

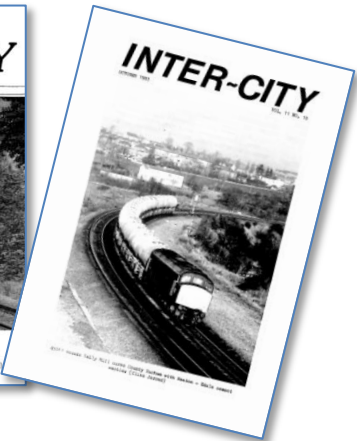
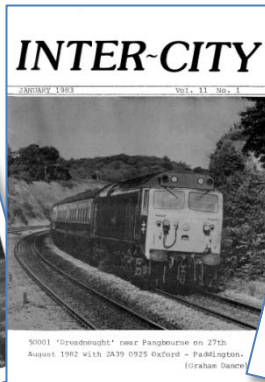
THE SOCIETY MAGAZINE – 500 NOT OUT

by Trevor Roots

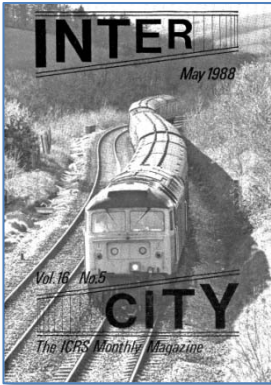
This article follows on from the 40th Anniversary – The ICR Story in February 2013 issue. The Society magazine started life as a newsletter (see below left) with a logo first appearing on the second issue. This is seen below right in the Jan 1978 issue which also shows the style of front page photo used for the first time in Oct 1975. Though produced monthly from the start in February 1973, there have not always been 12



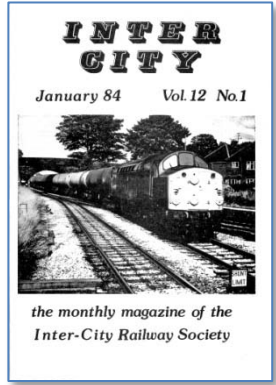
issues a year resulting in the 500th edition appearing in August 2014 rather than September 2013 as would have been the case. Up until July 1975 the magazine was laboriously typed on various sized paper, foolscap, imperial or A4 depending on what was available at the time and stapled as single sheets. From August 1975 the magazine standardised on a smaller A5 size, though this still varied over the years and was stapled as a booklet as we know today. The number of pages has risen over the years though fluctuating up until Dec 2007 when the pages increased steadily. The number of pages was between 4 and 12 up until May 1978 with 5 issues reaching 16 pages. From Jun 1978, 16 or 20 pages was the norm up to June 2003 though it slipped back to 12 pages for 8 issues. During that period there were also 16 issues that went to 24 pages. From July 2003 24 pages was punctuated by 8 issues at 28 pages and 3 issues at 32 pages before in December 2007 consistency was finally achieved with 28 pages settled on. However with the success of our books after the end of 2009 the magazine was able to grow without directly putting up membership fees so that pages increased to 32 in June 2010, 40 in September 2011 and to 48 in January 2014.



The current title **TRACKS** was adopted in September 2008, prior to which the magazine was officially unnamed although as can be seen by the various cover designs, Inter-City was seemingly used as the logo / title up until December 1996. A block style logo was then adopted with the full Society name, be it Intercity..., Inter-City... or Inter City.... as adopted now. This was supplemented from the July 2004 issue with our present day logo. This logo then doubled up replacing the block logo from September 2008. All the covers shown here are the first of the respective cover designs.



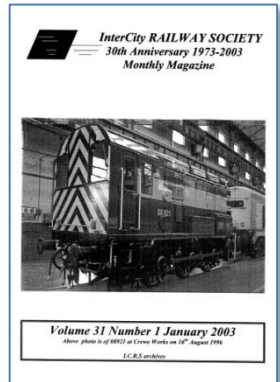
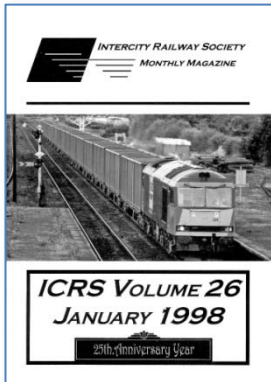
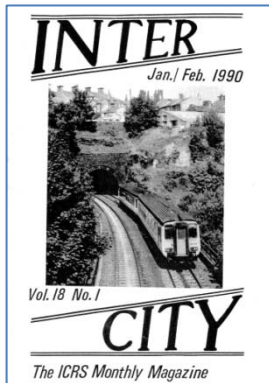
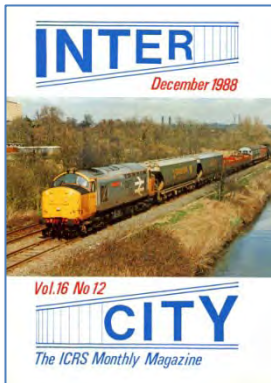
The magazine has been largely printed in black and white, firstly due to the 'primitive' technology but mostly on cost. However colour has been tried on several occasions over the years, particularly on the covers. Whilst edge to edge photos were tried for a few issues in 1988, this wasn't tried again until September 2011. Full colour throughout was implemented in January 2011 subsidised with the income from increased book sales.



Our 25th, 30th and 40th Anniversaries have been covered in 1998, 2003 and 2013. The 1997 style was

adapted to carry the 25th Anniversary logo, in two styles during 1998 but the covers throughout 2003 were a bit of a mess with just the wording 30th Anniversary appearing in various places along with the website address which in that year was re-designed. Only in 2013 was the cover consistent throughout the year with the use of a logo.

A handful of supplements were printed in the 1980s but as these were associated with ICRS books / pamphlets, then these will be dealt with in a separate article. Similarly an annual loco allocation sheet was printed but it is unclear as to how many or in exactly which years these were produced.



Covers apart, the inclusion of internal photographs was limited, just 653 over the first 407 issues, until an editorial change when yours truly madly agreed to take over in December 2006 when more photos were introduced to the point that 4754 have been used in the next 93 issues, 160 alone in this issue.



Along with the use of more photos, there has been a substantial increase in articles, which again were very limited in earlier issues. Many of the articles appearing since 2005 have been part of long running series with many parts, some over several years. A full list of articles since about 2005 appears on the website.



There have 14 editors over the 500 issues: Gordon James (Feb73 – Feb74, Jul74 – Oct74), Geoff Woodley (Mar74 – Jun74, Nov74 – Jun75), Peter Kelly (Jul75 – Jan77), Edward Mann (Feb77 – Dec80), Greg Round (Jan81 – Nov83), Tim Hailes (Dec83 – Dec85), Alan Gilmour (Jan86 – Feb89), Jeff Hall (Mar89 – Feb94, Jun03 – Sep03), Bob Young (Mar94 – Sep97), Steve Burke (Oct97 – Apr99), Ken Pitt (May99 – May02, Oct03 – Jun06), John Barton (Jun02 – May03), David Sharpe (Jul06 – Nov06), Trevor Roots (Dec06 – to date).

The order of issues per editor is: Trevor Roots – 92, Ken Pitt – 69, Jeff Hall – 64, Edward Mann – 48, Bob Young – 44, Alan Gilmour – 38, Greg Round – 35, Tim Hailes – 25, Peter Kelly – 19, Steve Burke – 19, Gordon James – 17, John Barton – 12, Geoff Woodley – 12, David Sharpe – 5.

