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Richard Tuplin

Is it really Ta Ta to the Class 60s?

While rumours abound throughout the industry and the enthusiast world on what future the Class 60s actually have, DB Schenker is returning No. 60099 to traffic, and has undertaken a full repaint of the loco into the latest Tata livery, for the owners of Scunthorpe Steelworks.

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Soon to be replaced by the new Bombardier-built 'S' Stock, Metropolitan Line A60 stock driving motor No. 5010 brings up the rear of a southbound service, passing through West Hampsted on 9th September.
Robert Jefferys

Underground power cables discovered on proposed site of Tweedbank station on Borders Rail Link

Following the discovery of underground power cables at the site of the proposed terminus of Tweedbank, building the new station on the planned site could cost some £2 million more than originally expected.

As a result of the power cables, it has been proposed to move the terminus from its original site at the junction to Craw Wood Industrial Estate to a cutting behind the entrance to Essenside Drive. Local residents have concerns however, that such a move could lead to increased traffic through the village. Other concerns also surround passengers and rail users parking in the surrounding streets. Transport Scotland however, say that it is anticipated that only about 100 cars would use the free 280-space car park at the station in Tweedbank. This estimate of the usage is despite there being no 'park and ride' facility at the neighbouring station in Galashiels.

Speaking at a meeting of Tweedbank Community Council, Transport Scotland Project Manager, Andrew Mackie, said: "Millions of pounds of taxpayers money are going to be wasted if we have to move the cables three or four metres to accommodate the station on the original site, and this is one of the top risks of rebuilding the railway. However, we think we can maintain the quality of life for residents in Tweedbank with a new design".

Meanwhile, Transport Scotland has been unable to guarantee that the listed bridge, which will carry the railway over the River Tweed, will be kept open throughout the two-and-a half-year construction phase. The popular walkway that links Tweedbank with Langlee is part of the Southern Upland Way.

The Borders Rail project, which is expected to cost between £235 and £295 million, will re-establish passenger services between Edinburgh and Tweedbank for the first time since 1969, the current target for completion being 2014.

South Coast TOC criticised for lack of toilets on refurbished Class 313s

Southern is being rather unjustifiably criticised for introducing refurbished Class 313/2 units on South Coast services that were not constructed with lavatory facilities.

RMT Union General Secretary, Bob Crow has, for reasons unbeknown, become involved in the criticism, and is quoted as saying: "This is the main connection between two major cities (Brighton and Portsmouth) on the South Coast. One and a half hours without any toilet facilities on board is unacceptable. There is no corner this crowd won't cut to jack up profits. First it was security cuts leading to a surge in assaults on our members, and now they are axing on-train toilets".

In a more gentle tone, Southern defended the decision, saying: "We have other services with no toilets already: Brighton to Seaford and Brighton to Lewes have no toilet facilities, and nor do many of the trains in Greater London".

While talking to the BBC, Southern commented that the Class 313s will be used in "areas where short journeys are typical, such as along our south coast route between Brighton and Portsmouth, which is a 'stopping service' on which 90% of passengers make journeys of less than half an hour." The company added that around 66% of services on the route will still be operated by trains with onboard toilets.

▼ **Freightliner Class 86/6s Nos. 86637 and 86627 head south through Abington with the Coatbridge to Basford Hall intermodal service on 3rd September. Donald Taggart**

Operation of Deutsche Bahn ICE to London St Pancras is first stage of new London to Frankfurt service

The proposed appearance of a Deutsche Bahn ICE3 service at London St Pancras International is still scheduled for 19th October.

The working is part of plans for an eventual direct service and will form an initial test run through the tunnel as part of work underway towards achieving clearance under the stringent Channel Tunnel safety test. The likely starting date for Frankfurt services is December 2013, when it is expected to open up Britain to a new market for rail travel and put downward pressure on Eurostar fares.

Deutsche Bahn is considering a route that would start in Frankfurt, with stops at Cologne and Brussels, en route to London. The service is expected to grow the high-speed rail market between London and the continent by around 10%, carrying more than a million passengers a year.

A spokesman for High Speed 1, the owner and operator of the Channel tunnel rail link, said: "The service could use the high-speed terminal at Stratford International to tap the business market at Canary Wharf and in the City. Stopping patterns for any Frankfurt to London route are not confirmed, but post-Olympics, there will be an even more compelling case for international services to start using Stratford International, not just leisure passengers, but also business travellers, given the close onward connections".

Current Channel Tunnel safety regulations dictate that all passenger services using the tunnel must be 375 metres long in order to allow the train to match up with the emergency exits in the tunnel, which are spaced 375 metres apart. The ICE3 design is 200 metres in length, hence the current discussion on safety procedures, part of which will likely centre around this key point.

▲ DB Schenker and Tata Steel unveiled a new look to Class 60 No. 60099 at Scunthorpe Works on 27th September, despite the grim weather. The locomotive, which has been stored at Toton for 18 months, has been through an overhaul and will be returning to traffic in the near future. It was towed from Toton to Scunthorpe by Class 66/0 No. 66173. **Richard Tuplin**

Steel scrap service operates from Hartlepool to Lackenby

The first train serving Able UK's Teesside Environmental Reclamation & Recycling Centre at Graythorp, Hartlepool, ran on 22nd September.

The 26 SSA wagons were 'topped & tailed' by DB Schenker Class 66/0s Nos. 66114 and 66113 and arrived from Tees Yard around 06.00.

After being loaded with scrap metal from ships and oil rigs that had been scrapped at the recycling centre, the train then departed as the 19.30 service from Seaton (Able UK) to Lackenby.

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UK News In Brief

■ Levels of punctuality on the rail freight network are reported by the Office of Rail Regulation to be at their highest since records began in 2005/6. The figures show that the freight performance measure reached 78.5% in the first quarter between April and June, up from 75.9% in the same period last year. Unfortunately, the latest statistics also show that the total amount of freight moved decreased in the same period by 7.0%, and the freight moved was 4.52 billion net tonne kilometres, down from 4.86 in the same period 12 months ago.

■ A feasibility study to examine the cost for reopening the route from St Andrews to the ECML could take place. Investigations are wanted into the cost, demand and options for connecting the town to the main line again, and findings will be passed to Network Rail. The campaign is currently raising the £5,000 needed for the study, which will be conducted by Corus Railway Infrastructure Services. £2,000 has already been pledged by Rail Future Scotland and the community council.

■ Northern Rail has announced that it is to undertake a complete refurbishment of Workington station. The move follows the closure of the temporary Workington North station. Contractors will carry out a full clean-up of the station, and redecorate and repair the canopies and building. New platform lighting will be installed at the same time, while Network Rail is to install a new heating system, as well as double-glazing, in the local signal box. Northern Rail has also announced plans for a new eco-station at Maryport, featuring ground-breaking ecological initiatives, including new waiting shelters, lighting and charging points. The new facilities will open early next year.

■ City of York Council has given permission for the installation of signal posts on Platforms 9 & 10 at York station as part of a plan to remodel Holgate Junction to eliminate the present bottle neck and allow trains to move in and out of the city more quickly. The project will eventually entail laying a fourth line on the stretch of track between the junction and the station in a multi-million pound package of improvements, not estimated for completion until 2014.

■ Sir Moir Lockhead, the Chief Executive Officer of FirstGroup, is retiring after 21 years in the post, and his place will be taken by the former head of London Underground, Tim O'Toole, who will take over on 1st November, allowing a four-month hand-over period before Sir Moir departs on 31st March 2011.

■ A new footbridge is to be constructed at East Croydon station, following the agreement of Croydon Council to inject around £6 million into the project. The new bridge, which will provide access to the station platforms, is considered a key part of the East Croydon regeneration master plan, and will relieve overcrowding at the current entrance. The work forms part of a £20 million project to refurbish the station, with Network Rail funding £14 million. It is hoped that the bridge will open in three years time.

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▲ **It would appear that DB Schenker is trying to maintain Class 59 traction for the Robeston to Westerleigh 'Murco' petroleum service. On 22nd September, Class 59/2 No. 59202** *Vale of White Horse* **approaches Broad Lane crossing at Westerleigh, with the loaded service. Edward Gleed**

GBRf operates Class 380 training runs in Scotland

GB Railfreight (GBRf) has won a contract to provide drivers for commissioning of the new Class 380 units being delivered and introduced in Scotland.

Its drivers will commence runs from 27th September, with the contract expected to last until the end of March 2011. The runs will take place overnight between Glasgow and Carlisle and also in Ayrshire and Inverclyde, this being the last stage of commissioning before the latest Desiros start to enter passenger service in mid-October.

A pool of GBRf drivers went out to the Siemens testing facility at Wildenrath, Germany, to train on the units before they began to be delivered earlier this month.

Once the units have entered service with First Scotrail, the Class 380s will be running initially on the Ayrshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire lines, with the routes to North Berwick and Dunbar being added from March next year.

Metro and Light Rail News

Mobile Phones

The big mobile phone companies are to share the massive cost of installing and maintaining a mobile phone signal across the London Underground network.

The main five operators O2, Orange, T-Mobile, Vodaphone and 3 will cover the project, which is expected to run into hundreds of millions of pounds. Coverage will be accomplished with a transmitter, running along the top of the Underground tunnels, with all coaching stock being fitted with an antenna at the end of each carriage. It is expected that the complete network reception will be in place by the 2012 Olympics.

TfL announces final route closures for North London Line upgrade work

Transport for London (TfL) and Network Rail have announced the final phases of resignalling work on the London Overground network, part of a multi-million pound upgrade project to increase capacity on services due to start by May next year.

To complete the work, line closures will be required between Gospel Oak and Stratford from the evening of 18th December until 24th December, and between Richmond and Stratford and Shepherds Bush and Willesden Junction from 27th December until 3rd January 2011.

There will be further shorter closures during spring 2011 to complete the works by next May, and the dates of these will be confirmed closer to the time. To minimise inconvenience during the shut-downs, TfL is to provide a rail replacement service on the closed sections of the network. Passengers will also be able to travel at no extra cost by Tube or national rail services through Zone 1, providing they travel from a Tube or national rail station near their usual London Overground station. The upgrade work involves the testing and commissioning of the signalling systems that were installed early this year, the installation of further signalling, and completing the refurbishment of several stations.

When the complete upgrade is finished in mid 2011, London Overground will run more frequent services with longer trains, the trains from Richmond and Clapham Junction to Stratford will operate four times per hour all day every day, and there will be six trains per hour between Willesden Junction and Camden Road and eight trains per hour between Camden Road and Stratford. Overall, the improvements will involve more than 200 signals, seven kilometres of track, 69 sets of points and 30 station platforms lengthened.

▶ **The rarely photographed depot on the Waterloo & City line is pictured here in late August, with set No. 3 moving into the headshunt, prior to reversing to head back to the City. Previously operated by British Rail, the route is now in the hands of London Underground. Fred Kerr**

▲ **Progress on the DLR Stratford extension is seen at Canning Town on 16th September, the new DLR route running alongside the existing Jubilee Line track at this point. Bill Turvill**

DLR Stratford extension progresses

The Docklands Light Railway (DLR) extension from Stratford to Stratford International is reported as progressing well and is set to open this autumn.

The six-kilometre extension, which follows the same route as the Jubilee Line, is made up of the former North London line stations at Canning Town and West Ham plus four new stations at Star Lane, Abbey Road, Stratford High Street and Stratford International itself. South of Star Lane, the route will connect into the existing DLR line from Poplar to Beckton and Woolwich Arsenal at Canning Town.

All construction is due to be completed in spring 2011, and it is anticipated that train testing will begin next May.

The extension is designed to provide improved transport capacity, reliability, accessibility and frequency in the local area, meet the travel demands associated with the opening of the Westfield 'Stratford City' shopping centre, and the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Trains will operate at least every 10 minutes, and will run from Stratford International to Woolwich Arsenal and Beckton.

Journey times from Stratford International to Stratford will be 2 minutes, Canning Town 10 minutes, Woolwich Arsenal 21 minutes and 23 minutes to Beckton.

Domestic passenger travel by rail increases

The Association of Train Operating Companies (ATOC) has issued a report showing that the rail market share on routes that have traditionally been dominated by domestic air travel has risen significantly.

A shift in the way that people travel around the country is taking place, and the latest figures show that travellers are increasingly choosing to travel between Britain's major cities by train, rather than flying.

Over the past 18 months, rails market share has seen a particularly sharp upsurge, as increasing numbers of people take advantage of cheaper rail tickets. For Birmingham to Edinburgh, market share has risen from 14% in 2008 to 31% to June this year, for London to Manchester, it has risen from 69% in 85% in the same period.

Work at Exeter Central deferred

The work to relocate the entrance and booking halls at Exeter Central station to the centre of the building has been put on hold as Devon County Council has decided to defer its £75,000 contribution and Exeter City Council has now followed suit with its payment of £100,000.

The plan was to replace what is described as the 'inauspicious and well-hidden' entrance that exists at present, provide more ticket windows and machines, and introduce barriers to prevent entry to the platforms without a ticket. Waiting facilities on the platforms were also to be improved.

The County Council has now deferred a decision to 2011/12 while discussions continue with Network Rail and train operators about potential funding contributions from the National Stations Improvement Programme, backed by the Department for Transport.

▲ The new Class 172s have sustained several failures lately, both on test and in scheduled service. Here, No. 172006 is pictured at Crouch Hill with the delayed 15.47 Barking to Gospel Oak service, where the driver was having problems restarting the unit. The set was finally declared a failure at Upper Holloway, bringing considerable disruption to services. **Neil Walkling**

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The News In Pictures

◀ Four-car Class 378/2 Capitalstar No. 378208 awaits departure from Watford Junction on 16th September, forming the 12.21 London Overground service to London Euston. **Brian Morrison**

◀▼ Although carrying Fastline Freight colours after a short-lived lease to the operator, DRS Class 66/4 No. 66434 passes Gospel Oak on 17th September, with the Tilbury to Daventry 'Sugarliner' service. **Mark Lee**

▼ Tyseley-based Class 47/4 No. 47580 *County of Essex* heads a cavalcade of locos through Retford on 22nd September, having originated at Barrow Hill the train was bound for the Nene Valley Railway. This was a joint consist with some locos being destined for the Nene Valley diesel gala weekend, while others would go forward on a further convoy to the Mid-Norfolk Railway. Class 37/0 No. 37275, 37029 and 37109, Class 33/1 No. 33108, Class 20 No. 20096 and Class 47/3 No. 47375 were in the consist. **Steven Craig**

UK Steam & Modern Traction Railtour Listings

27th September 2010

WCRC	45407 or 45231	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return	
Vintage Trains	WCRC 37	Plymouth-Exeter SD-Taunton-Westbury-Swindon-Oxford-Banbury-Solihull	

28th September 2010

WCRC	45407 or 45231	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return	

29th September 2010

WCRC	45407 or 45231	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return	
Railway Touring Co.	tbc	London Victoria-Maidstone East-Ashford-Hastings-Battle-Sevenoaks-London Victoria	
UK Railtours	60163	London Victoria-Winchester-Poole-Wareham-Swanage and return	

30th September 2010

WCRC	45407 or 45231	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return	
Steam Dreams	60019 & 6233	London KX-York-Durham-Newcastle upon Tyne-Durham-York-London KX	

1st October 2010

WCRC	45407 or 45231	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return	
Railway Touring Co.	70013	(Manchester-York)-Hexham-Carlisle-Glasgow Central	**Postponed**
Statesman Rail	tbc	Peterborough-Grantham-Nottingham-Stockport-Bolton-Shap-Fort William	
The Ryder Cup Specials	tbc	London Paddington-Reading-Swindon-Bristol Parkway-Newport & return	
Compass Tours	DBS Class 67	Llandudno Jct-Preston-Carlisle-Beattock-Stirling-Perth-Pitlochry-Aviemore & rtn	

2nd October 2010

Statesman Rail	tbc	Fort William-Mallaig & return	
Torbay Express Ltd	tbc	Bristol Temple Meads-Swindon-London Paddington & return	**Cancelled**
Railway Touring Co.	70013 & 45305	Glasgow Central-Ayr-Stranraer & return	**Postponed**
Ranger Trains	tbc	Derby-Market Harborough-Southend Central & return	**Cancelled**
Railway Touring Co.	9600 & 5690	Bridgnorth-Kidderminster (NR)-Tame Bridge Parkway-Wolverhampton-Cosford-Shrewsbury-Wrexham General-Chester-Warrington BQ-Blackpool North & rtn	
PMR Tours	6233	(Stafford-Preston-)Carlisle-Beattock-Carstairs-Stirling-Carlisle-Carnforth & return	
HF Railtours	60163	Liverpool South Parkway-Rugby-London Euston & rtn	**Postponed**
The Ryder Cup Specials	tbc	London Paddington-Reading-Swindon-Bristol Parkway-Newport & return	
Spitfire Railtours	2xDRS 37	Taunton-Bristol TM--Derby-Barrow Hill-York & return	**Postponed**
Spitfire Railtours	2xDRS 37	York-Middlesbrough-Redcar-Saltburn on Sea & return	**Postponed**
Compass Tours	DBS Class 66	Shrewsbury-Codsall-Wolverhampton-Walsall-Cannock-Hednesford-Rugeley Town-Stafford-Crewe-Chester-Llandudno Jct-Betws-y-Coed-Blaenau Ffestiniog & rtn	

3rd October 2010

Railway Touring Co.	45305 & 70013	Glasgow Central-Dumfries-York-Manchester Victoria	**Postponed**
Statesman Rail	tbc	Fort William-Rannock (break)-Crianlarich-Beattock-Shap-Lancaster & return	
The Ryder Cup Specials	tbc	London Paddington-Reading-Swindon-Bristol Parkway-Newport & return	

4th October 2010

WCRC	45231 or 45407	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	

5th October 2010

WCRC	45231 or 45407	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	

6th October 2010

WCRC	45231 or 45407	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	

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

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

The Week Ahead

by John Whitehouse

There are many fond memories recalling the glory days of 'Duchesses' on the famous Crewe to Perth turn, although Crewe North top link firemen of the time probably do not share them.

Firemen had to shift roughly 10 tons of coal on the gruelling run, which took in both Shap and Beattock banks. With No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* now weeks away from the end of its main line ticket, Perth would have been a wonderful farewell charter. But, following the destruction of Perth's turntable, the gateway to the Highlands is just too far, as it is a near 100-mile jaunt just to turn the locomotive. But all is not lost, as PMR Tours has come up with the next best alternative - Stirling. The 'Royal Scot' charter on 2nd October will be a long day out for all concerned, especially those who join at the tours originating point of Stafford. Crewe, Warrington Bank Quay, Wigan North Western, Preston and Carlisle are the other pick-up points, with the 'Duchess' taking over from diesel traction at Carlisle. The route will be over Beattock to Carstairs, and then around the Glasgow suburbs for the final dash to Stirling, which will be the first 'Duchess' north of Glasgow since the early 1960s. On the return, No. 6233 works through to Carnforth, where a diesel will take over for the final leg back to Stafford, arriving back some 17 hours after setting out at 06.00 that morning. This will be a hectic period for No. 6233, as just two days earlier it is scheduled to deputise for the unavailable 'A4' No. 60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley* and work the northern section of Steam Dreams 'Silver Jubilee' between York and Newcastle. The train originates at King's Cross, with 'A4' No. 60019 *Bittern* booked to work the southern section to York and back

One of the more imaginative tours of the year is scheduled to depart from Bridgnorth around 08.00 on 2nd October, with 'Jubilee' No. 5690 *Leander* at the helm, picking up at Bewdley, Kidderminster (main line) and Stourbridge Junction, where Tyseley's 5700 class Pannier Tank No. 9600 will be waiting to attach at the rear of the train ahead of the assault on Old Hill Bank. 'The Severn Valley Limited' then continues to Tame Bridge Parkway and Bescot Yard, where No. 9600 will be detached. *Leander* continuing alone to Blackpool North, via Wolverhampton, Wrexham General, Chester, Warrington BQ and Preston. The return will be diesel-hauled to Kidderminster, where passengers will transfer to a special SVR service for Bewdley and Bridgnorth.

No. 60163 *Tornado*, is booked for UK Railtours 'Purbeck Tornado II' on 29th September from London Victoria to Swanage and back. The Railway Touring Company has a scheduled 'Sussex Belle' on 29th September, which is booked to work to Hastings from London Victoria, via Maidstone East, Ashford and Rye, returning through Battle and Sevenoaks. Traction has yet to be decided, as it is likely that the nominated No. 34067 *Tangmere* will not be available.

Back-to-back tours on 1st and 2nd October for Compass Railtours reflect the optimisation of coaching stock. Aviemore and Blaenau Ffestiniog represent the diversity of the destinations over the two-day period. On 1st October, the 'Autumn Highlander' works from Llandudno Junction to Pitlochry and Aviemore, traversing the North Wales Coast, the WCML and Highland main line, via Shap and Beattock, with a DBS Class 67 for haulage. Next day, a DBS Class 66 is the scheduled power on the 'Snowdonian Explorer' from Shrewsbury, which picks up around the West Midlands, including the Cannock Chase line stations of Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley Town. Betws-y-Coed is an alternative destination.

Statesman Rail heads to Fort William and Mallaig over 1st-3rd October, with a steam-hauled run from Fort William to Malliag on 2nd October. The train originates at Peterborough, and works north via Grantham, Chesterfield, Manchester Victoria and Preston, then along the WCML before heading around Glasgow to reach the West Highland line.

DB Schenker and Cargo-D provide operational support for new 'boat train' charters from Scotland to the South Coast

Cruise Saver Travel and DB Schenker have introduced 'boat train' charters, serving cruise ships sailing from the Port of Southampton.

The trains operate to and from Glasgow Central station, taking cruise liner passengers in ease and comfort directly to Southampton, where they are able to disembark adjacent to their ship.

The first such train left Glasgow at 07.00 on 19th September, and called en route at Manchester and Birmingham. Motive power was supplied by 'Royal' Class 67s No. 67005 *Queen's Messenger* and 67006 *Royal Sovereign*, with rolling stock supplied by Cargo-D.

A further eight trains are scheduled to depart from Glasgow over the next year, with another eight operating from Edinburgh to the Port of Southampton, calling at Newcastle, Leeds and Birmingham.

Cruise Saver Travel spokesman, Stephen Bath, said: "These trains enable our guests to start their cruise from the station, and are a major part of our programme for this year and 2011. Their holiday begins from the moment they arrive at the station, where a comfortable and hassle free journey awaits with silver service dining. We look forward to a successful season of regular boat trains".

The inaugural train was the first time that a train has taken passengers from Scotland, direct to the Port of Southampton, for a cruise ship in 25 years.

Ups & Downs

by John Whitehouse

■ Further new ground lies ahead for No. 60163 *Tornado*, as HF Railtours plans to take the 'A1' to Glasgow, via the West Coast route on 3rd November. The 'Caledonian Tornado' sets out from Crewe diesel-hauled, picking up at Stockport, Manchester Piccadilly, Bolton and Preston, where Tornado will be waiting to take over. After a final pick-up at Lancaster, the train then heads north over both Shap and Beattock to Glasgow Central, which means that Tornado has now covered both East and West Coast routes to Scotland.

■ The Railway Touring Company's 'White Rose' trip on 25th September was cancelled due to the unavailability of LNER 'A4' No. 60019 *Bittern*.

■ 'The Merseyside Tornado' for HF Railtours has been postponed from 2nd October until the 24th May 2011. The company has offered passengers the opportunity to transfer to the 'Caledonian Tornado' charter.

▲ **A general view of Fishguard Harbour with Class 55 No. 55022** *Royal Scots Grey* **in the distance and Class 66/0 No. 66015 nearest to the camera, working the 'Western Wales Explorer' charter on 18th September. Problems with a groundframe resulted in the tour being 'topped and tailed' to Fishguard, rather than worked throughout by the 'Deltic. Adrian Kenny**

New winter tours announced to Shropshire, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and Scotland

Pathfinder will be employing No. 6024 *King Edward I* **on 27th November, which is scheduled to haul the 'Shropshire Monarch' from Bristol Temple Meads, via the Severn Tunnel and Abergavenney, to Ludlow and Shrewsbury.**

The train starts diesel-hauled at Paignton and picks up at Newton Abbott, Exeter St Davids, Taunton and Weston-super-Mare. On the same day Pathfinder will also be going north to York and Durham from Westbury, picking up via Bristol Parkway and Cheltenham Spa to Birmingham New Street.

A week later and the destination is the Christmas Fayre at Lincoln, or, if the festive season is already becoming too much to bear then, stay aboard and enjoy a bracing afternoon on the North Sea coast at Cleethorpes. This train originates at Eastleigh and picks up via Basingstoke, Oxford and Leamington Spa as far as Dorridge.

A Deltic from Preston to Edinburgh on 4th December headlines Spitfire Railtours end of year programme. The 'Edinburgh Explorer' is booked for 'Deltic' No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* throughout, and picks up at Wigan North Western, Bolton, Manchester Victoria, Huddersfield, Leeds and York, ahead of the run north over the East Coast Main Line to Waverley. There is also a mini-tour scheduled to Dundee lined up for the Class 55, which uses the Forth and Tay Bridges both ways. Outwards the tour runs via Dunfermline Town, Cowdenbeath and Ladybank, with the return taking the Fife Coast route through Kirkcaldy.

Earlier, on 20th November, a pair of West Coast Class 37s is the motive power from Birmingham International to York, which picks up via New Street and Wolverhampton, before heading to Crewe by way of Shrewsbury, picking up at selected stations on the way. The train heads east over Standedge, and then through Wakefield Kirkgate, Castleford and Church Fenton to York. The return working takes in another trans-Pennine route, namely the Hope Valley, which is reached through Moorthorpe, Meadowhall and Sheffield, ahead of returning to Crewe via new Mills Central and Stockport. Again there is a mini-tour on offer, which diverts off the ECML at Thirsk, to run via Eaglescliffe and the junctions at Norton back to Ferryhill, and then onward to the Blyth and Tyne route through Bedlington to Morpeth, before returning to Newcastle for a short break. The return to York is as outwards.

LMS 'Black 5' No. 44932 passes the site of the former Hadleigh Branch Junction, near Bentley, with a Liverpool Street to Norwich charter on 18th September. Unfortunately the 'Black 5' failed at Norwich. **Keith Halton**

BR Class 8P Pacific No. 71000 *Duke of Gloucester* **passes Dawlish on 12th September, as it skirts the coast prior to entering the first of a series of tunnels on its journey to Teignmouth, and on to Paignton and Kingswear with the outward bound 'Torbay Express'. Bernard Warr**

West Coast Railway Class 37/5 No. 37685 departs from Taunton on 18th September, with the 'Down Devonian' to Plymouth, passed in the process by an unidentified First Great Western HST set. **Lee Robbins**

This view of Fishguard Harbour on 18th September sees Class 55 No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* **awaiting departure time, with Pathfinder Tours 'Western Wales Explorer' charter to Crewe. Adrian Kenny**

GWR 9400 Class 0-6-0PT No. 9466 and Class 37/5 No. 37685 pause at the road crossing near Sandplace, on the Looe branch, and are reflected in the river, while forming the third the 'Looe Valley Explorer' shuttle on 19th September. **Daniel Phillips**

Work progresses on Brighton Belle

On 23rd September, a life size mural of the 'Brighton Belle' train was unveiled at Brighton station to start the countdown of the return to the main line of the world's only electric Pullman train.

The luxurious Art Deco 'Belle' entered service in 1933, running daily between London and Brighton, and was withdrawn by BR in 1972. One set is being restored by the 5BEL Trust, and will be returned to the tracks in time to take part in the London 2012 Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Further details can be found at www.brightonbelle.com

The restoration of the set is proceeding apace, with the second driving vehicle, Car No. 91, having arrived at Ramparts, Derby, on 15th September from store at Holt, and it is hoped that a 'Parlour Third' vehicle will move to Derby before the end of the year.

▲ **The mural that is on display at Brighton Station.**

▶▲ **Car No. 91 is pictured at Ramparts, Derby, after arrival on 15th September. Both: 5BEL Trust**

▶ **A unique event took place on the Bluebell Railway on 5th September, when LB&SCR Class E4 0-6-2T No. 473 hauled Car No. 88 (owned by the 5BEL Trust), on a return trip from Kingscote to Sheffield Park. This was a special charter for the 5BEL Trust and invited guests. The train is pictured Sheffield Park. After the event, Car No. 88 headed to Barrow Hill for completion of its restoration. Simon Jeffs**

Crewe Railwayana Auction

Following on from the success of its first auction, Crewe Heritage Centre is hosting another on Saturday 2nd October.

It includes many lots being sold in aid of the Heritage Centre and specific projects including the unique Crewe Cab. There are many special lots to suit all pockets, ranging from locomotive nameplates, whistles and a chimney (from No. 6984 *Owsden Hall*) to badges, posters and ephemera. One lot, a stunning maroon enamel 'British Railways Aintree Motive Power Depot' has emerged, having spent the last 40 years under a bed!

Throughout the auction, attractions will be open along with various trade stands, and during the day there will be a free shuttle bus running between the Crewe station and the Heritage Centre. Those wishing to attend the auction should telephone 01948 665570 for a free catalogue, which can be posted out or collected from the gate on the day. NB admission is by catalogue only. For more details see the Crewe Heritage Centre website.

Choose your own traction...

With the main running season out of the way, the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway will be devoting three consecutive weekends in November entirely to diesel –hauled operations.

There is also a bonus, in that enthusiasts can contact the railway and specify a preference as to traction. No doubt democracy will apply, and the locomotives receiving most nominations will have most of the action!

The locos in question are BRC&W Type 2 (TOPS Class 26) No. 5301, Class 20 No. 20214 and the resident Class 110 DMU. Three diesel shunters are also on the line-up, of which two are Class 03s, Nos. 03072 and D2117 plus Class 11 No. D7120.

The running dates are, 13th/14th, 20th/21st and 27th/28th November. For more information go to www.lakesiderailway.co.uk

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EMERGENCY APPEAL

The GWR is an all volunteer heritage railway which devotes its profits to improvement. It operates over ten miles of track from Toddington to Cheltenham Race Course in Gloucestershire, carrying 75,000 passengers per year.

Last winter brought on the disaster of a major embankment collapse at Gotherington. This has cut off two miles of track and the Cheltenham station. Some 25% of our business originates from there.

Repair costs are projected at £400,000 above insurance cover and further drainage works are needed to prevent another incident.

We desperately need your financial help as we go into our 30th year to ensure the continuance of our railway heritage living museum and the dream of many steam enthusiasts.

Please make a donation or buy shares which offer free travel on the GWR, no dividends but so much satisfaction.

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EVR marks the final sleeper change on Wirksworth line

The Ecclesbourne Valley Railway, based at Wirksworth, reached a celebratory point on 21st September, when a number of volunteers gathered near to Hazelwood station to witness the laying of the 'Golden Sleeper', the final sleeper to be changed in the restoration of the line between Wirksworth and Duffield.

Clearance of what had become a completely overgrown railway commenced just under 10 years ago, and the ceremony marked the conclusion of an exercise that has resulted in the replacement of nearly 5,000 sleepers, the construction or reconstruction of six station platforms, repair of 20 miles of fencing and the digging of innumerable drainage ditches and culverts.

Phil Tarry, the Project Director for the restoration project said: "We are absolutely delighted. This has been a very long journey for us all and to complete this seemingly never-ending task is a wonderful feeling, especially when we realise that this one act puts our full reopening to Duffield on-track for next Spring".

Neil Ferguson-Lee, the railway's spokesman remarked: "The countdown has started. We are now making preparations to reopen the remainder of the railway for the spring of next year. This now involves far more than construction work. We have to build a timetable to connect with main line services, organise through ticketing, publicity and, of greatest importance, some exciting and welcoming trains for our visitors to experience."

▼ **Volunteers gather near to Hazelwood station to witness the laying of the 'Golden Sleeper' on 21st September. EVR**

▲ **The 'Teddy Bear on Tour' programme continues as Class 14 No. D9521 visited the Llangollen Railway. On 18th September, it was scheduled to work four round trips, but problems arose with a locking pin in the reverser gear. While repairs were undertaken, its first train was cancelled, resident Class 26 No. D5310 was substituted for the second trip and No. D9521 returning to traffic to work the last two trains. The loco passes Garth Y Dwr with the 14.00 Llangollen - Carrog service that afternoon. Fred Kerr**

Swindon diesels

The Swindon & Cricklade Railway holds its diesel event on 2nd/3rd October.

An intensive timetable will operate, with trains every 20 minutes from Blunsdon & Hayes Knoll, including the first diesel services on the southern extension. Locos include Class 08 No. D3261, Class 03s Nos. D2022 and D2152, plus Class 207 'Thumper' No. 1302. Freight services will also operate and Class 09 No. D3668 and Class 73 No. E6003 will be on display.

▲ The Class 20 Locomotive Society's No. 20227 stands at Pickering after arrival with the 14.30 service from Grosmont on 17th September, during the NYMR's Diesel Gala weekend. In the background is Class 45 No. 45041 *Royal Tank Regiment*. **David Hainsworth**

▲ GWR 'City' Class 4-4-0 No. 3440 *City of Truro* heads up the valley towards Furnace Sidings on the Pontypool and Blaenavon Railway on 20th September during a photographic charter.

▼ The following day, Collet 0-4-2T No. 1450 helps recreate a scene from the past at Pontypool during another Compo Club photographic charter. **Both: Stuart Chapman**

Nene Valley Railway

No steam to be seen at the

Autumn Diesel Gala - October 1st-3rd 2010

Visiting locos include:
■ 08995 ■ 20096 ■ 33108 ■ 37275 ■
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Intensive timetable ❖ Two-Train Operation
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Photo by David Wragg

Nene Valley Railway, Wansford Station,
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Call 01780 784444 or visit www.nvr.org.uk

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Colour variations!

Southeastern have begun a major programme to revitalise its 'Networker' sets by giving the units a deep clean, renewing the seat covers and smartening up the exterior vinyls.

As a result of this work, together with an ongoing overhaul programme at Doncaster and Wolverton Works, there are now a variety of livery variations to be seen on the Southeastern Class 465 fleet, some of which are depicted here.

As this issue was closing for press, an image reached us of yet another variation, featured by Class 465 No. 465025, in that the unit carries blue (or should that be pale lilac?) doors but with a dark lower bodyside band.

▶ The 15.30 Southeastern service from Cannon Street to Hayes depats from London Bridge on 22nd September, led by Class 465/1 Networker No. 465180 with yellow doors and a grey lower body panel, with refurbished Class 465/0 No. 465025 on the rear, sporting blue doors and a black (described as midnight blue) body panel. **Bill Turvill**

▼▶ With blue doors instead of yellow following refurbishment, Class 465/0 Networker No 465024 departs from Lewisham forming the 11.20 Southeastern local service from Hayes to Cannon Street. **Brian Morrison**

▼ Running adjacent to HS1 at Tutt Hill, near Ashford, Class 465/9 No 465906 displays a third variation of livery on Southeastern's Networker fleet after attention at Doncaster. This unit has not been given blue doors but has lost all its grey lower band. The train is the 17.26 from Ashford International to London Victoria, via Maidstone East. **Bill Turvill**

Class 60 No. 60040 *The Territorial Army Centenary* **passes Gainsborough Trent Junction with the 09.27 Lindsey-West Burton oil tanks on 2nd September.**
Steven Craig

New concrete sleepers await installation as Class 153 No. 153328 leads an unidentified Class 158 set into Garsdale with the 11.51 Carlisle - Leeds service on 1st September. **Donald Taggert**

Under a threatening sky, one of the rarely photographed overhead wiring MPV sets passes Tutbury & Hatton Signal Box on 23rd September working from Crewe to Doncaster.
David A. Pritchard

Another returnee, Class 60 No. 60073 *Cairn Gorm*, **approaches Elsham on 17th September with a loaded iron ore working from Immingham Docks to Santon Ore Terminal, near Scunthorpe. Richard Tuplin**

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.

Tewkesbury YMCA Railway Sociey
YMCA, Church Street, Tewkesbury. 'A Tribute to John Wilkins and the Fairbourne Railway' by High Sykes. Meeting commences at 19.45.

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 Locomotive 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. Starts 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.

5th October 2010

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

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

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

North East Essex Railway Association
Room 6, Frinton Community Centre, The Triangle, Frinton. 'BR Branch Lines' by David Soggee. Meeting commences at 19.45.

Permanent Way Institution (Wessex)
The Rose and Crown, Columbo Street, Waterloo, London High Speed North/South The Rail Engineers Alternative' by Colin Elliff, Atkins Rail. Meeting commences at 18.30. Contact the secretary, Richard Workman, on 01428 645771 or email richardworkman5@tiscali.co.uk

RCTS (Watford)
St. Thomas' United Reformed Church, Langley Road, Watford. 'The Wensleydale Railway' by David Gibson. Meeting starts at 19.30.

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

Tewkesbury YMCA Railway Sociey
YMCA, Church Street, Tewkesbury. 'Members slide/Digital Photograph Evening. Starts at 19.45.

Weston super Mare Railway Society
Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. 'More Steam Recreations' by Do Bishop. Starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary, Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 or at wsm1977rlysocy@talktalk.net for further details.

6th October 2010

Permanent Way Institution (Thames Valley)
Davidson House, Reading 'Track Renewals in Central Manchester' by Paul Dawkins, CDL Starts 17.45. Contact the secretary, Peter Simmonds, by email at peter181102@yahoo.co.uk

Stephenson Locomotive Society
Hayes Village Hall, Hayes Street, Hayes, Bromley. 'The History of BR and the Construction of No.72010 "Hengist"' by Russell Newland. Starts 19.30.Contact the Secretary on 0208 289 9935 for further details.

Warwickshire Railway Society
The Lamp Tavern, Barford Street, Highgate, Birmingham B5 6AH. 'The Withered Arm' by Michael Clemens. Contact Don Taggart on 01746 710676 for further details.

7th October 2010

RCTS (Milton Keynes)
The Crown, Market Square, Stony Stratford, MK11 1BE. 'Strictly Freight Only' by Brian Ringer. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Fixtures Secretary on 01908 563549 for further details.

SRPS (Edinburgh)
Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2JL. 'A Few Disasters - A Few Thoughts' by Jim Summers. Starts 19.30. Contact Dr Peter Howell on 0131 334 5232 for details.

Stephenson Locomotive Society
St John Ambulance Centre, Sandes Avenue, Kendal. 'Steam in the North West' by R.Penn. Starts 19.15. Contact the Secretary on 01539 720708 for further details.

8th October 2010

Altrincham Electric Rly Preservation Society
Altrincham Methodist Church Hall, Barington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA1 1HF. 'A Tour of South African Rlys in the Early 1970s' by Alan Gilbert. Starts 19.30. Admission £3. Contact Andrew Macfarlane on 0161 928 9394 for further details.

GCR Society (Rotherham)
The Three Horseshoes, Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 2BW. 'The Bamford & Howden Reservoir Railway' by Ted Hancock, Starts 19.30. Contact Mick Hayes on 01709 820544 for details.

GWS (Swindon)
Lawn Community Centre, Guildford Avenue, off Windsor Road, Lawn, Swindon, SN3 1JE. 'Aspects of the GWR' by Peter Tough. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01793 495976 for details.

Shropshire Rly Society
The Gateway, Chester Street, Shrewsbury. 'Railways at the Dawn of Nationalisation' by Robin Mathams. Starts 19.30. Donation of £3 requested. Contact the Secretary on 01743 243295 for further details

9th October 2010

Bournemouth Rly Club
'All Purpose Room', Winton Methodis Comminity Centre, Alma Road/Heron Court Road, Bournemouth. 'Travels in 2009' by David Milton. Starts 14.30. Admission £2. Contact martyn.thresh@ntlworld.com for details.

Stephenson Locomotive Society
Railway Museum, Kidderminster. 'William Creuze, First Locomotive Engineer of the Birmingham and Gloucester Railway' by Norman Hewer. Starts 14.00. Contact 01242 582152 for further details.

11th October 2010

Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 'Steaming Around in 2009/Locomotives of the LNER' by Alex Hurd. Starts 20.00. Entrance fee £3.Contact the Publicity Member on 01522 705365 for further details.

Should your society information be listed on this page?

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

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▼ **Direct Rail Services Class 37/4 No. 37423** *Spirit of the Lakes* **passes Llangewydd working 2Z01 Ealing Broadway to Cardiff, via Swansea, with Inspection Saloon** *Caroline* **on 21st September. Lewis Mitchell**

RCTS (East Croydon)
Small Hall, United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon. 'Collectors Corner - The Euston Years' by Bob Ballard. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Ipswich)
Bridge Ward Club, 68 Austin Street, Ipswich. 'Railways in the Czech Republic and Surrounding Countries' by Ian Cowley. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Northampton)
St Crispin Social Club, Berrywood Road, Duston. 'Steam as Time Runs Out' by Graham Onley. Starts 19.30. Contact Northampton@rcts,org.uk for further details.

RCTS (Sheffield)
St Mathews Church Rooms, Carver Street, Sheffield. 'The Tornado Story - from Dream to Steam' by Keith Crabtree. Meeting starts at 19.30.

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

Stephenson Locomotive Society
New Trinity Parish Hall, Saltcoats. Ayrshire. 'Cab Rides on Safety Tests' by M. Graham McLachlan. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01294 822303 for further details.

York Railway Circle
Archbishop Holgate's School, Hull Road, York YO10 5ZA 'A to Z of Yorkshire Transport' by John Holroyd. Starts 19.30. Contact Robin Patrick on 01904 412232 or at locopatrick@aol.com for details.

12th October 2010

8E Railway Association
The Gladstone Club, Station Road, Northwich, CW9 5RB '80s and 90s Irish Railways' by Charles Roberts. Starts 19.45. Contact Paul Tench on 07790 486735 for further details

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

Great Western Society (Bristol)
589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol BS34 7RG. 'Railways in West Switzerland' by Arthur Turner. Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact The Secretary on 01454 324230 for further details.

Great Western Society (Taunton)
Village Hall, Stoke St Mary, Nr Taunton. 'My Travels in 2009' by David Milton. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01823 334188 for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (Croydon & Brighton)
Mott MacDonald House, Sydenham Road, Croydon, CR0 2EE 'Does modern track need ballast and can we afford it?' by Colin Wheeler, Rail One Meeting commences at 17.45. Contact the secretary, Martin Cresswell on 07815 968245 or email martincresswell@amey.co.uk for further details.

RCTS (Merseyside, Chester & NthWales)
'Station Observation at `Nuneaton'. Contact Geoff Morris on 01244 376808 or at geoffreymorris@tiscali.co.uk for further details.

RCTS (Nottingham)
Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham. 'Along Cheshire Lines (Manchester to Chester)' by Keith Grainger. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Scunthorpe)
The Star Public House, Rochdale Road, Ashby. 'Footplate Days at Immingam and other Depots' by Brian Bell. Meeting starts at 19.30.

SRPS (Lanarkshire)
Holy Trinity Church, Avon Street, Motherwell, ML1 3AA. 'Narrow Gauge Steam Around the World' by Archie Thom. Meeting commences at 19.30. A donation is requested. Contact Fred Landery on 01698 457777 or at fred.landery@srps.org.uk for further details.

Tewkesbury YMCA Railway Sociey
YMCA, Church Street, Tewkesbury. 'Railways Far and Wide' by Julian Stanley. Meeting starts at 19.45.

13th October 2010

Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. Society Photographic Competition. Meeting starts at 20.00. Visitors Welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

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

Oxfordshire Railway Society
Seacourt Day Centre, Seacourt Road, Oxford OX2 9LD. 'Lynton & Barnstaple' by Chris Ward. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Hitchin)
Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Road, Hitchin. 'Quiz' by Tom Gladwin. Meeting commences at 19.30.

RCTS (Radyr)
Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr. 'The Railways of Abergavenny' by Nigel Lewis. Meeting starts at 19.30.

Swiss Railways Society (London)
The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT. 'Not he Gotthard' by John Jesson. Starts 19.00. Donation of £2 requested. Contact Ron Dawes on 020 8660 3532 for further detail

14th October 2010

Bath Railway Society
Bath Green Park Station Meeting Room. 'Faslane Military Railway etc' by Mike Walshaw. Starts 19.30. Contact Kevin Plummer (evenings) on 01225 312564 for further details.

Continental Rly Circle
St Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. 'Miscellany from 1957 -63' by Lance King and 'Finland and Greece' by Charles Firminger. Starts 19.15. Admission £2. Contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for details.

Friends of the West Highland Lines
Room 10, Partick Burgh Halls, Burgh Hall Street, Glasgow. 'West Highland Panorama' by Ian Somerville. Starts 19.30. £2 donation. Contact Duncan Wilson at duncanwilson1955@hotmail.com for further details.

LCGB (St Albans)
United Reform Church, Watford Road, Chiswell Green, Nr St Albans. 'O.Winston Link & the Norfolk and Western Railroad' by Bob Gellatly. Starts 19.30. £2 Donation required.

Permanent Way Institution (Manchester & Liverpool)
Ove Arup Offices, St. James Building, Oxford Street, Manchester. 'Floating Slab Track Design' by Graeme Hanshaw, Arup Starts 12.30. Contact Rob Cummings on 07798 858784

Permanent Way Institution (North Wales)
The Town Crier Inn, City Road, Chester 'High Speed 2' by Andrew Went, Network Rail. Starts 18.30 Contact the secretary Lynne Garner, on 07771 672274

RCTS (Newcastle)
The Brunswick Methodist Hall, Newcastle. 'Mangapps Railway Museum' by John Jolly. Starts 18.30. Contact jimbrick@fsmail.net for details.

16th October 2010

Great Western Society (South West)
Parish Centre, Church End Road, Kingskerswell, Torbay. The 9.15 from Paddington' by Simon Foot. Starts 18.30. Contact the Secretary on 01803 336329 for details.

Stephenson Loco Society
The Mining Institute Lecture Theatre, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. 'Digital Members' Evening'. Starts 19.00. Contact the Secretary on 01434 688946 for further details.

18th October 2010

GCR Society (Spinkhill)
The Angel Hotel, 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'An Illustrated History of the Woodhead Line' by John Quick. Starts 19.30. Contact Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for further details.

RCTS (Coventry)
Maudslay Hotel, 190 Allesley Old Road, Coventry. 'Great British Railway Photographers'by Brian Stephenson. Meeting commences at 19.30.

RCTS (Oxford)
West Oxford Democrats Club, 1 North Street, Osney off Botley Road; 'From Blue & Grey to Black & Green' by Paul Chancellor. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Roade)
Roade Village Hall, Bailey Brooks Lane, Roade. 'Out and About on my Travels' by Hugh Gould. Starts 14.00.

RCTS (Shenfield)
Shenfield Parish Hall, 60 Hutton Road, Shenfield. 'Wensleydale Railway - Rebirth of a Rural Railway' by Dave Gibson. Starts 19.30.

19th October 2010

Permanent Way Institution (Nottingham)
Jurys Inn Hotel, Station Street, Nottingham 'Track Friendly Vehicles' by John Sinclair. Starts 18.30. Contact Colin Cowey 07946 482343 or email colin.cowey@talk21.com

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Rear Cover Caption

An unidentified Pendelino set overtakes Freightliner Class 90 No. 90044, working a Felixstowe Docks to Crewe Basford Hall intermodal service, through Chelmscote on 22nd September. Steve Madden

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