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RPSI No. 461 works first main line trip in 10 years

After a full overhaul, the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland's GNR 0-6-0 No. 461 undertook its first main line operations on 13th November, working firstly to Carrickfergus, then a loaded test run to Belfast Central.

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LMS 'Black 5s' Nos. 45407 & 44871 attack the climb towards Buxton as they approach Chapel-en-le Frith on 5th November, with RTC's 'Buxton Spa Express' charter. Paul Braybrook

Roll of Honour rededicated at Longsight

Alstom hosted a service of rededication of a Roll of Honour at Longsight Depot, Manchester, on 8th November.

The Roll of Honour was originally dedicated on 13th November 1921, in remembrance of those LNWR employees who lost their lives while serving King and country during World War I, including the 21 men of the Locomotive Department, Longsight, and a further 90 railwaymen who also served in the Army. Those from the Works who served and died in World War II are also commemorated.

Alstom recently had the Roll of Honour refurbished and has also designated a special memorial room where employees and visitors are able to pay their respects to the former railway workers from the site.

The Reverend Richard Cook of the National Rail Chaplaincy, led a service to rededicate the Roll of Honour, attended by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Elaine Boyes, Alstom employees, representatives from the railway industry, the Royal British Legion and members of Ex-Service Associations.

Terry Sherliker, Alstom Transport Head of Operations, Main Line, said: "We are proud of the dedication of Longsight employees both to the railways and to their country and it is a privilege for Alstom to be the guardians of this memorial to them".

▲ In bright morning sunshine, Class 66/0 No. 66127 heads south through Northway, Gloucestershire, with the 03.53 Redcar-Margam coke working, utilising HTA hoppers, on 4th November. **John Stretton**

DB Schenker operates first scheduled intermodal from Poland to England

European rail freight history was made at 01.00 on 11th November, when DB Schenker delivered the first of a regular new weekly container train from Poland to the UK.

The train is the first regular rail freight service to use the High Speed 1 rail route, the only European sized railway in the UK. As a result, the train can be loaded with European sized curtain-sided swap bodies, opening up a new freight and logistics market.

The train, which has strengthened trading links between Poland and the UK, operates once a week leaving Wroclaw, in Poland, late on a Tuesday evening, arriving into Barking, London, early on Friday morning the same week.

The train delivers a range of manufactured parts and components for the automotive sector and an extensive range of goods for the food and retail markets.

The service has been introduced utilising DB Schenker Rail's pan European rail freight network, offering customers integrated logistics solutions across the whole of Europe. Operation of the train has been led by DB Schenker Rail UK and DB Schenker Rail Polska.

Government's Red Tape Challenge focuses on rail industry

Nearly 200 rail transport regulations have been placed on the Red Tape Challenge website, a Government-wide site aimed at reducing bureaucracy. They will remain there for consultation for four weeks.

The Challenge asks everyone whether they think that a regulation is well designed and provides vital protection or is badly designed, badly implemented, or simply a bad idea.

Among the regulations that the Government is asking the public to comment on are the National Rail Conditions of Carriage – the terms and conditions passengers must adhere to when travelling on a train.

Other examples include the requirement for the Secretary of State to approve train operations on all sections of a line, the speed of those operations and a variety of other conditions for tramways and other minor railways including heritage operations.

The review also targets a number of arcane and obsolete regulations on the statute books that could run the risk of eroding public confidence in regulations. For example, there are regulations in force covering closures on railway lines which no longer exist and various exemption orders that have expired.

Business and Enterprise Minister, Mark Prisk, said: "Since the Red Tape Challenge was launched in April, we have received more than 25,000 comments and proposals made by the public and businesses. Already this has resulted in plans for significant changes to legislation – we have looked at 378 pieces of regulation and announced plans to remove or simplify 220 of these".

David Morgan and Mark Smith of the Heritage Railway Association said "The Heritage Railway Association fully understands that regulation is as essential for us as for any sector of the industry. Our challenge will be to identify that which is appropriate for our operations and retain it, while the inappropriate, unnecessary and redundant is dismantled".

New smartcard to be launched

Under-Secretary of State for Transport, Norman Baker MP, formally introduced the pilot of Southern's new Smartcard, named 'The Key', at Lewes station on 11th November.

'The Key' is a reusable card that can be recharged again and again with various types of ticket including season tickets. It is a greener alternative to paper versions, making it easier and quicker for passengers to buy and use tickets. The pilot will be at all stations on the line from Brighton to Seaford, where special equipment has been installed to support the smartcard system.

25 years of the English Electric Type 3

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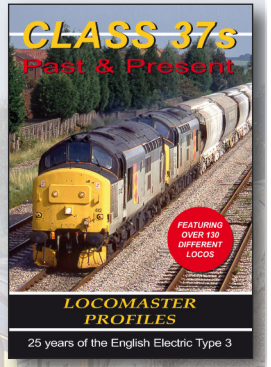

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73133 outshopped from Selhurst

Class 73/1 electro-diesel No. 73133 was rolled out from the Selhurst Repair Shop in a slightly revised version of the Transmart Trains livery on 2nd November.

In particular, the company logos are larger and have been repositioned, compared to the first of the Transmart locos, No. 73136, which received the livery last year. The bodywork repairs and excellent paint job were carried out by Southern's experienced team of Joe Guisippi and Jim French to their usual exacting standards, in the best traditions of Selhurst Depot.

The loco is now to return to its normal base at the Barry Rail Centre, where it will be used on the Barry Tourist Railway in 2012 to 'shake out' any bugs. It is hoped to get the Class 73 main line certified thereafter. This is another step forward in the plan to upgrade the Transmart Trains fleet of Class 73 locos and strengthen its 'spot hire' brand.

▲ Class 73/1 No. 73133 stands outside Selhurst Depot, in the latest version of the Transmart livery. Transmart Trains

Birmingham on target to complete £800 million transport improvements by 2015

More than £800 million is being spent to transform the way people travel into and around Birmingham city centre – just 12 months after the introduction of extensive transport improvements.

Members of the city's private and public sectors have outlined the progress achieved since they introduced the 'Vision for Movement' blueprint a year ago to help underpin economic regeneration and cement Birmingham's future as a vibrant, global city.

More than 100 key figures from the city's business community were at the latest 'Vision for Movement – One Year On' briefing at the Council House to hear how the last 12 months have seen several of the Vision's high profile projects forge ahead. These include a £65 million runway extension at Birmingham Airport, a £127 million extension of the Midland Metro tram through the heart of the city's shopping district, and the £600 million Gateway redevelopment of New Street Station. Planning and design work is also progressing on an £11 million rapid transit roadway bus system known as Sprint, running between Five Ways and Walsall.

All of the projects have been earmarked for completion by 2015, the aim being to lay the foundations for a comprehensive network of public transport systems, combining rapid transit, bus, rail, cycling and walking routes considered essential in supporting the city's economy.

Secretary of State for Transport to hear from MPs regarding HS2

The new Secretary of State for Transport, Justine Greening, has stated that a key early priority for her is to make a decision on the way forward following the Government's recent consultation on high-speed rail (HS2).

In a written statement to the House, the Secretary said that around 55,000 responses to the consultation had been received, and that a number of colleagues had requested meetings regarding HS2.

MPs will be provided with an opportunity for such a meeting on 21st November in the Palace of Westminster. Justine Greening added "Given that the consultation has closed, due process means it would not be proper for me to respond to any substantive points that are made at this meeting."

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▲ **Kennett signal box closed with the passage of the last train on 11th November. Freightliner Class 66/5 No. 66 543 passes the box as it starts its final shift. Antony Guppy**

ScotRail unveils preparations for winter weather

ScotRail has revealed details of its £2 million plans to better prepare for a severe winter.

The expenditure is on new equipment and initiatives to keep more trains running, improve the flow of 'live' travel information, and enhance station access this winter.

The investment is in direct response to lessons learnt in the aftermath of last winter, the worst in 100 years.

The investment includes the first UK 'power shower' systems, regarded as best practice in Finland, introduced at all maintenance depots to remove snow and ice from the undersides of trains more quickly, a new design of 'polytunnels', also to de-ice trains faster in a controlled, warm environment and significant improvements to the way people can obtain live travel information before their journeys and at stations, on platforms, and on trains.

ScotRail stressed that prolonged sub-zero temperatures and snow will affect train services but that the actions taken will reduce the impact on customers this winter and help get back to normal running as quickly as possible.

Over 32,000 people visited the winter 'roadshows' at Glasgow Central and Glasgow Queen Street. For further details of the events, which continue until 25th November, click here.

▼ **Steve Montgomery, First Scotrail MD (left) and David Simpson Route MD Network Rail Scotland show off the new smartphone 'app' on 31st October. Bill Wilson**

Station Improvements
Round-Up

Improvements costing £400,000 are to be carried out at Darwen station in the next 12 months.

After lengthy negotiations, Blackburn with Darwen Council has secured £200,000 'matched' funding from the National Station Improvement Programme (NSIP). The changes will focus on improved security, better passenger shelters and information, and the installation of platform ticket machines. The current facilities are stated to be very poor at the moment, the shelters being inadequate and there is quite a lot of vandalism. Improved CCTV should discourage people from hanging around, and the ticket machines will stop people travelling for free. Since the late 1980s, the station has been unmanned, meaning there has been no facility for buying pre-boarding tickets or access to up-to-the-minute rail information. Now, four customer information screens will be installed, as well as a new public announcement system. The barrel-roofed shelters will be removed and two new larger waiting shelters, including seating and lighting, installed. Handrails and anti-slip devices will be given to steps, and in addition there is to be a disabled access ramp. There will be also be an overhaul of maintenance of the landscaped area, including the replanting of shrubs in the station planters and a rack of new cycle shelters.

NXEA has previewed its upgraded Brentwood station

National Express East Anglia has significantly upgraded Brentwood station over the past year through a £1.5 million investment as part of the National Stations Improvement Programme (NSIP).

The improved facilities include construction of a new and relocated ticket office, more spacious and customer-friendly entrance hall, provision of improved self-service ticket machines and a new retail kiosk, a new canopy across the station entrance, improvements to toilets and waiting areas, improved signage, lighting and CCTV, additional cycle parking and a much improved environment.

▶ The new look concourse at Brentwood. **Anthony Guppy**

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UK News In Brief

■ The Port of Felixstowe, owned by the Hong Kong-based Hutchison group, has set a new rail record, handling a total of 11,019 containers (16,846 TEUs) in a single week. The previous record of 10,893 units was achieved in May 2011. The port currently operates two open-access, rail terminals and are scheduled to construct an all-new third rail terminal next year.

■ Patrick Verwer, currently Go-Ahead's Managing Director–Rail Development, has been appointed as Managing Director of London Midland and will take up his new post at the beginning of the New Year.

■ National retailer Tesco is to remove 40,000 lorries from the road, through a new service between Daventry and Thurrock, with a second service from Daventry to Magor to begin later this month. The Thurrock service will transport shampoo, deodorants and wine, returning with washing powder, washing up liquid and detergent from Proctor & Gamble.

■ ScotRail has added another train simulator to its fleet, but instead of being based in a sprawling cavern underneath Glasgow Central station, this one is software installed on desktop computers. Using Train Simulator 2012, the facility adds a new interactive dimension to ScotRail's in-house training and learning and development activities. It offers replicas of the Edinburgh Waverley-Glasgow Queen Street line and a number of other routes.

■ A two-year project to renew the 60-year old signalling along 62 miles of railway in East Kent will be completed over the Christmas and New Year period when the new system is switched on, providing increased capacity. By 3rd January, 188 signals and 80 sets of points on the routes from Sittingbourne to Minster, via Ramsgate, and Faversham to Buckland Junction via Canterbury East will have been installed, operated from a state-of-the-art signalling centre in Gillingham. The signal boxes that are currently used at Faversham, Margate, Ramsgate, Minster, Canterbury East and Shepherds Well will all close as part of the £120 million investment.

■ The Railway Heritage Trust has commenced a project to ensure that there is a full record of all the war memorials erected by railway companies. The Imperial War Museum has supplied the Trust with details of all railway company war memorials that it has recorded, and anyone who is aware of a railway company war memorial, including paper Rolls of Honour, are asked to check whether the memorial has been recorded on the UKNIWM . If the record needs updating, or you cannot find the memorial in these records, then please email the trust.

Metro and Light Rail News

LUL plans major work at Bank and Monument stations

Plans for the creation of wider platforms, better access to lines and step-free access to a new ticket hall at Bank, one of the Tube's busiest stations, were put on public display from 8th to 11th November, at an exhibition in the City as part of the public consultation.

The proposed project aims to relieve congestion and increase capacity at Bank and Monument stations, the fourth busiest interchange on the Tube network, with a range of solutions that would ease overcrowding, including a new southbound Northern Line running tunnel that will create extra space to reduce crowding on the platforms and a new Northern Line concourse with additional interchange passageways and escalators to the DLR and Central Line. In addition, lifts to a new ticket hall in King William Street is to be provided to give step-free access between street level, the Northern Line and DLR.

London Underground's application for a Transport Works Act Order will be submitted in late 2012 and, if granted, construction will begin in 2015 with completion scheduled for 2021.

▼ **Along with Network Rail, London Underground also undertakes Sandite workings during the autumn period. Here, the Central Line 'Sandite' train is pictured at North Acton on 6th November. Of note are the 'Not In Service' blinds, which are a new addition for the 2011 season. Kim Rennie**

The Irish Angle

▲ The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland undertook a proving run with GSR 0-6-0 No. 461. The loco last worked in August 2001, and has been overhauled prior to working the 'Santa Special' trains in Dublin in December. No. 461 returns to Whitehead on 13th November with the 15.15 test run from Belfast Central, as it crosses the 1995-opened harbour link bridge in Belfast. **Chris Playfair**

▼ Built by BREL in the UK, and based loosely on the Class 150 design, the nine 8451 class are still used across the Northern Ireland rail network. Here, No. 454 stands at Whitehead on 4th November, working the 17.25 Belfast GVS-Larne Town. **Martin Baumann**

Rail industry calls for new stringent measures to deal with scrap metal and cable thefts

At a meeting of the Transport Select Committee in Westminster on 8th November, the rail industry called for stringent new measures to deal with cable theft.

Speaking at the hearing, industry representatives set out the disruption that cable theft causes, it being estimated that last year alone, such theft affected almost four million passenger journeys, causing delays of 365,000 minutes. The cost to the industry over the last three years has been over £40 million. Representatives from Network Rail, the Association of Train Operating Companies and the British Transport Police demanded the following new procedures:

❖ A robust licensing regime with clear requirements on scrap dealers to take steps to reduce the risk that stolen materials are purchased or received.

❖ Scrap metal dealers to pay a licence fee in order to give local authorities greater funds to facilitate the regulation of the licence, and for property obtained by breaches of the legislation to be classed as criminal assets, allowing Proceeds of Crime provisions to apply.

❖ Police powers to be given to close scrap metal dealers, and police authority to search and investigate all premises owned and operated by such a dealer.

❖ Measures to be taken to restrict trade in scrap metals to cashless payments and introduction of a requirement that scrap metal must be held for a certain period before being sold or processed in order to allow payments to be processed.

❖ Searchable records to be kept of proof of identity of the seller of scrap and any vehicles used to transport it, for example through photo ID and CCTV.

❖ Magistrate powers to add restrictions on to licences and to prevent re-opening of closed yards until conditions have been met.

Dyan Crowther of Network Rail, said: "Britain is under attack from metal thieves. Every day hundreds of passengers and essential freight deliveries are being disrupted and delayed. We are doing all we can to protect the network; investing around £2 million each year to fund extra BTP officers, using CCTV, forensic marking techniques and other technology. To an extent our actions can help us manage the crimes but, despite our efforts, they continue to increase. We believe that the only way to significantly reduce metal crime is to take away the illegal market and that more robust legislation and police powers are needed to achieve that".

▶ Northern Rail's newly acquired Class 150 DMUs, previously with London Midland and used on Birmingham services, continue to spread their wings, being used on a variety of services across the Northern network. On 4th November, Class 153 No. 153324 leads Class 150/1 No. 150111 into Blackburn with a terminating service from Manchester Victoria. **David Felton**

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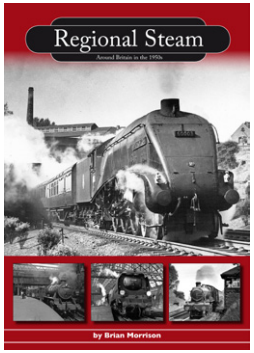

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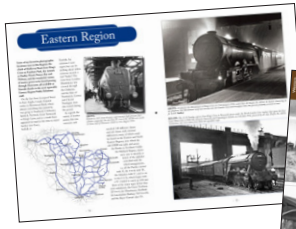

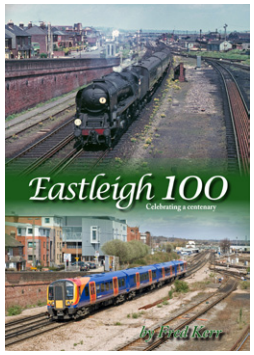

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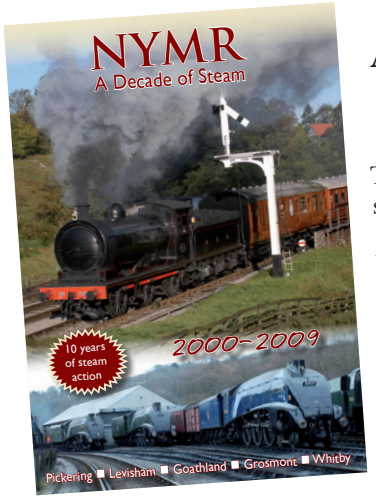

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▶ DRS Class 37/6 No. 37607 prepares to depart Ely on 7th November, with a Derby RTC to Ferme Park engineers train. Classmate No. 37611 was on the rear of the train. The working departed from Derby and headed via Peterborough to Ely, before visiting King's Lynn and proceeding to Ferme Park via Cambridge, Bishops Stortford and Cheshunt. **Adrian Perks**

▶▼ In the early hours of 11th November, Platform 4 at Carlisle sustained considerable damage. Here, Class 66/5 No. 66549 hauls Class 70 No. 70003 past the damaged platform, while working 'light engine' from Carlisle to Crewe on 11th November. **Keith McGovern**

▼ The Yorkshire-based RHTT diagrams continue to attract attention from photographers, as a result of the Class 20 motive power. Here, Railfreight red-stripe-liveried No. 20227 is seen in 'top and tail' formation with BR blue-liveried No. 20096, as the pair pass Barnetby, bound for Grimsby Town on 26th October. **Alexander Martin-Brown**

UK Steam & Modern Traction Railtour Listings

Wednesday 16th November 2011

Cruise Saver Travel	DRS 47	Edinburgh Waverley-Newcastle-Leeds-Oxford-Southampton Docks
Compass Tours	2xWCRC 47	Manchester Victoria-Huddersfield-Hebden Bridge-Accrington-Preston-Shap-Carlisle-Beattock-Carstairs-Edinburgh Waverley & return

Saturday 19th November 2011

Vintage Trains	9600 & 7752	Tyseley Warwick Rd-Nuneaton-Coalville-Stenson Jct-Trent Jct-Loughborough-Leicester-Wigston Jct-Hinckley-Nuneaton-Coleshill Parkway-Tyseley Warwick Rd
Spitfire Railtours	50044 & 50049	Preston-Bolton-Manchester Vic-Huddersfield-York-ECML-Edinburgh Waverley & ret
Spitfire Railtours	WCR tba	Edinburgh Waverley-Forth Bridge-Dunfermline Town-Thornton Jcts-Kirkcaldy-Burntisland-Inverkeithing-Forth Bridge-Dalmeny-Haymarket-Edinburgh Waverley

Monday 21st November 2011

Cruise Saver Travel	DRS 47	Edinburgh Waverley-Newcastle-Leeds-Oxford-Southampton Docks

Wednesday 23rd November 2011

Compass Tours	WCRC 47	Hereford-Shrewsbury-Crewe-Shap-Beattock-Edinburgh Waverley & return

Thursday 24th November 2011

Steam Dreams	60163	London King's Cross-Peterborough-Lincoln-Doncaster-York & return
Railway Touring Co.	34067	Poole-Bournemouth-Eastleigh-Westbury-Bath Spa-Bristol Temple Meads & return

Saturday 26th November 2011

Pathfinder Tours	6024	(Eastleigh-Westbury-Bath Spa-)Bristol TM-Abergavenney-Shrewsbury & return
UK Railtours	tbc	Basingstoke-Staines-Watford Jct-Rugby-Wolverhampton-Ludlow & return
Steam Dreams	60163	London Paddington-Slough-Swindon-Severn Tunnel-Ludlow-Shrewsbury & return
Spitfire Railtours	EMT HST	London St. Pancras-Bedford-Leicester-Chesterfield-York & return
Spitfire Railtours	EMT HST	York-Malton-Scarborough & return
Spitfire Railtours	2xWCRC 37	Birmingham International-Crewe-Shap-Beattock-Edinburgh Waverley & return
Spitfire Railtours	2xWCRC 37	Edinburgh Waverley-Forth Bridge-Thornton Jcts-Perth-Burntisland-Edinburgh
Railway Touring Co.	34067	Swanage-Poole-Eastleigh-Basingstoke-Reading-London Paddington & return
Railway Touring Co.	4492 & 60007	Newcastle Central-London King's Cross and return **Cancelled**

Tuesday 29th November 2011

Compass Tours	2xWCRC 47	Rugby-Birmingham NS-Stafford-Preston-Shap-Beattock-Edinburgh Waverley & rtn
Spitfire Railtours	55022	Worcester Shrub Hill-Tamworth HL-Derby-York-Edinburgh Waverley
Spitfire Railtours	55022	Edinburgh Waverley-Stirling-Alloa-Thornton Jcts-Dundee-Burntisland-Edinburgh

Wednesday 30th November 2011

Torbay Express Ltd	tbc	Poole-Bournemouth-Brockenhurst-Southampton-Bath Spa-Bristol TM & return

Thursday 1st December 2011

Steam Dreams	70000	Rainham (Kent)-Rochester-Bromley South-Bath Spa-Bristol Temple Meads & return
Virgin Trains	VT Class 57/3	London Euston-Watford Junction-Milton Keynes Central-Chester & return

Friday 2nd December 2011

SRPS Railtours	55022	Linlithgow-Waverley-Cramlington-York-Doncaster-Lincoln & return

Saturday 3rd December 2011

Cruise Saver Travel	DRS 47	Glasgow Central-Preston-Manchester-Birmingham-Oxford-Southampton Docks
NENTA Traintours	2xWCRC 47	North Walsham-Norwich-Ely-Peterborough-York-Keighley-Skipton & return
Railtourer	2xWCRC 47	Doncaster-Huntingdon-St. Neots-Canterbury & return

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

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

WCML 'Night Owl' charter for 'Duchess' test run

The time for hinting is over, and the great news is that it can be confirmed that the main line test run of No. 46233 *Duchess of Sutherland* **will be a 'Night Owl' operation and open to paying passengers.**

'Night Owls', which are evening main line workings, have been used in the past by the Princess Royal Class Locomotive Trust to undertake main line test runs, and indeed, a 'Night Owl' introduced *Duchess of Sutherland* back onto the mainline on 18th July 2001, when the test run worked from Derby to Sheffield.

The date for the diary is Wednesday 28th March 2012, and the train is booked to work diesel-hauled from Hathersage, via Chesterfield, to Derby, where No. 46233 will be attached for a run to Wichnor Junction, Alrewas and the Lichfield Chord onto the Trent Valley and forward through Stafford to Crewe. The return will follow the same route. Beer and sandwiches' will be available to maintain the energy levels of the passengers during the evening, as the return to Derby will likely be around midnight.

As it is a test run, the train will have a diesel in the consist, marshalled probably at the rear of the train for insurance. Those on the 2001 'Night Owl' will remember the sudden braking of the train during the return from Sheffield due to problems with the airbrake.

The Princess Royal Class Locomotive Trust will **not** open bookings until after Christmas, very likely in conjunction with the formal announcement of the main line plans for the early part of the year, which will contain full details of the 'Night Owl' working.

First Great Western bid farewell to Class 142s

First Great Western is joining the commemoration bandwagon by marking the end of its Class 142s.

Known (un)affectionately as 'Nodding Donkey's or 'Mattresses ' to mention some of their more quotable nicknames, the 'Pacers' will form a tour around Devon on Sunday 27th November, commencing from Exeter St Davids at 09.30, and offering the chance to visit old haunts of the class plus a few locations not normally available to passenger workings.

The morning activities commence with an 'out and back' to Alphington Road sidings in the Exeter City Basin, followed by a trip along the sea wall to Newton Abbot, which includes a visit to the Heathfield branch. The afternoon train will visit Okehampton and Meldon Quarry, and then after a reversal at Crediton, onwards to Barnstable. After returning to Exeter St Davids yet again, the day's events conclude with an non-stop 'out and back' to Plymouth.

The train will consist of three Class 142s in multiple, with fares costing £15 for either the morning or afternoon working, or £25 to stay with the charter all day. Tickets are believed to be available at either Exeter St Davids or Plymouth booking offices, and more information can be obtained by telephoning 0845 700012 (quoting option 4). Various stories are circulating as to the number of tickets being made available, so early booking is recommended.

Afterwards, as part of the National cascade of rolling stock, the 'Pacers' will move up country to operate with Northern Rail, whose passengers will no doubt be already nodding their heads in approval at the treat they have in store!

Further details of all known charters can be obtained on our website at www.railwayherald.com/railtours or by clicking here.

Railtour Spotlight

by John Whitehouse

It is said that variety is the spice of life, and this weekend there is contrasting variety, with pairs of double-headers on offer featuring traction from the opposite ends of the spectrum.

First-up is a pair of ex-Great Western Pannier Tanks, making a very welcome return to main line action, by traversing a route around the Midlands, while in the north a pair of Class 50s look to make an equally welcome return to the National Network after a lengthy spell under overhaul.

Starting with the Panniers, Tyseley's Nos. 9600 & 7752, the latter running as L94 and carrying the livery of London Transport with which it finished its days working engineering trains prior to preservation, the train should provide for an enjoyable meander as it circumnavigates the East Midlands. After setting out from Tyseley Warwick Road on 19th November, it picks up at Coleshill Parkway before heading, via Nuneaton, to the outskirts of Leicester. At Knighton Junction it will diverge onto the under–used line through Coalville to join the main Birmingham to Derby line at Burton-on-Trent, taking water en route at Mantle Lane. After Burton-upon-Trent, the tour takes the line from Stenson Junction to Sheet Stores Junction to head for a break at Leicester while the locomotives are watered and serviced. They will then continue back to Tyseley by way of Hinckley, Nuneaton and Coleshill Parkway. It is understood that the train is selling well, with just a handful of Premier Dining seats remaining.

A little earlier in the day, 'Hoovers' Nos. 50044 *Exeter* and 50049 *Defiance* are booked to depart from Preston for a long day out to Edinburgh, which will be reached via the Standedge route and the East Coast Main Line via York. This will be first time that a pair of Class 50s have operated on the main line for some time, as PTG's planned use of a pair to North Wales in September was whittled down to a single locomotive due to *Defiance* being unavailable.

The day also represents rare mileage for the 'Hoovers', especially over the Standedge route, and the times they have appeared on the northern section of the ECML to Edinburgh can be counted on the fingers of one hand. The train is Spitfire Railtours 'Edinburgh Explorer II', which was originally planned for 13th August, and also has on offer a planned run around the Fife Circle for good measure. After the Forth Bridge, the add-on tour is booked via Dunfermline Town and Cowdenbeath, as far as the Thornton Junctions, where it will turn back to Waverley via Kirkcaldy, Burntisland and once more, the Forth Bridge. However, due to pathing issues the Fife Circle mini-tour will now operate with West Coast traction.

Edinburgh is the destination of the other excursion scheduled to operate during the period under review, which is Compass Railtours 'Edinburgh Festive Christmas Shopper' booked for 16th November from Manchester Victoria, which initially heads east over Standedge to Huddersfield, before cutting back to the West Coast Main Line at Preston by way of the Calder Valley, Copy Pit and Blackburn. The route north is then via Shap and Beattock, with West Coast Class 47/57 traction.

Virgin Trains operates Christmas loco-hauled charters

Virgin Trains plans to join the charter market for Christmas, promoting trains to Chester and Manchester Piccadilly to encourage people in London and the South East to try out Christmas shopping in another part of the country.

Three trains are currently planned, the first heading for Chester on Thursday 1st December, which departs from London Euston at 08.14, returning from Chester at 17.23. Two further trains are booked to operate on Saturdays 3rd and 17th December to Manchester Piccadilly, outwards from Euston at 08.53, returning south at 19.59. Virgin is promoting the historical values of each city in addition to the retail opportunities. All three trains will also call at Watford Junction and Milton Keynes Central. Standard Class costs £99, which will include a breakfast box and 'snack pack' on the return, or £199 if you fancy First Class with a champagne breakfast and high tea on the return. It is understood that the trains will consist of the Virgin Mark 3 loco-hauled set, indicating a Class 57/3 to Chester and a Freightliner Class 90 on the Manchester turns. Additionally, the first 100 people to book any of these excursions will receive a 20% discounted fare. Full details can be obtained by visiting website www.virgintrains.co.uk or to book telephone 0161 227 4628 or email virgin.trainscharters@hrgworldwide.com.

▶ **WCR Class 37/5s Nos. 37676 and 37685 pass Ellerhaynes, near Exeter, on 6th November, as they double-head a positioning tour from Exeter to Preston, after the previous days charter to York. WCR Class 57/6 No. 57601 was on the rear. Dave Ash**

UK Railtours steams into the New Year with two high-profile charter workings

UK Railtours has announced two high profile steam-hauled tours, commencing on 3rd March, with the first main line outing of rededicated and repainted 'Britannia' Pacific No. 70000.

The 'Cumbrian Mountain Express' commences at London King's Cross, and proceeds to York with modern traction picking up at the usual points of Potters Bar, Stevenage and Peterborough. At York, No. 70000, now repainted into BR lined green livery and proudly carrying it's *Britannia* nameplates, will take over for the next leg via Leeds, Skipton, Hellifield and the Settle & Carlisle through to Carlisle. The steam section concludes at Carlisle, and after a break, the train returns south by way of the Tyne Valley line, followed by the customary run south over the ECML through Durham and York.

The second new steam-hauled charter features SR Merchant Navy Pacific No. 35028 *Clan Line,* making a further rare non-VSOE 'British Pullman' appearance, on UKR's 'The Royal Wessex' from London Victoria, Virginia Water and Woking through to Swanage, via Basingstoke, Southampton and Bournemouth.

As it is not possible to accommodate the loco on the small turntable at Swanage, *Clan Line* will return to Eastleigh 'light engine' for servicing, while the train will follow later diesel-hauled. To finish off the day, No. 35028 will resume command at Eastleigh for the return to London Waterloo, by way of Fareham, Havant and the Portsmouth direct line to Guildford, continuing onwards through Woking and Wimbledon.

Also from UKR, a little earlier, on 12th April, is a very special trip to Barrow Hill to preview the unique line-up of Nos. 60163 *Tornado*, 60532 *Blue Peter*, 60103 *Flying Scotsman* and 4492 *Dominion of New Zealand* ahead of Barrow Hill's 'Four LNER Pacifics Event' the following weekend.

Alternatively, there is the option to leave the specially chartered East Midlands Trains' HST set at Duffield, north of Derby, to join an Ecclesbourne Valley Railway service to Wirksworth. This train originates at London St Pancras International, and picks up at Luton Airport Parkway and Bedford as it makes its way north along the Midland Main Line.

Is this a new twist to the 'War of the Roses'?

This isn't the familiar battle between Lancashire and Yorkshire, but rather the rather confusing departure of two 'Christmas White Rose' steam specials at York on 17th December, possibly within a few minutes of each other.

One will have the pride of Swindon on the front, and the other the pride of Doncaster! The situation has arisen as a result of the Railway Touring Company cancelling its proposed 'Christmas Tynesider', mainly due to the unavailability of 'A4' No. 60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley*, which was booked to haul the return leg throughout from London King's Cross to Newcastle, and substituting it with a Kings Cross-York and return charter, hauled by classmate No. 4492 *Dominion of New Zealand*, which has been entitled 'The Christmas White Rose'.

However, there has been a 'Christmas White Rose' in the schedules on that day for quite some time, which is the Vintage Trains' working from Tyseley Warwick Road to York, via Derby and Chesterfield, featuring 'Castle' 4-6-0 No. 5043 *Earl of Mount Edgcumbe* throughout.

Now those with a railway interest will not mistake a 'Castle' for an 'A4', but given that it will be the penultimate Saturday shopping day prior to Christmas and with the station busy with customers at that time of day, such a clash of names could render unnecessary confusion.

▲ **LMS 'Black 5s' Nos. 45407 and 44871 restart their train as the duo pass the box and approach Furness Vale station. The need to wait for the preceeding unit to clear the section resulted in the 'Buxton Spa Express' charter being signal-checked here. John Whitehouse**

Hastings Diesels run mystery tour in December

Hastings Diesels will be operating an interesting tour on 3rd December, if for no other reason than at present part of it is a mystery!

Its 'Old Curiosity Mystery Tour' sets out from Hastings, picking up at the usual places through to Tonbridge, then at Bromley South and London Bridge, before heading out to North Kent and the Medway Town of Rochester, which will be holding its annual Victorian Dickensian Christmas festivities on that day.

No mystery there, you may say, but what follows is, at the time of writing, also a mystery to Hastings Diesels! The reason is that due to of engineering works, the exact route of the afternoon ramble around the rail routes of the South East will not be known until much nearer the time. The question is, when it is known, will it be kept quiet to make it a true mystery tour. If it is kept secret it will be a minor miracle!

But wherever the tour goes, it still promises to be an excellent use of a Hastings Gauge DEMU.

On its main line test run, GWR 5700 Class Pannier No. 7752, wearing the London Transport livery as No. L94, in which it was withdrawn from LUL service, stands at Stratford-upon-Avon, on 10th November, prior to returning to Tyseley.
Martin Creese

Historic 1888-built LNWR 'Coal Tank' back in steam

One of the nation's iconic locomotives, the ex-LNWR 0-6-2T Webb 'Coal Tank' No. 58926, which was built in 1888, steamed again at the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway's Ingrow Depot on 28th October.

It was last in steam on 18th October 1998, and has since had an extensive overhaul, supported by a £154,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The 'Coal Tank' has been out-shopped in the plain black LNWR livery that was applied when it was first built and carrying the '1054' number plates on it's tank sides. Its first steaming was successful, with only minor issues to be dealt with, and later in the day it made a number of movements around Ingrow Yard.

A busy future is forecast for the 'Coal Tank, which will be formally unveiled at the K&WVR February Gala next year, when it is scheduled to appear in BR unlined black livery and numbered 58926, the number carried at the time of its withdrawal from service in 1958.

In addition to working on the K&WVR, the loco is in line to visit both the Llangollen and Severn Valley railways, as well as Railfest at the NRM. Ongoing demand to book the locomotive is reported to be high, with reports that its diary for 2013 and beyond is already filling up quickly. It is expected that it will spend just a short time in its present livery, and as BR No. 58926, as current BLS plans include a period operating as LMS No. 7799, and then into fully lined-out LNWR livery and carrying No. 1054, before the commencement of its 2013 programme.

The 'Coal Tank' was released from Crewe Works in September 1888, and withdrawn from BR service in November 1958. In a career spanning 70 years the locomotive spent time at a host of sheds including Aston, Edge Hill, Abergavenney, Bangor, Shrewsbury, Patricroft, Warrington, Plodder Lane, Bletchley, Craven Arms, and Abercynon. It was also in service on National Coal Board lines for a short time. Just prior to withdrawal, No. 58926 joined forces with 'Super 'D' No. 49121 to haul the last train on the Abergavenney to Merthyr line as well as the Rhymney and Ebbw Vale branches. The train was a SLS charter, and is remembered by many as one of the most memorable railtours of the time.

The loco is owned by the National Trust, and has been in the custody of the Bahamas Locomotive Society (BLS) since 1973.

With the 'Coal Tank' back into traffic, the BLS will be turning its attention to the 'Steam's Last Blast Appeal', which is to raise funds for the overhaul of 'Jubilee' No. 45596 *Bahamas*, which has been out of traffic now for a period of 14 years. The name of the appeal relates to the double-chimney and blast pipe modification to No. 45596 in 1961, which has been established by the BLS as being BR's last experiment in improving the performance of its steam fleet. The BLS is looking to raise £400,000, and is currently just over a quarter of the way there. For more information as to how you can support the overhaul of No. 45596 go to www.bahamas45596.co.uk

▼ ▶ **LNWR 'Coal' Tank' No. 1054 is pictured during its first steaming in Ingrow Yard on 28th October. BLS**

Narrow Gauge Update

■ The Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railway has been given the honour of carrying the Olympic flame from Blaenau Ffestiniog to Porthmadog. The torch will arrive at Blaenau on Monday 28th May and will travel by train to Porthmadog, before being carried onward to Criccieth, Caernarfon and Bangor. General Manager, Paul Lewin, said: "It is fitting that the FR, which predates the modern Olympics by some 60 years, should be chosen to demonstrate that our heritage is still playing an active role in promoting Wales worldwide. ". It is planned to carry the torch on Double Fairlie No. 12 *David Lloyd George*, which was named after the former Prime Minister who was a regular traveller on the FR.

■ The South Tynedale Railway has completed the laying of sleepers and rails 300 metres beyond the new temporary terminus at Lintley Halt. The new extension, a mile and a quarter in length, brings the Railway closer to its target of opening to Slaggyford by 2015. Contractors have helped with recovering the long disused trackbed and building a new platform, while Society members dealt with the drainage, track and fences. The route is shared with the popular South Tyne Trail all the way from Alston, and society track workers have taken the opportunity to improve the walking trail as well. Society Chairman, Norman Cook, said: " There is still lots of work to do completing the ballast and fencing, laying the passing loop at Lintley and making ready for our safety inspection before we open to the public next Easter". Members at the AGM inspected the work that had been done by train, the special being made up of the line's three new vehicles, a 'Birdcage' brakevan recently completed at Alston, a former Sierra Leone Railway coach converted to the STR's new buffet car, and a fully accessible disabled coach rebuilt from a Romanian vehicle.

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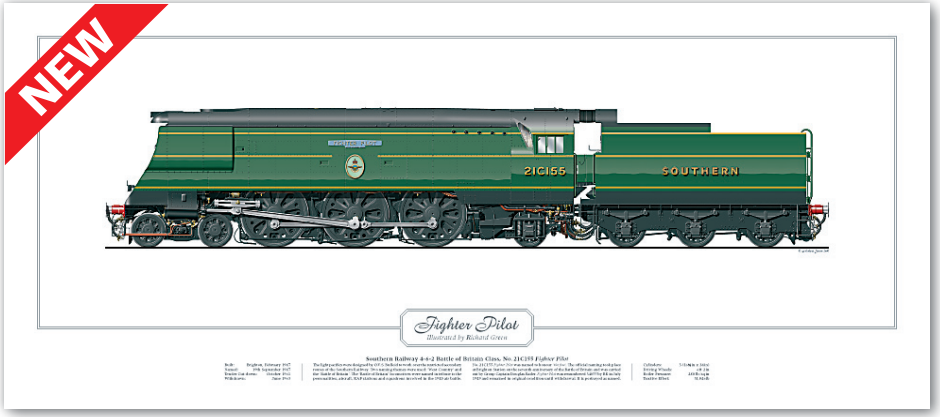

SR 4-6-2 Battle of Britain Class, No. 21C155 Fighter Pilot

The print portrays the locomotive in 1947 condition – when named by Douglas Bader

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▲ **Class 37/0 No. 37248 raises steam for the first time in preservation on 6th November at Toddington, when the newly installed Clayton steam heat boiler was tested, following months of work by Growler Group volunteers. Peter Smith**

Ridership increases on Douglas Horse Trams

Douglas Borough Council say that passenger numbers for the Isle of Man horse tram service have increased for a third consecutive year.

During the 2011 season, 56,536 passengers were carried along Douglas promenade, 5.4% more than in 2010.

The horse trams celebrated their 135th anniversary this year, and featured in television programmes in Germany, Japan and the Netherlands, as well as starring in Michael Portillo's BBC TV show 'Great British Railway Journeys'.

The service ran for an extra week in September to transport Commonwealth Youth Games athletes. A special Christmas service will run this year from 17th to 20th December.

▼ **One of the horse trams makes its way along the promenade on 30th July, as Amby leaves Derby Castle, with one of the enclosed cars. Richard Tuplin**

SR M7 0-4-4T No. 53 approaches Forge Farm crossing, between Eridge and Groombridge, with a train for Tunbridge Wells West on 29th October, during the Westerham Gala on the Spa Valley Railway. **John Goss**

On hire to East Coast, FGW-livered Class 43 Nos. 43041 and 43161 head south from Colton Junction working the 12.25 Newcastle - King's Cross service on 31st October. **Ron Cover**

Grand Central's Class 43/4s Nos. 43467 and 43423 *Valenta* pass Hartlepool Bay on 6th November, working the 14.12 Sunderland to Kings Cross service. **Paul Francis**

14th November 2011

Driffield & East Yorkshire Rly Society
The Sidings, Middle Street South, Driffield YO25 6PX. 'DVD and Slide Show'. Starts 19.30. £2 Donation. All welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01377 254068 or at eric2marshall@aol.com for further details.

Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, Harewood Crescent, North Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 8JG. 'AGM & Photo Competition'. Starts 20.00. All welcome. Admission £3. Contact 01522-705365 or email graham@the-st.fsnet.co.uk for details

RCTS (Croydon)
Small Hall, East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon. 'Controlling the South Eastern' by Brian Garvin. Meeting commences at 19.30.

RCTS (Ipswich)
Bridge Ward Social Club, 68 Austin Street, Ipswich. 'Steaming through Britain' by Graham Briggs. Meeting commences at 19.30.

RCTS (Sheffield)
St Mathews Church Rooms, Carver Street, Sheffield. 'Steam in the East Midlands around 1960' by Peter Groom. Starts 19.30.

Southern Electric Group (Sussex)
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre, Southwick. 'The Photographs of the Young Andrew Marshall' by Andrew Marshall. Meeting commences at 19.30. £2 Donation. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for further details.

Stephenson Loco Society
Lauriston Hotel, 15 South Crescent Road, Ardrossan, KA22 8EA. 'Minor Railways & Industrial Lines in North Ayrshire or There About' by Roger Griffith. Starts 19.30. Contact 01294 822303 for further details.

York Railway Circle
The Library, Archibishop Holgate's School, Hull Road, York YO10 5ZA. 'A History of Railway Preservation' by Bob Gwynne. Starts 19.30. £2 Donation. Contact Robin Patrick on 01904 412232 or at locopatrick@aol.com for further details.

15th November 2011

RCTS (Cambridge)
Abbey Meadows Community Wing, Primary School Galfrid Road, Cambridge. 'Carlisle - A Railway Mecca and Football Outpost' by Colin Briggs. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Cheltenham)
The Victory Club, Burlington House, Lypiatt Road, Cheltenham. 'American Wanderings' by Gordon Davies. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary at paulandpauline@gearey.fslife.co.uk for further details.

RCTS (Hull)
Upstairs, The Highway Public House, Willerby Road, Hull. 'Random Views from the Past' by Steve Batty. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary at richardh@djbroady.co.uk for details.

Permanent Way Institution(Glasgow)
Uptairs Lounge, The Iron Horse, West Nile Street, Glasgow. 'Young Members Presentation'. Starts 17.30. Contact the Secretary, Jack Scott on 07789 765291 or at jack.scott1@btinternet.com for further details.

Stephenson Locomotive Society
Fox Cover Inn, High Leven, Nr Yarm, Teesside TS15 9JW. 'The 'Hush-Hush' Locomotive Trials' by William Brown. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01642 313451 for further details.

16th November 2011

RCTS (Eastleigh) (Joint meeting with Mid Hants Railway/S&D Trust)
Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'Quiz against Basingstoke Railway Society and the Meon Valley Railway Society'. Starts 19.45. Contact Ted Vaughan on 023 8084 9533 for further details.

17th November 2011

Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Roundhouse Lecture Theatre,Barrow Hill Depot. 'The Yorkshire Engine Company' by Tony Vernon. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £1.50 members, £2 non members. Contact the Organiser at beardspaul@aol.com for further details.

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BB. 'GRES Quiz'. Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact Bob Poole on 01474 326232 for further details.

Irish Railway Record Society (London)
The Exmouth Arms, 1 Starcross Street, London NW12HR. 'Dublin to Baltimore through the Lens of Cyril Fry' by Hassard Stacpoole. Meeting commences a 19.00. Donation: Members £2.50, Non-Members £3.50. Contact the society secretary at irrslondon@hotmail.com for further details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North West)
The Pied Bull, 54 High Street, Newton-le-Willows. WA12 9SH 'Kodachrome Days' by Alan Hart. Meeting commences at 19.30. £2 minimum donation suggested. Contact the Secretary, Neville Bond on 01925 226473 or email lcgb.nw@blueyonder.co.uk for further details.

Monmouthshire Railway Society
Room A10 UWCN City Campus, Usk Way, Newport NP20 2BP '1972' by Roger Fletcher. Meeting commences at 19.15. £3 Admission.

Permanent Way Institution (Nottingham & Derby)
Aston Court Hotel, adjacent to Derby Station. Derby. 'Structures and Earthworks for the Railway' by a speaker from Amey. Meeting commences at 18.30. Contact the Secretary, Colin Cowey on 07946 482343 or at colin.cowey@talk21.com for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (Sheffield & Doncaster)
Rutland Arms, Brown Street, Sheffield, S1 2BS. 'Level Crossing Management' byJohn Tilly. Meeting commences at 18.15. Contact the Secretary, Vivek Vilay on 07763 724259 or at v1v3k007@gmail.com for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (South & West Wales)
Newport. Venue TBA. 'Structure Gauging Train' by Kevin Hope. Meeting commences at 18.00 Contact the Secretary, James Hepburn on 07919 307726 or at james.hepburn2@networkrail.co.uk for further details.

RCTS (Darlington)
The Scout Building, Widdowfield Street, Darlington. 'Branch AGM and Members' Slides or Digital Presentation'. Meeting commences at 19.00.

RCTS (Shipley)
Saltaire Methodist Church, Saltaire Road, Shipley. 'Locomotives Built in Leeds' by Donald Townsley. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Stephenson Locomotive Society
St John's United Reformed Church Hall, Mowbray Road, New Barnet, EN5 1RH. 'Railway Holiday to Cornwall' by Ron White. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 0208 368 6200 for further details.

18th November 2011

Cambridge University Railway Club
William Thatcher Room, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. TBA by Christian Wolmar. Meeting commences at 20.30. All Welcome. Contact the Secretary, Tom Corker at secretary@curc.org.uk for further details.

Gosport Rly Society
Methodist Church, Stoke Road, Gosport. 'Photographic Competition - 'The Power of Steam' followed by 'The Eastleigh Story'. Meeting commences at 20.00.

Great Western Society (North West)
St Hilda's Clubroom, Slater Street, Latchford, Warrington. 'And Across the Channel (English) Again' by Colin Ellis. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Great Western Society (Taunton)
Village Hall, Stoke St Mary, nr Taunton. 'The Last Ten Years' by Brian Garrett. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01823 334188 for further details.

19th November 2011

Great Western Society (South West)
Parish Centre, Church End Road, Kingskerswell, Torbay. 'Monochrome to Fujichrome' by Peter Skelton. Meeting commences at 18.30. Contact the Secretary on 01803 336329 for further details.

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▼ A busy Manchester Piccadilly on 5th November. Awaiting departure are Class 142 No. 142057 for Sheffield, Class 221 No. 221131 for Bristol, Class 323 No. 323232 for Hadfield and Class 170 No. 170306 for Hull. **Paul Braybrook**

Stephenson Locomotive Society
Kidderminster Railway Museum, adjoining SVR Station, Kidderminster DY10 0QX.
'Cooling the Tubes' by Professor John Missenden. Meeting commences at 14.00. Contact the Secretary on 01242 582152 for further details.

19th/20th November 2011
Workington Model Railway Exhibition 2011
Moorclose Sports Centre, Workington, CA14 3SA.
15 Layouts. Full trade support. See wtht.co.uk for details. Opening times: 10.00 - 16.00 (17.00 Sat.). Admission: Adults £4, Children £1, Seniors £3.50, Family £8.50.

21st November 2011
Great Central Railway Society (Spinkhill)
The Angel Hotel, 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'Exploring German Railways' by Peter Ayton. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for further details.

NYMR (York)
New Earswick Sports and Social Club, New Earswick,YO32 4AG. 'Steam Decline on the Indian Subcontinent' by Duncan McEvoy. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Bryan Blundell on 01904 764648 for further details.

Plymouth Rly Circle
St Edward's Church Hall, Home Park Avenue, Peverell, Plymouth PL3 4PG 'Steam in the Landscape - Further Vistas'.Starts 19.30. £2 Admission. All welcome.

RCTS (Chester)
The Town Crier, City Road/Station Road (opposite station entrance), Chester. 'North Eastern Part 1' by Edgar Richards. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Coventry)
Maudslay Hotel, 190 Allesley Old Road, Coventry. '60163 Tornado' by A1 Steam Loco Trust. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Oxford)
West Oxford Democrats Club, 1 North Street, Osney. 'Swindon Works - The Golden Years 1880 - 1924' by Canon Brian Arman. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Shenfield)
Shenfield Parish Hall, 80 Hutton Road, Shenfield 'We Can't Turn the Clock Back, Regrettably' by Winston Cole. Meeting commences at 19.30.

RCTS (Weston Favell)
Weston Favell Parish Hall, Booth Lane South, Weston Favell. 'Midland Main Line - St Pancras to Leicester'. by Bob Goodman. Starts 14.00.

Stafford Rly Society
St. Leonards Social Club, Stafford. 'Eastleigh Locomotive Works' by Colin Boocock. start 19.30. All delcome. Conact the Secretary on 01785 840622 for further details.

22nd November 2011
Cambridge University Railway Club
William Thatcher Room, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. 'Chiltern Railways - Adrian Shooter. Starts 20.30. Contact Tom Corker at secretary@curc.org.uk for details.

RCTS (Nottingham)
Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Steet, Nottingham. 'A1 Society Developments' by John Rawlinson. Starts 19.00.

RCTS (Woking)
The United Reform Church, White Rose Lane, Woking. 'Thirty Years of the TGV' by Mike Bunn. Starts 19.00.

23rd November 2011
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote Street Club, New Road, Basingstoke RG21 7NG. 'Home & Abroad in 2011' by Ian Francis. Starts 20.00. Call 01256 819401 for details.

RCTS (Chichester)
Council Meeting Rm 2, County Hall, West St, Chichester. 'Mind the Gap - History of the Forth & Tay Bridges' by Ted Goodman. Starts 19.30.

24th November 2011
Ffestiniog Rly (Bristol)
BAWA, 589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol BS34 7RG. 'Fred Track - 46 Years On and Off the Rails' by Fred Howes. Starts 19.45.Contact Tim Maynard on 01275 341889 for details.

Mid Hants Railway Preservation Society (Thames Valley)
Church House, Church Street, Caversham, Reading RG4 8AX. 'British Canals' by John Fowler. Starts 19.30. £2 Admission.Contact info@mid-hants-thames-valley.org.uk for further details.

RCTS (Preston)
Claremont Hotel, Blackpool Road, Preston 'Branch AGM followed by Members' and Visitors' Slide Night'. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Stevenage Loco Society
The Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg Retail Park, London Road, Stevenage SG1 1XN. 'Photographic Competition'. . Starts 19.45. Admission £2. Contact the Treasure on 07803 046076 for further details.

25th November 2011
Great Central Railway Society (London)
Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, King's Cross, London, N1 9DA. 'From Attercliffe to Acrington' by Stephen Gay. Starts 18.30. Contact Richard Butler on 01525 372487 for details.

GW Society (Oxford)
Pauling Human Sciences Centre, 58 Banbury Rd, Oxford. TBA. Starts 19.30.

Shropshire Rly Society
The Gateway, Chester Road, Shrewsbury. 'Smoke - Steam & Light' by John Austin. Starts 19.30.

Stephenson Loco Society
The Mining Institute Lecture Theatre, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle. NE1 1SE. 'Battleship Wharf, Blyth - Coal Handing in the 21st Century' by David Fraser. Starts 19.00. Contact the Secretary on 01434 688946 for further details.

28th November 2011
RCTS (Brighton)
Brighton Railway Model Club Room, London Road Station, Shaftesbury Place, Brighton. 'Branch AGM and Photo Competition'. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Maidenhead)
Cox Green Community Centre, Highfield Lane, Cox Green. 'Great Central - Two Joint Lines and a Main Line' by John Soer. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Sheffield)
Sheffield Scouts. Head Quarters, Trippet Lane, Sheffield. 'Narrow Gauge Niceties' by John Holroyd. Meeting commences at 14.00.

RCTS (Wellingborough)
British Rail Sports and Social Club, Broad Green, Wellingborough. 'BR Steam in the 50's and 60's' by David Kelso. Starts 14.00.

29th November 2011
RCTS (Welwyn Garden City)
The Methodist Church, Junction of Ludwick Way and Colegreen Lane, Welwyn Garden City. 'Archive Material' by Brian Stephenson Meeting commences at 14.00.

1st December 2011
Great Central Railway Society (Sheffield)
The Harlequin, 108 Nursery Street, Sheffield S3 8GG. 'Members Evening'. Starts 19.30. Contact Ken Grainger on 0114 254 0275 for further details.

North East Essex Railway Association
1st Floor, The Community Centre, The Triangle Centre, Frinton-on-Sea. 'Slides from Colour Rail' by Bev Steel. Starts 19.45. Admission £1.50. Contact Roger Harvey on 01255 677165 for further details.

Scottish Rly Preservation Society (Edinburgh)
Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2JL. 'Members; Slides Evening'. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Dr Peter Howell on 0131 334 5232 for further details.

Stephenson Loco Society
St John's Ambulance Centre, Sandes Avenue, Kendal LA9 4LL. 'Recent Railway Rambles' by David Alison. Meeting commences 19.15. Contact the Secretary on 01539 720706 for further details

2nd December 2011
Cambridge Railway Circle
Arbury Community Centre, Campkin Road, Cambridge CB4 2LD.
TBA by Mike Page/Alan Denny. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Stephenson Loco Society
The Settlement Centre, Union Street, Middlesbrough TS1 5NQ. 'The History & Development of LNWR Coal Tanks' by Peter Skellon. Starts 19.00. Contact the Secretary on 01642 313451 for further details.

3rd December 2011
Stephenson Loco Society
The Friends' Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS. 'The Chairman's Christmas Quiz' by Malcolm Dickin. Starts 14.00. Contact the Secretary on 0161 928 2461 for further details.

5th December 2011
North Yorkshire Moors Railway (Northallerton)
Northallerton Town Cricket Club, Farndale Avenue, Northallerton. 'Members' Evening & Christmas Social'. Starts 19.30. Admission £1.50. Contact Ian McInnes on 01642 767233 for further details

Stafford Rly Society
St. Leonards Social Club, Stafford. 'A Colour Rail Journey' by Paul Chancellor. Starts 19.30. All welcome. Conact the Secretary on 01785 840622 for further details.

York Railway Circle
The Library, Archibishop Holgate's School, Hull Road, York YO10 5ZA. 'Main Line Steam in 2011' by Karl Jauncey & Dave Richards. Starts. £2 donation. Contact Robin Patrick on 01904 412232 for further details.

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