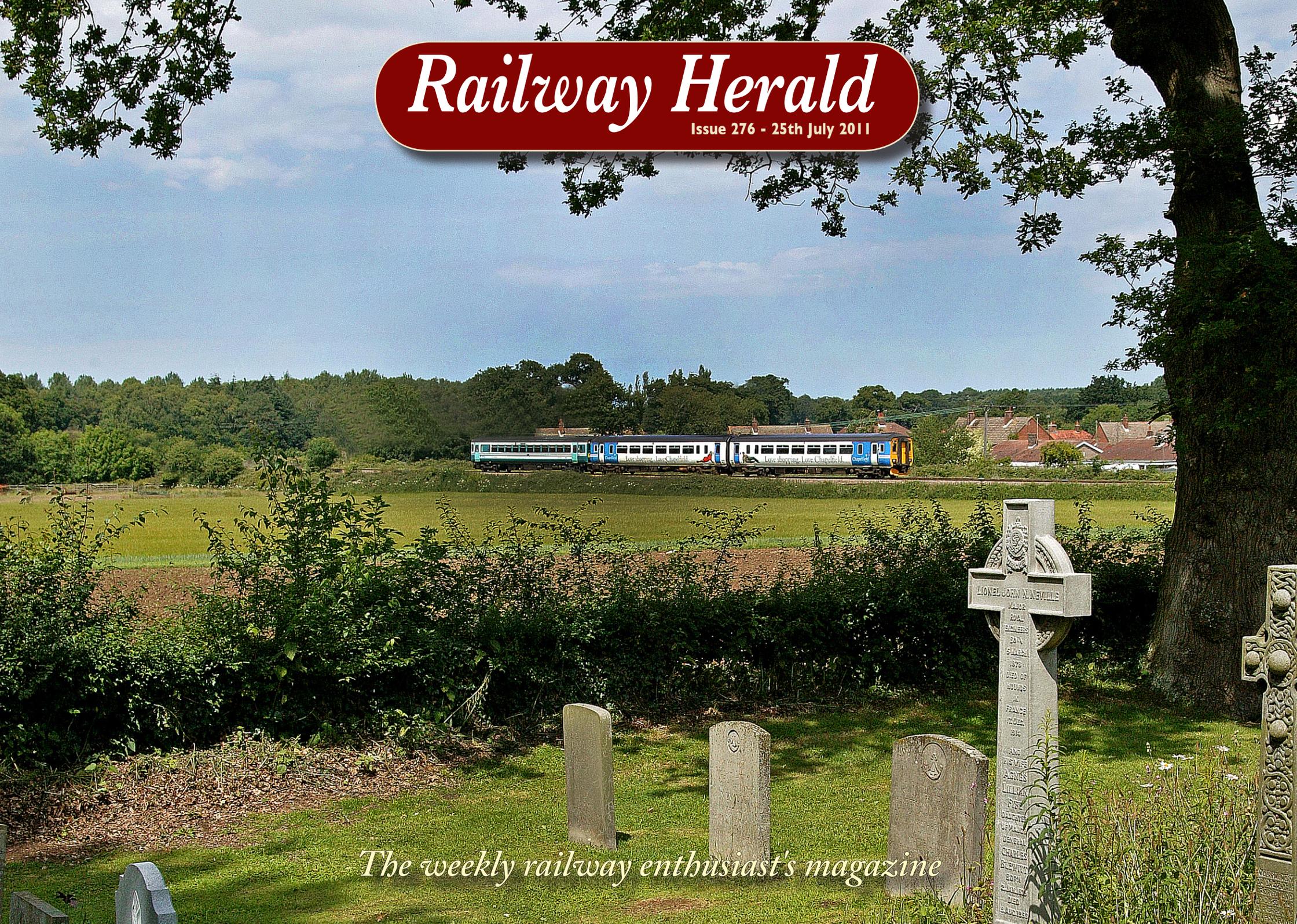


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Network Rail

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**Class 156 No. 156402 and Class 153 No. 153306 pass the churchyard of Sloley Church, south of Worstead, on 24th June, forming the 13.46 Sheringham - Norwich service. **Antony Guppy****

## Birmingham revamp moves forward

**The redevelopment of Birmingham New Street station takes another step forward this week as engineers start preparatory work to create the redeveloped station's stunning stainless steel façade.**

Designed to reflect the movement of the city and the station, the 16,000 metre façade will be installed from early 2012 onwards, and is featured in a newly released animated fly-through film that has now been released, and which can be viewed on a smart phone, by scanning the QR codes on the hoardings outside the Victoria Square exit to New Street station. Alternatively, readers can visit [www.newstreetnewstart.co.uk](http://www.newstreetnewstart.co.uk) or search for 'Birmingham New Street redevelopment' on YouTube.

The Birmingham Gateway project is designed to double passenger capacity, improve access to the platforms, and

improve pedestrian links across the city. The new concourse will be three-and-a-half times bigger than at present, and is to be enclosed by a giant, light-filled atrium.

There will also be more accessible, brighter and clearer platforms serviced by in excess of 40 new escalators and over 15 new public lifts, and there will be better links to and through the station for pedestrians, with eight new entrances. Network Rail, Birmingham City Council, Centro, Advantage West Midlands and the Department for Transport support the project.

► **A computer-generated artist's impression of how the new-look facade of Birmingham New Street station on Stephenson Street will look once completed, and with the addition of the Midland Metro extension from Birmingham Snow Hill. Network Rail**



## Arnside completed on time and ahead of budget, as 155-year-old viaduct reopens to traffic

▼ **Arnside Viaduct on the Cumbrian Coast line reopened on schedule on 18th July after a 16-week closure, during which time Network Rail completely rebuilt the deck of the 155-year-old structure. Working on one line at a time, the tracks were removed to expose the viaduct decks, which were cut into sections, lifted out**

**by road/rail machines and taken away. Special gantry cranes were then erected, which moved along the viaduct lifting the new deck units into position before base plates were bolted in place to take the new continuously welded track. The type of base plates and track used mean a quieter, smoother ride for passengers and less**

**maintenance for both Network Rail and train operators. Having completed the line towards Barrow, the process was reversed to renew the viaduct in the Carnforth and Lancaster direction. The 30mph speed restriction is due to be removed after a settling in period, and the speed of trains over the viaduct is expected**

**to be increased to 60mph in the New Year. The original budget for the project was £12 million, but making a pleasant change, efficiencies brought the final cost down to £10.7 million. This was the scene from Arnside on 9th July with finishing touches being completed.**

**Geoffrey Dingle**





▲ The new £12 million Southend Airport station opened for business on 18th July, after construction that started in 2009. The station is located 55 minutes from Liverpool Street and has been built by Stobart Group. Unusually, Stobart Group rather than National Express East Anglia will operate the station and employ the staff. On the opening day, Class 321/3 No. 321334 stops at the station, forming the 12.35 National Express East Anglia service from Liverpool Street to Southend Victoria. **Bill Turvill**

## Network Rail plans new public space area for King's Cross Square

**Plans to create a new public space for London by the end of 2013 as part of the redevelopment of London King's Cross station have been revealed by Network Rail.**

At more than 7,000 square metres, the new King's Cross Square will be 50% bigger than Leicester Square, and will open up the space currently occupied by the concourse extension built in the 1960s, which itself will allow the Grade I listed Victorian station

façade to be revealed for the first time since the 1860s.

The Square has been carefully designed to complement the areas rich history, and to provide a modern, open space in the heart of London. The redevelopment is well under way, and will involve a spacious new concourse opening in spring 2012. After the Olympics, the outdated green canopy in front of the station will then be removed to create space for the new square.

## £4.7 million contract win for Balfour Beatty Rail

**Balfour Beatty Rail has won a £4.7 million contract from Network Rail to design and construct a twin-track railway in South London, aimed at improving capacity between London Bridge and Lewisham.**

The work, which will be carried out in conjunction with Birse Rail and Balfour Beatty Engineering Services, will include the remodelling of a road bridge, embankment widening works to facilitate a new double-track railway between Tanners Hill and Lewisham Value Junctions, and the remodelling of both junctions. The footbridge at St. John's station will be strengthened as part of the project.

## ORR figures show 7.6% increase in journeys

**The Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) has published its National Rail Trends (NRT) Yearbook for 2010/11. The book provides a comprehensive picture of the rail industry in Great Britain, highlighting a wide range of statistics on areas including rail usage, safety and performance.**

The key findings show that 1,353 million franchised passenger journeys were made in 2010-11, a 7.6% increase from 2009-10, and that 90.9% of all trains were on time in the period. Also, the number of complaints per 100,000 passenger journeys decreased by 5.9% from 2009-10, and the average increase in rail fares between January 2010 and January 2011 was 6.0%.

The ORR is working to make rail data more accessible and intends to publish all data of this kind exclusively on the NRT Online Portal by the end of next year. The NRT Yearbook is available by [clicking here](#).

## New CIS system helps keep passengers informed

**Passengers in Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire are now benefitting from significantly improved real-time information about East Midlands Trains' services.**

The benefits come from the installation of new Customer Information Screens (CIS) at Narborough, Oakham, Lincoln, Spalding, Sleaford, Nottingham, Hucknall, Mansfield and Newark Castle stations. The investment programme has also seen new information screens installed at Melton Mowbray, Wainfleet, Gainsborough, Bingham, Sutton Parkway, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Newstead and Mansfield Woodhead later this summer.

The new CIS are linked through to East Midlands Trains' Control Centre in Derby, which means the information is constantly being updated to ensure passengers get an accurate picture of their train's departure. The CIS programme is part of a £10 million investment by East Midlands Trains.

■ Durham station's Duty Manager, Dennis Middleton, has received the Area Commander's Commendation from the British Transport Police, after an incident at the station on 6th April, when a woman jumped over the glass fencing on the platform and climbed onto the track and stood in the path of an oncoming train. Mr Middleton brought the woman back to the platform as staff called the police. He also prevented two further attempts by the woman to harm herself before the police arrived. She was later sectioned under the Mental Health Act.

■ c2c has donated over £3,000 to the local Essex-based charity 'Down Syndrome Extra 21'. The fundraising was spearheaded by the company's lost property office manager, June Carpenter, who has held auctions of old and unclaimed lost property. The first auction raised a sum of £1,900, and then a further £1,218 came about from a subsequent auction. All of the items in the auction had been in the lost property office for more than three months and remained unclaimed. The auction included a wide range of items from laptops, cameras, mobile phones and computers games, to a child's rocking horse. The most common items to be handed in to the lost property office are scarves, gloves and coats.

■ South West Trains has unveiled a new 450 square metre-long art mural at Pokesdown for Boscombe station, as a result of a Bournemouth Council arts initiative and the work of local urban artist, Adam Klodzinski. Local residents were invited to submit a photograph or drawing that they felt best reflected and celebrated Boscombe.

## Metro and Light Rail News

### Vossloh are lead bidder for Yorkshire tram-train pilot

**During a meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group on 12th July, Norman Baker MP, Minister for Transport, announced that Vossloh had been identified as the lead bidder for the tram-train pilot in South Yorkshire.**

The pilot scheme, which is developed in partnership between DfT, Network Rail, South Yorkshire PTE, Stagecoach Supertram and Northern Trains, aims to prove the feasibility of integrating light rail and heavy rail operations on the National Network.

Mr Baker said that Network Rail is part-way through developing the infrastructure scope and costs, in a study that includes the Tram Train project and Parry People Movers, which is expected to be published in the spring of 2012 following an industry consultation.

South Yorkshire PTE and Stagecoach Supertram are looking at how the vehicles

would affect the system infrastructure, being heavier than normal trams. They are also undertaking the revenue modelling aspect of the business case, while Northern Trains is leading the procurement of what is expected to be a five-vehicle fleet, and negotiations continue with Vossloh.

The idea of integrating light and heavy rail services is used in several places throughout Europe, but the pilot from Sheffield to Parkway, just north of Rotherham Town Centre, is the first of several possible implementations in the UK.

The pilot scheme will require the freight line between Tinsley and Rotherham to be partially electrified at 750v overhead DC, to accommodate the through service. It will also require additional signalling constraints to be imposed, due to the differences in crash worthiness between tram-trains and normal heavy-rail passenger and freight stock.

► **Four vehicles of ex-Victoria Line 1967 Tube Stock (Set Nos. 3059 and 3159) were transferred from Acton Works to Lillie Bridge depot on 19th July. It is believed that the two Driving Motor cars will be used to augment the new Asset Inspection Train, which was converted from 1972 Mk1 Tube Stock, to provide extra traction power. The vehicles are pictured leaving Acton Works on route to Lillie Bridge, via Northfields. Kim Rennie**



▲ Glasgow Underground driving car No. 126 leads a three-coach formation, as it pauses at Govan on a Inner Circle working on 14th July. **Robert Jefferys**



## The Irish Angle



▲ Passengers from Ballina transfer to the mid-day Westport to Dublin Heuston train, worked by a pair of five-car Class 22000 DMUs at Manulla Junction on 17th July. **Graham Mace**

## Class 153s could be reconfigured as two-car Class 155s

**Leasing company Porterbrook has given consideration to undertaking work on the Class 153 fleet in accordance with the Passengers of Reduced Mobility Technical Specification for Interoperability regulations.**

However, the option has been

declined, as it was felt difficult to make the economic case because of the level of work needed on a single car unit.

The leasing company has, however, confirmed that further investigative work will be carried out, as will the possibility of reconfiguration into fixed two-car units.

## Class 156s to be overhauled by RailCare

**Porterbrook has awarded a contract to RailCare for C6 overhauls to its Class 153 and 156 fleets.**

As part of the overhaul the decision has been taken to include the additional work necessary to make the Class 156 fleet compliant with the Passengers of Reduced Mobility Technical Specification for Interoperability regulations, which come into effect from 1st January 2020. This means that the fleet will be available to the next long-term franchisee for the full length of the franchise if required, rather than forcing a complete replacement.

The additional work will include a revised seating layout to provide priority seats, two wheelchair spaces with 'call for aid' buttons, a new universal toilet ensuring adequate wheelchair access, also fitted with a 'call for aid' button, and a passenger information system. In addition the interior doors between the vestibules and passenger compartment will be removed and external door sounders will be fitted.



▲ Northern Rail has participated in trials relating to the sanding equipment fitted to its diesel multiple units. As part of these trials, Class 153 No. 153352 became the first member of the fleet to traverse the Shirebrook to High Marnham route on 21st July, when it worked from Sheffield to Boughton Junction.

▼ Class 142 No. 142031 passes Tuxford on the High Marnham Test Track on 18th July, while undergoing sanding trials. **Both: Chris Booth**



## The News In Pictures



◀ In an unusual move, DRS was contracted to operate a Toton to Mossend departmental working on 22nd July, utilising Class 37s Nos. 37610 and 37069. The pair are pictured heading east through Attenborough with the train, which comprised track panels loaded on the relatively new tilting trestle wagons. The track panels are made up within the old Freightliner sidings at Beeston by Balfour Beatty, and sent out for engineering possessions at frequent, if irregular intervals. The trains are normally the preserve of DBS, worked by the ubiquitous Class 66s. **John Illingworth**

◀▼ Class 66/4 No. 66426 is seen raised on jacks inside Carlisle Kingmoor Depot during the DRS Open Day on 16th July. **David Wragg**

▼ GBRf Class 66/7 No. 66712 *Peterborough Power* Signalbox stands on the old 'down' line at Dovercourt on 17th July, with a ballast train, the first time for many years that the line had been used. Its use was brought about through the required replacement of the running line from Harwich International to Harwich Town. EWS-liveried Class 66/0 No. 66082 was at the Harwich Town end of the working. **Peter Gray**



## UK Steam &amp; Modern Traction Railtour Listings

## 25th July 2011

WCRC Jacobite Pool Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return

## 26th July 2011

Railway Touring Co. 4492 London Victoria-Basingstoke-Weymouth-Dorchester South-Woking-Waterloo  
 WCRC Jacobite Pool Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return  
 WCRC SSE Pool York-Normanton-Wakefield Westgate-Castleford-York-Scarborough & return

## 27th July 2011

Pathfinder Tours DBS 67 Cardiff Central-Bristol Parkway-Cheltenham Spa-Crewe-Ravenglass-Carlisle-Penrith-Shap-Carnforth-Crewe-Cheltenham Spa-Bristol Parkway-Cardiff Central  
 Statesman Rail Carnforth Pool Lancaster-Preston-Blackburn-Clitheroe-S&C-Appleby-Carlisle & return  
 WCRC Jacobite Pool Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return (two trips)  
 WCRC SSE Pool York-Normanton-Wakefield Westgate-Castleford-York-Scarborough & return

## 28th July 2011

Steam Dreams 70000 Salisbury-Woking-Staines-Clapham Jct-Bromley South-Canterbury West & return  
 WCRC Jacobite Pool Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return (two trips)  
 WCRC SSE Pool York-Normanton-Wakefield Westgate-Castleford-York-Scarborough & return

## 29th July 2011

Railway Touring Co. 34067 Crewe-Wilmslow-Stockport-Huddersfield-Castleford-York-Scarborough & return  
 WCRC Jacobite Pool Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return (two trips)

## 30th July 2011

Cheshire Cat Tours DBS Class 67 Eastleigh-Farnborough-Surbiton-Finsbury Park-York-Durham & return  
 Compass Tours 2xWCR 47 Hooton-Chester-Crewe-Tamworth-Rugby-Tonbridge-Canterbury West & rtn  
 PTG Tours Ltd 50049 & 50044 London King's Cross-Edinburgh Waverley-Glasgow Central **Cancelled**  
 Railway Touring Co. Crewe Pool Crewe-Manchester Victoria-Preston-Shap-Carlisle-S&C-Manchester Vic(-Crewe)  
 Railway Touring Co. SSE Pool York-Leeds-Shipley-Keighley-Skipton-Hellifield-S&C-Appleby-Carlisle & return  
 Statesman Rail Carnforth Loco (Lincoln-Newark Castle-Chesterfield-Stockport-)Carnforth-Ravenglass & return  
 UK Railtours DBS 67 London Victoria-Loughborough-Uttoxeter-Stoke-Macclesfield and rtn  
 VSOE 35028 London Victoria-Woking-Guildford-Redhill-East Croydon-London Victoria  
 WCRC Jacobite Pool Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return

## 31st July 2011

PTG Tours Ltd 50049 & 50044 Glasgow Central-Edinburgh Waverley-London King's Cross **Cancelled**  
 Railway Touring Co. tbc Bristol TM-Bath Spa-Westbury-Castle Cary-Weymouth and return  
 Railway Touring Co. tbc York-Leeds-Keighley-Hellifield-S&C-Appleby-Carlisle & return **Postponed**  
 RPSI (Ireland) No.4 Whitehead Excursion Station-Carrickfergus-Belfast Central-Portrush & return  
 RPSI (Ireland) No.4 Portrush-Coleraine & return (running in conjunction with Portrush Flyer)  
 Torbay Express Ltd 60163 Bristol TM-Paignton-Kingswear & return  
 Vintage Trains 5043 or 4965 Birmingham SH-Henley in Arden-Stratford upon Avon-Dorridge-Birmingham SH (twice)  
 WCRC Jacobite Pool Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return

## 1st August 2011

Compass Tours Carnforth Pool (Crewe-)Liverpool LS)-Blackburn-S&C-Carlisle-Shap-Preston-Liverpool LS(-Crewe)  
 WCRC Jacobite Pool Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig and return

## 2nd August 2011

Cruise Saver Travel 2xDRS 47 Edinburgh Waverley-Newcastle-Leeds-Solihull-Basingstoke-Southampton Docks  
 Railway Touring Co. tbc London Victoria-Basingstoke-Weymouth-Dorchester South-Woking-Waterloo

**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.

## Railtour Spotlight

**With the railtour schedules now full of regular interval high season trains, the Railtour Spotlight over the coming weeks will be dealing with just the one-off tours.**

Steam Dreams' workings do not fall into the regular interval category, as its trains over the forthcoming weeks continue to serve varied destinations. The 'Cathedrals Express' on 28th July heads for Canterbury West, but interestingly originates at a location that is frequently used as a destination - Salisbury.

The train works initially north with No. 70000 *Britannia* in charge, picking up at Basingstoke, Farnborough (Main), Staines and Clapham Junction, ahead of reaching the normal route for a final call at Bromley South and then continuing via Tonbridge and Ashford. Another steam-hauled working is booked for two days later, when on Saturday 30th July, instead of the more usual Friday-working, No. 35028 *Clan Line* heads a VSOE 'Surrey Hills' luncheon train from London Victoria on the usual route via Guildford.

Three diesel-hauled tours are also scheduled during the forthcoming week, commencing on Wednesday 27th July when Pathfinder takes its 'Cumbrian Coaster' excursion northbound around that scenic

► **DRS Class 47/4 No. 47501 heads through Shortlands in South London on 15th July with a London Victoria to Deal charter, heading for the Open Golf Championships at Sandwich. Classmate No. 47/4 No. 47818 was on the rear of the train.**  
**Stuart Chapman**



by John Whitehouse

coastal line, prior to a break in Carlisle, before heading returning by the more direct West Coast route over Shap. A DBS Class 67 is booked for the train throughout, which originates at Cardiff Central and picks up en route via Bristol Parkway, Cheltenham Spa, Birmingham New Street, Wolverhampton and Stafford.

York and Durham are the joint destinations for Cheshire Cat Tours' third outing, which will again be DBS Class 67-hauled from Eastleigh, picking up at Winchester, Basingstoke, Fleet, Farnborough (Main), Walton-on-Thames, Surbiton, Wimbledon, Clapham Junction and Finsbury Park.

Last, but far from least, is UK Railtours' working to Macclesfield from London Victoria, which also picks up at Clapham Junction, St Albans City and Bedford, prior to continuing north along the Midland Main Line to Trent Junction, where it will turn west and head for Stoke-on-Trent (for the Churnet Valley Railway) via Castle Donnington and Uttoxeter, before continuing to its final destination of Macclesfield. Again, a DBS Class 67 should feature.

Details of the regular interval tours can be found in our on-line railtour listings at [www.railwayherald.com](http://www.railwayherald.com), or by referring to the detailed article in Issue 275.



▲ Back on familiar territory, BR Standard 7P Pacific No. 70000, which remains in black and without its *Britannia* nameplates, thunders out of the tunnel as it arrives at Ipswich on 16th July, with the Railway Touring Company's 'The Easterling' charter to Great Yarmouth. **Keith Halton**

## After new East Coast timetable, could steam be banned from ECML on weekdays?

**The spectre of no weekday steam-hauled charters from London King's Cross is suggested by the late cancellation of Steam Dreams' 'Cathedrals Express' to York on 21st July.**

The reason cited for the cancellation is the lack of paths from the London terminus following the introduction of the new East Coast timetable from 22nd May. Since that date the East Coast franchise has been operating extra services on the route, which has considerably narrowed the opportunity to squeeze a charter train through the major pinch points such as Welwyn Viaduct, where a two-track railway means that East Coast services are competing with First Capital Connect trains for a clear headway. To compound matters, there is a speed restriction on the slow lines north of Welwyn that affects certain steam locomotives and particularly Class A4s, which on an already congested railway does not make train planning any easier.

Matters have been further complicated as this working was to be the first weekday steam-hauled charter from King's Cross since the timetable change. This has resulted in the charter train planners having to virtually go back to square one to path the train, and it appears that Network Rail had insufficient time to establish a suitable path, before the train operated, bearing in mind passengers would have to be informed of any cancellation in good time. It also needs to be remembered that there are other outside influences, such as when a formal bid for the train path is lodged with Network Rail.

Network Rail's Special Trains Manager, Rachel Gilliland, acknowledged that there is a problem in finding suitable paths for weekday steam charters

working out of King's Cross, but added that given the time, she felt the train planners would be able to reach a successful conclusion with a charter operator who was prepared to be flexible. Key areas for investigation could surround the location of water stops and what diversionary routes are available, such as the GN & GE Joint Line through Spalding.

Steam Dreams Graeme Bunker actually went further, explaining that he felt that while there is probably a solution, it is not guaranteed, and he will be meeting with Network Rail to jointly explore what is, and what is not, possible out of King's Cross on weekday mornings. His caution is based on the reality that any steam path, particularly over the southern end of the East Coast Main Line, has to be sufficiently robust to fit comfortably within the neighbouring paths used by East Coast and FCC services without hindering any of the trains using those paths. He, too, talked of flexibility of operation, adding that in order to achieve a suitable path it may be necessary to restrict the locomotives that can use it. For instance, No. 60163 *Tornado*, due to axle loading, water capacity and acceleration, as well as an ability to easily maintain its maximum permitted speed, can accommodate a much more demanding timing schedule than, say, an 'A4'.

The upshot of all this, is that at present there is no answer to the question 'can steam operate out of King's Cross on weekdays?' That there will soon be an answer is beyond doubt, but which way it will go is probably too close to call. What is certain, though, is that there is a willingness on both sides to create a positive outcome.

## First-ever 'Royal Scot' to the Fort in September?

**The Railway Touring Company has made a few changes to its planned four-day 'West Highland Steam Charter' to Fort William in September.**

The train schedule has been pushed back one day throughout due to operational reasons, and will now depart from Crewe on Saturday 10th September, with No. 46115 *Scots Guardsman* in charge for the run via Shap and Beattock to Glasgow Central. Next day, instead of the anticipated 'Black 5s', No. 46115 looks set to make an historic run from Glasgow through to Fort William, becoming the first 'Royal Scot' to do so.

However, the pair of 'Black 5s' will still be

involved, as they will be waiting at Crianlarich to take over from *Scots Guardsman* for a run down the branch to Oban and back. Following the problems last encountered with a single 'Black 5' working out of Oban, RTC and West Coast are taking no chances this time! Upon the return to Crianlarich, No. 46115 will again take charge for the historic run over Rannoch Moor through to Fort William.

Next day there will be a morning excursion to Mallaig, followed by the main train then returning to Glasgow Central with No. 46115, which will also head the return to Crewe, via the Glasgow and South Western route, on the last day, 13th September.

## Virgin Trains offers free travel to/from Crewe for passengers on the 'Train of Hope' charity tour

**Virgin Trains has announced that holders of tickets for the Crewe to Carlisle 'Train of Hope' on 1st October will be able to travel to Crewe free of charge on any Virgin service simply upon production of their charity train ticket.**

As the train originates at Crewe and also picks up at Warrington Bank Quay, Wigan North Western and Preston en route to Carlisle, this means that virtually all the passengers will be able to make use of the Virgin offer.

The train itself, which is booked for haulage by Royal Scot 4-6-0 No. 46115 *Scots Guardsman* will be waved off from Crewe

by Pete Waterman, with the sounds of the Crewe Co-operative Brass Band playing on the platform. It will run to Carlisle via the West Coast route over Shap, and be met at Carlisle by a lone piper and civic dignitaries. The return working will be over the Settle & Carlisle route.

Passengers will enjoy a full breakfast on the outward journey and a three-course dinner on the return, including Buck's Fizz and a bottle of wine. The fare is £179 for an adult and £119 for a child to enjoy this very special day, which will certainly be remembered as being more than just a train ride! Full details are available at [www.trainofhope.co.uk](http://www.trainofhope.co.uk)

## 'Battle of Britain' Pacific takes on the Pennine hills

► The appearance of 'Battle of Britain' Pacific No. 34067 *Tangmere* on the 'Scarborough Flyer' on 22nd July, was due to the unavailability of both locomotives in this year's 'Crewe Pool', which should consist of No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* and No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell*. The former is believed to be sidelined for the replacement of superheater elements, and should be back in traffic shortly, while the latter has a reported problem with pistons. It is believed that next week's 'Flyer' will also be in the hands of No. 34067, and as a consequence 'The Dorset Coast Express' on 26th July will be hauled by No. 4492 *Dominion of New Zealand* and will not be steam-banked out of Weymouth, while Steam Dreams' Salisbury to Canterbury 'Cathedrals Express' on 28th July will be in the hands of BR Standard 7P Pacific No. 70000. The locomotive was moved northwards from its more usual home at Southall specifically for the 'Scarborough Flyer', and it is pictured approaching Standedge Tunnel on 22nd July. **Gerald Nicholl**



Ups & Downs

■ Graham Campion has called it a day with his fledgling Ranger Trains operation, which despite his best efforts failed to operate a single train. Last year's programme was badly affected due to the necessary withdrawal of No. 60163 *Tornado* from traffic, which was booked for Ranger Trains' inaugural working to Swanage, and regretfully the situation does not seem to have improved since. A small programme of trains was in place for this year, but yet again a working to Swanage (this time diesel-hauled) had to be postponed and a train to the Cumbrian Coast re-dated. With the gloomy economic outlook no doubt affecting business, Graham has closed the doors of the company, which looked to capitalise primarily on the East Midlands market. However, one train from the planned programme survives, the 10th December charter from Chesterfield to Bath Spa and Bristol Temple Meads, which will now be operated by Cheshire Cat Tours.

■ Up and coming dates for the 'Green King' No. 6024 *King Edward I* include a two-week visit to the Severn Valley Railway, immediately after working the Hereford to Birmingham Snow Hill leg of Steam Dreams' 'Help for Heroes' charity special on 8th October. The 'King' will no doubt proceed onwards from Snow Hill to Kidderminster immediately after unhooking from the charter, which will be returned south to London Paddington with No. 60163 *Tornado*. After arriving at the SVR straight from a main line working, No. 6024 leaves the railway for a main line charter from Oxford to Stratford-upon-Avon on 22nd October for Torbay Express, which works outwards through Banbury, and is booked to return by way of Birmingham Snow Hill, Worcester Shrub Hill and the Cotswold main line via Evesham and Moreton-in-Marsh. Earlier, the locomotive has three confirmed dates on the 'Torbay Express' itself, which are 14th & 28th August plus 18th September. The remaining outings are the previously announced 'Marshes Monarch' for Pathfinder on 26th November and 'The William Shakespeare' for UK Railtours, which as its name suggests, also visits Stratford-upon-Avon.

RBC to operate electric charter to Glasgow in memory of Mark Honey

**Rail Blue Charters Commercial Director, Mark Honey, lost his long battle against cancer just before last Christmas, at the age of 42.**

Mark was a much-respected member of the railway community, and his loss was a tragedy for both his family and the wider railway industry. It was Mark who had the vision to open up the passenger market with the re-introduction of ex-Virgin Mk3 vehicles that are now clearly identifiable by their BR blue and grey livery, which led to a number of high profile contracts with Hull Trains and Wrexham & Shropshire. He was also a key supporter in returning AC Electric traction to the main line, especially in the restoration of Class 86/1 No. 86101 *Sir William A Stanier FRS*, which

was his particular favourite. However, perhaps his lasting legacy with anyone who came into contact with him was not only his knowledge and enthusiasm for railways, but also his kind and friendly personality combined with a wonderful sense of humour.

It is therefore quite fitting that on 6th August, No. 86101 *Sir William A Stanier FRS* will be at London Euston, positioned at the head of Mark's cherished Mk3 set, and with Class 87 No. 87002 *Royal Sovereign* at the rear, ready to haul the special 'Mark Honey Memorial' to Glasgow Central.

All profits from the train will be donated to the 'Mark Honey Memorial Fund', and split equally between the Macmillan Cancer Support and the Sarcoma Trust. The latter

sponsors research into this relatively rare type of cancer as well as providing patient support.

The train will also pick up at Watford Junction, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted, Leighton Buzzard, Milton Keynes Central, Northampton, Rugby and Northampton, before following the classic West Coast route of 'The Electric Scots' over Shap and Beattock to Glasgow Central. Fares range from Premier Dining at £159, to First Class at £89 and Standard Class at £58. Individual donations for anyone not travelling on the train can be sent directly to Rail Blue Charters at 32 Sydney Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1QA with cheques made payable to either 'Macmillan Cancer Support' or the 'Sarcoma Trust'.

▼ The first day of the 'Scarborough Spa Express' season brought sunshine, clear skies .... and a 'Flying Scotsman' headboard! Ian Riley's LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 45407 stands at York prior to heading around the Wakefield circle, then onwards to Scarborough on 19th July. **Ron Cover**



## 71000 heads to WSR prior to its main line return

**Investigations to identify the cause of the failure of No. 71000 Duke of Gloucester on 12th June, while working the return 'Torbay Express' have continued, with several components being removed from the locomotive and subjected to rigorous testing for signs of wear or failure.**

The result of the tests revealed no defects. Therefore, it was decided to undertake a steam test, which took place on 17th July at Bristol Barton Hill Depot, the results of which, suggest that the loco is actually in good working order. Additional testing is

now planned, and No. 71000 was towed to the West Somerset Railway by DBS Class 66 No. 66119 on 20th July, where it will be used on public services.

On 25th and 29th July, the locomotive will work the 10.15 and 14.15 services from Minehead and the 12.30 and 16.10 returns from Bishops Lydeard, while on 26th-28th July, its diagram will be the 10.15 and 15.00 from Minehead and the 12.30 and 16.55 from Bishops Lydeard.

Subject to no further problems being identified, a return to 'Torbay Express' duties in August could well be on the cards.



◀ The driver of Class 67 No. 67028 has the locomotive hard at work as it passes Ribblehead on 20th July, at the helm of Rail-Blue Charters excursion from St Albans to Carlisle, operating in 'top and tail' mode with classmate No. 67019. Power would shortly be shut off, however, for the speed restriction across Ribblehead Viaduct.

**Simon Atkinson**

## Changes for Compass Tours due to platform issues

**Compass Tours has announced that its 'Mersey Moorlander' will now be steam-hauled from Preston instead of Liverpool Lime Street, due to 'operational constraints' at Lime Street.**

From Preston, and with steam then in charge, the train will head for Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle. The return takes the West Coast route over Shap to Preston, where steam will give

way to diesel traction for the journey to Liverpool and Crewe.

The change is as a result of the train potentially being too long for the booked platform at Lime Street. This situation only occurs, however, when certain steam locomotives are allocated to the train. The 'safe' platform is No. 7, which is already allocated for the time frame involved.

The only alternative course of action for Compass Tours was

to radically alter the departure time to a less attractive slot. As the change in the steam section does not alter the key parts of the route, which are the Settle & Carlisle line and Shap, Compass has reluctantly accepted the situation.

The good news is that the bookings for the trains are 'healthy', and consequently 'The Mersey Moorlander' is likely to operate again next year.



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SR Merchant Navy Pacific No. 35028 *Clan Line* passes Templecombe with UK Railtours' the 'Blackmore Vale Express' on 16th July. This train was a rare non-VSOE working for the locomotive. **Stephen Moore**



SR 'Battle of Britain' class Pacific No. 34067 *Tangmere* works hard on the approach to New Malden on 9th July, with the 44th anniversary run commemorating the end of Southern steam in July 1967. **Ian Docwra**





On the final working of the first week, LMS 'Black 5' No. 45407 climbs past Wrenthorpe footbridge, Wakefield, while returning to York with the afternoon journey around the Wakefield circle on 21st July. **Mark Allatt**

## Thieves hit GWR stealing £60,000 of metals including brake ejector for 35006

**In yet a further damaging blow to the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway, its Toddington headquarters were raided over the night of 18th/19th July, when metal thieves stole some £60,000 worth of brass, copper and bronze components from locomotives and rolling stock.**

It appears to have been a well-organised raid that wasn't discovered until the following morning, and deals yet another severe blow to the volunteer run enterprise, following its disastrous embankment collapses for which a £1 million appeal is still open.

The thieves gained access over fields, breaking down a fence and crossing the tracks. They first broke into the main locomotive shed and former goods shed, which is now a machine shop, before using the railway's own oxy-acetylene flame cutting equipment to burn their way into secure steel storage containers.

Neil Carr, the railway's Operations Director said "The tragedy is that steam locomotive components can't easily be replaced. For example, one stolen component, known as a brake ejector, is a complex casting with many intricate moving parts inside involving

well over a thousand hours of skilled machining by volunteers. This item alone has a value of around £15,000, yet as scrap metal is probably worth little more than £60." This component is from Merchant Navy Pacific No. 35006 *Peninsular & Oriental S N Co*, which is close to the end of a 25-year restoration and its loss will delay the loco's return to steam by at least a year.

The railway is appealing to anyone who might know or have seen anything out of the ordinary, such as people loitering around the Toddington area over the days preceding the break-in or unusual movement of vans or lorries during the night of 18th/19th July.

It is believed that the thieves had done their homework and knew exactly where the CCTV cameras were, taking pains to keep clear of them, and in addition they appeared to know exactly where the most valuable items were stored.

Any reader with any information should contact Gloucestershire Police on 0845 090 1234 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111. There is a reward of £1,000 for any information that leads to the return of the brake ejector or other components.

## 118-year-old Hunslet locomotives repainted in matching liveries

▼ Ex-Penrhyn Railway Hunslet 2-4-0STTs *Linda* and *Blanche* have emerged from the Boston Lodge paint shop in lined FR Green livery. This is the first time that the two locomotives, which date from 1893, have appeared together in pristine matching livery. The first duty for the repainted engines was to double-head the 10.15 Porthmadog to Blaenau Ffestiniog service on 23rd July. *Linda* also hauled a special train that evening for F&WHR staff and volunteers to celebrate its full return to service. The two locomotives are seen outside Boston Lodge, against one of the most spectacular backdrops of any heritage railway - the Snowdonia mountain range. **Roger Dimmick**



## Chaloner returns to its birth town and makes historic run on WHR

**Built by De Winton of Caernarfon, 134 years ago, 0-4-0VB Chaloner returned to the town on 23rd July and was posed outside what was the erecting shop of De Winton & Co, where remarkably, three of the original buildings remain.**

The Mayor of Caernarfon then flagged off the diminutive loco as it commenced a six-hour, 25-mile journey south from Caernarfon to Porthmadog. The loco's owner, David Fisher, commented that since rebuilding at the Ffestiniog Railway's Boston Lodge Works in 1987, the locomotive had been fine-tuned

and is now in as a good mechanical condition as when it was built, despite bearing the scars of a long hard life.

On arrival at Porthmadog, *Chaloner* will visit the Welsh Highland Heritage Railway for a two-week period before moving to the Ffestiniog Railway, via the Cross-Town Link, on 6th August.

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## Triple Grey livery for 58016

It is now over one year since Class 58 No. 58016 became the first example of the class to enter preservation.

In that time an enormous amount of renovation work has been undertaken, including a power unit swap. With the restoration now in full swing, several refurbished components were beginning to require painting so as to match the engine's final colour scheme, meaning one key question had to be answered: What livery should No. 58016 be painted in to?

The Class 58s (and 58016 in particular) have sported a selection of liveries, from original British Rail colours right through to the corporate identities of French, Spanish and Dutch operators. No. 58016 entered traffic in Railfreight red stripe colours, this being initially superseded by Trainload Coal and then plain triple grey livery in 1994. 'Mainline' branding was applied to the engine in 1995, prior to a full repaint into EVWS maroon and gold in June 1996. Following withdrawal and subsequent reinstatement for export duties in France, it received Fertis white/grey in 2005, which it has worn ever since, albeit now with some additional embellishments. Contrary to some previous reports, the '58' never received aircraft blue livery, but the Class 58 Locomotive Group has always remained open-minded towards livery selection.

In March this year, the Group appealed to members and supporters for their comments, views and opinions on the first livery that the loco carry once its restoration is complete. Aware that locomotive liveries can become one of the most contentious subjects in railway preservation, the appeal was aimed at avoiding controversy and genuinely appreciating all the views of C58LG members and volunteers. Being relatively youthful, it is hoped that the locomotive can have a long and active career in preservation and therefore scope exists for it to wear several colour schemes over the coming years.

During the past three months the Group has been inundated with input towards a livery decision and the feedback covered all potential options, including foreign variants. However, having considered all suggestions, No. 58016 is to be outshopped in Trainload Coal triple grey livery.

Keen to avoid diverting restoration funds away from current electrical, mechanical and engineering tasks on the loco, group committee member, Chris Lowe, has set up a 'Paint Me' fund, specifically to source the necessary funds to pay for the paint scheme.

To donate, a cheque or postal order, made payable to Class 58 Locomotive Group, can be sent to 14 The Chase, Blofield, Norwich, Norfolk, NR13 4LZ.



▲ LMS 'Jinty' No. 47406, visiting from the Great Central Railway, double-heads with GWR 9400 Class Pannier No. 9466, as the pair climb out of Dereham with one of the last trains of the day, the 16.00 service to Wymondham, during the Mid-Norfolk Railway's first 'Steam Gala' weekend on 17th July. Roger Brown

## Great Central Railway opens new visitors cafe at Quorn & Woodhouse

The Great Central Railway opened a brand new 46-seat café at Quorn and Woodhouse station on 23rd July, the cost of £140,000 provided by the Leicester Railway Society and by private investment in order to create new jobs and provide new family facilities.

The building has been designed in Great Central house style to blend in with the adjacent Grade 2 listed station. There is also a picnic area to give visitors a grandstand view of passing trains.

Project Manager for the Great Central Railway, Tony Sparks said: "With an ever-growing number

of events taking place at Quorn station, such as our wartime weekend, bonfire night and steam galas, the new café will allow us to cater for the thousands of people who visit us. It is just one of a number of developments planned for the site".

The new café has been named Butler-Henderson, after the locomotive that ran on the line in the 1920s, and is now the only surviving Great Central passenger engine. It is currently on display at the National Railway Museum. The Class D11 4-4-0 was named after the Butler-Henderson family, one of whom was a member of the board of the Great Central Railway.



## Imberhorne progress is made, but funding is urgently required to clear the tip before March 2012

▲ Clearly showing the task still ahead for the Bluebell Railway, GBRF Class 66/7 No. 66707 stands at the face of the tip in Imberhorne Cutting, with two wagons for loading. The waste is being extracted and loaded into the wagons with the aid of the two long reach diggers shown, with GBRailfreight moving a full trainload each day to the landfill site at Calvert in Buckinghamshire. The railway is urgently seeking further donations and contributions to help it fund the clearance of the cutting, before the Landfill Tax is reimposed in March 2012. If any of the waste remains at that point, the cost of clearing will increase substantially, delaying the return of steam to East Grinstead. Further details on the Bluebell Railway's Appeal can be found on their [website](#). **Tony Sullivan**

## Diesel weekend for Spa Valley Railway

**The Spa Valley Railway will be operating its first all-diesel gala over the extended line between Tunbridge Wells West and Eridge over the weekend of 5th-7th August.**

An intensive timetable of eight return workings on Friday and Saturday, and six on Sunday will ensure that a busy time is enjoyed by all, and it can also be confirmed that there will be an extra evening train operating on both Friday and Saturday evening.

Locomotives to be featured are

Class 33/0 No. 33063 *R J Mitchell*, fresh from overhaul and a repaint, Class 37/0 No. 37254 *Driver Robin Prince MBE* running as classmate No. 37153 with 'Transrail' markings, and Class 73/1 No. D6047, which will be making its debut on the extended line

As an added incentive, local ales from Larkins or the Royal Tunbridge Wells Brewing Company will be on sale in the bar car throughout the gala. Day rover tickets range from £15 for an adult to £7.50 for a child. Family tickets are also available.

## New Glasgow Transport Museum opens

**The Riverside Museum, Glasgow's new Museum of Transport and Travel has now opened to the public.**

It houses more than 3,000 exhibits in over 150 interactive displays, telling the stories of the people who made the term 'Clyde Built' one that travelled the world and spoke volumes about unbeatable quality. From large

steam locomotives, to the recreation of a city street during the 1900s, the cathedral-like structure provides a fine backdrop to showcase the innovation and ambition of what was the 'Second City of the Empire'. The £74 million Museum has been funded by Glasgow City Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Riverside Museum Appeal, and entry is free.

## Welshpool & Llanfair delighted with response to 'local tourist' week

**Staged as part of Welshpool's 'Be a Local Tourist' week between 2nd and 10th July, a Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway promotion encouraging local residents to enjoy a ride on the line has been a great success.**

Locals were offered return trips on the eight-mile line for just £3, compared to the normal adult return fare of £11.90. More than 500 residents took up the offer, and the team running the railway were

delighted with the busy trains and also with the many positive comments they received from the locals, some admitting that despite the railway being a very familiar part of the local environment, they had not travelled on it for many years, and some never at all. Pride of place went to one old lady who told staff that she was travelling on the railway for the first time since 1923!

The railway is currently running every day, and full details of train times can be found at [www.wllr.org.uk](http://www.wllr.org.uk).

## Great Western Society says project to build a new Churchward 4700 class will go-ahead

**A superb response to the Great Western Society's proposal to build a new example of a Churchward 4700 class 2-8-0 means that the scheme will now definitely be taken forward.**

Extensive interest has been backed by cash donations and a considerable amount of behind the scenes work has already taken place. The project has also received a major boost following the acquisition by the GWS of three donor locomotives Nos. 4115, 5227 and 2861, and a 3,500 gallon tender from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in May 2010. In October 2010 the GWS appointed Paul Carpenter as 4709 Project Manager working under the direction of GWS Locomotive Manager, Dennis Howells MBE,

who has masterminded the restoration of No. 6023 *King Edward II* and the construction of the power bogie for the ex-GWR Steam Railmotor No. 93, both of which have recently been completed. Since October he has assembled a Core Design Team, which has spent the winter researching and acquiring original works drawings. These are allowing the Team to identify parts from the donor locomotives that are suitable for the 2-8-0. This work has revealed that there are far more parts in common between the '4700' and the donor locomotives than had been anticipated. In particular, the front end assembly of the 5101 2-6-2T No. 4115, which shares the same coupled wheel diameter as the 4700, will make a significant contribution to

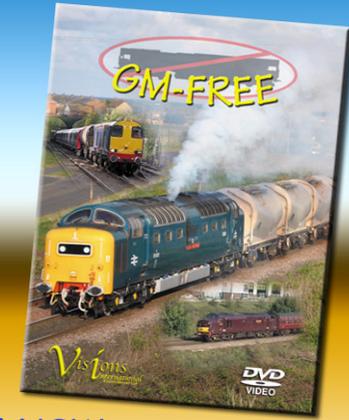
the project. The 2800 and 4700 class locomotives had identical cylinder blocks with the exception of the saddle, and it is proposed to use the cylinder block from No. 2861, which has the later block with outside steam pipes. The team has devised a unique method of accommodating the different saddle support diameters, which has found favour with the approving bodies. No. 2861 will also provide many other parts for the 4700. The Society already has a 4,000 gallon tender in its possession, which is relatively complete, although it requires a full overhaul and restoration. Any reader interested in seeing a 4700 class 2-8-0 grace the railway again can help the project progress by giving financial support with a donation of any size or a regular contribution.

▼ Resident GWR Modified Hall No. 7903 *Foremarke Hall* passes Bishops Cleeve with the 10.00 Winchcombe to Cheltenham Racecourse service on 14th July. **David J. Smith**



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Far from East London, but certainly performing the role of shanks' pony, Class 66/5 No. 66522 *east london express* passes Leeds on 22nd July, with a movement of two withdrawn coaches from Leeds Neville Hill to Midland Road. The Mk1 vehicle was destined for the Great Central Railway, while the other was approaching the end of the road, being destined for C F Booth's scrapyards. **Luke Senior**



Viewed from the 'Golden Gallery' of Sir Christopher Wren's St Paul's Cathedral, a solitary 'Electrostar' EMU is almost lost in the sprawl of the Capital as it departs London Cannon Street and approaches Borough Market Junction in this view, dominated by the Shard (left) and Guy's Hospital Tower (right). **Edward Gleed**



On 20th July, the Royal Train, hauled by the two 'Royal' Class 67s in 'top and tail' mode, was used by HM The Queen to visit Lichfield. The train was routed via the freight-only line from Wichnor Junction, via Alrewas, to Lichfield City where The Queen disembarked. Here, the train descends the bank from Wall, on the approach to Shenstone, with No. 67005 leading. Loco-hauled workings are now rare on the northern section of the Cross City Line. **John Whitehouse**

## Scottish unit variety

◀ Despite the influx of new Siemens Class 380 EMU trainsets to Ayrshire, the Class 314 units still retain a number of workings from Glasgow Central, including this Gourock service, seen arriving at Paisley Gilmour Street on 15th July. **Fred Kerr**

▼◀ Newly painted into the latest ScotRail livery, Class 314 No. 314212 arrives at Glasgow Central with a Cathcart Circle Service on 16th July. **David Hainsworth**

▼ The work that is currently being undertaken at Paisley Gilmour Street has created an enclosed environment on the station platforms. Here, Class 380/1 No. 380101 awaits departure from the station on 15th July, with a Gourock to Glasgow Central Service. **Fred Kerr**



## 27th July 2011 Basingstoke & District Railway Society

Wote Street Club, New Road, Basingstoke RG21 7NG. 'Japan' by Bob Sweet. Meeting commences at 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.

## 30th July 2011 GCR Society (London)

Visit to the Spa Valley Railway. Meeting at London Bridge (by WHSmith) at 09.40. Contact Richard Butler on 01525 372487 for details.

## 2nd August 2011 Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BB. 'Across the Pond - USA' by John Rayment. Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact Bob Poole on 01474 326232 for further details.

## North East Essex Railway Association

1st Floor, The Community Centre, The Triangle Centre, Frinton-on-Sea. 'Railways in Argentina' by Steve Cobb. Meeting commences at 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'. Starts 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.

## 9th August 2011 Abergavenny and District Steam Society

Upper Room, The Hen and Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'The Withered Arm' by Michael Clemens. Starts 20.00.

## Meon Valley Loco Society

St. Peters Church Hall, Free Street, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire. 'My life in Narrow Gauge' by Graham Morris. Starts 20.00. £2 Admission. All welcome. Contact John Barrowdale on 02392 640951 for further details.

## 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.

## Permanent Way Institution (Glasgow)

Technical Visit - Edinburgh Tram.

## 15th August 2011 GCR Society (Spinkhill)

The Angel Hotel, 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'The Jubilees' by Bob Goodman. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 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 Blossom. Starts 20.00. Contact 01256 819401 for further details.

## 25th August 2011 Stevenage Loco 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.

## 1st September 2011 GCR Society (Sheffield)

The Harlequin, 108 Nursery Street, Sheffield S3 8GG. TBA. Starts 19.30. Contact Ken Grainger on 0114 254 0275 for further details.

## Permanent Way Institution (York)

Marriott Room, York Central Library, Library Square, York. 'The Tanfield Railway' by Alan Thompson. Starts 20.00. Contact Ken Aiston on 07787 512227 or at kaistonyork@btinternet.com for further deals.

## RCTS (Milton Keynes)

The Crown, Market Square, Stony Stratford. 'Railway along the North Wales Coast - Part 1' by David Scudamore. Starts 19.30.

## 2nd September 2011 RCTS (Bristol)

St Peters Church Hall, Church Road, Filton. 'Railway Journeys in Art' by Richard Furness. Starts 19.30.

## Stephenson Loco Society

Mining Institute Lecture Theatre, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle. 'A Year in the Life of a Rly Enthusiast - 1978' by Malcolm Paul. Starts 19.00. Contact 01434 688946.

## 5th September 2011 RCTS (Ashford)

The Elwick Club, Church Road, Ashford. 'The Bluebell Railway 1960 to 2010' by Gerald Siviour. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary at southeast@rcts.org.uk for details.

## RCTS (Birmingham)

Christ Church Community Hall, Burney Lane, Ward End, Birmingham. 'Swiss Railways - The BLS and its Branches' by Brian Hutton. Starts 14.00.

## Stafford Rly Society

St Leonards Social Club, St Leonards Avenue, Stafford. '1980s Somerset Insider' by Michael Mensing. Starts 19.30. Contact 01785 840622 for details.

## 6th September 2011 Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BB. 'AGM'. Starts 19.45. Contact 01474 326232.

## Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)

The Kings Arms, St Mary's Street, Bedford, MK42 0AS. 'Nth Wales Coast Part 1' by David Scudamore. Starts 19.30. £1 Admission. Contact B.Cross on 01525 750149 for details.

▼ Over recent months there has been a steady flow of Class 379 EMU movements from Derby Litchurch Lane to Crewe, and the penultimate of which is believed to have been Class 67 No. 67002 hauling Class 379 No. 379002 on 12th July. The ensemble slows on the approach to Wichnor Junction, prior to gaining access to the WCML, via Alrewas and the chord at Lichfield. **John Whitehouse**



## Permanent Way Institution (Wessex)

The Rose and Crown, Columbo Street, Waterloo, London 'Current Permanent Way Issues in the South' by Bob Hazell. Starts 18.00. Contact Richard Workman on 01426 645771.

## RCTS (Merseyside, Chester and Nth Wales)

'Observation at Carlisle and Annan'. Contact Alan Turton on 01606 854227 for details.

## RCTS (Watford)

St. Thomas's United Reformed Church, Langley Road, Watford. 'That Was the Year that Was - 1970' by Geoff Plumb. Starts 19.30.

## Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire)

Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'Trams & Narrow Gauge Steam in East Germany 1988' by Martin Petch. Starts 19.30. Contact John Goodrich on 02380 670028.

## 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 Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

## 7th September 2011 GW Society (Bristol)

BWAW, 589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol BS34 7RG. '140 Years of Westinghouse Signalling' by Tim Maynard. Starts 19.45. All Welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01454 323230 for further details

## Permanent Way Institution (Edinburgh)

The Scots Guards Club, 2 Clifton Terrace, opposite Haymarket Station, Edinburgh. 'Haymarket North Tunnel - Track and OHL Works' by Greg McMillan and Ross Nelson. Meeting starts 18.00. Contact Alan Morrison on 07834 507497 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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## Web Links

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### Permanent Way Institution (Thames Valley)

Network Rail RSAR Site Office, 80 Caversham Road, Reading. 'Value Engineering' Speaker TBA. Starts 17.45. Contact the Secretary, Malcolm Pearce on 07967 667019 or at malcolm.pearce@bbrail.com for further details.

### Warwickshire Railway Society

Lamp Tavern P.H., Barford Street, Highgate, Birmingham B5 6AH. 'Large Format Miscellany' by Jim Bodfish. Starts 19.30. Contact Don Taggart on 01746 710676 for details.

### 8th September 2011 Bath Railway Society

Bath Green Park Station Meeting Room, Bath. 'The Engines of War' by Christian Wolmar. Starts 19.30. All welcome. Contact Kevin Plummer (Evenings) on 01225 312564 for details.

### Continental Rly Circle

St.Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NU 'Steam in Turkey' by Ted Talbot. Starts 19.15. Admission £2. Contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for details.

### Grantham Rly Society

ChristChurch Hall, Castlegate, Grantham. 'Capturing the Present and Recreating the Past' by Jason Cross. Starts 19.30. Admission £2. Contact Phil Mason on 01476 407569 for further details.

## Back Issues

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## Rear Cover Caption

The new look pilots the old, as Class 86/6s Nos. 86622 and 86605 power through Heamies on the WCML, with an early running 10.10 Tilbury-Crewe Basford Hall intermodal service on 20th July. **Geoffrey Dingle**

### Permanent Way Institution (Croydon & Brighton)

Mott MacDonald House, Sydenham Road, Croydon CR0 2EE. 'Sussex Route Updates' by Mark Ruddy. Starts 17.45. Contact Martin Cresswell on 07815 968245 for details.

### Permanent Way Institution (Manchester & Liverpool)

Ove Arup Offices, St James Building, Oxford Street, Manchester. 'Floating Slab Track' by Andrew Cunningham. Starts 13.00. Contact the Secretary, Rob Cummings on 07798 858784 or at rob.cummings@networkrail.co.uk.

### Permanent Way Institution (North Wales)

The Town Crier Inn, City Road, Chester. 'Lineside. Off Track Technology - Existing and Future Practices' by Neil Strong. Starts 18.30. Contact the Secretary, Lynne Garner on 07771 672274 or at lynne.garner@networkrail.co.uk for details.

### Permanent Way Institution (Sheffield & Doncaster)

Rutland Arms, Brown Street, Sheffield, S1 2BS. 'Tram/Train Initiatives' by Tim Kendall. Meeting commences at 18.15. Contact the Secretary, Vivek Vilay on 07763 724259 or at v1v3k007@gmail.com for further details.

### 9th September 2011 Great Western Society (Swindon)

Lawn Community Centre, Guildford Avenue, off Windsor Road, Lawn, Swindon SN3 1JE. 'The G.W.Railmotor - No. 93' by Peter Jennings. Starts 19.30. All welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01793 495976 for further details.

### Shropshire Railway Society

The Gateway, Chester Road, Shrewsbury. 'Steam in Central England' by Alan Sainty. Meeting commences at 19.30.

### 10th September 2011 Bournemouth Rly Club

Winton Methodist Community Centre, All Purpose Room, Junction of Alma Road & Heron Court Road, Winton, Bournemouth BH9 1DE. 'The Longmoor Military Railway 1900-1969 & The Shoeburyness Military Tramway c.1860-2007' by Mike Walshaw. Starts 14.30. Members £2. Visitors welcome, £2 donation. Contact the Chairman on 01202 742099 for further details.

### Cornwall Railway Society

The Community Centre, Foundry Row, Redruth. 'Gemony: Railways in the Rhinelinds' by Tony Wright. Meeting commences at 18.30. Contact Derek Buttivant on 01637 860627 or at derekbuttivant@onetel.com for further details

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### 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 Starts 20.00, All welcome, £3 admission. Contact Publicity Member on 01522-705365 for details

### RCTS (Northampton)

St. Crispin Social Club, Berrywood Road, Duston. '1960/70s Railway Memories' & 'Constructing Replica North Eastern Railway Signals' by Craig Donald. Starts 19.30.

### Southern Electric Group (Sussex)

Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre, Southwick. 'Winter Steam in China' by David Eatwell. Starts 19.30. £2 Donation. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094.

### 13th September 2011 Abergavenny and District Steam Society

Upper Room, The Hen and Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'The Dick Sansbury Collection' by John Barrowdale. Starts 20.00.

### GW Society (Bristol)

BAWA, 589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol BS34 7RG. 'Last Days of Steam in the Southern Region & Early Days of Steam on Preservation' by Paul Dibbens. Starts 19.45. All welcome. Contact 01454 324230 for details.

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### Meon Valley Loco Society

St. Peters Church Hall, Free Street, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire. 'Chairman's Night' by Barry Eagles. Starts 20.00. £2 Admission - all welcome Contact John Barrowdale on 02392 640951 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.

### RCTS (Cardiff)

Old Church Rooms, Radyr. 'Scottish Railrovering in the 1970s and 1980s' by Stephen Miles. Starts 19.30.

### RCTS (Hitchin)

Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Road, Hitchin. 'Freight Trains Around Britain in the 21st Century' by Geoff Brockett. Starts 19.30.

### Swiss Railways Society (London)

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

### Permanent Way Institution (South & West Wales)

Newport. Venue TBA. 'Welsh Highland Railway Infrastructure' by John Streeves. Starts 18.00. Contact the Secretary, James Hepburn on 07919 307726 or at james.hepburn2@networkrail.co.uk for further details.

### RCTS (Shipley)

Saltaire Methodist Chapel, Saltaire Road, Shipley. 'Traction in the Deltaic Era' by Hugh Ballantyne. Meeting commences at 19.30.

### Stephenson Loco Society

United Reform Church Hall, Mowbray Road, New Barnet. 'Members Evening. Starts 19.30. All welcome. Contact the Secretary on 0208 368 6200 for further details.

### 16th September 2011 GW Society (Taunton)

Village Hall, Stoke St Mary, nr Taunton, TA3 5DE. 'Archive Films' by Paul Dibbens. Meeting starts 19.30. All welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01823 334188 for further details.

### Stephenson Loco Society

The Mining Institute Lecture Theatre, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. 'Richard Trevithick and the Early Steam Railways' by Philip Hosken. Starts 19.00. Contact 01434 688946 for details.

### 17th September 2011 GW Society (South West)

Parish Centre, Church End Road, Kingskerswell, Torbay, TQ12 5LD. 'Didcot - The Great Awakening' by Richard Antliffe. Starts 18.30. All welcome. Contact 01803 336329.

### 19th September 2011 GCR Society (Spinkhill)

The Angel Hotel, 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'Classic Film Night' by Mick Hayes. Starts 19.30. Contact Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for further details.

### NYMR (York)

New Earswick Sports and Social Club, New Earswick, YO32 4AG. 'Yorkshire Buses' by Geof Dickson. Starts 19.30. Contact Bryan Blundell on 01904 764648 for further details.

### RCTS (Chester)

The Town Crier, City Road/Station Road, Chester. 'Teenage Memories of the Early 1960s' by Bob Casselden. Starts 19.30.

### RCTS (Coventry)

Maudslay Hotel, 190 Allesley Old Road, Coventry. 'Rail Atlas of Great Britain and Ireland' by Stuart Baker.

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