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Carrbridge clean-up operation continues

Almost a month after Class 66/0 No. 66048 *James the Engine* derailed at Carrbridge with an Inverness to Mossend intermodal for Stobart Rail, the locomotive remains where it finished up and the damage to the station area is still being repaired.

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Class 321 named to mark first stage of a service improvement plan for East Anglia

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Mole, the MP for Ipswich, named Class 321/4 No. 321428 *The Essex Commuter* **at London Liverpool Street station on 25th January, in recognition of the first stage of National Express East Anglia's (NXEA) Service Improvement Plan that was introduced at the start of the winter timetable in December.**

The initial phase of improvements has provided passengers in North Essex and Suffolk with a total of some 5,700 extra seats each day on trains that are regularly very busy on the lines between Braintree, Clacton-on-Sea, Colchester, Chelmsford, Harwich, Ipswich, Witham and Liverpool Street. The main part of the plan is a major deal agreed with the Department for Transport in April 2009, to boost rail capacity on services to and from London, the aim to be achieved by the construction of 30 new four-car EMUs and the transfer of 17 additional modern refurbished carriages to be added to NXEA services. The new trains will be introduced on Stansted Airport and Cambridge to Liverpool Street services in 2011, and the 17 refurbished ones are to be introduced on the Great Eastern main line route from Suffolk and North Essex into Liverpool Street in two phases in December last year and December this year.

NXEA is also working on other improvements to provide better cleaning and information, a brighter on-train environment, some station improvements and more car parking. Chris Mole said: "The Government is investing £173 million in the first of several major improvements we have built into this franchise which will deliver real benefits for commuters travelling into London. Nearly 200 additional carriages and a steady programme of enhancements to stations will provide more reliable, more comfortable and less congested journeys for passengers".

The first stage of the Service Improvement Plan introduced from December included 11 peak hour services increased from eight to 12 coaches, and another five increased from two to four cars. Other changes provided an improved choice of services including the 08.02 (Mon-Fri) Liverpool Street to Colchester Town calling additionally at Kelvedon, the 16.30 (Mon-Fri) Ipswich to Colchester (retimed to depart at 16.32) and extended to run through as an additional service to Liverpool Street, and the 19.00 (Sundays) Liverpool Street to Norwich calling additionally at Chelmsford, Colchester and Manningtree.

▲ **Class 321/4 No 321428 stands at London Liverpool Street, having been named** *The Essex Commuter.*

◀ **Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Mole MP, names Class 321/4 No. 321428** *The Essex Commuter* **at Liverpool Street.**
Both: Brian Morrison

Monsal Trail Tunnel Walks to be held during the summer

The popular Monsal Trail Tunnel Walks will operate again this year on 1st May and 18th September.

This year may be the last opportunity, following the announcement in November last of the likely reopening of some tunnels as part of the Peak District cycleway project, which will then open up the majority of the former railway for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

The walks will commence at Bakewell and terminate at the site of the former Blackmill Mill Halt in Chee Dale, with return coach transport back to Bakewell. Further details are available with a s.a.e. from the organiser: Stuart Smith, 5 Sedgebrook Close, Oakwood, Derby. DE21 2DX.

Carrbridge cleanup

The damage caused by the Carrbridge derailment can be clearly seen in this view taken on 21st January.

The pointwork at this end of the station has been plain-lined to allow operations to continue, with all trains using the northbound platform. As well as track damage, the destruction to the platform face is also clearly visible.

Almost a month after the accident, several containers and Class 66/0 No. 66048 remain in situ. It is understood that the locomotive is too far from the running track to be reached by rail cranes, and road cranes apparently have the same problem.

There is no comment from DB Schenker on the plans for retrieving the locomotive, although the company has yet to issue any statement on the accident.

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This information was put together to give fellow rail enthusiast easy reference to the numbering and naming of each loco and lists all withdrawn, preserved and currently operating machines in TOPS classification order. This will be very useful for spotters, photographers and bashers alike to clearly identify everything they've either: spotted, photographed, had or missed out on 'all in one book'.

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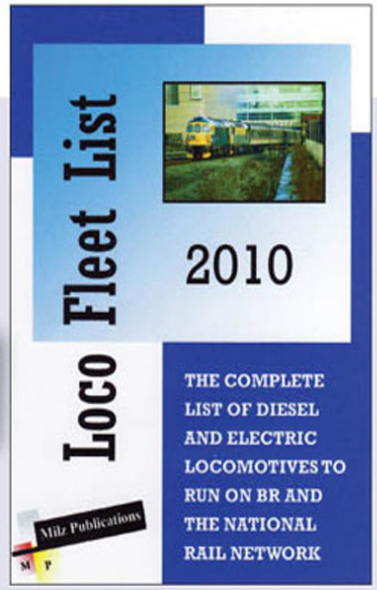

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Final Class 377/5s delivered to FCC

The final four-car Class 377/5 Electrostar units of the fleet of 23, Nos. 377503 and 377523, arrived at Bedford on 15th January, and entered Thameslink service for First Capital Connect (FCC) three days later, operating alongside the existing 20-year-old Class 319s.

The new fleet was ordered to resource a new timetable in March 2009, which allowed building work to begin at London Blackfriars station as part of the Thameslink Programme. However, due to massive problems at Bombardier Derby with sub-contractors going into liquidation, the last train arrived nine months late, putting considerable strain on the existing fleet, the reliability of which was severely affected. This has led to a number of trains running with four carriages instead of eight, and overall is one of the reasons for the troubles that FCC is having with the Government, where the continuance of the present franchise is in some doubt.

First Capital Connect Managing Director, Neal Lawson, said: "The late delivery of the new trains meant we had to work our existing trains harder and this has created challenges to their continued reliability. But the new trains are now here giving us the resources to operate a more robust timetable, at the same time giving us time to carry out more preventative maintenance and reliability-improving modifications to the existing fleet".

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Metro and Light Rail News

Stratford extension for DLR on track to open in the summer

The Docklands Light Railway extension to Stratford International is coming along well and is set to open this summer.

The six-kilometre extension, which follows the same route as the Jubilee line, is made up of the former North London Line stations at Canning Town, West Ham and Stratford, and four new stations at Star Lane, Abbey Road, Stratford High Street and Stratford International. Completion of the station construction is expected this spring, and it is anticipated that train testing will begin in May. The extension will provide improved capacity, reliability, accessibility and frequency in the area, and will meet the travel demands associated with the opening of the Westfield Stratford City shopping centre and the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Trains will operate at least every 10 minutes, and will run from Stratford International to both Woolwich Arsenal and Beckton.

Elsewhere on the system, the DLR platforms at Bank station are to reopen on 1st February following the upgrade work to accommodate a pair of three-car trains. Six-car operation will be introduced gradually on the Bank-Lewisham route, following the completion of the engineering works. DLR has also used the Bank closure to enhance and improve the platforms, lighting and signage at the station.

▼ **In Dublin, Luas LRV No. 5003 is pictured at St Stephen's Green in the city with a Green Line service. The Green Line is one of two lines in Dublin and conveys passengers on a six-mile route from Sandyford to Dublin City Centre.** **Martin Coles**

Class 378 Delivery Programme

The three-car Class 378/0 sets will be renumbered into the 3782xx series from 2010, when they are extended to four-car units.

Class 378/0s and 378/2s are dual-voltage 25kv AC and 750v DC units. Class 378/1s provide 23 four-car units for use on the East London Line services and are 750v DC only. Believed to be correct as of 30th December. ***If any reader can provide any of the missing dates or locos, please contact the editor.***

Unit	Location	Delivery Date	Loco Used
378001	Derby Litchurch Lane (*8)		
378002	Derby Litchurch Lane		
378003	Willesden Depot	21st Jan 10	66729
378004	New Cross Gate Depot (*1)	13th Nov 09	66729
378005	In Traffic	15th Apr 09	66731
378006	Willesden Depot	7th Jan 10	66732
378007	In Traffic	11th May 09	66730
378008	In Traffic (*2)	7th Aug 09	66728
378009	Willesden Depot	15th Dec 09	66402
378010	In Traffic	8th Sep 09	66728
378011	In Traffic	28th Oct 09	66729
378012	Willesden Depot	10th Nov 09	66729
378013	In Traffic	18th Jun 09	66728
378014	In Traffic (*4)	28th Aug 09	66728
378015	In Traffic	4th Jun 09	66730
378016	In Traffic	2nd Jul 09	66732
378017	In Traffic	14th Aug 09	66730
378018	In Traffic	23rd Aug 09	66728
378019	Willesden Depot	18th Jan 10	66732
378020	Derby Litchurch Lane		
378021	Derby Litchurch Lane		
378022	Derby Litchurch Lane		
378023	Derby Litchurch Lane		
378024	Derby Litchurch Lane		
378135	Derby Litchurch Lane		
378136	New Cross Gate Depot (*5)	3rd Nov 09	66729
378137	New Cross Gate Depot (*3)	5th Oct 09	66730
378138	New Cross Gate Depot (*9)	Early Dec 09	
378139	New Cross Gate Depot (*6)	2nd Dec 09	66402
378140	New Cross Gate Depot (*7)	3rd Nov 09	66729
378141	Chart Leacon Depot	3rd Nov 09	66729
378142	New Cross Gate Depot (*10)	Early Dec 09	
378143	New Cross Gate Depot (*11)	Mid Dec 09	
378144	New Cross Gate Depot (*12)	Mid Dec 09	
378145	New Cross Gate Depot (*13)	22nd Dec 09	66402
378146	New Cross Gate Depot (*14)	22nd Dec 09	66402
378147	Chart Leacon Depot	Early Dec 09	
378148	New Cross Gate Depot (*15)	5th Jan 09	66730
378149	Chart Leacon Depot	18th Dec 09	66402
378150	Chart Leacon Depot	23rd Dec 09	66732
378151	Willesden Depot (*16)	22nd Jan 10	378006
378152	Chart Leacon Depot	15th Jan 10	66729
378153	Chart Leacon Depot	14th Jan 10	66729
378154	Chart Leacon Depot	28th Jan 10	66732

Notes:

*1 Visited Shoeburyness for tests as a four-car unit, leaving on 15th September 2009. Was also delivered from Derby to New Cross Gate as a four-car formation, with the addition of vehicle No. 38201, which will eventually be in No. 378001, on 28th September 2009 behind Class 66/7 No. 66730. The set returned to Derby on 3rd November 2009 (hauled by Class 66/7 No. 66729) reportedly for repairs.

*2 Visited Selhurst arriving on 7th May 2009 behind Class 66/7 No. 66730, but returned to Derby afterwards.

*3 Became the first of the fleet to operate on the Network in a four-car formation while on trials. It was delivered from Derby to Chart Leacon on 17th September 2009 by Class 66/7 No. 66728.

*4 Believed to be the first of the Class 378s to work on the Watford to London Euston services on 16th October 2009, but with conductors rather than driver-only operation.

*5 Delivered to Chart Leacon Depot for testing and mileage accumulation (TMA) on 3rd October 2009 by Class 66/7 No. 66730.

*6 Delivered to Chart Leacon Depot for TMA on 16th October 2009 by Class 66/7 No. 66730.

*7 Delivered to Chart Leacon Depot for TMA on 20th October 2009 by Class 66/7 No. 66730.

*8 Originally delivered from Derby to New Cross Gate for depot testing by Class 66/7 No. 66730 on 4th September 2009. Returned to Derby for repairs on 17th November 2009 behind Class 66/7 No. 66729.

*9 Delivered to Chart Leacon Depot for TMA on 6th October 2009 by Class 66/7 No. 66730.

*10 Delivered to Chart Leacon Depot for TMA on 5th November 2009 by Class 66/7 No. 66729.

*11 Delivered to Chart Leacon Depot for TMA on 17th November 2009 by Class 66/7 No. 66729.

*12 Delivered to Chart Leacon Depot for TMA on 19th November 2009 by Class 66/7 No. 66729.

*13 Delivered to Chart Leacon Depot for TMA on 24th November 2009 by Class 66/7 No. 66729. Class 66/4 No. 66402 worked the set (and No. 378146) from Chart Leacon to London Bridge, before Class 66/7 No. 66732 took over into New Cross Gate Depot.

*14 Delivered to Chart Leacon Depot for TMA on 27th November 2009 by Class 66/7 No. 66729. Class 66/4 No. 66402 worked the set (and No. 378145) from Chart Leacon to London Bridge, before Class 66/7 No. 66732 took over into New Cross Gate Depot.

*15 Delivered to Chart Leacon Depot for TMA on 9th December 2009 by Class 66/7 No. 66729.

*16 Delivered to Chart Leacon Depot for TMA on early December 2009. Subsequently hauled overnight from Chart Leacon to Willesden by Class 378/0 No. 378006 - the first seven-car formation on the network.

All change at Montrose

The signalboxes at Montrose South and at Usan, two and a half miles south of the town, closed on 29th January.

In their place, Montrose North box, which has been closed for the last four years, is to reopen. The signalboxes are part of a major change in operations that includes northbound trains now stopping on the southbound line at Platform 1 at Montrose station to enable wheelchair-bound people to alight or board more easily. New power-operated points are also being introduced in place of old mechanical ones. Eight signalmen plus four relief staff work at Montrose South and Usan, and while some are retiring or moving to other jobs, there are no compulsory redundancies as the majority are being redeployed. Montrose North signalbox, which is being recommissioned, is a listed building. The Montrose South and Usan boxes will be demolished. Montrose South opened in 1881 and Usan in 1906. Montrose to Usan is the only stretch of single line between King's Cross and Aberdeen.

Cheadle Hulme to be revamped

Details of a major revamp to Cheadle Hulme station to provide step-free access under the Department for Transport's expansive 'Access for All' programme have been published, and submitted to Stockport Borough Council for approval.

The proposals include direct access from the station car park onto Platform 4, and lifts and an overbridge serving all platforms. The station, which is operated by Northern Rail, straddles the junction where the line divides to go to Wilmslow/Crewe and Macclesfield/Stoke, and has an island platform and two outer platforms. At present, there is only stepped access up to the platforms, which are situated eight metres above road level.

A brick lift tower will be built on Platform 4, the southbound platform, and there will be a small flight of steps leading up from the car park entrance/exit directly onto the platform, but disabled people and those with luggage or children in buggies can take the lift to the platform. The lift will then continue to an upper level where an over-bridge is to be constructed across all four tracks, with lifts to/from the remaining platforms. There will also be staircases to the overbridge from all platforms.

Once planning permission is granted, a contractor will be appointed around Easter, and detailed design work could then start. The work is expected to start in the autumn, with completion early in 2011.

▲ TPE-liveried Class 170s are now regular performers on the South TransPennine route. Here, No. 170307 crosses over to the Sheffield line at Doncaster, with the 12.42 departure to Manchester Airport on 27th January. **David Wragg**

UK News In Brief

■ Network Rail proposes a range of work on the exterior of the western façade of Stoke-on-Trent station in partnership with the Railway Heritage Trust. The project is expected to cost in the region of £1 million and, if planning permission is passed, could start at the end of March. The station opened in 1848 and the building is Grade II-listed. The buildings highlighted in the plans are on the site of the station's original goods yard and house working station facilities, and the application for listed building consent proposes brickwork and masonry repairs, reinstalling a pitched roof and missing chimneys and the restoration or replacement of all the windows.

■ Heathrow Express has introduced automated check-in services for air passengers at London Paddington station. The new facility allows travellers to check in for their flights using automated self-service machines, before taking the train to Heathrow. It is the first time these common user self service machines have been used at a railway station in this country. Explaining the new service, a spokesperson for Heathrow Express said: "It's a touch screen machine, much like the ones that you use at the airport. You pick the airline that you are flying with and that takes you to the flight. You can then check in for your flight, as you would at the airport. Initially only people flying with United Airlines, Delta Air Lines and Iberia will be able to use the service, but other airlines will follow in the coming weeks, including British Airways, Finnair and Virgin Atlantic. Flight Information Display Screens are also being installed, allowing travellers to see the status of their flight before leaving London. Individual airlines have previously provided check-in facilities at London Victoria and Paddington, but were forced to scrap the service after only a few years. The Heathrow Express system, however, is offered to all airlines that wish to use it.

■ Class 66 changes are afoot as Colas Rail has temporarily hired Class 66/5 No. 66509 from Freightliner, while Fastline is rumoured to have hired Class 66/4 No. 66434 from DRS, which looks likely to gain Fastline colours and is currently at Barrow Hill.

■ Work is to begin on 8th February to modernise and improve access for disabled people at Prestatyn station. When finished, the scheme will also improve access to the Offa's Dyke trail, the beach, town centre and nearby tourist attractions. Denbighshire County Council is working in partnership with Network Rail as part of its Disability Discrimination Act enhancement programme. The work includes replacing the footbridge to the island platform and other minor infrastructure improvement works, forming part of a wider scheme of refurbishment to the station building, the platform and adjacent road bridge. It is expected that the work will take 10 to 12 months to complete.

■ Proposals to build a railway stabling yard for storage and cleaning of rolling stock at the disused junction for the Polmaise line, near Braehead, are under consideration by Network Rail. The yard would hold up to nine trains at time and could operate overnight. The proposals form part of the £1 billion rail services improvement plan for Central Scotland, which also includes electrification of the line to Dunblane.

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◀ **For a variety of reasons, the industrial railway scene is one that is not frequently covered by the magazine. However, on 25th January RMS Locotec Class 08 No. 08613 shunts wagons at Ketton cement works, near Stamford. RMS Locotec supply a range of diesel shunters to private industrial locations either for trip work or for internal shunting movements.**
Jonathon Benton

East Midlands Control Centre area extended as 'Trent Triangle' resignalling is completed

A new signalling system covering the South Erewash 'Trent Triangle' area, part of the East Midlands Hub and Spoke resignalling and remodelling programme was commissioned on 4th January.

This follows commissioning of the programme in October 2009, which covered the Toton Area, and will help deliver increased line speeds, greater line capacity and faster journey times across the area.

The latest commissioning involved five new Solid State Interlockings being brought into service, together with modifications to four existing Interlockings. The new lineside signalling system is now controlled from the East Midlands Control Centre (EMCC) at Derby, where a new Westcad workstation was also brought into use.

As a result of the South Erewash work, the centralisation of control at the new EMCC at Derby is taking further control from the existing Trent Power Signal Box, and has allowed the closure of a gate box at Lock Lane. The remodelling of Trent East Junction also allows parallel moves to take place over the junction, as well as the conversion of the existing goods lines to passenger standard slow lines through Toton and on the high level lines, through Trent South to Ratcliffe North Junction. In all, the new Interlockings now control 173 new axle counter sections, 34 sets of points, 99 new LED signals, nine new relocatable equipment buildings and 85 new location cases. The scheme also included five lineside relay fringes, which required modifications to be undertaken to adjacent Interlockings. In addition, five level crossings were renewed with alterations having to be made to two existing manually controlled barrier/CCTV crossing locations. As part of the programme new 1024 Westronic systems were also commissioned, under trial, to provide emergency alarms functions from all the adjacent signalboxes, as well as remote alarms from all the relocatable equipment boxes and principal supply points. Additionally, and in parallel with the changeover and testing work, the commissioning team undertook a significant amount of recoveries during the blockade, in order to minimise post-commissioning works.

◀ Class 67 No. 67002 *Special Delivery* powers through Lolham, just north of Peterborough, on the East Coast Main Line, hauling a Mk4 set plus Class 91 No. 91129, on a Bounds Green to Neville Hill move on 25th January. **Jonathan Benton**

◀▼ Class 43 powercars Nos. 43150 and 43130 running 'back-to-back' from Bristol St Philips Marsh Depot to Plymouth Laira were put into the bay platform at Exeter St Davids to allow other services to overtake, Platform 2 being the only one available at the time to hold the powercars, making a very rare sight of an HST in the bay platform at Exeter. **Nathan Williamson**

▼ Class 66/8 No. 66844 currently working for First GBRf, passes through Ipswich on 29th January on a Felixstowe Docks to Hams Hall intermodal working. The '66/8' worked this train consecutively from 26th January, following the failure of Class 66/7 No. 66727 on an inward working on the WCML. **Keith Partlow**

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

Friday 22nd January 2010

Freshly outshopped in Colas Rail livery, as reported last week, Class 66/8 No. 66843 worked 'light engine' from Eastleigh to Washwood Heath. After its failure at Penrith last week, Class 59/2 No. 59204 *Vale of Glamorgan* moved south to Wembley. Prior to working a London Euston to Rugby special, Class 67 No. 67029 *Royal Diamond* was observed pushing the DBS Executive Train south through Stevenage en route from Toton TMD.

Having spent several weeks stabled at Taunton (with the exception of the Christmas period) Class 66/8 No. 66844 worked north 'light engine' bound for Wembley. Class 97/3s Nos. 97303 and 97304 worked from Barrow Hill to Shrewsbury, via Derby, collecting a radio survey coach en route, prior to overnight testing on the Cambrian route during the coming week.

DRS Class 37/0 No. 37218 headed to Inverness this morning, travelling northwards as part of the consist of the daily Grangemouth to Aberdeen DRS intermodal service, hauled by Class 66/4 No. 66428, while DB Schenker Class 37/4 No. 37425 *Pride of the Valleys/Balchder y Cymoedd* worked south from Aberdeen, conveying tanks from Aberdeen Waterloo Goods.

Saturday 23rd January 2010

Class 59/2 No. 59204 was finally returned to home territory, having been moved from Wembley to Merehead overnight.

The Class 60 pool stood at five locomotives, with Nos. 60009, 60040 *The Territorial Army Centenary* and 60074 *Teenage Spirit* working off Immingham, No. 60048 *Eastern* based at Peak Forest and No. 60096, well away from its usual area at Cardiff, having worked an engineering service from Crewe.

▼ Having run empty coaching stock from Toton TMD to London Euston, via Stevenage, that morning, EWS Executive-liveried Class 67 No. 67029 *Royal Diamond* pushes the DBS Executive Train out of the London terminus on 22nd January, bound for Rugby. Ron Cover

Sunday 24th January 2010

Class 73/1 No. 73141 *Charlotte* was in use around Brixton on engineering duties, while Class 73/2s Nos. 73206 *Lisa* and 73208 *Kirsten* were both working around Dover, with No. 73213 in the Hoo Junction area. Also in this area on engineering duties was Class 59/0 No. 59001 *Yeoman Endeavour*.

Class 57/3s Nos. 57312 *The Hood* and 57316 worked the ECS for the weekdays-only FGW loco-hauled service from Cardiff Canton to Bishops Lydeard, the set visiting Cardiff for servicing every weekend.

Monday 25th January 2010

Colas Rail Class 47/7s Nos. 47739 *Robin of Templecombe* and 47727 *Rebecca* worked 'light engine' from Washwood Heath to Ripple Lane, while the Intermodal service from Dollands Moor to Hams Hall was unusually worked by a pair of '66/8s', Nos. 66841 and 66842, although the latter loco was 'dead in tow'.

Class 60 No. 60009 has been stored, with classmate No. 60039 making a reappearance, working off Immingham. No. 60074 also headed for store, working from Doncaster to Toton.

No less than four Class 66/4s moved from Willesden to Tonbridge behind Class 66/7 No. 66732 *GBRf The First Decade 1999 - 2009 John Smith – MD*. Along with a pair of barrier coaches were Nos. 66410, 66404, 66405 and 66403, all destined for future work with First GBRf. DRS Class 66/4 No. 66426 was employed on the Daw Mill to Ratcliffe coal circuit, being on hire to Fastline Freight. The remainder of the Fastline '66' fleet was in traffic, with the exception of No. 66301, which is presently on exam at Crewe Gresty Bridge.

Tuesday 26th January 2010

Class 60 No. 60096 was back in South Wales, when it worked coal empties from Warrington to Onllwyn Washer, before working north to Immingham, while classmate No. 60040 *The Territorial Army Centenary* had a hugely non-strenuous task ahead of it when it worked several TEA tanks from Lindsey to Eggborough Power Station and back! With Immingham down to two Class 60s, No. 60009 was reinstated after less than 24 hours!

Class 57/3 No. 57310 *Kyrano* made a rare foray for the class onto the West Highland Line, working 'light engine' from Polmadie Depot to Fort William. First GBRf had a double-headed intermodal in Anglia, when ex-Advenza Class 66/8 No. 66844 rescued Class 66/7 No. 66727 on 4L23 through

▲ **Services on the Far North line were disrupted on 22nd January, when Class 158 No. 158701 derailed on pointwork on the approach to Dingwall station, while working the 17.15 Inverness to Ardgay service. One person was taken to hospital. Several units were stranded north of Dingwall, which have been operating services to Kyle, Wick and Thurso with a shuttle bus connecting Dingwall with Inverness. An RAIB investigation into the derailment is underway. Michael Field**

Operational DB Schenker Class 60s

Loco	Working Area	Loco	Working
60009	Immingham	60040	Immingham
60039	Peak Forest	60074	Immingham
		60096	Warrington

Correct as of 23rd January.

to Felixstowe. Class 73s Nos. 73141 *Charlotte* and 73212 were employed on test train duties, observed heading into London Waterloo.

Three out of the four Class 66/4s that were moved to Tonbridge yesterday continued their journey to St Leonards, behind Class 66/7 No. 66719 *Metro-Land*. The other '66/4', No. 66410, being left at Tonbridge Yard, apparently due to be returned to Willesden.

Class 86/1 No. 86101 *Sir William A Stanier FRS* was used on the evening Willesden PRDC to Warrington RMT mail working, while Class 86/7 No. 86702 *Cassiopeia* worked the Willesden PRDC to Sheildmuir service.

Wednesday 27th January 2010

Class 60 No. 60039 was transferred to Toton TMD yesterday and placed on decision, however, plans obviously changed as it then worked 'light engine' from Toton to Immingham! Also returning to the fold, although still in the WNTR pool, was No. 60011, which having been exhumed from store at Doncaster, worked 'light engine' to Tinsley before powering a steel working to Immingham.

The regular operator of the Tunsted to Oakleigh workings in recent weeks, Class 60 No. 60048 has also been stored, its place being taken by classmate No. 60094 *Rugby Flyer*.

With its classmate having been moved back to the Mendips, Class 59/2 No. 59201 *Vale of York* started its journey northwards to Warrington, being moved from Merehead to Wembley Yard overnight, prior to being hauled 'dead' in the consist of the overnight Wembley to Mossend 'Enterprise' as far as Warrington Arpley. Colas Rail also used Class 47/7s Nos. 47727 and 47739 on the Tilbury to West Burton CEMEX working. The pair returned south with the loaded train. Also heading back to their normal base, Class 97/3s No. 97304 and 97303, worked from Shrewsbury back to Derby RTC.

The 12.30 London Liverpool Street to Norwich National Express East Anglia working, powered by Class 90 No. 90021, ground to a halt at Diss with technical problems and the service was terminated. Class 47/7 No. 47712 *Pride of Carlisle* was dispatched from Norwich to drag the train back to Crown Point Depot.

Thursday 28th January 2010

First GBRf Class 66/7 No. 66732 hauled Class 378/0 No. 378019 from Derby Litchurch Lane to Willesden. A further scrap train operated from Newport to Exeter, behind Class 66/0 No. 66056. The latest member of the Colas Rail fleet, Class 66/8 No. 66843, was used to work the Dollands Moor to Hams Hall intermodal, while ex-National Power Class 59/2 No. 59201 took up duties on the Liverpool coal circuit. DRS Class 47/4 No. 47832 worked 'light engine' during the morning from Norwich to Crewe.

▶ Class 57/3 No. 57310 *Kyrano* stands at Spean Bridge as it awaits a token on the RETB system for the single line section on 27th January. The working was the first operation of a Class 57/3 north of Crianlarich, and was a crew training run for First GBRF. Having worked north to Fort William the previous day, the loco is pictured on its return working to Polmadie Depot. Gerald F. Rivett

CLASS 70 'POWERHAUL' FLEET REPORT

Loco	Working Area
70001	Ipswich
70002	Bristol Stoke Gifford
70003	Bristol Stoke Gifford
70004	Bristol Stoke Gifford
70005	Bristol Stoke Gifford
70006	Bristol Stoke Gifford

Workings Information

Class 70s Nos. 70001, 70003 and 70004 remain at Leeds Midland Road, with No. 70002 on exam at Basford Hall and Nos. 70005 and 70006 at Bristol. No. 70005 had charge of the regular Portbury to Rugeley Power Station circuit on 23rd January, while on the same day, No. 70006 was on a Portbury to Fiddler's Ferry service, prior to returning to Bristol.

No. 70001 was hauled 'light engine', behind Class 66/5 No. 66509, from Leeds Midland Road to Birmingham Lawley Street on 26th January, although unfortunately problems befell it at Chesterfield causing some delays to other services. Elsewhere, Class 66 No. 66616 hauled classmate No. 66556 together with Nos. 70003 and 70004 from Midland Road to Crewe Basford Hall the same evening, bound for Bristol. The following day, No. 70001 was at Ipswich, while No. 70003 was on the coal working from Portbury to Rugeley Power Station. No. 70004 also worked a 'light engine' move from Stoke Gifford Yard to Rowley Regis and return.

Continuing problems for the fleet have resulted in Freightliner taking an internal decision to cease using the class over the 'Marches' route until the engineering issues have been resolved. It is understood that this came into effect from 27th January.

Despite various rumours circulating, a Network Rail spokesperson confirmed to *Railway Herald* that there was no ban or prohibition on the class from working over any part of the network but that Freightliner had taken an internal decision to temporarily limit the operational scope of the Class 70s, as a result of teething problems.

Readers Contributions

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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.

6th February 2010			
Railway Touring Co.	34067	London Victoria-Melton Mowbray & return	**Cancelled**
13th February 2010			
UK Railtours	2xDBS 67	London Paddington-Newbury-Exeter St. Davids-Plymouth-Par & return	
Railtourer	2xWCRC 47	Doncaster-Bath Spa & return (*full details to follow*)	
Railway Touring Co.	34067	London Paddington-Reading-Newbury-Westbury-Trowbridge-Bath Spa-Bristol Temple Meads & return	
VSOE	35028	London Victoria-Guildford-London Victoria	
14th February 2010			
Steam Dreams	60163	London Victoria Bromley-Tonbridge-London Victoria	
Steam Dreams	60163	London Victoria-Guildford-London Victoria	**Cancelled**
19th February 2010			
Statesman Rail	2xWCRC 47	Birmingham International-Wolverhampton-Stafford-Stoke on Trent-Macclesfield-Stockport-Manchester-Bolton-Horwich Parkway-Preston-Shap-Carlisle-Beattock-Carstairs-Crianlarich-Fort William	
UK Railtours	2xDBS 67	London KX-Darlington-Shildon-Bishops Auckland-Stanhope & return	
VSOE	35028	London Victoria-Guildford-London Victoria	
20th February 2010			
Statesman Rail	WCRC 47	Fort William-Crianlarich-Beattock-Carlisle-Shap-Preston & return	
Vintage Trains	5043 & 4965	Tyseley Warwick Road-Smethwick Galton Bridge-Stourbridge Junction-Kidderminster-Worcester SH-Kemble-Swindon-Didcot & return	
Railtourer	2xWCRC 47	Bridlington-Driffield-Beverley-Cottingham-Brough-Goole-Doncaster-Leeds-Hellifield S&C-Carlisle-Hexham-Durham-Doncaster & return	
24th February 2010			
Railway Touring Co.	34067	London Victoria-Bromley South-Maidstone East-Ashford-Appeldore-Hastings-Battle-Tunbridge Wells-Sevenoaks-Swanley-London Victoria	
27th February 2010			
Spitfire Railtours	2xDRS 37	Crewe-Penkridge-Wolves-Birmingham NS-Tamworth-Derby-Chesterfield-Barrow Hill-Beighton Jct-Church Fenton-York & return	
Spitfire Railtours	2xDRS 37 & WCRC 47	York- Newton Aycliffe-Shildon-Bishop Auckland-Stanhope and return	
1st March 2010			
Steam Dreams	60163	London Paddington-Slough-Reading-Cardiff Central-Swansea & return	
5th March 2010			
Railtourer/Statesman	2xWCRC 47	Hull-Selby-Garforth-Leeds-S&C-Carlisle-Crianlarich-Fort William	
6th March 2010			
Railtourer/Statesman	2xWCRC 47	Fort William-Crianlarich-Carlisle-Leeds-Garforth-Selby-Hull	
UK Railtours	DBS 67	London Euston-Bletchley-Bedford-Leicester-Newark Castle-Lincoln-Cleethorpes-Scunthorpe-Copy Pit-Blackburn-Blackpool North & rtn	

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
WCRC West Coast Railway Company
RED Tours cancelled by the operator
BLUE Provisional excursion
(Locations) in brackets on a steam tour listing indicates a diesel or electric-hauled section.

The Week Ahead

by John Whitehouse

The year certainly seems to have got off to a slow start with fewer tours operating than at the same time last year, no doubt reflecting the gloomy economic forecasts for the coming months.

February has, at the time of writing, just ten (VSOE/Northern Belle non steam excluded) charters for the entire month, less than the number which operated in one day during early December! Having said that, we must not forget that the opening months of any year generally see few charters.

Having cancelled their 'Rutlander' charter booked for 6th February, the Railway Touring Company get going on 13th February with a Victoria to Bath Spa and Bristol Temple Meads working with No. 34067 *Tangmere*, which is followed on 24th February with its second 'Sussex Belle', also featuring *Tangmere*. This train is seen as a potential regular working, and operates from Victoria via Maidstone East and Ashford to Hastings, returning via Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and Swanley.

Steam Dreams opens its 2010 programme with a circular trip featuring No. 60163 *Tornado* for Valentines' Day on 14 February. The 'luncheon' train operates out of Paddington, and runs via Westbury and Salisbury. Also operating around its traditional 'Surrey Hills' circuit is VSOE with No. 35028 *Clan Line* hauling the British Pullman on luncheon trains booked for 13th and 19th February.

Perhaps the highlight for February is the 'Castle' and 'Hall' combination on Vintage Trains 'Great Western Incursion' from Tyseley Warwick Road to Didcot on 20th February. The train runs via Birmingham Snow Hill, Worcester Shrub Hill, Stroud and Swindon. This means that it takes on Old Hill and Sapperton banks during the day. Haulage, should you need it confirmed, will be Nos. 5043 *Earl of Mount Edgcumbe* and 4965 *Rood Ashton Hall*. This will be the first of a number of charters this year in connection with the Great Western 175th Anniversary celebrations.

Interestingly, two of the modern traction tours during February both end up at Stanhope on the Weardale Railway. UK Railtours get there first, on 19th February, from Kings Cross which runs ECML to Darlington, before heading for Shildon, where passengers can visit the NRM's 'Locomotion' museum, or stay aboard for the scenic ride to Stanhope. Five days later, and Spitfire follow in UKR's tracks with its 'White Rose' from Crewe, which picks up via Birmingham New Street, to York. They will also be operating an afternoon add-on excursion to Stanhope, which also offers an option to de-train at Shildon for 'Locomotion'. Traction is scheduled for DRS Class 37s throughout from Crewe to York and Stanhope, with a West Coast Class 47 back to York, where again the Class 37s will resume command for the return to Crewe.

Up to a couple of years ago The Eden Project was a popular railtour destination, and then virtually disappeared from the listings as the view was that it had been 'over-exposed'. However, the Project itself continues to 'mature' as a hugely popular destination, and UK Railtours once again make their way on 13th February with a tour from Paddington. This could well signal the renaissance of the Eden Project as a railtour destination, as later in the year it features in several tour itineraries.

Railtourer has two early season tours operating, which should feature West Coast Class 47 traction. On 20th February they exploit the renewed availability of the East Yorkshire line from Seamer Junction, via Beverley, to Hull for locomotive-hauled trains, with a charter from Bridlington to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle. The train will return via the Tyne Valley through Hexham to Durham and ECML back to Doncaster and home. Earlier, there is an outing on 13th February to Salisbury for Valentines weekend, picking up at Doncaster, Retford, Grantham, Peterborough, Stamford, Oakham and Melton Mowbray. Finally, Statesman's first outing of 2010 is a weekend trip on 19th & 20th February from Birmingham International to sample winter in the West Highlands. The train runs via Stoke on Trent, Manchester Piccadilly and Bolton to Preston, and then north over Shap, Beattock and Rannock Moor to Fort William.

East Lancashire Railway helps out Metrolink with p-way operations

The East Lancashire Railway has come to the aid of the nearby Metrolink light rail system to assist with motive power for a series of engineering trains, and is urging photographers to stay the right side of the fence.

Over the weekend of 6th/7th February, Manchester's Metrolink system will be closed between Bury and Whitefield to allow a major track renewal programme to take place between Radcliffe and Whitefield stations.

The contractors will be using the East Lancashire Railway's Baron Street Locomotive Works site as a permanent way depot, with ELR-based diesel locomotives scheduled to operate infrastructure trains onto Metrolink in connection with the works. The contract for these has been arranged between Metrolink's operator and maintainer Stagecoach Metrolink, works contractors Babcock Rail and the East Lancashire Railway.

In total 750-metres of track is to be replaced from the Manchester-bound track along Radcliffe bank as far as Whitefield tunnel.

Being used to haul spoil and ballast trains on Metrolink throughout the weekend will be ELR-based Class 37 locomotives, with Nos. 37109 and 37418 *Pectinidae* expected to haul the majority of trains in 'top and tail' formation, although Class 37/9 No. 37901 *Mirrlees Pioneer* will be acting as standby at Bury in case of any problems.

Additionally, Class 33/1 No. 33109 *Captain Bill Smith RNR* will also be used on the contract, employed on shunting duties at Baron Street Locomotive Works. All locomotives will be operated by East Lancashire Railway crews.

In preparation for the weekend, No. 37418 undertook a gauging run over the Metrolink system in the early hours of 24th January, which proved successful.

Prior to the main contract, a great deal of activity will take place on the ELR, with DB Schenker delivering materials by rail to Bury. In addition, 37109 and 37418 were due to be used on a continuously-welded-rail train on to Metrolink during the night of 31st January/1st February.

Due to the high level of activity at the ELR's Baron Street Locomotive Works, for safety reasons, the yard will be closed throughout the duration of the contract.

Metrolink operator, Stagecoach Metrolink, has also said that while it appreciates that there will be interest in the operation of these trains from enthusiasts and photographers the company would like to remind people that venturing onto any Metrolink tracks or the lineside will be treated as trespassing and will not be tolerated at any point during the works. Any photographers are urged to view the trains from public areas.

Stagecoach Metrolink's Managing Director, Andy Morris, commented: "Having easy access to the resources and expertise that the ELR can offer in situations such as these is of immense benefit to Metrolink and its customers. It means that we can deliver major improvements, such as the track renewals between Radcliffe and Whitefield, in an efficient and speedy fashion. This is another example in the 18-year history of Metrolink where we've worked closely with the ELR to deliver mutual benefit to both organisations".

▲ Ian Riley's newly-restored LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 44871 powers through Townsend Fold on 23rd January, with the 13.00 Rawtenstall-Heywood service on the East Lancashire Railway. **Paul Hatton**

Standard 5 is retyred, but still needs financial help

The mainstay of the Midland Railway – Butterley steam fleet in recent years has been the unique Caprotti valve-geared British Railways Standard Class 5MT 4-6-0 No. 73129.

When first restored in 2005, it was known that the tyres were in poor condition, but would run for a few years while funds were raised to fit new tyres at an estimated £40,000. These were purchased from South Africa and arrived in early 2009, and in November last year it was decided that the locomotive should be withdrawn for the work to take place. Thanks to the co-operation of the Princess Royal Class Locomotive Trust in allowing the use of its wheeldrop, all of the wheels have now been removed and taken away for the old tyres to be scrapped and the new ones to be fitted.

Alan Calladine, Development Officer at the Midland Railway Trust, said: "We are very grateful to the Princess Royal Class Locomotive Trust for their assistance with this project. However, we are still short of money to return this marvellous machine back to running order and we are still looking for donations to help the Trust to achieve this". Further details can be found on the Trust website.

Exciting times for Weardale

The American owners of the Weardale Railway have announced plans for a service between Stanhope and Shildon using a new link onto the main rail network at Bishop Auckland station.

Opening up the line to national traffic will bring spin-off benefits for the Region's tourist industry, with talks underway about developing a rail corridor taking in centres such as Locomotion, the National Railway Museum at Shildon.

Her Majesty's Railway Inspectorate has travelled on the Weardale line checking bridges, fences and crossings along the 18-mile stretch between Stanhope and Bishop Auckland, and with only signs and other minor works to be completed, the way was cleared for a 12- coach charter train, operated by UK Railtours, to run from London King's Cross to Stanhope, via Shildon, on 19th February.

Another charter company, Spitfire Rail Tours, has also included a visit to Stanhope in a tour from Crewe on 27th February, and a third company is expected to be booking soon.

At the same time, the railway is negotiating for contracts to transport stone and aggregates out of Weardale, angering some residents by proposing to load opencast coal, mined in the Crook area, at its depot in Wolsingham.

The Weardale General Manager, Alistair Gregory, said: "With the addition of the railtour market and the provision of a community train service, 2010 is going to see a considerable growth in activity on the line. This is due to the large capital injection into the railway by new owners, British American Rail Services, and also by the efforts of more than 100 Railway Trust volunteers who assist in operating the trains and work on the track and in the shops and catering facilities. Together the company and the Trust are hoping to show that the railway can make a positive contribution to the economy of Weardale by increasing tourist income and by providing an environmentally efficient means of travelling to and from the Dale".

Before the trains operate, the British Transport Police will mount a local operation to warn off people who have become used to using the railway as a footpath.

▲ **LMS Stanier Mogul No. 42968 moves off shed at Loughborough on the first day of the Great Central Railway's 'Lostock and a few Smoking Barrels Gala' on 29th January. Stuart Chapman**

◀ **A photo charter was held at the East Lancashire Railway on 27th January by Warwick Falconer and Matt Allen, co-ordinated by local photographer Nigel Valentine, using visiting Gresley K4 2-6-0 61994** *The Great Marquess* **on a goods train. The charter is seen passing the quarry adjacent to Broadfield Bank on one of its runpasts. Fred Kerr**

The Bluebell Railway's E4 Class 0-6-2T No. B473 stands at Horstead Keynes on 30th January, looking superb in its lined Southern Railway colour scheme, prior to returning to traffic. **Mark Roberts**

Complete with Colas Rail logos, Class 57/0 No. 57002 passes Brock, north of Preston, on the West Coast Main Line with the Carlisle Yard to Chirk timber working on 29th January. **Anthony Roberts**

Class 73/2 No. 73212 is seen on the rear of a test train from Selhurst to Alton passing through Norwood Junction, with First GBRf-liveried Class 73/1 No. 73141 just visible at the front. **Stuart Chapman**

Class 66/8 No. 66844 climbs Belstead Bank with the 10.59 Felixstowe North - Hams Hall intermodal working on 28th January. This loco is rumoured to be due to move from FirstGBRf to Colas. **John Day**

1st February 2010

North Yorkshire Moors Railway (Northallerton)
Northallerton Cricket Club, Farndale Avenue, Northallerton. 'Diesel Delights' by David Warren. Meeting starts 19.30. Admission £1.50. Contact the Secretary, Ian McInnes on 01642 767233 for further details.

RCTS (South East)
The Elwick Club, Church Road, Ashford. 'The Photographs of the late Dick Riley' by Rodney Lissenden. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary at southeast@rcts.org.uk for details.

RCTS (Croydon)
Small Hall, United Reform Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon. 'The Stephenson Locomotive Society at 100' by Brian Lewis. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Northampton)
St Crispin Social Club, Berrywood Road, Duston. 'The North Wales Coast Part 3' by Dave Scudamore. Meeting commences at 19.30.

RCTS (Port Sunlight)
The Lever Club, Greendale Road, Port Sunlight. 'Terminals Part 2 - South and West' by Barry Shore. Starts 19.45.

2nd February 2010

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BB. 'French Narrow Gauge Railways' by Andrew Wood. Starts 19.45. Contact the Secretary, Roger Hart on 01474 833320 for further details.

Locomotive and Carriage Institution
LUL Headquarters, 55 Broadway, St James's Park, London. 'A History of World Railways' by Christian Wolmar. Meeting 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. 'East London Line Extension' by David Place. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (North London)
Wood Green Social Club, 3 Stuart Crescent, Wood Green, London N22 5NJ. 'British Transport Films Celebrate Speed' by Dave Baker. Meeting commences at 19.00.

North East Essex Railway Association
Frinton Community Centre, The Triangle, Frinton. 'The North Norfolk Railway' by John Durrant. Meeting commences at 19.45.

Permanent Way Institution (Darlington & N. East)
Bridge Hotel, Castle Garth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 'Asset Data Collecting on Nexus Metro - The Omnicon Project' by Martyn Clegg and Phil Kirkland. Meeting starts 17.30. Contact Dave Lugsden at david.lugsden@networkrail.co.uk or call 07825 766328 for further details.

Permanent Way Institution(Wessex)
The Freemantle Club, Waterloo Road, Southampson. 'The Work of the Railway Heritage Trust' by Jim Cornell. Starts 18.00. Contact Richard Workman on 01428 645771 or by e-mail at richardworkman5@tiscali.co.uk for further details.

RCTS (Watford)
St Thomas's Church, Langley Road, Watford. 'Through the Chilterns' by Rob Freeman. Meeting starts 19.30.

Southern Electric Group (South Hampshire)/ LRTA (Southern)
Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. 'Alpine Railway Journeys in the 1980s and 1990s' by David Mead. Starts 19.30. Admission £2. Contact John Goodrich on 023 8067 0028 for further details.

Weston super Mare Railway Society
Function Room, Conservative Club, Alexandra Parade, Weston super Mare. 'Arrivals and Departures' by Ian Chancellor. Starts 20.00. Contact Lionel Jones on 01934 628289 or by e-mail at wsm1977rlysocy@talktalk.net for further details.

3rd February 2010

Permanent Way Institution (Edinburgh)
The Scots Guards Club, 2 Clifton Terrace, opposite Haymarket Station, Edinburgh. 'High Speed North - The Railway Engineers Alternative' by Colin Elliff. Starts 18.00. Contact Alan Morrison on 07834 507497 for details.

Permanent Way Institution (Thames Valley)
Davidson House, Read The History of London Bridge Station' by Peter Owen. Meeting starts at 17.45. Contact, Peter Simmons by e-mail at peter181102@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

Stephenson Locomotive Society
Hayes Village Hall, Hayes Street, Hayes, Bromley. 'Round Britain in the 1970s' by Chris Le Corney. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 0208 289 9935 for details.

4th February 2010

Great Central Railway Society (Rotherham)
The Three Horseshoes, Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 2BW. 'New England in the Fall and other American Adventures' by Bob Gellatly. Starts 19.30. Contact Mick Hayes on 01709 820544 for details.

RCTS (Milton Keynes)
The Crown Public House, Market Square, Stony Stratford. 'Strictly Freight Only' by Brian Ringer. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary at dexter-skiddaw@tiscali.co.uk.

Stephenson Locomotive Society
St John Ambulance Centre, Sandes Avenue, Kendal. 'Twixt Tyne and Tees' by Jim Young. Meeting starts at 19.15. Contact the Secretary on 01539 720706 for further details.

5th February 2010

Friends of Hellifield Station
Refreshment Room, Hellifield Station. 'Preserved Steam in Medium Format, Part 2'. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £3.50. Contact the Secretary, Barry Atkinson on 01282 842505 for further details.

Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway (Birmingham)
Northfield Library, Church Road, Northfield, Birmingham. 'The Preservation Miracle' by Simon Hopkins. Meeting starts at 19.30.

RCTS (Bristol)
St Peters Church Hall, Church Road, Filton. 'Photos from the Maurice Dean Collection including the S&D' by Ian Bennett. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary at paul.udey@talktalk.net for details.

RCTS (Carnforth)
Committee Room, Royal Station Hotel, Carnforth. 'Railways for Business and Pleasure' by Paul Salveson. Meeting starts at 19.30.

Stephenson Loco Society
The Mining Institute Lecture Theatre, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. 'The Origins and Development of the NER Tyneside Electrification 1894-1914' by Bill Donald. Starts 19.00. Contact 01434 688946 for further details.

Stephenson Loco Society
Settlement Centre, Union Street, Middlesbrough. 'AGM and the Harz Mountains' by Martin Green. Start 19.00. Contact the Secretary on 01642 321205 for further details.

6th February 2010

Caledonian Railway Association
Glasgow Metropolitan College, North Hanover Street, Glasgow. (opposite the eastern entrance of Queen Street Station) 'Caley in North & West Edinburgh' by Douglas Yuill. Starts 14.00. Contact William S.Cooper on 01357 521540 for details.

8th February 2010

Lincoln Railway Society
St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 'British Railways Engine Sheds - Part 5' by Chris Banks. Starts 20.00. Contact 01522 705365 for further details

RCTS (Ipswich)
Bridge Ward Social Club, 68 Austin Street, Ipswich. 'Mr D's Review of 2009' by John Day. Starts 19.30. Contact ipswich@rcts.org.uk.

RCTS (Sheffield)
St Matthews Church Rooms, Carver Street, Sheffield. 'Mexborough Loco Shed' by M. Brearley. Starts 19.30.

Severn Valley Railway (Wolverhampton)
Old Wulfrunians Club, 253A Castlecroft Road, Castlecroft, Wolverhampton, WV3 8NA. '1968 and All That' by Ralph Ward. Meeting commences at 19.30.

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If so, then please email the details to the editor, remembering to include the date, starting time and location, together with details of the event, speaker and entrance charges if applicable. It is not necessary, but helpful to people, if you can also include a contact name and phone number/email address that can be published.

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▼ Riddles WD 2-8-0 No. 90733 stands at Bury Bolton Street station with a demonstration freight train on 23rd January, during a night photographic shoot. Andrew Graves

Southern Electric Group (Sussex)
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre. AGM followed by 'Mike's Wanderings' by Mike Stringer. Meeting commences at 19.30. Donation of £2 requested. Contact the Secretary, Bruce Cakebread on 01273 462094 or by e-mail at b.cakebread@ntlworld.com for details.

Stephenson Loco Society
New Trinity Parish Hall, Saltcoats, Ayrshire. 'A Chess Board of Railway Photography' by Max Fowler. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01294 822303 for further details.

Wrexham Rly Society
St Mary's Catholic Club, Regent Street, Wrexham. 'Railways of Saltney' by Geoff Pickard. Meeting commences at 19.45. Admission £2.

York Railway Circle
The Library, Archbishop Holgate's School, Hull Road, York. 'Welshpool and Llanfair Railway' by David Billmore. Starts 19.30. Contact Robin Patrick by e-mail at locopatrick@aol,com for further details.

9th February 2010
Abergavenny and District Steam Society
Upper Room, The Hen & Chickens, Flannel Street, Abergavenny 'Monmouthshire Railway Society' by Bryn Thomas. Starts 20.00. Contact Ken Mumford at ken.mumford@ntlworld.com for further details.

Great Western Society (Bristol)
BAWA, 589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7RG. Group AGM followed by 'The Celebrations of the Centenary of Radstock North Box' (DVD). Meeting commences at 19.45. Contact the Secretary on 01454 324230 for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (Lancaster, Barrow & Carlisle)
Carnforth Station Visitor Centre. 'Moving 180 Tons of Beyer Garratt on Temporary Trackwork' by Ted Hamer. Meeting commences at 18.00. Contact the Secretary, Philip Bull on 07920 702614 or by e-mail at bullp@pbworld.com for further details.

Permanent Way Institution (Manchester & Liverpool)
John Dalton Building, UMIST, Manchester.
'The Llasa Railway' by Ivor Warburton. Meeting commences at 18.30. Contact the Secretary, Rob Cummings on 07798 858784 or by e-mail at rob.cummings@networkrail.co.uk for further details.

RCTS (Nottingham)
Nottingham Mechanics Ground Floor, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham. 'Across the UK by Steam' by Matlock Railway Club. Meeting commences at 19.30.

10th February 2010
Basingstoke & District Railway Society
Wote St. Club, New Road, Basingstoke. 'Cable's Railway Year 2009' by David Cable. Meeting starts 20.00. Contact the Secretary on 01256 326096 for further details.

Bromsgrove Rly Club
St Godwalds Church Hall, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. 'P.S.O.V. 09' by Karl Jauncey & David Richards. Starts 19.45. Contact Dave on 01527 873800 for details.

Locomotive Club of Great Britain (Dorking)
Pethick-Lawrence House, 85 South Street, Dorking. TBA. Starts 19.30.

Locomotive Club of Gt. Britain (St Albans)
United Reform Church, Watford Road, Chiswell Green, St Albans. 'Railroading Across the US and Canada in the 21st Century' by John Day. Meeting commences at 19.30.

Oxfordshire Rly Society
Seacourt Day Centre, Seacourt Road, Botley, Oxford OX2 9LN. AGM, Photo Competition and Members' Talks. Starts 19.30. Visitors welcome £3.

RCTS (Cardiff)
Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr. 'Out and About in the Last Year' by Hugh Gould. Starts 19.30. Contact the Secretary at noelinda@noel65.fsnet.co.uk for further details.

RCTS (Hitchin)
Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Road, Hitchin. 'London Steam on Shed 1960' by Peter Groom. Starts 19.30.

Stephenson Loco Society
YMCA, Bridge Street, Guildford. 'Southern Region Enginemen' by James Lester. Starts 19.30. Contact 01372 379216 for further details.

11th February 2010
Continental Rly Circle (London & Home Counties)
St.Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London NW1 6NJ 'World Steam in the 1960s' by Geoff Todd. Starts 19.15. Admission £2.00. Contact Adrian Palmer on 01932 850624 for further details

RCTS (North East)
The Brunswick Methodist Hall, Newcastle. 'My First Fifty Years' by Neil Clarke. Meeting commences at 18.30. Contact the Secretary at jimbrick@fsmail.net for details.

12th February 2010
Altrincham Electric Railway Preservation Society
Altrincham Methodist Church Hall, Barrington Road, Altrincham. 'The Manchester Ship Canal Railways' by Dr. Michael Bailey. Meeting commences at 19.30. Admission £3. Contact the Secretary, Andrew Macfarlane on 0161 928 9394 for further details.

Great Western Society (Swindon)
Lawn Community Centre, Guildford Avenue, off Windsor Road, Lawn, Swindon, SN3 1JE. Group AGM followed by Railway Quiz. Meeting starts at 19.30. Contact the Secretary on 01793 495976 for details.

RCTS (Peterborough)
Lecture Room, City Museum, Priestgate, Peterborough. 'Southern Railway Locomotives - A Broad Survey' by Brian Benford. Starts 19.30.

Shropshire Railway Society
The Gateway, Chester Road, Shrewsbury. '2009 Show' by Karl Jauncey and Dave Richards (PSOV). Meeting commences at 19.30.

13th February 2010
Cornwall Railway Society
The Community Centre, Foundry Row, Redruth. 'Great Western Evolution and Legacy' by Steve Andrews. Starts 18.30. Contact the Secretary, Derek Buttivant on 01637 860627 for details

Irwell Vale Railway Photographers
Irwell Vale Village Church, Irwell Vale, Rossendale. 'A to Z of UK Railways Part II' by Steve Fort. Starts 19.30. £3 Donation requested. Contact the Secretary, Mike Taylor by e-mail at mike10fmpd@tiscali.co.uk for details.

RCTS (Edinburgh)
Quakers Meeting House, 7 Victoria Street, Edinburgh. 'Members' Digital Photographs & Videos'. Starts 14.30. Contact the Secretary at evanwilliams@talktalk.net for details.

RCTS(West of England)
Conference Room, Great Western Hotel, Exeter. 'Travels with my Camera' by Bernard Bates. Meeting starts 19.00. Contact the Secretary at fixtureswoe@rcts.org.uk for details.

Stephenson Locomotive Society
Kidderminster Railway Museum, Kidderminster. AGM and Slide/Power Point Show 'Some Alpine Electrics' by John New & Roger Hennessey. Starts 14.00. Contact the Secretary on 01242 582152 for further details.

15th February 2010
Great Central Railway (Spinkhill)
The Angel Hotel, 26 College Road, Spinkhill, Sheffield S21 3YB. 'Steam Galas on DVD' by Chris Jones. Meeting commences at 19.30. Contact the Secretary, Frank Greaves on 01909 473927 for further details.

RCTS (Merseyside)
The Town Crier, City Road/Station Road, (opp. Station Entrance), Chester. '1980s A Decade of Change Part 2' by Bob Casselden. Starts 19.45. Contact the Secretary at geoffreymorris@tiscalli.com for details.

RCTS (Coventry)
Maudslay Hotel, 190 Allesley Old Road, Coventry. 'My Life in Railways' by Dewi Jones. Starts 19.30.

RCTS (Thames Valley)
West Oxford Democrats Club, 1 North Street, Osney. 'The 1980s - A Decade of Change' by Howard Osiransky. Starts 19.30. Contact murraylewis@hotmail.co.uk for details.

RCTS (Shenfield)
Shenfield Parish Hall, 80 Hutton Road, Shenfield. 'Here, There and Everywhere' by Andy Grimmett. Meeting commences at 19.30.

RCTS (Wellingborough)
British Rail Sports and Social Club, Broad Green, Wellingborough. 'Network Rail' by Sarah Long. Meeting commences at 14.00.

16th February 2010
Breconshire Railway Society
R.A.F.A.Club, The Struet, Brecon. 'Steam in China' by Derek Short. Meeting starts at 19.30. Members only. Contact Arthur Robinson on 01982 560219 for details and all membership enquiries.

Monmouthshire Railway Society
Room LL1, UWCN, Allt-Yr-Yn Ave, Newport, South Wales. 'Archive Transport Films' by Chris Plaister. Meeting starts at 19.30. Admission: non-members £3.

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