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Front Cover Photo: Following a repaint into DBC corporate red livery, aptly numbered 66100 has been named 'Armistice 100 1918-2018' to commemorate the ending of WWI and is seen the day after Remembrance Day at Manchester Piccadilly on 4O21 Trafford Park - Southampton Western Docks, (09.30) 12th November 2018 (Harold Hull)

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SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

Editor's Comments: Having got through one crisis I hit another as out of the blue the eyesight in my right eye deteriorated requiring emergency laser treatment to repair a retinal tear but leaving me with floaters and is now yet another issue going forward with the strain of constant computer work. This has yet again caused a two week delay in producing **TRACKS** for which I have had more stuff submitted than I could fit in, so held over until the December issue which will be hot on the heels of this packed one. The delay however did allow me to use, almost to the day, a very appropriate photo of 66100 to commemorate 100 years since the end of WWI.

One ongoing issue that would take the strain off my poor old eyes is the correct submission of photos. Many do it right or nearly right so thanks and I have tolerated incorrect submissions up to a point with some long standing contributors but when the advice is clearly available it appears new members or new contributors are not reading it. If you want a photo in **TRACKS** please put a bit of effort into it. I quite often do additional research to add to the photo but the basic info should all be supplied. Can I once again please ask all those providing photos to follow my advice on naming which is on the **PHOTOS** page of the website and with info provided to new members. Each photo needs a descriptive **file name** not the title or a caption as even if you correctly format these as described it doesn't help me as I can only see this when hovering over the photo once downloaded. This can't be copied and pasted so I have to retype making it even longer than copying a description from the email. If the photo is simply 'named' as jmage, 001, DSC_xxxx or IMG_xxxx etc it is annoying and I hope you can all see that. Half the work in editing **TRACKS** is dealing with photos and my time re-naming should be eliminated when you can do it for me. Can new contributors in particular please also send photos to the Editor, no-one else.

Please note we have started with the biodegradable bags which are actually made from starch so are compostable and as such should be discarded with your food waste or ordinary waste depending on your waste collection. They do not go in recycling.

Our second visit to WCR Carnforth was another hit with those who braved the conditions as it rained most of the day in the aftermath of Storm Callum. Also because of the ongoing Northern strikes, some had to cancel and others had their plans thwarted, only heroically getting to Carnforth by forking out for taxis from Lancaster !! The storm also put paid to my attendance as the long drive south on the Friday would have been too hazardous.

Books / Sundries: The original **UK Pocket Book** (with spine) has almost sold out but we still have the more up to date wire bound **Summer Ed**.

Membership Matters: New Members: (14)

(* ex-members re-joined) (AFC – Additional Family Child, AFA – Additional Family Adult) Graeme Brockie (Bonnyrigg), Philip Brown (Wokingham), Tony Calderbank* (Wigton), Alan Dagnall (Sheffield), David Dew (Stourbridge), Craig Jones (Garden City), Frank Looker (Carnforth), Jo Looker (AFA) (Carnforth), Andrew Murray (Hadleigh), Nigel Needham (Horsham), Ian O'Donnell (Derby), Dan Perrett* (Bristol), Christine Sainsbury (AFA) (St Helens), Ben Spires (Carlisle) - a warm welcome to vou all.

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Next issue: Dec (making 10 issues for 2018)

The latest date for articles / info for the Dec 2018 issue is Friday 30th November 2018 with delivery to members after Friday 14th December 2018 please check the TRACKS page on the website for date of posting from the printers

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EVENTS

All 2019 events organised, either confirmed or with provisional dates are shown below. Further events may be added in due course between issues of **TRACKS** so keep an eye on our website. **PLEASE DO NOT** try to book places for Members Only Visits with provisional dates shown by TBC until they are formalised or where the event though confirmed is many months in advance with details yet to be provided. Once they have, **BOOKING OPEN** will be shown alongside and a request will be made for you to book your place.

Please note that there is no excuse for booking then not notifying us you cannot then attend or have been delayed travelling on the day, genuine reasons apart. As with events where numbers need to be accurately known by the hosts for a tour, food or room capacity this is not acceptable. We have tried to ease the official's organising burden and saving you money in postage by allowing members to pay on the day, but this can be abused as it can be then seen as nothing to lose if you can't be bothered to turn up. We still wish to save time and your money, so we will still try to allow payment on the day but for those who do not turn up and do not have the courtesy to contact us at the time or afterwards will not be welcome to book future tours without a non-returnable payment up front.

We dropped the idea of providing our bank details in **TRACKS** again as it seems no sooner than we publish these that we get spurious direct debits appear on the Society bank account. It happened before so if it is a member then that is extremely disappointing. If anyone wants to pay for anything up front then we can provide the bank details on request.

We cannot accept bookings by letter only, as there is no way to quickly contact you if plans have to be amended at short notice.

MEMBERS ONLY VISITS

West Coast Railways, Carnforth: New dates for 2019: BOOKING OPEN Sat 26th Jan FULL*, 11th May FULL* & 10th Aug 7 SPACES LEFT:

(* Reserve lists in operation, from 2018 trips we did have late cancellations)

Following our successful first visit in August 2018 we have organised 3 more for 2019. Again the places are limited to 30 but this is the right number having experienced it firsthand as it allowed questions to be asked of our guide and prevented getting in each other's way...well not too much!! The cost is £20 payable on the day.

For the **Jan** visit and due to a shorter day meet at Carnforth Station at 10.35 for a 11.00 start. For the **May & Aug** visits meet at 11.25 for an 11.45 start. The tour will take approx. 3 to 3½ hours so **if you are travelling by train please arrange your return accordingly. Needing to leave early caused problems but we got away with it once and we don't want to risk future visits**. There is paid parking at the station or free spaces can be found nearby.

Hi-viz, sturdy footwear and hard hat / bump cap must be worn. We have stocks of hi-viz vests and bump caps to purchase so contact Trevor for more details. All photos taken are for private use ONLY, no public display either online, in magazines or via social media.

Bookings will be taken as soon as you read this by whatever means, but it is not first come first served to be fair to those who missed out on the first two visits and the majority of members that will only read this a fortnight after those receiving a pdf version. As we found by trial and error for the first two visits we don't need to do a lottery but the final list for each date will be juggled to allow everyone's preference to be catered for so please be patient. There is plenty of time to make travel plans / book accommodation if needs be. Those on the waiting list will get first pick. If you can't make any of the

dates then you can be put on a reserve list either for cancellations or future visits. If you want to be on a reserve list for the 3 dates in the event of a cancellation then make sure you will be available. We actually had two cancellations for the Aug 2018 visit, one at a late stage and no-one on the reserve list was available for this, but it was filled by a new member.

Please apply to Tony Whitehead clearly stating your name, membership number, and importantly a contact telephone number and indicate your preference / availability for the dates shown. Email is best and he will respond asap. Email: anthw884@gmail.com or by Tel: 07895 386777 but no calls after 20.45 in the evening please as he will be in bed early as he has to be up for work at 04.30 each morning. Best time to ring is after 18.30 weekdays and weekends. Though Tony does not have an answerphone he will return your tel. call promptly if your number is recorded as a missed call, so don't panic. Only if you consistently have any trouble contacting Tony or he hasn't responded after several days then in the last resort contact Trevor or Christine (details on page 2).

FL Basford Hall Yd / Crewe Arms Hotel – Sat 6th April 2019: BOOKING OPEN

Our AGM is to be held again at the Crewe Arms Hotel following a visit to Basford Hall Yard. The trip around Basford Hall Yard starts at 13.00 from the Freightliner main office at the southern end of the access road. Please do not dawdle along the access road taking numbers as you will see them three times on the visit or on the way back. The cost for the visit is £15 payable on the day.

Please apply to Tony Whitehead as per details above for Carnforth. Hi-viz vests required

Following the visit there will be food at the Crewe Arms Hotel at 14.30 with the AGM starting whilst we eat at 14.45. We should be able to finish no later than 17.00 if not earlier, so trains can be caught. Please let the Secretary, Christine know if you are attending (contact details on page 2), independently of Tony, so that food can be organised. Merchandise can be bought at the AGM but for those not attending some will be available from Chris in the car at Basford Hall.

Eastleigh Works: Sat 14th Sep 2019: Date confirmed but booking not yet open.

PRESERVATION GALAS (to be attended with our sales stand) nothing planned

OPEN DAYS (to be attended with our sales stand)

Ramsgate Depot Open Day - Sat 16th Mar 2019

We were approached at the DRS Open Day about attending a Ramsgate Depot Open Day which has been confirmed though no firm details as yet. Possible traction includes steam. Watch this space.

OTHER EVENTS (to be attended with our sales stand)

Warley National Model Exhibition – Sat 24th-Sun 25th Nov 2018

FRANCHISE / NETWORK NEWS

The first 6 car ScotRail Inter7City HST set (as per photo on p76 of the October 2018 issue) started operating with converted coaches on the 15th October between Edinburgh and Aberdeen.

KeolisAmey took over operation of the Wales & Borders franchise from ATW on the 15th October 2018 under the Transport for Wales (TfW) brand. Stock is to receive a new white & red livery. TfW has taken up an option to order a further 4 Cl.769 Flex B-Mode EMUs.

One of the unfortunate disadvantages of changing to electrification is that loss of power or damage to OHL stops services, as happened on the GWML on the 16th October 2018 when the pantograph of 802016 brought down power lines near Ealing. This caused problems in and out of Paddington until mid-day on the 17th October 2018...one problem that wouldn't have happened with old technology!! Following recent severe delays, GWR is considering deploying Thunderbird locos now as per other electrified lines, as EMU failures cannot easily be moved as was the case with HSTs.

Cl.230 introduction onto the Marston Vale line for LMR has been delayed until the start of 2019.

TPE is delaying introduction of its loco hauled services until 2019 due to onboard technical issues with Mk5a coaches.

EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT

by **Norman Smith** (Photos by **Carl Watson** unless shown otherwise) for the period from 1st – 31st October 2018

Locos:

03/10 37254 t&t DBSO 9708 came in with a NR test train. 37254 received an exam and after completion they both left for Reading Triangle Sidings the next day.

4/10 47812 took 37901 to Leicester LIP (see below)



- 4/10 59003 came in for a repair and left for Westbury 5 days later.
- 7/10 60095 left for Doncaster Roberts Rd.
- 18/10 66741 came in for an exam and left the next day. It was also in briefly on the 30th.
- 18/10 73213 left for St. Leonards.
- 18/10 66775 brought in Translator Set T7 64664/64707 from Tonbridge West Yard.
- 19/10 66775 took Translator Set T5 ADB 975974/978, to Doncaster Works Wagon Shops.
- 22/10 37099 t&t 37254 were on and off site with a NR test train before leaving for Tonbridge West Yard three days later.
- 29/10 47815 made an appearance in its new ROG livery (see below on the 1st Nov). It was named 'Lost Boys68-88' (previously carried by 56098) at Crewe on the 2nd November.



31/10 47812 brought in 47813 from Leicester LIP

Units:

24/10 444040/450113 left site.

25/10 37601 took 442402/442419 to Bournemouth Depot. They left as 4-car units as their motor coaches have been stored.

26/10 442404 brought in 442408 from Bournemouth Depot in revised SWR livery (see below).



Siemens Units receiving mods during the month: 444020/025/027, 450015/078/080/103/122/125



above coupled up together 51388 + 59486 + 51356 the 3 car Cl.117 for SWR, 19th October

Coaches:

Riviera Trains stock moves for this period, including loco:

19/10 66055 UK Railtours "The Man Of Steel" (returned by 66060)

OTP:

5/10 MPV DR98914/64 was on and off site working railhead treatment train duties during the weekend. Due to engineering in the local area it was not able to work off Totton Yard where it was based. It did the same again the following weekend.

24/10 MPV DR98924/74 came in for an Exam and left the same day.

30/10 MPV DR98914/64 came in for an Exam and left the same day.

Underground: Movement of LUL Wagons for this period.

Arrivals: JLE16 (see below) /JLE18/JLE19 Departures:JLE16/JLE18/JLE19/ L133/254/276





Wagons: Wagon Trips in/out during October were:

5/10 DBC out 4039/41/50/52/58/59/67, 4119/26/39

8/10 66955 brought in 370021/110/112/130/154/180/196/224/242/243 from York Yard South

11/10 FL in 93443 FL out 92617/42

18/10 66538 brought in 370071/075/077/088/126/137/160/174/175/185/192/204/209/210/213/249 from York Yard South (see opposite top)

19/10 DBC in 87.4333.027-8/071-6, 8.74384.025-4/030-4/039-5/041-1 DBC out 503138, 640918/922

25/10 59003 took 70.6791.001-0/002-8/007-7/008-5/010-1/017-6/019-2/027-5/053-1/058-0/062-2/084-6/085-3/086-1/089-5/092-9 to Hexthorpe Yard

FL in 93349/442 FL out 92613, 93403/444



Scrapped on site by Raxstar during the month: 370021/071/075/077/088/110/112/126/130/137/154/160/174/175/180/185/192/196/204/209/210/213/224/242/243/249

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Authorisation of new IETs has been suspended due to safety concerns over the inter carriage electrical connections which form a 'ladder' so allowing access to the roof. This can be clearly seen in the photo right of 800307 at Hitachi, Newton Aycliffe. This is another identifiable design flaw that should have been dealt with earlier now means no more new sets will be allowed into traffic until a solution is found. This will probably have the effect of delaying introduction of IETs into service with

LNER on the ECML until 2019. All GWR sets will have to retro fitted with whatever solution is found

An assessment by Porterbrook of the engineering capability to convert a Cl.350 into a battery / electric bi-mode has proven positive. The Cl.350 is the most reliable unit in the UK so could be enhanced by this conversion that would allow it to perform on non-electrified routes where DMUs or diesel trains currently operate. With the Cl.350/2s coming off-lease in 2020 from WMR, there is a potential new market for them alongside the other bi-mode Cl.769 (ex-Cl.319s) being developed.

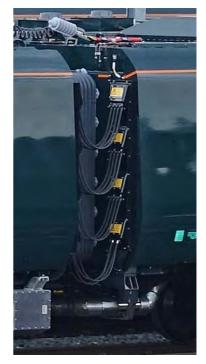
ROG is considering ordering 10 Cl.93 Tri-Mode locos similar to Cl.88 but with additional battery option and with multiple coupling options to allow compatibility with all existing stock.

The first two converted CI.769 Flex Bi-Mode EMUs 769434/56 have been testing on the GCR.

The Cl.385 fleet were temporarily removed from service by ScotRail on the 5th October 2018 after a brake issue was identified but were reinstated on the 13th October 2018.

Hull Trains services were badly disrupted during October after various technical issues affected their fleet of 4 CL 180s

Network Rail has requested the European Commission to stop the proposed merger of Alstom and Siemens on the grounds it will remove competition and place 93% of the signalling in the UK into the hands of one company.



RAIL TOUR PHOTO SPOT



above 4-6-2 60103 'FLYING SCOTSMAN' was seen passing Abbots Ripon on the Steam Dreams London King's Cross - York 'Farewell Alan Pegler' rail tour, 13th October 2018 (Toby Radziszewski) Alan prior to his death on 18th March 2012 had requested his ashes were 'scattered' in the firebox of 60103 and this wish was finally realised on the climb of Stoke Bank by his daughter Penny Vaudoyer



three day LSL Statesman Rail 1Z22 'Lord of the Isles' Milton Keynes – Inverness rail tour above 1733 (47853) + D1924 (47810) 1211/3229/3231/3312/3348/3438/9479/17159/80043 passing Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed at 14.04 on the first day, 27th October 2018 (Gareth Patterson) below D1924 (47810) + 1733 (47853) departing Aviemore at 09.40, passing stabled Tamper DR 73915 on the third day, 29th September 2018 (Alan Jones)





above 57314 + 47854 passing Ely at 16.08 on a positioning move for the following day's WCR Spirit of the Lakes 1Z15 Peterborough - Carlisle, 19th October 2018 (Toby Radziszewski)



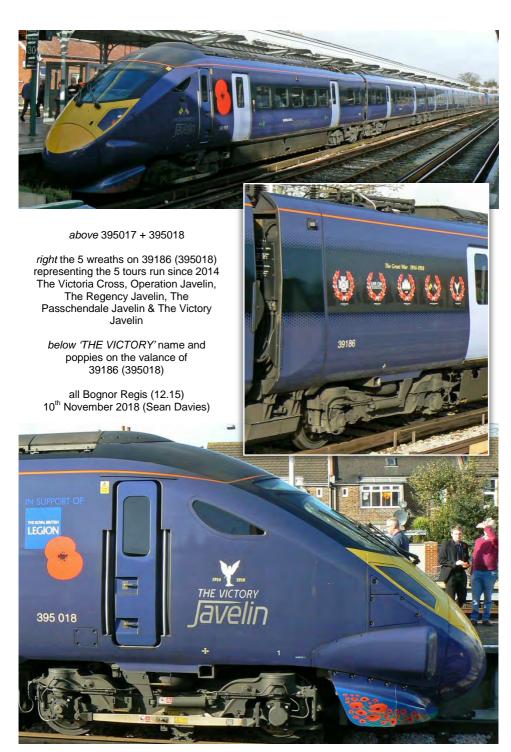
above 57601 (recently re-liveried & named) t&t 57314 passed Waterbeach at 11.16 on WCR Spirit of the Lakes 1Z10 Cambridge – Bridlington, 6th October 2018 (Toby Radziszewski)



SRPS Railtours ran a tour from Linlithgow – Inverness on the 27th October 2018. 37403 substituted for the planned 37025 which had been failed on the 24th October with smoke in the cab. However 37403 itself ran into trouble on it journey falling 28 mins behind by Perth and overheating whilst climbing Drumochter Summit resulting in being 43 mins down on arrival at Dalwhinnie where it 'cooled' down for 43 mins before continuing. With the return journey in one of the last paths south before an engineering possession began north of Perth, it was decided not to risk 37403. 67003 was therefore substituted departing at 18.02, arriving just 2 mins late at Linlithgow at 22.32.

SET 395018 + 395017 broke new ground on the 10th November 2018 with UK Railtours 1Z85 'The Victory Javelin' London St Pancras International - Southampton Central. 395018 had been named 'THE VICTORY' matching 'PASSCHENDALE' on 395017. This is the fifth tour since 2014 marking each year of WWI.





PRESERVATION PHOTO SPOT: GALAS I

Gervase Orton managed to get about an hour at the North Norfolk Autumn Steam Gala on Saturday, 13th October 2018. It was a beautiful, very warm and sunny day *(compare that to Carnforth, ed!!)* but the later date meant deeper shadows and higher vegetation. Trains were running about 15 to 20 minutes late between 13 15 and 1 15



ACCIDENT NEWS

On the 12th September 2018 4L22 14.35 Hams Hall – Felixstowe derailed on departure with 7 of the 32 container wagons coming off the rails. Two FEA Bogie Flats tipped over on their sides including FEA 640674.

RHTT GALLERY

Thanks to all for your RHTT recordings which show a variety of the different circuits and locos / units used. I had so many there are more to follow in the December issue.



(16.16) 26th October 2018 (Toby Radziszewski)



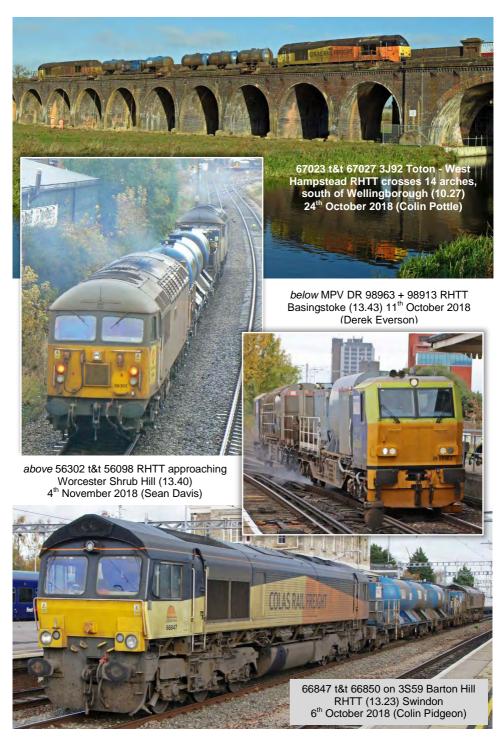
above 66176 t&t 66188 passing Hitchin at 14.00 on a RHTT circuit that starts from Peterborough and covers the GN line to London including the Hertford branch and the Cambridge line to Royston, 16th October 2018 (Malcolm Castell)



above 66522 (repainted from its long held two-tone green Shanks livery) t&t 66510 3J04 Amersham - Marylebone RHTT passes Rickmansworth (08.38) 20th October 2018 (Colin Pottle)



above 37606 was summoned from Stowmarket to rescue 37038 t& 57303 on 3S60 09.03 Stowmarket
 Stowmarket RHTT seen running 77 minutes late at Ipswich, 3rd November 2018 (Keith Partlow)



TRAFFIC & TRACTION NEWS

October 1

43366 arrived at York at 10.52 on the late running (81 mins) 1V52 07.00 Edinburgh Waverley – Birmingham New St, via Plymouth (photo at end)

43014 t&t 43013 arrived at York at 11.17, on the late running (74 mins) 1Q07 08.39 Heaton T&RSMD – Cambridge CSD NR test train (photo at end)

43050 t&t 43075 was seen at York at 13.39 on 1Y86 14.02 York - London King's Cross (Colin James)



October 7

66536 + 66587 passed Devils Dyke on the Newmarket branch at 10.53 (photo at end)

October 8

66765 + 66776 + 66760 + JNAs 81.70.5500.026-6, 289-0 & 252-8 4Z84 approaching Peterborough Maintenance shed at 09.57 from Wellingborough (Colin Pottle)

October 9

442406 + 442404 passed Eastleigh at 17.05 on 5Z10 Bournemouth T&RSMD - Bournemouth T&RSMD via Winchester & Portsmouth Harbour (photo at end)

October 10

4-6-0 44871 + 99035 stopped at Winchfield at 13.30 on Southall - SWR for water but there was no tank so after a few phone calls it went on its way hoping for water further on (Derek Everson)



October 11

66718 passed Ely at 17.02 (Toby Radziszewski)



October 12

37612 was seen at Cambridge on a NR test train at 09.00 (Andrew Turnidge)



90006 was seen at Norwich on a London King's Cross service (Andrew Turnidge)



October 13

68018 + 68002 pause at Carnforth at 10.07 on 6K73 Sellafield - Crewe (Colin Pottle)



66077 passed Humble Lane, Cossington at 17.07 on 16.32 Toton - Corby (Ian Briggs



37607 + 37612 passed Whittlesea at 09.55 on a test train (photo at end)

October 15

68002 + 68018 passed Flint at 15.39 on 6K41 Valley - Crewe flasks (lan Costello)



October 20 150249 approaching Falmouth Docks at 09.49 (Paul Baker)



70805 + 70801 passed Doncaster light engine from Barnetby – Doncaster Decoy Yard (Andrew Turnidge)



66031 was seen shunting 6B52 from Llanwern at Swindon at 10.50 (Colin Pidgeon)



October 23 70817 passed Ely at 14.46 (Toby Radziszewski)



66613 passed Hoo Jnct at 12:56 on Grain Oil Terminal - Colnbrook BAA Logistics (David Berg)



October 24

66789 passed Walsall at 13.53 on the Cliffe Hill Stud Farm – Bescot Up Engineers Sdgs (Peter Davis)



37409 + 37407 passed North Fen at 11.25 (Toby Radziszewski



October 25 43058 t&t 43045 departed Doncaster at 14.21 (Toby Radziszewski)



October 26

60062 passed Swindon at 14.09 on 7B12 Merehead - Wotton Bassett. This train is normally worked by a Mendip Rail 59 or DB 59/2 or 66 so this is one of the rare occasions of it being worked by a Cl.60 (Colin Pidgeon)



66192 on 11.49 Peak Forest Cemex -Peterborough West Yard, re-routed along the up fast, passed 66055 at 15.13 on a ballast train for works on the slow lines, at Barrow on Soar (lan Briggs)



October 31

60007 passed Didcot at 14.08 on 6B33 Theale Murco – Robeston Sdgs tanks (Spencer Conquest)



November 1

37099 t&t 37175 passed Swindon at 11.45 on 1Z23 Bristol Temple Meads - Tyseley NR test train, Swindon (photo at end)













NARROW GAUGE PHOT SPOT



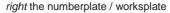
above Double Fairlie 0-4-4-0T 'DAVID LLOYD GEORGE' built 1992 being serviced, Porthmadog, Ffestiniog Railway (15.01) 25th September 2018 (Alan Jones)

PRESERVATION PHOTO SPOT: STEAM



Caledonian Railway 0-4-4T 419 (15189, 55189) returned to service at Bo'ness on BKR in late October 2018 after a 9 year overhaul. It was taken out of service at the end of the 2009 season briefly painted

in BR black livery as 55189. Withdrawn in September 1962 it was bought by SRPS in March 1964 and has been a regualr stalwart for the Railway ever since. The photos shows its public return during the three day Steam Gala featuring 0-6-0 828 visiting from STP (see below), 2nd November 2018





above 0-4-4T 419 + 0-6-0 828 Bo'ness, BKR, 2nd November 2018 in contrasting shades of Caledonian blue, these are two out of three surviving Caledonian Railway locos and the only two working and not trapped in a Museum as is the third, 4-2-2 123 in the Riverside Museum, Glasgow

RAIL TOUR NEWS

The following report compliments the two photos already featured on p29 in the October 2018 issue.

Out of the Ordinary Railtour, 20th- 23rd Sep 2018 by Sean Davies:

Apart from the now annual Great Britain multi day tour, this charity rail tour organised by GBRf has to be second longest in mileage at 1700 miles and lasting four days. Some rare lines and plenty of different loco haulage was what attracted me to the tour as well as helping the charities chosen by GBRf, Headway and Macmillan Cancer Support.

I like GBRf, their celebrity locos are always worth hunting down and photographing. So this tour was a must for me and I dragged the other half along as well. We plumped for the full works package, first class with dining. This was a wise move as the standard carriages apparently resembled a jungle by the end of the tour, four days pretty much trapped on a train can change people. So we had relative luxury on soft seats and a table for two. The stock comprised 21272, 3097, 3098, 80042, 3147, 3119, 3149, 3121, 1651, 4991, 4949 7 4998.

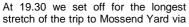
So on the 20th September we set out from Victoria on time at 09.39 behind appropriately 66782 t&t 73961 + 73963, heading to Salisbury via South London lines then onto a photo stop at Westbury (see 66782 above at 12.24). From there it was onto Bristol and Cardiff Tidal Sidings.

We had been due to visit Celsa Works for CI.08 haulage but for some unknown / unannounced reason Celsa withdrew the offer, shame on them. We instead got 66766 as extra traction for a short trip down the line. Returning from South Wales we made our way back to London via Gloucester, Swindon and Didcot. Here we gained 87002 (see above at 21.17) for the first run into Brunel's masterpiece, London Paddington by an AC electric loco.

After a much needed night in a hotel, we were off again for Day 2, the 21st September, departing London Euston at 07.06 behind 20311 + 20132 (see above right at 06.47) t&t 66728. I have a soft spot for the Cl.20's so was delighted with their inclusion. Also today my wishes were fulfilled as we travelled to Wellingborough Yard via Bletchley and Bedford and from there to Tonbridge Yard via Luton, St

Albans, Barnes, Gravesend and Maidstone. These were all new lines for me. The locos all ran superbly and there were more Cl.73's on show in Tonbridge Yard. In fact we swapped the 66728 for another pair of 73's in the form of 73107 + 73141 (see below at 15.13).

Mid afternoon saw us make our way back to London Waterloo via Swanley, Brixton, Willesden Jnct to Kensington Olympia arriving 17.29 where we had a one hour break for a welcome leg stretch. The set meanwhile went off for servicing. On its return we boarded again for the short hop to London Waterloo for another break of 30 minutes. Now for those with no dining option, this was their last chance to stack up on provisions. You've never seen so many people rush so much.





Blackpool North. We've done a couple of trips on the sleeper before now, but never overnight in normal seating so the table did allow us to stretch out a bit, though no chance of any kip. We travelled the usual route up the WCML but due to the time of year, it was dark within 30 mins of us setting off. This was a pity, so not much to see, though we did go through Basford Hall Sidings at Crewe, so got a few numbers there. At Preston we were joined by 92033 for the run to Blackpool North, another first now that it's got electrification and another new bit of line for me. Sadly though, as it was about 01.00 I couldn't get a decent photo in the dark. From Blackpool we returned to the WCML and onto Mossend Yard, where we bid farewell to 92033 and hello to 56113 at around 04.00 on Day 3. Remember we had now been on the train for over 24 hours now with not much in the way of ablutions!

From Mossend we took the classic rail journey to Fort William. We'd done the line a couple of times before, but you can't beat it, stunning. We had the Cl.56 leading and Cl.73s at the back. On arrival at 10.58 in the Highland terminus we were met by two Caledonian Sleeper 73s resting between duties. So four Cl.73s at Fort William. Is that a first ?...probably, ed. Again at Fort William the 1000m rail enthusiast dash took place to replenish food and drink, the local Wetherspoons had never had so many customers. We left Fort William early afternoon for the long journey back to Glasgow. But this being the Out of the Ordinary tour we went via Cumbernauld, Dalmeny, the Forth Bridge (twice), Edinburgh Waverley, and Falkirk. We arrived at Glasgow Central shortly before midnight. What a journey! Here passengers disembarked for their relative hotels for a short stay. Luckily we were booked into the Grand Central Hotel on the station.

Day 4, the 23rd September, began at 07.00 and weary faces all round were greeted by the news that our planned trip to Paisley Canal had been cancelled by NR. Why, who knows? This was another shame as I need this bit of line. A quick alternative was found and now with 47749 in tow we did a little round trip back to Glasgow Central. Now we were on the way back to London Paddington, via Carlisle, Crewe, Shrewsbury, Coventry and Princes Risborough. At Carlisle we swapped 47749 for double headed 86639 + 86637, still with 73141 + 73107 on the back. Arriving at Crewe at 14.31 the 86's returned to their Freightliner depot and were replaced with 50007 + 50049 which departed at 15.00 taking us all the way back to London Paddington arriving at 20.28 in time to see the Riviera sleeper.

So ended a journey and a half.

The pros of the trip were; a great bunch of fellow travellers, the volunteer GBRf stewards were super, we saw a lot of locos, we did some new lines and finally helped out charities as well.

The cons were; it was tiring, the catering could have been better and we could have done with more leg stretches and photo stops. I'd have preferred loco changes to have taken place at stations rather than in yards and I wish the tour had taken place in the summer, as so much was lost due to shorter daylight hours. Our option was also costly having to pay for hotels on top. If GBRf can get hold of some of the soon to be redundant sleeper stock to tag onto the rake, then we'd be laughing. Would I do it again...oh yes!

INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS

Misc News:

The refurbished Derby Station fully re-opened on the 8th October 2018.

The 30 year wait for a four track railway to be reinstated between Bristol Temple Meads and Filton Abbey Wood has almost reached fruition with 4½ miles of track quadrupling nearing completion. Track is now in place with final connections, new crossovers and signalling installed during mid November. In addition a fourth platform has been constructed on the western side of Filton Abbey Wood Station served by one of the newly reinstated tracks, the third track already exists as a loop into platform 3.



above a new fourth platform at Filton Abbey Wood with ramp to the existing footbridge, 14th September 2018 (Paul Normanton)

below looking north from Church Road towards Ducie Road bridge, the track has now been laid through Lawrence Hill, 31st October 2018 (Paul Normanton)



Electrification on the Stirling to Dunblane and Alloa routes was energised on the 4th November 2018 with Cl.365/385s operating the initial services.

Running under the wires has been extended from Didcot to Swindon.

Work has commenced on building a new station at Robroyston between Stepps and Springburn

The Selby to Hull re-signalling is to be finally commissioned over the final weekend of November 2018

An 11 day blockade started on the 20th October 20187 to re-model and re-signal Reedham Jnct.

After 5 years in the planning, work to create a new 'dive-under' is shortly to start at Werrington Jnct north of Peterborough. This will remove congestion and increase capacity on the ECML by allowing trains to cross from west to east of the ECML to access the GN&GE route to Spalding. The Stamford lines will be slewed either side of the existing alignment which will be reformed as a gradient to carry the new 'dive-under' tracks. The precast tunnel box will be slid under the ECML but will require a nine day closure. The project is planned to take 3 years to complete with full working of the new Jnct in 2021.

Work to amend 100 platforms on the Merseyrail network has begun ahead of the introduction of new trains in 2020.

Public consultation on long term redevelopment for the 350 acre site of Ironbridge PS include proposals to either use the existing railway in either a heritage or commuter capacity. The truncated PS track, which originally ran on a southerly route to Shrewsbury, joins the Wolverhampton – Shrewsbury mainline at Madeley Jnct to the southeast of Telford Station. Telford Steam Railway (TSR) has also indicated it wishes to extend its line south to the former Lightmoor Jnct which will involve a bridge over the A4169. This would potentially bring 100,000 visitors into the area and the World Heritage Site of Ironbridge Gorge. The top photo below shows the PS looking south from Coalbrookdale Road heading to Little Wenlock.

Re-building of Wolverhampton station has commenced with initial demolition on the 28th September 2018. The new station will fully open in 2020.



above as reported in the October 2018 issue here are the new sidings for IETs, Tyne Yard, 4th November 2018 with 325009 to the right

NARROW GAUGE MATTERS

0-4-0T 8 'DOUGAL' from the Welshpool & Llanfair Railway has left the UK on a 6 month visit to Taiwan, departing at the end of September. This is a new co-operation agreement with Taiwan Sugar Corp (Taisugar) from whom WLR bought its Diema diesel No.17 in 2004. Though in working order boiler work is needed, hence why 'DOUGAL' has not worked since 2013 and it is hoped this can be carried out whilst in Taiwan as there is little capacity to carry these out in the near future in the UK.

OPEN DAY REPORT

King's Heath Depot (Siemens), Northampton by Paul Normanton:

I attended the Siemens Kings Heath Open Day at Northampton on Saturday 13th October 2018. Situated about a mile from Northampton station, the complex also houses the National Training Academy (see bottom) which was also open to view, Tickets were by application only and this was

one of the most organised open days I have ever attended with timed entry slots to avoid overcrowding, bag searches on entry, an extremely high number of official volunteers all easily identifiable. marshalling offering people. help. giving directions and information. weather stayed kind which was a very pleasant surprise. There were ample food and drink opportunities and guided tours around various sites within the depot and training academy. The staff on hand were knowledgeable and friendly and visitors were given the opportunity to walk underneath a raised Cl.350 viewing from the underframe. We were shown the technology of how the universal toilets operate, the power operated external plug doors, new 'smart' passenger



information screens and a mock up of a Cl.707 driving cab. There was a computerised driver simulator room and a host of technological devices used to train fitters on fault finding missions etc.



Situated in the depot complex were 11 LMR Cl.350s and a couple of Cl.319s in the yard. The entire event was typical of a Siemens open day, well organised, well thought out, full of interest and well worth the visit.

RAILWAY GLOBETROTTERS

Festival de Vapeur, Baie de Somme Rly, France - Update: A report of the 2016 festival was featured in the September 2016 issue of **TRACKS** and I mentioned that it was only held every three years. I had planned another visit in 2019 but it has been cancelled and will now be held in 2021 to celebrate fifty years since the opening of the railway.

DAYS OUT

South Yorkshire / Humberside by Colin James:

I spent 3 days in the South Yorkshire / Humberside area from Monday 8th – Wednesday 10th October 2018. The first day was at Doncaster, with the second and third days following the same pattern, morning pictures at Whitley Bridge before moving to Melton Ross. Doncaster can be a frustrating station to photograph freight on as with numerous routes available, you can't always be in the right place all the time.



above 08669 shunting wagons in the West Yard, 8th October 2018

Doncaster was the usual mix of passenger services run by LNER, XC, Northern, TPE, EMT, GC & Hull Trains. All of the big freight companies were present covering the freight and infrastructure trains, GBRf having the biggest presence. There was just the one Hitachi IET on test and ROG also put in an appearance with an HST stock move from Ely to Eastfield.



above 90018 in platform 1 Doncaster at 09.15 on 1A19 09.48 Leeds - King's Cross LNER service. 8th October 2018

Passenger services were disrupted in the morning with a major signalling failure affecting the Leeds line. London services to/from Leeds were being terminated and started from Doncaster (see above),

before the problem was fixed. Passengers were being advised to travel to York for services to Leeds and Wakefield! Hull Trains services were also starting / terminating at Doncaster with tickets being accepted on LNER services to London.



above 3 generations and different classes of unit, DEMU 220025, Bi-mode 800201 & DMU 158784 (14.19) Doncaster, 8th October 2018

67028 was the thunderbird and this did take a trip out in the afternoon, when a London – Leeds ran into difficulties at Retford, this eventually arrived 60 mins late, with 67028 following light engine, ultimately un-used.



above 66718 northbound on 6N35 14.20 Doncaster Down Decoy - Port Clarence oil tanks Doncaster, (14.28) 8th October 2018

Whitley Bridge is much quieter these days, so I visited in the mornings for the inbound GBRf Cl.60 worked biomass from Tyne Dock, before moving to Melton Ross where it is still a little bit busier. Tuesday's services were affected by a derailment at Sheffield and a security alert at Lincoln Central, causing delays and cancellations to passenger and freight services. The DRS RHTT to Grimsby didn't run on Tuesday after both Cl.20s failed earlier in the day. Wednesday's services ran much better to time without the same issues.



above eastbound at 09.32 on 6E56 06.22 Tunstead Sidings - Drax PS loaded limestone, Whitley Bridge, 9^{th} October 2018



above 66787 eastbound at 11.46 on 4R79 10.09 Doncaster Decoy - Immingham HIT empty coal train, Melton Ross, 9^{th} October 2018



above 66783 westbound at 11.59 on 6B72 11.45 Immingham - West Burton PS loaded coal train, Melton Ross, 9^{th} October 2018



above 70801 eastbound at 14.15 on 6E32 09.08 Ribble Rail (Preston) - Lindsey Oil Refinery empty oil tanks, Melton Ross, 9^{th} October 2018



above 66501 westbound at 16.58 on 6C79 16.39 Immingham - Scunthorpe loaded coal train, Melton Ross, 9^{th} October 2018



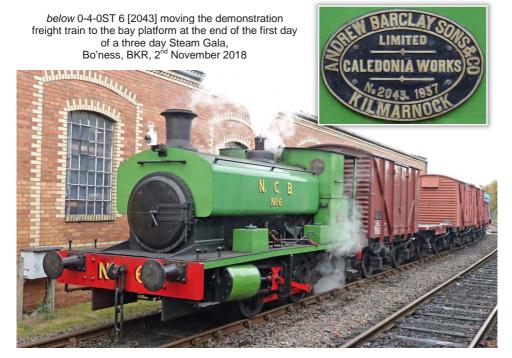
above 60095 eastbound at 09.57 on 6H12 06.24 Tyne Dock - Drax PS loaded biomass, Whitley Bridge, $10^{\rm th}$ October 2018



above 66124 + 60017 eastbound at 13.31 on late running (235 mins, due to the failure of 60017 prior to departure) 6E46 03.49 Kingsbury OT - Lindsey OR empty oil tanks, Melton Ross, 10^{th} October 2018

all photos by Colin James

PRESERVATION PHOTO SPOT: GALAS 2



STOCK MOVES

With so many new stock moves occurring, particularly with various barrier wagons and transfers of stock between operators or into store, I thought it best to start showing these all together as this will become a regular sight over the next few years.



ex-GWR HSTS off lease above 43175 t&t 43124 + 41116/37 on 5L46 St Phillips Marsh – Ely Papworth Sdgs (12.43) 9th October 2018 (Colin Pidgeon)

left 43176 + 43177 passing March at dusk (18.17) 11th October 2018 (Toby Radziszewski)

below 43137 + 43131 on Bristol Temple Meads - Ely Papworth Sdgs, Swindon (12.55) 1st November 2018 (Colin Pidgeon)





PRESERVATION GALAS

Severn Valley Railway (SVR) Cl.50 Golden Jubilee Gala:

This event was attended by several members with reports by Sean Davies & Paul Normanton accompanied by photos by Sean, Paul & Brian Derricote.

by **Sean Davies:** The SVR has always gone the extra mile (and chains) when putting on galas. The Class 50 Golden Jubilee Gala celebrating 50 years of the Cl.50s was no exception. Held from the 4-6th October 2018 this was the largest gathering of Hoovers in preservation, 11 in total, 50007 (one side 50006)/08/15/50017/26/31/33/35/44/49 (one side 50011)/50 in 7 different liveries.



left 50033 in the process of being tagged, Kidderminster Town, 5th October 2018 (Paul Normanton)

Thursday saw a foggy start turn into glorious sunshine appropriately to see 50033 'Glorious' make a welcome return to running thanks to the sterling work from The Class 50 Alliance. Sporting green undercoat it gradually became covered in a display of messages, or tags, as the youngsters say, at £5 a go, in aid of funds for a new paint job.

I spent Thursday in the sunshine in a field well known in SVR photos by Foley Park Tunnel. Here I was able to watch and enjoy a regular procession of passenger and freight trains. 50008 was on ballast train duties and was a fine sight along with 50007, 50015, 50017, 50026,

50031, 50035, 50044, 50049 and 50050. Work prevented me attending Friday, but word was that it was another successful day. I made it back for Saturday but this was by far the worst day weather wise, cold and wet until after lunch.



As an SVR shareholder I got to travel free, which I did on the Saturday. What a difference in weather from the Thursday. It was raining and the temperature had dropped to single figures. This however did not stop another great turnout, proving the CI.50s are still very popular.



All engines performed well except 50026 which had failed Saturday morning so was on static display. It was replaced by 40106. No complaints there from me.

left static 50026, Kidderminster Town, 4th October 2018 (Brian Derricote)

The guided tours of the engine shed were extremely popular and all visits sold out, again generating funds for the alliance.



As someone who got into our hobby in the mid 1980s, the Cl.50s have always been one of my favourite locos...*I got to travel from Birmingham NS to Preston behind double headed examples back in the 70s, ed.* I remember watching them at Worcester on Paddington to Hereford services back in the day, so it's great to have them on my doorstep and shining at this gala.

Comments I heard from visitors were all positive. Well done to all involved in putting on this event, and here's to the next one.



by **Paul Normanton:** SVR was blessed with good weather on the day I was able to visit, Friday the 5th October and an amazingly good turn out with all trains very busy. The rostered diagrams involved 10 out of the 11 Cl.50s with 50026 on static display at Kidderminster Town. 40106 was the standby loco at Kidderminster and 33108 at Highley, although neither were needed as everything ran perfectly and on time, throughout Friday.



There were trade stands and stalls available along the route and most importantly, plenty of food and drink opportunities at each station. I took the opportunity to make my first visit to the engine shed at Highley and it was very impressive, like a mini NRM without the clutter was how I heard one chap describe it! The viewing gallery upstairs is a masterstroke of planning and the ideal place for photography (and eating in between trains!). 50008 was working a ballast train all day Friday (something to do with its braking system not being compatible with the coaching stock apparently) but it worked really well and added to the feel of the railway scene we used to enjoy in our youth.

There was plenty to see in the yard at Bridgnorth, and in total there were 17 steam locos visible at various locations on the railway, not bad for what was meant to be a diesel gala. With diesels 08471, 08635 and 08896, D9551, 33108, 40106, D821, D1013 + 11 class 50s in action, this was without doubt a superb event. Upon leaving and heading to the car park, we also noticed black liveried 12099 in the compound next to the mainline waiting for attention. This event must have been a logistical nightmare to plan and organise, but I am sure the end result will make it seem all worthwhile, as the entire day was a pleasure to attend











STD GAUGE PRESERVATION NEWS

Misc News: The WSR is close between the 2nd January and the 1st April 2019 in order to carry out essential safety improvements following a visit by the Office of Rail & Road (ORR). A follow up visit by the ORR in March hopefully will give the green light to open as planned.

BR Std 2-6-4T 80097 is back in steam for the first time in 53 years. Withdrawn in 1965 it left Woodhams Yard, Barry in May 1985 for the EL, the longest allocation it ever had at 33 years.

With extensive repairs being undertaken at Wansford, NVR since failing on the 14th April 2018, A1 4-6-2 *TORNADO*' has been withdrawn from mainline working until 2019 to allow work to finish and recertification to be satisfactorily achieved following 2 weeks of intensive testing. Sadly this has marred the loco's 10th Anniversary year.

D7018 the second Hymek based at WSR has conducted a test run 23 years after failing in service in August 1995. Not seen this loco since sidelined and one of the few preserved locos not yet photographed so it will be good to see it back in action with the potential of double headed Hymeks to come.

Llangollen Railway (LLR): With the new permanent Corwen Station nearing completion, a new water tower has been erected at the eastern end of the platform. A little further is the newly reconstructed signal box, the top half having being rescued from Weston Rhyn (see below). The 'temporary' station constructed from scaffolding to the east is being dismantled following the last service on the 4th November 2018. Until the new station is commissioned in 2019, date as yet unspecified, services will revert to stopping at Carrog. With signalling to be completed the signal box will not come into operation for another 2 years.



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

Stan Brown:

29th September: Didcot: 66054, 66154, 165121
Reading Depot: 08836, 57306, 57304/05, 387145/51/64/73
Reading Station: 43004/10/15-18/23/25/27/30/42/53
43069-71/78/94/98, 43131/44/47/54/56/58-60/70/74/80/85
43187/88/94/96/97, 165101/04/07-14/16/17/24/26/27/35
220011/15/17/19, 221135/40/44, 387130/31/33/34/36/39
387143/46/48/50/52-56/59/61/62/65/66/68/70-72, 707001
707013, 458502/08/11/13/15/18/20/21/23/26/27/33
450019/81/83/92/94/98, 450103/24, 450545/46/51/65
800003/05-11/13-16/18-23/26/28/32-34, 800302/04-07/09
800314/15, 802003/05/09, DR80205

John Evans:

22nd October: Newport 11.00-11.30/12.15-14.00: 43016 43158/189, 60007, 66034/95, 66117/19/54/60/92, 66516 66534, 66766, 143606/25, 150233/40/43/55, 158798 158958/61, 166205/08/10, 170108, 170398, 170638 175002/05/06, 175101/03/06/10-12, 800003/05-07/09/16 800018/35/36, 800306/09/10/15

Cardiff Canton 14.55: 142010, 143625, 150230/56/60/67 150279, 153303/23

David Barlow:

24th September: Barnetby 08.00-20.00: 60010/20/44 66005/13/59, 66111/28/38, 66531/90, 66729/30/81/85 153308/18/76/84, 185108/23/26/45/46

25th September: Barnetby 08.00-20.00: 56078, 60001 66014/59/85, 66109/11/28, 66590, 66607, 66714/24/29/30 66732/51/63/85, 70813, 153302/08/57/81, 185106/23/24 185126/28/30/33/51

Paul Tisserant:

5th October: Nuneaton 12.45-17.15: 66050/51/92, 66105 66164, 66505/38/42/44/46/57/63/72, 66704/33/37/68/77 66778, 70007, 90028/36, 153356, 170104/09, 170398 170520/22/23, 170636/38, 221110/14/17/18/42, 350106 350108/09/15/29, 350261, 350368/69, 390001/09/13/40 390042/44/47/50, 390107/14/15/21/22/25/26/28/30/32/35 390136/41/51/52/54/56/57

Chris Brown:

8th October: Leeds 11.30-16.00: 66714, 91106/07/14/31 142018/25, 144002/05/13/14/21, 150112/28/41, 150201 150205/69/70, 153301/04/06/14/17/78, 156461 158752-55/58/59/87/92/94/95, 158816/17/43/48/60/72/84 158901-03/08/10, 170459/60/76/77, 185106-08/10-15/17 185118/22/23/25/27/29/33-38/40/42/44-46/48, 221137/39 221140, 333002/08-16

9th October: Doncaster 12.20-16.30: 37884, 60095 66057/89, 66147, 66434, 66506/29/33, 66712/14/58

67028, 68005, 142043, 153331, 158784/96, 158815 158903/06, 180106, 185108/20/26/28/32/33/39, 220008 220011/15/17, 221124/30/41, 800201, 802201

10th October: Barnetby 08.15-16.45: 20302/05, 60001/17 66037/40, 66124, 66501/24, 66783/85-87, 70802, 153321 185102/10/24/26/28/33/49

Scunthorpe Power Station 17.00: 66103/08

11th October: Doncaster 08.30-16.30: 08669, 20302/05 43040, 43124/53/75, 66005/47/69, 66192, 66432/34 66543/66, 66622, 66712/14/17/19/22/27/44/53/56/80/85 66787, 67012, 68005

Brian Derricote:

2nd October: Stafford 10.30-15.10: 37219, 37884, 47812 50008/15, 56302, 66050/51/63/96, 66301, 66534, 66764 68004, 70005, 90020/36/41/45/49, 220003/04/07/16/17 220022-25/32/33, 221103/04/10/11/15/17/18/44, 325016 350105/10/12/13/15/16/21/23/25/7, 3502323/541/42/52 350258, 365503, 390005/10/13/39/43/46/50, 390103/04 390107/14/15/18/24/27/29/31/32/34-36/38/51/52/54/56 New Trans-Pennine cs 11506, 12716-18, 12806

Nigel Varney:

8th October: Warrington Bank Quay: 09.53 195001 5Z03 Crewe-Carnforth 14.30 317506 Ilford-Carlisle 17.48 37884+321403 Ilford-Kilmarnock

Paul Rosser:

16th October: Stockport 06.20-06.38: 175007, 390020

390048, 390127

Gresty Bridge Crewe 07.14: 57303, 66433, 88003 Shrewsbury 07.44-08.10: 56096, 67016, 97303, 153312 175007

Hereford 09.15/15.18: 47854, 57601, 66847/50 Newport 10.00-10.10: 70810, 166214, 170117, 800008 800009, DR73920

Cardiff Central 10.28-14.05: 43027/94, 60007, 66112 142006/75/77/83/85, 143601/04-07/22/23/25, 150001 150235/36/40-42/48/50/53/56/57, 153320/23/27/67 158822/34, 158955/56, 170103/17, 170637, 175009 800007-09/22/23/36. 800302/07

Alan Jones:

4th October: Inverness 15.45: 08523, 43032, 43168 67004, 158714/39, 170416, cs 6702, 9800, 10513/42/61 10617/48/80

10th October: Inverness 12.30: 67004, 158701/05/16/21 158724, 170425/51, cs 6704, 9801, 10501/19, 10650

11th October: Elgin 19.40: 73967 24th October: Elgin 14.10: DR73915

Derek Everson:

11th October: Basingstoke 10.15-13.40: 6233, 66127/169

66513/518/561/952 DR 98913/963, cs 99041

23rd October: Stratford 11.15-13.45: 66002/543/759, 70020

86605/612, 90006/09/10-12



86605 + 86612 (11.25) Stratford



66002 (11.39) Stratford



back in LMS Crimson 4-6-2 6233 + 99041 (13.39) Basingstoke

30th October: Eastleigh 08.00-14.15: 66009/018/060/087 66096/112/137/66140/168/503/504/520/541/545/547/598 66707/708/741/772/849, 70020



66849 (08.10) Eastleigh

Paul Bright:

Coventry:

4th September: 66075, 66177, 66516 6th September: 66075/936, 66561, 70003

8th September: 70007/08 12th September: 66106, 66538 13th September: 66129, 66512 14th September: 66109, 66540

15th September: 70020

19th September: 66087, 66419, 70014 20th September: 66087, 66197 22nd September: 66129, 66560 27th September: 66063/96 29th September: 66506

Geoff Hope:

10th October: Willesden: 710265/67

St Pancras: 373215/16, 374009/10/17/18/25/26 Paddington-Ealing Broadway 12.45-14.40: 43092 43124/44/58/60/70/72/90/96, 59102, 66094, 66126 165110. 332001/02/04/06/07/09-11/13, 360201/02/05 387133/35/37/41-43/46/51/55/57/59/60/64/68/72/73 800003/05/17/22/23/26/31/33, 800306-08/13

Marylebone 14.50-15.10: 68015, 165002/07/10/17/22-26 165039, 168002, 168324/26, 172104, DVT82305

Paddington 15.30-18.30: 43002/15/16/23/53/56/69-71 43122/31/54/60/61/89/92/93. 165105/08/10/12/21 387131-36/38/40-49/51-53/55-62/64/66/68-74, 800005-07 800009/12-14/17/19/23/24/26/31-33/35/36, 800302/05/08 800313, 802004/06/10

Sean Davies:

21st **September: Waterloo:** 159105, 444002/20, 450015 450040/79/99, 450102, 450563, 455706/18/21/31, 455862

455907, 707017/18/22

Euston: 20132, 20311, 66728, 90041/48/49

Wembley: 56303, 66044, 66147, 66555, 66610. 350374

378257

Bushey: 350253, 378206/11 Watford: 378223, 390010, 390128

Bletchley: 66787, 377212

Bedford: 222016, 700013/43/55, 700126/41/47 Wellingborough: 43047/54, 222007/10/17/22, 222104

Flitwick: 700140 Harlington: 222103

Leagrave: 222001/16, 700054, 700106/07/49

Harpenden: 700044, 700109

St Albans: 43045, 222009, 700027/38, 700105

Radlett: 222019, 222101 Elstree: 700139 Mill Hill: 700025

Hendon: 66721, 222013/16, 700054

Cricklewood: 43044/55/58/73/81/82, 66745/68, 222005

700016/22/29/30/37/54/58/60, 700123/28

West Hampstead Thameslink: 43047, 66187, 66768

222003/05/13/18, 700027/58, 700149

Chiswick: 707024

Barnes: 455738, 707001/08 Wandsworth Town: 707029 Clapham Jnct: 377419/25, 378221/32, 444045, 450017 450039/77, 450102/24, 458503/12/14/18, 465014, 707014

707017/21

Factory Jnct: 375826, 465025, 465169, 465917

Clapham High St: 466014 Loughborough Jnct: 700002 Denmark Hill: 59203

St John's: 465004/38 Blackheath: 465018, 465156

Slade Green: 465027/41, 465186, 465238, 465908

Dartford: 376016 Paddock Wood: DR97602

Tonbridge: 73107/41, 73212, 73961/65, 375305/08 375630. 375917. DR98920/30/31/69-71/80/81

Sevenoaks: 700057 Swanley: 700002 Bromley South: 465170 Shortlands: 700014

Shortantas 37203/05, 378202/05/22 Kensington Olympia: 377203/05, 378202/05/22 Crewe: 66722, 70014, 86229, 86604/08, 90045/47 22nd September: Preston: 185139, 319365

Blackpool North: 319361

Mossend Yard: 56113, 66011, 66126/82, 66207, 67006 67007, 73141, 86608, 88007, 90043, 318252/60/62/69

320301/14, 325009, DR98911/61 Fort William: 73967/70 , 170478 Dumbarton: 318267, 334007/14/35

Kirkpatrick: 320307 Singer: 66736 Anniesland: 158717 Partick: 320412 Anderston: 320314 Hamilton West: 318255 Motherwell: 68006, 320311 South Gayle: 156506 Haymarket: 43126 Craigentinny: 43143

Edinburgh Waverley: 90041, 170405/20/56/71

Polmadie: 08764, 08887, 86401, 90046, 318261, 390126

390129, 380021

23rd September: Glasgow Central: 47749, 156485/99 156501/10, 221103, 314201/03/15/16, 318251/61, 320304 350305, 350404, 380005/18/19/21, 380101/10, 390129

Shields Rd: 158774, 320306, 380103/08/12/15

Mount Florida: 314203/05 Motherwell: 318254, 320417 Carstairs: 66719/22

Carlisle: 37403, 57303, 68012, 86637/39, 88005/08

156469, 156500, 158794, 158860, 221103/09 Penrith: DR73921

Oxenholme: DR80213 Carnforth: DR73906/42 Wigan North Western: 319379 Warrington Bank Quay: 66023, 66101 Crewe: 57308, 221111, 323230, 390042

Crewe Gresty Bridge: 37405/07, 57309, 66428, 68004/05

Bescot: 66034/87/96, 66181/94, 67006

Coventry: DR73914 Leamington Spa: 172334

Banbury: 172102, DR73120/21, DR77909

High Wycombe: 168004 Princes Risborough: D3018

West Ruislip: 20096, 20107/18, 20903

Greenford: 387142/57/63 Acton: 66060/79, 66102/99 North Pole: 800034/35, 802011/13 Paddington: 43022

Waterloo: 159016, 444039, 458531, 707005 24th September: Waterloo: 159108, 444031, 450088

450127, 455728, 707019

London Victoria: 375605/12, 375826/29, 377106/47 377303/10/18/24, 377401/03/25/45/47/74, 377511 377605/17, 387202/25, 455803/29/35/41, 465040/43

465151/86, 465236, 465913

Clapham Jnct: 66183, 70807, 158884, 159012/17/19 159108, 377108/11/20/30/39/44/46/48/50/56/60, 377202 377204/06/12, 377301/03/04/07/09/18/20/25, 377401/04 377410/11/14/16/18/20/34/35/38/45/56/63/75, 377601/14 377618, 377703/07, 378136/48/52, 378204/15/16/22/23 378225/27/56, 387206/07/14/18/22-24, 444004/09/13/16 444023/26/28/34/43/44, 450004/12/15/21/22/26/32/33/40 450072/73/75/78/79/82/85/96/97, 450100/05/09-11/21/25 450550/52/58/62/69, 455704/06/12/22/24/25/29/35 455904/09/10/12/19, 456001/02/05/07/08/16/17/19/20 458503/04/06/09/10/13/14/21/23/25/27/29/31/33-36 707001-08/10/12-14/16/18-20/22-27/29/30

25th September: Paddington: 43015/22/29/70/71/97 43131/74, 165028, 165103/09, 166201, 332001/03/04/06 332008-11/13, 345013/17/28, 360202/04, 387135/47/52 387156/62/64/68/74, 800005/11/12/17/24/25-27/30/31

800305/08/14, 802101

North Pole: 800005/15, 800302/ 802003/16 Acton: 59203/05, 66021, 66132 Reading: 43161/72/87/92, 57604, 458504 Didcot: 4144, 66121/62, 66514, 387162

13th October: Worcester Shrub Hill: 170503/09/14, 172215 Birmingham New St: 47854, 57601, 170117, 170516

220019, 221130/34, 323208

Oxford: 165126, 168106, 800003

Lawlev St: 70007

Nemesis, Burton-on-Trent: 08918, 09006, 20903/04

Derby: 222010

Sheffield: 66432/34, 142017/19/29/92, 144003/07/10/11 144013/17/19, 156415, 158793/95, 158861/71, 158909 185116, 220001/30, 221119, 222002, 399201/05/05-07 Doncaster: 60103, 37607, 43208/38/39/72/74/90/95/99, 43300/06/14/18-20/67, 47746, 60095, 66131/77/92 66418/20, 66524/68/72, 66715/63/71/78/80/82/83/86-88 67012, 68005, 70002/05, 90018, 91101-03/05/06/09/10 91114-16/18/21/22/24/26/28/30/31, 142020, 144008 153331/58, 158796, 158815/17/59/72, 158905/07, 170459 180103/04/06/07/10/12, 185102/16/28/38/45/47/50

220003/25/27, 221144, 321329, 322483/85, 80202

PRESERVATION PHOTO SPOT: DMU

A trip to EOR on Sunday 7th October coincided with the Annual Convention of the Railcar Association over the same weekend. Resident Cl.117 DMS + Cl.121 DTS DMU combo of 51384 + 56287 was joined by visiting Cl.121 DMBS 55033 from the Colne Valley Railway for an intensive DMU service along the whole line, with 31438 working Ongar to North Weald shuttles.



above 55033 showing the opposite cab to that shown on p38 in the October 2018 issue, departing North Weald at 14.06 on the 14.05 service to Epping Forest, 7th October 2018 (Colin James)

SIGNAL BOX SURVEY

South Tottenham: Located at the end of the platform it is a GE Type 7 box built in 1894. The photo below was taken by Colin Pottle on the 2nd July 2013.



above 172008 passing on a Barking - Gospel Oak service on the 2nd July 2013, a scene that will change with Cl.710 EMUs due shortly to take over services from Cl.172 DMUs

SHUNTER SPOT





current and former RMS Locotec shunters outstationed at Inverness Depot (IS)

above one of the two current shunter 08523 (D3685) was moved north on the 29th August 2013 seen (13.16) 4th July 2018 (Alan Jones)

below arriving on the 4th May 2006, long term resident 08308 (D3378) was moved south on the

29th August 2013 and is currently at the Locotec main base at Wolsingham, note it replaced 08573 (see above) which is also currently at Wolsingham, both 3rd November 2018



also based at IS between 15th November 2005 and 16th November 2015 was 08788 (D3936) which has featured 3 times previously in **TRACKS**, p8 February 2008, p6 January 2009 and p18 April 2013

LIGHT RAIL & METRO NEWS

Manchester Metrolink (MM) by Geoff Hope:

October 2018: At a meeting at Queens Road Depot, the five youngsters all aged 10, who were responsible for throwing stones at three trams on the Rochdale/Oldham line on the 14th June met the drivers involved in the incidents who explained the impact their actions had on them and their passengers. The children and their families apologised to staff and police and agreed to become young ambassadors for Metrolink. The restorative justice programme was arranged by The TravelSafe Partnership targeting crime, anti-social behaviour and fare evasion on Metrolink, hopefully keeping them on the straight and narrow. No reports of car v tram incidents or window being smashed.

The latest recruit by Northern Rail is *Rocky*. a Harris hawk which will be used to fly around Victoria station until April next year to deter seagulls from damaging the roof.

Preparations are taking place for a signalling upgrade between Old Trafford and Trafford Bar tram stops to improve capacity at football and cricket matches. To improve capacity issues both tracks into the bay platforms at Altrincham are now in use, Platform 1 is used by the Altrincham/Piccadilly trams and platform 2 by the Altrincham/Bury trams.



above 3018 with 'Call of Duty Black Ops' advert, below 3052 with 'easyJet' advert, both Altrincham (13.53) 17th October 2018 (Geoff Hope)



Tram 3103 has lost the 'Hits Radio' advertisement. New adverts are: 3018 the 'Call of Duty Black Ops', 3052 & 3114 'easyJet and 3058 'Catch the Moment, which has also previously advertised 'Kayak' and 'Sainsbury'. 3020 has received Remembrance poppies as seen below at Moseley St, Manchester, 4th November 2018 (Stan Bown)

The photo below shows construction of a ramp to bring the new Metrolink Trafford line down from the Pomona tram stop and a new junction with the raised Eccles line before crosses the Manchester Ship Canal (MSC) to a ground level alignment between Pomona Strand and the MSC, as seen from Trafford Road bridge over on the 16th October (Geoff Hope)





Tyne & Wear Metro (T&WM):

Tram 4022 has been moved to Bristol Barton Hill for derailment repairs.



South Yorkshire Supertram (SYS):

Tram-train operation on the South Yorkshire Supertram network around Sheffield commenced on the 25th October 2018. The seven Tram-trains have different wheel profiles with 399201-204 dedicated to tram-train services and 399205-207 providing additional capacity on the core tram network. The opening day did not go without a hitch with 399204 receiving significant cab damage following a

collision on a crossing with a flatbed lorry on Staniforth Road, Attercliffe at 15.20. The front cab received severe damage as it embedded itself on the flatbed whilst the force of the impact pushed the leading part of the tram left off the line, gouging the road surface. The line was closed between Arena and Ponds Forge until late morning on the 26th October 2018. 399204 was featured on p58 in the Jul / Aug 2018 issue.



West Midlands Metro (WMM):

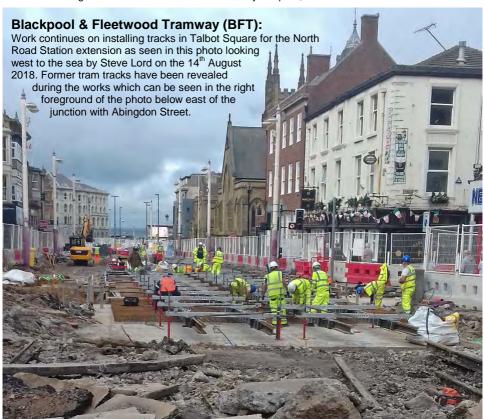
Ongoing work to extend the tram network along Railway Drive to Wolverhampton Station is seen in the photos below taken by James Holloway on the 17th October 2018



above looking west from the station multi-storey car park with Railway Drive crossing the A4150 Ring Road St David's



above looking east towards the station multi-storey car park, the station is to the left and behind



UNDERGROUND NEWS

London Transport: The two 'S' Stock 7+1 car formations have reverted to standard 7 cars and now operate on the District, Hammersmith & City / Circle Line. Car 25384 is stored at Old Dalby and may possibly be reformed again as 7+1 with 21323 /24 (70) whilst 25386 is in the LT Museum compound at Ealing Depot.

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.

also see **EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT** for further updates. Thanks to the following for information: Steve Gillam, Mike Rumens

Out of Store: 12956, 29213, 93722, 300416, 394133/4725, 500321, 502199, 966072/310/469/988, 23.80.2829.270-0, 37.84.4667.095-3/199-2, 31.70.4938.008-0/088-2/186-4/202-9, 31.70.5892.037-0

Correction: Amendment to check digit of IGB 33.80.4737.025-4 should be 025-3

Again following a difficult month I have not had time to detail wagon movements, other than those above, but will definitely have them in the December issue.

FREIGHT NEWS:

NR has extended its contract with British Steel Scunthorpe to supply rail until March 2021.

The final Lindsey – Colnbrook aviation fuel flow comprising TDAs ended on the 14th September 2018 operated by Colas with 70802 on the last train. A new Grain – Colnbrook service began on the 16th September 2018 operated now by FL with 66622 on the first train of new 81.70.7836.xxx-x TEAs.

OTP NEWS: DR 79265 has been paired with DR 79264 + DR 79265 to create a triple Rail Grinder



above Rail Grinder DR 79264 + 79274 + 79265 Woking Yard (12.09) 8th October 2018 (Derek Everson)

Two Robel Crossrail Maintenance Trains have arrived in the UK and is at West Ealing for testing comprising Power Cars DR 97509/10/11/12 (99.70.9481.009-7/010-5/011-3/012-1), Transport Wagon DR 92944/46 (99.70.9550.004-4/006-9) and Measuring Wagon DR 92945 (99.70.9550.005-1)

WAGON PHOTO SPOT





shortie HYAs *above top* 371069 with promotional branding & *above* HYA 371029 on 6M31 09.29

Doncaster to Arcow Doncaster (09.38) 8th October 2018 (Colin James)

below similar HYA 371008 Doncaster West Yd, 15th May 2010 for comparison to show the section removed in these cut & shut conversions





above refurbished JBA 600016 back in service on 12.35 West Yard - Belmont Yard, Doncaster (13.00) 8th October 2018 (Colin James)

STOCK CHANGES

It is hoped that all major changes recorded below will help you keep the **UK Combine**, **UK Pocket Book**, **UK Locomotives** and **UK 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:

56301 has taken up shunting duties at Peak Forest

60014/18/64 have been put for sale by DBC 68022/23/31 have received TPE livery

91119 returned to service and has received retro Inter-City swallow livery

Cl.315s are now being sent for scrap with 3 scrapyards being chosen for initial assessment 717007 was the first of the class to carry passengers as part of a training run on the 28th September 2018

Mk2 14060 has been mainline registered as support coach for 4-6-0 45596

New:

DMUs: 195105

EMUs: all 802/0s have been delivered 385015, 710105, 717012/14-16/18-20, 800316

Coaches: Mk5a

11506/09, 12716-18/25-27, 12806/09

Re-numbered:

D&E Locos: 08633 to D3800 Steam: 55189 to 419 Transferred / Stored: (* preserved)

D&E Locos:

01528 LHG D2868 BH 08536 (WI) 08927 (WI) 31105* MAN 31233* MAN

43035/125/128/131/137/140 (EY) 43130/139/150/164/176/177 (LB)

Steam: 46441 LHR 92134 NYM

Coaches: 93671 CDF

Mk2 5341* DFR Mk3 10516* P12

HST 40102/04/07/09/12/14/17/19, 40806/07/10/ 11, 40900-04 (LE) 42218/85, 42317, 44090 (ZB) 41012/016/116/137, 42006/096/555, 44007 (EY)

EMUs: 306017 NRS

319373 AN 319450 (LB) 321403 (ZK)

365503 CSY

Converted / Reformed:

EMUS:

321401 to 320401 (78095+63063+77943)

Steam Status:

419 to A

Names (* re-applied)

33021 Eastleigh (previously carried) 47815 Lost Boys 68-88 (trs from 56098)

66100 Armistice 100 1918-2018

66413 Lest We Forget

390117 Blue Peter 395018 THE VICTORY

800306 Allan Leonard Lewis VC /

Harold Day DSC



66100 (Harold Hull)



66413 (Keith Partlow)



800306 (Colin Pidgeon) the stripes their carry service records etc

Recent but not Previously Illustrated:



31106 as reported May / Jun 2018



221114 as reported in Sep 2018 (Andrew Turnidge)

Names Removed:

43084 TravelWatch Southwest

47787 Windsor Castle 156466 Gracie Fields 159001 CITY OF EXETER 221101 Louis Bleriot 350232 Chad Varah Lichfield Festival 350370 390112 Virgin Star Virgin Crusader 390115 Virgin Prince 390117

For Scrap / Scrapped:

CF Booth, Rotherham 71966

315840/50/55 EMR Kingsbury 315845/46/60/61 Simms Metals, Newport 315828/32/35/41



above 47815 prior to its naming at the station (see below at 11.32) with stored 365515 & 365501 Crewe South Yard (10.18) below both 2nd November 2018 (Carl Watson)







TRANSFERS

above ex-LU 1959 DM 1031 moved from Morden to North Weald, EOR 7th October 2018 (Colin James)

left ex-Northern 150207 now with GWR on 2M11 Swindon - Westbury, Swindon (13.30) 23rd October 2018 (Colin Pidgeon)

NEW STOCK

Though in the past I have attempted to individually show all new stock, with the flood of new stock recently delivered and proposed over the next few years and less pages to work with, it is now impractical to do so. I will continue however to show all new locos and smaller classes of units and coaches but I will only show a representative selection of the latter types, particularly from as many different members / different locations as possible or to illustrate a comparison. So if a particularly unit has not been shown but you photograph it in a more 'unusual' location within a reasonable time of it entering service then I will try to include it.









CONVERSIONS



above ScotRail 320414 converted from 321414 with removal of 71962 on 2C30 11.39 Milngavie - Cumbernauld, Greenfaulds (13.02) 14th September 2018 (Colin James)



above & below completed 19001 (ex-DVT 82113) now undergoing tests, Bo'ness, BKR, 2nd November 2018



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: D1924 & 395018 in RAIL TOUR PHOTO SPOT, 66522 in RHTT REPORT, 47815 in EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT.



D. College M. Dolley

above 43032 + 43168 Inverness Depot, 30th October 2018 (Alan Jones)

below close up of LNER branding on 91121 Colin James)

above 170634 in short term WMR livery, Bescot 23th October 2018 (David Williams) 1st October 2018 (Colin James)

below 91121 with 'Pride' embellishments on 1S12 10.30 King's Cross - Edinburgh, York (12.35) 1st October 2018 (Colin James)







Northern liveried units at York

above the first to be treated ex-ScotRail 170473 on 2C37 12.11 to Leeds (12.12) below 155345 on 2R10 12.10 from Hull, $1^{\rm st}$ October 2018 (Colin James)





above in newly applied pseudo Northern Belle livery, 57601 t&t 47854 passed Carnforth at 10.43 on 1Z60 Gloucester - Fort William (Colin Pottle)



above 350254 in LNW livery Northampton (13.36) 23rd October 2018 (Graham Stockton) below 350375 Northampton (13.19) 13th October 2018 (Paul Normanton)





above 221101 the first and maybe the only VTWC to receive 'flowing silk' livery as per the Pendolinos Crewe, 9^{th} November 2018 (Andrew Turnidge)





Cl.67 revised Royal Train livery, the bodyside red stripe has been replaced with a thin grey stripe above 67005 t&t 90029 on 1Z78 Euston – Blackpool rail tour, Acton Bridge (13.27) 3rd November 2018 (Harold Hull) below 67006 Tyne Yard, 4th November 2018





right 175002 on 1W14 Milford Haven - Manchester, Wem (Tony Williamson)

all these DMUs are to be replaced by 2024 under the new franchise



GWR put 800306 into service on the 9th November 2018 embellished with First World War commemorative vinyls, Names of the 2545 GWR employees who lost their lives in WWI are also carried on a broad mid bodyside white band along both sides of the entire set. Large poppies are carried on the ends of all vehicles (just one on the driving cars) with pictures and histories of 100 of

those employees (see opposite bottom on 829006). The set has also been named with 821006 carrying 'Harold Day' while 829006 carries 'Allan Leonard Lewis VC' & 'Harold Day DSC'.







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UKRS04	UK Name Directory SC	LD OUT	A5	early 2019	TBC	TBC
UKRS05	UK Locomotives 2018		A6	24 th Jan18	£4.50	£6.00
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