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Southern Railway 'T9' steams again at Bodmin

After an overhaul at the Flower Mill in the Forest of Dean, the National Railway Museum's London & South Western Railway T9 class 4-4-0 No. 30120 has returned to steam, taking the starring role in the Bodmin & Wenford Railway's steam gala weekend.

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DB Schenker Class 66/0 No. 66112 powers out of Birkett Tunnel and through Birkett Common on the Settle & Carlisle route, with the 17.05 Clitheroe to Mossend loaded cement tanks on 1st September.
David Hollowood

Haymarket North to be electrified

Network Rail has awarded contracts for £10 million in respect of work on the electrification of Edinburgh Haymarket north tunnel, in what will be the first actual work on the £1 billion Edinburgh-Glasgow Improvements Programme (EGIP) that is to enhance rail services and infrastructure in Scotland's central belt.

EGIP is being funded by Transport Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Government, and is designed to make significant investment in the rail infrastructure linking Edinburgh Waverley and Glasgow Queen Street and surrounding towns, enabling increased service levels and reduced journey times.

The Programme is expected to deliver a range of benefits by 2016, including a fastest journey time of 37 minutes on the main route and increased service levels on all routes between the two cities from the current five or six trains per hour to 13. The project also includes electrification of 350km of the existing rail network in the central belt, and provides opportunities to increase services and reduce journey times on routes between Alloa and Dunblane as well as Edinburgh and Glasgow. In the short-term, the electrification of the north lines between Princes Street Gardens and Haymarket, via Haymarket north tunnel, will improve reliability and increase capacity into Edinburgh Waverley ahead of the introduction of the new, four trains an hour, Airdrie-Bathgate services in December.

Huddersfield upgrade works completed

Huddersfield station is the latest to have better access and facilities after improvements costing £2.3 million were completed through the Department for Transport's Access for All scheme.

Two new lifts have been installed to provide step-free access links between the subway and platforms. A new flight of stairs to Platform 1 has also been completed. Further improvements are due to be completed later this year to the booking hall and waiting area, these being funded by the Railway Heritage Trust, Metro, Kirklees Council and the National Station's Improvement Programme.

Forth Bridge restoration almost finished

The Forth Bridge is approaching the end of a 10-year project to apply a new rust prevention coating to the structure.

As previously reported, the work is part of a £74 million task and will avoid the need for the bridge to be painted for 40 years. Originally scheduled for completion in December 2011, the work is now due to be finished one year ahead of schedule.

Opened in March 1890, the bridge has seen teams of painters work on the structure in an almost continuous painting cycle.

Balfour Beatty Ltd has been restoring the historic bridge since 2002, blasting the 51,000 tons of steelwork back to bare metal before applying the coating, which is also used on oil rigs to protect steelwork from the salt air.

Virgin marks Polmadie investment with '221' naming

Virgin's Class 221 'Super Voyager' units are now being serviced at a new facility that was officially opened on 1st September at Polmadie Depot.

Joe Porter, a driver whose 43-year railway career at Polmadie stretches back to the last days of steam, inaugurated the new servicing unit by naming No. 221115 *Polmadie Depot*. He was chosen by his colleagues who had asked Virgin Trains to mark the importance of Polmadie by naming a train.

Chris Gibb, Chief Operating Officer of Virgin Trains, said: "Most days now, our trains are more than 90% on time, and the investment at Polmadie in a dedicated facility to service Super Voyager trains will help build on that improved performance".

The development of the new Glasgow facility, dedicated to diesel train maintenance, maximises the opportunities for work on both electric and diesel traction at the depot, allowing most of the centre at Polmadie to be devoted to Alstom-built Pendolinos, while the new premises handle the Bombardier 'Super Voyagers'.

The naming, also cemented the working relationship between Virgin Trains, Alstom and Bombardier, with No. 221115 being branded in a unique 'Bombardier' colour-scheme on the leading driving car.

Alstom Transport employs 118 people at Polmadie and is responsible for overnight servicing on the 11 trains that Virgin operates from Scotland each morning.

▲▲ **Newly named and vinyled with a Bombardier livery on the driving car, No. 221115 departs Preston on 2nd September, with a Glasgow to Birmingham service. Mike Birtles**

▲ **Driver Joe Porter and VT Chief Operating Officer, Chris Gibb, stand beside No. 221115, shortly after Mr Porter named the unit** *Polmadie Depot*. **Bill Turvill**

South London service changes MAY not happen

As previously reported, plans exist for the removal of the current service from Streatham and Tulse Hill to North London.

Network Rail has said that it wants all trains on the Wimbledon Loop section of the Thameslink line to terminate at Blackfriars from 2015. This would bring to an end direct services from the aforementioned stations to City Thameslink, King's Cross St Pancras and stations to Luton and Bedford - the result being to force passengers to change trains. The infrastructure owner says that its proposals would ultimately improve travel for Streatham residents (despite the inconvenience and extended journey times that are then involved) because the number of trains travelling to Blackfriars will double to four an hour, and the service from Blackfriars to St Pancras would run at one train every two-and-a-half minutes, following the upgrade of the route.

However, the Government has said that it has not yet approved the decision. The new Transport Minister, Theresa Villiers, when questioned in Parliament by Chuka Umunna, the MP for Streatham, said that no decision would be taken on the changes until 2013, and a public consultation would be required first.

▼ **GBRf Class 73/2 No. 73208** *Kirsten* **plus 4VEP No. 3417** *Gordon Pettitt* **cross Riddlesdown Viaduct on 2nd September, while en route from Eastleigh Works to the new Bluebell Railway station at East Grinstead. The 'ED' and 4VEP were used to work shuttle services over the opening weekend of 4th/5th September, forming the Bluebell's first public trains from East Grinstead to Imberhorne Cutting. Ken Brunt**

▲ **Class 20/9 No. 20905 powers long-withdrawn classmate No. 20906 and Class 47/4 No. 47818 away from Crewe to Washwood Heath on 27th August. Mark Jopson**

Stagecoach to manage Papal transport

It is understood that coach and rail operator Stagecoach has signed a deal with the Catholic Church involving the transport of people to the Pope's mass during a visit to Glasgow on 16th September.

The value of the deal has not been disclosed, but it has been confirmed that Stagecoach will be the lead contractor and will organise all transport for the event.

It is expected that Stagecoach will arrange transport for about 65,000 people in total to and from an open-air mass at Bellahouston Park, around 50,000 by between 600 and 700 buses, and the remaining 15,000 by rail.

The Pope's visit to Scotland will be the first Papal appearance in the country since 1982.

Stations to be improved on c2c route

National Express East Anglia (NXEA) and c2c are working in partnership with Network Rail to improve customer facilities at eight stations, with funding from the Department for Transport's National Stations Improvement Programme.

The stations to be upgraded are Billericay, Brentwood, Colchester, Marks Tey and Waltham Cross for NXEA, and Chafford Hundred, Shoeburyness and Southend East for c2c, the work being due to commence in the autumn. Although the scope of the works will vary according to the location, the type of improvements to feature are new and improved ticket offices and booking hall areas, new waiting shelters and retail outlets, improvements to station accessibility and station forecourts. Feedback from the National Passenger Survey was instrumental in providing the criteria to select the stations most deserving of the investment

UK News In Brief

■ A recent press release from Network Rail used the statement "It's all in the stars" after the company renovated two rail bridges near to Stourbridge Junction, and adorned one of them with the signs of the zodiac! The release went on to say that "Network Rail can see into the future and knows that the work won't have to be done for another 25 years". Presumably if the company has gained this view in the future, late-running because of 'unforeseen operational difficulties' will be a thing of the past!

■ A meeting has taken place between Harrogate Borough Council and Northern Rail with a view to improving rail connections between the town and Leeds. Harrogate currently has a 30-minute interval service, which the council would like to see move to every 20-minutes.

■ Maritime Transport has become the new operator of the Riverside Rail Terminal at Tilbury. Maritime has taken over the existing rail contracts and aims to increase train throughput by bringing new services to the terminal. The four-acre facility, known as Tilbury Railport, is an established common user facility and unlike the other rail terminals at the London port, offers open access to all train operators. The Railport can accommodate two full trains at any one time and Maritime plans to run the facility 24 hours six days a week.

Lovely jubbly - restoration of Peckham Rye station begins!

The 1865-built Peckham Rye station in south London, is undergoing something of a revival.

For the past 80 years, the station buildings that were constructed in the Victorian era have been hidden from view behind a series of public buildings. From the early 1900s, a billiard hall occupied part of the station, but since its closure in 1960, the area inside the two towers, all that could be seen of the buildings, has been deserted following years of disuse. Today, however, the first stage of a four-year renovation that started in 2006, has seen the Old Waiting Room above the ticket office restored to its former glory with open fire places and the previously bricked-up windows fully restored.

The work has taken place following a campaign by the Peckham Society and Rye Lane and Station Action Group, which gained support from Southwark Council. The first action was to successfully achieve Grade 2 listing, meaning that care had to be taken during the restoration to ensure that the original appearance was retained, even to the extent that bricks were sought from the original brick field in Suffolk!

When the restoration work is fully completed, the Old Waiting Room will be put to good use, although as to what, is not yet known! A restaurant has been suggested, and the station does feature in the Peckham Vision, which plans the creation of a piazza that would involve reopening of the whole forecourt.

East Coast hire-ins

▲ **ECML-operator East Coast has found itself short of HST sets recently, which has resulted in hiring in of sets from both AXC and EMT. On 26th August, powercar No. 43384 leads a mixed EC/XC set through Harringay, bound for King's Cross.**

▶ **On 24th August, powercar No. 43058 stands at King's Cross with a northbound service. Both: Fred Kerr**

Stratford-upon-Avon route resignalling will bring operational advantages

Remodelling of the line from Shirley to Stratford-on-Avon, including the closure of Shirley, Henley-in-Arden and Bearley Junction signal boxes with control transferring to the West Midlands Signalling Centre, is due to be commissioned on 1st November.

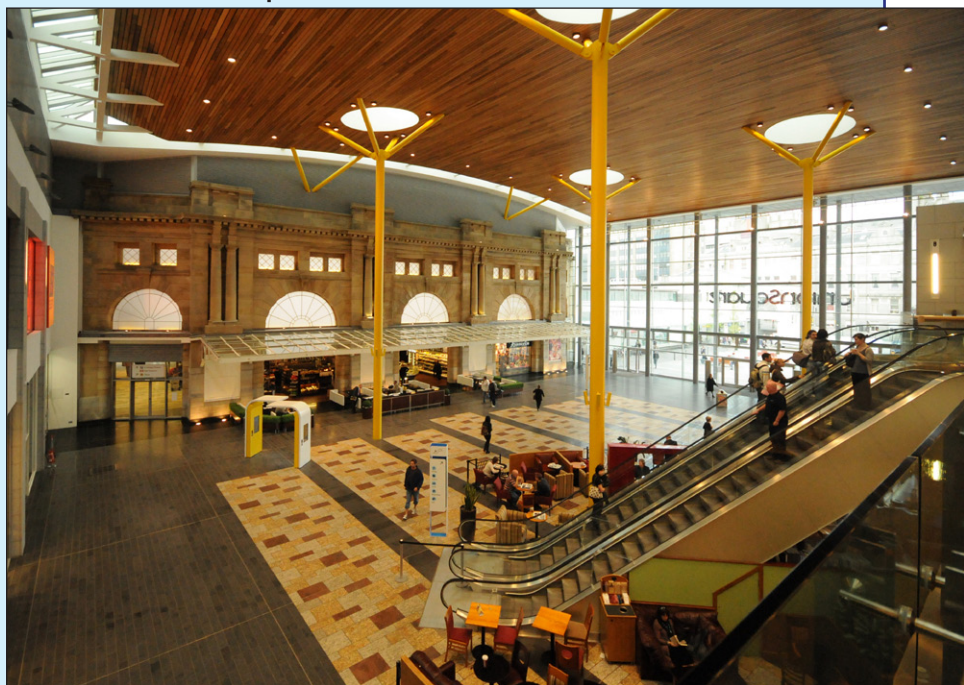
The work will enable the 'up' (Stratford direction) line to be used reversibly by trains between Shirley and Whitlocks End and includes the provision of a starting signal at the north end of Platform 2, which is ready for when all terminating trains at Shirley are due to be extended to and from Whitlocks End. In the Birmingham direction, it will bring into regular passenger use, a facing crossover south of Shirley, which is the present one used by Shirley terminating ECS movements. This will need to be replaced first as part of the resignalling programme, but it is not yet known whether the new crossover will be on the same site as the present one. At Henley-in-Arden station the layout has been reduced to just plain 'up' and 'down' running lines.

Could it be all change for Billingshurst?

▲ Class 377/1 Electrostar No. 377110 passes Billingshurst at speed on 27th August, forming the 11.32 Southern service from London Victoria to Southampton Central. The station platforms here are being extended from four to eight car length, to allow services to call without needing selective door operation mode. As part of this work, the semaphore signal on the 'Up' platform is to be removed, involving alterations to the mechanical locking, and the whole area could come under the control of Three Bridges as part of the Arun Valley signalling renewal scheme. The proposals are contained in the Sussex Route Utilisation Strategy, which comments that a strong case exists to reduce signalling headways on the Arun Valley, in particular between Christ's Hospital and Billingshurst. The signal box is thought to date from around 1876 and is likely the last Saxby & Farmer Type 1b box in use on the network. **Brian Morrison**

▲ As already reported, tracklaying work on the Airdrie to Bathgate line is now complete, although much work remains to be undertaken on the associated infrastructure, such as the electrification and station works. This was the view of the new Armadale station on 2nd September.

▼ Major changes have taken place in Aberdeen with the construction late last year of a new shopping centre, called Union Square. The £250 million development is located on Guild Street and Market Street in the city, and adjoins one side of the railway station, and with the creation of a new bus station around the same location, a key transport hub has opened. This was the view on 1st September, looking across the concourse of Union Square at the station entrance. **Both: Bill Turvill**



Changes afoot at Aviemore to correct disability issues

The local Strathspey-newspaper has reported that major works are being planned to correct problems caused a few years ago by a Highland Council improvement project, which cost £1.5 million!

The paper says that Transport Scotland intends to revamp the square in front of the Victorian-listed station to make it more user-friendly for the disabled and wider public.

It goes on to say that the consultant leading the scheme on behalf of the Government agency has described the area in the town centre as currently being an "obstacle course for the visually impaired".

Improvements to public transport for the disabled potentially costing up to £700,000 are to be carried out as part of the project, which could eventually be rolled out across Scotland.

▲ West Coast Railway's latest Class 47 revival, No. 47500, was used for the first time to work the return leg of the 'Cathedrals Express' from Hellifield to London King's Cross on 2nd September. The loco is pictured at Hellifield, taking over from LMS 'Royal Scot' 4-6-0 No. 46115 *Scots Guardsman*. **Richard Fox**

◀▲ Ex-works Grand Central Class 43 powercars Nos. 43468 and 43480 are pictured 'back to back' passing through Leyland on 1st September, en route from Loughborough to Kilmarnock, while Class 66/8 No. 66841 heads the Carlisle to Chirk timber working in the opposite direction. **Mike Birtles**

◀ FGW Class 57/6 No. 57604 *Pendennis Castle* was rostered to the last summer Saturday Bristol to Weymouth loco-hauled service of the season on 4th September, in place of the usual Class 67. The train, known locally as the 'Sand and Cycle Explorer' arrives at Bradford-on-Avon on the outbound working. **Richard Cowell**

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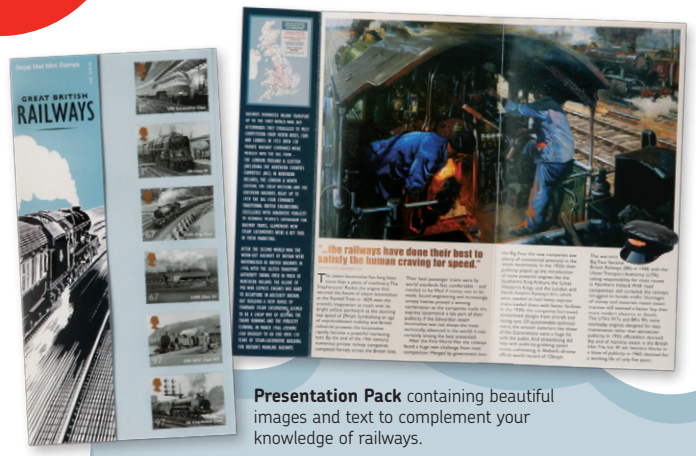

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6th September 2010		
Railway Touring Co.	5690	Glasgow Central-New Cumnock-Dumfries-Carlisle-Shap-Preston(-Liverpool LS)
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return
7th September 2010		
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return
8th 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
9th September 2010		
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return
10th September 2010		
Rail-Blue Charters	87002	Watford Jn-Stafford-Crewe-Shap-Carlisle-Beattock-Edinburgh and return
Railway Touring Co.	6233	Crewe-Wilmslow-Stockport-Huddersfield-York-Scarborough and return
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return
11th September 2010		
NENTA Traintours	2xWCRC 47	Norwich--Bury St.Edmunds-March-Chester-Llandudno Town-Holyhead & return
Pathfinder Tours	60163	(Crewe-)Bristol Temple Meads-Penzance **Cancelled**
Railway Touring Co.	60019 & 5029	London Paddington-Reading-Newbury-Taunton-Exeter SD-Plymouth & return
Ranger Trains	tbc	Derby-Market Harborough-Headcorn & return **Cancelled**
Spitfire Railtours	55022	London King's Cross-Peterborough-York-Newcastle Central & return
Spitfire Railtours	WCRC 47	Doncaster-London King's Cross-Doncaster
Statesman Rail	tbc	York-Leeds-Stalybridge-Manchester Victoria-Warrington BQ-Shrewsbury-Llandrindod Wells-Cardiff-Hereford-Shrewsbury-Crewe & return
12th September 2010		
Pathfinder Tours	60163	Penzance-Bristol Temple Meads(-Crewe) **Cancelled**
Vintage Trains	Tyseley Pool	B'ham SH-Henley in Arden-Stratford-Dorridge-B'ham SH (two trips)
13th September 2010		
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return
14th September 2010		
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return
15th September 2010		
Statesman Rail	tbc	Lancaster-Blackburn-Long Preston-S&C-Appleby-Carlisle and return
Steam Dreams	44932	London Victoria-Bromley South-Canterbury West and return
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return
16th September 2010		
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return
17th September 2010		
WCRC	45407 or 61994	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return
18th September 2010		
Hastings Diesels Ltd	1001	Hastings-Battle-Kensington Olympia-ECML-Boston-Skegness and return

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

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

The Week Ahead

by John Whitehouse

Cast your minds back to the 'Rail Blue' years of the late 1970s and early 1980s when any reference to the staple traction on the East and West Coast routes would immediately bring to mind the sight and sounds of Deltics and Class 87s.

Both classes notched up literally millions of miles while plying their trade on these arterial routes, and their contribution is, in a small way, being recognised this coming week with two charters 'back on home turf' so to speak. Rail Blue set the ball rolling on Friday 10th September, when it celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first electrically-hauled express working on the newly energised West Coast scheme, when a Class 84 locomotive hauled a Plymouth train from Manchester Piccadilly on 9th September 1960. The 'Sparkie' likely only went as far as Crewe, before being replaced by either steam or diesel traction, as the wiring did not extend all that far in those days, but it was nevertheless a hugely significant event in the history of Britain's railways. This coming Friday, Rail Blue Charters will be employing the AC Locomotive Group's Class 87 No. 87002 *Royal Sovereign* on 'The West Coast Premier' working throughout from Watford Junction to Edinburgh, via the Northampton Loop and Trent Valley, Shap and Beattock to Carstairs, and onwards to Edinburgh Waverley.

Next day, and the East Coast will again reverberate to the drone of a Deltic at full bore, with Martin Walker's No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* heading Spitfire Railtours 'The Norseman' from London King's Cross to York, which then continues to Newcastle-on-Tyne as an inclusive mini-tour. The northbound leg runs via Northallerton, Eaglescliffe and Stockton, to rejoin the ECML at Ferry Hill, and then to Newcastle via Durham, while the return to York follows the Durham Coast route back to Northallerton, running again via Eaglescliffe. An additional bonus is that the stock will also be used for a positioning train from Doncaster to King's Cross with a West Coast Class 47 in the morning and back in the evening, which will help anyone based in the North to enjoy a blast from the past with No. 55022 throughout from King's Cross.

Another ex-East Coast stalwart is in action on 11th September, but on the more unfamiliar Great Western metals with RTC's 'The Mayflower', which is booked to feature No. 60019 *Bittern* throughout from London Paddington to Plymouth. The use of the A4's second tender now makes such a long journey viable, although it will receive some help in the shape of No. 5029 *Nunney Castle* over the South Devon banks outwards from, and back to Taunton.

Also on 11th September, Nenta Traintours will be heading for Chester, Llandudno, Bangor and Holyhead from Norwich, which will be West Coast Class 47-hauled across the Fens, with pick-ups through to Peterborough, while Statesman Railtours head for the Central Wales line from York, again with West Coast Class 47 traction, with stop-offs at Llandrindod Wells and Cardiff. This train returns north via the Welsh Marches route.

This coming week will also see the last workings of RTC's 'Dorset Coast Express' on 8th September, and the 'Scarborough Flyer' on 10th September, together with Vintage Trains 'Shakespeare Express' on 12th September.

For details of future railtour operations, involving steam or modern traction, don't forget to visit our railtour listings page on our website at www.railwayherald.com or click here.

Ups & Downs

by John Whitehouse

■ Spitfire Railtours 'Jorvic Growler II', and the associated 'Saltburn Smuggler' add-on has been postponed from 2nd October and will now operate on 30th October. The itinerary and traction remain as originally advertised. The postponement is due to train crew procurement issues on that day.

■ Class 40 No. 40145 sustained a traction motor flashover shortly before Grantham, while working the 'East Lancashire Explorer' charter. Class 67 No. 67023, which was on the rear of the train, pushed the charter to Grantham, where it ran round before hauling the train onwards to Cambridge. The associated mini-tour to the Stansted Airport branch was unfortunately cancelled. The CFPS has confirmed that a flashover is suspected on one motor, although further investigations will take place at Bury, before the appropriate repairs are undertaken.

Steam to work out and back over North Warwickshire Line

An engineering blockade at Birmingham Moor Street on 12th September, as part of the work involved in the reconnection of the bay platforms to the National Network, has forced a change to the booked route of the 'Shakespeare Express'.

The train will now work both ways over the North Warwickshire Line, for the last time under the semaphore signals that control the route. Bearley Junction, Henley-in-Arden and Shirley signal boxes are due to close in October, when the route falls under the control of the new Saltley Signalling Centre.

Other enforced changes mean that the first train will commence from Tyseley Warwick Road platform and work initially to Saltley, where the locomotive will run-round the train, prior to heading to Stratford-upon-Avon, and the last northbound working will again work directly into Warwick Road, via Saltley.

Its trains, not pixies at the bottom of the garden!

▶ **Recently outbased at Southall for working Steam Dreams programme of charter trains to the cathedral cities, LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 44932 was used on the company's 'Cathedrals Express' trip to Norwich on 29th August. Operational issues caused the diversion of the train via the Hertford Loop, and it is pictured approaching Bowes Park station, taken from the photographer's back garden! Peter Watson**

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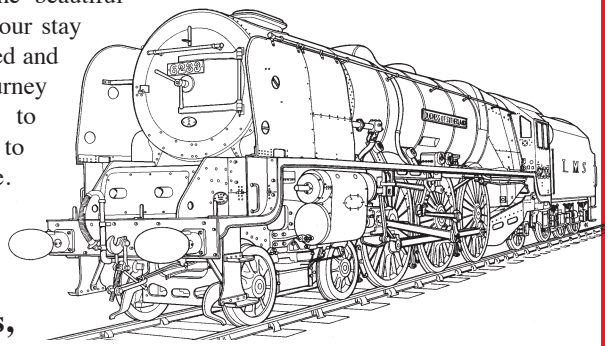
The train then has some high speed running up the ECML to Low Fell where a water stop is made. Proceeding through the beautiful Tyne Valley to Carlisle, a two-hour stay allows the locomotive to be turned and serviced, before the return journey via the Settle & Carlisle line to Hellifield where 6233 gives way to a diesel loco for the journey home.



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Duchess of Sutherland gains further work in final weeks of its main line boiler certificate

After an illustrious ten years in traffic, No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* **is now just weeks away from withdrawal for overhaul, and the chance to ride behind this iconic locomotive will be lost for upwards of two years.**

Even at this late stage of its main line ticket, the locomotive is still picking up work, with the announcement that it will cover the northern York-Newcastle-on-Tyne to York section of Steam Dreams' 'Silver Jubilee' on 30th September, replacing the unavailable Gresley 'A4' No. 60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley*.

Earlier, on 18th September, No. 6233 will also be heading from York on PMR Tours 'Tyne Valley Tourer', which heads north over the East Coast Main Line, before taking the highly scenic Tyne Valley route to Carlisle. From there, The 'Duchess' will head south over the Settle & Carlisle line to Hellifield, where diesel traction will take over for the return to York.

Railway Herald is proud to announce an exclusive special deal for our readers to enjoy the thrill of riding behind *Duchess of Sutherland* on this trip. It has been agreed with PMR Tours that by travelling on the steam-hauled legs of the journey, readers can enjoy a trip from either York to Carlisle, or Carlisle back to York (steam to Hellifield) for only £38, which is a 50% reduction from the advertised standard class fare. The opportunity of travelling on just part of the tour means that readers can enjoy maximum steam mileage at a hugely competitive fare, and it also opens up opportunities for readers from Scotland and the North of England to travel behind No. 6233 by using convenient main line connections, without the concerns of getting back home from more southerly boarding points.

To take advantage of this exclusive offer, please telephone PMR Tours on 01773 743986 to book your ticket, quoting reference 'RHTV2'. The offer is restricted to Standard Class only, but Premier Dining and First Class accommodation is still available.

▼ **LMS 'Duchess' Pacific No. 6233** *Dutchess Of Sutherland* **crosses Dare Viaduct, just north of Holmes Chapel, heading the Fridays-only 'Scarborough Flyer' charter from Crewe to Scarborough. The eight-week season for the service has reportedly seen good loadings throughout. Steve Morris**

Class 55 'Deltic' No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* **is pictured in the Wigton area, working a Crewe-Newcastle, via the Cumbrian Coast, charter. This is believed to be first time that a 'Deltic' has traversed the full length of the Cumbrian Coast route. Anthony Roberts**

LMS 7P Class 4-6-0 No. 46115 *Scots Guardsman is* **passes Birkett Common on the return leg of 'The Cathedrals Express' railtour on 2nd September. John Woolley**

Two generations of West Coast motive power pass at Carlisle on 28th August. LMS 'Princess Coronation' No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* **has arrived on the 'Cumbrian Mountain Express' from Crewe, while Class 390 Pendolino No. 390035 arrives from Glasgow. Steven Beesley**

With none of its own Class 37 fleet available, Class 37/4s Nos. 37409 and 37423 were hired in from DRS by DB Schenker to work two Northern Belle trips into the Highlands of Scotland. Here, the pair pass Prestonpans on 3rd September, with the ECS working from Tyne Yard to Edinburgh Waverley, prior to working to Oban. **Kenny Marrs**

With its final 'Scarborough Spa Express' working of the season, LMS 'Royal Scot' No. 46115 Scots Guardsman crosses the Aire & Calder Navigation, just east of Wakefield Kirkgate with the return working on 31st August. **Mark Allatt**

GWR 'King' 4-6-0 No. 6024 *King Edward I* **works 'The Bristolian' from Bristol Temple Meads to London Paddington through Bathampton on 28th August. Darren Brooks**

LMS 'Black 5' No. 44932 returned south in late August, following a brief spell of working out of York, to deputise for SR 'N15' 4-6-0 No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel* on the 'Dorset Coast Express'. The train passes Putney and heading for Barnes on 1st September. **Ian Docwra**

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Record passenger figures for SVR in August

The Severn Valley Railway has reported a record 43,000 passengers in August, which is the best ever figure for that month since the line opened 40 years ago.

The Bank Holiday period was particularly successful, with over 6,000 visitors enjoying the railway's 'Seaside Special Weekend', and the overall performance has enabled the SVR to recover from a slow start to the year, both in terms of passenger numbers and finance.

With other local attractions still reporting a downturn in patronage, with an indicated 15% drop in trade, SVR's General Manager, Nick Ralls, expressed satisfaction at the railway's performance, which he attributed to a combination of television advertising and their 'Kids for a Quid' promotion that now includes the first weekend in September.

With the early part of the SVR season being affected by the enforced closure of the line for essential track repairs at Hampton Loade, and with loadings at less than half of the anticipated norm for the period, the situation was becoming a cause for concern. Now, with the confidence of the buoyant August in the bag and with the highly rated Autumn Steam Gala on 24th-26th September to look forward to, there is optimism that the final passenger figures for the year will be around 230,000, which will represent a much better result than originally anticipated. Starring in the gala will be unrebuilt Battle of Britain Pacific No. 34070 *Manston*, together with returning 'old friends' 'Jubilee' 4-6-0 No. 5690 *Leander*, 'City' 4-4-0 No. 3440 *City of Truro* and 2251 class 0-6-0 No. 3205 to bolster the home fleet.

▲ Visiting from the Llangollen Railway, GWR 6400 Class 0-6-0PT No. 6430 departs from Wallingford with the first train of the day on 30th August. Gary Packer

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Steam should be back to Matlock by next spring

Steam is set to return to Matlock station after almost 50-years, as work to extend the Peak Rail line begins next month.

The project has been under consultation for several years and will allow steam and diesel trains to connect to the National Network again, and is expected to bring many visitors to the town as the station hosts steam excursions from across the country.

Peak Rail currently runs services on a 3.7-mile stretch of line from Matlock Riverside to Rowsley, and will now have a further mile extension. It has been offered a 50-year lease by Network Rail.

Once the line is connected, volunteers will work to refurbish the currently unused second platform, ready for a grand opening ceremony in spring next year. Derbyshire County Council has offered a grant to assist with the refurbishment, and Sainsbury's is to provide an access ramp to the second platform.

It is now intended to try and reopen the line between Matlock and Bakewell within the next 10 years.

USA Tank brings summer steam to Dartmoor line

▼ **Steam returned to the Dartmoor Railway for the summer, utilising the Project 62's USA 0-6-0T No. 30075. With a consist reminiscent of the 'Titfield Thunderbolt', the locomotive arrives at Okehampton from Meldon on 28th August, hauling Pressed Steel Co. trailer composite No. W59520 and an LMS pattern brakevan. During its visit, two former 'Withered Arm' footplatemen have been reunited with a class that they worked on in steam days. Although they never worked together as a crew, Gerald Smallacombe and Trevor Knight both worked on USA Tank No. 30062 when it was used as shunter and shedded at Meldon Quarry. Peter Lovell**

On 2nd September, LSWR T9 Class 4-4-0 No. 30120 was relaunched into service after its overhaul. The first passenger train it hauled was a VIP special from Bodmin General to Boscarne Junction, seen here climbing towards Bodmin on the return journey. **Paul Maycock**

First Scotrail Class 170/4 No. 170416 leads classmate No. 170427 across the brick viaduct at the south end of Montrose with a service from Aberdeen to Edinburgh on 29th August. **Matt Moore**

Captured under gathering clouds, is FGW Class 57/6 No. 57604 *Pendennis Castle*, which was used to power the 09.09 Bristol T.M-Weymouth service on 4th September. Here, the train awaits departure under the magnificent roof of Bristol's Temple Meads. **Edward Gleed**

A powerful shot of Class 37s Nos. 37218 and 37059, with Class 47/7 No. 47790 in the consist, of the Sizewell to Willesden Brent flask working. Here, the ensemble passes Westerfield on 1st September. **Scott Spencer**

With LMS Class 5MT No. 44871 on the rear, Class 33/2 No. 33207 *Jim Martin* heads up the Dovey Valley on 31st August, with a Machynlleth to Crewe stock move. The '33' continued to Carnforth with the coaching stock, while No. 44871 ran to York for further duties with the 'Scarborough Spa Express'. **Andrew Bannister**

Aggregate Industries Class 59/0 No. 59004 *Paul A. Hammond* **passes through Hanwell station on 31st August, hauling the 12.40 empty Hanson hoppers from Hither Green to Whatley. The station retains its old GWR name of 'Hanwell & Elthorne' on two station boards and also its past-age gas lamps. Brian Morrison**

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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▼ **With Class 66/0 No. 66070 dead in tow, Class 92 No. 92001 *Victor Hugo* heads south along the West Coast Main Line with the Warrington Arpley to Dollands Moor service, conveying China Clay tanks on 27th August. The vehicles would subsequently head into Europe through the Channel Tunnel. Mark Jopson**

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
Settlement 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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