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## Freightliner names Class 70 loco after fleet title

During an event for its freight customers, Freightliner named the pioneer member of its new Class 70 fleet *PowerHaul*. The locomotive is the first of an eventual planned fleet of 30 locos, the next four of which are due to arrive in the UK shortly.

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### 10 Notable Workings

The weekly column looking at the rare and unusual workings that have occurred over the past week, including the Class 60 Report. **Readers contributions are welcomed. Please forward to [editor@railwayherald.co.uk](mailto:editor@railwayherald.co.uk).**

### 17 Bluebell awarded £47,500

The Bluebell Railway has been awarded £47,500 from 'The People's Millions' competition run on ITV regional news as part of the Big Lottery Project.

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### Cumbria goes loco-hauled

Direct Rail Services is operating a loco-hauled passenger service between Workington and Maryport because of the severe flooding.

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Docklands celebrates 10th anniversary of its Lewisham extension, while London Underground win design and security awards for 'S' stock.

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### Oyster network expands

It has been announced that the Oyster card will be accepted on National Network services in the London area from January next year.

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### NXEA ends March 2011

National Express Group has been told by the Government that the possible three-year extension to its franchise will not be granted.

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### Front Cover Caption:

BR Standard 7P No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* passes Kinchley Lane on the Great Central Railway on 26th November, during a Russ Hillier photo charter. **Stuart Chapman**

## Fleet changes for ScotRail

The arrival of the new Siemens Class 380 fleet illustrated in issue 202, and being built by Siemens in Germany, will result in a cascade effect across the Scottish electrified network.

As expected, Ayrshire and Inverclyde passengers will be the first to benefit from the new trains, with 22 Class 380s being gradually introduced between September and December 2010. From December next year, this will result in 20 Class 334s and two Class 318s being surplus to requirements on these services. The '318s', along with eight Class 320 EMUs from the North Clyde services, will transfer to the Dalmuir-Lanark, Larkhall and Motherwell routes, releasing a further 10 Class 334s. A total of 30 '334s' will then operate on the new through-route from Helensburgh/Milngavie to Edinburgh. Between December 2010 and March 2011, a further six Class 380s will be introduced to Ayrshire and Inverclyde routes, releasing another four Class 318s for the Dalmuir services, giving the ability to provide additional six-coach trains during the peak periods.

From March 2011, the '380s' will be introduced onto the Edinburgh to North Berwick services, releasing the four Class 322s, whose lease expires at that point. First ScotRail says that a further three Class 380s are being reviewed for possible additional capacity/service options. Steve Montgomery, Managing Director of ScotRail, said: "The arrival of the Class 380s will trigger a cascade of different classes of trains across the network. Our priority under the cascade is to deliver extra capacity where it is needed most and, of course, to release trains to serve on the new Airdrie-Bathgate line".

▼ Work undertaken at Wemyss Bay station by the Friends of Wemyss Bay group has resulted in the terminus being named 'Best Adopted Station' by the independent watchdog, Passenger Focus. **Bill Turvill**



## Freightliner officially launch Class 70s with pioneer naming

Freightliner officially launched the Class 70 to its business customers at an event at Leeds Midland Road Depot on 24th November.

As part of the event, the pioneer member of the fleet, No. 70001, was named *PowerHaul* by Network Rail Director, Robin Gisby, along with Freightliner CEO, Peter Maybury and GE Transportation Limited CEO Lorenzo Simonelli. The actual name being chosen by the winner of an in-house staff competition.

The locomotive itself was only named on one side and the plate was removed that evening. On its next visit to Midland Road Depot, both plates will be permanently attached to the loco.

Meanwhile, the next four Class 70s are due to arrive at Newport Docks on Tuesday 1st December, but the following six (Nos. 70007 to 70012) are not due until September 2010.

A combination of the economic climate, together with a requirement



for a period of consolidation to allow the new fleet time to settle into traffic, and also to solve any issues or problems that may, or may not occur, means that Freightliner & GE Transportation have not, as yet, set the delivery dates for the remaining 18

members of the fleet.

GE is hopeful that the use of the Class 70s in Great Britain will act as a demonstrator of the company's Evolution design, opening the door to potential other Central European customers.

▲ The new nameplate, positioned on the solebar of Class 70 No. 70001, seen shortly after unveiling.

▼ Class 70 No. 70001 stands on Midland Road depot at Leeds, shortly after its naming.

Both: **Richard Tuplin**



## No extension to East Anglia franchise for National Express

The Secretary of State for Transport, Lord Andrew Adonis, has informed National Express Group that its East Anglia rail franchise will be terminated on 31st March 2011, the original expiry date of the franchise.

National Express would have been entitled to a three-year extension until 2014 had the company not defaulted on its East Coast franchise, which has now been taken back into public ownership. The future of the group's other remaining rail franchise c2c remains under consideration.

Locomaster Profiles in association with First GBRf present...

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via Lewisham. The train then heads for the North Downs and two more branches - Caterham and then Tattenham Corner. The next destination is Richmond (via LUL's District Line) with 73 213 running on its diesel engine forward from Kensington! The final leg is in the cab of the Hastings DEMU as it works under its own power back to Victoria.

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## £250 million transformation of Farringdon is well underway

Transport Minister Sadiq Khan visited Farringdon station on 26th November to see Network Rail's progress on the £250 million scheme, which will transform it into one of London's busiest transport hubs.

He was shown demolition work of Cardinal Tower, the 42-metre office block that is being taken down to make way for an integrated Crossrail and Thameslink ticket hall. The Minister said: "Farringdon sits at the heart of a major investment in London's railway network. From this station passengers will be able to traverse the city on brand new Crossrail and Thameslink trains, and

access some of our country's major international gateways. I'm pleased to see that work is well underway here to make this vision a reality and translate the Government's multi-billion pound investment into better services for people travelling through London and the wider UK".

When work is completed in 2017, Farringdon will handle over 140 trains every hour and offer connections to the four London airports of Gatwick, Luton, Heathrow and London City, and two international railway stations St Pancras and Stratford. The ticket hall will link the city's north/south Thameslink trains with Crossrail's east/

west services. This will bring passengers from areas such as Barnet and Croydon closer to Heathrow, the City and Canary Wharf, vastly improving travel across London and beyond. Over the next three months, Cardinal Tower will be carefully deconstructed to minimise disruption to local residents and businesses.

Thousands of sections of concrete are being cut out of the building piece-by-piece and crushed on site for reuse or recycling. Once the tower is demolished, work will continue underground as the Crossrail station and Thameslink ticket hall start to take shape.

▼ Fastline Freight Class 66/3 No. 66303 moves away from the loading bunker at Hatfield Colliery on 19th November, with a loaded service bound for Ratcliffe Power Station. **David Wragg**



## Metro and Light Rail News



▲ Class 395 No. 395008 stands at Gillingham while working the 10.53 St Pancras to Faversham service, as part of the high-speed preview commuter operation on 20th November. **Jonathan Makepeace**

## More work to allow 9ft 6in containers

**The station canopy at Winchester is to be trimmed back, and three road bridges over the railway in the Winchester area are to be totally reconstructed by Network Rail during the first half of 2010.**

The work is part of a £71 million project designed to allow the bigger 9' 6" or 'high-cube' containers to be transported by rail between the Port of Southampton and the West Coast Main Line near Nuneaton, via Winchester, Basingstoke, Didcot, Oxford, Banbury, Leamington Spa and Warwick. It is estimated that the scheme will enable the transfer of up to 50,000 container freight journeys a year from road to rail.

Other improvement works are

being planned along the route to allow for the 'high cube' containers to pass through. These are scheduled to be carried out over the next two years.

Funding for the project has been agreed from the Department for Transport via a Transport Innovation Fund grant. Additional funding is being provided by South East England Development Agency, Associated British Ports, BP, DP World Southampton, Advantage West Midlands European Regional Development Fund and the Network Rail Discretionary Fund.

The current freight container market is significantly growing in the percentage of 'high cube' containers, their use currently standing at over 40%. This is expected to rise to between 50% and 70% by 2019.



▲ DLR B2K class B-2-B unit No. 08 approaches Limehouse on 27th November, leading a service from Lewisham to Tower Gateway. **Brian Morrison**

## DLR celebrates 10th anniversary of Lewisham line

**Docklands Light Railway (DLR), part of Transport for London (TfL), has celebrated the 10th anniversary of its Lewisham extension, the £200 million line officially opening on 22nd November 1999.**

Since then it has carried around 80 million passengers, with over 10 million people per year now using the extension, while just under 5 million used it during its first 12 months. The 4.2km line comprises stations at Lewisham, Elverson Road, Deptford Bridge, Greenwich, Cutty Sark for Maritime Greenwich, Island Gardens and Mudchute.

## LUL wins awards for Design and Security of new 'S' stock

**London Underground Ltd (LUL) won two awards at the annual Railway Interiors Expo 'Innovation & Excellence Awards' ceremony on 25th November, the show being the only annual rail exhibition dedicated to the design, concept and technology of railway and mass transit vehicle interiors.**

The top award is for 'Design of the Year', and there was praise this year for the upgrade investment undertaken by London Underground, which has specified and is purchasing 47 new 2009 'S' Stock trains manufactured by Bombardier. These were recognised by the judging panel for incorporating intelligent and thoughtful design features that will improve efficiency, passenger comfort and safety.

The Project Planning Manager, Yetunde Okouronmu, said: "We've put the customer at the heart of the '09 train stock design. We spent considerable time

understanding what it is they need and building that into the end product. The design is a result of good collaborative working with Bombardier Trains. The '09 train stock is the first fully accessible train fleet to be introduced on the Underground".

The stock will also be the first new fleet on LUL fully conforming to the The 'Rail Vehicle Accessibility Regulations', which require significant design considerations for disabled people. London Underground also won the Security' Award for the safety and security features incorporated into the new 'S' stock trains, which includes two CCTV digital cameras per carriage and an increase in the number of emergency alarms that allow passengers to speak directly to the train operator. A new feature of this system is that the operator is now able to view the CCTV image associated with each alarm, enabling them to get appropriate assistance more easily.

## Oyster comes to the National Network

**It has been announced that Oyster cards will be able to be used to travel across Greater London starting on 2nd January.**

Following lengthy negotiations and a £40 million investment to upgrade equipment at every station, commuters will be able to 'touch in and touch out' at National Network stations as well as stations on the Tube and on buses. Their use will also be extended to Thames riverboats, allowing Oyster cardholders to travel seamlessly across the Capital without the need for another ticket for a journey. The extension of the system will cover all commuter rail routes within Greater London, and will mean that the farthest stop away from London that passengers will be able to use the card will be Watford.

Transport Secretary, Lord Adonis, said: "Oyster on rail will open up a range of new journey opportunities for Londoners, but we must not stop there — I want to see smart ticketing on all modes of public transport in England as quickly as possible". Train operators will be able to set their own prices for journeys.



▲ Class 60 No. 60035 passes Plumley Signal Box on a late running Oakeigh-Tunstead working with empty stone wagons on 17th November. **Anthony Roberts**

## Westbury to become major material recycling hub

**Network Rail is to transform Westbury railway yard into one of the biggest track materials recycling hubs in the country, having now received planning permission for the project from the council.**

Upon completion, the £8 million recycling facility will handle nearly 25% of disused track materials from Britain's rail network, 110,000 concrete sleepers and 30,000 tonnes of rail and fixtures being processed. Recycled concrete sleepers will either be reused on the railway across the Western route or sold on to other industries, especially agriculture, to pave roads. Rails and fittings will be processed into the scrap metal market and used in steel manufacturing. In a bid to protect and promote the environmental diversity in the area, Network Rail has helped to create three new habitats to re-home protected reptile species found on the site. The company is also working closely with ecological specialists to protect foraging and commuting bats by reducing light spill into the surrounding woodlands. The new facility will be equipped with 1km of sidings and 5 acres of concrete pavement for storage and handling the track materials. Preparatory work has started and construction of the centre will begin as soon as the technical design is completed. Operation is expected to be in full swing by spring 2010.

### UK News In Brief

- Six leading business organisations have written to the Scottish Government asking it to reinstate plans for the Glasgow Airport Rail Link. The groups, which include CBI Scotland, claim axing the link hits job creation and damages 'international connectivity'. The £120 million scheme was scrapped in September this year amid public spending concerns.
- East Cambridgeshire District Council has proposed the re-opening of Soham station and is starting talks with Network Rail. It closed in 1965 and campaigners have tried for some 20 years to get it reopened. A Network Rail spokesman said: "East Cambridgeshire council has an aspiration for a new station at Soham. We are happy to explore the options, but more detailed discussions and studies would need to take

place before a decision could be taken about whether it would be feasible or not". If the station re-opens there will be a direct rail between Soham, Ely and Cambridge.

- South West Trains is now providing easier access to booking tickets online, following the introduction of the company's new website. In addition to a clearer, simple and easier-to-use layout, the new site includes further improved features such as a new booking engine facility enabling tickets to be booked quickly and more easily, an interactive network map with full station information, station map and road map, improved information about South West Trains special offers and recommendations for days out, and also gives London Underground travel news giving passengers an opportunity to plan their journey from

start to finish. The new website can be accessed at [www.southwesttrains.co.uk](http://www.southwesttrains.co.uk)

- The Government has stated that a new franchise will be in place on the East Coast Main Line in November 2011.
- The problem of lorries striking low or narrow bridges, causing hold-ups on the road, disruption to train services and costing millions of pounds every year to repair, could be drastically reduced according to sat nav experts Garmin. A recent report by the Office of Rail Regulation found that nearly 2,000 railway bridges across Britain were hit by vehicles in 2008 alone. The new version of sat nav, designed specifically for lorry drivers, is the nüvi(R) 465Tf, which is able to store the truck's dimensions and help re-route journeys away from restricted areas.

## 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 23rd-29th November

Our previous edition, Issue 202 was downloaded **38,681** times and a total of **3,357** copies of previous issues were also downloaded. The *RH* website has provided **360,401** web pages to users, an average of **35.7** pages every minute, seven days a week! *Railway Herald* now has a **monthly** average download of **127,091** - this is the number of copies downloaded in an average four week period.

## Feltham loop reopens

The busy section of track between Feltham and Twickenham, which was reported in issue 202 as being closed following flood damage to the bridge over the River Crane on 21st/22nd November, reopened to traffic on 30th November.

Network Rail engineers have worked around the clock to design and build a small, temporary loop around the section of track above the damaged arch on the adjacent land, which was once occupied by the Feltham marshalling yards. This will allow trains to cross the river safely while repairs to the permanent structure are carried out. The main arch of the bridge was damaged after prolonged and intense rainfall caused the river to swell. The increased speed and turbulence of the water washed away some of the foundations of the 100-year-old structure, causing part of brickwork to be dislodged.



▲ Class 37/4 No. 37401 passes Plumley on 17th November with the Tuesdays-only Dowlow to Warrington 'trip'. **Anthony Roberts**

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## Cumbrian flooding brings loco-hauled solution to provide relief for overcrowded trains

**The disastrous floods, particularly affecting Workington, Cumbria, has resulted in a new emergency station being constructed on the north side of the River Derwent, the town being divided as one of the two bridges over the river collapsed and the other is unsafe to cross.**

The station was expected to open for use on 30th November, the work having progressed at lightning speed to serve the communities cut off, and telecoms cables from the unsafe bridge have been diverted over the unaffected railway bridge nearby.

Robin Gisby, Network Rail Operations and Customer Services Director, said: "This is just another example of how everyone pulls together in times of trouble. It is estimated that there were 1,000 telephone lines that could have been affected by the collapse or demolition of the Calva Bridge, but running a cable over our railway bridge should mean their uninterrupted use".

The new southbound platform, which is constructed from scaffolding and wooden boards with a non-slip surface, was completed on 26th November, as was the car park. The northbound platform and much of the footbridge were

built overnight on the 26th, and the entire structure was finished overnight on 27th/28th November, leaving Network Rail the weekend to put the finishing touches to it and to tidy up the site ready for its first passengers on Monday. Network Rail has used its own standard design for temporary stations of this type, and an independent scaffolding assessor was used to validate the work.

However, as a result of the lack of movement between the two halves of the town, passenger numbers between Workington and Maryport have dramatically increased, resulting in heavy overcrowding on Northern Rail's DMUs.

As a result, DRS has been contracted to operate a loco-hauled passenger service. The operation, which involves numerous return workings between Maryport and Workington, commenced on Friday 27th November, ironically using Class 37/4 No. 37423 *Pride of the Lakes* and Class 47/4 No. 47832 *Solway Princess*. Rolling stock is three DRS-liveried Mk3 coaches and an InterCity-liveried Mk2 brake.

Although there is no official word on the length of time that the loco-hauled service will continue, industry insiders suggest that it could last for least two months on a Monday to Friday basis.

### The weekday loco-hauled diagram is:

5Z43 05.45 Carlisle to Maryport (ECS)  
 2T01 07.00 Workington - Maryport (arr 07.15)  
 2T02 07.25 Maryport - Workington (arr 07.40)  
 2T03 08.10 Workington - Maryport (arr 08.25)  
 2T04 08.33 Maryport - Workington (arr 08.48)  
 2T05 09.40 Workington- Maryport (arr 09.55)  
 2T06 10.00 Maryport - Workington (arr 10.15)  
 2T07 15.50 Workington - Maryport (arr 16.05)  
 2T08 16.25 Maryport - Workington (arr 16.40)  
 2T09 17.00 Workington - Maryport (arr 17.15)  
 2T10 17.20 Maryport - Workington (arr 17.35)  
 2T11 17.55 Workington - Maryport (arr 18.10)  
 2T12 18.20 Maryport - Workington (arr 18.35)  
 2T13 18.50 Workington - Maryport (arr 19.05)  
 2T14 19.15 Maryport - Workington (arr 19.30)  
 5Z35 20.00 Workington - Carlisle (ECS)

*Believed to be correct at the time of going to press*

## Sheffield City Council joins York in telling passenger TOCs "NO" to ticket barriers

**Sheffield Council has refused permission for the erection of ticket barriers at Sheffield station.**

East Midlands Trains had wanted to install barriers to combat fare evasion, but the move was opposed as it would have led to the closure of the pedestrian footbridge that links homes behind the station to the city centre, and in addition failed to provide access for the disabled and would be detrimental to the station's Victorian facade.

The report said that the barriers did not provide sufficient width to cater for disabled access and would

adversely affect the open character of the stone faced arches.

A seemingly angry council leader, Paul Scriven, said: "People are justifiably outraged at the idea that our footbridge, paid for with £15 million of taxpayer's money, could be shut off by a private company for the purposes of profit".

East Midlands Trains was clearly disappointed by the decision and a spokesman said: "We believe we put forward high quality plans, which support the crackdown on fare cheats and protect honest fare-paying passengers, as well as ensuring continued

unhindered access for residents and providing additional enhancements to Sheffield station. While we take time to consider our options going forward, we will continue with the rolling programme of manual ticket checks, which has been in operation at the station since May".

The key problem at Sheffield revolves around the footbridge which links the two sides of the city and avoids pedestrians having to undertake a 10-minute alternative walk to the two-minute footbridge crossing. It also makes access across the city easier for the disabled.



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## The News In Pictures



◀ Undergoing test runs in Kent, two Class 378 London Overground units, led by No. 378141, approach Tonbridge on 17th November, heading towards London. The Class 378/1s are third-rail only sets, which will be based at New Cross Gate Depot, and as such are being delivered from Bombardier Derby to Ashford Chart Leacon Depot to undergo mileage accumulation.

**Bill Turvill**

◀◀ With recently repainted First GBRf-liveried Class 73/1 No. 73141 *Charlotte* leading and original GB Railfreight-liveried Class 73/2 No. 73204 *Janice* on the rear, the 'EDs' pass Sevenoaks with a Selhurst to Selhurst test working on 27th November.

**Patrick Seale**

▼ Class 37/0 No. 37087 stands at Crewe with newly re-painted Class 37s Nos. 37667 and 37259, having arrived from Derby RTC, bound for Crewe Gresty Bridge, the latter two '37s' having gained DRS compass livery during their stay at Derby. **Brad Joyce**



**The weekly column looking at some of the more unusual and newsworthy movements on the UK network, including Class 60 Report**

**Friday**

**20th November 2009**

**DRS commenced the period under review by operating Class 37/0 No. 37194 'light engine' from Crewe Gresty Bridge to Ashford to move a stoneblower to Workshop, following which the '37' ran 'light' to York.**

Also working around Ashford were Riviera Trains' Class 47/7 No.

47769 *Resolve* and Colas Rail Class 47/7 No. 47749 *Demelza* on the Dollands Moor to Dagenham Dock service. Elsewhere, DRS Class 47/4s Nos. 47802 *Pride of Cumbria* and 47832 *Solway Princess* worked from Crewe to Barrow Hill with three Mk2 coaches, prior to working empty coaching stock to Newcastle Heaton for a Morpeth to London charter the following day.

Electric Traction Ltd Class 86/7

No. 86702 *Cassiopeia* was used to work First GBRf's 12.30 Willesden to Warrington RMT mail service. In the North West again, and large logo-liveried Class 37/4 No. 37425 *Pride of the Valleys/Balchder y Cymoedd* headed the Warrington to Folly Lane 'trip'. Class 67s Nos. 67015 *David J. Lloyd* and 67017 *Arrow* found themselves employed on 'Northern Belle' duties this morning between Swansea and Bath Spa.

Class 60 No. 60035 left Toton TMD and worked 'light engine' to Peak Forest overnight from where it took up service on the Tunsted - Oakleigh traffic, although still allocated to WNTR stored pool. It

**Operational DB Schenker Class 60s**

Loco	Working Area	Loco	Working Area
60009	Acton Yard	60077	Acton yard
60011	Immingham	60084	Immingham
60039	Margam	60085	Margam
60040	Immingham	60096	Warrington
60045	Warrington		
60049	Peak Forest	<b>Operating from stored pools:</b>	
60051	Peak Forest	60041	Immingham
60063	Immingham	60071	Immingham
60073	Westbury	60091	Immingham

*Correct as of 26th November.*

▼ **Hauling a Stoneblower from Ashford to Workshop, DRS Class 37/0 No. 37194 passes between Bromley South and Shortlands on a wet 20th November.**  
**Brian Morrison**



was reallocated to the WCAK traffic pool overnight on 21st/22nd November. Also returning to traffic, albeit in the stored pool, was classmate No. 60045 *The Permanent Way Institution*, which headed south from Toton to Bescot, working an engineers train to Shirley and then working north to Warrington the following day.

## Saturday 21st November 2009

With a high requirement for Type 3 traction on the Cambrian Coast, that DB Schenker was unable to accommodate, DRS provided Class 37/5 No. 37510, Class 37/0 No. 37259 and Class 37/6s Nos. 37602 + 37607, in addition to DBS Class 37/4s Nos. 37401 and 37425, No. 37510 remaining at Bescot on standby duties. Unfortunately, No. 37607 failed at Wellington while heading from Bescot to Tywyn, resulting in No. 37510 being called out to assist.

Class 60 No. 60077 *Canisp* returned to traffic, based at Immingham, and in the morning there was the first operation of Southeastern's high-speed preview service, working between Faversham and St. Pancras with Class 395s Nos. 395003, 395008, 395016 and 395022 in operation. First Great Western is finally back to four Class 57/6s, with the return to Old Oak Common of No. 57603 *Tintagel Castle*, which has spent recent months at Brush Traction, Loughborough.

## Sunday 22nd November 2009

The DBS and DRS Class 37s continued to be employed on the Cambrian Coast route engineers trains, with all locos

returning to Bescot during the late evening.

## Monday 23rd November 2009

The week started with both Colas Rail Class 66/8s, Nos. 66841 and 66842, working the Dollands Moor to Dagenham Docks Ford 'Blue Train', while DB Schenker Class 60 No. 60091 *An Teallach*, now in the stored pool, was used on the Lindsey to Kingsbury tanks.

Following the 'Morpeth Christmas Shopping' charter on 21st November, DRS Class 47/4s Nos. 47802 and 47832 returned the Cargo-D Mk2 stock to Barrow Hill from Heaton Depot during the afternoon, before working 'light engine' back to Crewe Gresty Bridge. Having remained at Bescot for several days, Class 508/3s Nos. 508302 and 508303 were moved to Warrington for store during the morning by Class 67 No. 67005 *Queen's Messenger*. London Overground's Class 378s continue to operate mileage accumulation runs, with Nos. 378143 and 378144 running in multiple today, based at Ashford Chart Leacon Depot.

The afternoon Eastleigh to Wembley 'Enterprise' had motive power supplied by Class 66 No. 66089, with Class 58 No. 58006 in the consist, while also 'hitching a lift' were Class 37/4s Nos. 37401 and 37425, which returned to Warrington after the weekend Cambrian work behind Class 92 No. 92012 *Thomas Hardy*. Colas Rail's Class 47/7 No. 47739 *Robin of Templecombe* worked 'light engine' from Ashford to Doncaster in the afternoon, in preparation for a stock movement the following day, while 'hired-in' Hanson Traction Class 56/3



▲ DRS Class 37/6 No. 37611 passes Redhill on an Ultrasonic Test Train, working from Dollands Moor to Ferme Park on 21st November. **Andrew Crampton**

▼ WCRC Class 37/5s Nos. 37676 & 37516 are seen at Manchester Victoria while working Spitfire Railtours 'Lowland Growler' charter from Edinburgh to Preston. **Richard Moxon**



## Readers Contributions

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## Class 70 Report



▲ On the first long-distance run for the class, Class 70 No. 70001 passes Derby while working 'light engine' from Birmingham Lawley Street to Leeds Midland Road on 21st November. The locomotive was named *PowerHaul* during a short ceremony at Leeds Midland Road depot on 24th November - see News Pages. **Steve Madden**

### FLEET REPORT

#### Loco Working Area

70001	Birmingham Lawley Street (Crew Training)
70002	Bristol Stoke Gifford (Crew Training)

The next four locomotives, Nos. 70003 to 70006 are currently in transit and due to arrive at Newport Docks on Tuesday 1st December.

#### Workings Information

Class 70 No. 70001 worked 'light engine' from Lawley Street to Midland Road Depot at Leeds on 21st November, prior to its naming ceremony on 24th November. The

locomotive returned to Lawley Street overnight on 25th/26th November. A further test run to Walsall was undertaken later that day and again on 27th November. The locomotive's *PowerHaul* nameplate was only temporarily fitted on one side for the naming and has since been removed. It will be reapplied permanently after the loco's next visit to Midland Road.

Classmate No. 70002 remained at Bristol Stoke Gifford yard, although it made the main line debut of the class when it worked a rake of 21 JGA hoppers from Bristol to Cardiff Pengam on 20th November and again from Stoke Gifford to Portbury on 25th November, this time piloting Class 66/5 No. 66585 *The Drax Flyer*.

No. 56312 *Artemis* was back on the Dollands Moor to Hams Hall Intermodal service again, heading north during the late afternoon. DRS Class 57/0 No. 57008 hauled the regular Carlisle to Chirk timber working today.

#### Tuesday 24th November 2009

Class 47/7 No. 47739 worked from Doncaster to Neville Hill 'light engine' prior to taking powercar No. 43319 to Brush Traction at Loughborough for repairs. The '47' should have returned with a powercar for Heaton, but in the event it worked back 'light engine'. Having gone north overnight on the Cardiff Tidal to Shipley scrap flow, DRS Class 66/4 No. 66427 continued to Tyne Dock with a short rake of scrap wagons, rather than the usual destination of Stockton.

Both DB Schenker Class 37/4s were in the Peak District in the morning, with No. 37401 on a route learning run from Warrington to Warrington via Sandbach, Earles Sidings, Peak Forest and Altrincham, while classmate No. 37425 was in charge of the regular Tuesdays-only Dowlow working.

▼ The Network Rail radio testing train has been wandering around the Solent lines over recent days, seen here at Bursledon on 25th November, with Class 31/4 No. 31465 leading the three coach test train, with Mk2 DBSO No. 9701 on the rear. **Mervyn Turvey**



The West Coast Main Line encountered problems when the overhead wires came down at Hemel Hempstead on top of Class 390 Pendolino No. 390012 *Virgin Star*, which was working the 09.40 London Euston to Manchester service. Other Virgin Trains and London Midland services were diverted onto the slow lines around the affected area, while Southern services started and terminated at Watford Junction. The Rugby Class 57 'Thunderbird', No. 57309 *Brains*, was dispatched to rescue the Pendolino, which it later worked through to Manchester Longsight Depot.

Another failure occurred on the East Anglian Main Line when technical problems resulted in 'Thunderbird' Class 47/7 No. 47712 *Pride of Carlisle* hauling the 17.00 Liverpool Street to Norwich service with Class 90 No. 90015 *Colchester Castle* on the rear. FirstGBRf Class 66/7 No. 66729 reappeared at Derby during the evening, hauling Class 378 No. 378145 to Chart Leacon. Class 60 No. 60022 appears to have taken up residence at Eastleigh as a 'Super Shunter'. Meanwhile Class 60s Nos. 60041, 60071 *Ribblehead Viaduct* and 60091 *An Teallach*, all allocated to the

WNTR stored pool are still operating in traffic, based off Immingham.

## Wednesday 25th November 2009

Having been working around Acton lately, Class 60 No. 60073 *Cairn Gorm* worked 'light engine' to Toton TMD during the early hours, the headcode 0F54 being significant and usually resulting in anything allocated to it working to Toton TMD for store!

Colas Rail's Class 66/8 No. 66842 made its debut on the Cemex working to West Burton during the morning, returning to Tilbury in the afternoon. Meanwhile in the South West, the failure of Class 67 No. 67017 *Arrow* resulted in the FGW loco-hauled diagram being worked by Class 150/2 No. 150221. Class 67 No. 67022 worked 'light engine' from Wembley to Bristol as a replacement, resulting in the loco-hauled set returning to its booked diagram by taking over the 14.00 service from Cardiff at Bristol Temple Meads. West Coast Railway dispatched Class 33/2 No. 33207 *Jim Martin* 'light engine' from Carnforth to Bo'ness in the morning, prior to working two passenger coaches back to the North West during the afternoon. An apparent clear-out of Class 47s from Ashford resulted in Colas operated Class 47/4s Nos. 47805 and 47812, together with Class 47/7s Nos. 47727 and 47749 working 'light engine' from Ashford to Rugby during the morning.

CrossCountry sustained an HST failure, when the 06.08 Edinburgh to Plymouth service was terminated at Birmingham New Street, formed of Class 43s Nos. 43384 and 43304, the former powercar having a defective horn. The set ran ECS from Birmingham to Neville Hill.

## Thursday 26th November 2009

Class 60 No. 60054 *Charles Babbage* worked the regular Doncaster Decoy to March Whitmoor Yard engineers working last night, returning to Doncaster TMD 'light engine' around midnight, at which point the loco was once again stored. As a result of the Eurailsout test DMU going off-lease, Network Rail's testing duties on the Southern

today used Class 73s Nos. 73141 *Charlotte* and 73204 *Janice* from First GBRf, the pair working various routes in and out of London Cannon Street. Having run 'light' from Doncaster to Loughborough, Class 47/7 No. 47739 hauled Grand Central powercars Nos. 43067 and 43123 from Brush Traction to Heaton during the morning, while with a loco change having occurred at Tyne Dock, the return DRS scrap train to Shipley headed south, worked by Class 66/4 No. 66433. Class 37/4 No. 37401 worked 'light engine' from Warrington Arpley to Bescot during the afternoon, while classmate No. 37425 found itself on Crewe IEMD. Class 37s Nos. 37688 *Kingmoor TMD* and 37229 *Jonty Jarvis 8-12-98 to 18-3-2005* ran 'light engine' from Crewe Gresty Bridge to Gloucester to

collect various TEA and JNA wagons for store, before transferring them to Long Marston. The two locomotives were stabled at the rear of Honeybourne station following the movement.

An exchange in the standby electric locos took place during late evening with Class 87 No. 87002 *Royal Sovereign* working 'light engine' from Warrington RMT to Crewe CS and Class 86/1 No. 86101 *Sir William A Stanier FRS* heading in the opposite direction.

## Friday 27th November 2009

Operational problems ensued at Darlington during the morning when Class 142 No. 142093, operating the 06.26 Darlington to Middlesbrough ECS working, derailed on leaving

the station, blocking Platforms 2 and 3.

DB Schenker-operated Class 90 No. 90035 is the latest member of the fleet to be hired to National Express, to provide additional capacity in the loco fleet. It started the day by working the 05.40 Norwich to London Liverpool Street service. The Crewe to Sizewell 'flask' train departed from Crewe Yard behind Class 47/4 No. 47802 *Pride of Cumbria*, Class 37/6 No. 37604, Class 37/5 No. 37510 and Class 37/0 No. 37194! The Class 47 was detached from the train at Ipswich and ran 'light engine' to Norwich, while Class 37/6 No. 37604 was also removed from it, ending up on Rail Head Treatment Train duties at Stowmarket, where it replaced Class 20/3 No. 20304 on one of the RHTT trains.

▼ **Class 37/5 No. 37688 *Kingmoor TMD* and Class 37/0 No. 37229 *Jonty Jarvis 8-12-98 to 18-3-2005* approach Evesham station on 26th November with a very late running 06.49 Gloucester to Long Marston working, conveying vehicles for store. Peter Tandy**



## UK Steam &amp; 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.

**1st December**

Steam Dreams 60019 London-Bath Spa (break/rev) & return

**3rd December**

Steam Dreams 60019 London-Lincoln (break/rev) & return

**4th December**

SRPS/North East Railtours 2xDBS 67 Linlithgow-Edinburgh Waverley-Newcastle upon Tyne-Durham-York-Doncaster-Gainsborough-Lincoln & return  
 Rail-Blue Charters 2xDRS 47 Sheffield-Manchester Piccadilly-Bolton-Chorley-Blackburn-Accrington-Rose Grove-Hebden Bridge-Doncaster-Lincoln **Cancelled**

**5th December**

NENTA Traintours 2xWCRC 47 North Walsham-Norwich-Ipswich-Stowmarket-Bury St.Edmunds-Ely-March-Peterborough-York-Keighley-Skipton (break/rev) & return  
 Railtourer 2xWCRC 47 Stevenage-Peterborough-Retford-Doncaster-Newcastle-Edinburgh & rtn  
 UK Railtours 2xDBS 67 Woking-Staines-Mill Hill Broadway-Bedford-Nottingham-Lincoln & rtn  
 Vintage Trains Tyseley 47 Birmingham Snow Hill-Banbury-High Wycombe-Ealing Broadway-Kensington Olympia-Bromley South-Swanley-Rochester & return

Railway Touring Co. 34067 Haywards Heath-Eastleigh-Bath Spa **Cancelled**  
 Hastings Diesels Ltd Hastings DEMU Hastings-Tunbridge Wells-Sevenoaks-Bromley Sth-Kensington Olympia-North London Line-Bishops Stortford-Cambridge & return

Steam Dreams 60019 London Paddington-Slough-Reading-Swindon-Kemble-Stroud-Gloucester-Chepstow-Cardiff Central & return

Compass Tours 2xRiviera 47 Holyhead-Llandudno Jct-Chester-Northwich-Altrincham-Hope Valley-Worksop-Gainsborough-Saxilby-Lincoln & return

Pathfinder Tours D1015 London KX-York-Scarborough-Beverley-Gilberdyke-Selby-York-London  
 Spitfire Railtours 2xWCRC 37 Eastleigh-Bletchley-Bedford-Nottinham-Lincoln **Cancelled**

Statesman Rail 2xWCRC 47 Wolverhampton-Stafford-Macclesfield-Stockport -Manchester Piccadilly-Bolton-Chorley-Preston-Carlisle-Carstairs-Edinburgh Waverley & rtn

**6th December**

Railway Touring Co. 60007 London KX-Potters Bar-Stevenage-Peterborough-Grantham-Newark Northgate-Swinderby-Lincoln & return

**8th December**

Steam Dreams 60019 London Victoria-Stratford-Shenfield-Ely & return

**10th December**

Steam Dreams 34067 London Victoria-East Croydon-Redhill-Guildford-Oxford & return

**12th December**

Past Time Rail tbc Cotton Mill Express: via Huddersfield and Copy Pit **Cancelled**  
 Statesman Rail tbc Kettering-East Midlands Ply-Langley Mill-Chesterfield-Sheffield-Swinton-Moorthorpe-Pontefract-York-Newcastle upon Tyne-Edinburgh & return

Torbay Express Ltd tbc Bristol Temple Meads-Kingswear & return **Cancelled**

UK Railtours 2xDBS 67 London KX-Peterborough-Leeds-Skipton & return  
 Vintage Trains 5043 Tyseley Warwick Road-Coleshill Parkway-Tamworth-Burton upon Trent-Langley Mill-Chesterfield-Pontefract-York & return

**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

**Another busy week for railtours, with the Christmas Carol and Shopping excursion season now in full flow.**

Steam Dreams edge this weekend's battle with The Railway Touring Company 3-1, but only after the cancellation of RTC's Bath Spa working on 5th December from Haywards Heath with Battle of Britain Pacific No. 34067 *Tangmere*. This leaves RTC with a train on Sunday 6th December to Lincoln from King's Cross with 'A4' Pacific No. 60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley*.

Steam Dreams' also boast 'A4' power, with No. 60019 *Bittern* having charge of the trains, which are on 1st December from London Victoria to Bath Spa, via Salisbury, 3rd December to Lincoln, which runs outwards via Spalding and Sleaford and returns via Newark Northgate, and 5th December from Paddington to Cardiff, via Sapperton in each direction.

The Lincoln 'Christmas Fayre' is always a popular destination, and will also be visited by the SRPS, Compass Railtours and UK Railtours. The former head south from Linlithgow on 4th December, while Compass works out of Holyhead and the North Wales coast, with UK Railtours heading north from Woking, via Nottingham. All three tours are likely to be

▼ **With the first of two Steam Dreams tours running on consecutive days, Peppercorn A1 Class No. 60163 *Tornado* steams through Burn on the East Coast Main Line, north of Doncaster, with the London to York charter on 26th November. **Ron Cover****



by John Whitehouse

powered by DBS Class 67s. York is also a very popular destination. Nenta Traintours pass through en route to Keighley and Skipton from North Walsham, and Railtourer do the same en route from Stevenage to Edinburgh. Both should feature West Coast Class 47s.

Vintage Trains is due to operate a non-steam tour to Rochester for the Victorian Festival from Birmingham Snow Hill, which is booked along the Chiltern route with Class 47 traction, most likely No. 47773. Working in the opposite direction from the Midlands is Statesman, which will be heading for Edinburgh Waverley from Wolverhampton.

However, tour of the day has to be shared between Hastings Diesels working from Hastings to Cambridge with its DEMU and The Irish Traction Group, which has booked No. D1015 *Western Champion* for its trip from King's Cross to York and Scarborough. It is understood that it is booked fast through Doncaster, bringing back memories of the epic run by No. D1023 *Western Fusilier* on the 'The Western Talisman' between King's Cross and York some 33 years ago! A further feature of the ITG tour is that it returns to York from Scarborough, via Filey, Beverley and Selby.

## The start of the core 2010 season sees most operators head north of the border

**Easter has become a significant time for railtour operators, at which point their eyes have recently turned to the north, and to be exact, north of the border.**

This is the ideal land cruising time as the weather can be variable, so the thought of lording it with premier dining while the train takes the strain around the Scottish Highlands has become a popular short break. Last year the 'full-house' notices were posted quite early - and so, what is on offer in 2010?

Pathfinder reckons it has come up with a novel idea; they run through the South-western heartland from Salisbury, picking up as far north as Birmingham and Preston, to Mossend Yard. There the train is split, with one portion heading for Inverness and the other for Fort William. After a day off to relax, each portion of the train gets going again, with the Inverness part heading for Kyle of Lochalsh while the Fort William contingent head for Mallaig. Both sets of passengers are then herded onto the Isle of Skye and duly join-up with the 'other portion' of the train. Next day, everyone heads south again, to meet up at Mossend Yard, where the trains are again joined-up for the journey home. Novel, yes, innovative, no, as the Inter City Charter Unit invented this years ago, but full marks for Pathfinder resurrecting the principle.

It will come as no surprise that the other

major operator heading north is UK Railtours, who under an earlier guise of Hertfordshire Railtours carried on the mantle set by the Inter City Charter Unit. The great thing is that Pathfinder and UK Railtours are not going head-to-head, as they have established their own markets, and as Pathfinder set out from Salisbury on 2nd April, so UK Railtours head out of King's Cross, picking up at Stevenage and Peterborough, initially for Carlisle, via the Settle & Carlisle, and then onto its base at Dumbarton. Providing suitable Class 37 power can be found, the destination the next day will be Oban, followed by a run along the Stranraer road on 4th April from Paisley. The return to London on 5th April is via Edinburgh.

Of course, there is also the not inconsiderable matter of Railway Touring Company's 'Great Britain III', which will be circumnavigating Scotland at the same time. This tour, though, is aimed at a different market, particularly as it is steam-hauled throughout, whereas Pathfinder and UK Railtours will not be using 'speciality' traction, as their tours are primarily not aimed at the enthusiast sector. These trains are important for other reasons as well, as a full land cruise puts money in the bank, money which may well decide on another day whether a high profile but under-performing tour with 'celebrity' traction and or unusual routing runs, or not.

### Ups & Downs by John Whitehouse

■ Spitfire Railtours 'Christmas Cracker II' on 5th December has been cancelled, as its rolling stock provider has been unable to provide a kitchen car for the charter. It is required to provide meals for the diners as well as catering to the remainder of the train. It was booked for haulage by a pair of West Coast Class 37s throughout from Eastleigh to Lincoln.

■ Further cancellations from Rail Blue Charters following the loss of its proposed special charter on 12th December with 'Deltic' No. 55022 *Royal Scots Grey*, which was aimed at raising finances for the locos engine overhaul. The 28th November working from Shrewsbury to Newcastle-upon-Tyne has been cancelled, as has the 5th December outing to Lincoln from Sheffield.

▼ In a scene reminiscent of the last days of Bournemouth main line steam in 1967, No. 34067 *Tangmere* heads a Poole-Bristol working through the New Forest at Woodfidley on 26th November. **Peter Milford**





SR Battle of Britain Pacific No. 34067 *Tangmere* passes Upton Scudamore in the pouring rain with the 08.30 Poole to Bristol Temple Meads charter on 26th November. **Ken Brunt**



## Bluebell awarded £49,500 from lottery scheme for restoration of Victorian carriage

**The Bluebell Railway has been awarded the sum of £49,500 from a competitive lottery scheme entitled 'The People's Millions' that was run on Meridian East TV.**

The award is to allow the railway to restore 1889-built London, Chatham & Dover Railway No. 51 coach to its former glory, but with a difference. The vehicle is at present lying derelict on the railway, but as part of the restoration, it is to be adapted inside to carry six wheelchair users, together with several ordinary seats.

The cheque for £49,500 was presented by Meridian's Fred Dinenage, and accepted by a group of Bluebell Railway volunteers including Rowan Millard, who is in charge of the Carriage and Wagon Department that will be responsible for the conversion and complete restoration of the carriage.

It is hoped that the project will be completed within the next year, enabling the coach to be used in the

Santa Specials and Victorian Christmas trains during 2010, which are such a large part of the Bluebell's Annual Festive programme.

Roy Watts, Chairman of the Bluebell Railway said: "I am absolutely thrilled at this award. People in wheelchairs have never been able to board our Victorian trains as they were never designed to accommodate them, but we now have this great opportunity for these people to just get into a carriage in comfort, and experience the way that their great, great grandparents used to travel, not just for now but for many years to come. What a great difference to be able to look out of a Victorian carriage window and enjoy the Sussex countryside. This award means so much, not just to the Bluebell Railway but to many others as well".

It is anticipated that with the number of times that the Victorian train operates, that the carriage will provide capacity for around 1,500 wheelchair passengers every year.



▲ GWR 'King' No. 6024 *King Edward I* approaches Hay Bridge as it accelerates away from a speed restriction on 15th November with the 12.00 Kidderminster to Bridgnorth 'Sunday Lunch' train. This was the only run that the loco undertook during its visit to the railway. **Fred Kerr**

## Swanage makes plans for 125th anniversary celebrations

**Plans are coming together for a week-long festival to commemorate 125 years of the railway in Swanage.**

'Victorian Swanage' will run from the 17th-23rd May next year, giving locals and visitors alike the opportunity to find out about Swanage's Victorian heritage.

The highlight will of course be the recreation of the first train to depart from Swanage on Thursday 20th May. Victorian dignitaries will travel from Swanage to Corfe Castle to a

cavalcade of pomp and festivities. It has been rumoured that Queen Victoria may even attend!

Martin Payne, Commercial Director of the Swanage Railway, said: "We are delighted at the response. We wanted to do something special for the anniversary and the idea of a Victorian style festival seemed most popular. As we are running this for the whole week, community groups such as the Museum and Pier Trust are going to tailor specific events for

schools and the community, as well as a weekend 'spectacular' where there will be a traditional fair, street market and range of other activities such as carriage rides around the quay".

The first train to leave Swanage departed on 20th May 1885. Further information about Victorian Swanage will be published closer to the event, but anyone wishing to become involved should in the first instance contact Martin Payne at the Swanage Railway.



◀ South Eastern & Chatham Railway 'C' Class 0-6-0 No. 592, built in 1902, makes a volcanic departure from Horsted Keynes with the 15.00 service from Sheffield Park on 28th November. **Gary Packer**

## Strathspey helps out Severn Valley with 43106

**The Severn Valley Railway has received a major boost with the news that its Ivatt Class 4 2-6-0 No. 43016 will be back in traffic next week, in good time for the railway's Santa Special season.**

Following the derailment in October, which damaged two of its tender axles beyond repair, the SVR has managed to source replacement wheel sets from the Strathspey Railway, which have been donated from the Ivatt Class 2MT 2-6-0 No. 46512, which is currently out of ticket. After being re-profiled at Ian Riley's Bury works, the replacement wheel sets were delivered to Bridgnorth earlier this month and have now been fitted to the tender. Running in is scheduled for this week following which the 'Flying Pig' will hopefully rejoin the SVR's fleet for the intensive programme of Santa Specials that commence this coming weekend. New tender axles are on order from Rotherham-based Railway Wheelset & Brake Ltd, which should be delivered from South Africa in the near future.

Meanwhile the SVR will be undertaking agreed contract work for the Strathspey Railway in return for the loaned wheel sets from No. 46512, which is a classic case of the reciprocal

co-operation which exists between steam heritage railways. Three new sets have been ordered although only two were damaged in the derailment. Bridgnorth Production Manager, John Robinson, said: "The three axles together will cost us in the region of £8,000, but two would have cost us almost as much, so it made sense to go for a third, which can be machined at a later date to fit any of several locomotives, including the Stanier 'Mogul' No. 42968, the Ivatt 'Mickey Mouse' No. 46443, or one of our Western engines". The total cost of repairs to the SVR, including labour, will be in the order of £18,000-£20,000.

The SVR motive power fleet has also been enhanced by the arrival of ex-GWR 5600 class 0-6-2T No. 6695 from the Swanage Railway, which is scheduled to remain at Bridgnorth until Easter 2010. The loan is aimed at covering the gap following the withdrawal of 'Manor' 4-6-0 No. 7802 *Bradley Manor*, which is currently at the South Devon Railway for axlebox overhauls on the wheeldrop. Equally, No. 6695 is due to receive attention to its valves, replacement of seven cracked doorplate stays and will have its annual boiler examination while on the railway.

▼ The rain begins to fall again as LNER 'K4' 2-6-0 No. 61994 *The Great Marquess* arrives at Ramsbottom, with the 13.31 service to Rawtenstall during the ELRs Scottish Steam Weekend on 21st November. **Mick Rogers**



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BR Standard 7P No. 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* waits as parcels are offloaded at Loughborough on the Great Central Railway on 26th November, during a Russ Hillier photographic charter. **Stuart Chapman**



HST Power cars Nos. 43014 and 43013 power the NMT through Isham on 26th November, running a circular diagram from Derby RTC via St Pancras International. **Steve Madden**

## Weekly Pictorial

◀ Locomotives at Worcester Foregate Street are not exactly a common occurrence, so when Class 31/1 No. 31233 stabled at the station for an hour on 16th November, it certainly presented a rare sight. The test working was operating as the 18.07 Derby RTC to Tyseley Depot via Worcester. **Brian Thomas**

◀▶ Presenting a second colour scheme on test trains, the unique British American Rail Services-liveried Class 31/4 No. 31452 passes Worksop on 24th November, in 'top and tail' mode with Class 31/6 No. 31602. **Rod Sanders**

▼ Presenting the final livery variation for this feature, is Class 31/1 No. 31106 in BR blue, pictured stabled in Manchester Piccadilly on 27th November, while working a Derby RTC circular test service. **Richard Moxon**





Riviera Trains Class 4777 No. 47769 *Resolve* and Colas Rail Class 4777 No. 47749 *Demelza* recess at Reading for a crew change while leading, what is believed to be, the last 13.05 Burton on Trent-Dollands Moor steel empties on 19th November. **Chris Wilson**



Colas Rail was hired to move two Grand Central HST powercars from Brush Traction at Loughborough to Heaton TMD on 26th November. With motive power provided by Class 47/7 No. 47739 *Robin of Templecombe*, the ensemble passes Colton Junction. **Ron Cover**

**23rd November 2009**  
**Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Brighton)**  
 Brighton Model Railway Club Room, BR London Road Station, Shaftsbury Place, Brighton. Branch AGM & Photo Competition. Meeting starts at 19.30.

**RCTS (Maidenhead)**  
 Cox Green Community Centre, Highfield Lane, Cox Green. 'The History and Redevelopment of St Pancras Station' by Doug Irvine. Meeting commences at 19.30.

**RCTS(Sheffield)**  
 St Matthews Church Rooms, Carver Street, Sheffield. 'Recent Travels' by Steve Batty. Meeting starts at 19.30.

**RCTS (Northampton)**  
 Weston Favell Parish Hall, Booth Lane South, Weston Favell. 'A Digital Tribute to Great British Railway Photographers' by Brian Stephenson. Meeting starts at 14.00.

**24th November 2009**  
**RCTS (Nottingham)**  
 Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham. 'Steam in Southern Africa' by David Thornhill. Meeting starts at 19.30.

**RCTS (Shipley)**  
 Saltaire Methodist Chapel, Saltaire Road, Shipley. 'Travels with a Camera' by David Scriven. Meeting starts at 14.00. Contact the Branch Secretary at bigmal.w.b.r.cts@talk21.com for further details.

**RCTS (Welwyn Garden City)**  
 The Methodist Church, Junction of Ludwick Way and Colegreen Lane, Welwyn Garden City. 'Transport Pictures 1954-1986' by John Burden. Meeting commences at 14.15.

**RCTS (Woking Branch)**  
 The Wheatsheaf Ember Inn, Chobham Road, Woking. 'Join the ORR and see the World' by David Brace. Meeting commences at 19.30.

**Tewkesbury Railway Society**  
 YMCA, Church Street, Tewkesbury. Slide Show 'More in Focus Women's Institute Ramblings' by Pete Berry. Meeting commences at 20.00.

**25th November 2009**  
**Basingstoke & District Railway Society**  
 Wote St Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'More World and UK Trips' by Ian Francis. Meeting commences at 20.00. Visitors welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 326096 for further details.

**26th November 2009**  
**Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Croydon)**  
 United Reform Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon. 'A Photographer's View of Railways' by Ian Silvester. Meeting starts 19.15.

**27th November 2009**  
**Great Western Society (Oxford)**  
 Pauling Human Sciences Centre, 58 Banbury Road, Oxford. 'The U.K. Rail Atlas' by Stuart Baker. Meeting commences at 19.30.

**Shropshire Railway Society**  
 The Gateway, Chester Road, Shrewsbury. 'Manchester Central Stations' by Chris Makepeace. Meeting commences at 19.30.

**Stephenson Locomotive Society**  
 The Mining Institute Lecture Theatre, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. '100 Years of Railways in the North East (A Celebration of the SLS's Centenary)' by John Irving. Meeting commences at 19.00. Contact the Secretary on 01434 688946 for further details.

**1st December 2009**  
**Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society**  
 Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BB. Christmas Social. Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for details.

**Locomotive and Carriage Institution**  
 LUL Headquarters, 55 Broadway, St James's Park, London. 'Chiltern Trains' by Adrian Shooter. Meeting starts at 18.00. Contact Stuart Smith at smithstuart@btinternet.com for further details.

**Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)**  
 St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford MK42 0DL. 'Scotland Part 4' by Chris Banks. Meeting commences at 19.30.

**Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North London)**  
 Wood Green Social Club, 3 Stuart Crescent, Wood Green, London N22 5NJ. Annual Quiz. Starts 19.00.

**Permanent Way Institution (Darlington & North East)**  
 Railway Athletic Club, Brinkburn Road, Darlington. 'Keadby Canal Drawbridge' by Andy Barnes. Starts 19.00. Contact David Lugsden on 07825 766328 for details.

**Permanent Way Institution (Wessex)**  
 The Freemantle Club, Waterloo Road, Southampton. 'Rail/Wheel Interface Issues' by Dr Mark Burstow. Starts 18.00. Contact Richard Workman on 01428 645771 for details.

**RCTS (Watford)**  
 St Thomas's Church, Langley Road, Watford. 'Members' Slides Evening'. Meeting commences at 19.30.

**Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire)**  
 Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'Five of my Railway Favourites' by Alistair Jeffrey. Meeting starts 19.30. Admission charge £2. Contact John Goodrich on 023 8067 0028 for further details.

**Tewkesbury Railway Society**  
 YMCA, Church Street, Tewkesbury. Photo Competition Results. Meeting commences at 20.00.

**Weston super Mare Railway Society**  
 The Function Room, The Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. 'A 'Walk' Through the Archives of the West Somerset Steam Railway Trust' by Ian Coleby. Meeting starts at 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

**2nd December 2009**  
**Basingstoke & District Railway Society**  
 Wote St Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'More Steam in the Landscape' by Mike Tyack. Meeting commences at 20.00. Visitors welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 326096 for further details.

**Burton Railway Society**  
 Marston's Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton upon Trent. 'A Thousand Eggs on a Bicycle' by Colin Boocock. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £1.50 non members. Contact Mark Ratcliffe on 01283 221537 for further details.

**Oxfordshire Railway Society**  
 Seacourt Day Centre, Seacourt Road, Botley, Oxford OX2 9LN. Annual Bumper Film Show by Alan Willmott. Meeting starts at 19.30. Visitors welcome £4.

▼ **National Express-liveried Class 357 'Electrostar' No. 357038 approaches Leigh-on-Sea with the 12.20 London Fenchurch Street to Shoeburyness service on 23rd November. Charlie Robbins**



**Permanent Way Institution (Bristol & West of England Branch)**  
 Arap Auditorium, 63 St Thomas Street, Bristol. Christmas Special Event. Doors open at 17.30 for 18.00 start. Contact the Secretary, Phil Harrison on 01179 765432 or by e-mail at philip.harrison@arup.com for further details.

**Permanent Way Institution (Thames Valley Branch)**  
 Davidson House, Reading. A Social Event Featuring Miniature Railways. Doors open at 17.15 for 17.45 start. Contact the Secretary, Peter Simmonds by e-mail at peter181102@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

**Stephenson Locomotive Society**  
 Hayes Village Hall, Hayes Street, Hayes, Bromley. 'Steam in Various Places since 1960' by J.B.Snell. Meeting starts at 19.30. Contact 0208 2899935 for further details.

**3rd December 2009**  
**Permanent Way Institution (South & West Wales)**  
 Kings Hotel, High Street, Newport. 'The Waverley and Balmoral' by Alan Hopson. Meeting starts at 18.00. Contact Andy Franklin on 07824 410762 for further details.

**RCTS (Milton Keynes)**  
 The Crown Public House, Market Square, Stony Stratford. 'Members' Presentations, Vocal, Illustrated or Three Dimensional' Meeting starts at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at dexter-skiddaw@tiscali.co.uk for further details.

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### Scottish Railway Preservation Society (Edinburgh)

Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh. Members' Slide Evening. Contact Dr Peter Howell on 0131 334 5232 for further details.

### Stephenson Locomotive Society

St John Ambulance Centre, Sandes Avenue, Kendal. 'Recent Railway Rambles' by David Alison. Meeting starts at 19.15. Contact the Secretary on 01539 720706 for further details.

### 4th December 2009 Friends of Hellfield Station

Refreshment Room, Hellfield Station. 'The S & C From The Early 1900s' by Barry Atkinson. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £3.50. Contact Barry Atkinson on 01282 842505 for further details.

### Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway (Birmingham)

Northfield Library, Church Road, Northfield, Birmingham. 'Railway Architecture' by Alan Atkinson. Meeting starts 19.30.

### Permanent Way Institution (Edinburgh)

The Scotts Guards Club, 2 Clifton Terrace, opposite Haymarket Station, Edinburgh. Technical Tour - tba. Starts 18.00. Contact Alan Morrison on 07834 507497 for further details.

### Back Issues

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### Rear Cover Caption

**Class 60 No. 60073 Cairn Gorm accelerates away from Crawley New Yard on the 'Up Slow' with CEMEX aggregate empties to Peak Forest on 14th November.**

**Keith Hemsley**

### RCTS (Bristol)

St Peters Church Hall, Church Road, Filton. 'The Great Way Round - Paddington to Penzance via Bristol and Millbay' by Terry Nicholls. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at paul.udey@talktalk.net for further details.

### RCTS (Carnforth)

Committee Room, Royal Station Hotel, Carnforth. 'The Stainmore Railway' by Mark Keith. Meeting commences at 19.30.

### RCTS (Kettering)

'Quiz Northampton Branch versus Kettering Locomotive Society (Away)' Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at northampton@rcts.org.uk for details.

### Scarborough Railway Society

Public Library, Vernon Road, Scarborough. AGM & Christmas Social. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact A.Scales on 01723 366974 or by e-mail at e-mail@scarboroughrailwaysociety.org.uk.

### Stephenson Locomotive Society

The Mining Institute Lecture Theatre, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. Yuletide Festivities. Meeting commences at 19.00. Contact the Secretary on 01434 688946 for details.

### Stephenson Locomotive Society

Settlement Centre, Union Street, Middlesbrough. 'Class 180 - The Story so Far' by Paul Nugus. Meeting starts at 19.00. Contact the Secretary on 01642 321205 for further details.

### 5th December 2009 Caledonian Rly Assoc.

Settlement Metropolitan College, North Hanover Street, Glasgow. (opposite the eastern entrance of Queen Street Station). 'Locomotives & Stations through the Lens of J.L. Stevenson' by Hamish Stevenson. Meeting starts at 14.00. Contact the Treasurer, William S. Cooper on 01357 521540 for further details.

### Irwell Vale Railway Photographers

Irwell Vale Village Church, Irwell Vale, Rossendale. 'An Update on the Modern Traction Scene' by Terry Eyres. 19.30 start. Donation of £3. Contact the Secretary, Mike Taylor by e-mail at mike10fmpd@tiscali.co.uk for further details.

### RCTS (West Riding)

'Crewe Basford Hall at 09.00hrs' Contact Malcolm Riley on 07887 908501 or by e-mail at bigmal.w.br.rcts@talk21.com for further details.

### Tewkesbury Railway Society

YMCA, Church Street, Tewkesbury. Charity Disco. Commences 20.00.

### 7th December 2009 North Yorkshire Moors Railway (Northallerton)

Northallerton Cricket Club, Farnedale Avenue, Northallerton. Christmas Evening. Meeting starts at 19.30. Admission £1.50. Contact Ian McInnes on 01642 767233 for details.

### RCTS (Ashford)

The Elwick Club, Church Road, Ashford. Branch AGM and followed by 'The Marsh Line Route' by Kent Community Rail and Transport Officer. Meeting starts 19.30. Contact southeast@rcts.org.uk for details.

### RCTS (Port Sunlight)

The Lever Club, Greendale Road, Port Sunlight. 'Yet More American Wanderings' by Gordon Davies. Meeting commences at 19.45.

### RCTS (Northampton)

St Crispins Social Club, Berrywood Road, Duston. Branch AGM followed by Christmas Entertainment. Meeting commences at 19.30.

### RCTS (Sheffield)

St Matthews Church Rooms, Carver Street, Sheffield. 'The South Yorkshire Joint Railway - Part 2' by Bob Gellatly. Meeting starts at 19.30.

### Stephenson Locomotive Society

The Friends Meeting House, Mount St., Manchester. 'The Sierra Leone Rly Museum Project' by Steve Davies. Starts 14.00. Contact the Secretary on 0161 928 2461 for details.

### Stephenson Locomotive Society

Kidderminster Railway Museum, Kidderminster. Christmas Event. Starts at 14.00. Contact the Secretary on 01242 582152 for further details.

### York Railway Circle

The Library, Archbishop Holgate's School, Hull Road, York. 'Main Line Steam in 2009' by Karl Jauncey and Dave Richards. Meeting starts 19.30. Contact Robin Patrick by e-mail at locopatrack@aol.com for details.

### 8th December 2009 Abergavenny and District Steam Society

Upper Room, The Hen & Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny TBA by Gerald Davies. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact the Secretary, Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for details.

### Monmouthshire Railway Society

Room LL1, UWCN, Allt-Yr-Yn Ave, Newport, South Wales. 'The Paul Riley Collection; 1961 - 1966' by Tony Bowles. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission: non-members £3.

### Permanent Way Institution (Croydon & Brighton)

Matt MacDonald House, Sydenham Road, Croydon, CR0 2EE. 'The Tram Train Concept' by Tim Kendall. Starts 17.45. Contact Martin Cresswell on 07815 968245 for further details.

### RCTS (Nottingham)

Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham. 'Tales Behind the Slides' by Bob Goodman. Meeting starts at 19.30.

### RCTS (Scunthorpe)

The Star Public House, Rochdale Road, Ashby. Branch AGM plus Members' Night - Slides and Prints. Meeting starts at 19.30.

### Scottish Rly Preservation Society (Lanarkshire)

Vestry Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Avon Street, Motherwell. 'Managing Railway Holidays' by W. Stuart Sellar. Contact the Secretary, Fred Landery on 01698 457777 for further details.

### Tewkesbury Rly Society

YMCA, Church Street, Tewkesbury. DVD Presentation 'The USA and Beyond' by Julian Stanley. Meeting commences at 20.00.

### 9th December 2009

**Oxfordshire Rly Society** Seacourt Day Centre, Seacourt Road, Botley, Oxford OX2 9LN. 'Annual Bumper Film Show' by Alan Willmott. Starts 19.30. Visitors welcome £4.

### Permanent Way Institution (London)

7th Floor District Room, 55 Broadway (LUL HQ), London. 'Christmas Event - London's Built Railway Heritage' by Jim Cornell. Meeting starts 18.00. Contact Shazma Mahmood-Shakoor on 07921 943820 for further details.

### RCTS (Cardiff)

Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr. '48 Year Wander around Britain with a Camera' by David Walker. Meeting starts at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at noelinda@noel65.fsnet.co.uk for further details.

### RCTS (Hitchin)

Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Road, Hitchin. Members' Evening. Meeting commences at 19.30.

### Stephenson Locomotive Society

YMCA, Bridge Street, Guildford. 'British Railways in the Nationalisation Years' by Gordon Pettitt. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01372 379216 for further details.

### Swiss Railways Society (London)

The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT (near Kings Cross Station). Christmas Quiz. Meeting starts at 19.00. £2 donation. Contact Ron Dawes on 020 8660 3532 for details

### 10th December 2009 Continental Railway Circle (London & The Home Counties)

St.Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NU 'Balkan Memories' by Les Folkard. Meeting commences at 19.15. Admission £2.00. Contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for further details

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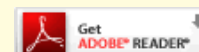
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