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Front Cover Photo:

With a bank of solar panels making the most of a perfect clear blue sky, 86637 & 90047 sit outside the new Freightliner Maintenance Shed at the north end of Crewe Basford Hall Yard with 86632 inside the shed, 8th April 2017

£2.50 where sold separately

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SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

Editor's Comments:

As all those who took part will agree, our first visit of the year was a resounding success followed by one of our best attended AGMs (see reports elsewhere).

A milestone took place on the 11/12th April 2017 when 60163 'Tornado' hit the magic 100mph in a test on the ECML to gain certification to run at 90mph. For safety a 10% margin of error had to be demonstrated, hence the 100 mph. With steam limited to 75 mph less paths are becoming available and could see steam banned from high speed routes. This test should allow charters to still run on high speed lines with 60163.

Virgin Trains, Welcome to Yorkshire, Network Rail and the National Railway Museum organised 'Four trains, four Generations' event on the ECML north of York on the 23rd April 2017with quadruple side by side running featuring 60103 (with 55002 on the rear), 800101, DVT 82205 t&t 91105 and 43238 t&t 43290. Anyone see it or get a photo?

It makes your blood boil to hear of yet more senseless vandal attacks on preserved railways. Swindon & Cricklade has been struck again with graffiti then on the 18th March vandals struck at Ruddington on the Great Central (North) breaking windows on three locos and only 3 days after dropping in on our way south after the AGM, the Telford Steam Railway suffered an attack on the 12th April 2017. £5000 + worth of damage was sustained with windows smashed on coaches and DMUs some of which are featured (pre damage) in this issue plus damage to infrastructure. These mindless idiots have no idea the grief it causes after hours of work put in by volunteers to see their handy work destroyed te alone the ongoing issues of trying to replace broken items and the potential for further damage in the meantime from water ingress. Those we met on the railway were very friendly and I can only hope this act does not deter them from welcoming enthusiasts in the future. About time we had a more suitable punishment system in this country. A crowd funding appeal has been set up to help fund repairs https://telfordsteam-railway/ It was apparently 3 children aged 12-13 who threatened a volunteer the following day with an iron bar.

Apologies for the late delivery again but with non-stop railway news it takes longer and longer to complete. In addition we are having one of the best years for books with 620 orders to date from the start of January 2017, that's 5 a day, plus the revised PB and Ian Allan shops to deal with and all done with fewer officials. I did intend to finish **TRACKS** by Friday the 5th but proof reading wasn't complete, however the delay allowed photos of a whole raft of new liveries sent in on that Friday night to be incorporated....just about with a re-jig!! It does mean a few articles however have been bumped into the June issue. This incessant workload and no southern officials are the major reasons we didn't attend the Swanage Diesel Gala, though at least we didn't miss out on the good weather north of the border. Now all I have to do is crack on with getting the **UK Summer Combine** and **UK Name Directory** ready for printing in the middle of July!!

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ:

This does not apply to the vast majority of you but it appears some members do not read the **SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD**, which is frustrating, as it is the one and only sure way of communicating with every member. **PLEASE**, **PLEASE** can all those sending me info remember to say who you are as it seems modern technology is making some people very lazy !! If it is a photo it must be at the original full size and include all relevant details, time date location etc. So whoever sent a tiny photo of 345007 by phone please send by email at full size. I have included the section again on p5 on how to submit and caption photos as still many do not bother, particularly new contributors (it is in the Welcome Pack info). Also **PLEASE** do not send any photos to my mobile phone as I do not have (or need) a smart phone. Access to the internet for me is all desk based.

Errata – Apr 2017: On p10, the photo of 37423 should be credited to Keith Partlow.

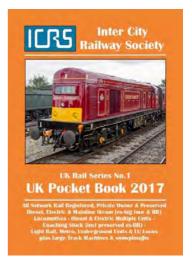
AGM Report: One of more successful AGMs in recent years was attended by 40 members at the Crew Arms Hotel. It followed the visit to Crewe Basford Hall Yard (see report elsewhere). Between the two, refreshments were laid on at the Hotel which did not leave anyone feeling hungry...I put my diet on hold to have seconds, well thirds of the chips!! The AGM minutes are now on the website but the

main items to be highlighted were the revised Constitution (also on the website) and the election of 2 new officials. Christine (my better half) now has an official role, having ably supporting me for years, as Sales Manager with responsibility for the sales stand etc. and Mark Hall, a new member from Leeds who has taken on the role of Visits Co-ordinator. He will take time to find his feet but hopefully members will meet him at various events and bombard him with suitable railway sites to try to gain permission to visit. With visits already arranged this year he will be planning what we can do in 2018. The other major news was that Stuart Moore has stepped down from his role as Secretary to

concentrate on the next phase of his life / career, training to become a vicar. We have already earmarked him for a future ICRS chaplain!! Good luck Stuart.

Publications: The revised edition of the UK Pocket Book is now available, with the printers managing to do the 're-print' in under 3 weeks. As stated last month if you bought the first version with the missing HST coach numbers and you wish to have a free replacement then please contact Trevor. You do not need to send the original back. If you want the missing numbers, revised pages 202/203 are available on our website or you can obtain via email from the editor@... for you to print off. This is the best and most comprehensive Pocket Book ever and with all those extra ex-BR Preserved Coaches the PB is now unique amongst its few rivals. Excellent reviews of all 3 main books have been featured in the May & June issues of Railways Illustrated.

The **UK Combine 2017** is doing really well and is close to selling out of our original 600 order, with **UK Wagons 2017** selling steadily. Remember there are many changes from the 2016 version and it incorporates all those new wagons that kept arriving after it was published!!



Books / Sundries Orders: Remember you can order books via BACS the same as for those who renew their membership that way. You just need to notify Trevor at **editor@...** with your requirements and to say you are using BACS. Please copy Peter in at **treasurer@...** so he is also aware. Using BACS is the best option all round as it ensures the Society gains the full amount of the sale and is free to you. Cheques are equally as good but there is a postage cost to you.

Orders via the post should now be directed via Trevor & Christine (see rear cover for address). At present the **UK Combine** and **UK Wagons** are being posted out direct via Minuteman Press (Hedge End, Southampton), who print our ring bound A5 books. The **UK Pocket Book** will be dealt with by Trevor & Chris. Please note if you order different books / binders, they may be posted separately as postage is cheaper that way, it all depends on what you order. For all book enquiries please contact Trevor / Chris (page 2 or rear cover for contact details).

TRACKS Binders: If you are planning to buy a binder for the current year, please note that as there will only be 10 issues of **TRACKS** in 2017 the MEDIUM binder will fit more snugly than the LARGE binder. For those with binders you will realise that 2017 is the last of the stickers supplied so we hope to get additional stickers for 2018 onwards.

Membership Matters: New Members: (* ex-members re-joined)

Neville Andrews (Saundersfoot), Neil Beckley (Oxford), Robert Dalton (Castlecroft), Richard Eccles * (Blackpool), Andrew Elliott (Reading), Benjamin Hemming (Castlecroft), Victor Jenkins (Congleton), John Majka (Scawthorpe), Barrie Meadows (Glenfield), Simon Payne (Tilsworth), Dan Perrett (Thornbury), Ian Read (Stockport), Tony Southall (Thorne), Paul Walsh (Dubai, UAE), Andy & Michael Warrick (Felixstowe), David West (Reading), Stephen Worboys (Ringwood), Dave Williams (Southport), Chris Woolf (Horsham) - a warm welcome to you all.

Obituary: Sadly we have lost Trevor Johnson from Birmingham. He only joined at the DRS Crewe Open Day in 2016. Condolences go to his family. We have also lost Mrs Chris Hope from Doncaster and condolences go to her husband George who is a member.

Society Magazine TRACKS:

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The latest date for articles / info for the June 2017 issue is Friday 26th May 2017 with delivery to members after Wednesday 7th June 2017 please check the TRACKS page on the website for date of posting from the printers

Photos: Good quality photographs are always welcome, preferably high res jpeg digital photographs via email (not compressed please). With regards to submitting photos can you please help the Editor out by giving the photos a descriptive caption/file name rather than just a number allocated by your camera. Many already do it but it takes far too long to add captions myself before I can then edit them. You may ask why bother, but without details I can't then file them and easily find them when inserting into TRACKS or find for future reference. Note several photos may be submitted with the same nos. eg 001, DSC_001, IMG_001. Here is an example of a standard caption: 37025 Newton Abbot (10.37) 03.03.16. If you supply more than one of the same subject with the same time/date then add (1) (2) etc at the end as with the following example: 158713 + 158720 Elgin (13.16) 27.03.16 (2). Note the + sign is used for double heading etc. If it is a top and tail situation then just use t&t eg. 31233 t&t DBSO 9703. If you want to add the particular working then please do so after the number but be succinct, no extra words, but you don't have to as that can be included in the email or when submitting a report. If you want to add a number in front of the caption which corresponds to a fuller description in an email or report then that is fine eg 1. 37025 Newton Abbot (10.37) 03.03.16. Please stick to the style of the examples. To submit bulk photos which then requires more than one email please try Dropbox. This is primarily a cloud storage system but it can be used to transfer copies of several photos / files. All you need do is open a free account then add your photos to a single folder, give each distinct different title and then share that folder with the Editor editor@intercityrailwaysociety.org. As the free account has a 2GB limit, I download the files fairly

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EVENTS

MEMBERS ONLY VISITS

Long Marston – Sat 10th June 2017: LAST CHANCE TO BOOK

We have arranged to tag onto the only event planned at Long Marston in 2017. The charge is £15 paid on the day and all goes to charity but you **MUST** inform us in advance that you are attending and **ONLY** if you are 100% certain. If that is so please contact our President, Simon (details on page 2) by the **cut-off point of the 16th May 2017** so we can provide the organisers with a list of attendees. Please arrive around 09.15 with the aim to start at 10.00. Yard lists will be available for sale on the day for you to check off stock. Coffee and cake will hopefully be available from around midday but feel free to bring refreshments. The site must be clear by 15.00, so that is a decent amount of time to wander

freely around the site, however you must adhere to the rules below and respect this opportunity.

 No public display of your photographs either online, in magazines or any social media. The adherence to this rule is what allows visits to continue every year. Any breach will result in membership being withdrawn.

- No climbing onto, between or underneath stock.
- No entry into any building or enclosed area unless invited.
- Wear good walking shoes, bring waterproof clothing. Hi-viz jackets are preferred but not essential (no rail movements on the day).
- You are entirely responsible for your own safety

There is parking on site and access is off Station Road. Programme your Sat Nav with either CV37 8PL or CV37 8RP or if like me you prefer maps, Station Road runs just south of Long Marston village between the minor road to Mickleton and the B4632 Mickleton to Stratford-upon-Avon. The entrance is on the south side of Station Road at the Long Marston end near the 'The Greenway' cycle path.

Eastleigh Works - Sat 9th Sept 2017:

Following our previous successful visits we are organising another Members Only visit to Eastleigh Works, though instead of in June it is in September which has allowed us to visit Long Marston. It will probably start at 14.15. As in 2016 it will be necessary to make a charge (TBC) to cover the normal visit fee (which Arlington donate to charity) and organising stewards, but for that you will get access to all areas until 16.30 and cab rides. There will be refreshments (TBC) which will be subsidised by the Society. Nearer the time firm details will be provided with info on how to apply for a ticket.

OPEN DAYS

DRS Carlisle Kingmoor, 10.00-16.00 - Sat 22nd July 2017:

The annual DRS Open Day is to be held at Carlisle Kingmoor where the new Cl.88s will be on display. Tickets are 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.

Old Oak Common 111th Anniversary, Sat 2nd Sep 2017:

Prior to the site being redeveloped for Crossrail GWR is to host an event to celebrate the legends of the former GWR maintained at the depot. No firm details yet.

PRESERVATION GALAS

Severn Valley Railway Spring Diesel Gala, 19th-21st May 2017:

We will be attending this Gala on the weekend of the 20^{th} / 21^{st} with our sales stand in the diesel shed at Kidderminster. The Sunday is a mixed traction event. Please come and visit us if you are attending. There will be a viewing area at the rear of the shed and a Cl.88 on display inside the shed.

The following is a list of those preservation galas that have been announced for 2017 (location codes as used in Combine / Pocket Book). It is hard to keep abreast of all the Galas so if you know of any errors or additions please let the Editor know.

May	13-14	EVR	М		13-14	WEN	D		30-1	RSR	D
•	18-20	SVR	D		22-23	LLR	MT	Oct	1	BRC	S
	21	SVR	MT	(1960s)					6-8	BBR	D*
Jun	2-4	NVR	MT	Aug	3-6	SPA	D		13-15	NVR	D
	3	HST	D	_	12-13	EVR	D		14-15	ELR	S
	3-4	LLR	M	Sep	1-3	NNR	S		20-22	MHR	D
	3-4	ELR	MT		2-3	HST	D		20-22	MNR	D**
	(small locos)				9-10	GCR	D	Nov	3-5	SDR	D
	9-11	WSR	D		9-10	NVR	S		4-5	ELR	M
	9-11	NNR	D		9-10	RSR	S	Dec	29-30	GWR	MT
	17-18	MRB	D		14-17	WEN	D				
	24-25	CHV	MT	(Cl.20 Anniversary)			D -	D - Diesel (* Deltic 40 th)			
	24-25	EKR	D		15-17	DFR	D	D -	Diesel (*	* Cl.50)	
Jul	7-9	ELR	D		21-24	SVR	S	М -	DMUs		
	8-9	MRB	MT		23-24	LLR	D	S -	Steam		
	(1960s)				23-24	EOR	D	MT -	Mixed Tr	action	
	8-9	KWV	MT		23-24	ELR	D				
(small locos)				Sep/Oc	t 29-1	IOW	D				

EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT

by **Norman Smith** & photos by **Carl Watson** for the period up to 30th April 2017

Locos: 66770 brought in Translator Set T5, ADB 975974/978, from Tonbridge West Yard on the 3rd and took them back there on the 6th.



66588 t&t 66506 brought in 47771 for an overhaul on the 4^{th} (see above). 66760/776 came in for minor repairs on the 6^{th} (see photo bottom on the 7^{th})



57306 arrived from Old Oak Common for on the 7th for a bogie swap, the loco being lifted onto its replacement bogies on the 20th (see left). 66760/773/776 took Translator Set T7, 64664/64707, to Peterborough on the 10th.

73961 t&t 73964 were on and off site with a NR test train from the 11th to the 13th.

37611 newly named 'Pegasus' and in full Europhoenix livery left for Derby on the 15th (see photo overleaf on the 11th.

73141 arrived for a wheelset change and bogie work on the 27th. 08879 is operational now, although it needs some attention to a few minor issues and was moved under its own power several times during the month.



57308 has been de-named and re-liveried in the new DRS livery, completed by the 21st it is seen below on the 25th. New 'Jamie Ferguson' plates were yet to be fitted.



Units: Cl. 455 Units receiving traction system upgrades by Vossloh: 5902/09/12/17/18/19.

Coaches: Riviera Trains stock moves for the month, including loco:

2/4 37069/716 returned coaching stock from the weekend's Pathfinder Tours Charters and left for

Crewe Gresty Bridge the following day. 8/4 66005/165 UK Railtours "The Andover Fist"

14/4 37259/609 Pathfinder Tours "The Spring Highlander"

21/4 66040 UK Railtours "The Conway Explorer" (brought back by 66096)

Wagons: Wagon Trips in/out during April were:

4/4 DBC in 89005/016, 70.2795.305-3, 87.4375.045-3, 87.4384.010-6/011-4/037-9/042-9

DBC out 70.6905.044-6, 80.4736.010-6, 87.4384.005-6, 87.4909.386-4

11/4 DBC out 80.2398.630-6, 80.4736.048-6, 87.4333.076-5, 87.4384.042-9

13/4 FL in 93297/299/353/410/452/483, 97712 FL out 92617, 93400/409/412/443/459

19/4 DBC out 80.4736.041-1,

87.4333.066-6

26/4 DBC out 87.4333.045-0/

052-6, 87.4375.037-0

93297/452

27/4 FL in 93292/350, 97725/754

FL out

Wagons scrapped during April were: 200713/737/760/975, 210254/268/341/538, 391225, 460903.

MEAs 391154 (see above right) and 391225 have had the box bodies cut off for re-use by Raxstar.



The underframe of 391225 was then scrapped. The underframe of 391154 is being retained by Arlington as an internal user vehicle. ZCA 210376 and YGH 982509 have been retained by Raxstar for possible sale or re-use.

OTP: Robel MMS DR97504/604/804 came in for maintenance on the 11th departing on the 13th.

Loram SPML15 Grinder DR79200 (3 vehicle set) came in for maintenance on the 24th and departed on the 30th (see photo left on the 27th).

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

This new section will deal with rolling stock news that doesn't readily fit in anywhere else.

Chiltern Railways is helping to test an innovative powertrain demonstrator for self-powered rail vehicles, as part of a wider powertrain competition, funded by RSSB and Artemis Intelligent Power

Ltd. Artemis Intelligent Power is testing the new solution on Mk 3 DVT 82113 which is being converted at Bo'ness, BKR (see photo below taken on the 20th April 2017). The test will take place for three months, starting in December 2017.

The Digital Displacement® Hybrid Rail Transmission project, using technology and expertise provided by Artemis and JCB, aims to reduce fuel consumption and improve engine performance by combining highly efficient hydrostatic transmission with on board energy storage in the form of hydraulic accumulators, which store energy during braking for reuse



during acceleration. Stored energy can be reused to supplement engine power, reducing journey times through faster acceleration allowing trains to leave stations without producing emissions.

The technology could be applied to non-electrified rail routes where the case for future electrification is difficult to make. It also has the potential to provide benefits to the customer experience and to train planners in terms of reducing station dwell and journey times. The hybrid drive train can also be combined with an efficient downsized engine to reduce the emissions and fuel consumption of the fleet.

CREWE BASFORD HALL YARD VISIT

On the 8th April 2017 44 members took advantage of clear blue skies and very warm weather to tour round Crewe Basford Hall Yard. This is the first time we have been there since the new maintenance shed was erected at the north end of the Yard. The visit started from the FL offices at the south end of the Yard at 13.00 and it was immediately obvious there were more locos on site than we had ever seen on previous visits. I photographed 41 but there were 42 present if you count 66621 arriving as we left which I missed sorting out our payment.







Trekking back down the access road up which most had already walked, we first passed stored 90050 with 47811 and 47816. Behind 47816 a line of converted MXAs stood out in their bright red livery. Continuing on to the new shed where 90037 and 90047 in contrasting first and current FL liveries stood outside, we were allowed to look inside but not enter, which as all doors were open and it is only one loco deep was not an issue. It is a 5 track shed, numbered from east to west and held 86632 on track 4, 86607 on track 3 and 90048 on track 1.





We then had to wait opposite Crewe Sorting Sidings North signal box whilst 66512 passed with 4 FEAs and a convoy of locos was manoeuvring, which having passed north from the yard didn't return straight away so we were allowed across before they came back, 66558 leading 90044 + 86610 + 86612 + 86638.





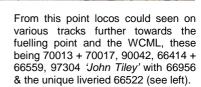




We then walked back up the yard passing 90045 & 86627 (see above top) to photograph a group of locos (see left) 86639 + 66517 & 86608 (hadn't seen this since converted back from 86501) + 86628 before doubling back to cross further into the yard.

66553

We then headed back all the way through the yard first passing 66198, 66090 & 66615, then 66103 & 66570. We then passed 66525 + 66547 + 66553 (see right) & 66507.



Continuing to the end of the yard we passed 66526 'Driver Steve Dunn (George)' + 66954 then by the derelict Crewe Sorting Sidings South signal box.





At least 21 different types of wagon were seen throughout the yard including flat FDA 621532 (above) and hopper HAA 370035 used as a EMU translator vehicle (below)



above 66954 to the left of the signal box, 70017 + 70013, 66956 & 66522



The final locos seen were 97302 + 47830 (D1645) 'BEECHING'S LEGACY' (see above). Crossing back over the tracks rather than use the footbridge as on previous occasions we passed the unique RGQ 462783 off the rails (see below).





above OBA 110330 with 110706 (right) and 66414 + 66559 behind

Locos: Shed: 86632, 86607, 90048, **Yard:** 47811/816, 47830 (D1645), 66090/103/133/192/198/414/507/512/517/522/525/526/547/553/558/559/570/615/621/954/956, 70013/17, 86608/10/12/27/28/37/38/39, 90042/44/45/47/50, 97302/304

Exactly half of the FL allocated Cl.86/6s (8 out of 16) and 90s (5 out of 10) + 90050 were on site.

Wagons: The following is a compilation of my own and several members sightings, including photos but may not be comprehensive. What is interesting is that clearly some numbers have been recorded in error...old eyes!! So I have only listed what could be cross checked. Thanks to Tony Blackburn, Neil Dix, Colin Pottle, Rob Perry and Mike Rumens. If anyone else can categorically provide additional numbers please do so.

JNA 29009/052/064/123/195/209/252/279/283/299/416/428/451/502/518/546, **OBA** 110330/706 KFA 92649, 93292/350/476, **HHA** 370020/029/033/035, **HQA** 380008/120/121/207 MHA/MFA/MPA 391368/1562/1591/1645/4011/4023/4037/4043/4064/4075/4084/4095/4119/4159/4191/4192/4225/4228/4236/4250/4262/4322/4352/4358/4386/4521/4522/4527/4555/4578/4588/4600/4606/4633/4635/4655/4684/4689/4692/4697/4701/47741/47745/4800/4816/4821/4826/4830/4934/4936/4939/4966/5026/5036/5103/5119/5123/5192/5202/5223/5269/5317/6008/6036/6066/6070 MDA 500201/269/277/286/326, **MLA** 503019/024/060/087/103/118/503/561/569/576/603/606 FTA 607005/044, FSA 608003/004/030/151/152/237/238/247/248/277/278/297/304/346, FDA 621532 FEA 640052/063/064/177/178/309/310/451/452/719/720/749/907/910/917/920/921/922, 641038 MXA 950047/058/073/093/140/152/198/204/220/269/297/328/371/386/510/549/584/587/603/679/751/783/786/795/812/836/871/936, 951020/066/070/127/152, 965049/066 YKA 996445/6923/6964, RUQ Shark brake van 993916, RGQ 462783 (off rail) IKA 33.68.4909.123-4/384-2/397-4/560-0, IEA 31.70.5892.031-3 IFA 33.70.4908.010-1/011-9/014-3/032-5/049-9/083-8/106-7/117-4/120-8/144-8



The tour took an hour and thanks must go to John Wright and his colleagues from FL who in turn complimented our group on their behaviour, which bodes well for future visits. Certainly the size of group was more manageable than the 75 we had in 2014. Considering the traction present the visit was well worth it and I know everyone enjoyed it.

DRS Crewe Gresty Bridge Depot: (CG) For those who didn't nip over the road to the DRS Depot at Gresty Bridge you missed 37403, 57305/307, 66305, 68004/015/021



DBC Crewe Electric Depot: (CE) To complete the picture of Crewe Depots here are a few photos of what could be seen on CE at 10.00 on the Sat morning: 60055, 90017/22/23/25/27-30/32/33/34/38/39, 67016, MPVs DR 98005/006. The line of stored Cl.90s alongside the Chester line were 90027/33/22/17/30/32/38/23







PRESERVATION PHOTO SPOT - DMUs

In 1993 Buckinghamshire Railway Centre based at Quainton Road, acquired three Derby Suburban Cl.115 DMU cars DMBS 51899, TC 59761 & DMBS 51886 from BR. As the class regularly worked in the area from Marylebone it was thought the most appropriate. The three cars were all built in 1960 and withdrawn in August 1992. 51899 was named 'Aylesbury College SILVER JUBILEE 1987' on 20th June 1987 and still carries very careworn wooden nameplates today on both sides of the cab. The cars arrived in NSE livery but are now in BR green with half yellow warning panels, though 59761 & 51886 are in faded lined maroon livery on one side. The set has not worked in the last 10 years.





above centre trailer 59761

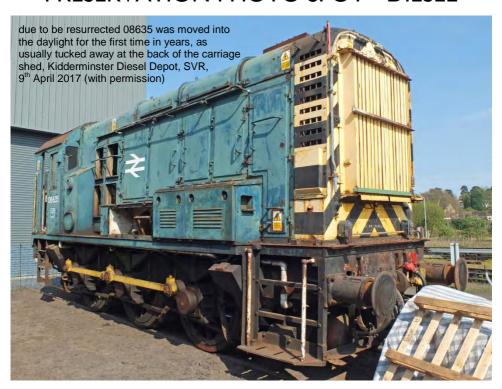
left 51899, bottom 51886

below the nameplate on the lefthand cabside of 51899





PRESERVATION PHOTO SPOT - DIESEL



TRAFFIC & TRACTION NEWS

March 29

47815 passed March South Box eastbound at 08.36 on 0L46 06.45 Leicester LIP – Ely Sidings light engine (Colin James)



66768 passed March East Jnct signal box westbound at 14.23 on 4M29 10.29 Felixstowe North – Birch Coppice intermodal (Colin James)



66727 t&t 66733 passed March at 08.27 to take the East Curve for the yard on 6773 05.20 Hackney Downs – March Whitemoor Yard LDC engineers train (Colin James)



50049 + 20189 + 20205 passed Milton Malsor (near Collingtree) at 12.22 en route to the Bluebell Railway from the Severn Valley Railway (Chris Emary)



April 1

37716 t&t 37069 passed Tame Bridge Parkway at 11.40 with a Pathfinders Tour from Crewe – Long Marston (David Williams)



April 2

60039 was seen at Peak Forest on a working from Tunstead at 15.07 (Neil Dix)



April 3

20189 + 20205 + 50049 passed Bescot at 13.53 on 08.50 East Grinstead (BBR) - Kidderminster (SVR) (David Williams)



68021 passed Stafford at 09.34 on Crewe Basford Hall – Mountsorrel Sdgs (Peter Davis)



April 4

66718 passed Harrowden Junction at 09.26 on 6M89 Rylstone Tilcon - Wellingborough running approx. 5 and a half hours late (photo at end)

April 5

70007 passed Nuneaton at 10.40 on 4O49 Crewe Basford Hall - Southampton MCT (Darren Carey)



47760 passing Gordon Hill at 09.51 with King's Cross - Barrow Hill LIP 'The Cathedrals Express'. This was supposed to be steam hauled by 46233 but turned out not to be the case (David Berg)



325003 passed Spittal, Berwick-Upon-Tweed at 12.11 on 5Z21 Berwick Goods Loop - Tyne Yard crew training (Gareth Patterson)



59002 passed Keynsham at 14.12 on Avonmouth Bennet's Siding - West Drayton (Robert Hawker)



April 6

66420 passed Tufts Crossing eastbound at 14.48 on 4L85 12.28 Doncaster Europort – Felixstowe North intermodal (photo at end)

66723 + 66778 + 66777 passed Tufts Crossing eastbound at 14.25 on 0L29 14.05 Peterborough Depot – March Whitemoor light engine move (Colin James)



April 7

Stored 37712 was seen languishing at WCR, Carnforth.



90018 + 90024 passed Nuneaton at 14.00 on Mossend – Daventry (Andrew Turnidge)



37405 t&t DBSO 9704 was seen stopping at Silverdale at 10.47 on the Preston – Barrow service.



Two 12 car Cl.325 mail trains passed Crewe within a hour of each other with 5 out of the 6 sets in the revised all over red, only 325006 was in original livery (see photo at end):

17.40 325006 + 325015 + 325016 (southbound)



18.44 325011 + 325001 + 325012 (northbound)



68014 passed Leicester at 10.41 on Crewe - Mountsorrel (Andrew Turnidge)



Stored 56098, 37670 + 37503 + 37510 were seen on Leicester Depot at 10.00





57601 t&t 57316 passed York at 10.15 on excursion to Whitby (Paul Baker)



37422 arrived light engine into Crewe at 18.34 from the south before reversing from platform 8.



April 8

67006 t&t 67005 hauling the Belmond British Pullman stooped at Crewe at 11.37 with a Grand National charter to Aintree. It returned ecs to LNWR Depot before returning north at 18.19 to pick up the punters.





4-6-0 5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe' passed Worting junction at 11.36 working 'The Moonraker' 1Z76 Solihull - Salisbury (photo at end)

37606 passed northbound through Crewe light engine into at 09.29.



68024 + 68020 passed Stafford at 08.06 on 4S43 Daventry – Mossend (Paul Rosser)



66550 passed Crewe on the avoiding line at 09.29 on Crewe Basford Hall - Hall Road Jnct (Colin Pottle)



April 10

92038 was seen at Crewe at 10.49 (Roy Hitchin)



90020 + 90028 passed Nuneaton at 14.00 on 4025 Mossend - Daventry intermodal (Mike Rumens)



66623 passed Walsall at 14.09 on 09.19 Hope Earles Sdgs – Walsall cement (Dave Williams)



April 11

56302 passed Carmyle at 13.52 on 680X 12.58 Prestwick BP Oil - Grangemouth Ineos tanks (lain Gardiner)



April 12

37025 + 975025 'Caroline' + 966xx passed Water Orton at 15.35 (Paul Sumpter)



April 13

67027 t&t 67023 were seen approaching Wellingborough at 09.37 on 1Q52 Derby RTC - St. Pancras (Colin Pottle)



60020 passed Didcot at 14.23 on Theale – Robeston empty tanks (Andrew Blackman)



57301 + 90005 passed lpswich at 15.46 on 0Z68 09.45 Crewe Electric - Norwich Crown Point running 83 minutes early. The 90 was returning to Norwich after repairs at Crewe (Keith Partlow)



April 14

37609 + 37259 passed Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed at 16.53 on day 1 of the Pathfinder charter 'The Spring Highlander' 1Z37 from Eastleigh – Inverness (photo at end)

66846 was seen at Waterloo during an engineering possession at 15.18 (Steve Milsom-Payne)



4-6-2 60009 at a very rainy Ramsbottom on its first day out after being in Baron Street Works, ELR for a few months (Brian Cowell)



April 15

68021 + 68004 passed Berwick-upon-Tweed at 15.10 on 4S43 Daventry - Mossend Euroterminal Tesco Express (Gareth Patterson)



66186 passed Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed at 15.56 on 4M30 Grangemouth TDG - Daventry Int RFT running 93 minutes late (photo at end)

April 17 66951 + 66529 were seen in the loco holding sidings in Mossend Yard at 16.27 (lain Gardiner)



April 18

70019 passing Trimley St Mary at 14.08 with Crewe Basford Hall - Felixstowe North (David Berg)



56087 + 56078 were seen stabled at Marsh Lane Stowmarket at 14.01 having worked from Parkeston Yard early morning. They had worked to Parkeston on Good Friday (14th) on 6Z56 10.35 Whitemoor - Parkeston Concrete sleepers and stabled there over the Easter Weekend (Keith Partlow)



37605, 66304 & 66426 were seen stabled at York at 13.45 (Steve Lord)



66143 passed York at 14.25 (Steve Lord)



April 19
66413 passed Swindon at 11.55 on 4E18
Fairwater Yard – Doncaster (Colin Pidgeon)



37425 + 57301 passed Baylham at 14.57 running as 0C55 13.00 Norwich Crown Point - Willesden Brent (Keith Partlow)



66430 hauling MPV DR 98907 + 98957 arrived at Bescot at 13.14 on 12.20 from Crewe (Dave Williams)



37409 + 975025 passed Tame Bridge Parkway at 14.50 on Ealing Broadway - Crewe (Peter Davis)



66002 & 60074 were seen on the stabling point at Tees Yard at 17.33.



April 21 66419 passed Swindon at 11.45 on 4E18 Fairwater Yard - Doncaster Wood Yard (Colin Pidgeon)



66122 passed Ilkeston at 17.04 on 4E69 Southampton – Wakefield (Rod Johnson)



April 22

37025 t&t 37254 were seen approaching Wellingborough at 18.22 on Dollands Moor - Derby RTC (Colin Pottle)



April 24

66709 passed Swindon at 15.50 on 6M46 Marchwood - Bicester (Colin Pidgeon)



60026 passed Carmyle at 13.46 on 6S36 12.28 Riccarton - Grangemouth Ineos (lain Gardiner)



April 25

43014 t&t 43062 were seen at in Glasgow Central at 11.38 on 06.12 Derby RTC NMT -Edinburgh via Glasgow Central (iain Gardiner)



April 28

66764 + 66740 + 66704 + 66777 hauling a single wagon passed Cross Drove at 14.16 on Peterborough - Whitemoor Yard (photo at end) 66741 passed Cross Drove at 14.55 on 6E88 Middleton Towers - Goole Glassworks (Colin Pottle)



60066 passed Swindon at 15.20 on 6B33 Theale – Robeston (Colin Pidgeon)



April 29

4-6-2 60163 'Tornado' was seen at Doncaster at 10.32 on a Leicester – Carlisle tour (photo at end)

April 30

92023 ran light through Stafford at 16.06 (Rod Johnson)



66148 t&t 66050 passed Keith at 14.02 with crane DRK 81611 'Malcolm L Pearce' and support wagons KFAs 95389, 97410/412. They waited in the loop for 170419 to pass on an Aberdeen – Inverness service which was in plain base blue livery.





May 1

37800 & 375911 were seen approaching Wellingborough at 12.11 on 5Q57 Wembley - Derby Litchurch Lane (Colin Pottle)



47749 was seen at Glasgow Central at 08.09 having unusually worked 1S26 21.39 London - Glasgow Caledonian Sleeper (iain Gardiner)



News from Norfolk (Stuart Moore):

On the 10th April 57007 hauled 68003 from Norwich to Willesden Brent and onward to Crewe. Also noted on the 10th was 66763 in Trowse Tarmac yard before hauling the loaded aggregate to Wellingborough. Finally a visit to Norwich station produced 37423 stabled in the yard with 37419 t&t 37425 on NC37 and 68018 t&t 68019 on NC68.



66747 hauled the Harwich to North Walsham empty tanks and was seen passing through Salhouse running 5 minutes behind time at 12.44 on 12 April 2017 (see above). Another freight move noted at Trowse at 14.13 on the 12th was the Tunstead to Trowse aggregate move hauled by 66617 (see opposite top).



On the 19th April the working was in the hands of 66620. Another interesting move on the 19th was 37425 hauling 57301 on the 0Z55 Norwich to Willesden Brent move. Unfortunately the run was stopped in Essex due to the lineside fire on the WCML in North London and was sent back to Stowmarket for stabling.



In addition also noted in Norwich station and yard area were: 57007 37419/423/424 90001/013 bringing the welcome return of a large logo 37 to Norwich. It was like the mid 1980's on 21st when 37403 joined 37424 bringing 2 large logo 37s to Norwich. (see above) Also present were 37419/423 and 68003/018/019 and 57007.

66758 was on the Trowse to Wellingborough aggregate service on 24th April. The 37 hauled short set saw a loco change on the 24th with 37424 joining 37423. However, this was for one day only and on 25th 37424 had been replaced by 37403 which has performed much better than it did on its previous visit when it failed on its first run with an oil leak.

April 25th saw 66620 on the Tunstead – Trowse aggregate with 66617 on 26th and 66602 on 27th. Finally the 27th also saw the monthly Cambridge to Cambridge via Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft gauging train which has operated this month with recently repainted and renamed 37254 t&t 37057 (see photo right at Brundall at 17.55).







above super power 66764 + 66740 + 66704 + 66777 + a single wagon, Cross Drove (14.16) 28th April 2017 (Colin Pottle)



above line up of WCR locos 47798, 47787, 37669, 47270 (1971), 47851, 47580, 37706 Carnforth, 7th April 2017













PRESERVATION NEWS

Crewe Heritage Centre: With the transfer of the boiler work to the ex-Crewe Diesel Depot and the removal of Pete Waterman's stock, the site looks decidedly empty. However this will help in their aim to refurbish the Centre. The view below taken on the morning of our AGM on the 8th April 2017 shows the northern end of the site with one of the few remaining locos Sentinel 4wDH 4 [10007] where the boilers used to be. The other locos present were 03073, 37108, 47192 (D1842), 47712 'Lady Diana Spencer', 87035 'Robert Burns' (np one side only) and 4-6-2 46233 'Duchess of Sutherland'.



Severn Valley Railway: With the ongoing share issue to raise £2.5 million for improvements to Bridgnorth Station already passed the £1.1 million stage, works to build the new refreshment room adjacent to and south of the existing station buildings / footbridge on the eastern side can be seen

below on the 9th April 2017. The footbridge in the centre of the photo crosses over the B4373 Hollybush Road from the station to New Road and Castle Hill.

The proposed works also include reinstatement of the original booking hall and waiting room, better parking with a new road access and a turntable



OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

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

Grantown-on-Spey (East) Station: The Highland Heritage & Cultural Centre is being created at the former Grantown-on-Spey (East) Station which is now part of the Revack Lodge Estate. Whilst most will know of the Strathspey Railways ambitions to extend their line to Grantown-on-Spey (West) on part of the former Inverness & Perth Jnct Railway (IPJR) then Highland Railway (HR), there was another station in the town (Map ref NJ 0385 2616) on the original Strathspey Railway line that ran south from Dufftown to Nethy Bridge and then connected to the HR at Boat of Garten Jnct on 1st August 1866. The line was absorbed by Great North of Scotland Railway in the same year and then as with the HR became part of the LMS in 1923. The station opened on the 1st July 1863 and closed on the 18th October 1965.





The station is close to the A95 and a new access road has been constructed which has cut across the line and platforms so that new platforms have been constructed on both sides (see above). As part of the centre two ex-Cl.411/412 4-CEP/BEP TSOLs 70292 (1398, 1554, 7143) and 70531 (1396, 1610, 7182) have been placed on track in front of the station building which is being renovated and to the left of the road. These coaches will be converted to a restaurant and kitchen. When I visited on the 6th April 2017 it was unclear as to what the right hand side platforms



would be used for. The Centre is due to open in 2018. For further information visit http://grantowneast.com/



MISCELLANEOUS LOCOS

by Trevor Roots

The first page of Shunting Locomotives and the Miscellaneous Locos section in the **UK Combine** include some odd non-classified survivors built for pre-nationalisation companies, often for evaluation of which some were eventually ordered in larger numbers or incorporated into the mainline companies



fleet. This occasional series features these locos. Previous articles / photo spots featured: 85049 and 97701 Sep 2010 p8, 18000 Mar 2012 p32, 'Tom' & 'Tiger' Sep 2014 p32, NG 10 Feb 2015 p50, 21442 'Woodbine' April 2015 p27, 1311-G Sep 2015 p41 & D2511 p54 April 2016.

'Tom' [27414] The previous article (see above) did not contain any history. Once it finished its demonstration work on the Western Region it returned to NBL in July 1955 from where it was sold into industry with GKN (Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds), Sankey, Shropshire. Out of use by 1973 it was sold into preservation on the Telford Steam Railway (TSR) in 1983 where it received its name. Since the last report 'Tom' has been restored to working order and repainted in a pseudo BR livery with name re-fitted

and carrying its works number. In the photos it was seen at Horsehay, TSR on the 9th April 2017.



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 Evans:

18th April: Crewe 10.00-14.00:

57311, 90034, 92018, 150217, 153303/21/31/84 175002/006/109/114/115, 221103/05/10-11/17/18 323224/27/30/33/34, 350101/102/106/107/113/122 350129/240/241/259/373/377, 387148/149 390010/011/016/045/046/049/050/107/115 390117-119/123/131/134/135/138/152-154/157 DR73922

20th April: Partick 08.00-09.15:

Additional to Ian Bain's sightings, 318266

320315/417, 334001/14/19

22nd April: Carlisle 09.45-12.00:

37401, 66302/431, 142028, 153307/51, 156434 156454/483/488, 158787/848, 185131, 221117/42 350401/402/407/408/410, 390039/042/127/128 390136/151, DR73803, cs 5810/5971/6001/9704

Alan Jones:

4th April: Elgin Yard 09.00: 66082/160 9th April: Elgin Station 13.00/20.30: 158716/721/868, 170401/411

Wards Rd level crossing, Elgin 11.50/16.45:

66001/014/099/128

15th April: Elgin 09.55/19.35:

37057/259/421/605/609, cs 1671/1691/1813/3068 3097/3098/3119/3121/3123/3149/4998/5981/6263

35469/977868/977983

18th April: Elgin 09.15: 66014/031/746 19th April: Inverness 13.30-14.15: 66746, 67013, 158709/732/868, 170409 cs 6700/9806/10523/10597/10605/10680/10683

Mike Rumens:

13th March: Nuneaton 13.36-14.40:

66554, 67015, 70802, 90024/40, 153334, 170105 170116/518/636, 221114, 350116/125, 390003 390013/042/043/047/107/125/134/156, DR73806 14th March: Nuneaton 14.03-14.35:

66134, 70804/810, 153364, 170102/103, 221112

390016/050/103/134/148, DR73906 15th March: Nuneaton 13.55-14.15:

15" March: Nuneaton 13.55-14.15: 66134/526, 70804, 153364, 170108, 221111 350254, 390135/153, DR73806/936 16th March: Nuneaton 13.55-14.40:

66117, 70019, 90024/40, 350123/368, DR73806

DR73929/936

20th March: Nuneaton 13.30-15.05:

59103, 66112/532/560/566/587, 90028/34/42 153371, 170107/109/110/112/397, 221107/09/42 350123/124/127/376, 380146/147, 390020/039 390103/127 23rd March: Nuneaton 14.04-14.50:

66044/541, 153354, 170105/397/522, 350126

DR73806/930

27th March: Nuneaton 13.42-14.35:

66177/565, 70812, 90027/34, 153366, 170107/117

350125, DR77908/80201

29th March: Nuneaton 13.53-14.20: 70807, 153364, 170106/111, 350120 30th March: Nuneaton 1400.-14.40:

66177, 70812, 153364, 170105/109, 221108

31st March: Nuneaton:

66089/512/548, 68014, 70017, 170108/521/637

221107/15, 350369, DR73948

3rd April: Nuneaton 13,45-14,00:

 $66124,\,70807,\,90018/24,\,153364,\,170106/108$

221109/42, 350103/128

6th April: Nuneaton 13.55-14.10:

46233 'Duchess of Sutherland', 66506, 153334

350129

7th April: Nuneaton:

66156/534/706, 153354, 170104/108/113/638/639

323228, 350104/115, 387148/149

Paul Rosser:

4th April: Woodley 17.59: 66714 11th April: Doncaster 07.30-07.57: 43082/089/208, 66704/710/741, 67030 Grantham 08.36: DR73109

Peterborough 09.00-09.19/13.26:

66760/773/776, 387115, 800001/002, DR73116

25th April: Sandbach 07.02: 66509

Crewe: 175009, 350371 Crewe Gresty Bridge 07.19: 37409/425, 68014/19/21 Shrewsbury 07.45-08.09: 67012, 97302/304, 175009

Newport 09.46-10.09: 43010/176, 67012, DR73111/77903 Stoke Gifford 10.30: 800006/007

Swindon 11.01: DR76901/05/06/09/10/14/18/23

Reading 12.23-12.42: 800001/002

Earley 12.46: 707009/10

Euston 15.10-15.20: 350376, 390103

Michael Hayman:

4th April: King's Cross: 43315-318/467, 67030

Peterborough:

46100 'Royal Scot', 43251/310, 55022

9th April: Paddington: 43018/035/164/170/172/194

Acton: 66031/759

Southall: 34046 'Braunton'

Steve Lord:

8th April: Darlington 15.00: 67023/27 10th April: Doncaster 11.15: 60163 'Tornado' 18th April: Doncaster 16.00: 67030, 90019 21st April: Neville Hill 15.00: 08690/908 23rd April: Midland Rd Leeds 10.00: 66503/524/526/533/568/591, 70014, 90041

Rod Johnson:

5th April: Stafford 07.15-19.30:

5 April: 3131014 01:13-13:30 66040/095/097/124/130/147/162/303/501/506/507 66513/541/559/565/571/593/598/727/768, 68020 68021/24, 70003-005/007/008/011, 86612/614 90018/24/44/46/48/49, 92032/38, 220002/03/06/09 220014/19/20/25/27/29-31, 221101/02/04/05/07 221109-16/22/24-26/30/35/37/41-43, 325008/11 325012/14-16, 350103-106/111/114/116-118/123 350125/126/129/231/241-244/258/368, 390001 390002/005/006/008-010/013/016/040/043-046 390049/050/103/104/107/112/115/117/118 390151/152/154/156/157

Paul Tisserant:

31st March: Water Orton 13.55-16.55:

66051/115/130/140/184/517/561/753, 70020 170102/103/106/107/110-113/115/397/518/519 170523/637-639

1st April: Toton 10.45-12.20:

60003-006/008/011/012/014/017/018/023/025/027 60031-035/037/041-044/048/050/051/054/058/060 60061/065/067/068/072/073/075/077/078/081/083 60086/088-090/092/093/097/098/500, 66003/007 66008/024/068/070/081/088/141/151/152/167/172 66198/221/230/238/250/705/707/726/739

7th April: Gunnislake 09.20-09.29: 150249 Plymouth 10.11-10.25/16.20-16.35:

150243, 220005, 221141

Newton Abbot 11.03/15.40: 43146/149, 150234, 153305

Exeter St David's 11.23-12.49/14.58-15.20: 43004/010/033/036/040/139/179/180, 143611 143618-21, 150202/221, 153318/25/72, 159021

159107, 221134

Topsham 12.07/14.38: 143612, 150131 Exmouth 14.20-14.24: 143619/20 Exeter Central 14.55: 143603/12 Plymouth Tavistock Jnct Yard 16.15:

DR75407

Keyham 16.45: 150249

Ian Bain:

20th April: Partick 11.40-13.40:

158713, 318250/51/54/57-60/62-65/67/69/70 320301-303/305/309/310/313/314/316/317 320319-322/413-416, 334002-04/06-12/16/18/20 334021/23/24/26/28-30/32-36/40

Dennis Dey:

25th February: Hassocks:

377603/606, 387205/220/227, 700018/107

Wivelsfield:700030

Three Bridges:

700008/009/015/016/020/021/024/036/038/039/105

Gatwick: 700106 East Croydon:

377607/613, 387206/215/216, 700008/113

Fenchurch Street: 357313 East Ham: 357328 Gatwick: 700103/106

4th March: Hassocks: 700109

Three Bridges: 377602/608/612/615/616/618-620 387201/203/204/209/211/215/219-222/225-227 700002/007/011/015/018/024/029/032/039/105/106

700108/113-115

10th March: Hassocks: 387124/224/225

Three Bridges: 387124/201/203/207-209/216/222 387224/227, 700006/007/015/024/029/033/038/039

700101/102/105-107/111/113-115 **Gatwick:** 387216/219/221, 700107 **East Croydon:** 700010 **London Bridge:** 171201/202 **Ilford:** 08700. 345002

Manor Park: 66513 Gatwick: 387202/211 Crawley Yard: 59104

17th March: Three Bridges: 387124/208/209/212 387213/215/217/220/224/225, 700007/020/021/025 700027/032/039/046/101/102/104-106/107/114

Crawley Rd: 66009

Sidings south of Gatwick: 442410/13 Gatwick: 387203/216/219/222/224/226

East Croydon: 700111

18th March: Hassocks 08.15: 45407

22nd March:

Hassocks: 387124/203/208/213, 700007/105 **Three Bridges:** 700013/021/036/039/109/115

24th March: Three Bridges:

387124/211/217/226, 700009/013/014/018/023

700027/038/039/046/102/107/109

Crawley Yard: 66170 Gatwick: 387204/213/224 Victoria: 387216/225

St Pancras: 373210/211/214/215, 374005/06/09/10

East Croydon: 700017

31st March: Three Bridges: 387124/203/204/207 387208/214/217/222-225, 700003/006/008/012/015 700018/026/029/044-046/101/102/107/109/115

Crawley Yard: 66031/034 Marylebone: 68010/13 East Croydon: 700114

Gatwick: 700104

7th April: Burgess Hill: 700102

Three Bridges:

387201/203/210-212/214/221-223, 700006/009 700013-015/021/025/031/036/101/102/105/114

Crawley Yard: 66074/077

Gatwick: 387202/207/215/220/225, 700111

Purley: 66013

East Croydon: 387201/214, 700109

Clapham Jnct: 707007/08 Victoria: 387205/224 Wivelsfield: 700103

15th April: Hassocks: 700112

Three Bridges: 377610/611/626, 387124/203/208 377209/212/211, 387216/218/221/224/225/227 700007/008/012/014/021/024/027/029/039/042/045

700103/106/107/109/113 **Wivelsfield:** 700109

18th April: Bluebell Rly: 60103 'Flying Scotsman'

Mike Brook:

25th March: Peterborough 09.39-16.16:

43046/081/082/206/208/251/257/274/277/290/296 43300/306-309/311-315/317/319/423/467/468 43480, 66031/102/114/122/147/418/507/561/565 66566/570/572/591/592/712/746/773/779, 91101 91104/06/08-14/16/21/24/25/27-30, 153311/76 158774/812/856/857/862-865, 170105/108/109 170112/113/116/270/271/398/519/639, 180107 180110-14, 317338/341, 321902, 365504/10/24/27 365532/33/40, 387113/115/129, DVT's 82200 82203-06/08-10/12/16/17/19/22/24/26-29 DR75402, cs 64664/707



66779 (12.28)



66418 (12.56)



66031 (16.15)

Ian McAlpine:

24th March: Peterborough:

66004/727/738/774, 91106, DR75402 **Retford:** DR97505/605/805

Doncaster: 56078/087, 60026/087, DR73946/74002

York: 66416, 91129, DR 82227 Northallerton: 66129 Darlington: 66707, 800101 25th March: Darlington: 185109 York: 43274/319, 66422/739, DR73804

Thirsk: 66554

26th March: Darlington: 91118, DVT 82215

Peterborough: DR75402 31st March: Peterborough:

90019, 387105, DVT 82230, DR75402

King's Cross: 67030, 387122

St Pancras: 66013, 373201, 385003, 395017/21

Dagenham: 66065 Gravesend: 465018

Hoo Jnct: 66719/752, 70804 Strood: 375308, 395019 Rochester: 375702, 465165 Gillingham: 465009/010/180/193

Newington: 375707 Margate: 395003

Faversham: 375019/630/701/702/704/820

Dover Priory: 375812, 395014 Ramsgate: 375616/707, 395020 1st April: Margate: 395006/14/29

Ramsgate:

37800, 375301/305/306/609/621/628/630/715/801

375813/907/915, 395006/14/17/22/26

Canterbury West: 375910

Ashford International: 375801/308/610/615/803

375821/925/927, DR77315, DR80217

Paddock Wood: 375604/822, DR97502/602/802

Tonbridge:

375307/601/607/617/703/713/715/801/803/810 375820/821, 377132, 465903/905/906/908/927

465929/932, DR98919-21/31/69-71/81

Maidstone West: 375303/307 Snodland: 375303/304

Strood: 375304, 395005/17/26 Hoo Jnct: 66076/749 Gravesend: 395013, 465031 Headcorn: 375610/809 Dollands Moor: 92011/15 Folkestone Central: 375714/826 Dover Priory: 375711/823, 395019

Martin Mill: 375825

2nd April: Margate: 395005/09 Ramsgate: 375612/621/629/706/907

Chatham: 375713

Ashford International: 375916 King's Cross: 67030, 365502

Ferme Park: 59003 Welwyn Garden City: DR79247

Stevenage: 387127 Huntingdon: DR73116

Peterborough: 387117 7th April: Peterborough:

43315/318, 91109, 387126, DVT 82211

Welwyn Garden City: 66115 Finsbury Park: 66107

King's Cross: 67030, 387102/111

Waterloo: 159009/105

Clapham Jnct: 387226/227, 707008 Wimbledon: 458511, 707003

Weybridge: 458530 Woking: DR98217 Salisbury: 158886 Tisbury: 159021 Sherborne: 159019 Axminster: 159017 Pinhoe: 159107

Exeter St David's: 43146/149/176/181/285/304

143606/12, 150129/202/232, 153325

8th April: Exeter St David's: 43033/139/164/194 143611/18/19/21, 150120/124/129/130/233/249 159005/018/020/101/105, 220016, 221141

Dawlish: 150130 Teignmouth: 150124 Torre: 143619, 220025

Newton Abbot: 43003/136, 220008, 221129/33

Tavistock Jnct: DR75407 Plymouth: 43004/180, 150221 Topsham: 150129/232/243 St James Park: 150131

9th April: Exeter St David's: 150243, 159016/020

Sherborne: 159012 **Tisbury:** 159015 **Salisbury:** 159107 **Woking:** 458518

Clapham Jnct: 458502/535

Waterloo: 458529

King's Cross: 43306/312, 67030 Hornsey Depot: 700110 Welwyn Garden City: DR75401 13th April: Peterborough

66750/771, 91112, 387109, DVT 82202

York: 185105/47 Dewsbury: 185139

Manchester Piccadilly: 390009

Warrington: 156438 Hunts Cross: 507004 Allerton: 08834, 319448/450

Edge Hill: 390134

15th April: Little Sutton: 507014 **Hooton:** 507011, 508115

Chester: 150245, 158821/835/837, 175103/115

221116, 507001/015

Warrington Arpley: 66050/112/113

Warrington Bank Quay:

66139, 175004, 390001/104, DR79272 Wigan North Western: 350403/404

Preston: 150205, DR73922

Carlisle:

57302/304, 158793/905, 185107, 221103/13 390044/148, DR73803/906/909, 98911/961

Skipton: 333011 Steeton: 333003 Bingley: 333014 Leeds: 185117/37

Guide Bridge: DR79241/80213

Manchester Piccadilly:

150141, 175011, 390137/154, DR98008

17th April: Little Sutton: 508103

Hooton: 508108/115 Eastham Rake: 507008 Spital: 507017 Rock Ferry: 508126

Moorfields: 507012, 508104/138/143

Sandhills: 507023 Waterloo: 507002 Ainsdale: 508141 Birkdale: 507008

Southport: 142039, 150147, 156420/489, 507020/28

508112/130/143 Meols Cop: 150112 Parbold: 150145 Wigan Wallgate: 142026

Wigan North Western: 319371/382/450, 350402

Preston: 150113/114/132, 158755, 319366 Hebden Bridge: DR73110

Bradford Interchange: 180101 Leeds: 150206, 333007

Blackpool North: 150274/275, 156428

Leyland: 319382 **Huvton:** 319361

Liverpool Lime Street: 319376/380

James Street: 507013/031 Hamilton Square: 507026 18th April: Little Sutton: 508124 Hooton: 507001, 508111 Eastham Rake: 507015 Port Sunlight: 508114

Moorfields: 507016/021, 508136 Sandhills: 507024, 508137

Kirby: 142014/62 Orrell: 142028

Wigan Wallgate: 142013/25/37/47, 150147

Westhoughton: 150271

Salford Crescent: 66140, 150147 Victoria: 142041, 150224 Stalybridge: 142052, 185134 Huddersfield: 150205 Dewsbury: 185117/36

Leeds: 158908

Bradford Interchange: 155347

Preston: 185111/25
Manchester Oxford Road:

150135/222, 185110/50, DVT 82308 Manchester Piccadilly: 175116, 350409 Guide Bridge: DR73909/73921/79237 Stalybridge: 150205/268/271/277, 185129

Deansgate: 66955 Edge Hill: 66714

James Street: 508114/126 Hamilton Square: 507017 Green Lane: 507011

19th April: Little Sutton: 508108 Hooton: 507008, 508103 Moorfields: 507016/023, 508140 Sandhills: 507014, 508136

Kirkdale: 508130

Kirkby:142028

Hindley: 150218

Salford Crescent: 150113

Manchester Victoria: 150138, trams 3046/066/117

Newton Heath: 150205 Mills Hill: 150271 Blackburn: 158904

Preston: 142005, 150275, 158910, 390020

Penrith: 350408

Carlisle:

57302, 66169, 156442, 350401, 390134, DR73920

Lancaster: 221116/43, 350407, 390128

Ormskirk: 507012 Aughton Park: 508115 Walton: 507033

James Street: 507011, 508131 21st April: Liverpool Lime Street: 150218, 185147, 319363/365, 390044

Edge Hill: 08454

Liverpool South Parkway: 350265 Manchester Piccadilly: 350410 Leeds: 91119, DVT 82203 Doncaster: 66732/745/766 Peterborough: 387101/104

22nd April: Whittlesea: 66142, 170271

Elv: 170202. DR73925

Cambridge:

317501/649/661/664, 379030, 387110/120/126

Ely: 66773 Trowse: 66150

Norwich: 37403/558, 68003/18, 156418

23rd April: Norwich: 156418 Lowestoft: 156416/422 Darsham: 170273

Ipswich: 66414/420/504/570, 70005, 86607, 90013

321362/428, DVT 82139

24th April: Norwich: 37403, 158846

Trowse: 66758 **Ely:** 170203, DR73919

Geoff Hope:

29th March: Leeds 08.45-12.35:

43257/285/313/357/384, 66197/708/765. 90019 91101/12/14/18/19/29, 142018/23/25/29/51/58/63 142064/66/89, 144001/03-06/09/17-20/23, 150116 150118/132/226/269-271, 153315-17/28/59/78 155341/43/45/47, 158752/755-759/784/794-797 158815/843-845/850/853/859/901/903-906/909 158910, 185101/03/04/08/09/11-14/20/21/23/25-27 185129/33-36/39/41-44/46-50, 220005/14/20/23 220034, 221125/37/38, 321902, 322481/84 333001-05/07/08/10/11/13-16, DVT's 82206/09/15 82217/27/31

Manchester Piccadilly 13.30-16.55:

66537/565/566/716, 67014, 142011/12/31/32/36 142040/47/48/52/56/62/84/92, 150111/116/117 150119/135/136/138/142/144/146/147/149/201 150203/215/220/228/273/276/285, 156424/440 156441/452/455/460/464/468/479/482/488/490 158770/780/785/788/806/812/813/856/865/889 175101/106/107/112/113, 185101/04/05/07/09-13 185115/17/19/21/26/29/32/35-37/42/43/45/46/48 185149, 220001/04/07/15, 221126/30/40, 319365

319377, 323223-27/29/30/32-39, 350401/405/406 350409, 390001/005/045/049/107/119/125/135 390137/141/152, DVT 82308, cs 12177/178/183 12185

22nd April: Clapham Jnct 09.05-11.00:

47848, 159003/004/007/009/011/015/101-103/107 377119/122/131/136/138/139/141/149/151/153/154 377160/212/413/414/429/431/435-437/445/448/449 377451/452/460/464/473/474/604-608/610-612/614 377615-617/620-622/624-626/701/703/706/707 378135/139/142/202/204-206/209/214/220-222 387201-206/209/211/214/217/221/223-226, 444001 444004/05/11/14/15/17/19/23/026-28/30-32. 450001 450002/004-006/008/009/011/016/019/023-026/028 450029/034-036/039/041/071/073/081/085/089/094 450096/099/102/108/109/111/115-119/121/124/545 450550-553/560-563/566/568, 455701/703-710 455719-722/725-728/730-733/736/738/739/742/803 455805/806/809/812-814/825-827/829/830/833/836 455840/841/843/849-852/854-857/859/861/863/865 455866/868/874/902/906/907/910/913-915. 458501 458502/505/510-512/515/516/518-520/523-525/527 458528/530/532/533/535/536, 707004/05/07-10

East Croydon 12.45-13.45:

171802/803, 377101/109/111/119/124/125/127 377128/131/137/138/140/151/154/403/412/413 377431/443/448/454/456/458/464/471/474 377509-511/518/604/605/611/615-617/620/621 377625/703/706, 387202-205/211/214/217 387223-225, 455804/805/811/821/824/825/834 455844, 700005/020/029/111/112/115, DR73918 Selhurst: 171201/727

Blackfriars 14.08-15.15:

319220/423/426/428/435/440/444/445/459 377512/515/517/519, 700003/005/009/014/016

700038/103/104/106/108

Cricklewood:

700002/004/010/015/018/019/031/037/040

Hendon:

319012/430/432/438, 377510/818, 700025

St Pancras:

319220/423/444, 373007/008/103/104, 374015/16 374023/24, 377509/511/517

Nigel Matthews:

25th April: Peterborough 11.15-19.45:

43050/076/206/208/238/239/272/277/290/300
43305-308/310/311/313-319/367/423/468/480/484
66030/059/076/126/149/150/161/238/505/538/565
66567/590/620/704/705/713/729/732/748/750/759
66770/776/778, 67016/30, 70015, 90029
91102-08/10/1213/15-22/24-30, 153374/83/85
158785/788/799/806/810/812/813/846/856/866
158885, 170101/104/109/110/207/273/398/518
170520/639, 180101/05/07/09/11-13, 317339/343
387102/103/110/113/115-117/119/120/122/125
387126, 365502-04/07-11/13/21/27/28/30/33/35
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PRESERVATION GALAS

North York Moors Rly Gala, 25th Mar-2nd Apr 2017 by Colin James:

After the success of last year's pre-running season visit of 60103 'Flying Scotsman' and with the NYM this year celebrating 50 years of its charitable trust, it hosted a similar event with 46100 'Royal Scot' in the headline slot. The event ran over 2 weekends with 7 days of services between 25th March & 02nd April. I made the trip up to the railway for the first weekend of services on what turned out to be beautiful weekend of spring sunshine with only a cool breeze to remind me of how early in the season it was.



above 46100 t&t 44806 southbound passing Darnholme at 09.45 on the 09.30 Grosmont – Pickering Royal Scot service

Joining 46100 (courtesy of the Royal Scot Trust) in working on the railway was visiting Stanier Black 5 4-6-0 45212 (courtesy of KWVR & Ian Riley), with in service from the home fleet Stanier Black 5 4-6-0 44806, 26038 & CI.101 DMU 101685 50160 + 59539 + 50164.

Services hauled by 46100 were for pre-booked ticket holders only in a rake of 8 x Mk1 coaches. The first service of the day from Grosmont at 09.30 was also tailed by one of the Black 5s on the climb to Goathland, 45212 on the Saturday and 44806 on the Sunday. The Black 5s worked back light engine from Goathland to Grosmont and were then to work the 13.20 lunchtime Pullman dining train, with 6 coaches on Saturday, 8 on Sunday. The other loco hauled service over the weekend was 5 x Mk1 coaches top & tailed by 26038 and a Black 5, 44806 on Saturday and 45212 on Sunday, except for its last trip of the day from Grosmont which 26038 worked solo. The DMU worked the first train of the day from Pickering and the last train of the day from Grosmont, as well as a Grosmont to Goathland shuttle.



above 26038 southbound passing Moorgates at 16.45 on the 16.20 Grosmont - Pickering service

Locos in the Grosmont area were **Running Shed**: visiting Black 5 class 4-6-0 45407 'The Lancashire Fusilier' (courtesy of Ian Riley), B1 4-6-0 61264, BR Std 4MT 2-6-0 76079 **Works Shed**: D5032, Schools 4-4-0 30926 'Repton', Stanier Black 5 4-6-0 45428 'Eric Treacy', with also recent arrival 08495 which was under going cosmetic attention ahead of a years visit to the line. In and around the yard and the long siding were BR Std 4MT 4-6-0T 80136 (in light steam), 55018 'Ballymoss' (aka 55022), 12139, D7628 D5061 & 37264. Stored or under overhaul were CI.101 DMUs 50204 + 51511, BR 4MT Std 4-6-0T 80135, WD 2-10-0 3672 'Dame Vera Lynn', K4 2-6-0 61994 'Great Marquess', 2-8-0 3814, Bulleid West Country 4-6-2 34101 'Hartland'.



above 44806 passing Esk Valley at 13.28 on the 13.20 Grosmont - Pickering Pullman dining train

Epping Ongar Rly Spring Diesel Gala, 22nd-23rd Apr 2017 by Colin James:

I attended on the Saturday of Epping & Ongar Railway's spring diesel gala over the weekend of the 22-23 April. Visiting locomotives were 8001 (courtesy of the Class 20 Locomotive Society) and D6501



(courtesy of the South Devon Railway). The Cl.20 has since been confirmed as staying on the line for approx. 18 months and the Cl.33 for 2 months. Home based locomotives in service were D6729, 31438 (its last workings before being stopped for engine & brake work) and 03119 & 03170. Out of service 45132 was on display in the sidings at North Weald as repairs continue towards its return to use. 47635 has been moved over to the shed for its own repairs to start.

DMU CI.117 DMS 51384 was in service, with the hired in un-powered CI.121 DTS 56287 (from the Colne Valley Railway). This gives the railway a working 2 car DMU whilst its other CI.117 car, DMBS 51342 is undergoing restoration and the out of service DEMU 205205 waits for the installation of its refurbished engine camshaft.



above 8001 tail loco in North Weald platform 2 at 13.15 being uncoupled from the 2E16 12.58 Epping Forest – Ongar service

A tried and tested timetable was in use, with locos swapping over at Ongar and a tail loco being added and removed at North Weald for the run down to and from Epping Forest. Two rakes of mixed BR Mk1 & Mk2 stock were in use for these services. Between these services the DMU combination worked shuttles from North Weald towards Epping Forest, working through North Weald to use both platforms.



above D6501 on the tail of the 2E20 13.48 Epping Forest - Ongar service at 14.05 being un-coupled

03170 was engaged in driver experience turns in and around North Weald station and cab rides were available on passenger trains, with payment of a supplement. The timetable was well observed, with one exception when 8001 suffered from an exhauster fault and had to be removed for repairs. 03119 took its place for a run down to Ongar at 14.14 (see above), it's only other booked turns being with the DMU on the shuttles. 8001 returned to service later in the afternoon.



above 56287 + 51384 departing North Weald platform 2 at 16.24 to reverse back into platform 1

North Norfolk Rly Spring Steam Gala, 21st-23rd Apr 2017 by Colin James:

The North Norfolk Railway held its spring steam gala on the Friday to Sunday of the 21st to 23rd April. I made the trip to Norfolk on the Friday of the event, on what was a cloudy, cool day.



above 564 arriving into Holt to terminate at 13.01 working the 12.36 Sheringham - Holt service

The visiting locomotives for the event, were GWR 56xx 0-6-0 5643 (Courtesy of the Furness Railway Trust & the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway), after the previously advertised locomotive LNER N2 0-6-0 1744 could not make the event & Stanier 8F 2-8-0 No.48624 (Courtesy of the Great Central Railway). The home fleet locomotives in service were GER Y14 0-6-0 564, LNER B12 2-6-0 8572, BR Std 4MT 2-6-0 76084 & Hunslet 0-6-0 'Ring Haw' [1982]

Not in service were WD 2-10-0 90775 in the yard at Weybourne in light steam as work continues on its latest overhaul & BR 9F 2-10-0 92203 inside Weybourne shed undergoing repairs.



above 5643 approaching Weybourne at 14.28 working the 14.14 Sheringham - Holt service



above 1982 arriving into Holt to terminate at 11.51 working the 11.33 Sheringham – Holt goods train below 8572 departing Weybourne at 10.12 working the 09.52 Sheringham – Holt service



Four sets of carriages were in service, predominately BR Mk1s, with the Gresley buffet in one set. Also, one set was made up of 4 BR suburban carriages, which had just been re-introduced into service the previous weekend after a part Heritage Lottery funded restoration. A short demonstration goods train was also included in the timetable. Locomotives swapped around between the different trains with some double heading being employed on what was generally a well observed timetable.



above 76084 arriving into Holt to terminate at 13.32, working the 13.13 Sheringham - Holt service

Of the more modern fleet 12131 was station pilot at Sheringham, D3940 the yard pilot at Weybourne, with 03063 and the 4 Cl.101 DMU cars in the yard. Also stabled at Weybourne were visiting (for the season) 45133 & D182. Currently all of the lines own mainline locomotives are out of service. D5631 is undergoing a major overhaul. 25057 & D6732 are both undergoing repairs and were seen outside the carriage shed at Holt along with stored shunters D2051 & D2280.

all photos for NYM, EOR & NNR by Colin James

Mid Norfolk Railway Diesel Gala by Stuart Moore:

The Gala didn't go as planned with all of the previously booked loco's dropping out in the weeks running up to the event. Fortunately the railways good ties with DRS paid off again with 57007 and 37424 being sent over for use. The gala was also the launch of 37688 into preservation (see **TRANSFERRED STOCK**). This gave the chance to see double headed large logo and plain blue Cl.37s on blue and grey stock, almost like the 1980s again. It was a good gala in view of the disappointment of the booked locos dropping out.



INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS

Crewe: A new carriage servicing shed is being built alongside the former Diesel Depot at Crewe.



Line Closures: The Settle & Carlisle line fully re-opened on the 31st March 2017 after repairs to a major landslip on the northern section which resulted in closure on the 9th February 2016.

The Conwy Valley line re-opened on the 10th April 2017 following repairs carried out since being closed due to storm 'Doris' on the 25th February 2017.

A new footbridge has been erected at Shakespeare Cliff to gain access to the beach once more following the rebuild of the line west of Dover.

ACCIDENTS

Hauled by 59001 the 17.05 Merehead – Acton aggregates derailed on the 20th March at East Somerset Jnct. The 24th - 29th wagons derailed, including HOA 81.70.6957.074-2, IIA 37.70.6955.115-0/122-6. Recovery was undertaken with ADRC 96713 from Wigan Springs Branch and DRK 81611 which arrived on the 23rd, with 08643 from Merehead used to assist. Fortunately none of the wagons were seriously damaged and the line re-opened on the 25th March under a 50 mph restriction.

PRESERVATION PHOTO SPOT – ON SHED

In the early evening sun this could be a typical end of day shed scene from the 1960s, but as happened then, this will change once the missing link is rebuilt between the Great Central Railway (GCR) and Great Central North (GCN) requiring a re-arrangement of the loco facilities at the northern end of the GCR line.



above 0-6-0T47406, 13101 (D3101) with 2-10-0 92214 & 2-6-0 78018 behind, 777 4-6-0 'Sir Lamiel' behind 4-6-2 70013 'Oliver Cromwell', Loughborough Central, GCR, 18th April 2017

RAILWAY GLOBETROTTERS

Thanks to Mike Waudby, who following several visits to the states has some knowledge of their locos and operations so has provided the following info concerning Part 2 in the April issue: Due to the US version of TOPS only being able to cope with four digits there are numerous re-numberings and reuse of numbers. The corrected captions are as follows.

p49 8196 ES44C4, 4383 C44-9W, 8022 ES44C4 p50. (upper) 7318 ES44DC, 4535 C44-9W, 6732 ES44C4, 6786 ES44C4 p50 (lower) 6590 ES44C4, 1038 C44-9W, 6807 ES44C4, 2346 GP38-2

USA Canyons and Railroads by Ray Smith – Part 3: Monday, 15th June 2015:

The full day was to be spent at the Grand Canyon. Having been here twice before I went a quarter of a mile from the station to see the trains coming in from Williams, an interesting operation. The same as Santa Cruz, the trains use a triangle to reverse into the station, facing the right way for departure.





above FPB4, 6860 is a non driving power car, originally designed to operate behind a class FBA4 single ended diesel is coupled behind ex-Amtrak class F40PH 239 awaiting the return departure to Williams, 15th June 2015



Tuesday, 16th June 2015: Today was a full day at Monument Valley.

Wednesday, 17th June 2015: The schedule for today was a visit to Mesa Verde National Park then continue to Durango for our two night stay.



left the Grand Canyon Railway had 4 FBA4s single cab locomotives (6768, 6773, 6776 & 6793) to work with their 2 FPB4s (6860 and 6871) 6776 is seen here at Grand Canyon Terminus, waiting to haul me back to Williams, 9th July /2004

below returning from Silverton, 1925 built Baldwin K36 480 which was to become my haul the following day, 17th June 2015

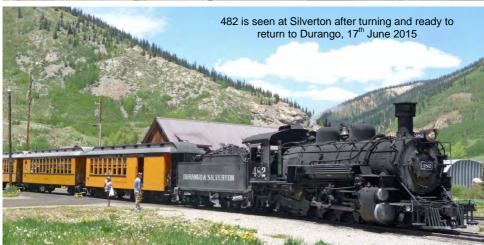
Of note, the Denver & Rio Grande railroad opened in 1870, heading south from Denver. General William Jackson Palmer. lt originally 3 feet gauge and this was inspired by Palmers first hand impressions of the Ffestiniog railway in Wales. At its height, around 1890 it was the largest narrow gauge railway in America. From Denver the line went south to Santa Fe and west



to San Francisco via Salt Lake City. Over the years most of the route was converted to standard gauge but a section, roughly the shape of the letter C remained narrow gauge. Starting at Rio the line went north to Salida, west to Montrose, South to Durango and east to Antonito. From Antonito there also was a line that went south to Santa Fe. Amazingly the relatively short section from Rio to Antonito became standard gauge and continued to Denver via Colorado Springs. In 1988 the Denver and Rio Grande Western railroad purchased the Southern Pacific railroad but because Southern Pacific was a well known company they kept its name. In 1996 the company was sold to the Union Pacific Railroad.

Today all of the narrow gauge sections are closed but two remain as private steam operated companies. The Durango and Silverton railroad and the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad.





Thursday, 18th June 2015:

A full day on the Durango and Silverton Railway. In 1882 a branch was opened north from Durango to Silverton. This 45.2 mile route was built to bring the gold and silver ore from the San Juan mountains. Today this is a very successful passenger railroad.

The steam locomotives comprise of three classes of Mikado, 2-8-2s. They are K28, numbered 470s, K36, numbered 480s and K37, numbered 490s. The K36s and K37s being the more powerful.

In the peak summer period three steam hauled trains depart at 45 minute intervals to do the 3 hour 30 minute journey to Silverton. Then after 2 hours and 15 minutes in Silverton they return to Durango. In



half a mile out of town to a triangle where the whole train is turned then reverses back into the station. When we arrived back in Durango the depot is adjacent to the station. It is half museum which is free to visit and half running shed. We could see inside the shed from the windows but entry into it is strictly forbidden. At Durango the trains run round a large loop to turn.

Silverton the trains reverse for about a

above 1902 built Baldwin K37 493 out of use but looking remarkably good, considering it has been stored here since at least 2006 when I was last here, Silverton, 18th June 2015



above on this visit the two K28s could not be photographed, 476 was badly positioned in the museum and 473 was in the shed. This photo is of 473 at Durango station, 26th August 2006

left 1 'Hot Shot', passed half way down the line, one of 3 diesel shunters for general use, 18th June 2015

all photos by Ray Smith (to be cont)

FRANCHISE / NETWORK NEWS

Following the award of the SWT franchise the new incumbents First / MTR are planning to reverse all the latest procurement and upgrade work undertaken by Stagecoach. So much for long term planning!! It appears Cl.442s are to make a return with the new Cl.707s not yet in service to be abandoned for new stock. The upgrade work and lengthening of Cl.458s also does seem to be appealing to the new operators. Capacity over engineering appears to be the new mantra with a lot more standing room seen as preferable on metro routes.

In a reverse of the 1960s, rail has seen the demise of a bus company with First Borders selling its Scotland East and Borders services to West Coast Motors due to the success of the Borders Railway.

LIGHT RAIL & METRO NEWS

Metrolink by Geoff Hope:

The line between Rochdale railway station and the town centre closed on Friday 17th March due to an unsafe building on Drake Street, re-opening on Wednesday 29th March. Installation commenced on the same day of two new sub stations at Whitefield on the Bury line and Brooklands on the Altrincham line. These will provide additional power across the network to improve reliability and to allow more trams to run. It is expected to take six to eight weeks to complete. This work is part of the £44 million improvement plan including the recently installed wheel lathe at Old Trafford depot, a turn back at Sale on the Altrincham line and sixteen new trams already operating on the network. Enabling and Utility works are underway at various stages on the new Trafford Park line, due to open 2020-21.

The 25th anniversary of the Metrolink network was celebrated on the 6th April, when services began running between Bury & Victoria in April 1992 extending on the 27th April to Deansgate Castlefield with a further extension to Altrincham on the 15th June. A spur was added to Piccadilly on the 17th July when the Queen officially opened the network. Tram 3092 has been turned out in an anniversary livery



as seen left awaiting its return to Manchester Airport at Castlefield Deansgate tram stop on the 26th April 2017 (Geoff Hope)

No cars on track or tram v car to report for the second consecutive month, but on Monday 17th April & Thursday 20th April trams were again attacked. Windows were smashed by objects thrown at trams which had to taken out of service on the Airport and Bury line respectively.

Observations for Wednesday 26th April: (91 trams in service) Cornbrook 08.00-10.15:

 $\textbf{Altrincham - Bury:} \ \ 3004+3008, \ \ 3006+3007, \ \ 3011+3041, \quad \ 3018+3022, \ \ 3020+3024, \ \ 3025+3028, \\$

3031+3032, 3042+3046, 3043+3049, 3048+3057

Altrincham - Etihad Campus: 3003/009/013/019/021/037/059/060 **Eccles - Ashton:** 3017/061/063/067/069/080/083/094/096/102/105/109

Media City - Piccadilly: 3085/086/091/095/101

Airport - Deansgate Castlefield: 3076/077/079/082/092/106/107/110/111

East Didsbury - Rochdale: 3027/029/030/033/035/036/051/053/056/064/066/073/074/088

East Didsbury - Shaw:

3050/052, 3065+3078, 3072+3120, 3090, 3097+3103, 3099, 3104+3112, 3113/115/117/119

Queens Road Depot 10.43-11.05:1027/28. 3012/016/040/075/093/098/114/116

Victoria 11.10-12.05:

Bury - Piccadilly: 3001/002/015/023/039/047/058

Tram not in service: 3038

Old Trafford Depot: 1020/23, 2001, 3026/044/045/055/062/081/084/089/100/118

Trams not seen: 3005/010/014/034/054/068/070/071/087/108

Tyne & Wear Metro: Control of the Tyne & Wear Metro passed back to Nexus from the 1st April.

UNDERGROUND NEWS

London: The last service with 'D' Stock took place on the 21st April 2017. A railtour is planned for the 7th May. Cars sent for scrap: 8030, 17030/534 to Vivarail Long Marston: 7030, 7534/35

During engineering work around Hammersmith and Goldhawk Road on the 22nd April 2017 Derek Everson witnessed the remarkable site of around 18-20 London Underground battery electric locos. By walking the roads alongside the line he noted L16, L22, L23, L24, L26, L27, L28, L29, L32, L46, L47, L50, L53 and L54





above 16 locos with L50, L24 & L15 identifiable to the fore

left L54 & L32

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.

Many recent changes than shown below have been incorporated in the **UK Wagons 2017** the new vastly updated edition now available. So get your copy now.

Thanks to the following for information: Alex Ford, Howard Craven, Steve Gillam, Neil Dix, Steve Wakerly, Mike Pinder

UK Wagons 2017: Errata:

p80 82.70.4703.036-2 should be 950746 which means 950476 on p59 has not been converted

p97 a few incorrect check digits for **HYA Hoppers** 83.70.6957.056-1 should be 056-7, 064-8 should be 064-1 and 070-6 should be 070-8

p105 **ZWA – USP 5000C Ballast Regulator** DR 77315/316/322/327/336 are missing though included in the numerical listings and in **UK Combine**

p117 DR 73113 should not be named, correctly shown in main text on p103

p119 DR 77336 should be shown as (s)

Out of Store: 3214, 3441 (this was incorrectly shown as 3341 in last issue), 12414/441, 29496 88049, 89108, 93376/436, 210568, 310571, 320010/23, 394625/4637/6094, 500102/144/177, 501347 550038, 610221/222, 870270/323, 23.87.4375.016-4/017-2, 33.80.4647.013-8

81.70.4908.011-9/117-4, 31.70.5992.008-0, 82.70.6956.000-7

Stored: (stack in Southampton Maritime Yard) 606148/169

New / Added to TOPS: Bogie Box JNA 81.70.5500.333-6 to 352-6 have been delivered

Converted: MXA Bogie Open Box 82.70.4703.215-2/216-0 reported in last issue have fitted with the

boxes from scrapped 82.70.4703.087-5 (965033) & 186-5 (965079) respectively

HRA Bogie Hopper shortened from HTA 310711

Preserved: (Severn Valley Railway)

YGA 40t Bogie Ballast Hopper 'Seacow' 980015/083/098/142/220/239

Removed from TOPS / For Scrap / Scrapped:

16011, 92545, 391018/1114/1118/1123/1128/1149/1207/1220/1228/1233/1283/1339/1345/1383/1385/1417/1473/1524/1624/1626/1627, 982505/703, 82.70.4703.186-5 (965079)

FREIGHT NEWS

Following a 2 year investigation it has been established that over 50% of all allocated freight paths, 4702, were not being used with the result that 3684 have been completely relinquished for further use either other freight or passenger increasing much needed capacity. This extra capacity has been acquired effectively cost free. Roughly 1000 paths have been protected for future freight growth.

The first ever train from the UK to China departed from London Gateway on the 10th April 2017. It will take 3 weeks to make the 7500 mile journey to Yiwu.

Scottish fuels is to stop all rail deliveries to its terminals at Lairg and Fort William, moving them to road instead with 400 additional tanker movements per annum. Very environmental!!



above with the steady removal of the older wagons and odds & sods, the predominant wagons now stored in Tees Yard are of two types, steel bolsters to the left and HTA coal hoppers to the right looking east with A19 crossing in the background, 19th April 2017





above newly acquired & repainted OBAs 110711 & 110772 DRC, 17th April 2017 (Colin Pidgeon)



OTP PHOTO SPOT

Not all preserved stock is guaranteed to live on, as with 07-16 Universal Tamper / Liner DR 73214 [1107] on the North York Moors Railway which has been scrapped after yielding spares for DR 73250 (acquired in 2016 from the Kent & East Sussex Railway). There are 5 others of this type preserved.

The cab is seen left on lowmac 904152 in New Bridge PW Yard, NYM on the 19th April 2017.

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:

With the last two Cl.121 bubblecars, 121020/034 running on the national network to be retired by Chiltern Railways on the 19th May, here is a look at the latter in service with a month to go.



above 121034 Princes Risborough (17.45) 20th April 2017 (Alex Barnard)

CI.317s stopped working on the ECML at the end of April 2017.

New:

Locos:	70814	70815	70816	70817			
EMUs: (*	on test)						
345001*	345003*	345004*	345007*	345008			
345009*	345010*	387148*	387149*	700022			
700027	700029	700041	700042	700043			
700044	700046	800010*	800011*	800012			
Transferred:							

Locos: (# loan)

Coaches:

DVT 82101/126 ZA to (LT) 1883 WEA to CD

DMUs:

52219 BE to PM

EMUs:

319218/219/452/454/455 to (LM)

Brighton Belle Pullmans 279/282/285/287/288/

291 BH to SB (WH Davis)

CI.321 TSOs 71963-965 ZB to (LM)

65264/67564/61564 from 350264 to BE

373101/3102 power cars (TI) to (LM)

4-VOP 3905 (76397/70904/62385/76398) DMR

to EKR

Steam: 563 NRS to SWR

DMUs / EMUs reformed / re-numbered:

150926 disbanded and 150126 reformed as 2 car unit with 57212 added to 150216 which is renumbered 150916

158889 back to 158808

55110 returned to 170110 from 170112

Names: (* re-applied)

37254 Cardiff Canton 37611 Pegasus 57308 Jamie Ferguson

99350 Jamie Ferguson TANZANITE

375623* Hospice in the Weald



99350 Carnforth, 7th April 2017



55018 (aka 55022) Grosmont, NYM 25th April 2017 (Colin James)



Names Removed:

37688 Kingmoor TMD

47818 Solent

57308 County of Staffordshire 319362 Northern Powerhouse

319448 Elstree Studios The Home of British

Film and Television Production 321403 Stewart Fleming Signalman King's

Cross

325008 Peter Howarth CBE

New Location Codes:

BSS British Steel Scunthorpe BSL British Steel Lackenby

SB Shirebrook – WH Davis TSH Tata Steel Hartlepool

TRANSFERRED STOCK

more ex-DBC CI.08s sold into preservation recently

left 08757 Horsehay, TSR 9th April 2017 it was being re-painted on my visit and the owner would not allow a side on photo until finished, which he would email, hence the end on view only.

however understandably the promised photo has not been forthcoming no doubt due to the vandalism



right 08495 Grosmont Shed, NYR, 19th April 2017





left ex-DRS 37688 devoid of DRS branding & name now preserved on the Mid Norfolk Railway, as seen Dereham, MNR during the Spring Diesel Gala Yard 29th April 2017 (Stuart Moore)

below 84001 moved from Barrow Hill in October 2016 is now safely under cover in the SRPS Museum, Bo'ness, BKR 20th April 2017

below the only surviving ex-LT 'T' Stock coaches ESL118A + B (2758 & 2749) converted to sleet locos, de-icing set then a sandite set before sold into preservation in 1987 to the North Downs Railway, then to the Spa Valley Railway in 1996 and then to the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Quainton Road in April 2016, as seen on the 18th April 2017











opposite page bottom Mk2 TSO 5148 moved from Tyseley Works and recently re-painted from ex-ScotRail livery,

right Mk2 BSO 9406 moved from Mid Norfolk Railway, another vehicle to suffer damage three days later

both Horsehay, TSR, 9th April 2017



NEW STOCK





above 88003 'Genesis' + 88002 Preston (11.54) 5th May 2017 (Andrew Turnidge)
 below un-named 68026 in the lighter blue as delivered without branding,
 Carlisle Kingmoor DRS Depot, 7th April 2017





right 387149 + 387148 Horley (11.56) 11th April 2017 (John Brace)

below 387148 + 387149 Nuneaton (12.28) 7th April 2017 (Keith Blackman)



below 70811 on 6M50 Westbury to Bescot, Swindon (08.55) 26th April 2017 (Colin Pidgeon)

below 70813 (t&t 70811) on 6C26 Hinksey Yard - Bristol East, Swindon (13.40) 8th April 2017 (Colin Pidgeon)



below 153318 the first Cl.153 in GWR green on 2M07 Swindon - Westbury, Swindon (10.47) 27th April 2017 (Colin Pidgeon)

LIVERIES

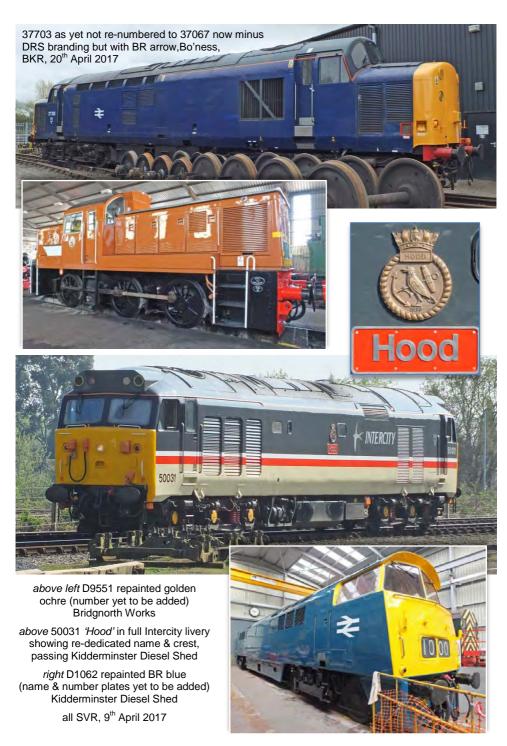
This section will endeavour to show all new liveries / variations or those existing ones where not carried on the stock before. Liveries that become 'extinct' will also be covered. As with names, it may take a while after the livery application before a photo is sourced from members. New liveries may also be shown in other articles: 37611 & 57308 in EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT.





above 158756 in the new Northern livery Preston (11.56) and below 185146 with vinyls on ends advertising 'Superhero Day' Liverpool Lime Street (13.21) both 5th May 2019 (Andrew Turnidge)









above 37254 is the latest CI.37 into Colas Rail livery and has been named 'Cardiff Canton' the same as 37714, Norwich (16.07) 27th April (Keith Partlow) nameplate (Stuart Moore)

below 350409 in revised TPE livery & repositioned number, Manchester Piccadilly (15.19) 5th May 2017 (Andrew Turnidge)

above 43093 another HST power car in GWR green on the rear of 1L62 Swansea – Paddington, Swindon (14.40) 2nd May 2017 (Colin Pidgeon)

below operated by GWR, 153305 has received plain grey livery not GWR green, as it is not part of their long term fleet, Bristol Temple Meads (10.14) 1st May 2017 (Darren Carey)





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