

TRACKS

A photograph of a yellow and black locomotive, number 37409, in a maintenance shop. The locomotive is the central focus, positioned on tracks. It has a bright yellow front and a black body with a blue stripe. The number 37409 is visible on the side. The shop is a large, industrial building with a high ceiling and various equipment. The lighting is bright, highlighting the locomotive's details.

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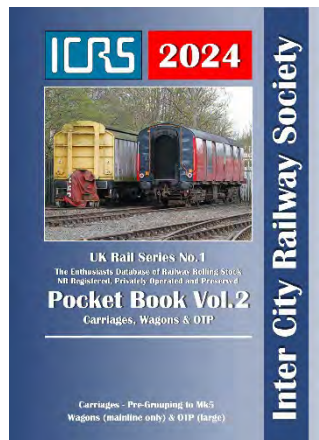
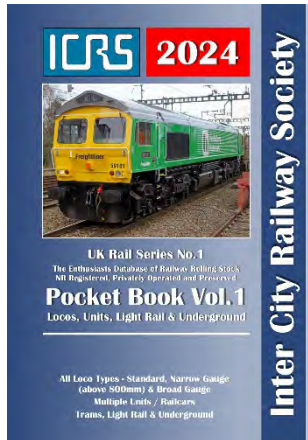
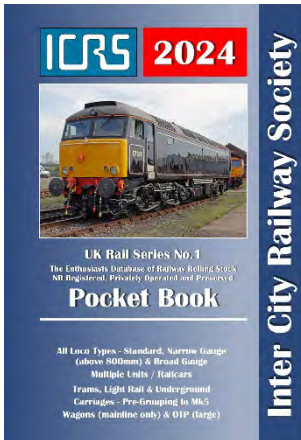
Front Cover Photo: Carrying the name it had in 1986, ex-DRS now LSL 37409 *Loch Awe* painted in the ScotRail version of Mainline livery only ever carried by CI.47s, inside Eastleigh Works prior to its release, 4th January 2024 (Carl Watson)

SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

Editor's Comments: Happy New Year. Hope you all had a good festive period and have not been too affected by various weather events. We missed the deluge and floods but have had snow, currently blanketing us here further delaying getting this issue finished. In fact, we had a white Christmas as it fell on Christmas Day.

This is our first issue that is only available as a pdf downloadable from the website so please bear with me on when each issue will be released. The easiest way is to just take a few seconds to check the **STOP PRESS** on our website which will be constantly updated. This issue has had to fight for my time alongside the manic compilation of 8 new books for 2024, what possessed me !! I have also been delayed dealing with my Mom who decided to headbutt her bedside table at 05.00 so now has a two black eyes...it wasn't me, but she will not eat her greens. The snow compounded things as the carers could not get out to us and then I had to dig us out to get shopping.

As you can see this issue is a non-standard 85 pages, which with no printing constraints involved meant I didn't have to remove or add pages, in fact I was able to add extra info at the last minute with no worries, what a joy. It also now frees me up to offer more regular Society info / new content that would otherwise have been left out or restricted space for articles. With no restriction on size or layout of photos / articles, dictated by the printing process, they can be laid out differently should I wish without the constant worry. I have created a new **MEMBER BENEFITS SECTION** area at the rear of **TRACKS** which includes info on **EVENTS** together with the usual **ICRS SALES**. Hopefully you will like the new features which will evolve and if you have any ideas for future additions let me know, possibly a members sales area and modelling section. Our mag should be as broad a church for our hobby as possible and with such a low membership fee no-one is paying for content they wouldn't normally read. As it is, this issue is fairly packed with topical events as there has been a lot of happening over the past month particularly associated with the mid-December 2023 timetable change with the end of the RHTT season, stock moving around, scrappings continuing and new stock entering service. I have had no time to prepare any additional articles as the books have dominated my time.

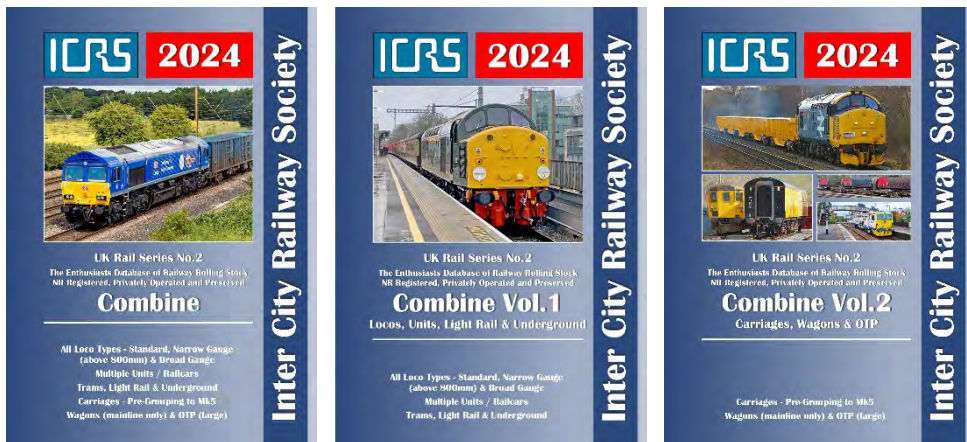


2024 Books: I gave a detailed account of the book production in the last issue so here I can elaborate on what the books have to offer as I have had a few who have got confused over the myriad of books we now offer. In getting ready to advertise on our website and prepare the adverts for WNXX, Rail Express and Railways Illustrated I had to have an educated guess as to the sizes which in the end was only a few pages out for each book. The full list of books is as follows showing the price to you as a member and the saving: (# first time produced)

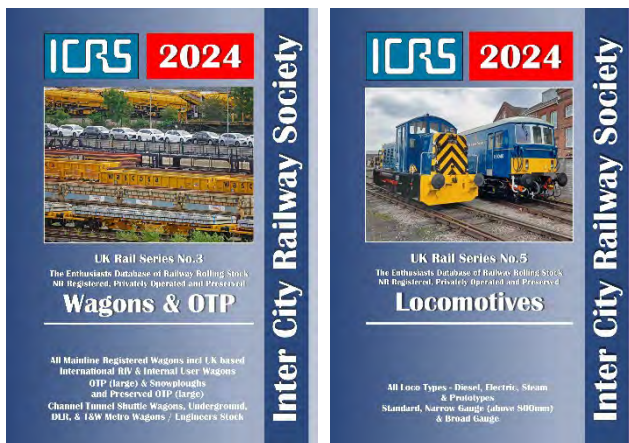
The main changes this year are that extra carriages have been added and wagons included in both Pocket Book and Combine versions. With many Mk3 carriages now exported all exported stock is now included in relevant sections as per the locos so removing them from the main listings. This includes steam and units.

Ref	Title	Pages	Binding	Size	Member Price	Saving
UKRS01S	Pocket Book 2024 #	510	SPINE	A6	£11.00	£3.00
UKRS01-V1	Pocket Book 2024 Vol.1: Locos, Units, Trams & UG #	260	WIRE	A6	£7.00	£2.00
UKRS01-V2	Pocket Book 2024 Vol.2: Carriages, Wagons & OTP #	258	WIRE	A6	£7.00	£2.00
UKRS02S	Combine 2024	426	SPINE	A5	£20.00	£5.00
UKRS02-V1	Combine 2024 Vol.1: Locos, Units, Trams & UG	230	WIRE	A5	£11.00	£3.00
UKRS02-V2	Combine 2024 Vol.2: Carriages, Wagons & OTP	206	WIRE	A5	£11.00	£3.00
UKRS03	Wagons & OTP 2024	120	WIRE	A5	£8.50	£2.50
UKRS05	Locomotives 2024	126	WIRE	A6	£6.00	£1.50

As the drafts are proofread and taking in to account the many ongoing daily stock changes, the final page count will alter slightly.



This extra data has enlarged the books and added consistency across the range. The successful original spine version of the PB is joined by a spine Combine, both of which give you a single data source in the neat perfect bound format. This re-introduces a single Combine again. The popular split wire bound Combine remains as before with the extra carriages so both books a similar size. The wire bound PB was already at bursting point and I am sure many of you found it cumbersome and may have led to pages coming out not aided by the large ring which is flexible at that size. Therefore, the PB is now also split and mirrors the Combine. Whether you like the stripped back PB or Combine with more spec you now have an exact choice of options. That takes care of six books, with the other two offering standalone single ranges of stock, Locos in A6 size and the re-introduction of wagons in A5 size.



All books will be updated to the 1st February 2024 and then sent to the printers with anticipated delivery to me then out to buyers by the end of February. The more orders we get prior to the deadline of 1st Feb the better idea I will have as to what quantities need to be printed which with new books this year will be a bit of a guess. At the moment we are 35% down on orders from the last two years so hopefully you are bidding your time. Remember these books will be different from previous editions with a lot of changes. We have further picked historic anomalies and errors as opposed to locations which often fluctuate between signing off and printing.

Membership Matters: Membership Renewal: You will be contacted via email by the Membership Secretary, Colin prior to when you need to renew. Ideally, we now encourage as many as possible to use online banking via BACS as it is secure, quick, easy and has no extra costs, unlike posting a cheque or paying by PayPal where the Society loses what is now a sizeable percentage on the now cheap rate.

Posting / Stamps: If you do post a cheque for membership or books, please use new bar coded stamps as the use of older stamps has ended and this incurs a high fee which we will not pay to be delivered.

New Members: (17) - a warm welcome to you all.

(* ex-members re-joined, AFC - Additional Family Child)

Stewart Allen (Telford), **John Bates*** (Ludlow), **Ken Brown** (Nottingham), **Simon Brown*** (Elgin), **Lyndon Copley** (Derby), **Tom Derbyshire** (Hemel Hempstead), **Jeremy Doe** (Stroud), **Peter Dye** (Paignton), **Charles Eales** (Watlington), **David Lee*** (Welwyn Garden City), **Archie McKinnon** (East Kilbride), **Russell Owen** (Eastbourne), **Steven Saunders** (Birmingham), **David Scott** (Stone), **Jon Sharples** (Warrington), **John Simmonds*** (King's Langley), **John Smart** (Bristol)

Obituary: Sadly, we have lost Gary Hughes (51) from Telford. Condolences go to his family and friends.

Standing Orders: Apologies that you may have to yet again have to make amendment but this will be the last for the foreseeable future as we settle down with the new system. **From Jan 2024 the correct SO should be £12 so please adjust where appropriate.** Remember if you are not able to correctly manage a SO then do not use this option to pay for membership.

Website: Photo Galleries: We have a page on our website which links to members Flickr sites etc. If there are any of you with sites who would like to be added please send me the link and I will add you.

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EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT

by **Carl Watson** for the period 5th Dec 2023 – 12th Jan 2024 (photos by Carl unless shown otherwise)

Locos: 37409 arrived on a coaching stock move from Crewe on 07/12 (see elsewhere) and remained on site for a repaint into the ScotRail version of InterCity Mainline (see front cover), only ever carried by Cl.47s. It departed with D8096 + D8107 on 12/01 (see below).



above 37409 + D8107 + D8096 on 0Z97 Eastleigh Works to Crewe, Tamworth LL (14.14)
12th January 2024 (Peter Davis) nameplate (Carl Watson)



57311 departed for Crewe towing D6817 on 07/12 (see left)

left 57311 + D6817 on
0Z43 Eastleigh Works to
Crewe LSL, Basingstoke
(10.51) 7th December 2023
(Spencer Conquest)

D6851 + 20118 departed for
Reading on 13/12 picking
up 3330 from Reading on
the way (see below).



above D6851 + 20118 + 3330 on 5Z20 Tilehurst (13.01) 13th January 2024 (Steve Revill)



50021 was moved inside just before Christmas and lifted off its bogies onto stands for replacement of its duff wheelset (see above on 21/12). It was lifted back onto bogies on 05/01 (one being a temporary bogie) while work is undertaken to overhaul various bogie components while the wheelset is being replaced.

59201 was completed in G&W Freightliner livery and departed on 08/01 (see below being stripped 05/12 and right on 04/01).

66849 + 66850 arrived 08/01 for a bogie swap. 66849 was lifted off its duff bogies on 09/01 (see opposite top) so that it could receive the good one from 66850 which has power unit issues.





LHCS: 37409 + D6817 arrived on 07/12 from Crewe with long stored ex-EWS Mk2 TSOs 5922, 6036, 5924, 6152 and 5959 (see below). 37409 had been added at Stafford after D6817 failed.



above 37409 + D6817 + 5922, 6036, 5924, 6152, 5959 on 3Z42 Crewe LSL to ZG, Tilehurst (15.34)
6th December 2023 (Steve Revill)

below view of coaches 5959 + 6152 + 5924 + 6036 + 5922



47712 arrived from Crewe on 08/12 with coaches 10411, 3438, 13227, 5366, 1203, 5991, 5912 and 9513.



47712 + 10411, 3438, 13227, 5366, 1203, 9513
on 5Z42 Crewe LSL to ZG, Cholsey (13.37)
8th December 2023 (Spencer Conquest)

20118 + D6851 arrived from Crewe on 12/12 with Mk2 BSO 9479, having deposited Mk2 FO 3330 at Reading Depot for tyre turning.



above 20118 t&t D6851 + 6330 +
9479 on 5Z20 Crewe LSL to
Eastleigh Works via Reading Depot,
Tamworth LL, 12th December 2023
(Paul Keightley)

47712 departed to Southall on 14/12
with coaches 9513, 5912, 6046,
1203, 5366, 13227, 3438, 9479,
5919 and 6173 (see left).

left 47712 on 5Z30 Eastleigh
Works to Southall, Reading
(14.46) 14th December 2023
(Spencer Conquest)



D1935 arrived on 20/12 with coaches 1863, 3125, 3148, 3100, 80044, 3107, 3045, Pullman 310, 6708 and 17013. Most of the Mk1s are for repainting (see below on 21/12).



D1935 departed for Crewe on 22/12 with coaches 10411, 41182, Pullman 310 (see photo at end) and 6708.

British Belmond Pullman liveried 67021 + 67024 arrived on 03/01 with Pullman Cars 245 (99534) *IBIS* and 243 (99541) *LUCILLE* for repairs / overhaul (see below). The 67s then departed almost immediately for Wembley.

below

Pullman 243 *LUCILLE* 03/01



above 67024 t&t 67021 + *IBIS* + *LUCILLE* on
5Z25 *Stewarts Lane* to *Eastleigh Works*,
Basingstoke (10.46) 3rd January 2024
(Spencer Conquest)

D8107 + D8096 arrived from Crewe on 11th January with coaches 3122, 10416, 3140 and 1203 (see below)



above D8107 + D8096 on 5Z97 Crewe LSL to Eastleigh Works, Tamworth LL (10.07)
11th January 2024 (Paul Keightley)

Units: Visiting for overhaul by Siemens: 450061, 450046, 450040, 450096
800105 arrived for repairs on 11/12 (see below on 12/12), 800022 departed for Reading on 12/12.



FRANCHISE / NETWORK NEWS

Without any confirmed orders the Alstom facility at Derby Litchurch Lane, Derby will need to lay off staff after spring 2024 as their existing orders are nearing completion. Sadly, the feast and famine nature of train procurement in the UK is the problem, driven by poor Government strategy and the erratic franchise system. With multiple companies requiring different rolling stock needs it is impossible to smooth out a train building programme for one company let alone several and the other companies in the UK will also start finding their order books are empty in the coming few years. Even Siemens, who were encouraged to open a new facility in Goole having won the bid for the new Piccadilly Line tube stock, has no confirmed follow on orders.

The long running dispute between ROG on behalf on several TOCs and the RMT union was resolved on the 30th November 2023.

GWR: HST operation is now restricted to services predominantly between Plymouth and Penzance with the last services into Wales finishing on the 9th December 2023. Just one late evening arrival will operate to Exeter from Penzance. Just four sets remain in service made up from coaches 48107-09/14/17-24/26/36/37/50, 49106/08/09/12/17 using power cars 43004/042/092/093/097/098/156/186-89/198.

The once ubiquitous First Group Dynamic Lines livery is no longer worn by any GWR Turbos with the dispatch of the last two Cl.166s to wear it, 166211/18, to Wolverton Works. 166211 was featured on p34 in the October issue. The only other units carrying the livery are 150219/38.

LNER: 91105 has been re-numbered to 91000 to celebrate the 1000th edition of Rail magazine. Presumably this will stay for the short life left as this mirrors 60016 becoming 60500 for the 500th edition, a number it continued to carry.

Merseyrail: Only 12 sets remain to be delivered of the fleet of 53 Cl.777s, as of early January 2024, 777029/33/35/37/38/39/41/43/45/47/51/53 with 28 777s + all 7 777/1s in service, however the battery fitted Cl.777/1s are having teething problems with reliability affecting their dedicated diagrams. 777013 has reverted to standard livery having lost its Eurovision vinyls (see below)



above 777013 arriving from Liverpool, Chester (13.28) 4th January 2023 (Graham Stockton)
note a Cl.197 on the Depot behind

As I write this only one Cl.508 remains in service, 508104, all others having been dispatched for scrap.

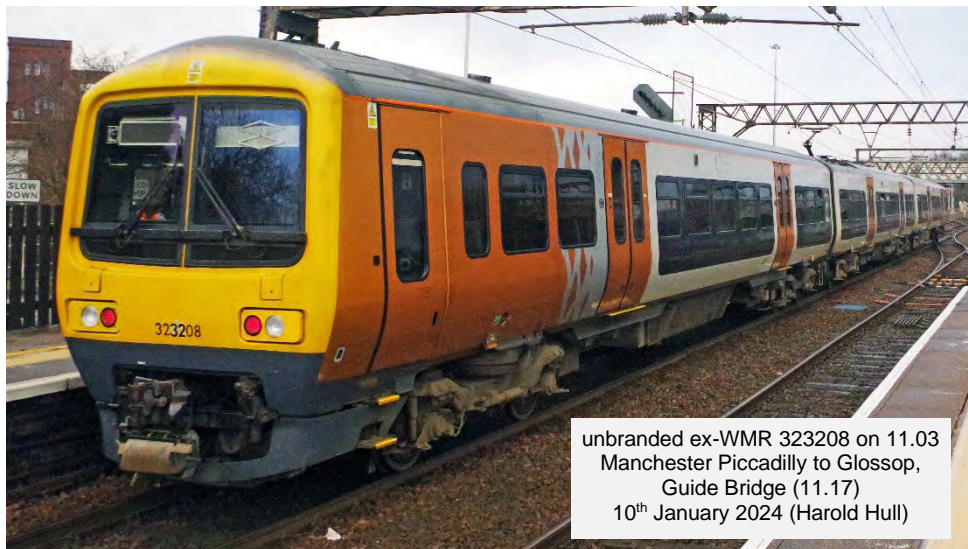
Northern: As Northern operational requirements are for more seats on the Western side of the of their area, they have moved 3 car 331001-09 from AN to NL in exchange for 4 car 331101-12 moving in the opposite direction. The first set moved east by 37611 was 331009 on the 30th November The first going west was 37601 hauling 331111 on the 6th December (see below). Not all managed to be moved for the December timetable change with the last few moving by the second week of January 2024.



37601 + 331111 on 5Q36 15.30
Skipton Broughton CS to Allerton
Depot, Skipton 6th December 2023
(Darren Bailey)

Apart from the stored ex-EMR 156907 at Long Marston, the remaining 156/9s, 156909/16/17, have all reverted to their 156/4 numbers and moved to NH and are now in Northern livery

The first ex-WMR Cl.323 transferred north was seen in service on the 10th January 2024 (see below)



unbranded ex-WMR 323208 on 11.03
Manchester Piccadilly to Glossop,
Guide Bridge (11.17)
10th January 2024 (Harold Hull)

ScotRail: With electrification of the route from Glasgow to Barrhead, Cl.380s started operating in place of DMUs from the start of the December timetable change (see below).



380107 on 2A54 11.57 Glasgow to Barrhead, Priesthill & Darnley (12.14) 11th December 2023 (Iain Gardiner)

SWR: Though only once a day for four days, the first passenger carrying service with a Cl.701 took place on the 9th January 2024 with 701037 between London Waterloo and Windsor & Eton Riverside. Originally planned for introduction in mid-2019 they are only 3½ years late.

As a new era begins with Cl.701s, there are now only a handful of Cl.444s (3) and 450s (5) left in older liveries 444004/45, 450059/099/116/125 including one from each class, 444040 and 450111, in the original corporate grey / white livery mostly now only carried on seven Cl.158s.

WMR: All the remaining Cl.319s operated by LNW have been withdrawn from service, the last in service being 319433/457 with some having already gone for scrap. The only other unit still extant is 319214.

Further to the report in **PRESERVATION NEWS** in the last issue 08495 has been acquired by WMR and will be overhauled along with 08805 at Nemesis Rail.

The next Cl.323 to be released is 323212 which moved to Wolverton Works on the 4th January 2024.

All Cl.730/0s have been delivered with 730048 moving from Derby Litchurch Lane to Oxley on the 16th January 2024.

WSMR: The Wrexham Shropshire & Midlands Rly Co has submitted plans to reinstate services from Wrexham to London from May 2025. The original service stopped in 2011 after three years due to non-profitability and a tortuous route through the West Midlands to London Marylebone. The proposed new service will use the WCML to London Euston setting down (up services) and picking up (down services) at Milton Keynes only. Traction is to be Cl.222 Meridians released from EMR which will be refurbished.

TPT: The final Nova 3 + Cl.68 from Manchester Piccadilly to Scarborough (see below en route) left at 09.12 with 68030 pushing.



above 68030 + TP06 on 1U47 11.35 Manchester Piccadilly to Scarborough, Dewsbury (12.23) 9th December 2023 (Darren Bailey)



The now redundant Mk5a Nova 3 sets are being officially stored, though they are likely to be moved around to keep operative. Two sets TP02/06 have moved to Gascoigne Wood and three, TP03/04/12 so far to Long Marston complete with CI.68s, 68032/24/21 respectively. Of the other sets, TP01 is at Wolverton Works for crack repairs, TP11/13 at Longsight with 68026/30 and TP05/07-10 at Crewe South Yard.

above & right 68030 + TP06 + TP02 + 68025 Gascoigne Wood (10.53) 15th December 2023 (Darren Bailey)



37884 + 68024 + TP04 on 5Q94 Longsight TMD to Long Marston, Norton Worcester (12.04) 9th January 2024 (Sean Davies)



68021 + TP12 on 5Q94 Longsight TMD
to Long Marston, Brockhill OB Worcester
(12.10) 11th January 2024 (Sean Davies)

TfW: To cover for fire damaged 150242/279, the hire of 150269/270 ended on the 3rd December with the Northern units returning to NL.

With the exception of 195003 used for ETCS testing on the Cambrian Line, 197001-021/042-051 are now all in service. 197022-041 are to be fitted with ECTS.

756117/118 the final CI.756s arrived at Canton on the 28th November 2023

398013 is the latest tram-train to arrive at Taff's Well by road from Portbury Docks whilst 398004 moved from Old Dalby.

Off lease CI.175s continue to move around in and out of store (see below).



above unbranded 175116 + 175108 on 5B42 Landore to Crewe Gresty Bridge, Swindon (09.08)
14th December 2023 (Colin Pidgeon)

opposite top 175101 + 175109 on 5Z19 10.00 Cardiff Canton Sidings to Chester, Newport
(12.24) 11th December 2023 (Tony Gaze)



Colas Rail: Due to shortfall in serviceable CI.56s a week long hire of 56098 began on the 8th January 2024, which was to have been extended into a second week, but it failed on the 12th January in the company of 56049 on the 6J37 Carlisle Yard to Chirk logs. They were already late over the S&C Line and with 56049 trying to lift the heavy train up the ascent on its own, they came to a stand on Whalley Viaduct on the outskirts of Blackburn. Help was summoned from WCR in the form of 37518 + 37516 but this didn't materialise as 37516 failed then its replacement 47804 also failed. A DRS CI.66 eventually run north from Crewe to Preston but by this time 56049 managed to lift the heavy log train into the loop at Blackburn 557 mins late where it was terminated. On the 15th January 56105 was sent to haul the train through to Chirk with 56049 + 56098 removed at Chester prior to 56105, which had itself developed a nigggle, completing the protracted working then 329 mins late departing Chester. 56049 + 56098 were moved by 37405 to the new Colwick Depot for attention on the 13th January.



above 56098 + 56049 Birkett Common, 8th January 2024 (Alex Ayre)



left en route to take up first duty, 56098 on 0C01 Leicester to Carlisle Kingmoor, Tamworth LL (11.06) 7th January 2023 (Paul Keightley)

DBC: Twenty two locos have been put up for sale, 10 Cl.67s 67001/03-05/11/18/19/26/28/30, of which 67028 is still active and 12 Cl.90s, 90019-21/24/26/28/29/34-37/39

Of the four Cl.60s remaining in service 60040 has been withdrawn with few engine hours left and 60074 briefly went on hire to Victa at Peak Forest but only lasted one day. To replace the Cl.60s, ten Cl.66s are to be re-gearred as Cl.66/6s, though

not initially re-numbered with four Cl.60s kept as back up until they enter service. The first into the new pool code of WBHT was 66221 with 66149/56/61/67/71/74/81/83/94 since added.

DRS: Four of the five Cl.37s have been sold, 37401 to LSL, 37402 to Andania Engineering and 37069/218/423 to Europhoenix. 37424 has remained unsold. Cl.37s are no longer likely to be provided for RHTT duties based off York Holgate Works.

Following their farewell photo shoot at York Holgate Works, three of the five, 37419/422/716 moved to Crewe Coal Sdgs on the 21st December 2023 where they stayed.

right & below

37611 + 37218 + 37069 + 37423 + 37901 on 0M59 Crewe, Gresty Bridge to Leicester, Crewe (14.26) 29th December 2023 (Spencer Conquest)



Only 37407 currently at Doncaster and 37425 on route learning duties have been active (see opposite top) though the latter after its training duties is now back at Crewe Gresty Bridge awaiting an exam, currently not authorised.

Four of the remaining six Cl.37s, 37407/19/24/25, along with Cl37/57 spare parts were put up for sale on the 15th January 2024

right 37425 on 0Z38 from Taunton ex 0Z37 from Crewe Gresty Bridge, Bristol Temple Meads
 (15.51) Bristol Temple Meads
 8th January 2024 (Spencer conquest)



GBRF: The latest CI.66 to be named is one of the imported batch, 66307, which was named at Ipswich on the 12th January 2024 (see below). Not yet certified to run on the UK network it was chaperoned by 66782 and 66709.



66782 + 66307 + 66709 on 0Z78 08.20 Doncaster Roberts Road to Ipswich, Stowmarket (12.07)
below 66307 being propelled into platform 1 (13.26) with 90010 stabled beyond
 all 12th January 2024 (Keith Partlow)



FL: 59201 the last of the red ex-DBC CI.59/2s has received FL orange livery.

After 6 years in store, 70009 has returned to service on hire to Colas Rail Freight and been temporarily reallocated to the COLO pool.

Two more of the planned five CI.66s to be exported to Poland have left the UK by way of Immingham Docks, 66529 on the 3rd January and 66955 on the 15th January 2024, leaving 66599 and 66956.



*above 70803 + 70009 + 66846 6024 Hinskey Sidings to Eastleigh East Yard, Didcot (11.21)
5th January 2024 (Spencer Conquest)*

Imerys: The Cornish mineral company no longer owns any shunters resorting to hiring in as required.

LSL: Following their use bolstering stock for pre-Christmas rail tours, the three hired in ex-DRS Mk2s were returned to ERS Great Yarmouth CS (see below).



D6851 + 6173 + 5919 + 6046 on 3Z10
08.29 Crewe LSL to ERS Gt Yarmouth
CS, Brandon
(12.24) 11th January 2024 (Keith Partlow)

On its first duty for new owner LSL, 37401 along with 37402 collected ex NR minions 73951 + 73952 from Kidderminster, SVR on the 12th January 2024 and delivered them to their new owner Harry Needle at Worksop before dropping off 37402 at Barrow Hill



37401 + 37402 + 73952 + 73951 on
0Z58 Kidderminster to Worksop,
Elford (14.24)
12th January 2024 (Paul Keightley)

NR: Ex-XC 43357 started operating with Colas on the 29th December 2023 (see below) with ex-XC 43321 out on test on the 3rd January 2024.



43357 on 1Q20 from Derby RTC,
Crewe (12.41) 29th December 2023
(Spencer Conquest)

Whilst recently converted VIU 5 153379 leading 153384 was illustrated on p28 in the Oct 2023 issue here is a better view of VIU 4 153384.



153384 + 153379 Peterborough
(11.58) 28th December 2023
(Graham Stockton)

ROG: With ORR authorising the use of CI.93s in service, testing of 93001, now designated GROG, began using a rake of coaches from ERS. Six Mk3s were moved from Great Yarmouth Carriage Sdgs on the 5th January 2024 (see below) with 93001 moved from Worksop on the 8th January 2024 behind 37901. Static testing completed, 93001 which requires some attention from Stadler, returned to Worksop on the 12th January 2024 behind 37901. Mainline tests are planned for later in February.



above 37901 on 5Q42 13.30 ERS Great Yarmouth CHS to Crewe South Yard hauling six ex-GA Mks, 10229, 11078, 11095, 10413, 12021, 12091 and barriers 6340 and 6344 through a wet Brundall, 5th January 2024 (Keith Partlow) note the coaches are branded **eastern rail services** (see report in the Sep issue, p19)



above 93001 hauled by 37901 on 6Q42 Worksop to Crewe South Yard, Derby (09.13)
8th January 2024 (Greg Hartle)

below 37901 + 93001 on 6Q26 Kidderminster to Worksop, Barton near Burton-on-Trent (11.39)
12th January 2024 (Paul Keightley)



Varamis Rail: Released from Wolverton Works on the 4th December 2023, 321419, the second CI.321, to be converted for parcels use was put straight into service on 21.49 1Z56 Birmingham International to Mossend, still carrying unbranded First Group blue. The third unit 321407 was also released prior to Christmas leaving two more of the Eversholt Rail sponsored units to be converted. So far only Varamis Rail has taken on the hire.



56301 on delayed
6Z45 Wembley Yard to Burton West Yard spoil,
Elford (13.10) 10th January 2024 (Paul Keightley)

DCR: 56301 continues to operate for DCR (see above) but as with 56098 it appears the hiring of the remaining private / preserved Cl.56s is proving troublesome as it failed on the 12th January 2024 (see below)



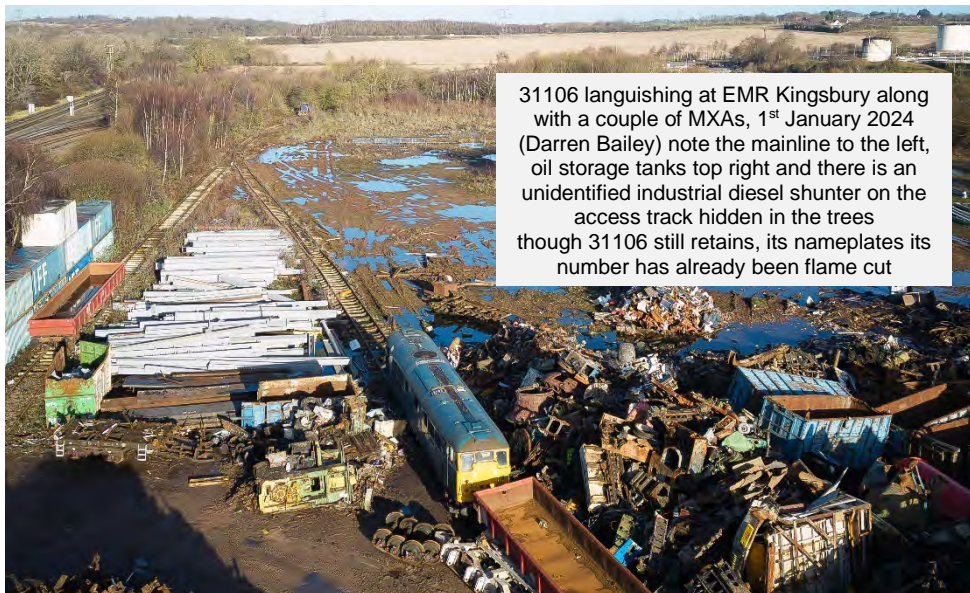
60028 + failed 56301
on 6Z45 Wembley to Burton Yard spoil
Elford (15.01) 12th January 2024 (Paul Keightley)

Vintage Trains: Mk1 3110 has been bought from Riviera Trains, the last FO they owned but recently stored at Nemesis Rail.

WCR: WCR contested the decision of ORR not to extend their exemption to run Mk1 coaches on the mainline without fitting central door locking (CDL) and took them to a judicial review in December 2023. Whilst this was heard WCR was granted a further 3 month extension which was due to end on the 29th February 2024. The result of the judicial review was delivered prior to Christmas in favour of ORR who have now withdrawn the derogation to WCR, which has been in place since 2005, with effect from the

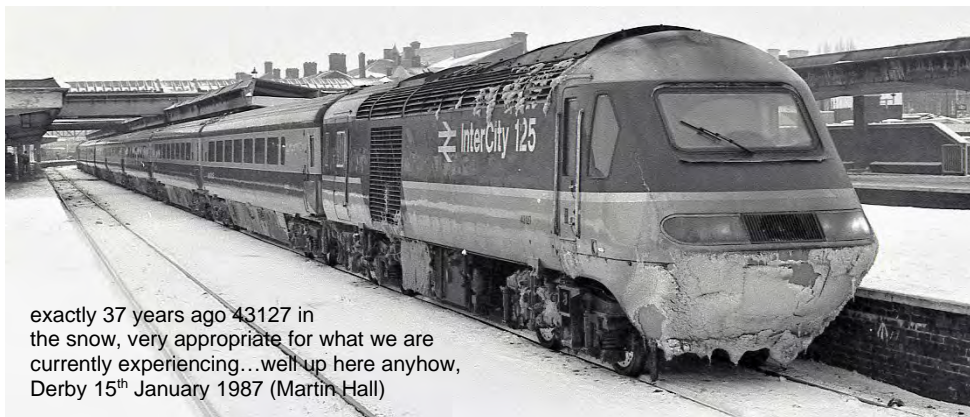
10th January 2024. Unless they appeal and that looks as if it would fail anyway, as the grounds for fitting central locking is sound, then another solution will have to be found if WCR is to continue operating mainline tours. The first to suffer will be the Jacobite though the ORR is not averse to agreeing a transition timetable for the fitting of CDL. Other companies operating Mk1s have submitted fitment plans and have the following derogations: Vintage Trains – 29/11/24, GSWR 07/02/25, Venice-Simplon Orient Express – 21/02/25, Hastings Diesels, LSL, NYM and Riviera Trains – 31/03/28

Hanson & Hall: Four years after a very tired 31106 was bought by Hanson & Hall in December 2020 to be reactivated, for a mainline contract, it has been dispatched for scrap due to rising costs. Due to a variety of factors, not least the contract no longer going ahead and the original supplier of replacement wheelsets going bust, it was deemed uneconomic to continue pouring money into its overhaul. Various components have been donated to other groups operating Cl.31s in preservation not least the fully refurbished generator.



31106 languishing at EMR Kingsbury along with a couple of MXAs, 1st January 2024 (Darren Bailey) note the mainline to the left, oil storage tanks top right and there is an unidentified industrial diesel shunter on the access track hidden in the trees though 31106 still retains, its nameplates its number has already been flame cut

NOSTALGIA CORNER: HSTs



exactly 37 years ago 43127 in the snow, very appropriate for what we are currently experiencing...well up here anyhow, Derby 15th January 1987 (Martin Hall)



above 43127 again (t&t 43186) looking like they were trying out a new version of InterCity livery but it has a severe oil problem, Derby 1990s (Martin Hall)



GRAFITTI

802003 on 2C73 10.59 Cardiff Central
to Penzance, Newport (11.10)
11th December 2023 (Tony Gaze)



834003 (802003)

STOCK MOVES



above 701518 + 701524 + 47749 on 5Q86 Eastleigh to Long Marston, Swindon (11.45)
4th January 2024 (Spencer Conquest)



37800 + 319385 + 319372 on 5Q76 Allerton
Depot to Sims Metals Newport Docks, Pirton LC
Worcester (13.54) 9th January 2024
(Sean Davies)



above 37800 + 508114 + 508108 5Q78 Birkenhead North to Sims Metals Newport Docks (10.26)
15th January 2024 (Spencer Conquest)



above 37611 + 41193, 45003, 42366, 44052, 45005, 42369, 42290, 45002, 42234 between barriers 6340 & 6330 Heely Up Loop, Sheffield (10.36)
11th November 2023 (Darren Bailey)



above right
37800 + 319368 + 319381
on 5Q77 Allerton to Sims Metals
Newport Docks, Newport (14.42)
11th January 2024 (Sean Davies)



68021 + TP12 on 5Q94 Longsight TMD to
Long Marston, Brockhill OB Worcester
(12.10) 11th January 2024 (Sean Davies)



above 508103 + 508136 + 37800 on 5Q78 06.50 Birkenhead North to Sims Metals Newport Docks, Newport (11.38) 11th December 2023 (Tony Gaze)

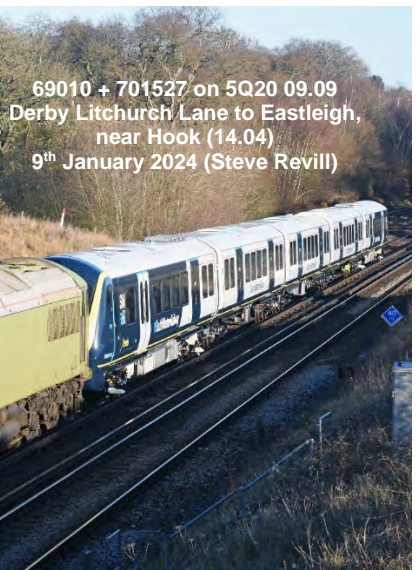


above & below 43316 + 43307 + 43306 + 43320 on 0Q43 10.40 SVR to Norwich Crown Point, March (14.14) 20th December 2023 (Keith Partlow)





above 37800 + 319383 + 319366 on 5Q77
Allerton to Sims Metals Newport Docks,
Newport (14.49)
20th December 2023 (Spencer Conquest)



69010 + 701527 on 5Q20 09.09
Derby Litchurch Lane to Eastleigh,
near Hook (14.04)
9th January 2024 (Steve Revill)

above 37601 + 730036
5Q23 on 08.40 to
Belmont Down Yard,
Gascoigne Wood Sdgs
15th December 2023
(Darren Bailey)

below 37800 + 319361
+ 319370 on 5Q76
Allerton Depot to Sims
Metals Newport Docks,
Newport (14.56)
22nd December 2023
(Spencer Conquest)



TRAFFIC & TRACTION NEWS

December 8

A filthy 66759 passing Didcot at 14.09 on 6V32 Tilbury Container to Trostre Works (Spencer Conquest)



59101 passed Swindon at 14.41 on 6C48 Appleford to Whatley (Colin Pidgeon)

December 9

66079 passed Didcot at 12.52 on 6B33 Theale Puma to Margam (Spencer Conquest)



December 19

66623 passed Portway near Tamworth at 12.06 on 6Z80 Banbury to Tunstead empty boxes (Paul Keightley)

December 11

68019 + 68020 + FNA 11.70.9229.022-2 + 018-0 passed Bristol Parkway at 13.16 on 6M63 12.00 Bridgwater to Crewe Coal Sidings (Tony Gaze)



December 12

66301 passed Didcot at 14.11 on 6V32 Tilbury to Trostre Works (Spencer Conquest)

January 3

37405 passed Elford, near Tamworth, at 14.40 on 0Z41 Barrow Hill to Coleham (Paul Keightley)



January 5

20189 + 20142 passed South Wigton at 10.20 on Kidderminster, SVR to Old Dalby to pick up 398004 for delivery to Taff's Well Depot (Lee Baldwin)



January 7

66502 t&t 66563 + Railvac 3 passing Bescot Stadium at 10.25 on Wembley Stadium to Bescot (Paul Clifton)



January 14

166205 passed Old Denaby at 13.05 on 5Q23 08.13 St Philips Marsh to Wabtec Doncaster Works (Darren Bailey)



January 15

66080 + 66116 + 66087 passing Elford at 14.06 on OF55 Bescot to Toton (Paul Keightley)



Norfolk News (Stuart Moore):

December 2023: On the 2nd filthy 66720 and 66744 were seen on the 3S01 RHTT sitting in Acle waiting for the Great Yarmouth to Norwich unit to pass. On the 5th 66715 and 66753 were at the helm and on the 6th 66720 had been paired with 66773 for the service, both of these runs seen passing Cuckoo Lane climbing Strumpshaw bank.

The 7th saw LSL 47712 t&t D1935 Statesmen Rail set of coaching stock in the area having run a tour from Norwich. They departed Norwich later that day for Crewe.

66741 was seen leading a set of empty Network Rail ballast wagons through Brundall en-route to Lowestoft on the 8th.

The 9th saw WCR 57313 t&t 57601 in Norwich in readiness to run the Northam Belle luncheon train from Norwich – Ipswich – Cambridge – Norwich – Ipswich. ROG hire-in 37901 had been in Norwich

that morning in readiness for an ecs move but the move was cancelled and 37901 ran light back to Derby. A trip out to Brundall later that day produced 66744 and 66761 on the 3S01 RHTT heading back towards Norwich from Great Yarmouth.

My final RHTT of 2023 produced DRS 66430 t&t 66432 seen heading east up Strumpshaw bank.

On the 17th 47245 t&t 47802 left Norwich with the ecs from the final rail tour of the year. The day

before Black 5 4-6-0 44871 t&t 47802 left Norwich with a tour to York with 47245 replacing the steam for the journey back to Norwich. The ecs ran from Norwich to Southall.

A quick visit to Norwich on Christmas Eve produced 37601 in Norwich Yard. This stayed in until the 3rd January when it ran light to Derby.

The final spotting of 2023 was in Great Yarmouth of the ERS Carriage Sdgs. On site and visible from the road were 08752, 08754, 31452 and 43007.



above 66427 on 4E65 Mossend Up Yard - South Bank Tees Dock, Royal Border Bridge (13.25)
14th January 2024 (Gareth Patterson)



doubleheaded Cl.66s replacing Cl.60 haulage with 66028 + 66089 on 6B13 Robeston Sdgs to
Westerleigh Puma, Newport (09.38) 15th January 2024 (Spencer Conquest)



above 43176 t&t 43137 + HA11 on 1H11 Glasgow Queen Street to Inverness seen from the A9,
Crubenmore, 22nd December 2023 (Alan Jones)



above 37218 + 47739 + 57305 with 57310 & 69009 + 69010 behind outside the new Depot, Leicester 5th January 2024 (Lee Baldwin)



70020 on 4014 Crewe Basford Hall to Southampton MCT, Basingstoke (11.24) 3rd January 2024 (Spencer Conquest)



4-6-0 45212 heading northbound, Peterborough (11.10) 28th December 2023 (Graham Stockton)





165038 + 165007 on
3Q35 Barton Hill to Wembley LMD (14.02)
Swindon, 13th December 2023 (Colin Pidgeon)



67010 + 67013 moving
between the Arriva and
Electric Depots, Crewe (10.13)
29th December 2023 (Spencer Conquest)



802305 on 1H01 to Hull,
London King's Cross (07.16)
28th December 2023
(Spencer Conquest)



70010 on 4O35 southbound,
Northampton (12.27)
9th January 2024 (Graham Stockton)



387165 + 387156 on
1L13 Cardiff to Paddington, (10.46)
Swindon, 13th December 2023 (Colin Pidgeon)



66714 on 6E10 11.35 Liverpool Biomass Terminal to Drax PS with 222022,
150268 & 195025, Sheffield (15.56) 31st December 2023 (Darren Bailey)



66594 + 90011 on 4M87
Felixstowe FLT to Trafford
Park FLT, Camden Road
(14.40) 12th December 2023
(Ian Sinclair)



37510 on 0V74 Derby RTC to Reading Triangle for thunderbird duties, Reading (14.21) 23rd December 2023 (Spencer Conquest)



88002 + 66122 to Gresty Bridge, Crewe (10.35) 29th December 2023 (Spencer Conquest)

below 168323 Leamington Spa (11.06) 11th January 2024 (Graham Stockton)



37407 + rainbow, York parcel siding
(14.08) 28th December 2023
(Spencer Conquest)



RARE BEASTS: WORKING DRS CL.37s & DBC CL.60s



60074 on 6M53 Swindon Stores to Toton Up
Sidings BYA Coil Carriers, Swindon (15.32)
4th January 2024 (Spencer Conquest)

INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS:

Colwick Depot, a new Maintenance facility for Boden Rail has opened at Rectory Jnct with all locos moving from Nottingham Eastcroft, which has now closed. It will be used for servicing of Colas Rail locos which includes Cls.37/56 and 50050.

An event was held on the 8th December 2023 with a plaque unveiled to celebrate the four year-long refurbishment of the Grade II listed Barmouth Viaduct on the Cambrian Coast Line. After the last of the closures, traffic returned on the 2nd December 2023.

Stations: On the 13th December 2023, another new station was opened on the ECML in East Lothian, Scotland at East Linton. It is further west than the original station and to celebrate the official opening, TPT 802210 was named *Hailes Castle*.

On the 10th December 2023 Brent Cross West the first new station in London over a decade was opened on the MML between Hendon and Cricklewood.

A fully accessible second platform opened at Castleford on the 11th December 2023 as part of the Transpennine Route Upgrade.

SHUNTER SPOT: WISHAW



above 08629 below P405D (01571) both 23rd November 2023 (Colin Pottle)



OUT & ABOUT

by James Holloway

For clarity, *steam locos are shown in red*. To be more helpful for those interested in where stock was exactly, can I ask all contributors who list trip sightings over long distances, to please add all locations when submitting to James. Please also ensure your sightings reach James a few days before the press deadline, see **SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD...**

Mike Waudby:

18th Dec Hull Paragon 08.11-08.27: 150274, 155341/44
155347, 158752/90, 170460/61, 185103, 802304
Doncaster 09.20-09.24 & 13.48-15.25: 08724, 66092
66703/06/27/63, 70809, 150222/74, 158906, 170454/75
170478, 170507, 180105/07, 185104/25/47, 331001/05/07
466023, 800104/06/08, 800206, 801102/03/08-11, 801201
801205/07/11/18/23/26/28, 803005, DR75504
Aldwarke Steelworks 09.36: Industrial 30/31/34, 93/94/96
Sheffield: 150006, 150222/77, 158770/80, 158871
158906, 185104/06/13, 195005/24, 220006/33, 222008
399202/03/06
Brough 16.08: 158906, 802302

Mike Smurthwaite:

29th Nov Cardiff 08.20-20.20: 43153/54/89/94, 56096
60040, 66002/06/25/57/68/79/88, 66101/56/69/75/83
66553, 66747, 67014/22/29, 150208/17/30/31/35/36/40/45
150250-53/55/56/58/78/81-85, 153312/20/53/82, 153906
153910/13/21, 158745/47/48/60/66/71, 158818/26/33
165102/12/33, 170102/05/07/08/11/15-17, 170207/08
170620/36, 197009/14/18/20/21/47/48/50/51, 197104/12
231002/03/05-11, 387142/46, 800001/02/05-07/09/11/13
800016/18/19/21/30-33/35, 802005/07/16/21, 802101

Michael Warrick:

28th Nov Trimley: 755338, 755401
Ipswich: 08691, 08891, 90003/15/41/44/49, 720109/17/24
720129, 745009, 745104, 755327/34/37, 755421
Colchester: 720119/28, 720573
Shenfield: 345040/54/55
Ilford: 08588, 08700, 345052/60
Liverpool St: 345009/65, 720520/60
Paddington: 70802, 345003/27/46/53
Acton: 66015, 66103, 66415, 66550
Reading: 345005, 387142/46/51/62, 800026, 802013
29th Nov Reading: D1955, 47712, 59203, 66592, 66622
66952, 165007/38, 165124, 220025, 345005/11/13/23/26
345027/65, 387144/47/50/52/56/61/68, 450002/12/20/23
450041/59, 450101, 458510/21/25/29/30, 800002/04/08
800011/13/14/16/18/21/23/28/32, 800303-06/08/10/11/18
800320/21, 802003/06/12/17/18/20, 802102/05/06/11
Acton: 66030/83, 66172
Ipswich: 66532, 745002
9th Dec Pitsea: 357008/13, 357202/04/08, 357314/27
Barking: 357014/17
Liverpool St: 720111, 720514/68/78
Paddington: 345006/18/63, 800031, 802001/21
Acton: 66014

23rd Dec Ipswich: 66518/32/37/50/57/59/72, 66708
90006/10
Shenfield: 345030/37/61
Ilford: 345019/22/24/69
Liverpool St: 720105/22/32/35, 720512/14/21/45/63
745102/03/05
Paddington: 345005/59/62, 387149/62
Acton: 66003, 66103/19/51/54/76
28th Dec Blofield LX: 66564, 66736/40/57/81



66564 on 4R95 Ipswich S.S. to Felixstowe North FLT,
Blofield LX (Felixstowe) (09.52)

Bradley Marshall:

27th Nov Bristol Temple Meads: 165135, 166214
800319
Lawrence Hill: 165112/33, 166204, 800309
28th Nov Bristol Parkway: 66545, 220020, 221121
800023
Bath Spa: 34046, D1924, 158748/60/65, 165101, 166221
802106/14
5th Dec Westbury: 56078/96, 66102/50, 66597, 66615
158765, 158951, 166208/12-14/16/18/19
Castle Cary: DR80211
12th Dec Castle Cary: 158749, 166221, 800312, 802003
802013, 802104/08
Fairwater Yard: 66525
Whiteball: 220005, 800007, 802103
Exeter St Davids: 150219, 158958, 166213/18, 220018
221138, 800025, 800306, 802002

Danny Coyne:

8th Nov Leyland 09.33-09.58 & 15.59: 66713, 88006
195101/19, 319370, 331002/06/12/18/25/26, 390005
390134, 397003
Preston 10.03-10.45 & 15.43-15.53: 43272/77, 150146
156406/18/61, 195105/06/13/16/17/24, 319386, 331007
331017/24/27, 390039, 390124/30/48/51, 397003
Bradford Interchange 12.07 & 14.24: 153376, 195007/22
195131, 221143
Leeds 12.35-14.07: 68028, 91105/09, 150003, 150203/06

150222/68/72/74/76/77, 158755/58/90/94/96/97, 158815
158859/70/72, 158902/05/06/09, 170461/73, 185102/04
185120/25/29/37/38/44/46/49, 195003/12/14/16/20/23/25
195105/16/23/25/29/32, 220020/34, 331105-07, 333004
333006-08/10/12, 800207, 801103/10, 802211/14/16
DVT's 82211/12

9th Nov Leyland 08.53 & 16.26: 319381, 331023/29

Preston 08.59-09.46 & 16.04-16.20: 88003, 150131
156406/61/64, 195103/06/08/10/14/17/29, 319381/86
331007-09/17/21/26, 390009/10/40, 390127/52, 397009
397012

Bradford Interchange 11.06 & 14.15-14.36: 150214/72
195003/09/11/14/20/21, 180108

Leeds 11.27-11.30 & 12.56-13.58: 91106/07, 150203/06
150211/20/71/74/75, 158752/56/82/91/96/97, 158853/69
158870, 170453/73/77, 185104/10/40/41/49, 195005/13
195016/17, 195113/19/23/29, 221133/36, 331105/06
333003/06/08/14/15, 800202, 801102/08, 802210/14/16
DVT's 82205/22

Neville Hill: 155344, 801204, DVT 82223

Holgate Sidings: 802204/05

York 11.57-12.23: 91110, 153341/47, 158758, 170473
185108/33, 195108, 800106/10, 803004, DVT 82208

Accrington 15.30: 150144, 150226

Blackburn 15.40: DR73909

Geoff Hope:

2nd Nov Cardiff 10.35-15.45: 43154/88, 66025/32/88
66119/51/75/83, 150208/13/17/27/27/30/31/35/40/45/51
150252/58/59/62/64/67/80-83/85, 153306/12/18/23/27/33
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158760/98, 158826/27/31/32, 170101/06/11/12/15
170206/07, 170397, 170620/39, 197001/06-08/10-12/14
197018/43/46, 197104/12, 231002/03/05/10, 800002
800004-06/08/09/11/12/14/16/27/31/34/35, 800305/06/18
800320, 802002/06/17/18, 802101/09

14th Nov Kirkdale, Bidston & Hamilton Sq 11.00-17.00:
150250, 230006-08, 507001/02/07/10/11/13-15/17/18/21
507023/28/29/32/33, 508103/04/08/14/20/31/36
777001-07/09/12-16/19/24/31, 777140/44/46/48
DR98903/53

21st Nov Manchester Victoria 10.15-12.35: 60047
66771, 150105/07/10/11/14/19/21/22/28/31/33/35/46
150226, 156404/05/19/20/22/25-27/41/52/55/59/64
158756/84, 158842/71/72, 185109/11/13/27/32/36/37/40
185142/51, 195001/02/09/11/13/15/19/22, 195109/29/33
802205/06/09/18, DR98901/51

Manchester Piccadilly 12.55-17.00: 66244, 67015/29
68028, 90011/49, 150102/09/13/15/20/27/36/40/49/50
150217/24, 156411/18/24/61/66, 158785/99, 158813/47
158857/64/66/89, 170507/12, 185102-04/08/12-14/22/24
185126/28/31, 197006/08/13/14/45/51, 197110, 220006
220013/14/20/25/30/33, 221120/30/39, 323224/28-30/32
323235/36/38/39, 331003/04/07-10/12-16/19-23/25/28-31
390045/49/50, 390103/04/23/32/36/38/51/52/54/57
397001/03/04/12, 802201/03, DVT's 82226/27

28th Nov Manchester Victoria 10.15-12.40: 60047
66774, 150111/14/15/23/25/26/29/31/34/36/40/43/46/48

150149, 156401-03/08/15/23/26/27/52/59/61, 158752/57
158784/89/93, 158869-71, 185101/08/13/20/21/23-25/33
185147/49/50, 195002-04/09/20-22/24, 195104/14/22/33
802210/12/13/17, DR98912/62

Manchester Piccadilly 12.50-16.05: 66244, 67029
68028, 150101/02/04/06/10/18/27/36/42/45/50, 156410/11
156422/29/60, 158780, 158806/46/47/52/54/57/58/62/66
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195017, 195101/02/09/10/15/18-20/25-27/32, 197004/15
197043/45/51, 197105, 220008/16/21/25/34, 221124/32
323223/25/26/30/33/35-39, 331003-07/11-14/16-18/20/22
331023/25/27/29/31, 331104, 390005/10/39/44/45
390115/18/19/32/35/52, 397003/07/11, 802206, Dvt 82227

15 Dec Crewe 11.00-16.15: 67001/14/22, 70803, 92041
170272, 170512/35, 197002/03/10/19/45/46, 197101/02
197118/20, 221106/18/09/13/18, 323230/32/35/36
331018/19, 350113/16/20/28, 350231/41/47/59/62/64
350402/05/09, 390002/05/06/08-11/13/16/40/43/47/50
390103/04/12/15/19/21-23/25-27/29-32/34-36/38/41/52/53
390155/57, 730001/05/09/10/22/27/47, DR73922
DVT's 82227/29/30

22nd Dec Crewe 11.00-15.40: 67015/22, 150251/53/67
170419, 170502/04/07, 197005/13/47/49, 197107/10/20
221101-03/13, 323229/32/39, 325001/08/12, 331025/29
350106/07/20/21/30, 350231/37/40/44/46/53/54/57
350371, 350402/06/08, 390001/02/08/13/20/43/45/46/49
390050, 3901104/07/14/15/17-19/21/23/25/26/31/32/35/37
390138/51/53-55/57, 730001/04/08/09/22, DVT 82201/19

John Matthews:

11th Dec Waford Jnct: 221111, 350115/18, 350235/37/38
350248, 350368, 350403/08, 377705, 390049, 390125/27
710262/67/72, 710377/79

Wembley Yd: 66161, 66506/28/31/43/73, 66718

Willesden Depot: 710375/76

East Croydon: 171811, 377107/11/28/53/55/63, 377204
377205, 377313/26, 377401/29/31/41/51/58/65/73
377602/03, 387204/06/08/16/25, 700057, 700108/13/20/33
700137/40/45/50

London Bridge: 171802, 376007/08/13-15/36, 465156
700106/12/14/28/29/48, 707002/21

Tonbridge: 66777/98, 73962/64, 375603, 375710, 375801
375802/08-10/14/18/19/21/24/25/30, 375901/15/24/25/27
377316/23

Camden Yd: 730006/14

18th Dec Waford Jnct: 350105/07, 350237/44/48/49/55

350261, 350368, 377703, 390009, 390119

Bletchley: 150139, 730006/13/16/18/19/21

Daventry IRFT: 66124

Rugby: 57309

Birmingham Moor St: 165024, 168001/02, 172006
172340/44

Birmingham New St: 150208, 158824/26/32, 170104/08
170620/36, 196101/08/09, 220001/02/04/11/15/23, 221101
221110/25/30/38, 323201-04/07/12/13/15/19/43, 350104
350123/24/27/28/30, 350239/46/52/54/60/62, 350370
350404, 390002/42/43, 390132/36/37

Coventry: 70016

PHOTO SPOT: NR TEST TRAINS



43013 t&t 43277 on 1Q34 10.22 Derby RTC to Hull, Howden (12.06)
3rd December 2023
(Darren Bailey)



above two generations of frontline passenger traction 43257 t&t 43274 on 1Z23 Bristol Kingsland Road to Derby RTC passing Swindon (12.57) 4th January 2024 (Spencer Conquest)



DBSO 9701 t&t 37610 on 3Q50 10.14 Derby RTC to Derby RTC via Barton Upon Humber, New Holland (15.03)
27th December 2023
(Darren Bailey)



37057 t&t 37116 on 1Z58 Derby RTC to Cardiff Taff Vale Sidings. Tamworth HL (10.58) 12th December 2023 (Paul Keightley)



37610 on 3Z40 Reading Triangle Sidings to Derby RTC, Reading (17.12) 23rd December 2023 (Spencer Conquest)



37254 t&t 37421 from Ely Dock Jnct, Barking Riverside (16.10) 4th December 2023 (Ian Sinclair)

PRESERVATION NEWS

Further to the report in **PRESERVATION NEWS** in the last issue of 08442 and 08473 arriving at Nemesis Rail, it is indicated that they will be amalgamated into a one operational loco.



The photo of 60810 (205205) from EOR at Nemesis Rail in the last issue omitted to state it is there for repair work.

On the 30th December 2023 the Stanier Mogul Fund (SLF) ran a free special round trip between Kidderminster Town and Bridgnorth for SLF members utilising their recently overhauled Stanier Mogul 2-6-0 2968.

left 2968 running round its train,
Bridgnorth, SVR (14.20)
30th December 2023 (John Goodyer)



D1015 on 0Z15 Gloucester New Yard to Kidderminster SVR, Boyd's Crossing Worcester (12.36) 10th January 2024 (Sean Davies)

The second successful test of D1015 from SVR ahead of a return to the mainline was conducted on the 10th January 2024 running light to Avonmouth to head up the 4M62 Avonmouth to Penyffordd cement as far as Gloucester New Yard and from there light back to Kidderminster (see above).



Repaired DMU 51572 has moved back to Wolsingham, WEA from Barrow Hill along with 52054 which will act as a source of spares.

left 153371 Quorn & Woodhouse, GCR
17th December 2023 (Neil Dix)

Though not officially preserved GCR has acquired 153308 and 153371 from Angel Trains and Porterbrook respectively by way of storage at Papworth Sdgs, Ely and Long Marston. They will be used for testing and training and when used by the rail industry provide a more relevant up to date experience than a heritage unit. They could also be used to test new equipment in the future.

In another shock announcement, been a few lately, the Dean Forest Diesel Association, based at Lydney Jnct on DFR are winding up their activities with stock up for sale. COV AB 200021 left the railway in December, destination unknown. 08238 has been sold and left the railway on the 12th January 2024 for a new life at NYM. D3937 has been sold to another CI.08 owner but is to remain on the DFR. 31210 and 31235 are up for sale and will be with the two spare bogies expected to move later this month, destination unknown.

Llangollen Rly: With the eastern extension to Corwen now in use here are some photos of the new station prior to Christmas and just after it opened in June 2023.

0-6-0ST 68067 Corwen, LLR (11.50) 29th December 2023
(Martin Evans) note the water tower and signal box originally from Weston Rhyn on the Shrewsbury to Chester line, the upper half of which was located in Carrog Yard for 20 years (see below)



never fully realising it was the top half of a signal box I never took a closer photo than this on the left at the eastern end of Carrog Yard and this is an enlargement, 8th June 2014 (TR)



above looking east 50454 + 56233 waiting to depart for Llangollen (11.50) below looking west 50416 + 56171 both Corwen, LLR, 7th June 2023 showing the new island platform the ticket office and entrance is from the car park on the right above and left below



ACCIDENTS

Another ScotRail Cl.43 HST power car has come a cropper on the 27th December 2023 when 43129 t&t 43133 + HA20 hit a tree at speed during Storm Gerrit on the 1A37 10.46 Perth to Aberdeen north of Arbroath at approx 11.40. Though the cab was destroyed, thankfully the driver was unhurt but understandably shaken. It does however appear that the fallen tree had been notified by local residents 10 mins prior to the impact so leads to questions particularly during clearly severe weather that trains were still running at line speed.

The reporting in the news was appalling being sensationalist and incorrect stating it was the tree falling onto the train and even getting the location, time of day and direction of travel / destination all wrong.

PRESERVATION PHOTO SPOT: NEW YEAR STEAM



above 4-6-0 2999 *LADY OF LEGEND*, DRC 1st January 2024 (Colin Pidgeon)

PRESERVATION PHOTO SPOT: GALA



3170 visiting from EMB for last few months of 2023 seen during the Betwixtmas Gala at Quorn & Woodhouse (11.53) 28th December 2023 (Paul Keightley)

SHUNTER SPOT: MILFORD HAVEN REFINERY



above TH 4wDH [267V] *below* HE 0-6-0DH [6663]
Puma Energy, Milford Haven Refinery (16.24) 29th September 2023 (Darren Bailey)



IRISH RAILWAY NEWS

With heavy rain falling on the 30th / 31st October 2023, Irelands principal diesel preservation site, the Downpatrick & County Down Rly was severely flooded causing widespread damage. With most of the track submerged and water overwhelming buildings and rolling stock, access was only possible to the site on the 4th November 2023. With concern as to which diesel locos have suffered with traction motor and axle box damage, their Gala planned for the 6th January 2024 has been cancelled.

PRESERVATION GALAS

Bo'ness & Kinneil Rly (BKR) Winter Diesel Gala by Gareth Patterson:

BKR held its Winter Diesel Gala on Friday 29th December 2023, one of the last preservation railway galas of the year. I had been keeping an eye on this for a few days before the actual event as various parts of Scotland had been hit with snow and going by various apps it was indicated that Bo'ness may see the white stuff. Thankfully that never happened but there was a bit of a chill rolling in off the Firth of Forth. Thankfully this didn't affect the gala.



37403 t&t 27001 on the return leg of the first service approaching Bo'ness, BKR (11.11) (Gareth Patterson)

Resident locos were, 27001 and 37403 with appearances by 37025 and 47643 but these were not running in the gala. 47643 was shunted into the station siding as a stationary exhibit (see below) and 37025 was used as a shunter on various carriages in and around the site. There were reports that Colas Rail would be sending a CI.70 but this turned out to be two, 70807/13, a bonus and a pleasant surprise, which arrived from Grangemouth,



37025 + 47643 Bo'ness, BKR (10.31) (Gareth Patterson)



The first train of the day was 27001 t&t 37403 but sadly the train departed Bo'ness nearly 30 mins late as they seemed to have a issue with the carriage brakes near the rear of the train (possibly dragging brakes)

Once it departed, I decided to walk along the park / coastal path and head for Kinneil Halt.

*left & below 70807 + 37403 t&t 27001
+ 70813 Manuel, BKR (12.54)
(Gareth Patterson)*

Sadly once I arrived and got the camera set up we had nearly an hours wait, as if it wasn't bad enough with the train departing Bo'ness late, the railway gremlins struck again at the far end of the line at Manuel when the two Cl.70s arrived as apparently the Network Rail ground frame failed. Thankfully they got it working but it had a knock on effect with the day's timetable.

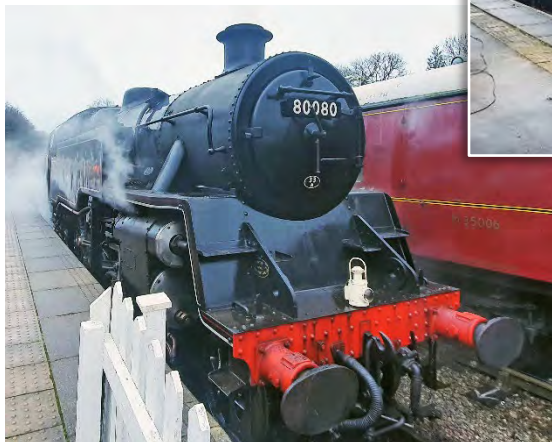


above 26038 & 20020 with 25235 to the left, Bo'ness, BKR (Gareth Patterson)

I did manage to catch a glimpse of 26038 in the diesel shed which is looking outstanding. Its owners 6LDA Group have invested heavily so it can be used at the railway once again. Overall, an enjoyable day and a nice gala to end the year on.

Ecclesbourne Valley Rly (EVR) Winter Steam Gala by Andy Scott:

EVR held its Winter Steam Gala over the last weekend of December 2023 and I attended on Sunday 31st arriving early to catch the first train of the day. It featured three steam engines, resident Austerity 0-6-0ST 68012 (WD 75158) *THE DUKE* and BR Std 2-6-4T 80080 with BR Std 2-6-0 78018 (courtesy of Great Central Railway). Resident 'teddy bear' Cl.14 D9537 was also due to appear but unfortunately it wouldn't start Sunday morning so 31601 *Devon Diesel Society* stepped in.



above D9537, EVR (08.46)
left 2-6-4T 80080, EVR (09.11)
both Wirksworth, EVR (Andy Scott)

Due to flooding near Duffield trains only ran from Wirksworth to Shottle. The Ravenstor branch was in use with 68012 hauling a single brake van up the incline.

Several DMU vehicles could be seen on the Wirksworth shed in various states of repair / overhaul.



2-6-0 78018 en route
back to Wirksworth, Iridgehay, EVR
(13.20) (Andy Scott)

I managed haulage behind all three steam engines and visited all three footplates. As I was working at 14.30, I had to leave at 13.45 but pleased to report a good attendance with trains pretty much full. The timetable slipped due to 9537 failing, but still a good Event.



68012 (WD 75158) + brake van
working hard up the Ravenstor
Incline, Wirksworth, EVR (11.34)
(Darren Bailey)



68012 (WD 75158) on its first working of
the day on the 'mainline' before migrating
to the Ravenstor branch, Wirksworth,
EVR (Darren Bailey)



above Cl.119 51073 (Darren Bailey)

left 96303 (55031) in the process of stripping as reported in the last issue, at the end of the headshunt alongside the shed (Darren Bailey)

below Cl.108 53599
(Andy Scott)

all Wirksworth, 31st December 2023



TECHNOLOGY NEWS

With the success of trial of the battery powered Revolution Very Light Vehicle (RVLR) at Ironbridge, Eversholt Rail is funding the construction of three more to be built by Transport Design International in the Midlands. They will be available for service by 2026 with operators being sought to gain passenger carrying feedback.

The other VLR destined for new light rail routes in Coventry is on trial at the VLR Innovation Centre, Dudley, where it has been joined by WMM 16 (formerly named *GERWYN JOHN*) the last remaining stored T69 which arrived from Long Marston on the 24th November 2023 to test new equipment.

PHOTO SPOT: RAIL TOUR



above 4-6-0 5043 t&t 47773
on Vintage Trains 1Z43 'The
Merchant Venturer' Solihull to
Bristol Temple Meads, Swindon
(11.50) 5th December 2023
(Colin Pidgeon)



right D213 t&t D1935 on Saphos
Trains 1Z88 'The Christmas
Golden Arrow' Gloucester to
Canterbury West, Maidenhead
(09.05) 16th December 2023
(Spencer Conquest)



47712 on SR 1Z70 'Bath
Christmas Statesman' Norwich
to Bath, Swindon (11.20)
6th December 2023 (Spencer Conquest)



above 50007 t&t 50049 on UK Railtours 'Manchester Christmas Markets' London Euston to Preston, Tame Bridge Parkway (10.30) 9th December 2023 (Paul Clifton)

4-6-0 44871 t&t 47746 on RTC 1Z88 07.35
'The Bath & Bristol Christmas Express'
Three Bridges to Bristol Temple Meads,
Sholing (10.31)
2nd December 2023 (John Goodyer)





67006 on UK Raitours 1Z15 'Carols at Sherborne Abbey' Peterborough to Yeovil Jnct, Basingstoke (11.31) 23rd December 2023 (Spencer Conquest)

4-6-2 60103 *FLYING SCOTSMAN* t&t 47746 on WCR 1Z37 'The Worcester Christmas Express' Cambridge to Worcester Shrub Hill, Narborough (10.13) 13th December 2023 (Lee Baldwin)



below 67021 t&t 67024 on 1Z82 Belmont British Pullman London Victoria to Oxford Parkway, Didcot (11.24) 13th December 2023 (Spencer Conquest)





above 57313 t&t 57601 on 1Z42 London Paddington to Trowbridge Northern Belle, Didcot (13.43)
10th December 2023 (Spencer Conquest)



above 87002 t&t 86101 on Inter-City 1Z29 08.12 'The Ayr Extension' Crewe to Glasgow Central,
Wandel (11.18) 13th January 2024 (Iain Gardiner) the train then worked 1Z30 12.32 to Barassie Jct,
1Z31 13.35 Barassie Jct to Glasgow Central, 5Z31 14.32 Glasgow Central to Polmadie, 5Z32 15.44
Polmadie to Glasgow Central then 1Z32 back to Crewe



above 57601 t&t 57313 on 1Z28 Northern Belle from Swansea, Swindon (15.08) 15th December 2023
(Colin Pidgeon)



**4-6-0 44871 on RTC 1Z82 'The York Yuletide Express'
Norwich to York, Pinchbeck (09.09) 16th December 2023 (Gervase Orton)**



above 43047 t&t 43046 on Midland Pullman 1Z43 'The Bath Christmas Pullman, Newcastle to Bath Spa, Camden Road (09.50) 4th December 2023 (Ian Sinclair)



above 66028 + 66185 on UK Railtours 1Z66 'Another Awkward Week Adventure' Peterborough to Southampton Western Docks, Reading West (12.27) 30th December 2023 (Spencer Conquest)



above 4-6-0 45231 on
Steam Dreams 1275
Southend Central to
Winchester, Camden
Road (10.53)
8th December 2023
(Ian Sinclair)



left D1924 + 4-6-0 45231
on 5Z31 Southall to
Crewe ecs, Nuneaton
(13.20)
22nd December 2023
(Lee Baldwin)

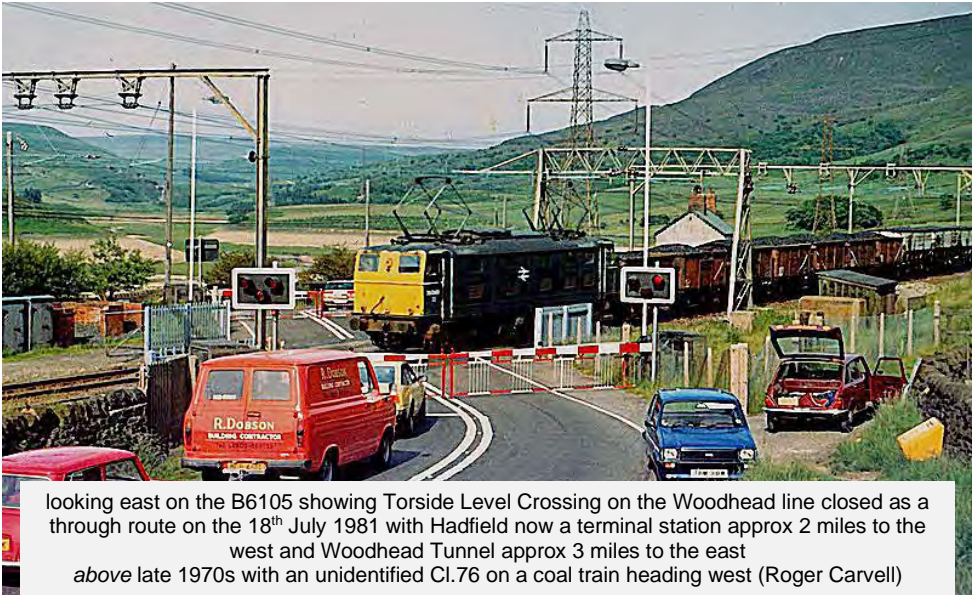


47593 t&t D1924 + 1340, 3107, 1863,
3125, 3148, 3100 80044, 3122, 3045,
17013 on 5Z75 ecs, Northampton (11.54)
7th December 2023 (Graham Stockton)

4-6-2 60103 + 99953 on 5Z41 Shildon to NRM York, Overton Road bridge
(11.33) 18th January 2024 (David Rice)



THEN & NOW



looking east on the B6105 showing Torside Level Crossing on the Woodhead line closed as a through route on the 18th July 1981 with Hadfield now a terminal station approx 2 miles to the west and Woodhead Tunnel approx 3 miles to the east above late 1970s with an unidentified CI.76 on a coal train heading west (Roger Carvell)

below a slightly wider view, 1st August 2023 (Adrian Roberts) note the former trackbed is now the Longdendale Trail, part of Trans Pennine Trail which crosses the road here and heads over the dam between Rhodeswood and Torside Reservoirs just to left behind the trees, the power lines are between the road and the reservoirs



COACH SURVEY: PULLMANS

Spot Gate Inn Spotacre, Stone (SGI): With the inclusion of Pre-nationalisation carriages in our 2024 books the opportunity now arises to spot the interesting 31 extra extant Pullmans, two which are shown below in use as a restaurant being attached to Spot Gate Inn Spotacre, Stone.



Both are 1928 built LNER Pullman Parlour First Type K, built for the introduction of the Queen of Scots. They were transferred to the Bournemouth Belle in 1960.

above
242 URSULA
& 228 CAR No.75
behind



right CAR No.75

both
4th February 2023
(Darren Bailey)

RHTT GALLERY

With the ending of the RHTT season the WBRT allocation is disbanded.

To celebrate the ending of DRS supplying traction for the York RHTT season a special charity night photo-shoot was arranged on the 16th December 2023 with 37407, 37419, 37425, 37716 & 37422 positioned in front of York Holgate Works (see below). £3000 was raised for Martin House Children's Hospice.



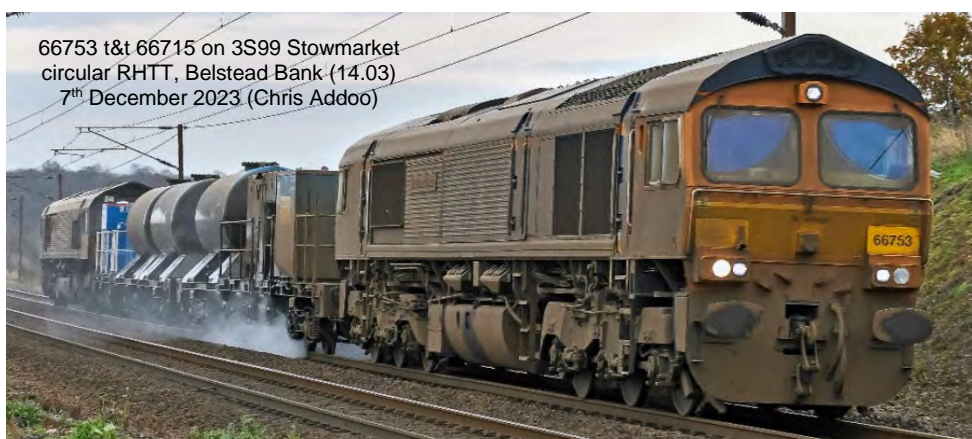
after first being cleaned 37407, 37419, 37425, 37716 & 37422 York Holgate Works (18.44)
16th December 2023 (Darren Bailey)



66850 & 66848 on 3S59 Hereford to Swindon Transfer RHTT, Swindon (11.25)
6th December 2023 (Colin Pidgeon)



66304 t&t 66305
on 3J01 Kings Norton OTP Depot RHTT
Walsall (12.54) 14th December (Peter Davis)



66753 t&t 66715 on 3S99 Stowmarket
circular RHTT, Belstead Bank (14.03)
7th December 2023 (Chris Addoo)



66848 & 66850 on 6Z32
Swindon Transfer circular RHTT,
Swindon (14.00) 13th December 2023
(Colin Pidgeon)



66522 + 66507 + 66510 + 66519 +
RHTT wagons on 6244 Kings Norton
OTP Depot to York Thrall Works, Elford
(14.24) 18th December (Paul Keightley)



left returning north after RHTT
Duties 57305 + 57310 + 57306
on 0Z69 Tonbridge to Leicester
(14.31)
20th December 2023 (Lee Baldwin)



66707 + 66113 + 66097 + RHTT
wagons on 6D44 Bescot to Toton,
Portway near Tamworth (12.53)
19th December (Paul Keightley)



left 37425 t&t 66434
sandwiching York based
snowploughs ZZA ADB
965240 + 965217
on 7Z77 11.55 Malton to York
test run, Malton (12.00)
14th December 2023
(Darren Bailey)



above 66764 + 66847 + 66849 in
RHTT 'livery' on 0O01 Doncaster
Decoy to Eastleigh, Elford near
Tamworth (14.05)
18th December 2023 (Paul Keightley)

SHUNTER SPOT

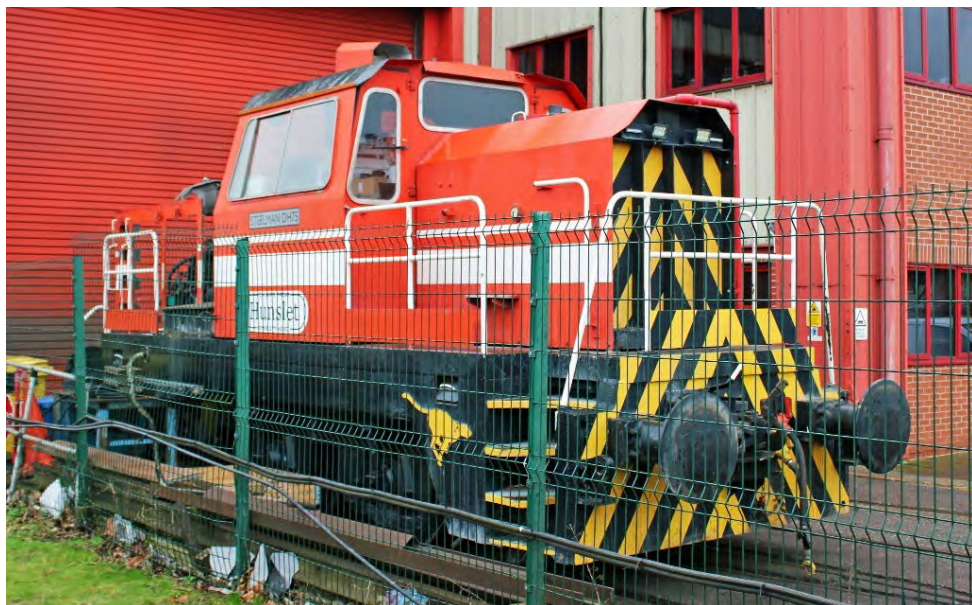
right 01527 LHG
(13.45) 1st January 2024
(Neil Dix)





above ex-LU DL 26 in its fresh coat of BR green with early BR cycling lion,
DRC, 1st January 2024 (Colin Pidgeon)

below 0-6-0DH V325 LHG, 14th January 2024, (Aidan Turner)



TRAM, LIGHT RAIL & METRO NEWS

Manchester Metrolink by Geoff Hope:

December 2023: On the 5th a youth was found guilty without a ticket at Victoria so at Tameside Magistrates Court he was fined £488.00. If passengers fail to pay, Metrolink will start legal proceedings to recover money owed and the amount due will increase. It was reported that last year on average, 242 incidents of criminal and antisocial behavior a month occurred on the Network. The most common being damage to tram stops and trams. The section on the Rochdale line has been nicknamed 'The Wild West' especially between Oldham / Rochdale. The result is a new dedicated tram unit that is staffed by GMP officers backed by a road policing department that has been doubled.

On the 9th tram 3061 was involved with a tarpaulin, which had come loose from the scaffolding around the former Debenhams store adjacent to the Market Street stop, causing serious damage to its pantograph but not damaging the OHL. Recovery took until the end of service and the tram will require a new pantograph before returning to service. Trams 3011, 3126 + 3061, 3039 following were trapped at Shudehill by the incident arriving back at Old Trafford depot at 04.00. 12th TfGM launched another new campaign over poor parking close to tram lines causing delays to services. One area highlighted is Oldham Town Centre. Since the beginning of 2023, 13 incidents have disrupted services due to bad parking.

A business case is to be prepared over the next 12 months for Metrolink to serve Stockport which would be an extension of the East Didsbury service. The Transport Interchange due to open in March 2024 has been designed to accommodate the trams.

Tram 3023 was stripped of its 'Hamilton' advert due to an error but is now again advertising 'Hamilton'. Tram 3047 is now advertising 'Together at Christmas that's why we get on board' encouraging the travelling public to use the tram. Tram 3117 is now advertising 'Marks Electrical' (see below)



above MM 3117 on Trafford Centre to Deansgate Castlefield service, Crumpsall
31st December 2023 (Geoff Hope)

Tram 3092 laid up since June 2023 returned to service by the 21st.

Another home game at Old Trafford, Christmas Markets and The Chanel Metiers d'Art show gave another healthy return on observations:

Observations 9th December 2023 (118 trams in service)

Old Trafford Depot 10.00: 3015 / 3083 / 3118 + 2 unidentified

Cornbrook 10.10 - 10.30 / 12.20 - 14.38:

Eccles / Ashton: 3066, 3081, 3087, 3102, 3111, 3121, 3124, 3134, 3136, 3137, 3143, 3145

Media City / Etihad Campus: 3030, 3038, 3089, 3097, 3114, 3122, 3128

Trafford Centre / Deansgate Castlefield: 3068 + 3140, 3075 + 3093, 3086 + 3132, 3091 + 3101, 3109 + 3139

Airport / Victoria: 3025, 3053, 3061, 3098, 3103, 3116, 3117, 3119: 3131, 3138, 3142

Altrincham / Bury: 3001 + 3055, 3002 + 3031, 3003 + 3034, 3009 + 3041, 3011 + 3039, 3018 + 3046, 3019 + 3036, 3020 + 3040, 3021 + 3054, 3028 + 3051, 3032 + 3052, 3044 + 3058

Altrincham / Piccadilly: 3007 + 3048, 3008 + 3049, 3010 + 3022, 3013, 3045, 3016 + 3023, 3026 + 3029, 3043 + 3059

East Didsbury / Shaw / Rochdale: 3064, 3065, 3069 + 3099, 3070, 3071, 3073, 3074, 3077, 3078 + 3104, 3080 + 3115, 3082 + 3133, 3084, 3085 + 3106, 3088, 3090, 3095, 3096, 3105, 3107 + 3112, 3110, 3125, 3126, 3130, 3135, 3141, 3146

Queens Road Depot 11.00: 3027, 3079, 3092, 3100, 3127, 3129 + 8 unidentified

Crumpsall 11.06 - 11.50:

Piccadilly / Bury: 3006, 3012, 3014, 3017, 3024, 3033, 3037, 3050

Not Seen: 3004, 3005, 3035, 3042, 3049, 3056, 3057, 3060, 3062, 3063, 3067, 3072, 3076, 3094, 3108, 3113, 3120, 3123, 3144, 3147 including 10 unidentified

On the 2nd January 2024 the Altrincham / Piccadilly service was extended to the Etihad Campus after 20.00 hours on weekdays and 18.30 hours on Saturday including Sundays with a combined Ashton / Eccles service. This will give a 6 minute interval service to the City Centre. In addition, more double trams will provide extra capacity on the Altrincham / Etihad Campus / Bury / Piccadilly services. Late night trams will continue Friday / Saturday with some double trams in use on certain routes at 24 minute intervals until 01.00. Hopefully this will give an even healthier return on the observations in January.

Blackpool & Fleetwood Transport Update by Harold Hull:

Balloon 708 departed Rigby Road on the 28th November 2023 for a new life as a play tram at the Trolleybus Museum, Sandtoft, Lincolnshire.

The Fylde Tramway Society undertook their annual Christmas Tour on Saturday 30th December 2023.



With around 50 members on board the tours started and finished unusually at the Solaris on South Promenade. The morning tour featuring car 736 *HMS Blackpool* and included a trip through the washer road at Starr Gate Depot as well as the centre road at Thornton Gate en route to Fleetwood and the centre road at Bispham in both directions. The afternoon tour utilising balloon 700 covered areas not done on the morning tour with a ride into road 4 at Starr Gate Depot as a bonus. A points failure at Foxall prevented the planned reversal there and a rapid replan of the closing part of the tour. The Tram was crewed throughout the day by Paul Wigan & Jenny Haytree who shared the driving and guard duties throughout the day (see left). Both are regular volunteers on the heritage service with Paul being the FTS treasurer and Jenny the society magazine editor as well.

However due to redevelopment at Rigby Road Depot and the need to catch up on maintenance on the heritage fleet there will be no heritage service until Easter 2024 which will operate out of Starr Gate Depot.

Docklands Light Rly: 38 and 88 have been scrapped.

London Tramlink:

Two trams have been named, 2554 *STEWART GRAINGER* and 2556 *JOHN EVANS 1956-2020*

Nottingham Express Transit: Tram 222 has been renamed *Mary Earps*

Tyne & Wear Metro: The latest new units to arrive on the 15th December were 555013/15 hauled north from Dollands Moor via a series of moves, 66181 to Wembley then 43468 + 43480 via York Holgate.

West Midlands Metro: The last of the CAF Urbos 100 trams, 52, was delivered to Wednesbury Depot on the 22nd November 2023

UNDERGROUND NEWS

London Underground: The four 1972 Mk1 Tube cars 3229 + 4229 + 4329 + 3329 latterly stored at Ruislip Depot have been sent for scrap

9 *DEBORA* has returned to West Ruislip from ZG

Central Line 1962 tube stock 1506 + 2506 + 9507 + 1507 has been sold out of preservation back to LUL for component recovery then scrapping.

Glasgow Underground: The first of the new Stadler built units entered service on the 11th December 2023 with 302 and 306 in use. Currently manned they will become driverless, known as Unattended Train Operation by SPT, once the signalling is upgraded and all older units withdrawn.

Trailer 41 has been scrapped.

OTP PHOTO SPOT: I



NOSTALGIA CORNER: ESTONIAN UNITS

Much of the rolling stock in Estonia was Soviet designs with the ER2 electric units the most numerous unit from the Soviet era. They were built by Rizhskii Vagonostroitel'nyi Zavod (RVZ) between 1962-1984, 3000 V DC. system, 800kW and a speed of 130km/h. They ran as 10 or 12 car sets.

The DR1A diesel unit was also built by RVZ between 1973-1994 and was a diesel hydraulic with 736kW power, speed 120km/h and ran as a 6 car unit.



above ER 2207 below DR1A-229-1, Tallinn, Estonia 19th August 2007 (Martin Hall)



FREIGHT MATTERS

To allow members to keep their copy of **UKRS03 Combine Vol.2** as up to date as possible, changes are provided via this spot every month. Please let the Editor Trevor Roots know if you have any amendments or wish pass on any other helpful wagon information.

Also see **EASTLEIGH WORKS REPORT** for further updates.

Add to Book: IWA Cargowaggon Vans 87.80.2797.015-0/016-8/021-8/022-6 are being used as Translator Vehicles with Cl.555 deliveries **FIA** 31.70.4938.185-6

Out of Store: 92777, 369017, 500055/90, 640910, 979117/20, 33.68.4909.471-7

To Store: 310350/353/928/935/955, Gascoigne Wood: 3404/06/08/10/11/14/19/23/24/28/30/31/37/39/43-45/47/48/50/53-57/59/61-63/66/67/69, 4400-02/05-13/15-21/22-24, 95635/37/39 Wembley Yard: 3145/46/62/66/68/93/94/99, 3200/10/11/14/16/25/45/59, 3405/15/21/22/25/52/64/72/74/77/84/89/90/98, 3513-15,

New: **FEA** 81.70.4663.261 to 280 moved from Dollands Moor to Peterborough Yard on the 11th December 2023 behind 66721 and 81.70.4663.281 to 300 moved from Dollands Moor to Ferme Park on the 31st December 2023 behind 66752

Converted: **JNA** (ex-MRA) 81.70.5831.199 to 201, 202 to 207 then 208 to 211 moved on the 29th November, 12th December and 20th December 2023 respectively from Derby RTC to Toton behind 37418. 212 to 217 moved on the 12th January 2024 behind 37254

BYA Open Steel Coil Carrier 'Stegosaurus' 966025/29/43/44/46/58/82/84/85, 966125/38/54/58/60/76/81/85, 966217/37/39/54 which completes the second batch of 40, making 70 in total.

For Conversion: **MRA** (to **JNA**) 501006/036/066/128/129, 501003/124/132/138/062, 501027/199-201/087 then 501306/56-58/26 moved on the 20th and 29th November, 12th and 20th December 2023 respectively from Toton to Derby RTC behind 37418. 501301/341-343/321 moved on the 12th January 2024 behind 37254.

Removed from TOPS / For Scrap / Scrapped: 3324-28, 3417/36, 10756, 11059/81, 19221, 19309 19804, 55550/56, 86932, 95632, 112021/028/127/131/163/177/181/191/219/279, 310355/568/611/616 311136, 362091, 391104/120/140/147/153/208/214/231/232/234/254/281/286/307/317/326/327/342/352/359/363/365/376/394/423/425/468/475/491/499/516/518/543/548/560/576/582/585/612/622/641/668/672/675/688/693, 394037/040/049/141/163/178/207/255/311/318/319/343/362/363/400/512/645/647/659/710/714/729/799/817/820/896/897/937, 396047/055/152, 375054/076-078/094/108 400022/039/050, 460140/146/170/176/208/360/547/784/988, 460262/460, 461073, 462709/83 470069/156, 605009/27, 606003, 876061, 900000/04/20/46/55/74/84 900102/05/09/11/14/20/27/29/33/34/51/63/82, 900209/47/49/78/86, 900431 910006/12/13/19/56/79/87/91, 910113/68/90, 910218/38/46/77, 910308/10/21/37/43/50/60/86/87, 910411/15/30/45/48/58/72/82/93/96, 910506-08/14/23/26/30/31/49/59/75/78/89, 927899, 928097 950002/026/091/134/260/297/342/358/467/568/693/796/875, 951022/029/032/133/188/242, 955172 972608, 967511/515/522/524/563/596/604/624/625/630/648, 980101, 982891, 996474/650

112171 was not scrapped as reported in Aug issue, it was 112179

Preserved: Ballast Regulator 6224 to GWR, Permaquip Personnel Carrier 68811 to SVR Stored **IVA** 23.80.2398.591-0 from Wishaw to BWR to be used for stores

FREIGHT NEWS: **JYA** 3268/69/73/76 have moved to Doncaster Hexthorpe for barrier use **FAA** 609002/12/13/76 being used as barriers on workings from MoD Kineton

A speculative order of 35 **JNA** Megaboxes is to follow those currently being built at WH Davis for VTG, which are to be hired by DRS, in the range 81.70.5932.837-871 with.

OTP NEWS

Plasser & Theurer Unimat 09-4x4/4S Dynamic Tamper DR 75016 (99 70 9123 018-2) delivered for Colas Rail on the 10th January 2024.

STOCK CHANGES

*It is hoped that all major changes recorded below will help you keep the **UKRS02 Combine Vol.1, UKRS03 Combine Vol 2, UKRS01 Pocket Book, UKRS05 Locomotives and UKRS04 Name Directory** up to date, (numerous pool code changes will not be recorded). With industrial locos now included listed by works numbers, square brackets are used below (though not shown in books) to denote these numbers to help differentiate from other numbers eg. [xxxx]. In order to compile as accurate and up to date list as possible, can members please pass on their observations, particularly name changes and multiple unit reformations to the Editor, **Trevor Roots**. Where possible, photos of new nameplates will be included as and when a suitable photo is sourced from members.*

Liveries: 37409 Regional Railways, 59201 FL orange, 66067/164/224 DBC

Exported: (Poland) 66529/955

New:

DMUS: 197117/21

EMUs: 555013/15, 701520/22/25/27, 730045/48 777032/34, 805008/09

Light Rail: 398013

Transferred / (Stored): (* preserved, + on loan)

D&E Locos: 01522 MDL, 01513/27 (LHG)

01547 BAT, 01548 MDG, 03078 RSM, H050 GY

08238 NYM, 08700 WK, 08762 IL, 09009 ZN

37069/218/423 (LR), 37240 TM, 37401 CD

37402 WK, 43306/07/16/20 (NC), 43129 (HA)

43027/029/094/122/153-155/162/194 (LA)

68021/24/32 (LM), 70009 LD

37057/099/116/175/219/254/421, 56049/051/078/

087/090/094/096/105/113/302 RJ

Units: 50531 ELR, 144010 ET8, 150269/70 NL

170206-08 DY, 175003 CH, 197117 (BA)

197121/23 (ZN), 321419 HQ

319214/433/457 (NN), 323212/20 (ZN)

331001-09 NL, 331101-12 AN

398004/13 TAF, 458404/16/24/28 BM

701004/527 EH, 701518/24 (LM)

701520/22/23/25 (MDB), 710375 WN

707024/30 WD (did not move to SG as reported)

720509 IL, 730036 (DBD), 730006/21 SOH

730003/04/45/48 OY, 730103 (LB), 805008/09 OY

Misc Non-Steam: 97701 P49

Steam:

Ex-BR: *WREN* ELR, 66 NRS, 541 LFH

563 SWG, 2007 DHQ, 2500 BTM, 5164 TM

5551 TM, 9629 LFH, 7822 TM, 30587 BWR

34058 HFS, 47357 MRB, 69023 DHQ

69621 EAR

Industrial: 686 nk, 880 SBR, 1159 MAN

1378 PEA, 1700 NNR, 1731 FMW, 1884 PEA,

1919 MRB, 2130 NIT, 2139 STP, 2732 SIM

2890 ELR, 3063 SCR, 3777 (68030) NYM

5309 MHC

Overseas: 1928 P49

Diesel:

Industrial: 134C RJ, 184V LB, 349 LSP

512 GBB, 613 BH, 800 SBR, 5395 GBB

1269 DVR, 2145 LLR, 2952 PEA, 3777 GBB

5425 DAV, 6614 GBB, 7161 GBB, 10029 ZJ
10070 P54, 10143 GBB, 10150 (WI), 22928 BZ
294268 P49, 312988 DHQ, 443642 BZ
B4618.5 LTA, B4618.6 HDK, V325 (LHG)

Coaches:

Pre-Nat: 247 KES

Mk1: 3110 TM, 4484 DSR, 5008+ GWI

Mk2: 5919, 6046, 6173 (GY) 1203, 3122/40

10416 (ZG), 3304, 5952/85, 9504 BO

Mk3: 10229, 11078/95, 10413, 12021/91 CY

10565 EMB

Mk3 HST: 40221, 41063/117, 42100/220,

44047 (CU), 48136/37, 49112 LA

48104-06/10/12/30/49, 49102/03/05 (LA)

Mk4: 12434/47/52/54/61 (CP) 12477 LE

Mk5: 11502/06, 12704-06/16-18, 12806/14 (GC)

11503/04/12, 12707-12/34-36, 12802 (CAF)

12803/04/12 (LM)

EMUS Converted:

5 car to 4 car 458524 to 458424

Parcels 321407/19

Re-numbered: 91105 to 91000

65894 to 2392

Ownership / Operator Changes: 08495 WM

37401 LS, 37402 AE, 37069/218/423 EP

170207/08 TW

Steam Loco Status:

Ex-BR:

to O: *CATCH ME WHO CAN*, 822, 11, 96, 488
7822, 45305, 48624, 76084

to S: 847, 1310, 30587, 42073, 43106, 76079

to A: 5521, 5552, 7827, 34059, 44806, 44871

44932, 45690, 47357, 60163, 60532

Industrial:

to O: 679, 1334, 2777, 2857, 2868, 9449

to S: 1722, 2565, 3063, 5309, 7170

to A: 1366, 1659, 1800, 1940, 2746, 2859, 3792
7063

Overseas:

to A: 2525

Names:

New:

D&E Locos:

37409 *Loch Awe*

66307 *IPSWICH TOWN*

66508 *City of Doncaster*

Units:

185113 *Hull Paragon 175 YEARS*
197049 *Castell Caeriw Cyflym / Carew Castle Express*
800028 *Sir Peter Parker & Oliver Lovell*
802210 *Hailes Castle*

Industrial Steam Locos:

1903 *MERLIN*

Industrial Diesel Locos:

V325 *STEELMAN DH75*

Castell Caeriw Cyflym | Carew Castle Express

Wedi'i darlunio gan Rhys, Johnathan Primary School | Yn parhau by Peter, Johnathan Primary School

197049 (Terry Lea)



above & below 800028 (Terry Lea)



Recent Not Previously Illustrated:



720601 as reported Oct 2023 (Terry Lea)

Driver Phil Marchant

Keeping us moving for more than 12 years

700124 as reported Sep 2023 (Terry Lea)



66790 as reported Sep 2023 (Terry Lea)

Deleted:

D&E Locos:

20132 *Barrow Hill Depot*
37401 *Mary Queen of Scots*
37423 *Spirit of the Lakes*

Industrial Diesel Locos:

V325 *LILY IZABELLA*

Units:

508136 *Wilfred Owen MC*

For Scrapping / Scrapped:

N/K: 422, 10140, 4200018, Mk1 26193

Bever Metals: 491

CF Booths, Rotherham: Mk3 12486

EMR Kingsbury: 31106, 422

Sims Metals, Attercliffe: 153358

Sims Metals, Newport: 508103/08/14/20/31/36
319361/66-68/70/72/81/83-85

New Codes: (* revision)

Location:

- CU Carlisle Upperby (LSL)
- DHQ* Doncaster Railway Heritage Quarter
replaces DRP, HCW & HSD which are deleted
- HDK Hartlepool Docks
- RJ Colwick (Boden Rail), Rectory Jct
replaces NE which is deleted
- NWS* National Waterfront Museum, Swansea
replaces NWM
- NWL* National Waterfront Museum, Landore Store
replaces SWM
- P49 Bearhurst Farm, Stonegate, East Sussex (P)

Location / Operator: (Exported Locos)

EXS Express Services, Bulgaria

Owner / Operator:

AE Andania Engineering

NAMEPLATE PHOTOGRAPHS REQUIRED

Here is the latest updated list of 'recently' applied names I have not yet got. Some of these have been submitted but please note I only want photos of nameplates in focus, straight and centred side on so be aware of the sloping sides of Cl.91s, Voyagers, Pendolinos etc.

(* re-applied, \$ temporary, x – no longer carried) (~ not straight , square on, + too reflective)

D&E Locos:

01521 ~ FLACK
 08611 Longsight TMD
 08641 Pride of Laira
 08790 x M.A.Smith
 08790 LONGSIGHT TMD
 08799 Ian Goddard
 08805 x Robin Jones 40 YEARS SERVICE
 08805 Hunslet
 08865 GILLY
 08908 x IVAN STEPHENSON
 31105 Radio Caroline
 37518 Fort William
 43025* Exeter
 43045 The Grammar School Doncaster
 AD1350
 43048 TCB Miller MBE
 43060 County of Leicestershire
 45133 x\$ Brian Lockey / Gerald Lambert
 57009* G.J.CHURCHWARD
 60002 x Tempest
 66306 SCS Logistics
 66433 Carlisle Power Signal Box 50th
 Anniversary 1973-2023
 66425 ~ Nigel J Kirchstein
 66508 City of Doncaster
 66798 Justine
 73119 Paul Taylor

73212 Stephen Eaves

Units:

55022 Flora
 143617 Founder Member & Chairman
 Rod Garner 1943-2020
 150233 x Peter West OBE
 165120 Roger Watkins THE GWR MASTER
 TRAIN PLANNER
 185113 Hull Paragon 175 YEARS
 800106 YOU BELONG

Light Rail:

399202 Theo in support of The Children's
 Hospitall Charity

Coaches:

5856 DERWENT FLYER (one side)
 16221 CHARLOTTE
 11074 Test Coach 1

DVTs:

82139\$ My Lovely Horse

Track Machines:

DR 73113 + Dai Evans
 DR 73939 Pat Best
 DR 97806 Andy King Works Delivery Manager
 MMT Romford 12th Jul 1962-7th April
 2020
 DR 98923+98973 Chris Lemon

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back in the UK, as reported in the last issue, Stoneblower DR 80207 was seen at Highley, SVR (14.56) 29th December 2023 (Darren Bailey)



NEW STOCK



above TfW 756112 + 756113 on 3Q37
to Newport, Swindon (13.12)
13th December 2023

right TfW 756113 + 756112 on 3Q38
from Newport, Swindon (12.32)
12th December 2023

both (Colin Pidgeon)



above WMR 730045 + 730004 + 37601 on 5Q65 Derby Litchurch Lane to Oxley, Walsall (13.25)
below WMR 730205 on 3Q04 Nuneaton to Crewe, Tamworth LL (13.18) 12th January 2024
14th December 2023 both (Peter Davis)





above AWC 807002 on 5Q30 06.39 Oxley to Glasgow Central, Wandel (10.41)
17th January 2024 (Iain Gardiner)



right brand new 805009 in full AWC livery on Hitachi Newton Heath to Oxley, Narborough (13.30) 15th January 2024 (Lee Baldwin)



TfW 197120
with additional branding
on Crewe South Yard to Holyhead
Crewe, 21st December 2023 (Spencer Conquest)



a closer look at the Welsh dragon branding on 197120 (Terry Lea)

LIVERIES

*This section will endeavour to show all new liveries, variations, or those existing ones where not carried on the stock before. Liveries that become 'extinct' will also be covered. As with names, it may take a while after the livery application before a photo is sourced from members. New liveries may also be shown in other articles (**NEW STOCK** excluded): 37409 (p6), 59201 (p7)*



freshly painted DBC 66154 Didcot (12.59)
9th January 2024 (Spencer Conquest)



above wearing a revised livery for WALES AIR AMBULANCE DVT 82226 (t&t 67010) on 1V37 08.30
from Manchester Piccadilly, Cardiff Central (12.01) 18th December 2023 (Tony Gaze)

NARROW GAUGE MATTERS

VoR 8 has been painted BR black with early crest and has been reunited with its *LLYWELYN* nameplates, the first time it has been in this livery since the 1950s and the only one of the three 2-6-2Ts inherited by BR to carry it.

PRIVATELY 'PRESERVED' UNITS

With various complete units or individual vehicles snapped up on withdrawal by preservation lines, there are also those that have been donated to or have been saved by private organisations or companies. These are not generally open to the public or have restricted access as with the vehicles below.



*above 71621 (317345) Thames Valley Park, Oracle Parkway, Reading
11th December 2023 (Michael Warrick)*

*below 55824 (144001) Platform One, a mental health support charity, Huddersfield Station
(10.38) 9th December 2023 (Darren Bailey)
donated through the DfT 'Transform a Pacer' competition*



MEMBER BENEFITS SECTION

TrainSpotting app for iPhone & iPad

TrainSpotting is the ultimate user-friendly app built by a fanatical train enthusiast & ICRS member.

The app compliments the ICRS paper books with an extensive database of locomotives (diesel, electric and preserved mainline steam), Diesel and Electric Units, Industrial locos, all London Underground stock plus increasing numbers of preserved and scrapped stock. Trams and all Loco Hauled Coaching Stock are also included.

The app is normally £9.99 via the App Store but is **FREE** to ICRS members which gives you the basic database updated annually. However, should you wish to pay a Premier Service subscription option is available which is updated at least once a month (including all **TRACKS** updates) but usually several times a month.

You can log a sighting with just a number or you can add: date, location (three-letter station codes supported), a photo and notes. Or you can use the Haulage function to add complete journey information including: number, location and times of departure and arrival plus photos and notes. Ideal for RailMiles users.

You can review your data in several ways: via date, location or by class, Operator, Name or Depot. You can choose to include or exclude scrapped locos from the Browse page.

You can see the app on the App Store just search for **TrainSpotting** but to receive your **FREE** version email Adrian via:

support@train-spotting.co.uk and importantly please include your ICRS membership number. He will

send you a unique redemption code along with instructions of how to download your **FREE** version.

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In yet another new leap forward we are collaborating with the leading spotting apps for both Apple and Android platforms ie the Apple Train Spotting app and the android Trainspotter app. Both use our rolling stock data to update their apps so we already have a connection. The former is run by one of our Members Adrian Thurley with the latter run by Peter Eastwood. However, whereas the android app is free via the Google store, the Apple app is a subscription based product. Many members may already subscribe to the Apple app but we are now able to offer members a **FREE** subscription for the basic data set updated once a year, as per buying a book. There are premium options should you wish to upgrade to get regular updates, see the advert overleaf for more details. Using the app could be seen as an add on to continuing to buy our books and gives you a database / logbook facility on the go via your phone or tablet.

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EVENTS

GENERAL BOOKING CONDITIONS

Most visits are organised by volunteers from the companies so please treat them with respect, likewise any ICRS official in control on the day.

Health: Please be aware most visits require a lot of walking on rough ground having possibly already walked to the venue. **If you have health or mobility issues, then it is recommended you do not book.** We continue to have incidents at different venues and other than an accident, if our host has to deal with a known health condition or you are too slow it will impact our ability to arrange future visits as Health & Safety issues are taken seriously by the companies.

With the average age of our membership at 65, ideally it would be preferable that visit participants should be vaccinated against Covid 19, but whatever your vaccination status, to protect others please do not attend if you feel ill on the day.

Booking: DO NOT TRY TO BOOK UNTIL VISIT IS SHOWN AS OPEN FOR BOOKING. Unless shown otherwise all visits are unlimited so there is no need to pre-book in advance. Where places are limited, the number of places still available is shown in brackets after the date of the visit. Where there are limited places the visits will be advertised as practicably as possible in TRACKS and on the website simultaneously as the pdf is sent out. Sadly however, the few members who do not have internet access or email will be disadvantaged but there is no other way (see advice in TRACKS)

Bookings should all be made to **Christine**, contact details are on p2 in **TRACKS** (note if you phone you will most likely first get Trevor). Clearly state your name, membership number, and importantly a contact telephone number. Note we cannot accept bookings by letter only, as there is no way to quickly contact you if plans are amended at short notice.

Please note your booking will not be confirmed if you do not provide full details. With limited places this may mean you miss out as a later booking correctly submitted will take precedence. As volunteers we should not have to chase you up wasting our time if you fail to provide details. It is seconds of your time to get it right. Checking the membership database doesn't always help as it also seems we then find members have not told us about changed telephone numbers or email addresses.

Delay in travelling notwithstanding, please note that there is no excuse for booking then not notifying us you cannot then attend. As with events where numbers need to be accurately known by the hosts for a tour, food or room capacity this is not acceptable. We have tried to ease the official's organising burden and saving you money in postage by allowing members to pay on the day, but this can be abused as it can be then seen as nothing to lose if you can't be bothered to turn up. It may also prevent your place being offered to someone else. Conversely where numbers permit, we will allow applications right up to the day to be as flexible as possible but do this by phone only as officials will be travelling to the event.

Visit Payments: Unless shown otherwise payment is cash on the day so please try to bring exact cash. Due to problems with cancellations and members not confirming on previous visits, some events will change to payment up front ideally via BACS, possibly with a non-refundable part. When you pay by BACS then use the correct Ref code as shown, **NOTHING ELSE** please. **If the visit requires payment in advance, PLEASE pay asap after your confirmation of booking or you will lose your place.**

Clothing: Hi-viz vests are normally required and they can be either orange or yellow though for some visits vests are not required. Please do not wear shorts. Sturdy shoes are essential and safety ones if required, as most visits involve walking on rough ground. As only WCR Carnforth required the wearing of a bump cap / hard hat, these are not required elsewhere.

If required for the visit, Hi-viz vests (and bump caps) can be bought from Trevor who will be at most events. Ideally let him know in advance of your requirements.

Open Days 2024

DRS open Day, Carlisle Kingmoor - Sat ? Jul 2024: **TBC**

Members Only Visits 2024

The first two visits are on the same day with approx a 75 min travel time between by car.

Wishaw (Goodmans Yard) - Sat 23rd Mar 2024: **Booking OPEN Contact: Christine**

No limit on numbers (currently x attending) and no cost, though a small donation will be taken on the day for charity. 10.00 start. Directions: From the M6 Jct 9, a large roundabout with the A446 & A4097, take the A446 towards Wishaw / Lichfield. Remember this is the last Jct to come off the M6 heading north otherwise you will find yourself on the M6 Toll Road, in which case come off at the next Toll and turn left onto the A38 and through Minworth onto the A4097 back to the roundabout (been there, done that !!). After 1/2 mile on the A446, which initially is a dual carriageway, turn left before the road narrows to a single lane into Dunton Lane towards Wishaw. Pass under the M6 Toll Road and the entrance to the yard is on your right after 100 yds. The barrier might still be down so wait for Andrew to open it. (Postcode: B76 9QA, OS Grid Ref: SP 18191 94294).

FL Crewe Basford Hall Yard - Sat 23rd Mar 2024: **Booking OPEN Contact: Christine**

Max 40 (40 available) Cost £15. The 1 hour trip around Basford Hall Yard starts at 14.15 (meet no later than 14.00) from the main gate at the northern end of the access road off Gresty Road, ¼ mile from the station. Parking should be available but be patient for it to become available as there is a visit held prior to ours. (Postcode: CW2 5AA, OS Grid Ref: SJ 70981 53757). **Hi-viz jacket / vest required.**

This visit may be an alternative to those that will not be attending the AGM or can't make that date.

FL Crewe Basford Hall Yard & AGM - Sat 6th April 2024: **Booking OPEN Contact: Christine**

Our AGM is to be held at the YMCA Gresty Road following a visit to Basford Hall Yard. Unlimited places (currently x attending) on visit though room limited to 60 for AGM (currently x). Visit cost £15. The 1 hour trip around Basford Hall Yard starts at 12.00 (meet no later than 11.45) from the main gate at the northern end of the access road off Gresty Road, ¾ mile from the station. Parking should be available with no other visit held prior to ours. (Postcode: CW2 5AA, OS Grid Ref: SJ 70981 53757). **Hi-viz jacket / vest required.**

Following this visit, the AGM will start at 14.00 at the YMCA, only 5 mins away en route from Basford Hall back to the station. There is car parking on the adjacent roads and Pay & Display at the adjacent Crewe Alexandra FC. Refreshments will be available to purchase at YWCA from their café prior to the start of the meeting though if you want to bring your own, please do so. We hope to finish the AGM no later than 16.00 if not earlier. Merchandise, including our new 2024 books, can be bought at the AGM but for those not attending some will be available from Chris at Basford Hall.

Andrew Briddon Collection, Darley Dale / HST, Rowsley (PEA) - Sun 7th Apr 2023:

No limit on numbers. Currently working out format of visit but it is likely to involve parking at Rowsley South, PEA with a DMU shuttle ride to Darley Dale followed by an hours visit then return to Rowsley. It is likely we can also arrange with HST to open up their shed afterwards as we did in 2023. Price and times TBC

East Lancs Rly (ELR) - Sat 11th May & Sat 10th Aug 2024: **Booking OPEN Contact: Christine**

Max 20 (20 available) per visit Please book one or the other, not both. Cost: £20. Start 9.30, duration 3 hours. Meet 09.15 at Baron Street, parking inside first yard on left just past houses, adj the Loco Works. Drive in for approx 50m going left then right to park. (Postcode: BL9 0TY, Map Ref: SD 80031 10206). You might have to wait for gates to be opened. This is just south of Bury town centre off the A56. Turn first into Manchester Old Road then into Baron Street which is very rough and potholed cobbled road leading across the tracks to a School. Bury Metrolink stop is a 10 min walk, cross the A58 ring road into Knowsley Street which leads to the A56 / Old Manchester Road junction. **Hi-viz jacket / vest and sturdy footwear required.**

You will be emailed H&S instructions for which you will need to sign on the day to confirm you have read them

Scunthorpe Steelworks / Appleby Frodingham Rly (AFP) - Sun 12th May & Sun 14th Jul 2024:

Booking OPEN Contact: Christine

Max 24 (24 available) per visit. Cost £25. Arrive 10.00 for 10.30 start. Duration 4 hours in 3 brake vans hauled by diesel. To give more room to view, we have reduced the number of people to a max of 4 per verandah. If they add a fourth van nearer the time then we can take another 8 bookings. Tour starts from the ARP Frodingham platform alongside A1029 Brigg Road, Gate E, where parking is available (Postcode: DN16 1AX, OS Map Ref: SE 90606 10946). Scunthorpe Station is ¼ mile to the west. Visit to preservation shed included during the tour where refreshments and toilets will be available. **Hi-viz not required. All photos taken are for private use ONLY, no public display either online, in magazines or via social media.**

Note if you intend to use a dictaphone it is noisy behind the loco and there is a running commentary throughout the tour, which is excellent but may affect your recording so be aware.

Fawley Hill Railway Museum - Sun 28th Jul 2024: **Booking OPEN Contact: Christine**

Max 50 (50 available). Cost £20 payable in advance by BACS (ref FHR + membership number, bank details on request if not known) or by cheque (made payable to Inter City Railway Society) and posted to Chris (address on p2). You are welcome to bring other family members who are non-members for this event as long as all pay the visit fee.

Following our successful visit in 2023 we are again offering this unique opportunity to visit a family friendly private railway.

Please book as early as possible as this museum is private and not open to the public only opening its doors by invitation only on a select few days each year to organised groups. Therefore, this a golden opportunity to visit in our Golden Jubilee year. This unique private museum and railway north of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire was set up by the late Sir William McAlpine but is now maintained and operated by the Fawley Museum Society Ltd.

Apart from various wagons and an ex-Mk2 Royal coach, there are four locos on site, three diesel, including ex-BR D2120 and one steam which will be working. The railway is around 1¼ miles in length and features the steepest adhesion-worked, standard gauge steam railway in the country with a ruling gradient of 1:13 so you can be assured of some spectacular steam action.

Access is off a minor road ¾ mile from the A4130 / B480 junction. Car Parking is free. Details will be provided by email nearer the time. The Museum opens at 12.00 but please arrive by 11.30. Trains run regularly until 16.30.

There is a wealth of railway artefacts around the grounds acquired by / donated to Sir William McAlpine during his construction career plus a museum also containing a model railway. This was the location for the Great Model Railway Challenge on Channel 5. There is a café at the rear of the station building or you can bring a picnic. There are several picnic locations around the station area plus a large grassy bank over-looking the railway line where one can sit and watch the train go by. **Hi-viz not required.**

Other railways nearby you could visit on the same day are CWR 10 miles to the west and CPR 16 miles to the north

PROPOSED VISITS: (arranged or yet TBC) (DO NOT BOOK YET)

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Wishaw – 5th Oct unlimited

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SVR Diesel / Carriage Sheds - TBC unlimited but 10 per tour, this needs thinking as to how it will work as ICRS will need to provide stewards.

FL Crewe Basford Hall - TBC unlimited

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