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## Front Cover Photo:

Having shunted the wagons into a single rake, 67011 is seen running round in Elgin Yard on the clear up day of the Whisky trials, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013. Apologies for featuring Elgin two months running but I thought the whisky connection was appropriate to wish you a Merry Christmas & Hogmanay.

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# Society Notice Board



## MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Committee of ICRS would like to thank you for your continued support and send best wishes to you and your family for the coming Festive Season

### Editor's Comments:

What a year for the Society. A massively successful 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary AGM and Eastleigh Works bash, 80 more members than at the start of 2013 and the release of the Ultimate Sighting Files. On the book front we have produced the best books to date in the 4 years since taking back control in 2009. On a personal note I have spent far too much time in front of a computer and have hardly witnessed the real railway at first hand. New Year resolution to get out, mind you I won't have the USF to do again !!!

Notwithstanding the comment about being enslaved to a computer, it's Christmas, so time for a big present. As a consequence of the ever changing railway scene and attempting to include many topical issues together with ongoing and one off articles from a growing number of members, **Tracks** is to be increased to 48 pages from the January 2014 issue. This means regular articles like **Railway Globetrotters** will no longer be dropped to find space for necessary topical issues. This has been partly funded by the increase in membership during 2013 but the overall production costs will still be higher than the membership fee, which should really be £3 higher to cover costs. We are pleased to say however that there are no plans to increase the fee for 2014, but please support the Society by continuing your membership and encouraging others to join. It is a massive effort to produce, what I reckon is the best and the second biggest railway enthusiast Society magazine and with book discounts, ICRS membership is extremely good value for money. I know some members already do so, but why not buy your non-member friends a book (or two) or treat them to membership.

With more space to play with I would like to appeal for members to send in articles/photos on trips etc they have been on. I am sure there are a few budding authors out there, just look at previous issues for inspiration. It's not that difficult, so thanks to Richard Jones who penned his first excellent article this month. I particularly want to run a regular 'Then & Now' series, be it rolling stock or infrastructure. Get your thinking caps on and dig out old photos then see if you can match the stock or scene to now. I partly did this with **Ramblings of a Rail Enthusiast** (which has returned) by showing a current photo of stock mentioned in Dave's text and I also did one **Then & Now 1973-2013** article in the July 2013 issue...over to you.

Also thanks must go to the growing band of regular photo contributors. The more of you who can go out and record the railway scene from around the UK and perhaps track down that unusual movement or new livery, the better. There is so much to record including new works, for all to enjoy. Next year looks like being particularly exciting on preservation lines with several planning to open extensions, ie. Gwili and Llangollen.

On a housekeeping note I need to stress how important it is to include our ICRS email in your contacts. It may be that emails are being filtered out as spam but can everyone with an email please ensure that the ICRS new email addresses are added to your contacts. I have recently emailed a few dozen members to confirm membership details and have disappointingly had no reply even after sending follow ups. On a similar note if you notify us of a change of address, please also include any changes to telephone numbers and email addresses or as soon after moving as you are able. Similarly if your email, in particular, changes at any time, please let us know so records can be accurately maintained. As mentioned above the membership fee does not cover costs so I need to be able to contact members by email or telephone as this effectively has no cost.

On a sombre note the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clapham Junction accident is due on 12<sup>th</sup> December. I was travelling by rail that morning in 1988 and actually passed close by on the Brighton line shortly after it happened, but never saw any of the accident as it was hidden by the intervening buildings. Only found out about the accident after arriving at South Bank Polytechnic, as it was then, where I was taking a day release degree. Strange it should have been that day of the week.

HS2 is now off and running with the Paving Bill passed on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Whatever your views, the strategic needs of the nation require the construction of another north south arterial railway route. It should have been done straight after HS1. It is terrible that the UK who as proud railway pioneers have been overtaken through political short-termism by the likes of Spain which has many more miles of high speed line than we do. Let's hope 'the build it earlier' campaign gains momentum as it certainly will bring the costs down and most of us might actually get to use it before we are too decrepit.

A new website has started up which should be useful to members. It lists accommodation adjacent or within a 15 min walk of UK and Irish stations. The address is [www.stationstays.co.uk](http://www.stationstays.co.uk) Worth looking at and adding your own recommendations.

**Errata:** In last issue 08826 should have read 08825 on page 36.

## Publication News:

### USF update:

Thanks to Alan Hardcastle who pointed out a typo error in Vol.1. Class 66s 66401-405 had slipped down in the Cross Ref Table on page 210. They should prefix **66733-737** with missing 66578 prefixing **66738** and 66738 after **66578** earlier in the table. In doing the Railway Globetrotter article I also spotted that I had omitted the Floyd number of 450-006 for 86217 on page 119, Vol.2. Alan also pointed out the following minor re-numbering omissions in Vol.2:

page 4	1831 to	MPU3	11/40	
page 5	7055 to	MPU2	08/39	then to 953 --/52
	7056 to	MPU1	08/39	
page 99	26510 to	100	01/59	

### STOP PRESS – UK Combine:

The **Summer Edition 2013** sold out as we were going to press, so the next available edition will be the 2014 version due in February 2014. We will endeavour to release this as soon as possible with all data updated to 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2014.

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Michael Cooper (West Wycombe), Brian Fern (Chesterfield), Robert Hassell\* (Birmingham), Phillip Mould (Redditch), Mark Robinson (Chester le Street), Chris Smith\* (Didcot) - a warm welcome to you.

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**Members Area:** Access requires a username and password. From the start of 2011 the username is now your 6 figure membership number and the password a random word provided by Trevor Roots. For new members this will be in the welcome email and following letter. For existing members, email a request to Mark Richards at [website@intercityrailwaysociety.org](mailto:website@intercityrailwaysociety.org) Please remember to include your ICRS membership number. **NB. DO NOT** give your username / password to a non-member.

**Flickr Photo Gallery:** As previously stated, Mark Richards has established our photo gallery on Flickr, so please have a look [www.flickr.com/photos/intercity-railway-society/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/intercity-railway-society/). However the success of this site relies on your support, so please send Mark your photos.

**ICRS Yahoo Group:** We have our own Yahoo Group, established in March 2004, open to members and non-members alike to post sightings and observations, share comments and debate about the current railway scene. To join visit [finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/intercityrailwaysociety/](http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/intercityrailwaysociety/) or email [intercityrailwaysociety-subscribe@yahooogroups.com](mailto:intercityrailwaysociety-subscribe@yahooogroups.com)

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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.

The latest date for articles / info for the **January 2014** issue is **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2013** with delivery to members after **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

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# Eastleigh Works Report

by Carl Watson

for the period up to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**General:** The loop line round to the rear headshunt is now in place and saw its first wagons, two KTAs, moved round on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The track still requires final ballasting before locos can use it. This will be completed soon as the ballast is already on site.

**Locos:** 57007 departed on the 29<sup>th</sup> October after repairs and a repaint.

Big news this month is the release of 66718 and 66721 in LU themed liveries on the 4<sup>th</sup>. 66718 is in black with symbols depicting various modes of transport around London and famous quotes about the city. 66721 carries two versions of the LU map, the original 1933 Harry Beck map on one side and a 2013 version on the other. 66721 retains its '*Harry Beck*' name but 66718 has been renamed '*Sir Peter Hendy CBE*' (see **Liveries**).

NR 57s have been coming and going on RHTT duties based at Broxbourne. Arrivals back at the Works being instantly recognisable as brown rather than yellow ! (see photo below)

57301 between 57312 and 57306  
after just arriving at the Works, 5<sup>th</sup> November



37194 was stabled with a Test Train on the 8<sup>th</sup>; 37194, Generator 6264, UTU4 999606, DBSO 9703 (see photo below left).

47727 arrived around the 21<sup>st</sup> for a traction motor change and departed a few days later (see photo below right).



Kof 323 674-2 departed by lorry on the 8<sup>th</sup> for further use at the Nene Valley Railway (see photo below).



73107 and 73201 were in with another Test Train on the 12<sup>th</sup>; 73201, Generator 6262, UTU2 999605, DBSO 9702, 73107.

47813 collected repaired 47853 on the 12<sup>th</sup> with 853 leading away from the Works.

66541 and 66564 top 'n' tailed the Maritime trip on the 13<sup>th</sup> due to problems in East Yard preventing a run round. Both locos left without any repaired wagons.

**London Underground: 'C'** Stock arrivals this period have been; 5540/6540, 5581/6581, 5722/6722, 5544/6544, 5585/6585, 5509/6509, 5512/6512, 5508/6508, 5548/6548, 5606/6606, 5573/6573, 5563/6563. Disposals have been; 5599, 5523, 5574, 5579, 5569, 6581, 6722, 6540, 5581, 5593, 6544, 5544, 6509, 6512, 6585, 5509, 6548, 6508, 5548, 5722, 6606, 6573, 6563, 5573.

Latest arrivals in last week of November were 5582/6582, 5562/6562, 5542/6542



**Wagons:** With the night's drawing in and pressure of work, it's been almost impossible to keep tabs on all the wagon movements recently.

70010 was on the Maritime trip on the 31<sup>st</sup> October (see photo above right).

66516 arrived on the Maritime trip on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

66542 was on the Maritime trip on the 19<sup>th</sup> and departed with a record 23 repaired wagons.

37601 arrived on the 20<sup>th</sup> (see photo above left) with 9419 and two KXAs, 96901 and 96906, for repairs. 37601 departed light engine the next morning.



**Units:** Wabtec have completed 455807 and 843, with 842 due out in early December. Siemens units receiving overhauled bogies, replacement intermediate couplings and an interior refresh have been; 450034, 027, 021, 017, and 023 (see photo below taken on the 25<sup>th</sup> November). 450017 was due to leave on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.



508s 64710 (508208) and 64720 (508210) were tripped to Southampton Docks on the 6<sup>th</sup> by 73136, 73212, 73141 and 73119 using barriers 975875 and 977087 (see photo below taken on the 5<sup>th</sup> November). The 508s were then taken by road to Ilford for static use by Bombardier.





**Coaches:** DRS Mk2s 9419 and 9428 are receiving repairs and repaints, having arrived separately during the month.



photos by Carl Watson

# Preservation Photo Spot - 1



# Ramblings of a Rail Enthusiast

## by David Spencer – 1966 Part 1

*At last I have been able to return to David's series since the last instalment in the February 2013 issue. With more pages I hope to continue the series throughout 2014, ed.*

Although I started these little personal memories in the late 1950s they have never been fully comprehensive and in the main I have stuck to major events but throughout there have been times when I have spent the odd hour or so taking photographs or train watching that I have not mentioned. Due to my service life style and courting strong at home there wasn't a lot of time for railways although I continued these minor activities whenever the opportunity presented itself. One of these activities that occurred throughout 1965 was keeping a photographic record of the demolition of the old and rebuilding of the new Birmingham (New Street) and we jump three months to January 22<sup>nd</sup> when I ran off half a film of New Street. On February 8<sup>th</sup> I had time to inspect my new home stations starting with Huntingdon East I traced the long closed line from Kettering to St Ives including Godmanchester station. Being flat Fen like countryside it was very different to South Wales, the low bridges over the rivers were huge areas of wooden sleepers left as they were after track lifting and approaching St Ives there was a wide river flood plain and the railway crossed it on stilts which were still in position. The following day, on duty this time I returned to St Ives to finish the photos and to travel to Marham in deepest Norfolk to learn about Hanley Page Victors, with DMUs to March and on to Ely and D6727 to Kings Lynn. I returned from the course on March 2<sup>nd</sup> by car but got one railway photo of Warboys station on the GE line to Ramsey East. On the 14<sup>th</sup> I volunteered for two weeks at the experimental station at Porton Down which has had a bad press but we had a ball there and it gave me some railway interest. I hitched into London and got an overnight train behind a Warship to Salisbury and 34026 to Idmiston Halt. Being in the south I went to my brothers at the weekend and just had to kill time at Redbridge and Totton taking photos of the still steam Southern main line. On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> John took me to see the railway pier at Stokes Bay where Queen Victoria got her boat to the Isle of White before they invented Portsmouth Harbour followed by a nose around the Gosport branch.



In April, Betty and I went to Paris. Before we left I managed an hour or so at Vauxhall and whilst in Paris I set up what was to become a regular thing, that I would have a half day of each holiday set aside for railways. On this occasion it was at Paris Nord where 141T 2-8-2Ts were operating the suburban services. Other than that, the trains didn't mean a lot as I still was not into foreign stuff at that stage. By now the youth club football had reverted and we lost more than we won but there were some wacky results like an 8-5 win and a 4-7 defeat it wasn't classy but it was entertaining! Apart from an odd photo, railways took a back seat until August when I had a week away with Roger in South Wales.

photo by David Spencer (to be cont)

# Preservation News

by Trevor Roots

## Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway (PON):

Not having been to PON for 4 years it was interesting to see the development at the railway not only with the extension to Big Pit Mining Museum (a later article to come) but the improvements to the original stations of Furnace Sidings and Whistle Inn, see comparisons exactly 4 years apart below. The 'then' photos were taken the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and include the 2 car DEMU 1129 (60828) + 1118 (60117) whilst the 'now' photos were taken on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013.



then (60117 leading)



now

*above:* Furnace Sidings by the main entrance, yard and shed

*below:* Whistle Inn at the western end of the line (the sheds etc are over DEMU in distance)



then (60828 leading)



now

## Royal Deeside Railway (RDR):

The only CI.14 in Scotland D9551 departed south on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November to be 'replaced' by two Mk2 coaches from the Stephenson Railway Museum, North Shields. TSO 2301 (5224) (see photo below left) arrived on the 20<sup>th</sup> with BFK 2102 (14094) (see photo below right) arriving on the low loader which then took D9551 away.



Milton of Crathes with  
existing Mk2 coaches 5196 & 9405



west lodge sidings  
at western end of line



# Traffic & Traction News

by John Barton

## Misc News:

Due to lack of available DMUs, a pair of DRS CI.47s have been top and tailing a short set of coaches 12114/11085 + DVT 82114 on Norwich to Great Yarmouth / Lowestoft services as with the one seen below taken by Stuart Moore at 13.55 on the 12<sup>th</sup> November of 47841 & 47802 (far end) at Norwich.



In an incident in which there were fortunately no serious injuries, VWC 221105 having arrived at 12.10 from London Euston hit the bufferstops in platform 1, Chester on the 20<sup>th</sup> November. In the photo below taken at 13.15 by Martin Evans, the Voyager can be seen having ridden up the buffers.



### October 28

The strong winds caused havoc in the south and in Norwich there were no London services. In the photo below by Stuart Moore, 08874 is seen dragging 90002 and its stock from Norwich Station to Crown point. Also in the station area that day between 12.30 - 12.45 were 37609 66181 90003/008 156417 170203/207/208/270.



### October 31

Norwich was full of DRS locos with 57011 t&t 57012 on the RHTT whilst 57007 + 57008 were in the yard along with 47802 & 47841.

Three freights in 7 mins through Nuneaton included (photos below by Mike Rumens):

14.22 66414 on 4M94 Felixstowe – Birmingham Lawley St liner.



### October 29

60079 powered 6V75 steel empties through Gobowen from Dee Marsh (Shotton Steelworks) to Margam at 10.20 in bright autumn sunshine (photo below by Martin Evans).



14.28 66846 on 6M50 Westbury – Bescot departmental.

14.29 86628 + 86613 4M54 Tilbury – Crewe Basford Hall liner.



### October 30

90007 recently returned to service was seen heading the London bound service at 13.40 at Norwich (photo opposite top by Stuart Moore).

### November 1

66161 t&t 66250 headed southbound through Llanbradach on 3S61 Margam - Margam RHTT via Tir-Phil at 22.28

66848 passed through Oldfield Park at 19.56 with the Portbury - Ratcliffe loaded coal working.



### November 2

70013 'Oliver Cromwell' arrived at Birmingham International at 09.13 to take water, with 47580 on the rear of the train.

86259 headed north through Peterborough on the fast at 08.27.

66731 + 465922 passed Orpington at 08.23 on Tonbridge WY - Slade Green working

### November 3

67019 t&t 67006 passed Otford at 11.21 on London Victoria - Paddock Wood working.

### November 4

37612 t&t 37608 on a test train departed Cambridge at 23.05 heading for Ferme Park.

### November 5

66039 passed Bristol Parkway at 16.19 at speed working 6M39 13.05 Portbury - Ratcliffe.

66115 approaches Cardiff Central with 6V05 Round Oak - Margam steel empties at 15.00 (photo below by Martin Evans).



### November 6

D1015 working 4E10 19.28 Wellingborough - Scunthorpe passed Chesterfield at 22.13.

### November 7

66850 with a huge train of loaded rails and cranes passed through Lewisham at 22.47 on Eastleigh - Hoo Junction working.

66161 t&t 66250 headed northbound through Llanbradach on 3S61 Margam - Margam RHTT via Tir-Phil at 21.12.

### November 8

37038 was in the Royal dock siding at Norwich at 13.26. It has been used on stock movements (photo below by Stuart Moore).



66161 t&t 66090 headed southbound through Llanbradach on 3S61 Margam - Margam RHTT via Tir-Phil at 22.28

66152 came storming through Bellingham at 20.18 with the last ever Dagenham - Dollands Moor Transfesa working. After a reign spanning 20 years the service will run via HS1.

### November 9

34046 t&t 44932 passed Shepherds Bush at 18.25 on Victoria - Southall working.

66849 + 56113 were seen working the 0Z61 Westbury - Westbury via Banbury through Trowbridge at 16.13.

### November 10

43480 departed Birmingham New Street at 14.39 heading for Heaton.

D1015 worked from Derby Etches Park - Wellingborough light engine passed Cossington on the slow at 14.27.

### November 11

66165 hauling covered steel wagons passed Paddock Wood at 19.49 with 6O32 - Dollands Moor.

67005 + 66191 passed Portobello Junction at 16.24 on a Bescot - Crewe loco move.

### November 12

66175 headed southbound through Llanbradach on 6C95 Cwmbargoed DP - Aberthaw with 21 loaded HTA's at 21.27.

66165 was seen going like a bat out of hell through Beckenham Hill at 18.57 on a Margam - Dollands Moor loaded steel working.

### November 13

Hope University liveried 507002 was seen inside Birkenhead North TMD.

66070 was seen in Cocklebury yard on top of loaded MBA's for tonight's 19.24 Swindon - Port Talbot Grange SD BSC.

37425 on 4S44 Daventry - Coatbridge was seen in platform 12 during a crew change alongside stabled 57308 & 92002 and departed 2 min later at 14.10 (photos below and opposite top by Martin Evans).







#### November 14

60011 working 0D49 Toton TMD - Beeston Track Yard was seen approaching its destination at 06.58.

#### November 15

MPV DR98954 + DR98904 passed Bebington at 10.50 on 3S06 to Wigan LIP.

#### November 17

56303 t&t 31190 worked 6Z31 Wimbledon - Totton Yard passed Worting Junction at 20.02.

#### November 19

66422 passed Preston heading north at 05.28 on Crewe Basford hall - Carlisle Yard engineers working.

47237 was sitting in bay platform 9 at Crewe having previously been seen heading through Nuneaton at 14.05.

92015 was seen sneaking through platform 12, Crewe at 15.17 (photo opposite top by James Holloway).



#### November 20

The following trains with more than one loco passed through Carlisle:

09.55 66143 + 66105 on an extremely long and heavy ballast train (3,400t) from Billingham Jct - Carlisle New Yard (photo below by Gordon Kirkby).

The consist was:

92441/73/57/63/65/68/69/44/61/76/58/70/74/  
73/59/66/67/45/47/48/72/32, 76502/503,  
92431/71/51/39/55/56/54/53/42/43/69/49/50/  
52/46/75/60/72/40/34



10.27 37605 + 37611 on a Carlisle - Shap Quarry ballast train instead of the usual Cl.66 (photo below by Gordon Kirkby).



13.02 66301 t&t 66421 on RHTT heading north to Kingmoor

15.35 92029 'Dante' and 92030 'Ashford' (dead with pantograph down) on the Daventry - Mossend intermodal running five hours late due to problems north of Preston, including 9 new IDA 'Lowliners' 39.70.4901.032025/027/043/045/046/026/042/028/033.

47237 was seen waiting the road at Chester at 13.30 before returning to Llandudno on a photographic surveillance exercise for Network Rail, having already completed one journey (photo below by Martin Evans).



70013 was seen heading southbound through Carlisle at 14.41 with a ballast train to Crewe.

66198 headed north through Bolton le Sands at 07.23 with 6C29 Arpley - Shap ex-RMC wagons. 56105 was seen heading southbound through Carlisle at 12.34 with the Chirk timber.

#### **November 21**

66710 passed Kensington Olympia at 11.38 on 6V93 11.10 Northfleet - Westbourne Park. 92031 passed Kensington Olympia at 10.17 working 4E26 07.45 Dollands Moor - Scunthorpe Redbourne Siding. 66063 running 15 minutes late at 10.30, passed through Gobowen on 6V75 empty steel working to Margam (photo below by Martin Evans).



#### **November 22**

37419 + 37059 working 0Z38 Daventry - Crewe passed through Rugeley Trent Valley at 12.16. 92015 passed Paddock Wood at 11.29 on 6D35 Wembley - Dollands Moor china clay empties. 37610 t&t 37609 on a test train were seen stabled in between runs by Norwich station at 12.50 alongside 47841 + DVT 82114 (photo below by Stuart Moore).



#### **November 23**

66103 hauled 70000 'Britannia' through Bristol Patchway at 19.46 returning to Waterloo. 92031 passed northbound through Peterborough at 16.35 on 4E32 Dollands Moor - Scunthorpe steels.

#### **November 24**

66126 t&t 66125 headed southbound through Llanbradach on 3S59 Bristol Barton Hill - Bristol Barton Hill RHTT via Tir-Phil at 21.36.

#### **November 25**

37603 + 37605 appeared on the Shap Quarry ballast train heading north through Penrith.

66150 was seen running an hour late on 6V75 Dee Marsh - Margam steel empties passing Gobowen signal box at 11.10 (photo below by Martin Evans).



#### **November 26**

66144 t&t 66161 passed Heath High Level at 12.11 heading for Margam TC via Cardiff. 66570 + 90047 (dead) were seen passing Sytch Lane, near Norton Bridge at 11.34 (photo below by Roger Thomas).



#### **November 27**

66161 t&t 66144 headed southbound through Llanbradach on 3S61 Margam - Margam RHTT via Tir-Phil at 22.15.

#### **November 28**

66434 + 66305 on 4M34 Coatbridge - Daventry headed south through Bolton le Sands at 08.04.

#### **December 2**

66074 passed through Gobowen on 6V75 Dee Marsh - Margam empty steel working at 10.25 (photo below by Martin Evans).





# RHTT Gallery

Further to the feature in the October issue, the following photos cover three more of the 2013 Rail Head Treatment Train (RHTT) workings which began at the beginning of October. There are 17 circuits throughout the UK, including one in Scotland, two in Wales and 14 in England.







57012 t&t 57011 on RHTT duties  
heading to Cromer, Great Plumstead  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2013 (Stuart Moore)

## Light Rail, Metro & Tram News

**Metrolink:** *The following information is kindly supplied by Geoff Hope.*

The Metrolink second city crossing became a reality when the latest stage was confirmed by the Manchester Combined Authority at its latest meeting. It also confirmed the tracks will be laid from Victoria Station to Exchange Square ahead of schedule. This section should be finished by June 2015. A Shaw & Crompton to Exchange Square service operating by the end of 2015 leaving the completion of the remaining route to St Peters Square to be finished by the start of 2017. It was also confirmed to move forward with the Trafford Park line with a Park & Ride facility being built at the Trafford Centre. Construction could start 2015/16 to be completed in 2019. The new line would leave the current network at Pomona on the Eccles line where a short stub of concrete base for the tracks is already in place. A new turnback at Crumpsall on the Bury line would be part of this extension. A further 10 new trams would be required for this route. Starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> November overnight tram tests were conducted between Rochdale Railway Station (the current terminus) to the new Transport Interchange in the town centre followed by daytime testing. Services are due to start in spring 2014.

Daytime tram tests in Oldham Town Centre are already underway, this line is expected to open early 2014 after the original track to Oldham Mumps is closed and the line is diverted through the town centre.

Observations at Piccadilly Gardens on the 4<sup>th</sup> November (10.20-12.20) revealed the following trams:  
3002/03/05-09/12/15/17-19/21/23/25/31/32/37/43-46/51/54/59-61/63/66/67, 1007/17/21-23/26:2003.

Trams 'doubled up' working the Didsbury-Rochdale & Altrincham-Bury services are as follows:

3030/50:3024/56:3041/28:3042/29:3035/53:3011/27:3047/49:3052/40:3014/38:3001/34:3048/10:1009/12.

The Queens Road tram stop built north of the depot is due to open by the end of 2013 and will enable Metrolink to close Woodlands Road stop. TfGM have already received a closure ratification notice from the ORR. Two recent withdrawals of T68's from service have been 1021 on the 5<sup>th</sup> November has been fitted with a modified ice break pantograph and is available for ice breaking duties. The second withdrawal is 1003 on the 12<sup>th</sup> November the only T68 re-liverd in yellow and silver continued in public service. 3062 had been cannibalised for spares but is now being prepared for service. New

M5000's 3075 and 3076 arrived on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November respectively and are awaiting commissioning and mileage accumulation. A visit to the recently opened Rochdale Transport Interchange on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November revealed trams 3068/3069 stabled and 3070/3071 and 3074 stabled at the railway station all displaying 'Trams on Test.' On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 3073 was seen working on the Eccles service. On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November a visit to Oldham confirmed the track for the new route into the town centre is laid to a point between Freehold tram stop and Oldham Mumps ready for the line to be diverted. No trams were on test in Oldham town centre.

#### **Tyne & Wear Metro:**

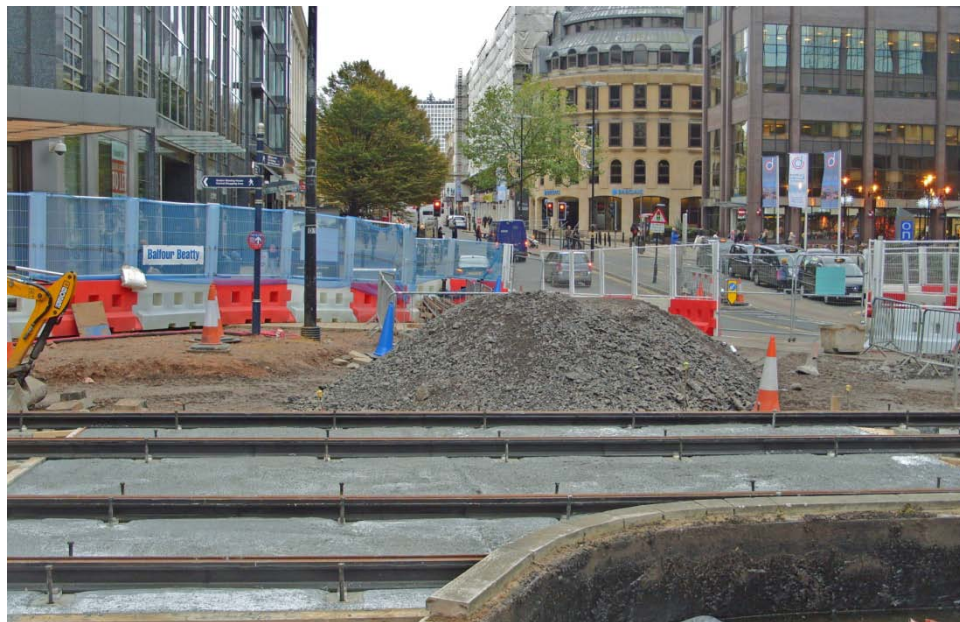
A visit by Geoff Hope to South Gosforth on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November revealed the following units:

6<sup>th</sup> - 4001-10/12/15-19/21-28/30-33/36/37/39-43/45-50/54-57/59-64/66-77/80-90

11<sup>th</sup> - 4001/02/04-16/18/19/21-26/30/32/33/36/38-40/42/43/45/46/48/49/54/55/57-62/64/66/68/71/73-77/79-87/89/90

#### **Midland Metro:**

A token stretch of tram track for the new extension was announced as laid on 5<sup>th</sup> November. It's located at Colmore Gate which is where Bull Street meets Snow Hill Queensway and near to the entrance to Snow Hill railway station. The photo below was taken by James Holloway on the 16<sup>th</sup> November looking across the track up Bull Street.



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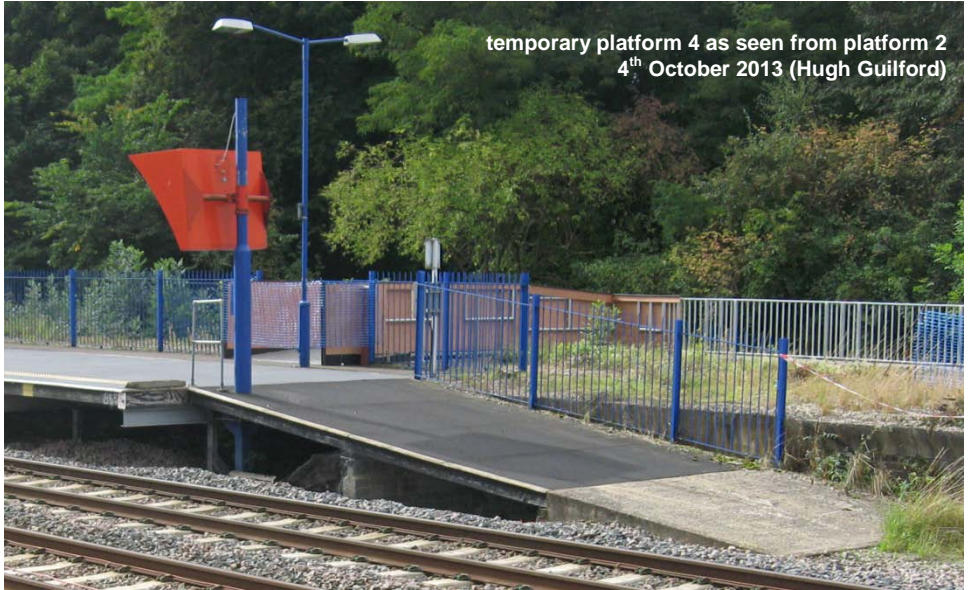
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# Infrastructure News

## Aylesbury by Hugh Guilford:

As mentioned in the article on the Gala held at the Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway (CPR) in the October issue, a temporary platform was erected at Princes Risborough. As there was no space to include photos previously, here they are now.



temporary platform 4 as seen from platform 2  
4<sup>th</sup> October 2013 (Hugh Guilford)

The temporary platform was created on the western side of platform 3 using scaffolding, as seen below on the 20<sup>th</sup> October during dismantling. The Thames branch which leads to the CPR tracks can be seen heading north and curving away to the west in photo below right taken from the road bridge south of the station.



## Crossrail:

Crossrail TBM '*Elizabeth*' broke through into the gigantic mined cavern below Stepney Green on the 6<sup>th</sup> November.



# 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 over long distances, to please add all locations when submitting to James...ed*

## Mike Rumens:

### 21<sup>st</sup> October:

#### Nuneaton 13.55-14.50:

66100/542, 86604/22, 153366, 170110/114/518  
170636, 221101, 350104/121, 390001/002/009  
390013/104/126/127/154

### 22<sup>nd</sup> October:

#### Nuneaton 13.50-14.50:

66008/087/418/846, 86501, 90046, 153364  
170101/398/522/639, 221114, 350114/121  
390005/008/009/039/042/122/126/128/129

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

#### Nuneaton 14.10-14.35:

66170/846, 153366, 170108, 390129/156

### 24<sup>th</sup> October:

#### Nuneaton:

66140, 67003, 90047, 92043, 153364, 170398

#### Hams Hall: 08873

#### Birmingham New Street:

158832/838, 170511/517/522, 220003, 221110/41  
323208/10, 350121/125/128, 390127

#### Bescot: 08623

#### Walsall 10.05-16.00:

37405, 47832, 60024, 66050/060/115/185/206/414  
66415/523/536/597/846/952, 70003/16, 153354/66  
170501/505/506/513/516, 350105/114, 323203/05  
323212-14/41

### 29<sup>th</sup> October:

#### Nuneaton 14.00-14.50:

66007/846, 86614/32, 90048, 153365, 170104  
170107/519, 221101/08, 350102/118, 390006/011  
390013/039/046/126/134/137/157

### 30<sup>th</sup> October:

#### Nuneaton 13.58-14.45:

66846, 153366, 170101/522, 221115/18, 350111  
390009/039/049/112/119/134/135

### 31<sup>st</sup> October:

66414/846, 86613/28, 153365, 390126, DR73948

### 1<sup>st</sup> November:

#### Nuneaton 14.16-14.45:

47749, 66165/846, 90047, 92010, 170107, 221106  
350107, 390013/049/117, DR73947/48

### 5<sup>th</sup> November:

#### Nuneaton 13.55-14.45:

66125/177/849/954, 86604/27, 90047, 153364  
170109/398, 221108/10, 350126, 390009/010/039  
390117/124/130, DR73947

### 7<sup>th</sup> November:

#### Nuneaton 13.47-15.45:

66170/188/713/740/846, 86609/10, 90016, 92043  
153375, 170105/109/112/116/397/522, 221103/04  
221107/42, 350114/121/237/258, 390006/008/011  
390039/047/050/103/117/118/124/127/128/138  
390151/157, DR73947/48

### 11<sup>th</sup> November:

#### Nuneaton 14.05-14.30:

66846, 92038/44, 153334, 170110, 221113  
390001/15

### 12<sup>th</sup> November:

#### Nuneaton 13.55-14.45:

47813/853, 66067/188/541/562/849, 153334  
170104/117, 221110, 350102/123, 390012/042  
390049/117/122/125

### 13<sup>th</sup> November:

#### Nuneaton 14.11-14.45:

66074/849, 90041, 153371, 170105, 221102/04  
350120/128, 390020/103/118/128

### 14<sup>th</sup> November:

#### Nuneaton 14.07-15.30:

66011/067/591/743/849, 90047/49, 153366  
170104/106/110/522, 221102/04, 350106/122  
390010/040/42/043/049/050/117

## Gordon Kirkby:

### 16<sup>th</sup> October:

#### Bristol Temple Meads 13.16-16.51:

08516, 43017/020/021/031/037/040/056/092/125  
43128/134/135/152/160/161/164/177/198/321/357  
43366/378, 66098/128, 150104/106/108/123/125  
150130/131/216/232-234/239/244/246/261/263  
150265/921/927, 153361/69/77/82, 158766/798  
158950/953/956/961, 159001, 220007-09/11/12  
220027/30, 221119/20/26/41



43321 Bristol Temple Meads (Gordon Kirkby)

### 17<sup>th</sup> October:

#### Newport 09.13-11.10 & 15.00-15.33:

43009/017/020/021/027/035/037/040/125/128/133  
43141/149/150/158/161, 60074/92, 66063/126/135  
66176/194/533, 67002, 150101/124/227/234/242  
150244//248, 153362, 158820/826/956/959-961  
175001-003/007/106/110/115

#### Ebbw Junction: 31105, 66136

#### Wentloog: 66304

#### Cardiff Canton: 08499, 66613

**Cardiff Central 11.26-14.57:**

43003/010/015/021/035/041/125/130/136/138/141  
 43148-150/169/174/191, 66120/137/148/161/250  
 67001, 142010/69/72-76/80-82/85, 143601/02/04  
 143605/07/08/10/14/22/23, 150101/124/128/208  
 150213/227/229/231/237/240-242/249/251/252  
 150255/256/258/259/262/278-280/283-285/927  
 153323, 158820/826/836/950/958, 175004/006  
 175009/010/011/101/107/112/115

**20<sup>th</sup> November:****Carlisle 08.30-15.45:**

37605/611, 56105, 66101/105/129/134/138/143  
 66198/301/421/422/430/508/524/525/527/599  
 70013, 92003/29/30, 142017/26, 153301/52  
 156429/431/445/452/463/465/480/484/490/500  
 156514, 158793/797/842/853/861, 185111/16/25  
 185135/44/46/50, 221104/10/11/13-15/17/18  
 350231, 390016/046/117/121/128/131/135-138  
 390148/152



56105 Carlisle (Gordon Kirkby)



70013 Carlisle (Gordon Kirkby)

**Geoff Hope:****16<sup>th</sup> October:****Edinburgh Waverley 09.25-12.30:**

43206/238/257/300/308/315, 67005, 90024  
 156432/445/462/494/507/509/510, 158710/712  
 158714/724/725/727-729/733-735/740/786/867  
 158871, 170396/402/405/406/411/413/415/417  
 170/421/423/426/428/430/431/453/457/458  
 170470-473/476/478, 185108/43, 221101/05/26/29  
 221131/33, 334001/04/05/08/15-17/20/22-24/26  
 334031-33/37, 380101/106-108

**Haymarket:**

158782, 170393/409/452/455/459/461

**Glasgow Queen Street 13.20-14.10:**

156508/512, 158711/730/732/736, 170401/411  
 170413/419/422/427/432/470/474

**Glasgow Central 14.30-17.20:**

156430/432-435/437/439/442/446/449/462/465  
 170467/477/493/494/496/500/502-504/506/507  
 170509/511/513/514, 158729, 221123, 314201-13  
 380001-003/005/006/008-021/103-105/110-116  
 390115/132/136/141

**2<sup>nd</sup> November:****Doncaster 08.40-15.35:**

08669, 43014/062/208/238/239/251/257/272/290  
 43295/296/300/305-310/312/314/316-319/423/467  
 43468/484, 56303, 66012/094/107/122/145/206  
 66531/552/570/594/599/617/709/732/735/739/745  
 66746/954, 67024/28, 86259, 91103/04/07-11  
 91114-17/21/22/24/26-30/32, 142014/24/31/68/91  
 142092, 144002/04/10, 158787/792/793/796  
 158843-845/851/872/907, 170303/4, 185106/07/17  
 185120/22/39/47, 180101/05/07/10/11/13, 220008  
 220010/13/19/22/25/27/34, 221132/40, 222007  
 321903, 322481/84/85, DVT's 82200/03-05/08/10  
 82213/14/17-20/22/24-28/30/31

**13<sup>th</sup> November:****Glasgow Central 12.30-17.00:**

67004, 156430/432-434/437/439/442/449/456/457  
 156462/477/493-495/501503/506-512, 158867  
 185117/50, 220020, 221118, 314201-09/11-15  
 380001/003/004/007-014/016/018-022/102/103  
 380106/108-112/114/116, 390115/117/123/124  
 390136

**16<sup>th</sup> November:****Doncaster 08.25-14.30:**

08754, 43013/014/239/272/274/295/296/299/305  
 43308/309/312-314/316-318/367/423/465/468/480  
 56312, 60001, 66027/102/113/147/176/186/530  
 66543/548/555/572/593/702/704/717/723, 67019  
 67027, 91102/04/06/07/09/11/15-17/19-22/24  
 91126-29/32, 142027/48/65/79/89, 144002/08/09  
 144013, 153330, 158795/851/855/861/903  
 158905-907, 170303/6, 180101/09/10/12-14  
 220003/05/07/13/27/29, 221124/26/27/30/36  
 222016, 321903, 322483/85, 185103/09/16/46-48  
 DVT's 82200/02-04/06-10/12/13/15/17-20/24  
 82227-30, DR75301/77801

**23<sup>rd</sup> November:****Doncaster 08.25-14.30:**

08724, 43239/257/272/274/277/290/295/299/306  
 43311-317/423/465/468/480, 60039/44/45/63  
 66053/057/090/121/134/168/175/181/183/197/428  
 66534/544/702/705/713/720/954, 67019/21, 70015  
 91102/03/05-11/14/17-20/22/24/26/28/30/32  
 142019/43/50/65/66/84/92, 144006/11-13, 153351  
 158794/817/843/844/851/902/907/910, 170302/3  
 180107/09-11/13/14, 185103/07/09/24/39/46  
 220001/17/19/26/32, 221122/24-26/35, 222010  
 321902, 322483/84, DVT's 82203-09/11/12/15  
 82217-20/23-25/27/29-31, DR75303/77801/96374  
 60009 'Union of South Africa'

**28<sup>th</sup> November:**

**Knottingley 10.30-15.00:**

09201, 66013/023/065/105/183/201/524/526/530  
66561/707/720/732/740/743, 142018/66, 144002  
153301/28, 180101/07

**Harold Cooper:**

**5<sup>th</sup> November:**

**Loughborough 18.50**

D1015 Scunthorpe-Wellingborough

**Ian McAlpine:**

**25<sup>th</sup> October:**

**Peterborough:** 66713/715/730, 91113

**Doncaster:**

66533, 67016/22, 91130, DVT's 82207/22

**Hull:** 158905, 170301/5

**26<sup>th</sup> October:**

**Peterborough:**

60019, 66013/129/705, 67016, 170518

**Leicester:** 66071

**South Wigston:** 66534

**1<sup>st</sup> November:**

**Peterborough:** 66109/131, 91113, 180107/113

**Doncaster:** 66107

**York:** 43314/316, 56311, 150117/214/223

**2<sup>nd</sup> November:**

**Biggleswade:** 66145

**King's Cross:** 47237, 67022, 365503/06

**Victoria-Wandsworth Common:**

66080, 159101, 377130/131/151/160/313/324/412  
377449, 442409/15/18/22, 455812/837, 465040  
465044

**8<sup>th</sup> November:**

**Whittlesea:** 158856, 170108/205

**March:** 66007

**Cambridge:** 170208, 317656/663/672/808

**Ely:** 66188/204, 170201/205/206

**15<sup>th</sup> November:**

**Peterborough:** 66745, 91102

**Doncaster:** 60044, 66188, DVT 82207

**York:** 4464 'Bittern', 66539, 185129

**16<sup>th</sup> November:**

**York:** A4 60009, 91102, 150271, 185119/45

**Scarborough:** 158905, 185119

**17<sup>th</sup> November:**

**Darlington:**

43295/309, 66717, 91101, 221132, DVT's 82200  
82223

**Peterborough:** 66738/743, 91129

**Peter Cole:**

**29<sup>th</sup> October:**

**Cardiff Canton:** 08499, 70099

**Cardiff Central 09.00-17.00:**

43004/016/071/093/094/124/128137/141/149-151  
43153/158/159/164/169-172/179/182/183/190/195  
56094, 60079, 66012/055/063/093/114/148/181

66250, 67002, 142006/10/69/72-77/80-82/85  
143601/02/04-08/10/14/16/23, 150120/125/208  
150213/217/219/227/229-231/237/240/241/245  
150251-253/255/256/258/262/264/266/267  
150278-280/282/927, 153303/20/23/62/67/69  
158822/829/951-953/955/956/958-961, 170101  
170103/108/522/636, 175001/002/004-008/010  
175011/101/103/104/108/109/111/112

**31<sup>st</sup> October 09.00-16.00:**

**Cardiff Central:**

43017/020/021/031/070/071/086/094/098/128/131  
43132/141/149/169/175/181/183/186/192/195/198  
60074/92, 67003, 66039/055/063/068/076/128  
66155/161/221/250, 142006/10/69/72-74/76/77  
142080-83/85, 143601/02/04-07/10/16/22/23/25  
150104/108/120/129/131/208/213/217/227/230  
150231/235/237/238/240/241/245/253/255/256  
150258-260/262/264/267/278/280/282-285  
153303/20/62/67/82, 158798/822/829/841/953/955  
158958/961, 170106-109/115/116/522  
175002-004/006-009/011/103/106/108/110-112/116

**Eric Crocker:**

**28<sup>th</sup> September:**

**South Devon Railway:**

**Little Hempson:** GWR 3205, Carnarvon

**Staverton:** W55000, GWR L92 [5786], D2246

**Buckfastleigh:** GWWR 1420, 4920, D3721

**Robert Parker:**

**24<sup>th</sup> October:**

**Crewe 11.15-12.15:**

37194/602, 57304, 66007, 92030, 97304

**Stafford 12.45-13.30:**

66034/232/303, 70003, 90046

**Tamworth 14.30-15.30:**

47832, 60024, 66523/536

**Lichfield 16.20-16.45:**

66304/570/712, 67026/28, 70001

**6<sup>th</sup> November:**

**Tamworth 09.50-15.30:**

31190/452, 47739, 60040/63, 66003/015/066/067  
66079/120/174/184/194/305/431/533/544/569/571  
66848/951, 70005, 86609/10, 90043

**Andrew Evans:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November:**

**Salisbury:**

16.00 66151/041/114/003/128/068/143 eastwards

**James Holloway:**

**5<sup>th</sup> November:**

**Derby 12.03-15.25:**

43013/014, 66510/516/735/751, 153308/11/21/26  
153357/84, 156413, 158773, 170103/107/114/115  
170397/518-521, 220007/09-11/22/24/33, 221116  
221127/28/36/38/39, 222001-005/008/010/013  
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# Railway Globetrotters

## **Mercia Charters 'The Things Past' – 5/6<sup>th</sup> October by Richard Jones:**

Over the weekend of 5/6<sup>th</sup> October 2013, UK based Mercia Charters, operated a two day railtour in Hungary. The tour titled 'The Things Past' operated over both days starting and finishing each day at Budapest Keleti Station. The tour would use locomotives operated by private operator 'Floyd', well known to enthusiasts in the UK, due to the fact that they operate a fleet mainly made up of former UK traction, in the shape of class 56 and 86 locos. The Saturday would make use of a class 56 for most of the day, so was a big attraction for British enthusiasts.

For those who have not yet sampled a Mercia Charters tour then you really should consider making the effort to travel on one of their trips. Mercia is run by enthusiasts for enthusiasts, and they usually operate 2-3 trips in Europe per year. What makes them fun is that usually you get plenty of 'thrash' from the locos, they travel down rare branch lines and if you like grabbing a few photos of your tour, then suitable photo stops are arranged in some stunning locations, with the sun at the correct angle. Unlike in the UK, in most European countries, you are still able to get off the train down onto the track and get some very nice photos. You may even get depot visits! Once you've done a Mercia trip, you'll realise why they and European railtours are growing in popularity. Mercia had already operated in Belgium this year and this was their second tour of the year.

Getting to Hungary is easy, with plenty of flight options to Budapest available from UK airports. The airport is on the outskirts of town, but travelling to the centre is straightforward. A frequent 200E bus (pay onboard) operates from the airport to the end of the Budapest Underground at Kobanya-Kispest. Then by using Line 3 (blue line) connecting with Line 2 (red line), Budapest Keleti (the usual start point for tours) is easily reached. Remember to pay before boarding the Underground though, as ticket checks are made frequently. There are plenty of good quality Hotels very near to Keleti Station, and plenty of eating outlets.



Day One of 'The Things Past', named after the 106<sup>th</sup> episode of the TV series Star Trek, from which all Mercia Tours take their names from, commenced at Budapest Keleti at the very early hour of 07.30. Floyd's 659-002 (56115) was at the head of a comfortable three coach train, preserved and operated by MAV-Nosztalgia, containing compartments, drop down windows (excellent for 'bashing' and photography) and a buffet car serving hot and cold snacks and draught beer. We headed south to Dunaujvaros behind the 56 for our first photo stop (see photo above), before taking the branch to

Kikoto. After returning to Dunaujvaros, the class 56 was then exchanged for Industrial Loco, A23.027 (see photo below) which then took us into the Dunaferri Steelworks for a 75 minute traversal of the many lines within, plus a photo stop, where we were all able to alight within the works.



After Dunaferri, the 56 took charge again for the run further south to Paks nuclear power station. After another photo stop we returned north to Mezofalva, then via Retszilás, Sarbogárd and Szekesfehervár and a fast run back to Budapest, arriving at 20.20 after a long but highly enjoyable day.

Day two of the tour started even earlier from Keleti at 06.20 with 609.001 (CFR Type 60 Sulzer) to be the train loco for most of the day. Firstly permission had been granted to visit the short freight line to Csepel free port. On arrival most participants jumped down onto the tracks and began taking pictures. However the 'boss' lady soon appeared and started shouting Hungarian at people. It soon became obvious that she wasn't over pleased that the area was now being overrun with British train enthusiasts and we were soon all ordered back on the train. We then headed north to Szob, where we transferred to the narrow gauge line that runs to Nagyborzsony. The line was closed until 2010 and has re-opened in two sections, so transfer to road coaches was necessary over the 6km's section from Marionosztra to Nagytaras. On completing the line, our road coaches then transferred us back to Szob where 609.001 hauled us via back to Budapest Nyugati, passing through the interestingly named station 'God'. Our train then worked into the Budapest Railway Museum, although sadly by then the light was fading quickly, and it became too dark for pictures. The museum houses most of the MAV Nostalgia locomotives and rolling stock, including a very impressive display of steam locos around the large turntable, and would certainly be worth a visit if you happen to be in Budapest. After a second full day, arrival back at Keleti was at 20.20.





Before the flight back to the UK on the Monday morning, one of our group had pulled a few strings with those at Floyd, and we were treated to a private tour of the Floyd Budapest Depot. Sporting variations in numbering, six of the eight working class 86s were present:

0450 001-7 (86248), 450 002 (86250), 450 003 (86242), 450 004 (86218), 450 005 (86215), 450 006 (86217, 450 007 (86228) & 450 008 (86242), as was the other working class 56, 0659-001 (56101)



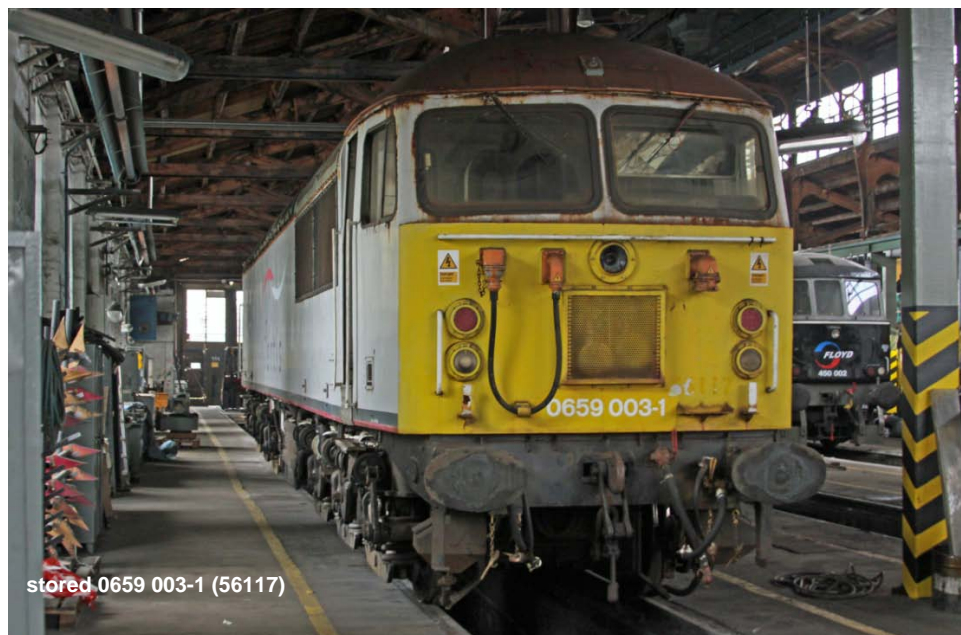
450 008 (86242) & 0450 001-7 (86228)



450 005 (86215)



Two stored locos, Network Rail liveried 86424 (450 009) and Fertis liveried 56117 (0659 001-1) were also in the shed, and we were informed the later could possibly enter service at some time in the future.



Eastern Europe is becoming a good place to visit if you want to see former UK traction in service, with classes 56 and 86 operating in Hungary (we saw 10 of the 12 locos), class 87s (*see article in December 2012 issue, ed*) and 92s in Bulgaria now also in Romania. Rumours continue to circulate that even more ex UK types may head east.



450 006 (86217)



0659 001-5 (56101)

Mercia Charters have yet to publish details of their 2014 plans, however all tours are advertised on their website at [www.merciacharters.co.uk](http://www.merciacharters.co.uk) which is frequently updated. You can also find pictures and reports of previous tours to whet your appetite. I encourage you to book a tour. If you do, I bet you'll be back for more.

photos by Richard Jones

# 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).

## 24<sup>th</sup> October

17.02 66039 6V07 RO-MG  
20.20 66068 6E30 MG-HL  
20.25 66303 4M36 WG-DV  
20.59 66142 6V04 KY-CT  
21.49 66726 6E12 CF-LY  
23.11 66061 6E47 MG-MD

## 25<sup>th</sup> October

03.58 60074 6M03 RN-BD  
12.24 66426 4V38 DV-WG  
12.35 60079 6V05 RO-MG  
13.20 60091 6E41 WH-LY  
13.55 57302/37611 6M56 BE-CE  
13.55 66415/518 4V47 RG-SG  
14.52 66067 6V92 CY-MG  
15.05 66848 4V30 RC-AV  
15.50 66148 6M87 AV-RC  
17.01 60049 6V07 RO-MG  
17.12 66058 6O42 HO-SO

## 26<sup>th</sup> October

04.08 66703 6A85  
Moreton on Lugg-West Drayton  
06.15 66141 6Z94 AV-Clitheroe  
07.05 66148 6V83 TO-AV  
08.00 66126/098 3S59 RHTT  
09.55 66528/66623 6M64 PY-FF  
11.02 60092 6B13 RN-WH  
12.05 47805/810 1Z33  
Liverpool-Bath  
12.10 66518 4V06 RG-SG  
13.15 66413 6M04 PY-RG  
14.03 57304/66426 4Z36 WG-DV  
14.12 66020/027/142/063/114/069/  
092/155/006/078 0X12 MG-EH  
15.56 66077 6V13 DM-MG  
16.05 66623 0V04

Kings Norton-SG

16.29 60079 6B33 TH-MG  
16.45 66595 4V20 FF-SG  
18.25 66015 6V06 HD-CT  
18.57 60092 6B47 WH-MG  
18.58 47810/805 1Z34

Bath-Chester

21.09 66076 6V29 AE-CT

## 27<sup>th</sup> October

11.35 66303 4V38 DV-WG  
13.53 66848 6V86 GL-MG

## 28<sup>th</sup> October

10.18 66519/544 6X33  
Whitmoor-FR

11.03 60092 6B13 RN-WH  
11.30 66622 6M58 WY-TU

## 29<sup>th</sup> October

06.30 66160 6Z94 AV-Clitheroe  
15.13 66848 4V30 RC-PY  
16.01 66128 6M41 MG-RO

## 29<sup>th</sup> October (cont)

19.08 66119 6V69 BS-AD  
19.12 66041 6E94 AW-LY  
20.23 66155/040 6E30 MG-HL  
20.32 66305 4M36 WG-DV  
20.55 66155 6M75 MG-CL

## 30<sup>th</sup> October

02.38 66006 6M58 MG-WV  
03.30 66027 6M11 MG-RO  
06.03 37603/402 6V73 CE-BE  
08.25 66124 4V83 TO-PY  
08.33 60092 6M81 MG-RO  
10.05 66230 4V70 RC-PY  
16.06 66128 6M41 MG-RO  
20.20 66093 6E30 MG-HL  
20.28 66429 4M36 WG-DV  
20.35 66047 6V55 BD-RN

## 31<sup>st</sup> October

23.17 66155 6E47 MG-MD

## 1<sup>st</sup> November

00.49 66039 6E80 CT-RM  
01.38 66041 6V69 IM-LL  
02.44 60092 6M58 MG-WV  
03.39 66003 6M11 MG-RO  
03.47 66027 6M03 RN-BD  
08.55 66058 4V83 RC-AV  
08.58 20301/303 6V73 CE-BE  
11.21 60079 6B13 RN-WH  
12.02 66156 6V05 RO-MG  
12.45 66587 4V06 RG-SG  
12.53 66431 4V38 DV-WG  
20.23 66185 6E30 MG-HL  
20.25 66956/526 6X33  
FR-Whitmoor

## 2<sup>nd</sup> November

03.28 66110 6O98 CT-HD  
05.55 66160 6Z94 AV-Clitheroe  
06.07 66098/126 3S59 RHTT  
11.00 60079 6B13 RN-WH  
13.38 66551 4V20 FF-SG  
15.05 66530 4V46 RG-SG  
17.59 66110 6V06 HD-CT  
22.00 66144 6V02 HL-LL  
22.29 66141 6W32 BS-WH  
22.55 66070 6W33 BS-WH

## 3<sup>rd</sup> November

08.36 66519 6Y27 AT-Hackney Yard

12.17 66434 4V38 DV-WG  
13.35 66848 6V86 DY-MG  
17.15 60079 6E47 MG-MD  
18.24 66434 4M36 WG-DV  
21.05 66703 6E12 CF-LY

## 4<sup>th</sup> November

14.05 66743 4V94 IB-PY  
16.00 66167 6M41 MG-RO

## 4<sup>th</sup> November (cont)

17.02 66003 6V07 RO-MG  
17.15 66077 6Z35 WR-AV  
20.05 66046/182 6E30 MG-HL  
20.10 66519 4V18 WW-FR  
20.19 66431 4M36 WG-DV  
22.32 66095 6V81 RM-CT

## 5<sup>th</sup> November

09.14 66006 6M96 MG-CY  
09.41 66082 4V70 RC-AV  
11.16 60092 6B13 RN-WH  
11.32 66423 4V38 DV-WG  
12.01 66115 6V05 RO-MG  
12.20 60091 6E41 WH-LY  
13.52 37218/688 6M63 BR-CE  
14.03 66070 6Z55 LM-RN  
14.52 66136 6V92 CY-MG  
15.10 66848 4V30 RC-PY  
16.02 66093 6M41 MG-RO  
17.01 66003 6V07 RO-MG

## 6<sup>th</sup> November

08.34 66094 6M81 MG-RO  
09.15 66003 6M96 MG-CY  
11.18 60049 6B13 RN-WH  
12.25 60010 6E41 WH-LY  
12.45 66559 6V06 RG-SG  
14.20 20303/301 6M56 BE-CE  
14.32 66729 4V94 IB-PY  
15.04 66167 6V92 CY-MG  
16.04 66070 6M41 MG-CY  
20.23 66250 6E30 MG-HL  
20.38 66057 6V55 BD-RN

## 7<sup>th</sup> November

08.32 66094 6M81 MG-RO  
09.20 66070 4V70 RC-PY  
11.15 60049 6B13 RN-WH  
12.33 66093 6V05 RO-MG  
12.38 66952 6V06 RG-SG  
14.50 66529 4V47 RG-SG  
18.39 66006 6V06 HD-CT

## 8<sup>th</sup> November

00.54 66116 6E80 CT-RM  
03.05 60092 6M03 RN-BD  
03.15 66003 6M94 MG-CY  
05.20 66728 6V83 PB-CT  
07.54 66529 6M02 PY-RG  
08.31 66093 6M81 MG-RO  
10.13 66068 6M96 MG-CY  
11.18 60049 6B13 RN-WH  
12.09 66432 4V38 DV-WG  
12.27 60010 6E41 WH-LY  
12.28 66094 6V05 RO-MG  
14.30 66729 4V94 IB-PY  
15.04 66848 4V30 RC-AV  
15.20 66175 6M39 PY-RC  
15.33 66003 6V92 CY-MG



**9<sup>th</sup> November**

04.02 66070 6D98 CT-HD  
 05.50 66065 6Z94 AV-Clitheroe  
 08.01 66126/125 3S59 RHTT  
 11.51 60049 6B13 RN-WH  
 14.35 66528 4V46 RG-SG  
 18.18 66070 6V06 HD-CT  
 18.50 60049 6B47 WH-MG  
 22.20 66184 6V02 HL-LL

**10<sup>th</sup> November**

10.15 66039 6W39 GL-WH  
 11.27 66424 4V38 DV-WG  
 13.26 66848 6B86 WS-MG  
 17.15 66006 6E47 MG-MD

**11<sup>th</sup> November**

08.37 66201 6M81 MG-RO  
 11.05 66425 4V38 DV-WG  
 11.18 60049 6B13 RN-WH  
 12.30 66508/605 4V06 RG-SG  
 12.52 66848 4Z30 PG-PY  
 14.20 66725 4V94 IB-PY  
 15.00 66086 6V92 CY-MG  
 16.04 66137 6M41 MG-CY  
 16.53 66201 6V07 RO-MG  
 18.06 66018 6V97 BN-CT  
 19.58 66613 4V18 WW-FR  
 66622 6M58 WY-TU

**12<sup>th</sup> November**

05.50 66079 6Z94 AV-Clitheroe  
 08.30 66068 6M81 MG-RO  
 11.02 60049 6B13 RN-WH  
 11.58 66508 4V06 RG-SG  
 12.20 60091 6E41 WH-LY  
 14.02 37259/605 6M63 BR-CE  
 14.25 66725 4V94 IB-PY  
 14.48 66560 4V47 RG-SG  
 15.00 66005 6V92 CY-MG  
 15.28 66848 4V30 RC-PY  
 17.20 66221 6M39 AV-RC

**13<sup>th</sup> November**

03.49 66703 6V01 LY-CF  
 14.55 66729 4V94 IB-PY  
 20.03 60040 6V55 BD-RN  
 21.30 66526 4V18 WW-FR

**14<sup>th</sup> November**

06.10 66056 6Z94 AV-Clitheroe  
 08.00 66040 4V83 TO-PY  
 11.02 66432 4V38 DV-WG  
 11.17 60062 6B13 RN-WH  
 12.39 66136 6V05 RO-MG  
 14.10 66725 4V94 IB-PY  
 14.45 66508 4V47 RG-SG

**14<sup>th</sup> November (cont)**

15.04 66137 6V92 CY-MG  
 16.10 66848 4V30 RC-PY  
 18.36 66116 6V06 HD-CT

**15<sup>th</sup> November**

08.33 66005 6M81 MG-RO  
 09.10 37218/611 6V73 CE-BE  
 09.17 66185 6M96 MG-CY  
 11.58 66423 4V38 DV-WG  
 12.29 60049 6V05 RO-MG  
 12.36 66550 4V06 RG-SG  
 13.59 66725 4V94 IB-PY

**16<sup>th</sup> November**

05.50 66056 6Z94 AV-Clitheroe  
 08.05 66040 4V83 TO-AV  
 11.01 60062 6B13 RN-WH  
 12.05 66507 4V06 RG-SG  
 18.18 66116 6V06 HD-CT  
 18.20 175113 5G73 GL-CF  
 22.34 66144 6W35 East Usk-WH  
 23.09 66175 6W36 East Usk-WH  
 66176 6W34 BS-WH

**17<sup>th</sup> November**

09.42 66094 6W30 KM-HY  
 11.40 66427 4V38 DV-WG  
 13.28 66848 6V86 DY-MG  
 17.15 66046 6E47 MG-MD  
 18.09 66427 4M36 WG-DV  
 20.14 66096 6E30 MG-HL  
 21.05 66703 6E12 CF-LY

**18<sup>th</sup> November**

11.00 66848 4B14 PG-GL  
 12.06 66431 4V38 DV-WG  
 14.10 66729 4V94 IB-PY  
 16.00 66091 6M41 MG-RO  
 16.08 66616 4V47 RG-SG  
 16.30 66848 4V30 GL-BL  
 18.00 66056 6Z35 WR-AV  
 19.00 66560 4V57 RG-SG  
 19.11 66106 6Z44 AW-LY  
 19.42 66070 6E30 MG-HL  
 20.05 66526 4V18 WW-FR  
 20.09 60049 6B47 WH-RN  
 21.35 66848 4Z30 BL-GL  
 22.37 66076 6V81 RM-CT

**19<sup>th</sup> November**

09.06 66103 4V70 RC-AV  
 10.57 66424 4V38 DV-WG  
 11.23 60049 6B13 RN-WH  
 12.40 66170 6V05 RO-MG  
 13.14 66553 4V06 RG-SG  
 13.57 37419/261 6M63 BR-CE

**19<sup>th</sup> November (cont)**

14.13 66729 4V94 IB-PY  
 14.49 66005 6V92 CY-MG  
 15.08 66848 4V30 GL-PY  
 18.37 66076 6V06 HD-CT  
 19.25 66156 6V69 BS-AD  
 20.16 66002 6E30 MG-HL  
 20.22 66424 4M36 WG-DV  
 21.27 66013 6E09 ON-IM  
 21.37 66703 6E12 CF-LY  
 22.28 66090 6E47 MG-MD

**20<sup>th</sup> November**

02.02 66005 6M94 MG-CY  
 08.15 66103 4V83 TO-AV  
 09.10 66043 4V70 RC-PY  
 11.04 60040 6B13 RN-WH  
 11.09 66303 4V38 DV-WG  
 12.50 37259/608 6M56 BE-CE  
 12.50 66185 6V67 RA-MG  
 15.25 66848 4V30 RC-PY  
 15.30 66560 4V47 RG-SG  
 15.58 66005 6V92 CY-MG  
 16.07 66091 6M41 MG-CY  
 17.10 66063 6V07 RO-MG  
 20.30 66603 4V18 WW-FR  
 20.46 66107 6V55 BD-RN

**21<sup>st</sup> November**

12.02 66425 4V38 DV-WG  
 14.45 66560 4V47 RG-SG  
 15.08 66005 6V92 CY-MG  
 15.42 66848 4V30 RC-PY  
 19.57 66076 6E30 MG-HL

**22<sup>nd</sup> November**

13.56 66431/425 4Z36 WG-DV  
 14.40 66553 4V47 RG-SG  
 14.59 66005 6V92 CY-MG  
 15.25 66206 6M39 PG-PY  
 16.02 66170 6V07 RO-MG  
 16.30 66426 4V38 DV-WG  
 17.14 66020 6O42 HO-SO  
 20.15 66547 4V18 WW-FR  
 20.33 66951/605 6X33 FR-Whitemoor

**23<sup>rd</sup> November**

21.10 66070 1Z99 BS-MG  
 22.15 66092 4V66 TO-AV  
 18.49 66096 6V06 HD-CT  
 66560 4V46 RG-SG

**24<sup>th</sup> November**

11.40 66434 4V38 DV-SG  
 17.30 66742 6V83 PB-CT  
 20.14 66434 4M36 WG-DV

**Stirlingshire & Gloucestershire Sightings Location Codes:**

AB Aberdeen	AT Abbotswood Jnct	BP Bath	CF Cardiff	CV Cliff Vale
AC Achnasheen	AV Avonmouth	BR Bridgwater	CH Chaddesden	CY Corby
AD Alexander Dock Jnct	AW Aberthaw	BS Bescot	CK Chirk	DC Dyce
AE Attercliffe	AY Ayr	BT Barton Hill	CL Carlisle	DL Dalmeny
AF Ashford	BA Blair Atholl	BU Burton	CM Chalmersston	DM Dollands Moor
AH Ashchurch	BD Bedworth	BW Barrow Hill	CN Carnforth	DR Doncaster
AJ Awre Junction	BE Berkeley	BZ St Blazey	CP Chepstow	DS Dalston
AL Alston	BH Brierley Hill	BY Barry	CQ Croft Quarry	DT Didcot
AN Acton	BI Burntisland	CA Calvert	CR Cadder	DU Dundee
AP Appleford	BL Bristol	CB Coatbridge	CS Cheltenham	DV Daventry
AR Abercynon	BN Beeston	CD Charfield	CT Cardiff Tidal	DY Derby
	BO Bo'ness	CE Crewe	CU Cumbernauld	EA Earles Sidings

ED Edinburgh	HW Heywood Jct	ME Montrose	PN Paddington	ST Severn Tunnel Jct
EE Elderslie	HY Hinksey	MF Milford	PO Polmadie	SV Stevenage
EH Eastleigh	IB Ironbridge	MG Margam	PR Preston	SW Swindon
EL Elgin	IM Immingham	MH Millerhill	PT Paignton	SY Shipley
EU Euston	IS Inverness	ML Motherwell	PW Prestwick	TD Tyne Dock
ES Earleseat	JM Jersey Marine	MN Mossend	PY Portbury	TE Trostre
EV Evesham	KB Kittybrewster	MO Moreton	PZ Penzance	TF Tremorfa
EX Exeter	KC Kirkcaldy	MS Maesteg	RA Redcar	TG Teigngrace
FB Ferrybridge	KK Kilmarnock	MT Mountsorrel	RC Ratcliffe	TH Theale
FF Fiddlers Ferry	KL Kyle of Lochalsh	MV Manchester Vic	RD Reading	TJ Tuffley Jct
FG Fishguard	KM Kemble	MW Moorswater	RE Redmire	TK Tavistock Jct
FO Forres	KN Kennethmont	NA Nairn	RG Rugeley	TL Tilbury
FR Fairwater	KS Kingsland Road	NE Neath	RI Riccarton	TN Taunton
FY Falkland Yard	KY Kingsbury	NG Nottingham	RM Rotherham	TO Toton
GC Glasgow Central	LA Laira	NH Newton Heath	RN Robeston	TR Trishington
GE Georgemas Jct	LB Ladybank	NJ Norton Jct	RO Round Oak	TS Tees Yard
GL Gloucester	LC Lincoln	NL Newtonhill	RR Rowley Regis	TU Tunstead
GM Grangemouth	LD Lydney	NT Newport	RV Ravenstruther	TY Tyseley
GR Grange Sidings	LG Lairg	NV Neville Hill	RY Rugby	VA Victoria
GS Gleneagles	LH Leith	NW Nantwich	SA Saitley	WB Wembley
GY Grimsby	LI Linlithgow	OB Oban	SB Stourbridge	WG Wentloog
HA Hayes	LK Lackenby	ON Onllwyn	SC Scunthorpe	WH Westerleigh
HD Handsworth	LL Llanwern	OO Old Oak Common	SD Standish Jct	WM Wemyss
HF Hereford	LM Long Marston	OX Oxwellmains	SG Stoke Gifford	WP Workop
HH Holyhead	LN Laurencekirk	OY Oxley	SH Slough	WR Warrington
HL Hartlepool	LO Longsight	PA Paisley	SI Stirling	WS Worcester
HO Halewood	LS Leeds	PB Peterborough	SK Shirebrook	WV Wolverhampton
HR Harwich	LT Longannet	PC Port Clarence	SN Stockton	WW Washwood Heath
HS Hunslet	LW Linkwood	PF Peak Forest	SO Southampton	WY Westbury
HT Hastings	LY Lindsey	PG Pengham	SP Spetchley	YK York
HU Hunterston	MC Machen	PH Perth	SR Stourton	YT Yate
HV Haverfordwest	MD Middlesbrough	PM St Philips Marsh	SS Swansea	

## Stirlingshire Sightings

### by Derek Sneddon

The following sightings are from Camelon Station & nearby Carmuir's 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)

<b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>21<sup>st</sup> October</b>		<b>25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
07.40 56105 6L82	GM-LW	05.45 66301 4H47	MN-IS	00.58 66101 6H44	MN-IS
<b>17<sup>th</sup> October</b>		07.00 66303 4R75	GM-EE	06.55 56105 6R46	GM-PW
05.45 66303 4H47	MN-IS	13.00 66423 4A13	GM-AB	07.40 66184 6G25	FY-ES
06.10 66101 6A32	MN-AB	14.08 47786/826 1Z38	IS-HF	13.30 66168 6S36	DS-GM
08.30 66617 6A65	OX-AB	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>		<b>26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
13.00 66301 4A13	GM-AB	05.45 66432 4H47	MN-IS	10.05 66113 6A32	MN-AB
13.30 66104 6S36	DS-GM	05.45 66104 4H31	GM-EL	11.06 66023/156 6K02	MN-IS
19.25 56105 6M65	GM-Sinfin	07.00 66301 4R75	GM-EE	11.24 66101 6K03	MN-IS
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b>		08.30 66617 6A65	OX-AB	13.00 66429 4A13	GM-AB
00.58 66104 6H44	MN-IS	13.00 66422 4A13	GM-AB	<b>28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
05.45 66302 4H47	MN-IS	13.30 66005 6S36	DS-GM	05.45 66432 4H47	MN-IS
06.55 56105 6R46	GM-PW	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>		08.55 37605/218 6S99	CL-GE
13.00 66305 4A13	GM-AB	05.10 66607 6H51	OX-IS	11.27 44871+45407 5Z91	BO-CN
13.30 66168 6S36	DS-GM	05.45 66432 4H47	MN-IS	<b>29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
15.06 47826/786 1Z37	HF-IS	06.55 56105 6R46	GM-PW	06.55 56087 6R46	GM-PW
<b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b>		07.00 66422 4R75	GM-EE	<b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
05.45 66302 4H47	MN-IS	07.40 66165 6G25	FY-ES	05.45 66304 4H47	MN-IS
10.05 66106 6A32	MN-AB	13.00 66434 4A13	GM-AB	07.40 66108 6G25	FY-ES
11.06 66005 6K04	MN-IS	13.30 66005 6S36	DS-GM	08.30 66601 6A65	OX-AB
11.29 66104 6K05	MN-IS	<b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b>		13.00 66431 4A13	GM-AB
13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB	06.30 66150 6A32	MN-AB	<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	
13.30 66168 6S36	DS-GM	08.30 66617 6A65	OX-AB	01.00 66101 6H44	MN-IS
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>		13.00 66301 4A13	GM-AB	05.45 66433 4H47	MN-IS
13.00 66303 4A13	GM-AB			07.40 66108 6G25	FY-ES

13.00 66427 4A13	GM-AB	<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
13.30 66113 6S36	DS-GM	05.45 66304 4H47	MN-IS	05.45 66304 4H47	MN-IS
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>		07.40 66083 6G25	FY-ES	07.00 66432 4R75	GM-EE
05.45 66304 4H47	MN-IS	07.40 56087 6L82	GM-LW	08.30 66601 6A65	OX-AB
10.05 66108 6A32	MN-AB	08.30 66601 6A65	OX-AB	13.00 66422 4A13	GM-AB
11.06 66083 6K02	MN-IS	13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB	<b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
11.20 66434 4M16	GM-DV	19.30 56087 6M65	GM-Sinfin	05.45 66304 4H47	MN-IS
11.25 66125/168 6K03	MN-IS	<b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b>		06.55 56087 6R46	GM-PW
13.00 66302 4A13	GM-AB	05.45 66304 4H47	MN-IS	07.00 66422 4R75	GM-EE
13.30 66113 6S36	DS-GM	06.30 66105 6A32	MN-AB	13.30 66101 6S36	DS-GM
22.06 66602 6Y80	MN-Carmont	13.00 66434 4A13	GM-AB	<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>		<b>8<sup>th</sup> November</b>		05.45 66304 4H47	MN-IS
13.00 66302 4A13	GM-AB	05.45 66304 4H47	MN-IS	07.00 66426 4R75	GM-EE
<b>4<sup>th</sup> November</b>		06.55 56087 6R46	GM-PW	07.40 66097 6G25	FY-ES
05.45 66304 4H47	MN-IS	07.00 66434 4R75	GM-EE	08.30 66601 6A65	OX-AB
06.30 66083 0A32	MN-AB	07.40 66083 6G25	FY-ES	13.30 66101 6S36	DS-GM
08.30 66601 6A65	OX-AB	<b>9<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
13.00 66302 4A13	GM-AB	05.45 66304 4H47	MN-IS	05.45 66304 4H47	MN-IS
14.20 66101 6D61	RI-GM	06.30 66105 6A32	MN-AB	06.30 66135 6A32	MN-AB
<b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b>		11.20 66424 4M16	GM-DV	07.00 66423 4R75	GM-EE
05.45 66304 4H47	MN-IS	13.00 66427 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 66431 4A13	GM-AB
06.55 56087 6R46	GM-PW	13.30 66101 6S36	DS-GM	13.30 66101 6S36	DS-GM
07.00 66302 4R75	GM-EE	20.34 66595 6Y81	MN-ME	<b>15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
13.00 66101 6S36	DS-GM	23.00 66507 6Y80	MN-LB	07.00 66431 4R75	GM-EE
		<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b>		07.40 66097 6G25	FY-ES
		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 66427 4A13	GM-AB

## Open Day News

Nothing to Report

## Preservation Photo Spot - 2

1369 0-6-0PT in Chinnor Yard  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2013 (Hugh Guilford)





# 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 editions 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. Please note the old **wagon.compiler@icrs.org.uk** is no longer used and hasn't been for over a year.

Further typos and errors in **UK Wagons Summer edition**:

page 77 & 78	33.80.2829.xxx-x should read 23.80.2829.xxx-x
page 91	33.68.4943.059-8 to 066-0 are repeated
page 100	33.87.7898.084-1 shown as 054-1
page 115	DR 98307A + DR 98307B, the 7B is missing

Thanks to Ian Pyefinch and Len Turner for spotting the above.

Thanks also to Geoff Hope, whose observations have revealed the following wagons are still in service:

page 13	26024
page 49	501286-288/295-297
page 91	31.70.4938.017-5/019-9/020-9/022-6/024-0/033-2/041-1/080-0/085-7

## Updates:

### Conversions:

**IRB Bogie Covered Hopper** 37.80.0699.000-8/003-0/016-2

**RHTT:** (formerly ex-Avon 'binliner' flats)

**KFA** 99.70.9310.001-1/005-2/006-0/007-8 (converted from 92565/568/572/575)

remainder of 92563-579 are stored pending conversion

### Scrapped / for Scrapping:

**YXA / YFA RRD T 'Slinger' wagons** DR92502/03/07-12/15-19/21-24/33-46

**OTA:** (timber wagons from Elgin Yard) 110209/480, 112067162/175/185/189/216/231/239/241/264/267/280/289/290/292/299/302/318/319/327/332/339/371/372/384/385/387/389, 200651/675/684/731/742/763/810/880/895/937, 210170/392

## Track Machines:

### New:

**Windhoff MPV:** (GWML electrification train)

99.70.9131.001-8/003-4/005-9/006-7/010-9

**ex-KFA Flats:** (GWML electrification train)

99.70.9131.002-6/004-2/007-5/008-3/009-1

**ex-KFA Flats to be delivered:** (GWML electrification train)

99.70.9131.011-7/012-5/013-3/014-1/015-8/046-6/017-4/018-2/019-0/020-8/021-6/022-4/023-2

**Tamper/Liner Unimat 09-4x4/4s** 99.70.9128.001-3 for SB Rail

### Out of Store for Refurbishment:

**ZWA Tamper/Liner:** 73911 moved from West Ealing to RTS Leeds

**YJB Heavy Duty Twin Jib Cranes:** 78229/231/234 moved to Pullman Rail, Cardiff

### Out of Store for Refurbishment: (for GWML electrification)

**ZWA Tamper/Liner:** 73912 (to be used as a shunter)

### Transferred:

**ZWA Tamper / Liners:** 73905/906/920-925 from Amey to Colas Rail

## FREIGHT NEWS

A derailment in the early hours of the 15<sup>th</sup> October at Camden Road closed the North London Line for 6 days. A container fell off the fifth wagon which derailed in the Lawley Street – Felixstowe liner hauled by 70007. OHL, track and signalling equipment were damaged.

The Teigngrace – Chirk timber traffic ended on the 17<sup>th</sup> October.

NR has acquired the 17 KFA Avon 'binliner' flats for conversion to RHTT vehicles. They are being commissioned on the Bluebell Railway.

With the acquisition of Amey's 8 Tampers (see above), Colas Rail are now the biggest operator of OTP in Europe (see article on Colas Rail OTP elsewhere this issue).

Deltic 55022 was drafted in by GBRf on 1<sup>st</sup> November to haul 5 JNAs as 6Z55 Carlisle – Wabtec, Kilmarnock.

Heritage D1015 '*Western Champion*' has been hired in by GBRf to work out of Wellingborough. In the photo below by Colin Pottle, D1015 is working 6D02 Wellingborough - Mountsorrel empty bogie boxes past Wellingborough Yard at 11.22 on the 19<sup>th</sup> November.



The Elgin - Grangemouth Whisky trials finished on the 21<sup>st</sup> November with Elgin Yard cleared of all remaining wagons and containers (10 x 20' tanktainers and 1 x 20' box). The Caledonian Sleeper loco 67011 ran light engine from Inverness, arriving about 30 mins late at 11.20, to take the convoy of 4 FAAs and 1 x FKA back to Inverness (12.08 departure) for eventual onward movement.



67011 shunting in Elgin Yard (11.38) 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013

# Colas Rail OTP

*With Colas Rail (CR) now officially the largest operator of OTP in Europe I thought it would be interesting to feature various types of track machines, especially as CR have a very striking photographic orange livery (to be cont).*

## **ZWA 08-4x4/4S-RT Tamper / Liner:**

There are 19 of these permanently coupled twin vehicle machines where each section has a cab, one section having two bogies, the other smaller section just one bogie. Built by Plasser & Theurer between 1997-2004 the numbers are DR 73904-10/14/17/18/23/29/30/32/35/36/40-42. DR 73936, as shown below was built in 2003 and is one of 12 owned by CR (DR 73905-10/23/29/30/35/36/42).



## **ZWA 08-16/4x4C100-RT Tamper / Liner:**

Built a year earlier than above in 2002 by Plasser & Theurer, DR 73931 is one of this 12 of this twin bogie single vehicle type of which 4 are owned by CR (DR 73924/25/31/37). The opposite cab is similar to that shown above with the track viewing window.





# Forgotten Wagons

*Around the country there are numerous wagons dumped in various locations, long since removed from TOPS. It is impossible to include an accurate list in **UK Wagons** but this will be the spot for members to inform others of their sightings and where possible photos. This is only for wagons still on network / private metals, not preserved sites.*

Further examples of dumped wagons are:



Dogfish 993412 at Peak Forest  
as seen on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010 (still there  
in 2013, just a bit more hidden by the undergrowth)



Shark brake van 993733  
at Shenfield Station as seen by  
Roger Thomas on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013

# Stock Changes

It is hoped that all major changes recorded below will help you keep the **UK 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 20 Cl.60s put up for sale by DBS have been acquired by Wabtec. Current locations 60002/28/29/38/46/47/55/56/76/95 (CD) 60013/21/26/33/41/48/61/85/87 (TO) & 60096 (BZ)  
CR 168217 is the third of the class in the new silver livery.  
No longer a UK loco but 92012 has a new UIC number 91.53.0472.001-3 and name '*Mihai Eminescu*'

## Converted EMU: (ex-Cl.460)

458531 (ex-460002/03/06/08)  
(67913/74418/74446/74458/67912)

## Loco Repatriated: (from France)

66210

## New EMUs: (on test \$)

350401 \$  
377611/612/614/615/617-620

## Re-numbered: 73206 to 73903

## Transfers:

(\* into preservation, # yet to take place)  
09024 WA to ELR # D9551 RDR to SVR  
33018 BU to MAN \* 20057 BH to MRB\*  
33202 EOR to SVR 56128 NVR to WH  
37670 EMR Kingsbury to Derby  
37696 CF Booth to Derby  
37714 BH to DRS Daventry  
37906 SVR to Europhoenix  
56032/49/74/90 EMR Kingsbury to WH

## DMUs:

Cl.121 977858 (55024) TM to CPR



977858 Tyseley Locomotive Works  
23<sup>rd</sup> June 2012

## DEMUs:

60138 (207013) FPW to SCR

## EMUs:

74416/56 (ex-460006) LM to Wabtec

## Coaches:

40403/16/34 LM to Wabtec, Kilmarnock  
5322 Crewe to Rayne Station  
1219/5947/6121/6164 MoD Kington to Porton  
Down, Salisbury  
2301 (5224) / 2102 (14094) SRM to RDR  
34042 ALN to WRH 25693 WEA to NHC

## Names:

### New:

08663 *Jack*  
08822 *John*  
37402 *Stephen Middlemore*  
*23/12/1954-8/6/2013*  
66718 *Sir Peter Hendy CBE*  
43140 *Landore Diesel Depot 1963*  
*celebrating 50 years 2013*  
319001 *Driver Mick Winnett*  
*(transferred from 319441)*  
321418 *The Poppy Express Supporting The*  
*Royal British Legion*  
507016 *Merseyrail – celebrating the first*  
*10 years 2003-2013*

DR 73939 *Pat Best*  
DR 98003 *Anthony Wrightson 1944-2011*

### Removed:

92012 *Sir Thomas Hardy*  
156409 *Cromer Pier Seaside Special*

### For scrap:

EMUs: (ex-Pendolino 390033)

CF Booth 69433, 69533

### Scrapped:

### Locos:

CF Booth 37415



37415 seen above at Long Marston before  
its move to CF Booths  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2011 (Neil Dix)

## Coaches:

JR Adam, Glasgow 5901



## New Stock



GBRf 66751 being towed into Derby Etches Park by 66735 for tyre turning  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2013 (James Holloway)

## Liveries



not previously featured, 82308 is one of the three DVTs now used on ATW Holyhead – Cardiff  
services t&t with a Cl.67, here it is being towed through Cardiff  
with a newly refurbished Mk.2 behind 67001, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013 (Gordon Kirkby)



66721 'Harry Beck' Eastleigh Works, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 (Carl Watson)



*above & below:* two GBRf former Metronet liveried CI.66s have been re-liveried to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the London Underground  
66718 has been newly named whilst 66721 kept its original name

66718 'Sir Peter Hendy CBE'  
Eastleigh Works, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 (Carl Watson)



# ICRS Publications

We have now published 10 books since 2009, 7 of which are in print and available, though **UK Combine Summer Edition** has just sold out with the next edition due in Feb 2014. Of our smaller books, **UKRS04 UK Name Directory** will not be updated until 2014. The 3 books no longer in print are the individual books, **UK Locomotives**, **Diesel Units** and **Electric Units** and will not be produced for the foreseeable future.

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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 ICRS books)**

			non-member	member
			Price	Price
<b>New:</b> (2014 - orange covers)				
Ultimate Sighting Files:				
UKRS10	USF Vol.1 – Mainline Diesel Locos (217 pages)	(updated to 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep13)	£13.99	£10.00
UKRS11	USF Vol.2 – Shunters, Mainline Electric & Prototype Locos (168 pages)	(updated to 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep13)	£10.99	£8.00
<b>Current:</b> (2013 – green, 2012 - red)				
UKRS01	UK Pocket Book 2013 (240 pages)	(updated to 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan13)	£9.50	£7.00
UKRS02B	UK Combine Summer Edition 2013 (280 pages)		<b>SOLD OUT</b>	
UKRS03B	UK Wagons Summer Edition 2013 (152 pages)	(updated to 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul13)	£12.99	£9.50
UKRS04	UK Name Directory 2012 (172 pages)	(updated to 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov11)	£12.99	£9.50
UKRS09	Irish Railways 2013 (53 pages)	(updated to 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun13)	£8.99	£6.50
<b>Proposed:</b> (TBC - publication date to be confirmed)				
UKRS02A	UK Combine 2014	DUE Feb14 (updated to 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan14)	£15.99	£12.00
UKRS12	Ultimate Sighting Files – Diesel Units		TBC	TBC
UKRS13	Ultimate Sighting Files – Electric Units		TBC	TBC