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## Front Cover Photo:

Looking more like a work stained loco going about its business 50 years ago (the high intensity headlight and plated headcode the only giveaways), D5631 (31207) approaches Weybourne platform 2 at 14.53, working the 2C29 14.45 Holt – Sheringham service during the North Norfolk Diesel Gala, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Colin James).

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# SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

## Editor's Comments:

As I finish editing this on the 4<sup>th</sup> July I will have precisely 30 days until I hit the big 3 score and can officially join the ranks of 'wrinklies' and can get my hands on a Senior Railcard. A nice free bus pass, albeit only for use north of the border will also come in handy but not a lot of use for getting to railways up here. As I have no intention of spending my big day(s) editing **TRACKS**, having already dedicated at least the first weekend of each month for the past 8 years (so 8 birthdays already messed up), I have brought the press deadline forward a bit in the forlorn hope I can finish it prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. With Chris joining me on the same age milestone another 30 days later, an early press date will also apply in September....even more important I'm not slogging away at a computer then !! If we can think of ourselves before ICRS (pretty all consuming, for me at least) then we might get a big joint event planned somewhere far away from phones and emails, 16,000 (inbox only) since Oct 2010. Maybe it's time to retire, ICRS was a nice sideline for the first 2 years but has been my unpaid job since 2009.

As usual these days there is more to fit in than space permits, suffice to say articles already penned now for August will feature another instalment of **RAMBLINGS OF A RAIL ENTHUSIAST** and another **RAILWAYS & MUSEUMS** featuring Summerlee Museum and a forgotten EMU. No time to waffle further, but I will mention that I believe that most of the UK had sun or possibly a heatwave. Well here on the Moray coast we got a bit of sun eventually after almost constant cloud cover and drizzle and dizzying temperatures of around 12° from mid May to almost the end of June, when we still had the heating on. Hence it would have been easier to mow our grass for hay by the time I had the opportunity to get out there after all that rain and 2 trips to the sunny deep south...memories !! PS Hottest day, 1<sup>st</sup> July...nope, humid maybe but raining since mid afternoon, no better on the 2<sup>nd</sup> with heavier rain all evening, 3<sup>rd</sup> dry at last but not hot, 4<sup>th</sup> raining and cool. Pretty depressing hearing the reports of heat, I sense that big event will not be in Scotland !!

## Errata – June 2015:

The photo of the rail grinder under **May 18** on p.18 did not appear....in case you tried looking as did Colin !!

The photo of Tampers at Ipswich on p.20 should have been under the heading **May 31**

## Publication News:

The latest and last book to be released in 2015 is **UK Combine Summer Edition 2015** which will be released for the DRS Open Day. Prices are on the rear cover of **TRACKS**.

## Membership Matters:

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

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## **TRACKS Magazine:**

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

### **Submissions:**

**Articles:** Any information / article on any railway related item will be most welcome for inclusion in the magazine. Your visits, travel stories or anecdotes about any part of the railway network, past or present, home or abroad can give pleasure to others or inform of places to visit. This railway hobby of ours is made all that more enjoyable by the sharing of information, knowledge and experiences. Neatly hand written submissions are perfectly acceptable, but ideally a typed document is preferable. Better still, if you have a PC and internet connection then send an email.



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

The latest date for articles / info for the **August 2015** issue is **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015** with delivery to members after **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015**  
please check the **TRACKS** page on the website for date of posting from the printers

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### Website:

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

**Flickr Photo Gallery:** [www.flickr.com/photos/intercity-railway-society/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/intercity-railway-society/).

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

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

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### MEMBER ONLY VISITS

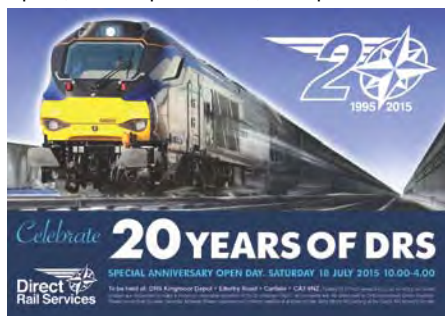
#### Eastleigh Works, 10.00-11.00, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015:

All successful applicants will have been notified and you must meet at Gate 2 by 10.00. Cost - £10 per person, pay on the day direct to guide. All money raised goes directly to Arlington's nominated charity. If you haven't been notified by the time you read this in print, not the pdf version, then please contact Louise Watson.

### OPEN DAYS

#### DRS Carlisle Kingmoor Open Day, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015:

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



# EASTLEIGH WORKS MEMBERS ONLY VISIT

by Trevor Roots

Our annual bash around Eastleigh Works took place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015 with 84 members, two of whom joined on the day after seeing our banner. All enjoyed unlimited access and as with the previous events the weather was kind.



safety briefing over  
and all ready for the off

Cab rides were available with 07007, 08721 'Downhill CS' and 09009 with all three in action at the same time, 07007 and 09009 working down the yard through the lines of stock and 08721 working towards Eastleigh station. In the photo below our two new members Connor Bolger and his dad Neil Bolger alight from a trip in 07007, showing 09009 behind. I believe they thought their impromptu joining was well worth it.

## Eastleigh Works Visit Stock List:

**Locos:** (18) (\* in Paintshop)

01508, 323-539-7 'Cheviot', 07007/08721 'Downhill CS' / 08947/09009, 47727 'Rebecca' / 47828, 50026 'Indomitable' / 50031 'Hood', 57003/57007, 66702\* 'Blue Lightning', 73109/73119 'Borough of Eastleigh' / 73212 'Fiona' / 73213 'Rhodaly'n', 4-6-2 35005 'Canadian Pacific'

**EMUs:** (10 + 2 sets) (\* in closed shed adjacent Fareham Line)

61229/230 (7105), 72509/635 (8210), 76818\* (1399), 444038/552, GLV 68501/504/505 64680/64723 (508211)

**DMUs:** (7) 51346/51356/51388/51392/55028/59486/59492 (several of the DMUs were shown in the March 2015 issue in **EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT**)

**Carriages:** (20) (# in test shed)

Mk1 1657/6313, Mk2s 1207#/1221#/3366/5700/5937/9488

Barriers: Cl.508 EMUs 64664/64707,

Mk1s 975875/977087, 6376/6377/6378/6379

ex-LMS Inspection Saloon 45029, Vintage LBSCR bodies 174/521/1646



09009 & 08721 in their starting positions with 07007 just arriving back from a trip with *inset* the spitfire cab plaque applied to 08721 just prior to the event

**Wagons:** (78) (\* in closed shed adjacent Fareham Line)

TDA 78238/52, TEA 89019/020, PFA 92760/779, KFA 92626, 93380/392, FTA 607017/062/083/094/116/123/124/130 FSA 608020/021/022/051/063/107/127/239/240/251/252/323/345/371/372/446/460/467/484/523/532/538/551 (the 9 FSAs & FTAs shown in red were not actually on site...a glitch in the list)

IWA 33.80.2693.002-8/019-2/022-6/033-3/040-8, IPA 23.87.4384.028-8/029-6

IPA 87.4375.014-9, KVA 83.70.2795.301-2/304-6/306-1/309-5/312-9/313-7/329-3/331-9/333-5/336-8

IGA 33.80.4647.011-2/030-2, IWA 83.84.3523.017-5/019-1/022-5/023-3/035-7/038-1/043-1/045-6

KHA 83.70.4574.005-2/006-0/007-8/010-2/012-8/014-4/015-1/016-9/017-7 (to be modified for use with MPVs, KHA 99.70.9319.001-2/002-0 (in MPV set DR 98927 + 98977)

IFA 33.87.4908.605-8/624-9/631-4/633-0/634-8

Weltril (Internal User) YVQ 900922, YDP 900929, Dogfish TFFV 993345\* (from MHR)

Weltril (Internal User) YVQ 900922, YDP 900929, Dogfish TFFV 993345\* (from MHR)

**LUL:** (40) 3003/05/49/58/76/78/82/84-86/103/105/141/149/158/176/178/172/184/185,

4003/05/49/58/76/78/82/84-86/103/105/141/149/158/176/178/172/184/185

**OTP:** (\* between sheds adjacent Fareham Line \*, # in test shed)

TRAMM DR 98305+98306\*, MPVs DR 98914+98964 'Dick Preston' / 98922+98972/98924+98974/

98927+98977 with new intermediate trailers (see wagons above)

Track Assessment Vehicles 999800/801, Rail Grinders DR 80202/03/07/12, LUL Speno SRR 16M-1<sup>#</sup>

Another good day at Eastleigh Works topped off by the hog roast and copious quantities of tea, which if like me you walked round and round the whole site, was very welcome. A big thank you to Carl and Lou Watson for the organisation and stewards from Arlington Fleet Services. Roll on next year.



# FRANCHISE / NR NEWS

As reported in **STOCK CHANGES** in the May issue, London Overground (LO) has taken over services from the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 on the Liverpool – Street to Enfield Town, Cheshunt & Chingford and the Romford to Upminster branch with 315801-817 (see **LIVERIES**, 317708-710/714/719/723/729/732/887-892. On the same day Crossrail took over services on the Liverpool Street to Shenfield service using 315818-861 with TFL branding (see **LIVERIES**).

The Greater Anglia franchise currently operated by Abellio is being re-named East Anglia from the new start date in October 2016.

As reported last month the 5 Cl.170s moved to Chiltern Railways (CR) from TransPennine Express (TPE) were 170301/302/304/305/309. They will be used on the new Oxford service and will be re-numbered in the 168/3 series. This will mean a third number change for 170309 which was previously 170399. The remaining 4 sets are staying with TPE until needed by CR in March 2016.



As reported last month the Cl.37 diagrams started running for Northern Rail around the Cumbrian Coast from the 18<sup>th</sup> May. In the photos below 37402 'Stephen Middlemore 25.12.54 - 8.6.2013' t&t 37609 plus Mk2 coaches 9507 + 6122 + 5810 + 6108 were operating the first train of the day from Diagram 1. The first photo shows the train arriving at Silverdale at 08.56 heading south then returning north ½ mile down the line at 10.43 through the RSPB Leighton Moss Reserve.



On the following day, the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015 Iain Gardiner recorded 37409 t&t 37423 southbound passing Ravenglass at 10.31, returning at 14.39 as seen in the photo above. This was a Diagram 2 service with the other 2 Cl.37s and coaching set.



# EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT

by **Carl Watson**

for the period up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**General:** I didn't realise how busy June had been. Constant comings and goings, always with something interesting going on. Delays in compiling this due to IT issues meant I caught the last day of the month which turned out to be one of the busiest and most interesting...*shame some of these weren't on the 6<sup>th</sup>, that really would have been an event, ed !!*

To top it all we had another successful ICRS event here on the 6<sup>th</sup> June (see report elsewhere) with plenty on show and shunter rides as well as the ever popular hog roast.

**Coaches:** Translators 6376, 6377, 6378 and 6379, currently operated by Colas arrived for door repairs in early June. 6378 and 6379 had departed by the end of the month.

T5 Translators 975974 and 975978 arrived for repainting of their roofs on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The work was completed by the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Locos:** Colas class 66 and 70 locos continue to visit regularly now that Colas have their own dedicated shed in the old Van Shop. 47727 was also on site for most of June.

59003 had its GBRf livery completed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> with the underframe painted black and the additional GBRf decals added to all cab sides and the cab fronts. In keeping with all other 59/0 and 59/1 locos, the three stars denoting that it is 003 were also added to the cab fronts.

66418 has been painted in Freightliner Powerhaul livery and becomes the first to have the wording 'a Genesee & Wyoming Company' added to the Freightliner branding and logos (see photo below), returning to traffic on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

A start has been made on preparing 73109 for repainting and by the end of the month it was having patches welded in to replace corroded bodywork and had been lifted off its bogies (see photo below).



59003 departed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> behind 66763 to the West Somerset Railway (WSR) for their gala and the re-dedication of its name, 'Yeoman Highlander'.

59003 returned from the WSR behind 66763 on the 9<sup>th</sup> and was still onsite at the end of the month.

37607 and 37605 stabled with a Test Train on the 12<sup>th</sup> (37607, 9714, 999602, 977868, 37605).

Chiltern liveried 68015 arrived on the





8<sup>th</sup> with PFA wagons for repair (see photo below left) and departed with repaired PFAs. 66702 has been painted into the latest GBR livery, departing on 12<sup>th</sup> (see photo below right).



66722 had suffered a mindless graffiti attack and arrived on the 15<sup>th</sup> for repainting of one side. Fortunately, we were able to completely clean off the graffiti and the loco didn't need repainting. It departed on the 18<sup>th</sup>.



66754 recently named 'Northampton Saints' arrived on the 16<sup>th</sup> with T5 Translators 975974 and 975978 and JGA 17320 (see photos left and above). Another recently named / repainted loco, 31601 'Devon Diesel Society' arrived on the 18<sup>th</sup> with a tank wagon. 31601 was due to take 50031 to Derby but eventually left light engine a few days later.

66707 arrived for repainting on the 18<sup>th</sup> and was virtually complete by the end of the month, just requiring decals.

DRS 66426 arrived for repainting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Merchant Navy 35005 'Canadian Pacific' had its frames lifted off the wheels on the 29<sup>th</sup> ready for the wheels to go away for attention (see photo right and compare with photo at our 2014 event on p.10 in the July 2014 issue).



08934 arrived by road on the 30<sup>th</sup> for engine repairs (see photo below left, 09009 returning to Whitmoor on the same lorry).





56303 arrived with 50021 (see photo right of 50021) after a 3 day circuitous journey from Tyseley via Bristol and Taunton! 56303 returned to Derby the same day with 50031 in a little over 5 hours! (see photo on previous page bottom).

**Units:** Siemens have attended to: 444038, 450552, 444027 and 450553 with 444021 and 450555 on site at the end of the month.

**OTP:** MPV DR 98927 + 98977 with the two KHAs inserted departed on the 12<sup>th</sup> for testing on the Mid Hants Railway. It returned about a week later. MPV DR 98908 + 98958 arrived and was present for the rest of the month.

**Underground:** Eight of the stored ex-Victoria Line 1967/72 TS vehicles have been stripped for spares, decontaminated and are being moved to Raxstar on site for scrapping. The vehicles in question are: 3078, 4078, 4178, 3178, 3084, 4084, 4184 and 3184 (they were all seen together at our event).

**Wagons:** PFA wagons 92712 and 92801 arrived behind 68015 on the 8<sup>th</sup>, the loco departing with overhauled 92760 and 92779.

The second pair of KHAs being converted for use with MPVs are 4574 015-1 and 017-7, which should become 9319 003-8 and 004-6 respectively.

JGA 17320 was a curious arrival on the 16<sup>th</sup> with T5 Translators, it was destined for Tonbridge and departed behind 66754 on the 20<sup>th</sup>

TEA tank wagon 89011 arrived for repairs behind 31601 on the 18<sup>th</sup>

Regular wagon trips during June have been as follows:

Freightliner, 2<sup>nd</sup> - in: 608021/022/107/127/323/371/372/484, out: 92612649, 93296/372/417, 607061/067, 608117/118/388/413/414/425

DBS, 2<sup>nd</sup> - in: 4647 011-2, 4384 029-6, out: nothing

Freightliner, 9<sup>th</sup> - in: 92614/620, 93302/361/393 out: 607123/130, 608251/252/538/551

DBS, 9<sup>th</sup> - in: nothing, out: 4647 011-2, 4384 028-8, 4908 624-9, 4908 633-0

Freightliner, 11<sup>th</sup> - in: nothing, out: 607083/124, 608446/523

DBS, 16<sup>th</sup> - in: 4375 010-7, 4384 002-3, out: nothing

Freightliner, 16<sup>th</sup> - in: nothing, out: 92614/620/626, 93302/361/393

Freightliner, 18<sup>th</sup> - in: 607032/037, 608231/232/349/353, out: 608021/022/371/372

DBS, 23<sup>rd</sup> - in: 2398 601-7, out: 4375 010-7, 4908 631-4, 4908 634-8

Freightliner, 23<sup>rd</sup> - in: 607050/055/069, 608417/418, out: nothing

Freightliner, 25<sup>th</sup> - in: 608193/193194, out: 608107/127127/323/484

DBS, 30<sup>th</sup> - in: 4908 603-3/604-1/611-6/612-4/623-1/625-6/632-2, 4375 008-1/018-0, 4647 031-0, 4417, out: nothing

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## 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*

**Paul Tisserant:**

**27<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Liskeard 11.55:** 57303

**Plymouth 12.25-13.35:**

3029/070/093/142/152/158, 57303, 150202

220013/119/122



57303 Plymouth

**Plymouth Laira Depot 13.40:** 43146

**Exeter Riverside Yard:** 31285

**Exeter Depot:** 143608/613

**Exeter St. David's 14.50 -17.50:**

43012/017/035/071/086/097/122/124/148/150/163

43164/176/189/192/303/304/357/366, 143603/611

143612/617/619/620/621, 150123/127/129/248

153318/361/370/373/377/380, 159004/005/010/13

159017/102/104, 2200013/018/033/120/125/141

**Plymouth 18.50:** 43134/148/185/189, 153369

**Ian Golding:**

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

**Ayres End Lane Bridge, nr St Albans:**

43045/054/059-061/073/076/081/082/089

60021 Colnbrook-Lindsey oil refinery

66728 6M54 Colnbrook Lafarge-Bardon Hill

66756 6M79 Angerstein Wharf-Bardon Hill

222001-003/006-010/013/014/018-020/023/103

319009/384/423/432/440/442/452/456-460

377213/503/508/514/519/520, 387104/06-08/10/11

387113-15/19/20/22/24-28

**Rod Coles:**

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

**Eastleigh:** 07.15 66418 departed works

**Gordon Kirkby:**

**28th May:**

**Doncaster 09.00-19.30:**

08669/724/853, 43064/66, 43206/239/251/257/272

43274/290/295/296/299, 43305-311/315/317-319

43367/423/465/467/468, 47739/843, 60017/66/100

66002/40/46/69/127/136/137/144/165/181/185

66416/26, 66556/594, 66714/719/720/735/755/764

66955, 67016, 91103-07/09-11/13-17/19-21/24-31

142015/24/42/43/51/70/96, 144001/03/05/08/09

153321/32/57, 156497, 158792/794/797/817/842

158843/845/848/850/855/872/903/909, 170306

170307/308, 180101/05/07/10-13, 185111/36/37/41

185142, 220002/03/12/16/26/29/30/33, 221125

221126/32/33, 321901, 322482/483, 458518 (ex-

works).DVTs: 82200/02-11/13-17/19/22/23/26-30

**Nigel Varney:**

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

**Huyton, Merseyside 08.45-10.30:**

319365/367-369/371/380/382/386

**Brian Derricote:**

**27<sup>th</sup> May:**

**St Pancras Thameslink Platforms 16.00-19.00:**

319001-005/007-009/011-013/214-219/370/372

319373/381/384/385/421-424/426/427/430-451

319453-460, 377208-213/503-505/507-508

377511-514/516/517, 387101-05/07/08/11/12/14

387117-22/24-26/28/29

**Michael Hayman:**

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

**Acton:** 66151/156/523/706

**Didcot:**

66076/150/199/414/541/568/704, 67003, 70018

**Reading:** 66087, 70804

**3<sup>rd</sup> June:**

**Acton:** 66006/034/057/069/168/523

**Reading:** 66592

**Didcot:**

37601/604, 66031/087/136/238/532/533/595

**Bristol Parkway:**

**70000 'Britannia',** 56303, 70004/010

**Taunton:**

45060, 56006, 59003, 66763, 70804/805

**Bristol:** 66069/151/238, 67005, 70004

**Barry Marshall:**

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

**Manchester Piccadilly 07.15-07.45/17.30-20.00:**

142001/04/07/11-13/27/29/36/37/43/49/55/60/63

150119/133/136/138/141/143/149/204/215/218

150269/270/276, 156428/440/473/482/490

158785/799/810/825/857/864/865, 170303/306

175003/005/102/110, 185103/05/06/16/22/23/25

185129/32/33/35/37/39/41/42/45/49/51, 220003/17

220033, 221121/28, 319361/367/382, 323223-26

323228/30-32/35/36/38, 350401/403/409, 390005

390010/020/045/050/103/122/131/151/152

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

**Warrington Bank Quay 11.55-18.00:**

60087, 66107/423/429/434/729/750/849, 67001

70002, 150137/146/229, 156464/490, 175002/006

175112/114/115, 221106/17, 325005/13/15/16

390001/020/107/112/115/132/153/155/157

DVT 82036, cs 12180/183-185

**Warrington Central 18.10:** 185107

**27<sup>th</sup> May:**

**Altrincham 06.55:** 150133

**Manchester Piccadilly 07.30-07.50:**

142027, 150150, 185110, 220012, 323223/36

390020

**Manchester Victoria:** 153359

**Newton Heath:**

142063, 153360, 156423, 158861/905

**Huddersfield:** 142018/23/30, 144014, 185116/40

**Rochdale:** 158910

**Cornbrook:** 90047

**Manchester Airport 21.30-23.55:**

150136/138, 156471, 175113, 185102/15/17/27/31

319361, 323223/26, 350402/410

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

**Manchester Airport 05.20-06.00:**

170308, 175010, 185131/34, 323224, 350402/405  
**Manchester Piccadilly 07.00-07.20:**  
142036/41/56, 150268, 175009, 185101/16/21/36  
185137, 220015, 221140, 323227/32/38  
**Bescot 13.30:** 66011/170

**Geoff Hope:**

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

**Doncaster Roberts Rd:** 66724/749/764/767-769

**Doncaster Station 08.25-14.35:**

08669/724/853, 37601/604, 43206/257/272/290  
43295/296/299/300/309/310/314-316/318/319/367  
43465/467/480/484, 60002/079/085/095, 66177  
66221/502/505/520/770, 67024, 91104/08-11/13  
91114/16/20/21/24-26/28/29/31/32, 142017/19/21  
142024/84/95, 144001/05/11, 150210, 153383  
158792/793/860/872/901-90/910, 170303/308  
180101/05/07/09/11/13/14, 185105/13/26/43/44/51  
220005/09/20/25/26, 221130/40/41, 321901  
322482/83, DVTs 82203/04/07-09/11/13-16/18/20  
82222/23/26/29/31, cs 1671/1813/3097/3098/3100  
3121/3149/4946/4949/4998/5981/66263/9523  
21272/975974/975978/977997

**12<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Doncaster 08.25-14.35:**

08401/669, 43047/066/208/239/251/257/272/274  
43290/295/299/300/305/307/308/310/313/317-319  
43423/467/468/484, 60085, 66023/034/145/176  
66192/213/524/542/563/569/592/593/602/719/747  
66764, 67024, 91101-04/06-09/11/14-17/19/20  
91124-28/30-32, 142021-23/43/89, 144001/05/07  
144009/13, 153310/51/76, 158787/792/796/815  
158816/844/851/904, 170303/306/308, 180101/05  
180109/11-14, 185112/13/43-45, 220002/05-07/17  
220020/23/32, 221128, 321903, 458501  
DVTs 82200/02-08/10-12/15-20/22/25/27-31

**20<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Doncaster 08.25-14.35:**

43206/208/238/239/251/257/274/277/306/308  
43311-314/316/318/465/468/480/484, 66023/031  
66428/503/517/520/529/550/710/726/746/748  
67018, 90018/37, 91101-06/08/10/11/13-17/19  
91124-28/30/32, 142030/60/71/79/90/92, 144001  
144006/08, 153358/74, 158791/793/796/815/833  
158844/860/861/907, 170303/307, 180105/07  
180110-14, 185105/06/28/31/48/51, 220001/13/16  
220020/29/30, 221124/28/36/41, 222018, 321903  
322482/84, DVTs 82200/02-10/14/15/19/20/22/23  
82225/27-31, cs 1651/1692/1832/3068/3069/3110  
3119/3120/3123/4927/5292/21269

**Mike Waudby:**

**10<sup>th</sup> June:**

**York 12.50-18.00:**

43238/251/272/274/277/290/295/296/299/300/302  
43306/307/309/313-316/423/467/468/484, 66074  
66145/176/426/502/703/723/738/770, 91103-05/08  
91109/11/13/15/19/20/24/30/31, 142017/86/88/91  
142092, 150119/206/277, 158752/754/758/815  
158848/860, 180112, 185101/03/04/06-10/12/15  
185116/18/21/23/25/27/29/30/34/36/39-42/46/47  
185150, 220001/06-08/13/17/24-26/31-33, 221122

221125/27/31/32/34/35/37, DR98008

**Askham Bar, York 18.30-18.45:**

43304/321/468/484, 66534, 91124/30, 158910  
185125/30/50

**Mike Rumens:**

**18<sup>th</sup> May:**

**Nuneaton 18.07-18.55:**

66135/505/720, 70008, 153356, 170104/107/112  
221108/10, 350374, 390040/104/115

**19<sup>th</sup> May:**

**Nuneaton 14.05-14.50:**

66135/597/850, 70807, 153354, 170106/519  
221105/13, 350374, 390115/31/35

**20<sup>th</sup> May:**

**Birmingham Int:**

158831, 220007, 350118/124, 390118

**Birmingham New Street:**

43304, 153356, 170116/501/508/630/631, 220009  
220016/26, 221109/11, 323203/207, 350262  
390104/154

**Bescot:** 60044, 66008/057/077/114/561/613

**Walsall:** 350104

**22<sup>nd</sup> May:**

**Birmingham Int:** 220022, 323220, 390128

**Birmingham New Street:** 220020, 350106/107/231

**Birmingham Moor Street:**

68008, 168109/217, 172212/217/332/337/340/342  
172343/345, DVT 82303

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

**Nuneaton 14.00-14.35:**

70805, 153364, 170102/112, 390117/124/127/151  
390156

**27<sup>th</sup> May:**

**Nuneaton 13.58-15.00:**

66110, 86607/627, 90035/41, 92005/39, 153365  
170108/115/522, 221107, 350377, 390001/045  
390154, DR73923

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

**Nuneaton 14.05-15.55:**

66138/152/758/762/763, 70001/801/807, 90026/42  
153365, 170105/108/112/518/520, 221104/17/18  
350121/126/373/377, 387101/02, 390002/06/45  
390112/120/127-130/135/136/151/153-155  
DR73806/912/913

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

**Nuneaton 13.50-15.10:**

66060/502/709, 70810, 90018/48, 92029, 153365  
156402, 170107/111/117/398/520/636, 350243  
350368/373, 387101/02, 390002/044/104/107/112  
390124/128/148

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

**Nuneaton 13.10-14.40:**

66017/063/509/525/569/707, 70809, 86605, 90018  
90029/43, 153364, 170114/523/637/638, 221104  
221113, 350108, 390011/049/114/118/122/126  
390127/141/148, DR73118

**3<sup>rd</sup> June:**

**Nuneaton 13.59-14.37:**

57004, 66037, 70801/808/809, 90026/35, 153354  
170101/111, 221103/14, 350371, 390104/107/124  
390138/148



#### 4<sup>th</sup> June:

##### **Nuneaton 13.32-14.46:**

66139/707/954, 90020/39/42/47, 153364, 170106  
170113/518/638, 221106/16, 350112/257, 390039  
390040/045/049/115/118/125/127/130/153/155

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

##### **Nuneaton 16.23-17.40:**

66137/568/715/717, 70016/19, 86609/628, 90047  
153354, 170105/110/111/116/398/518, 221101  
350111/116/126, 390011/039/117/128/130/135/157

#### 8<sup>th</sup> June:

**Nuneaton:** 153365

##### **Coventry 16.42-17.32:**

66419, 221103/17/23/36/43, 350101/110/114/234  
350245/375/377, 390103/112/124/131/141

##### **Leamington Spa 17.43-20.30:**

66138/176/510, 68008/10-12, 70009/17, 97302  
165001, 168002-005/109-112/216, 172101/337  
172345, 220002/06/11/15/20/27/28, 221120/24/28  
DVTs 82303-305/309

#### 9<sup>th</sup> June:

##### **Nuneaton 13.31-14.45/16.05-16.25:**

66197/414/709/711/850, 70808, 90020/28/41/45  
92019, 153366, 170107/116/397/520/522/637  
221104/08/21, 350103/242/375, 390039/042/050  
390115/123/135/154/156

#### 10<sup>th</sup> June:

##### **Nuneaton 14.12-14.28:**

70807, 153366, 170116, 390009/020/112/116

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

##### **Nuneaton 14.03-14.28/16.10-16.40:**

66165/532/535, 70009/806, 153364, 170103/116  
170637, 350117, 390002/009/020/039/049/107/119

#### **Colin Tarrant:**

##### **31<sup>st</sup> May:**

**Derby:** 20118/132/311/314

**Stoke Gifford:** 56303

**Westbury:** 59002/101/102/203, 66007/074/232

**Southampton FLT:** 66415/420/504/517/554/557  
66590/955, 70015/017/19

**Eastleigh:** 66595/707/716/717/741/952, 73107

**Eastleigh Works:** 07007, 08721, 47727

##### **1<sup>st</sup> June:**

**Tonbridge:** 66748/760/763, 73962/963

**Strood:** 73961/964

**Hoo Junction:** 08623, 66761

**St Pancras:** 66151

**Elstree:** 60002

**Luton:** 66184

**Ratcliffe:** 66757

**Derby:** 31459, 37407/424/682, 73101/139

**Sheffield Mill Race:** 66601

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> June:**

**Stourbridge Junction:** 68015

**Birmingham Moor Street:** 68010

**Dorridge:** 68011

**Leamington Spa:** 70801/808

**Wembley [Chiltern]:** 01585, 68013/14

**Neasden:** 66722

**Willesden:** 66023, 86259, 87002, 90037/42, 92033

**Gospel Oak:** 37607/608, 70001

**Wembley:** 66024/034/552/589, 92032/38

**Tring:** 66415

**Rugby:** 57302, 66017, 92043

**Warrington Bank Quay:** 60087

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> June:**

**Skipton:** 66757

**Doncaster Yds:** 47843, 66044/088/125/527/754/755

**Newark:** 66724

**Biggleswade:** 66117

**King's Cross:** 67016

**Acton:** 66056/079/082/174

**Hayes:** 66069/168

**Reading:** 66014

**Didcot:** 45060, 56006, 66087/107/238

**Stoke Gifford:** 56303, 66522, 70004/010

**Newport:** 37601/604, 66058/126/154

**Cardiff Canton:** 08499, 56105

**Landore:** 08795

**Bristol Parkway:** 45060, 56006, 59003, 66763

**Lawley Street:** 66544/591

##### **4<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Preston:** 57309

**Harrisons Quarry:** 66250

**Carlisle:**

57012, 60019, 66165/427/429/530/729/849, 68001

**Beattock:** 66727

**Polmadie:** 08698, 47812, 57308, 67030, 92044

**Motherwell:** 68002/04/07

**Mossend:** 66065/067/111/112/162, 90024/36/37

**Greenfaulds:** 66041

##### **5<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Chesterfield:** 70015

**Derby:** 08899, 31459, 37670/682

**Mountsorrel:** 66050

**Wellingborough:** 66725

**Reading:** 59203, 66171

**Reading West 11.10-12.50:**

47727, 66031/039/136/194/510/556/614, 70015

**Didcot:** 66068/193/238, 67003

**Appleford:** 66151

**Hinksey:** 08742

**Banbury 14.00-15.45:**

66085/717, 68008/14, 70014/019

**Lawley Street:** 66057/502/954

##### **6<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Preston:** 57309

**Wigan:** 08877

**Warrington:** 08428, 66051/140, 90035

**Rugby:** 57302, 68001/12

**Wolverton:** 08629

**Bletchley:** 66125

**Wembley:**

57313, 66024/088, 87002, 90001/43, 92038

**Liverpool Street:** 90015

**Stafford:** 90043

**Colchester:** 90016

**Ipswich:** 66419/504/507/517/532/556/558/715/721

70001, 90007/45

**Barham:** 66017

**Peterborough:** 66710/719/725/732/756/757/765

**Asfordby:** 20118/132/311/314

**Lawley Street:** 66418/534/557

**Bescot:**

08580/709, 60011/044, 66007/030/058/115/116  
66132/154/182/188/201/850, 70801/802/808

**Soho:** 08805

**Crewe:** 90029

**Wigan:** 66539/560

**Nigel Hoskins:****4<sup>th</sup> June:****Tuffley Junction:**

60092 6B13

RN-WH

**Bath Spa:**

61306 1Z52

VA-BL

**Westbury:**

14.25 66717 6M40

WY-SF

15.47 66031 6C48

AP-Whatley

15.52 59002 6V18

Allington-Whatley

59001 6L21

Whatley-Dagenham Dock

59101 7C77

AN-Merehead

**Southampton Central:**

17.00 66188 4O21

Trafford Park-SO

17.16 66014 4M66

SO-Birch Coppice

17.40 70019 4M99

SO-Trafford Park

17.55 66955 4O09

SO-CE

23.31 66955 4E48

SO-LS

**Eastleigh:**

19.17 70015 4E76

SO-LS

19.47 66139 6O42

HO-SO

20.13 70809 6V31

EH-WY

20.16 66504 4M04

Millbrook-Lawley Street

20.30 66760 4Y81

SO-Mountfield

20.33 66544 4O17

Lawley Street-SO

20.54 70018 4M40

SO-Trafford PARK

21.18 66414 4O55

LS-SO

21.55 66025 4O76

BU-SO

22.52 66716/741 6G30

Totton Yard-Weybridge

22.54 59102 7O44

WY-Botley

22.58 66188 4M78

SO-Trafford Park

23.20 66532 4M79

SO-Lawley Street

23.34 66534 4O29

Trafford Park-SO

**5<sup>th</sup> June:****Southampton Central:**

00.10 66569 4O13

DV-SO

09.39 66566 4M28

SO-Ditton

09.52 66039 6M66

SO-Garston

09.56 66150 6B43

EH-SO

16.15 66760 4Y19

Mountfield-SO

16.46 70014 4O49

CE-SO

16.54 66188 4O21

Trafford Park-SO

17.13 66544 4M99

SO-Trafford Park

17.17 66014 4M66

SO-Birch Coppice

18.03 66414 4O09

CE-SO

18.34 66414 4E48

SO-LS

**St Denys:**

10.44 66136 6M48

SO-HO

11.48 66955 4O15

Hams Hall-SO

11.55 66169 4M52

SO-Castle Bromwich

11.58 66232 6O41

WY-EH

**Mount Pleasant, Southampton:**

12.12 70007 4E76

SO-LS

12.23 66150 6B44

SO-EH

12.28 66014 4O43

Birch Coppice-SO

12.53 66194 4O40

13.23 70019 4M61

13.25 70015 4O54

14.01 66414 4O51

14.40 59206 7V07

14.54 66232 6V41

Morris Cowley-SO

SO-Trafford Park

LS-Millbrook

WG-SO

Chichester-Merehead

EH-WY

**Eastleigh:**

19.43 66955 4M04

Millbrook-Lawley Street

19.56 66085 6O42

HO-SO

20.10 70804/66846/66847

6V31 EH-WY

20.30 66760 4Y81

SO-Tonbridge West Yard

20.35 66568 4O17

Lawley Street-SO

20.55 70015 4M40

SO-Trafford Park

21.25 66534 4O55

LS-SO

21.54 66115 4O76

BU-SO

22.32 66559 4O29

Trafford Park-SO

22.59 66188 4M78

SO-Trafford Park

23.15 66568 4M79

SO-Lawley Street

**6<sup>th</sup> June:****Southampton Central:**

00.09 66541 4O13

DV-SO

00.26 66418 4M13

SO-DV

09.39 66544 4B06

SO-EH

10.04 66568 4O18

Lawley Street-SO

10.29 66544 0B06

EH-SO

11.47 66039 6Z66

SO-EH

**Eastleigh:**

13.32 66543 4O54

LS-SO

13.47 66068 4O40

Morris Cowley-SO

14.06 70009 4O29

CE-SO

16.08 66760 4Y19

Mountfield-SO

16.44 66954 4O17

Lawley Street-SO

**Westbury:**

18.40 66031 6V51

Churchyard sdgs-WY

19.54 70807/804 6C22

WY-SH

20.10 66846/847 6C23

WY-Dolphin Junction

20.19 70011 0Y20

SG-WY

21.27 70011 6Y20

WY-Neath

21.32 70805 6C26

WY-Eckington

21.43 70809 6C25

WY-Eckington

21.48 70810 6C27

WY-Eckington

**7<sup>th</sup> June:****Westbury:**

19.39 66136 6W97

EH-Bathampton

**8<sup>th</sup> June:****Southampton Central:**

09.04 66954 4M55

SO-Lawley Street

09.40 66543 4M28

SO-Ditton

10.06 66039 6M66

SO-Garston

10.18 66542 4O15

CE-SO

**Millbrook:**

11.49 66169 6O41

WY-EH

11.57 66602 6Z97

Ystrad Mynach-EH

12.05 70018 4O59

WG-SO

12.19 66534 4O18

Lawley Street-SO

12.34 66136 4B53

EH-SO

13.08 66568 4M61

SO-Trafford Park

13.22 66557 4O48

Hams Hall-SO

13.57 66502/70007 4O54

LS-Millbrook

14.03 66544 4O70

WG-SO

**Winchester:**

66589 4O29

BL-SO

# RAMBLINGS OF A RAIL ENTHUSIAST

by David Spencer - 1974-76

*I try to provide extra detail or follow up photos on the items of traction shown in photos, other than number, date and location as provided by Dave, including what became of them particularly with regards to preservation, ed. Picking up the story from the February 2015 issue, the next few years saw Dave mostly concentrate on preserved railways in association with holidays with little to photograph of particular interest (then) hence not many accompanying photographs though it's interesting to see how preserved locos have fared in the last 35-40 years.*

## 1974

Local lines were not forgotten although I expect it was by car rather than bicycle that I covered the Evesham loop south of my current home as far as Alcester in March. In April I visited Loughborough and the Great Central again and as far as I recall, there was no running line then, just the station and depot where I saw 1875 0-0-4-0ST built in 1921 By Avonside Engine Co (see photo right), currently stored out of use at Colne Valley Railway.



Being in a larger trades union we had conferences in different places and this year it was in Douglas on the Isle of Man and although being early May the island had not woken up from its winter slumbers and there were railways to be seen. I got a bus to Ramsey and looked at both the open Manx Electric Railway (MER) station and the closed IoMR station. Whilst in Douglas I saw MER and horse trams and looked around the steam station, shed and workshops. I found the ancient County Donegal railcars Nos 19 & 20 fascinating, seen on the 13<sup>th</sup> May below left. One worked out on a weed spraying train whilst I was there. *These two railcars were built by Walker Bros, Wigan in 1949/50 and were sold to the IoM railway in the early 1960s when deemed surplus to requirements. They are still extant having been partly restored which was stopped in 1998. The IoM Steam Railway Supporters Assoc is campaigning to finish their restoration.*



This was the year we discovered the north Northumberland coast which was to become our holiday destination until Betty died, indeed I continued to visit after as I went up on my own that year and with my new wife the following year. This was a brave decision but she fell in love with the place just as much as we did all those years ago. It meant the whole of the country was open to us on the way up and down, so in June the Keighley and Worth

Valley and Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway were visited on the way up. Although closed to passengers in 1956 and altogether in 1963, we came across Reedsmouth station still extant, the perfect Junction station with a huge V platform and a massive signal box in the middle. I have often heard it said all rail enthusiasts wish they were born earlier and I would have loved to have seen the place when it was open. We got to know the best places to view the ECML where Betty could sit in the car and read whilst I did some photography.

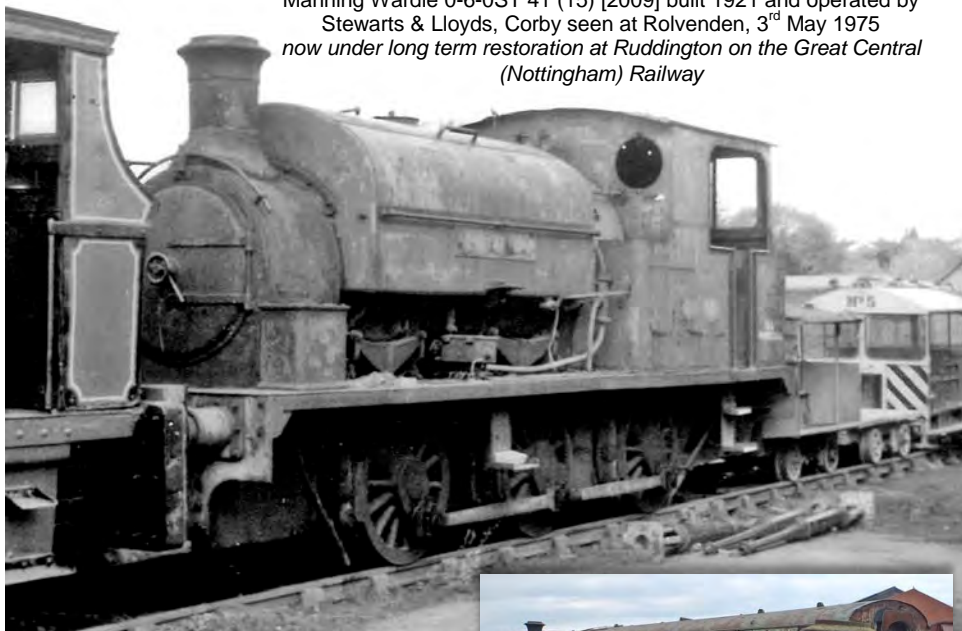


We took another Welsh holiday in September and concentrated on the Welsh Highland trackbed, the Ffestiniog and the GW line from the Blaenau Ffestiniog branch. In those days there was a weekly steam train from Marylebone to Stratford and I never bothered to go and see it but one day in October I did see 4-6-2 35028 'Clan Line' climb away from Bearley Junction and that was an incredible sight.

## 1975

My union conference moved to Margate and a new set of preserved lines, the first was the Kent & East Sussex Railway with only a very short running line and the Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway, on which I had a ride.

Manning Wardle 0-6-0ST 41 (15) [2009] built 1921 and operated by  
Stewarts & Lloyds, Corby seen at Rolvenden, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1975  
*now under long term restoration at Ruddington on the Great Central  
(Nottingham) Railway*



above 0-6-0ST 41 (15) [2009] saddle tank and boiler stored outside at Ruddington,  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014 respectively

On the way back I 'broke' in, well walked through a gate into Quainton Road to view and photograph their stock. Again it was the early days and just two rows of rusting industrials were present, very different to today's operation.

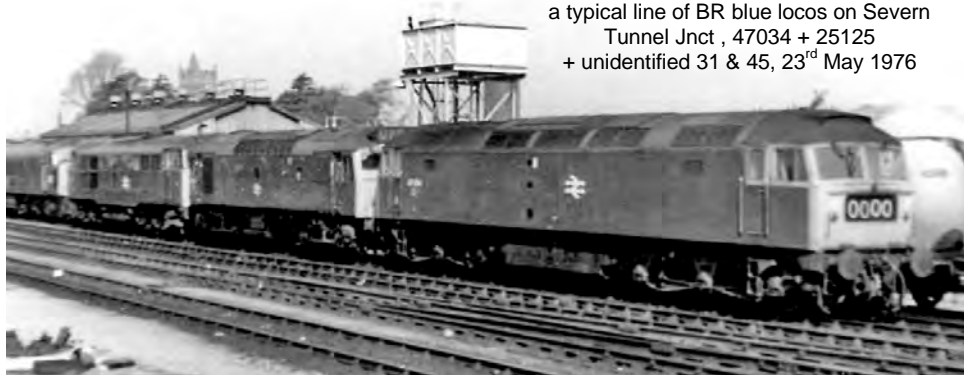


*the frames & cab of  
0-6-OST 41 (15) [2009]  
under long term restoration  
Ruddington, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014*

## 1976

We had a special conference at Buxton in February and as I was driving I insisted on seeing the Middleton Top winding station on the way, but it was an awful morning with thick fog and we could not see a thing which my passenger kept mocking me with for months after!. Thirty nine years later I have never been back. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May we travelled on a special train from Solihull to Kingswear with 45011 for haulage which appears to have been routed via Seven Tunnel Junction (see photo below).

a typical line of BR blue locos on Severn  
Tunnel Jnct , 47034 + 25125  
+ unidentified 31 & 45, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1976



*above 47034 (D1634) became 47561 / 97561 / 47963 w/d 09/96 & cut up 03/97 Crewe works,  
25125 (D5275) w/d 12/81 cut up 04/83 Swindon Works*

On the Torbay Steam Railway, as it was called then, we had 2-6-2T 4588 + 4-6-0 7827 'Lydham Manor' for haulage. What happened then I haven't a clue, as I photographed the train leaving, then on the same day I am at Buckfast Abbey and then at Buckfastleigh for the Dart Valley Railway (*the South Devon Railway from 1991, ed*). I assume, but can't remember that we had a coach to Buckfastleigh and rejoined our special at Totnes, but it looked a good day!

# INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS

## Didcot Parkway Footbridge to Station Car Park:

At the end of March 2015 the existing footbridge west of Didcot Parkway was removed to be reconstructed to allow for the Great Western Mainline Electrification. A temporary higher bridge was built alongside prior to the removal on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015 which can be seen in the view taken looking east on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The second photo looking west shows the temporary bridge on its own on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Though a bit more 'bouncy', the temporary bridge still affords views of the yard.



## Crossrail:

The final tunnel section, undertaken by TBM 'Victoria' was completed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May when it broke through into the Farringdon station box. Construction started in 2009 with the station box at Canary Wharf and tunnelling in 2012. Eight TBMs have been used to dig 26 miles of tunnel and all have now



been dismantled with some parts left insitu. Dismantled for re-use have been 'Mary', 'Sophia', 'Jessica' and 'Ellie'. Dismantled with front sections left in the tunnels have been 'Victoria' and 'Elizabeth'. Dismantled with front sections and cutting heads buried off line have been 'Phyllis' and 'Ada'. The first section of track has been laid at Abbey Wood near the Plumstead portal. In total 10 new stations are being constructed, 8 underground at Paddington, Bond Street, Tottenham Court Road, Farringdon, Liverpool Street, Whitechapel and Canary Wharf with two on the surface at Custom House and Abbey Wood. Crossrail is due to start operating in December 2018 with a full service in December 2019. However the operator MTR Crossrail has already started running Metro services since the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 between Liverpool Street and Shenfield with 315818-861 (see **FRANCHISE NEWS**).

### Miscellaneous News:

Two new single platform stations have been opened, both on single track lines. Newcourt in Devon between Digby & Sowton on the Exmouth branch and Topsham and Ebbw Vale Town in Wales, an extension of the line beyond Ebbw Vale Parkway

## BORDERS RAILWAY

The contractor BAM Nuttall officially handed over the railway to Network Rail on the 8<sup>th</sup> May following which driver training commenced with 158741. Travelling through just four days earlier, bad timing this time, I still wasn't able to get near the new Eskbank station, but here is a view looking south from the A6094 Bonnyrigg Road bridge ½ mile south of the station. The view looking the opposite way of the old station site (see photo right) has been much tidied up from the previous view as shown on p.36 of the March 2015 issue. The next instalment should be a complete record of all the finished stations, if not when we go down to the DRS Open Day in July then around the planned start of services in September.





# TRAFFIC & TRACTION NEWS

**May 31**

20308 + 20305 were seen passing Worcester Shrub Hill at 14.55 (photo below by Robert Hawker).



**June 1**

90018 + 90029 were seen passing Chorlton at 12.47 on Mossend – Daventry (photo at end by Roger Thomas).

**June 3**

66771 was seen passing Walsall at 14.42 already tagged with graffiti on the Tinsley Yard – Coton Hill aggregate (photo below by David Williams).



91101 was seen departing Edinburgh Waverley at 13.31 (photo below by Iain Gardiner).



**June 4**

68002 and 68004 were seen at Edinburgh Waverley at 08.41 and 08.55 respectively having arrived with the two Fife Circle diagrams.

**June 5**

20309 + 37259 pass Cheeseman's Green, South Ashford, Kent on 6M95 1635 Dungeness - Crewe flasks at 17.35 (photo opp top by Joshua Brown).



**June 6**

66568 was seen passing Eastleigh at 09.49 on 4018 Lawley Street – Southampton (photo below by Colin Pottle).



It was a busy day at Fort William. The SRPS ran a rail tour from Ayr to Mallaig. It was worked from Ayr to Fort William by 57316 t&t 47786. At Fort William they handed over to Black 5 4-6-0 45407. The coaching stock used was all Mk1s in maroon livery: 4856 4832 35185 1730 3096 3150 13230 and recreated images of the 1960s. This was contrasted by the very latest livery of 67004 parked up in the station siding in the latest CS livery and the stock off the overnight service from London. While all this activity was going on in the station, Fort William engine shed was quite busy too, with steam locos 44871 and 62005 keeping

company with 37516 (photo below of 57316 at Fort William by Gordon Kirkby).



57303 on hire to First Great Western was seen departing Newton Abbot with 2C51 Saturdays only 17.50 Exeter St David's – Penzance (photo below by Chris Brown).



### June 10

66147 was seen approaches Bridge 244 south of Ipswich tunnel at 08.41 with 6R34 08.31 Ipswich Yard - Ripple Lane conveying 17 redundant TTA Fuel tanks: 56139, 56132, 56140, 56062, 56075, 56106, 56060, 56085, 56174, 56081, 56146, 56172, 56038, 56164, 56194, 56197, 56165. Fuel for freightliner Ipswich is now sourced from Lindsey, Humberside in 100 tonne TEA bogie tanks.

### June 11

73107 + 66752 were seen stabled in Tonbridge West Yard (photo below by Colin Pottle).



66566 was seen on Belstead Bank, Ipswich at 18.53 with 4S88 16.13 Felixstowe North - Coatbridge running 30 minutes late as the rostered loco 90016 was 183 minutes late on the inward working after breaking down twice on the GEML.

### June 12

66418 was seen at Eastleigh on 4O18 Lawley St - Southampton Freightliner at 08.05 passing 66741 + 66707 with 66717 in the station beyond (photo below by Norman Smith).



47847 was seen on Polmadie Depot at 13.24 (photo below by Iain Gardiner).



66548 + 66508 was seen at Whittlesey at 16.56 on 6L16 Aldwarke - Whitmoor Yard (photo below by Colin Pottle).



66747 4Z79 was seen at Whittlesey at 16.06 on Selby - Felixstowe, Whittlesey (photo below by Colin Pottle).





92032 has been a regular on the CS services and was seen between duties at Edinburgh Waverley at 17.10 (photo below by Iain Gardiner).



### June 13

57316 was in action at Fort William when it was in use on the Royal Scotsman train, seen taking the ecs out of the station at 14.00, while the night sleeper stock was parked up with 67009 in charge.

### June 15

57305 normally atop the Northern Belle was seen passing Walsall at 15.12 on humble freight duties with Crewe – Toton autballasters (photo below by David Williams).



37601 t&t DBSO 9702 passed Harrowden Junction at 20.52 on 3Q60 Derby RTC - Ferme Park (photo below by Colin Pottle).



67003 was seen approaching Eastleigh at 12.47 working 5O61 Wembley - Eastleigh ecs (photo at end by Chris Addoo).

### June 16

66719 + 66725 passed Sytch Lane at 17.51 on a Toton – Crewe working (photo at end by Roger Thomas).

66025 passed Tredington Crossing, between Ashchurch and Cheltenham at 21.04 on 621G Sattley EMR - Cardiff Tidal TC (photo below by Mike Raybould).



### June 19

66112 took 5Z43 Kilmarnock Barclays sidings - Plymouth Laira MPD through Penrith at 16.34. The formation being: 96606 44032 42288 42269 42267 42325 42072 40716 41130 96602 (note the use of two former Motorail vehicles being used as barrier coaches).

70000 'Britannia' + support coach 35465 was seen passing Swindon on 5Z70 Bristol Barton Hill WRD Southall WCR at 11.16 (photo below by Colin Pidgeon).



### June 20

66112 passed northbound through Penrith at 19.18 employed on the return 5Z44 Plymouth Laira MPD - Kilmarnock Barclays sidings of coaches for refurbishment, the formation this time being: 96602 44040 42301 42299 42351 42579 42300 40715 41146 42347 96606 (photo below by Gordon Kirkby).



Just after 66112 went north it was passed in the opposite direction by the returning 'Three Peaks Challenge' charter 1Z57 from Fort William - Euston worked by 57309 t&t 57305, the coaching stock being: 35469 3348 3397 3384 3390 80042 1212 3330 3356 3344 3325.

66101 passed through Thetford at 12.35 on 6M87 11.47 Eccles Rd Johnston's Siding - Dowlow Briggs Sidings empty stone train (photo below by Colin James).



70008 was seen passing Eastleigh on 4O22 Trafford Park - Southampton 67 mins late at 08.07 (photo below by Chris Addoo).



47760 t&t 47746 were seen approaching Ipswich at 05.46 on the 1Z14 04.40 Norwich - Kingswear Nenta railtour (photo below by Colin James).



66533 passed northbound through Ely at 07.20 on 4E62 05.15 Felixstowe North - Doncaster Europort intermodal at 07.20 (photo below by Colin James).



66198 passed southbound through Ely at 07.39 on 6L40 04.54 Mountsorrel - Barham loaded sand train (photo below by Colin James).



34067 'Tangmere' working 1Z82 Poole - Cardiff 'The Welshman' was seen arriving into Eastleigh at 08.19 (photo at end by Chris Addoo).

#### June 21

A possession at Wellingborough saw 66053 on 6X02 Harpenden - Toton Yard track panels with 66201 on ballast at 09.57 followed by 66186 on 6B08 Toton Yard - Harpenden autoballasters at 10.42 (photo below by Colin Pottle).



#### June 22

90020 + 90021 were seen together with 60019 in Carlisle Kingmoor Yard at 21.15 (photo at end by Iain Gardiner).



47727 hauling barrier coaches 6378 + 6379 passed Eastleigh at 17.08 on a move from Eastleigh Works to Wabtec, Doncaster (photo below by Chris Addoo).



70803 + 66848 were seen working from Eastleigh Works – Eastleigh East Yard at 17.15 (photo below by Chris Addoo).



### June 23

90009 t&t 82127 was seen heading down Belstead Bank, Ipswich at 16.07 with 1P38 15.00 Liverpool Street – Norwich, the mixed liveried set was running the wrong way round because of a signal fault at Crown Point when it ran into Norwich station at the start of its diagram (photo below by Keith Partlow).



70803 was seen stabled in Westbury Yard (Photo below by Gordon Kirkby).



67002 t&t DVT 82307 was seen passing Ruabon at 07.39 on the Holyhead - Cardiff service (photo opposite top by Martin Evans).



66152 was seen passing Swindon on 6B50 Swindon Stores - Llanwern Exchange Sidings at 14.19 (photo below by Colin Pidgeon).



66591 + 66593 were seen passing Swindon on 4L32 Bristol Freightliner Terminal - Tilbury RCT at 11.34 (photo below by Colin Pidgeon).



57302 was seen stabled at Carlisle at 20.14 (photo below by Iain Gardiner).



70806 on 0F75 Hinksey Yard - Westbury Yard & 70810 + 70808 on 0A28 Bristol Barton Hill to

Hinksey Yard were seen at Swindon at 15.30. 70806 at the time was setting back into Swindon Transfer Yard to clear the platform for down HSTs (photo below by Colin Pidgeon).



### June 24

67004 arrived into Edinburgh Waverley platform 11 at 21.56 with the ecs for the 23.40 Caledonian Sleeper. 67004 then ran round its train so it could work it to Carstairs, meanwhile 87002 was stabled in the old platform 6 (photos below by Iain Gardiner).



### June 26

90037 + 90014 was seen emerging from Ipswich tunnel with MK3 FO 11078 running as 13.21 Wolverton - Norwich Crown Point running 24 minutes early at 16.03 (photo at end by Keith Partlow).

66434 was seen passing Chepstow at 11.24 with a Daventry - Wentloog Tesco Liner (photo below by Robert Hawker).



70002 was seen passing Severn Tunnel Junction at 12.07 with a Portbury Coal Terminal - Rugeley B PS working showing ongoing station improvement works (photo below by Robert Hawker).



66156 6M96 passes Cossington at 14.16 on Margam - Corby (photo below by Colin Pottle).



66177 passed Oakham at 17.44 on Toton North Yard - Radlett (photo below by Colin Pottle).





66709 + 66704 + 66723 + 66745 passed Oakham at 17.36 on 0H67 Bardon Hill - Peterborough (photo below by Colin Pottle).



37688 + 37611 pass Cheeseman's Green, South Ashford, Kent on 6M95 1635 Dungeness - Crewe flasks at 17.27 (photo below by Joshua Brown).



#### June 27

66194 was seen passing Totnes on Pathfinders tour 1Z18 16.10 Penzance - Tame Bridge Parkway at 18.31 (photo below by Malcolm Wallace).



37425 t&t 37405 arrived into Norwich with the short set at 15.38 and stabled alongside 47805 (photo at end by Keith Partlow).

57303 was seen passing Totnes at 18.34 on FGWs summer Saturdays only service 2C51 17.50 Exeter St David's - Penzance hauling 3 coaches including the re-liveried 10219 (see **LIVERIES**).

#### June 28

Ballast Regulator DR77904 + Tamper DR73113 passed through Ipswich at 10.54 as 09.58 Marks Tey - Diss running 27 minutes late (photo below by Keith Partlow).



#### June 29

31601 passed through Penrith at 11.18 on 0Z31 Bo'ness Exchange sidings - Bury, ELR hauling 47643, 20020, 26038 and 37025 for their diesel gala.

37059 hauling Mk3 TSOB 10405 was seen on Belstead Bank, Ipswich at 16.41 running as 12.21 Wolverton - Norwich Crown Point (photo below by Keith Partlow).



#### June 30

4-6-2 35028 was seen passing Church Brampton at 10.37 on the last Clansman London Victoria - Chester before it is stopped for overhaul at Crewe (photo below by Colin Pottle).



37608 t&t 37607 passed Wellingborough at 12.03 on Derby RTC - East Ham EMU Depot (photo below by Colin Pottle).



### News from Norfolk (Stuart Moore):

The big events of the month on the mainline network must be the start of the 'summer specials' and the end of DRS 47's on the 'short set'. The month started with 47805 and 47813 being recorded on the short set on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup>. By the 12<sup>th</sup> 47818 has migrated to Norwich and was noted in the Royal Dock sidings along with 37405 and 37425 (more on these two later). The 13<sup>th</sup> saw the first of the 'summer specials' of the year with 47805 and 47813 doing the honours. The service is different this year. There is no longer a full London set dragged to Gt. Yarmouth on Saturdays, instead the short set is used to run 'shuttles' non-stop from Norwich to Yarmouth. Services booked for the short set are:

09.06 Norwich – Gt Yarmouth  
 09.47 Gt Yarmouth – Norwich  
 10.25 Norwich – Gt Yarmouth  
 11.14 Gt Yarmouth – Norwich  
 12.18 Norwich – Gt Yarmouth  
 12.55 Gt Yarmouth – Norwich  
 14.18 Norwich – Gt Yarmouth  
 14.55 Gt Yarmouth – Norwich

On Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> the short set was operated by 47813 and 47818. This was the final day of the booked Cl.47 haulage and the use of two long term Norwich residents was a nice touch.

Both had been based at Norwich previously when operated by Cotswold Rail and were regular performers on the 'drags' and thunderbird duties. By the 17<sup>th</sup> (my next visit to Norwich) Cl.37/4's were the order of the day. The 'short set' has been operated by 37405 and 37425 Monday to Saturday since then and they are causing a lot of interest !! (see photos at end by Colin James & Keith Partlow) Also seen in Norwich at 17.00 on the 17<sup>th</sup> where 47805/813 and 37059 along with 90005/6. In addition to the above, the first run of a WCRC operated train into Norwich this year was on the 19<sup>th</sup> when 47746 t&t 47760 on an ECS from Carnforth to Norwich before operating the NENTA tour to Kingswear on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The 20<sup>th</sup> saw 37059/405/425, 47805/813/818 all seen at Norwich. 47818 had reappeared on the 19<sup>th</sup> with 37059 which had failed hauling a DVT back to Norwich from Loughborough.

A brief visit to Norwich at 13.30 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> produced 37059/405/425/603 47805/813 90003/5/10. 37603 had arrived on the 3Q74 from Derby on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and departed late evening on the 23<sup>rd</sup> (see photo below).



The 24<sup>th</sup> produced further interest with 37059/405/425/607/608 47803 and 90012. The Cl.37/6's had arrived on 1Q91 from Derby (see photo at end). Both inspection sets travelled most of the local lines in Norfolk and Suffolk over the week.

90037 was used by DRS to return 90014 from Crewe to Norwich on the 26<sup>th</sup> along with Mk3 11708 coach from Wolverton, then, returned light engine on the 08.31 Norwich Crown Point – Crewe on the 27<sup>th</sup> and was seen passing Trowse just out of Norwich right time.

47714 & 66751 Old Dalby test track, Asfordby 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Colin Pottle)





34067 'Tangmere', Eastleigh,  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
(Chris Addoo)



37405 t&t 37425 with 47805, Norwich Yard, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Keith Partlow)



67003 Eastleigh,  
15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Chris Addoo)



37425 t&t 37405 Great Yarmouth, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Colin James)









66719 + 66725 Sytch Lane  
16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Roger Thomas)

## RAILTOUR NEWS

4-6-2 60163 '*Tornado*' returned to the mainline in June 2015 following an 8 month overhaul costing £400,000 with its first public outing on the 20<sup>th</sup> June on the Highland Rambler from Stirling to Inverness (see photo below right). This was the first of a series of four Scottish tours culminating with The Border Reivers on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, a circular tour from Carlisle (see photo below left).

Iain Gardiner joined The Border Reivers and the following is an account of the tour. 60163 departed Carlisle at 10.08 and went up the WCML and stopped at Beattock loops to let a Virgin Pendolino pass. Then we stopped at Carstairs for a large drink of water (35 mins). We then carried on up via Wishaw and to Motherwell where we stopped for a few mins, then on to Bellshill station where we stopped for 3 mins. We then went down via Polmadie and came off at Larkfield Jct through Terminus Jct and up past Shields Rd Depot then through Paisley Gilmour Street to Falkland Yard for a further water stop (30 mins). Leaving Falkland yard we went via Annbank to join the South West Route at Mauchline Jct and return via Dumfries to Carlisle, arriving at 17.23. A great trip with superb weather.

*right* 60163  
on The Highland Rambler  
Gleneagles, 14.04,  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
(Iain Gardiner)



*left* 60163  
on The Border Reivers,  
Carlisle, 08.44  
27<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
(Iain Gardiner)



# PRESERVATION GALAS

## West Somerset Diesel Gala, 5-7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 by Andrew Buckley:

The West Somerset railway held its annual Diesel Gala from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015. I attended on the Saturday. In operation with home fleet locos D832 ‘*Onslaught*’, D7017, D1661 ‘*North Star*’ and Modified Hall 4-6-0 6960 ‘*Raveningham Hall*’ were visiting locomotives: preserved 45060 ‘*Sherwood Forester*’ (BH) and 56006 together with GBRf 59003 ‘*Yeoman Highlander*’, effectively making its first public appearance following repatriation after its long sojourn in Germany.



the DMU set worked the Minehead - Dunster shuttle throughout the day and here the set rests at Minehead at 10.52 with D6575 and 4936



D7017 + D832 departing Crowcombe & Heathfield at 17.43



above 59003 awaits departure from Bishops Lydeard at 18.05 with the final working of the day to Minehead

The timetable for Saturday showed much of the work, until mid afternoon, rostered for the visiting preserved locomotives along with D832 (on long term loan from the ELR). A single return journey was

diagrammed for each of 59003, D1661 and 6960. Indeed for those wanting to see the ‘59’ in action the wait would extend until the 15.45 departure for Bishops Lydeard and 17.55 return for Minehead – the final departure heading north for the day. However, prior to working its turn the locomotive had pride of place on the turntable at Minehead station and looked superb in ex-works GBRf livery (see photo in June issue).





D1661 + 45060 arriving at Bishops Lydeard at 19.37 with the final working of the day from Minehead



As with any railway, best laid plans sometimes go awry and today was no exception with trouble striking when the '56' lost power and was subsequently declared a failure having suffered a fuel supply problem (the photo above right shows 56006 departing Minehead at 11.59 prior to failure). However assistance was on hand and led to the Hymek D7017 being sent from Williton to rescue the stranded train and subsequently to complete the 56's remaining duties. This had knock on effects for the other diagrams and led to a number of in train positioning moves with double headed formations. Whilst there was a delay of some 55 minutes, from a photographic perspective it afforded some great opportunities for shots and indeed was handled seamlessly by the railway with no cancellations in the timetable. It also allowed for a welcome tea break at the beautiful Crowcombe Heathfield station! Seeing the Hymek in action was a bonus as this locomotive had not originally been timetabled to work on the Saturday and with 7018, stabled in the open air at Williton (see photo above left) (undergoing long term overhaul at the DEPG workshop), it proved to be a good day for hydraulic fans!



left 6960 stands at Williton at 15.58 where it will cross with an inbound Hymek working before departing for Minehead

photos by Andrew Buckley

## Mid Norfolk Railway (MNR) Steam Gala, 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June 2015 by Stuart Moore:

I went on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> and started with a run out to Hoe (currently the northern most running point on the line. Resident DMU 51226 + 51499 operated to Hoe then steam took over from Hoe to Dereham in the shape of Hunslet 0-6-OST 10 [3794] (ex-WD 194) 'Cumbria' at its first Gala since overhaul at the SVR. Following the return to Dereham I took a run to Wymondham and back hauled by Stanier 8P 4-6-2 46233 'Duchess of Sutherland' visiting from MRB. Arrival was slightly delayed due to having to stop near Kimberley due to a small lineside fire possibly caused by the Prairie which had run north earlier. 46233 ran tender first to Wymondham and smokebox first back to Dereham. The Duchess was not able to run her final service due to the crew needing time to prepare her for the mainline run back to Butterley the next morning. This run was taken by the 'Cumbria'. I left the Duchess at Yaxham to visit the Yaxham Light Railway. This is an excellent private narrow gauge railway which was open to the public during the gala, giving the MNR passengers to chance to alight at Yaxham, which is not usually possible. Having visited the Yaxham Light Railway I returned to catch the service to Dereham hauled by Collett 2-6-2T Prairie 5542 visiting from the GWR. All the services ran to time and congratulations must be given to the MNR for



arranging another well managed and run event involving the three visiting steam locos mentioned above of which 'Cumbria', based at the Ribble Steam Railway, is remaining for the summer season.



above

4-6-2 46233 at Wymondham having run around the stock prior to working the 15.00 Wymondham – Dereham

right 0-6-OST 'Cumbria' + DMU 51226 + 51499 standing at Yaxham with the 16.05 Dereham – Wymondham

photos by Stuart Moore



above

2-6-2T 5542 t&t 31235 (5662) on the 13.50 Wymondham - Dereham approaching Thuxton where it will pass the southbound hauled service with 46233

## North Norfolk Railway (NNR) Diesel Gala, 12-14<sup>th</sup> June 2015 by Colin Pottle:

*Additional info by Colin James who also attended on the Friday and Stuart Moore who went on the Sunday, photos are by all three as shown.*

Due to other commitments I had to attend this gala on the Friday, and I'm glad I did. The weather was superb with beautiful blue skies for most of the day, and there were not the crowds of people you would expect for a gala of this calibre – perfect for photographers!





I arrived at Weybourne nice and early, as there is only a small car park, and it fills up very quickly. The NNR had pulled out all the stops and had a variety of visiting locos, D5343 (GWR), D5401 (GCR), D7076 (ELR) as well as the home fleet 25057 D5631 D6732. DRS supported them as well by supplying 37059 (see photo left at Holt taken whilst it manoeuvred on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015 by Stuart Moore).



D5401 + DMU 51192 + 56352 + D5343 with 8572 Holt, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Stuart Moore)

Resident CI.11 shunter 12131 was offering brake van rides from Weybourne station to the yard then later stretched its legs working a return service to Holt with the Wisbech & Upwell Tramway coach (see photo right by Colin James). The CI.101 DMU 51192 + 56352 was used as coaching stock until the afternoon (see photo below by Colin James of it running solo).



Although I took the majority of my photos at Weybourne I did venture along the side of the railway towards Sheringham, there is a path that follows the railway for quite a way, and you can get some great panoramic scenes, including the sea. Luckily the sun is on the right side for taking pictures!



The timetable held up well, with the only delays late in the afternoon, after some problems were experienced with the engine brakes when 37059 & 27056 were coupled together (CJ). I had to leave shortly after 13.00 so didn't manage the whole day, but trains were planned to run well into the evening, with the last train leaving Holt at 21.35, arriving at Sheringham 21.55 (*not sure if that happened considering CJs info, ed*). I look forward to my next trip there.





Stuart went on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> when it wasn't raining and spent a while at both Weybourne and Holt. All locos performed well during his visit and gave a great display. DRS 37059 arrived via the level crossing at Sheringham which was the first train to use this for over a year. B12 4-6-0 8572 was also used on the Sunday for non-diesel visitors.



*above* D5343 approaches Holt, platform 1, to terminate at 16.04, working 2M34 15.42 from Sheringham passing 25057  
12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Colin James)



*top left* D7076 Weybourne (Colin Pottle)

*left* 37059 with 'DRS Anglia On a Mission' headboard + D5631 + DMU 51192 + 56352 about to depart from Sheringham, platform 2 at 11.48 on 2M16 service to Holt, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Colin James)



D6732 departing Weybourne at 13.32 on 2C21 13.13 Holt – Sheringham service passing 12131 + brake van in the yard between its shuttle rides, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Colin James)



25057 t&t D5401 heading east from Weybourne to Sheringham, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Colin Pottle)

# PRESERVATION NEWS - INFRASTRUCTURE

## **Abergwili Jnct Extension, Gwili Railway (GWI) by Trevor Roots:**

Though reported back in the December issue, the extension south to Abergwili Junction has not been fully completed in so far as not all the trackwork is finished, but the new platform has been constructed. It appears due to lack of volunteers the railway is struggling to finish the work and open the extension as planned for the 2015 season. I visited on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015 to find them working on the track at Abergwili Junction (see photo below taken from the A485 Dolgwlili Road) with a roadrailer and a motley collection of wagons. The track though ballasted has yet to be tamped along the extension.

*right*

the extension running south from Bronwydd Arms with the minor road leading up to the B4301 / A484 junction, the track behind the photographer is still being used to stable stock



The Gwili Railway is on part of the former GWR Carmarthen to Aberystwyth line. The extension runs south from the existing terminus and main base of Bronwydd Arms between the A484 and the River Gwili to the new station on the north-eastern outskirts of Carmarthen. This is as far as the line can go

as beyond this the A40 bypass was constructed on the former trackbed into Carmarthen. Abergwili Junction is so named as there was a junction a little beyond the new station, now buried under the A40 / A485 roundabout, a line from which ran to Llandeilo first built by the Llanelly Railway and Dock Co (later taken over by the LNWR).



At present there is a single station platform, which can be seen to the right of the tank wagon in the photo left (white edge). The station has been built under a gas pipeline and is between the A485 Dolgwlili Road to the north and the A40 to the south. To the west is the hospital and to the east the A485 link road. At present there is no access other than by train, but this site is planned to incorporate more facilities including a large car / coach park which will take the pressure of Bronwydd Arms. Access will be off the A485, I believe. There is however a footpath that runs

alongside the eastern boundary of the hospital from Dolgwlili Road to Abergwili Road (where I parked) near where it passes under the A40. Halfway along this path is a garden associated with the hospital and helpfully between the path and the railway exactly where the platform is. The boundary is a bit overgrown but views were obtained looking both ways along the platform (see photos opposite).





*above looking north under the gas pipeline (not the most photogenic)  
below looking south with the A485 link road directly behind the bank and trees*



## **Cambrian Heritage Railway (CHR), Oswestry by Trevor Roots:**

With extensive work having been undertaken in the last few years on the Gobowen to Pant section of former Cambrian Railway I thought it about time I reported on the the Cambrian Heritage Railway (CHR). The CHR was formed in 2009 with the merger of the Cambrian Railways Society and Cambrian Railway Trust following complicated negotiations to purchase the line. They also own the Llynclys to Gobowen trackbed with the exception of the former Llynclys station (see below). The CHR is based at Oswestry with its headquarters in the impressive former Oswestry station building as was the Cambrian Railway. There is an adjacent Cambrian Railways Museum in the former goods shed, Oswestry South signal box and workshop with a few items of rolling stock.



**Oswestry station looking north with the reinstated platform, the Museum and yard is left of the bay platform with the Cambrian works on the extreme right**



Most of the stock is however at Llynclys, just north of Pant, where it has run an operational railway since 2005 from a new station, between the B4396 and Pen y Garreg Lane, the current southern terminus of the line where a halt opened at Easter 2011. Work to clear the track along the entire length has progressed well and the Grade II listed Oswestry station restored. Most of the building is leased out to businesses. Track has been re-laid northwards alongside the station from the signal box and yard by the goods shed, to the former iron footbridge spanning the once large yard to the former Cambrian Railways works. The track then continues north alongside the A5069 before crossing the A5 and then joining the mainline at Gobowen South Jct.

the goods shed housing the Cambrian Railway Museum and Oswestry South signal box



Oswestry station looking south with the reinstated platform, the signal box can just be seen past the end of the platform with the workshop between the signal and the station



left the station sign midway along the platform  
below the full extent of the station platform looking south,  
with bolster (+ cranes) 611852 to the fore



below looking north from the end of the platform and the re-laid track up to the iron footbridge spanning what was once extensive trackwork from the A5069 left to the former Cambrian Railways works right



left  
Oswestry South  
signal box  
14<sup>th</sup> March 2012

(it looks exactly  
the same now)



Occasional running days / special events are operated at Oswestry as was the case on the 17th August 2014 as visited by Martin Evans who photographed visiting 1872 [1827] Beyer Peacock 0-4-0ST on brake van ride duties between Middleton Road and the station using 732435 and dogfish 983101.





The new single platform Llyncllys station looking south from the B4396 on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 with the former station in use as a dwelling north of the road bridge (see photo right taken on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009). The former station and trackbed is not owned by the CHR but which it proposes to eventually buy.



Pen y Garreg Halt

*above 56055 + 51205*

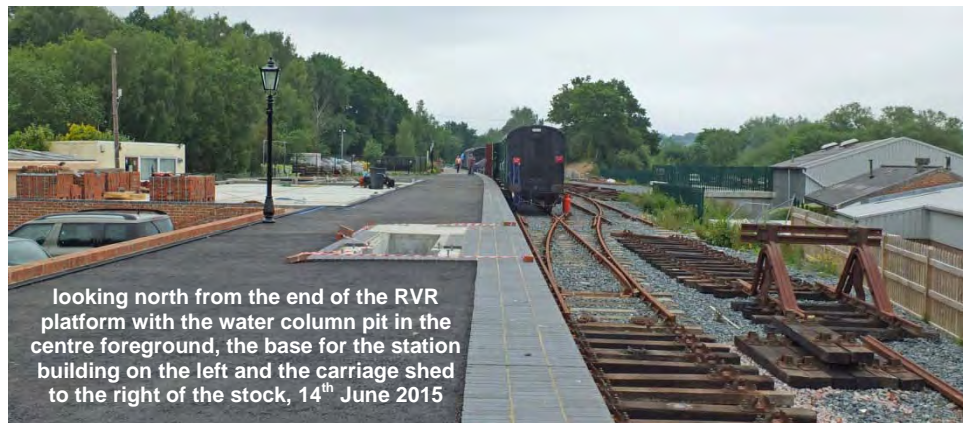
*9<sup>th</sup> August 2014 (Roger Thomas)*

*left prior to construction, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009*



## **Rother Valley Railway (RVR) by Trevor Roots:**

Robertsbridge Junction, the name of the new station being built on the short RVR, which eventually will be the southern terminus of the K&ESR, is fast becoming a reality as the platform has been largely completed including a pit for a water column. The trackwork formation is in place with an area for the new carriage shed. The biggest change however is that a connection has been restored to the mainline and the future prospect of returning the bay platform alongside the down mainline platform to use. Running trains off the mainline onto the RVR will require full signalling in due course and the point is clipped out of use at present. The length of trains may be problematic as can be seen in the photos but that's a future problem, at least it is yet another preserved railway connected to the network...and currently one of the shortest with a mainline connection.





looking north from the end of the mainline Robertsbridge station platform showing the new connection onto the RVR and headshunt alongside 375606, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015



looking north from the end of the RVR station platform showing the new connection onto the RVR, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Miscellaneous News:

Several items from the collection of Pete Waterman at Crewe Heritage Centre (CHC) are to be moved to Peak Rail (PEA), 08830, 46035, 4-6-0 'Thornbury Manor', 2-8-0T 5224, 2-6-2T 5553, Hawksworth sleeper 9082, Fruit Van D 92061 and 16t open 313044. The proceeds of the sale of his model collection are to be used to renovate the locos. The two GWR tank locos, seen below at CHC, have already moved.

The RAIB has finally reported on the runaway with 37198 on the GCR on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and concluded that the wheel scotches were ineffective and that the handbrake had not been applied.

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# RAILWAY OUTPOSTS

## The Old Royal Station, Ballater, Scotland by Trevor Roots:

In the heart of Royal Deeside 42 miles west of Aberdeen and on the eastern edge of the Cairngorm National Park lies Ballater. The station is right in the centre of this small Aberdeenshire town. Opened in 1866 by the Great North of Scotland Railway as a terminus of a branch from Aberdeen, it was used by Queen Victoria on her travels to Balmoral Castle as it was the nearest station. It closed in 1966 but re-opened as a museum under the name The Old Royal Station in 2002. The royal waiting room was approved by Queen Victoria and it is this that the museum display was centred around and a section of platform. Initially just waxworks and a cardboard representation of a royal carriage, a real carriage was installed in 2008 after a suggestion made by Prince Charles.



The Old Royal Ballater Station, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
(the frame around the near chimney is for a banner)

I first visited it on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 but sadly I never got round to doing this feature before tragedy struck. Overnight on the 11/12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 the Station was almost completely destroyed in a fire.



The Old Royal Ballater Station, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
the two stone chimneys remained standing but were pulled  
down for safety



the museum end as can be seen was the least damaged  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2015



Apart from the museum and a Tourist Information Centre, there were three businesses, a photographers, a clothing shop and a restaurant where the fire is believed to have originated. With 90% completely destroyed it is amazing that the 10% that remains is the railway museum including the replica royal coach. Thankfully it only suffered minor damage and even more amazing was that several waxwork effigies also survived together with a dog carriage as all these were the furthest from the restaurant. The internal view taken on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 shows the waxworks and cardboard carriage on the platform edge and the replica royal carriage beyond on a section of track. The dog carriage was in the near righthand corner and the waiting room on the left.



The replica royal coach was built on the 4w underframe of CCT M94241 (DB977254, 061094) which had ended up as an internal user carkind QPV at Landore. Purchased in 2005 the body was removed and the underframe converted to a 6w by Heritage Engineering in Old No 20 Shop, Swindon. It was a £450,000 project and is a replica (part) of Queen Victoria's 12w saloon LNWR 802, built to original drawings currently at the NRM, York.



the replica royal coach, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
and below after the fire, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015...a lucky escape







*above the filled in trackbed looking east with the remaining platform edge stretching back, behind the photographer, to Bridge Street which spans railway at the western end, with the replica coach visible through the glass extension, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011*

*left looking west, the remains of the overgrown platform and trackbed*



*virtually the same view as above after the fire, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015*





When seen on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015, substantial permanent hoarding was being erected around the station which was a very sad sight. The station is to be re-built but could take two years in which time a major tourist attraction has been lost to the town.

# LIGHT RAIL & METRO NEWS

## Croydon Tramlink:

there are currently 4 Croydon Tramlink with advertising liveries  
2531/34/42/50

above 2531 McMillan Williams  
Solicitors applied in early  
September 2014

below 2550 Tramlink Safety  
applied on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015

East Croydon 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
(James Holloway)



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

Since the launch of the Travel Safe Unit in April, 23 arrests for various crimes have been made, a total of 1074 fixed fine penalties were issued and more than 1000 invalid tickets were identified. A dozen of Metrolink's worst fare evaders were hauled before a special court at Bury Magistrate Court after running up £30k in outstanding fines. A youth court hearing dealt with 5 teenagers who had more than 20 offences for fare evasion between them who had to pay back nearly £1000 in court fines.

The Market Street stop was closed for further modernisation during the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> June and after 21.30 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June. This included installing a large single passenger shelter similar to the Deansgate / Castlefield tram stop. New yorkstone paving has already been laid at an earlier closure of the stop.

Manchester United has welcomed the extension of Metrolink running to the Trafford Centre but have objected to the proposed route citing safety concerns around new road layouts, including one way systems. These could be a danger to supporters travelling to and from the stadium on match days normally 75,000 every home game. In addition the centre attracts over 400,000 per annum with the addition of over 58,000 to events and conferences. Another safety concern is one of the six tram stops on the proposed route at Wharfedale for Old Trafford considering an estimated 10,000 supporters make their way in from the Salford Quays/Media City direction. United's objection follows ITV concerns reported last month

A number of councils in Greater Manchester have been working on proposals for a Tram M60 orbital route similar to the Circle Line on London Underground. The plan is climbing up the agenda of the regions 'super council.'

Further incidents of cars v trams in the first three weeks of June happened on the Airport and Ashton-under-Lyne line. A further incident in Market Street in the early hours of the 25<sup>th</sup> June involving a trailer coming "loose" from the lorry involved in the removal of the Big Wheel in Piccadilly Gardens caused disruptions in the morning rush hour.

Tram 3099 was observed on the East Didsbury-Rochdale service on the 12<sup>th</sup> June and 3100 arrived at Queens Road depot on the 13<sup>th</sup> June not the 30<sup>th</sup> May as previously reported. This is just under six years since 3001 arrived on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009.



Tram 3100 followed the same journey the previous 99 trams had made from Vienna via Koblenz and Goch in Germany before arriving at Rotterdam for the ferry to Hull and then the final part of the journey to Manchester.

# STIRLINGSHIRE SIGHTINGS

by **Derek Sneddon**

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

<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>			<b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b>			<b>5<sup>th</sup> June (cont)</b>		
05.45 66305 4H47	MN-IS		08.30 66603 6A65	OX-AB		13.30 66112 6S36	DS-GM	
10.05 66111 6A32	MN-AB		13.00 66433 4A13	GM-AB		19.30 66161 4M30	GM-DV	
11.20 66156 4M30	GM-DV		18.25 66432 6K35	MH-Moy		<b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
13.30 66074 6S36	DS-GM		<b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b>			05.45 68005 4H47	MN-IS	
<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>			05.10 66603 6H51	OX-IS		10.05 66065 6A32	MN-AB	
05.45 66301 4H47	MN-IS		05.45 66304 4H47	MN-IS		<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
08.30 66603 6A65	OX-AB		06.30 66158 6A32	MN-AB		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>			13.00 66433 4A13	GM-AB		<b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
05.45 66301 4H47	MN-IS		<b>29<sup>th</sup> May</b>			05.45 68005 4H47	MN-IS	
06.55 56087 6R46	GM-PW		05.45 66427 4H47	MN-IS		08.30 66616 6A65	OX-AB	
13.30 66112 6S36	DS-GM		06.55 56087 6R46	GM-PW		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>			13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB		<b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
08.30 66603 6A65	OX-AB		<b>30<sup>th</sup> May</b>			05.45 66429 4H47	MN-IS	
13.00 66433 4A13	GM-AB		05.45 66305 4H47	MN-IS		06.55 56113 6R46	GM-PW	
20.20 56087 6M65	GM-SI		10.05 66158 6A32	MN-AB		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>			13.00 66065 6S36	DS-GM		13.00 66140 6S36	DS-GM	
05.45 66423 4H47	MN-IS		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB		<b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
06.30 66131 6A32	MN-AB		20.07 66604 6K15	MN-ME		05.45 66429 4H47	MN-IS	
13.30 66111 6S36	DS-GM		22.50 66075 6K29	MH-LI		08.30 66616 6A65	OX-AB	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>			<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>			13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB	
06.55 56087 6R46	GM-PW		05.45 66305 4H47	MN-IS		13.30 66099 6S36	DS-GM	
08.30 66603 6A65	OX-AB		08.30 66604 6A65	OX-AB		<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
13.00 66433 4A13	GM-AB		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB		05.10 66616 6H51	OX-IS	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>			<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>			05.45 66305 4H47	MN-IS	
05.45 66432 4H47	MN-IS		05.45 68005 4H47	MN-IS		06.30 66161 6A32	MN-AB	
10.05 66131 6A32	MN-AB		06.55 66849 6R46	GM-PW		13.30 66432 4A13	GM-AB	
11.20 66112 4M30	GM-DV		10.35 66551 6G05	HU-LT		19.30 66140 4M30	GM-DV	
13.30 66433 4A13	GM-AB		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB		<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
13.30 66111 6S36	DS-GM		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>			00.30 66111 6A66	MN-IS	
21.08 66619 6K15	MH-ME		05.10 66616 6H51	OX-IS		06.55 56113 6R46	GM-PW	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>			08.30 66604 6A65	OX-AB		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB	
13.00 66433 4A13	GM-AB		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB		<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>			13.30 66111 6S36	DS-GM		05.45 66431 4H47	MN-IS	
05.45 66303 4H47	MN-IS		21.05 66186 6K32	MH-Carmont		10.05 66111 6A32	MN-AB	
08.30 66603 6A65	OX-AB		<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>			11.20 66140 4M30	GM-DV	
11.06 66304 6K40	MH-Garve		05.45 68005 4H47	MN-IS		<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
13.00 66433 4A13	GM-AB		06.30 66138 6A32	MN-AB		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>			<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>			<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
05.10 66603 6H51	OX-IS		05.10 66616 6H51	OX-IS		13.00 66429 4A13	GM-AB	
05.45 66303/37218 4H47	MN-IS		05.45 68005 4H47	MN-IS				
08.30 66616 6A65	OX-AB		13.00 66432 4A13	GM-AB				

## Location Codes:

AB Aberdeen	DS Dalston	GE Georgemas Jct	LI Linlithgow	PW Prestwick
CB Coatbridge	DU Dundee	GM Grangemouth	LT Longannet	RI Riccarton
CE Crewe	DV Davenry	MH Millerhill	ME Montrose	
CL Carlisle	ES Earlseat	HU Hunterston	MN Mossend	
DL Dalmeny	FY Falkland Yard	IS Inverness	OX Oxwellmains	

No Gloucestershire Sightings this month.

# RAILWAY GLOBETROTTERS

## Epic Austrian Borders 2013 – Part 4 by Ray Smith:

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 (cont):** Built from 1962 DR had B-B class 211 locos with many being sold on at least once, as with 211 119 (see photo right) sold to ÖBB and renumbered 2048 018, then re-sold to SLB and renumbered V 87



*below*

sunglasses on, can you see 1163 010 in front of this multi coloured building that is part of the new Salzburg station, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013



Then it was on to the station which has been totally re-built and was nearing completion. Of note, I saw that in the centre of the station there were no overhead wires. These were replaced by a rigid



*above left* Hungarian 470 001, Salzburg depot, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013:

Today was spent bashing Austrian sheds. A quick look into Salzburg, again, before doing Attnang Puchheim, Wels and Linz (depot and station) a very busy location.

*right* private operator Stern Hafferls B-B V20 011, UIC 92 81 2020 011-0  
Lambach station, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013







*left Stern Hafferls railcar ET 20 111,  
UIC number ET 90 35 0020 111-1  
Lambach station, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013*

*below left haven't a clue what this cute locomotive is, looks like a small battery depot pilot, maybe a modern German ASF  
Wels depot, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013*

*below right 2016 071  
the 2016s are probably the quietest diesel locos I have come across,  
Wels depot, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013*



*class doyen 2070 001  
Wels depot, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013*



*a class on its way out. 2043 020  
Wels depot, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013*



*the class 2062 shunters have all been withdrawn  
but a few have made it into departmental  
service becoming class X631  
and retaining their original number  
as with 2062 045 which became X631 045.  
Wels depot, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013*



*2060s are similar to 2062s with many now in  
dept service as with 2060 098, now X260 098  
Wels depot, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013*

Linz has a large station and tram network. It also has a smaller terminus station at Urfahr where the small Pöstlingbergbahn tram company also has its depot.



the Pöstlingbergbahn's original trams had Roman numerals as with No.I, built 1898, left of 504 from the small new replacement fleet (501 – 504), Urfahr, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013



above 503 built 2010

left XII built 1948  
Urfahr, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013



if you go to the main station and wonder where the class 5022s and 5047s are, they are here. as with 5022 015, Urfahr, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013



Passing through Linz station were a pair of new German class 2442xxx on trial. Linz has a tremendous shed and the next 5 photographs were taken there, including unique class 2043 555 fitted with extra breaking equipment for when it worked iron ore trains (see photo right).

ÖBB has its own classes 1216 0xx, 1216 1xx and 1216 2xx. Private operators have 1216 9xx. Below left is Cargo Serve 1216 933. Siemens have also built 1216s to work into Germany from Austria. They have German class identities and are known as class 183 as with 183 719 shown below right



preserved 1010 010 in original livery and number 1010 10, Linz depot, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013

depot pilot X260 012 ex 2060 012  
Linz depot, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013

*right* Westbahn now operate Vienna - Salzburg services using new double deck class 4010s as with 4010 001 seen arriving with a Vienna service

After the shed we spent some time on Linz station where in addition to passenger services we saw many freights, illustrated by the four which will be shown in Part 5.



photos by Ray Smith (to be cont)

# FREIGHT MATTERS

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

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

**Amendments / Additions:** Thanks to Alex Ford for help with amendments.

**Out of Store:** Note converted car carriers released from Eastleigh Works are no longer stored. Thanks to Steve Wakerley for reporting seeing the following wagons out and about: 33.7.6790.067-6, 33.70.9378.022-1

**Converted:** (Arlington Fleet Services, Eastleigh Works) once converted these are no longer in store **IFA Twin Bogie Container Flat to Car Carrier** 33.87.4908.608-2/617-3/624-9/633-0 the original conversions are now returning to Eastleigh to lower the end platforms as per photos below



*left* original conversion IFA 33.87.4908.605-8 Eastleigh Works 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015

*right* revised conversion IFA 33.87.4908.628-0 Didcot, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
showing the revised lowered end platform

## **Re-numbered:**

**FIA Bogie Megafret Intermodal Twin Container Flat** 31.70.4938.728-1 to 31.70.4938.119-5

**Preserved:** Three more HAAs have been saved from store at Mossend Yard and moved to the Chasewater Railway in Staffordshire, HAA 351111/203 & HDA 368103

## **Scrapped:**

982656

*right* JGA 17320 newly painted blue with GBRf branding, Eastleigh 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Carl Watson)



## **FREIGHT NEWS**

As previously reported the slump in coal traffic has resulted in DBS storing 92 HTAs in Tees Yard.

Ferrybridge C Power Station is to close in 2016 bringing another rail flow to an end.



# 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:

Further Cl.91s and DVTs have received VTEC livery 91107/31/31 82216/18/30. The first HSTs 43311/312 have also been re-liveried.

92010, the last, has received CS livery.

73961-964 briefly returned from Tonbridge to Brush, Loughborough on the 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Cl.121 DMU bubble car 55029 (977968) was caught in an adjacent preserved bus fire at the Rushden Transport Museum and suffered external damage, repairable thankfully.

TfL has placed an order with Bombardier for 45 new 4 car EMUs similar to Cl.378s to replace Cl.315s recently acquired from AGA and the DMUs on the Gospel Oak – Barking line which will be electrified.

The storing of 47790 leaves DRS with only 3 active C.47s 47805/13/18.

The latest Colas liveried Cl.56s & 60s are 56049 & 60056, the penultimate one of 10, just 60026 left.

## New:

**EMUs:** (\* on test) 800101\* 801001\*

**Locos Sent Abroad:** (to France) 66202

**Re-formed & Re-Numbered:**

**EMUs:** (Cl.378 lengthened to 5 cars)

378210 incl 38410 378211 incl 38411

378212 incl 38412 378213 incl 38413

378215 incl 38415 378217 incl 38417

**Transferred:**

## Locos:

08411 CVR to Wishaw 08700 BH to IL

37116 WH to BH 37207 PVR to BH

37421 WH to BH 37670 RVEL to BH

50021 TM to ZG 50031 ZG to RVEL

86246 LM to WN 86702 WN - LR

## DMUs:

Cl.117 51371 (977987) (960301) WB to LM

Cl.117 51413 (977988) (960301) WB to LM

Cl.117 51375 (977992) (960301) WB to CPR

## Steam Locos:

5224 CQ to PEA 5553 CQ to PEA

**Steam Loco Change of Status:**

30541 O to A & renumbered from 541

35028 A to O

**Names:** also **EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT**

## New:

66528 Madge Elliot MBE Borders  
Railway Opening 2015

**Madge Elliot MBE**

**Borders Railway Opening 2015**

66528 naming Edinburgh Waverley  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Iain Gardiner)

66711 Sence

158847 Lincoln Castle Explorer

**Nameplates Applied since 2013 but  
Not Previously Illustrated:**

**Chris Fudge**  
29.7.70 - 22.6.10

47746 (as reported in Apr 2015 issue)  
(Colin James)

**East Anglian Daily Times**  
Suffolk & Proud

90011 (as reported in Nov 2014 issue)

**Pride of Cumbria**

57310 (not previously reported but mentioned in  
the **EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT** in the  
Aug 2014 issue)

**Stephen Middlemore**  
23.12.1954 - 8.6.2013

37402 (as reported in Dec 2013 issue)

**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY**

444038 (as reported in Jul 2013 issue)

## Names Removed:

67014 Thomas Telford

315857 Stratford Connections

**Locos for Scrap:**

CF Booths, Rotherham 37718

# NEW / CONVERTED STOCK



*above*  
387119 & 387105 in service  
Farringdon, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015



*above* 458835 converted from Cl.460 cars from  
460001 & 460005

*right* 458802 converted from Cl.458/0 with 74421  
from 460001



*left* 5 car 378211 with new trailer 38411  
departing Clapham Jnct following similarly  
lengthened 378147, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015







views of Old Dalby test track, Asfordby

*above*

IEP 5 car 800101 with 811101 leading  
and LT 'S' stock 21316 + 21315  
with resident 08956

*right* IEP 5 car 800001

26<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Colin Pottle)



*left*

387122 London Blackfriars  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Joshua Brown)

*below* as reported in the  
November 2014 issue, 150121  
has been reformed from  
3 car 150921,  
Westbury, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015





above 73952 (ex 73104) one of the two NR Cl.73/9 conversions by RVEL on test at Kidderminster on the Severn Valley Railway 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (Geoff Arnold) left

the wording in closer detail (as the photo is a scan of a print apologies for the quality, not Geoff's fault)



above something a bit unusual, a superb brand new build observation coach Ffestiniog Railway No.150 (numbered in honour of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015 of the FR) is during the rounds as a promotion before entering service in 2016 seen on display at Paddington, not sure what the contraption in front is, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Michael Hayman)





## TRANSFERRED STOCK

*below*

D8007 from the Great Central (Nottingham)  
Railway moved to St Leonards Engineering  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015, where it will be returned  
to mainline use, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015



*above not reported before,  
37324 'Clydebridge'  
on the Mid Hants Railway,  
with D6836 (37905),  
where it is now resident  
following an appearance at the  
Diesel Gala,  
in September 2014,  
Ropley, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015*

## LIVERIES

*This section will endeavour to show all new liveries / variations or those existing ones where not carried on the stock before. Liveries that become 'extinct' will also be covered. As with names, it may take a while after the livery application before a photo is sourced from members. New liveries may also be shown in other articles. See 33201 & 50035 in **PRESERVATION GALAS**.*



*left & above  
to complete the picture  
....4 of them in fact, with a  
different scene on each  
'corner' of 153333 here are  
the two sides as seen from  
the No.1 original driving  
cab end,  
Westbury, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015  
(Gordon Kirkby)*

following the transfer of 315801-817 to London Overground here are the first and last in their new livery *right* 315801 and *below* 315817 together with the latter's nameplate, which was reported in the June 2015 issue  
Liverpool Street, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015



## Transport for London



*right*  
315836 with  
TFL branding  
Stratford  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
(David Doulton)



*left* FGW have  
started repainting  
Mk3 coaches into a  
new green livery  
ahead of the new  
Great Western  
Franchise, 10594  
and 10219 with the  
latter seen at Totnes  
27<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
(Malcolm Wallace)



*right & below*  
further to the photo of 69202  
from 390002 on p.62 in the  
March 2015 issue here  
additional details of the livery,  
the wings on the cab front of  
69102 (not on 69202) and the  
plaque on each driving car  
Euston 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015



*below* 82114 the latest Mk3  
DVT in Abellio Greater Anglia  
livery was seen arriving at  
Ipswich at 16.05 leading  
1P38 15.00 Liverpool Street  
– Norwich, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
(Keith Partlow)



*right & above middle right*  
further to the photo of 69151  
from 390151 on p.53 of the  
April 2015 issue here is the  
other driving car 69251 with  
additional branding on the  
nose and trailer first 69651  
promoting the International  
Festival for Business 2016,  
Eglinton Street Jct  
(Glasgow), 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
(Iain Gardiner)



*right*

158798 in another new advertising livery, The Springboard Opportunity Group replacing the Gunwharf Quays livery seen in the January 2015 issue, Southampton, 11.06 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Norman Smith)



*below*

170208 in a promotional livery applied in July 2013 but never previously illustrated...better late than never, Ely, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Colin James)



*left*

21445 the driving car of one of two LT 'S' stock 7 car sets that have been wrapped, similar to C1378s, with a livery denoting wrapping paper with the slogan 'This is one of 191 trains we're unwrapping' Farrington, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015





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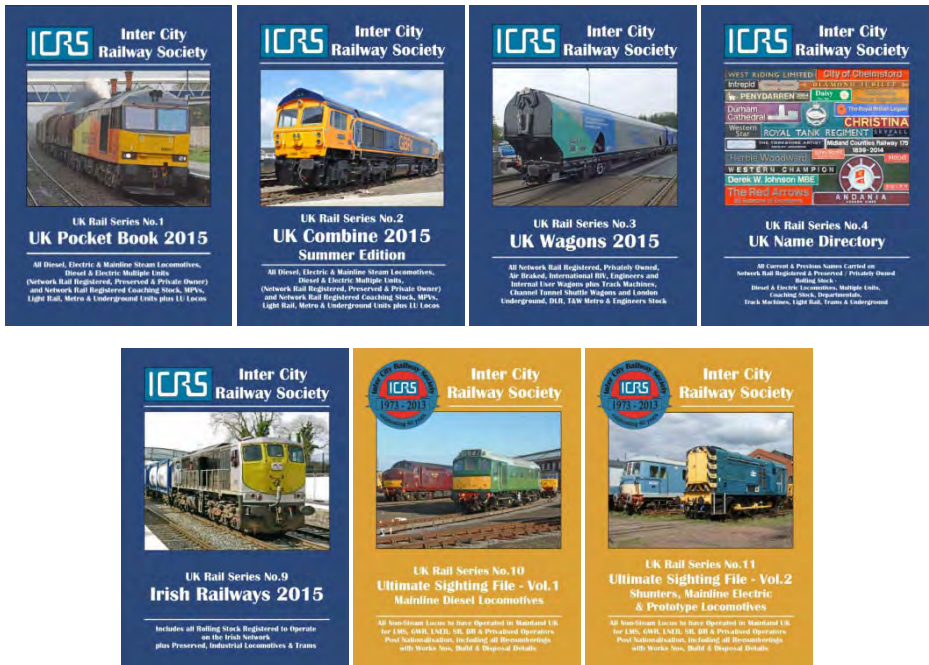
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