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Front Cover Photo:

59004 'Paul A Hammond' the last to carry Foster Yeoman livery has been re-liveried in standard Aggregates Industries livery and along with 59001/002/ & 005 now carries photo montage vinyls on each cabside celebrating the 30th anniversary of Cl.59s arriving in the UK, Eastleigh Works, 16th February 2016 (Carl Watson).

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Editor's Comments:

With the major storm season appearing to be over, the good news is that Lamington Viaduct has been repaired allowing the WCML to be fully re-opened on the 22nd February. Work will continue to provide further protection during which a 20mph restriction is in place. The bad news however is that early in February the Settle & Carlisle line was closed completely north of Appleby by continued landslips at Eden Brows, Armathwaite. It is likely to be closed until July. Further south, the Folkestone – Dover line is to be closed for the remainder of 2016 whilst the seawall is repaired.

Crossrail is to be officially branded the Elizabeth Line. I can see it'll be nicknamed the 'Lizzie'!!

The last Cl.66s to be built for the UK, 66773-779 arrived on the 13th February in Newport Docks with the last 66779 under wraps as it is carrying a special livery to be unveiled in May but widely rumoured to be green and named *'Evening Star'*. See photos elsewhere.

January 1986 saw the first of the Cl.59s enter service in the UK for Foster Yeoman so it is fitting that the 30th anniversary is celebrated on the front cover.

Developments in the ongoing saga at WCR have seen it banned by the ORR from operating any trains on the network from the 18th February 2016.

Following up on the photo of the incorrectly identified Cl.40 in the December 2015 issue, it appears it is 40126, the Great Train Robbery loco. Thanks to John Miles for the info.

This issue sees another record with 212 photos...and not a single one from yours truly, haven't been near a real railway in months. Thank you to those who have started to send in photos of accident damaged and withdrawn stock, please keep them coming. This has enabled me to start the first articles in two new occasional series.

Errata – February 2016: The location of 66761 on p15 should be Nuneaton.

Publication News:

The **UK Combine 2016** is now out, updated to the 21st January 2016. **UK Pocket Book 2016** is being updated to the 1st March 2016 so will be not be out until the end of

March and UK Wagons 2016 is currently being proof read in preparation for release in early April.

Membership Matters:

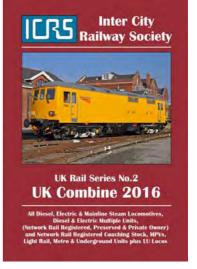
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Obituary: Sadly we have lost Chris Hargreaves from Crewe and Simon Wilkes from West Bromwich. Our condolences go to their families.

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Cheque or Postal Order: Please make payable to ICRS and return your remittance with the form to: Colin Pottle (Membership Secretary) ICRS Membership Renewal, 166 Midland Road, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 1NG

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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. With this member benefit comes responsibility, please do not share **TRACKS** with non-members unless you are attempting to get them to join.

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 2016 issue is Friday 25th March 2016 with delivery to members after Wednesday 6th April 2016 please check the TRACKS page on the website for date of posting from the printers

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Magazine Contributors: (* new this month) Thanks to Chris Addoo, Lewis Allin*, David Berg, John Brace, Peter Britcliffe, Andrew Buckley, Mike Brook, Alan Brooks, Paul Clifton, Bob Eastwood, Harold Cooper, Peter Davis, Dennis Dey, Russell Edwards*, Martin Evans, Derek Everson, Jeremy Frost*, Iain Gardiner, Michael Hayman, James Holloway, Geoff Hope, Nigel Hoskins, Colin James, Nigel Matthews, Ian McAlpine, John Miles, Stuart Moore, Keith Partlow, Malcolm Patrick, Gareth Patterson, Colin Pidgeon, Colin Pottle, Alex Raybould, Mike Rumens, Matt Ryder* David Scott*, Norman Smith, Ray Smith, Derek Sneddon, Graham Stockton, Colin Tarrant, Roger Thomas, Andrew Turnidge, Malcolm Wallace, Albert Ward, David Williams, Carl Watson & Trevor Roots. We are sorry if anyone has been missed. Photos not credited in the caption or within the article are by Trevor Roots.

Website / Social Media:

The new re-designed website was launched on the 17th May 2014 allowing access to previous issues of **TRACKS** from Dec 2006 to date with new pages added listing articles appearing in these issues. However the last 12 months issues (on a rolling basis) are only available to members as pdfs on request from the Editor (see **TRACKS Magazine** above). If you have any queries or suggestions please email Trevor Roots at **website@ntercityrailwaysociety.org**

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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 groups.yahoo.com/group/intercityrailwaysociety/ or email Steve Revill at intercityrailwaysociety/ or email Steve Revill at intercityrailwaysociety-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

EVENTS

AGM

AGM, Shildon, Saturday 9th April 2016

The AGM is on Saturday 9th April at Locomotion, Shildon. The AGM will start at 11.00 (though this may be slightly varied depending on how many are to arrive by train) and go through to 13.00. Buffet lunch will follow for those that attend. This will be followed by a guided tour. There is direct rail access from

Shildon Station into Locomotion but requires a short 10 min walk. The services to and from Shildon to Darlington and access to the ECML are as follows:

Darlington dep 08.52 10.54 Shildon dep 13.30 15.30 16.28 18.10 Shildon arr 09.11 11.13 Darlington arr 13.51 15.51 16.50 18.31

Please contact Louise Watson stating whether you will be attending the AGM (including buffet lunch) and whether you will be travelling by train.

MEMBER ONLY VISITS

Eastleigh Works, Saturday 4th June 2016:

Following our previous three successful visits in 2013, 2014 and 2015 we have organised another Members Only visit to Eastleigh Works on the 4th June which is expected to start at 13.00. There will be a 100 tickets It will however be necessary to make a charge of £20 to cover the normal visit fee (which Arlington donate to charity) and organising stewards, but for that you will get access to all areas for about 3 hours, cab rides and there will be that hog roast again. The cost of food is subsidised by the Society. Please reserve your place by sending an A5 SAE (normal second class stamp will suffice) with a cheque / PO (made payable to ICRS) to Louise Watson (Events Coordinator). Please provide either an email or tel. contact to receive confirmation of your application. Tickets will be posted out at the end of May.

OPEN DAYS

Bristol St. Philips Marsh Open Day, Monday 2nd May 2016:

Open: 10.30 - 16:30, last entry: 15:00. Tickets are only available online via the link below, note there is limited availability for each type:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-philips-marsh-open-day-gwr-celebrates-40-years-of-the-high-speed-train-tickets-21307480247?aff=ebrowse

Adults: £13.99, Children: (3-17) £8.36, (under 3) FREE, Family: (2 adults + 2 children) £31.91 with an additional child £6.31



However a limited number of tickets will be available on the day but purchased with **cash** only.

Celebrating 40 years since the High Speed Train first entered service. On display will be a unique collection of locomotives, both diesel and steam coming from all over the country as well as rolling stock from the GWR fleet. Some areas will remain closed to the public.

Public Transport: There will be a free shuttle bus service running from Bristol Temple Meads to the event every 15 minutes, look out for the special signs on exiting the station.

Please note one of the buses will be fully accessible for wheelchairs users and those with limited mobility. Local bus services (Bank Holiday timetables) from Bristol Bus Station and Bristol City Centre include services 1, 2, 39 and 376.

Parking: There is NO vehicle parking on the event site. Parking is available at Avonmeads Retail Park, Avon Street, Bristol BS2 0SP, which is a short distance from the depot. Stewards will be in

attendance to offer guidance and support if necessary.

All of the proceeds of the event will be donated to a local charity, Springboard Opportunity Group (1025787), supporting children under 5 with additional needs and disabilities and their families in North Somerset.



DRS Crewe Open Day, Saturday 23rd July 2016:

Advance notice of this years event. Tickets will be on sale through the DRS website http://www.directrailservices.com though you can buy them on the day at the gate. We will be there with our sales stand.

Longsight Traincare Centre, 2017 (TBC):

It may be a long way off but Longsight Traincare Centre will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary in 2017. Provisionally planned for the weekend 14-16th July. Details TBC.

PRESERVATION GALAS

Swanage Railway Diesel Gala, 6-9th May 2016:

We will be there with our sales stand for the four days.

SIGNAL BOX SURVEY

Signalling Upgrades: As highlighted in the last issue another section of semaphore signalling will be swept away this summer as the Learnington Spa to Banbury and Bicester North lines are closed for upgrading between 30th July and the 8th August. This will include removal of what maybe the newest semaphores erected in 2010 at the south end of Banbury station.

Swindon Panel Signal Box was de-commissioned on the 20th February 2016 with all trains now remotely signalled, the first time since the 1860s. The panel has been preserved and will be moved to the Didcot Railway Centre for public display.

Semaphore signal EL5 comprising eastbound home and shunt (Elgin Yard) arms on Platform 1 Elgin is to be replaced on 6th March 2016 to facilitate a new footbridge. It is to be replaced with a single LED colour signal for the main line. The former shunt signal is to be moved into the Yard.

Crewe – Shrewsbury Re-signalling: This line was re-signalled in Oct 2013 with operation switched to the ROC in Cardiff, resulting in the final closure of seven signal boxes. Whilst other boxes will appear in a later article here is the first, Nantwich Station the last and only survivor, which has a

happy ending as the box was saved to be used as a training facility being removed on the 31st January 2016 to the Railway Exchange Training Academy (RETA), Crewe. Located on the north side of the line, it controlled Wellington Road level crossing west of Nantwich station. Built in the 1940s it was formerly located at Aston Park, Wem.

right Nantwich signal box, 19th December 2013 (Roger Thomas)

I have photos of Whitchurch, Prees, Wem and Harlescott all of which have been demolished. If anyone has photos of other boxes on the line eg Wrenbury and Shrewsbury Crewe Bank, or older ones then please contact the Editor.



MEET THE OFFICIALS

With the addition of new blood onto the Committee this is the third in a series introducing the ICRS officials to members. Though many members will have seen various officials at either AGMs or visits / sales stands you may not be aware of their lives beyond ICRS. Hopefully this will add to your membership experience and help you appreciate the volunteering work done on your behalf.

Peter Britcliffe - Treasurer:

I was born in 1949, which makes me above the average age of our membership, and lived at Knutsford, close to the Manchester Central to Chester Northgate line. Stanier 8F 2-8-0s pulled limestone trains past our house to the ICI works at Northwich. Summer Saturdays were spent at

Hartford, on the west coast line north of Crewe, where Stanier Pacifics went to and from Scotland. 46256 'Sir William A Stanier FRS', was the only Coronation class loco I failed to see.

1968 saw me move to the north-east as a student and I've lived here ever since. I've been married for 39 years and have 2 children and one granddaughter. I worked as a teacher for 34 years and retired in August 2005.

When my son started showing an interest in railways in the late 1980s I got the bug again. He soon moved on to other things but my passion has continued and with frequent holidays in France it now includes that country too.

I've been a member of ICRS since the late 1980s. I can't remember the exact year but it was in the days of depot visits, and I travelled with the North East branch on



several occasions. ICRS record keeping was not as thorough then as it is now. Having previously held the job of **TRACKS** distribution manager, a job thankfully now undertaken by our printers, in 2012 I took on the job of Honorary Treasurer.

Family, railways and visiting France aside, my main interests are Hartlepool United and real ales and with the increasing number of real ale pubs on railway stations it is possible to combine them. Unfortunately the downside often means drowning ones sorrows after another away defeat while waiting for the train home.

INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS

Glasgow Queen Street Tunnel Closure: Knightswood South Junction north of Anniesland station has been completed to allow trains to access Glasgow Queen Street Low Level via Kelvindale whilst the Queen Street tunnel is closed in preparation for electrification with the replacement of a mile of concrete slab track dating from the 1970s. The tunnel will be closed from the 20th March until the 8th August requiring all trains to be diverted to either Glasgow Queen St LL or Glasgow Central stations.

Misc News: The proposed Forth Bridge Experience has been put on hold due to funding issues following the change in the way Network Rail is governed. Additional plans to provide visitor centres and a bridge walkway are being re-evaluated.

The Gospel Oak - Barking is to close from October 2016 to February 2017 with weekend closures starting in June to facilitate electrification.

The Scottish Government and Transport for Scotland seriously underestimated the usage of the Borders Railway with 500,000 passengers travelling in the first 5 months which is already about 87% of the projected annual total. With big events, Easter and summer yet to come the annual total will be well exceeded. The biggest issue is that the pessimistic forecast cut back the double track from 16 miles to $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles which is seriously affecting punctuality and capacity. Good news is that it lends credence to further extending the line.

PRESERVATION NEWS

Severn Valley Railway (SVR) by **Lewis Allin:**On the 30th January Cl.35 Hymek D7029 was the first loco to enter the new diesel depot at Kidderminster. The Hymek was pushed into the shed by Cl.08 D3022. Engines that require repair will use this stunning shed. The photos were taken with permission of the Diesel Traction Group.





Wensleydale Railway (WEN):

Fort Bridge which used to span the A1 near Catterick Racecourse has been dismantled and delivered to WEN for re-use at Redmire to allow further expansion of the line westwards over Apedale Beck.

Ivatt Diesel Re-creation Society:

This group set up to build a replica of LMS twin 10000 with the chassis from 58022, recently bought from DBS, and has found a new base at Rowsley, Peak Rail.

EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT

by Norman Smith & Carl Watson (photos)

for the period up to 29th February 2016

Misc News: Two more tracks are being laid in Bay 1 to link the new paint booths to the rest of the bay (see photo below taken on the 24th).



66738 brought in 66749 for a re-paint into new GBRf livery on the 5th, and then left to stable up at Eastleigh Station.

37603 and DVT 9701 were on, and off, site with a Network Rail Test Train from the 10th to the 13th.

66708 in its new GBRf livery left the Works for Newport Docks on the 12th (see photo right taken on the 10th).

66748 came on site to collect 73213 and take the ED to Tonbridge West Yard on the 16th.

66747 + 66770 brought in 59003 for

repairs from Tonbridge West Yard on the 22nd. The 66's then moved to Eastleigh East Yard to work the RailVac Train.

59004 left in its new Aggregates livery for Merehead on the 16th. The original Foster Yeoman livery still

carried by 59004, the last of the Cl.59s to carry it, has now been consigned to history.

59001, 59002, 59004 & 59005 now carry 30th Anniversary and CLASS 59 vinyls, both mimicking cast plates.

right a closer look at the photo montage vinyl, as applied to alternate cabsides, made up of employee / company photos (see front cover)



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Coaches:

Coach Trips in/out during February were: 3/2 66422 took out 281, GWEN and 6313.

Units:

Siemens Units receiving modifications were: 444005/041, 450548/559

OTP: DR 73114 arrived 2/2 for servicing and departed the same day (see photo right).



08696 in BR blue livery left by road to Wembley Yard on the 26th (see photo right).

66747 arrived for re-painting on the 29th leaving 66748 as the only remaining ex-Dutch in grey. Colas locos on and off site during the month were: 66847, 70802/70806/70808/70810.

Wagons:

Wagon Trips in/out during February were:

2/2 FL out 97723/751/761 DBS in 87.4375.010-7

DBS out 80.2398.601-7, 84.4667.194-3,

87.4375.016-4

4/2 FL in 607005/044, 608304/346 FL out 93414, 97760

9/2 DBS in 70.2795.310-3, 80.4647.012-0, 87.4375.022-2 DBS out 87.437.5038-8

10/2 66431 brought in 92723

11/2 FL in 97709/742/750 FL out 92642, 93319

16/2 DBS in 874908625-6 DBS out 70.2795.310-3, 80.4647.012-0, 87.4375.001-6

18/2 FL in 92632, 93396/428/482

FL out 93349, 97709/742/750, 607026/058, 608170/281/415/416/554/555

23/2 DBS in 80.2398.646-2, 80.4647.017-9, 87.4384.006-4/014-8 DBS out 87.4908.625-6 25/2 FL in 92627, 93302/318/369/440, 97721/735/736/756 FL out 93396/428



TRAFFIC & TRACTION NEWS

February 2

66221 was seen passing Horley at 13.50 on 10.31 7Y36 Cliffe Brett Marine - Crawley Foster Yeoman running 12 minutes late (photo below by John Brace).



20107 + 20314 t&t barrier tanks + 20096 + 20118 were seen at Derby at 10.30 (see photo at end). Two GWR special liveried HST power cars 43146 and 43012 were seen passing each other at Swindon at 09.40.

66514 passed Ipswich at 14.23 running 55 minutes late on 12.50 Parkeston - Whitemoor comprising 10 Autoballasters (photo below by Keith Partlow).



37609 + 37069 were seen passing Spittal to the south of Berwick-upon-Tweed at 11.26 on 6Z44 diverted Carlisle Kingmoor - Seaton British Energy flasks (see photo at end).

66722 was seen passing Banbury 70 Minutes early at 15.21 working 6V16 11.24 Cliffe Hill Stud Farm GBRf - Hinksey Sidings (photo below by Jeremy Frost).



68015 was seen at London Marylebone at 09.57 on 1R21 10.10 London Marylebone - Birmingham Moor St (photo below by Jeremy Frost).



73967 + 73968 + 92033 were seen heading north through Easington at 16.03 on the Durham Coast line on 0Z80 Doncaster Royal Mail terminal – Polmadie (photo below by David Scott).



February 3

37606 t&t 37608 plus one NR test coach passed Sytch Lane on Tyseley - Crewe CS at 14.22 (see photo at end).

57305 + 37422 was seen heading up Belstead Bank, Ipswich at 11.07 on 0Z57 10.04 Norwich Crown Point - Willesden Brent (photo below by Keith Partlow).



59002 passed Stratford at 11.12 on Dagenham Dock - Acton TC (photo below by David Berg).



DR 73943 a Balfour Beatty Tamper passed Stratford at 11.58 with Hither Green PAD – Colchester (photo below by David Berg).



66415 (still in unbranded DRS blue) was seen passing Walsall at 12.53 on the 12.42 Bescot – Washwood Heath light engine move (photo below by David Williams).



February 4

37116 was seen at Swindon at 13.52 on 4B20 Barry - Barry via Swindon (see **LIVERIES**).

70005 was seen at Swindon at 11.30 on 4O70 Wentloog - Southampton MCT (photo below by Colin Pidgeon).



New DRS 68018 + 68019 were seen at Crewe at 13.00 working from DRS Carlisle Kingmoor to Longport (see **NEW STOCK**).

February 5

59102 was seen at Chelmsford at 11.01 on 6V12 10.54 Chelmsford Reception Road – Acton Yard empty stone (photo below by Colin James).



57305 + 37422 were seen at Chelmsford at 11.01 on 0Z05 10.47 Witham Up Loop – Willesden Brent (DRS) yard light engine move waiting for 59102 to clear the section in front. The original move on Wednesday 3rd February, 0Z57 Norwich Crown Point - Willesden Brent move had been stopped at Witham due to traction motor issues with 57305, this limited the onward speed to 50 mph after technical inspection on the Thursday had confirmed a traction motor fault on No.2 bogie (photo below by Colin James).



66602 passed Walsall at 14.06 on Hope (Earles Sidings) - Walsall Freight Terminal (photo opposite top by Peter Davis).



February 8

66543 was seen passing Swindon on 4O24 Bristol Freightliners - London Gateway at 12.46 (photo below by Colin Pidgeon).



37603 + 9523 + 999605 + DBSO 9701 were seen approaching Wellingborough at 12.19 on 3Z03 Derby RTC - Hither Green test train (photo below by Colin Pottle).



February 10

66585 was seen passing Swindon at 11.53 on 4M18 Fairwater Yard - Washwood Heath (photo below by Colin Pidgeon).



66848 was seen approaching Wellingborough at 10.13 on 0Z66 Toton – Bedford (photo below by Colin Pottle).



66747 was seen passing Swindon at 13.10 on 6M40 Westbury - Stud Farm Cleeve Hill with an unidentified HST on the left and DR 76905 (GWML Electrification Train) on the right (see photo at end).

08888 a new resident at Hoo Junction was seen working at 13.18 (photo below by David Berg).



February 11

67014 + 67012 passed Sytch Lane at 14.21 on Crewe TDM – Wembley (photo below by Roger Thomas).



37609 + 37069 passed Longbridge at 13.01 3 hours early on Berkeley - Crewe (photo below by David Williams).



31452 passed Tamworth High Level at 09.35 with a Derby - Eastleigh East Yard light engine move (photo below by Peter Davis).



Thunderbirds 57308 + 57311 were seen stabled at Crewe at 12.40 (photo below by Martin Evans).



66019 passed through Stafford in bright sunshine at 14.56 on Dowlow - Theale (Hope Cement) service (photo below by Martin Evans).



37608 t&t 37601 passed Stafford on a Derby - Derby test train at 14.59 (photo below by Martin Evans).



59003 passed through Tamworth Low Level at 13.34 with Longton FD - Tonbridge West Yard (photo below by Peter Davis).



37607 + 37767 were seen passing Dawlish 25 minutes early at 15.35 on 0Z41 Crewe Gresty Bridge DRS - Devonport Royal Dockyard (see photo at end).

February 12

68017 passed Lichfield Trent Valley Junction signal box at 15.54 on Mountsorrel Sidings - Crewe Basford Hall SSN (photo below by Peter Davis).



Stoneblower DR 80211 was seen passing Swindon at 11.13 en route from Bristol Kingsland Road - Ashford Crane Depot (photo opposite top by Colin Pidgeon).



66849 + 66850 were seen heading for the Up Goods Loop, Bescot at 15.23 (see photo below by David Williams).



66566 + 66502 passed Eastleigh at 09.53 on 4M28 09.32 Southampton MCT - Ditton/Crewe Basford Hall (photo below by Malcolm Wallace).



455870 + 455732 were seen at Eastleigh at 11.30 on special 5Z46 10.12 Bournemouth TRSMD - Eastleigh TRSMD (photo below by Malcolm Wallace).



66103 passed Eastleigh at 12.01 on 6M48 10.32 Southampton Docks - Halewood (photo below by Malcolm Wallace).



66572 was seen approaching Eastleigh at 11.24 on 07.43 Hams Hall - Southampton MCT (photo below by Malcolm Wallace).



66744 + 66748 were seen stabled in Eastleigh Yard at 13.25 (see photo at end).

66511 + 66559 + 66509 were seen stabled in Eastleigh Yard at 14.17 after working 0Y20 12.02 Stoke Gifford FHH to Eastleigh East Yard (see photo at end).

Seven Cl.70/8s were seen at Westbury at 16.14 awaiting their next turn of duty (photo at end by Malcolm Wallace).

February 13

66158 t&t 66148 were seen approaching Wellingborough at 13.23 on Toton North Yard – Huntingdon (photo below by Colin Pottle).



66168 t&t 66089 + crane DRP 78213 and new converted MXAs were seen at Wellingborough at 14.14 on Toton North Yard - Huntingdon (photo below by Colin Pottle).



With engineering works at Holmes Chapel on the Crewe - Manchester and Northwich - Sandbach lines this means that there is currently no through direct route between Manchester and Crewe and no freight diversionary route round the Holmes Chapel blockade via Northwich. Therefore there are a large number of freight diversions along the Stoke line which does not normally have much in the way of booked freight trains. Below are photos from John Squires of two such trains at Cheadle Hulme which would normally be routed via the Styal line to Wilmslow then on to Crewe. 70001 at 13.04 on 11.18 Trafford Park - Ipswich.



and 66167 at 12.55 on 10.18 0G22 Trafford Park - Bescot light engine running 53 minutes late.



February 14

66046 t&t 66xxx passed Tame Bridge Parkway at 13.21 on Denbigh – Bescot engineers (photo below by Paul Clifton).



As reported elsewhere unbranded Gatwick Express Cl.387/2s have been operating Thameslink services to facilitate driver training during February (photos below by Russell Edwards):

387203 + 387201 at Flitwick on the 07.04 Brighton - Bedford.



387202 at West Hampstead Thameslink on the 10.36 Bedford - Brighton.

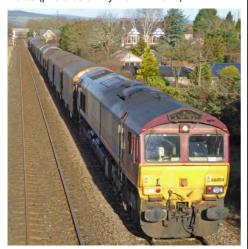


February 15

37421 + 977997 + 62384 +DBSO 9714 on 3Z03 passed Rushton just North of Kettering at 11.59 (photo opposite top by Colin Pottle).



66004 was seen passing Gobowen in bright sunshine at 10.15 with empty coils for South Wales (photo below by Martin Evans).



66708 hauled the last brand new Cl.66s to be imported into the UK, GBRf 66777 + 66776 + 66779 (covered) + 66778 + 66774 + 66773 + 66775 on 0X66 Newport Docks - Doncaster Robert Road and was seen at Cheltenham Spa at 12:17 then later at Stourbridge Jnct (see **NEW STOCK**) then Walsall at 15.00 (photo below by David Williams).



February 16

57313 + 57316 passed Walsall at 12.14 on 09.00 Carnforth – Tyseley stock move (photo opposite top by David Williams).



The Swindon to Cheltenham diagram was unusually covered by 153325 + 153373 which was later joined by 153369 at 13.26 on the Swindon to Westbury diagram, which lead to the sight of 3 Cl.153s in Platform 2 at Swindon (photo below by Colin Pidgeon).



Stoneblower DR 80203 was seen stabled at the back of Par station, opposite Network Rail's local office's (photo below by Malcolm Patrick).



February 17

321320 + 321431 were seen at Ipswich at 09.43 on 1P23 09.00 Norwich - Liverpool Street in place of the usual class 90 (photo below by Keith Partlow).



A full house was witnessed at St Pancras International at 10.07 with old and new Eurostars 3734003, 373214, 373008, 374011, 373106 & 373205 (see photo at end).

66588 passed Swindon at 11.58 on 4L32 Bristol Freightliners - Tilbury RCT (photo below by Colin Pidgeon).



February 18

37069 t&t 37609 were seen passing Spittal Crossing, Berwick-upon-Tweed at 16.05 on the diverted 6Z17 Torness PS - Carlisle Kingmoor Depot (photo below by Gareth Patterson).



66102 + 66097 were seen in Mossend Yard at 11.21 (photo below by lain Gardiner).



47847 + 47812 passed through Crossmyloof at 08.14 heading for Glasgow Central on the CS (photo below by Iain Gardiner).



47245 passed Carmyle light engine at 10.13 en route from Polmadie - Craigentinny. (photo below by lain Gardiner).



66766 was seen arriving at its destination at 13.37 on 4F30 Washwood Heath - Wellingborough (photo below by Colin Pottle).



February 19

47848 + 47815 passed Pollokshaws West at 08.14 on CS heading for Glasgow Central (photo below by Iain Gardiner).



66147 passed Carmyle at 09.08 on Portbury Automotive - Mossend (photo below by lain Gardiner).



47843 passed Carmyle at 10.13 en route from Polmadie - Craigentinny. (photo below by Iain Gardiner).



66091 passed Larkfield Jnct at 09.37 on driver training from Mossend - Mossend via Glasgow Central. Note Caledonia Bus Depot behind, operated by First Bus, the largest bus depot in the UK (photo below by lain Gardiner).



70806 + 70807 were seen departing Swindon at 11.55 on OA28 Westbury Up TC - Hinksey Yard (photo below by Colin Pidgeon).



66752 was seen climbing Belstead Bank, Ipswich on 4M23 10.46 Felixstowe North - Hams Hall (see photo at end).

59104 passed Swindon at 14.35 on 6C48 Appleford - Whatley Quarry (photo opposite top by Colin Pidgeon).



66118 was seen at Swindon at 11.40 shunting 6B49 Llanwern Exchange Sidings - Swindon Stores (photo below by Colin Pidgeon).



66731 passed through Walsall at 14.32 on Neasden Charrington GBRF - Coton Hill TC (photo below by Peter Davis).



66762 passed Walsall at 13.50 on Cliffe Hill Stud Farm GBRF - Bescot up engineers sidings (photo below by Peter Davis).



February 20

43465 was seen at York at 14.15 (photo below by Andrew Turnidge).



February 21

66054 t&t 66002 passed Harrowden Junction on Junction Road Junction - Toton North Yard engineers (see photo at end).

37884 + 375628 passed Souldrop at 16.58 on Acton Lane Reception Sidings - Derby Litchurch Lane (photo below by Colin Pottle).



February 22

68002 t&t 68004 passed Grange Park at 12.54 running 93 minutes late with Derby RTC - Ely Reception test train (photo below by David Berg, note Winchmore Hill station in the background with a Cl.313/0).



February 23

390045 was seen at Carstairs at 11.03 on the 10.40 Glasgow - London with 156436 the 10.19 Edinburgh - Glasgow (see photo at end).

66130 was seen approaching Eastleigh at 14.55 on 6Z14 Southampton Up Yard - Dowlow Briggs Sdgs (photo below by Chris Addoo).



February 24

A grubby 66536 passed Swindon at 11.51 on 4M18 Fairwater Yard - Washwood Heath (photo below by Colin Pidgeon)



57312 passed Grange Park at 14.33 running 77 minutes late with Norwich Crown Point - Bounds Green (photo below by David Berg).



37422 passed Tamworth Low Level at 12.55 on Crewe Gresty Bridge (DRS) - Willesden Brent (DRS) (photo below by Peter Davis).



66183 was seen climbing Belstead Bank, Ipswich at 12.27 on 6V07 12.00 Ipswich Griffin Wharf - Theale (United Asphalt) loaded hardstone imported from Norway (see photo at end).

68004 t&t 68002 was seen climbing Belstead Bank, Ipswich at 14.31 on 1Q18 09.55 Ferme Park - Ferme Park (Norwich - Liverpool Street leg) test train (see photo at end).

February 25

43141 + 43040 were seen passing Exeter St David's at 10.41 on 0Z70 09.32 Laira - Old Oak Common (photo below by Malcolm Wallace).



DR 77903 Ballast Regulator and Tamper DR 73948 were seen along with Tamper DR 73115 in Nuneaton sidings at the rear and to the north of platform 1 (photos below by James Holloway).



February 26

66742 passed Ipswich at 12.13 on 4M21 10.34 Felixstowe North - Parkeston running 53 minutes late due to the problems in the Kings Dyke area between March and Peterborough caused by cable theft (photo below by Keith Partlow).



158887 was seen at Swindon at 10.47 on 2G83 Swindon – Cheltenham, GWR are still hiring a SWT CI.158 DMU Mon-Fri to cover a Swindon - Cheltenham diagram (photo below by Colin Pidgeon).



DR 76901 led an electrification train through Swindon at 13.20 (photo below by Colin Pidgeon).



313057 (a class of EMU rarely featured) was seen at Grange Park at 12.46 still in FCC livery with Great Northern branding (photo below by David Berg).



February 27

With the line between Exeter and Plymouth closed for engineering works Exeter depot was busier than usual as seen by Malcolm Wallace at 14.30: *left to right* 150123, 150124, 153370, 143617 & 143611 wait for their next duties (see photo at end).

February 28

LMT hired 67006 t&t 67028 (DBS) plus six Mk2 coaches (Riviera Trains) to run a charter service between Nuneaton and Coventry calling only at

Coventry Arena on route for passengers attending the Wasps v Harlequins rugby match. Before kick-off there were 3 runs in each direction and 5 runs in total after the final whistle, the last one finishing at Coventry (see photos below by James Holloway including 153354+153364 providing the normal service).





67006 t&t 67028 Coventry





153354+153364 Coventry

Two Wembley Cup Final specials (Liverpool v Manchester City) were seen passing Soulbury, 90035 t&t 67005 from Liverpool South Parkway at 12.27 and 57312 t&t 57310 from Liverpool Lime Street at 13.32 (see photos at end).

37025 passed through Exeter St David's on 6X54 08.00 Whiteball - Exmouth Junction with RailVac 4 in tow (photo below by Matt Ryder with permission)



66005 passed Soulbury at 12.42 on 6038 Halewood - Southampton East Docks (see photo at end).

A visit to Asfordby at 15.00 by Harold Cooper produced the following stock: 47714, 08892, 08484, 800001, 801001, 321448, LUL 'S' Stock: 21519/20/21/22/25/26/35/36 plus ZCA 210345.

News from Norfolk by Stuart Moore:

1 Feb: 37175 and DBSO 9714 operated the 1Q01 Derby to Norwich (seen below at Caistor St Edmunds just outside Norwich).



90034 was spotted running light into Norwich from the south at Caistor with the 0P92 Ilford to Norwich

2nd Feb: 37175 and DBSO 9714 operated day 2 of the 1Q01 this time the 9.02 Norwich to Ferme Park.

3rd Feb: The stones ran from Tunstead to Norwich powered by 66053, pictured below following unloading ready to run north.



68004 was noted in Norwich Yard in the evening having run to Bounds Green with two AGA MK3s and returned light.

8th Feb: 90013 and the DVT had problems and ran wrong way around from London to Norwich (DVT at the London end rather than the Norwich end). The set was seen at Norwich station being dragged to Crown Point by 08847.

10th **Feb:** Seen on a brief visit to Norwich were 37405 t&t 37419 (short set), 37425 with 68004.

11th Feb: 68004 hauled 37425 to Derby. 37425 had failed on the short set and was being sent away for repair. The short set had been out of action for the whole of the previous week due to 37425's failure.

12th Feb: 66539 was used for driver training between Norwich and North Walsham, pictured below at Salhouse.



It had run from Whitemoor Yard to Norwich station before running three return trips to North Walsham and then returned to Whitemoor.

37419 was used to run light to Bounds Green to collect Mk3 stock. However, the 37 only got as far as Wymondham before it failed, where it was held for 24 hours before returning to Norwich.

13th Feb: 37419 noted in Wymondham Yard.



16th **Feb:** 66426 was seen at Norwich having been sent light from Doncaster for stock movements. 57312 was also sent over to Norwich for the same purpose.

19th Feb: 37405 t&t 37419 on the short set were seen running through Strumpshaw on the 08.36 Norwich to Great Yarmouth

24th Feb: 68002 t&t 68004 on 1Q18 Ferme Park Ferme Park were seen in Norwich. 66083 was also on the Peak Forest - Norwich Stones. Unfortunately the short set was out of use again as 37405 had been failed with a defective speedometer. 37422 was being sent to Norwich to replace 37405.











above 70807 + 708xx & 70806 + 3 x 708xxs, Westbury (17.14) 12th February (Malcolm Wallace)



















above 150123, 150124, 153370, 1453617 & 143611 Exeter Depot, 27th February (Malcolm Wallace)





Wembley Cup Final specials *above* 57312 t&t 57310 *below* 90035 t&t 67005 Soulbury, 28th February 2016 (Colin Pottle)





above a full house 374003, 373214, 373008, 374011, 373106 & 373205 St Pancras Int, $17^{\rm th}$ February 2016 (Derek Everson)



RAIL TOUR PHOTO SPOT

60103 (502/103) *'Flying Scotsman'* undertaking its first main line charter on the 6th February 2016 was photographed by Andrew Buckley first summitting Shap Fell at 13.40 with 1Z86 Cumbrian Mountain Express then late taking on water and departing Appleby at 17.19 on the return 1Z87. Luckily this got through on the Settle & Carlisle before the line was closed due to the severe landslip.





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

Geoff Hope:

1st January:

Peak Forest 14.00-14.30:

60066/091, 66034/053/055/088/160/172/176/200

9th January

Whitley Bridge 09.25-12.45: 66134/724/746

23rd January:

Barnetby 08.50-10.40:

60085, 66138/152/168/526/724/757, 142067 153357/79, 170303/307, 185108/18/50

Doncaster 12.05-14.30:

08669/724, 43238/277/290/295/310/316/320/367 60040, 66059/113/558/769, 67024, 91101/03/05 91109/10/17/19/26/27/32, 142023/50/64, 144001 144004/08/12, 153376, 158793/817/851/861/908 158910, 180107/11/13/14, 185102/08/15/50 220006/09/10/23/34, 221129, 321903, 322484 DVT's 82200/01/07/08/13/14/20/23/28

27th January:

Altrincham 13.45-15.30:

37606/608, 66555/712/717, 142034/56/58 cs 977868+999550+1256+6261, Trams 3007-09/13 3017/21/27/30/33/34/37/40/44/45/49/51/53-55/60 30th January:

Stafford 08.30-14.05:

57316, 60039, 66015/025/031/061/068/107/117 66186/200/232/416/534/5517743, 70013, 86259 86613/632, 220001/09/13/14/23/25-27/29/30/32 221103/04/06/07/10-12/14/18/24/28/30-32/38 350102/109/112/119/121/122/126/128/231/262 350263/266/370/373/376, 390001/002/005/006 390008/010/020/044/045/047/049/103/104/107 390117-119/121/123/124/126/128/130/131/135 390137/148/151/152/155, cs 35468+3121+3147+1671+5992+1813+4998+4949+4946+4991+4927 13th February:

Stafford 08.40-13.30:

66147/167/514/516/555/587/597, 70002, 90049 220002/06/08/09/21/23/28/29/32, 221103/04/11-13 221116-18/20/28/34/36/43, 350101/103/104/107 350112/116/120/237/241/257/368/370, 390001 390011/0130/20/043-045/103/104/114/115 390117-119/123/124/126/127/130/131/136-138/148 20th February:

Stafford 08.45-12.45:

66139/167/198/540/541/553/569, 86607/610 220003/19/20/23/24/31/32, 221101/07/14/21/24/26 221132/43, 350102/104/111/116/122/125/129/233 350239/245/248/370/374/376, 390001/002/005 390006/039/049/104/107/112/115/117/118/122 390123/125/128/131/135/137/141/148/154/155

Dennis Dey:

29th January:

Three Bridges: 700106-110 Crawley Yard: 59002, 66221

31st January:

Hassocks 09.30-10.25: 378101/102/110/123 Brighton Lovers Walk: 387103/125/203

James Holloway:

4th February:

Crewe 12.00-13.25:

57307/311, 68018/19, 387210/211

Stafford 13.55-15.25:

43013/014, 66502, 68017, 86612/639, 92042

15th February:

Stourbridge Junction 14.11: 66708/773-779

19th February:

Nuneaton 14.10-14.55:

66067, 70804/806/807, 90035/40/45, 153356 170112/523, 350368, 387204/212

25th February:

Nuneaton 14.05-15.05:

66061, 67003, 90042, 170116, 350376 387204/212, DR73115/73948/77903

Michael Hayman:

30th January:

Paddington: 43012/030/036/041/135/171

Westbourne Park: 66770 Old Oak Common:

43005/024/031/035/139/151, 57306, 66513/536

66563/951/956

Acton: 66013/070/119/151

Reading:

43005/027/032/128/142, 57303/603/604, 66065

66115

Bristol Temple Meads:

43027/035/070/098/150, 56098/301/312 **Bristol Parkway:** 37025, 43097/126/163

Cardiff: 43027/032 Didcot: 66007/230 6th February: King's Cross:

20142/189, 43239/251/272/295, 67003, 91104

24th February:

Finsbury Park: 60103 'Flying Scotsman'

Malcolm Wallace:

12th February:

Eastleigh Station 09.20-14.20:

66043 6V40 66509/511/559 0Y20 66056 6B43/6B44 66533 4M61

66103 6M48	66552 6V27/6O26
66132 6V38	66571 4O49
66194 4E69	66572 4O15
66199 4O43	66566/502 4M28
66201 4O39	70007 4070
66418 4090	70019 4014
66504 4M55	

158881/885/886, 220012/12/14/20/32, 221124/25 221131/32/37, 444001-04/06/08/10/12/15-20/22/23 444025/26/28-30/32/34-38/40-43, 450008/010/012 450026/035/077/079/082/094/100/107/125/126 450545/549/556/563, 455732/870

Mike Brook:

8th February:

Church Fenton 11.50-14.25:

66526/563/601/759/760, 142094, 158756/787/793 158850/903, 185105/11-13/15/24/25/27/33/36/40 185144/47/49-51, 220020/29, 221121/23/27/28



66563 in the snow (13.01)



66526 (13.26)



66601 (14.09)

9th February:

Leeds Midland Road 13.00-13.35:

47830, 66508/530/535/557/563/570, 70014

10th February:

Bishopthorpe LC, Copmanthorpe 09.18-14.18: 43274/305/307-310/316/423/468, 66122/526/720 66742/758-760, 91108/09/11/22/25/27/29/31/32 142023/60/84, 144011, 158755/757/787/815/850 158861, 180107, 185102/04/05/07/09/10/12-16/19 185122/23/26-28/31/33/38/41/43/48-51, 220007/09 220010/13/14/22/24-26/30, 221123/28/29/36/37 DVTs 82200/05/06/16/22/31



66122 (09.24)



43423 (09.50)

11th February:

Colton Junction and Earfitts Lane, Copmanthorpe 10.58-17.00:

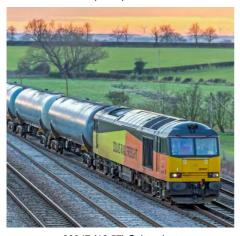
43208/239/257/306-308/315/320/367/423/468 60047, 66099/426/526/591/720/728/742/750/760 66957, 90024/37, 91104/10/15/18/22/29/31 142022, 144001/13, 150142, 158753/755/757/784 158787/791/815/859/861, 180112, 185103/04/09 185110/12/15/16/18/19/24/26/27/30/31/33/40/42 185143/48-51, 220001/07-09/14/16/20/25/32 221120/23/26/27/29/37/40,



with pantographs fully extended 90037 + 90024 (14.09) Earfitts Lane



66099 (16.28) Colton Jnct



60047 (16.57) Colton Jnct

20th February: Chesterfield 11.00-15.10:

31233, 43058/089/207/357, 66068/090/731 158770/773/777/787/810/813/845-847/856/861 158863/864/889/906/908, 220005/06/10/11/14/15 220017/27, 221119/22/28/30/37/38, 222001-004 222006/011/013/015/016/022/023/102/104



31233 (12.05)



43357 t&t 43207 (14.15)



66068 + 66080 (14.53)

22nd February:

Leeds Midland Road 10.30-10.50:

47830, 66502/520/527/530/535/537/550/557/590



66550 to the front (66535 in shed)

Ian McAlpine:

29th January:

Peterborough: 158856, DR73946/77801

Ely: 66161 Trowse: 66182

Norwich: 37419/422/425, 158812

5th February:

Peterborough: 365507/16 Biggleswade: 66059 Stevenage: 321406/408/410

12th February:

Peterborough: 66724/726/745/746/765, 158806

Grantham:

60002, DR73113/77906

Nottingham:

158810, Trams 201/04/12/13/22/26-28/33/35/37

Hucknall: 156470 19th February: Peterborough:

66098/505/528/545/702/745/756/769. 91105

156416, DVT82218, DR75406

Doncaster:

66730, 67013, Rail Vac 99709515 001-4

Leeds: 185122

Manchester Victoria: 150137

Liverpool Lime Street: 319386, 507009

Rock Ferry: 507005 Port Sunlight: 507010 Bromborough Rake: 507030

Hooton: 507006 21st February: Hooton: 508104/141 Eastham Rake: 507010 Bebington: 507020

Liverpool Lime Street: 185117, 390003

Edge Hill: 66713 Huddersfield: 185116

York: 91108, 150275, DVT 82209

Derek Everson:

10th February:

Westbury 09.30-14.00:

59001/002/005/103, 60039 (super shunter), 66017/057/063/074/092/184/546/747, 7080407/10



Albert Ward:

9th February:

Birmingham New Street:

150105/109/226/251/275, 153355/64/65/75 158821/822/824, 170105-108/110-113/116/503 170507/508/511/512/523/630/632, 220018/24/25 221104/28/37, 323201-04/06-08/10/11/13/15/17 323219/22/40-43, 350106/109/127/129/260/263 350264/376. 390008/013/042-044/134/137

B'ham Moor Street:

68014, 165009, 168003/004/111/216, 172211-222 172332-337/339-345, DVT 82309, cs 10274

12606/610/619/620/627

B'ham Snow Hill: Trams 18/22/23/25/29/31/33-36

Nigel Matthews:

10th February:

Leamington Spa 15.00-20.45:

20096/107/118/314, 43013/014, 66112/145/199 66419/552/591/747, 68008/12/15, 70002/010/019 70808, 165010/013/021/028, 168001-004/106/108 168109/110/324/329, 172101/102/333/335 220001/05/06/09/11-13/16/18/19/21/22/25-27 221119/21/31/38/40

18th February:

Bescot:

08580/709/907. 66082/167/176. 97303/304

Walsall 12.30-15.00:

60059, 66006/012/105/140/305/534/602/762 70807, 153354, 170508/509/512, 323206, 350128

350247/252

Mike Rumens:

28th January:

Nuneaton 13.35-14.40:

66097/149/419/588, 70007, 86605/637, 90024 153356, 170111/115/518/637, 221104/05, 350109 350110/112, 390006/008/013/020/103/119/124/126 390148

2nd February:

Nuneaton 14.02-14.30:

70808, 153364, 170110/637, 221101, 390006/127 DR77001

3rd February:

Nuneaton 14.18-15.05:

66850, 70805, 90016, 153371, 170104/111/521 221114, 350116/119, 390105/107/118/132/135

4th February:

Nuneaton 14.02-14.55:

70804/808/810, 86612/639, 153364, 170101/112 170398, 221105/09, 350104, 387210/211, 390013 390043/129/152. DR77002

9th February:

Nuneaton 10.00-10.25:

153356, 170111, 221109/33, 350370, 390047/121 390122/127/154

10th February:

Nuneaton 14.03-14.35:

66207, 70808, 153365, 170105/637, 221104 350119, 390009/042/115/123/154

Bob Eastwood:

18th February:

Liverpool Lime Street 13.15: 68002/04 24th February:

Shipton-by Beningborough:

11.10 66517 LS-TD 15.04 66733 TD-WE

12.04 66708 FB-North Blyth 12.06 66750 TD-Drax

13.05 66526 MT-TD 15.17 66741 N Blyth-WE

14.03 66764 Drax-TD 15.46 66148 LK-SC 14.25 66717 Drax-TD 14.32 60066/90037/90024 DR-TD

Colin Tarrant:

11th February:

Doncaster Yards 08.00:

66706/713/719/725/735/743/752

Peterborough 09.30-12.15:

37425, 66510/527/566/732/745/746/751/766

68004.70018

Doncaster Station 13.30-17.30:

08571. 66023/124/169/728/746/750/753. 67023 90024/37

13th February:

Tonbridge 11.00:

20901/905, 59003, 66770, 73109/119/128/136/141 73201/212/961/963/964

Crewe Gresty Bridge 17.00:

37059/422/602/607/612/667, 57003, 68008

Crewe Station: 57308/311

24th February:

Sileby 10.38-15.38: 37884, 6013/566/602/706/722

NARROW GAUGE MATTERS

Bala Lake Railway by Martin Evans:

works 0-4-0ST [780] 'Alice', Hunslet works [882] 'Made Marian'

On 16th February 2016 I visited the 2ft narrow gauge Bala Lake Railway in mid Wales and found Hunslet 0-4-0ST [779] No.3 'Holv War' in service. The railway had just restarted services for 2016. No 3 was in traffic after its recent overhaul at Llanwchllyn and the Severn Valley Railway at Bridgnorth. The following locomotives were also noted on shed: Steam: Kerr Stuart 0-4-0T [1158] 'Diana', Hunslet

Diesel: Ruston & Hornsby 0-4-0ST [283512] 'Lady Madcap', Baguley Drewry 0-4-0 [780] 'Bob Davies'



the 12.05 departure to Llanuwchllyn

Llanuwchllyn is at the south western end of Bala Lake and is the main centre for the railway with visitor facilities, signal box and workshops. The railway is 9 miles in length and follows the south eastern shore of the lake and the adjacent B4403. There are two intermediate stations at Pentrepiod and Llangower with Bala at the north eastern end of the lake.

photos by Martin Evans

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

This is an occasional series devoted to showing withdrawn and ultimately scrapped rolling stock around the UK. If you have photos and any accompanying info, then please forward to the Editor.

Withdrawn in November 1981, 55011 is seen at Doncaster on 3rd October 1982 just prior to its final demise in November 1982 (photo by Colin Pottle). Having copped all the Deltics bar one between March 1972 and April 1974, this is a very apt photo for me as this was my last Deltic and it took another two years before I saw it in February 1976, exactly 40 years ago. For me a very elusive loco, I never saw this prior to TOPS numbering and I only ever saw it once more.



PRESERVATION PHOTO SPOT - I



final checks are made of 0-6-0PT 4612 at Buckfastleigh, SDR before it enters service for the day 18th February 2016 (in view are 1369, D2246, 1450 and 6412) (Chris Brown)

PRESERVATION GALAS

Great Central Rly Winter Steam Gala, 29th-31st Jan 2016 by Colin James:

I made the trip to Loughborough, Great Central Railway on Saturday 30th January, for day 2 of their 3 day Friday to Sunday Winter Steam Gala. I concentrated on the northern end of the line at Loughborough & Quorn & Woodhouse, making use of my lineside photography permit.



above 6990 passed Beeches Rd, Loughborough southbound at 09.46 working the 2A05 09.45 Loughborough Central - Leicester North service



above 31806 passing Beeches Rd, Loughborough southbound at 10.21 working the 1X07 10.20 Loughborough Central - Swithland Sidings TPO service

Members of the home fleet in service consisted of:

4-6-0 Hall 6990 'Witherslack Hall', 4-6-0 N15 777 'Sir Lamiel', 4-6-0 Black 5 45305, 2-6-0 2MT 46521, 0-6-0 3F Jinty 47406, 2-8-0 8F 48624, 2-10-0 9F 92214 (masquerading as 92220 'Evening Star')

These were joined by visiting engines:

4-6-2 BoB 34053 'Śir Keith Park' (from the Severn Valley Railway) and 2-6-0 U 31806 (from the Swanage Railway)



above 45305 passed Beeches Rd, Loughborough southbound at 10.46 working the 2C09 10.45 Loughborough Central - Quorn & Woodhouse local service



above 34053 passed Beeches Rd, Loughborough southbound at 11.20 working the slightly delayed 2A11 11.15 Loughborough Central - Leicester North service.

Other steam engines seen around the Loughborough Central site were:

0-6-0 N2 1744 (in light steam), 2-8-0 04 63601 (stored pending overhaul) with the following were all under restoration 2-6-0 2MT 78018, 2-6-0 2MT 78019, 4-6-0 Black 5 45941, 4-6-2 WC. 34039 'Boscastle', 2-8-0 8F 48305.

At Quorn & Woodhouse the cab and smoke box for new build 4-6-2 class 6 No. 72010 'Hengist' were on display, with a sales stand for 4-4-0 GCR class 2 No. 567 also present.

The day started with a short shower of hail, but the strong cold wind, which blew all day cleared the full cloud away, leaving many bright sunny spells, though as normal, these didn't always tie up with train movements!

Loughborough – Leicester services were 2 x 5 coach rakes of Mk1s, with a single 3 coach rake of Mk1s on the 'local' service. The TPO set was in use and two rakes of freight wagons, one windcutter set consisting of 16t mineral wagons and one mixed goods wagons. This amounted to some 30 train departures from Loughborough, not counting all the light engine movements.



above 777 departing Loughborough Central platform 2 at 12.20 working the delayed 2C18 12.15 Loughborough Central - Quorn & Woodhouse local service



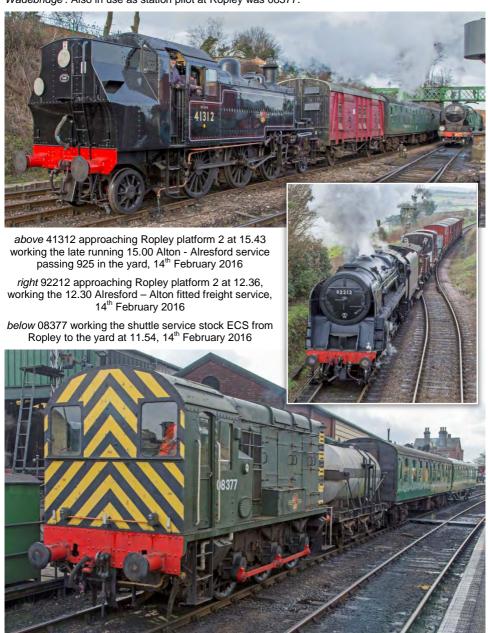


above 92214 (as 92220) approaching Quorn & Woodhouse at 16.32 southbound working the 9S39 16.30 Loughborough Central - Swithland Sidings windcutter mineral train Both Loughborough & Quorn stations were very busy up to late afternoon, with all trains well loaded, with several seen to be full and standing. This resulted in one 5 coach rake being strengthened to 6 coaches.

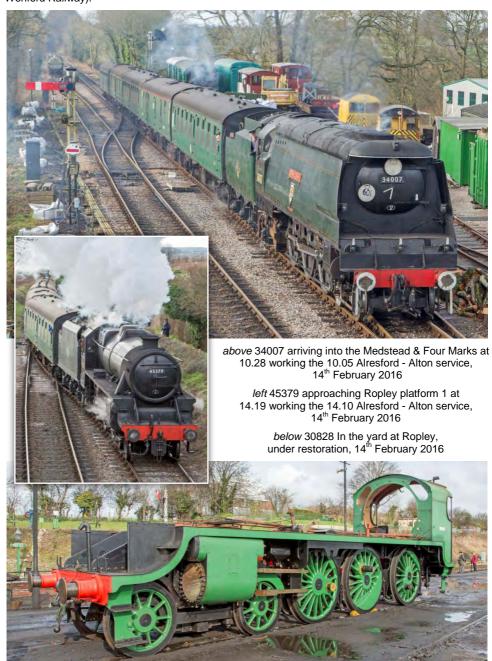
Mid Hants Rly Spring Steam Gala, 12-13th Feb 2016 by Colin James: A visit was made to the Mid Hants Railway on Sunday 14th February on day 3 of their Spring Steam

Gala. Members of the home fleet in service consisted of:

Maunsell Schools 4-4-0 925 (NRM owned but presently based at the Mid Hants Railway), Stanier Black 5 4-6-0 45379, BR Std 9F 2-10-0 92212, Ivatt 2MT 2-6-2 41312 & Bulleid WC 4-6-2 34007 'Wadebridge'. Also in use as station pilot at Ropley was 08377.



34007 was making one of its last appearances before being withdrawn for overhaul whilst 41312 was making one of its first appearances after overhaul. These were joined by visiting engines: Q Class 0-6-0 30541 (Bluebell Railway) and T9 Class 4-4-0 30120 (NRM owned from the Bodmin & Wenford Railway).





Also seen around Ropley were the following steam engines in various stages of overhaul or restoration: Urie S15 4-6-0 30499 & 30506, Maunsell S15 4-6-0 30828 'Harry A Frith', Bulleid WC 4-6-2 34105 'Swanage', BR Std 4MT 4-6-0 75079, the boiler of Bulleid MN 4-6-2 35005 'Canadian Pacific' (the frames are still at Eastleigh Works). Also stored there is NRM owned Lord Nelson 4-6-0 850 'Lord Nelson'. Diesel engines stored at Ropley in the long sidings east of the station/road bridge were 08032, D3358 (08288), 12049, 37324, 37901 & 50027 'Lion'.

It was a crisp clear and chilly day with good spells of sunshine throughout. Services ran well to time for most of the day with good loadings. Four sets of Mk1 coaches were in use over the full length of the line in rakes of 3, 4 & 5 coaches. A Mk1 + Bullied coach + milk wagon were used on the Alton - Alresford shuttle. A fitted freight train was run in the timetable over the full length of the line.



It was my first visit to the line for a number of years and it was interesting to see how the ex-King's Cross Station footbridge had been incorporated into the yard area at Ropley, in front of the 'new' workshop at the east end of the yard. Viewing galleries have been incorporated into the new building and added to the original engine shed/workshop to view the range of overhaul work being carried out on engine frames and tenders, coaches and boilers.

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)

41.	-			46	
16 th January		26 th January		5 th February (cont)	
05.45 66430 4H47	MN-IS	05.45 66427 4H47	MN-IS	06.30 66005 6A32	MN-AB
13.00 68007 4A13	GM-AB	06.55 60056 6R46	GM-PW	06.55 60047 6R46	GM-PW
13.30 60002 6S36	DS-GM	08.30 60021 6A65	OX-AB	13.30 60056 6S36	DS-GM
22.08 66023 6K01	MN-LN	27 th January		6 th February	
22.35 66069 6K02	MN-LN	05.45 66427 4H47	MN-IS	05.45 66424 4H47	MN-IS
22.53 66430 6K04	MN-ME	06.30 66101 6A32	MN-AB	11.20 66015 4M30	GM-DV
18 th January		13.00 68007 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 68001 4A13	GM-AB
08.30 60076 6A65	OX-AB	13.30 60002 6S36	DS-GM	13.30 60056 6S36	DS-GM
10.52 37025 0V25	BO-WW	28 th January		8 th February	
13.00 68007 4A13	GM-AB	05.45 66427 4H47	MN-IS	05.45 66424 4H47	MN-IS
19 th January		13.00 68007 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 68001 4A13	GM-AB
05.45 66303 4H47	MN-IS	29 th January		9 th February	
13.00 68007 4A13	GM-AB	06.30 66160 6A32	MN-AB	05.45 66429 4H47	MN-IS
13.30 56113 6S36	DS-GM	13.00 68007 4A13	GM-AB	13.00 68001 4A13	GM-AB
20 th January		30 th January		13.30 60056 6S36	DS-GM
05.45 66303 4H47	MN-IS	11.20 66103 4M30	GM-DV	10 th February	
06.30 66055 6A32	MN-AB	13.00 68001 4A13	GM-AB	05.45 66429 4H47	MN-IS
08.30 60021 6A65	OX-AB	13.30 60056 6S36	DS-GM	06.30 66102 6A32	MN-AB
13.00 68007 4A13	GM-AB	1 st February		08.30 60021 6A65	OX-AB
13.30 60002 6S36	DS-GM	05.45 66305 4H47	MN-IS	13.30 60056 6S36	DS-GM
21 st January		08.30 60021 6A65	OX-AB	21.40 60047 6M65	GM-SI
05.10 60021 6H51	OX-IS	14.30 60056 6D61	RI-GM	11 th February	
05.45 66430 4H47	MN-IS	2 nd February		05.10 60076 6H51	OX-IS
13.00 68007 4A13	GM-AB	05.10 60076 6H51	OX-IS	05.45 66429 4H47	MN-IS
13.30 60002 6S36	DS-GM	05.45 66429 4H47	MN-IS	12 th February	
22 nd January		13.00 68001 4A13	GM-AB	05.45 66429 4H47	MN-IS
06.30 66002 6A32	MN-AB	13.30 60056 6S36	DS-GM	13.30 60056 6S36	DS-GM
08.30 60076 6A65	OX-AB	3 rd February		13 th February	
13.00 68007 4A13	GM-AB	00.30 66101 6H44	MN-IS	05.45 68016 4H47	MN-IS
13.30 60002 6S36	DS-GM	05.45 66429 4H47	MN-IS	11.20 66127 4M30	GM-DV
23 rd January		06.30 66160 6A32	MN-AB	13.00 68001 4A13	GM-AB
05.45 66430 4H47	MN-IS	13.00 68001 4A13	GM-AB	13.30 60056 6S36	DS-GM
11.20 66111 4M30	GM-DV	13.30 60056 6S36	DS-GM	17.55 66519 6K25	MN-Carmont
13.00 68007 4A13	GM-AB	4 th February		19.40 66102 6K50	MN-ME
13.30 60002 6S36	DS-GM	05.45 66429 4H47	MN-IS	20.40 66424/429 6K51	MN-ME
25 th January		08.30 60076 6A65	OX-AB	14 th February	
05.45 66430 4H47	MN-IS	13.30 60056/047 6S36	DS-GM	05.45 66429 4H47	MN-IS
13.00 68007 4A13	GM-AB	5 th February		08.30 60076 6A65	OX-AB
		05.45 66429 6H47	MN-IS	13.00 68016 4A13	GM-AB
				14.30 60047 6D61	RI-GM
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Location Codes:

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AB	Aberdeen	ΑY	Ayr	BY	Barry	CS	Cheltenham	EΑ	Earles Sidings
AC	Achnasheen	BA	Blair Atholl	CA	Calvert	CT	Cardiff Tidal	ED	Edinburgh
AD	Alexander Dock	BD	Bedworth	CB	Coatbridge	CU	Cumbernauld	EE	Elderslie
	Jnct	BE	Berkeley	CD	Charfield	CV	Cliff Vale	EΗ	Eastleigh
ΑE	Attercliffe	BH	Brierley Hill	CE	Crewe	CW	Cwmbargoed	EL	Elgin
ΑF	Ashford	BI	Burntisland	CF	Cardiff	CY	Corby	EU	Euston
AΗ	Ashchurch	BL	Bristol	CH	Chaddesden	DC	Dyce	ES	Earlseat
AJ	Awre Junction	BN	Beeston	CI	Clitheroe	DL	Dalmeny	ΕV	Evesham
ΑK	Aldwarke	во	Bo'ness	CK	Chirk	DM	Dollands Moor	EX	Exeter
ΑL	Alston	BP	Bath	CL	Carlisle	DR	Doncaster	FΒ	Ferrybridge
ΑN	Acton	BR	Bridgwater	CM	Chalmerston	DS	Dalston	FF	Fiddlers Ferry
AΡ	Appleford	BS	Bescot	CN	Carnforth	DT	Didcot	FG	Fishguard
AR	Abercynon	BT	Barton Hill	CO	Cottam	DU	Dundee	FO	Forres
ΑT	Abbotswood Jnct	BU	Burton	CP	Chepstow	DV	Daventry	FR	Fairwater
ΑV	Avonmouth	BW	Barrow Hill	CQ	Croft Quarry	DW	Dalwhinnie	FW	Fort William
AW	Aberthaw	ΒZ	St Blazey	CR	Cadder	DY	Derby	FΥ	Falkland Yard

GC	Glasgow Central	KS	Kingsland Road	MV	Manchester Vic	RA	Redcar	TD	Tyne Dock
GE	Georgemas Jnct	ΚT	Kennethmont	MW	Moorswater	RC	Ratcliffe	TE	Trostre
GL	Gloucester	ΚY	Kingsbury	NA	Nairn	RD	Reading	TF	Tremorfa
GM	Grangemouth	LA	Laira	NE	Neath	RE	Redmire	TG	Teigngrace
GR	Grange Sidings	LB	Ladybank	NG	Nottingham	RG	Rugeley	TH	Theale
GS	Gleneagles	LC	Lincoln	NH	Newton Heath	RI	Riccarton	TJ	Tuffley Jnct
GW	Gascoigne Wood	LD	Lydney	NJ	Norton Jnct	RM	Rotherham	ΤK	Tavistock Jnct
GΥ	Grimsby	LG	Lairg	NL	Newtonhill	RN	Robeston	TL	Tilbury
HA	Hayes	LH	Leith	NT	Newport	RO	Round Oak	TN	Taunton
HD	Handsworth	LI	Linlithgow	NV	Neville Hill	RR	Rowley Regis	TO	Toton
HF	Hereford	LK	Lackenby	NW	Nantwich	RV	Ravenstruther	TR	Trishington
HH	Holyhead	LL	Llanwern	OB	Oban	RY	Rugby	TS	Tees Yard
HL	Hartlepool	LM	Long Marston	ON	Onllwyn	SA	Saltley	TU	Tunstead
HO	Halewood	LN	Laurencekirk	00	Old Oak Common	SB	Stourbridge	ΤY	Tyseley
HR	Harwich	LO	Longsight	OX	Oxwellmains	SC	Scunthorpe	VA	Victoria
HS	Hunslet	LR	Leicester	OY	Oxley	SD	Standish Jnct	WB	Wembley
HΤ	Hastings	LS	Leeds	PΑ	Paisley	SF	Stud Farm	WE	West Burton
HU	Hunterston	LT	Longannet	PB	Peterborough	SG	Stoke Gifford	WG	Wentloog
HV	Haverfordwest	LW	Linkswood	PC	Port Clarence	SH	Slough	WH	Westerleigh
HW	Heywood Jnct	LY	Lindsey	PF	Peak Forest	SI	Sinfin	WI	Whitemoor
HY	Hinksey	MC	Machen	PG	Pengham	SJ	Severn Tun. Jnct	WM	Wemyss
ΙB	Ironbridge	MD	Middlesbrough	PH	Perth	SK	Shirebrook	WN	Willesden
IM	Immingham	ME	Montrose	PL	Polmont	SN	Stockton	WP	Worksop
IS	Inverness	MF	Milford	PM	St Philips Marsh	SO	Southampton	WR	Warrington
JM	Jersey Marine	MG	Margam	PΝ	Paddington	SP	Spetchley	WS	Worcester
KΒ	Kittybrewster	MH	Millerhill	PO	Polmadie	SR	Stourton	WV	Wolverhampton
KC	Kirkcaldy	ML	Motherwell	PR	Preston	SS	Swansea	WW	Washwood Heath
KK	Kilmarnock	MN	Mossend	PT	Paignton	ST	Stirling	WY	Westbury
KL	Kyle of Lochalsh	MO	Moreton	PW	Prestwick	SV	Stevenage	ΥK	York
KM	Kemble	MS	Maesteg	PY	Portbury	SW	Swindon	ΥT	Yate
ΚN	King's Norton	MT	Mountsorrel	PΖ	Penzance	SY	Shipley		

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).

22 nd January		24 th January (cont)		27 th January (cont)	
03.20 66432 4Z36	WG-DV	11.59 60054 6E41	WH-LY	17.55 66065 6V35	BS-AV
05.00 66060 6M03	RN-BD	13.15 37218/610 6M56	BE-CE	20.01 60100 6V55	BD-RN
05.09 66080/60019 6Z47	WH-MG	13.54 60100 6M23	AD-BU	21.39 66759 6E35	CF-PC
08.40 66090 6M81	MG-RO	15.00 66060 6V92	CY-MG	28 th January	
10.50 66044 6Z44	LY-AD	15.53 66069 6V07	RO-MG	10.50 66426 4V38	DV-WG
11.15 60074 6B13	RN-WH	17.12 66068 6V35	BS-AV	11.10 60019 6B13	RN-WH
12.00 66139 6V05	RO-MG	19.59 66158 6V55	BD-RN	11.44 56312 0Z56	WW-BT
12.21 60059 6E41	WH-LY	20.11 66096 6E30	MG-HL	12.02 66066 6V05	RO-MG
12.54 66096 6V67	RA-MG	26 th January		12.20 60059 6E41	WH-LY
15.04 66429 4Z38	DV-WG	03.24 66200 6D98	CT-HD	14.14 37069/609 5Z40	
23 rd January		09.14 66728 6V80	WE-PY	Dev	onport-CE
05.28 60100 6B13	RN-WH	11.00 66426 4V38	DV-WG	14,58 66158 6V92	CY-MG
12.53 66131 4E66	MG-TS	12.28 66001 6V05	RO-MG	29 th January	
14.50 60019 6B33	TH-MG	15.00 66080 6V92	CY-MG	08.28 66158 6M81	MG-RO
14.55 60100 6B47	WH-MG	19.42 66118 6V69	BS-AD	11.14 60100 6B13	RN-WH
24 th January		20.11 66114 6E30	MG-HL	12.02 66060 6V05	RO-MG
11.40 66305 4V38	DV-WG	27 th January		12.21 60059 6E41	WH-LY
17.34 66093 6E47	MG-MD	09.08 66760 6V80	GW-PY	17.16 66068 6V35	BS-AV
19.08 66602 6V82	TU-WY	10.55 66432 4V38	DV-WG	20.39 66546 4V18	WW-FR
24 th January		10.57 60019 6B13	RN-WH	22.34 66760 6V80	GW-PY
08.03 37218/610 6V73	CE-BE	11.46 70004 4V09	RG-SG	30 th January	
08.29 66069 6M81	MG-RO	12.23 60059 6E41	WH-LY	05.54 60074 6B13	RN-WH
11.05 66432 4V38	DV-WG	12.32 66158 6V05	RO-MG	14.54 60074 6B47	WH-MG
11.09 66077 6V35	RM-CT	13.57 37716/602 6M63	BR-CE	16.33 66091/183 0Z98	AD-BS
11.11 60019 6B13	RN-WH	14.58 66060 6V92	CY-MG		

31 st January		10 th February (cont)		17 th February (cont)	
11.33 66433 4V38	DV-WG	20.02 66040 6V55	BD-RN	12.02 66161 6V05	RO-MG
17.09 60100 6E47	MG-MD	20.16 66177 6E30	MG-HL	12.23 60059 6E41	WH-LY
18.08 66433 4M36	WG-DV	22.33 66128 6V04	KY-CT	13.49 37602/612 6M63	BR-CE
1 st February		22.38 66183 6V81	RM-CT	18.49 66006 6V35	BS-AV
11.09 66030 6V35	RM-CT	11 th February		20.55 66043 6V55	BD-RN
11.13 60074 6B13	RN-WH	11.12 66432 4V38	DV-WG	22.20 66004 6V04	KY-CT
12.22 60020 6E41	WH-LY	11.14 60019 6B13	RN-WH	22.30 66011 6V81	RM-CT
12.46 37116 0F84	DY-CF	12.12 37069/667 6M5	6 BE-CE	18 th February	
12.57 37601/607 6M56	BE-CE	20.16 66128 6E30	MG-HL	00.58 66068 6E49	CT-RM
15.01 66035 6V92	CY-MG	21.27 66757 6E35	CF-PC	02.42 66075 6M94	MG-CY
16.59 66083 6V35	BS-AV	12 th February		04.12 66121 6M11	MG-RO
2 nd February		00.30 66154 6M39	MO-Elstow	04.30 66108 6V94	TS-MG
09.17 66757 6V80	GW-PY	11.48 66302 4V38	DV-WG	08.31 66005 6M81	MG-RO
10.49 66433 4V38	DV-WG	14.14 37667/607 6Z63	3	10.54 66302 4V38	DV-WG
11.14 60074 6B13	RN-WH		Devonport-CE	11.05 66121 6V05	RO-MG
11.31 66080 6V05	RO-MG	14.58 66031 6V92	CY-MG	11.12 60074 6B13	RN-WH
4 th February		16.03 66096 6V07	RO-MG	12.35 60011 6E41	WH-LY
11.08 66302 4V38	DV-WG	20.10 66040 6V55	BD-RN	13.41 37605/612 6M56	BE-CE
11.11 66060 6V05	RO-MG	20.10 66536 4V18	WW-FR	19 th February	
11.15 60019 6B13	RN-WH	22.37 66183 6V81	RM-CT	01.05 56103 6Z34	SN-CT
20.17 66023 6E30	MG-HL	23.28 66118 6E20	LL-IM	07.55 66149 6M60	EX-BS
5 th February		13 th February		08.37 66040 6M81	MG-RO
09.08 66140 6M96	MG-CY	15.48 66432 4V38	DV-WG	11.13 60074 6B13	RN-WH
11.13 60074 6B13	RN-WH	23.40 66518 6Y40	WY-CP	12.19 60011 6E41	WH-LY
12.25 60020 6E41	WH-LY	23.45 66506 6Y41	WY-Caldicot	14.00 66427 4Z38	DV-WG
14.58 66192 6V92	CY-MG	23,51 66511 6Y42	WY-CP	20 th February	
6 th February		14 th February		03.54 60019 6A11	RN-TH
00.47 66128 6E29	CT-LC	16.51 66109 6E47	LL-MD	04.07 66119 6V49	TS-MG
11.19 60074 6B13	RN-WH	17.51 66559 6Y43	WY-CP	04.21 66162 6D98	CT-HD
14.33 66430 4V38	DV-WG	15 th February		09.41 59202 1Z58	
	Noofferton	09.16 37667/602 6V73		Banbury	-Merehead
22.44 66128 6V29	LC-CT	10.51 66302 4V38	DV-WG	21 st February	
	E-Caldicot	11.02 66094 6V35	RM-CT	09.49 70808 6C97	WS-HF
7 th February		11.02 60019 6B13	RN-WH	11.31 66427 4V38	DV-WG
	E-Caldicot	11.59 66708/773-779		22 nd February	
17.42 66430 4M36	WG-DV	19.52 66536 4V18	WW-FR	08.29 66119 6M81	MG-RO
8 th February	MO DO	16 th February	OT DM	10.50 66302 4V38	DV-WG
08.26 66004 6M81	MG-RO	00.59 66094 6E49	CT-RM	11.02 66020 6V35	RM-CT
10.56 66302 4V38	DV-WG	03.38 66161 6M11	MG-RO	11.06 66095 6V05	RO-MG
11.06 66125 6V35	RM-CT	04.23 66011 6D98	NT-HD	11.11 60074 6B13	RN-WH
11.30 66192 6V05	RO-MG BE-CE	07.03 66204 6V51	Arpley-PY MG-RO	12.02 56103 6Z34	CT-CH WH-LY
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DAYS OUT

Focus on Foxton by Colin Pottle:

One of the great dilemmas facing all photographers and enthusiasts alike is, "Where shall I go today?" I found myself facing this very problem on the 10th February 2016. I had just finished a night shift and had a few hours spare to get some photography in. Also the sun decided to make an appearance – possibly the first time this year so far.

I have a mental list of places I mean to visit and very rarely get the opportunity. Foxton was one near the top of this list. Located between Cambridge and Royston, it is a double track local station with a level crossing and signal box, it is also only about 50 miles from my home location, certainly within driving distance. There is also a siding, but more about this later.

Foxton, along with Meldreth and Shepreth only appear to still be open thanks to the efforts of the Rail User Group launched in February 2010, which campaigns for better access and services, and has the support of the TOCs.

A quick glance at Real Time Trains revealed that there were three loco hauled services passing within 2 hours of each other, perfect! A quick dash up the A14 and M11 found me at Foxton at 11.30, 12 minutes before the first loco hauled train, 68004 hauling two coaches including 12089, from Norwich to Bounds Green came storming westbound through the station at a rate of knots.



I then turned my attention to the short branch line north of the main line, Barrington Unloading Pad where there are a couple of sidings. The branch heads due north immediately west of the station. The two sidings are adjacent to a branch that used to serve Barrington cement works to the north of Foxton (information from a local on the station) but is now being used to transport landfill which won't be full until 2018. See report in **FREIGHT MATTERS** p56 in the August 2015 issue. 66088 was shunting 22 box wagons made up of JNA, JXA and MBAs that had been emptied on the site. What was interesting was the state of the track as can be seen in the picture opposite top taken looking south from Foxton Road crossing....probably as the original reception sidings were removed in 2014 so had to be temporarily re-laid, ed!!

At approximately 12.30 this train reversed into the station ready to depart, bound for Wembley as 6M05 and left dead on time at 12.39 (see photo opposite bottom).





The third loco to arrive eastbound was Colas 66846 on 6L37 Hoo Junction – Whitemoor Yard at 13.33 seen passing the signal box and crossing the A10 Royston Road (see photo overleaf top). The moral of this story seems to be that careful planning can result in making somewhere look extremely busy, when it is in fact anything but. Check Real Time Trains before you set off if you are targeting specific trains as I was on this occasion.





EMUS to be seen are Cl.317s and 365s as with *above* 365518 approaching westbound at 13.04 and *below* 317346 departing eastbound at 13.17



LIGHT RAIL & METRO NEWS

Metrolink by Geoff Hope:

Transport for Greater Manchester have frozen fares on Metrolink for a second year as a thank you to commuters for their patience during the disruption caused by the construction work on the network. Fares will be held to the same level as 2014.

An object was thrown through a door window of a stationary tram at Edge Lane on the Ashton line, which was unable to move until repairs had been carried out.

An individual borrowed a friend's car and finished up on the tram tracks on the Airport line in the early hours of January 13th. Calling 999 for assistance he was subsequently charged for being more than double over the limit, having no driving licence or insurance.

Early on the 16th February a cyclist collided with tram 3100 on the Airport line and sadly died from his injuries. On the same day a car collided at a road crossing controlled by traffic lights with a double tram (3065 leading) at Exchange Quay on the Eccles/Media City line, thankfully no injuries were reported.

Early rush hour services on the 18th February on the Rochdale - Oldham section were suspended until mid morning due to ice on the overhead wires, not helped by falling temperatures causing a fault at Derker. Ice also formed on the overhead wires at Timperley delaying services on the Altrincham line along with a failed tram at Piccadilly. It is not known if the ice breaker trams were out trying to keep the overhead wires free from freezing up. On the same day another tram was attacked by rock throwers at St.Wedburgh Road at the junction of the East Didsbury/Airport line but fortunately no injuries were reported.

During rush hour on the 24th February a car collided with a tram at Clayton near to the Ethiad Campus on the Ashton line causing delays on the Rochdale-Ashton service. and again no injuries were reported.

A number of ticket machines over the last few weeks on the Metrolink network are failing to process cards for purchasing tickets. The current contractor operating the machines Scheidt & Bachmann were treating the failures as their highest priority.

Tram 3110 was observed in public service on the Rochdale-Ashton line on the 13th February, the same day 3111 arrived at Queens Road Depot to be made ready for public service.

Observations for the 8-9th January 2016 were as follows: (92 trams in service) Cornbrook 11.40-1310 (8th)

Bury-East Didsbury: 3005+3054, 3008+3047, 3010+3016, 3015+3058, 3020+3028, 3021+3041, 3030+3051, 3042+3048, 3046+3060, 3050+3059

Altrincham - Ethiad Campus: 3002+3040, 3003+3052, 3006+3029, 3007+3023, 3009+3044,

3012+3022, 3033+3057, 3045+3056

Altrincham - Deansgate/Castlefield: 3013/3035/3037/3049 & 3055

Eccles/Media City - Piccadilly:

3062+3097, 3065+3089, 3071+3074, 3076+3080, 3077+3086, 3078+3084 & 3095+3096

Manchester Airport-Cornbrook: 3061/3063/3066/3068/3069/3081/3099 & 3100

Old Trafford Depot 13.15-13.20: 1020/1023, 2001 & 3053.

Queens Road Depot 13.50-14.10: 3031/3032/3092 & 3105 + 1 unidentified tram.

Victoria 13.30-15.10 (9th)

Bury - East Didsbury: 3005+3054, 3010+3016, 3012+3022, 3015+3058, 3020+3028, 3021+3041,

3033+3057, 3035+3045, 3042+3048, 3050+3059.

Bury - Piccadilly: 3024/3026/3031/3032/3036/3038 & 3043

Rochdale-Ashton:

3070/3075/3082/3083/3085/3087/3088/3090/3092/3093/3098/3102/3105/3106 & 3108 Shaw & Crompton - Exchange Square: 3072/3073/3094/3101/3104/3107 & 3109.

Tram on test: 3014 Not in service: 3004+3034

Not seen:

3001/3011/3017/3018/3019/3025/3027/3039/3064/3067/3079/3091/3103 & 3110 + 1 unidentified

Midland Metro by James Holloway:

The West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority has given the go ahead for Birmingham to be the first city in the UK to use the latest battery technology. This removes the need to use the overhead power supply. All 21 Urbo 3 trams are to be fitted allowing them to run through architecturally sensitive areas such as Victoria Square where the Town Hall and Council House are situated. Other sections identified as future catenary free running are: Birmingham Centenary Square-Edgbaston, Birmingham Eastside between Moor Street Queensway and Digbeth High Street including the proposed HS2 station at Curzon Street and the Wolverhampton city centre extension between the bus station and the railway station. Four new trams have been ordered, with batteries already fitted, for the next extension to Centenary Square.

ACCIDENTS

This is an occasional series devoted to showing the various mishaps / crashes that have befallen rolling stock in the UK over the years. If you have photos and any accompanying info, then please forward to the Editor.





above 45045 (D64) 'Coldstream Guardsman' crashed into Saltley Viaduct on the 10th February 1983. The photo above was taken on the 12th February by James Holloway who just dangled his camera over the parapet and hoped for the best without using the viewfinder!! It was later seen dumped near the entrance to Lawley Street container terminal on the 26th February. After examination at Derby it was withdrawn on the 9th May 1983 and cut up by Vic Berry in October 1986.

left Stone Blower DR 80212 collided with DR 77002 near Arley, Warwickshire on the 10th August 2012. The photo below was taken by James Holloway at Nuneaton on the 11th September 2012 whilst awaiting transfer to Eastleigh Works, where it remains today.

RAILWAY GLOBETROTTERS

Around the World in 40 Days by Ray Smith - Part 2:

All bar the last three photographs were taken at the Moscow Railway Museum at Rizhskiy Station on the 11th May 2014. The class description is in English as Ray does not have a Cyrillic keyboard!

Day 7 - Friday, 9th May, 2014:

Today was originally planned to travel to Moscow by train. Sadly, due to seat reservation problems and other booking issues it was easier to fly. We arrived in Moscow late afternoon and stayed at the weirdest hotel I have ever used, I will say no more!



above 0-8-0 OV 841 right 2-6-2 SU214-10





2-10-0 FD21 3125



0-10-0 EM740-57



2-10-0 P 0001



0-6-0T 9P 17347

Day 8 - Saturday, 10th May, 2014:

Today was a morning sightseeing tour of the city, with some free time (the only transport I saw were 2 trams) before going to the Bolshoi Theatre to see La Bayadere. This was something I was not looking forward to, yet, once the show started, I was spellbound. I never thought I would be so impressed with ballet!



2-10-0 EG 2450





2-10-0 SO17 2211



2-10-0 TE 5415



Day 9 - Sunday, 11th May 2014:

I knew that the Moscow railway Museum was adjacent to Rizhskiy railway station. We went there in the morning and entering the station we were face to face with three heavily armed policemen. A frightening sight! I said "Museum" and then with smiling faces they pointed us to the right of the station where many locomotives were displayed. A wonderful Museum located in part of the old station.

left 0-10-0 ER766-11



Bo-Bo-Bo-Bo VL8 1694



Co-Co VL23 131



Co-Co-Co-Co TE3 5151



Co-Co-Co-Co TE7 080



Co-Co ChS4 025



Co-Co ChS2k 712



above Co-Co TE1 195 right Bo-Bo TE2 125



Tano-185

Co-Co TEP10 186



Co-Co TEP60 1200



Bo-Bo-Bo-Bo VL10 098



Bo-Bo ChS3 045



who put that tractor there ! but the loco is Do-Do EP 200



high speed vehicle C250 102

After the Museum we waited in our hotel for our transport to take us to Moscow Kazan station to join the Trans Siberian Express. There was a wine reception awaiting us and after a brief description of the route we joined the train run by Zarengold. Throughout the journey they were excellent. I had travelled the Trans-Siberian before using Golden Eagle, who were also excellent. The destination with Golden Eagle was Vladivostok but this time it was to be Beijing, China.





unit EP200 105



unit EP22-38



unit A538-1

unit Sr3n 815/1615 with 11775 leading



above many Russian locos have a stencilled number on the side as well their actual one but there is no logical match between the two as with Chs2K 905 which also carries 11009057, Kazan, 11th May 2014



above ChME3 3245 also carries 15542459, right our first haul of the epic journey was Chs2K 330 both Kazan, 11th May 2014



Kazan station was quite busy and there were a lot of Co-Co class CHME3s on pilot duties. I had seen some of them before in Moscow, and not copping them!!!! Co-Co Chs2k 330 was our first haul.

photos by Ray Smith (to be cont)

PRESERVATION PHOTO SPOT - 2



sister ex-GWR 0-4-2Ts 1420 (resident) and 1450 (visiting) stand side by side outside Buckfastleigh shed, SDR on the 1450 was visiting from DFR for the line's Winter Steam Festival 18th February 2016, (Chris Brown)

FRANCHISE NEWS

Caledonian Sleeper:

Cl.73/9s made their full service debut on the 15th February 2016 when 73967 t&t 73968 hauled a diverted service to Oban so bringing a sleeper service to the town for many years.

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.

Thanks to the following for information: Alex Ford, Charles Baldwin

Out of Store: 33.68.4909.382-6/672-0

Converted / Re-coded:

950212/228/257/258/288/363/365/379/380/445/530/582/622/671/695/754/783/100, 965069 are now coded **MXA Bogie Open Box**, these converted wagons are also receiving RIV numbers.

Reformed / Recoded:

FCA Bogie Twin Container Flat 610155 + 610124 + 610340 have been coupled together as a triple sets and recoded **FQA**

Removed from TOPS / For Scrap / Scrapped:

370305-358 are all scrapped / awaiting scrapping, 980224, 31.70.4938.042-9/743-0



right showing the state of the coal market, over 140 stored FL bogie coal hoppers can be seen stored opposite Leeds Midland Road depot, 9th February 2016 (Mike Brook)

OTP News:

New:

The fourth **Robel 69.70/4UK Mobile Maintenance System** comprising 3 vehicles has been delivered: DR 97504 (99.70.9481.004-8) + DR 97604 (99.7.9559.004-9) + DR 97803 (99.70.9580.004-8)

FREIGHT NEWS

GBRf have started a new 12 month rolling contract moving aggregate from Whatley Quarry in the Mendips to Wellingborough Yard. The first train ran on the 26th January 2016 with 22 JNA wagons.

Colas Rail started operating the cement trains from Oxwellmains from the 4th January 2016. Services run to Inverness. Aberdeen. Seaham and Carlisle.



above Plain Line Tamper DR 73806 'Karine' Northampton, 8th February 2016 (Graham Stockton) the nameplate has not previously been illustrated

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:

UKRL are to re-engineer a CI.56 to see if it can meet the market for additional freight locos.

26040 is looking for a new home as its owner has been notice to quit the yard at Methil Docks. 58048 has been saved for preservation.

Unbranded Cl.387/2s entered service on the 2nd February 2016 initially on Thameslink services for driver training.

Gatwick Express branded Cl.387/2s entered service on the 29th February 2016 and will replace 18 of the 24 Cl.442s.

Eight of the ten Cl.374/4 Eurostars are now in service with original Cl.373/3s being stored.

Mk3 coaches 10206, 11074 & 12092 have been repainted to match prototype HST 41001.

New:

Locos: 66773 66774 66775 66776 66777 66778 66779 EMUs: (* on test) 374005 374006 374013 374014 374015 374016 374019 374020 700111* 800005* Locos Sent Abroad: (to France) 66209

Locos Exported: (to Poland) 66527 66530 66535



above 66527 + 66530, 22nd February 2016 below 66530 + 66535, 9th February 2016 Leeds Midland Road (Mike Brook)



Re-formed & Re-Numbered:

EMUs: (Cl.458 lengthened to 5 cars) 8007 to 458507 incls 74428 from 460008 8028 to 458528 incls 74408 from 460008 (Cl.321/4 reduced to 3 cars)

321411 to 320411

Re-numbered / 'named':

08605 to Wigan 2 08924 to Celsa 2

Refurbished & Re-numbered:

86501 re-geared & re-numbered back to 86608 **Refurbished & Re-numbered**:

EMUs:

357214 to 357314 357215 to 357315 **Coaches:** (Mk3) 10216 to 10414

Transferred:

Locos: (* into preservation, # from preservation)

08630/676/802 DBS to HNRC

08737 DBS to LSL 27059 BH – ESR

D6508 ESR to BAT

Names:

New: (* re-applied)

 D6508*
 Eastleigh

 73951
 Malcolm Brinded

 73952
 Janis Kong

 507004*
 Bob Paisley

 507021*
 Red Rum

Recent But Not Previously Illustrated:

Magna Carta 800
Lincoln 2015

158861 as reported in August 2015 (Mike Brook)



66744 as reported in July 2012 (Malcolm Wallace)

Removed:

08611 Longsight TMD 375619 Driver John Neve

For Scrap:

CF Booth 66048

Ron Hull. Rotherham 58012, 58023

Scrapped:

EMR Kingsbury 08646

NEW STOCK





above 68019 'Brutus', left 68018 'Vigilant' Crewe 4th February 2016 (James Holloway)











the last USA built Cl.66s for the UK, GBRf 66773-779 were hauled by 66708 from Newport Docks to Doncaster Roberts Road on the 15th February 2016 above the rear of the convoy with 66775/773/774 passing through Cheltenham Spa at 12.15 (Alex Raybould)

below with its 'mystery' livery covered up 66779 in the middle of the convoy between 66776 (right) and 66778 (left) passed Stourbridge Jnct at 14.13 (James Holloway) 66779 is to have its livery unveiled at the NRM, York in May



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. New liveries may also be shown in other articles. See 08696, 66422, 66708 & 59004 in **EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT**.





above another FL livery variation, 66567 with refurbished/repainted cab has revised Powerhaul FL branding to the cab only with original numbers, Ipswich 26th February 2016 (Keith Partlow)

CONVERTED STOCK



above further to the early photo of 73952 in the July 2015 issue on test on the SVR here is 73952 (+ 73951) passing eastbound at Tufts Crossing towards March at 13.15 working the late starting 0Z73 10.30 Derby RTC (Network Rail) - March Whitemoor Yard LDC light engine move, note all the lettering has been removed and both locos have new nameplates, though covered up on the side photographed, 22nd February 2016 (Colin James)

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UKRS03	UK Wagons 2016	APRIL 2016	(1 st Mar16)	£9.50	£13.50			
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UKRS01	UK Pocket Book 2015		(1 st Jan15)	£7.50	£10.50			
UKRS03	UK Wagons 2015		(23 rd Feb15)	£9.50	£13.50			
UKRS04	UK Name Directory		(1st Dec14)	£10.50	£14.50			
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