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NRM's prize exhibit moves to Shildon

The National Railway Museum brought together two icons from the history of steam locomotives on 22nd June, with just a mere 71 years between them! The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust's Pacific *Tornado* and NRMs star-exhibit *Mallard* were on display together for the first time.

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First Great Western's freshly-repainted Class 57/6 No. 57604 *Pendennis Castle* stands on display on a short unfitted freight train at the Didcot Railway Centre on 20th July. The locomotive has been outshopped in GWR green. David Warwick

FGW honours 'GWR175'

Playing a further part in the 175th anniversary of the Great Western Railway, First Great Western has reliveried one of its Class 57/6 locomotives.

Freshly released from the paintshop wearing GWR green with cast name and numberplates, together with a GWR shield plaque, Class 57/6 No. 57604 *Pendennis Castle* was shown off to enthusiasts and the public alike on 20th June at the Great Western Society base at Didcot Railway Centre.

The new-look '57' recommenced its regular work of hauling First Great Western's 'Night Riviera' sleeper service last week.

▲▲ **Looking resplendent in its new GWR green-livery, and recreating images of the 150th anniversary celebrations when four Class 47 locomotives were similarly treated, No. 57604** *Pendennis Castle* **poses on the turntable at Didcot on 20th June.**
▲ **The nameplate and GWR plaque. Both: Paul Furtek**

Crossrail project moves forward

The developers for Crossrail's final inner-London station at Woolwich have said that the project is still under review, as it is the only station dependant upon private funding.

Discussions are ongoing between the developer, the Department of Transport (DfT), Transport for London, and Crossrail to secure a way forward. A DfT spokesperson said: "All efforts are being made to broker a solution, but we have to be clear that we cannot simply default to the taxpayer picking up an additional cost to Crossrail that has never been within the funding programme". The station is a key part of a planned Royal Arsenal development that will feature 3,700 homes.

The developers Berkeley Homes said: "We are very grateful to the support and guidance provided by Crossrail Ltd during recent efforts to close the gap in funding. We hope that following these developments we can progress design and commence on site over the coming weeks".

The first images of a new, improved, and significantly cheaper scheme for the proposed Crossrail station at Whitechapel have been revealed. Crossrail says that its new plans include 'a whole host of upgrades' that will benefit passengers and local residents and at the same time simultaneously deliver substantial savings compared to the original proposals. Tower Hamlets Council had objected to the layout of the station, particularly the idea of putting the main entrance on Fulbourne Street. Now the entrance is on Whitechapel Road, which the council believes is a 'great improvement'. Plans for a tunnel providing access from Dooryard Street to Whitechapel Road have been scrapped in favour of a covered overhead footpath. This it is said will entail less disruption for local residents during building works, and is also thought to save an estimated £30 million. The Crossrail line is due to open in 2017, with a high profile line-up of architects designing the central London stations.

Crossrail has announced a design competition, which challenges undergraduates to develop a concept design for a station platform seat. The winning designer will be selected by an expert panel and offered a one-year fixed term contract. With few practical restrictions for the concept, final year undergraduate design students are being encouraged to unlock their creative thinking. The competition is part of a wider programme of engaging with students and young people to inspire the next generation of tunnellers, engineers, designers and construction workers.

▼ **A computer generated impression of how the new modern-style Whitechapel station could look. Crossrail**

New railfreight terminal planned for Castle Donington

Plans for a large new railfreight terminal that would allow large containers to be transported to Castle Donington from deep-sea ports in the UK and link up with the European rail network via the Channel tunnel have been revealed.

Work will start in January on creating a rail connection to the Castle Donington site after a property firm signed a multi-million-pound deal with Network Rail. It is anticipated that the link will attract large companies to its East Midlands Distribution Centre scheme, and once they have signed up, further millions will be invested in building warehouses for them, creating a 120-acre distribution hub, which could be up and running by the end of 2012 and could employ up to 2,000 workers.

The work to connect the site, which will be off junction 24 of the M1, from the existing Birmingham to Nottingham freight line, involves reinstating tracks, signals and points. This £10 million aspect will be overseen by Network Rail, which estimates that it will be complete by the summer of 2011.

Contractor sought for New Street

Network Rail is seeking a contractor to carry out a major roof demolition job, worth £7.5 million, as part of the £600 million redevelopment of Birmingham New Street station.

The scope of works will involve the creation of a 100m x 50m hole in the roof of the Pallasades Shopping Centre, which is located above the station, to make way for the construction of a new atrium. The contractor will need to design and erect temporary works in order to remove 4,000 cubic metres of reinforced concrete slab and beams!

▲ Northern Rail-liveried pioneer Class 333 No. 333001 arrives at Keighley, on 12th June forming the 13.31 service to Leeds. David Wragg

Wolverton Open Weekend Mini-Tours

THE WHITE ELEPHANT MINI-TOURS
Saturday 14 August 2010

Make the most of your day in Wolverton with a Class 66 mini-tour featuring the Bletchley Flyover (both branches in both directions) and the Bletchley to Bedford line.

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Northampton	09.45	13.30	14.00	17.50
Wolverton	10.05	13.10	14.20	17.30

Standard Fare for *either* the morning or afternoon tour **only** £17.50 (Junior £9.50). First Class £25.00. All times shown are provisional.

THE CONCRETE COW
Sunday 15 August 2010

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Metro and Light Rail News

New data available to 'App' programmers

New information about London's Tubes, buses and river services is being made available online to allow web developers to use it to create products such as mobile phone applications to help passengers.

Transport for London (TfL) has removed its restrictions on commercial use of its travel information, and has released several sets of data for download. Henceforth, developers will not have to ask for permission if they are making money from applications built on TfL data.

The London Datastore includes free access to information on planned weekend Tube works, the location of stations, licensed taxi operators, Oyster card top-up points and piers on the River Thames.

Tyne & Wear investment confirmed

The Government has confirmed the commitment to invest up to £350 million in modernising the Tyne and Wear Metro.

The Chancellor said that the Metro was ranked among a number of transport projects that provided substantial benefits to the economy. Nexus, will now go ahead with its plan to transform the system over the next 11 years. The commitment means modernising trains, stations and the infrastructure.

Following the takeover of the day-to-day operation by DB Regio, the first metrocar set has moved from South Gosforth to Wabtec Engineering for refurbishment.

▼ London Underground's new 'Asset Inspection Train' commenced test running outside of Northfields depot for the first time on 15th June. The four-car unit, comprising cars Nos. 3213, 4213, 4313 and 3313 and converted from ex-Northern Line 1972 Mk1 stock, is pictured at South Ealing station on the same day. This set will replace the former 1960/1973 Tube stock cars that made up the three-car 'Track Recording Train'. **Kim Rennie**

▲ The 11.56 Westbury to Cliffe Hill Network Rail aggregate train heads through the former Shrivenham station on 15th June, headed by Freightliner's Class 66/6 No. 66615. **Ian Willott**

Summer guided tour programme for Ribblehead

The Friends of the Settle & Carlisle Line have announced the return of the popular archaeology summer guided tour programme of the Ribblehead Viaduct and Blea Moor Tunnel area.

Everyone is welcome on these free walks, and they provide a fascinating insight into how the engineers and navvies won their hard-fought battle against the elements to build the line at this bleak and dramatic location. The tours will take place every Wednesday in July and August, and those interested should simply turn up at the Ribblehead Station Visitor Centre by 10.25 – connecting with trains from both Leeds (depart 08.49) and Carlisle (depart 08.53).

There are two tours to choose from. The first takes approximately two hours and is around the area of the Ribblehead Viaduct. The second takes about four hours, visiting various points in the first tour and then continuing to Blea Moor tunnel. For both it is essential to bring boots or strong footwear, together with waterproof clothing. Both walks cross rough ground and it can be very wet in places.

On the full day tour, participants are advised to bring a packed lunch with them.

UK News In Brief

■ Main line services in and out of London Paddington were severely disrupted on 23rd June, following the theft of 300ft of signalling cable at West Drayton. Only one train per hour could run in each direction between Paddington and Oxford, Penzance via Bristol, Swansea and Castle Cary, for Glastonbury. After overnight work, services were restored to near normal the following morning. The theft resulted in all signals on the four lines in and out of Paddington turning red, and as a result only one of them could be used fully, with one completely out of action and two partially disrupted.

■ Work to reorganise traffic flows around Reading town centre have begun ahead of the £400 million revamp of the station. Reading Borough Council said the work has been planned over four phases to try to minimise disruption. The first phase in St Mary's Butts will continue until the end of July, and will involve changes to the road layout and installing necessary street furniture. Phase two will take place in Friar Street West and Station Road, and will run from August to mid-September. Phase three, in Friar Street East and Valpy Street, and Phase four, in Station Approach and Blagrave Street, are due to be completed by May 2011. The work to the station includes five new platforms and a new station entrance.

■ Changes have been announced by Heathrow Express that will bring all Heathrow terminals within 23 minutes of London Paddington. The company is introducing a set timetable between Heathrow Central and Terminal 4, which is synchronised with the existing 15-minute interval service from Paddington to Heathrow Central and Terminal 5. The services from Paddington to Terminals 1, 3 and 5 will remain unchanged, taking only 15 minutes to Heathrow Central and a further 6 minutes to Terminal 5. The trains will depart Terminal 4 at 12, 27, 42 and 57 minutes past the hour. As part of this, Heathrow Connect Class 360 No. 360205 has been rebranded into Heathrow Express livery and will be used on the shuttle between Heathrow Central and T4.

■ It has emerged that money earmarked to pay for a planned new railway station at Bromsgrove has been frozen,. The new station should have been finished by Easter last year, but it is still at the design stage. The Bromsgrove Rail User Group said: "If this is an example of the public spending cuts we can expect for the future, then there is concern about what the future holds for us". At the current station the northbound platform is shorter than the southbound one, and too short for some trains to stop.

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Chiltern on target for completion of 'Evergreen 3' in 2011

Upgrade work for the £250 million Chiltern Railways 'Evergreen 3' scheme to bring London Marylebone within 100 minutes of Birmingham Moor Street station, and Banbury to within an hour, is scheduled for completion before the end of next year.

The project will provide an alternative to the West Coast route during the redevelopment of Birmingham New Street station, the first stage of the work from Banbury to Marylebone to be followed by the construction of a new rail link between Oxford and the Chiltern main line, via a new stretch of line in Bicester.

This is subject to Transport and Works Act approval, but the link, planned for delivery by 2013, is set to be the first new rail line between London and a major British city in over 100 years.

Borders Railway moves close to reality

With all the necessary land having been acquired to allow construction of the Borders Railway from Edinburgh to Tweedbank, the project has now moved another step closer.

Transport Scotland has announced its intention to invite three organisations, consisting of seven of Europe's biggest construction and financial companies, to tender for the contract. The individual companies include those responsible for some of the biggest rail projects in Europe in recent times, including the high-speed links between Amsterdam and Belgium and Figueras to Perpignan in France, the East Coast Main Line upgrade, the London Underground Connect Project and Manchester Metrolink. It is anticipated that the award of the contract for construction of the line will be made in winter 2011, with main construction work also beginning at this time. The project is estimated for completion with train services running in 2014.

Track laying commences on £300 million Airdrie to Bathgate rail link

A 200-tonne 'mobile factory' has begun laying track on the new Airdrie-Bathgate rail link at a rate of up to a kilometre a day as part of the construction of the new £300 million line.

The NTC machine, which is over 100 feet long, will lay track along the path of the new 15-mile stretch between Airdrie and Bathgate. The machine will lay 14km of track (7km in each direction) between Bathgate and Blackridge over a three-week period this month, before returning in July and August to complete the full length of the line.

The new link will provide up to four trains per hour on a new electrified route between Edinburgh and Glasgow, and will link communities along the line with a passenger rail service for the first time in over 50 years.

▼ **GB Railfreight Class 66/7 'flag unit' No. 66705** *Golden Jubilee*, **heads past a field of wheat and poppies near Manea, Cambridgeshire, with the afternoon Felixstowe - Doncaster Railport Intermodal service on 17th June. Julian Hodgson**

◀ **The tall spire belonging to the parish church of St Mary Redcliffe forms part of the backdrop as GBRf-operated Class 66/4 No. 66402 leads the 11.02 Taunton-Cardiff Central service on 24th June. Again, the use of a 'thunderbird' Class 66 had to be called upon following the failure of Class 57/3 No. 57303 earlier in the day. The service passes Bristol Barton Hill Depot, itself playing host to Class 47/4 No. 47815** *Great Western*. **Edward Gleed**

Technical problems hit '57s' on loco-hauled diagram

While the reliability of the Virgin Class 57/3s has never been exemplary while working for GB Railfreight on the First Great Western loco-hauled diagram, the figures for the past few weeks make for depressing reading.

On two separate occasions, a GBRf Class 66 has had to deputise for one of the '57s' on the train, which operates in 'top and tail' mode between Taunton, Bristol and Cardiff. Looking at the Class 57 diagram for the week commencing 13th June, provides an insight into one of the worst weeks.

Sunday 13th June
Caped *Cardiff Canton - Taunton (ECS)*

Monday 14th June
Caped *07.05 BL - Taunton (ECS)*
150243 07.28 Taunton - Bristol Pkway
150243 09.12 Bristol Pkway - WSM
150243 *10.10 WSM - Taunton (ECS)*
150243 11.02 Taunton - Cardiff
150243 14.00 Cardiff - Taunton
150243 16.13 Taunton - Cardiff
150243 19.00 Cardiff - Taunton
150243 *21.12 Taunton - SPM (ECS)*

Tuesday 15th June
150243 *07.05 SPM - Taunton (ECS)*
150243 07.28 Taunton - Bristol Pkway
150243 09.12 Bristol Pkway - WSM
150243 *10.10 WSM - Taunton (ECS)*
150243 11.02 Taunton - Cardiff
57305+57304 14.00 Cardiff - Taunton
57304+57305 16.13 Taunton - Cardiff
57305+57304 19.00 Cardiff - Taunton
57305+57304 *21.12 Taunton - BL (ECS)*

Wednesday 16th June
No. 57304 failed prior to departure, but was eventually made operational.
Caped *07.05 BL - Taunton (ECS)*
Caped 07.28 Taunton - Bristol Pkway
57304+57305 *09.23 Taunton - Cardiff Canton via Bristol Pway (ECS)*
150279 09.12 Bristol Pkway - WSM
150279 *10.10 WSM - Taunton (ECS)*
150279 11.02 Taunton - Cardiff
150279 14.00 Cardiff - Taunton
150279 16.13 Taunton - Cardiff
57304+57309 *Cardiff Canton - BL (ECS)*
150279 19.00 Cardiff - Taunton
150279 *21.12 Taunton - SPM (ECS)*

Thursday 17th June
No. 57304 failed again, with Class 66 No. 66721 having been commandeered from the overnight Peterborough to Taunton GB Railfreight freight working.
Caped *07.05 BL - Taunton (ECS)*
Caped 07.28 Taunton - Bristol Pkway
Caped 09.12 Bristol Pkway - WSM
Caped *10.10 WSM - Taunton (ECS)*
57305+66721 11.02 Taunton - Cardiff
66721+57305 14.00 Cardiff - Taunton
57305+66721 16.13 Taunton - Cardiff via Bristol Pway
57305+66721 19.00 Cardiff - Taunton
57305+66721 21.12 Taunton - BL

Friday 18th June
No. 57304 was repaired, reportedly with a new starter motor being fitted. Unfortunately, a shifted tyre on the brake vehicle was discovered on arrival at Taunton and rendered the set unusable for the remainder of the afternoon, an unknown unit is believed to have worked the 19.00 Cardiff to Taunton and then the ECS to Bristol.
57304+57305 *07.05 BL - Taunton (ECS)*
57304+57305 07.28 Taunton-Bristol Pkway
57305+57304 09.12 Bristol Pkway-WSM
57305+57304 *10.10 WSM - Taunton (ECS)*
57304+57305 11.02 Taunton - Cardiff
66721 0Z?? BL - Taunton (Platform 1)
57305+57304 14.00 Cardiff - Taunton
Caped 16.13 Taunton - Cardiff
Unknown 19.00 Cardiff - Taunton
Unknown *21.12 Taunton - SPM (ECS)*
Caped 21.12 Taunton - Bishops Lydeard

Notes:
BL - Bishops Lydeard, SPM - Bristol St. Philips Marsh, WSM - Weston-super-Mare.

Thankfully the DBS Class 67 fleet enjoys a far higher reliability, with Nos. 67016 and 67017 featuring regularly on the diagram, and proving to many train operating companies that loco-hauled services can provide an efficient and reliable alternative to multiple unit operation, especially in cases of extra trains, unit shortage or regular overcrowding of services.

To Lincoln with Grand Central?

Grand Central is interested in taking over the direct Lincoln to London services that have been abandoned by East Coast, Managing Director, Tom Clift, having revealed his company's interest at a meeting of Railfuture Yorkshire.

Grand Central spokesman, Rupert Brennan Brown, said the company would be looking at using the paths that East Coast is vacating. "As I understand it, East Coast is proposing one train in the morning and one train in the evening between Lincoln and London, and four return services from London to Newark," he said. "It is Grand Central's contention that this is not the best use of these paths and that it may be possible to serve other places by extending the trains beyond Newark. At the moment, we are trying to get clarity as to what the final proposed timetable is. There was a suggestion it would cost £9 million to run the services that have now been scaled down. We are trying to find out what opportunities there might be for us as an open access operator, which is not supported by the taxpayer".

Upwards for Bicester

The number of people travelling between Bicester and Oxford has exceeded all expectations since an enhanced service was introduced in 2009.

Oxfordshire County Council was able to secure extra trains using funding from local developers. Bicester Town was the start or end of 105,329 journeys in 2009-10, up an impressive 73.7% from the 60,638 journeys recorded in 2008-09.

New Government to re-examine HS2 high-speed route

Following the new Government's commitment to high speed rail, HS2 Ltd. has received a letter from the Secretary of State for Transport indicating how work, other than that on the London to West Midlands route already set out, should be taken forward.

Firstly, options are to be developed for connecting HS2 with Heathrow, both a line that goes directly through Heathrow and also a spur or loop from the recommended route. A case for an interchange at Old Oak Common will also be assessed and an indication shown of the service patterns for the route.

Secondly, options for linking HS1 with HS2 are to be assessed, and lastly, a comparative business case of a route extending from the West Midlands to Manchester and across the Pennines to Leeds will be assessed, and also a network with separate legs from the West Midlands to Manchester and Leeds.

Contract let for design and technical advice on ELL Phase 2

Designers and technical advisers for Phase 2 of the £30 million East London Line (ELL) extension to connect the existing route to the south-west with Clapham Junction has been appointed.

Mott MacDonald will be providing detailed design for all civil engineering works for the new section of two-track line, which includes three bridge structures, several retaining walls, earthworks, drainage, trackwork, road and cycle paths, landscaping, noise studies and noise barrier design.

The service will cover civil engineering and systems up to the opening of the railway. The ELL currently runs from Dalston Junction, via the City and Docklands, to New Cross, Crystal Palace and West Croydon.

Phase 1 was completed in May this year. Phase 1A, which will connect the network to Highbury & Islington, is expected to be completed in spring 2011. Phase 2 of is due to open during summer 2012.

Wandsworth upgrade

Plans have been submitted for a new entrance and ticket office at Wandsworth Town station.

The project, which is being part-funded through the National Stations Improvement Programme, will include a Disability Discrimination Act compliant ticket desk window, plus the installation of ticket vending machines, automatic doors and automated ticket gates. Subject to the planning permission being granted and arrangements being finalised, it is hoped that the work will start later this year.

▲ On a beautiful warm summer's day, Class 60 No. 60071 *Ribblehead Viaduct* heads through the South Gloucestershire countryside at Wickwar, with the 05.05 Robeston-Westerleigh tanks on 17th June. Currently, it is one of six members of the class that remain operational. The others being Nos. 60009, 60010, 60011 (Immingham), 60049 (Toton), 60071 (Margam) and 60074 (North West). **Edward Gleed**

The event, the first open day at Wolverton for 17 years, takes place over the weekend of 14th/15th August.

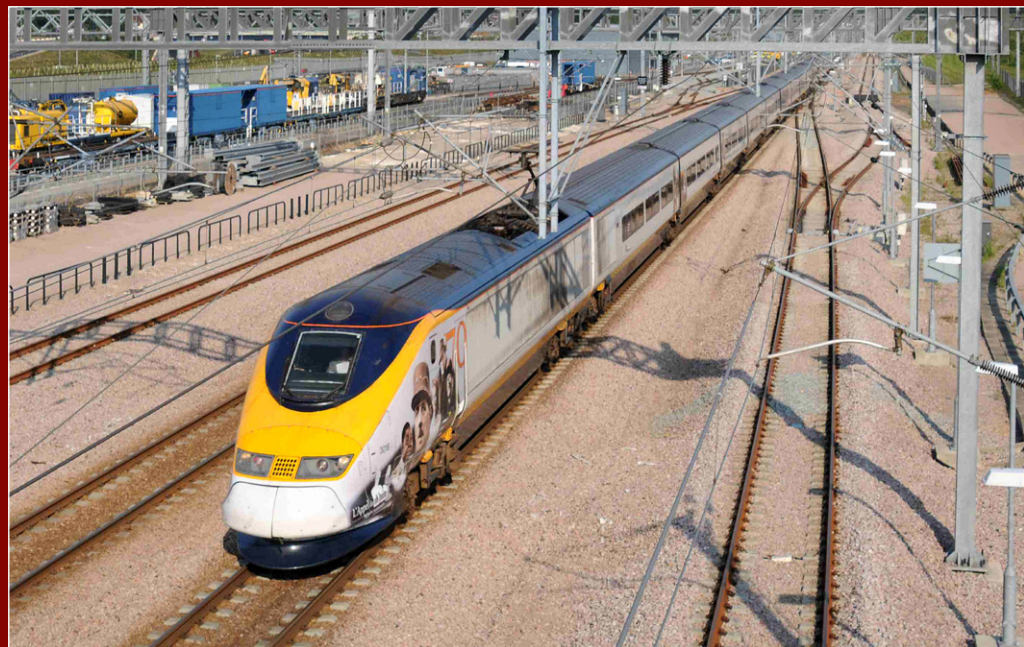
Advance booking admission prices are £12.50 for Adults, £9 for children (under 16). Under 3s go free. Click here for full details of entry prices.

To download the PDF booking form for the 'Wolverton Wanderer' shuttles, click here. Completed forms should be sent to Transport Event Services, Lime Tree Lodge, Thorpe Road, Mattersey, Doncaster, DN10 5ED.

◀ DRS Class 37/0 No. 37218 leads classmate No. 37259 on the 12.05 Sizewell - Crewe flask service through Ipswich on 19th June. The frequency of this train has increased lately, the working pictured being unusual in operating over a weekend. **Keith Partlow**

▼◀ With Wrexham and Shropshire-liveried Class 67 No. 67012 *A Shropshire Lad* as the train locomotive, Class 87 No. 87002 *Royal Sovereign* pilots the first leg of the 'Three Peaks Challenge' charter out of London Euston on 24th June, bound for Crewe, where it was detached, leaving No. 67012 to continue alone to Bangor. **Stuart Chapman**

▼ On 21st June, the day that the Government announced its intention to sell HS1, the 17.13 Eurostar from Paris Gare du Nord to St Pancras International passes Singlewell Infrastructure Maintenance Depot, with Class 373 half-set No. 3018 leading. Visible on the powercar are vinyls to remember the 70th Anniversary of de Gaulle's BBC broadcast on 18th June 1940, when he appealed to his countrymen to fight on against Nazi Germany after the fall of France. The President of France and his wife came to London on 18th June this year to meet the Prime Minister and pay tribute to the support Britain gave to the Free French Movement. **Bill Turvill**



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.

28th June 2010			
Steam Dreams	5029 & 6024	Penzance-Plymouth-Newton Abbott-Exeter-London Paddington	
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
29th June 2010			
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
30th June 2010			
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
1st July 2010			
Steam Dreams	5029	London Victoria-Staines-Reading-Swindon-Cheltenham-Worcester SH & rtn	
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
2nd July 2010			
VSOE	35028	London Victoria-Guildford - London Victoria (route to be confirmed)	
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
3rd July 2010			
Chiltern Trains	9600 & 9466	Banbury-Bicester North-Princes Risborough-Chinnor & return	
Compass Tours	DRS Class 47	Broad Green-Wigan NW-Carlisle-Kilmarnock-Troon-Ayr & return	
HF Railtours	71000	Crewe-Preston-Carnforth-Ulverston-Carlisle-S&C-Hellifield-Crewe	
Pathfinder Tours	60163	(tba-)Swindon-Swansea (break/rev) & return	**Cancelled**
Pathfinder Tours	tbc	Whitchurch-Telford Central-Birmingham NS-Barnt Green-Bristol TM-Exeter St. Davids-Paignton-Kingswear & return	
Railway Touring Co.	30777 & 46115	London Victoria-Staines-Basingstoke-Bournemouth-Swanage & return	
Railway Touring Co.	45407 & 44871	(Leicester-Nottingham-Uttoxeter-)Crewe-Shrewsbury-Llandrindod Wells -Cardiff-Newport-(Gloucester-Birmingham-Leicester & return)	
Whestrail	61994	(Falkirk Grahamston-)Rannock-Fort William	**Cancelled**
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
3rd July 2010			
Torbay Express Ltd	60163	Bristol Temple Meads-Taunton-Exeter-Paignton-Kingswear & return	
Vintage Trains	4965	B'ham SH-Henley in Arden-Stratford-Dorridge-B'ham SH (two trips)	
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
Whestrail	61994	Fort William-Rannock-Falkirk Grahamston	**Cancelled**
5th July 2010			
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
6th July 2010			
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
7th July 2010			
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & return	
8th July 2010			
WCRC	45231 or 62005	Fort William-Glenfinnan-Arisaig-Mallaig & 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.
GREEN Tours postponed to a future date by the operator
RED Tours cancelled by the operator
BLUE Provisional excursion
(Locations) in brackets on a steam tour listing indicates a diesel or electric-hauled section.

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▲ **Recently restored at Bury, LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 44871 passes through Westbury on 19th June, heading 'The Bath and Bristol Excursion' from Three Bridges to Bristol Temple Meads. Roger Burfitt**

▼ **LMS 'Royal Scot' 4-6-0 No. 46115** *Scots Guardsman* **crosses Eskmeals Viaduct with the southbound 'Lakelander' charter on 19th June, its first working since completion of repairs at Carnforth. David Price**

The Week Ahead

by John Whitehouse

This coming weekend is notable for the long awaited main line return of BR 8P class Pacific No. 71000 *Duke of Gloucester*, **which after a prolonged spell out of traffic returns on HF Railtours 'Cumbrian Coast Express' from Crewe to Carlisle on 3rd July, outwards via the Cumbrian Coast and returning across the Settle & Carlisle line.**

'The Duke' has undergone an intermediate overhaul at Bury, and has been 'run-in' during a number of visits to heritage lines.

Two days earlier, Steam Dreams feature No. 5029 *Nunney Castle* on the 'Cathedrals Express' from London Victoria to Worcester Shrub Hill. It was originally hoped to run outwards via the Cotswolds line from Oxford to Worcester, via Evesham, evoking memories of 'Castles' on the Paddington to Worcester and Hereford 'Cathedrals Expresses' of the BR era. Sadly, lack of paths and route improvements mean that the tour will now operate both ways over Sapperton, probably a more challenging itinerary for No. 5029 and one that is also a most credible alternative.

Railway Touring Company has two trains operating on 3rd July, each featuring double-heading. The second 'Swanage Belle' of three planned workings was scheduled for *Sir Lamiel* and *Oliver Cromwell*, but the continued absence of the 'Britannia' means that No. 30777 will be partnered by either West Coast's No. 46115 *Scots Guardsman* or 'Black 5' No. 44932 if its overhaul has been completed.

The 'Black 5' undertook a main line test in tandem with No. 48151 last week, so the likelihood of No. 44932 operating on this train has increased, although the appearance of *Scots Guardsman* is unlikely to raise any complaints. The route is straight forward, out from London Victoria, via Staines, Woking, Bournemouth and Wareham, before diverging at Worgret Junction onto the branch for Swanage. As *Sir Lamiel* is involved, the return will probably be into Waterloo. The Riley pairing of Nos. 44871 & 45407 feature on RTC's other tour that traverses the Central Wales Line. Commencing at Leicester, it runs diesel-hauled to Crewe, where the 'Black 5s' attach to head the train through to Newport, via Shrewsbury, Llandrindod Wells and Cardiff. From Newport, the train is again diesel-hauled and operates via Gloucester and Birmingham New Street.

Saturday will also witness the rare appearance of an ex-GWR Pannier Tank on the main line, and on this occasion, hauling a train instead of banking it. The working is the centenary of the Bicester line, which opened on 1st July 1910, and provided the important infill between Banbury and Princes Risborough, which was to provide the GWR the opportunity to operate faster Paddington to Birmingham expresses, giving it the edge over its LNWR arch rival that operated out of Euston. Chiltern Trains sponsor the working, which will feature Tyseley's 5700 class 0-6-0PT No. 9600 from Banbury to Bicester North and Princes Risborough, before the train heads to Chinnor on the Chinnor and Princes Risborough heritage railway.

VSOE has a British Pullman 'Surrey Hills' Luncheon booked for Friday 2nd July and rostered for Merchant Navy Pacific No. 35028 *Clan Line*. A statement from the MNLPS is reported elsewhere in this issue, in which they say that until the problem of the water feed to the boiler is satisfactorily resolved, *Clan Line* is effectively withdrawn from main line operations. *Tornado* was the last minute deputy on the last luncheon working for VSOE on 19th June, but the loco has a 'Torbay Express' booking on 4th July, which may curtail its availability to deputise on this occasion.

Modern traction tours operate to opposite extremes of the land, with Compass Railtours 'Ayrshire Coast Express' heading for Ayr from the Liverpool area, working over the Glasgow and South Western route through Dumfries to Kilmarnock and Troon with DBS Class 66 traction throughout. Kingswear is the destination for Pathfinders' 'Dartmouth & Torbay Explorer', which operates from Whitchurch (Shropshire), via Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton, Birmingham New Street and Cheltenham Spa, most likely with DBS Class 67 traction. As mentioned earlier, *Tornado* will be heading the 'Torbay Express' from Bristol Temple Meads to Kingswear on 4th July, and is booked to run every Sunday until 28th August, plus two dates in September and on 2nd October. However, 11th July has already been cancelled due to lack of bookings, the clash with the World Cup Final being cited as the prime reason.

Also commencing on 4th July is this year's 'Shakespeare Express' season, which features two return workings between Birmingham Snow Hill and Stratford-upon-Avon. The train works to Stratford over the North Warwickshire Line, and returns via Hatton and Dorridge. As this is probably the last summer of semaphore signalling on the North Warwickshire line, it would be nice to see some of the trains, at least, revert to working back to Birmingham via Henley-in-Arden and Shirley. The season extends until 12th September. Tyseley's in-house locomotive fleet is expected to dominate with the reliable GWR 'Hall' No. 4965 *Rood Ashton Hall* scheduled for the first two workings.

▼ **Castle class No. 5043** *Earl of Mount Edgcumbe* **heads the empty coaching stock for Vintage Trains' 'The Red Dragon' charter through Tyseley on 19th June bound for the start of the tour at Dorridge. The 'Castle' worked the train to Foxhall Junction, Didcot, where LMS 'Princess Royal' No. 6201** *Princess Elizabeth* **took over for the remainder of the run to Swansea. Donald Taggart**

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A visit to historic Edinburgh behind electric traction, in the form of BR blue-liveried 87002 is on offer with this trip. The train takes a scenic run through the Cumbrian and Lakeland Fells, over Shap, then on through the Borders over the spectacular climb to Beattock and along the Cobbinshaw line into Edinburgh with distant views of the Forth Bridge. Edinburgh offers a world of shopping and award winning attractions like the historic castle or a tour around the Royal Yacht Britannia.

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Railtours & Excursions

▲ **The first outing for LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 44932 for many years took place on 23rd June, when the locomotive undertook a test run from Carnforth to Hellifield and return. LMS 8F 2-8-0 No. 48151 was included in the consist for insurance. The pair are pictured on the outskirts of Carnforth. Anthony Roberts**

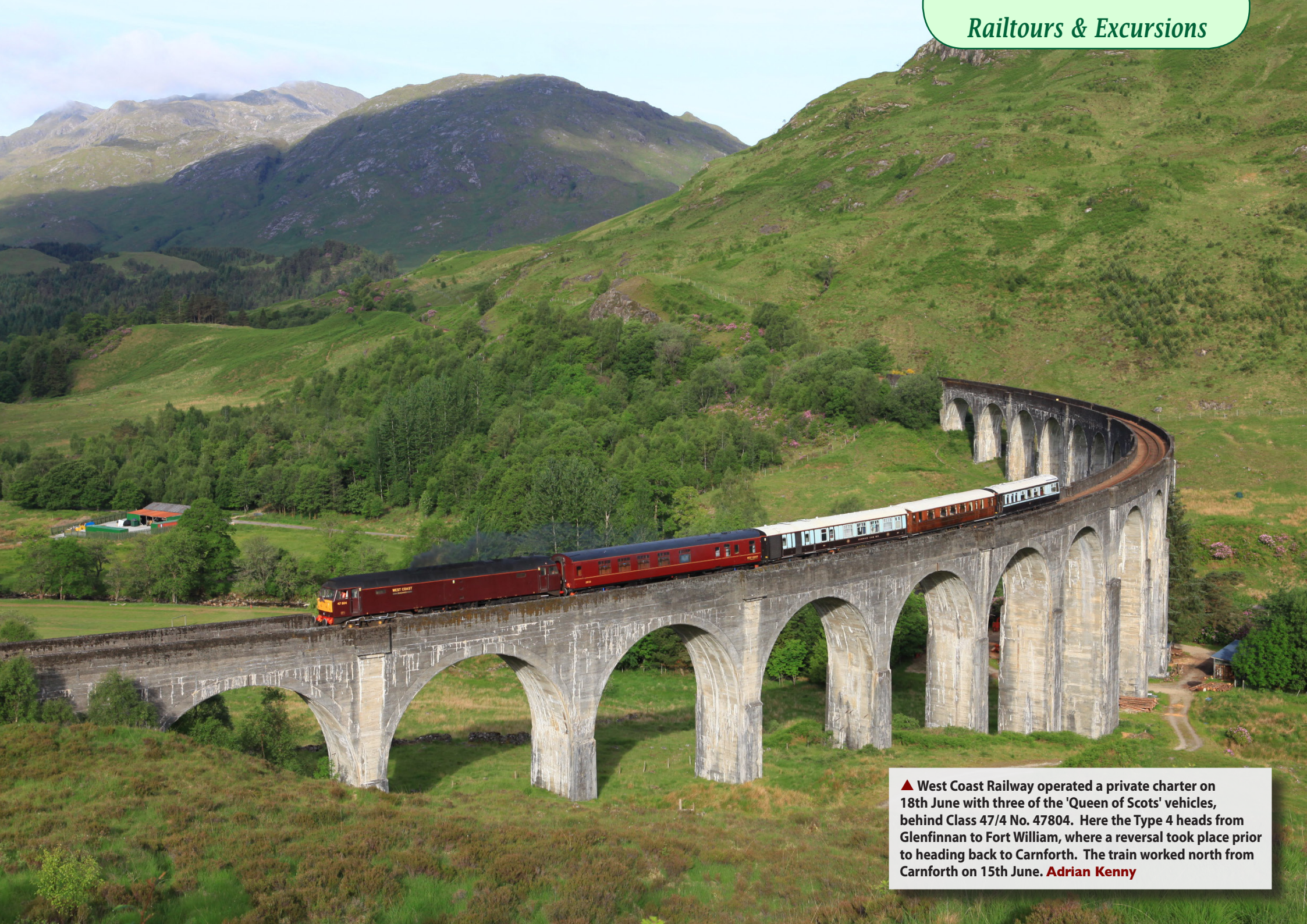
Ups & Downs

by John Whitehouse

■ Preliminary details of two more tours featuring Hastings Diesel's DEMU have been announced, commencing with a visit to Skegness on 18th September. This tour should operate from Hastings and the by now usual pick-up points to Tonbridge, and then Bromley South, Kensington Olympia and Finsbury Park, with a planned additional set-down at Wainfleet, before reaching the east coast resort. Later, on 4th December, again from the usual pick-up points from Hastings through to Tonbridge, and then Bromley South and Clapham Junction for a choice of St Albans, Bedford, or after a reversal, Bletchley. Use these dates as a guide however, as when details are confirmed a booking form for each tour will be available on Hastings Diesel's website. The DEMU is also scheduled to be in action on 8th August on a charter from Hastings, via London Waterloo to Bournemouth and Poole in memory of Andy Piper. More details of this train are awaited, but it should be noted that Hastings Diesels is just providing the traction and is not involved in taking bookings.

■ West Coast is scheduled to provide a Class 33/37 tie-up for Spitfire's 'Whitby Jet' charter on 10th July from York to the East Coast resort. The tour may also be picking up at Middlesbrough, although at the time of writing this has still to be confirmed. .

■ The Merchant Navy Locomotive Preservation Society issued a statement on 19th June concerning the present situation with No. 35028 *Clan Line*. It followed the locomotive being declared unavailable to haul the VSOE 'British Pullman' working rostered for 19th June. The statement confirmed that although "a satisfactory test run had been undertaken earlier in the week, the Society was as yet unable to fully identify the cause of the reported intermittent boiler feed problems". As a consequence, "until such time as they are able to identify and resolve the problem and the operational risk brought under normal control, the locomotive is not considered ready for regular service". The statement adds that the MNLPS 'is continuing intensive efforts to resolve the issue through a logical, analytical programme that is being shared with train operator DB Schenker'.



▲ West Coast Railway operated a private charter on 18th June with three of the 'Queen of Scots' vehicles, behind Class 47/4 No. 47804. Here the Type 4 heads from Glenfinnan to Fort William, where a reversal took place prior to heading back to Carnforth. The train worked north from Carnforth on 15th June. **Adrian Kenny**

▲ The 09.56 'Cathedrals Express' charter from London Victoria and return, via Canterbury West and Dover, approaches Swanley on Fathers Day, 20th June, hauled by A1 class Pacific No. 60163 *Tornado*. **Brian Morrison**

▲ **Peppercorn Pacific No. 60163** *Tornado* **climbs easily towards the summit of Shap, as it passes Cowpathwaite with 'The Border Raider' charter to Carlisle on 26th June. The train returned via the S&C route. Richard Tuplin**

▲ Class 37/6 No. 37610 leads classmate No. 37608 (out of sight on the rear) through Lunan Bay on the first of a four-day Scottish landcruise trip, on 18th June. The tour had worked from Birmingham International to Inverness, via Alloa and Aberdeen, and as a result of a booked one hour layover in the Granite City, was on time at Inverness. **Adrian Kenny**

▲ **LMS 'Princess Royal' Pacific No. 6201** *Princess Elizabeth* **powers up the incline from the Severn Tunnel with Vintage Trains' 'The Red Dragon' charter on 19th June.**
John Whitehouse

NRM moves *Mallard* to Locomotion at Shildon

The National Railway Museum brought together two icons from the history of steam locomotives on 22nd June, and with a mere 71 years between them!

As part of a general change around at York Museum, *Mallard* was moved to Locomotion, the NRM at Shildon. To make the move all the more special, the world-famous 'A4' was posed in the museum yard with 15-month old Peppercorn A1 Pacific No. 60163 *Tornado*, prior to the 'A1' acting as motive power for the movement north. On 23rd June, hundreds of enthusiasts and members of the public crowded vantage points between York and Darlington as the convoy headed for Shildon.

The loan of *Mallard* to Locomotion, its first long-term visit away from York since 1975, is described by the NRM as being for the foreseeable future. In its place at York, will be South Eastern & Chatham Railway D Class 4-4-0 No. 737 and Pullman Car Company First Class carriage *Topaz*.

◀▲ **The newest and fastest standard-gauge steam locomotives stand side-by-side in the sun at the National Railway Museum, York on 22nd June, prior to the move to Shildon the following day. Richard Tuplin**

▲ **Having been hauled northwards along the ECML, over its old stamping ground, *Mallard* arrives at Shildon to go on display at Locomotion. Geoff Robson**

▼ **The convoy heads northwards along the ECML, with A1 Pacific No. 60163 *Tornado* providing the motive power, A4 Pacific No. 4468 *Mallard*, a support vehicle and Class 47/7 No. 47798 *Prince William* bring up the rear. Will Jaggar**

NSE 'Gronk' heads to Gwili

Believed to be the first visit to Wales by a Network SouthEast-liveried Class 08, No. 08631 *Eagle* **has arrived at the Gwili Railway for the summer from its home base at the Mid-Norfolk Railway, and is expected to stay until the end of August.**

With only one steam loco capable of hauling three and four coach trains up the steep gradients on the Gwili, the 'Gronk' has been brought in as the standby loco during the summer season.

In a rare passenger outing for the shunter, it will also be rostered for services during the line's first diesel gala on 14th / 15th August, where it will be joined by fellow visitor Class 14 No. D9521, and resident Class 03 No. D2178 and the Pressed Steel Class 117 DMU.

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Having made its first movements on the Llangollen Railway and only just missed the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway's 'GWR175' celebrations, 2800 Class 2-8-0 No. 3803 stands in Toddington station on 20th June, awaiting departure time with the 14.15 service to Gotherington, the railway's temporary southern terminus following its landslide earlier in the year. **Edward Gleed**

Ten Victorian cast iron columns from the original London Blackfriars station are being given a new lease of life in South Wales. Donated by Network Rail, the 124 year-old columns will be used by the Pontypool and Blaenavon Railway to construct a new station at Big Pit Museum. The columns will be returned to their former glory and repainted to their original colours of gold and black, becoming an architectural feature for the new station when it is built. This initiative comes off the back of the Thameslink programme that includes the redevelopment of Blackfriars. The columns were removed from the original and existing station building, which has been in operation since 1886. The Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway has made the headlines recently, with the opening of its new extension on which RSH Austerity 0-6-0ST No. 7169 of 1944 is seen as it climbs towards Furnace Sidings with the 15.00 departure from Blaenavon High Level on 20th June. **Phil Trotter**

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Alycidon to star in GCR's 'Mail by Rail' event

The Great Central Railway's star summer visitor, Deltic No. D9009 *Alycidon*, will set the pace for the line's Mail By Rail Gala over 24th/25th July.

An intensive timetable will operate using the Deltic, visiting Class 26 No. 26007 and three steam locos.

Alycidon will feature on the fully restored Mk1 Travelling Post Office train, all four vehicles now wearing a smart new 1950's Royal Mail livery for the first time for the gala. The set, will make up to four non-stop mail drops on both days with a variety of motive power in charge.

What a load of rubbish! First main line train to run to remove Bluebell Railway waste tip

In a highly symbolic move, the Bluebell Railway is inviting members and the public to the site of its new station at East Grinstead on the evening of 6th July to witness the passing of the first train carrying the waste that was used to infill Imberhorne Cutting when the line was closed by British Railways.

The site will be open from 18.00 on the day, and members can pre-book tickets at Sheffield Park. Entrance on the night will be £2.50 subject to there being available space. The Bluebell station was actually due to open on 3rd July, but this has been postponed until September with the decision to concentrate on featuring the departure of the first waste train instead.

The railway is funding the clearance of the tip and the new northern extension by way of its 50th Anniversary Appeal and a 'Tenner for the Tip' campaign, full details of each are available on the special 'northern extension' website.

▼ **On 19th June, Class 50 No. 50031 *Hood* awaits departure time at Bridgnorth on the Severn Valley Railway, with the 15.30 service to Kidderminster. David Bissett**

Colas Rail Class 47/7 No. 47749 *Demelza* **leads classmate No. 47727** *Rebecca* **away from Lenton Junction, Nottingham, with the Boston to Washwood Heath steel flow on 23rd June. Matt Moore**

Cross Country Class 170/5 No. 170523 heads past the signal box at Whittlesea, Cambridgeshire, with the 17.18 Stansted Airport - Birmingham New Street service on 15th June. **Julian Hodgson**

Yeoman-liveried Class 59/0 No. 59002 *Alan J Day* powers past Berkeley, near Frome, Somerset, while operating a Sevington to Merehead working of empty hoppers on 11th June. **Darren Brooks**

28th June 2010
RCTS (Brighton)/LCGB
Brighton Railway Model Club Room, London Road Station, Shaftesbury Place, Brighton. 'Mass Production in Railway Engineering - The LMS Contribution' by Keith Harcourt. Meeting commences at 19.30.

29th June 2010
RCTS (Welwyn Garden City)
The Methodist Church, Junction of Ludwick Way and Colegreen Lane, Welwyn Garden City. 'An Afternoon with David Kelso'. Meeting commences at 14.15.

The Great Central Railway Society (Rotherham)
TheThree Horseshoes,Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 2BW. 'Classic Film Night' by Mick Hayes. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary, Mick Hayes on 01709 821544 for further details.

5th July 2010
Swanage Railway (Bath)
St John's Church Hall, St John's Road, Bathwick, Bath. 'Here, There and Roundabout' by Bob Bunyar. Starts 19.30. Admission £1. Contact John Lakey on 01225 315918 for details.

6th July 2010
Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. 'South Eastern Trains' by Neville Dyson. Starts 19.45. Contact Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for further details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)
St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford. 'A Round-up of Early Steam Locomotives' by Dr Michael Bailey. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01525 750149.

North East Essex Railway Association
Room 6, Frinton Community Centre, The Triangle, Frinton. 'East Anglian Railway Museum' by Bob Breakwell. Meeting comences at 19.45.

Weston super Mare Railway Society
Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. Evening Trip - TBA. Contact the Secretary, Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

8th July 2010
Continental Rly Circle
St Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. 'A Tribute to Dave Theobald' by Peter Greatorex. Meeting commences at 19.15. Admission £2. Contact the Secretary, Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 or at akpalmer@talktalk.net for further details.

10th July 2010
Bournemouth Rly Club
'All Purpose Room', Winton Methodist Community Centre, Junction of Alma Road/Heron Court Road, Bournemouth. 'Bournemouth Central Station 125'. Meeting starts at 14.30. Admission £2. Contact Martin Thresh on 01202 742099 for further details.

11th July 2010
St Albans Signal Box Open Day
St Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust, Ridgmont Road, St Albans AL1 3AJ. Exhibition of signalling and railway ephemera within the preserved signal box. Admission free. Open 14.00 - 17.00. Contact the Chairman, K.Webster on 01727 836131 for further details.

12th July 2010
Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. Annual Quiz Night. Starts 20.00. Contact 01522 705365 for further details

Southern Electric Group (Sussex)
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. 'The Great Western Broad Gauge Project' by Sam Bee. Starts 19.30. £2 Donation requested. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 for further details.

13th July 2010
Abergavenny & District Steam Society
Upper Room, The Hen and Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'My Father's Work in B&W' by David Cross. Meeting commences at 20.00. Contact the Secretary, Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for further details.

14th July 2010
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Tender Loving Care (TLC) for Trains' by Colin Boocock. Meeting commences at 20.00. Visitors Welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

Swiss Railways Society (London)
The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London N1 9AT. (nr Kings Cross Station) 'The Turn of the Century' by Alan Pike. Meeting commences at 19.00. A £2 donation is requested. Contact the Secretary, Ron Dawes on 0208 660 3532 for further details.

15th July 2010
Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Roundhouse Lecture Theatre, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. 'A Grinder to Town (Sheffield Midland - London St |Pancras over 60 years of images)' by Martin Bromley. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £2 non members. Contact the Secretary at beardspaul@aol.com for details.

Breconshire Rly Society
R.A.F.A.Club, The Struet, Brecon. AGM. Meeting commences at 19.30. Members only. Please contact the Secretary, Arthur Robinson on 01982 560219 for further details and all membership enquiries.

Marlow & District Railway Society
Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Road, Bourne End. 'A Beginner's Guide to British Railway Signalling - Part 2' by Mike Walker. Meeting commences at 20.00. Non-members admission £2.

16th July 2010
GWS (Taunton)
Village Hall, Stoke St. Mary, Nr Taunton. 'My Memories of the Mid 20th Century' by John Cramp. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01823 334188 for further details.

19th July 2010
GCR Society (Spinkhill)
The Angel Hotel 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'A Look Back at Sheffield Trams to Crookes and Walkley' by Paul Fox. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary, Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for details.

25th July 2010
St Albans Signal Box Open Day
St Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust, Ridgmont Road, St Albans AL1 3AJ. Exhibition of signalling memorabilia. Admission free. Open 14.00 - 17.00. Contact K.Webster on 01727 836131 for further details.

28th July 2010
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Steam on London Underground 1933 - 1971' by John Manners. Starts 20.00. Contact 01256 819401 for details.

2nd August 2010
RCTS (Ashford)
Members visit to IECC Ashford. Contact southeast@rcts.org.uk for details.

RCTS (Northampton)
'Southern Day Saver' day out. Contact the Secretary, David Pick on 01604 810613 for further details.

3rd August 2010
Weston super Mare Railway Society
Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. Members Slides. Starts 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for further details.

5th August 2010
The Great Central Railway Society (Rotherham)
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▼ Still carrying the remnants of its Mainline Freight blue colour scheme, DB Schenker-operated Class 60 No. 60011 powers the Jarrow to Lindsey Oil Refinery discharged tanks out of York station on 23rd June. This is one of the few remaining diagrams regularly handled by Class 60s, although it normally takes the avoiding lines in the foreground. Will Jagger

9th August 2010
Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 'The Blue Pullman Story' by Mick Hayes. Starts 20.00. Contact 01522 705365 for details

SEG (Sussex)
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10th August 2010
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RCTS (Merseyside, Chester & North Wales)
Station Observation at Chesterfield. (optional visit to Barrow Hill). Contact, Geoff Morris on 01244 376808 or at geoffreymorris@tiscali.co.uk for further details.

11th August 2010
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Signal Boxes, People and Trains on the Berks & Hants Line' by David Canning. Starts 20.00. Contact 01256 819401 for details.

Swiss Railways Society (London)
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RCTS (Northampton)
Visit to Midland Metro Depot at Wednesbury. Contact the Secretary, David Pick on 01604 810613 or at northampton@rcts.org.uk for further details.

RCTS (Thames Valley)
Evening Observation At Didcot Station. Contact Murray Lewis at thamesvalleyoutdoor@rcts.org.uk for further details.

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22nd August 2010
RCTS (Merseyside, Chester & North Wales)
'Preservation Sites in Welshpool/ Oswestry Area'. Contact the Secretary, Geoff Morris on 01244 376808 for further details

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1st September 2010
Warwickshire Rly Society
The Lamp Tavern PH, Barford Steket, Highgate, Birmingham. 'Two Americas' by Dave Lacey. Meeting commences at 19.30.. Contactthe Secretary, Don Taggart on 01746 710676 for further details.

2nd September 2010
The Great Central Railway Society (Rotherham)
TheThree Horseshoes,Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 2BW. 'J.G.Robinson and other Railway Artists' by Ken Grainger. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary, Mick Hayes on 01709 821544 for further details.

7th September 2010
Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. 'On and Off the Footplate No 2' by Bill Davies. Starts 19.45. Contact the Secretary, Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for details.

Locomotive & Carriage Institution
55 Broadway, London. 'Presidential Address' by Nick Agnew. Starts 18.00. Contact Stuart Smith at smithstuart@btinternet.com for details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)
St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford. 'GRES Reminiscences' by GRES Members, Old and New. Starts 19.30. Contact 01525 750149 for details.

SEG (South Hampshire)/ LRTA (Southern)
Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'Railways in the North East - Retrospective and Recent' by Bruce Oliver. Starts 19.30. Admission £2. Contact the SEG Secretary, John Goodrich on 023 8067 0028 for further details

Weston super Mare Railway Society
Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. 'Steam on Road and Rail' by Malcolm Ranieri. Starts 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 for details.

8th September 2010
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Broad Gauge Railway Journey' by Canon Brian Arman. Starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary on 01256 819401 for further details.

Bromsgrove Rly Club
St Godwalds Church Hall, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. 'Cine Film Evening' by John Constable. Starts 19.45. Contact 01527 873800 for further details.

9th September 2010
Bath Railway Society
Bath Green Park Station Meeting Room. 'Rare, Unique and High Quality Photographs' by Paul Chancellor. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact Kevin Plummer (evenings) 01225 312564 for details.

Continental Rly Circle
St Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ. 'Southern Africa' by Ron White. Starts 19.15. Admission £2. Contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for details.

10th September 2010
Great Western Society
Lawn Community Centre, Guildford Avenue, off Windsor Road, Lawn, Swindon, SN3 1JE. TBA. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01793 495976 for further details.

11th/12th September 2010
St Albans Signal Box Heritage Open Day
St Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust, Ridgmont Road, St Albans AL1 3AJ. Exhibition of signalling plus model railway and other attractions. Admission free. Open 10.00 - 16.00. Contact the Chairman, K.Webster on 01727 836131 for further details.

13th September 2010
Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 'British Transport Police' by Brian Bell. Starts 20.00. Contact 01522 705365 for details

SEG (Sussex)
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre.'Vintage SR EMU Photographs from the 1950s' by Richard Larkin. Starts 19.30. £2 Donation. Contact Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094.

14th September 2010
Abergavenny & District Steam Society
Upper Room, The Hen and Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny. 'The Power of Steam' by Peter Donovan. Starts 20.00. Contact Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for details.

16th September 2010
Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Roundhouse Lecture Theatre, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. 'Steaming Through Britain'. Starts 19.30. Non-members £2. Contact the Secretary at beardspaul@aol.com for details.

21st September 2010
Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Bedford)
St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Bedford. AGM & Branch Annual Photographic Competition. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01525 750149 for further details.

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An unidentified Cross-Country Class 220 Voyager passes Colton Junction on 17th June, with a Newcastle to Reading service, seen taking the ECML route via Doncaster. Paul Braybrook

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