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The 11.55 London Victoria-Gillingham Queen of Scots charter passes Shortlands on 23rd October, headed by Nos. 73202 Dave Berry and 73136 Perseverance with No. 73109 Battle of Britain 50th Anniversary on the rear. The train ran to celebrate Dave Berry's 65th birthday.

Brian Morrison

Rear Cover

East Lancashire Railway-based BR Standard 4MT 2-6-0 No. 76079 and LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 45407 storm up the grade towards Chinley station on 20th October with the Dalesman tour from Blackpool North.

Tom McAtee

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The railway by-laws and information for enthusiasts are also available online from the Network Rail website, by clicking [here](#).



▲ Working its first trains in preservation and still retaining its EWS colour scheme, Class 31/4 No. 31466 awaits departure time, before piloting Class 27 No. 27066 on the 16.00 Parkend to Lydney Junction service on the Dean Forest Railway on 24th October. **Jeff Booth**

▼ With No. 6233 Duchess of Sutherland deemed out of gauge, PMR Tours utilised LMS Class 8F 2-8-0 No. 48151 on its Cumbrian Coast tour, seen here catching the last rays of a glorious day at Plumpton Junction. **John Whitehouse**



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New European fares launch from across the UK

Eurostar and ATOC have announced through fares to Paris, Brussels, Lille and Disneyland Resort Paris from 68 UK towns and cities with more to be added in 2008.

Deals with Chiltern Railways, East Midlands Trains, First Capital

Connect, GNER, London Midland and Virgin Trains to sell round-trips to the European destinations allow for return fares from between £67 to £92 going on sale from the start of services from St Pancras International on 14th November. Such a collaboration between

Eurostar and the train operators is stated to be important to integrate UK and Continental rail travel. Through fares are available up to 90 days in advance, in line with UK train operators' booking horizons.

New training facilities open

A new £325,000 staff learning and development centre is opening on the site of the former Southern Region steam shed at Orpington on 5th November.

The building is already partly used as a drivers' depot, but has been transformed into a state-of-the-art educational centre.

Three Class 375/376 Electrostar and Class 465/466 Networker train cab simulators have been relocated to the site from Ashford to provide for driver learning opportunities, and the new centre also has four air-conditioned, touch-screen and computer-equipped classrooms for learning a range of railway-related disciplines.

The centre will replace the previous training facilities at Lincoln House in London and is expected to save Southeastern £1 million during the present franchise.

First new Class 66s for Euro Cargo Rail shipped from Canada

Euro Cargo Rail has confirmed that the company has purchased a batch of Class 66 locomotives for its rail operations throughout France.

Euro Cargo Rail spokesman Graham Meiklejohn said that the first "three new class 66 locomotives for the company were shipped from Canada this week and will arrive into Holland in November." The three locomotives form part of a multi-million pound order for 60 new Class 66 locos that will be used to meet demand for ECR services on the continent. These will operate alongside the British Class 66s that are presently used.

The company is now operating over 30 trains a day in a variety of sectors including aggregate, metals, intermodal and coal, and the new locomotives are to be used to develop new-to-rail traffic

throughout France and adjoining countries. Euro Cargo Rail now also has operating licences in France for both internal and cross-border traffic, along with an operating licence for Belgium.

Railway Herald also understands that Norfolk Line, which operates the Italy to Trafford Park intermodal service is to cease using SNCF for the French portion of its service, with Euro Cargo Rail taking over. It is believed that the same is to happen with the Transfesa service between Dagenham Dock and Valencia.

The three new Euro Class 66 locomotives, which all carry a simple light grey colour scheme, will undergo testing as part of routine acceptance procedures. Once this process has been completed, the rest of the order will be dispatched in stages over the course of next year.

► Following completion of the track upgrade on the Wigan to Manchester line, Network Rail is now starting a similar process between Wigan and Southport. A total of over 3,335 meters of track at the four different worksites of Wyke Cop, Hoscar, Chapel Lane and Parboldare being completely renewed and there should be plenty of opportunity for recording engineering trains on the section as 19 are being used to bring new material in and take the old away. To enable the work to be carried out on the line, all stations from Southport to Wigan Wallgate closed from 23.00 on 19th October until the start of services on 29th October. During the closure, Northern services on the route will be replaced with buses.

► Hackney Downs station is looking much cleaner and brighter than before, having had a fresh application of paint. The examples of Victorian ironwork at the station are looking better than they have done in years and the intricate pattern-work can now be fully appreciated.

► Drax Power Limited has agreed terms with First GBRf for another multi million pound contract to move coal to its Drax power station. As a consequence, the freight haulier is to place an order for more new purpose-built HYA coal wagons, which are due for delivery in 2009 when the new flow is scheduled to begin.

► Virgin Trains' ticket booking website has proved a hit with customers who have used it to make a million ticket transactions since its launch last February. Sales made through the website are currently running at around 15% up on the same period last year.

► A new plastic footbridge costing £435,000 has been installed at St Austell by Network Rail and is the first bridge of its kind in the UK to be constructed from a form of plastic called FRP (Fibre Reinforced Polymer). The company is now looking at whether FRP can be used to renew bridges in other parts of the rail network, replacing traditional materials such as steel, concrete or timber. Although seemingly expensive, FRP is very strong, but much lighter than steel and it also has the advantage of being more cost effective to maintain as it will not rust or need painting and will therefore need virtually no maintenance. The structure will open on 3 November.

Royal visit to Saunderton



▲ His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester (left) visited Saunderton station recently for the opening of the Saunderton Railway Museum. The old waiting room had been boarded up since 1992 and Network Rail, Chiltern Railways and the residents of the local area formed a campaign group raising £25,000 to pay for the restoration. Chiltern Railways

Upgrade of Thameslink starts

Work on the £5.5 billion Thameslink upgrade programme commenced on 24th October with Network Rail's 12-month project to extend platforms at Luton Airport Parkway station without disrupting services.

The Thameslink project in general will allow for longer trains with more seats, less crowding and a direct link to St Pancras International and Eurostar services to Europe, and will help reduce overcrowding on the Underground. Luton Airport Parkway is the first station out of 23 on the route to have platform extensions, with all four platforms scheduled to be lengthened by 80 metres.

When the entire Thameslink programme is completed, there will be 24 trains every hour through the heart of central London, three times the present number. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2015, but is planned to deliver benefits for passengers before the 2012 Olympic Games. The programme will be one of the largest rail projects ever in the UK with new stations being built and bottlenecks removed both at London Bridge and Blackfriars.

New mobile ticketing trial from Chiltern

Chiltern Railways has announced what it claims is a world first in mobile ticketing, enabling passengers to buy a rail ticket direct from their mobile phone and travel immediately.

In January, Chiltern Railways and YourRail were the first to supply rail passengers with tickets delivered to their mobile phones. In March, together with Cubic Transportation Systems, they provided the first rail gate solution able to read mobile phone tickets. Now another first has been announced; working with secure mobile applications company Masabi to deliver a complete end-to-end mobile rail ticketing system using EncryptME, the first NIST certified mobile security software as validated by BT.

Fifty passengers have been selected to take place in a pioneering trial of the project, which will allow them to simply, securely and quickly purchase and display train tickets on their mobile phones, having received it in seconds.

The trial will last two months, after which the participants will give feedback to the developers.



▲ Network Rail's New Measurement Train (with powercars Nos. 43013 and 43014) made a rare visit to Birmingham's Cross-City line on 24th October. Here, the set heads down the bank from Blake Street. John Whitehouse

Silverlink "disappointed at industrial action"

Silverlink says that the company is extremely disappointed that industrial action is taking place, with the inevitable serious disruption and inconvenience to passengers.

The ASLEF drivers' industrial action is planned for six consecutive Fridays from 26th October to 30th November inclusive. On the days that the strikes are due to take place Silverlink says that it will

endeavour to provide a limited service, but stresses that it will be not be possible to serve all Silverlink County and Metro lines and that even where some trains do operate, services will run at restricted frequencies and for limited periods. On the affected days, passengers are advised to seek alternative routes, or where possible to travel on another day.

The dispute is about the value of pensions that drivers who

joined Silverlink prior to 1997 will receive.

ASLEF is claiming that this pension should be given a higher value than provided for under the terms of an agreement made 10 years ago, which Silverlink says is despite the fact, that as a result of organisational changes made in 2001, the company has applied increases to drivers' pensions over and above those in the original agreement.

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Rolling Stock News

▲ South West Train's Class 159/0 No. 159014 approaches Sandy on 18th October on its return to Salisbury Depot, following refurbishment at Wabtec Rail, Doncaster. **Ian McDonald**

► Spreading the word of Sunderland far and wide, Class 66/7 No. 66725 passes Evesham on 18th October conveying two Mk3 coaches and a DVT from Bristol to Long Marston for store. This locomotive appears to be the first GBRf stock-move engine at the moment. On arrival at Long Marston, the locomotive worked 'light engine' to Plymouth Laira depot to take a rake of unrefurbished Mk3s to Ilford Depot the following day, from where a set of refurbished vehicles was moved to Bristol St. Philips Marsh, before running 'light engine' to attend the Dartmoor diesel gala. On 22nd October, No. 66725 worked 'light' back to Laira in preparation for the movement of another rake of stock for refurbishment to Derby Litchurch Lane, returning to Plymouth on 23rd October! **Peter Tandy**

► DRS Class 66/4 No. 66418 headed north on 19th October with Class 47/7 No. 47790 in tow. Apart from a move from Gresty Bridge Depot to LNWR, believed to be where the locomotive was repainted into the company colour scheme, this was the first movement for the Type 4 since arriving at Crewe on 27th March this year, behind WCRC Class 33 No. 33029, following its purchase from EWS at Healey Mills. **Bob Cragg**



Railtours & Excursions

► Current indications are that No. 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland* will be working in the south for a few weeks next August. The locomotive is already lined up to cover one leg of Steam Dreams '1948 Locomotive Exchange Anniversary' special on 1st June, and is now pencilled in for further 'Cathedrals Express' work. Steam Dreams MD Graeme Bunker declined to be specific, but indicated that destinations could include Worcester via Sapperton, Weymouth, Exeter and Stratford-upon-Avon. However, all is subject to gauging and rules of the route.

► Kingfisher's 'Great Western Envoy', postponed from 27th October due to the continued unavailability of No. 6024 *King Edward I*, hopefully will now run on 8th December. Everything is in place, and all that remains is for the repairs to No. 6024 to be completed in time. The train is due to run from London Paddington to Salisbury. However, Kingfisher has now postponed its 3rd November outing booked for No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* from Cardiff to Paddington.



Who to call? Riley's International Rescue!

▲ The surprise arrival of No. 34067 *Tangmere* at Carnforth last week following a nocturnal move from its base at Southall, is, we understand, to correct problems with tubes identified during a boiler washout. The extent and duration of the repairs is unknown, but as a consequence, Ian Riley's LMS 'Black 5' No. 45407 was moved at short notice to Southall to cover for *Tangmere*'s unavailability to Canterbury on 24th October for Steam Dreams and Littlehampton for the Railway Touring Company on 27th October. With No. 45407 due back in the north for Past Times' 'Cotton Mill Express' on 3rd November, the question of what cover there is available beyond that date should No. 34067 continue to be sidelined remains unanswered. The Black 5 is pictured arriving in the 'up' platform loop at Lichfield Trent Valley on 23rd October bearing a headboard of 'Riley's International Rescue!' **John Whitehouse**

▼ As part of the Dartmoor Railway's gala weekend between Okehampton and Meldon Quarry, an evening special was booked to operate from Okehampton to Paignton, where occupants could transfer for a return trip on the Paignton & Dartmouth Railway, behind the resident Class 25 No. D7535. Despite being booked for haulage by Class 45/1 'Peak' No. 45112 Royal Army Ordnance Corps, a Class 33 and Class 31, technical problems resulted in Class 31/4s Nos. 31454 and 31452 working the train. Here, the two 'Type 2s' await departure from Exeter St Davids, bound for Paignton on 20th October. **Phil Bellamy**





'The Dalesman' steams into the Peaks

◀ *Kingfisher Railtour's charter on 20th October took Ian Riley's pairing of BR Standard 4MT 2-6-0 No. 76079 and LMS 'Black 5' 4-6-0 No. 45407 deep into the Peak District. The train originated at Blackpool North and ran via Preston and Bolton to Manchester Victoria and then through New Mills, Chinley and Peak Forest to reach Buxton. The return journey took the popular pairing back to Blackpool, via Chapel-en-le-Frith and Stockport. Here No. 76079 leads the 'Dalesman' charter on its outbound journey near to Chinley. Nigel Cockburn*

The Week Ahead

This week sees the welcome return of a small engine onto the mainline in the shape of Dennis Howell's Great Western Pannier tank No. 9466.

The locomotive will move to Tyseley in readiness for a mainline test run on the evening of 1st November from Shirley to Stratford-upon-Avon and back, running both ways along the North Warwickshire Line via Henley-in-Arden. This train is open to the public with a pre-bookable or 'pay on the day' fare of £20, although a £5 discount is available if one books both this trip and the 3rd November outing. The latter will again be behind GWR 9400 Class 0-6-0PT No. 9466 from Tyseley to Ironbridge, via Walsall, and Wolverhampton. It was hoped that this trip would also visit the Birch Coppice branch, and become the first steam working on the line, but at the time of closing for press it was regarded as being 'unlikely to happen'.

With the end of the Silverlink franchise looming, Pathfinder has two 'Buffer Puffer' type operations on 3rd and 10th November, each running on the same itinerary.

The first sees, a pair of EWS Class 37's 'top and tail' the 'Silverlink Swansong 1' from Euston, via Willesden T&RS Depot DC arrival/departure line and then onwards along the DC-lines to Watford High Street, prior to joining the WCML as far as Tring. Here the train reverses and heads for Barking via Wembley Up Carriage Line, Harlesden Junction and Gospel Oak. After reversal at Barking, the train continues south via Willesden Junction High Level, Barnes, Clapham Junction and Kensington Olympia before rejoining the WCML for Bletchley. After a visit to Bletchley TMD, the train continues to Bedford and then back to Bletchley for a run to Northampton, where the tour visits King's Heath Electric Maintenance Depot, where the Siemens Class 350 EMUs are serviced. The return to London Euston is via Kilburn Up/Down Loop. All-in-all, quite a day, and one which is due to be repeated the following Saturday with a Class 50 and a EWS Class 37 combination in 'top and tail' mode.

Railway Touring Company (RTC) has its re-dated charter to Bath and Bristol on 3rd November, but currently the organisers do not have an engine! Booked traction was supposed to be SR West Country Pacific No. 34067 *Tangmere*, but with that locomotive currently undergoing attention to tubes at Carnforth it is very much a question of 'watch this space'. The tour is due to originate at East Croydon, and run via Haywards Heath, Preston Park, Hove, Worthing and Chichester to Bath and Bristol.

The reason RTC is struggling for traction is that Ian Riley's LMS 'Black 5' No. 45407, which covered for the previous two turns booked for *Tangmere*, is required in the north on 3rd November to pair with No. 76079 on Past Times 'Cotton Mill Express', which is a circular from Manchester Victoria and running via Diggle, Huddersfield, Hebden Bridge and Copy Pit to Blackburn for a break. The train returns to Manchester Victoria via Darwen and Bolton.

UK Steam & Modern Traction Railtour Listings

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

27th October			
Kingfisher Railtours	6024	London Paddington-Reading-Salisbury & return	Postponed
Past Time Rail	D1015	Paddington-Bristol Pkway-Cardiff Central-Milford Haven and return	
Railway Touring Company	45407 & Cl.37	London Victoria-East Croydon-Norwood (rev)-Horsham-Littlehampton and return	
Railtourer	2xWCRC Cl.47	Skegness-Sleaford-Grantham-via Skipton-Morecambe and return	
Vintage Trains	4965	Tyseley Warwick Road-Chester and return	Postponed
28th October			
Steam Dreams	30777	London Waterloo-Salisbury-Exeter-Westbury-London Waterloo	
1st November			
Vintage Trains	9466	Shirley-Stratford upon Avon-Shirley	
2nd November			
VSOE British Pullman	35028	London Victoria - Guildford and return	
3rd November			
Kingfisher Railtours	6201	(Cardiff-Newport-Severn Tunnel Jct-Patchway-Filton Abbey Wood-Bristol TM)-Bristol TM-Bath Spa-Swindon-London Paddington (break)-Westbury-Bath Spa-Bristol TM (& return)	
Past Time Rail	45407 & 76079	Manchester Victoria-Huddersfield-Copy Pit-Blackburn-Manchester	
Pathfinder Tours	2xEWS Cl. 37	Euston-DC lines-Watford Junction-Tring-Barking-Clapham-Bletchley-Bedford-Northampton-London Euston	
Railway Touring Company	60019	London Paddington-Exeter SD-London Paddington	Cancelled
Railway Touring Company	tbc	East Croydon-Hove-Worthing-Chichester-Bath-Bristol & return	
Vintage Trains	9466	Tyseley Warwick Rd-Walsall-Wolverhampton-Ironbridge and return	
4th November			
VSOE British Pullman	35028	London Victoria-Woking-Westbury(-Bristol-Westbury)-London	
9th November			
Past Time Rail	61994/62005	Middlesborough - York Barrow Hill (and return)	
10th November			
Hertfordshire (MM)	2xRiviera 47	London King's Cross-Barrow Hill-Deepcar and return	

Key to tour listings:

BLACK	Charters expected to operate as booked.	RED	Tours cancelled by the operator
GREEN	Tours postponed to a future date by the operator	WCRC	West Coast Railway Company
MM	Merrymaker from Hertfordshire Rail Tours	BLUE	Provisional excursion

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

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

Useful Weblinks

■ Online railtour listings	■ Current fire-risk status info
■ Tour operators contact details	■ Email the railtours editor

Weekly Pictorial



▲ A very clean looking Class 60 No. 60100 Pride of Acton ambles through Newport on 15th October with the 10.30 Didcot Yard - Wentloog MoD service. It is a rare scene to catch a Class 60 working this train, the more usual motive power being a Class 66.

▼ A location not too often seen in railway publications today is Gloucester. EWS Class 60 No. 60053 Nordic Terminal passes through the town with a Corby - Margam working of empty steel coil wagons on 15th October. Both: [Brian Garrett](#)





▲ While a number of the fleet have undergone repaints, several Class 60s still retain their original Trainload Freight colour scheme, although now with additional EWS branding. No. 60082 powers through Iwer on the Great Western Main Line on 19th October, bound for Acton Yard. **Chris Holt**

▼ On 6th October the international service from Anglesey Aluminium, Holyhead, to Austria train crosses over the 'cob' at Valley in North Wales with 15 loaded vehicles behind Class 60 No. 60074. This is believed to be the longest train to leave the plant, the previous record being 10 Cargowagons. **David Lindsey**



Weekly Pictorial



▲ On the Great Eastern routes, Direct Rail services are using Class 57/0s on the RHTT workings. On 18th October however, No. 57009 was paired with Class 37/0 No. 37038, the two locos pictured in 'top and tail' mode near Thurston with a Colchester-Norwich working. **David Palmer**

▼ On the left, Class 390 No. 390020 stands with a Glasgow service, while waiting to head south are Class 66/4s Nos. 66422 (with No. 66424 on the rear) with an RHTT working onto the S&C and Class 43s Nos. 43013 and 43062 11.19 Glasgow Central - Crewe on 17th October. **Jonathan McGurk**





▲ The requirements of a wagon move and locomotive positioning working resulted in both being combined to create this unusual train. Class 66/6s Nos. 66614, 66613 and 66610 (with No. 66603 on the rear) pass Crech St. Michael with 12.30 Westbury-Taunton Yard on 19th October. **Richard Tuplin**

▼ EWS Class 37/4s Nos. 37411 and 37425 power the 10.16 Dowlow (near Buxton) to Warrington Arpley service through Ashley on 20th October, with classmate No. 37410 'dead in tow'. The train gives the unusual sight of a triple-headed freight with each loco in a different livery. **Kevin Dowd**



Busy times ahead for Tyseley Locomotive Works

The Friends of the National Railway Museum arranged a visit for members of the 229 Club on 22nd October to view further progress on the re-streamlining of No. 6229 *Duchess of Hamilton*.

The remaining major task is the fabrication of the bulbous front access doors, for which some drawings have now been discovered. The only problem is that the drawings are the mark one version, which when fitted to the locomotives could allegedly only be opened with the use of a crane! This design was fitted to the first few engines, before a modified version was introduced. Unfortunately, drawings for the latter, more user-friendly design, have not been found. The metal frame work, which will eventually carry the steel sheeting to form the streamlined casing of the boiler is also in place, and Donald Heath, Chairman of the 229 Club, said he was confident that a streamlined No. 6229 should be complete and ready to be moved back to the NRM at York for display by the end of January 2008.

Currently Tyseley Locomotive Works is a very busy place, as in addition to the work on No. 6229, significant progress is also being made with the overhaul of 'Castle' No. 5043 *Earl of Mount Edgumbe*. The frames and motion are complete, and the boiler was re-united with the frames earlier this month. Expect to see a mainline return in early 2008.

Side-by-side with No. 5043 in the works is No. 5029 *Nunney Castle*, which is also currently under overhaul, and is expected to return to the mainline just ahead of *Earl of Mount Edgumbe*. Work was also progressing on Tyseley's own Pannier No. 9600.

A short term visitor on 22nd October was 'King Arthur' No. 30777 *Sir Lamiel* which was in transit from the Great Central Railway, where it had undergone extensive boiler repairs, to Stewarts Lane Depot ahead of returning to mainline duties on 28th October for Steam Dreams from London Victoria to Exeter and back. It was due to move south later in the week together with its support coach.

Outside, at the head of the Vintage Trains chocolate and cream Mk2 rake, stood the company's recently overhauled Class 47/7 No. 47773, with classmate No. 47770 alongside, the latter still in weather-worn Res livery and thought to be next on the overhaul list. Meanwhile, at the rear of the works were Class 50s No. 50033 *Glorious* and D444 *Exeter*, the former awaiting attention before moving south



▲ The distinctive lines of a Great Western Railway 'Castle' class locomotive. No. 5043 *Earl of Mount Edgumbe* approaches completion at Tyseley on 22nd October. All: John Whitehouse

to the embryo North Woolwich Railway, while the latter is awaiting fitment and commissioning of TPWS and OTMR equipment.

Meanwhile, Class 86/2 No. 86259 *Les Ross* is currently situated 'next door' at the Maintrain Maintenance Depot and is understood to be virtually ready to roll, with only testing and mainline certification outstanding. A suitable

location where this can be undertaken is currently being sought.

In a separate development, Swift Rail has told *Railway Herald* that it plans to move its own Class 86/2 No. 86233 from Wolverhampton Oxley to Tyseley for temporary storage prior to the locomotive being re-commissioned in the early part of next year.

▼ The latest member of the Vintage Trains fleet to return to the mainline is Class 47/7 No. 47773, with unrestored classmate No. 47770 alongside.

▼ Still carrying its 'electric blue' colour scheme, Class 86/2 No. 86259 *Les Ross* is pictured at Maintrain's Tyseley depot on 22nd October.



AI trust needs just £66,000 to complete work on Tornado

Report and picture by Steve Teesdale

Around 250 covenantors attending the annual convention last weekend of the AI Steam Locomotive Trust's project to build Peppercorn AI Pacific No 60163 *Tornado* were told the amazing news that the project needs just £66,000 to ensure completion and steaming in 2008.

At the moment it is a tantalising 92.8% complete, and the deficit to finalisation has been reduced by more than £300,000 in a mere 15 months. In the 17 years since the project was launched, the construction of the 'AI' has arguably become Britain's most ambitious loco-building scheme as it is being prepared to exacting mainline standards. Those visiting were advised that the work is on target for a test steaming in January 2008, but the need is to get the final phase of finance in place before Christmas.

The loco, which is being built at the new Darlington Locomotive Works, a stone's throw from the famous Bank Top Museum and station, has a team of five working on it five days a week. Earlier this year the German-built boiler was neatly dropped into the frames, which has allowed the boiler cladding to be made, the first of the cab fittings installed and the outside steam and lubrication pipe-work runs to be made. After the test steaming in January, the tender will be completed and delivered to Darlington, a short length of track being installed from the workshop where it is being built to provide a short length of running line. Then in March, the loco will move to the Great Central Railway where a programme of running-in will take place before the process to certify the loco for the main line begins. During the GCR-visit *Tornado* will be used on some passenger services.

Because the AI Trust wants the loco certified to run at 90mph as opposed to the more normal 75mph for mainline steam, during its time at the GCR, special testing will be carried out to assess hammer blow and other track forces generated by the loco.

In June, No. 60163 will move to York to be based there for a series of mainline test runs



▲ The familiar outline of a Peppercorn AI Pacific, the likes of which has not been seen in steam since the last of the original build was scrapped in 1966.

on the East Coast Main Line between York and Newcastle, before going on display at the NRM York for a covenantors meeting and undertaking its first main line passenger run. In the autumn of 2008, there will be a formal naming ceremony. Rather than making any firm decisions on mainline activities, the AI Steam Trust board is waiting for the loco to pass its various tests, but has admitted that for mainline work in the north it may be based at York, and if the request is made for the loco to work on the 'British Pullman', then it will be based at Stewart's Lane. Recruitment for a support crew

has started. To ensure that the loco sustains none of the paperwork issues that has affected mainline steam in recent months, *Tornado* will comply to European inter-operability regulations, and throughout the certification process there is open dialogue with Network Rail, the DfT, Rail Safety and Standards Board, the Office of Rail Regulation and the Trust's notifiable body Delta Rail.

Railway Herald readers wishing to help with the last push to finance the loco can find more information at <http://www.aisteam.com> or by calling 01325 4 60163.

13 locos in steam for autumn WSR gala

A wide variety of steam and heritage diesel locomotives will be in action during the West Somerset Railway's 'Somerset in Autumn' gala on 27th/28th October.

This year, the WSR is also taking the opportunity to use three visiting locomotives that have remained on the line following the recent successful Autumn Steam Gala – LMS 2-6-0 No 42968 from the Severn Valley Railway, GWR 0-4-2T No 1450 and the diminutive LB&SCR 'Terrier' 0-6-0T No 662 *Martello* from the Bretingham Steam Museum.

Steam engines in action from the resident fleet will be S&DJR 7F 2-8-0 No 88, LMS 4F 0-6-0 No 44422, GWR 2-8-0 No 3850, the WSR's own Great Western 'Mogul' No 9351 and a pair of GWR 'Prairie' tanks Nos 4160 and 5553. Completing the line-up will be Class 47 No D1661 *North Star*, Class 33 No D6566, Class 25 No D7523 and Class 14 No D9526 from the D&EPG at Williton.

A full timetable of trains will be in operation on both days of the event, with passenger services running until 18.30 each day.

Green Arrow heads SVR Photo Charter

▼ On 16th October, the NRM's Gresley 'V2' 2-6-2 No. 4771 Green Arrow starts away from Bewdley, passing the semaphores at Bewdley South Junction with a photographers' charter. Fred Kerr



Railway Herald needs your help and your input for ...

Railway Herald magazine is looking to its readers for their help and assistance with a major project taking place this week.

November marks the next major change in the UK railway network with the loss of Central Trains, Midland Mainline, Silverlink and Virgin Cross-Country, all of which will be taken over by the three new franchises, Arriva Cross-Country, East Midlands Trains and London Midland. In addition, from early December, the GNER branding will start to disappear as National Express introduces its own mark onto the East Coast network.

As a result, we have decided to try and document, in-depth, Britain's railway network just before the franchise changes. The aim is to bring together, in a special edition of *Railway Herald*, a complete view of the railway and its operations from the enthusiasts perspective. But to do this, we need **YOUR** help.

Reports on problems, incidents, operational issues are all needed, along with sightings of locomotives, multiple units, coaches and wagons in both a written and pictorial format all compiled

and taken within the time period covered. Entries from the National Network and heritage railways, together with steam, diesel and electric traction are all valid.

As usual with *Railway Herald*, the special edition, which is likely to be a large issue, will be available to all free of charge from our website and with enough information, sightings records, news and pictures, it is hoped that a dedicated set of web pages will take the project even further forward and create a permanent resource. To create an even more permanent record and to encourage those who do not see the magazine regularly or do not have web access, it is proposed to create an extended printed edition, the price of which will be announced shortly.

▼ Chris Holt



The 2007 Railway Census

**21st - 27th
October 2007**



Electronic submissions should be sent to:

railwaycensus@railwayherald.co.uk

Postal submissions (notes, photographs and CDs/DVDs) to:

Census 2007, PO Box 252, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire. DN17 2WY

remember to include a SAE for the return of submissions.

Can I contribute and how?

Most definitely! Without the help of the UK's enthusiasts who make up a significant part of our readership, the project will fail.

Anyone, whether they read *Railway Herald* regularly or not, can help. As the project aims to provide an in-depth view of the network, pictures and details of locomotives, multiple units and even wagons and track machines are welcome. There are two forms of submissions for the project - written and pictorial.

Written Submissions

These can take the form of sightings, be it one train or several hours at different locations. Train formations, details about a problem that may have occurred ... it is all helpful and goes towards providing an insight into how the railway operates.

Pictorial Submissions

Everyone who owns a camera, be it a conventional SLR or compact or even a mobile phone can submit images, and for this project, that includes those still using traditional film, slide or medium format cameras. Even if you have never had pictures published before, we need your help and input.

A list of valid subjects is on the next page.



Subjects for photographing!

A number of people have already asked what subjects do we need photographs of. Basically everything that moves on the railway from the common Class 142 DMU through to charter operations and images of the different wagon types, no matter how rare or common.

The following list is intended to be a guide to photographers, but is by no means definitive!

- Locomotives - Steam, diesel and electric, both stabled and on trains covering classes 03-92.
- Diesel & Electric Multiple Units - both stabled and in service.
- Coaches - showing the different coach types and liveries, both stabled and on trains.
- Wagons - showing the different types currently in and out of use, both stabled in yards and on trains. Also including any views of vehicles or trains in an industrial setting.
- Loco-hauled test trains and shots of the NMT - stabled and in action.
- Individual photographs of all test train coaches including Mk1, Mk2 and Mk3 vehicles
- Track Machines - stabled and in operation/on the move.
- Behind-the-scenes views - anything is accepted as long as it is taken with permission and photographers **DO NOT** trespass to get the image.
- Night shots as well as daytime workings.
- Engineering work - taken from public vantage points, **DO NOT** trespass.
- Passenger and freight workings across the country.
- Underground trains operating on joint LUL/Network Rail metals.
- Tyne & Wear Metro trains operating on joint T&W/Network Rail metals around Sunderland.
- All of the Rail Head Treatment Trains (both loco-hauled and MPV units) across the country as there will be a dedicated section on these.
- Locomotive and Multiple Unit nameplates.
- Railway vehicles being moved by road haulage.
- Heritage Railways in action, both steam and diesel views, including locomotives stabled and photographs taken on normal operating days as well as any gala weekends that are taking place over the period covered.
- Railway locations not normally seen in the railway magazines, as well as those commonly featured of course!

This list is also available on our census website that can be accessed by [clicking here](#). Remember that whenever you submit images, please provide **as much detail** as you can, especially date and time, location and vehicle numbers. Please also ensure that images are of a standard that can be reproduced, for example there is space around the train, the back or front of the train is not cut off and the picture is reasonably level.

Contributing guidelines

Like all major projects, in an attempt to get the best result we possibly can. The following guidelines have been laid down:

- All submissions, written or pictorial, must be taken between 21st and 27th October 2007. **Deadline** for submissions is 10th November 2007.
- Images from mobile phones and low-end digital cameras are accepted, but only from 3MP cameras and upwards please.
- If submitting prints, slides or medium format pictures, please ensure that your name and address/contact telephone number is clearly marked on the surround or back of all images.
- For written reports please include as

much information as possible, i.e. time of report (or time period), a direction of travel if you do not know the specific details and a filename if the sighting has an associated digital picture.

- Digital images can be submitted on CD-ROM/DVD through our postal address.
- Any railway related image is valid, whether it is a rare loco-hauled working or day-to-day DMU service. It is all part of the scene and there to be recorded.
- The only non-UK contributions accepted are EWS Class 66s/92s in France.
- Please act responsibly and follow the laid down photographer's guidelines when on stations and **DO NOT** trespass.

How to submit your contributions

The easiest way for all contributions to be submitted is via email.

A special email address has been set up: railwaycensus@railwayherald.co.uk

For friends or colleagues wishing to contribute who do not have internet access, written notes (neatly in black ink please!), together with any 35mm slides, prints or medium format images should be submitted via post, including a stamped self-addressed envelope, to:

**2007 Survey, PO Box 252,
Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire.
DN17 2WY**

Please note, especially where pictures are concerned, a stamped SAE must be included for their return. **Without this** we are unable to return submissions.

For any queries, please call the Railway Census line on **0844 870 0835**. Calls cost 5p per minute from BT landlines, other operators may charge more.

For answers to any other questions you may have, check out our dedicated FAQ page by [clicking here!](#)



Timing information for special trains and unusual workings operating during the week will be available from our website as information reaches us.

The special train timings pages are being constantly updated, so if you are out photographing or providing sightings information during the week, do keep an eye on our website, by [clicking here](#).

2007 Railway Census Prize Draw

As a thank you to everybody who contributes information to the 2007 Railway Census, Railway Herald has arranged a prize draw.

Those people who submit information from the week will be automatically entered into the prize draw, the prizes of which are detailed below. The winners will be picked at random in mid-November, after all submissions have been received. Winners will be notified by email or telephone and printed in the following issue of Railway Herald magazine.

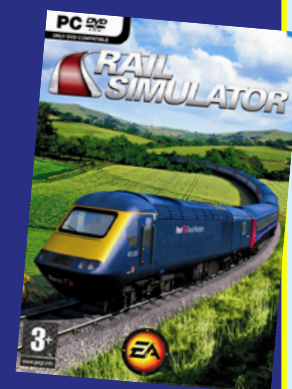
FIVE copies of EA games brand new **Rail Simulator**, which has just been released and created in association with First Great Western

A copy of the **Double DVD 'Traction Decade'** from Locomaster Profiles.

A signed copy of Railway Herald's **2006 Year in Review** book

A Family **'Day Rover'** ticket (covering two adults and up to four children) for travel at anytime during 2008 on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

A copy of Just Trains' newly released **Trainz Railways** simulator for a Windows PC



Our grateful thanks go to Electronic Arts, Just Trains, Locomaster Profiles and NYMR for their assistance.

The editor welcomes details of forthcoming events, talks, slide shows, conferences, model railway exhibitions and club meetings for inclusion within this section.

Details should be sent via email to

editor@railwayherald.co.uk and should include a brief outline of the event, including the speakers name if appropriate, date, time and location, together with contact details (either telephone, web or email). *Railway Herald* cannot

accept any responsibility for any inaccuracies or events which are amended, cancelled or postponed. Information, such as advance programmes and club meeting line-ups can also be sent through the post to the editorial address.

26th October 2007

Cambridge University Railway Club

Andrew Room, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. 'The role of BRT systems in tomorrow's Britain' a debate involving Christian Hoskins and Tim Philips. Starts 8.30pm, non-members welcome.

26th-28th October 2007

Keighley & Worth Valley Railway

Beer & Music Festival Weekend

27th October 2007

Bodmin & Wenford Railway

Diesel Running Day - 37142.

Churnet Valley Railway

Ghost Train.

27th-28th October 2007

East Lancashire Railway

Autumn Steam and Nightrider.

Seaton Tramway

End of season gala weekend

West Somerset Railway

Diesel and Steam weekend.

28th October 2007

Avon Valley Railway

Steam Operating Day - S&DJR 7F No. 53809 in operation

D. J. Fairs Ltd

Exeter Westpoint Exhibition Centre. Toy & Train Fair. 10.30-15.30. Adults £3, Children £1.

East Anglia Railway Museum

Steam Running Day.

Julie & John Webb Toy Fairs

The Charter Hall (part of Colchester Leisure World), Cowdray Avenue, Colchester

29th October 2007

Stafford Railway Society

St. Leonard's Sport & Social Club, St. Leonard's Avenue, Stafford. "Long ago and far away" (steam from the Basil Roberts collection), by Richard Pelham. Starts 19.30, Adults £2, Concessions £1.

1st November 2007

Great Central Railway Society (Rotherham Branch)

The Three Horseshoes, Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham. 'Around and About' by Ken Horan.. Starts 7.30pm

RCTS (Milton Keynes)

CIU Workingmen's Club, London Road, Woking Stratford. "My Life and Times on the Railway" by Julian Worth. Start 7.30pm.

Scottish Rly Preservation Society (Edinburgh Branch)

Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh. 'Switzerland by Rail and Steamer' by Dr. Ann Glen. Starts 7.30pm, contact Dr. Peter Howell on 0131 334 5232.

2nd November 2007

RCTS (Bristol)

St. Peters Church Hall, Church Road, Filton. "Rails to Infinity" by Terry Nicholls. Start 7.30pm.

Glouc-Warks Railway (Birmingham Area Group)

Northfield Library, Church Road, Northfield. 'A Railway Miscellany' by Ian Boskett. Starts 19.30.

Scarborough Railway Society

Public Library, Vernon Road, Scarborough. 'Does S&T sometimes mean Signal & Telepathy' by David Mclean Starts 19.30. Visitors welcome

3rd November 2007

East Lancashire Railway

Diesel Running Day - No. 55022.

South Devon Railway

Autumn Diesel Gala.

Railfuture

(East Anglian Branch)

National Rail Users Conference, The Maltings, Ely. 10.45-17.00 Members £10, Non-members £12.50. Speakers include Bob Breakwell Director, First Great Western, Dave Wetzel Vice Chairman, Transport for London and Guy Dangerfield, Passenger Focus. Booking forms available from <http://www.railfuture.org.uk>

3rd-4th November 2007

Glouc-Warks Railway

Diesel Gala Weekend

4th November 2007

D. J. Fairs Ltd

Donnington Park Exhibition Centre.. Toy & Train Fair. 10.30-15.30. Adults £3, Children £1.

RCTS (West Riding)

Minibus excursion to Crewe Basford Hall. Non-members welcome if seats available - contact Mr. M. Riley (01274) 589488 for details - £5 charge for charity

5th November 2007

Stafford Railway Society

St. Leonard's Sport & Social Club, St. Leonard's Avenue, Stafford. "30 Years of BR Steam 1938-1968" PLUS pre-preservation days on the SVR by Clive Smith. Starts 19.30, Adults £2, Concessions £1.

RCTS (Port Sunlight)

The Lever Club, Greendale Road, Port Sunlight. "Online Transport Archives" by Charles Robert. Start 7.45pm.

6th November 2007

North Wales Railway Circle

Railway Institute, Euston Road, Bangor (above the Post Office, Sorting Office.) "Video show" by Brian Bollington Starts 19.30, Entrance fee £1.50.

RCTS (Watford)

St. Thomas's United Reformed Church, Langley Road. "Railway Archive Films" by Frank Banfield. Start 7.30pm.

7th November 2007

RCTS (Ipswich)

Castle Hill Community Centre (Room 3), Highfield Road, Ipswich. "Longmoor Military Railway and Shoburness Military Tramway" by Mike Walshaw. Start 7.30pm.

Scottish Railway Preservation Society (Motherwell)

Conference Room, St. Mary's Church, Avon Street. Motherwell. 'SRPS Grand Challenge Quiz'. Starts 7.30pm, contact Alistair Maclean on 01698 263814 for further details.

8th November 2007

RCTS (Newcastle)

The Brunswick Methodist Hall, Newcastle. "Peregrinations with a Pentax" by Steve Batty. Start 7.30pm.

9th November 2007

Altrincham Electric Railway Preservation Society

Altrincham Methodist Church Hall, Barrington Road, Altrincham. '40 Years of Steam in Yugoslavia' by John Sloane. Start 19.30, Non-members £3.00

Cambridge University Railway Club

Andrew Room, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. "High Level Output Strategy" by Christian Wolmar. Starts 8.30pm for 9pm, non-members welcome.

10th November 2007

East Lancashire Railway

Sulzer Diesel Theme Day

RCTS (Exeter)

Conference Room, Richmond House, YMCA, 39-41 St. Davids Hill. "The Magnificent Hydraulics" by Bernard Mills. Start 7.00pm.

Toy & Train Collectors' Fair

Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxford. Toy & Train Fair. 11.00-16.00.

10th-11th November 2007

Barrow Hill Roundhouse, Chesterfield

Steam Gala - LNER Theme Event, with visiting K1, K4, A4 locomotives and others.

Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway

Diesel Gala Weekend.

11th November 2007

East Lancashire Railway

Sulzer Diesel & Steam operating day.

12th November 2007

RCTS (Sheffield)

St. Mathews Church Rooms, Carver Street, Sheffield. "Steam around Sheffield" by Mike Haynes. Start 7.30pm.

York Railway Circle

Archbishop Holgate's School, Drama Studio, Hull Road, York. 'Running a Heritage Railway by Philip Benham, General Manager of NYMR. Starts 19.30. Membership available. Non-Members £2

13th November 2007

8E Railway Association

The Gladstone Club, Station Road, Northwich. 'Rail Tour of Glorious Devon' by Stephen Gay. Starts 7.45pm

Great Western Society

(Bristol Group)

Room 7, BAWA. 589 Southmead Road, Filton, BRISTOL, BS34 7RG. Contact: 0117 987 3244. "Aspects of the GWR" talk by Peter Lugg. Starts 19.30 for 19.45. Non-members welcome.

RCTS (Nottingham)

Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street. "All aboard the Pines Express Part 2" by Chris Youett. Start 7.30pm.

14th November 2007

Bromsgrove Railway Club

St. Godwalds Church Hall, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. 'Darjeeling & Himalayan update by David BarrieArrive 19.15 for 19.45 start. New members welcome

Grimsby & Cleethorpes Railway Group

Royal Air Force Club, Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes. 'More of my favourite steam slides' by Tony Othen. Starts 7.30pm

RCTS (Hitchin)

Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Road. "Leighton Buzzard Railway" by Colin Bassett. Start 7.30pm.

15th November 2007

Marlow & District Railway Society

Garden Room, Liston Hall, Liston Road, Marlow. 'More from Colour Rail' by Ron White. Starts 7.45pm for 8pm, Non-members £2.

Monmouthshire Rly Society

Room A28, UWCN, Allt-Yr-Yn Ave, Newport, Gwent. The Railways of Colonel Stephens by Mr T. Ward. Starts 19.30, Non-members £3

RCTS (Pudsey)

The Fulneck Room, Pudsey Civic Hall. "Development of Leeds Station" by Ron Rocket. Start 7.30pm.

16th November 2007

Locomotive Club of Great Britain, Central London Branch

Main Hall, Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot Street. "BR Branch Lines" by Dave Soggee Starts 19.15, Donation of £2.

Scarborough Railway Society

Public Library, Vernon Road, Scarborough. '20th Century Steam' Film Evening by Ian Wolstencroft. Starts 19.30. Visitors welcome

17th November 2007

East Lancashire Railway

Diesel Running Day - Class 24 No. D5054 in operation

17th-18th November 2007

Bassetlaw (North Notts) Railway Society

Town Hall, Market Square, Retford. Model Railway Exhibition. Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun 10.00-16.00. At least 12 layouts 'N' to 'O' gauge, incl Oldham King Street (O), Bassetfield (OO), Barnaby Junction (009) and Westwood (TT) plus 8 trade stands and video show. Adults £3, Seniors £2, Child £1.

Bluebell Railway

1920s Weekend

Locomotion

Cab It Weekend

18th November 2007

Cholsey & Wallingford Railway

Diesel Running Day

The Model Railway Club

Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London. NI 9DA. "Infrastructure work out on the main line" an illustrated talk by John Stretton.

19th November 2007

RCTS (Chester)

The Town Crier, City Road/Station Road (opposite railway station entrance). "BR in the 1980s" by Bob Casselden. Start 7.45pm.

RCTS (Coventry)

Hylands Hotel, Warwick Road. "Travels with the New Measurement Train" by Andrew Royal. Start 7.30pm.

RCTS (Northampton)

Dunston Conservative Club, Meeting Lane, Main Road, Dunston. "Quiz Night" Start 7.30pm.

RCTS (Oxford)

West Oxford Democrats Club, 1 North Street, Osney. "The South Western since Privatisation" by Brian Denton. Start 7.30pm.

Stafford Railway Society

St. Leonard's Sport & Social Club, St. Leonard's Avenue, Stafford. "Member's Slide Competition", judged by Mark Brayford. Starts 19.30, Adults £2, Concessions £1.

20th November 2007

North Wales Railway Circle

Railway Institute, Euston Road, Bangor (above the Post Office, Sorting Office. "Talk on the Ashover Light Railway, Derbyshire." Starts 19.30, Entrance fee £1.50.

Peak Rail Association (Chesterfield Branch)

Upstairs function room, New Inn, 229 Mansfield Road, Hasland. "The Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway" slide evening by Mick Hayes. Start 7.30pm. Administion free.

RCTS (Cambridge)

Abbey Meadows Community Wing, Community Primary School, Galfrid Road. "BR Steam Miscellany" by David Barham. Start 7.30pm.

RCTS (Scunthorpe)

Kinsley Labour Club, Cole Street, Scunthorpe. "Steaming through Britain" by Graham Briggs. Start 7.30pm.

▼ Previously with Virgin Cross Country and latterly First TransPennine Express, Class 158/0 No. 158750 is now employed by First Great Western and is pictured at Great Malvern having arrived with 12.38 from Taunton. The set will return as the 15.45 Great Malvern to Worcester Shrub Hill service. It is understood that Great Malvern will be removed as a direct link from Taunton in the December timetable change. **Brian Garrett**



21st November 2007

RCTS (Eastleigh)/S&D Trust
Eastleigh Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. "Working on the Somerset & Dorest in BR Days" by Keith Barrett. Start 7.45pm.

22nd November 2007

RCTS (Sussex Branch)
Brighthelm Church & Community Centre, North Road, Brighton. "Military Port No1 & The Faslane Military Railway" by Mike Walshaw. Start 7.30pm. £1.50 donation.

23rd November 2007

Cambridge University Railway Club

Andrew Room, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. 'The Silk Railway' a talk by Stuart Baker. Starts 8.30pm for 9pm, non-members welcome.

24th November 2007

East Lancashire Railway

Diesel Running Day - Class 40 No. D335 in operation

Dartmoor Railway

Class 47 Weekend

Julie & John Webb Toy Fairs

The International Hall, Brentwood Centre, Brentwood..

24th-25th November 2007

Swanage Railway

1940s Weekend.

26th November 2007

RCTS (Sheffield)

St. Mathews Church Rooms, Carver Street, Sheffield. "O Winson Link and the North and Western" by Bob Gellately. Start 7.30pm.

27th November 2007

RCTS (Nottingham)

Nottingham Mechanics. "BR in the Early 1960s" by Hugh Gould. Start 7.30pm.

RCTS (Welwyn Garden City)

The Methodist Church, Cole Green Lane, Ludwick Green. "Bringing BI 61264 back to Life" by Mike Coley. Start 7.30pm.

28th November 2007

RCTS (Chichester)

Council Meeting Room 1, County Hall, West Street, Chichester "Steam in Camera" by Graham Stacey. Start 7.30pm.

29th November 2007

RCTS (Preston)

Claremont Hotel, Blackpool Road, Preston. "Branch AGM" (Members Only) followed by "Steam in the 1960s" by Hugh Ballantyne - non-members welcome. Start 7.30pm.

30th November 2007

Scarborough Railway Society

Public Library, Vernon Road, Scarborough. 'Society Members Digital Evening. Starts 19.30.

2nd December 2007

D. J. Fairs Ltd

Yorkshire Event Centre, Harrogate. Toy & Train Fair. 10.30-15.30. Adults £3, Children £1.

3rd December 2007

Stafford Railway Society

St. Leonard's Sport & Social Club, St. Leonard's Aven, Stafford. "Peak Forest to Limerick via Teeside" (Modern Traction mid-90s to present) by John Catterson. Starts 19.30, Adults £2, Concessions £1.

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Internet Links

Click on the name of the group or society to visit their website.

- Bassetlaw (Nth Notts) Rly Society
- Great Western Society (Bristol)
- Locomotive Club of Great Britain
- Manchester Model Railway Society
- Marlow & District Railway Society
- North Wales Railway Circle
- RCTS
- Stafford Railway Society

