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Ownership of Royal Scot changes

Bressingham Steam Museum has relinquished its ownership of No. 6100 *Royal Scot*, the locomotive being transferred to 'The Royal Scot and General Trust', as it was felt that operating the 'Scot' was not part of the Museum's core business.

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▲ The first two overhauled and re-certified members of the Electric Traction fleet passed for 110mph running, Nos. 86701 and 86702 are pictured at Long Marston last week. **Electric Traction Limited**

Electric Traction Limited unveils its new 110mph Class 86/7 'Constellation' fleet at Long Marston

Electric Traction Ltd (ETL) now has its first pair of overhauled Class 86s available for hire.

The two locomotives, leased from Europhoenix Ltd and now reclassified as 86/7s are re-numbered 86701 (previously No. 86205) and 86702 (previously No. 86260), have been given major exams at Long Marston and re-certified for 110mph running. Both have been repainted into ETL's house colours of grey and red, and have been named *Orion* and *Cassiopeia* respectively.

The pair will move to LNWR Crewe for testing and final certification this week, before being offered for trials with a number of interested operators.

Some Class 86/2 locomotives were selected to run at 110mph in the 1990s, but reverted to 100mph prior to privatisation. ETL has taken the opportunity to reintroduce this higher speed to allow potential operators to gain better paths among existing 125 mph services.

While currently geared for high-speed running, ETL has

also developed plans to offer re-gearing of the locomotives for 75mph heavy freight use. This, in combination with the higher-power Class 86/2 traction motors, would effectively produce a 'Super-86/6' with a high hauling capacity. The company has already identified a further pair of locomotives for overhaul, and with Nos. 86101 and 87002 already registered and available for hire, a small fleet of electric locomotives is now available to operators looking for a quick traction solution.

Sir William McAlpine opens the refurbished Ormskirk station

Following a £1.8 million refurbishment, Ormskirk station, now termed eco-friendly, has been officially opened by Sir William McAlpine, chairman of the Railway Heritage Trust.

The Grade II listed station was refurbished in a project led by Lancashire County Council that also involved the Trust, Merseytravel, West Lancashire Borough Council, the Department for Transport (DfT) and the Northwest Regional Development Agency. Merseyrail project managed the refurbishment on behalf of Network Rail and it was completed on time and to budget. It is the first station in the country to be completed with funding from the DfT's National Stations Improvement Programme.

Keeping as close as possible to its original architecture, Ormskirk gets its

'green' credentials by using a system that harvests rainwater. This is used in the staff toilet and in the two new public toilets, one of which is fully accessible to people with disabilities. The station also saves energy by using LED lighting, having improved levels of thermal insulation and having under-floor heating. Existing materials have been reused or repaired where possible, including the environmentally friendly insulation boarding.

As well as its 'green' features, Ormskirk now has a combined booking hall and waiting room, new seating, signs and passenger information systems and CCTV that now covers all of the station areas. There is also improved cycle parking facilities along with a new commercial facility that is designed to be used as a retail outlet or office accommodation.

▼ Still undertaking sterling service on the Isle of Wight system, ex London Underground, now Class 483 No. (483)006 leads classmate No. (483)008 into Ryde Esplanade station with a Shanklin-Ryde Pier Head service on 31st July. **Ian Tunstall**



Network Rail changes its working practices to keep routes open

Work to renew 11 miles of track with continuous welded rail between Wigan and Kirkby started on 10th August and will take seven months to complete.

The £8.7 million project for the branch line will be a Network Rail first as most of the work will be carried out over weekday nights, keeping disruption to passenger services to a minimum. Engineers will take over the line after the last train has run at around 22.00 each night and will then renew around 235 yards of track – up to half-a-mile per week – before reopening the line in time for the

first service the next morning.

The route director for Network Rail, said: “We already do much of our work overnight, but this is the first time we will be carrying out a full renewal scheme over the working week, keeping the line open for passenger use. With demand for rail services at record levels, carrying out this kind of work solely at weekends is no longer viable and we have to change the way we plan and implement rail improvements without having to always revert to putting passengers onto buses” – a belief that passengers have held for a long time!

West Midlands stations to be improved as a result of £2.1 million funding programme for the Chase Line

Six stations in the West Midlands are to be revamped as part of a £2.1 million programme of investment on the Chase Line.

London Midland, Network Rail and Centro are investing £1.7 million to significantly improve facilities, including the provision of

new waiting shelters, seating and CCTV. The work also includes help points, enhanced lighting, better signage and new ticket machines, and is scheduled to begin in the New Year, taking two to three months to complete. A further £400,000 is being provided by London Midland, Centro and Staffordshire County

Council in partnership with the Department for Transport’s ‘Access for All Small Schemes’ programme to provide real time train running information.

The stations set to benefit are Bloxwich, Bloxwich North, Landywood, Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley Town.

New silver Virgin Mk3 set in daily traffic on the WCML

▼ The newly refurbished Mk3 set entered passenger service during the last week of July, being used on the daily London - Birmingham diagram, while the Cargo-D set has been relegated to the Fridays-only London to Preston circuit. With the daily diagram expected to cease shortly, with the Pendolino fleet back to full strength after the collision at Wembley earlier in the year, views such as this will become less common. Class 90 No. 90029 *The Institution of Civil Engineers* propels the set, bound for London, through Hillmorton, between Rugby and Daventry, on 5th August. **Ken Brunt**



Metro and Light Rail News



▲ The heritage 1938 Tube Stock transferred from Ealing Common Depot to Northfields Depot on 3rd August for maintenance, in preparation for a Jubilee Line railtour. The set passes Ealing Common on the 11.23 Ealing Common Depot to Ealing Broadway trip.

► The Jubilee Line railtour took in most of the old and new route - the train pictured here at the now disused southbound platforms of the Charing Cross branch. The visit of the set was the first and last time, as the new signalling system on the Jubilee Line in 2010 will prohibit further trips.

Both: Kim Rennie



Nottingham tramway extension moves a step closer with funding announcement

The extensions to the Nottingham tram system have moved a significant step closer with £530 million of Government funding announced.

The project, which had received initial Government approval, will provide two new lines, one to Chilwell and Beeston and the other to Clifton. The extensions build on the success of the existing Nottingham Express Transit (NET) that opened in March 2004, and now carries over 10 million passengers per year.

Construction of the extensions is scheduled to start in 2011 and open in 2014. The Chilwell and Beeston route

will go from Nottingham station to the south west of the city, and is to serve the Meadows residential area, the ng2 development site, the region's main hospital at the Queens Medical Centre, the University of Nottingham, Beeston town centre and Chilwell, terminating at a new 'park and ride' site serving the A52, close to Junction 25 of the M1. The Clifton route will also start at the station and will go to the south of the city, serving the densely populated residential areas, including the Meadows, Wilford/Ruddington Lane area and the Clifton Estate, terminating at a new 'park and ride' site serving the A453.

▼ The pioneer member of the NET light rail fleet, No. 201, approaches the Wilkinson Street stop with a service to Station Street on 2nd August. **Robert Jefferys**



FCC take delivery of further Class 377s

◀ Still awaiting application of the full First Capital Connect 'Dynamic Lines' or 'Dynamic Blocks' livery, new Class 377/5 EMUs Nos. 377510 & 377511 approach Swanley on 6th August, forming the 16.50 Thameslink service from Luton to Sevenoaks. It is understood that 12 units (Nos. 377501, 377502, 377504-377512 and 377516) have been delivered from Bombardier Derby, but not all are yet in traffic.

Brian Morrison



UK News In Brief

■ Baschurch station, north of Shrewsbury, on the line to Chester, closed in 1960 after 112 years. The station is now the subject of a local campaign to see it re-opened. Campaigners are hoping that if a new station was built it would have services, not only from the franchised TOC for the route, Arriva Trains Wales, but also from Wrexham and Shropshire Railways, giving a direct link to the Chilterns and London Marylebone. Sir William McAlpine has agreed to be the Honorary President of the Group. Campaigners say that they are officially supported by Baschurch Parish Council,

Railfuture West Midlands, Shrewsbury-Chester Rail Users' Association, the Shropshire Green Party and the *Shrewsbury Chronicle* among others and the initial Public Meeting will be held on 21st September at Baschurch Village Hall, chaired by Owen Paterson, MP for North Shropshire. All are welcome.

■ Transport Minister Lord Andrew Adonis has announced that plans for a new £7 billion high-speed rail link between London and Birmingham are to be submitted to the Government this year. Details are currently being drawn up

by High Speed 2, the company set up to consider the potential of a high-speed rail network in Great Britain, the report will also examine the potential of extending the line further north to Scotland.

■ Streatham Common station is to be renovated for accessibility improvement, funded by the 'Railways for All' plan. The work is planned to enhance overall accessibility to make it easier for passengers carrying heavy luggage or small children, as well as the disabled. Under the programme, step-free access between the station

entrance and all four platforms will be built, tactile paving will be installed and footbridge stairs resurfaced.

Two new lifts, equipped with CCTV and telephone links, will be created for the existing station footbridge and Platforms 1, 2 and 3. The project will be undertaken by Network Rail and is scheduled for completion in spring 2010. 'Railways for All' is the Government's 10-year plan to improve accessibility at stations. The plan has so far earmarked 132 stations in England and Wales and 13 stations in Scotland for renovation.

RH Statistical Information

Every month, *Railway Herald* receives numerous queries for information on how many copies of the magazine are downloaded and how popular is the website, so we have decided to publish the figures here, every week, subject to space.

Covering the period 3rd-9th August

Last week's Issue 188 was downloaded **29,643** times (-5.6%) and a total of **2,732** copies of previous issues were also downloaded. The *RH* website has provided **163,269** (-4.8%) web pages to users, an average of **16.2** pages every minute, seven days a week! *Railway Herald* now has a monthly average download of **118,470**, the figures in brackets being the percentage change from last week.

DRS could run 'workers' trains to Sellafield

In an unusual move, Direct Rail Services has confirmed that the company is investigating the possibility of operating a passenger service to Sellafield at some point in the future.

It is understood that the proposal has come about as a result of a number of people who commute daily into Sellafield for work at the nuclear plant, either by road or using Northern Rail's

franchised passenger services.

According to a report in the *North West Evening Mail* newspaper, if the potential service was to come to fruition, it would likely start at Crewe, although it is not known at this stage if the operation would be open for use by the general public or just Sellafield staff.

A DRS spokesperson confirmed to *Railway Herald* that a "feasibility study is currently being conducted,

but as yet there has been no further development to this project". It is believed that the project is in its very early stages and that it is, as yet, too early, for any specific details such as motive power, rolling stock or proposed timings to be known.

The Sellafield site currently employs around 12,000 people, many of whom are local to the plant, but many also travel in from as far afield as Preston and Carlisle.

DRS fleet sees increased railtour use

Over recent months, the DRS locomotive fleet has been increasingly used on the railtour scene, with Classes 20, 37, 47, 57 and 66 all in action. On 1st August, Class 66/4 No. 66430 approaches Leeds with the initial Wolverhampton to Leeds section of a charter to Carlisle. **Mark Allatt**



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The News In Pictures



◀ Running for, what is believed to be the first time with Class 57s the 16.35 nuclear flasks from Dungeness to Willesden approaches Tonbridge on 6th August, headed by DRS Class 57/0s Nos. 57003 and 57012. **Brian Morrison**

◀◀ Network Rail Class 31 No. 31465 stands in Worcester Yard after working a Derby RTC to Cardiff Canton test train in 'top and tail mode with classmate No. 31233. The train reached Worcester Yard on 3rd August where it was failed and was stabled overnight. **Stephen Tucker**

▼ The recent closure of the S&C has affected a number of freight services including the Clitheroe to Mossend cement trains which were diverted to Warrington Arpley on Friday nights during the closure. On 24th July, Class 66/0 No. 66104 passes Euxton with the Clitheroe to Arpley service for onward movement on an 'Enterprise' working. **Fred Kerr**





▲ GBRf Class 66 No. 66707 heads south through Euxton with a Kilmarnock to Plymouth Laira stock move on 6th August. **Robert Beardwell**

◀ Looking much out of place in Southeastern territory, South West Trains-liveried Class 442 No. (44)2420 passes Shortlands on 31st July, running as a stock movement from Eastleigh Works to Chart Leacon Works, Ashford. **Brian Morrison**

▼ On short term loan to Colas Rail, DRS Class 47/4 No. 47501 *Craftsman* passes Shoreham, Kent, with the Burton West Yard to Dollands Moor steel service, which on this occasion, rather unusually, resulted in just three wagons. **Patrick Seale**



The weekly column looking at some of the more unusual and newsworthy movements on the UK network

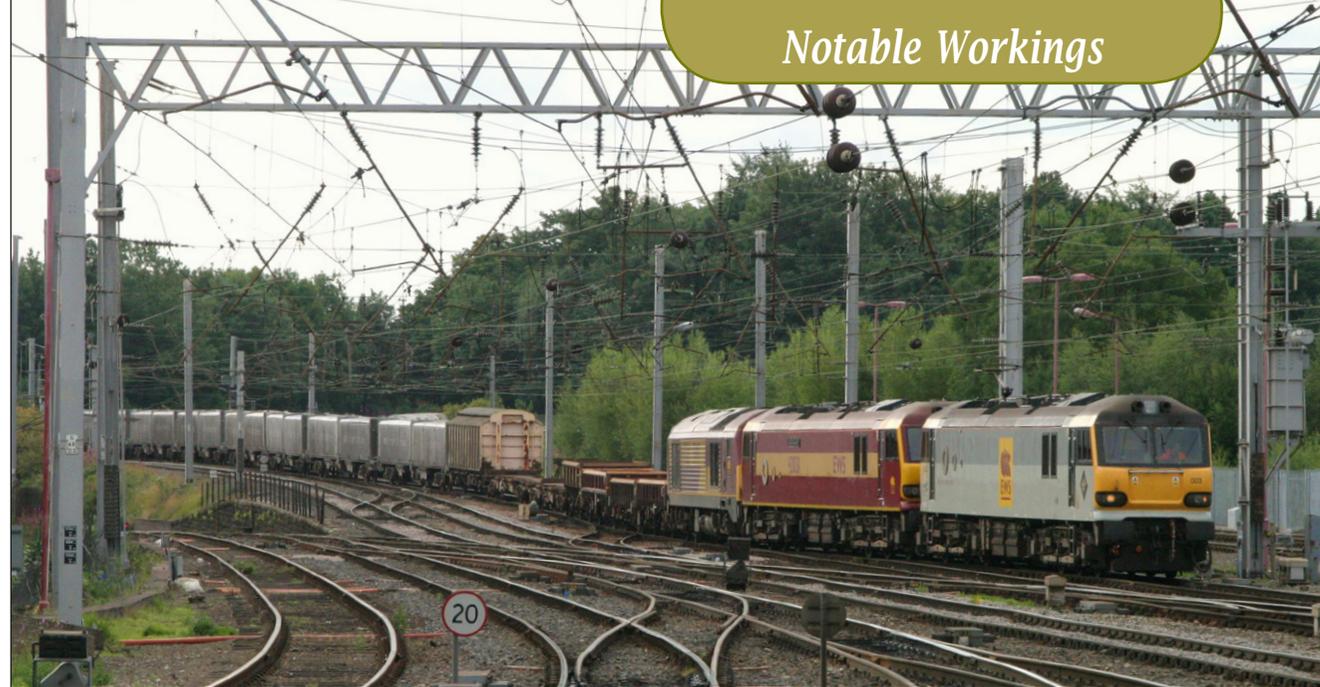
Following its problems at Ashford last week, Colas Rail Class 47/7 No. 47727 Robin of Templecombe worked 'light engine' from Ashford to Eastleigh Works (0Z48) on 1st August, running via Redhill and Horsham, and in the process bringing the rare operation of a Class 47 to the Arun Valley line.

One of the railtour operators operated a 'spin and win' charter with a variety of DRS traction on 1st August. Class 66/4 No. 66430 worked the first leg of the train from Wolverhampton to Leeds, with Class 37s Nos. 37607 and 37604 working from Leeds to Carlisle. The return leg to Leeds, via Shap and Blackburn, took place with DRS classmate Nos. 37069 and WCRC Class 37/5 No. 37676 *Loch Rannoch* at the helm and No. 57007 attached to the rear for

the final leg from Leeds back to Wolverhampton. However, dragging brakes on No. 57007 resulted in the loco being removed from the train at Blackburn, leaving the '37s' to work throughout from Blackburn to Birmingham New Street, via Leeds, Doncaster and Sheffield! The train arrived in Birmingham, where it was terminated.

On the same day in the south-east, Class 73/1 No. 73141 and Class 73/2 No. 73204 *Janice* found passenger employment when they worked a London Waterloo to Weymouth charter, while Class 92 No. 92022 *Charles Dickens* headed south to Dollands Moor with an international service from Wembley (6B49) with Class 67s Nos. 67003 and 67029 *Royal Diamond* in the consist. The reason for the inclusion of 'GM' traction is not known, as the two locos worked back 'light' the following day as the 13.19 Dollands

▼ **Class 47/7 No. 47727 *Rebecca* passes Botley, Hampshire, while running 'light engine' from Ashford Down Sidings to Eastleigh Works on 3rd August. David Kirwin**



▲ **Class 92 No. 92003 drags classmate No. 92031 and an unidentified Class 67 through Carlisle with a late running Warrington Arpley to Carlisle Kingmoor service on 3rd August. The two Class 92s returned south the same afternoon with the Carlisle Kingmoor Yard to Eastleigh 'Enterprise' working. Michael Dalgleish**

Moor – Wembley (0C32)! In North Wales, DB Schenker Class 37/4 No. 37401 was provided to work the Warrington to Holyhead aluminium

working on the same day,

Problems ensued for National Express on the same afternoon, when powercars Nos. 43310 and 43239 (on set EC61) failed near Sandy while working the 14.00 King's Cross to Aberdeen (1S19). The set returned to Stevenage, where it is reported that the passengers were transferred and the service restarted using the set off the 07.55 Inverness to King's Cross working (1E12). Meanwhile, the failed set limped back to King's Cross, where it was used to form the 18.00 to Edinburgh (1S27), being dragged throughout by Class 67 No. 67024.

On 2nd August, First GBRf's regular Sunday loco movement from Peterborough to Doncaster (0D80), in preparation for the start of the week, found Nos. 66710, 66715, 66716, 66718 and 66730 heading

north, while on the West Coast, Class 57/3 No. 57302 *Virgil Tracy* worked the 04.45 Glasgow Polmadie to Willesden Railnet (5Z57) service the following day. Further problems ensued for National Express on the 3rd August when the 'Highland Chieftain' set, with powercars Nos. 43317 and 43307, was terminated at Edinburgh Waverley due to problems with the rear powercar.

As a result of the problems with the Colas '47s', DRS Class 47/4s Nos. 47501 *Craftsman* and 47802 *Pride of Cumbria* worked from Crewe Gresty Bridge to Tonbridge (0Z47) in preparation for the steel working to Burton on the following day. Also working 'light engine' was Class 55 No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey*, which having run across from the East Lancashire Railway to the National Railway Museum, was used to drag Class 52 'Western' No. D1023

Western Courier to Barrow Hill on 3rd August. The same afternoon, First GBRf Class 66/7 No. 66728 *Institution of Railway Operators* was used to move First Capital Connect Class 377/5 No. 377506 from Derby Litchurch Lane to Selhurst (5X77), while North London Line passengers are starting to see the new trains making inroads with two Class 378s on diagram on 3rd August, in the form of Nos. 378007 and 378015.

On 4th August, the morning 'sleeper' ECS move from Glasgow Central to Polmadie is reported

to have been worked by Class 92 No. 92037 *Sullivan*. Later the same day, Virgin Class 57/3 No. 57302 *Virgil Tracy* worked from Bletchley to Eastleigh (5O21) with Class 321/4s Nos. 321429 and 321407 in tow. Stock moves seemed to be the order of the same day, when Advenza Freight used HNRC Class 20/9s Nos. 20901 and 20905 to work four two-axle PFA flats from Darlington to Carlisle Kingmoor (6Z50), via the Tyne Valley line, and the WCRC York 'Thunderbird' loco, Class 37/5 No. 37516, moved two coaches from York to Carnforth,

which were required for the 'Fellsman' train due to run on 5th August. Also on 4th August, Class 59/2 No. 59203 *Vale of Pickering* followed the footsteps of classmate No. 59204 last week, when it reached Machen Quarry in South Wales.

After its trip to Dollands Moor earlier in the week, EWS Executive-liveried Class 67 No. 67029 *Royal Diamond* was paired with classmate No. 67027 *Rising Star* on the VSOE from London Victoria to Southampton Eastern Docks on 4th August, while in Scotland,

No. 67008 found employment all week on the Fife Circle commuter services. Still on loan to First GBRf, Virgin Class 57/3 No. 57302 hauled Class 66/7 No. 66707 *Sir Sam Fay* – Great Central Railway, together with two barrier and two translator vehicles, from Old Oak Common to Polmadie on the 5th August, and at Preston a loco change took place with Class 57/3 No. 57305 *John Tracy* taking the train forward.

Type 3 action took place in the Warrington area on 5th August, as Class 37/4 No. 37401 was employed on the 'Enterprise' trip to Blackburn,

and Class 37/5 No. 37670 worked south the same afternoon, while fellow Class 37s, now Network Rail Class 97/3s Nos. 97301 and 97303 worked from Barrow Hill to Shrewsbury 'light engine' the same day. National Express East Coast used King's Cross 'Thunderbird' No. 67001 to work an empty Mk4 set, minus Class 91, from Bounds Green to Leeds Neville Hill (5G18) the same afternoon, while Colas Rail's overnight steel working from Dollands Moor to Burton was worked by DRS Class 47/4 No. 47501, classmate No. 47802 remaining at Tonbridge. The southbound working on 6th August consisted of just three wagons.

The regular 'flask' working to Dungeness entered the spotlight on 6th August, as the rostered motive power was Class 57/0s No. 57003 and 57012 – believed to be the first working for the class to this location. Further stock movements by WCRC took place the same day, with Class 47/7 No. 47760 and Class 37/5 No. 37676 *Loch Rannoch* 'topping and tailing' two Mk1 coaches working a 09.00 Carnforth – Fort William (5Z37) and Class 47/4 No. 47804 working the 10.15 Carnforth – Bo'ness (5Z47), conveying three SRPS Mk1s, while No. 47/7 No. 47786 *Roy Castle OBE* found employment working 11.51 Carnforth to Crewe (5Z63).

With Colas Rail's Class 47 fleet problems presumably having been solved, DRS Class 47/4s Nos. 47501 and 47802 returned to Crewe Gresty Lane from Tonbridge (0Z47) on 6th August. Having been tripped north on 4th August, Class 66/7 No. 66707 found long-distance use on 6th August, working from Brush Traction, Kilmarnock, to Plymouth Laira (5V66) with two barrier

▼ **Class 57/3 Thunderbird No. 57305 *John Tracy* drags Class 66/7 No. 66707 *Sir Sam Fay* Great Central Railway and barrier/translator coaches past Greenholme on 5th August in bright evening sunlight en route from Old Oak Common to Polmadie. Ian Tunstall**





coaches and two Mk3 coaches (Nos. 42382 and 42383). The locomotive returned to Old Oak Common (5F70) on 7th August. First GBRf had further stock movement work the same day, when Class 377/5 No. 377516 was transferred from Bombardier at Derby Litchurch Lane to Selhurst by Class 66/7 No. 66728. Overnight on 6th/7th August, the next 'Javelin' to arrive, No. 395025

◀ **Class 57/3 No. 57302 made a rare trip to the Southern Region on 4th August, when it hauled Class 321/4s Nos. 321429 and 321407 from Wembley Yard to Eastleigh, the train passing Kensington Olympia running almost an hour behind the booked schedule. **Stuart Chapman****

was moved from Southampton Docks to Ashford by Class 67 No. 67003.

Having been repaired, the second DB Schenker-liveried Class 37 to re-enter traffic, No. 37419, worked south to Bescot before heading north to Scotland. Unfortunately, the locomotive only got as far as Beattock before losing coolant and failing, being rescued by DRS Class 66/4 No. 66420, which recovered the train to Beattock Loop to clear the line. Class 92 No. 92031 *The Institute of Logistics and Transport* was dispatched from Mossend to rescue the train and haul it through to Carlisle Yard, departing Beattock Loop just 222 minutes late! Problems ensued at Stewarts Lane depot on 7th August, when Wessex Electric Class 442 No. (44)2408 derailed within the shed, blocking all roads. With Class 37/4 No. 37419 in Scotland, Class 37/5 No. 37670 *St Blazey T&RS Depot* was due to move from Warrington to Mossend on 7th August, putting both Type 3s in Scotland in preparation for working the weekend's 'Northern Belle' charter from Edinburgh to Inverness on Saturday, plus the 'Belle's' separate Aberdeen to Kyle of Lochalsh charter on Sunday.



◀ **HNRC Class 20/9s Nos. 20905 and 20901 coast through Gilsland, on the Tyne Valley line, on 4th August with the 13.00 Darlington to Carlisle Kingmoor TMD (6Z50) working. The locos were on hire to Advenza Freight, which was returning four PFA wagons that had been on hire. **Michael Dagleish****

The weekly round-up of news and information from the DB Schenker Class 60 fleet

The week started out badly for Mainline Blue-liveried No. 60011, but overall there was an improvement in active fleet numbers, increasing from nine to 10.

No. 60011 was stored at the start of the week and should have returned from Peak Forest to Toton TMD with Class 66 No. 66238 on 31st July, but a change of plan resulted in the locomotive still

being at Peak Forest on 7th August.

No. 60013, incorrectly shown as being stored on 29th July in our last report, having visited Toton, presumably for exam was back in South Wales on 4th August, working off Margam and at the helm of the Robeston to Westerleigh tanks (6B13) on 5th August, which then formed the Westerleigh to Lindsey

discharged tanks (6E41) the same afternoon. With the loco now part of the Immingham allocation, No. 60013 worked to West Burton (6D31) on the 6th before heading back to Westerleigh overnight. After undertaking the same working on the following day, it was swapped to the Lindsey to Jarrow tanks (6N03) on the 8th as a result of the failure of No. 60061 the previous day.

Class 60 No. 60019 remained in South Wales throughout the week, while Army-liveried Class 60 No.

60040 *The Territorial Army Centenary* had a rare foray for the class on 31st July, working the Immingham to

Wolverhampton steel working. With no traffic to return to Immingham (6E08), the locomotive ran back 'light

Active Class 60 Locomotives

Active Fleet: 60013, 60019, 60040, 60059, 60061, 60074, 60085, 60087, 60091, 60096
Additions: 60061 (31st), 60085(6th). **Stored:** 60011 (31st July), 60049 (5th)
Active Fleet Total: 10

▼ **Class 60 No. 60087 Barry Needham climbs the grade from Latchford Sidings to Walton Old Junction Yard at Warrington with a rake of HTA empties from Fiddlers Ferry Power Station on 30th July, bound for Liverpool Bulk Terminal. Colin Irwin**



engine'. On 1st-6th August, the celebrity machine was entrusted with the Lindsey to Jarrow workings, although there was a break on the 7th when it worked out and back to West Burton Power Station with oil tanks.

Moving attention to Warrington, Nos. 60049 and 60087 remain based there for coal traffic from Liverpool to Fiddlers Ferry and Ironbridge, although No. 60049 did receive a quick break from normal activities over the weekend, being used on engineers duties, in 'top and tail' mode with Class 66 No. 66082 on 1st August. On 5th August, however, No. 60049 was returned to the stored pool, its place being taken by classmate No. 60085, which worked 'light engine' from Toton to Warrington on 6th August, before taking up work on the Liverpool to Fiddlers Ferry circuit the following day. It was all change on the 7th however, as No. 60087 ended up at Bescot, prior to moving to Toton, either at the helm or in the consist of the Bescot to Toton engineers trip (6D44).

In the North East, No. 60061 was returned to the operational pool over the weekend, moving first from Toton to Doncaster; then onto Immingham to be employed on the Lindsey to Drax power station oil working on 3rd August, followed by the Humber to Jarrow tanks (6N10) on the 4th, returning south in the early hours of the following day prior to working the fuel tanks to Leeds Neville Hill. On 6th August No. 60061 was clocking up further miles, heading south to Westerleigh before returning north that afternoon. All was not well the following day however, as the loco had charge of the Lindsey to Jarrow tanks but

unfortunately, came to grief near to York in the early hours of 7th August, having the indignity of being rescued by Class 66/0 No. 66095, which also powered the return working (6D43) that evening. Having arrived back at Immingham on 8th August, it was transferred to Doncaster TMD, 'dead in tow' on the Immingham to Doncaster (6D04) trip, powered by Class 66/0 No. 66167, with No. 66125 also in the consist.

After a failure prior to working from Robeston to Westerleigh on 3rd August, Loadhaul-liveried No. 60059 *Swinden Dalesman* was dumped at Margam on the following day. After fitters attention however, the loco was returned to traffic, working to Robeston on the 5th and being given charge of the Robeston to Theale tanks overnight on 5th/6th August and the Robeston to Westerleigh on the 7th.

Light-blue liveried Class 60 No. 60074, having been reinstated at the end of last week, spent this week working off Peak Forest to Bredbury (3rd), Selby (4th) and Hope Street (5th). Its classmate in the Peak District remains No. 60091, which was in charge of the Willesden cement on 4th August, and worked through to Norwich with aggregate hoppers the following day. Having had recent employment in the Peak District, Class 60 No. 60096 ended up at Toton TMD on 31st July, remaining there until 5th August, when it powered an Immingham to Margam trip (believed to have worked forward from Toton) before heading north up the Marches to Crewe and Warrington, from where it became the second locomotive on the Liverpool to Fiddlers/Ironbridge coal circuit.

►▲ **Celebrity No. 60074 *Teenage Spirit* crosses the swing bridge at Selby as it starts its return working to Peak Forest on 4th August. **Richard Tuplin****

► **Railfreight grey-liveried Class 60 No. 60091 *An Tellach* powers through Lichfield with the return Willesden to Tunstead cement tanks on 4th August. **John Whitehouse****



UK Steam & Modern Traction Railtour Listings

The following table details the latest information available on railtours for the forthcoming weeks from the date of publication. Information is understood to be correct at the time of going to press.

10th August

Northern Belle tbc Inverness-Edinburgh-ECML-London King's Cross

12th August

Statesman Rail WCRC Pool Lancaster-Preston-Blackburn-Hellifield-S&C-Carlisle & return
VSOE 35028 London Victoria- Staines-Virginia water-Woking-Salisbury-Westbury-
(Westbury-Bath Spa-Bristol TM (break/rev)-Bath Spa- Westbury)-
Newbury-Reading-Kensington Olympia-London Victoria

13th August

Past Time Rail 60163 Bristol TM- London **Cancelled**
Steam Dreams 70013 London Victoria- Surrey Hills-Oxford (break/rev) & return

14th August

Railway Touring Company 6233 Crewe-Wilmslow-Wakefield Kirkgate-York-Scarborough & return

15th August

Rail-Blue Charters 2xDRS 47 Barrow Hill-Sheffield-East Midlands Pky-Loughborough-Leicester-
Coleshill Parkway-Birmingham New St- Paignton & return
Railway Touring Company 70013 London LS-Colchester-Ipswich-Norwich (rev)-Lowestoft (rev)-
Saxmundham-Ipswich-Colchester-London LS
Steam Dreams 60163 London Victoria-Basingstoke-Winchester-Petersfield-London Victoria (am)
Steam Dreams 60163 London Victoria-Redhill-Ashford-Hastings-Tonbridge-London Victoria (pm)

16th August

Railway Touring Company 6201 Liverpool LS-Warrington Bank Quay-Frodsham-Chester-Colwyn Bay-
Llandudno Juncyon-Bangor-Holyhead (break/rev) & return
Railway Touring Company 45231 York-Leeds-Shipley-Keighley-Skipton-S&C-Appleby-Carlisle (break/rev)-
Carlisle-Appleby-S&C-Skipton & return
SRPS tbc Aberdeen-Dyce-Inverurie-Inverness-Plockton-Kyle of Lochalsh & return
Torbay Express Ltd 60163 Bristol TM-Taunton-Exeter SD-Torquay-Paignton-Kingswear & return
Vintage Trains 5043 Birmingham SH-Stratford upon Avon-Birmingham SH (twice)

17th August

UK Railtours tbc London Victoria-Eastleigh (break)-Havant-Woking-Victoria (Ocean Liner)

19th August

Railway Touring Company tbc Crewe-Llandudno Town-Blaenau Ffestiniog & return **Postponed**
Statesman Rail WCRC Pool Lancaster-Preston-Blackburn-Hellifield-Appleby-Carlisle & return

The following are classed as scheduled steam services, operating several times each week.

Mon, Wed & Fri	WCRC	The Cambrian	Machynlleth-Porthmadog-Pwllheli	76079
Tues & Thurs	WCRC	The Cambrian	Machynlleth-Porthmadog	76079
Daily	WCRC	The Jacobite	Fort William-Mallaig-Fort William	62005, 45407
Tues-Thurs	WCRC	Scarborough Spa	York-Harrogate-Leeds-Scarborough & return	45231
Mon-Thurs/Sat	NYMR	Whitby	Pickering - Whitby	75029, 828

Not all pick up/set down points are shown. Check with the operator before travelling any distance.

BLACK Charters expected to operate as booked.

RED Tours cancelled by the operator

GREEN Tours postponed to a future date by the operator

BLUE Provisional excursion

WCRC West Coast Railway Company

(Locations) in brackets on a steam tour listing indicates a diesel or electric-hauled section.

The Week Ahead

'Britannia' Pacific No. 70013 Oliver Cromwell features strongly in the coming week's activities, having charge of tours on 13th August for Steam Dreams and 15th August for RTC.

The first charter is a 'Cathedrals Express' from London Victoria to Oxford, routed via East Croydon, Redhill, Guildford, Woking and Reading. Two days later, and the loco is due to head east from London Liverpool Street to Norwich and Lowestoft, recreating the summer-dated 1950's holiday train called 'The Easterling'. It returns via the East Suffolk line and Ipswich.

Steam Dreams will be busy on 15th August as well, with both luncheon and dining trains from London Victoria featuring 'A1' Pacific No. 60163 *Tornado*. The luncheon train is routed via Woking, Basingstoke, Havant, Haslemere and Guildford, while the dining train is booked to operate via East Croydon, Redhill, Tonbridge, Ashford and Hastings.

Also operating out of London Victoria on 12th August will be Merchant Navy Pacific No. 35028 *Clan Line* at the head of a VSOE British Pullman working to Bristol Temple Meads. The

usual operating procedure will apply, which is steam haulage via Virginia Water, Woking and Salisbury to Westbury, where a diesel will take over for the final leg to Bristol Temple Meads. The return from Bristol is again diesel hauled to Westbury, where *Clan Line* will resume control of the train back to London Victoria via Newbury, Reading, Slough and Kensington Olympia.

Rail Blue Charters is scheduled to operate its first charter of the year, featuring a pair of DRS Class 47s from Barrow Hill, via Sheffield, Chesterfield, the Erewash Valley, Leicester and Birmingham New Street to Paignton. Next day, the SRPS has an Aberdeen to Plockton and Kyle of Lochalsh charter that will feature WCRC Class 47 traction.

Please note, the weekly preview will not be detailing the host of regular interval and itinerary workings that are taking place this month. Full details of all trains, routes and known allocated locomotives can be found in the comprehensive combined steam and modern traction railtour listings on the website at www.railwayherald.co.uk

▼ Riviera Trains Class 47/4s Nos. 47812 and 47843 power out of Plymouth on the approach to Dockyard Halt on 1st August, with the return leg of a Penzance to Nantwich charter. Paul Maycock





LMS Rebuilt Royal Scot No. 46115 *Scots Guardsman* passes Birkett Common, near Kirkby Stephen, on 2nd August with the 16.50 Carlisle to York charter.
Anthony Roberts

Ups & Downs by John Whitehouse

■ Statesman Rail has announced two additional 'Fellsman' tours, resulting from the unprecedented demand for the trains. With the existing programme virtually sold out, extra charters will now also operate on 9th & 23rd September.

■ Some locomotive changes to note for Railway Touring Company: No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* will now operate

the 'Scarborough Flyer' on 21st August and the 'North Wales Coast Express' on 23rd August, while the 'Cumbrian Mountain Express' on 22nd August will be hauled by No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth*.

■ Good news from the SRPS, which advises that the 23rd August 'Forth Circle' workings with 'A4' No. 60009 *Union of South Africa* are selling very well,

and the remaining seats are selling fast. The support for the trains this year has been excellent, and if the trend continues the SRPS 40th year should be one of its most successful. Also contributing to revenue is the short-term hire of coaches to West Coast during July and part of August to augment the fleet at a traditionally busy time, thus promoting the SRPS brand south of the border!

▼ **LMS Princess Royal Pacific No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* steams round the curve at Kirkham Abbey, between York and Scarborough, while working the 'Scarborough Flyer' on 7th August. Paul Braybrook**



Pair of '73s' and Hastings DEMU for First GBRf charter

A very special train is due to operate on 10th October entitled 'The Caterham Corps', which is being operated by First GBRf to support its chosen charity, 'Help the Heroes'.

The company hopes to raise £5,000 for the charity which has been set up to support those wounded in Britain's current conflicts, and all First GBRf staff involved with the charter are donating their time free of charge. First GBRf plan to provide Class 73s Nos. 73212 & 73213 for the charter, which will be the first time these ex-Gatwick Express diesel-electrics have worked a scheduled passenger train for over 10 years.

The train will also consist of the Hastings DEMU, with the locomotives operating in 'top & tail' mode. Pick up points are Hastings, Tunbridge Wells,

Tonbridge and London Victoria, and the planned route (subject to final Network Rail validation) will include Hayes, Bromley North, Greenwich, Caterham, Tattenham Corner and Richmond via Gunnersbury. Due to platform length restrictions at Richmond, one locomotive will be detached and the Hastings DEMU will provide power on the departure.

The fare is a minimum donation of £40, but space is limited and there is likely to be no more than 170 seats available, so early booking is essential.

This promises to be a truly memorable tour for an extremely good cause, which is also being supported by *Railways Illustrated* magazine and *UK Railtours*, which will also be taking the bookings on 01438 715050 or through the website <http://www.ukrailtours.co.uk>

Please remember to mention *Railway Herald* when speaking to railtour companies

Successful season for Railway Touring company as 'Scarborough Flyers' sell out

With its 'Scarborough Flyer' programme reported as being sold-out, RTC is putting on an additional train on 4th September to provide extra capacity.

No. 60009 *Union of South Africa* is believed to be the nominated engine for the trip from Crewe via Wilmslow, Huddersfield and Wakefield Kirkgate to York and Scarborough.

Railway Touring Company also has two other new trains, the first being only two days later on 6th September,

with 'Royal Scot' 4-6-0 No. 46115 *Scots Guardsman* from Liverpool Lime Street to York on the 'Yorkshire Scot'. The route is initially to Manchester Victoria, and then via Rochdale and the Calder Valley route to Wakefield Kirkgate, and then onwards via Castleford and Church Fenton to York. This is followed on 3rd October with 'The Dartmouth Express', featuring either No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* or No. 34067 *Tangmere* from Westbury through to Kingswear. The train originates diesel-hauled at Poole.

Problems hit RTC Welsh operations

There was disappointment on the North Wales coast last Sunday when the first visit of steam to Llandudno for a reported 20 years was cancelled at the last minute due to the train, hauled by No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* apparently being too long for the platform at Llandudno, causing it to foul the access pointwork.

Instead, the train remained at Llandudno Junction before resuming its journey to Holyhead. It looks as if future workings will also omit Llandudno from their itinerary.

It was a difficult week in North Wales for RTC, as following the problems of the North Wales Coast Express, the inaugural 'Welsh

Mountaineer' with Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 45231 *Sherwood Forester* came to grief at the notorious Pont-y-Pant tunnel, where the locomotive stalled.

A quick decision was made to reverse the train to Betws-y-Coed where the Mk1 support coach and a TSO were detached and the resultant five-coach load stormed through to Blaenau Ffestiniog. The two coaches were later retrieved by the 'Black 5' and reattached for a near right time departure back to Llandudno Junction.

Reports circulating claim that in BR-days 'Black 5s' were restricted to four coaches on the Conwy Valley line, which in recent times has defeated a number of steam specials, usually in the area of Pont-y-Pant.

▼ LMS *Duchess Pacific* No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* heads for Holyhead near Ty Croes, with Snowdonia in the background, on 1st August. **John Whitehouse**



▲ Class 390 'Pendolino' No. 390035 *City Of Lancaster* on a northbound working passes LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 45231 *The Sherwood Forester* on the 'Welsh Mountaineer' charter at Preston on 5th August, bringing together two generations of traction. **Robert Beardwell**

► DRS Class 57/0 No. 57007 brings up the rear of a 'Spin and Win' charter at Farington Curve, south of Preston, with Class 37s Nos. 37087 and 37676 (out of sight) providing the front end power. The 57 encountered dragging brakes and slipped tyres while en route from Carlisle to Blackburn and was detached from the train at Blackburn. **Ian Tunstall**





Class 37 No. 37670 *St Blazey T&RS Depot* was paired with classmate No. 37401 on a charter from Holyhead to Carlisle, via the Settle & Carlisle line, on 1st August. The Type 3s power through Bagillt, near Flint, on the outward journey.
Jonathan Stevenson

Bressingham transfers ownership of *Royal Scot* to 'The Royal Scot and General Trust'

The troubled restoration of 'the other Scot', No. 6100 *Royal Scot* seems now to be on track and an inaugural mainline outing in mid/late October is on the cards.

The key element is that the ownership of No. 6100 has been transferred to 'The Royal Scot and General Trust', of which Howard Stephens of Bressingham, together with Denis Dunstan and Jeremy Hoskins are trustees. Two other appointments are awaited. The new Trust will take over the maintenance and operation of the locomotive, effectively separating it from Bressingham Steam Museum as it was felt that operating the 'Scot' was not part of the museum's core business.

The trust will also be responsible for repaying the additional bank loan which was negotiated to finance the completion of the overhaul, when the initial funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Bressingham's own resources was fully spent. At no stage was the bank looking to take possession of the locomotive, says Trustee and Bressingham Operations Manager Howard Stephens in response to rumours recently circulating.

The process of transferring ownership is currently underway, and once complete, the

locomotive's future will be more assured than at any time in the past.

It is presently at Crewe, where the big job has been to repair the damage caused by the fire on the low-loader transferring *Royal Scot* from Crewe to Minehead for the West Somerset Gala. The damage is much more intensive than originally thought due to the intense heat of the fire causing significant damage beneath the running plate and buffer beam. Particularly, it cracked the cylinder head cover, which has been difficult to replace due to the absence of any drawings. A pattern has been produced and casting made, and the repair will soon be made good. Howard Stephens praised the help and co-operation of Alleley's, the haulage company, in settling the insurance claim for the damage.

Air-braking and TPWS equipment is now installed, and all that remains is the installation of OTMR before the locomotive will be ready. It is due to appear at Bressingham over the weekend of 5th/6th September before returning to Crewe when hopefully mainline certification will commence.

For the future, it looks like No. 6100 will be based at Southall for mainline operations.



◀ Viewed through the arch of the footpath bridge, Class 20 No. 20110 (visiting from the South Devon Railway) stands next to the partially completed signal box at Groombridge on the Spa Valley Railway. Construction of the new signal box is now well advanced.

David Staines

Great Central Railway announces visit of 'Deltic' and 'Hoover' for September gala bringing the engine line-up to 11 locos!

The Great Central Railway have announced the engines for its diesel gala event which will replace the previously advertised 'Western' and Class 50 No.

50008 *Thunderer*.

DPS 'Deltic' No. D9019 *Royal Highland Fusilier* and Class 50 No. 50007 *Sir Edward Elgar* will now join the two other non-resident engines Class 47/7 No. 47714 and Class 37/3 No. 37314 at the three-day September Diesel Gala on 11th-13th September.

In all, up to 11 locomotives will be in action at the event and use will be made of newly refurbished 4BIG EMU, which will work in 'push-pull' mode with the National Railway Museum's Class 33 No. D6535. Event organiser Steven Chapple said: "It's

going to be a great mix. Two Type 5s, three Type 4s, two Type 3s and three Type 2s. With the Class 10 included as well it's 11 locomotives, but it could be 12.

Resident Class 20 No. D8098 is on its way back from overhaul and we hope repairs will be completed in time for it to feature as well. We'll have Real Ale trains running on Friday night and Saturday night to tempt people into scoring maximum mileage".

The complete line up will be Nos. D9019, 50007, 47714, D1705, D123, 37314, D6535, D5830, D5401, D5185, D4067 and a Class 101 DMU.

One, two or three-day runabout tickets are available. Prices have been published on line at <http://www.gcrailway.co.uk> and the timetable will also be posted there soon.

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PURBECK

On 6th August, Andrew Barclay 0-4-0ST No .1147 *John Howe*, built in 1908, crosses the swing bridge at the entrance to Preston Harbour with a demonstration freight train during the line's first-ever photographic charter organised by Andrew Fowler. **Stuart Chapman**



Dutch-liveried Class 37/0 No. 37254 Driver Robert Prince MBE heads past Pokehill Farm Crossing during the Spa Valley Railway's Diesel Gala on 7th August.
Stuart Chapman





Late evening sun on 2nd August illuminates National Express East Anglia branded, Class 90 No. 90004 while working the 19.00 Norwich to London Liverpool Street service at Diss. **Stuart Warr**

Through the Lens



◀ 'Pacers' are generally unloved and unphotographed. To help redress the balance Northern Rail classmates are captured passing at Romiley station on 31st July. On the left, Class 142 No. 142060 departs with the 15.38 service to Marple, while on the right No. 142043 arrives with a New Mills to Manchester Piccadilly working. Of note are the different destination blinds on the units - No. 142060 having the traditional roller blind, while the other set is equipped with the newer double-line dot matrix display.
Nigel Capelle

▼ On 1st August, Class 153 No. 153322 heads east out of Bury St Edmunds while working the 10.43 Cambridge to Ipswich service. Liveries do not appear to have kept pace with ownership in this instance as this unit is in 'Anglia' livery with National Express East Anglia branding, but missing out 'One' which was the Train Operating Company historically between the two shown on the unit!
Stuart Warr



SOUTH-EAST POLAND BIESZCZADY AUTUMN STEAM (Bieszczadzka Jesien Pod Para) 12 - 15/16 October 2009

This trip, based on Zagorz, immediately follows the Plandampf Polska at Wolsztyn, but using different loco types plus retro cars and retro freight wagons from Chabowka. Ty2 and O12 will double head the mixed train from Krakow to Zagorz and return.



Various combinations of stock. Runpasts on lines to Kroszowice (Ukraine border) and Lupkow (Slovakian border). Hope to arrange visit to NG Bieszczady ex-Forestry railway for steam charter.

Trip organised at short notice to use steam for Chabowka before its possible sale/transfer by PKP Cargo, who no longer wish to operate the Skansen. This may well be the last ever standard gauge steam in the Bieszczady region. Please apply urgently if you are interested (contact details below), as time is short!

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Heritage traction for Czech Republic service

► Czech Republic Museum-owned, 1960s-built locomotive No. T678.0012 was unusually turned out to work the 13.36 Praha HI N - Ceske Budejovice and the 17.08 return on 30th June. The train is pictured waiting to depart Jince. Both services are normally worked by a Praha Class 749 loco with two-coaches, however, on 30th June the rake was strengthened to five vehicles. Rumours abound that the trains between Praha and Ceske Budejovice via Pribram and Pisek are to change to multiple-unit operation later this year. **Andy Pratt**



Eurotunnel and SNCF Fret team up to bid for Veolia Cargo

Eurotunnel and SNCF have teamed up to make a bid for Veolia Cargo, the freight division of French rail operator Veolia Transport.

The Channel Tunnel operator said it wanted to split Veolia Cargo's

divisions, with it taking the domestic services of Veolia Cargo France, the short-line operator CFTA Cargo, the freight handling unit Socorail, and Veolia Cargo Link, which runs freight between France and Germany. Meanwhile, SNCF-Fret would acquire the

German, Dutch and Italian subsidiaries of Veolia Cargo. Eurotunnel's business has suffered from continuing depressed freight traffic volumes, and the tunnel fire in September 2008 left it running at a reduced capacity until 10th February. Jacques Gounon,

Eurotunnel CEO, said the deal would help expand the company, allowing it to develop its traction subsidiary Europorte 2 into a low-cost European short haul operator, and make cross-Channel rail freight a much more attractive proposition for shippers.

Stobart & DB Schenker start UK-Spain service

Stobart Rail and DB Schenker Rail (UK) have announced the introduction of temperature controlled intermodal services from Valencia to Great Britain via the Channel Tunnel.

The service is said to offer a shared multi-client train for new and existing customers of both companies,

and by working together all road and rail assets will be able to achieve high levels of use, enabling a door-to-door solution for companies involved in the export of fresh products.

The scheme is unique in that a single rail freight operator will provide all rail traction across three countries, with the

involvement of DB Schenker's European subsidiaries Euro Cargo Rail in France and Euro Cargo Rail in Spain.

Stobart's planning infrastructure and capability in the fresh and chilled sector will ensure that the product is monitored from the pack-house to the store as well as its delivery on time and in top condition.

New commuter line into Cork reopens after 46 years and €75 million investment

The Middleton to Cork line has been reopened after 46 years, following a €75 million refurbishment.

The line allows passengers to reach Middleton from Cork in well under 30 minutes and stops are being made at newly built stations at Middleton, Carrigtwohill, Glounthaune, Little Island and Kent station Cork.

Two-car 320-seat trains provide a

30-minute service in peak hours and are hourly at other times. Apart from the track work and the stations, a new signalling system is to be installed and car parks and bridges constructed. A short closure of the route will be required for trackwork upgrades and signalling installation.

The renovation undertaken was funded by the Irish Government as part of its National Development Plan 2007-2013.

Wheat spillage at UP yard

The cause of a wheat spilling four-car Union Pacific Railroad derailment on 6th August in a Sidney rail yard is under investigation, railroad officials saying that the minimal track damage was not preventing mainline operations from continuing.

Clean-up crews had been sent to the site, and worked

to upright two of the cars that had fallen on their sides. Two other cars, one in front and one behind the overturned ones, were simply tipping up on one set of wheels on the track. They had not leaked any wheat, but the two on their sides had leaked the cargo through their roofs. It was not yet possible to say how much of the wheat had been damaged or lost until after the mess has been vacuumed up.

Major investment for Canadian National at Toronto Airport

Canadian National Railway (CN) is developing a fast-growing business supplying jet fuel to airlines serving Toronto's Lester B. Pearson International Airport, and has constructed a C\$65 million new Jet Fuel Rail Offloading, Storage and Distribution Facility near the airport, adjacent to CN's Malport rail yard in north-west Toronto.

CN, said: "The changing dynamics of jet-fuel supply for airlines serving Pearson Airport now require the carriers to strategically source

fuel across the globe, and this has opened the door to rail to play an increasingly important role in these longer supply chains. We've been able to develop a substantial business at Pearson – one that didn't exist a half-decade ago". Rail infrastructure at the terminal includes track sidings permitting the unloading of 26 tank cars at once on two tracks. The initial phase of the new facility is almost fully utilised, and an additional track is being constructed and expected to be in service by the end of September, to add another 20 car spots for unloading.

► Erie Mining Company F9A No. 4211 and F9B No. 4222 stand at Hinsdale in Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota. The units have since been moved to a new home at the Lake Superior Railroad Museum in Duluth, Minnesota where they are awaiting refurbishing and restoration funds. Both were built in 1956 and were used until 2001 hauling taconite pellets from the plant at Hoyt Lakes to Taconite Harbour on the shore of Lake Superior, 74 miles away. **Todd Mavec**



▲ In the 'Sunshine State', MP15AC No. 1160 heads a CSX Tropicana reefer transfer run south along the Florida East Coast (FEC) bridge across the St Johns River at Jacksonville, Florida, bound for the FEC yard. **John Helberg**



To get one of the UP Heritage units on a train is good fortune, but three is just amazing luck! Union Pacific heritage SD70ACe's Nos. 1983 (in Western Pacific colours) and 1996 (in Southern Pacific colours) lead UP SD70M No. 2002, in a special livery commemorating the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, through Alda, Nebraska. They are in charge of the Global 1 service from Chicago to Los Angeles, which on this day had 162 vehicles, giving a total length of 11,766 feet and weighing in at over 11,000 tons! **Nick Anshant**



10th August 2009

Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 'A 1970s East Midlands Railtour' by David Page. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact the Secretary on 01522 705362 for further details.

Southern Electric Group (Sussex Branch)

The Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'CTR: Section 2' by Phil Bassett. Meeting commences at 19.30. Donation of £2 requested. For details contact the Secretary, Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094.

11th August 2009

Abergavenny and District Steam Society
Upper Room, The Hen & Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny 'The Mumbles Railway' by Royston Kneath. Starts 20.00. For details email ken.mumford@ntlworld.com.

RCTS (Merseyside & N. Wales Branch)

'Observation at Rugby (Joint with MRS) &/or Nuneaton'. Contact Geoff Morris on 01244 375808 for details.

12th August 2009

Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'The West Somerset Railway' by Keith Smith. Starts 20.00. Visitors welcome. Contact 01256 326096 for further details.

Grimsby & Cleethorpes Railway Group

Royal Air Force Club, 5 Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes DN35 8LQ. 'Isle of Man Vintage Transport' by Howard Turner. Starts 14.00. Contact Mike Hartley on 01724 341358.

Swiss Railways Society (London Branch)

The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT (near Kings Cross Station). 'Switzerland 1977-2007' by Alan Pike. Meeting commences at 19.00. A £2 donation is requested. Contact Ron Dawes on 020 8660 3532 for details.

13th August 2009

RCTS (West Riding Branch)
'3 Day Observation in South Wales including Newport & Bristol TM'. Contact Malcolm Riley on 07887 908501 or by e-mail at bigmal.w.br.rcts@talk21.com for details.

14th-16th August 2009 Manchester Science & Industry Museum

The Great Garratt Gathering
An opportunity to view all the Beyer Garratts which have assembled for the centenary. Pre show photo charter on 13th August - passes are £20.00 each. Contact Dave Tillotson on 01904 744330 to book a place. The Main Show opening times are from 10.00 to 17.00 each day. Entry is free. *Planet* the MOSI replica Liverpool & Manchester Railway locomotive will then break through a banner to formally open the show. Guest locomotives on show include Beyer Garratt 0-4-0 + 0-4-0 K1 and *William Francis*, 7.25" Gauge EAR Class 59 Beyer Garratt locos *Mount Kenya* and *Mount Kilimanjaro* Plus the museum's own SAR GL Garratt and other resident engines. Also confirmed are 85 more Garratt locomotives in other scales and gauges.

17th August 2009

Great Central Railway Society (Spinkhill Branch)
The Angel Hotel, 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'The Buses of Booth & Fisher' by Andy Firth. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for further details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Dorking Branch)

Pethick-Lawrence House, 85 South Street, Dorking. 'European Trams and Trolleybuses' by John Zebedee. Meeting commences at 19.30.

RCTS

(Northampton Branch)
'Visit to the SVR'. Contact the society secretary, D.Pick, on 01604 810613 or by e-mail at northampton@rcts.org for details.

RCTS

(Thames Valley Branch)
'Observation & Photography at Didcot Station'. Contact Murray Lewis on 01189 426681 for details.

19th August 2009

Aeron Valley Railway Society
Prince of Wales Inn, Aberaeron. 'A Cambrian Journey' by Alan Williams and Brian Duke. Meeting commences at 19.45.

RCTS

(Humberside Branch)
'Evening at Barnetby'. Contact R. Hall on 01482 501058 or by e-mail at richardh@djbraody.co.uk for details.

20th August 2009

Breconshire Rly Society
R.A.F.A.Club, The Struet, Brecon 'The Daffodil Line' by David Postle. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Arthur Robinson on 01982 560219 for further details.

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BB. Bring a Thing. Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for details.

20th - 25th August 2009

LCGB Overseas Tours.
Germany 'Chemnitz Rail Fest' LCGB Membership is compulsory.

21st August 2009

Great Western Society (Taunton Branch)
Village Hall, Stoke St. Mary, Nr Taunton. 'Then Till Now' by Philip Kelly. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Central London Branch)

Keen House, Calshot Street, London N1. Members Slides Evening. Meeting commences at 19.00

23rd August 2009

RCTS (West Riding Branch)
'Crewe Basford Hall at 12.00 hrs'. Contact Malcolm Riley on 07887 908501 for further details.

25th August 2009

RCTS (Mersey & N.Wales Branch)
'Lancashire Day Ranger'. Contact Geoff Morris on 01244 376808.

26th August 2009

Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'F.W.Webb of the London and North Western Railway' by Martin Bloxom. Starts 20.00. Contact the secretary on 01256 326096 for details.

27th August 2009

GC Railway Society (Rotherham Branch)
The Three Horseshoes, Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 2BW. 'Coming up with the Goods' by Steward Donohoe. Starts 19.30. Contact Mick Hayes on 01709 820544 for details.

1st September 2009

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BB. 'Transport options at Walt Disney World' by Dekota Dibben. Starts 19.45. Contact Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for details.

LCGB (Bedford Branch)

St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford MK42 0DL 'The Dick Schaeffer and Ian Hall Collection' by Ken Dickens. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01525 750149 for details.

LCGB (North London)

Wood Green Social Club, 3 Stuart Crescent, Wood Green, London N22 5NJ. '57 Ways of Wheels Going Uphill & Around Corners (Pt1)'. by Ray Schofield. Meeting commences at 19.00.

Permanent Way Institution

(Edinburgh Branch)
The Scots Guards Club, 2 Clifton Terrace, Edinburgh 'S&C Construction to Delivery' by Forbes Prentice. Meeting commences at 18.00. Contact the Secretary, Alan Morrison on 07834 507497 or by e-mail at alan.morrison@atkingglobal.com for further details.

Permanent Way Institution

(Wessex Branch)
The Freemantle Club, Waterloo Road, Southampton. 'The New Western Way' by Neil Hobden. Meeting commences at 18.00. Contact the Secretary, Richard Workman on 01428 645771 or by e-mail at richardworkman5@tiscali.co.uk for further details.

Should your society information be listed on this page?

If so, then please email the details to the editor, remembering to include the date, starting time and location, together with details of the event, speaker and entrance charges if applicable.

It is not necessary, but helpful to people, if you can also include a contact name and phone number/ email address for the organisation that can be published.

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Internet Links

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▼ **'Hymek' No. D7076 from the East Lancashire Railway is pictured stabled in the sidings at the Manchester Science Museum on 5th August, in preparation for the Museum's 'Great Garratt Gathering' event on 14th-16th August, when numerous other locos constructed by Beyer-Peacock and 'Garratts' will be in attendance. Robert Beardwell**



RCTS (Watford Branch)

St Thomas's United Reformed Church, Langley Road, Watford. 'Oxford to Cambridge - Then and Now' by Richard Crane. Starts 19.30.

Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire Branch)

Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'Varied Railway Interest - both old and new' by Martyn Davies. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission charge £2. Contact John Goodrich on 023 8067 0028 for further details.

Weston super Mare Railway Society

The Function Room, The Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. "Tornado" A Steam Locomotive for the 21st Century' by Bob Alderman. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

2nd September 2009 Burton Railway Society

Marston's Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton upon Trent. 'All Trains Great & Small' by Dennis Lovatt. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £1.50 non members, 50p members. Contact Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 for further details.

Back Issues

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Rear Cover Caption

Virgin Class 57/3 No. 57302 hauls Class 66/7 No. 66707 through Cathiron on 5th August on an Old Oak Common to Polmadie working. The leading loco was changed at Preston. **Ken Brunt**

Mid Hants Railway (Woking & Guildford Branch)

St Nicholas Church Hall, Bury Street, Guildford. 'Narrow Gauge Spectacular' by Les Nixon. Meeting commences at 20.00. Admission £2.50. Contact the Secretary, Dave Pegg on 01483 834062 for details.

3rd September 2009 RCTS (Milton Keynes)

CIU Workmen's Club, London Road, Stony Stratford. '30 Years of the Rail Atlas of Britain and Ireland. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at dexter-skiddaw@tiscali.co.uk for details.

4th September 2009 RCTS (Bristol Branch)

St Peters Church Hall, Church Road, Wilton. 'From Blue and Grey to Black and Green' by Paul Chancellor. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at paul.udey@talktalk.net for further details.

4th-11th September 2009 LCGB Overseas Tours

'IGE Benelux Express' LCGB membership is compulsory.

5th September 2009 M&GN Circle

Gaywood Community Centre, Gayton Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk. M&GN Roadshow. Open 10am - 4.30pm. Admission Adults £3, Children £2, Family £8. Contact 01692 650056 for further details.

7th September 2009

RCTS (Ashford Branch)
The Elwick Club, Church Road, Ashford. 'American Wanderings' by Gordon Davies. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at southeast@rcts.org.uk for further details.

RCTS (Northampton Branch)

'Lineside Observation at Rugby Station from 17.00hrs' Contact D.Pick on 01604 810613 for further details.

8th September 2009 Abergavenny and District Steam Society

Upper Room, The Hen & Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'Update on the WHR' by John Stretton. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact the Secretary, Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for further details.

Oxfordshire Railway Society

Seacourt Day Centre, Seacourt Road, Botley, Oxford OX2 9LN. 'A Broad Gauge Journey - Paddington to Bristol' by Canon Brian Arman. Meeting commences at 19.30. Visitors welcome.

RCTS (Merseyside, Chester & North Wales Branch)

'Observation at Doncaster 07.30 - 19.00hrs'. Contact Geoff Morris on 01244 376808 for further detail

RCTS

(Nottingham Branch)
Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham. 'The London Underground' by Chris Wolmar. Meeting starts 19.30.

Tewkesbury Railway Society

YMCA, Church Street, Tewkesbury. Members Slides/Digital Images. Meeting commences at 20.00.

9th September 2009**Permanent Way Institution (Thames Valley Branch)**

Davidson House, Reading. 'Design Reality or Maintenance Nightmare on Light Rail' by David Bateman. Starts 17.45. Contact, Peter Simmons at peter191102@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

RCTS (Scottish Branch)

'Visit to Edinburgh Waverley IECC 19.00hrs' Contact E.Williams on 07710 266696 for further details.

RCTS (Hitchin Branch)

Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Road, Hitchin. 'Hertford East Branch' by David Dent. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Radyr Branch)

Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr. 'A Diesel Scrapbook in Colour' by Derek Short. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at noelinda@noel65.fsnet.co.uk for further details.

Grimsby & Cleethorpes Railway Group

Royal Air Force Club, 5 Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes DN35 8LQ. 'Forty Five Years of Railway Photography' by Les Nixon. Meeting commences at 14.00. Contact Mike Hartley on 01724 341358 for further information

Swiss Railways Society (London Branch)

The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT (near Kings Cross Station). TBC by George Howe. Meeting commences at 19.00. A £2 donation is requested. Contact Ron Dawes on 020 8660 3532 for further details

10th September 2009**Continental Railway Circle (London & The Home Counties Branch)**

St.Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. 'Railways of Taiwan Today' by Michael Reilly. Starts 19.15. Admission £2.00. Contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for details.

Permanent Way Institution (Birmingham Branch)

The 11th Floor Boardroom, Network Rail Offices, The Mailbox, 100 Wharfside Street, Birmingham B1 1RT. 'Railway Surveying - The Way Forward' by Chris Preston. Starts 18.00. Contact, Ian Wardle on 07824 410961 for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (York Branch)

Park Inn, North Street, York. 'Presidential Address - The Role of the PWI in the Future Railway' by Bob Cummings. Doors open at 17.30 for 18.00 start. Contact the Secretary, Martin Fairbrother on 07802 657839 or by 3-mail at m.fairbrother@btinternet.com for further details.

RCTS**(Newcastle Branch)**

The Brunswick Methodist Hall, Newcastle. '21st Century British Freight' by Geoff Brockett. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at jimbrick@fsmail.net for further details.

11th September 2009**RCTS (West Riding)**

'8 Day Visit to Devon and Cornwall'. Contact Malcolm Riley on 07887 908501 for further details.

Shropshire Railway Society

The Gateway, Chester Road, Shrewsbury. 'Mid-Summer Norton from Ashes to Operation' by John Baxter. Meeting starts at 19.30.

14th September 2009**RCTS (Ipswich Branch)**

Bridge Ward Social Club, 66 Austin Street, Ipswich. 'The M&GN - 50 Years On' by Nigel Digby. Meeting starts at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at ipswich@rcts.or.uk for further details.

Southern Electric Group (Sussex Branch)

The Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'The Modern Industrial Scene' by Nick Kelly. Meeting commences at 19.30. Donation of £2 requested. Contact the Branch Secretary, Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 or by e-mail at b.cakebread@ntlworld.com for further details.

15th September 2009**RCTS (Hull Branch)**

Upstairs, The Highway Public House, Willerby Road, Hull. 'Rails in the Dales including the S&C' by Eddie Parker. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at richardh@dirbroadly.co.uk for further details.

Tewkesbury Railway Society

YMCA, Church Street, Tewkesbury. Slide Show 'Steam Around the World' by Mike Squire. Meeting commences at 20.00.

16th September 2009**Basingstoke & District Railway Society**

Wote St Club, New Road, Basingstoke. Members Quartet - 4 Separate Topics. Meeting commences at 20.00. Visitors welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 326096 for further details.

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