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Hired Silverlink Class 321/4s Nos 321426 and 321416 approach Stratford on 31 July, forming an ECS working to London Liverpool Street for the 'one' evening peak services. *Brian Morrison*

Back Cover

Photographs of the Settle & Carlisle line always seem to provide an attractive image. First GBRf/Metronet Class 66/7 No. 66722 is seen near Risehill Tunnel on 31 July with a Cottam-New Biggin gypsum working. *Warren Armstrong*

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ABOVE: First GBRf Class 66/7 No. 66727 heads a Derby to Plymouth Laira stock move through Sonning Cutting, as an unidentified First Great Western HST heads for London with a train from the West Country on 9 August. *Ken Brunt*

■ BREAKING NEWS ■

Pioneer on fire at Stevenage

As this issue closed for press, details were reaching us of a fire on-board a Hull Trains Class 222 'Pioneer' service at Stevenage.

The fire occurred during the evening of 10 August, while the set, No. 222102, was working the 17.06 Hull - London King's Cross service. The train was brought to a stand 500 yards south of Stevenage station following a fire in one coach.

Emergency services were on the scene quickly and all other services, GNER and First Capital Connect were at a stand.

It is not believed that any passengers, who were evacuated from the train, were injured in the blaze.

Hull Trains is already a 'Pioneer' set down following the accident at Bombardier's Crofton Depot several months ago.

Railway Herald will bring you the full story next issue.

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Your chance for a sneak preview at the new format

***Railway Herald* has always been a magazine dedicated to the railway enthusiast. As such the three-man team here has always tried to give you, the readers, the things that you want.**

For 95 issues, and over two and a half years, *Railway Herald* has been published in a PDF format. Several thousand of you receive this direct into your inboxes each week, while another several thousand download it from the website.

However, we are rapidly approaching the boundary of what can be achieved, as a weekly magazine, in a PDF format. As the magazine expands, so does the file size, and for a number of readers that causes problems, either because of the internet connection or because of the size of the inbox.

As a result, alternative digital formats have been looked at over recent months and after dismissing a number of options, we are pleased to announce a **'one-week'** trial.

Issue 96 of *RH* will still be published in the familiar PDF format, but contained within the magazine and as a link from the website, will be the same magazine published using the new format.

We want to know **YOUR** opinion, views and criticisms (hopefully constructive ones!). So please, do look carefully for the link to the preview and do let us know your views on whether or not you like it.

Your opinion does count, so voice it!

TOP: A VC-10 aircraft from 101 Squadron flies over the newly named Pendolino, south of Northampton. Network Rail agreed for the train to be brought to a stand for several minutes to allow the picture to be taken and the flypast to be carried out over the train. *Virgin Trains*
ABOVE: RAF 101 Squadron Wing Commander Tim O'Brien unveils the new name on Class 390 No. 390045 at Birmingham International on 6 August. *Brian Morrison*

Pendolino named after RAF's *101 Squadron*

Virgin Trains has marked the renaming of one of its Pendolino trains with a flypast by an aircraft from the Royal Air Force's 101 Squadron, based at Brize Norton.

The VC-10, which also carried some staff from Virgin Trains, 'dipped' its wings as it flew over the train in Northamptonshire, less than an hour after it was officially named *101 Squadron* by RAF Wing Commander Tim O'Brien at Birmingham International station.

The naming of the Class 390 maintains a tradition which goes back to 1997, when Virgin first took over the West Coast and CrossCountry train services. A mutual exchange group has been formed between midlands railway staff and 101 Squadron and the relationship is currently led by Virgin's Wolverhampton-based instructor driver Bob Dunn.

In 1998, Virgin West Coast Mk3 DVT No. 82149 was named *101 Squadron*, the plates being transferred to No. 82101 just over a year later.

In naming the train, RAF 101 Squadron Wing Commander Tim O'Brien said: "It is an absolute delight and a very real honour to be invited to Birmingham International today for the naming of a Virgin Pendolino train. Our links with Virgin Trains are very strong indeed and this serves to make them still stronger."

Bubblecar and loco-hauled services scheduled for Quainton Road

Chiltern Railways and the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre have teamed up to offer another chance to travel by train on the 'freight-only' line from Aylesbury to Quainton Road.

On Bank Holiday Monday, 27 August, one of Chiltern's 'Bubblecar' first-generation DMUs will be operating an hourly shuttle service between the two stations. Passengers can alight at Quainton Road for the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, where there is a show of veteran and vintage trains, bikes, commercial and military vehicles.

Combined rail and admission tickets can be bought from Aylesbury station and are priced £12.00 for an adult and £9.00 for a child or senior. The first train departs Aylesbury for the 20 minute journey to Quainton Road at 10.10 and at 10 minutes past every hour until 17.10. The hourly train services from Quainton Road to Aylesbury depart at 40 minutes past the hour, the first at 10.40 and the last at 17.40.

The route will have locomotive-hauled trains on 6 and 20 December, when Hertfordshire's 'Christmas Tour to Quainton' will operate from London Paddington, including a short break at Quainton Road.

News in Brief

■ Following the purchase of five Class 92s earlier this year, Eurotunnel has confirmed that the first of these is at Brush Traction, Loughborough, and is undergoing refurbishment.

■ South West Train's Class 158 No. 158890 was delivered to Salisbury on 7 August.

■ EWS has had a change around in TOPS pools, with the three Class 37/4s previously in the WFMU pool (Nos. 37405, 37406 and 37417) now allocated into the main WKBN pool, while No. 37422 *Cardiff Canton* has moved to WKCN.

■ A power failure in the Channel Tunnel delayed a passenger service for over five hours on 3 August. The decision not to remove passengers from the train was taken to ensure safety, despite the hot conditions on board. A Eurotunnel spokesman has said that safety is the prime concern at all times, but there are lessons to be learnt from the problem. After failing at 09.15 UK time, in the UK to France tunnel, the train was rescued by a Krupp diesel from Coquelles at 14.00, UK time.

110,000 people book for first services from St Pancras

Eurostar has announced that more than 110,000 passengers have already booked to travel on 'High Speed 1' in the period between the opening of St Pancras International on 14 November and Christmas!

In the first two weeks of ticket sales, advance bookings were more than double the same period in 2006, and demand is coming from both business and leisure passengers.

The first trains to Paris and Brussels on 14 November are sold out, with business travellers being able for the first time to reach the centres of both Paris and Brussels before 09.00 without journeying the night before.

With less than 100 days to go until the launch of services from Eurostar's new London terminal at St Pancras International, the first trains on 14 November sold out just days after sales opened.

Almost 90% of Standard Class tickets snapped up were at Eurostar's lowest price of £59 return.

More Southeastern Secure stations

Hastings and Sevenoaks are among 13 stations on the Southeastern network to have recently been accredited with Secure Station status, helping to reassure passengers and staff about their safety on the railway.

The stations have gained their awards under the Secure Stations Scheme, managed by the Department for Transport in partnership with the British Transport Police. Accreditation is given against strict security criteria, including:

- good fencing and boundaries
- good CCTV coverage
- good lighting
- good use of corner mirrors and signage
- a reduction in crime rates at the station
- regular station maintenance audits including removal of graffiti within 24-hours
- availability of staff with conflict management knowledge
- positive results in an independent survey of passengers using the station on how they feel about security at the station.

The other Southeastern stations to achieve the accolade are Bromley South, Canterbury East, Canterbury West, Dover Priory, Faversham, Orpington, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells and West Malling.

These 11 join nine others already accredited, and it is hoped to secure awards for a further 15 stations before Christmas.

Grand Central 'committed' to September launch for Sunderland trains

Grand Central have advised that the company remains committed to launching its new Sunderland to London King's Cross service in September. A final decision on the launch date will be given on 23 August after the rolling stock has been delivered.

Grand Central's three HSTs, comprising six power cars and 18 passenger carriages, are currently undergoing an extensive refurbishment programme. Marcroft Engineering is responsible for the passenger carriages, and this work includes a complete interior re-fitting of the vehicles including the installation of WiFi. The power cars are also undergoing a comprehensive major overhaul at Devonport DML which includes modifications to improve reliability.

High speed internet access will be available free to all passengers on Grand Central services, with the equipment being provided by Icomera. In addition to passengers, staff will also make use of the system as they are to be given BlackBerry™ hand-held devices, and drivers and senior conductors will be provided with laptop computers for use on-board trains.

The company expects to replace the refurbished HSTs with new 'Polaris' trains from 2010. Grand Central says that the new trains will be provided by sister company Sovereign Trains and will be built in China, capable of working from on-board eco-friendly diesel engines or from overhead cantenary, the sets will have a top speed of 140mph. No contract has yet been signed for the new trains.

Sister company Grand Union has also announced plans to serve West Yorkshire using new 'Polaris' trains from London Euston and has advised the ORR that it wishes to start services from 2012.

Fond farewell to MML chef of 50 years

After 50 years on the railway, Midland Mainline Chef Terry Foster retired on 9 August, when he served special champagne Great British Breakfasts on the 09.25 train from St Pancras to Sheffield.

He started work on the railway as a pantry boy in 1957, aged 15 years, and it is estimated that in that time he has served nearly one million breakfasts!

During his long career he has served everyone from Princess Margaret to Tommy Cooper and provided a five course banquet during the Investiture of Prince Charles - and in all that time has taken only three days off sick.

He says that he will continue to serve a Great British Breakfast at his home in Sinfin, Derby, but only on Sundays!

ABOVE: Midland Mainline Chef Terry Foster preparing breakfasts for the last time on his retirement day of 9 August, after serving 50 years on the railways, starting aged 15 as a BR pantry boy in 1957. *Brian Morrison*

Remember you can always 'click' on an advert to go straight to the advertisers website!

Half price tickets from FGW

First Great Western (FGW) is helping passengers in the North Cotswolds area to celebrate the re-opening of the mainline between Oxford and Worcester/ Hereford by cutting prices on cheap day return tickets.

Travellers from stations on the route will benefit from half-price cheap day returns for the period 13 –19 August. FGW has said that this is its way of saying thank you to all those who have been so patient while the line has been closed to allow for track repairs following the severe flooding in the area last month. The half-price offer will be valid for travel from all stations on the Oxford to Worcester/Hereford route as far as London Paddington, Gatwick Airport, Basingstoke, Newbury, and Bedwyn.

ACoRP Community Rail Festival comes to the South East for 2007

The Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP) has announced the venue for this year's Community Rail Festival, which aims to highlight the work being done on the numerous community rail partnerships around the country.

This year the role of host goes to the south-east and the Marshlink line from Ashford to Hastings in particular. As part of the Community Rail Festival, train operators Southern and Southeastern and the Sussex and Kent Community Rail Partnerships have teamed up to offer a weekend out for just £10.66(!) per adult, and £1 for children.

The offer will give unlimited travel between Tonbridge, Maidstone, Dover, Canterbury, Ashford, Hastings and Brighton over the weekend of 29/30 September and a special commemorative ticket, valid for both days, can be bought at all staffed stations at and between these points. Tickets go on sale a week before the event, but can also be bought during the weekend itself. No advance purchase is necessary. The ticket will allow passengers to attend a number of special events that have been organised along the Marshlink Line between Hastings and Ashford on the Saturday as well as other numerous attractions in the area over the complete weekend. These include Network Rail's robot 'Oscar' on display at Hastings, with Stagecoach providing special vintage bus tours.

At Rye there will be a display of historic photographs and a steam locomotive from the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway will be on display. Celebrating its long-held status as a railway town, Ashford will offer an exhibition of old photographs recalling its rail heritage, and Ashford Model Railway Club aims to have a miniature railway layout on display. In addition, the 11.30 and 12.30 trains from Ashford International to Hastings, and the 11.34 and 12.34 services in the opposite direction, will feature live music on board, together with refreshments and fine window views of the Romney Marshes.

More E-Days from Chiltern!

Chiltern Railways reports that the company is doubling the number of 'text-2-mobile' tickets available with a quota of E-Day tickets on trains from Birmingham being introduced.

These cover Banbury and Bicester to London earlier in the mornings and during the afternoons and are also now available between Great Missenden and London.

A new pricing structure comes into place on the same day, with fares at just £4 single from Great Missenden to London, £5-£9 for off-peak between Birmingham and London, and a £25 single to travel between Birmingham and London at peak times.

The new look to the north side of Edinburgh Waverley's west end!

BELOW: After months of work to reconstruct Edinburgh Waverley, part of the station at least, is complete and looking superb. Work is still ongoing on the south side of the complex (off the right hand of the picture in this view) but the relayed point work and trackwork leading to the new passenger platform on what was previously the freight loop (very left-hand line) is clearly visible on 5 August. Ken Brunt

First GBRf creates ties with Sunderland Football Club

First GBRf has created a close link with Sunderland football club, which is close to the heart of chairman, John Smith.

At the Port of Tyne on 10 August, the First GBRf Managing Director, invited Niall Quinn, chairman of Sunderland AFC, to name Class 66/7 No. 66725 *Sunderland*.

The former Republic of Ireland striker unveiled the new plates, which have been very appropriately cast in the same style as the LNER B17 Class locomotives, with one difference. The steam era plates carried a '3D' half-ball under the name, symbolising the link with the appropriate football club and the plate was carried on one of the 'splashers' over the driving wheels. The Class 66 nameplate, in common with the rest of the type, are bodyside mounted, meaning that the '3D' style football has to be flat to avoid the loco being out of gauge!

Several former Black Cats stars, including Jim Montgomery, Bobby Kerr and Gary Bennett, joined Niall at the event.

John Smith, is hoping that the traditional naming will provide a good omen for the club as the 'B17' locomotive was used 70 years ago to convey the "the victorious 1937 Sunderland team to Wembley for the cup final against Preston North End!"

ABOVE: No. 66725 prior to being named.
RIGHT: Niall Quinn unveils the *Sunderland* plate as Sunderland supporter John Smith looks on.
Both: Richard Tuplin

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ABOVE: In what could become a very rare sight, LMS 'Duchess' Pacific No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* crosses the river on the impressive viaduct at Knaresborough on 31 July with the morning 'Scarborough Spa Express'. A close-encounter with a bridge near Hornbeam Park resulted in the locomotive being banned from the 'Harrogate Circle' due to being out of gauge. 'Black 5' No. 45231 and 'A4' No. 60009 will now work the remainder of the turns for the 'Duchess'. *John Whitehouse*

Missing piece of paper causes *Princess Elizabeth* to be sidelined

Trouble lay in store for Pathfinder's 'Cumbrian Mountain Express' as it pulled into Carlisle last Saturday, with everyone looking forward to a trip south over the Settle & Carlisle line behind No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth*.

Alas, this was not to be, as with the locomotive and support coach ready on Upperby Depot awaiting the road to Citadel station, Network Rail 'slammed on the brakes'.

But here the clarity of the issues begin to fade: in a press release the owners of No. 6201 say that "Network Rail advised the locomotive owners that as the paperwork was not in order, No. 6201 would not be allowed onto the network". Network Rail added that "the engineering certificate that had been arranged by the locomotive owners was not in place".

The 'engineering certificate' is the necessary document issued by the Vehicle Acceptance Board which confirms that the locomotive has been inspected, tested and found to be in a satisfactory condition to operate on the national network. This certification has to be undertaken at regular intervals, and No. 6201 was due for inspection during August.

So, what went wrong? Many questions remain to be answered, and the passengers on the 'CME' certainly deserve to know why the main feature of their day failed to materialise. However, the answer may be nothing more sinister than a fax machine which ran out of ink at a very inconvenient time! Certainly, a breakdown in the communication chain within the railway industry looks a likely bet, but that will be of little cheer to a lot of people who had their day ruined by the absence of a piece of paper.

The Week Ahead

Steam over the Highland main line is rare, as is the opportunity to travel behind an LNER 'K4'.

Happily, the two coincide on 18 August, with the SRPS charter from Polmont, which has the added bonus of running through from Aviemore to Broomhill, the current eastern terminus of the Strathspey Railway. John Cameron's 'K4' No. 61994 *The Great Marquess* will haul the train from Perth through to Broomhill and back, with the Polmont – Perth section being diesel-hauled. This will be the SRPS's first venture with steam for a good while, and hopefully it will herald more in the future.

The day is also a busy weekend for Tyseley: it is providing two 'Halls', probably Nos. 4953 *Pitchford Hall* and 4965 *Rood Ashton Hall*, for a return working from Bescot via Crewe to Chester for Steam Dreams, which originates at London Victoria and runs via Oxford and Banbury diesel-hauled. Meanwhile, its own Vintage Trains brand has an 'Explorer' working from Tyseley Warwick Road to Eastbourne for the Eastbourne Air Show. The train runs via Nuneaton and is booked for haulage throughout by Class 50 No. 50049 *Defiance*. Eastbourne is also the destination for a Kingfisher outing from Birmingham International, which runs via Leamington Spa. The Railway Touring Company operates a 'Cumbrian Mountain Express' from York to Carlisle and return, that is steam-hauled throughout by No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland*, although the 'CME' the following weekend has been cancelled due to engineering work, and the final 'CME' for RTC will be on 1 September with No. 850 *Lord Nelson*.

Also heading for the S&C on 18 August is UK Railtours, which is operating from King's Cross, north via the ECML and the Tyne Valley.

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.co.uk. **Information is understood to be correct at the time of going to press.**

REGULAR SCHEDULED STEAM OPERATION

Date	Service	Operator	Route	Traction Pool
10-31 Aug	Jacobite	West Coast Rly Company	Fort William - Mallaig & rtn.	62005 or 45407
13-17 Aug	Cambrian Coast	West Coast Rly Company	Machynlleth - Porthmadog & rtn	76079
13-17 Aug	Whitby Steam	North Yorkshire Moors Rly	Pickering & Goathland - Whitby & rtn	61264 or 75029
14-16 Aug	Scarborough Spa	Railway Touring Company	York - Knaresborough - Scarborough & rtn	6233
20-24 Aug	Cambrian Coast	West Coast Rly Company	Machynlleth - Porthmadog & rtn	76079
20-24 Aug	Whitby Steam	North Yorkshire Moors Rly	Pickering & Goathland - Whitby & rtn	61264 or 75029
21-23 Aug	Scarborough Spa	Railway Touring Company	York - Knaresborough - Scarborough & rtn	6233
27-31 Aug	Cambrian Coast	West Coast Rly Company	Machynlleth - Porthmadog & rtn	76079
27-30 Aug	Scarborough Spa	Railway Touring Company	York - Knaresborough - Scarborough & rtn	6233

INDIVIDUAL CHARTER SERVICES

Date	Operator	Traction	Route
11 Aug	ICMM	tbc	Reading-Staines-Clapham Junction-Finsbury Park-Potters Bar-Skegness and return
11 Aug	Kingfisher	tbc	Hellifield-Appleby-Carlisle and return
11 Aug	NENTA Traintours	tbc	Dereham-Ely-Cambridge-Royston-Hitchin-Bournemouth-Wareham-Weymouth and rtn
11 Aug	Past Time Rail	6024	**The Torbay Express** Bristol TM-Kingswear-Bristol TM
11 Aug	RTC	60009	(Hull-York)-York-Leeds-Shipley-Keighley-Skipton-Appleby-Carlisle and return
12 Aug	Kingfisher	tbc	Hellifield-Appleby (sd/pu)-Carlisle (break/rev) and return
12 Aug	Past Time Rail	6024	**The Torbay Express** Bristol TM-Kingswear-Bristol TM
12 Aug	Vintage Trains	4965	Birmingham Snow Hill-Tyseley-Stratford-Upon-Avon and return (two trips)
15 Aug	Steam Dreams	850	London (tba)-Clapham Junction-Wimbledon-Woking-Weymouth and return
16 Aug	Kingfisher	EWS Cl 37/4	Derby-Leicester-Kettering-Wellingborough-Bedford-Eastbourne and return
16 Aug	Past Time Rail	34067	(Bristol TM-Bath Spa-Reading-Maidenhead)-Willesden-Eastbourne-Willesden (and rtn)
18 Aug	Kingfisher	tbc	**The Dalesman:** Hellifield-Appleby-Carlisle and return
18 Aug	Kingfisher	tbc	Birmingham Intl.-Coventry-Princes Risborough-High Wycombe-Eastbourne and rtn
18 Aug	RTC	6233	York-Leeds-Shipley-Keighley-Skipton-Appleby-Carlisle and return
18 Aug	SRPS	61994	(Polmont-Falkirk Grahamston-Larbert-Stirling-Dunblane-Perth)-Perth-Aviemore-Broomhill (Strathspey Railway) and return
18 Aug	Steam Dreams	tbc	London (tba)-Chester and return (route to be advised)
18 Aug	Steam Dreams	4965&4953	(London Victoria-Clapham Junction-Staines-Richmond-Oxford-Banbury)-Banbury-Leamington Spa-Crewe-Chester-Crewe-Birmingham International-(and return)
18 Aug	UK Railtours	EWS Cl 67	London KX-Peterborough-York-Leeds-Carlisle (rev)-Tyne Valley-Durham-York and rtn
18 Aug	Vintage Trains	50049	Tyseley Warwick Road-Kettering-Bedford-East Croydon-Lewes-Eastbourne and rtn
19 Aug	Kingfisher	48151	**The Dalesman:** Hellifield-Appleby (sd/pu)-Carlisle (break/rev) and return
19 Aug	Past Time Rail	34067	**The Torbay Express:** Bristol TM-Kingswear-Bristol TM
19 Aug	Vintage Trains	4965	Birmingham Snow Hill-Tyseley-Stratford-Upon-Avon and return (two trips)
22 Aug	Totesport	86101	London KX-York-London KX
24 Aug	Past Time Rail	6024 &34067	Bristol TM-Taunton-Exeter SD-Plymouth (pu/sd)-Par and return
25 Aug	Compass Tours	2xRiveria Cl47	Holyhead-Llandudno Jct-Colwyn Bay-Rhyl-Flint-Chester-Carlisle and return
25 Aug	Hertfordshire	2xRiveria Cl47	Ashford-Orpington-Ealing Broadway-Bath Spa-Bristol TM and return
25 Aug	Kingfisher	tbc	Hellifield-Appleby-Carlisle and return
25 Aug	Pathfinder Tours	2xEWS Cl37	Eastleigh-Salisbury-Bath Spa-Newport-Llandrindrod Wells and return
25 Aug	RTC	6233	York-Leeds-Shipley-Keighley-Skipton-Appleby-Carlisle and return
25 Aug	SRPS	40145	Carlisle-Gretna Green-Annan-Dumfries-Kilmarnock-Fort William and return
26 Aug	Intercity	2 x Cl31	Minehead-Bishops Lydeard-Taunton-Weymouth and return
26 Aug	Kingfisher	tbc	Hellifield-Appleby (sd/pu)-Carlisle (break/rev) and return
26 Aug	Past Time Rail	34067	**The Torbay Express:** Bristol TM-Kingswear-Bristol TM
26 Aug	Vintage Trains	4965	Birmingham Snow Hill-Tyseley-Stratford-Upon-Avon and return (two trips)
27 Aug	Compass Tours	2xRiveria Cl47	Preston-Lancester-Oxenholme-Penrith-Carlisle-Perth-Pitlochry-Aviemore 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
P	Hertfordshire Pullman service	**ICMM**	Intercity Merrymaker from Hertfordshire Rail Tours

(Locations) in brackets on a steam tour listing indicates 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.

'Black 5' for RTC Scarborough trains

The Railway Touring Company has reacted quickly to the gauging issue that caused No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* to be banned from the Harrogate Circle portion of its 'Scarborough Spa Expresses' last week, and has drafted in 'Black 5' No. 45231 *Sherwood Forester* to cover the three turns during the week commencing 14 August.

With loadings reported to be good, it is important that the full itinerary is retained, and the introduction of a 'Black 5' certainly raises the spectre of some hard running, especially on the evening clock-wise journey around the 'Circle'.

It is also good news for No. 45231, which suffered a tyre problem while working an early season 'Jacobite' train, causing its premature withdrawal from the Fort William roster due to the need to return to Carnforth for repairs.

Trains during the week commencing 21 August are scheduled for haulage by No. 60009 *Union of South Africa,* followed by No. 850 *Lord Nelson* covering the final week (gauging permitting). Meanwhile, the Saturday 'Cumbrian Mountain Express' rosters remain unaltered with No. 6233 still booked for the train on 18 August and No. 850 for 1 September.

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LEFT: GWR 'King' 4-6-0 No. 6024 *King Edward I* whistles through Bristol Stapleton Road with the 09.05 Bristol Temple Meads to Kingswear 'Torbay Express' working on 5 August. On 19 and 26 August, these trains should be in the hands of SR Battle of Britain No. 34067 *Tangmere*. Both locomotives are booked to work 'The Holiday Express' from Bristol to Par and return on 24 August, providing the unusual sight of an SR/GWR combination! *Jack Boskett*

ABOVE: Following the cancellation of the 'Western Fellsman' as a result of flooding, Class 52 'Western' No. D1015 *Western Champion* remained on the East Lancashire Railway, as the tour was originally devised as a way of returning the loco to London. Instead, Pathfinder Tours' employed the loco on the return section of its 'Cumbrian Mountain Express' from Swindon on 4 August. The following day's empty coaching stock movement back to Old Oak Common is pictured passing Lower Basildon on the Great Western main line, with Class 67 No. 67021 on the rear. *Nick Townsend*

BELOW: Ian Riley's BR Standard 4MT 2-6-0 No. 76079 approaches Picnic Island, near Aberdovey, with the 10.05 'Cambrian Coast Express' from Machynlleth to Porthmadog on 6 August. *Dylan Williams*

ABOVE: The Metronet-liveried Class 66/7s operated by First GBRf continue to stretch their wings. On 2 August, No. 66719 *Metro-Land* passes Seaham on the Sunderland coast route with the morning Tyne Dock to Drax Power Station service. *Ken Short*

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ABOVE: Class 156s Nos. 156434, 156403 and 156431 are pictured stabled at Glasgow Central, prior to working the 16.41 Glasgow Central - East Kilbride service on 2 August. The entire Strathclyde PTE colour scheme of both the Class 156s and 318 is broken only by No. 156403, a recent transfer from Central Trains!

MIDDLE: Class 320s Nos. 320312 and 320307 are pictured approaching Hyndland, while working the 13.23 Balloch - Airdrie service. This six-car set was one of a number that were employed on the Balloch - Airdrie route on 4 August, the extended formations being used to provide extra accommodation for passengers attending the weekend 'Live at Loch Lomond' concert taking place at Balloch Country and Public Park. First Scotrail provided an extra service through to midnight on the Saturday.

RIGHT: The Alstom-built Class 334s have now settled down into reliable service following many problems after their introduction. Nos. 334024 and 334023 are caught by the camera during the booked station stop at Hyndland on 2 August, while employed on the 16.42 Milngavie - Larkhall service.
All: Jonathon McGurk

ABOVE: The driver of Class 37/4 No. 37410 turns on the power on the approach to Dewsbury East Junction, accelerating away from a temporary speed restriction, while working the 13.53 Warrington Arpley - Doncaster Belmont 'Enterprise' service on 3 August. *Mark Allatt*

BELOW: After a few weeks of almost solid Class 37 operation, the daily 10.07 Crewe Basford Hall - Scunthorpe and 15.30 return workings now appear to be a mix of Class 37s and Class 66 traction. On 9 August, both operational EWS Class 37s, Nos. 37422 *Cardiff Canton* and 37410 were employed on the outward working, pictured here passing Mauds Bridge, between Doncaster and Scunthorpe, in glorious summer sun. *Richard Tuplin*

ABOVE: EWS Class 90 No. 90028 was provided to work a London King's Cross - Prestonpans charter on 3 August, the stock being a complete mix of liveries, covering at least three different eras! Prestonpans is the current destination for all Edinburgh bound charters due to the vast amount of engineering work underway at Edinburgh Waverley. *Steve Philpott*

BELOW: Hertfordshire Rail Tours 08.34 charter from King's Cross to Edinburgh for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, approaches Harringay at speed on 4 August, powered by Class 87 No 87028 *Lord President*. *Brian Morrison*

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