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Front Cover Photo:

Thompson B1 4-6-0 61306 'Mayflower' t&t 47580 'County of Essex' approaching Winchester at speed at 13.16 with the return 08.57 1Z82 London Victoria - Eastleigh 'Cathedrals Express Valentine Day Circular 1', 14th February 2015 (Andrew Buckley).

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SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

Editor's Comments:

We have had the best month for new members since May last year (40) with 38 joining in February plus another 4 already on the first day of March. What is pleasing is those who have recently joined are out promoting the Society, keep up the good work. If all members can sing our praises and flash our books and TRACKS about, then we can grow even stronger. The quality of our books and TRACKS must also be a big factor in attracting back former members, 11 in February. Thanks to those members who have been sending in a sae with your membership renewal. I've said it before but I will again thank all the contributors to TRACKS, which yet again has reached new heights with 22 members sending in photos including 3 newbies. This does however lead to some funny moments as I am sure several members have stood alongside each other or at least in the same location taking the same photo but not knowing they are both in ICRS !! Apologies that B1 4-6-0 61306 'Mayflower' appears a few times but as it has just gone onto the mainline and no less than 6 members saw it on 4 different days. I thought you wouldn't object to seeing it more than once...at least you get every angle and I quite like the interim BRITISH RAILWAYS livery, which is not often seen. With so many contributors we are finally getting good coverage across the UK but we could still do with a few more in deepest West Country, Hopefully I will get to meet many of you at our visits starting with the AGM at Eastleigh Works, Crewe Gresty Bridge or Swanage Diesel Gala.

I have finally managed to write up my report on the Borders Railway!! Thank goodness there are 64 pages, though you'll probably be stir crazy after wading through the photos. I have split it into two sections to spread the pain, with Part 2 covering Fountainhall to Tweedbank which I hope to add to on my journey down to the AGM to show the track at these locations, which is now complete. What with a big article on the Borders Railway and combined, 21 pages featuring members sightings and photos the number of other articles has been reduced, a temporary necessity.

It's the start of another exciting round of re-liveries with The Virgin Trains East Coast (VTEC) franchise starting on the 1st March and just as I was about to send off **TRACKS** to printers I received a photo. Clearly there will be more photos to come during the month.

To extend the life of Pacers beyond 2020 and provide an economic answer to a DMU shortage, Porterbrook is funding the re-building of 144012 by RVEL, Derby. Long loathed by those who use them regularly they at least do allow one of the best views from current rolling stock with few blank walls by seats.

A small victory for imperial units has been won by the UK government against the EU directive that all EU railways use metric units. However the Rail Safety & Standards Board (RSSB) is conducting research into the feasibility of future metrification.

AGM:

The AGM is on Saturday 21st March at Eastleigh Works. The AGM will start at 11.00 and go through to 13.00. Buffet lunch will follow for those that attend. This will be followed by a guided tour of the Works, approx 13.30 - 15.00. The room is booked for the whole day. There is another visit going on in the morning, hence ours is after the AGM in the afternoon. The cost of the tour is normally £10, which goes to charity, but you will only pay £5, payable on the day with the other £5 subsidised by the Society.

With only a week to go when you read this, please contact Louise Watson by email only asap, stating whether you are attending the AGM (including buffet lunch) and tour or the tour only.

Membership Matters:

Subscriptions: Annual - £16.00, Five year - £75.00 (currently saving £5.00 but will save £12.50 against proposed increase...must be worth considering before May 2015.)

NB. Having been held for 6 years, the rates are proposed to rise modestly from May 2015 (AGM) to £17.50 (annual) and £80.00 (5 year – saving £7.50), to help cover increased costs of production / delivery of **TRACKS** and the 33% increase in size to 64 pages. **TRACKS** has actually increased 228% since the rate was originally set in 2009 as it was 28 pages printed in black & white !! Both paper and postal costs have risen considerably since the last increase and though the books have subsidised

TRACKS since 2011 and will continue to do so, the deficit gap between income from the standard member annual rate and production / distribution costs from January 2015 is now £2.48 without adding any further membership admin costs.

ICRS Membership gives you:

- TRACKS a high quality full colour 64 page monthly magazine covering all aspects of railways.
- up to 30% discount on all ICRS books (7 currently available).
- occasional members only visits to railway facilities.
- the latest issue of TRACKS emailed (on request) 10 days prior to receiving printed version.
- an informative website, with access and indexes to previous issues of the magazine.
- 10% discount on lan Allan books (direct sales from IA only).

New Members: (* re-joined)

Russell Barker* (Pontypool), David Berg (London), Robert Bilsland (Newtownards, Northern Ireland), Gary Booth (Leeds), Alan Brooks (Crewe), Mark Burder (Stockport), Anthony Burnham* (Bishops Stortford), Kieth Carr (Castleford), Michael Coltman (Burton-on-Trent), Richard Cowen (Weston Colley), Charles Cross* (March), James Dobson (Beckenham), Mark Dodson (Bromley), Alastair Doggett (Tonbridge), David Dowling (Bracknell), Stephen Dudley* (Cardiff), Trevor Eyre (Sutton-in-Ashfield), Simon Fulton (Pinner), Adrian Griffith (Doncaster), Ian Harper* (Cosby), Paul Holland (Havant), Terry Holland (Billericay), David Huby* (York), Allan Hudnott (Stafford), Graham Johnston (West Linton), Alan Jones (Elgin), Paul Maloney* (Thirsk), Richard Moynihan* (Swindon), Richard Novak* (Chesterfield), David Orriss (Hull), Anthony Perry (Ceres), Geoffrey Pinder (March), Dennis Price (Maesteg), Richard Seston (Sandiacre), Mark Shelley (Nottingham), Robert Spendelow* (Spalding), David Stevens (Woking), William Storey (Colne), Colin Tarrant* (Burnley), Michael Tebbutt (Leicester), Andrew Toner (Stalybridge), James Trowbridge (Swindon) - a warm welcome to you all.

Membership Renewal: When your membership is due for renewal / overdue this will be indicated on the TRACKS address carrier sheet with your expiry date. Therefore please check your address carrier sheet with your copy of TRACKS...before you dispose of it. The reverse of the carrier sheet will be printed with a Renewal form, which can be returned or not depending on the method of payment (see below). If no renewal is forthcoming after a second Final Reminder, your membership will be deemed to have lapsed. Please make sure you complete the Date of Birth section and provide a telephone contact number. If you are ex-directory, don't worry as it will not be revealed to any third parties but it is important that we have a contact number other than by post, which is a costly way to communicate and not covered by the low membership fee. As a helpful 'reminder', members who have set up a bank standing order will have a note to that effect above your name on the front of the carrier sheet but no renewal form on the reverse. Hopefully then no one will renew twice, as has happened!!

Methods of Payment:

Please note we cannot accept credit card payments over the telephone.

Internet Banking (BACS) / Standing Order: This is the preferred most cost effective, secure and quickest way of paying, for you and the Society and ensures we get the full amount. Bank details will be included on your renewal form.

Cheque or Postal Order: Please make payable to ICRS and return your remittance with the form to: Trevor Roots (Membership Secretary) ICRS Membership Renewal, Mill of Botary, Cairnie, Huntly, Aberdeenshire AB54 4UD

PayPal: Pay by credit card or debit card via PayPal on the website, however this incurs a cost to the Society (currently £0.74 for £16 & £2.75 for £75)

Please provide your first name and a landline telephone number, whether joining or renewing and your email. If you renew in the first week of the month, whilst **TRACKS** is at the printers, you may receive a Renewal / Reminder form but do not worry as the admin process will naturally see things cross in the post. Please also note that cheques are not presented to the bank until the first week of the following month. As well as receiving a new card, renewals will be acknowledged where possible by email.

NB. When using PayPal, please read and follow the instructions on the relevant web page.

Membership Cards: Your membership is valid until the end of month as shown by the first two numbers. For those who joined from mid 2009, the second two numbers are the year. Cards will be sent as soon as practicable following your renewal, separate from **TRACKS** distribution. No card is sent to overseas and e-members.

TRACKS Magazine:

If you so request, the very latest issue of **TRACKS** will be emailed as a pdf when it goes off to the printers so you will get it 'hot off the press' 10 days before you receive the printed version. That means you have the latest news, some within days of the event occurring. Please email the editor, Trevor Roots at **editor@intercityrailwaysociety.org** to receive the latest issue by email in addition to the printed version. Similarly the last 11 months are also available by email, but only to members.

Submissions:

Articles: 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.

Photos: Good quality photographs are always welcome, preferably high res jpeg digital photographs via email (**not compressed please**), but prints are acceptable. Please send an SAE if you wish them returned. Please include full contact details with any submissions, including your first name.

The latest date for articles / info for the April 2015 issue is Friday 27th March 2015 with delivery to members after Friday 10th April 2015 please check the TRACKS page on the website for date of posting from the printers

Magazine Distribution: TRACKS is distributed direct from the printers to members in a clear plastic wrapping with an address carrier sheet (reverse printed with a Renewal / Reminder form if appropriate). If any member fails to receive their copy after one week from the above estimated delivery date then please contact the **editor**.

Magazine Contributors: (* new this month) Thanks to John Brace, Andrew Buckley, Ken Bull, Peter Cole, Brian Derricote, Neil Dix, David Doulton, Bob Eastwood, Martin Evans, Derek Everson, David Giles*, Michael Hayman, James Holloway, Geoff Hope, Nigel Hoskins, Gordon Kirkby, Colin James, Nigel Mathews, Ian McAlpine, Colin Pottle, Mike Rumens, Norman Smith, John Squire, Derek Sneddon, David Spencer, Graham Stockton, Les Steenton*, Paul Sumpter, Roger Thomas, Len Turner, Albert Ward, Carl Watson, Steve Wells*, David Williams, Bill Wilson & Trevor Roots. We are sorry if anyone has been missed. All photos by Trevor Roots unless shown otherwise.

Member Comments:

May I say how much I enjoy Tracks, a first class, professional publication. Also the spotting books are really good. Just wish I had joined the society sooner and I am now spreading the word among fellow enthusiasts whenever I can. Keep up the good work. Best wishes, David Giles

The TRACKS magazine seems to improve every month. Many thanks for all the hard work all the officials do to keep the magazine going for the benefit of the enthusiasts Mike Pinder

Great mag, brilliant publications, well done. The mag goes from strength to strength, it is the best bargain anyone can get for £16. Your advertisement in RI looks very professional. Martin Proctor

Website:

The new re-designed website was launched on the 17th May 2014. Login details are no longer required to access previous issues of TRACKS (Dec 2006 to date) and new pages have been added listing articles appearing in these issues. However the last 12 months issues (on a rolling basis) are available and can be emailed as pdfs to members on request from the editor (see Magazine above). Email Trevor Roots at website@ntercityrailwaysociety.org if you have any queries or suggestions.

Flickr Photo Gallery: www.flickr.com/photos/intercity-railway-society.

We have a photo gallery on **Flickr** and all photos submitted for inclusion in **TRACKS** will, time permitting, be added to the gallery. Please send all photos to **editor@intercityrailwaysociety.org**

ICRS Yahoo News Group: We have our own Yahoo News Group, established in March 2004, open to members and non-members alike to post sightings and observations, share comments and debate the current railway scene. To join visit finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/intercityrailwaysociety/ or email Steve Revill at intercityrailwaysociety/subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Publication News:

Both **UK Wagons 2015** and **UK Pocket Book 2015** have now been released bringing to four the number of new titles released since the start of the year. **NB** Both due out 6th March for those reading the early pdf version, keep an eye on the website for exact release date.

UK Wagons 2015 has been totally overhauled and updated to include new stock and reflect the numerous scrappings with hundreds of additions and deletions. Because we took time to get the details right book was delayed slightly but the 'updated to' date has been extended and is now the 23rd February 2015.

The **UK Pocket Book** is most definitely the best ever with the addition of the steam locos and all the annoying gremlins / typos from the last edition eliminated.

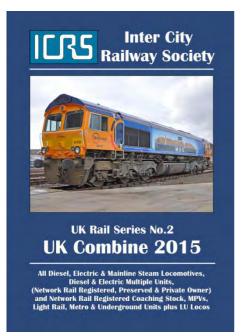
A new innovation to the **UK Combine** and the **UK Pocket Book** is the inclusion of all preserved mainline steam locomotives used or operated by the big four railway companies / constituents and BR, not just the NR registered ones. This means we are the only ones to feature all preserved mainline traction in one book. Hopefully this will be well received, though with the increase in EMUs it has meant more pages in both books...we just can't help growing!!!

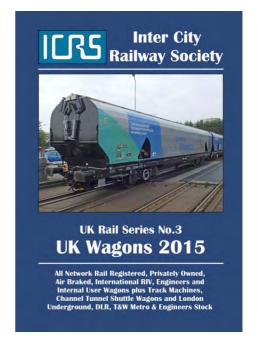
Prices are on the rear cover but as with all of the 2015 new editions we have had to increase the price slightly to allow for increased paper, printing and postal costs, though the member price for the **UK Combine** will remain the same....a good buy.

UK Rail Series No.1

UK Pocket Book 2015

All Diesel, Electric & Mainline Steam Locomotives, Diesel & Electric Multiple Units (Network Rail Registered, Preserved & Private Owner) and Network Rail Registered Coaching Stock, MPVs, Light Rail, Metro & Underground Units plus UL Locos.





FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OPEN DAYS

Military Railway Railfest, 9-10th May 2015 ?:

Due to the plan to build 6000 homes on Long Marston and the build-up of ex London Underground stock for DMU conversion, the planned Military Museum has been scuppered. The Military Railfest is now rumoured to be a much scaled down affair possibly held at the Nene Valley Railway. Due to the tight deadline for arranging an event it may not now happen at all as no mention is made on the NVR website. It may just be a private event for military personnel with no railway hardware at allWatch this space.

DRS Carlisle Kingmoor Open Day, 18th July 2015:

With DRS celebrating its 20th anniversary the gates the Depot will be open from 10.00 – 16.00. Tickets are now on sale through the DRS website http://www.directrailservices.com though I believe you can buy them on the gate. We will be there with our sales stand.

MEMBER ONLY VISITS

AGM & Eastleigh Works, 21st March 2015: For details see above.

DRS Crewe Gresty Bridge, 12.30 - 13.30, 2nd May 2015:

We have secured another visit around Gresty Bridge for existing members only, however as before, it is limited to just 25 places. With more members than this limit expected to apply, the only fair way is to allocate places by a lottery. Can all members please either email or write to Lou Watson (Events Coordinator) asap but at the latest by the 31st March. Written applications must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope. The cost will be £5 payable on the day SO PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY with your application. Anyone wishing to come as a pair will be treated as one for the draw. I am sure you will appreciate this is the only way to proceed when so many members do not have email and would be last in a first come first served system. The 'chosen' ones will be notified as soon after 31st March as possible. In case anyone pulls out, a short reserve list will be drawn as well.

Eastleigh Works, 6th June 2015:

Our annual unlimited bash with hog roast. Further details nearer the time.

Eastleigh Works, 25th July 2015: Guided tour. Further details nearer the time.

Eastleigh Works, 12th September 2015: Guided tour. Further details nearer the time.

PRESERVATION GALAS

Swanage Diesel Gala, 7-10th May 2015:

Confirmed details nearer the time but we will be there with our sales stand for the four days. It looks like the preview day on the 7th will be entitled 'Go West' with 45060 and 50035 combining with resident locos to recreate scenes from the past on the Western Region. A GBRf Cl.66 will also be named 'Swanage Railway' on the day. Other visiting locos for the Gala appear to be 20118, 20132, D5185, 37057 and 56006. There will be the opportunity to travel on the new 3 mile extension north of Norden to Worgret Jnct.

EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT

by Carl Watson

for the period up to 28th February 2015

Locos: 31233 visited with a Test Train on the 2nd (31233, 977986, 977985, 62384, 9708).

Three 66s from three companies have been through the Paintshop during the month, 66706 for GBRf emerging on the 5th, 66421 for DRS on 23rd and 66414 (the second ex-DRS loco to be so treated) for Freightliner on the 27th.









37604 visited with a Test Train on the 20th (37604, 6264, 999606, 9703).

57011 has received overhauled bogies and is expected to leave in early March.

47739 received a bogie swap and was ready for release on the 5th (see photo above right).

08721 arrived from Edge Hill for repairs on the 11th, the Allely's lorry collecting 08790 and delivering that to Oxley (see photo opposite top).



37608 collected an assortment of DRS vehicles for return to service on the 16th. In the convoy were repaired 57010, KUA 95771, PFAs 92777 and 92798 and Escort Coaches 9419 and 9428 (see photo below).



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57008 departed on the 23rd with 57301

66720 arrived for repairs on the 24th.
66711 arrived on the 25th for repainting

(see photo opposite middle).

and 66421.





Units:

Siemens have attended to: 450090, 081, and 091 with 024 and 019 on site at the end of the month. 37706 collected the repaired Class 108 DMUs 54504 + 51933 and returned it to the Swanage Railway on the 4^{th} (see photo below).



It returned later that afternoon (see photo opposite top) with Class 117 DMUs 59492 + 51356 + 51392. 51356 is a replacement for 51346 which has too much corrosion in the bodywork. The others are for component recovery to support the overhaul of 51356, 51388, 55028 and 59486 for Project Wareham









73107 collected GLVs 68505 and 68501 on the 17th for winter duties based out of Tonbridge.

Wagons: IGA wagons repaired have been 33 80 4647 023-7, 4647 003-9,

The first two IFA conversions for STVA with the red frames added departed for trials on the 17th, 33 87 4908 604-1, 4908 632-2. These were followed on the 24th by 612-4 and 625-6 (see **FREIGHT MATTERS**).

IGAs 33 80 4647 009-6 and 022-9 arrived for repairs on the 17th along with TEAs 89019 (see photo below right) and 89020 for repainting.

IVA 23 80 2398 632-2 also arrived on the 24th for repairs (see photo below left).





17 IHA Steel Carriers arrived for repairs on the 24^{th} , 37 84 4667 081-2, 034-1, 001-0, 040-8, 028-3, 069-7, 057-2, 083-8, 015-0, 033-3, 032-5, 058-0, 065-5, 062-2, 036-6, 072-1 (see photo below) and 025-9.



Coaches: 57008 arrived on the 23rd with four Mk2 coaches for repainting for DRS: 5945, 5965, 5976 and 6183. The latter three were repainted here in 2008/09 into their current Arriva Trains Wales livery (see 6183 in **RAILTOUR PHOTO SPOT** the second coach behind 66086). 5945 is in Virgin livery.

OTP: MPV DR 98914/98964 has followed the 'pink one' and been vinyled in an orange wrap around each cab. It was named 'Dick Preston' in a surprise ceremony on the 27th (see **FREIGHT MATTERS**).

photos by Carl Watson

RAIL TOUR PHOTO SPOT

Pathfinder Tours ran a charter between 13-16th February 2015 from Carmarthen - Edinburgh for Welsh rugby supporters for the Wales v Scotland Six Nations Championship match. Traction was, 68005 1Z68 Carmarthen - Carlisle, then 68002 Carlisle – Edinburgh on Friday 13th. The stock was ten Mk2 coaches plus one Mk1 generator coach in an eclectic mix of liveries: 6310 (Riviera Trains chocolate & cream), 6183, 6137 (ATW), 5998. 5964, 6042 (Anglia), 1212, 3344, 3325, 3333 (Virgin), 3390 'Constable' (Great Britain blue & cream). The stock was then used to cover rare track on Sunday 15th as The Great North of Scotland Reviver. with 66086 t&t 66232 Edinburgh – Elgin and return. The return supporters train used 68002 and 68005 as on the outward leg.



above 68005 passing through Craven Arms, 11.11 12th February (Leslie Steenton) below 66086 t&t 66232 approaching Keith on the loop line, 14.30 15th February 2014



TRAFFIC & TRACTION NEWS

January 29

37608 t&t 37605 on a Longsight – Derby RTC test train was seen approaching Walsall at 13.38 with what appears to be snow on the cab front (photo below by David Williams).



February 2

60054 was seen at Gobowen on 6V75 Dee Marsh - Margam steel empties at 10.30 (photo below by Martin Evans).



February 3

66020 passed Rushden at 11.21 on 6H10 Bletchley - Peak Forest (photo below by Colin Pottle).



66152 was seen stabled at a snowy Didcot at 11.34 (photo opposite top by David Giles).



66616 was seen passing through Walsall at 13.21 with Rugeley PS – Barrow Hill coal (photo below by David Williams).



68008 was seen entering Bescot Yard at 14.13 with a Crewe Basford Hall – Toton North Yard engineers train.

68014 passed southbound through Bescot light engine at 13.41 (photo below by David Williams).



February 5

59002 was seen at Eastleigh on 06.05 7O35 Westbury Yard - Fareham stone at 07.55.

February 6

55022 masquerading as 55003 'Meld' was seen passing through Springburn Station on 5D15 10.30 Glasgow Works to Shields Road at 11.42 (see **LIVERIES**).

66094 + 60062 passed through Walsall at 14.40 with Wolverhampton – Masborough steel wagons.

68005 passed through Walsall at 14.45 with a Crewe Basford Hall – Toton North Yard engineers train.

February 7

66414 + 66566 were seen passing through Newport on a light engine move from Wentloog - Stoke Gifford at 11.10, having earlier worked in t&t formation on the late running 4V50 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog (photo below by Andrew Buckley).



60063 passed through Newport at 11.35 working 6H25 Margam - Llanwern loaded steel coils (photo below by Andrew Buckley).



56103 looking in need of some attention to its bodywork was seen stabled in Taff Sidings at the west end of Cardiff Central station at 13.30 (photo below by Andrew Buckley).



20308 t&t 20309 were at Paddington on the Buffer Puffer tour around London.

60054 was seen approaching Severn Tunnel Junction at 10.18 on 6B13 Robeston – Westerleigh tanks.

60085 working 6V62 Tilbury Riverside -Llanwern Exchange sidings passed Swindon at 15.12 some 62 minutes early (photo below by Andrew Buckley).



153312 freshly outshopped in the new Arriva livery was seen at Cardiff Central at 13.06 working 2V26 Coryton - Radyr shuttle (photo below by Andrew Buckley).



66763 was seen stabled at Eastleigh at 14.15 (see **NEW STOCK**).

February 9

60019 passed through Gobowen on empty steel working bound for south Wales at 10.20 (photo below by Martin Evans).



66758 passed through Walsall at 14.01 with Tinsley Yard – Coton Hill working.

66731 passed through Walsall with Cliffe Hill – Bescot engineers train at 13.47 (photo below by David Williams).



February 10

66701 passed Isham at 12.34 on 6M32 Neasden - Bardon Hill (see photo at end by Colin Pottle).

37409 passed Isham at 12.21 on a Derby RTC - Hither Green test train (photo below by Colin Pottle).



66527 was seen at Eastleigh on 13.28 6V27 Eastleigh Yard - Hinksey Yard Departmental Train at 12.45 (photo below by Norman Smith).



MPVs DR98003 + DR98013 passed northbound through Stafford for Crewe at 10.45 (photo below by Martin Evans).



66174 was seen waiting the road at Crewe at 15.05 with 2 bogie hoppers presumably bound for Marcroft Engineering (photo below by Martin Evans).



Rail Grinder DR79262 + DR79261 passed through Stafford on the up fast line at 10.45 on a Crewe - Crewe working which was travelling as far as Nuneaton.

66164 passed through Stafford with a Trafford Park - Southampton liner at 11.15.

66425 worked a Coatbridge - Daventry liner through Stafford at 11.20.

66749 powered through Stafford with an Ironbridge - Tuebrook working on at 14.10.

92029 + 67034 + 67018 passed through Stafford with a Crewe - Wembley light engine movement at 15.05 (photo below by Martin Evans).



70020 was seen passing Daventry Railfreight Terminal at 12.45 on the diverted Garston - Southampton intermodal due to the Landslip at Harbury (see INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS).

February 11

B1 4-6-0 61306 'Mayflower' t&t 47580 was seen passing through Stratford at 11.31 (photos below by Derek Everson).





and then at Ingatestone at 11.43 (photos below by Colin James).





66504 passed through Nuneaton at 14.20 with a Millbrook - Lawley Street liner (photo below top by Mike Rumens).



Tonbridge West Yard was full of locos at 13.15, 20901, 73128, 73136, 66710, 66715, 66759 & 66763 (photo at end by Paul Sumpter).

February 12

37423 + 68001 was seen passing through Derby at 13.26 (photo below by Graham Stockton and see **NEW STOCK**).



D400 was hauled by 50007 through Bristol Temple Meads at on its way to Washwood Heath from Yeovil Jnct as 0Z51 (photo below by Michael Hayman).



February 13

387121 was seen at East Croydon at 12.06 with 1W23 Bedford – Brighton (photo below by David Doulton).



Carlisle was the place to be for Cl.68s with 68004 + 68009 on DRS Kingmoor - Gresty Bridge light engine move at 07.40, 68003 on Daventry — Mossend at 10.56 and 68005 replaced by 68002 on 1Z68 Carmarthen - Edinburgh between 14.23 and 14.47.

February 14

68008 + 68009 were seen passing northbound light engine through Crewe at 09.59 (photo below by Neil Dix).



97303 was seen passing northbound light engine through Crewe at 10.18 (photo below by Neil Dix).



60015 was seen passing through Nuneaton on 6M35 Humber - Kingsbury tanks at 11.03, with 34 bogie tanks this was possibly the longest tank train seen in Nuneaton (photo below by Mike Rumens).



67008 was seen passing southbound light engine through Crewe at 11.05 (photo below by Neil Dix).



37402 + 37608 were seen passing northbound light engine through Crewe at 15.35 (photo below by Neil Dix).



A dirty 66120 passed through Nuneaton at 11.20 on 6B09 Toton - Tamworth ballast (photo below by Mike Rumens).



Collett Hall 4-6-0 4965 'Rood Ashton Hall' was seen arriving at Oxford at 15.22 working 1Z36 Valentine's Express from Tyseley Steam Trust (photo below by Andrew Buckley).



61306 was seen arriving at Eastleigh at 13.04 on 08.57 1Z82 London Victoria - Eastleigh "The Cathedrals Express" (photo below by Norman Smith). It was later seen passing Winchester at 13.16 (see front cover) and then taking on water at Basingstoke at 13.42



66114 was seen passing through Nuneaton on 4M25 Mossend - Daventry intermodal at 12.41.

February 15

The Sunday afternoon rush hour at Northenden Junction often sees two freights pass within a few minutes of each other, the 13.54 Tunstead - Westbury Lafarge hauled by 66617 and the 14.06 Tunstead - Lostock Works hauled by 60079 (photos below by John Squire).





66086 t&t 66232 were seen approaching Keith on the loop line at 14.30 on 1Z70 Edinburgh – Elgin, a Pathfinder tour of freight lines (see RAILTOUR PHOTO SPOT).

66023 was seen working 633U Ingatestone – Whitemoor at Manea 11.14 (photo below by Steve Wells).



66740 was seen at Manea on 652V Manningtree - Whitemoor at 11.39 (photo below by Steve Wells).



February 17

92010 passed through Nuneaton at 14.23 on a Crewe - Mossend light engine move (photo below by Mike Rumens).



66175 Mountsorrel - Kennett Redland sidings passes Whittlesey at 12.05

66764 passed Whittlesey at 11.53 on 6E84 Middleton Towers - Monk Bretton (see photo at end by Colin Pottle).

66769 6M60 Whitemoor - Mountsorrel passed Whittlesey at 11.39 (see **NEW STOCK**).

66515 was seen passing Aldridge on the Sutton Park Line on 6Z79 Bardon Hill - Willesden Ballast at 15.43.

60011 was seen passing Aldridge on the Sutton Park Line at 15.53 on 6E08 Wolverhampton – Immingham empty steel (see photo at end by Ken Bull).

Passing through Penrith in quick succession were 92010 on a Rugby - Mossend light loco move at 17.12 followed five minutes later by 57304 on Preston - Carlisle DRS light loco move February 18

68001 was seen passing through Bescot at 14.44 on 6Z97 Crewe – Bescot - Toton departmental then Aldridge on the Sutton Park Line at 15.56 (see **NEW STOCK**).

66515 was seen passing through Walsall at 13.41 on Cliffe Hill – Bescot engineers train.

66728 was seen passing Harrowden Junction at 12.36 on Peterborough Maintenance Shed – Wellingborough (photo below by Colin Pottle).



66623 was seen approaching Wellingborough at 10.53 on Hope - Theale loaded cement tanks (photo below by Colin Pottle).



February 19

67007 was unusual traction for the 09.47 Fenny Compton MOD - Marchwood MOD seen passing through Eastleigh at 10.15 (photo below by David Doulton).



February 20

70003 passed through Walsall at 13.29 on Rugeley PS – Stoke Gifford coal.

66081 and 66426 were seen in Toton Yard at 10.04 (photo top of column right by Neil Dix).



February 22

66716 t&t 66720 passed through Eastleigh on the 09.25 6G20 Beechgrove - Eastleigh Yard RailVac Train (photos below and in **LIVERIES** by Norman Smith).



February 23

66763 passed through Walsall at 13.40 on Cliffe Hill – Bescot engineers train.

68013 was seen passing through Walsall at 14.47 on 0Z97 Crewe — Bescot - Toton Departmental then through Aldridge, on the Sutton Park Line, at 15.57 (photo below by Ken Bull at the latter location).



66517 seen passing Washwood Heath at 14.27 on a Felixstowe - Lawley Street liner (photo at end by Roger Thomas).

08762 was seen shunting the RMC sidings at Washwood Heath at 10.54 (photo below by Roger Thomas).



February 24

68009 was seen passing Sytch Lane at 09.13 on a Crewe Basford Hall - Mountsorrel working (photo below by Roger Thomas).



37608 + 37612 + 37606 were seen in Carlisle station on a light engine move to Sellafield at 16.10 (photo below by Gordon Kirkby).



68013 was seen passing Sytch Lane at 13.06 on a Crewe - Toton working (photo at end by Roger Thomas).

66723 passed through Carlisle at 16.58 on a Hunterston - Drax coal train followed 15 mins later by 66765 with a special Doncaster - Hunterston train of empty coal hoppers, a rare occurrence for GBRf Cl.66s.

February 25

975025 'Caroline' + 37419 + was seen approaching Ruabon at 13.10. It had originated at Cardiff Canton and travelled to Holyhead then returned to Crewe (photo below by Martin Evans).



60021 was seen in Acton Yard at 17.42 (photo below by Michael Hayman).



February 28

73141 + GLVs 68501 + 68505 was seen passing Shawford on 5N05 Tonbridge - Eastleigh Works.

66769 was seen passing Shawford at 15.13 on 7Z05 Hoo - Eastleigh crane move (photo overleaf top by Ian Knight).



47727 was seen passing Redbridge at 17.47 on 6C51 Eastleigh - Liskeard RailVac (photo below by Ian Knight).



66747 was seen passing through Heald Green at 11.16 on 4M21 03.15 Felixstowe - Trafford Park liner (photo below by John Squire).



A busy scene was witnessed at Tonbridge West Yard by two members who probably didn't realise they were both sending me photos!! Locos present were 20901 + 20905, 73136 + 73128, 66754 t&t 66719 (see photos top of column right by Andrew Buckley), 66715 t&t 66744 (see photo at end by Andrew Buckley),

73107, 73201, 73212, 73961 + 73962 (see **NEW STOCK**).





B1 4-6-0 61306 *Mayflower'* was seen taking water at Gloucester at 12.00 whilst working 1Z61 St David's Day Cathedrals Express from London Paddington – Cardiff Central (photo below by Len Turner).









above 68013 being overtaken by a VWC Voyage, Sytch Lane, 24th February 2015 (Roger Thomas)











above 20901, 66715 T7T 66759 and 66715, Tonbridge West Yard, 11th February 2015 (Paul Sumpter)





FRANCHISE NEWS

Electric Traction Limited (ETL) is to hire a number of heritage AC electric locomotives to GBRF which will be used to move trains to and from London's Euston station on behalf of Serco Caledonian Sleeper Limited. The locomotives are 86101, 86401 and 87002 With Cl.92s and heritage AC electrics being turned out in the new Caledonian Sleeper livery, Serco, the operator has signed the deal to build 75 new carriages by Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles (CAF) in Spain. They are due to arrive in 2017.

The 1st March saw the start of the new Virgin Trains East Coast (VTEC) franchise replacing East Coast. Cl.91s, DVTs and HST Cl.43s are having an interim red flash applied with Virgin branding but 91124 a set of Mk4s and DVT 82219 has been totally re-liveried (see **LIVERIES**)....*I like it*, *ed.*

OUT & ABOUT

by James Holloway

For clarity, steam locos are now shown in red. 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. Please also ensure your sightings reach James a few days before the press deadline, see **SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD**...ed

John Brace:

2nd February:

Crawley: 377117/139/421/449

Three Bridges:

377107/115/144/157/158/214/437/462/504/508

377510/513/515

Gatwick: 319460, 377413/459, 442410/12

Norwood Junction: 377616, 378205 Blackfriars: 465179, 466015

West Hampstead Thameslink:

43044/046/048/052/058-061/064/073/082/089 66134/194/604, 222001-004/007-009/011-013/015 222017/018/020/102/103, 319001-003/005/007 319009/010/214/216-220/367/369-373/375-377 377383/385/421/422/424/425/427/429/430/432 319434/435/441/442/446/447/449/451-453/456 377459, 377207/211-213/502/505/506/509/512 377514/516/517-519/523, 387106-09/12-14/18

St Pancras: 37 3011/211/214/215

King's Cross:

43277/305/312/314/315/319, 67016, 91104/13/19 91132, 180101, 365502/04/09/10/17/22/36/40

Victoria:

375709, 377109/140/469/609, 442402/08/09/16 455802/821/822/831, 465192/926, 466007/26

Clapham Junction:

Clapham Jonetton:
158886, 159001/003/008/017/102/104, 377108
377120/124/133/141/146/153/155/310/319/328
377403/410/412/426/438/448/455/461/467
377604/611/618/625, 378208/212/227/229/231
442407/11/14, 444001/04/05/08/24-26/30/32/37/39
444045, 450001/014/029/032/033/039/071/085
450086/094/100/106/111/121/122/124/126/127
450544/546/549/557/562, 455704/706/709/711
455712/718/720/721/723/730/734/735/742/801
455808/813/815/826/827/836/846-849/853/855
455858/859/863/865-867/869/870/872/873
455902-904/907-909/911/914/915/918, 456014

Peter Cole:

12th February:

Cardiff Central 08.30-17.30:

60019/39, 66005/019/040/100/115/135/187/197 66198/200, 67029, 142002/06/10/69/72-77/81-83 142085, 143601/02/04/05/07/08/10/16/22-25 150101/106/124/208/213/217/227/229-231/235 150236/241/244/248/250/251/253-255/259/260 150278/280-284, 153302/05/12/20, 158798/821 158822/826/834/951/953/955-958, 170106/636 170638, 175001-004/007/008/011/101/104/105 175109/110/112/113/115/116

16th February:

Llanelli 15.30-19.35:

 $60019,\,68005,\,150235/264/267,\,153312,\,158821$

175005/010/107/108/112

David Giles:

17th February:

Bristol Parkway 09.00-09.30:

43132, 66177, 150122/124/265, 220024

Didcot Parkway 10.15-12.00:

37218/609, 43015/020/036/040/098/130/147/149 43158/171/190/196, 66027/561/955, 67005 165102/110/121, 166203/07, DR 73931

cs 6262/99666/977868/999605

Reading 12.30-14.45:

43002/004/015/020/025/026/029/035/035/041/063 43069/078/079/086/093/094/125/129/131/133/137 43139/142/148/149/158/159/164/170-172/174/175 43177/179/180/192/193/195/196, 59101/202/203 66134/193/566/569, 70015, 150001/002, 165102 165104/108/109/112/116/122/124/125/135 166212/221, 180103/06, 220006/13, 221122 458006/07/14, 450072/563

Michael Hayman:

6th February:

Paddington: 57305/312

7th February:

Paddington: 20308/309 Clapham Junction: 66710

13th February: Paddington:

43002/015/022/088/093/129/133/174/194

Acton: 59201, 66719

Swindon: 43002/021/025/033/172, 66002/058/065

Bristol Temple Meads: 43003/138/163/183. 50050

Bristol Parkway:

43018/172/174/180, 60001, 70010/011

Didcot: 66111/194 14th February: King's Cross:

34067 'Tangmere', 43465/468, 57313, 67005/22/26

91110/29

Victoria: 61306 'Mayflower', 47580

25th February:

Acton:

37667, 59203, 60021, 66001/019/070/147/517/573

Old Oak Common: 57603

Mike Rumens: 19th January:

Nuneaton 13.25-14.55:

66534, 67005/26, 70801, 90019/45/47, 92039 153365, 170107/113/115/116/638, 221109 350101/117/372/375, 387115/16/19, 390045/046 390112/114/115/117/119/123/128/130/134/135 390137/151/157, cs 2915-17/21-23 21st January:

Nuneaton 13.40-14.40:

66188/207/501/755, 70810, 92024/39, 153334 170106/109/518, 221117, 350103/370, 390002 390006/043/045/103/114/115

22nd January:

Nuneaton 14.02-14.58:

66148, 70810, 90047, 153356, 170101/519/522 170636, 221108, 350368, 387120/21, 390005/008 390020/040/124. DR 73947

26th January:

Nuneaton 14.05-14.45:

66148, 70803, 90045/48, 92039, 153364, 170116 170397/639, 221103, 350374, 390039/049/127 390136/137

27th January:

Nuneaton 13.24-14.55:

66005/588, 90041/48, 92039, 153375, 170102/113 170115/636/637, 221108/14/43, 350105/106/263 350370, 390005/011/013/046/107/117/119/122 390123/129/132/134/151/157

28th January:

Nuneaton 14.08-14.40:

70806/808, 153364, 170104/397, 350369, 390014 390156, DR 77002

2nd February:

Nuneaton 14.05-15.00:

66592, 86628, 90041, 153375, 170110/113/115 170397, 350368/369, 390049/103/130/152

3rd February:

Nuneaton 13.42-15.05:

66145/533/539/728/955, 67008, 90016/41/48 92019, 153375, 170101/105/112/114/522, 221143 350111/369/373, 390010/039/042/044/049/122 390123/125/148/152/155. DR 73948

4th February:

Nuneaton 13.47-14.45:

66006/051/199/533/540/596, 90019/20, 153375 170114/397/521/639, 221113, 350122/369 390001/045-047/125/128/129/135/136/154

9th February:

Nuneaton 13.50-15.10:

66110/503/594/711/751, 90048, 92041, 153371 170109/110/117/398/523/637, 221107/15/16/43 350101/115/368/374, 390002/016/044-046/050 390117/122/125/134/138/148/153, DR 77905

11th February:

Nuneaton 13.45-14.40:

66007/131/504/711, 92041, 153375, 170107/520 170637, 221104, 350106, 390002/007/123/130 390137/138/148, DR 73948

12th February:

Nuneaton 09.00-10.00:

66572/955, 90043, 153365, 170107/109/397/398 221108/09/13/16, 350115/255, 390008/039/114 390121/123/128 Atherstone: 68005 Rugeley: 170511 Norton Bridge: 66425

Crewe 11.20-11.30/16.15-16.50:

56113, 153362, 175007/108/113, 221110/42 323225, 350121/238/250, 390005/104/114/117 390122/136/152/153

Wilmslow: 175114 Longsight: 08451

Manchester Piccadilly 12.15-12.25/14.40-15.30: 142011/49/57, 150138/148/150/214/215/225/270 150273/275, 156446/462, 158826, 170301/303 175110/114/116, 185104/13/15/16/18/21/23/35/42 220005, 323225/28/32/37/38, 350402/404, 390006 390009/117/119/151

Cornbrook: 66101, 156421/480/482, 185118/41 Manchester Victoria: 150133, 158863/866

Stafford 17.10-17.55:

66423/517/596, 70004, 86610/612, 221117/23/40 350233/238/240/263/376, 390008/118/134/137

13th February: Nuneaton 14.10-14.45:

66081, 90049, 153365, 170116/522/636, 221101 350123/376, 387122/23, 390006/020/042/045/129 390154 DR 80208

14th February:

Nuneaton 10.00-13.00/14.00-15.00:

56105, 57302/309, 60015, 66006/047/114/120/136 66250/422/423/428/752/954/955, 68008/09, 70009 153375, 170104/106/107/109/397/398/520/636 170638, 220006, 221101-04/09/10/18/26/29/34/36 221141/43, 350111/130/241/254/370/375, 390001 390005/006/010/011/020/039/042/043/045/046 390050/104/107/112/117/118/121/123/124/127 390130/132/134/137/148/152/155

Brian Derricote:

4th February:

Sandwell & Dudley-Derby 08.15-09.30:

08899/943, 56103, 66020/059/501, 153311/81/84 158813/846, 220018/33, 222001/007

Doncaster 11.30-15.00:

D4157/08934, 43272/295/311/314/315, 66092/110 66154/172/206/423/433/516/542/621/705/707/716 66743/757/766/768/769/771/772, 67024, 70009 91110/11/24/28, 142019/20/95, 144005/13/16 153313/24/79, 158787/792/855, 170304, 318254

Geoff Hope:

6th January:

Stafford 08.40-14.35:

37668/706, 66035/090/150/425/517/527/542/570 66708/713/749/753, 68005, 70006/013, 90016/43 90048, 92005/44, 220004/05/08/11/13/16/20/25/29 220031/33, 221102/04-06/09-11/13/14/17/19/24/25 221129/31/39/42/43, 325002/14/15, 350105/108 350110/111/115/117/119/123/127/235/255-257 350265/370/375/376, 390005/006/009/010/013 390016/020/039/040/043-046/049/050/103/104 390112/114/115/119/122-127/129/130/132/135 390137/154, cs 96175+5222+9104+5237+5236+ 99350+351+99371+5216

15th January:

Southport-Sandhills 09.28-10.06:

507012/16/20, 508114/20

Sandhills 10.06-11.11:

507001/05/08/11/17/24/25/30, 508108/27/28/30/31 508134

Kirkdale Depot 11.14-11.23:

507014/23/27/31

Birkenhead North 11.47-12.47: 507013/18/28/32/33, 508111/15/38/41 Birkenhead Depot: 507010, 508117/22 New Brighton 12.47-12.58: 507015

Birkenhead Central: 508139 Rock Ferry 13.40-14.40: 507019, 508103/10/23-26/37/40 Sandhills-Southport 16.01-16.40:

507011

23rd January:

Southport-Sandhills 09.28-10.06:

507005/07, 508128/43

Sandhills 10.06-11.11:

507001/06/10/11/15/23/25/28/31/32, 508112/14/17 508123/26

Kirkdale Depot 11.14-11.23:

507002/14/16/27, 508130

Birkenhead North 11.47-12.47:

507003/04/08/12/26/33, 508103/17/36/37

Birkenhead Depot: 507031 **Birkenhead Central:** 507021 **Rock Ferry 13.40-14.40:**

507013/17/18/30, 508104/10/27/38/40

30th January:

Southport-Sandhills 09.28-10.06:

507006/15/30/32, 508131

Sandhills 10.06-10.56:

507009/11/12/16/20/28, 508122/24/25/34/36

Kirkdale Depot 10.59-11.07: 507029/31, 508126/28/41

Birkenhead North 13.04-13.49: 507002/08/21/27, 508110/11/30/37-39

Birkenhead North Depot:

507029/33, 508128

Rock Ferry 14.13-14.59:

507013/14/23/25, 508115/20/23/40

3rd February:

B'ham New Street 10.50-13.05/15.45-17.00:

43207/304/378/384, 150107, 153334/64/65 158821/823/827/831/832/834/835/838-840 170102/104/106/108/110/112/113/115-117/501 170502/506-508/510-512/515/516/520/521/523 170630/632/635/637/638, 220001/03/07/08/11/16 220022-24/27/31/33/34, 221104/05/11/17-19/29/36 221137/39, 323201-03/05/07/08/10-22/41-43 350101/105-107/115/116/122/123/231/233/234 350239/244/254/256/262, 390016/040/045/103 390107/114/117/121/130/137/153/155

Birmingham Moor Street 13.15-15.30:

67020, 153364, 165012, 168214/216/217, 170630 172211-215/217-219/221/331-334/337-344

Doncaster 13.15-15.30:

08724, 43206/208/239/274/277/290/300/302/305 43308/311/311-313/317-320/367/423/465/467/468 60021/87, 66092/147/569/589/750/758, 67024 91102/04-08/10/12/13/15/16/18/21/22/25, 142019 142029/87/93/95, 144002/08, 153385, 158797/842 158845/853/860/861/902/904, 170301/04/06/08 180105/09-12/14, 185111/36/43/49, 220003/04/18 220028-31, 221135, 222010, 318254, 321901/902 322485, DVT's 82203-05/07/08/10/12/15-17/19/20 822227/28/30, ADB966576/577/6098/6099

12th February:

Leicester 09.55-14.30:

43043/045/046/049/050/052/058-060/073/076/089 66025/134/232, 68005, 70001, 156401/405/411 158783, 170103/107/109/114/397/398/518/521 170639, 222001/002/004-007/009/012-016

222020-023/102/103, DR 77905

Leicester Depot: 56031/038/065/069/106

19th February: Crewe 08.30-09.00:

67012, 92033, 153323/57, 221110/14/42, 350107

350246/254, 390118/130

B'ham New Street 10.05-12.20/14.55-17.30: 43285/304/357/366/378/384, 150107, 153334/56 153366/71/75, 158823/824/827-830/834/835 158838-840, 170101/103/105/107-114/117/397 170398/501-503/508-512/514-523/631/633/634 170636-638, 220003-05/09/10/12/14/17/20/22-25 220028/31-34, 221105/08/09/13/19/21/27-29/31/32 221138/43, 323201/02/05-21/41-43, 350101/105

221136/43, 323201/02/05-21/41-43, 350101/105 350108/112-114/119/120/130/242/249/252/261 350263/264, 390001/006/013/016/042/043/104 390107/122/123/126/128/136/151/152

Stourbridge Junction 13.00-13.20: 67008, 68014, 139001/2, 165012

Birmingham Moor Street 13.50-14.55: 68011, 153356, 168109/214/217/219, 170631 172211/212/221/332-335/337/339-341/344/345

26th February:

Leicester 09.55-13.25:

43043-045/048-050/054/055/060/073/076/082 66092/154, 68002, 156401/404, 158770/854 170103/104/107/112/397/519/636, 222001/002 222004/006-008/010-012/015-017/019-021/103 222104. DR 73111

Leicester Depot: 56301

Mike Waudby:

14th February:

Beverley 06.30: 158843

Hull Paragon 06.45-06.50/1923.-20.30:

43314/315/367, 142016, 144010, 158787/792/794 158850/855/902/904, 170305/308/309, 180103/09 185146/49

Selby 07.23: 66707

Doncaster 07.42-11.42/13.48-18.20:

37219/602/667, 43013/014/206/208/238/239/251 43257/295/296/299/300/302/305/308/310/311-313 43317/319/367/423/465/467/468/480/484, 57314 57315, 60020/021/054/062/074/076/087, 66002 66024/031/066/075/121/137/168/170/192/433/510 6569/599/601/707/714/727/737/956, 67005/16/24 67026, 91101/04/06/07/10/12-18/21/24/25/27-31 142016/27/67/89/92/93, 144002/04/10/11, 153321

153383, 156415, 158787/792/816/843/859/861 158902/904/909, 170301/303/304/306, 180105/07 180109/11-13, 185107/23/26/31/42, 220002/11 222021, 321901, 322482/4, 34067 Tangmere

Sheffield 12.10-13.03: 43049/050, 142038/89/92/93, 144001/11/23 158780/797/815/903/909, 220002, 221125

222001/018

Rotherham Central 13.20: 158859 Doncaster Roberts Road 13.45:

66739/766/768/770 Thorne North: 158794 Goole 18.40: 144018

Brough 19.00-19.10: 158815/908, 185141

Colin James: 12th February:

Ingatestone:

09.40 66420 4M94 Felixstowe-Lawley Street



10.17 66155 6Y34 Ipswich-Ripple Yard



10.45 B1 61306 t/t 47580 1Z61 Norwich-Windsor **19**th **February:**

Brixton:

10.02 66079 4E26 Dollands Moor-Scunthorpe Tonbridge West Yard 11.10-11.25:

20901/905, 66702/715/726/744/759, 73107/119 73128/136/212/961/962, GLV's 68501/505 **Tonbridge:**

11.31 73128 0Y22 Tonbridge West-St Leonards 12.14 66764 4E19 Mountfield Sidings-Doncaster 12.39 66754 6069 Neasden-Tonbridge West 14.51 73141+9481+6261+999550+1256+73201 1Q58 Hither Green & return



Hither Green:

15.46 66201 7U41 Stewarts Lane-Angerstein Wharf Lewisham:

15.50 37604/9703 3Z03 Derby-Hither Green

New Cross:

15.55 66846 t/t 66847 engineers tracklaying **Marylebone:**

16.47 67018 1U55 Marylebone-Banbury 17.50 68008 1U61 Marylebone-Banbury





Bob Eastwood:

11th February:

Skelton Junction, York:

43206/208/238/239/267/277/299/301-303/305/308 43313-315/317/423/465/467/468, 91101/07/08/11 91114/16/17/19/21/22/28/30/32, 180114, 185102 185103/06-08/10/12/14/15/19/22/28/31-33, 220002 220004/07/08/10/11/16/23/24/29/32/33, 221120/24 221126/30/31/34

10.35 66588 York-Redcar coal

11.02 66717 Tyne-Drax coal

12.01 66128 Redcar-Rylstone coal 12.03 66512 York-Potland Burn coal

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12.14 66079 Eggborough-Redcar coal

12.40 66616 Tyne-Cottam coal

12.56 66133 West Burton-North Blyth coal

13.26 66034/117 Doncaster-Tyne MHA's

13.32 66766 Tyne-Eggborough coal

14.00 66745 Drax-Tyne coal

14.20 66031 Redcar-Drax coal 14.44 66740 Doncaster-Tyne coal

14.57 66077 Redcar-Margam coal

15.06 66714 Tyne-Ferrybridge coal

15.44 66078 Potland Burn-Drax coal

15.56 66105 L/E southbound 16.33 66746 Tyne-Drax coal

16.41 60063 Lackenby-Scunthorpe steel

16.50 66735 North Blyth-Ferrybridge

19th February:

Ely:

158799/806/810/864, 170105/106/109/204/206

170207/272/273/637, 365503/11-13

14.03 66730 enterprise

14.36 70804/66846 aggregates

14.42 66113 enterprise

15.17 66593 Freightliner

15.33 66546 L/E

15.55 66193 Lafarge

16.11 66567 Freightliner

16.37 66020 aggregates

Albert Ward:

17th February:

Sheffield/Doncaster 10.15-16.30:

08724, 43206/238/239/251/257/272/274/277/295 43296/299/300/305/307/308/310-312/314-316/319 43367/423/467, 60002/40, 66021/031/084/181/528 66557/570/615/725/742/755/764/766/767/770/772 67003/24, 70013, 91101/04/05/07/12-16/18/19/21 91125, 142029/34/70/89/92-94, 144002/10/11/14 153328/79/84. 158770/780/792/813/815/851/854 158857/859/903/909/910, 170303/304/305/308 180105/09/11-13, 185103/26/27/33/42, 220003/04 220010/14/23/26/29/31, 221119/29/41, 222004 222014/016, 321902, 322484, DVT's 82203/08-10 82212-15/17/26-28/31, Snow Ploughs 965576/77 966098/99. DR 73113. CI 460 coaches 67901 67907/74403/74434

24th February:

Birmingham New Street:

153334/68, 158823/841, 170111/506/509/635 172342, 220008/17/20, 221117/27/37, 323201-03 323206-14/17-19/21/22/40/42/43, 390044/138

Birmingham Moor Street:

67017, 165012, 168109/112/214/215/217/219 172211/213/215/216/218-221/331-334/336-341 170343/344

Ian McAlpine:

30th January:

Peterborough: 158770 Elv: 66025, 170273 Norwich: 47790/818, 170270

31st January:

Peterborough: 70020, 365513/16

Huntingdon: DR 75402 Biggleswade: 66192

King's Cross: 67016, 365519/38

6th February: Peterborough:

31233, 66125/147/742, 86401, 91105, 180112

DVT 9708 Doncaster: 08724, 66092/615, 67024 York: 37606, 66433, DR 75301/303

Northallerton: DR 73111 Darlington: DVT 82210

7th February:

Darlington: 66433, 185141

Durham: 220028 13th February:

Peterborough: 66188/703/730, 158864, 170273 Nottingham: 43052/089, 158773, 220013

Trams 203-05/07/08/11/13-17/19/20 14th February:

Peterborough:

34067 'Tangmere', 43257/296, 57315, 66569

70019, 365508/36 Biggleswade: 66147 Hornsey: 08892

King's Cross: 67022, 365514/19

Euston:

350232/234/260/369/373, 378216, 390050 Camden Sidings: 350109/113/129/246/253

South Hampstead: 378233 **Brondesbury: 378222/225** Gospel Oak: 172001/007 Holloway: DR 73943

Harringay Green Lanes: 172006/007

20th February: Peterborough:

91132, 365508/36, DVT 82201, DR 75402 King's Cross: 67024, 91132, DVT 82201 21st February:

Peterborough: 66121/593, 170271, 365505/18

Huntingdon: DR 75403

King's Cross: 67024, 365502/14

Nigel Matthews:

20th February:

Stafford 10.30-18.15:

37059/405, 47790, 66001/065/086/132/302/304 66423/428/515/542/546/572/704/709, 70007/019 70010, 86605/613/614/628, 90043/45, 92011/41 220003/05/11/12/14/24/26/28/29, 221101-03/05/06 221108/12-16/18/21/22/34/38/39/43. 350102/104 350105/114/119/122/231/246/248/256/257/259 350369/374, 390002/005/006/008/010/020/039 390040/042-044/050/103/114/115/117-119 390121-126/128-130/132/135/137/138/141/148 390151-153/155-157

Derek Everson:

11th February:

Stafford 11.00-13.15:

61306 'Mayflower', 37059,47580, 59201, 6147/155 66566/721, 86609/27, 90002/04/07/08/10/11/13/16

90034/43/46/47

Gordon Kirkby

7th February:

Doncaster 1530-1830:

43208/274/290/311/12/17-19/423/467, 47812/43 60001/21/97, 66021/92/113/147/514/44/565/603 66701/707/750/758. 67024/30, 91105/07/08/10 91113/15-19/21/25/32 142019/26/27/65/87/92/93 144002, 150138, 153310, 158797/845/853/902 158904, 170304/306, 180105/109/110/112/114 185111/36/43, 220023/28/31, 222010, 321901/902 322485. DVTs 82203/04/05/08/10/14-16/23/30

Colin Pottle

20th February:

Acton Bridge 06.45-15.30:

06.55 37611/602 6C53 Crewe-Sellafield flasks 06.59 66709 6X41 Dagenham-Garston Ford cars 07.01 2 x 66 GBRF 6G62 Liverpool Bulk Terminal-Ironbridge PS biomass

07.04 66068 6M38 Southampton East Docks-Halewood empty car carriers

07.27 66140 6M14 Dollands Moor-Ditton aluminium cargowaggons

07.37 66542 Ditton-Crewe light engine

07.55 60091 6F60 Arpley Yard-Runcorn chemicals 08.16 66416 Garston-Crewe light engine

08.29 66301 4S43 Daventry-Mossend container



08.31 67009 Crewe TMD-Arpley Sidings light 08.38 70001 4K44 Garston-Crewe Basford Hall container



08.50 90049 4F45 Crewe Basford Hall-Garston container

09.01 DR77905 + DR73118 Crewe Warrington BQ (see photo at end)

09.22 325001 + 325011 + 325004 1F00 Willesden-Warrington mail train (see photo at end) 09.27 66429 Crewe Basford Hall-Carlisle dept 09.36 66304 4M34 Coatbridge-Daventry container 09.50 70011 6M12 Portbury-Fiddlers Ferry empty hoppers

10.05 66232 6K32 Warrington Arpley-Stoke Marcroft wagons for repair

10.50 66708 Longport - Tuebrook Sidings light

11.22 66951 6J34 Runcorn-Pendleton RTS empty binliner

11.37 60091 6F62 Runcorn-Arpley Yard chemicals (see photo at end)

11.54 66065 6O42 Halewood-Southampton East Docks loaded cars

11.54 66523 6F33 Bredbury RTS-Runcorn loaded binliner

12.04 92041 4M25 Mossend-Daventry container (see photo at end)

12.15 90049 4K64 Garston-Crewe Basford Hall container (see photo at end)

12.40 60091 6F62 Runcorn-Arpley Yard chemicals 12.42 66068 6M44 Southampton East Docks-Halewood empty cars

12.49 66606 Fiddlers Ferry PS-Tunstead Sidings

13.12 66418 4M45 Felixstowe-Ditton container

13.24 68009 Crewe Gresty Bridge-Preston driver training

13.28 66232 6F31 Stoke Marcroft-Warrington Arpley wagons off repair

14.20 66523 6H35 Runcorn-Northenden RTS empty binliner

14.25 66428 4S44 Daventry-Coatbridge container 14.36 68004 Crewe-Carlisle Kingmoor ecs



14.53 70011 4V58 Fiddlers Ferry-Portbury hoppers



15.16 68009 Preston-Crewe Gresty Bridge driver training



above 60001 marshalling a train of Perch wagons in Doncaster Decoy Yard at 08.44 with 47812 + 47843 beyond, below 60087 + 60021 in the sidings south of Doncaster station 7^{th} February 2015 (Gordon Kirkby)



















OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

An occasional series on odd items of rolling stock found around the UK, not dumped or formally preserved, but in use as part of a leisure facility or in private use as part of a pub or guest house.

Seven Lakes Country Park, Eland: A road / rail incident safety training facility has been created in the grounds of Seven Lakes Country Park near Eland to the south of Crowle in North Lincolnshire, which can be seen from the A161. The Doncaster to Scunthorpe railway passes to the south, as does the parallel A18, with Crowle station (strangely not Eland which is adjacent) a few hundred yards away. The access road being opposite the Country Park entrance.

Ex-Virgin Mk2 6163 has been placed on a section of double track with a level crossing and unprotected footpath crossing, complete with all relevant signage. The coach has been given a mock HST style cab. The purpose of the facility is as part of an overall Rescue Day which brings together as many of the rescue services as possible in one place to demonstrate 'live' what they do and how they do it and so raising public awareness on safety issues within a fun environment with other displays. The facility is jointly run by Humberside Fire & Rescue, Humberside Police and various other rescue services and is sponsored by Network Rail, VolkerRail and Tata Steel amongst others. Though Rescue Day has been going for 6 years, the 2014 event held on the 12th July was the first time this facility was incorporated, a first for this type of public display in the UK. The photos below were taken on the 4th September 2014.





Rescue Day has been held for 6 years and the 2015 event is being held on the 11th July, 10.30-17.00, admission price £5.00, under 16s & OAPs £2.50. For info see http://www.rescueday.com/

BORDERS RAILWAY

Part 1 A720 Edinburgh Bypass - Falahill by Trevor Roots:

Following on from the report in the October 2014 issue I managed to photograph the line from the A720 bypass down to Stow before the light failed on my way down south on the 5th December 2014.

Then on the way back north on the 19th December 2014 I was able to just about photograph the southern section from Tweedbank up to Stow, again before the light failed. The advantage of the latter date is that work had stopped for Christmas so the photos were as up to date as possible before work resumed in the New Year. The only disappointment was that I didn't witness a track laying train as it wasn't working on the 5th and the only train I did see was autoballasters slowly moving over Newbattle Viaduct as I passed beneath on the A7 in the rain and dark on the 19th...don't even know what was pulling it. However a bonus was the sight of a tamper working on the 5th, although in waiting 30 mins for it to crawl closer the light deteriorated.



Tracklaying had reached Ferniehurst just north of Bowshank Tunnel by the 19th December with remaining track laid to Tweedbank by the 12th February. This now means most material can be brought in by rail relieving the A7 and local roads along the route.



old Eskbank station site looking north towards Lasswade Road (A768) from Bonnyrigg Road (A6094). with the remains of the previous cycleway / footpath access ramp down to the trackbed just showing to the right of the bridge, 5th December 2014

I will deal with the route north of the A720 Edinburgh Bypass when access is available to get photos. The route south of the Bypass, just east of Sherifhall Roundabout (junction of the A7) first goes under Old Dalkeith Road (A6106) at the junction with Melville Gate Road. It then crosses the River North Esk before entering Eskbank where the next station will be. It passes under three road bridges, Melville Road (B6392), Lasswade Road (A768) and Bonnyrigg Road (A6094) all of which converge on a roundabout to the east of the railway in the centre of Eskbank. The old Eskbank station lies between the latter two roads as can be seen in the photo opposite bottom. The new Eskbank station is located south of the A6094 close to Edinburgh Colleges and accessed off Dalhousie Road (B6392) which also comes off the roundabout heading south to join the A7 at Hardengreen Roundabout slap bang across the original route. A new viaduct has been constructed to span the Roundabout and reconnect the embankments, the southern of which then leads onto the impressive Newbattle (Lothianbridge) Viaduct, which thankfully remained. This spans both the River South Esk and the A7.



above approaching Hardengreen Roundabout on the A7 looking south with the A6094 first left under the viaduct and below looking south with A7 continuing away to the left



I've not had chance to stop on this busy section of the A7, which turns under the Viaduct, to get a photo. From here the line passes the site of the former Newtongrange station, which had been filled and used as a cycleway / footpath with crossing points between residential areas on either side. To allow both sides of the line to remain connected a new footbridge has been constructed between New Star Road and Station Street (opposite Dean Park) on one of the crossing points.





Passing under the A7 the new Newtongrange station is being constructed alongside the Lady Victoria Pit which forms the Scottish National Mining Museum. A photo appeared on page 9 of the August 2013 issue showing the start of the work. The views opposite on the 3rd September and the 5th December 2014 show the progress of work since.

Before leaving the outskirts of Edinburgh and heading largely through open countryside, the route passes back over the A7 to Gorebridge. The section between Newbattle and Gorebridge was one of the first areas to start laying sleepers in early September 2014.





Taken from a small lane between Arniston (outskirts of Gorebridge) and Carrington the two views below looking north, show the formation at the start of laying sleepers and after tracklaying on the 3rd September and the 5th December 2014 respectively. The views also show the work needed to be done to repair / improve / replace bridges along the route, with most parapets being raised as with the B704 in the background and rebuilt as with a farm access in the foreground. In the second photo the Forth Estuary can be seen in the distance and the Newtongrange Mining Museum on the right.







Gorebridge station is situated between the two main roads through the village, the B6372 and the B704 from where the two views above and below have been taken looking south on the 3rd September and the 5th December 2014 respectively. The former station building can be seen beyond the new car park as can one of the first signals to be installed in the lower photo foreground.



In the views overleaf taken on the 3rd September and the 5th December 2014 respectively looking south from the B6372, the work needed to stabilise and support the banks in cuttings along the route can be seen to good effect. In the lower photo one of the new radio masts can be seen on the left as well as another footbridge in the distance.





South of Gorebridge the route traverses open countryside and meanders north-eastwards away from the A7 for about 4 miles. This is the 'curviest' section and at the furthest at 1½ miles away from the A7. The section between Borthwick and Tynehead is double tracked.



The route passes under the B6367 at Tynehead at its junction with the B6438. South of road bridge lay the former Tynehead station, beyond which the line reverts back to single track and the pointwork was one of the first bits of track to be laid (see photo below right taken on the 3rd September 2014).





It was at Tynehead that I saw tamper DR 73108 'Tiger working south. In the photo below DR 73108 is seen on the 5th December 2014 with one of the new bridges constructed to carry a farm access road, previously carried across the trackbed on fill, which can be seen still in place in the distance in the photo above left taken on the 3rd September 2014. This was left in place until the bridge was built, the parapet of which can be seen beyond above the fill.





The route rejoins the A7 just north of the hamlet of Falahill and a mile further the two cross. Following closure this major intersection had become a flat crossing with the former road bridge removed. This had to be reinstated with the A7 realigned over the new bridge. In the photo above taken on the 3rd September 2014 looking south the old road is to the left and the new alignment to the bridge to the right. The railway is on the left. In the photo below also taken on the 3rd September 2014 looking north the railway can be seen passing under another farm access bridge being reinstated south of the A7 bridge in the distance.



In the photo below taken on the 5th December 2014 from a spot to the left of the top photo, the completed bridge is shown with the re-aligned A7 now passing over it. The footpath on the line of the old A7 leads back to a small group of houses. The ballasted railway can be seen on the left.



South of Falahill the railway follows the A7(to the west) and the Gala Water all the way to Galashiels, continually crossing the river and several side roads. Fortunately all the river bridges remained in place and just needed refurbishment, however the road crossings required new bridges and in some cases major realignment of the roads.



Just south of Falahill lies the former Heriot station and the first road crossing, the B709 which was originally via a level crossing between the up and down platforms. In the photo above taken on the 3rd September 2014 the remaining down platform can be seen with the station buildings in the trees to the left of the trackbed. Just in front of the platform is a new culvert carrying the track over Shoestanes Burn from the left into Gala Water on the right. Because of the flat crossing the road has been moved a couple of hundred yards south where it could be taken over the railway on a new bridge onto higher ground near Sandyknowe. The new road bridge is seen below (looking south) taken on the 3rd September 2014. From Sanyknowe a minor road leaves the B709 and runs alongside the western side of the railway, occasionally connected across the railway to the A7.



In the photo below taken looking east on the 3rd September 2014, the new road junction with the A7 can be seen, as can the culvert for the Gala Water, between it and the railway.



INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS

Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal (DIRFT):

The third extension to the terminal is currently being built northwest of the existing development alongside the Northampton loop line.



70020 passing DIRFT at 12.45 on the diverted (due to the Landslip at Harbury) southbound Garston - Southampton intermodal, Barby Nortoft, 10th February 2015 (Roger Thomas)

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).

destination (see locatio	ii codes).				
19 th January		24 th January		29 th January (cont)	
10.48 66425 4V38	DV-WG	10.58 60039 6B13	RN-WH	13.58 66529 4Z32	BL-CE
12.00 66021 4E66	MG-RA	18.30 66185 6V06	HD-CT	14.35 70808 4V14	GL-PY
12.22 60079 6E41	WH-LY	21.49 66031 6V29	LC-CT	14.55 70005 4V47	RG-SG
12.44 70003 4V06	RG-SG	22.20 66128 6V02	HL-LL	20.17 66001 6E30	MG-HL
13.40 70808 4C30	AW-GL	25 th January		20.25 66434 4M36	WG-DV
17.12 66109 6V35	BS-AV	11.36 66434 4V38	DV-WG	21.27 66750 6E35	CF-PC
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11.50 60079 6E41	WH-LY	19.00 66621 6V82	TU-WY	09.06 66094 6M96	MG-CY
12.53 66074 6V05	RO-MG	19.06 66714 6V83	PB-MO	11.13 60039 6B13	RN-WH
12.58 66021 6V67	RA-MG	20.00 66018 6E30	MG-HL	11.20 66427 4V38	DV-WG
14.14 37667/218 6M56	BE-CE	21.57 66102 6E93	LL-SC	12.09 66003 6V05	RO-MG
15.57 66086 6V07	RO-MG	26 th January	LL-3C	12.52 66161 6V67	RA-MG
	CY-MG		Howthorno		WY-GL
17.10 66065 6V92	-		Hexthorpe	13.45 70803 0F80	
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10.58 70003 4V09	RG-SG	14.59 66125 6V92	CY-MG	18.11 66016 6V35	BS-AV
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12.00 60054 6B35	WH-RN	17,59 66016 6V35	BS-WY	1 st February	
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20.01 66003 6V55	BD-RN	12.22 60059 6E41	WH-LY	08.48 66188 4V70	TO-PY
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09.09 66733 6V80	WE-PY	15.57 66061 6V07	RO-MG	12.35 DR73907 6J89	SH-RY
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11.51 66430 4V38	DV-WG	66128 6M39	PY-RC	13.15 37612/605 6M56	BE-CE
11.56 66003 4E66	MG-RA	28 th January		13.49 70004 4V47	RG-SG
12.02 66031 6V05	RO-MG	03.43 66001 6M03	RN-BD	14.07 70803 0Z30	GL-WY
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03.34 66756 6V00	PC-CF	09.55 66088 4V70	RC-AV	16.03 66018 6M41	MG-RO
04.15 66050 6M03	RN-BD	10.57 70004 4V09	RG-SG	18.19 66019 6V35	BS-AV
04.40 66152 6M11	MG-RO	13.14 37259/602 6M63	BR-CE	18.33 70801/809 0V75	BS-WY
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16.06 66043 6V07	RO-MG	12.48 66021 6V05	RO-MG	15.59 66065 6M41	MG-TO
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20.50 66181 6E03 AP-MF	19.05 60039 6B47 WH-RN 19.15 66752 6E81 PY-WE	14.59 66200 6V92 CY-MG
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11.47 57002/008 6M56 BE-CE	20.25 66301 4M36 WG-DV	19.08 66126 6E03 AP-MF
12.00 66094 6V05 RO-MG	11 th February	50007 4Z50 WW-GL
15.17 66125 6M39 PY-RC	01.25 56103 6Z36 SN-CT	14 th February
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15.57 66027 6M41 MG-RO	03.08 66728 6V83 PB-CT	18.02 66155 6V06 HD-CT
22.34 37402 3Q64 DT-SW	04.06 66197 6M03 RN-BD	21.51 66150 6V02 HL-LL
23.40 56103 6Z36 SN-CT	04.30 66093 6M11 MG-RO	15 th February
6 th February	08.28 66065 6M81 MG-RO	16.58 66093 6E47 MG-MD
06.52 66181 6V85 MF-AP	08.35 66003 4V83 TO-PY	17.40 66007/085/164/238/091 0Z85
08.05 66014 4V83 TO-PY	09.10 66150 6M96 MG-RO	TO-MG
09.35 66200 4V70 RC-AV	10.48 66305 4V38 DV-WG	18.51 66756 6V83 PB-CT
10.54 70004 4V09 RG-SG	11.02 70010 4V39 RG-SG	16 th February
14.47 70006 4V47 RG-SG	11.12 60039 6B13 RN-WH	07.30 37610/611 6V73 CE-BE
16.47 57305/312 1Z43 PN-CF	11.16 66711 6M25 WE-PY	07.55 66151 6V85 MF-AP
7 th February	11.51 60091 6E41 WH-LY	08.27 66155 6M81 MG-RO
01.38 66204 6M74 CT-LC	12.00 66093 6V05 RO-MG	08.55 66017 4V83 TO-AV
04.20 66135 6D98 CT-HD	14.46 70011 4V47 RG-SG	11.15 66711 6M25 WY-Stud Farm
11.00 60054 6B13 RN-WH	15.04 66132 6V92 CY-MG	11.55 70809 4C30 AW-GL
14.51 70006 4V47 RG-SG	15.15 66003 6M39 PY-RC	12.19 60015 6E41 WH-LY
17.25 66135 6V06 HD-CT	18.10 66164 6V35 BS-AV	12.40 70004 4V06 RG-SG
21.49 66204 6V29 LC-CT	18.53 66075 6E03 AP-MF	13.04 60039 6B13 RN-WH
22.13 66165 6V02 HL-LL	20.01 56103 6Z35 CT-SN	13.47 37610/611 6M56 BE-CE
8 th February	20.11 66305 4M36 WG-DV	15.00 66143 6V92 CY-MG
11.32 66432 4V38 DV-WG	20.32 66197 6V55 BD-RN	15.56 66076 6M41 MG-RO
14.12 66006 6W11 MT-DT	21.25 66053 6V52 WV-MG	15.57 66155 6V07 RO-MG
17.11 66105 6E47 LL-MD	66752 6V80 WE-PY	17 th February
17.54 66432 4M36 WG-DV	12 th February	06.30 66118 6M90 AV-CI
18.57 66523 6V82 TU-WY	04.12 66527 6V25 BS-HY	06.46 66007 6M98 CT-SA
20.04 66115 6E30 MG-HL	04.36 60054 6M11 MG-RO	08.44 66019 6M81 MG-RO
22.15 66752 6V80 WE-PY	06.08 66164 6M90 AV-CI	09.19 66752 6V80 WE-PY
22.33 66008 6E93 LL-SC	06.22 66132 6M59 MG-WV	10.18 66305 4V38 DV-WG
9 TH February	07.25 57002/008 6V73 CE-BE	11.23 66738 6M25 WY-Stud Farm
10.48 66434 4V38 DV-WG	08.27 66093 6M81 MG-RO	11.44 60001 6B13 RN-WH
11.37 66711 6M25 WY-Stud Farm	09.12 66177 4V70 RC-AV	12.03 66165 6V05 RO-MG
11.51 70801 4C30 AW-GL	10.48 66303 4V38 DV-WG	12.06 56103 6Z35 CT-SN
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13.20 70801 0F75 GL-WY	12.21 60091 6E41 WH-LY	20.09 66093 6E30 MG-HL
14.13 37609/218 6M56 BE-CE	12.21 60091 6E41 WH-L1 12.45 60054 6V05 RO-MG	18 th February
14.13 37009/218 0M30 BE-CE 14.58 66050 6V92 CY-MG	12.53 66185 6V37 TO-MO	00.27 66037 6M39 MO-Radlett
16.10 66197 6M41 MG-RO	13.17 57002/088 6M56 BE-CE	03.35 66135 6M03 RN-BD
19.34 66076 6V35 BS-AV	15.08 66232 6V92 CY-MG	08.28 66040 6M81 MG-RO
20.18 66753 6V83 PB-MO	20.12 60054 6E30 MG-HL	10.48 66427 4V38 DV-WG
21.58 56103 6Z35 CT-SN	13 th February	10.59 70010 4V09 RG-SG
22.54 66187 6V81 RM-CT	03.57 66143 6M03 RN-BD	11.13 66711 6M25 WY-Stud Farm
10 th February	04.25 60019 6M11 MG-RO	11.14 60039 6B13 RN-WH
02.41 66757 6V00 PC-CF	08.01 66050 4V38 TO-PY	12.02 60001 6V05 RO-MG
08.30 66150 6M81 MG-RO	08.27 66132 6M81 MG-RO	12.14 31601 0Z31 WW-BT
09.09 66752 6V80 WE-PY	09.09 66093 6M96 MG-CY	12.16 70809 0Z63 GL-Tremains
09.55 66040 4V70 RC-AV	09.30 50007 0Z50 GL-Yeovil	14.20 37402/409 6M63 BR-CE
10.47 66301 4V38 DV-WG	09.52 66177 4V70 RC-AV	15.00 66143 6V92 CY-MG
10.57 70010 4V09 RG-SG	10.48 66434 4V38 DV-WG	15.58 66040 6V07 RO-MG
11.04 60039 6B13 RN-WH	11.00 70010 4V09 RG-SG	18.11 66145 6V35 BS-AV
11.14 66738 6M25 WY-Stud Farm	11.13 60039 6B13 RN-WH	19.00 66752 6E81 PY-WE
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18 th February (cont)	19 th February (cont))	20 th February (cont)		
21.07 66005 6E03	AP-MF	20.07 43013/014 1Z	17 DY-00	19.02 66005 6E03	AP-MF	
19 th February		21.35 56103 6Z36	SN-CT	20.01 60039 6V55	BD-RN	
09.29 66204 6M81	MG-RO	22.29 66115 6V04	KY-CT	21 st February		
09.48 66017 4V70	RC-AV	20 th February		09.24 66095 4V70	RC-AV	
10.49 66434 4V38	DV-WG	03.32 60039 6M03	RN-BD	10.57 60063 6B13	RN-WH	
10.58 70010 4V09	RG-SG	08.28 66025 6M81	MG-RO	15.14 66016 6M39	PY-RC	
11.01 60063 6B13	RN-WH	09.02 66090 6M96	MG-CY	17.01 66035 6V06	HD-CT	
11.15 66711 6M25	WY-Stud Farm	10.58 70010 4V09	RG-SG	22 nd February		
12.19 60017 6E41	WH-LY	11.16 66711 6M25	WY-Stud Farm	12.33 66199 6W04	MT-DT	
12.28 60039 6V05	RO-MG	11.17 60063 6B13	RN-WH	12.50 50017/50007 0Z50	GL-CF	
13.47 70809 0F80	CF-GL	12.01 66115 6V05	RO-MG	13.29 66429 4V38	DV-WG	
14.34 70809 4V13	GL-PY	12.12 43013/014 1Z2	20 OO-DY	15.53 50007/017/56087 02	Z51	
14.44 70004 4V47	RG-SG	12.44 66427 4V38	DV-WG		CF-WW	
15.16 66019 6M39	PY-RC	14.43 70809 4C30	AW-GL	17.12 60063 6E47	MG-MD	
15.57 66204 6V07	RO-MG	14.50 66025 6V07	RO-MG	18.07 66040/016/181/213	0Z85	
17.17 66056 6V92	CY-MG	14.59 66056 6V92	CY-MG		BS-MG	

Location Codes:

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AC	Achnasheen	CT	Cardiff Tidal	HV	Haverfordwest	NA	Nairn	SG	Stoke Gifford
AD	Alexander Dock	CU	Cumbernauld	HW	Heywood Jnct	NE	Neath	SH	Slough
	Jnct	CV	Cliff Vale	HY	Hinksey	NG	Nottingham	SI	Stirling
ΑE	Attercliffe	CW	Cwmbargoed	ΙB	Ironbridge	NH	Newton Heath	SK	Shirebrook
AF	Ashford	CY	Corby	IM	Immingham	NJ	Norton Jnct	SN	Stockton
AH	Ashchurch	DC	Dyce	IS	Inverness	NL	Newtonhill	SO	Southampton
AJ	Awre Junction	DL	Dalmeny	JM	Jersey Marine	NT	Newport	SP	Spetchley
AL	Alston	DM	Dollands Moor	KB	Kittybrewster	NV	Neville Hill	SR	Stourton
AN	Acton	DR	Doncaster	KC	Kirkcaldy	NW	Nantwich	SS	Swansea
AP	Appleford	DS	Dalston	KK	Kilmarnock	OB	Oban	ST	Severn Tun. Jnct
AR	Abercynon	DT	Didcot	KL	Kyle of Lochalsh	ON	Onllwyn	SV	Stevenage
ΑT	Abbotswood Jnct	DU	Dundee	KM	Kemble	00	Old Oak Common	SW	
ΑV	Avonmouth	DV	Daventry	KN	King's Norton		Oxwellmains	SY	Shipley
AW	Aberthaw	DY	Derby	KS	Kingsland Road	OY	Oxley	TD	Tyne Dock
AY	Ayr	EΑ	Earles Sidings	KT	Kennethmont	PA	Paisley	TE	Trostre
BA	Blair Atholl	ED	Edinburgh	KY	Kingsbury	PB	Peterborough	TF	Tremorfa
BD	Bedworth	EE	Elderslie	LA	Laira	PC	Port Clarence	TG	Teigngrace
BE	Berkeley	EΗ	Eastleigh	LB	Ladybank	PF	Peak Forest	TH	Theale
BH	Brierley Hill	EL	Elgin	LC	Lincoln	PG	Pengham	TJ	Tuffley Jnct
BI	Burntisland	EU	Euston	LD	Lydney	PH	Perth	ΤK	Tavistock Jnct
BL	Bristol	ES	Earlseat	LG	Lairg	PL	Polmont	TL	Tilbury
BN	Beeston	ΕV	Evesham	LH	Leith	PM	St Philips Marsh	TN	Taunton
ВО	Bo'ness	EX	Exeter	LI	Linlithgow	PN	Paddington	TO	Toton
BP	Bath	FB	Ferrybridge	LK	Lackenby	PO	Polmadie	TR	Trishington
BR	Bridgwater	FF	Fiddlers Ferry	LL	Llanwern	PR	Preston	TS	Tees Yard
BS	Bescot	FG	Fishguard	LM	Long Marston	PT	Paignton	TU	Tunstead
BT	Barton Hill	FO	Forres	LN	Laurencekirk	PW	Prestwick	ΤY	Tyseley
BU	Burton	FR	Fairwater	LO	Longsight	PY	Portbury	VA	Victoria
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BY	Barry	GE	Georgemas Jnct	LT	Longannet	RC	Ratcliffe	WG	Wentloog
CA	Calvert	GL	Gloucester	LW	Linkswood	RD	Reading	WH	Westerleigh
CB	Coatbridge	GM	Grangemouth	LY	Lindsey	RE	Redmire	WI	Whitemoor
CD	Charfield	GR	Grange Sidings	MC	Machen	RG	Rugeley	WM	Wemyss
CE	Crewe	GS	Gleneagles	MD	Middlesbrough	RI	Riccarton	WP	Worksop
CF	Cardiff	GΥ	Grimsby	ME	Montrose	RM	Rotherham	WR	Warrington
CH	Chaddesden	HA	Hayes	MF	Milford	RN	Robeston	WS	Worcester
CI	Clitheroe	HD	Handsworth	MG	Margam	RO	Round Oak	WV	Wolverhampton
CK	Chirk	HF	Hereford	MH	Millerhill	RR	Rowley Regis	WW	Washwood Heath
CL	Carlisle	НН	Holyhead	ML	Motherwell	RV	Ravenstruther	WY	Westbury
CM	Chalmerston	HL	Hartlepool	MN	Mossend	RY	Rugby	ΥK	York
CN	Carnforth	НО	Halewood	MO	Moreton	SA	Saltley	ΥT	Yate
CP	Chepstow	HR	Harwich	MS	Maesteg	SB	Stourbridge		
CQ	Croft Quarry	HS	Hunslet	MT	Mountsorrel	SC	Scunthorpe		
CR	Cadder	HT	Hastings	MV	Manchester Vic	SD	Standish Jnct		

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)

and farm code, time, origin and decimation (cod location codes)							
16 th January		28 th January		6 th February			
05.45 66429 4H47	MN-IS	05.45 66432 4H47	MN-IS	05.45 66301 4H47	MN-IS		
10.05 66151 6G25	MN-ES	10.05 66111 6G25	MN-ES	13.00 68006 4A13	GM-AB		
13.00 68003 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 68006 4A13	GM-AB	13.30 66080/174 6S36	DS-GM		
17 th January		29 th January		7 th February			
05.45 66305 4H47	MN-IS	05.10 66601 6H51	OX-IS	05.45 66305 4H47	MN-IS		
10.05 66111 6A32	MN-AB	05.45 66432 4H47	MN-IS	10.05 66118 6A32	MN-AB		
11.20 66011 4M30	GM-DV	06.30 66108 6A32	MN-AB	11.20 66232 4M30	GM-DV		
13.00 68003 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 68006 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 68006 4A13	GM-AB		
13.30 66107 6S36	DS-GM	13.30 66137 6S36	DS-GM	13.30 66174 6S36	DS-GM		
18 th January		30 th January		16.00 66601 6K03	MH-Arbroath		
13.00 68003 4A13	GM-AB	05.00 56113 6S96	SF-GM	17.55 66614 6K02	MH-Arbroath		
19 th January		05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS	18.00 66619 6K01	MH-Arbroath		
05.45 66305 4H47	MN-IS	10.05 66138 6G25	MN-ES	19.00 56113 6K04	MH-Arbroath		
08.30 66619 6A65	OX-AB	13.00 68006 4A13	GM-AB	9 th February			
13.00 68003 4A13	GM-AB	31st January		05.45 66305 4H47	MN-IS		
20 th January		05.45 66301 4H47	MN-IS	07.35 66741 0Z73	MN-IS		
05.45 66427 4H47	MN-IS	10.05 66138 6A32	MN-AB	08.30 66605 6A65	OX-AB		
06.55 56105 6R46	GM-PW	13.00 68006 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 68006 4A13	GM-AB		
21 st January		15.59 66619 6K03	MH-Arbroath	10 th February			
05.45 66427 4H47	MN-IS	17.53 66614 6K02	MH-Arbroath	05.10 66614 6H51	OX-IS		
09.00 37611/610 6S99	CL-GE	18.00 66605 6K01	MH-Arbroath	05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS		
10.05 66102 6G25	MN-ES	18.59 56113 6K04	MH-Arbroath	11 th February			
13.00 68003 4A13	GM-AB	2 nd February		05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS		
21.20 56105 6M65	GM-SF	05.45 66434 4H47	MN-IS	08.30 66605 6A65	OX-AB		
22 nd January		08.00 37259/602 6S9	99 CL-GE	09.00 37607/259 6S99	CL-GE		
05.10 66601 6H51	OX-IS	08.30 66605 6A65	OX-AB	10.05 66174 6G25	MN-ES		
05.45 66432 4H47	MN-IS	13.00 68006 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB		
06.30 66113 6A32	MN-AB	3 rd February		13.30 66114/086 6S36	DS-GM		
23 rd January		05.45 66301 4H47	MN-IS	21.00 56113 6M65	GM-SF		
05.45 66432 4H47	MN-IS	06.55 56113 6R46	GM-PW	12 th February			
10.05 66118 6G25	MN-ES	13.00 68006 4A13	GM-AB	05.45 66430 4H47	MN-IS		
24 th January		13.30 66118 6S36	DS-GM	06.30 66114 6A32	MN-AB		
05.45 66432 4H47	MN-IS	4 th February		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB		
11.20 66118 4M30	GM-DV	05.45 66301 4H47	MN-IS	13 th February			
13,30 66108 6S36	DS-GM	10.05 66015 6G25	MN-ES	05.45 66427 4H47	MN-IS		
26 th January		13.00 68006 4A13	GM-AB	10.05 66102 6G25	MN-ES		
05.45 66432 4H47	MN-IS	5 th February		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB		
08.30 66601 6A65	OX-AB	05.45 66301 4H47	MN-IS	14 th February			
13.00 68003 4A13	GM-AB	06.30 66250 6A32	MN-AB	05.45 66430 4H47	MN-IS		
14.20 66060 6D61	RI-GM	13.00 68006 4A13	GM-AB	10.05 66067 6A32	MN-AB		
27 th January		13.30 66156 6S36	DS-GM	13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB		
05.45 66432 4H47	MN-IS			13.30 66086 6S36	DS-GM		
13.30 66108 6S36	DS-GM						

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RAILWAY GLOBETROTTERS

Epic Austrian Borders 2013 - Part 1 by Ray Smith:

To become known as the "Ss" on tour, the Smiths and Seymour trains embarked on a slightly different format. Despite Germany being my favourite European country, this year it was missed out. Austria was to become the main country, going as far west as Salzburg.

In the early 2000s I had a day trip to Ljubljana in Slovenia and spent a short time on the station. I have not been back since so I suggested we crossed the border and spent a day or so there. This idea escalated and the final itinerary became Austria, dipping in and out of Hungary, Slovenia, Czech Republic and Slovakia. To get the most cops we concentrated on the large depots, missing out the smaller stabling points en route. For me, this became a very enjoyable tour.



GySEV 430 333 was renumbered from V43 333. This loco was originally MÁV V43 1130 and was severely damaged. GySEV bought withdrawn MÁV V43 1003 and the two locomotives were rebuilt into this one, Győr station, 6th April 2013



MÁV 431 163 in standard livery, Győr Depot, 6th April 2013



MÁV 478 202 has been renumbered from M47 1202, Győr Depot, 6th April 2013



MÁV 418 308 has been renumbered from M41 2308, Győr Depot, 6th April 2013

Saturday April 6th 2013:

I had hired a car to be picked up at Vienna airport. There are no direct flights from Newcastle so I had to change in Amsterdam. Here I met John Smith (other half of the 2012 Smiths on tour). We had time to go down onto the station before our flight to Vienna. In the short time there I managed 8 cops! On arrival in Vienna we found the location of our car and waited for Derek (Seymour trains) to arrive. No time was wasted and it was a drive straight into Hungary. A quick look into Hegyeshalom. All the stored locomotives that had been there for years had finally gone. On to Gyor, our overnight stop. We

booked into our hotel, the cost very reasonable. It was room only. Asked if we wanted breakfast as it would be an extra 300 Florints, we all agreed. In sterling it was less than £1.00!



looking worse for wear and carrying its full UIC number, B shunter, 288 107 has been renumbered from M28 1007, Győr Depot, 6th April 2013



a class on its way out but still managing to get renumbered is 448 076, ex M44 076, Győr Depot, 6th April 2013

Until this year it was possible to buy a shed permit for Hungary which was valid for one year but now the 'safety elf' has stopped this and individual permits for the day and time have to be applied for with proof of railway safety course certificates produced. Bearing this in mind we spent the early evening on Gyor station before asking at the depot for permission to get round which was granted!

right 480 015, he new class 480s were built with these numbers and never carried an old number Győr, 6th April 2013



Hungary has been renumbering their locomotives and this all added interest to the visit.



diesel railcar once simply known as Bzmot 267 now carries its new identity, 54 29 267 Győr, 6th April 2013



431 282 and 431 279, Celldőmőlk Depot, 7th April 2013



even my favourite class M62s, widespread across eastern Europe, have been renumbered. 628 308 (M62 308) heads 628 313 and 628 309 Celldőmőlk Depot, 7th April 2013

Sunday April 7th 2013:

After another quick look at Gyor depot we continued to Celldőmőlk. Permission granted. A good selection of locomotives and railcars. The depot is adjacent to the station where two steam locomotives are plinthed. Szombathely was next. Our last shed in Hungary. Once again we were allowed round. Plenty to see.



not yet renumbered, M28 1013, Celldőmőlk Depot, 7th April 2013



clearly numbered 478 333 in sequence should have been ex M47 1333, however, as the M47s only went up to M47 1328 I am not sure what this was, Celldõmõlk Depot, 7th April 2013







GySEV diesel unit 247 508 is about to depart Szombathely, 7th April 2013



M41 2102 still with its original number at a small works at the other end of the yard from Szombathely Depot, 7th April 2013



Ex M62 301 now 628 301, Szombathely Depot, 7th April 2013



408 203 ex M40 203, Szombathely Depot, 7th April 2013

photos by Ray Smith (to be cont)

LIGHT RAIL & METRO NEWS

Metrolink: the following information is kindly provided by Geoff Hope.

In the period between November 10th 2014 & January 4th 2015 just under 3000 fines were issued at key hot spots mainly in the city centre. The number of offenders included 390 warnings to youth fare dodgers for their first offence. From December 8th 2014 to January 4th 2015 an increase of 50,000 tickets were checked compared to the previous month.

Since November 25th 2014 more than 12 cars have finished up on the tram tracks, half of which were on the Airport line. To try to curtail the number of cars straying on to tram tracks an alternative sign has been proposed. It will be a standard 'No Entry' sign with a plate stating 'Except Trams' similar to the sign showing 'Except Buses' which is nationally recognised.

After twelve months closure the Victoria tram stop reopened to through services on the 21st February. The Bury and Rochdale services stopping at one of the two island platforms, the second island platform is still being constructed and not expected to open until the Second City Crossing (SCC) is completed. The Bury - Abraham Moss shuttle has ceased and replaced by a Bury - Ethiad Campus service. This is the first time in 12 months that a through service has connected Victoria / Piccadilly with the Bury - Altrincham service giving a six minute interval service to Manchester. The Ashton - Eccles service will continue to operate as present, prior to the Victoria closure the Ashton service ran to Bury.

During the last few days of closure of Victoria the single line to Shudehill was doubled. The track layout changed outside Victoria to accommodate the spur to Exchange Square, being part of the SCC. The first stage of the refurbishment of Market Street stop started by removing the bus style shelters, removing destination indicators, resetting platform edges and tarmacing the surface of the platform.

The second stage of the refurbishment in spring will be erecting a larger type shelter or possibly a canopy similar to the Piccadilly Gardens stop to give better protection to passengers, with a new improved York stone paving to give a similar finish as the Deansgate - Castlefield stop. During the two stages of the refurbishment of the stop there will be no protection from the weather.

Nine trams have been fitted out with ice breaker pantographs based at two Depots as follows: 3004/005/051/055 - Queens Road Depot 3014/016/017/021/032 - Old Trafford Depot

3013 returned to public service in early February after nearly 2 years following a collision on the Eccles line, having first been cannibalised for spares before being rebuilt (see photo right taken on the 23rd February 2015).

3087 has already been repaired after accident damage in December 2014 on the Airport line and was seen in service on the 6th February.

3094 delivered to Queens Road Depot on the 17th January was seen in service on the Airport line on the 31st January.

3095 was delivered to Queens Road Depot on the 21st February.



Observations –25th February 2015 Cornbrook (12.30-14.00):

3001/003/006/008/010/021/037/044/045/054/058/061-064/066/068/069/071-076/078-080/083-88/090-092/094

Not in service: 3029/060.

Double trams on Bury-Altrincham service:

3002+3031, 3007+3019, 3012+3036, 3016+3041, 3017+3040, 3022+3056, 3024+3043, 3026+3042, 3034+3055, 3048+3059.

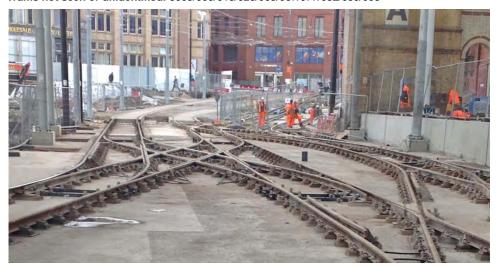
Double trams on Rochdale-East Didsbury service:

3004+3011, 3015+3039, 3020+3053, 3023+3033, 3030+3032, 3038+3057, 3070+3081,

Piccadilly Gardens - Victoria, Bury - Ethiad Campus service: 3018/025/027/035/050-052.

Queens Road Depot (15.20-15.25): 1003/027/028, 3014/046/047/049 + 4 unidentified trams.

Trams not seen or unidentified: 3005/009/013/028/065/067/077/082/089/093



above replacement track with new spur to Exchange Square on the right Manchester Victoria, 23rd February 2015 (Geoff Hope)

Mike Rumens had a day trip on the 12th February 2015 to see the Manchester trams:

Piccadilly - Old Trafford Depot: 2001, 3035/3064/3090

Old Trafford - Cornbrook (12.50-14.10)

Queens Road Depot: 1003, 3023/024/055 and wks 1027/028

Piccadilly: 3001-003/006/008-016/018-022/025-033/036-049/052/054/056-059/061/062/066/067/069-071/073-076/078-080/082-089/091/092/094 Total seen during the day was 72

London Underground:

The first District Line 'D' stock has been withdrawn from service and delivered to Long Marston for eventual conversion as a trail DMU by Vivarail. The cars involved are 7058 + 17058 + 8058 and 7510 + 17510 + 7511.

Midland Metro:

During the first week in February the Midland Metro depot at Wednesbury was officially opened after completion of the expansion plan costing £13.8 million. Completed in 2013 the first part was the construction of a testing and commissioning shed plus additional trackwork and overhead electrification providing room to stable 24 trams. The second part saw an extension of the existing maintenance shed by 42 metres with new offices and storage space. Upgrading has been made to some electrical substations and a new substation has been built at West Bromwich.

On 23rd January Urbo 3 No.34 was the latest new tram to arrive, leaving just Nos.35 & 36 to be delivered to complete the fleet.

Due to unforeseen engineering problems the line between The Royal and Wolverhampton remains closed. The work to renew the track should be completed in March thus taking about 6 months instead of the predicted 12 weeks.

FREIGHT MATTERS

To allow members to keep their copy **UK Wagons** as up to date as possible, changes are provided via this spot every month. Please let Trevor Roots know if you have any amendments or wish pass on any other helpful wagon information, contact details on page 2.

UK Wagons 2015 has been released. It has been totally updated and overhauled to include new stock and reflect the numerous scrapings with hundreds of additions and deletions. As mentioned last month there have been so many changes it was impossible to list them to update the 2014 book...best just buy the new book !!!

Out of Store: Thanks to Mike Rumens for reporting the following wagons out and about: 13710, 500004/17/28/32-34/40/60, 550043, 81.70.4908.089-5/123-2 – not shown in 2015 book.

Converted: IFA Twin Bogie Container Flat to Car Carrier 33.87.4908.604-1/612-4/625-6/632-2 - all included in the 2015 book.



above 33.87.4908.632-2 Eastleigh Works 24th February 2015 (Carl Watson)

Preserved: HAA 354966 has been preserved by a private individual and has been moved to Barrow Hill Roundhouse with 355798 reported last month which was bought by the MGR Wagon Preservation Appeal.

FREIGHT NEWS

HOA 320054 is the first to receive a livery of DBS red as has **JGA** 19232.

DRS trialled Cl.68s in place of DBS Cl.92s on the southern Daventry – Mossend section of the Tesco intermodal flow to Inverness on the 6th February 2015 when 68007 + 68004 were used.

A new container terminal, the Doncaster iPort has gained planning permission and is to be built at Rossington, south of Doncaster alongside the ECML near the M180.



above hauled by 66754, JGA 17323 in blue livery (note former livery on 17324 to the right Tonbridge, 13.30 19th February 23015 (Colin James)

OTP News:

SWTs MPV DR 98914 + DR 98964 has been named *'Dick Preston'* at Eastleigh Works on the 27th February The photos below were taken on the 27th February (top) and the 1st March (bottom). It also had its cabs re-liveried in orange (included in 2015 book). There are nameplates on all four cabsides.





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**. Where possible photos of new nameplates will be included as and when a suitable photo is sourced from members.

Misc. News:

The 5 car Desiro EMUs on order (due 2017-18) for SWT are to designated Cl.707

321411-417 are to transfer north from LMT to ScotRail later in 2015.

Cl.92s allocated to the Caledonian Sleeper services are 92014/018/023/033 in pool GBSL. A further three, 92010/032/044 are allocated to pool GBST for both Sleeper and Channel Tunnel freight.

90034 stripped of its DRS decals has been hired to Abellio Greater Anglia (AGA).

317709 & 317719 are back in service with AGA after a period of storage.

89001 is to be restored to working order from the profits gained from the Electric Traction Ltd (ETL) hire contract (see **FRANCHISE NEWS**)...

New:

EMUS: (* on test)

387123* 387124* 387125* 387126*

Re-formed & Re-Numbered:

EMUs: (Cl.378 & 458 lengthened to 5 cars) 8020 to 455820 includes 74401 from 460001

Transferred: (* yet to happen)

Locos:

01529 HE to WEN

27066 DFR to BH 86401 WN to LR

37175/37219 RU to BH 2-6-2T 4588 DVR to TM 0-6-2T 5619 n/k to FMW 2-8-0 8274 GWR to GCN

Names:

New:

08644 Laira Diesel Depot 50 Years

1962 - 2012

81025 The Countess of York

DR 98914 Dick Preston
DR 98964 Dick Preston

De-named:

66002 Lafarge Quorn

90043 Freightliner Coatbridge

81025 Valiant

NEW STOCK



first working photo of 68001 other than a distant shot on Carlisle Kingmoor Depot in December 2014 issue, Aldridge, 18th February (Ken Bull)



to further complete illustrating the 10 x 350/3s now in regular service with London Midland Trains, here is a view of another of the remaining 7 not previously shown (350371 appeared in the July 2014 issue & 350370/375/376 in the February 2015 issue)

left 350368 Nuneaton 8th January 2015 (James Holloway)

re-built 73961 (73209) + 73962 (73204)

Tonbridge West Yard right 28th February 2015 (David Doulton)

below 19th February 2015 (Colin James)







four further GBRf Cl.66/7s (still 66760/61/67/68/ 70/71/72 to illustrate)

left & below 66764 & 66754 Tonbridge, 19th February 2015 (Colin James)

below 66769 Whittlesey, 17th February 2015 (Colin Pottle)

bottom 66763 Eastleigh, 14.15 8th February 2015 (Norman Smith)





LIVERIES

This section will endeavour to show all new liveries / variations or those existing ones where not carried on the stock before. Liveries that become 'extinct' will also be covered. As with names, it may take a while after the livery application before a photo is sourced from members.



remarkably apart from the dirty RHTT view at Tonbridge in the December 2014 issue, we have never featured 66720 in its rainbow livery (*I've not seen it yet either*) and fortunately have photos of both sides both taken at Eastleigh, above 22nd February 2015 (Norman Smith) below 21st February 2015 (Andrew Buckley)





390002 (69202) with another Virgin promotional livery, Nuneaton 11th February 2015 (Mike Rumens)







above 90034 with of DRS branding replaced by DBS sticker, Stratford, 11th February 2015 (Derek Everson)

left
91124 the first in
the striking new
VTEC livery,
King's Cross
11.00 to Edinburgh,
2nd March 2015
(Michael Hayman)

ICRS SALES

We have now published 10 books since 2009, 7 of which are in print and available or due for imminent release (see below). The latest to be released is **UKRS04 UK Name Directory**.

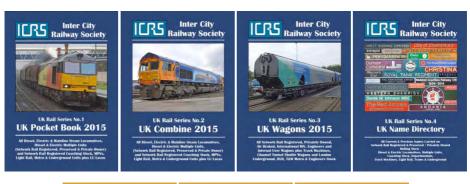
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Carl Watson, ICRS Publications, 14, Partridge Gardens, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO8 9XG

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





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		Non				
Titles:			updated to	Member	Member	
New:						
UKRS01	UK Pocket Book 2015	IN STOCK	(1 st Jan15)	£7.50	£10.50	
UKRS02A	UK Combine 2015	IN STOCK	(1 st Jan15)	£12.00	£16.50	
UKRS03	UK Wagons 2015	IN STOCK	(23 rd Feb15)	£9.50	£13.50	
UKRS04	UK Name Directory	IN STOCK	(1 st Dec14)	£10.50	£14.50	
Others:						
UKRS09	Irish Railways 2014		(1 st Apr14)	£6.50	£8.99	
UKRS10	Ultimate Sighting File Vol.1	 Mainline Diesel Locos 	(27 th Sep13)	£10.00	£13.99	
UKRS11	Ultimate Sighting File Vol.2					
		Prototype Locos	(27 th Sep13)	£8.00	£10.99	
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TRACKS A5	£7.50	£9.99				
TRACKS A5	£7.50	£9.99				
	Shirts SMALL / MEDIUM / LAF		,	£18.00	£25.00	