re-tubing the locomotive at its Bluebell-base taking longer than anticipated.

Although a date for 2011 has not yet been finalised, it is hoped the visit will coincide with the Easter break. The South Devon Railway has had to reorganise its planned Heritage Transport Weekend booked for 11th/12th September, which will now feature newly out-shopped 'Collett' 2251 class 0-6-0 No. 3205, and 1400 class 0-4-2T No. 1450, the latter working with auto-trailer No. 178. A special feature of the event will be the operation of a three-car auto-train, which is believed will be the first such occurrence on a heritage line since the 1960s.

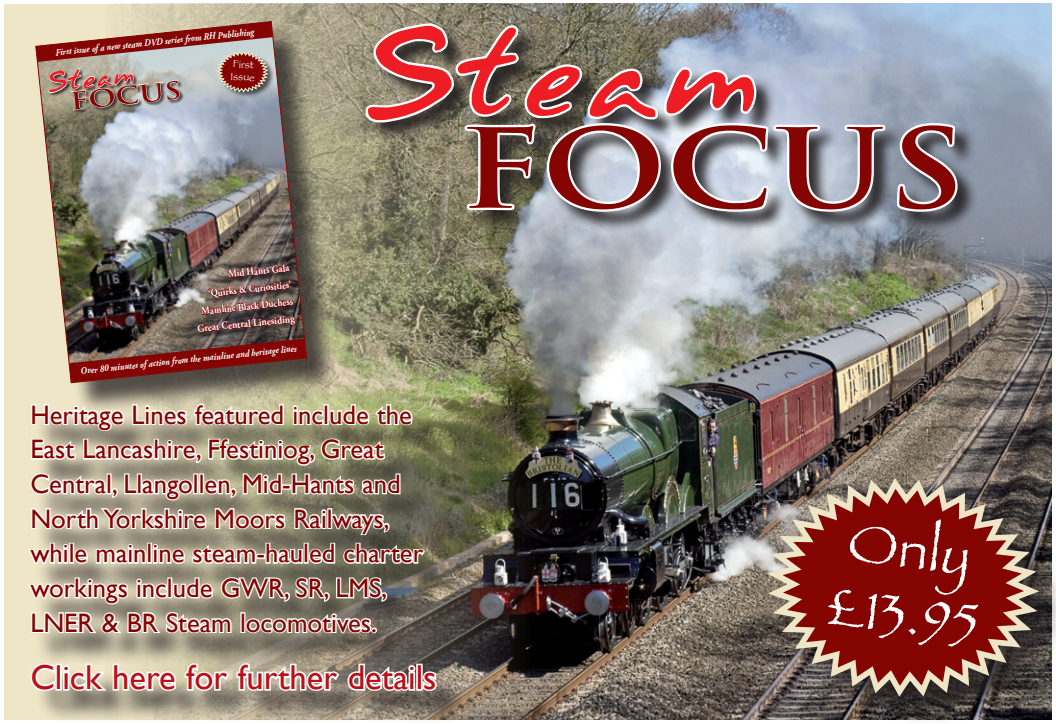
Somerset & Dorset in Hampshire in September

The 'Alps' of the Mid-Hants Railway will be masquerading as the long lamented Somerset & Dorset line over the weekend of 10th-12th September.

With visiting ex-S&DJR Class 7F 2-8-0 No. 88 the visitor, a themed gala commemorating the old 'S&D' was a natural choice. The '7F' will not feel lonely either, as representatives of other classes that were synonymous with the line will also be appearing, including the Mid-Hants own recently restored 'Black 5' No. 45379, along with unrebuilt West Country No. 34007 *Wadebridge*, BR Standard Class 5MT 4-6-0 No. 73096, Class 9F 2-10-0 No. 92212 and 'USA' 0-6-0T No. 30075. The busy schedule continues, as the following weekend there will be an 'Autumn Wind of Change' event, which will operate from 17th-19th September.

This will reflect British Railways in the early 1960s, when steam and diesel traction ran side-by-side during the years of transition. Highlight will be the use of Hampshire Class 205 DEMU No. 1125, together with Class 33 No. 33053 and Class 37 No. 37905, which will be contrasted with the steam fleet that will include Nos. 45379, 88 and 73096. Both events will operate an intensive timetable, further details of which are due to be announced soon.

◀ **A sight that many thought would never come. Replica Lynton & Barnstaple 2-6-2T *Lyd* climbs towards Garnedd Tunnel on the Ffestiniog Railway, during a loaded test run of eight carriages on 27th August. David Davies**



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Having been returned to the operational pool, LoadHaul-liveried Class 60 No. 60059 *Swinden Dalesman* **powers through Hatfield & Stainforth on 24th August with the Goole to Peterborough empty sand hoppers.** **Danny Sladdin**

Colas Rail Class 47/7 No. 47727 *Rebecca* **leads classmate No. 47749** *Demelza* **through Sleaford, with the Washwood Heath to Boston Docks steel train on 25th August. Graham Lightfoot**

The second Class 90 locomotive to receive Freightliner's new Powerhaul livery, No. 90049, climbs Belstead Bank in charge of its first daylight intermodal service since emerging from the paintshop at Crewe.
Jonathan Kirkham

The unique-liveried Class 57/6 No. 57604 *Pendennis Castle* **calls at Plymouth just before midnight on 24th August, with First Great Western's northbound Night Riviera sleeper, destined for London Paddington.**
Nathan Williamson

Driver Tunstall puts Class 66/0 No. 66151 through its paces as it works a London St Pancras to Clitheroe cement train, passing Portsmouth on the climb to Copy Pit summit on 6th August.
David Hollowood

TURNING THE CLOCK BACK

Isle of Wight in the 1950s

Railways first came to the Isle of Wight in June 1862, when a line was completed between the capital, Newport, and Cowes by what was then the Isle of Wight Railway Company.

This was followed just over two years later by the route that still exists today, Ryde to Shanklin, which was extended in 1866 to Ventnor. The Brading Harbour branch to Bembridge came into use in 1882. Prior to that, in 1875, the Newport & Ryde Railway opened a route of nearly nine-miles from Smallbrook, and the Isle of Wight Railway reached Shide, on the outskirts of Newport. Extension of this line subsequently linked all three Newport lines and led to their amalgamation as the Isle of Wight Central Railway in 1887, and a year later an independent line construction linked Newport with Freshwater.

The last two lines constructed were between Ryde St Johns Road and Ryde Esplanade, which replaced the 1864 horse tramway, and from Ventnor to Cowes, linking Merstone Junction with St Lawrence, reaching Ventnor in June 1900.

Following the 1923 Grouping, the new Southern Railway inherited the Island's rail network of three companies, the joint LB&SCR/ L&SWR line to St Johns Road and the L&SWR ferry depot at Yarmouth. Initially, traffic was good, particularly during the summer months, when the Southern paddle steamers brought holidaymakers across the Solent from Portsmouth Harbour, but closures began soon after Nationalisation; the Merstone-Ventnor route was the first to go in 1952, followed by Freshwater-Bembridge in 1953, Sandown-Newport in 1956, and Ryde and Cowes and beyond Shanklin to Ventnor in 1966.

The last vestige of the Island railway between Shanklin and Ryde Pier Head was then electrified in 1967, using redundant London Transport sub-surface stock, refurbished and reclassified Class 485 4VEC and 3TIS, Vectis being the Roman name for the Island. These was replaced with 1938 London Underground stock in 1989-90, just six two-car units now considered sufficient to operate services between the two extremities of Ryde and Shanklin, via Sandown, with the other lines all now closed, except for the five-mile Isle of Wight Steam Railway that operates between Wootton and Smallbrook Junction, where it connects with the Island Line electric trains.

Much Victorian locomotives and coaching stock is used, including A1X 'Terriers' and one of the Island's O2 class 0-4-4Ts No. W24 *Calbourne*.

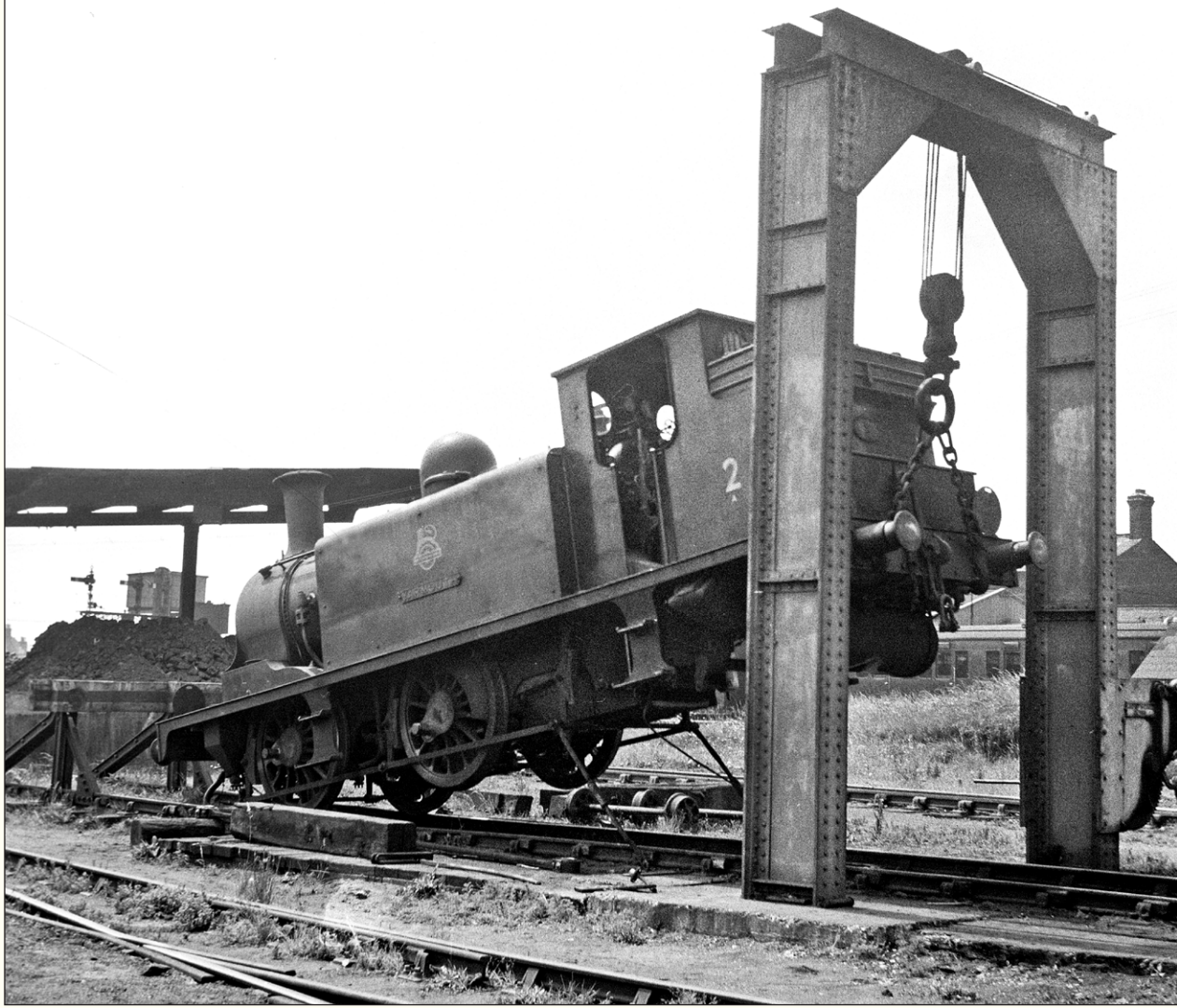
▼ **One of only two 02 class 0-4-4Ts on the island to be fitted with push-pull apparatus, No. W36 *Carisbrooke* stands at Freshwater on 26th June 1953, with the 14.00 service to Newport.**
All photographs by Brian Morrison

◀▲ **Near Shanklin on 11th June 1952, Class O2 0-4-4T No. W23** *Totland* **steams freely with the 11.42 Isle of Wight service from Ventnor to Ryde Pierhead.**

▲ **The 15.42 train for Ryde Pierhead departs from Ventnor on 9th June 1952, hauled by O2 class 0-4-4T No. W20** *Shanklin*.

▶ **The 10.28 Isle of Wight service from Ryde Pierhead to Ventnor passes between Sandown and Lake on 11th June 1952, headed by Class O2 0-4-4T No. 18** *Ningwood*.

◀ **The 15.28 Ryde Pierhead-Ventnor train emerges from the tunnel into Ventnor station on 9th June 1952, headed by O2 class 0-4-4T No 17.** *Seaview*.



▲◀ **Class O2 0-4-4Ts Nos. W34** *Newport* **& W33** *Bembridge* **on shed at Newport, Isle of Wight, on 10th June 1952.**

▲ **E1 class 0-6-0T No. W2** *Yarmouth* **receives attention at Newport shed, on 24th June 1953.**

◀▲ **Isle of Wight E1 class 0-6-0T No. 3** *Ryde* **on shed at Newport on 10th June 1952.**

◀ **The two types of locomotive used on the Isle of Wight at the time, on shed at Newport on 10th June 1952. E1 class 0-6-0T No. W1** *Medina* **and Class 02 0-4-4T No. W34** *Newport*.

◀ **Class O2 0-4-4T No. W20** *Shanklin* **departs from Ryde Pierhead station on 14th June 1952, with the 10.35 service to Cowes.**

▲ **A trip freight working from Ventnor to Newport, Isle of Wight, collects wagons from the yard at Sandown on 11th June 1952, headed by E1 class 0-6-0T No. W1** *Medina*.

▼ **The 18.08 train to Freshwater awaits depature from Sandown on 27th June 1953, behind O2 class 0-4-4T No. W25** *Godshill*.

◀▼ **The 11.56 service from Cowes to Sandown arrives at Newport on 24th June 1953, headed by Class O2 0-4-4T No. W28** *Ashey*.

25th August 2010

Basingstoke & District Railway Society

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

1st September 2010

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)

St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford.
'The Dick Schaffer and Ian Hall Collections' by Ken Dickens. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North London)

Wood Green Social Club, 3 Stuart Crescent, Wood Green, London N22 5NJ.
'57 Ways of Wheels Going Uphill & Around Corners (Pt 1)' by Ray Schofield. Meeting commences at 19.00.

Warwickshire Railway 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

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.

3rd September 2010

Stephenson Locomotive Society

The Mining Institute Lecture Theatre, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. 'Browsing Around Britain in the Early 1970s' by David Sharp. Meeting commences at 19.00. Contact the Secretary on 01434 688946 for further details.

6th September 2010

North Yorkshire Moors Railway (Northallerton)

Northallerton Town Cricket Club, Farndale Avenue, Northallerton.
'Slides from the Raymond Rourke Collection' by Ian McInnes. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £1.50. Contact the Secretary, Ian McInnes on 01642 767233 for further details.

7th September 2010

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB.
'GRES Reminiscences'. Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact the Secretary, Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for further details.

Locomotive & Carriage Institution

55 Broadway, London.
'Presidential Address' by Nick Agnew. Meeting commences at 18.00. Contact the Secretary, Stuart Smith at smithstuart@btinternet.com for further details.

North East Essex Railway Association

Room 6, Frinton Community Centre, The Triangle, Frinton.
'American & Canadian Railways' by John Day. Meeting commences at 19.45.

Permanent Way Institution (Wessex)

The Freemantle Club, Waterloo Road, Southampton
'An evening of historic railway films' by Frank Barfield
Meeting commences at 18.00
Contact the secretary, Richard Workman, on 01428 645771 or email richardworkman5@tiscali.co.uk for futher details.

Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire)/ LRTA (Southern)

Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh.
'Railways in the North East - Retrospective and Recent' by Bruce Oliver. Meeting commences at 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. 'Central Switzerland's Railway Wonderland' by Arthur Turner. Starts 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 or at wsm1977rlysocy@talktalk.net for details.

8th September 2010

Basingstoke & District Railway Society

Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Broad Gauge Railway Journey' by Canon Brian Arman. Meeting starts 20.00. Visitors Welcome. 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 Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact Dave on 01527 873800 or Gordon on 015127 873609 for further details.

Swiss Railways Society (London)

The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT. 'An Evening with Ron and Allan Dawes'. Meeting commences at 19.00. £2 Donation. Contact the Ron Dawes on 020 8660 3532 for details.

9th September 2010

Bath Railway Society

Bath Green Park Station Meeting Room. 'Rare, Unique and High Quality Photographs - with an Emphasis on the Bath Area' by Paul Chancellor. Starts 19.30. Contact Kevin Plummer (evenings) 01225 312564 for further 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 or at akpalmer@talktalk.net for details.

Permanent Way Institution (North Wales)

The Town Crier Inn, City Road, Chester 'Lineside Engineering' by Neil Strong, Network Rail. Starts 18.30. Contact the secretary Lynne Garner, on 07771 672274.

10th September 2010

Great Western Society (Swindon)

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.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (St Albans)

United Reform Church, Watford Road, Chiswell Green, St Albans.
'The Isle of Wight Railway: Past, Present & Future' by Jim Loe. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Shropshire Railway Society

The Gateway, Chester Street, Shrewsbury. 'Traction in the Deltic Era' by Hugh Ballantyne. Meeting starts 19.30. £3 Donation. Contact the General Secretary on 01743 243295 for further details.

11th/12th September 2010

St Albans Signal Box Heritage Open Day

St Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust, Ridgmont Road, St Albans AL1 3AJ. Exhibition of signalling and railway ephemera with model railway and other attractions. Admission free. Open 10.00 - 16.00. Contact the Chairman, K.Webster on 01727 836131 for further details.

13th September 2010

Lincoln Railway Society

St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 'British Transport Police' by Brian Bell. Starts 20.00. Contact 01522 705365 for details

Southern Electric Group (Sussex)

Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'SR EMU Photos from the 1950s' by Richard Larkin. Starts 19.30. £2 Donation. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for details.

14th September 2010

8E Railway Association

The Gladstone Club, Station Road, Northwich, CW9 5RB 'Under, Up and Over. Merseyrail, Overhead & Snowdon - A Connection?' by Glynn Parry. Starts 19.45. Contact Paul Tench on 07790 486735 for details.

Abergavenny & District Steam Society

Upper Room, The Hen and Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny.
'The Power of Steam' by Peter Donovan. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact, Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for details.

Great Western Society (Bristol)

BAWA, 589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol BS34 7RG. 'Spotting with a Pentax Spotmatic & a Cannon EOS' by Wayne Finch. Meeting starts at 19.45. Contact the Secretary on 01454 324230 for further details.

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▼ **DRS Class 37/5s Nos. 37688 & 37667 bound for Hitchin, are passed by Southeastern Class 395 No. 395022 working the 09.55 Faversham-London St Pancras high-speed service on 24th August. Jamie Diddams**

Permanent Way Institution (Croydon & Brighton)
Mott MacDonald House, Sydenham Road, Croydon, CR0 2EE. 'High Speed 2' by John Castle. Starts 17.45. Contact Martin Cresswell on 07815 968245 or email martincresswell@amey.co.uk for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (Manchester & Liverpool)
Ove Arup Offices, St. James Building, Oxford Street, Manchester. 'High Speed Rail' by Colin Stewart, Arup. Meeting starts at 12.30. Contact Rob Cummings, on 07798 858784

15th September 2010
Permanent Way Institution (Bristol & West of England)
Arup Auditorium, 63 St Thomas Street, Bristol. Innotrack by Charles Penny. Meeting commences at 18.00 Contact the secretary, Phil Harrison on 0117 976 5432 or e-mail philip.harrison@arup.com for details

Permanent Way Institution (Bristol & West of England)
Great Western Hotel, Swindon. Reading Station Area Remodelling by Sean Murray. Starts 18.00. Contact the secretary, Phil Harrison on 0117 976 5432 or e-mail philip.harrison@arup.com for details

Permanent Way Institution (Glasgow)
Upstairs Lounge, The Iron Horse, West Nile Street, Glasgow. 'Airdrie to Bathgate Rail Link Progress' by Hugh Wark, Network Rail. Starts 17.30. Contact the secretary, Jack Scott, on 07789 765291 for further details.

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

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

Marlow & District Railway Society
Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Road, Bourne End. 'The Alan Morris Collection - a selection of pictures' by Julian Heard. Starts 20.00. Admission £2.

17th September 2010
Great Western Society (Taunton)
Village Hall, Stoke St Mary, Nr Taunton. 'Bodmin & Wenford' by Richard Jones. Starts 19.30. Contact 01823 334188 for further details.

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

Stephenson Locomotive Society
The Mining Institute Lecture Theatre, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. 'Railway Routes from Darlington to Newcastle' by Roger Darsley. Starts 19.00. Contact 01434 688946 for details.

18th September 2010
Great Western Society (South West)
Parish Centre, Church End Road, Kingskerswell, Torbay. 'History of the Dartmouth & Torbay Railway' by John Risdon. Meeting commences at 18.30. Contact the Secretary on 01803 336329 for further details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Central London)
Keen House, Calshot Street, London N1. 'The Crossrail Project' by Simon Bennett. Meeting starts 19.00.

20th September 2010
Great Central Railway Society (Spinkhill)
The Angel Hotel 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'Classic Film Night' with Mick Hayes. Starts 19.30. Contact Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for further details.

21st September 2010
Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Dorking)
Pethick-Lawrence House, 85 South Street, Dorking. 'Narrow Gauge Around the World' by David Cox. Starts 19.30.

PWI (York)
Park Inn, North Street, York. 'North East Railway Engineers Forum' Starts 18.00 Contact the secretary, Ken Aiston, on 01904 656991 or email kaistonyork@btinternet.com

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.

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.

PWI (Nottingham)
Hallmark Midland Hotel, adjacent to Derby station. '90 Years on the Railway' by Andy Clayton, Colin Cotter and Andy Packham Meeting commences at 18.30 Contact the secretary, Colin Cowey, 07946 482343 or email colin.cowey@talk21.com

23rd September 2010
Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. AGM. Starts 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, WA12 8EW. 'The Lancaster & Carlisle Railway' by Noel Machell. Starts 19.30. Contact Neville Bond on 01925 226473 for further details.

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

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Croydon)
United Reform Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon. 'From the 90s to the 00s at Home & Abroad' by Bob Stonehouse. Starts 19.15.

Shropshire Rly Society
The Gateway, Chester Street, Shrewsbury. 'British and Overseas Steam Trams' by Nick Kelly. Starts 19.30. Donation of £3 requested. Contact the General Secretary on 01743 243295 for further details

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

26th September 2010
St Albans Signal Box
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.

28th September 2010
Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Brighton)
Brighton Model Railway Club Room, BR London Road Station, Shaftesbury Place, Brighton. 'Railway Film Miscellany' by John Butler. Meeting commences at 19.30.

1st October 2010
RCTS (Bristol)
St Peters Church Hall, Church Road, Filton. 'The Railways of the Forest of Dean' by Ian Pope. Starts 19.30.

Stephenson Loco Society
The Mining Institute Lecture Theatre, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. 'An Evening of Railway Films with a 1950s Theme' by Roy Jefferson. Starts 19.00. Contact 01434 688946 for details.

Stephenson Locomotive Society
Settllement Centre, Union Street, Middlesbrough.
'So you want to Build a Railway (The Welsh Highland Railway)' by Bob de Wardt. Meeting commences at 19.00. Contact the Secretary on 01642 313451 for further details.

2nd October 2010
Stephenson Locomotive Society
The Friends Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester.
'Joseph Locke: The Third Engineer' by Dr Michael Bailey. Meeting commences at 14.00. Contact the Secretary on 0161 928 2461 for further details.

4th October 2010
North Yorkshire Moors Railway (Northallerton)
Northallerton Town Cricket Club, Farndale Avenue, Northallerton. 'Your Next Station Stop is Stokesley' by Tony Daniels. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £1.50. Contact the Secretary, Ian McInnes on 01642 767233 for further details.

RCTS (Ashford)
The Elwick Club, Church Road, Ashford. 'The West Coast Main Line, Southern Section since Nationalisation' by Bob Ballard. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at southeast@rcts.org.uk for further details.

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