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Class 56/3 No. 56301 is pictured underneath the gantry crane at Birch Coppice (Birmingham Intermodal Freight Terminal) on 16 August with the inaugural Fastline Freight intermodal service to Grain. *Fastline Freight*

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ABOVE: With the recent terrorist issues surrounding the air industry, a number of passengers turned to the railways over the last week to avoid any problems and delays at airports. GNER has operated a number of additional services betwen London and the North East and Scotland to accommodate the extra passengers. On 15 August, Class 43 No. 43038 *City of Dundee* prepares to depart northwards with an additional GNER service. On the rear of the train was classmate No. 43115 *Aberdeenshire*. *Richard Tuplin*

Late News ■ Late News ■ Late News ■ Late News ■

ABOVE: Class 141 No. 141103 stands in Stanhope station on the Weardale Railway on the re-opening day of 16 August. The railway is now operating three return services daily between Wolsingham and Stanhope until 3 September, from which point the railway will operate at weekends until 28 October. Motive power initially is the line's Class 141 'Pacer', but the railway will shortly make use of the recently arrived Class 37 locomotives, that have been transferred from the Wensleydale Railway at Northallerton. *Mark Harrington*

Weather problems hit ECML

The East Coast Main Line was experiencing problems on 18 August after heavy rain, thunderstorms and lightening strikes closed York station for a period during the morning.

Real Ale Crompton!

The Spa Valley Railway's Class 33 No. 33065 *Sealion* will be provided for the the 17.35, 18.35, and 19.35 departures from Tunbridge Wells West. Real Ale will be available on the trains!

The future look for Birmingham New Street unveiled

A major step forward in the proposed redevelopment of Birmingham New Street station has been taken after Network Rail submitted its outline planning application to Birmingham City Council.

The application follows the recent publication of the West Midlands Rail Capacity Review, published by the Department for Transport, together with vocal support from a number of leading figures in the region.

The outline planning submission seeks agreement in principle from Birmingham City Council to proceed with the detailed planning phase of the £500 million investment programme that Network Rail say will "transform Birmingham New Street into a world class station and regenerate a large part of the city centre." It also reveals more about the New Street 'Gateway' scheme.

The scheme will provide the station with the capacity to handle 150 per cent more passengers during the peak periods every day, with passenger access to the platforms greatly improved by new lifts and escalators and a concourse that is more than three times bigger

The company propose the construction of a pedestrian 'street', similar to the thoroughfare in the International Convention Centre linking the north and south sides of the station

A new hi-tech atrium roof will be constructed, making use of the same material which was used in the development of the Eden Project in Cornwall. This should allow natural light to flood into the concourse, transforming the environment for passengers

Network Rail plans to maximise the development opportunity on the south side of the station by bringing in £200 million of private sector investment, creating in the process up to 3,000 new jobs, as well as new commercial space and residential development. Additionally, a new public square will be developed in front of the station, improving pedestrian links to the Bullring.

The construction and redevelopment work will be undertaken in two phases, which should allow the station to continue to operate throughout the work. This will minimise disruption for passengers and make it possible for Gateway to deliver the first half of the project by early 2011.

The submission of the outline planning application brings with it further confidence that the planned start of site work in early 2008 will be achieved. Network Rail will be using the time until the start of works to undertake detailed analysis of the construction plans to ensure the continued operation of the station throughout the construction period.

A decision on the outline planning application is expected towards the end of the year.

Web Links

For more information on the project to redevelop Birmingham New Street check out the dedicated website by clicking here.

ABOVE: An artists impression of how the external view of the new-look Birmingham New Street will appear at night.
BELOW: The new light and airy concourse at Birmingham aims to provide plenty of natural light. *Both: Network Rail*

News In Brief

■ Network Rail has removed six 'whistle' boards in the Windermere area following a review of safety requirements. All six are located around three foot crossings close to Windermere station. Local residents are advised to be extra vigilant.

■ East Kilbride station in Scotland has received a new customer information system (CIS) as part of First ScotRail's £1.4 million investment programme. The new state-of-the-art screens will provide up to-the-minute information on services. Work should be completed by the end of this month.

■ Freightliner has confirmed that it commenced a new service between Southampton and Birch Coppice (Birmingham Intermodal Freight Terminal) on 3 July.

■ London & Continental Railways (LCR) Chief Executive, Rob Holden, has reported that his company is drawing up a blueprint for a 200mph line that would carry passengers between London and Glasgow in less than three hours in TGV-style trains. He hopes to start discussions on the project with the Department for Transport and Network Rail in the autumn. It has been reported that the Government is likely to approve the concept of such a high-speed north-south line, although funding sources have to be decided, the costs estimated at between £12 and £19 billion depending upon whether the East Coast or West Coast routes is selected.

■ Tuxford is a step closer to having its first passenger train service and station for more than 50 years. A group of railway enthusiasts known as the Dukeries Rail Line Association have submitted plans to rekindle a passenger line connecting Tuxford to Mansfield.

ABOVE: **The now permanent London home for Midland Mainline, the previous platforms at St Pancras International being prepared for use by Hitachi Javelins running the fast high-speed suburban services to and from Kent destinations in 2009. Class 222 Meridian No 222006 departs as the 18.55 service to Nottingham on 14 August.** *Brian Morrison*

Silverlink franchise extended to November 2007

The Department for Transport (DfT) has announced that the Silverlink franchise owned by the National Express Group is to be extended from October this year to 11 November 2007, to align the end dates of all four existing franchises, Central Trains, Midland Mainline, Silverlink and Virgin Cross Country.

New terms have been introduced to encourage the recent performance improvements by Silverlink to be maintained. However, there will be no change to the current timetable and service patterns.

The extension helps to facilitate re-mapping of franchises in the Midlands announced by the DfT in October 2005. Three new franchises - East Midlands, West Midlands and Cross Country are to replace the four current businesses. Silverlink County services are being transferred to the new West Midlands franchise and responsibility for Silverlink Metro trains will be transferred to Transport for London (TfL).

The consultation on services for the new West Midlands franchise has now closed and Invitations to Tender will be issued to pre-qualified bidders in the autumn; the closing date for receipt of such bids is February 2007 and the winner is scheduled to be announced in summer 2007.

Additional stops for 'one' West Anglia services

Following customer feed-back, 'one' West Anglia is to implement a small number of changes to the weekday (Monday to Friday) timetable to provide some additional services at Brimsdown, Ponders End and Waltham Cross stations with effect from 4 September.

From this date the 07.00 Stansted Airport to Liverpool Street service will call additionally at Brimsdown (07.30) and Ponders End (07.32), with a revised departure time from Tottenham Hale at 07.37. The 07.30 Stansted Airport to Liverpool Street service will call additionally at Waltham Cross (07.56), Brimsdown (08.02) and Ponders End (08.04), with a revised departure time from Tottenham Hale at 08.09.

As a consequence, the 07.27 and 07.57 Chingford to Liverpool Street services will both depart 3 minutes earlier at 07.24 and 07.54 respectively, and run three minutes earlier throughout. The 07.18 Enfield Town to Liverpool Street will depart one minute earlier at 07.17 and will run one minute earlier throughout up to and including Rectory Road, and then two minutes earlier at Hackey Downs, London Fields, Cambridge Heath and Bethnal Green.

Finally, the 07.48 Enfield Town to Liverpool Street will depart two minutes earlier at 07.46 and call two minutes earlier at all intermediate stations through to Liverpool Street.

Problems for Carillion Rail

Network Rail has suspended contractor Carillion Rail from bidding for any new business for the immediate future until its workforce safety performance improves.

Network Rail has been working with Carillion Rail on a workforce safety improvement plan, but has been disappointed with progress. To enable the company to better focus on delivering current contracts and to deliver the required improvement in workforce safety, Network Rail has decided to remove Carillion Rail from its tender lists for new business.

This suspension, which is immediate, is one of Network Rail's wider initiatives to improve workforce safety.

BELOW: **With the introduction of the Class 185 'Desiro' fleet to First TransPennine duties, several of the displaced Class 158s have now been transferred south to the Greater Western franchise. Class 158 No. 158762 enters Torquay on 12 August, while working the 11.24 Paignton to Exmouth service.** *Chris Dixon*

Track renewal project in Ferrybridge area

Passengers travelling in the Ferrybridge area of Yorkshire have benefitted from a £3.5million track renewal project.

Six miles of track have been removed and replaced between Milford and Ferrybridge since 17 July. The route has a well used passenger service and traversed by the frequent coal traffic to Ferrybridge, Drax and Eggborough power stations.

Fastline start new service from Birch Coppice

Fastline Freight has extended its freight portfolio with the commencement of a new intermodal service from Birch Coppice in the Midlands.

The new service will operate five days a week from the Birmingham Intermodal Freight Terminal at Birch Coppice to Thamesport at Grain in South East London.

The new Midlands service is a direct response to customer demand, and the first commercial service for Fastline Freight on the new route operated on 16 August.

The addition of a new route comes only weeks after Fastline Freight announced it would include extra wagons on its North East service to accommodate the increase in container traffic.

Fastline's Director of Logistics, Stephen Haynes, said "Having only launched the service in June, we are working closely with our existing customers to ensure we provide the range of services they require.

ABOVE: Class 56/3 No. 56301 stands at Birmingham Intermodal Freight Terminal at Birch Coppice on 16 August, with the inaugural intermodal service to Grain. *Fastline Freight*

New long-distance fare structure from ScotRail

First ScotRail is to introduce the second stage of its overhaul of long distance fares on 10 September, aimed at simplifying the ticket structure, promoting off peak travel and easing crowding on busy routes.

The overhaul includes a further expansion of the Value Advance tickets, which will offer an 18 per cent reduction on average over the current cheapest fare.

Value Advance will be available on reservable routes, with purchases allowed up to 18.00 the day before travel - a significant improvement on the current two-day booking requirement with the current Apex ticket it will replace.

The overall aim of the changes is to create a simpler fare structure and to ease overcrowding on busier trains as more and more people are being attracted onto trains.

The new Standard Open Return for walk-up travel before 09.15 Monday to Friday will be priced at a maximum of 10 per cent above the current off-peak Saver fare. Regular commuters will not be affected. Season tickets and 10-journey Flexipasses will remain at current levels.

In the first phase in June, the changes were introduced on routes including Edinburgh-Dundee, Dundee-Glasgow, Perth-Glasgow and Dundee-Aberdeen. Under the second phase, these changes will be extended to key Inter Urban and South West routes.

Loco-hauled train returns to Lincolnshire coast

BELOW: The inaugural FMRail 'Merrymaker' charter ran on 17 August, as the 07.58 London King's Cross - Skegness. At least one local resident, the Skegness Jolly Fisherman, gave the 'thumbs' up to the return of loco-hauled trains and was on hand to meet the charter as it arrived at the coastal resort! Motive power for the inaurgural train was Class 47/4 No. 47832 ***Driver Tom Clarke OBE*** **and Class 47/0 No. 47145** ***Myrddin Emrys*****. Technical problems on No. 47145 resulted in a complicated shunt movement to allow No. 47832 to lead on the return, but this was quickly and professionally accomplished and resulted in an on-time departure for the return journey. FM Rail say it is delighted with the first train, which was well loaded.** *Brian Morrison*

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ABOVE TOP: Class 66/7 No. 66708 passes Hoo Junction with a Tonbridge Yard-Grain service on 15 August, comprising of Metronet branded MRA wagons.
ABOVE: The visible Metronet Rail branding on MRA No. 501303. *Both: Patrick Seale*

Metronet prepares for first engineering possession using GBRf Class 66/7s

Improvement to the northern section of the Metropolitan line will begin this weekend, and will see the first use of the GBRailfreight and Metronet Rail Class 66/7 locomotives on engineering possessions.

The weekend will be the first time that the company uses the Class 66s, together with the new wagons and machinery, on a live engineering possession on one of the Underground routes.

Six locomotives will be involved in the work, at least three of which are understood to be the Metronet branded machines.

As a result of the TubeLine 'Slinger' train, which is being built to a similar specification to those used by Jarvis, not being delivered until the end of the year, a Jarvis Fastline 'Slinger' set is being used in the works. Metronet is hoping to be able to relay around 500 meters of track during the first weekend, a figure that will grow to 1km a weekend as the programme gets underway.

News In Brief

■ Metronet completed the final section of track renewals along a 1.8km stretch between Northolt and Ruislip Gardens stations on the Central line over the weekend of 12/13 August.

■ On the Bakerloo and Central lines, station upgrades continued at Regent's Park and Lancaster Gate respectively over the same weekend.

LEFT: As reported in our last issue, the number of trams on Sheffield Supertram that still retain their original Stagecoach livery is decreasing. One of those yet to go through the 'refresh' programme is tram No. 109, pictured departing from the Sheffield Midland stop with a Meadowhall service. *Richard Tuplin*

Railtour Listings ■ Railtour Listings ■ Railtour Listings ■ Railtour Listings ■ Railtour Listings

The following table details the latest information available on steam, diesel and electric railtours for the forthcoming two weeks from the date of publication. News from railtour operators is always welcome. Please contact editor@railwayherald.com. **Information is understood to be correct at the time of going to press.**

Date	Operator	Traction	Route
19 Aug	Arriva Trains Wales	5051	(Tyseley Warwick Rd-Birmingham Moor St-Kidderminster-Worcester SH-Gloucester-Newport)-Cardiff Central-Llanelli-Fishguard Harbour and return.
19 Aug	Heartland Rail	2xCR47	Wolverhampton-Birmingham NS-Cheltenham Spa-Bristol Pkway-Bristol TM-Bodmin Parkway-St.Austell-Penzance and return
19 Aug	Hertfordshire (BP)	2xFMR 47	London KX-Potters Bar-Stevenage-Stratford-upon-Avon and return.
19 Aug	Kingfisher	6233	(Peterborough-Doncaster-Skipton)-Carnforth-Penrith-Appleby-Hellifield-(and return)
19 Aug	NENTA Traintours	tbc	Norwich-Ipswich-Peterborough-Grosmont-Whitby and return
19 Aug	Past Time Rail	tbc	Ipswich-Reading-Plymouth-Par (for Eden Project) and return
19 Aug	Pathfinder Tours	55022	London KX-Spalding-Doncaster-York-Eaglescliffe-Newcastle-York-London KX
19 Aug	RTC	30777	(Manchester Victoria-Huddersfield)-York-Leyburn-Darlington-Ferrybridge (rev)-Thornaby (rev)-Yarm-York-(and return)
19 Aug	Steam Dreams	71000	London KX-Stevenage -Peterborough -York (and return)
19 Aug	The Royal Scotsman	WCRC	Edinburgh-Spean Bridge-Mallaig-Taynuilt-Wemyss Bay-Edinburgh
20 Aug	Arriva Trains Wales	76079	Aberystwyth-Borth-Machynlleth-Barmouth and return
20 Aug	Kingfisher	30777	Hellifield-Appleby-Carlisle-Appleby-Hellifield
20 Aug	Past Time Rail	6024	Bristol TM-Weston-super-Mare-Taunton-Exeter SD-Paignton-Kingswear and return
20 Aug	Vintage Trains	4965	Birmingham Snow Hill-Tyseley-Stratford-Upon-Avon and return (2 trips)
21 Aug	Arriva Trains Wales	76079	Machynlleth-Barmouth-Minffordd-Porthmadog and return
21 Aug	NYMR	45407	Grosmont-Whitby-Glaisdale-Whitby (2 trips)-Grosmont
22 Aug	NRM	30777	York-Scarborough and return
22 Aug	NYMR	45407	Grosmont-Whitby-Glaisdale-Whitby (2 trips)-Grosmont
22 Aug	The Royal Scotsman	WCRC	Edinburgh-Keith-Kyle of Lochalsh-Boat of Garten-Dundee-Edinburgh
23 Aug	Arriva Trains Wales	76079	Machynlleth-Barmouth-Minffordd-Porthmadog and return
23 Aug	Hertfordshire (BP)	2xFMR 47	London Victoria-Chichester and return
23 Aug	Kingfisher	48151	Carnforth-Sellafield-Carnforth
23 Aug	Kingfisher	34067	London Victoria-Clapham Jn-Richmond-Woking-Salisbury-Southampton and return
23 Aug	NRM	30777	York-Scarborough and return
23 Aug	NYMR	45407	Grosmont-Whitby-Glaisdale-Whitby (2 trips)-Grosmont
24 Aug	Arriva Trains Wales	76079	Machynlleth-Barmouth-Minffordd-Porthmadog and return
24 Aug	NRM	30777	York-Scarborough and return
24 Aug	NYMR	45407	Grosmont-Whitby-Glaisdale-Whitby (2 trips)-Grosmont
26 Aug	Green Express	tbc	Lancaster-Preston-Accrington-Burnley-Sowerby Bridge-Edinburgh and return
26 Aug	Hertfordshire (BP)	2xFMR 47	Southend Central-Basildon-Upminster-Barking-Stratford-York and return
26 Aug	Kingfisher	6233	(Worcester-Barnt Green-Birmingham NS-Stoke)-Carnforth-Shap-Hellifield (and return)
26 Aug	Kingfisher	EWS Class 37	Scarborough-York-Hull-Selby-York-Scarborough
26 Aug	Kingfisher	EWS Class 67	London KX-Potters Bar-Stevenage-Peterborough-York-Scarborough and return
26 Aug	Past Time Rail	tbc	Bristol TM-Kingswear-Bristol TM
26 Aug	Pathfinder Tours	3xDRS Cl 20/3	Preston-B'ham NS-Four Oaks-Coalville-Corby-Kettering-Hinckley-Walsall-Preston
26 Aug	The Royal Scotsman	WCRC	Edinburgh-Spean Bridge-Mallaig-Taynuilt-Wemyss Bay-Edinburgh
27 Aug	Arriva Trains Wales	76079	Aberystwyth-Borth-Machynlleth-Barmouth and return
27 Aug	Kingfisher	30777	Hellified-Appleby-Carlisle and return
27 Aug	Past Time Rail	6024	Bristol TM-Weston-super-Mare-Taunton-Exeter SD-Paignton-Kingswear and return
27 Aug	Vintage Trains	4965	Birmingham Snow Hill-Tyseley-Stratford-Upon-Avon and return (2 trips)
28 Aug	Arriva Trains Wales	76079	Machynlleth-Barmouth-Minffordd-Porthmadog and return
28 Aug	Compass Tours	tbc	Barrow in Furness-TBC
28 Aug	Green Express	tbc	Sheffield-Elsecar-Wombwell-Barnsley-Edinburgh and return
28 Aug	NRM	**30777**	York-ECML-Newcastle and return
28 Aug	NYMR	45407	Grosmont-Whitby-Glaisdale-Whitby (2 trips)-Grosmont
28 Aug	Pathfinder Tours	40145	London Paddington-Reading-Westbury-Exeter SD-Plymouth-Penzance and return
28 Aug	Vintage Trains	4965	Dorridge-Solihull-W' Orton-Burton-Oakham-Harringworth Viaduct-Kettering-(and rtn)
28 Aug	Vintage Trains	4965	Oakham-Kettering-(Melton Mowbray)-Kettering
29 Aug	NRM	30777	York-Scarborough and return
29 Aug	NYMR	45407	Grosmont-Whitby-Glaisdale-Whitby (2 trips)-Grosmont
29 Aug	The Royal Scotsman	WCRC	Edinburgh-Keith-Kyle of Lochalsh-Boat of Garten-Dundee-Edinburgh
30 Aug	FM Rail (ICMM)	FMR Class 47	London KX-Potters Bar-Stevenage-York and return
30 Aug	Kingfisher	48151	Carnforth-Sellafield-Carnforth
30 Aug	NRM	30777	York-Scarborough and return
30 Aug	NENTA Traintours	tbc	Norwich-Ipswich-Peterborough-Grosmont-Whitby and return
30 Aug	NYMR	45407	Grosmont-Whitby-Glaisdale-Whitby (2 trips)-Grosmont
31 Aug	Kingfisher	6201	London Victoria-Staines-Woking-Shalford-Redhill-East Croydon-London Victoria
31 Aug	NRM	30777	York-Scarborough and return
31 Aug	NYMR	45407	Grosmont-Whitby-Glaisdale-Whitby (2 trips)-Grosmont
31 Aug	RTC	45407	Preston-Carlisle-Glasgow (Part of a four-day trip, see 1 September trip)
31 Aug	Steam Dreams	45231	London Victoria-Clapham Jn -Staines -Woking -Salisbury-Bath-Bristol TM and return
1 Sep	Pathfinder Tours	tbc	Worcester FS-Gt Malvern-Abergavenny-Pontypool-Bristol TM-Par-Penzance and rtn
1 Sep	RTC	45407/62005	Glasgow Queen Street-Fort William (45407) Fort William-Mallaig-Fort William (62005) ***Part of a four-day trip involving 45407, 48151 and 62005.***
1 Sep	Steam Dreams	45231	London Victoria-Chichester-Havant-Portsmouth and return

Key to tour listings:

BLACK	Charters expected to operate as booked.	RED	Tours cancelled by the operator
GREEN	Tours postponed to a future date by the operator	WCRC	Operated by West Coast Railway Company Traction
BP	Blue Pullman service	ICMM	InterCity Merrymaker

Location in (brackets) in a steam tour listing indicate a diesel or electric hauled section.

PLEASE NOTE: Not all pick up/set down points are shown. Please check with the operator before travelling any distance.

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Kingfisher Class 37 power

Kingfisher's two outings to Par and Penzance, from Bournemouth on 9 September and from Clapham Junction on 30 September are now scheduled to be hauled by an EWS Class 37.

The company has some cancellations, commencing on 20 August with its 'Dalesman' from Hellifield to Carlisle and return plus the two outings to Sellafield on 23 and 30 August due to lack of turning facilities for the steam locomotive. The booked engine was West Coast's No. 48151, which was not due to return from its 'Jacobite' stint at Fort William until 3 September anyway.

Also on 23 August, the proposed 'Ocean Liner Statesman' to Southampton has been postponed.

Fire Ban Update

As a result of the inclement weather over the past few days, as RH went to press, Network Rail advised that there were no fire bans currently in operation.

Main line return approaches for 55022

With the overhaul of Class 55 'Deltic' No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* **now complete, a main line return is booked for 23 September on the SRPS charter from Linlithgow to Inverness, featuring a return via Aberdeen.**

Following which will be the SRPS Christmas charter to Lincoln from Linlithgow and Edinburgh on 8 December. Pathfinder has the first all-England tour on 2 January 2007 from King's Cross to Newcastle, the feature of which will be the northbound working along the Durham coast.

Currently under consideration are a number of tours in 2007, which could see No. 55022 at Pwllheli, Whitby, Oban and Mallaig plus Alnmouth. A weekend international rugby charter from Swansea to Aberdeen is also a consideration!

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ABOVE: **LMS Stanier Pacific No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* climbs away from Garsdale on the scenic Settle & Carlisle route with 'The Dalesman' charter on 12 August, with the return leg of a Hellifield-Carlisle, Kingfisher Railtours charter. This locomotive is back in action on the route with Kingfisher on 26 August, with ex-SR 'King Arthur' 4-6-0 No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel* working the following day.** ***Ian Hardy***

The Week Ahead

Pathfinder must have the highlights of the August bank holiday weekend with two tours featuring heritage diesel traction.

No less that three DRS Class 20's are scheduled to haul the 26 August 'Rutland Renegade' which originates at Preston, picking up at principle stations to Birmingham New Street. The route is then Lichfield City and Coalville to Leicester, onwards via Melton Mowbray and Corby to Kettering for a break.

The return follows the Midland main line through Market Harborough, before reaching Birmingham New Street via Nuneaton and Sutton Park.

This is followed on 28 August with a trip from London Paddington to Penzance with haulage throughout by Class 40 No. 40145. Seats remain available on both tours. Telephone 01453 835414 for more information.

Kingfisher has a weekend of steam in the north, commencing on 26 August with No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* heading a 'Cumbrian Mountain Dalesman' from Carnforth to Hellifield via Penrith and Appleby, and No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel* on a Hellifield-Carlisle-Hellifield 'Dalesman' the next day.

Bank Holiday Monday will now see No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel* in charge of a National Railway Museum sponsored 'Hadrian' tour from York to Newcastle-upon-Tyne and back, both ways along the ECML.

Also on 28 August, Vintage Trains work from Dorridge to Kettering and Oakham with 'Hall' No. 4965 *Rood Ashton Hall* which will also include a shuttle between Oakham and Melton Mowbray.

Flurry of steam specials from Past Time

Past Time Rail is planning a week of steam operations in Devon and Cornwall during late October, taking in the key branches, including St. Ives.

Building on the company's successful operations during the Spring Bank Holiday earlier this year, the company is planning a series of branch line activities commencing on 22 October and running through to 26 October.

Target branches include, as mentioned earlier, probably the pearl in the south-west's' oyster, St. Ives. This will be the first steam operation along this famous and highly scenic branch for the best part of 40 years. Other destinations planned, include Falmouth Docks, Newquay, Par Harbour, Bere Alston, Carne Point, Plymouth Friary, Parkandillick, St. Blazey and Buckfastleigh.

All trains will depart from Plymouth and be hauled by BR Standard Class 4 No. 76079. Full details will be announced shortly, together with fares. However, Past Time is confident that there will be a high demand for tickets and therefore are accepting deposits of £25 per person to secure a seat. Telephone 0871 871 4119 for details.

In addition, on 21 October, Past Time will operate 'The Limited' from London Paddington to Penzance, picking up at Slough, Reading, Taunton and Exeter St. Davids which will feature 'King' No. 6024 *King Edward I* from Taunton to Penzance with the diesel legs being operated by Class 52 No. D1015 *Western Champion*, appearing for the first time in maroon livery. Then the following Saturday, D1015 will head for Cornwall again, from Gloucester, picking up at Bristol Parkway, Bristol Temple Meads, Weston-super-Mare, Taunton and Exeter St. Davids with 'The Cornubian' to Penzance. Returning from Penzance, the train will be steam hauled by No. 6024 as far as Taunton, where diesel-hydraulic power in the shape of D1015 will again take over for the run back to Gloucester.

This should be a truly amazing week, and as a taster Past Time is also planning to enhance the Community Rail weekend at Darlington with a series of steam-hauled services, again featuring BR Standard No. 76079, around the north-east commencing on 23 September with two trains.

'The Geordie Standard' will operate a circular tour from Darlington via Dinsdale, Eaglescliffe, Stockton, Stillington, Durham and Newcastle, returning via the ECML. This will be followed in the afternoon by a trip to Crag Hall from Darlington, via Middlesborough. Next day, the company head for Shildon 'topped and tailed' with a Class 66 diesel leading on the outward run, followed by an extensive trip around the Tees area taking in Battersby, Saltburn, Hartlepool and Stockton. Again, this train will operate in 'top and tail' mode with a Class 66.

Past Time Rail is certainly setting the standard for innovative steam operations that are attractive to both the enthusiast and general public alike. The programme is probably the most varied of any steam line-up in recent times.

Special Ravenglass & Eskdale livery for Northern Rail Class 156

Northern Rail has repainted a further Class 156 into a 'regional' livery.

Class 156 No. 156461 has gained the Northern Rail deep blue colour scheme with pictorial decals featuring the 15" gauge Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway, locally known as La'al Ratty, on each coach.

The set was officially introduced at Ravenglass station on 16 August while working the 10.06 Preston - Carlisle via Workington service.

ABOVE: No. 156461 stands at Grange-over-Sands on its launch day, 16 August, while working the 10.06 Preston - Carlisle Northern service. *Terry O'Conner*
RIGHT: The pictorial branding. *Mike Ford*

Class 58s return to England from TGV construction

LEFT: Class 58 Nos. 58040 and 58033 stand in Dollands Moor Yard having returned from France on 11 August. They joined classmate No. 58047 which returned through the tunnel the previous day. All three locomotives were moved to Wembley Yard in London, before being tripped in the consist of an 'Enterprise' service to Eastleigh behind 66060 on 16 August. *Kerry Parker*

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- Class 156 No. 156499 moved from Haymarket to Derby on 16 August for repainting.
- Heavily modified Class 31 No. 31107 has been removed from Barrow Hill. This is the locomotive that will be used in Network Rail's accident prevention crash, which is scheduled to take place in the near future.

ABOVE: Class 31/1 No. 31128 slowly ascends Upton Scudamore bank, near Westbury on 15 August with the 13.00 Minehead-Salisbury ECS working, formed of the 'Green Train' stock. *Mark Few*

LEFT: Deputising for the non-availability of ex-SR Battle of Britian No. 34067 *Tangmere*, Kingfisher Railtours charter from Bristol to Eastbourne on 17 August is pictured passing Purley-on-Thames behind EWS Class 37/4 No. 37405. *Ken Brunt*

BELOW: With Edinburgh Castle on the skyline Class 37/4s Nos. 37406 and 37417 power away from the historic city with a 'Northern Belle' special to Oban on 13 August. The train is approaching the site of the former Saughton Junction where the line for Glasgow Queen Street via Falkirk and the line for Fife via The Forth Bridge separate in their own directions. No longer a junction in its own right, the last opportunity to switch from one route to the other is some distance back towards Waverley. The EWS Class 37 fleet has been reduced to just four with the storing of No. 37401 at Motherwell TMD last week. *Peter Kellett*

ABOVE: Occasionally the daily GB Railfreight evening postal service operated for Royal Mail from London to Sheildmuir, near Glasgow, still sees Class 87 haulage, following the reintroduction of the power cars to the Class 325 EMUs. On 14 August, Class 87 No. 87022 *Cock o' the North* heads through Brock with the northbound service. *Mark Bearton*

BELOW: The EWS operated fleet of Class 92s continues to ply their trade, mainly on the West Coast Main Line, on international services to Dollands Moor and through the Channel Tunnel, without a second glance from most people. On 14 August, Class 92 No. 92031 *The Institute of Logistics & Transport* passes Beckfoot on the northern stretch of the West Coast Main Line with a Carlisle - Eastleigh 'Enterprise' service. The electric will work the train as far as Bescot Yard before it is replaced with a Class 66 for the final leg of the journey. *Ian Hardy*

The Deltic Collection!

The Deltic Preservation Society held a 'Farewell to Doncaster Plant' event over the weekend of 12/13 August.

The event, was originally to be held at Doncaster Works, now operated by Bombardier Transportation. Several issues resulted in the event being moved to Barrow Hill, now the home of the DPS.

The weekend was well attended by enthusiasts who flocked to see the spectacle of all six remaining production 'Deltics' lined up. The line-up provided a sight not seen in years and one that many people 20 years ago would have said could never happen again!

TOP: The rare sight of six production 'Deltics' is pictured on shed at Barrow Hill, near Chesterfield, on 12 August. From left to right are Nos. 55022 *Royal Scoys Grey*, 55002 *Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry*, 55019 *Royal Highand Fusilier*, D9016 *Gordon Highlander*, D9009 *Alycidon* and D9015 *Tulyar*. *Fred Kerr*

MIDDLE: The three remaining 'Deltic' locomotives in BR two-tone green livery. Nos.D9016 *Gordon Highlander* (complete with its modern day WIPAC lights!), D9009 *Alycidon* and D9015 *Tulyar* are pictured in front of the DPS shed. *Fred Kerr*

LEFT: Class 55 Nos. 55019 *Royal Highland Fusilier* and 55022 *Royal Scots Grey* are seen outside the roundhouse at Barrow Hill on 12 August. *James Rose*

Pair of GWR 4-4-0s for Bluebell 'Giants of Steam'

The Bluebell Railway is to play host to the National Railway Museum's 'roving ambassador' at its October gala, giving the railway the chance to bring together the two remaining working, outside-framed Great Western 4-4-0 locomotives.

As part of the 'Giants of Steam' event on 21/22 October, the NRM's ex-GWR 'City' 4-4-0 No. 3440 *City of Truro* will be paired with ex-GWR 'Dukedog' 4-4-0 No. 9017 *Earl of Berkeley* to create the first double-headed run of the two locomotives on a preserved line. Also in action should be ex-SR West Country No. 21C123 *Blackmoor Vale*, ex-SR U class 2-6-0 No. 1638, BR Standard 4MT 4-6-0 No. 75027 and BR Standard 4MT 2-6-4T No. 80151.

A vintage RouteMaster bus will operate the connecting bus service from East Grinstead.

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■ Repairs to the South Devon Railway's 2800 Class No. 3803 are nearly complete at Ian Riley's Bury workshops. Once the wheelset is returned to Buckfastleigh, it will be replaced on the locomotive using the railway's wheel drop facility and should be back in steam in September.

■ The National Railway Museum has been awarded £110,000 for its 'Hands on History' project which seeks to create a multi-million pound archive and research centre in York. The centre will enable visitors to experience a large number of documents and artifacts from the Museum's collection which have been locked away in its stores.

■ The Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway is to hold a diesel gala weekend on 28/29 October, featuring the line's resident diesel locomotives and recently arrived Class 47 No. 47004 from Old Oak Common.

ABOVE: Jim Carter, the well known footplate cameraman, was honoured by Bachmann Models at a presentation in the National Railway Museum, York, when Bachmann UK launched its latest model, the BR Class 9F Standard 2-10-0 No 92220 *Evening Star* to the railway press. Jim is seen with Bachmann UK Managing Director, Graham Hubbard, presenting him with a personal model in front of the actual locomotive. A second model off the production line was presented to the NRM. *Chris Dixon*

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37152 returns to service

Class 37 No. 37152 is to return to traffic and make its preservation debut at Peak Rail over the weekend of 23/24 September.

The locomotive, which has been based on the railway since the beginning of this year, is owned by John Ball. It still the carries Intercity Mainline livery in which it was withdrawn. A repaint into BR green is planned for the future.

The weekend will see Peak Rail's annual diesel gala take place with resident Class 14 No. D9525, Class 31 No. 31270 and Class 44 No. D8 *Penyghent* in action alongside the Type 3. Also taking part will be Class 02 No. D2854 and Class 03 No. 03099 from the Heritage Shunters Trust.

Class 01 No. D2953, will be hauling brake van trains at Rowsley South. The collection of locomotives belonging to the Heritage Shunters Trust will also be available for viewing at Rowsley South.

ABOVE: Recently restored to steam following its overhaul, ex-GWR 'Prairie' 2-6-2T No. 4160 worked its first service trains on the South Devon Railway on 8 August. All went well with just a few small items requiring further attention. Here No. 4160 pilots ex-GWR 'Prairie' No. 5526 away from Buckfastleigh with the 10.45 service to Totnes Riverside, the first ever passenger run over the line by a member of the class. The locomotive will remain on the South Devon for August and September, with the exception of a short visit to the Bodmin & Wenford Railway steam gala. The locomotive then moves to the Bluebell Railway (via the Mid-Hants for a short spell) for the rest of the 2006 season, before returning to the West Somerset Railway next year. *Richard Elliott*

Diesel action over the August Bank Holiday weekend

The Ecclesbourne Valley Railway based at Wirkswirth will be holding a diesel weekend on 26-28 August, which will see Mainline-liveried Class 31 No. 31414 sharing duties with Class 03 No. D2158 and railcars Nos. M56224 and W51360, the latter working the Gorsey Bank line for the first time.

Meanwhile, the Vale of Glamorgan Railway will feature a pair of Class 20s its their gala, with Nos. 20228 and D8142 in traffic alongside plus Class 17 No. 9521 and examples of Class 108 and 117 DMU's, while further south, the South Devon Railway has a British Railways 1950s and 1960s weekend on 27/28 August which will feature its ex-GWR 'Prairies' Nos 4160 and 5526, ex-GWR Pannier No. 5786 and Class 25 No. D7612.

BELOW: Ex-SR 4-6-0 No. 850 *Lord Nelson* stands at Bishops Lydeard on the West Somerset Railway on 16 August, in light steam. The locomotive had just arrived from its restoration base of Eastleigh Works behind EWS Class 66 No. 66138. From here the remainder of the journey to Minehead was powered by WSR resident diesel, Class 33 'Crompton' No. 33048. *Lord Nelson* will now undergo running-in on the WSR and have several outstanding jobs including the fitment of OTMR completed before it returns to the National network. *Philip Izzard*

LEFT: Northern Ireland Railways liveried Class 8111 No. 112, currently on long-term loan to Iarnrod Eireann arrives into Farranfore with the Fridays-only 18.00 Tralee-Cork service. This is one of the last diagrams that remain with the older Craven-built rolling stock. *Malcolm Stead*

MIDDLE: EWS Class 66/0 No. 66022 is pictured in Calais Frethan yard on 10 August, having arrived back in France following its further modifications at Toton TMD and visits to Serco at Derby. Making a stark comparison is SNCF Fret-liveried B-B electric locomotive, No. 422212, one of the 422200 Class, built from 1977 onwards. *Kerry Parker*

BELOW: Only a few of the twenty class EU06 electric locomotives remain in use in Poland, and it is understood that EU06-04 is the only member of the class that remains on regular passenger duties. The locomotives were built between 1962-1965 by English Electric/AEI and are similar to the British Rail Class 83 locomotives that were being built by English Electric at the same time. Here No. EU06-04 awaits departure time at Wrocław Glowny on 2 August with a long-distance express, service 38103 from Krakow to Kolobrzeg. *Philip Wormald*