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#### Front Cover Photo:

Swedish railcar 1212 (only knee high to the proverbial grasshopper) arrives back into Wansford from Yarwell at 13.10, on the ICRS special AGM charter complete with 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary headboard, unfortunately it was by now gloomy and drizzling.

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# **Society Notice Board**

#### **Editor's Comments:**

The AGM held at the Nene Valley Railway proved a huge success and was well attended, see Report elsewhere.

With the death of Maggie Thatcher recently and the 1984/85 coal miners dispute reignited, it is strangely coincidental that the UK coal industry has suddenly gone into meltdown which is and will have a major impact on coal transportation by rail. It is sad to report more unexpected pit closures on top of those mentioned last month. Maltby has closed leaving only three deep level pits operating, of which Hatfield is compromised by the recent slagheap slide and Scottish Coal has gone into administration shutting six opencast sites in East Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire and Fife. With power stations switching to cleaner biomass the future for UK coal is looking doomed. On top of this the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) wants to charge more for long distance coal trains including biomass so possibly forcing traffic from rail to road. Where is government's joined up thinking?

On my way back north I hunted out the new Gogar tram depot in Edinburgh, not too difficult as it transpired and a report of progress around the depot and a short description of the trams are included in **Light Rail & Metro News**.

Finally a few housekeeping issues. As stated in **Tracks** every month, please note we cannot accept credit card book / membership payments over the phone. If you want to use a credit card the only option is PayPal. Otherwise it is a cheque.

On my return from the AGM and logging on to my email (evening of the  $23^{rd}$  April) it appears my email contact list was hijacked by some annoying hacker resulting in many members receiving a spam email, including myself and my partner. Please accept my apologies if you suffered, as it was not me. As a general point and this will apply to other officials, we will never send or forward onto any member an email with another link attached so they can be treated as spam and deleted. The only exceptions will be if it is railway related and has been specifically requested and so expected. I in fact even hate the 'harmless' round robin joke emails and never open them and never pass them on as requested.

#### Errata:

A minor typo transposed the wrong date to the items at the top of page 17, which should have been under March 28 not the 29.

Apologies to new member Stuart Egbeare who I managed to call Neville in last month's New Members section...oops.

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#### **New Members:** (\* re-joined)

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### Magazine:

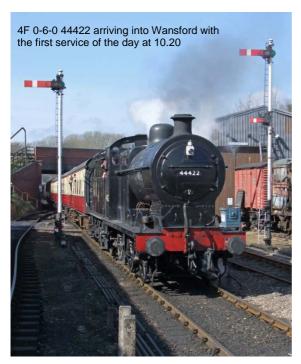
**Submissions:** Any information / article on any railway related item will be most welcome for inclusion in the magazine. Your visits, travel stories or anecdotes about any part of the railway network, past or present, home or abroad can give pleasure to others or inform of places to visit. This railway hobby of ours is made all that more enjoyable by the sharing of information, knowledge and experiences. Neatly hand written submissions are perfectly acceptable, but ideally a typed document is preferable. Better still, if you have a PC and internet connection then send an email. Good quality photographs are always welcome, either prints or preferably high res digital photographs via e-mail (**not compressed please**). Please include full contact details with any submissions, including your first name.

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# AGM Report - Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013 by Trevor Roots:



With the day starting relatively warm (after weeks of biting cold) and sunny we set up our stand at 09.00 and all looked set for a good event with anticipated attendance higher than in recent years. Members trickled in during the morning to be greeted by officials on our stand and the sight of the newly released UK Pocket Book. Once the first service train (see photo right had returned from Peterborough carrying members we embarked on a guided shed tour at 12.00. In the workshop was 34081 '92 Squadron' being completely overhauled and class 14 D9520 / 45 under service (see opposite top). On leaving workshop the party can be seen gathered around very worn looking steam ash pans. We then toured around the other sheds where 31108. the only operational resident UK mainline diesel loco (notwithstanding the two class 14s), was buried in a position unsuitable for decent photos, only to be dragged out once the railcar trip departed.



We returned to the platform to catch our specially chartered trip in Swedish railcar 1212. But with the weather deteriorating and the wind getting up the stand needed securing so yours truly stayed behind whilst the 1212 trundled off westwards to Yarwell at 12.50 on the short first leg of the round trip. By staying behind I was also lucky enough to see 31108 dragged out (see photo below) and in a position



over Wansford so that by the time of the railcars return it was drizzling (as can be seen from the front cover photo). On joining the railcar I found the party to be already tucking into an excellent lunch of rolls etc, which was being served by efficient NVR staff. The railcar was very comfortable and was split into two compartments, one with 24 seats and one with 20 seats. The driving cabins were very capacious with the driving position set back from the curved front. In photos of the interior four officials can be seen in the lefthand photo, Simon Mutten (facing), Stuart Moore (head turned), Peter Britcliffe (bald head to right of Stuart) and Carl Watson (standing). Of note in this picture is Jack (standing). Carl's son, probably our youngest member and Brian Thompson (sitting far





with the aloom descending

The railcar is lower than UK stock so you stepped down into it and this height difference can be seen in the group photo after we returned to Wansford at 14.00.



Having dismantled the stand we then all trooped off to the business of the day, the AGM which started at 14.30 and finished in plenty of time for those who arrived by the NVR from Peterborough to so return on the last service at 15.35. The weather could have been kinder but all in all a good day, seemingly enjoyed by all.

On a final note Jack took this photo of Carl and myself holding our headboard. If you see either of these unsavoury looking characters around the network, please introduce yourself, honest your reputation will not be harmed by association...really.

PS. Faced with photographic evidence I've already started a diet....again, well maybe one more choccy!!



# **Eastleigh Works Report**

# by Carl Watson

**General:** South West Trains has announced plans to spend £40m upgrading its class 455 fleet. This will be done at Eastleigh after a trial train is done at Wimbledon. Exact details of how and when are still awaited

#### Locos:

31465 was based at the Works with a Test Train week ending 5th but suffered a failure and was taken inside and repaired by the 11<sup>th</sup>.

07007 has been taken out of service for some much needed care and attention. 08650 taking its place as it needs testing and shake-down following repairs.

08650 received Aggregate Industries branding on the 11<sup>th</sup>, thus creating yet another livery variation. It is due to leave in early May.







57311 arrived for repainting on the 11<sup>th</sup>, towing 47832 for repairs (see photo above right). This gave us, briefly, both Northern Belle liveried 47s on site at the same time. 57311 was in white primer by the 26<sup>th</sup>.

57002 is being prepared for repainting.

Two Test Trains were stabled on the 16<sup>th</sup>; 31233, 72612, 999605 (UTU2), 9701 (see photo above left) and 73201, 9481, 977983, 999550, 6261, 73107.

66743 has received repairs to its fuel tank.

47813, 47841 and 47802 brought some coaches to the depot next door on the 24<sup>th</sup> (see **Traffic & Traction News**) and then arrived at the Works where 47841 was dropped off for repairs. The other two 47s departed on the 25<sup>th</sup> back to the depot with repaired FO 3267 *'Belvoir'* (see **Traffic & Traction News**) where they collected more coaches and headed back north



#### **Coaching Stock:**

975290, Test Car 6 is currently being stripped of asbestos and will be scrapped once completed. VSOE BSO 9502 has been painted in a white primer prior to full repainting.

73141 and 73206 arrived on the 16<sup>th</sup> with two sets of translators, 975875 and 977087 for the 508

move the following day and 975974 and 975978 for repairs (all translators were seen in Tonbridge West Yard on the 14<sup>th</sup>)..

Repairs to Porterbrook translators 6376 and 6377 have been completed.

DRS TSO 5810 is now in DRS blue. BSO 9525 should follow suit very soon.



64649 (508201) + 64712 (508209) at Southampton Docks, 17<sup>th</sup> April

#### Units:

Siemens have carried out modifications to 450553, 024, 552, 086, 567, 037, 556 and 002. 455834 arrived on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and departed on the 18<sup>th</sup>. 455833 arrived on the 19<sup>th</sup> and will depart in early May

458025 arrived on the 24<sup>th</sup> (see photo below) for testing of the two repaired Porterbrook translators. Testing took place on 25<sup>th</sup> and the unit departed on the 26<sup>th</sup>.



Two class 508 vehicles, 64649 from 508201 and 64712 from 508209, have been prepared for use as training vehicles for Merseyside Emergency Services at their Seacombe location. The two vehicles departed to Southampton Docks on the 17<sup>th</sup> behind 73141 and 73206 with 66742 bringing up the rear (see **Traffic & Traction News**). Angel Trains BR blue translators 975875 and 977087 were used as well as Arlington green liveried 975974 and 975978. 57310 had been planned to be used as brake force but the Arlington liveried translators were used instead as their repairs were completed in time. The full formation was 73141, 73206, 975875, 64649, 64712, 977087, 975974, 975978, 66742.

Class 508 vehicle 64692, from 508201, has been stripped and lifted off its bogies and is in the scrap area awaiting the cutters torch (see photo below).

#### Track Machines:

The Speno Rail Grinder, DR79221-226, arrived on the 19<sup>th</sup> for its annual maintenance slot and is expected to depart sometime in May



#### Wagons:

56303 arrived on 5<sup>th</sup> to collect repaired JRAs 6790 058-5, 030-4, 088-2, 051-0. 56303 was back on the 8<sup>th</sup> (see photo below left) with more JRAs for repair, 6790 060-1, 085-8, 049-4. The three JRAs had been repaired by the 26<sup>th</sup> and awaited collection.





66954 collected repaired FLAs 606007, 605003, 605023, 605026, 606009 on the  $8^{th}$ . 66591 arrived with FSAs 608209, 608210 for repair on  $15^{th}$  and departed with repaired KTAs 97733, 97762 and KFA 92561 (see photo above right).

photos by Carl Watson

# **Preservation News**



a new photographic opportunity is now available at Ropley with the opening of the footbridge east of the station across the yard as seen with Black 5 4-6-0 45379, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 (Ian Knight)

### Repatriated A4s:

Further to the report in the November 2012 issue and update in January 2013 issue here are the latest views of 60008 'Dwight D.Eisenhower' (opposite top) and 60010 'Dominion of Canada' (opposite bottom). 60008 has now been cosmetically repainted in BR Brunswick lined green and is now on display alongside 4468 'Mallard' around the turntable at NRM York. Meanwhile at Shildon 60010 has had its front end damage repaired, side valences and bell fitted and as shown below, is in the process of being repainted. Both photos were taken on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013.





# **Infrastructure News**

#### **East Grinstead:**

Coupled with the completion of the northern extension to the Bluebell Railway into East Grinstead, the mainline station has also been completely rebuilt with new parking facilities, ticket barriers and lengthened platforms.





#### **East Croydon:**

As part of a major revamp of the station to increase capacity and flow, a new footbridge spanning all tracks has been erected to the north end of the station replacing the subway which has been taken out of public use. Eventually new station entrances to the town centre via Cherry Orchard Road, Ruskin Square and Dingwall Road will be created connecting to both the western and eastern sides of the footbridge.





a close view of the footbridge steps on platforms 5/6 with the subway below fenced off  $20^{\rm th}$  April 2013

#### Whitchurch:

A new footbridge has been erected at Whitchurch to replace the existing structure, which can still be seen in place on the right of the photo taken by Roger Thomas on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Disabled ramps are to be added once funding is available.



#### Roberts Road, Doncaster:

The redevelopment of the ex-Fastline facility on the site of what was previously the Hexthorpe OHL Construction Depot south of Doncaster station can be seen taking shape behind 66701 passing with a rake of JXA wagons (plus 3 assorted tacked on the back) on the UP Sheffield Goods Line towards Doncaster. Very apt, as it is GBRf who is building the new maintenance facility.



# **Preservation Infrastructure News**

#### Bluebell Railway:

Following the report by Mark Richards in the last issue here are further photos of the new Bluebell Railway facilities at East Grinstead. Since my visit a canopy has been erected in front of the ticket kiosk and 09018 was delivered on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Sheffield Park, in striking HNRC livery. Once commissioned (and re-liveried) the other resident 08 shunter 13236 will leave the railway.







Further to reports in previous issues, the three photos above and below show the new trackwork through the waste site following the opening of the northern extension.





looking north (left) and south (right) from the farm track just south of Imberhorne Viaduct showing that the siding for waste removal trains to shunt wagons has been removed (left) and the installation of a new signal (right)

# **Traffic & Traction News**

by John Barton

#### April 1

47760 t&t 47854 left Driffield at 22.43 on 1Z51 Shrewsbury - Bridlington working.

66082 passed northbound through Rugby at 20.47 with a mixed rake of wagons (mainly MTA, MHA, MDA) from Wembley - Bescot.

LMS Stanier Class 8F No 48151 passed Rednal just south of Gobowen at 12.23 with 1Z49 Bridlington – Shrewsbury 'The Welsh Border Steam Special' (photo below by Roger Thomas). It was later seen heading north through Wigan North Western at 19.56.



66200 passed Rednal just south of Gobowen at 11.52 with a loaded Margam - Dee Marsh steel train (photo below by Roger Thomas).



#### April 2

66184 passed northbound through Rugby at 22.07 with a mixed rake of loaded sleepers and loaded mixed 'coalfish' wagons mainly MTA, MDA, MCA's from Wembley - Bescot.

66039 headed southbound through Tamworth at 19.04 with the loaded Landrovers from Halewood - Southampton Eastern Docks.

#### April 3

66001 headed northbound through Rugby at 23.10 with the empty Lafarge aggregates from Northampton - Mountsorrel.

66095 + 67016 + ECR 66222 + 92002 dead in tow headed northbound through Rugby at 22.13 light engine convoy from Wembley – Crewe. 66098 headed southbound from Rugby at 22.00 after a quick crew change with the long welded rails from Crewe Basford Hall - Willesden Jnct.

#### April 4

70009 was stabled at Ipswich this afternoon and 70019 also worked south after 14.00. 90003 towed 82114 through Ipswich at 20.40 with 5V91 Crown Point - Ilford for tyre turning.

#### April 5

70005 passed Stafford working from Liverpool - Ratcliffe at 06.50.

37409 + 37603 + 550028 stopped for a crew change at Ipswich at 07.40.

#### April 6

92003 passed Paddock Wood NR centre at 17.32 working from Daventry - Dollands Moor.



47245 + 5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe' worked 1Z50 Marylebone - Birmingham through Gerrards Cross at 17.46 In the photo below opposite, taken by James Holloway, it is seen approaching Solihull at 10.12 with appropriate headboard THE INTER-CITY.

#### April 7

66850 with Chirk - Carlisle empty logs headed northbound through Bolton le Sands at 16.36.

#### April 8

66232 arrived into Rugby at 20.01 and departed southbound at 20.07 with the loaded Landrovers from Halewood - Southampton Eastern Docks. 47727 working 0Z47 Eastleigh - Washwood Heath passed Basingstoke at 19.27.

37608 + 37402 passed through Goodmayes at 18.53 with 6M69 to Willesden.

#### April 9

66154 passed Long Eaton High Level Goods at 20.58 with 6E86 Avonmouth - Ratcliffe working.

66424 headed northbound through Rugby at 19.10 with the Daventry – Coatbridge sugar modal.

#### April 10

66590 was seen heading northbound from Rugby at 23.25 with the modal from Felixstowe - Lawley Street.

66705 + 66709 dead in tow were seen heading northbound through Rugby at 22.41 with the modal from Felixstowe to Hams Hall.

#### April 11

66510 headed south past Ely towards Cambridge at 18.34 with a short rake of 6 four-wheel wagons forming the Whitemoor - Hoo junction engineers working.

56105 passed Filton Abbey Wood at 17.35 with the 6Z53 Teigngrace - Chirk logs working.

66414 was seen heading northbound through Eastleigh at 13.47 (photo below by David Elliott).



#### April 12

66162 + 66076 + 66047 working a light engine convoy from Knottingley - Whitemoor passed Whittlesey at 22.28.

66555 departed Cambridge at 18.57 light loco running from Whitemoor - Hoo junction.

#### April 13

66604 t&t 66603 approached Berkley Road Junction at 21.20 working 6Y11 19.26 Taunton Fairwater Yard - Stoke Works Junction.

47854 t&t 47826 on 1Z71 Cardiff Central - Norwich via Woking passed 444020 at Brookwood at 19.32.

66419 + 66525 + 66957 were seen approaching Eastleigh at 15.19 (photo below by David Elliott).



#### April 14

73212 + 73207 passed through Paddock Wood foot crossing at 18.24 heading to Hoo Jnct.

#### April 14 (cont)

66303 headed northbound through Bolton le Sands with a Daventry - Coatbridge intermodal.

#### April 15

66230 t&t 66184 on 6W51 Crewe Basford Hall -Bargoed with 3 YQA 'Parr' sleeper carrier wagons heading northbound through Llanbradach near Caerphilly at 23.16.

66116 + 67005 dead in tow on Didcot - Mossend passed Leamington Spa at 21.40 with a massive load of cars, VGA vans, OCAs, flats and 2 EWS barrier wagons.

#### April 16

DR73917 passed Tonbridge at 22.58 working from Woking to Ashford A Junction via Lenham. D9000/55022 'Royal Scots Grey' soon to be on hire to GBRF is to shortly be moved up to Polmadie for unit movements around the Scotland area and Yoker.

#### April 17

66711 was noted at Castleford with 6Y21 Tyne Dock - Ferrybridge at 22.33.

66162 + 66017 t&t headed southbound from Rugby at 20.22 with empty autoballasters from Bescot ES – Lidlington.

66623 was seen heading northbound through Eastleigh at 19.02 (photo below by David Elliott).



73141 + 73206 t&t 66742 was seen hauling Cl.508 vehicles 64712 + 64649 and barrier coaches from Eastleigh Works to Southampton Docks at 16.08 (photo below by David Elliott).



#### April 18.

66589 was seen heading northbound through Rugby at 22.27 with the late running modal from Thamesport to Lawley Street.

66162 + 66181 t&t arrived into Rugby at 22.23 and departed southbound at 22.25 with a rake of long welded rails from Bescot to Camden Jnct.

#### April 19

66115 working the 4C91 from Aberthaw - Cwmbargoed with 21 empty HTA's northbound through Aber near Caerphilly at 00.04.

66429 was noted heading northbound through Rugby at 22.09 with the Malcolm Modal from Daventry - Grangemouth.

#### April 20

86701 + 86401 + 86213 are all stored on the north side of Willesden Depot, as seen below with 87002 also present at the eastern end.



66530 passed Long Eaton Town level crossing at 20.48 with Toton - Clay Mills.

66127 arrived into Rugby from Crewe BH - Harlesden Junction at 19.35 and departed southbound at 19.44 with a rake of loaded stone (in mixed MLA/JNA/IEA box wagons and a couple of loaded sleepers towards the rear.

#### April 21

In between duties on the Great Britain VI 60009 'Union of South Africa' was seen at 12.32 at Stirling working SRPS Forth Circle Railtour 1Z29 09.50 Linlithgow to Dalmeny via Kirkcaldy, Cowdenbeath, Alloa, Stirling, Linlithgow. It was also doing a later run 1Z30 15.20 Dalmeny to Inverkeithing via the same route above (photo below by Derek Sneddon).



70015 + 66618 + 66513 + 66602 + 66507 headed south through Leyland at 16.45 on Carlisle Yard - Crewe Basford Hall light engines move.

66068 headed northbound through Bedford at 18.58 on an engineering train.

66531 + 66548 + 66510 passed in a light engine convoy northbound through Doncaster platform 1 at 16.30 (see photo below).



20302 + 20304 + 203012 were seen stabled in the carriage sidings south of St James Bridge, Doncaster (see photo at end of report).

#### April 22

ECR 66195 was seen at Dollands having arrived in the early hours through the tunnel.

66104 headed northbound through Bedford at 21.30 on an Acton - Stud farm rake of PGA's.

#### April 23

66425 working 6W56 from East Usk Yard - Bargoed - East Usk Yard with 11 YVA's cable laying & 2 VXA barrier wagons for cable laying near Heath Junction headed northbound through Llanbradach at 23.43.

37603 + 6263 + 977868 + 37610 working 1Q14 ADJ - Rhymney - ADJ headed southbound through Llanbradach at 23.13.

On a trip to the West Somerset Railway, Eric Crocker saw the following locos:

Minehead: GWR 3850, 4160. 5542 & 9351, SR 777, SDJR 88, USA 6046, Steam rail motor 93, D2133, 08377 Williton: GWR 6960 & 7828

#### April 24

66425 working 6W61 from East Usk Yard - Bargoed - East Usk Yard with 11 YVA's cable laying & 2 VXA barrier wagons headed northbound through Llanbradach at 23.34.

#### April 25

66088 + 66135 working 0F54 Immingham - Toton passed Long Eaton High Level Goods at 22.13.

60092 was seen heading northbound through Eastleigh at 13.04 (photo opposite top by David Elliott).



47802 t&t 47813 was seen approaching Eastleigh at 18.02 with a motley collection of 7 coaches in 6 different liveries (photo below by David Elliott).



60059 was seen approaching Eastleigh at 14.47 (photo opposite top by David Elliott).



47802 t&t 47813 were seen in Eastleigh at 16.25 with Northern Belle coach 'Belvoir' (photo below by David Elliott).



April 26

47804 on The Royal Scotsman, having reversed out of Keith, waits for the road and ScotRail 10.04 Inverness - Aberdeen service formed of 158725 + 158715 to pass (see photo right).





20302 + 20304 + 20312 stabled in the carriage sidings on the eastern side of the ECML south of St James Bridge, Doncaster, as seen from Cherry Tree Road, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013

# Out & About

#### by James Holloway

To be more helpful for those interested in where stock was exactly, can I ask all contributors who list trip sightings en masse, particularly over long distances, to please add more detail when submitting to James...ed

#### **Robert Parker:**

2<sup>nd</sup> April:

Bescot & Walsall 10.30-14.42:

66024/027/034/066/082/099/113/150/169/198/518 66559/563/601

8th April:

Water Orton 12.30-15.30:

44739, 60099, 66024/063/068/069/074/117/139 66143/184/509/592/953

9th April:

Walsall 12.45-15.00:

60010. 66002/130/139/143/201/503/509/550/557 70009/10

11th April:

Nuneaton 10.55-17.00:

47245/739, 57314, 66037/111/139/143/167/169 66177/187/232/424/428/432/503/542/562/604/605 66702/731/743/745, 67016, 70009, 86622/27 87002, 90016/45

#### **Peter Follett:**

23rd March:

Eastleigh 08.30-13.00:

08495, 57306/10, 60071, 66007/200/564/565/848 158883/7/8, 220004/17/24/28/31, 221131/36 377414/37, 444002/04-06/08/09/11-18/21/22 440025-30/32/33/35-39/43/44, 450029/074/075 450078/110/114/116/117/556. DR73938

#### **Bob Eastwood:**

9<sup>th</sup> April:

Monk Fryston 10.02-15.16:

20308/312, 43465/484, 66075/084/119/135/164 66303/507/537/544/545/706/711/720/722/956 144003, 185105

Knottingley 15.35-16.10:

66046/090/112/144/549/617, 144014, 150110 153317

16th April:

Whitley Bridge nr Eggborough 09.13-12.06:

66019/142/150/509/554/619/710/711/713/722/953 67020

23<sup>rd</sup> April:

Whitley Bridge 08.37-12.14:

66091/531/548/703/706/709/720, 180110

#### Jeff Cogan:

10<sup>th</sup> April:

#### Wichnor Junction:

16.58.56087.6F07.Washwood Heath-Boston 17.03 66004 6K50 Toton-Crewe 17.18 66092 6M46 Aldwarke-Crewe 17.33 70010 6Z96 Crewe-Toton

18.02 66544 6M51 Hull-Rugeley 18.06 66201 6G45 Toton-Bescot 18.10 20901/5 T/T 20118/132 7X09 Old Dalby -Amersham Tube Stock

#### Michael Hayman:

13th April:

King's Cross: 67019, 91102/04/11/24

Peterborough:

20096/107/311/314. 66051/174/701/732. 91101/03 91106/27/31/32

Doncaster:

08724/802, 20301/09/12, 31452, 47853, 56312 60049/99, 66083/099/119/120/570/588/712, 92039

York:

20302/04, 56301, 66213/530/706, 91104/08/10 Grantham: 60163 'Tornado'

#### Mike Rumens:

11th March:

Nuneaton 14.18-14.36:

60100, 66066/424/433, 153354, 170106, 350101 390009/044/118/122/132

12th March:

Nuneaton 14.13-14.30:

66018/250, 153354, 170107/639, 390044/045/132

13th March:

Nuneaton 14.08-14.30:

66076/167, 153354, 170102/103, 221114, 390006 390042/122/135

18th March

Nuneaton 13.28-14.47:

66082/185/432/554/565/736, 90044, 153354 170103/111/114/519. 221104. 390013/016/044 390045/127, DR 80208

20th March:

Nuneaton 14.02-14.40:

66112/155/714, 90044, 153354, 170102/108/109 221110, 350107, 390005/006/008/112/152

21st March:

Nuneaton 14.02-14.40:

66162/188, 90044, 153371, 170112/636, 221111 350127, 390013/123, DR 73930

26th March:

Nuneaton 15.08-16.25:

66030/086/565/566/703/724, 67022, 86622/28 153354, 170105/110/112/637, 221102/03/11 350130. 390002/013/042/043/049/103/104/117 390119/123/127/130/131/148

27th March:

Nuneaton 14.18-14.40: 66188/714. 90041. 350104

28th March:

#### Nuneaton 14.12-14.45:

66108/188/714, 90048, 153365, 170105/112/116 170398/521, 350104/111/123, 390043/046/103 390104/138/156

2<sup>nd</sup> April:

#### Nuneaton 14.04-14.35:

66112/145, 153375, 170103/639, 350252, 390010 390050/103/119

3<sup>rd</sup> April:

#### Nuneaton 13.40-14.40:

57311, 66025/145, 90049, 153375, 170102/636 350128, 390016/114/117/127/130/131

8th April:

#### Nuneaton 14.10-14.40:

66117/125/721, 153356, 170112/115, 221115 350109. 390039/114/130/155

9<sup>th</sup> April:

#### Nuneaton 13.55-14.45:

66099/110/117, 67010, 90046, 153356, 170117 170397/521/636, 221104, 350109, 390006/119 390127/138/152/156. DRK81612

10<sup>TH</sup> April:

Hams Hall: 08623 Washwood Heath: 66094

Lawley Street: 66501/510/534/589

**Birmingham New Street:** 

170502/504/522/631/636, 220015/26/30, 221136 350130, 323202/06/07/11/12/40/42, 390114/125 11th April:

#### Nuneaton 14.10-14.45:

66169/172/702, 90045, 153356,170105/111 221108/09, 350127, 390006/047/104/121/131/141 15th April:

#### Nuneaton 14.04-14.50:

66133/193/702, 90047, 153366, 170105/518/523 221105, 350102, 390011/125/131/134/152

16th April:

#### Nuneaton 13.37-14.45:

66188/193/570/702, 90046/47, 153366, 170106 170114/397/518/638, 221111, 350118/122 390005/040/042/115/122/129/136/157. DR73947

#### **Brian Derricote:**

13th April:

#### Birmingham New Street-Peterborough:

60163 Tornado, 08588/623/762, 20096/107/311 20314, 66002/051/150/416/555/711/714/732/739 66743/745/954, 67005, 158858, 317341, 365506 DR75402/77908, DR999001, ADB965232/3

22<sup>nd</sup> April:

#### Birmingham-London 08.00-11.00:

57307, 66201/433/532, 86401/701, 87002, 92038 92041, 150107, 158823/34, 377413/511, 390047 465016/019/042/044. DR73109/113/936/948 DR77002/79241-7, 80215

#### London Bridge-Ashford 11.30-12.30:

73206, 171728, 377155, DR79251-7, 98925/30/75 98980

#### Ashford 12.30-16.00:

92011, 171725/7, 37 3005/06/13/14, 375310/603 375616/626/712/713/803/804/811/818/821/824 375906. 395010/18/21/213/24/28/29

#### Ashford-London Bridge 16.15-17.45:

73212, 171723/804, 319413/16/23, 377156/423 466030, DR75202/98907/21/25/31/57/75/81

London-Birmingham 19.15-21.30:

66543/568/733, 67023, 377204, 390015 DR 73936, 80208

#### **Trevor Roots:**

20th April:

Polegate 07.06: 377144/418 Haywards Heath: 377503/521 Gatwick: 319436, 442405 East Crovdon: 377164



378136 on the new service via Wandsworth Road passes 378226 on a service to Stratford. 08.29 Clapham Jnct, 20th April 2013

#### Clapham Jnct 08.20-08.45:

378136/137/226/255, 455720/22, 458003/26

Kensington Olympia; 378223 Willesden Jnct HL: 378205/216/218 Willesden Jnct LL: 378217/227 Willesden: 86213/401/701. 87002 passing on WCML 66589, 90047

Camden Sidings: 378215

Euston: 350105/114/126/250/252/254/263 378233. 390006/103/112/135/141/155/157

Willesden Jnct LL: 378207 Euston: 390016/121/148 King's Cross 11.00-14.00:

43112/208/239/257/274/277/296/300/305/313 43316/320/468/484, 67024, 91101/07/08/11/12/18 180105/07/09/13. 313029/35/40/42/47-49. 317347 365503/04/07-10/12/15-17/20/29/31/32/36/37/39-41 DVT 82206/09/13/23/31

#### **Geoff Hope:**

4th March:

#### Manchester Piccadilly 15.00-17.45:

66571, 142009/14/20/28/31/32/35/43/45/53/54/57 142058/62/67. 150114/115/119/138/140/144/145 150147-149/210/211/218/220/225/275/277 156421/440/459/461/471/472/491, 158788/810 158847/857/858/866, 170301-3/5/6/8, 175010/101 175102/105/113-115. 185101/03/04/07/09/12/14 185116/18/19/22/25/27/31/32/35/37-39/44/46/49 185151, 220004/07/08/10/26, 221140, 323223-28 323230/32-39, 390040/043/046/103/104/121/131 390134/154

#### 9th March:

#### Doncaster 08.25-14.35:

08669/724. 43206/208/238/239/257/272/295/296 43302/307-309/314-316/318-320/423/465/467/484 56311, 60011, 66015/040/094/114/156/185/508 66543/554/560/564/716/742/745/746, 67024 91007/104-106/108/109/111/113/114/116-120/124 91125/127-131, 142018/20/34/65/86, 144004/11 144013. 153326. 158791/793/844/848/851/903 158909, 170304, 180101/05/09-12, 185113/29/42 185150. 220003/06/12/25/26/28/30/32. 221131/36 222015, 322482/4/5, DVT's 82200-02/04-10/12/13 82216/19/23-25/27-29/31. DR73946

#### Leeds Midland Road 15.25-15.40:

66419/518/524/526/528/530/552/562/564/602/951 70003

#### 11th March:

#### Manchester Piccadilly 14.55-16.25:

66503/565. 142005/12/28/36/38/40/42/55/93 150111/113/117/119/137/140/201/220/226/268 150269/271. 156425/28/55/83/89. 158799/810/847 158862, 170304-6, 175003/109/114/116 185102-04/09/17/21/25/25/33-35/37-39/41/45/51 220002/09, 221122/38, 323224/26/30/31/33-38 390044/046/047/104/124/132 14th March:

#### Manchester Piccadilly 14.40-16.35:

66541/565, 142001/11/17/19/39/40/61-63/87 150110/136-139/146/207/226/228/269/276 156425/26/55/59/66/89. 158777/783/785/788/810 158846/856/862, 170301/4/5/7, 175007/105/108 175110/114, 185101/02/05/10/12/14/16/21/24-26 185133/37/42-45/47, 220003/26, 221124/34 323223/24/26/27/29/31-36/38/39, 390010/103/115 390119/124/151/154

#### 18th March:

#### Manchester Piccadilly 14.50-17.20:

66587. 142005/11/12/18/19/35/37-39/42/47/51/53 142057/60-63, 150110/136-138/142/201/206/207 150211/214/270/271, 156428/52/55/59/64/69/88 158777/785/799/806/847/857/858/864. 170301/4 170307-9. 175001/102/107/108/113/116. 185102 185105/07/12/13/15-17/24/26/29/30/34/35/37/40 185143/47/48/51, 220001/25/26/31, 221128/32 323223-27/29-31/33-39, 390005/112/121/123/127 21st March:

#### Doncaster 11.05-17.35:

08669/724, 43206/238/257/274/290/295/296/300 43302/305/306/312/314-319/423/467/468/484 47853, 60079/99, 66003/040/075/097/105/118/120 66130/141/147/197/198/505/512/532/544/547/587 66596/704/707/713/741/953. 67014/24. 91007/102 91104/106/108-114/117/119-122/124-132, 142021 142050/65/66/70/71/89. 144002/09/11/23. 153311 153374. 158784/793/796/845/851/853/905 170302/3, 180105/07/10/11/13, 185114/32/42/50 220003/07/11/14/17/21/34, 221137/40, 322481/3 DVT's 82201/02/04-08/10/12-18/20/22-31

### 25th March:

# Manchester Piccadilly 15.10-16.35:

66418/566, 142003/09/20/21/34/37/45/49/57 150113/118/132/137-139/141/211/218/220/275 156424/26/27/87. 158770/777/846/863. 170302-4 175005/106/112/114. 185101/02/06/08-10/13/18 185119/ 26/28-32/43/48, 220020/26, 221138 323223-27/29-31-34/36, 390042/049/050/118/122 390157

#### 28th March:

#### Doncaster 11.05-17.35:

08669/853, 31190, 43251/257/272/274/277/296 43299/300/302/305/306/308-310/312/316/318/320 43465/467/468/480, 66031/040/044/070/078/080 66085/090/125/134/151/160/170/185/201/420/509 66547/560/568/569/571/579/596/598/613/704/707 66713/722/740/849/953. 67020/27. 91007/102-106 91108/110/112-114/117/119/121/122/124-132 142025/28/87/94, 144006/07/13, 150148, 153308 156498. 158793/797/844/850/853/909. 170306/8 180101/07/09/10/12-14, 185106/44/51, 220013/14 220021/22/32, 221131/33/38/41, 322484 DVT's 82201/04-08/10/12-20/22/23/25-31

#### Paul Bright:

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> April:

Blackpool: 142033, 158795, 185116

#### Preston:

57308. 66433. 142001/07/33/36/67. 150119/142 150145/205/206/211, 156425/26/55/71, 158795 158860. 185103/06/16/18/20/22/28/30/34/44/48 221106/08/10. 390016/46/112/118/121/129

#### Alan Hardcastle:

1st March:

Stratford 12.41-13.00: 66589/741, 90044

2<sup>nd</sup> March:

#### **Barking-Upminster District Line:**

66704/705/716/719/722/726/735 on engineering LU L18, L31, TMM774

5th March:

Northfleet 11.02: 66710

6th March:

Liverpool Street 10.05: 37423+975025

Stratford 13.03-13.16: 66569/735

7th March:

#### Clapham Junction 11.22:

66137+66846 Eastleigh-Hoo Junction Chelsea Bridge 11.34: 66121/128 L/E

Kensington Olympia11.44-12.54:

59206, 66537/543/705 Gospel Oak 13.46: 66425

8th March:

Forest Gate 13.21: 66562

11th March:

Westbourne Park Cross Rail: 66723

Old Oak Common 10.21: 08483 Acton 10.25: 47786, 66710

Stratford 13.00: 66717 14th March:

Stratford 12.42-13.00: 66706, 90043

15th March:

Woolwich Arsenal 11.16: 66506

19th March:

Willesden: 86259/401/701 Stonebridge Park 09.39: 90039 Brent 09.40: 66541, 92019 Wemblev 09.42: 92041

21st March:

Stratford 13.00: 66726

27<sup>th</sup> March:

Stratford 12.42-13.00: 66724, 90046

#### lan McAlpine:

28<sup>th</sup> March: Peterborough:

43257/312, 66706/707/726, 91122, 170112

**Doncaster:** 08669, 67027 **York:** 20308/312, 185107

29<sup>th</sup> March: Darlington:

91105, 142024/50/89, 221139, DVT 82217

Newcastle: 67028, 185129 Edinburgh Waverley:

67021, 90024, 91132, 185147, 380102/5/6

30<sup>th</sup> March:

Darlington: 142078/87/89, 220012

York:

20308/312, 47854, 56312, 57315/601,150270

158860, 185125/26/33/47/49

Hull:

144010, 158790/796/815/844/860, 170302

180110 1<sup>st</sup> April: Darlington:

43257/319. 142024/67/79. 185143/51

York:

61994, 20308/312, 43272/290, 56312, 150270

158787, 185128

Doncaster: 08802, 66107/201/953

Peterborough:

66085/102/702/721/733/745, 91114

5<sup>th</sup> April: Peterborough:

66102/158/707/709, 153381, 170102/201 **Leicester:** 20311/314/901/905, 222103

Hams Hall: 08623, 66739 Washwood Heath: 08588/762 Lawley Street: 66534/556/572

Birmingham New Street: 170635, 221107/14/24, 350256/262 Crewe: 08868, 47712, 86604/12 Warrington Arpley: 09106, 66230

6<sup>th</sup> April: Carnforth:

33030, 37516/668, 47270/772/826/854, 185123

Carlisle:

66144/188/956/957, 86101, 87002, 156454/463 156471/477/508, 158908, 185101, 221112

390039/107/123 Lancaster:

 $37402/608,\,150148/207,\,153332/59,\,156490$ 

390046/124

Oxenholme: 66431, 185135 Sellafield: 57003/07

7<sup>th</sup> April:

Lancaster: 142064, 156438/455

Carnforth: 37165/516

Leeds Neville Hill: 08950, 155341

Doncaster:

20302/304, 66081/430/715/717/736, 91112 142089, 158793, 322481/5, DVT 82213

Peterborough:

20311/314/901/905, 66043/102/138/71/716/731

12<sup>th</sup> April:

43306/308, 66121/199/535/712/732/742, 91102/14

158806, 180114, DVT 82209 **Doncaster:** 20309/312, 47853

York:

LMS 5XP 45305, 20302/304, 56301, 185116

13<sup>th</sup> April:

York:

20302/304, 66530/710, 142086, 150225, 158752

185134 **Doncaster:** 

08724, 20309/312, 43467/480, 56303, 66043/549 66554/712/720, 142018, 144006, 158817/850

170302, 220011/27, 222020, 322483

Darlington: 66142, DVT 82220

Thirsk: 66706

York: 66545, 150206/207, 222004

Peterborough:

20096/107, 66019/051/199/714, 66713

18<sup>th</sup> April:

King's Cross: 67024 Paddington: 43133/139, 166215, 180104/6

Roval Oak: 66732

Acton: 59202/203, 66039/092/156 Ealing Broadway: 66020 Hayes & Harlington: 66008 West Dravton: 66704

Tilehurst: 66569

Didcot: 08752, 66054/232/534/603, 166204

**Swindon:** 66155, 150234 **Fairwater Yard:** 66419

Newton Abbot: 43030/063/071/133/139/177, 143618/20

150123/124, 220023 19<sup>th</sup> April:

Newton Abbot:

43014/040/062/094/148/170, 150102/126, 221124

Exeter St David's:

43141, 143611/12/21, 150120/123/125/126

159005/011/012/014/108

Laira: 08410

Plymouth: 43198, 150128/130, 153382, 220011

20<sup>th</sup> April:

Newton Abbot:

43027/035/128/133/139/152/188/304/366, 143620 143621, 150123/243/246, 153373/80, 221123

West Drayton:

66706

**Old Oak Common:** 57602/04/05

James Holloway:

11th April:

Water Orton 11.20-13.20:

66021/037/069/086/121/143/158/187/232/601/622 170101/103/107/111/114-117/521/523/638

# **Preservation Galas**

# MHR Diesel Gala, 27-28th Apr 2013:

Due to lack of space a full report will be held over until the June issue.

# SVR Members/Shareholders Weekend, 25-26<sup>th</sup> Apr 2013 by James Holloway:

This was an event to promote what the Severn Valley Railway (SVR) has to offer with plenty of information and staff being available at the stations to answer questions. Kidderminster Carriage Works & Signal Box were open to visitors, as was Bewdley S.B. Highley Engine House was free to visitors showing progress on key projects such as Bridgnorth station redevelopment. Bridgnorth Locomotive Workshops was also open to visitors. I went along on the Sunday when the weather was a little dull.



recently arrived 09012 'Dick Hardy' with D3022 and 12099, Hymek D7029 is behind 09012



0-4-2T 1450 + autocoach W238W, approaching Kidderminster Town



0-6-0T 1501 Kidderminster Town

all photos by James Holloway

# **Gloucestershire Sightings**

# by Nigel Hoskins

The following sightings are mostly from Gloucester Station, but also include workings on the avoiding line southeast of the station between Barnwood and Gloucester Yard Junctions. Only freight and notable loco hauled workings are shown with the diagram code, time (if known) plus origin and destination (see location codes).

18 <sup>™</sup> March		22 <sup>nd</sup> March (cont)		28 <sup>th</sup> March	
11.40 60010 6B25	WH-RN	66074 6M81	MG-RO	60010 6B13	RN-WH
15.04 66148 6V92	CY-MG	66007 6V67	RA-MG	60059 6E41	WH-LY
16.02 66126 6M41	MG-RO	66015 6V55	BD-RN	66054 6V92	CY-MG
17.17 66085 6V07	RO-MG	66160 6M96	MG-CY	66152 6V05	RO-MG
20.19 66184 6E30	MG-HL	23 <sup>rd</sup> March		66192 6M81	MG-RO
20.25 66302 4M36	WG-DV	4936/4965 1Z49	TY-NT	66181 6V67	RA-MG
21.54 56312 6Z54		66126 6V67	RA-MG	37194/611 6M56	BE-CE
	Duddeston Jnct	60007 6B13	RN-WH	29 <sup>th</sup> March	
66523 4V61	RG-SG	66595 4Z67	RC-SG	11.54 60020 6Z55	WH-RN
66197 6E86	PY-FB	66546 4V46	RG-SG	13.00 66011 6V67	RA-MG
60007 6B13	RN-WH	24 <sup>th</sup> March		13.25 66429 4V38	DV-WG
66085 6M81	MG-RO	13.49 66424 4V38	DV-WG	13.58 60007 6E67	LL-SC
19 <sup>th</sup> March		15.34 66066 6E67	MG-SC	19.19 66718 6V01	LY-CF
10.55 66430 4V38	DV-WG	17.15 66167 6E47	MG-TS	66554 4G92	RG-SG
11.10 60007 6B13	RN-WH	19.23 66085 4E68	MG-TS	66130 4V83	TO-PY
12.01 66148 6V05	RO-MG	20.03 66056 6E30	MG-HL	66529 4V47	RG-SG
47828/805 5Z	30 CE-EH	66546/607 6Y11	CS-FR	66130 6E86	PY-FB
70010 4V47	RG-SG	25 <sup>th</sup> March		30 <sup>th</sup> March	
66187 6E86	PY-FB	08.10 66081 6M81	MG-RO	11.04 66192/015 6B13	RC-SG
66181 6M41	MG-RO	11.27 60091 6B13	RN-WH	11.12 66145 6M60	EX-BS
66066 6V06	HD-NT	11.41 66424 4V38	DV-WG	66008 6V67	RA-MG
66074 6V67	RA-MG	14.19 66181 6V92	CY-MG	66528 4Z67	RC-SG
66136 6V52	WV-NT	16.02 60007 6M41	MG-RO	31 <sup>st</sup> March	
60091 6E41	WH-LY	19.04 60010/91 6B47	WH-MG	12.51 66303 4V38	DV-WG
66155 6W58	WY-GL	20.16 66192 6E30	MG-HL	15.15 66160 6E67	MG-SC
20 <sup>th</sup> March		56105 0Z56	WW-GL	19.19 66181 4E68	MG-RA
66162 6W97	Kemble-WY	66619 6M36	WY-EA	20.23 66023 6M75	MG-CL
66846 6Z52	GL-TG	26 <sup>th</sup> March	D\/ \\/ O	66619/607 6Y11	AT-FR
60007 6B13	RN-WH	10.51 66426 4V38	DV-WG	1 <sup>st</sup> April	DNIMI
66192 6V67	RA-MG DV-WG	17.30 66152 6M41 19.30 66145 6V69	MG-RO BS-AD	04.23 60020 6B16 11.03 66303 4V38	RN-WH DV-WG
66431 4V38 66008 6M81	MG-RO	19.59 66087 6E30	MG-HL	12.50 66185 6V67	RA-MG
66015 6V55	BD-RN	21.10 66712 6E12	CF-LY	19.59 66152 6E30	MG-HL
66160 6V92	CY-MG	21.54 66053 6V04	KY-CT	20.13 66303 4M36	WG-DV
60010 6V92	RO-MG	97304/31233 3Z18		23.00 66117 6E47	MG-TS
56094 6Z56	East Usk-BS	66952 4V61	RG-SG	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	WO-13
66152 6W60	WY-WS	66204 6E86	PY-FB	11.01 66154 6B13	RN-WH
21 <sup>st</sup> March	*** ***	66132 6V06	HD-CT	11.52 66185 6V05	RO-MG
10.50 66305 4V38	DV-WG	66527 4V47	RG-SG	12.56 66089 6V67	RA-MG
11.07 60007 6B13	RN-WH	27 <sup>th</sup> March		16.02 66060 6M41	MG-RO
12.02 66181 6V05	RO-MG	11.16 60010 6B13	RN-WH	60040 6E41	WH-LY
12.54 66074 6V67	RA-MG		Lydney-	3rd April	
15.04 66160 6V92	CY-MG	СН	, ,	05.50 66185 6M03	RN-BD
15.57 66066 6M41	MG-RO	20.02 66056 6V52	WV-MG	08.27 66192 6M81	MG-RO
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66545 4V92	RG-SG	66550 4G92	RG-SG	11.15 66154 6B13	RN-WH
66169 6E86	PY-FB	66004 6V07	RO-MG	12.01 66200 6V05	RO-MG
66846 6Z53	TG-GL	60020 6V55	BD-RN	13.10 66850/56105 6Z37	
66546 6Y27	GL-Hackney	60059 6E41	WH-LY		ldeston-GL
22 <sup>nd</sup> March		66303 4V38	DV-WG	60040 6E41	WH-LY
60007 6B13	RN-WH	66085 6V05	RO-MG	66746 4V94	IB-PY
66429 4V38	DV-WG	66192 6V67	RA-MG	4 <sup>th</sup> April	
66169 4V83	FB-PY	66527 4V57	RG-SG	11.01 66424 4V38	DV-WG
47727/739 0Z	47 GL-WY			12.02 66060 6V05	RO-MG

4th April (cont)		1 40 <sup>th</sup> April (cont)		1 46th April (acmt)	
4 <sup>th</sup> April (cont)	07/140	10 <sup>th</sup> April (cont)	MO DO	16 <sup>th</sup> April (cont)	DO MO
15.01 66154 6V92	CY-MG	08.33 66012 6M81	MG-RO	12.01 60074 6V05	RO-MG
66117 6V52	WV-MG	09.16 66200 6M96	MG-RO	15.00 66068 6V92	CY-MG
66550 4V47	RG-SG	11.01 66428 4V38	DV-WG	20.02 66134 6V52	WV-NT
66059 6Z79	DR-MG	11.15 60017 6B13	RN-WH	20.19 66192 6E30	MG-HL
	aglan Bay	12.00 66097 6V05	RO-MG	60099 6E41	WH-LY
5 <sup>th</sup> April	51/14/6	14.55 60074 6V92	CY-MG	66154 4V83	TO-AV
10.52 66428 4V38	DV-WG	66184 6M58	NT-WV	66060 6V04	KY-CT
11.00 60017 6B13	RN-WH	37603/409 6M67	BR-CE	70013 0Z24	EA-SG
12.01 66127 6V05	RO-MG	60059 6E41 11 <sup>th</sup> April	WH-LY	37259/602 6M56	BE-CE
13.04 66070 6V67	RA-MG		0)/ 140	17 <sup>th</sup> April	D) / ) / (O
15.01 66171 6V92	CY-MG	15.08 66187 6V92	CY-MG	10.53 66423 4V38	DV-WG
20.52 66060 6V55	BD-RN	15.58 66085 6M41	MG-RO	15.00 66160 6V92	CY-MG
66546 6M91	TH-EA	66552 4V47	RG-SG	15.11 66055 6M41	MG-RO
66154 6M81	MG-RO	66154 6E86	PY-RC	18.29 66019 6E94	AW-LY
66074 6042	HO-SO	66184 6V04	KY-CT	20.19 66060/175 6E30	MG-HL
66746 4V94	IB-PY		-Keyham	20.24 66423 4M36	WG-DV
6 <sup>th</sup> April		66115 6V67	RA-MG	66746 4V94	IB-PY
10.59 60017 6B13	RN-WH	12 <sup>th</sup> April		66154 6M87	AV-RC
12.51 66085 6V67	RA-MG	11.10 60017 6B13	RN-WH	37425/20303 6M67	
18.30 66140 6V06	HD-NT	12.00 60040 6V05	RO-MG	66617 4V47	RG-SG
66550 4V46	RG-SG	60059 6E41	WH-LY	18 <sup>th</sup> April	
7th April		66746 4V94	IB-PY	67029 1Z05 10546	+11039+
12.59 66431 4V38	DV-WG	66012 6V55	BD-RN	10211+82146	
20.10 66152 6E30	MG-HL	66181 6V52	WV-NT	EU-MG & 12	
66198 6W98	AH-WY	66200 6V92	CY-MG	60040 6B13	RN-WH
66615/522 6Y11	AT-FR	13 <sup>th</sup> April		66428 4V38	DV-WG
66619 6Y12	AT-WY	66154 4V83	TO-AV	66124 6M81	MG-RO
66746 4V94	IB-PY	66952 4V20	RG-SG	60099 6E41	WH-LY
8 <sup>th</sup> April		66957 6Y13	EH-SP	66165 6M87	AV-RC
08.07 66085 6M81	MG-RO	14 <sup>th</sup> April		19 <sup>th</sup> April	
09.15 66192 6M96	MG-CY	13.41 66425 4V38	DV-WG	09.11 66134 6M96	MG-RO
11.11 60017 6B13	RN-WH	21.13 66718 6E12	CF-LY	09.54 66724 6V01	LY-CF
11.54 66431 4V38	DV-WG	22.05 66069 0A53 Brom		15.00 66021 6V92	CY-MG
12.09 66200 6B25	WH-RN	66200 6E30	MG-HL	20.17 66303 4M36	WG-DV
12.55 66070/066 6V67	RA-MG	66168/130 6W97	LL-HY	20 <sup>th</sup> April	
15.04 66184 6V92	CY-MG	66603/604 6Y11	AT-FR	18.26 66043 6V06	HD-CT
15.58 66058 6M41	MG-RO	66526 6Y12	AT-FR	19.06 47501/790 1Z13	
16.34 66085 6V07	RO-MG	66552/952 6Y14	GL-SG		F-Liverpool
66746 4V94	IB-PY	66419/957 6Y13	AT-FR	19.33 66744 6V88	BN-CF
9 <sup>th</sup> April		66012 6O32	MG-DM	20.28 66121 6V66	SC-MG
15.10 66059 6M41	MG-RO	. 66744 4Z94	NT-PY	66604/419 6Y11	
37603/409 6M56	BE-CE	15 <sup>th</sup> April		FR-St	oke Works
66154 6E86	AV-RC	07.26 66140 6D98	CT-HD	66595 6Y12	WY-AT
60059 6E41	WH-LY	08.06 66165 6M81	MG-RO	66623/415 6Y13	HY-SP
66058 6E30	MG-HL	10.52 66430 4V38	DV-WG	66138/044 4V83	TO-AV
66550 4V57	RG-SG	11.18 60040 6B13	RN-WH	21 <sup>st</sup> April	
66070 6V92	CY-MG	11.59 60074 6B25	WH-RN	16.05 60074 6E67	MG-SC
66301 4V38	DY-WG	12.50 66161/120 6V67	RA-MG	17.05 66108/069/023/001	1/019
66746 4V94	IB-PY	15.55 66023 6M41	MG-RO	0C48	CE-MG
60017 6B13	RN-WH	16 <sup>th</sup> April			mouth-CF
10 <sup>th</sup> April		08.33 66160 6M81	MG-RO	18.01 66054/187 0Z54	HY-AD
00.50 66089 6E80	CT-RM	11.12 60040 6B13	RN-WH	20.16 66124/063 6E30	MG-HL
04.12 66134 6M03	RN-BD	11.31 66427 4V38	DV-WG	66702 4V94	IB-PY

# **Stirlingshire & Gloucestershire Sightings Location Codes:**

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AB	Aberdeen	AP	Appleford	BI	Burntisland	ΒZ	St Blazey	CM	Chalmerston
AC	Achnasheen	AR	Abercynon	BL	Bristol	BY	Barry	CN	Carnforth
AD	Alexander Dock	ΑT	Abbotswood Jnct	BN	Beeston	CA	Calvert	CP	Chepstow
	Jnct	ΑV	Avonmouth	во	Bo'ness	CB	Coatbridge	CQ	Croft Quarry
ΑE	Attercliffe	ΑW	Aberthaw	BP	Bath	CD	Charfield	CR	Cadder
ΑF	Ashford	ΑY	Ayr	BR	Bridgwater	CE	Crewe	CS	Cheltenham
AΗ	Ashchurch	BA	Blair Atholl	BS	Bescot	CF	Cardiff	CT	Cardiff Tidal
AJ	Awre Junction	BD	Bedworth	BT	Barton Hill	CH	Chaddesden	CU	Cumbernauld
AL	Alston	BE	Berkeley	BU	Burton	CK	Chirk	CV	Cliff Vale
ΑN	Acton	BH	Brierley Hill	BW	Barrow Hill	CL	Carlisle	CY	Corby

DC	Dyce	HF	Hereford	LO	Longsight	PC	Port Clarence	SP	Spetchley
DL	Dalmeny	НН	Holyhead	LS	Leeds	PF	Peak Forest	SR	Stourton
DM	Dollands Moor	HL	Hartlepool	LT	Longannet	PG	Pengham	SS	Swansea
DR	Doncaster	НО	Halewood	LW	Linkswood	PH	Perth	ST	Severn Tunnel Jnct
DS	Dalston	HR	Harwich	LY	Lindsey	PM	St Philips Marsh	SV	Stevenage
DT	Didcot	HS	Hunslet	MC	Machen	PΝ	Paddington	SW	Swindon
DU	Dundee	HT	Hastings	ME	Montrose	PO	Polmadie	SY	Shipley
DV	Daventry	HU	Hunterston	MF	Milford	PR	Preston	TD	Tyne Dock
DY	Derby	HV	Haverfordwest	MG	Margam	PT	Paignton	TE	Trostre
EΑ	Earles Sidings	HW	Heywood Jnct	MH	Millerhill	PW	Prestwick	TF	Tremorfa
ED	Edinburgh	HY	Hinksey	ML	Motherwell	PY	Portbury	TG	Teigngrace
EE	Elderslie	ΙB	Ironbridge	MN	Mossend	PΖ	Penzance	TH	Theale
EΗ	Eastleigh	IM	Immingham	MO	Moreton	RA	Redcar	ΤK	Tavistock Jnct
EL	Elgin	IS	Inverness	MS	Maesteg	RC	Ratcliffe	TL	Tilbury
EU	Euston	JM	Jersey Marine	MT	Mountsorrel	RD	Reading	TN	Taunton
ES	Earlseat	KΒ	Kittybrewster	MV	Manchester Vic	RE	Redmire	TO	Toton
ΕV	Evesham	KC	Kirkcaldy	MW	Moorswater	RG	Rugeley	TR	Trishington
EX	Exeter	KK	Kilmarnock	NA	Nairn	RM	Rotherham	TS	Tees Yard
FΒ	Ferrybridge	KL	Kyle of Lochalsh	NE	Neath	RN	Robeston	ΤY	Tyseley
FF	Fiddlers Ferry	ΚN	Kennethmont	NG	Nottingham	RO	Round Oak	VA	Victoria
FG	Fishguard	KS	Kingsland Road	NH	Newton Heath	RR	Rowley Regis	WB	Wembley
FO	Forres	ΚY	Kingsbury	NJ	Norton Jnct	RV	Ravenstruther	WG	Wentloog
FR	Fairwater	LA	Laira	NL	Newtonhill	RY	Rugby	WH	Westerleigh
FΥ	Falkland Yard	LB	Ladybank	NT	Newport	SA	Saltley	WP	Worksop
GC	Glasgow Central	LC	Lincoln	NV	Neville Hill	SB	Stourbridge	WR	Warrington
GE	Georgemas Jnct	LD	Lydney	NW	Nantwich	SC	Scunthorpe	WS	Worcester
GL	Gloucester	LG	Lairg	OB	Oban	SD	Standish Jnct	WV	Wolverhampton
GM	Grangemouth	LH	Leith	ON	Onllwyn	SG	Stoke Gifford	WW	Washwood Heath
GR	Grange Sidings	LI	Linlithgow	00	Old Oak Common	SH	Slough	WY	Westbury
GS	Gleneagles	LK	Lackenby	OX	Oxwellmains	SI	Stirling	ΥK	York
GΥ	Grimsby	LL	Llanwern	OY	Oxley	SK	Shirebrook	ΥT	Yate
HA	Hayes	LM	Long Marston	PA	Paisley	SN	Stockton		
HD	Handsworth	LN	Laurencekirk	PB	Peterborough	SO	Southampton		

# **Stirlingshire Sightings**

### by Derek Sneddon

The following sightings are from Camelon Station & nearby Carmuirs Junction with an occasional sighting from Falkirk. Only freight and notable loco hauled workings are shown together with the diagram code, time, origin and destination (see location codes)

16 <sup>th</sup> March		19 <sup>th</sup> March (cont)		23 <sup>rd</sup> March	
05.45 66434 4H47	MN-IS	11.20 66305 4N66	GM-ML	05.45 66434 4H47	MN-IS
10.05 66039 0A32	MN-AB	13.00 66427 4A13	GM-AB	10.05 66152 6A32	MN-AB
10.35 66548 6G05	RV-LT	13.30 66104 6S36	DS-GM	10.35 66548 6G05	RV-LT
11.20 66433 4M16	GM-DV	20 <sup>th</sup> March		11.20 66424 4M16	GM-DV
13.00 66303 4A13	GM-AB	05.45 66434 4H47	MN-IS	13.00 66303 4A13	GM-AB
13.30 66111 6S36	DS-GM	07.40 66077 6G25	FY-ES	13.30 66104 6S36	DS-GM
19.30 66597 6Y80	MN-Carmont	07.40 66847 6L82	GM-LW	19.33 66548 6Y80	MN-Carmont
23.07 66111/194 6k	(01 MN-LI	08.30 66597 6A65	OX-AB	23.43 66193/104 6K01	MN-GM
23.35 66138 6K02	MN-LI	10.35 66548 6G05	RV-LT	24 <sup>th</sup> March	
17 <sup>th</sup> March		13.00 66421 4A13	GM-AB	00.13 66014 6K02	MN-GM
00.04 66018 6K03	MN-Polmont	21 <sup>st</sup> March		00.35 66161 6K03	MN-GM
00.23 66039 6K04	MN-Polmont	05.10 66618 6H51	OX-IS	13.00 66426 4A13	GM-AB
13.00 66305 4A13	GM-AB	05.45 66434 4H47	MN-IS	25 <sup>th</sup> March	
18 <sup>th</sup> March		06.00 66070 6A32	MN-AB	05.45 66434 4H47	MN-IS
06.30 66106 6A32	MN-AB	09.00 37259/602 6S99	CL-GE	07.00 66426 4R75	GM-EE
07.40 66077 6G25	FY-ES	13.00 66433 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 66305 4A13	GM-AB
08.30 66618 6A65	OX-AB	22 <sup>nd</sup> March		26 <sup>th</sup> March	
10.35 66548 6G05	RV-LT	05.45 66434 4H47	MN-IS	07.00 66303 4R75	GM-EE
13.00 66431 4A13	GM-AB	07.40 66077 6G25	FY-ES	07.40 66847 6R46	GM-PW
14,20 66039 6D61	Riccarton-GM	07.40 66847 6R46	GM-PW	07.40 66077 6G25	FY-ES
19 <sup>th</sup> March		10.35 66548 6G05	RV-LT	10.35 66548 6G05	RV-LT
05.45 66428 4H47	MN-IS	13.00 66424 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 66302 4A13	GM-AB
08.30 66847 6R46	GM-PW	13.30 66104 6S36	DS-GM	27 <sup>th</sup> March	
10.35 66548 6G05	RV-LT	23.49 37602/259 6M98	GE-CL	05.45 66305 4H47	MN-IS

27 <sup>th</sup> March (cont)		5 <sup>th</sup> April		10 <sup>th</sup> April	
07.00 66433 4R75	GM-EE	00.58 66106 6H44	MN-IS	05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS
08.30 66618 6A65	OX-AB	05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS	10.35 66616 6G05	RV-LT
08.57 37602/218 6S99	CL-GE	06.48 47826/854 1Z57	AY-KL	13.00 66427 4A13	GM-AB
10.35 66548 6G05	RV-LT	07.40 66847 6R46	GM-PW	13.30 66104 6S36	DS-GM
13.00 66422 4A13	GM-AB	10.35 66551 6G05	RV-LT	11 <sup>th</sup> April	
13.30 66111 6S36	DS-GM	13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB	05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS
28 <sup>th</sup> March		13.30 66035 6S36	DS-GM	06.30 66101 6A32	MN-AB
05.10 66618 6H51	OX-IS	23.14 47826/854 1Z58	KL-AY	07.40 66182 6G25	FY-ES
05.45 66305 4H47	MN-IS	6 <sup>th</sup> April		08.30 66597 6A65	OX-AB
06.00 66105 6A32	MN-AB	05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS	13.00 66425 4A13	GM-AB
1 <sup>st</sup> April		10.05 66106 6A32	MN-AB	18.25 60009/61994 5Z94	
05.45 66305 4H47	MN-IS	11.20 66431 4M16	GM-DV		K-Thornton
08.30 66618 6A65	OX-AB	13.00 66301 4A13	GM-AB	12 <sup>th</sup> April	
13.00 66433 4A13	GM-AB	13.30 66113 6S36	DS-GM	00.58 66101 6H44	MN-IS
2 <sup>nd</sup> April		19.34 66618 6Y80	MN-Carmont	05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS
05.45 66305 4H47	MN-IS	21.07 66597 6Y85		07.40 66182 6G025	FY-ES
07.40 66847 6R46	GM-PW		N-Monktonhall	10.35 66598 6G05	RV-LT
10.35 66547 6G05	RV-LT	7 <sup>th</sup> April		13.00 66424 4A13	GM-AB
11.20 66428 4N66	GM-ML	11.43 66618 6Y80	ME-MN	13.30 66106 6S36	DS-GM
13.00 66424 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 66301 4A13	GM-AB	13 <sup>th</sup> April	
13.30 66101 6S36	DS-GM	8 <sup>th</sup> April		05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS
3 <sup>rd</sup> April		05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS	10.05 66113 6A32	MN-AB
05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS	08.30 66618 6A65	OX-AB	11.20 66425 4M16	GM-DV
08.30 66618 6A65	OX-AB	10.35 66551 6G05	RV-LT	13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB
10.35 66547 6G05	RV-LT	13.00 66428 4A13	GM-AB	13,30 66106 6S36	DS-GM
13.00 66434 4A13	GM-AB		Riccarton-GM	14 <sup>th</sup> April	
13.30 66035 6S36	DS-GM	9 <sup>th</sup> April		66427 4A13	GM-AB
4 <sup>th</sup> April		05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS	15 <sup>th</sup> April	
05.10 66618 6H51	OX-IS	07.00 66428 4R75	GM-EE	05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS
05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS	07.40 66847 6R46	GM-PW	07.00 66424 4R75	GM-EE
06.30 66104 6A32	MN-AB	10.35 66551 6G05	RV-LT	08.30 66618 6A65	OX-AB
13.00 66434 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 66423 4A13	GM-AB	09.00 37218/194 6S99	CL-GE
13.30 66035 6S36	DS-GM	13.30 66104 6S36	DS-GM	10.35 66561 6G05	RV-LT
				13.00 66423 4A13	GM-AB

# **Open Day News**

It is hoped that as details become known of forthcoming Open Days around the country then info concerning them will be notified to you. If anyone hears of any such events, please let the editor know.

Nothing to report.

# Advertisement – GB Bus Group (GBBG)

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# **Light Rail, Metro & Tram News**

**Edinburgh:** The track between Gogar Depot and the airport is now being used to commission trams as with 271 seen below on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 at unnamed Gogarburn, the first stop just 200 metres west of the depot alongside the A8. The following photos were all taken on the same date to illustrate the depot and surrounding works.



Gogar Depot is west of Edinburgh city centre and north of the junction of the A720 Ring Road and the A8. Between the A8 and the depot are the double track through lines, off which points allow access as shown by tram 271 on the extreme left in the photo below. Inside the boundary fence are 4 loop tracks, the first outside, the other 4 passing through the building. These tracks, which originate from the single lead track shown below, loop right around the building to the eight track fan of stabling sidings. The fan also leads out onto a single track which with the loop line access track run under the access road bridge (see photo at the end). The sidings appear capable of holding 29 trams, 3 rows of 8 and then a further 5 at the western end as determined by the walkways.



21 trams (19 stabled) can be seen in this view of Gogar Depot from the A8 / A720 roundabout, the depot access road from the roundabout passes over the through lines in the foreground and curves around beyond the stabling sidings to the depot gates trams in front from left to right: on test 271, 276 & stabled 261, 253, 265, 262, 266, 254, 260



the stabling sidings from grass bank on the north side of the access road stabled trams from left to right: 273, 275, 274, 272, 264, 270

The 27 CAF built trams as can clearly be seen are a bit snake like as their 42.8m long bodies are articulated in seven sections allowing them to negotiate a few sharp 90° bends. There are six sets of doors on each side in five of the sections. The centre section has two but the two sections either side of the centre have none. At present the trams are all in unbranded white relieved only by the red stripe. They will be re-liveried once Lothian Buses take over the operation.



as seen from the access road, tram 275 departs the stabling sidings to curve round to the rear of the depot building as then seen in photo opposite top



from further west along the A8 the rear of Gogar Depot can be viewed with tram 275 which had just curved round from the stabling sidings, similar to the shuttle track at Cheriton (only a bit smaller !!)

Gogarburn tram stop is 100m along the through tracks on the right (behind the camera)



unlike the finished article to the west, to the east of the access road bridge it is still a scene of major construction works which is to be Edinburgh Gateway, the through tracks on the far side of the cutting curve south under the A8, in the foreground the two lead tracks into the depot are connected by double slip points

Metrolink: Three of the T68a trams have now been withdrawn from service, 2002, 2004 and 2006.

# **Railway Globetrotters**

by Ray Smith

#### India – Third Hill Railway (final part):

Missed from the last part are the following photos seen departing from Chennai on the 28<sup>th</sup> February.



Alco class WDM-2 Co-Co 17393 Chennai Station, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012



DLW class WDG-2 Co-Co 13576 Katpadi Junction, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012

**February 29<sup>th</sup> 2012:** We had an early coach departure to the last of our hill railways. I never saw much of Coimbatore at all. However our next line is the metre gauge Nilgiri Mountain Railway.



DLW class WDG-3A Co-Co 14616 Katpadi Junction, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012



oil fired 37392, our haul to Coonoor, note the exhaust pipes, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012





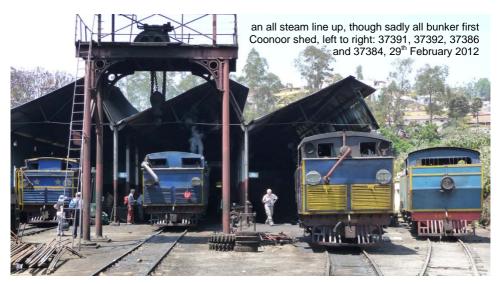
an arranged run past with 37392 propelling our train back across a viaduct for the photographers, location somewhere between Mettapalayam and Coonoor, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012

We arrived at Mettupalayam Junction and our train was already in the platform. We were to be hauled (pushed) by 0-8-2T 37392. On shed were 37389 and 37397. At the time I was unaware that 37397 was only days old! (see photo opposite bottom). Strange to believe that classmate 37385 is already preserved at the National Railway Museum in Delhi. Many of this class are now oil burning. Our destination was Coonoor. On route we stopped at Hillgrove station for Peaceful, until swarms of monkeys descended and engulfed the train, pillaging food and snacks.

the rack is not only used by the locomotives! Mrs monkey and child rest after scrounging food from our group, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012



On arrival at Coonoor the depot contained 4 steam locomotives and 2 diesels. Outside the station 37390 was plinthed. From here to Udagamandalam we were diesel hauled by 6724. Udagamandalam is better known as Ooty. India Railways have a large number of metre gauge diesels and on shed was 6399 and 6730.





6401 arriving at Ketti from Ooty 6724 to the right is waiting to depart to Ooty, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012



37389 (serviceable ?) outside Mettapalayam shed, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012

On route to Ooty we passed 6401 coming down. The norm for this line is steam to Coonoor then diesel to Ooty. A few years ago a local businessman campaigned to get steam back to Ooty. The authorities argued that lack of watering facilities was the problem. This businessman paid to re-instate the water crane at Ooty and a couple of steam trains ran then for some reason it reverted to diesel! Of note, despite Ooty being the end of the line, nothing is stabled there overnight.

**March 1**<sup>st</sup> **2012**: A non railway day visiting tea plantations and botanical gardens. There is a large lake outside Ooty with many attractions including a miniature railway. Sadly, today, the locomotives engine was scattered all over the platform. It will work tomorrow I was told. Then the pigs flew over!

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012:** Already at the end of the tour. It has been a wonderful experience. For haulage, I was disappointed that both locomotives were the same ones that brought us up. Our train from Ooty was a private charter, not timetabled, and at Hillgrove there were no monkeys. They must only know the scheduled times!

After arriving at Mettupalayam a coach took us to Coimbatore airport for the flight to Mumbai (Bombay) then home to London.

photos by Ray Smith

# **Railtour News**

#### **Great Britain VI:**

With the 9 day Great Britain VI rail tour now over, it has been seen along with positioning moves travelling around the country by several members as shown in the photos below.

right: ex-LMS 4-6-0s 45407 + 44871 accelerate through Teignmouth at 17.15 on the first day with 1Z83 16.52 Exeter St David's – Par leg of the Great Britain V1 Tour 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013, (Colin Broomfield)

below: with a positioning move from Aberdeen – Inverness 45407 + Mk2 35517 + 37685 on the rear passed westbound through Keith at 20.31, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013





running late after letting off a sick passenger at Alnmouth, 60009 'Union of South Africa' is seen heading south through Morpeth at 14.18 as 1Z28 on the last day, 28th April 2013 (Ray Smith)





# **Freight Corner**

### WAGON UPDATES by Trevor Roots:

To allow members to keep their copy **UK Wagons** as up to date as possible, changes are provided via this spot every month. The 2013 edition has not only been updated but has been re-organised to be more user friendly and incorporate stored wagons where known. As this latter attempt is anything but exhaustive we rely on member sightings to help. Please let Trevor know, contact details on page 2, if you have any amendments or wish pass on any other helpful wagon information.

#### **FREIGHT NEWS**

Associated British Ports (ABP) are to invest £100 million in biomass handling facilities at Immingham and Hull to cater for the increasing rail hauled biomass trains to Drax Power Station, which is undergoing conversion from coal to produce low carbon electricity.

# **Stock Changes**

It is hoped that all major changes recorded below will help you keep the **Combine**, **Pocket Book** and **Name Directory** up to date, (numerous pool code changes will not be recorded). In order to compile as accurate and up to date list as possible, can members please pass on their observations, particularly name changes and multiple unit reformations to the editor, **Trevor Roots** 

#### Misc News:

The Cl.210 prototype networker used to repair 455913 was 67301 not 61301 as stated last month.

Locos Repatriated: (from France)

66195

Re-numbered:

Locos:

37905 to D6836

Coaches:

11019 to 12623 11030 to 12625 11046 to 12621 11054 to 12627

Names: New:

26038 Tom Clift 1954-2012

395020 Jason Kenny 395021 Ed Clancy MBE 395022 Alistair Brownlee 507008 Harold Wilson

Removed:

37229 Jonty Jarvis

Transfers:

Locos: (\* into preservation)

DMU:

56317 NET to WRS

#### Scrapped:

Coaches:

Sandbach Car & Commercial 1867

Locos:

CF Booth, Rotherham 37406 LNWR Crewe 86621



RIP – 86621 in better days on the FL stabling point, Mossend, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008

# **Transferred Stock**



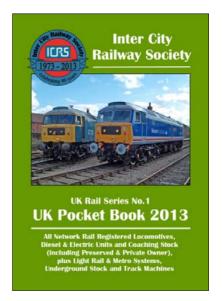
# **ICRS Publications**

Our 3 main books are now out, with **UK Pocket Book** following **UK Wagons** and **UK Combine**. However the latter has sold out and rather than reprint, a new Summer Edition will be released in June. **UK Wagons** is also close to selling out and likewise a Summer Edition of the **Wagon Book** will be produced in due course (date TBA), the first time this has occurred.

The other exciting news is that after 4 years, **Ultimate Sighting File** is to be released in the summer as part of our  $40^{th}$  Anniversary celebrations. It will be in two parts (see below) as opposed to the former three parts. The price will be similar to before at around £25 in total.

Of our other smaller books, **Irish Railways** is to be released as a **2013** edition in the summer and re-numbered **UKRS09**, but the **Name Directory** will not be updated until **2014**. Due to poor sales none of the individual books, **UK Locomotives**, **Diesel Units** and **Electric Units** will be produced in 2013.

Books can be ordered online via PayPal at www.icrs.org.uk or by post from Carl Watson, ICRS Publications, 14, Partridge Gardens, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO8 9XG (please made cheque / PO payable to ICRS).



All books, except **UKRS01 Pocket Book**, are A5 wire bound printed on 90gm paper with laminated card covers allowing them to be laid flat.









Book Titles: (all Members receive up to 27% discount on 2012/13 ICRS books)

			non-member	member	
New: (2013 - 9	green)		Price		
UKRS01	UK Pocket Book 2013 (240 pages)	(updated to 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan13)	£9.50	£7.00	
UKRS02A UKRS03	UK Combine 2013 (280 pages) UK Wagons 2013 (136 pages)	SOLD OUT (updated to 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan13)	£12.99	£9.50	
Current: (2012	2 - red)				
UKRS04	UK Name Directory 2012 (172 pages)	(updated to 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov11)	£12.99	£9.50	
UKRS19	Irish Railways 2012 (53 pages)	(updated to 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul12)	£9.00	£6.50	
In Preparation	: (due Summer 2013)				
UKRS02B	UK Combine 2013 (280 pages)	(updated to 1st May13)	£15.99	£12.00	
UKRS10	Ultimate Sighting Files - Mainline Diesel Loc	os	TBC	TBC	
UKRS11	Ultimate Sighting Files - Shunters, Mainline	Electric Locos & Prototypes	TBC	TBC	
Proposed: (pu	iblication date to be confirmed)				
UKRS12 "	Ultimate Sighting Files – Diesel Units		TBC	TBC	
UKRS13	Ultimate Sighting Files – Electric Units		TBC	TBC	