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Second cross-city route promoted for Metrolink

The continued expansion of Manchester's Light Rail system is putting more and more pressure on the City Centre section, with new extensions planned for the coming years, Transport for Greater Manchester are proposing a second tram route across the city.

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Now leased by East Coast, Class 43 powercars Nos. 43072 and 43074 retain EMT livery, but have East Coast branding, as they power south through Sandy. Lorenzo D' Aniello

First stage of Cotswold re-doubling project comes on stream

Two formerly disused platforms at Charlbury and Ascott-under-Wychwood stations have reopened to passengers for the first time in 40 years.

Closed and buried after spending cuts in the early 1970s, the platforms will now be used for trains running on the extra 4.5 miles of new track between the two stations. The reintroduction of the platforms also marks the end of an intensive nine-day improvement programme and completion of the first stage of the £70 million North Cotswold redoubling scheme, which will enhance capacity and performance of services between Worcester and Oxford with an extra 21 miles of track.

In addition, passengers at both Charlbury and Ascott-under-Wychwood will benefit from larger, brighter and more accessible stations with improved facilities, including new platforms with step-free access, new lighting and real-time digital passenger information systems.

The signalling equipment in the area, including the system deployed at the Ascott-under-Wychwood signal box, has also been upgraded to modern standards and will help to improve train reliability. Around 1,700 engineers worked round the clock for nine days to deliver the programme of work, which will now focus on the final stage of the scheme to commission the remaining 15.5 miles of track between Evesham and Moreton-in-Marsh during August.

The North Cotswold line is a particularly congested part of the railway, which means even small delays tend to have a big impact on services in the area. As part of the North Cotswold scheme, the line from Ascott-under-Wychwood to east of Charlbury and from Moreton-in-Marsh to Evesham will be redoubled with 21 miles of track, providing extra capacity, potentially for more trains to run, and improved reliability of services. Passengers at Honeybourne will also benefit from a bigger, brighter and more accessible station with improved facilities, including new platforms with step-free access, new lighting and real-time digital passenger information systems. Network Rail is also boosting these improvements by upgrading stations at Kingham, Moreton-in-Marsh and Evesham, as well as renewing life-expired track on the route.

▼**On the opening day of the new down line and platform, Class 166 No. 166207 forms the 05.48 Paddington-Great Malvern service on 6th June, as it arrives with the first train in 40 years to call at Charlbury's second platform. John Stretton**

Network Rail's latest RUS looks at the West Midlands & Chiltern area

The West Midlands and Chilterns Route Utilisation Strategy (RUS) published by Network Rail and produced in partnership with key stakeholders, reports that travel on the West Midlands and Chilterns route continues to grow with passenger numbers set to increase by over 30% over the next decade.

It builds on existing plans to improve the region's railway, including the redevelopment of Birmingham New Street station and the 'Evergreen 3' project on the Chiltern route. Recommendations include new services, longer trains and platforms and targeted investment in infrastructure to increase capacity at strategic locations.

Beyond 2019, the RUS recognises that the proposed high-speed line between London, Birmingham and the North will improve journey times and free up capacity on a number of existing routes. The recommendations to address gaps in capacity include train lengthening on a number of peak-hour services to and from Birmingham, including routes to Hereford and Shrewsbury and Rugeley via Walsall.

New cross-regional services are planned to improve connections across the West Midlands, including additional hourly services between Tamworth and Hereford, via Birmingham New Street, and Nuneaton and Worcester, also via Birmingham New Street.

There are to be infrastructure improvements in the Kingsbury area to increase capacity for proposed additional passenger services and freight growth on the route between Birmingham, Tamworth and the East Midlands, and there is to be a review of capacity along the Bromsgrove corridor to ensure future freight requirements can be met, including assessment of the proposal to reopen the Round Oak to Walsall line.

There will also be supporting work by Centro to develop a new station at Aldridge, near Walsall, and a review of opportunities to improve journey times between Birmingham and Nottingham as part of future timetable recasts.

▲ An artists impression of the new western entrance to Leeds station. **Network Rail**

Work to improve Leeds gets underway this month

Leeds station is set for considerable improvement under plans that have been published by Network Rail.

Overall there will be eight separate projects that together will ease congestion, provide better facilities and improve the overall environment. These include a new entrance and concourse on the south side of the station, a better choice of shops and restaurants on the north concourse, improvements to the New Station Street entrance, and 350 extra car parking spaces for passengers.

The first phase of work began this month on the south concourse to reduce congestion and on the north concourse where a new Sainsburys will open in August. Metro has secured funding for the new southern entrance, which it is hoped will open by mid 2014. A new multi-story car park and improved short-stay and drop-off facilities are also due to be completed by mid 2014. Passenger numbers in Leeds are set to rise by 16% within the next three years and increase 62% by 2029.

These upgrades, planned by Metro and delivered in partnership with commercial developers, will ensure that Leeds is able to cope with future demand and provide a welcoming environment for travellers. It is estimated that the new entrance will tie in with the existing western footbridge, avoiding the cost of redeveloping the narrower, eastern footbridge. Network Rail's Northern Route Utilisation Strategy in 2010 predicted that the number of passengers using rail in Leeds would soar over the next 10 and 20 years: a 42% rise of travellers arriving into the station during peak times is predicted by 2019, and by 2029 there could be an increase of 68%. The proposed solution is the Northern Hub, a plan for faster, more frequent services across the north, which is designed to reduce journey times from Leeds to Manchester and Liverpool, provide 700 extra trains a day for 3.5million more people to travel by rail every year, and in addition could bring over £4 billion of benefits to the region and create 23,000 jobs.

▲ The first two-car Class 466 Networker to be seen with the new style Southeastern livery of all-over white and blue doors, No. 466022 leads yellow-doored Class 465/1 No. 465164 at New Eltham on 9th June, forming the 09.15 Cannon Street-Cannon Street roundabout service, via Woolwich Arsenal and Sidcup. **Brian Morrison**

▼ One wonders whether Sir John Betjamin would have approved? The Olympic rings hang from the roof in front of the well known clock at St Pancras International. **Brian Morrison**

UK News In Brief

■ Several passenger services were delayed for over five hours on 9th June, when an attempted theft knocked out the signalling systems. Robin Gisby, Network Rail's Managing Director of Network Operations said: "There was an attempted cable theft at a substation at Farnborough last night, which resulted in a complete loss of the signalling in the Farnborough and Woking area".

■ Network Rail and Garmin have developed a free downloadable application that alerts drivers with a cheery train whistle that they are approaching a level crossing.

■ Eurostar is recycling old staff uniforms and seat head-rest covers into bags for its train managers as part of its drive to send zero waste to landfill. The company has taken worn head-rest covers along with old company raincoats and lining material from suit jackets to create the new bags.

■ International broadcaster CNN launches a new segment called 'The Gateway' on 14th June, looking behind-the-scenes at the world's busiest transport hubs, starting with Hamburg and Maschen Marshalling Yard, the largest in Europe. Broadcasts at 21.00 UK, 22.00 CET, as part of the 'Connect the World' programme.

Metro and Light Rail News

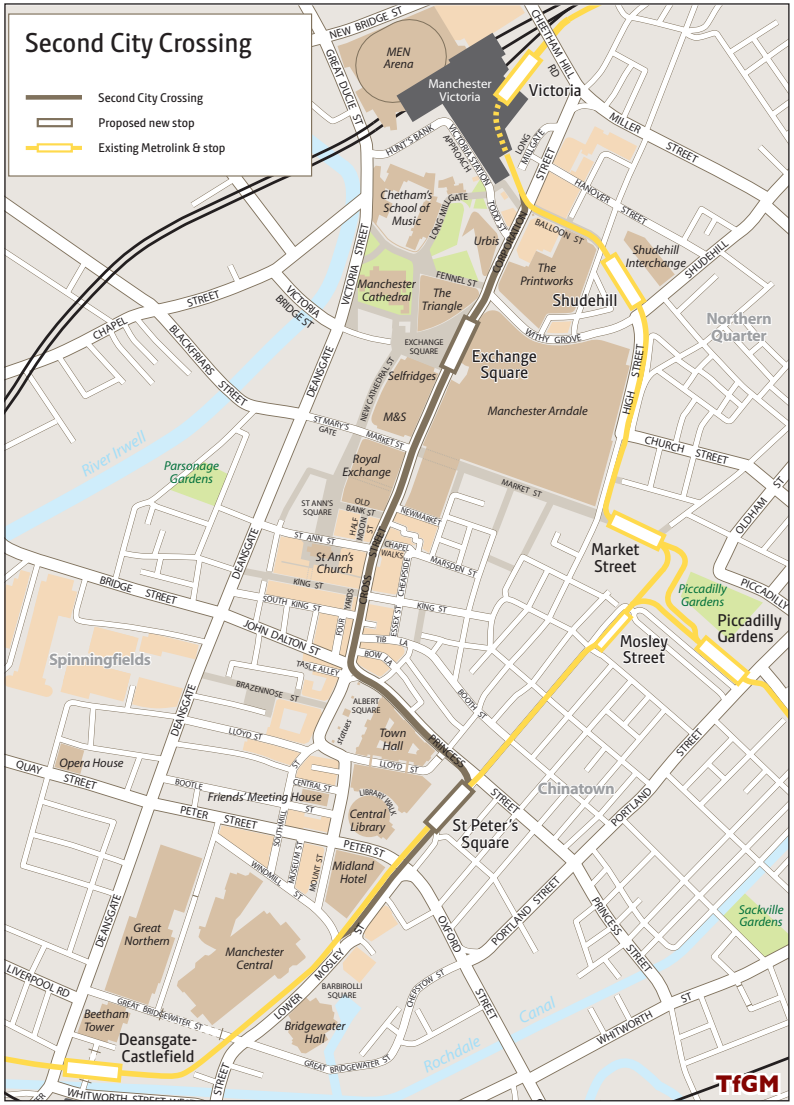
Second cross-city centre route proposed for Manchester Metrolink system

A public consultation has commenced on a second route for Metrolink across Manchester's City Centre.

The light rail system has expanded considerably from the initial Bury and Altrincham lines, and with the recent opening of the line to MediaCityUK, and the extensions to Chorlton, Droylsden, Oldham and Rochdale over the next 12-18 months, plus additional extensions to Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester Airport, the number of services passing through the city centre section will treble by 2021, placing major demands on capacity of the on-street tramway.

As a result, Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), previously known as Greater Manchester PTE, are now promoting a second cross-city route for Metrolink, to improve reliability for all services, and provide the flexibility to reduce disruption caused when maintenance work is required in the city centre. The new route is proposed to turn left after St Peters Square, leaving the original route which proceeds straight on, then run along Princess Street and Cross Street, to join Corporation Street and rejoin the existing route prior to entering Victoria station.

TfGM says that a number of route options were explored, which were narrowed down to two routes, the other being via Chester Road and Deansgate. However, the chosen route was deemed to have short journey times, no requirement for significant new bridge structures, provided better links to the existing network, and incorporates two new stops. The new route would bring with it a new St Peter's Square stop, relocated from its current position, to a new location at the northern end of the square, near to the Mosley Street/Princess Street junction. The realigning of current Metrolink lines through this area will provide Manchester City Council with the ability to create an open space with a civic focus. The aim is for the new stop to provide easy interchange between tram services from all parts of Manchester.



▼ **Two of the original 1000-series LRVs, with No. 1002** *Da Vinci* **on the rear, pause at Shudehill. The new line would diverge between Victoria station and the Shude Hill stop. Robert Jefferys**

Station Improvements Round-Up

Major work has started at Sittingbourne station to make long-lasting improvements for the more than two million passengers who use it every year.

Apart from the installation of two new lifts and a footbridge to create a step-free route between the station entrance and platforms, funded through the Government's 'Access for All' programme, the work also includes a series of enhancements to station facilities that are being funded through the national stations improvement programme. These include relocating and increasing the number of cycle parking spaces outside the station, renovating all passenger toilets, creating new waiting shelters on the platforms and a new waiting room on Platform 2, repositioning the ticket gates to create more space for passengers in the ticket office, and installing a new customer information screen and non-slip flooring in the ticket office. The main construction work is due to be completed in spring 2012.

'Access for All' work has also now been completed at Ipswich station, with the introduction of a new footbridge and lifts. The new additions mean that there is now step-free access between the station entrance and all four platforms for the very first time. The lifts have been fitted with CCTV and telephone links. New lighting and CCTV systems have also been installed and tactile paving laid on the platforms. Almost three million passenger journeys are made to or from Ipswich station each year.

▼ The new footbridge and lift buildings at Ipswich. **Network Rail**

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The Irish Angle

▲ On 3rd June, all three Class 22000 vehicles that had been under repair at Springburn Works, Glasgow, departed Larne Harbour for Dublin Heuston. A break was taken en route from 16.00 until midnight, before the convoy continued. The overhead power on the Dublin LUAS tramway was isolated at Heuston so the convoy could pass safely beneath in order to access Heuston Yard where the re-railing will take place. Here, the convoy leaves Larne for Dublin. **Chris Playfair**

▼ On 8th June, IE 071 Class No. 073 failed on a permanent-way train near Nenagh, which resulted in the cancellation of the evening services on the Limerick to Ballybrophy line. Classmate No. 072 was sent from Limerick to collect the failed loco, and on 10th June, hauled the errant No. 073 and two timber wagons from Limerick to Inchicore. The consist is photographed passing Portlaoise. **Neil Dinnen**

RAIB to investigate how a failed Class 377 could travel for a mile with THREE passenger doors fully open

The Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) is looking into an incident that took place between London St Pancras International (Low Level) and Kentish Town stations on 26th May.

At approximately 18.00, the 16.30 First Capital Connect Thameslink service between Brighton and Bedford, formed of two Class 377 units (a total of eight carriages), stopped close to the northern portal of King's Cross Tunnel with the rear two carriages within the tunnel. The units had stopped because of an electrical problem on the train itself that had caused the overhead line's electrical protection equipment to trip, cutting off power to several other trains in the area.

At this time the train, which had a seating capacity of 476, was fully loaded, with many standing passengers. Another Class 377 EMU was sent to assist the failed train, and was eventually coupled to it at 20.20. By this time some passengers had used the emergency release handles to open the train doors in an attempt to improve ventilation, as the air conditioning and lighting systems were no longer functioning.

The train began to move at 21.03, but this movement was immediately stopped because passengers were getting out onto the railway from the carriages within the tunnel. They were escorted back onto the train, which was then authorised to move forward again at 21.12.

Three sets of doors towards the rear of the train were still fully open while it travelled approximately one mile to reach Kentish Town station, where all the passengers left the train.

The RAIB investigation will identify the sequence of events that led to the movement of the failed train with open doors. Factors for consideration will include the design and operation of the trains, the management of the incident and the information available to the passengers and staff who were involved.

Virgin Trains staff to hold charity family fun day at Stockport station

Virgin Trains' staff at Stockport station are staging a Family Fun Day on Sunday 17th July from 10:00 until 16:00 to raise funds for children and the young people's cancer charity CLIC Sargent.

Admission is free. The event will take place in the Conference Room on Platform 3. Model railway displays, provided by the Manchester Loco Society and the Romiley Methodist Railway Modellers will be operating, and one of Virgin Trains' Class 57 diesels will be on display in Platform 3A and will be available for photographs. Visitors to the station will also be able to have a look around the drivers' cab, and there will be a sales stand with railway books and DVDs and a raffle with train tickets and train models on offer.

A special 'sealed bid' auction will offer the opportunity to spend 30 minutes with the station announcer and make a train announcement.

CLIC Sargent is the official charity of Virgin Trains, which since 2009 has raised more than £280,000. All the money raised from the Stockport Fun Day will help CLIC Sargent to support families affected by childhood cancer across the UK. The station staff have already raised almost £700 and have set themselves a target of raising £2,000.

For further details contact Chris on 07768 013450 or railwayviewalton@gmail.com

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The News In Pictures

◀ The first electric train into Platform 0 at Haymarket since completion of the Haymarket North Lines Electrification Project, the first tangible stage of the Edinburgh-Glasgow Improvements Programme, was Class 380/1 No. 380101 on 10th June. When sufficient Class 380s are accepted into service, they will work the North Berwick services allowing the Class 322s to be cascaded to West Yorkshire. **Jim Waddell**

◀▼ The second DB Schenker liveried Class 92 to be outshopped from the Toton Paint Shop is No. 92042, pictured in the adjacent yard, awaiting transfer to Bescot, within the consist of a departmental trip. **Craig Adamson**

▼ Class 67 No. 67011 slowly propels the Fort William portion of the 'Caledonian Sleeper' onto the Aberdeen portion prior to being coupled together, while on the right, classmate No. 67004 waits to add the Inverness section. The duo of '67s' are pictured at Edinburgh Waverley, shortly before 01.00 on 8th June. **Richard Tuplin**

UK Steam & Modern Traction Railtour Listings

13th June 2011			
WCRC	Jacobite Pool	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return (two trips)	
14th June 2011			
Railway Touring Co.	34067	London Victoria-Redhill-Canterbury West-Ashford-London	**Cancelled**
WCRC	Jacobite Pool	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return (two trips)	
15th June 2011			
WCRC	Jacobite Pool	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return (two trips)	
16th June 2011			
Railway Touring Co.	30777	London Victoria-Clapham Jct-Woking-Bournemouth-Swanage & return	
WCRC	Jacobite Pool	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return (two trips)	
17th June 2011			
Compass Tours	2xWCRC 47	Clitheroe-Preston-Shap-Carlisle-Edinburgh Waverley and return	
SRPS Railtours	55022	Linlithgow-Edinburgh Waverley-Kirkcaldy-Aviemore-Inverness	
WCRC	Jacobite Pool	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return (two trips)	
18th June 2011			
Statesman Rail	tbc	Peterborough-Loughborough-Alfreton-Swinton-Hellifield-S&C-Carlisle & return	
Pathfinder Tours	60163	(Poole-Southampton-Havant)-London area-Canterbury West-Dover-Folkestone-Ashford-London Victoria-(London Victoria-Havant & return)	
PTG Tours Ltd	2x50	London King's Cross-Edinburgh-Glasgow Central	**Postponed**
Railway Touring Co.	70000	London Paddington-Taunton-Bishops Lydeard-Minehead & return	
Vintage Trains	4965 & 5043	Solihull-Banbury-Newbury-Bath Spa-Bristol TM-Swindon-Didcot-Solihull	
SRPS Railtours	55022	Inverness-Lairg-Georgemas Jct-Wick-Thurso-Wick-Lairg-Pitlochry-Linlithgow	
19th June 2011			
VSOE (Northern Belle)	2xDRS 47	Crewe-Chester-Holyhead & return	
Steam Dreams	48151	Aldershot-Staines-Clapham Jct-Ashford-Dover-Bromley South & rtn as outwards	
PTG Tours Ltd	2x50	Glasgow Central-Edinburgh-London King's Cross	**Postponed**
Compass Tours	2xWCRC 47	York-Huddersfield-Manchester Victoria-Preston-Shap-Carstairs-Edinburgh Waverley-Newcastle upon Tyne-York-Huddersfield-Wigan North Western	
20th June 2011			
WCRC	Jacobite Pool	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return (two trips)	
21st June 2011			
Steam Dreams	48151	London Victoria-Staines-Woking-Guildford-Redhill-East Croydon-London Victoria	
WCRC	Jacobite Pool	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return (two trips)	
22nd June 2011			
WCRC	Jacobite Pool	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return (two trips)	
23rd June 2011			
Cruise Saver Travel	DRS 47	Glasgow Central-Preston-Manchester-Birmingham-Basingstoke-Southampton Docks	
Steam Dreams	4492	London Victoria-Reading-Bath Spa-Bristol Temple Meads & return	
WCRC	Jacobite Pool	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return (two trips)	
24th June 2011			
WCRC	Jacobite Pool	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return (two trips)	

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.

▲ **Class 47/7 No. 47712** *Pride of Carlisle* **works hard on the incline north of Dunblane on 10th June, while working from Glasgow Central to Dunkeld with Class 47/4 No. 47832** *Solway Princess* **on the rear. This 'Northern Belle' excursion was originally a circular tour via Alloa, the Fife Circle and the Forth Bridge but the destination was changed to an 'out and back' trip. Graeme Eadington**

Railtour Spotlight

by John Whitehouse

The return to traffic of 'A1' No. 60163 *Tornado* **has been something of a damp squib. After having been repainted in a new coat of BR Brunswick green following the extensive winter overhaul that required the locomotive boiler being returned to its birthplace in Germany for attention, its public debut fell foul of the disagreement between the West Coast Company and the A1 Steam Trust about running it under the WCRC safety case.**

This has resulted in *Tornado* being gently run in on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway and not dashing about on the main line. All that is about to change, as the wait is now over and on 18th June the loco is due to once again be let loose on the main line on a Pathfinder charter to Canterbury West. The steam section will be from the Willesden area, and then onwards through Bromley South, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Ashford, while the return will work around the coast via Dover and Folkestone. A diesel will bring the tour from Poole to the changeover point, picking up via Bournemouth to Southampton Central, and then onwards by way of Fareham, Cosham and Havant. Welcome back *Tornado!*

The south is the place to be for steam on 18th June, as pushing *Tornado* for the steam tour of the day is the Vintage Trains' 'Hall/Castle' pairing of Nos. 4965 *Rood Ashton Hall* and 5043 *Earl of Mount Edgcumbe*, which are heading for Bristol Temple Meads from Solihull on 'The Collett Double', working outwards via Oxford, Reading West, Newbury, Bradford-on-Avon and Bath Spa, and on the direct route via Swindon on the return. A second steam charter is booked over the Berks & Hants route on the same day, which is The Railway Touring Company's 'West Somerset Explorer', scheduled for No. 70000 *Britannia* throughout between Paddington and Minehead. Earlier, on 16th June, RTC also operates its second 'Swanage Belle' of the season from London Victoria to Swanage, via Staines, Woking and then the L&SW main line throughout to the Dorset resort. The train is advertised for either No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel* or No. 34067 *Tangmere*.

All this news of steam does slightly overshadow what is unquestionably the star of the weekend's rail touring, which is the SRPS working from Linlithgow to Wick and Thurso with 'Deltic' No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* throughout! 2011 is already shaping up as 'The Year of the Deltic', the highlight of which has to be the 'Alcan' workings on the Blyth & Tyne plus the amazing jaunt from Fort William two weeks ago. However, this tour is the big one, departing early Friday evening for a run along the Highland main line, with the testing climb to Druimauchdar Summit to look forward to, prior to taking the Rose Street Curve in Inverness for the Far North. Both Wick and Thurso will be graced by No. 55022, with the return working departing from Wick around 14.00 for the long trip back to Linlithgow, where it is due to arrive at six minutes past midnight!

Compass Railtours will also be heading north of the border again, this time on 17th June with the 'Lakeland Scot' from Clitheroe to Edinburgh Waverley, which works outwards via Shap and Beattock, picking up via Blackburn and Preston to Oxenholme, and returns by way of the Settle & Carlisle. Statesman, will also be heading for the S&C on 17th June from Peterborough, running via the Erewash Valley line for a return trip over the 'Drag'.

Just one steam trip is operating on Father's Day (don't forget the card!) with Steam Dreams putting West Coast's '8F' No. 48151 on the front of the 'Cathedrals Express' to Canterbury West. This working sets out from Aldershot, and picks up through 'Dad-infested' suburbia at Camberley, Sunningdale, Staines, Twickenham, Clapham Junction and Bromley South as the '8F' clanks onwards via Ashford International. The return is the usual route around the coast, via Dover and Folkestone. The special day aside, a Stanier 2-8-0 around that part of the world is not an everyday event.

Meanwhile, the 'Northern Belle' was supposed to be going from Crewe to Holyhead with No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth*, but since DRS has taken over as traction supplier that has gone by the board, so expect something from Brush on this working - and there are rumbles that it may not be the usual Class 47s!

The remaining working is a Compass Railtours outing from York to Edinburgh Waverley that runs via the Standedge route and the West Coast Main Line over Shap and Beattock on the way out, while the return uses the East Coast route back to York. Now that should keep your Dad interested, especially as there are some really good pubs in Edinburgh!

▼ **GWR 'Castle' 4-6-0 No. 5043** *Earl of Mount Edgecumbe* **with the outbound leg of Vintage Trains' 'The Scarborough Flyer' charter approaches Pontefract on 4th June. Richard Whiteley**

DBS Class 66/0 No. 66126 approaches Earles Sidings on the Hope Valley line with Pathfinder Tours' 'Peak District Explorer' charter returning to Salisbury from Buxton on 4th June. Classmate No. 66174 was on the rear of the train. **Nigel Capelle**

Class 67 No. 67005 *Queens Messenger* **heads Rail-Blue Charters' 'The Canterbury Tale' charter across Fourteen Arches, near Wellingborough, on 10th June. 'Royal' classmate No. 67006** *Royal Sovereign* **was attached to the rear of the train.**
Steve Madden

UK Railtours 'Midland and Great Central No. 2' crosses Harringworth Viaduct, heading south on 4th June, with DBS Class 66s Nos. 66183 and 66176, in 'top and tail' mode, providing the motive power. **Adrian Perks**

LNER A1 Pacific No. 60163 *Tornado* speeds along the West Coast Main Line at Woodacre, north of Garstang, with its loaded test run from Tyne Yard to Crewe on 8th June. **Alan Taylor**

▲ GWR 'Hall' No. 4979 *Wootton Hall* stands on display at Appleby. Built at Swindon in 1930, the loco is one of 11 that survive out of the 259 built. The loco is in poor condition, but the Furness Railway Trust is applying preventative maintenance until such time as restoration work can begin. **Kev Gregory**

Nene Valley joins Severn Valley for gala

The Severn Valley Railway has announced two visitors for its three-day diesel gala scheduled for 6th to 8th October, when all the trains will be diesel-hauled.

This is a departure from previous events when one diagram was steam-hauled on the Saturday. The Iron & Steel Traction Group's Nene Valley-based Class 14 No. D9520 will be joined by Boden Railway Engineering Ltd's Class 40 No. D306 *Atlantic Conveyor*.

Further visitors are anticipated to bolster the home fleet, which will consist of Class 52 No. D1062 *Western Courier*, Class 42 No. D821 *Greyhound*, Class 37/9 No. 37906 and Type 1s Nos. D8188 & D8059. Two Class 50s will also be present, but which two has yet to be confirmed. A DMU diagram will also operate.

Welsh Highland's second coal-fired Garratt

The Welsh Highland Railway's 1958-built NGG16 Beyer-Garratt No. 143 has been outshopped from Boston Lodge Works after a major rebuild.

The locomotive was lit-up on 11th June, with a small wood fire to harden the brick arch before running-in trials begin in a few days time, prior to entering service at the end of June. The Garratt, which was previously oil-fired, has been converted to coal burning. No. 143 will join classmate No. 87 in frontline service, with oil-fired No. 138 acting as reserve. A fourth NGG16 is currently being rebuilt at Pete Waterman's Crewe workshops for use on the Welsh Highland.

▶ Beyer-Peacock NGG16 No. 143 is pictured in Boston Lodge Yard on 11th June, having been outshopped from a major overhaul and rebuild. **FR/WHR**

▲ **Hunslet 2-4-0STT *Linda*, visiting from the Ffestiniog Railway, and Hunslet 'Quarry' Class 0-4-0ST *Jack Lane* double-head a mixed train on the Statfold Barn Railway during an open day on 4th June. This is believed to be the first time that *Linda* has been back in England, since being built in 1893! Graham Lightfoot**

Class 60 No. 60015 awaits departure from March Whitemoor Yard on 10th June, prior to working an engineers service to Toton Yard.
Craig Adamson

On 9th June, Northern Belle-liveried Class 47/7 No. 47790 passes through Crewe, with a Daventry to Carlisle Kingmoor working, comprising empty intermodal flats. **Ron Cover**

A colourful combination! DBS-livered Class 66 No. 66152 leads green empty bogie tanks from Sinfin through Uttoxeter on the 9th June, bound for Warrington Arpley.
Richard Holmes

Unusually with the DVT leading northwards, the 09.35 service from King's Cross to Leeds passes Harringay on 23rd May, led by No. 82204 and powered from the rear by Class 91 No. 91113. **Brian Morrison**

Class 357/2 Electrostar No. 357209 *James Snelling* **leads the 15.35 Shoeburyness - Fenchurch Street c2c service away from the Chalkwell stop on 28th May, as the Twister aerobatic team perform at the Southend Air Show. Anthony Guppy**

7th June 2011
Locomotive Club of Gt Britain (North London)
2 Stuart Crescent, Wood Green, London N22. 'Open Evening". Starts 19.00. Contact Tony Stratford at stratford_tony@hotmail.com.

North East Essex Railway Association
1st Floor, The Community Centre, The Triangle Centre, Frinton-on-Sea. 'Cuban Sugar Railways' by Alan Pearce. Starts 19.45. Admission £1.50. Contact 01255 677165.

Permanent Way Institution (Wessex)
Summer Technical Visit - Eastleigh. Contact Richard Workman on 01428 645771 for further details.

Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire)
Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'Members' Slides Evening'. Starts 19.30. Admission £2. Contact John Goodrich on 02380 670028 for further details.

Weston super Mare Railway Society
Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare '45 Years of Railway Photography Part 1' by Les Nixon. Starts 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

8th June 2011
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote Street Club, New Road, Basingstoke RG21 7NG. 'Gosling's Most Recent Gallivants' by Paul Gosling. Starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for details.

Swiss Rly Society (London)
The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT. '1990' by Nick Freezer. Starts 19.00. £3 donation. Contact Ron Dawes on 0208 660 3532 for details.

9th June 2011
Bath Railway Society
Bath Green Park Station Meeting Room. 'AGM and Railway Heritage Committee' by Neil Butters. Starts 19.30. Contact Kevin Plummer (evenings) on 01225 312564 for details.

Continental Rly Circle
St.Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. 'Down Latin American Way, Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil' (after AGM) by Ray Schofield. Starts 19.15. Admission £2. Call Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624.

Grantham Rly Society
ChristChurch Hall, Castlegate, Grantham. 'Railways Across the Fens' by Andrew Ingram. Starts 19.30. £2 Admission. Contact Phil Mason on 01476 407569 for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (Birmingham)
The 11th Floor Boardroom, Network Rail Officces, The Mailbox, 100 Wharfside Street, Birmingham B1 1RT. 'Track Asset Management' by Jon Pegg. Starts 18.00. Contact Jon Wells on 07714 064898 for details.

11th June 2011
Bournemouth Rly Club
Winton Methodist Community Centre, All Purpose Room, Junction Alma Road & Heron Court Road, Winton, Bournemouth BH9 1DE. 'Southampton's Railways' by Bert Moody. Starts 14.30. £2 donation. Contact Martyn Thresh on 01202 742099 for further details.

13th June 2011
Driffield & East Yorkshire Rly Society
The Sidings, Middle Street South, Driffield, YO25 6PX 'Narrow Gauge Railways of India' by David Colnutt. Starts 19.30. £2 donation. Contact the Secretary on 01377 254068.

Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, Harewood Crescent, North Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 8JG. Members Slide Show. Starts 20.00. All welcome, £3 admission. Contact 01522-705365 for details.

SEG (Sussex)
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre, Southwick. 'Railway & Shipping at Southampton' by Paul Gosling. Starts 19.30. £2 Donation. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for further details.

14th June 2011
Monmouthshire Rly Society
Room A10, UWCN City Campus, Usk Way, Newport, S.Wales NP20 2BP. 'B.R.Diesels, The First 50 Years, 1933-82' by Arthur Turner. Starts 19.15.

15th June 2011
Permanent Way Institution (London)
10th Floor, 55 Broadway (LUL HQ), London. 'Presidential Address' by Phil Ransom. Followed by The Tech X Factor. Starts 18.00. Contact Alison Stansfield on 07703 326080 for further details.

16th June 2011
Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Roundhouse Lecture Theatre,Barrow Hill Depot. 'The Ashover Light Railway' by Richard Booth. Starts 19.30. £1.50 Admission. Contact the Organiser at beardspaul@aol.com.

Marlow & District Railway Society
Bourne End Community Centre, Bourne End SL8 5SX. 'Exeter to Plymouth by the "other" route' by George Reeve. Starts 20.00.

17th June 2011
Great Western Society (Taunton)
Village Hall, Stoke St. Mary, Nr Taunton. 'Railways Around Bristol' by Chris Rails. Starts 19.30. Contact Terry McCarthy on 01823 334188.

20th June 2011
Great Central Railway Society (Spinkhill)
The Angel Hotel, 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB 'new England in the Fall by Train' by Bob Gellatly. Starts 19.30. Contact Frank Greaves on 01909 473927.

22nd June 2011
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote Street Club, New Road, Basingstoke RG21 7NG. 'Narrow Gauge Railways of the First World War' by Kim Winter. Starts 20.00. Contact 01256 819401.

23rd June 2011
Stevenage Loco Society
The Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg Retail Park, London Road, Stevenage SG1 1XN. '2012 London Olympic Transport Delivery' by Mike Lamport. Meeting commences at 19.45. Admission £2. Contact 07803 046076 for details.

26th June 2011
Weston super Mare Railway Society
Annual Outing - Buckinghamshire Railway Centre & Pendon Museum. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

27th June 2011
Permanent Way Institution (Ashford)
The Elwick Club, Church Road, Ashford. 'The Crossrail Project' by Colin Burnikell. Starts 18.30. Contact the Secretary, Ted Hamer on 01227 711897 for details.

30th June 2011
Stevenage Locomotive Society
The Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg Retail Park, London Road, Stevenage SG1 1XN. 'Cuba' by David Eatwell. Starts 19.45. Admission £2. Contact the Treasurer on 07803 046076 for further details.

5th July 2011
Weston super Mare Railway Society
Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. Evening Visit - TBA. Contact 01934 628289 for further details.

9th July 2011
Bournemouth Rly Club
Winton Methodist Community Centre, All Purpose Room, Junction Alma Road & Heron Court Road, Winton, Bournemouth BH9 1DE 'Locos of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway' by Terry McCarthy. Starts 14.30. £2 donation. Contact Martyn Thresh on 01202 742099.

11th July 2011
Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, Harewood Crescent, North Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 8JG. Annual Quiz Night. Starts 20.00. All Welcome £2 Adminssion. Contact 01522-705365 for details.

Southern Electric Group (Sussex)
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre, Southwick. 'Vintage Albm' by John Minnis. Meeting commences at 19.30. £2 Donation. Contact the Secretary, Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for further details.

13th July 2011
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote Street Club, New Road, Basingstoke RG21 7NG. 'Railway Insignia' by Stephen Bigley. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

RCTS (Hitchin)
Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Road, Hitchin.
'Pioneer Steam Locomotives' by Norman Hill & "The Central Wales Line' by Cyril Crawl. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Should your society information be listed on this page?

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

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Web Links

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▼ **Having arrived light from Llanwern, DB Schenker-liveried Class 60 No. 60011 stands alongside Tata-liveried classmate No. 60099 at Margam Knuckle Yard on 28th May. Phil Trotter**

Swiss Railways Society (London)
The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT. (near Kings Cross station) 'Five Countries to Switzerland' by Alan Pike. Starts 19.00. £3 donation requested. Contact Ron Dawes on 0208 660 3532 for further details.

14th July 2011
Continental Rly Circle
St.Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ 'Eatern Mysteries based in the Middle and Far East' by Colin Boocock. Starts 19.15. Admission £2. Contac Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 or at akpalmer@talktalk.net for further details.

Grantham Railway Society
ChristChurch Hall, Castlegate, Grantham. 'So You Thought They Were Clean Part III' by Chris Youett. Meeting commences at 19.30. £2 Admission. Contact Phil Mason on 01476 407569 or at fastrack@cottesmorepress.fsbusiness.co.uk for further details.

15th July 2011
Great Western Society (Taunton)
Village Hall, Stoke St. Mary, Nr Taunton. 'The Midland & Great Northern Joint Railway' by Max Wilkenson. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Terry McCarthy on 01823 334188 for further details.

16th July 2011
RCTS (Sussex)
'Annual Visit to the Lavender Line at Isfield'. 18.30 - 21.20. Contact the Secretary, Paul Baston on 01444 2533657 for further details.

RCTS (South Wales)
'Observation at Didcot or Visit to Railway Centre'. Contact Noel Thompson at nl.thompson456@btinternet.com for further details.

18th July 2011
RCTS(South Essex)
'Annual Visit to Mangapps Farm Railway Museum'. Contact the Secretary, John Stone on 01245 464756 for further details.

RCTS(Thames Valley)
'Observation at Didcot Parkway Station'. Contact the Secretary, Andrew Jenkins on 01793 642533 for further details.

20th July 2011
RCTS(Humberside)
'Evening at Barnetby'. Contact the Secretary, Les Brackstone on 0182 506744 for further details.

21st July 2011
Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Roundhouse Lecture Theatre,Barrow Hill Depot. 'King Coal' by Chris Jones. Meeting commences at 19.30. £2 Admission. Contact the Organiser at beardspaul@aol.com for details.

RCTS (West Riding)
'Members' Evening Meet - Doncaster 17.30'. Contact the Secretary, Bob Green on 0113 2843604 for details.

27th July 2011
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote Street Club, New Road, Basingstoke RG21 7NG. 'Japan' by Bob Sweet. Starts 20.00. Contact 01256 819401 for further details.

28th July 2011
Stevenage Loco Society
The Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg Retail Park, London Road, Stevenage SG1 1XN 'On Parallel Lines - A Presentation of his New Book' by Ken Horan. Starts 19.45. Admission £2. Contact the Treasure on 07803 046076 for further details.

2nd August 2011
North East Essex Railway Association
1st Floor, The Community Centre, The Triangle Centre, Frinton-on-Sea. 'Railways in Argentina' by Steve Cobb. Starts 19.45. Admission £1.50. Contact Roger Harvey on 01255 677165 for further details.

Weston super Mare Railway Society
Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. 'Members' Slides'. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact the Chairman, Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

8th August 2011
Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, Harewood Crescent, North Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 8JG. 'Railway Oddities' by David Ventry. Starts 20.00 All welcome £3 Admission. Contact 01522-705365 for further details.

Southern Electric Group (Sussex)
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre, Southwick. 'Surprise Evening' by Redmore Church & Peter Jones. Starts 19.30. £2 Donation. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094.

10th August 2011
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote Street Club, New Road, Basingstoke RG21 7NG. 'Indian Hill Railways' by David Brace. Starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

18th August 2011
Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Roundhouse Lecture Theatre,Barrow Hill Depot. 'After the Blues - A Special Brew' by Peter Crawley. Starts 19.30. £2 Admission. Contact beardspaul@aol.com for details.

19th August 2011
GW Society (Taunton)
Village Hall, Stoke St.Mary, nr Taunton. 'Members' Slides'. Starts 19.30. Contact Peter Triggs on 01823 334188 for further details.

24th August 2011
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote Street Club, New Road, Basingstoke RG21 7NG. 'The GCR in the First World War' by Martin Bloxsom. Starts 20.00. Contact 01256 819401 for further details.

25th August 2011
Stevenage Locomotive Society
The Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg Retail Park, London Road, Stevenage SG1 1XN. 'A Holiday Trip to Cornwall' by Ron White. Starts 19.45. Admission £2. Contact the Treasurer on 07803 046076 or e-mail alan.pitt@lineone.net for details.

29th August 2011
Stevenage Locomotive Society
The Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg Retail Park, London Road, Stevenage SG1 1XN 'Cuba' by David Eatwell. Starts 19.45. Admission £2. Contact 07803 046076 or at alan.pitt@lineone.net for further details.

6th September 2011
Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire)
Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'Trams and Narrow Gauge Steam in East Germany in 1988' by Martin Petch. Starts 19.30. Admission £2. Contact the Secretary, John Goodrich on 02380 670028 for further details.

Weston super Mare Railway Society
Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. 'The Southern Around Nationalisation' by Arthur Turner. Starts 20.00. Contact the Chairman, Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

8th September 2011
Continental Rly Circle
St.Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ 'Steam in Turkey' by Ted Talbot. Starts 19.15. Admission £2. Contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for details.

Grantham Railway Society
ChristChurch Hall, Castlegate, Grantham. 'Capturing the Present and Recreating the Past' by Jason Cross. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission Members £1, Non-Members £2. Contact Phil Mason on 01476 407569 or at fastrack@cottesmorepress.fsbusiness.co.uk for further details.

12th September 2011
Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, Harewood Crescent, North Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 8JG 'Westwards From Dover looking For Steam' by Peter Groom Meeting commences at 8pm, non members welcome, entrance fee £3. Contact Publicity Member on 01522-705365 or email graham@the-st.fsnet.co.uk for further details

Southern Electric Group (Sussex)
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre, Southwick. 'Winter Steam in China' by David Eatwell. Meeting commences at 19.30. Donation of £2 requested. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for further details.

14th September 2011
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote Street Club, New Road, Basingstoke RG21 7NG. 'Broad Gauge Railway Journey Pt 2' by Canon Brian Arman. Starts 20.00. Contact 01256 819401 for further details.

Oxfordshire Rly Society
Seacourt Day Centre, Seacourt Road, Oxford OX2 9LD. 'On and Off the Footplate' by Bill Davis. Starts 19.30.

Swiss Railways Society (London)
The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT. (near Kings Cross station. 'Cantons Bern and Solothurn' by Roger Jones. Starts 19.00. £3 donation. Contact Ron Dawes on 0208 660 3532 for further details.

15th September 2011
Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Roundhouse Lecture Theatre,Barrow Hill Depot. 'Steaming Through Britain' by GB Productions. Starts 19.30. £2 Admission. Contact beardspaul@aol.com for details.

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Recent months have seen pairs of Class 73s used extensively on test trains in the South East. On 2nd June, Class 73/1s Nos. 73138 (leading) and 73108 'top and tail' one such working through Folkestone. Dave Andrews

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