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In late afternoon sunshine 66434 and 47805 pose outside Crewe Gresty Bridge Depot at the DRS Open Day on 18th August 2012.

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Society Notice Board

Editor's Comments:

Thank you to all those members renewing via BACS or standing order...but PLEASE, PLEASE remember to email or telephone me to advise that is what you are doing or have done. That way I can be sure that is what you intended when checking the bank account. Also a further benefit, for those with email, is that I can then be sure I have your correct up to date email address.

Well the re-franchising process has put the proverbial cat amongst the pigeons as poor old Richard Branson is now very upset. Whatever your views of the Virgin operation over the years, they certainly had to contend with factors outside their direct control. So to be turfed out now is perhaps a bit tough. The higher First bid whilst seeming attractive in the long term to a cash strapped Government may yet be another 'false' promise of extra riches as with GNER. Virgin are challenging the viability of the First bid and many others are supporting this view. Whether the vast numbers of irate petitioners will change anything is debatable but a legal challenge has been launched preventing the contract being signed as of 3rd September. The new franchise is due to take effect from 9th December 2012 and could run for up to 15 years. Having improved considerably in recent years, it will be interesting to see if First can also retain the GWR franchise up for renewal in July 2013, with bids due by October 25th. The revised 15 year franchise is promising improved services, particularly when electrification proceeds.

Our personal cross Britain long treks are to be curtailed as we have finally settled on renting out Chris's house in East Sussex and moving her up to Scotland by 1st November. What with organising the DRS Open Day stand involving a round trip and now packing with impending trips with loaded trailers, it is a more than hectic period. Apologies therefore if I do not instantly respond to emails or in particular to postal correspondence. As many who have renewed recently I have tried to have you post forms to the address I'm likely to be at after Tracks comes out, but that still is not perfect. So hopefully returning to operating from one address will be helpful. However with an intended 4-6 trips per year planned, so Chris can visit family & friends, that will still allow railway trips to be fitted in to various sites around the country. At least this will be an end to the tiring expensive round trips every 3 weeks.

DRS Crewe Sales Stand:

As mentioned above the Society took its all new sales stand to the recent DRS Crewe Open Day on the 18th August. Having struggled with various options in recent years we bit the bullet and ordered a professional sturdy waterproof show gazebo printed with the ICRS name and logo etc. It was debated successfully at Crewe and even got rained on slightly. It at last gives us a professional looking stand to sell our professional looking books, the latest two **Summer Combine** and **Irish Railways** on sale having only arrived from the printers two days before. With Carlisle in 2012 being a washout, it was great to be able to sell books in the dry and 81 were sold, a good day. Whilst meeting and talking to those members that visited it was also nice to be able to sell ourselves to those not aware of ICRS and in so doing enrolling a few new members.



Thanks must go to my better half Chris together with Roger Thomas who toiled away all day from setting up at 08.00 until packing up at 16.30. At times it was manic, particularly mid morning, but in the lull before the show opened, Chris and Roger are seen relaxing above.

With our 40th anniversary looming in 2013, this stand will show we are here to stay. Hopefully we can find more shows to go to in 2013, ie. preserved Diesel Galas where we can further promote ourselves.

Errata:

I forgot to amend **New Members** last month, repeating the names from June !! In so doing I omitted two new members, Alan Knox & John Thomas, who are belatedly shown below.

Membership Matters:

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New Members: (* re-joined)

David Agnew (Runcorn), Peter Davis (Lichfield), Mark Foster (Gloucester), Colin Harris (Daventry), Alan Knox* (Doncaster), John Pease (Ashford), George Perkins (Tilstock), John Shute (Bishops Lydeard), John Thomas (Stafford) - a warm welcome to you all.

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

Please provide your first name and a landline telephone number, whether joining or renewing and your email. If you renew in the first week of the month, whilst **Tracks** is at the printers, you may receive a Renewal / Reminder form but do not worry as the admin process will naturally see things cross in the post. Please also note that cheques are not presented to the bank until usually the first week of the month so could be 5-6 weeks after you send off. All renewals whether by BACS, PayPal or by post will be acknowledged with a new membership card and by email where possible.

NB. When using PayPal, please remember to provide your home address and email via the comments box, but **ONLY** if different from the one used ie you may use your partners account or do it from work. Also use the comments box if buying or renewing a subscription for someone else.

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Members Area: Access requires a username and password. From the start of 2011 the username is now your 6 figure membership number and the password a random word provided by Trevor Roots. For new members this will be in the welcome email and following letter. For existing members, email a request to Mark Richards at website.manager@icrs.org.uk Please remember to include your ICRS membership number.

NB. The username / password is personal to you and should not be given to a non-member.

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

ICRS Yahoo Group: address is: finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/intercityrailwaysociety/

We have our own Yahoo Group, established in March 2004, open to members and non-members alike to post sightings and observations, share comments and debate about the current railway scene. To join please email Mark Richards at website.manager@icrs.org.uk

Facebook: For those of you who've become part of the social networking revolution online, ICRS now has a Facebook page. Search for ICRS and request us to be your friend and you'll be connected to what we do. We acknowledge that not all of our members have computers but if you can and want to get in touch then please do so and we'll see where it takes us.

Magazine:

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

The latest date for articles / info for the next issue is **Friday 28th September 2012**
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Advertisement – GB Bus Group (GBBG)

Belonging to ICRS tells us you have an interest in vehicles involved in travel, whether it is to do with their design or simply number-crunching. That being the case, have you also got an interest in **buses** in the UK ? **GBBG** may already be known to you from its link with ICRS in the past, but if you haven't thought about joining us before, why not reconsider? Our annual membership subscription has now been reduced to a modest **£13.60**, so why not visit our website www.gb-bg.co.uk or write to our Secretary, Hazel Roberts, at 37 Abbey Place, Crewe CW1 4JR for further information? It could well be of benefit to you as a fellow transport enthusiast.

Eastleigh Works Report

by Carl Watson

Locos:

47853 finally returned to traffic with DRS on 2nd August working to Eastleigh Depot and then, with 47841, the ECS for the Boat Train to Southampton Docks. The following day the pair, with 47853 leading, headed north with the Boat Train (see photos below).



08696 arrived from Wembley (see photo below) on 3rd August for traction motor repairs and departed during w/c 20th August.



47501 is nearing completion of repairs after a change in fate meant it got repaired rather than stripped for spares (see photo below).



47813 now carries 'Solent' nameplates (see photo of nameplate in **Stock Changes**).



66738 arrived for fuel tank repairs and repainting behind 66746 on 17th August (see photo above).

31465 arrived with UTU2 Test Train (31465, 977997, 999605, 9714) early on 28th August departing later the same day.

47832 has returned to service following repairs.

08650 was lifted on 29th August for replacement of its wheelsets (see photo right).

Units:

508212 has been stripped of all useful parts and despatched by rail on 14th August to Southampton Docks for onward movement by road to the Fire Training College at Moreton-in-Marsh (see photo below).



Wabtec's second unit, 455812, arrived on the 13th August (see photo below being shunted by 07007).



Warm Store runs of Class 508s are due to start in September so 508301, 302 and 303 have been shunted into the sheds for preparation work to enable them to do the trips to Basingstoke and back (see photo below of 508301 being shunted by 4wDH 323 674-2).



With SWT requiring all units in service over the period of the Olympic Games, the first unit 450077 arrived on 17th August. Since then 450125, 017 and 007 have also received attention by Siemens. The stripped shell of GLV de-icing vehicle 68508 has been scrapped....RIP. The eighth Class 317, 317719, arrived from Ilford late on the 22nd August (see photo overleaf top).



Coaches:

Mk1 Courier Van 977905 has been sold and had replacement wheelsets fitted to enable it to be moved out by rail.

Mk2 BFK 17159 is being fitted with Central Door Locking.



Track Machines:

Repainting of Stoneblower DR80217 was completed on 7th August and departed a few days later, being replaced by DR80205 which was completed on 29th August. Stored DR80201 is next for repaint and return to traffic to replace accident damaged DR80212

The Speno Rail Grinder DR79221-226 visited for maintenance at the beginning of August and stayed for a couple of weeks.



London Underground:

With 'A' Stock deliveries suspended during the Olympics, 1962 Driving Motor 1532 was delivered on 1st August with 1962 Trailer 9533 and Standard Driving Motor (since converted to a Pilot Car) L130 and trailer 7281 arriving on 8th August. Of note is that 7281 was one of the trailer cars used on the Isle of Wight, numbered 44 (see photo opposite bottom).

'A' Stock vehicles scrapped have been; 6117, 6231, 5160, 5161, 5025, 5024, 6060, 5169, 5017, 5135, 5105, 5218, 5122, 5114, 5120, 5100

Also scrapped has been 1972 built trailer 4321.

Wagons:

70001 'PowerHaul' arrived on 30th August with FLAs 606007, 605003, 605023, 605026, 606009 and KTAs 97756 and 97751 for repairs, departing with repaired FLAs 606005, 605004, 605019, 605007 and 606006 (see photo of 70001 below).



all photos by Carl Watson

Freight Corner

WAGON UPDATES (to UKRS No.3 UK Wagons 2012):

To allow members to keep their copy as up to date as possible, it is intended to provide changes via this spot every month. It is known that various wagons reportedly withdrawn or missing from previous editions are still in service so if any member can provide information please let Trevor know, contact details on page 2.

As can be seen I have taken over the compilation of the Wagon Book from Scott. With preparation of the 2013 book underway please forward any amendments / improvements to me via the editor email asap. I have the missing wagons previously reported over the year but I would appreciate as much info as possible from the active members amongst you.

FREIGHT NEWS

The ZCAs wagons recently moved from Fawley to Bescot are gradually being taken to Kingsbury for disposal, one of which being 210355. It would appear 461019 is next to be moved, as this is now at the front of the line, five have gone from Bescot in about two weeks.

Open Day Report

DRS Gresty Bridge Depot, Crewe, 18th Aug 2012 by Trevor Roots:

After a delay in organisation, the annual DRS Open Day took place on Sat 18th August at Gresty Bridge Depot, Crewe. The society attended with its new sales stand (see page 3). The weather was fairly kind as the previous day had chucked it down and apart from a brief light shower it remained dry, with the sun coming out towards late afternoon...when most had gone ! It was well attended and I gather therefore generated satisfactory income for the nominated charities.

Unlike previous events no locos were named, though DRS has been active on that front in recent weeks as reported with new names for Cl.47s and recently acquired 57/3s.

There were 29 locos on display from classes 20/37/47/57 & 66 with most in reasonable positions for photography. There were 6 named locos but unfortunately the nameplates of 47810 and 57304 were not easily photographable.

The new Malcolm Rail livery on 66434 was the only variation in a sea of DRS blue. All but two locos were in the compass livery with only 20315 and 37038 in original livery.



with the Shrewsbury line on the left, locos seen from left to right are 37608, 37609, 57002, 66434, 66422, 20308, 57302, 37229 'Jonty Jarvis 8-12-1998 to 18-3-2005' & 47853 'Rail Express'



ex VWC Thunderbirds 57302 57304 'Pride of Cheshire' gleaming in the late afternoon sunshine



20305 + 20308



20312 inside with engine bonnet doors open for inspection



37425



37607
freshly painted

Locos Present (29):

20305/308/312/315, 37038/069/194/229/261/425/601/607/608/609/682, 47805/810/818/841/853
57002/004/010/302/304/309, 66302/422/434



37608 + 37609



37229 'Jonty Jarvis 8-12-1998
to 18-3-2005'



47818

It was an event well worth attending with locos present from all the classes operated by DRs including several CI.47s not present in 2010. The numerous staff were friendly and for ICRS, we were able to reach out to a few more non-members.

Ramblings of a Rail Enthusiast

by David Spencer – 1964 Part 12

I try to provide extra detail on the items of traction shown in photos, other than number, date and location as provided by Dave...so it's my fault if errors creep in, ed.

October:

This month was General election time and on 6th I went to Birmingham Rag Market to see Harold Wilson, a real exotic location! On the 13th and 14th I did some branch line bashing much more fun and all steam to boot! First on I returned to walk the Harborne branch as I didn't finish it last time and they had started to lift the track. Next day D1731 took me to Shrewsbury and the first of three runs behind 80080 to Welshpool, from there the same engine and stock took up to Llanymynech.

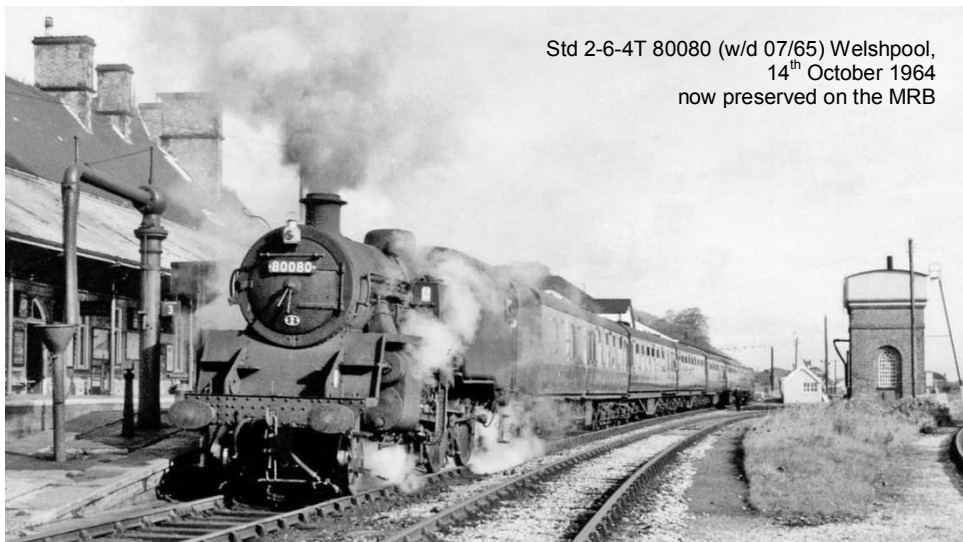
Ivatt 2-6-0 46513 (w/d 07/66) Llanfyllin,
14th October 1964



The Llanfyllin branch beckoned with 46513 the branch engine. As by now the pouring rain had stopped, I got out at Llynclys where I discovered a delightful GWR loo sign. From there I then got 80078 back to Welshpool. This time I went all the way to Whitchurch behind 80099 and returned with old friend 80080 to Oswestry. Having always had an auto train on the branch to Gobowen in the past, to see 46513 (again) was a surprise. Black five 44760 took me back to Shrewsbury and D1754 home to a political rally on election eve.

We hoped in vain that a change in government would mean an end to the constant line closures in the aftermath of Beeching but of course it didn't and the programme of closures continued and new ones brought forward.

Std 2-6-4T 80080 (w/d 07/65) Welshpool,
14th October 1964
now preserved on the MRB



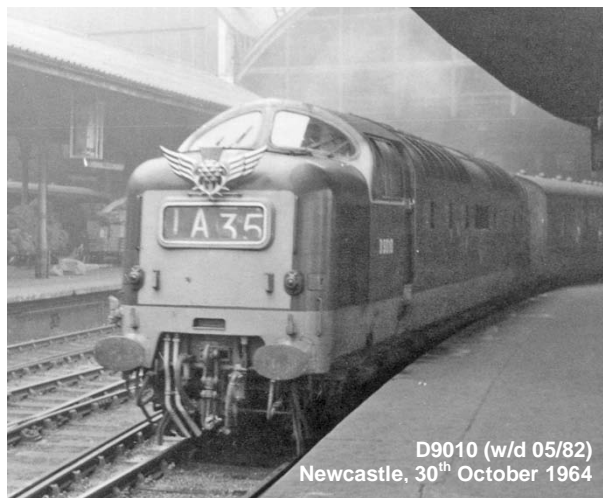
Collett Manor 4-6-0 7802 'Bradley Manor' (w/d 11/65)
 Welshpool, 14th October 1964
 now preserved



On my next rest day, the 23rd I returned to familiar territory, although neither one was to remain familiar for long. First D34 took me to Gloucester and a quick trip to Cashes Green Halt with 1453 out and 9453 back . It was the Hereford line I went for and had 4144 to Holme Lacy, 6935 on to Ross on Wye and 7320 back to Gloucester. I then spent time taking photos both on the station and in both sheds with the prize perhaps being 31868 on Barnwood shed.



preserved Collett Manor 4-6-0
 7802 'Bradley Manor' (w/d 11/65)
 as seen at Bridgnorth, SVR, 16th April 2011
 but currently under overhaul at Tyseley Locomotive Works



My last rest day trip on the 30th was yet another overnight trip going to Newcastle behind D33. The target was the Blyth and Tyne branches, which were all about to close. Starting off on the North Tyneside electrics to Monkseaton, where I got a DMU up to Blyth to visit both sheds, at Blyth North I photographed Q6 and KIs whilst at Blyth South, J27s. From Blyth I got trains to Newsham, then Newbiggin on Sea, then Hartley and Backworth from where I got an EMU into Newcastle. I managed to get an atmospheric smoky shot of Deltic D9010 complete with the fancy Flying Scotsman headboard before D30 took me home.

I used to support the worst football team ever, my youth club and on 31st we lost 8-1 but to celebrate our first goal of the season there was dancing in the streets (well the pub anyway) that night I can tell you!

all photos by David Spencer (to be cont)

Preservation Photo Spot....Forgotten Locos



Traffic & Traction News

by John Barton

August 2

47798 + 47580 5Z18 Carnforth - Crewe DRS, thundered through Warrington Bank Quay at 17.58.

37611 + 37610 working from Berkeley to Crewe passed through Stafford at 17.41.

August 3

60063 t&t 66230 through Llansamlet at 07.40 with the diverted Robeston to Westerleigh Murco tanks.

August 6

70019 passed through Ipswich at 15.20 on 4M93 Felixstowe - Hams Hall.

August 7

59203 was seen passing Hanwell at 16.34 working Acton - West Drayton up Goods Sidings.

August 8

59203 was seen in spotless new DBS red passing Eastleigh at 07.40 on a Westbury - Fareham stone train (photo below from David Elliott).



SET ran enhanced services during the Olympics and Paralympics. One such service was the Faversham - Ashford using a 12 car formation seen approaching Ashford (photo below from Ian Feather).



August 9

66590 + 66414 tucked inside dead departed Peterborough at 22.42 heading for the fens.

August 11

WCR 37685 'Loch Arkaig' piloted K1 2-6-0 62005 and it's support coach on 5Z27 Joppa to Fort William. Derek Sneddon managed to capture the loco move passing Carmuir West Junction at 08.38on its way back to operate on the Jacobite service. The steam loco had been to have its wheels turned on the lathe near Craigentinny the previous Saturday.



August 12

70013 'Oliver Cromwell' passed through Bridgewater at 21.39.

66550 + 66544 + 66554 + 66508 headed north at 15.21 in a light engine move from Doncaster to Midland Road.

August 13

4464 'Bittern' stormed through Bradford on Avon at 17.20 with the return working of the Cathedrals Express from Bristol to Waterloo.

August 14

73141 + 73206 + 508212 + 73205 + 73119 arrived at Southampton Western Docks from Eastleigh Works at 08.16.

August 16

43026 t&t 43195 departed Paddington for Weston-super-Mare running as 9 car set with an extra TGS and 42510, the rest of the stock consisted of 44042, 42043, 42195, 42178, 42510, 40112, 41161, 41096 and 44079.

August 18

All four new Pendolinos 390154-157 were seen passing through Crewe within a short space of time in the late afternoon. Below 390154 is seen departing from platform 1 at 19.28.



Three Cl.70s, 70003/005/010 were seen from Gresty Bridge Depot during the DRS Open Day which was a great vantage point for workings into and out of Basford Hall Yard. Below 70010 with 66546 in tandem were seen on a light engine move at 12.45.



66150 working 6W40 20.22 Westbury - Severn Tunnel Junction departed Westbury at 20.13.

August 19



The lengthening of the Pendolinos means they now occupy more platform space as with

390141 at Carlisle. The rear two cars on southbound services now extend out beyond the roof to the north of the station when stopping in platform 4 as seen opposite below.

August 20

Merchant Navy 35028 '*Glan Line*' passed Windsor Road, Cardiff, at 18.26 with the Cardiff Central - London Victoria Cathedrals Express via Gloucester.

August 21

66112 working 6C94 Cwmbargoed DP - Aberthaw with 21 loaded HTA's southbound through Llanbradach near Caerphilly at 19.15.

August 22

44932 passed through a gloomy Sherburn in Elmet with 1Z43 at 18.44.

August 23

82302 t&t 67014 departed Banbury at 21.52 working 1R63 London Marylebone - Birmingham Moor Street

August 24

325004 + 325014 + 325016 headed south through Rugby at 21.15.

August 25

Refurbished Mk3 42509 departed Swindon for Bristol Temple Meads between 43126 & 43164 at 18.55.

60091 thundered through Mill Hill Broadway at 14.48 with 30 tanks on a Colnbrook - Lindsey working.

August 26

44932 passed through Kirkby Stephen at 12.23 on 1Z70 09.13 York to Carlisle working.

47804 t&t 57601 working 1Z62 Milton Keynes Central - Berwick-Upon-Tweed at 08.33, with stock 17080, 3231, 3188, 1659, 99673, 99672, 1211, 99675, 99674, 5912, 5478 and 5487.

August 27

37409 + 37604 passed Preston at 19.36 heading southbound with the 6K73 flasks working.

August 28

Refurbished Mk3 42511 was noted at Wabtec, Kilmarnock on a low loader ready to head south.

87017 + 87023 were moved to Willesden today, the reason is unclear

August 29

61994 '*The Great Marquess*' headed southbound through Bolton Le Sands on 5Z52 to Lancaster - Preston - Carlisle at 07.57.

66199 t&t 66120 working 6W97 Penwithers Junction - Westbury were seen stabled in Exeter Riverside Yard at 06.55.

Infrastructure News

Anything to do with structures on the railway or track maintenance will be covered in this section.

Bletchley Remodelling Project by Mark Richards

During a 9 day blockade over Christmas 2012, the re-signalling and re-modelling of the Bletchley area will be completed and commissioned by Network Rail. In a substantial infrastructure enhancement project costing £123 million, the existing life-expired signalling will be replaced and together with track and crossover renewals, a new layout will be provided meeting current and projected future traffic requirements.



the photo above shows one of the existing signals which will be replaced as part of the re-signalling scheme. BY69 is situated at the country end of Platform 4 and is for moves into the Carriage Sidings (seen on the right). I am not aware of it being used as, from my own observations, terminators use Platform 5, which is also used as a headshunt for the Carriage Sidings. It may just be possible to see that the original connection to the Down Goods has been severed and a new connection put in place, although this has not as yet been commissioned, 25th May 2012

Additional operational flexibility will be provided in the revised layout with a new junction on the West Coast Main Line (WCML) to the south of the Bletchley flyover, to be called Drayton Road Junction. This will provide capability for crossing moves from Up Slow to Up Fast and Down Slow to Down Fast to be undertaken in parallel. The line speed on the Fast Lines will be increased to 125mph in both the Up and Down directions removing the current 110mph restriction on the Up Fast.

Platforms 5 and 6 at Bletchley are to be extended for 12 car trains (currently 9 and 6 cars respectively) with Platform 5 to be signalled for bi-directional working. In addition a new turnback facility from Platform 5 clear of the Slow Lines is to be provided. It is believed that in the changes proposed provision will be made for the anticipated East-West rail link and for Bedford to Bletchley services to run via Milton Keynes Central (LMT have an aspiration to run Bedford - MKC services from 2013).



Bletchley Power Signal Box, 26th April 2012

The 1960s built Bletchley Power Signal Box, which was completed concurrently with electrification of the southern half of the WCML will be abolished. Control of the WCML between Stoke Hammond (north of Linslade Tunnels) to Denbigh Hall South Junction will pass to Rugby Signalling Control Centre. The signalling on Bletchley Flyover will be re-controlled from the Marston Vale Signalling Centre at Ridgmont.

the photo left shows an interesting signal at the country end of Platform 3 at Bletchley.

The 'feather' indicates that the route via the Down Goods Loop is set.

The main aspects are for trains heading towards Milton Keynes Central and the position light signal for moves to the Carriage Sidings, together with the small theatre boxes which presumably indicate the road that has been set into the Sidings, 17th May 2012

The works at Bletchley come some three years after the remodelling of the Milton Keynes area was completed. It will also remove the current anomaly where Rugby SCC hands control of trains to Bletchley PSB at Denbigh North Junction, before taking them back at Stoke Hammond. There are currently no plans to demolish the building that houses Bletchley PSB and hopefully it can continue in railway use for many more years. Over the Easter holiday weekend, preparatory work was undertaken ahead of the commissioning at Christmas.



This included the installation of new signals and structures as well as the renewal of eight sets of points at Bletchley East Junction, which provides access to/from the carriage sidings and the Bedford branch. Further work was completed over the early May Bank Holiday including overhead line works and the installation of signalling structures comprising a cantilever and gantry.

Sources: Network Rail CP4 Delivery Plan 2010 Enhancements programme: statement of scope, outputs and milestones (December 2010 update).

all photos by Mark Richards

Out & About

by James Holloway

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

David Earl:

25th July:

Kettering: 43050/083, 222012/5

Leicester:

43046/055/061/081/082/089, 66249/721/743

156410, 170523, 222004/006/010/012/015/018

Melton Mowbray: 66507

Oakham: 66083, 70015

Peterborough 11.20-14.10:

43206/251/257/290/305/306/310/313/315/318/319

43367/468/480, 66025/071/083/507/540/701/717

66732/742, 67006/26/29, 91103-06/09/11/16/29/31

153308/79, 156403, 158783/812/813/856-858

170104/110/207/523,639, 180109/11/14

DVT's 82203/04/06/07/12/14/16/17/20/22/29

Mike Rumens:

23rd July:

Nuneaton 14.08-14.45:

66031/107/743, 90045/6, 153366, 221106, 350102

390020/028/029/038/107/130

25th July:

Nuneaton 14.10-14.45:

66097/107/115, 90041/49, 153334/54, 170110

221102/16, 390004/039/043/122/131

26th July:

Nuneaton 14.10-14.50:

66213/723, 90041/49, 153334/54, 170101/398

221116, 350236, 390004/043/122

27th July:

Nuneaton:

66621, 90044, 153364, 170398, 350119, 390156

DR73110

Hams Hall: 08623

Water Orton: 66570

Washwood Heath: 08538/762

Saltley: 66125

Lawley Street: 66525/572

Birmingham New Street:

153354/66, 158830, 170398/502/510, 323217

390141/153

Birmingham Moor Street:

67013, 172215/217/218/222/337/343/344

DVT82305

30th July:

Nuneaton 14.12-14.45:

66087/162/717, 86610/22, 90047, 153375

221102, 350106, 390008/28/52, DR80208

31st July:

Nuneaton 14.02-14.50:

66087/530/536/573, 86627/32, 153371/75

221112, 170109/636, 350252/262, 390004/026

390039/048/053/107, DR73948

1st August:

Nuneaton 14.15-15.40:

56094, 60015, 66113/518/559/588/719/721, 90048

153371/75, 170111/114/115/637, 221103/15

350105/127/265, 390004/035/044/046/107/118

390141/148/157

2nd August:

Nuneaton 14.02-14.30:

66187/530, 153356, 170103/107, 350257/260

390004/044/050

6th August:

Nuneaton 14.10-14.45:

66187/565/715, 86607/39, 153375, 170106/17

221112, 350115, 390053/118/127/141

7th August:

Nuneaton 14.00-15.00:

47282, 66059/602/738, 86632/37, 170116/521/639

221117/42, 350101/112, 390001/003/007/028/034

390035/039/124

8th August:

Birmingham International:

158826/31, 350112/126

Birmingham New Street:

43207/285, 170397/507/512/634, 220017, 323206

323208/15/41, 350236, 390039/053/155

Birmingham Moor Street:

67012, 172214/16/19/32/36/39/40/42, DVT 82302

cs 10272, 12606-609

9th August:

Nuneaton 13.45-14.50:

66738, 86501/607/639, 153354/75, 170102/114

170117/398, 221106, 350129/232, 390004/005

390032/053/112/119/148

10th August:

Tamworth High Level 14.05-18.30:

43303/21/57/84, 60091, 66009/060/125/147/182

66504/518/549/622, 150280, 170103-106/108/109

170112/115/116/398/523/636-639, 220004/07/15

220018, 221140

Tamworth Low Level:

66081/425/536/563/715/849, 86605/07/12/39

90020/41/45/47, 221109/15/29, 325006, 350111

350125/125/128/232/263/265, 390043/052/053

390112/122/124/131/141/155

13th August:

Birmingham International:

66050, 220026, 350107/129, 323204

Birmingham New Street:

158820/34, 170103/108/501/506/515, 323203/09

323216, 350111/118, 390117

Bescot: 08865, 66020/181

Walsall:

66097/170/508, 170510/512/631/634, 323213

14th August:**Nuneaton 14.20-14.40:**

56094, 66113, 90046, 390002/026/049/122/154
DR80212

20th August:**Nuneaton 14.05-14.55:**

66043/182/502, 86622/37, 153334, 170397/520
170523, 350109/237, 390050/131/137/148/157
DR73936/948, 80212

Birmingham International:

350115/119

Birmingham New Street:

220030, 221108, 323209/13, 390154

Bescot:

66059/065/095/101/142

Walsall:

66043/065/122/413/509/538/590, 70005, 153364
170503/512/516/517/632/635, 323206/10/12/15
323240, DR77001

Geoff Hope:**3rd July:****Bethnal Green 08.50-11.30:**

90001/02/10-12/15, 315801/02/05/06/10-23/25-32
315834-49/52-60, 317501/503/504/506/508/511
317512/514/649-653/655-657/660/661/663/664
317666-670/672/881/882/886/887/891
321301-304/306-310/314-318/320/323/326/328
321330-336/338-346/348-350/352/353/356/357
321360-362/364/422/425-427/429/430/433/434
321444-447, 360102-08/13-21, 379001-06/10-12
379014-18/21-26/28, DVT's 82103/05/07/18/21/27

Whitechapel 11.55-13.10:

378135/137-140/142-145/147-149/151-153
378231-234

Blackfriars 13.25-16.17:

319002/004/005/007-013/214-220/361-365/368
319370/373/374/376/377/379/381/383-386/422
319424/426-434/436-438/440-443/445-447/449
319450/452/454/455/459, 377501-09/11-16/18/20
317521/23

London Bridge 16.25-18.50:

171723/802/803/805/806, 375302/305/601/603
375605-610/612-614/618/623/624/628/629/703
375706/707/710/713/801-803/808/811/813/816
375818/823-825/827/828/830/902-907/909
375911-914/916/918/920-922/924/925/927
376001-06/08-23/25/26/28/29/31-36, 377102/105
377106/111/113/129/130/132/143/159/201/301
377302/304/306/308/310-312/314/316-319
377326-326/404/408/414/428/438/442/452/455
377461/465/473/474/504/506/507/509-511/515
377522, 442401/03/08/09, 455801/03/04/06/12/16
455820/21/23/25/29/36/43/44/46, 456002/04/06/10
456013/016/018/019/021/024, 465003/005/007
465008/010/016-021/023-029/031-036/039-042
465044-049/152/153/155-169/172/175-177
465179-181/183-185/187/188/190-193/195-197
465236/237/239/241/243/244/246/247/901/903
465906/908/911/915/917/922-925/927/930/931
465933/934, 466001/02/04-06/08/09/11/16/19-22
466026/28/30/31/34

17th July:**Bethnal Green 08.55-1.00:**

90003-05/07/12/13, 315801/02/05/06/08-10/12-15
315817-26/28-34/38-44/47-50/52/54-61, 317502
317503/04/506/508-511/513-515/652/653/655/656
317660/663/664/666-670/881-886/888/889/891
317892, 321302-304/310/314-316/319-321
321323-325/327-335/340/343-345/350/352
321354-356/358/359/361/363/364/366/428/430
321431/434/435/441-444/446, 357216, 360101/05
360108/11-13/15/16/18/20/21, 379001/02/04/06
379009/11/12/14-16/18-21/23-25/27-30
DVT's 82102/03/07/14/18/52

Farrington 11.30-14.00:

319005-007/009-011/013/214/217/220/362/363
319365-377/379-386/421/422/424/425/430-432
319435-438/441-443/447/451/452/455/457-460
377502/03/06-11/13/14/17-19/21-23

Whitechapel 14.15-15.20:

378135/137/138/140-144/147-152/231/233

Barking 15.50-18.50:

66003/086/139/590, 172002/03/05-08, 357001-07
357009/010/012-033/035-046/201-226/228

28th July:**Stratford International 09.26-10.55:**

37 3006/006/017/018/021/022/209/210/217-220
37 3223/224/229/230, 395001-08/12-18/20/21/23
390025/26/28/29, DLR 30/63/67/74/92/94/108/118
125/132/144

Barking 11.25-12.50:

172002-6/8, 357002/004-007/015/017/019/020
357023-031/033/034/036/038-040/042/043/201
357202/204-206/211/216/219/220-224/227/228

Whitechapel 13.15-14.30:

378135/136/138/139/142-146/148-154/213/234

Bethnal Green 15.05-17.00:

90006/11-14, 315804/06-10/12/14/16/18-22/24/26
315827/29/33/34/37-39/41/43-47/52/55-57/59-61
315704/506-509/513/514/649/652/653/664/669
317670/881/883/886/889/891, 321303/307/309
321311/320/321/323/324/329-331/333/335/343
321349/354/355/358-360/362/365/366/426/432
321434/437/442/444, 360102/04/05/08-12/19/20
379002-04/07/08/10-16/18/20/21/23-29
DVT's 82103/07/12/18/43

London Bridge 17.45-19.00:

171802/4, 319005/012/19/368/370/373/382/385
319421/425/429/431/432/434-436/438/442/444
319447/450/452/454/456, 375309/605/609/614
375623/708/710/802/811/815-817/819/821-823
375908/914/918/927, 376001-07/09/10/12-15
376017-27/29/31-35, 377102/120/140/150/156
377413/418/442/501/507/508/512/516/517
377519-521/523, 455812/17/26/28/37/39/42/43
456004/05/08-10/23, 465001/007-009/010/011
465014/016/017/023-025/027/029-031/035-037
465042-045/047/049/050/151/153/159/162/164
465169-171/173/174/177/181/184/187/188/195
465196/235/237/239/245/246/249/903/913/917
465923/934, 466005/07/08/12/15/17/21-24/27
466030-32/34/38/43

Paul Bright:**Blackpool:** 150103, 158844, 185144**Preston:**

47826, 57004/308/601, 66303/421/544/604/848
92030, 142003, 150103/110/115/117/139/141/150
150214/269, 153378, 156441/59/61/66/68/71/84
156486/88, 158752-755/757/844/860,
185111/14/16
185119/20/23/27/33/35/43-45/48/50, 221102/08/10
221117, 390001/003/004/008/020/023/042/047/114
390117/131/156

18th August:**Blackpool-Crewe:**

57311, 66099/191, 70020, 86637, 150116, 156452
156484, 158758, 185124/25/49

Crewe:

150240, 153313/19/21/27/84, 175002/007/106/110
175116, 221102/03/09-12/17/43, 350103/104/106
350112/114/122/130/239/251/257, 390002/009/026
390044/047/050/052/053/117/131/137

Crewe-Blackpool:

66193, 142040/45, 150201/70, 185102/29/49
390119/157

James Holloway:**16th August:****Rugby 11.55-15.38:**

66050/421/433/503/570, 86501, 92028, 221108/10
221112/13, 350101/110/112/115/117/119/120/124
350127/128/231/236/240/244-246/249/254/264
390003-006/008/009/011/013/015/016/020/023/026
390032/034/039/042-047/050/053/107/112/114
390117-119/122/124/125/127/130/136/138/154/155

21st August:**Water Orton 11.55-13.00:**

20311/14, 43301/84, 56094, 66067/199/552,
220002
170101/105/112/114/117/397/522/636

Brian Derricote:**6th August:****Stourbridge Junction-Walsall 09.30-13.30:**

60019, 66015/019/065/074/086/145/171/182
70008, 139002, 153356, 170501/503/631/634
172221/333/339/341/344, 390138, DR73923
DR77002/80212/98908/98958

Stafford 15.00-19.10:

66076/424/429/501/533/535/543/565/623, 67020
67025, 70014, 86606/09/10/22/39, 90029/44/49
158825/30, 220001/09/11/12, 221104/09-11/16/22
221130/39, 325003/06/11, 390001/005/008/009
390011/013/016/020/023/026/032/035/039/045/049
390052/053/107/112/117/127/131/136/155
DR73110

Paul Dunbar:**6th August:****Thetford:** 170203, 158773**Norwich:**

37261, 90001/03/11/12/14, 150280, 153314/22/35
156402/09/18/22, 158810/52/58
DVTs 82107/18/32/36

Stowmarket: 47828**Ipswich:**

66175/416/504/516/540/542/570/721/951,
70019/20
90002/06/41/45, 153306, 156419, 170201/06/07/70
170272, 321315/319/329/332/426, 360105/09/14
DVTs 82105/12/52

Paul Tarrant:**10th August:****Sidcup:**

11.44 66540 4O88 eastbound F/L
12.20 66165 6Y41/42 eastbound engineers
12.25 66058 6v63 westbound exRMC hoppers
12.32 66566 4O86 eastbound F/L
14.18 66151 7U71 westbound VTG's
14.25 59001 7Z21 westbound

Hoo Junction:

66001/035/192

14th August:**Wandsworth Road:**

11.03 66571 4O88 eastbound F/L
11.06 66001 6L37 westbound engineers
11.36 66849 0z49 westbound L/E
11.53 66035 6Y41 eastbound engineers
11.54 442403 westbound to Stewarts Lane ECS
11.59 66501 4O86 eastbound F/L
12.19 66517 4E24 westbound F/L
12.20 66192 6Y08 eastbound Bretts
12.55 66200 eastbound L/E
13.00 59101 6Y60 eastbound Hansons
14.02 66719 4Y19 westbound gypsum
14.52 31106+999508+31105 2Z88 eastbound

22nd August:**Gospel Oak:**

11.44 59101 6V28 westbound MRL's
12.53 66588 4E24 eastbound F/L
13.43 66729 6E30 eastbound bogie tanks
14.03 66712 5L56 eastbound barrier vehicles
14.15 66704 4E19 eastbound gypsum
14.24 92016 4E32 eastbound steel empties
14.46 66126 6X48 westbound cars
14.57 66432 4M71 westbound intermodal
172001-4/6/8

28th August:

10.58 66594 4O88 eastbound F/L
11.14 59104 6Y60 eastbound Hansons
12.20 66069 6Y08 eastbound Bretts
12.38 442402 westbound ECS to Stewarts Lane
12.41 66502 4E24 westbound F/L
13.21 59002+59103 6V18 westbound
13.28 66557 6M79 westbound Bardons
13.45 378147 3Z02 westbound LO test train
14.05 66712 4E19 westbound gypsum

30th August**London Bridge:**

73107+73201 1Q83 eastbound

Wandsworth Road:

13.35 66113 6V18 westbound Hansons
13.39 92019 4E32 westbound steel empties

Lewisham:

14.59 66069 6Y42 westbound engineers

Michael Hayman:

13th August:

Paddington:

43023/086/088/133/135/139-141/143/160/164/174
43197

Acton: 66015/056/113/147

Ealing Broadway: 31602, 60059

Royal Oak: 66712/720

16th August:

King's Cross: 67008

Peterborough:

66010/199/708/709/711/719/738/739/746

Doncaster:

66133/167/722/738/746, 67027

York:

LMS 5XP 44932, 66013/034/059/122/432/553/556
66701

Leeds Midland Road: 66529/542/553/606, 70010

18th August:

Kensington Olympia 11.00: 47760/804

20th August:

Old Oak Common: 57602/603

Acton: 59001, 66025/165/170/200

Ealing Broadway:

31601/2, 59205, 66056/076/616

Robert Parker:

2nd August:

Nuneaton 10.45-16.55:

47841, 66018/130/160/182/187/238/422/426/434

66517/530/543/562/587/588/590/621/710/721/738

66740, 70017, 86607/12/37/39, 90041/45/46/48

7th August:

Peterborough 11.00-17.30:

43206/208/239/251/274/277/290/296/299/300/302

43305/307/309/311/313-315/317/320/467/468

47828, 66010/083/094/142/174/175/218/541/542

66569/621/623/703/706/711/731/735/736/738/740

66744, 91101-04/06/07/11/12/14/15/19/22/24-26/28
91130/32

14th August:

Stafford 12.00-16.30:

66023/046/067/095/426/429/431/513/546/563/588

66592/730, 86605/12/13/22, 90046

Bescot:

66020/113/172/187/527/549

16th August:

Water Orton 11.50-15.30:

47739, 66043/046/055/101/1032/187/197/230/421

66503/508/544/566

Ian McAlpine:

28th July:

Hams Hall: 08623

Washwood Heath: 08588/762, 70009

Lawley Street: 66517/543/562/954

Birmingham Snow Hill-Jewellery Quarter:

172221/332/337/3387/343, Trams 04-07

3rd August:

Peterborough:

66719/723/729/741, 91116, 153357

Doncaster: 66011/144

York:

46115 'Scots Guardsman', 47841/853, 220007

5th August:

Darlington:

67027, 91118, 142095, DVT's 82210/12

York:

44932 LMS 5XP, 09017, 33207, 150215, 158901
98906/56

10th August:

Peterborough:

66105/194/703/719/727/738/740/743/746, 91120

170105, DVT82200

17th August:

Peterborough: 66021, 317339/345, 321402

Kings Cross:

67008, 180105, 365535

Waterloo-Staines and return:

66035, 158884, 159006/018, 378208/214/215/227

378256, 444041, 450007/008/031/079/092/099

450125/544/549/552/554/555/559/563-565/570

455702/855/862/872, 458002/07/09/14/15/17/18

458024

22nd August:

Peterborough:

66557/710/726, 158846/63, 170205/521

Oakham: 66083

Mountsorrel: 08632

Derby:

08417, 31233/285, 37419, 56303, 66106, 153310

170110, 221136, 222009, DVT9708

Crews:

08868, 56031/038/069/074/106, 66431/720, 86633

86635, 150229, 153312/74, 175010/011/103

221102, 323224, 350108/122/128/232/239

390003/015/049/137

23rd August:

March: 66743

Ely: 66619, 170111/206, 365530/38

Mill Drive: 66564

Ipswich:

66503/534/543/556/568/572/593/718, 70001/19

86501, 90016/41/45-47, 153335, 156417, 170205

360110/15

Colchester-Clacton on Sea and return:

90008, 321306/311/322/332/353/355/357/364/365

321430/434, 360103/12/14/16/21, DVT82136

25th August:

Peterborough:

66136/249/710/718/723/726/728/731, 91104

170103

Doncaster: 67027, 158817

York:

43480/84, 91104, 142037/90, 144012, 158758

185120/26, 221135, DVT82201

Doncaster: 66098/723/726/742/743

Standard Gauge Preservation Scene

Rocks by Rail (aka Rutland Railway Museum) by Trevor Roots:

The Rutland Railway Museum (RRM) as was, was one railway I have been meaning to visit for some time and finally realised how easy it was to find. Wanting a pit stop on our trip south prior to the DRS Crewe Open Day, we turned off the A1 onto the A668 intending to stop at Rutland Water, but firstly followed the signs to RRM, which then slightly confused us by becoming Rocks by Rail signs in the village of Cottesmore, then back to RRM $\frac{3}{4}$ mile west at the site entrance off Ashwell Road. Apparently Rocks by Rails is the new name the RRM is to be known by. As I mentioned above it is actually fairly easy to find with numerous brown signs and is less than five miles from the A1 north of Rutland Water.



the new platform with the workshop on the left and loco sidings right looking north along the branchline

The railway is currently open from 11.00 - 16.00 every Tues, Thurs and Sun and we were lucky in that we turned up on a Thurs, 16th August to be exact. We were also fortunate to view the railway in the later stages of a lengthy redevelopment period prior to re-opening to passenger operation on 16th September. This had involved extending track 200m into the quarry area to the south of the site past which you drive on entering the site and providing a small platform to allow passenger services to run from the exchange sidings into the quarry.



operational [177] Thomas 4wDH 'Mr D' built 1967, the plaque says it all



RRM is located at the end of a 2 mile branchline east off the Melton Mowbray to Oakham mainline. The Museums aim to preserve and recreate the essential elements of a typical East Midlands ironstone quarrying operation as it may have been seen in its heyday during the 1950's or 1960's but with some additional artefacts and exhibits. As well as the central theme, they have also been able to preserve items from the other mineral industries located in the area, namely limestone, granite and the locally important industrial processes of cement and brick production. The railway is standard gauge and has about 25 industrial locos, both steam and diesel, representative of the predominant industries mentioned above. There is a large collection of wagons on site, mostly in un-restored states and stored along the branch beyond the exchange sidings. The current extent of the track is 750m from the platform with wagons stored along most of the length...I know as I walked it all amongst encroaching undergrowth !! A nature trail runs parallel from the main yard / workshop past the exchange sidings and beyond and alongside the remnants of the Oakham canal abandoned in the 1700s and partly built over by the Midland Railway. The remaining branchline then curves westwards north of Ashwell to the mainline.



looking northwest along the branchline with the exchange sidings left just past the workshop and towards the end of the current track right, showing an assortment of mineral wagons

The volunteer staff encountered on the day busy preparing for the re-opening were very friendly and there was no problem in wandering around, as long as common sense was used, particularly when some shunting was undertaken later in the day by 'Mr D' and one of the Sentinels.

I haven't had time to sort out the full list of what was on site from the 300 photos I took, but hopefully will do so to include in the Oct issue.

Mainline AC Locos in Preservation – Part 3

by Trevor Roots

AL4 / Class 84:

The fourth order for 10 locos went to the GEC. The mechanical construction was subcontracted to North British Locomotive Co Ltd. One distinctive difference between Cl.84s and previous designs was the use of oval buffers. E3044 was the first AC loco to receive standard BR rail blue in 1967.

The first loco to be delivered was E3036 which entered traffic in March 1960 with the last, E3045, delivered in March 1961. No member of this class, unlike previous classes was withdrawn early due to accident damage. However like the Cl.83s they suffered from unreliability and were recalled for modifications in 1963, then stored in 1968 with the Cl.83s. Returning to service in 1972 they continued to be troublesome and by 1980, all were withdrawn. One loco 84009 (E3044) was converted by the RTC into a mobile load bank and re-numbered ADB968021. Though cut up in Dec 1995, one cab from this loco remains in the care of the ACLG and is stored at Long Marston (photo by Neil Dix, 12th May 2012).



The surviving Cl.84 is the doyen of the class, 84001 (E3036) and had a remarkable accidental escape into preservation. In 1979 prior to withdrawal, 84001 was loaned to the NRM at York to be part of the '100 Years of Electric Traction' exhibition...but it stayed and became part of the NRM collection, a valuable rare example of a post steam mainline North British loco.



During its stay at York it was re-painted for the 'The Great Railway Show' in 1990 when the main hall was closed for repaired and a temporary exhibition was moved to the other side of Leeman Road (see photo left). However due to subsequent years of outside storage, 84001 deteriorated and was finally moved to the care of the ACLG in 2000, though in later years it is again stored outside at Barrow Hill Roundhouse.

AL5 / Class 85:

The fifth and final order of the initial batch of 100 first generation AC locos was the largest and was for 40 placed with BR to be built at Doncaster Works with AEI electrical equipment so making them similar in design to Cls.81 & 82. As with all first generation AC locos the predominant outline was the raking cab fronts.

The first loco to be delivered was E3057 entering traffic in June 1961 with the last, E3095 delivered in December 1964. Allocation was to the general AC lines code, followed by Longsight then to Crewe EMD in 1973. This class was the least troublesome of the 5 classes and was also the longest lived as an entire class. due to late delivery of Cl.90s in 1989 it was decided to convert 10 Cl.85s to dedicated freight locos entailing removal of the train heating boiler and lowering the max speed. They were reclassified as 85/1s but as with Cl.81s in later life they suffered from fires so a further 4 were converted as replacements. Re-numbering was as follows:

85006 to 85101	85016 to 85105	85035 to 85109	85003 to 85113
85009 to 85102	85021 to 85106	85036 to 85110	85011 to 85114
85010 to 85103	85024 to 85107	85004 to 85111	
85012 to 85104	85032 to 85108	85007 to 85112	

With Cl.90s entering service withdrawal of the Cl.85s was completed by the end of 1991. Five locos were used on ecs duties from August - December 1991, 85101, 85040 and 85113 at Euston, 85110 at Liverpool Lime Street and 85018 at Manchester Piccadilly. MC Metals carried out the scrapping during 1993 following storage at Crewe EMD.

85101 was saved by Pete Waterman in 1993 after an abortive attempt on 85104, which was 'vandalised' after sale and so this was cancelled. Sold to ACLG in 1997 it was named '*Doncaster Plant 150 1853 - 2003*' at the Doncaster Works open day on 27th July 2003. 85101 carries RfD livery, which it never carried in service.





to be cont.

Shunter Livery Survey

In a new occasional series, it is hoped to portray the many varied liveries carried by the ubiquitous Class 08 shunter fleet over the years.



the first livery to feature is that of the ex-BR Parcels Sector on 08873
now owned by LH Group and branded Hunslet Engine Company
on hire to Freightliner, Southampton Maritime, 25th August 2012

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 Jncts. Only freight and notable loco hauled workings are shown with the diagram code, time (if known) plus origin and destination (see location codes).

20th July

16.05	66093	6E66	MG-SC
18.31	66720	6V88	BN-NT
20.25	66185	6E30	MG-HL
21.02	66044	6V55	BD-RN
	66091	6V66	SC-MG
	66003	6Z37	WB-LM
	66426	4V38	DV-WG
	66555	4V06	RG-SG
	66194	6O42	HO-SO
	66616	6M36	WY-EA
	66230	6M96	MG-CY
	31602/56303	0Z49	BT-WW
	66007	6M81	MG-RO
	66011	6V92	CY-MG
	66016	4V33	MF-AV
	66185	6V05	RO-MG
	66199	6E80	CT-RM
	66016	6E86	PY-FB

21st July

	66206	6E66	MG-SC
	66093	6V66	SC-MG
	66547	4V56	RG-SG
	66112	4Z33	RC-AV
	66555	6Y12	WY-AT
	66613/615	6Y11	FR-AT

22nd July

11.25	66432	4V38	DV-WG
15.02	66023	6E66	MG-SC
16.58	66230	6E47	LL-TS
17.55	66432	4M36	WG-DV
	66201	6E30	MG-HL
	66177	6V66	SC-MG
	97304	3Z80	DY-BT

23rd July

10.52	66304	4V38	DV-WG
16.09	66117	6M41	MG-RO
20.15	66055	6V06	HD-CT
	66544	4Z67	RC-SG
	60091	6E41	WH-LY
	66606	4V06	CE-PY
	66112	6E86	PY-FB
66719/50044	0Z50		Tremorfa-SVR

24th July

05.40	66063	6M81	MG-RO
11.00	66432	4V38	DV-WG
11.11	60063	6B13	RN-WH
12.25	66076	6V05	RO-MG
15.01	66011	6E66	MG-SC
16.09	47812	6Z31	CF-CH
18.38	66141	6V06	HD-CT
19.30	66149	6V69	BS-AD
19.59	66739	6E01	CF-LY
20.18	66055	6E30	MG-HL
21.59	66095	6V66	SC-MG

24th July (cont)

22.47	66185	6V35	RM-CT
	66046	6E86	PY-FB
	20303/304	6M56	BE-CE
	60091	6E41	WH-LY
	66547	4V61	RG-SG
	66737	4V94	DR-PY
	66957	4V47	RG-SG

25th July

05.38	66076	6M81	MG-RO
10.51	66302	4V38	DV-WG
11.17	66117	6V05	RO-MG
11.22	60063	6B13	RN-WH
14.42	66031	6E66	MG-SC
18.34	66141	6V06	HD-CT
19.50	66739	6E01	CF-LY
	158799	5Z58	NG-Salisbury
	37612/606	6M56	BE-CE
	66250	4V83	FB-PY
	66737	4V94	DR-PY
	66546	4V06	RC-SG
	60091	6E41	WH-LY
	66250	6E86	PY-FB

27th July

06.05	66117	6M81	MG-RO
11.25	60063	6B13	RN-WH
11.55	60040	6V05	RO-MG
11.59	66427	4V38	DV-WG
	66250	4V83	FB-PY
	66720	6V88	BN-CT
	66250	6E86	PY-FB
	66197	6E66	MG-SC
	66737	4V94	DR-PY
	66547	6M36	WY-EA
	66039	4Z32	RC-MG
	66527	4V06	RC-SG

28th July

	66548/613	6Y11	FR-Eckington
	66607	4V46	RG-PG
	60091	6E41	WH-LY
	66197/003	6V66	SC-MG
	66117	6E66	MG-SC
	66527	6Y12	WY-AT

29th July

	66613/548	6Y11	AT-FR
	66527	6Y12	AH-FR
	66428	4V38	DV-WG
	66007	6E09	MG-SC

30th July

	66060	6E86	AV-FB
	66120	4V66	MF-AV
	60091	6E41	WH-LY
	66577	4V06	RG-SG
	66076	6E66	MG-SC

30th July (cont)

	66425	4V38	DV-WG
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31st July

	66185	6E20	MG-IM
	66122	6V69	BS-AD
	66014	6V06	HD-NT
	66184	6V66	SC-MG
	66206	6E47	MG-TS
	66250	4Z32	RC-MG
	60063	6B47	WH-RN
	60091	6E41	WH-LY
	66720	6E01	CF-LY
	60040	6V05	RO-MG

1st August

	60063	6B13	RN-WH
	66301	4V38	DV-WG
	60015	6E41	WH-LY
	37038/259	6V74	CE-BR
	66708	6Z31	CT-HD
	66092	6V05	RO-MG

2nd August

	60063	6B13	RN-WH
	37611/610	6V73	CE-BE
	60091	6E41	WH-LY
	66020	6D98	NT-HD
	66109	4V83	RC-AV
	66250	6V05	RO-MG
	66030	6V66	SC-MG
	56311	6Z69	CT-CH
	66720	6E01	CF-LY
	66421	4V38	DV-WG
	66250	6V05	RO-MG

3rd August

10.26	66303	0V38	CE-WG
	66063	6V55	BD-RN
	66090	4Z33	RC-AV
	66092	6E66	MG-SC
	66303/432	4Z36	WG-DV
	66184	6V05	RO-MG
	66185	6V66	SC-MG
	66623	4V06	RC-SG

4th August

	60091	6E41	WH-LY
	66017	4Z33	RC-East Usk
	66599	4V06	RG-SG
	66092	6V66	SC-MG
	66090	6E66	MG-SC

5th August

11.25	66431	4V38	DV-WG
16.53	66056	6E47	MG-TS
18.09	66431	4M36	WG-DV
	66027/150	6W31	Parson Street-MT
	66957	6Y27	AH-Hackney
	66610/615	6Y11	AT-FR

5th August (cont)		11th August (cont)		19th August	
66606 6Y12	AH-WY	60099 6E41	WH-LY	18.50 66207 6W39	GL-WY
6th August		66524 4V06	RG-SG	19.45 66150 6W40	GL-WY
14.37 66092 6E66	MG-SC	13th August		66053 6W42	GL-HY
16.00 66063 6M41	MG-RO	60091 6E41	WH-LY	66043 6W41	GL-WY
16.57 66230 6V07	RO-MG	66158 6M81	MG-RO	66158 6E66	MG-SC
18.25 66708 6Z30	HD-CT	66177 6E66	MG-SC	66117 6E47	LL-TS
66599 4V61	RG-SG	66708 6Z30	HD-NT	158799 5Z58	
66043/041 6V81	RM-CT	14th August			Salisbury-NG
66039 6E47	MG-TS	66081 6V69	BS-AD	66419 6Y12	AH-WY
66616 6M36	WY-EA	66708 6E01		66623/610 6Y11	
7th August			CF-Peterborough		Spetchley-FR
19.14 66121 6V69	BS-AD	66433 4V38	DV-WG	66622/513 6Y13	
20.14 66708 6Z31	NT-HD	66069 6E94	AW-LY		Eckington-WY
66014 6V07	RO-MG	66415 4V06	RG-SG	66421 4V38	DV-WG
66431 6B36	DV-WG	60063 6V05	RO-MG	20th August	
67026 6B36	DT-AH	15th August		17.03 66149 6V07	RO-MG
60063 6B13	RN-WH	22.00 66125 6V66	SC-MG	19.20 66727 6Z30	HD-NT
66003 6V92	CY-MG	37667 0Z37	DY-BL	66161 6V66	SC-MG
66099 6V66	SC-MG	66014 6V05	RO-MG	66610/623 6Y11	
60091 6E41	WH-LY	66305 4V38	DV-WG		FR-Spetchley
66014 6M81	MG-RO	60063 6B13	RN-WH	66114 6V05	RO-MG
66177 6V05	RO-MG	60040 6E41	WH-LY	80206 6U26	CF-GL
66184 6M96	MG-CY	66613 6M36	WY-EA	21st August	
8th August		66727 6Z30	HD-NT	12.02 66425 4V387	DV-WG
20302/304 6M67	BR-CE	56303 6Z34	CH-CT	14.13 66031 6E66	MG-SC
66432 4V38	DV-WG	16th August		15.27 66046 6V05	RO-MG
66182 6E11	CF-IM	66058 6E47	MG-TS	15.30 66199 6V92	CY-MG
66030 6V92	CY-MG	66148 6V06	HD-CT	16.00 66207 6M41	MG-RO
66515 4V06	RC-SG	66149 6M81	MG-RO	17.01 56303 6Z32	CT-CH
60091 6E41	WH-LY	60091 6E41	WH-LY	19.33 66115 6V69	BS-AD
66039 6E47	MG-TS	66302/421 4V38	DV-WG	20.20 66204 6E30	MG-HL
66063 6V05	RO-MG	66238 6Z42	BS-AD	21.04 66070 6V06	KY-CT
66120 6E66	MG-SC	17th August		21.54 66087 6V66	SC-MG
66186 6V81	RM-CT	05.51 66158 6M81	MG-RO	56303 0Z31	CH-CT
66708 6Z30	HD-NT	10.32 66429 4V38	DV-WG	66623/610 6Y11	AT-FR
31602 0Z56	WW-BT	11.10 56303 0Z56	CF-CH	60040 6E41	WH-LY
9th August		12.57 66114 6V05	RO-MG	22nd August	
60091 6E41	WH-LY	15.12 66115 6V92	CY-MG	10.52 66433 4V38	DV-WG
66039 6V07	RO-MG	19.05 66727 6Z30	HD-NT	10.58 60007 6B13	RN-WH
66056 6E66	MG-SC	60063 6B13	RN-WH	66031 6V66	SC-MG
66120 6V66	SC-MG	60091 6E41	WH-LY	66727 6Z30	HD-Tremorra
66184 6V05	RO-MG	66546 4V06	RC-SG	66610/623 6Y11	AT-FR
66198 6E09	MG-IM	18th August		31601/602 5Z20	KK-LA
66206 6E47	MG-TS	66171 6V66	SC-MG	60040 6E41	WH-LY
20308/312 6M56	BE-CE	66162 6E66	MG-SC	66046 6V05	RO-MG
66424 4V38	DV-WG	66415 4V05	RG-SG	66080/041 6E66	MG-SC
11th August		66419 6Y12	WY-AT	66199 6V07	RO-MF
18.04 66128 6V66	SC-MG	66513/622 6Y13		37612/611 6M67	BR-CE
66599 6Y12	WY-AT		WY-Eckington	66599 4V06	RC-SG
66419/623 6Y13		66610/622 6Y11	FR-Eckington	66186 6M41	MG-RO
66606/610 6Y11	WY-Eckington FR-AT				

Stirlingshire Sightings

by Derek Sneddon

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

15th July		16th July		07.00 66429 4R75	GM-EE
13.00 66429 4A13	GM-AB	05.45 66433 4H47	MN-IS	08.30 66607 6A65	OX-AB

16th July (cont)			26th July (cont)			6th August (cont)		
10.35 66552 6G05	RV-LT		05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS		12.25 47790/810 1Z45		
13.00 66430 4A13	GM-AB		06.05 66100 6A32	MN-AB			IS-King's Cross	
17th July			07.00 66305 4R75	GM-EE		13.00 66305 4A13	GM-AB	
05.10 66607 6H51	OX-IS		10.35 66552 6G05	RV-LT		22.40 37688/97304 3Q45	MN-AB	
05.45 66433 4H47	MN-IS		27th July			7th August		
07.00 66425 4R75	GM-EE		05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS		05.45 66425 4H47	MN-IS	
07.40 66850 6Z46	GM-PW		07.40 66850 6Z46	GM-PW		07.00 66305 4R75	GM-EE	
10.35 66552 6G05	RV-LT		10.35 66552 6G05	RV-LT		07.40 66850 6Z46	GM-PW	
11.20 66430 4N66	GM-ML		13.00 66421 4A13	GM-AB		10.35 66506 6G05	RV-LT	
13.00 66301 4A13	GM-AB		13.30 66002 6S36	DS-GM		11.20 66432 4N66	GM-ML	
13.30 66106 6S36	DS-GM		28th July			13.00 66424 4A13	GM-AB	
18th July			05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS		18.00 66111/100 6S36	DS-GM	
05.45 66421 4H47	MN-IS		07.00 66110 6A32	MN-AB		8th August		
07.40 66850 6Z82	GM-LW		10.35 66552 6G05	RV-LT		05.45 66430 4H47	MN-IS	
08.30 66607 6A65	OX-AB		11.20 66434/423 4M16	GM-DV		07.00 66305 4R75	GM-EE	
10.35 66552 6G05	RV-LT		13.00 66421 4A13	GM-AB		10.35 66506 6G05	RV-LT	
13.00 66427 4A13	GM-AB		13.30 66107 6S36	DS-GM		13.00 66429 4A13	GM-AB	
13.30 66100 6S36	DS-GM		1st August			13.30 66111 6S36	DS-GM	
19th July			05.45 66423 4H47	MN-IS		21.30 66850 6Z95	GM-Sinfin	
05.10 66607 6H51	OX-IS		07.00 66430 4R75	GM-EE		9th August		
05.45 66421 4H47	MN-IS		07.40 66850 6Z82	GM-LW		05.32 37688/97304 3Q46	AB-MN	
06.05 66100 6A32	MN-AB		08.30 66614 6A65	OX-AB		05.45 66430 4H47	MN-IS	
07.00 66425 4R75	GM-EE		10.35 66413 6G05	RV-LT		06.05 66111 6A32	MN-AB	
13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB		13.30 66110 6S36	DS-GM		07.00 66305 4R75	GM-EE	
23.34 66106 6K30	MN-DU		2nd August			13.00 66426 4A13	GM-AB	
20th July			05.10 66614 6H51	OX-IS		10th August		
05.45 66421 4H47	MN-IS		05.45 66428 4H47	MN-IS		02.30 66111 6H03	MN-IS	
06.00 66850 6Z97	Sinfin-GM		06.05 66110 6A32	MN-AB		05.45 66430 4H47	MN-IS	
07.00 66432 4R75	GM-EE		07.00 66302 4R75	GM-EE		06.20 66100 6K11	MN-DC	
07.40 66850 6Z46	GM-PW		10.35 66413 6G05	RV-LT		07.00 66426 4R75	GM-EE	
10.35 66552 6G05	RV-LT		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB		10.35 66506 6G05	RV-LT	
13.00 66423 4A13	GM-AB		21.06 66110 6K25			13.00 66428 4A13	GM-AB	
13.30 66110 6S36	DS-GM			MN-Kennethmont		13.30 66160 6S36	DS-GM	
21st July			3rd August			11th August		
05.45 66421 4H47	MN-IS		05.45 66428 4H47	MN-IS		05.45 66430 4H47	MN-IS	
10.05 66002 6A32	MN-AB		07.00 66432 4R75	GM-EE		05.51 47760/86 5Z68	CN-ED	
10.35 66552 6G05	RV-LT		07.40 66850 6Z46	GM-PW		08.38 37685/62005 5Z27		
13.00 66425 4A13	GM-AB		10.35 66413 6G05	RV-LT			Joppa-Fort William	
23rd July			13.00 66431 4A13	GM-AB		10.05 66110 6A32	MN-AB	
05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS		13.30 66111 6S36	DS-GM		11.06 66111 6K12	MN-ME	
08.30 66607 6A65	OX-AB		18.44 66110 6K25			13.00 66425 4A13	GM-AB	
10.35 66552 6G05	RV-LT			Kennethmont-MN		13.30 66160 6S36	DS-GM	
13.00 66302 4A13	GM-AB		4th August			21.06 66107/160 6K10		
13.30 66002 6S36	DS-GM		04.37 47760/86 5Z52	CN-PH			MN-Arbroath	
19.40 67026 1Z63	ED-GM		05.45 66425 4H47	MN-IS		12th August		
21.50 66850 6Z96	GM-Sinfin		09.30 66850 6Z47	PW-GM		00.22 66051 6K30	MN-GM	
24th July			10.05 66100 6A32	MN-AB		09.45 66110 6K31	MN-GM	
05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS		10.35 66413 6G05	RV-LT		10.28 66107/160 6K10		
07.00 66302 4R75	GM-EE		11.20 66302/430 4M16	GM-DV			Arbroath-MN	
07.30 66100 6K20	Drem-MN		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB		10.44 66100 6K11	Arbroath-MN	
08.40 66614 6Y81	Carmont-MN		13.30 66111 6S36	DS-GM		11.00 66111 6K12	Arbroath-MN	
10.35 66552 6G05	RV-LT		16.40 47790/810 1Z41			14.07 66051 6K30	GM-MN	
11.20 66425 4N66	GM-ML			King's Cross-IS		13th August		
13.00 66423 4A13	GM-AB		21.06 66111/07 6K10	MN-ME		04.06 66110 6K31	GM-MN	
13.30 66108 6S36	DS-GM		22.04 66116 6K11	MN-Arbroath		05.45 66430 4H47	MN-IS	
21.05 66614 6Y82	MN-Carmont		5th August			07.00 66433 4R75	GM-EE	
25th July			10.48 66107/11 6K10	Arbroath-MN		08.30 66545 6A65	OX-AB	
05.45 66422 4H47	MN-IS		11.26 47760/86 5Z54	PH-CN		13.00 66424 4A13	GM-AB	
07.00 66423 4R75	GM-EE		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB		14th August		
07.40 66850 6Z82	GM-LW		14.44 66116 6K11	ME-MN		05.10 66614 6H51	OX-IS	
08.40 66614 6Y82	AB-MN		6th August			07.00 66424 4R75	GM-EE	
13.00 66428 4A13	GM-AB		05.45 66425 4H47	MN-IS		07.40 66850 6Z46	GM-PW	
13.30 66108 6S36	DS-GM		07.00 66432 4R75	GM-EE		11.20 66305 4N66	GM-ML	
26th July			08.30 66545 6A65	OX-AB		13.30 66051 6S36	DS-GM	
05.10 66614 6H51	OX-IS		10.35 66506 6G05	RV-LT				

Stirlingshire & Gloucestershire Sightings Location Codes:

AB Aberdeen	CP Chepstow	HR Harwich	MT Mountsorrel	SB Stourbridge
AC Achnasheen	CQ Croft Quarry	HS Hunslet	MV Manchester Vic	SC Scunthorpe
AD Alexander Dock Jnct	CQ Cadder	HT Hastings	MW Moorswater	SD Standish Jnct
	CS Cheltenham	HV Haverfordwest	NA Nairn	SG Stoke Gifford
AE Attercliffe	CT Cardiff Tidal	HW Heywood Jnct	NE Neath	SH Slough
AF Ashford	CU Cumbernauld	HY Hinksey	NG Nottingham	SI Stirling
AH Ashchurch	CV Cliff Vale	IM Immingham	NH Newton Heath	SK Shirebrook
AJ Awre Junction	CY Corby	IB Ironbridge	NJ Norton Jnct	SN Stockton
AL Alston	DC Dyce	IS Inverness	NL Newtonhill	SO Southampton
AN Acton	DL Dalmeny	JM Jersey Marine	NT Newport	SP Spetchley
AP Appleford	DM Dollands Moor	KB Kittybrewster	NV Neville Hill	SR Stourton
AR Abercynon	DR Doncaster	KK Kirkcaldy	NW Nantwich	SS Swansea
AT Abbotswood Jnct	DS Dalston	KK Kilmarnock	OB Oban	ST Severn Tunnel Jnct
AV Avonmouth	DT Didcot	KL Kyle of Lochalsh	ON Onllwyn	SV Stevenage
AW Aberthaw	DV Davenport	KN Kennethmont	OO Old Oak Common	SW Swindon
AY Ayr	DY Derby	KS Kingsland Road	OX Oxwells	SY Shipley
BA Blair Atholl	DU Dundee	KY Kingsbury	OY Oxley	TD Tyne Dock
BD Bedworth	EA Earles Sidings	LA Laira	PA Paisley	TE Trostre
BE Berkeley	ED Edinburgh	LB Ladybank	PC Port Clarence	TG Teigngrace
BH Brierley Hill	EE Elderslie	LC Lincoln	PF Peak Forest	TH Theale
BI Burntisland	EH Eastleigh	LD Lydney	PG Pengham	TK Tavistock Jnct
BL Bristol	EL Elgin	LG Lairg	PH Perth	TL Tilbury
BN Beeston	EU Euston	LH Leith	PM St Philips Marsh	TN Taunton
BO Bo'ness	EV Evesham	LI Linlithgow	PN Paddington	TO Toton
BP Bath	EX Exeter	LK Lackenby	PO Polmadie	TR Trishington
BR Bridgwater	FB Ferrybridge	LL Llanwern	PR Preston	TS Tees Yard
BS Bescot	FF Fiddlers Ferry	LM Long Marston	PT Paignton	TY Tyseley
BT Barton Hill	FG Fishguard	LN Laurencekirk	PW Prestwick	VA Victoria
BU Burton	FO Forres	LO Longsight	PY Portbury	WB Wembley
BW Barrow Hill	FR Fairwater	LS Leeds	PZ Penzance	WG Wentloog
BZ St Blazey	GC Glasgow Central	LT Longannet	RA Redcar	WH Westerleigh
BY Barry	GL Gloucester	LW Linkswood	RC Ratcliffe	WP Workop
CA Calvert	GM Grangemouth	LY Lindsey	RD Reading	WR Warrington
CB Coatbridge	GR Grange Sidings	MC Machen	RE Redmile	WS Worcester
CE Crewe	GS Gleneagles	ME Montrose	RG Rugeley	WV Wolverhampton
CD Charfield	GY Grimsby	MF Milford	RM Rotherham	WW Washwood Heath
CF Cardiff	HA Hayes	MG Margam	RN Robeston	WY Westbury
CH Chaddesden	HD Handsworth	MH Millerhill	RO Round Oak	YT Yate
CK Chirk	HF Hereford	MN Mossend	RR Rowley Regis	YK York
CL Carlisle	HH Holyhead	ML Motherwell	RV Ravensthruther	
CM Chalmerston	HL Hartlepool	MO Moreton	RY Rugby	
CN Carnforth	HO Halewood	MS Maesteg	SA Saltley	

Open Day News

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

Light Rail, Metro & Tram News

Blackpool: New cars in service are up to number 016.

Docklands Light Railway: Having opened in August 1987, the DLR has celebrated its 25th anniversary. Having started with 11 trains serving 15 stations it now has 149 sets and serves 45 stations.

London Underground: With the last service day being Wed 26th September, a farewell tour for the 'A' class is to be held on the 29th September. Tickets are available from the LT Museum.

Manchester Metrolink: The new service to Oldham Mumps started on June 13 running at approx 12 min intervals to St Werburgh's Road, Chorlton.

By 2014 all the T68 trams in the number 1000 (built 1992) and 2000 (built 2000) series are to be replaced by an additional order for 20 more Bombardier M5000 Flexity Swift trams. Eventually 94 M5000s will be in service with 55 so far delivered.

Railway Globetrotters

by Ray Smith

LADS WEEK 2011 ...well actually it was 10 days – Part 4:

Day 7 - April 14th 2011:

Belinzona. An early visit to the station before a walk alongside the shed. No need to ask as most can be seen from outside. There is also a yard outside the town at San Paolo where 14 were seen there. Now it was the 75 mile journey to Chur, home of the RHB. The RHB (RHÄTISCHE BAHN) is the largest of the Swiss private railway companies in terms of route mileage. It also has a terminus in Tirino, in Italy. On route we stopped at Thusis just as a passenger train was coming in. In Chur there was not a lot to see so we headed north to the main RHB depot and workshop at Landquart. There were some locomotives and units stabled around the station. We did not attempt the works (we wrote earlier for a permit which they would have provided at an extortionate fee, so we declined), but managed a look into the shed, which is a roundhouse, and saw quite a bit.



one of the new Belinzona s-bahn units,
524002 is stabled alongside
Belinzona station, 14th April 2011



RHB Ge 3/3 electric shunter 214 sits
outside the small depot at Chur station
14th April 2011



the most modern of the RHBs fleet of
electric locomotives is the CI.Ge 4/4III
of which 647 *Grütsch*
is in non standard blue livery
seen arriving at Thusis,
14th April 2011



RHB (Rhätische Bahn) has the largest
network of the Swiss private railways
with one of its more modern tractors,
Tm 2/2 116 shunting at Thusis station,
14th April 2011

We continued to the Austrian border via Sargans and Buchs. Sargans only had 3 on and a new double decker set 511 002 on trials. Plinthed outside the roundhouse was a "shed" with snowploughs (see photograph). Buchs was not much better with 8 Swiss and 2 Austrian examples to be seen. Passing through was a new SBB locomotive 160 001 of which I have no idea about !

2 interesting features of the RHB
in one photograph!

It has a line that runs up to Arosa
and on leaving Chur, outside the station,
it runs through the streets before
it becomes a conventional railway.

The new 'Allegra' 3 car
EMUs are designed to haul extra
coaches, which they do with ease.

3504 is one of these
new units outside Chur station
13th April 2011



'shed', 771, is dumped on the turntable at Sargans



RHB has one CI.Gm 4/4 B-B locomotive,
241 which is seen shunting at
Landquart, home to the main depot
and workshops of the system
14th April 2011



the CI.Tmll were small track trolleys that
could transport 4 people and tools and
could also haul a few wagons.
Nicknamed 'sheds', withdrawn 631,
fitted with snowploughs, is plinthed
Sargans shed. 14th April 2011

Now into country number 6, Austria but only en route to Germany. We looked in at Feldkirch station then did Wolfurt depot, only 12 on, then after a look at Bregenz station (2 locomotives and 1 unit)! The it was back into Germany for our second visit.



1909 built 0-6-0 8487 is plinthed outside Buchs station, 14th April 2011



1063 037 was station pilot, Feldkirch station, 14th April 2011

all photos by Ray Smith (to be cont)

Sotteville Dump Update

by Bob Johnston

Returning to Sotteville, Quatre Mares, France on the 18th August 2012, after an absence of 15 months there is evidence that they have been chopping up Y's, the remains of at least 5 chopped Ys are clearly to be seen. Opposite, the line of Y's next to the running line is still there. North of the overbridge the scrapline has almost gone, all there is to be seen are 67467, 67447, 68522, 8622, 8608, the two Rouen dock shunters and some five 72XXX's. In the past I have seen as many as 80 locos there, now all gone.



The North end of the recession store is much changed. Nearly all of the 222XX's have gone, mostly for push pull work out of Paris Gare Du Nord. A further tranche are to be converted to replace 255XX's in the Marseille area where the locos in question are now in poor external condition and becoming unreliable. Instead there are large numbers of 66XXX's of various sub classes, at least 50 plus of them. There are also numerous 67XXX's, some caravelles, a number of 165XX's, the 161XX's and large numbers of Y's and 634XX's. Unfortunately there is now a line of wagons parked across the

Eastern periphery of the store making identification of the Southern part from the road impossible. The store also appears to be being patrolled by men with large un-muzzled dogs, so a foot visit is not inviting! Compare the photos below with those from Bob in the March and July 2011 issues.



I have a list from a reliable source which is up to date as of June and as before I am quite happy to respond to SAEs, but please note my address is 102 Kennington Road, Oxford OX1 5PE. Last time, most queries went to number 103, who was amused, but I would not want it to happen again....*sorry my mistake, I supplied wrong number, ed.*

Revised Liveries



The other two GBRf 73s 73212 & 73213 in similar livery have also been so treated.

Stock Changes

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

Locos Repatriated:

from France:

66052 66072 66223

from Spain:

37703 37714 37716 37718 37800
37884

New / Refurbished Stock:

Pendolinos lengthened & re-numbered

390014 to 390114 with 68914 / 65314

390017 to 390117 with 68917 / 65317

390018 to 390118 with 68918 / 65318

390022 to 390122 with 68922 / 65322

390024 to 390124 with 68924 / 65324

390030 to 390130 with 68930 / 65330

390048 to 390148 with 68948 / 65348

390057 to 390157 (delivered as 11 car)

Converted & Re-numbered HST Mk3 coaches:

42501 (40744) 42502 (40731)

42503 (40712) 42504 (40228)

42505 (40714) 42385 (41153)

Converted & Re-numbered HST Mk3 coaches:

10271 (10236) 10272 (10208)

12606 (12048) 12607 (12038)

12608 (12069) 12609 (12014)

Locos Re-numbered (UIC):

56115 to 0659 002-3 56117 to 0659003-1

DMUs Re-numbered:

150121 to 150921 150127 to 150927

Locos Scrapped:

EMR Kingsbury 37412

DMU Scrapped:

SWR 59516

EMU Scrapped:

DFR 4CIG 76811 (1392)

DMUs Transferred:(* into preservation)

55019 (975042) TM to LMM*

59506 WSR to TM

51432 / 51498 PY to SWR (for spares)

51950 / 52062 GWR to TSR

51339 / 51382 GWR to PEA

EMU Transferred:

68010 (9010) CI.419 MLV WEA to EDV

Locos Transferred: (* into preservation)

D4157 (08927) GWR to NRS

03037 priv to FXR D2205 WSR to HST

33103 BU to WEA (hire) 47635 PEA to BAT

56078 EMR Kingsbury to WH

60039 St Blazey to TO 90050 CE to LNWR

'DEL TIC' NRS to RSR 03112 KES to RVR



transferred D2112 Robertsbridge, RVR,
2nd September 2012

Namings:

37003 *Dereham Neatherd High School*
1912-2012

43055 *The Sheffield Star 125 Years*

47813 *Solent*



91115 *Blaydon Races*

395026 *Marc Woods*



57309 'Pride of Crewe' on display at
DRS Crewe Open Day, 18th Aug 2012
(as reported in July issue)

ICRS Publications

Our next two books have now been released, **UK Combine Summer Edition 2012** and **Irish Railways 2012**.

Other **2012** editions available are **UK Pocket Book**, **UK Wagons** and **UK Name Directory**. The latter has been reworked to be even more comprehensive than before and is the only such book currently on the market. It is also a small print run as is **Irish Railways** and the current 2011 editions of **UK Locomotives**, **Diesel Units** and **Electric Units** and, so if you don't want to miss out, order yours now. The individual **Unit** books (06 & 07) have additional carriage number to unit number cross ref tables, not found in the Combine and are very useful. As for future titles, an eagerly awaited updated **Ultimate Sighting File** is in preparation for release during 2013 to celebrate our 40 year anniversary and will combine all locos into one book rather than the 3 previously published.

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

All books, except A6 Pocket Datafiles, are A5 wire bound printed on 90gm paper with laminated card covers allowing them to be laid flat.



Book Titles (all Members receive a 20% discount on 2011 & up to 27% discount on 2012 ICRS books)

			non-member	member
			Price	
New: (2012 – red)				
UKRS02B	UK Combine Summer Ed 2012 (274 pages)	(updated to 1 st Jul12)	£15.99	£12.00
UKRS19	Irish Railways 2012 (53 pages)	(updated to 1 st Jul12)	£9.00	£6.50
Current: (2012 - red, 2011 – blue)				
UKRS01	Pocket Book 2012 (240 pages)	(updated to 1 st Jan12)	£9.50	£7.00
UKRS03	UK Wagons 2012 (164 pages)	(updated to 1 st Oct11)	£12.99	£9.50
UKRS04	UK Name Directory 2012 (172 pages)	(updated to 10 th Nov11)	£12.99	£9.50
UKRS05	UK Locomotives 2011 (81 pages)	(updated to 1 st May11)	SOLD OUT	
UKRS06	UK Diesel Units 2011 (64 pages)	(updated to 1 st May11)	£7.99	£6.39
UKRS07	UK Electric Units 2011 (116 pages)	(updated to 1 st May11)	£8.99	£7.19
In Preparation: (publication date to be confirmed)				
UKRS21	Ultimate Sighting Files - Locomotives		TBC	TBC
Proposed:				
UKRS22	Ultimate Sighting Files – Diesel Units		TBC	TBC
UKRS23	Ultimate Sighting Files – Electric Units		TBC	TBC