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Welcome to Issue 109, and yet again another bumper month for excellent photos sent in to us, including some more sunshine.

From the Editor...

September is over, and Christmas is on it's way (yes I did use that word). Enough said... move on.

As some of you will know, this month I had my eagerly awaited and long overdue 'holiday' in Europe, and crossing from the UK to the Czech Republic, travelling through Belgium and Germany, it certainly does give you an impression of how a train service should be run.

However, what blew the me away (in Czech Republic) was the quality of their premium trains, all which offer free water.

newspapers and colouring books for kids along with free wifi, giving not only information on arrival times, but also local information of your stop i.e. things to do, plus a map of your location and even more (inset above © Ceske Drahy) a live video feed from the front of the train.

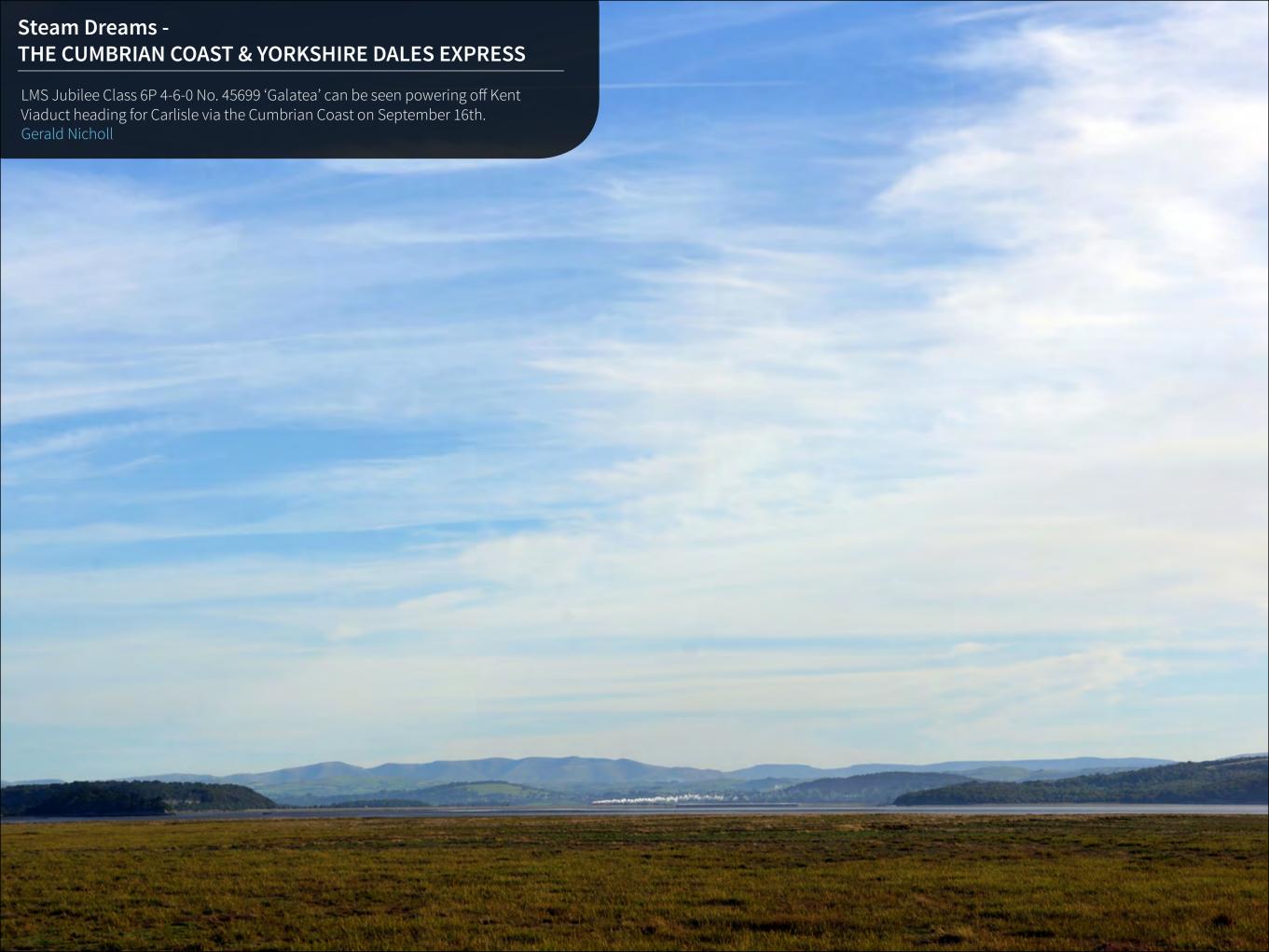
Once again many thanks to the many people who have contributed, it really makes our task of putting this magazine together a joy when we see so many great photos. These issues wouldn't be possible without: Michael J Alderdice, Steve Andrews, John Alsop, John Balaam, Geoff Barton, Robert Bates, Brian Battersby, Paul Beard, Sam Bilner, Matthew Bird, Tim Bott, Ben Bucki, Keith Chapman, Pete Cheshire, Nick Clemson, Keith Davies, Neil Davies, Robert Duff, Derek Elston, Eddie Emmott, Dave Felton, Paul Godding, Carl Grocott, Richard Hargreaves, Dave Harris, Martin Hart, Brian Hewertson, Darrel Hendrie, Paul Hewertson, Stuart Hillis, Keith Hookham, Derek Hopkins, Colin Irwin, Jon Jebb, John Johnson, Richard Jones, Ken Livermore, Michael Lovatt, Michael Lynam, Jonathan McGurk, Peter Marsden, Phil Martin, David Mead, Chris Morrison, Ken Mumford, Gerald Nicholl, Jeff Nicholls, Andy Parkinson, James Passant, Mark Pichowicz, Colin Pidgeon, Neil Pugh, Tim Richardson, Charlie Robbins, Neil Scarlett, Mike Sheridan, Stephen Simpson, Stewart Smith, Chris Stanley, Steve Stepney, Steve Thompson, Tim Ward, Andrew Wilson, Shep Woolley and the guys at RailUK.

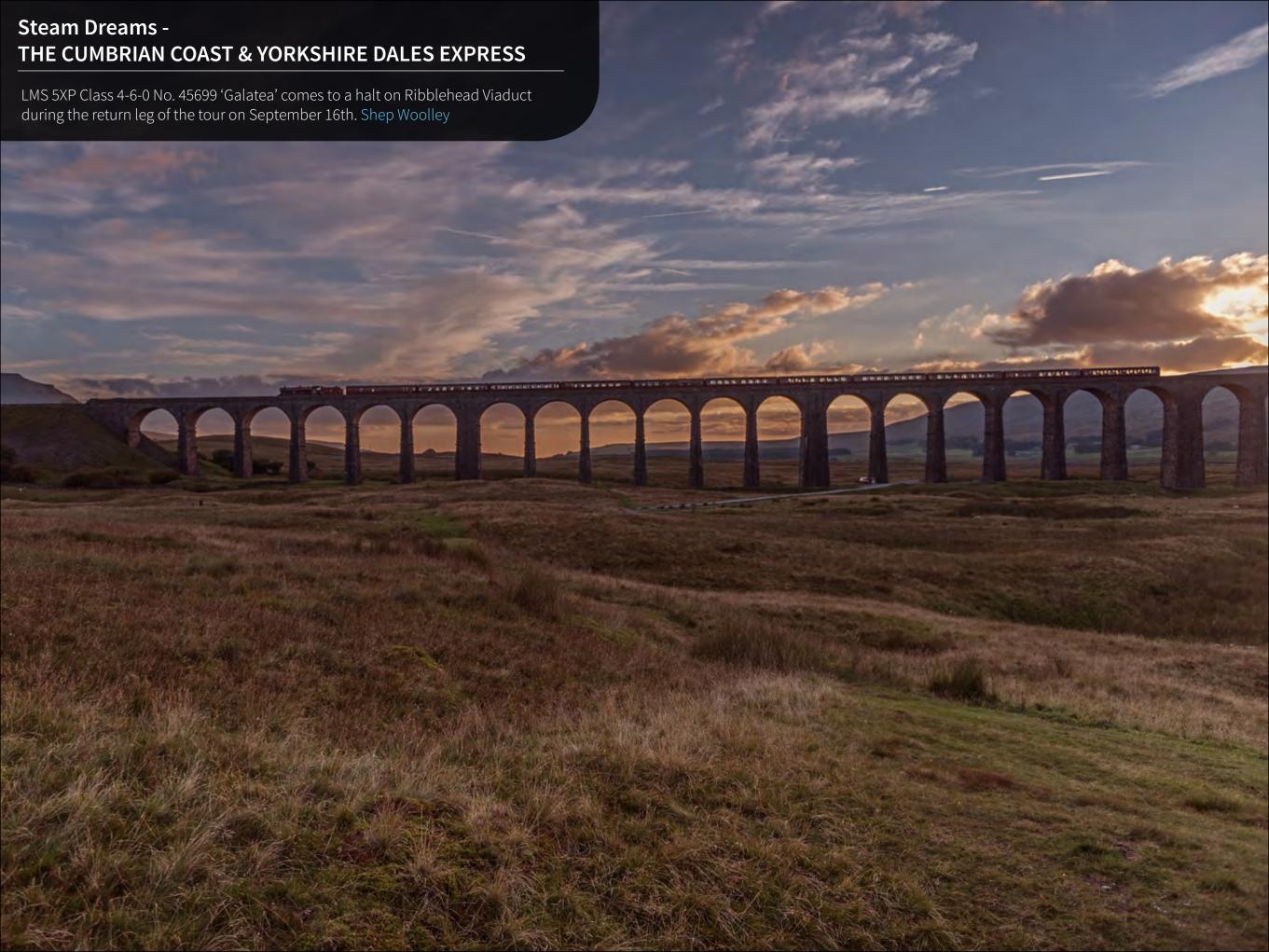
Front Cover: On September 6th, LMS Class 5MT No. 45407 crosses the Forth Bridge for the first morning loop whilst working 'The Forth Circle' railtour. Colin Irwin













Steam Dreams - The Lakes Express

Right: LMS 'Princess Coronation' Class 4-6-2 No 46233 'Duchess of Sutherland' creates a lot of exhaust as it flies through Balshaw Lane Junction with the northbound 'The Lakes Express' London Euston to Penrith on September 14th. Ken Abram

Main: Stanier Pacific No. 46233 'Duchess Of Sutherland' sprints along familiar turf on the WCML near Bay Horse with 'The Lakes Express' on September 14th. Gerald Nicholl























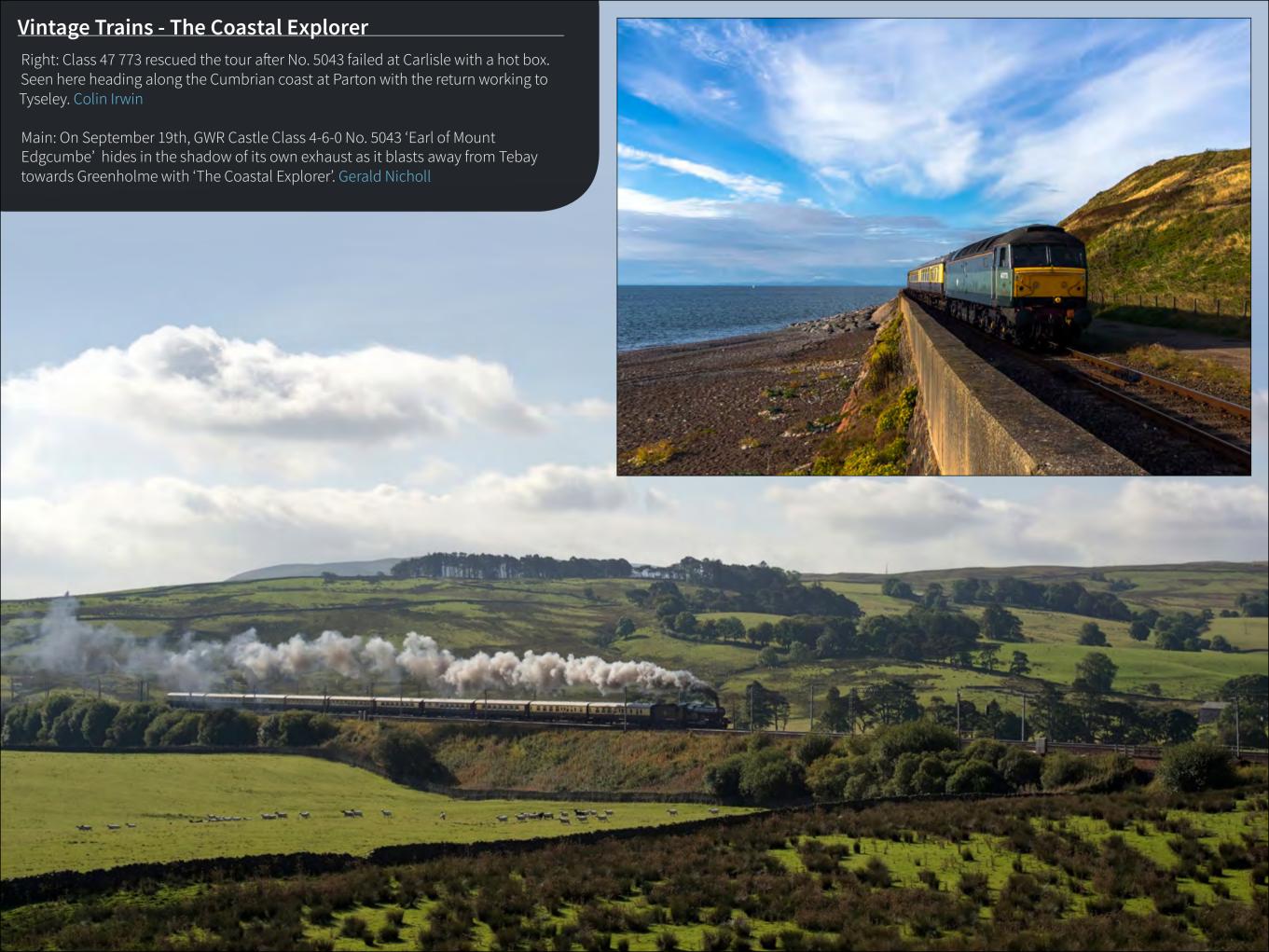








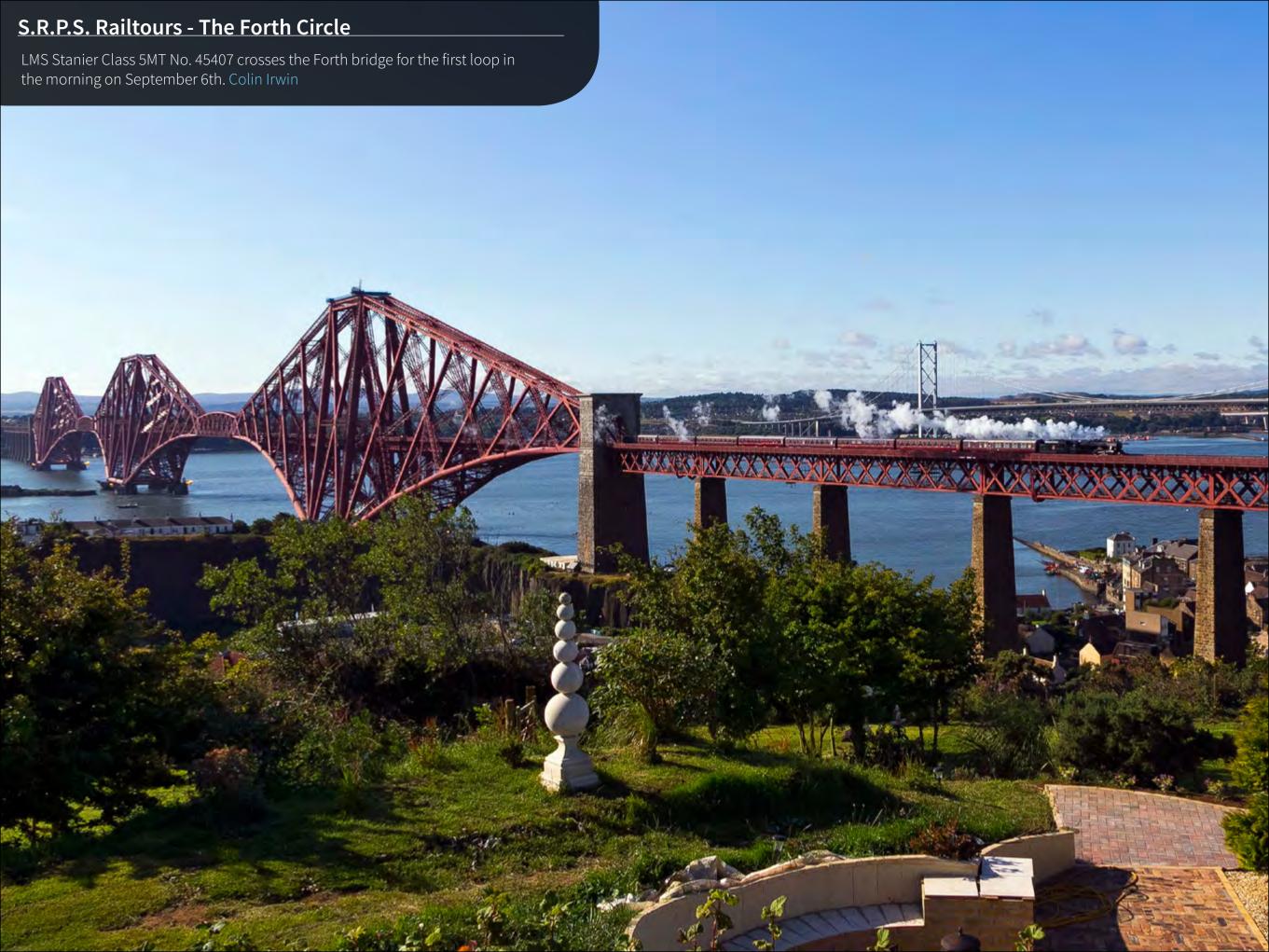


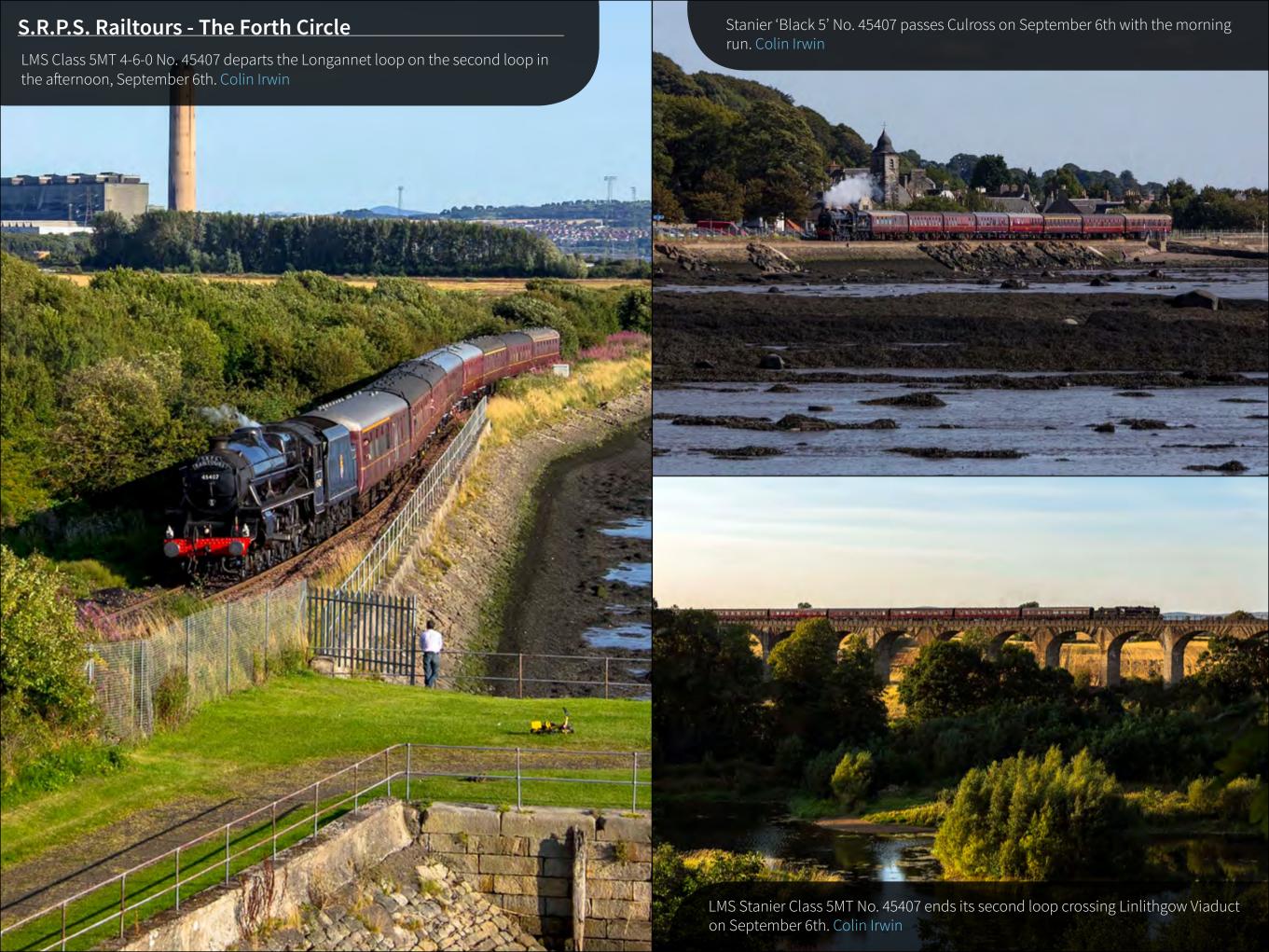














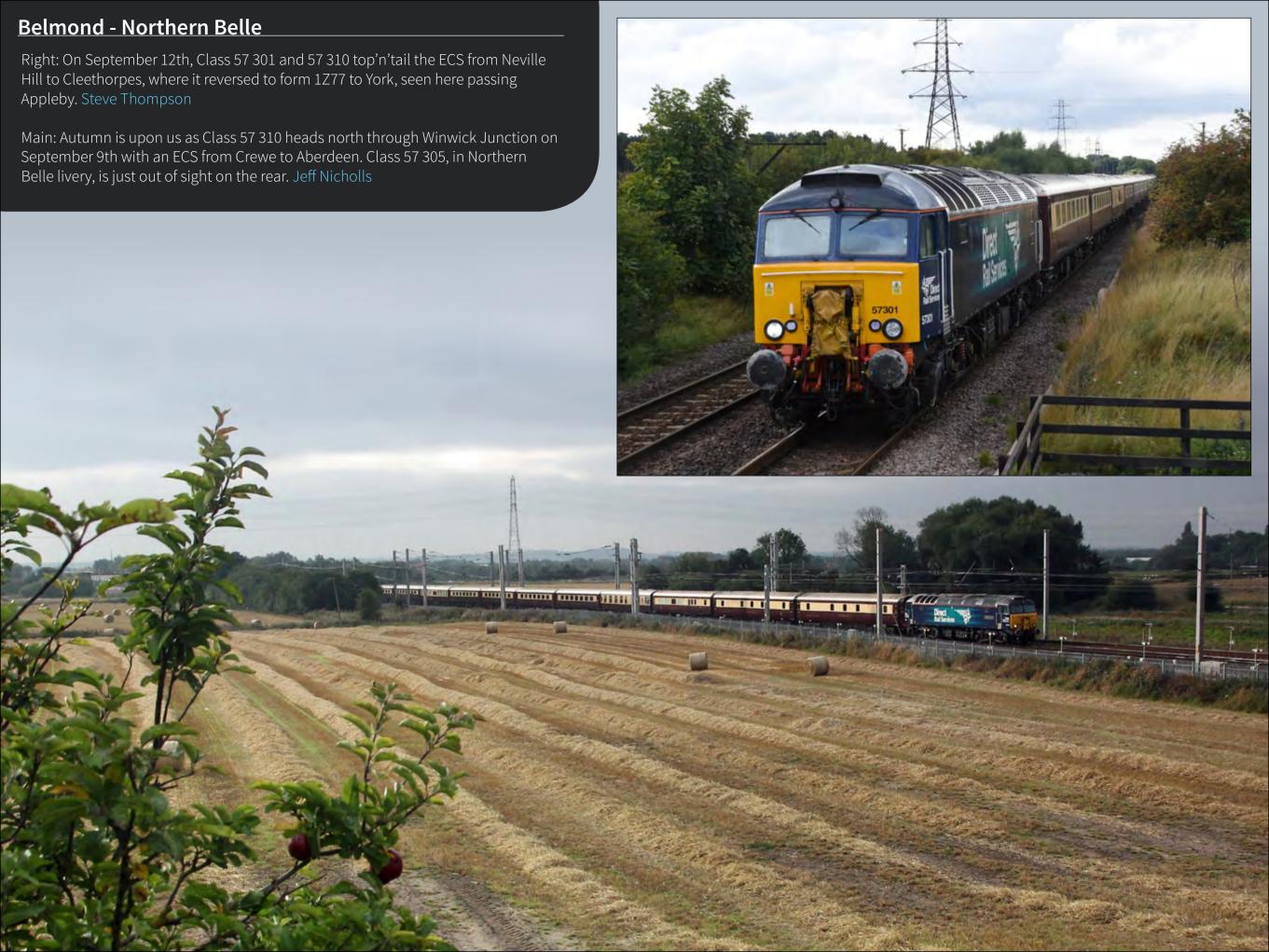














ECS and Light Engine Moves

SR Battle of Britain Class 4-6-2 No. 34067 'Tangmere' is seen at Royal Oak on the rear of 5Z70 ECS working for 'The West Somerset Steam Express' on September 19th. Derek Elston



A main line outing for Class 40 No. D345 on September 18th as it passes through Deansgate with a Longsight to ELR stock move. Brian Hewertson

GWR Castle Class 4-6-0 No. 5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe' cruises alongside the M6 near Brock with its support coach on a positioning move from Tyseley to Carnforth on September 18th. Gerald Nicholl



A night shot of Class 40 145 working the 5Z92, heading back to the East Lancs Railway from Longsight, passing through Newton-le-Willows. Jeff Nicholls

ECS and Light Engine Moves

On September 30th, SR Battle of Britain Class 4-6-2 No. 34067 'Tangmere' heads north through Church Brampton working from Southall to Carnforth. Geoff Barton





On September 17th, LMS Princess Coronation Class 4-6-2 No. 46233 'Duchess of Sutherland' leads LMS Jubilee Class No. 45690 'Leander' past Tupton, Chesterfield working as 5Z56 Carnforth to Barrow Hill. Stephen Simpson

Class 37 518 (now deprived of her glorious Inter-City livery) powers over Mossband Bridge with the 5Z92 12:56 Craigentinny T.&R.S.M.D to Carnforth Steamtown on September 16th. Colin Irwin





Pictures:

Arriva Trains Wales

On September 3rd, Class 67014 heads a Manchester Piccadilly - Holyhead service through Winwick Jct. Michael Lynam



Class 67 014 heads through Deansgate on September 18th working a Manchester Piccadilly to Holyhead service. Brian Hewertson



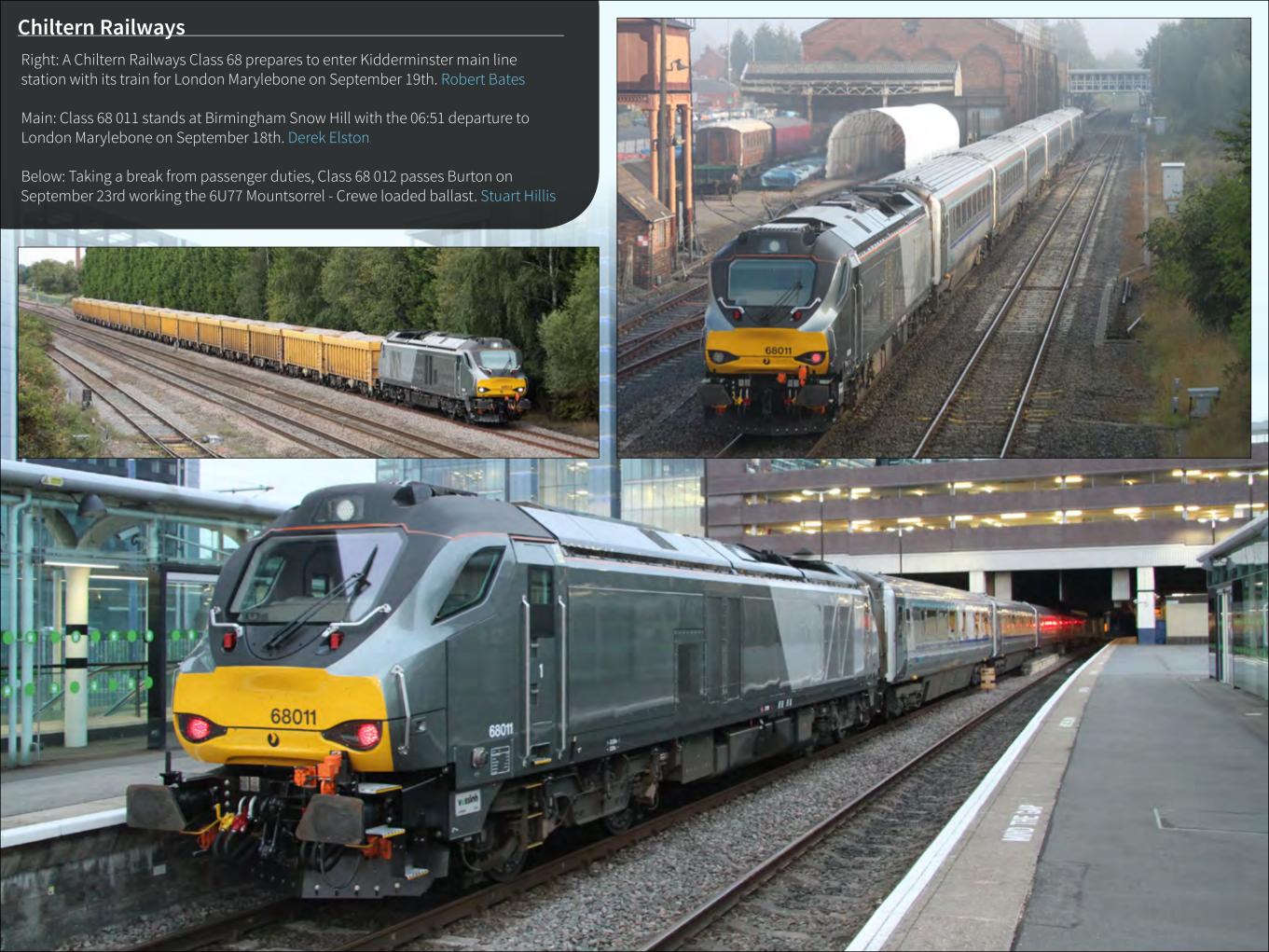


on September 1st. Derek Elston

Class 67 001 leads the 17:16 Cardiff Central to Holyhead into Newport

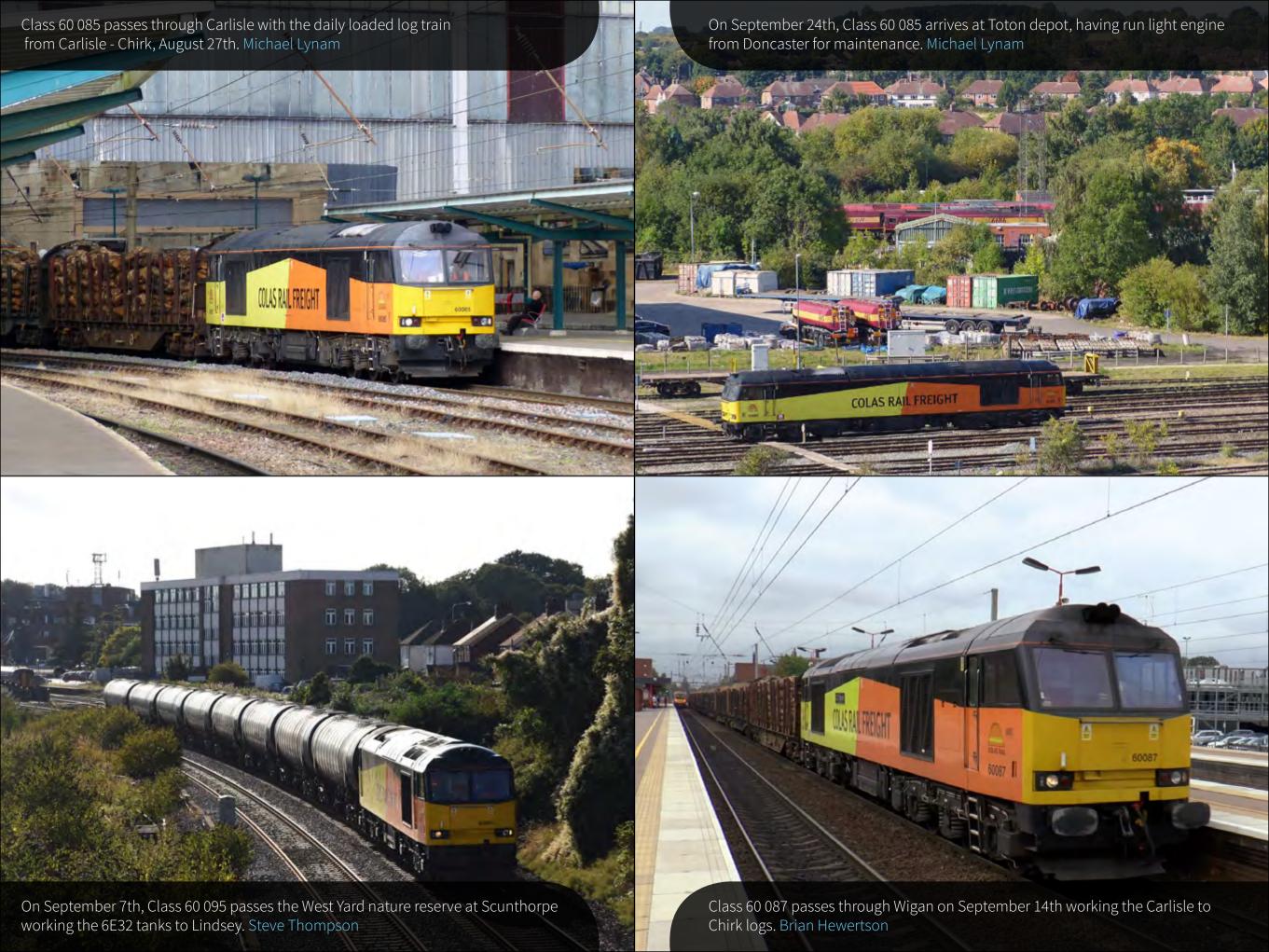
DVT No. 82307 (with Class 67 001 on the rear) passes Bayston Hill with the 1V94 08:06 Holyhead - Cardiff Central 'Ruggex' on September 5th. Keith Davies





















Class 66 084 passes Preston Boats on September 24th working a late running 6G51 07:45 Arpley - Donnington RFT. Keith Davies On September 5th, Class 66 063 heads an engineers train through East Croydon. Class47







Class 60 015 leads the 6H10 Bletchley to Peak Forest stone empties at Husborne, Crawley on September 23rd. Derek Elston







On September 3rd, Class 90 021 leads 66 122 and 67 006 with a Warrington to Crewe IEMD move through Acton Bridge. Michael Lynam



On September 17th, Class 66 100 passes Sutton Bridge with the 6V75 09:30 Dee Marsh - Margam steel. Keith Davies





train on September 4th. Robert Bates



Class 60 017 working the 6E41 Westerleigh - Lindsey empty oil tanks, passes through Burton on September 9th. Stuart Hillis



Class 66 171 passes Scunthorpe on September 13th working the 6T71 Brigg to Up Decoy, not, apparently, having discharged much of it's load. Steve Thompson

Class 66 040 heads the 09:48 Arpley Sidings to Alexandra Dock Jct. T.C. through Newport running 76 mins early on September 1st. Derek Elston





Wolverhampton - Immingham covered steel carriers. Stuart Hillis



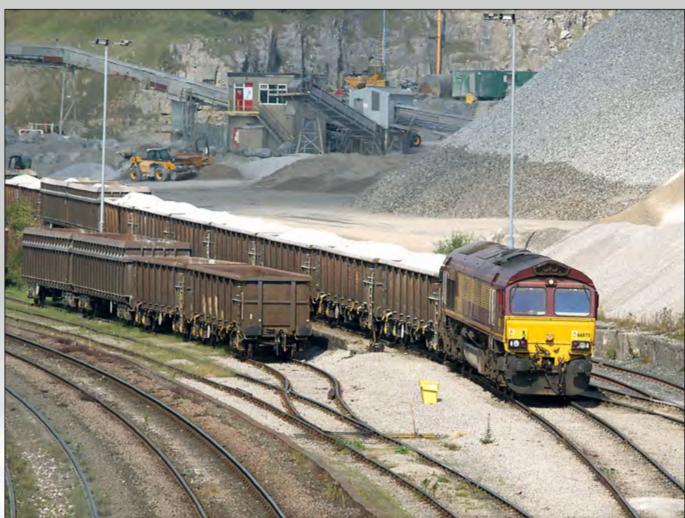
Class 60 059 at the head of a Doncaster - Tyne Yard engineers, passes through Doncaster on September 9th. Michael Lynam

Right: Class 66 075 is pictured being loaded with stone at Peak Forest on September 19th. Dave Felton

Main: Class 90 018 double heads 90 039 on the 6S94 Dollands Moor to Irvine, china clay slurry tanks at Winwick Junction on September 16th. Jeff Nicholls

Below: Mainline freight liveried Class 58 023 is seen in the storage compound at Toton depot on September 24th. Michael Lynam

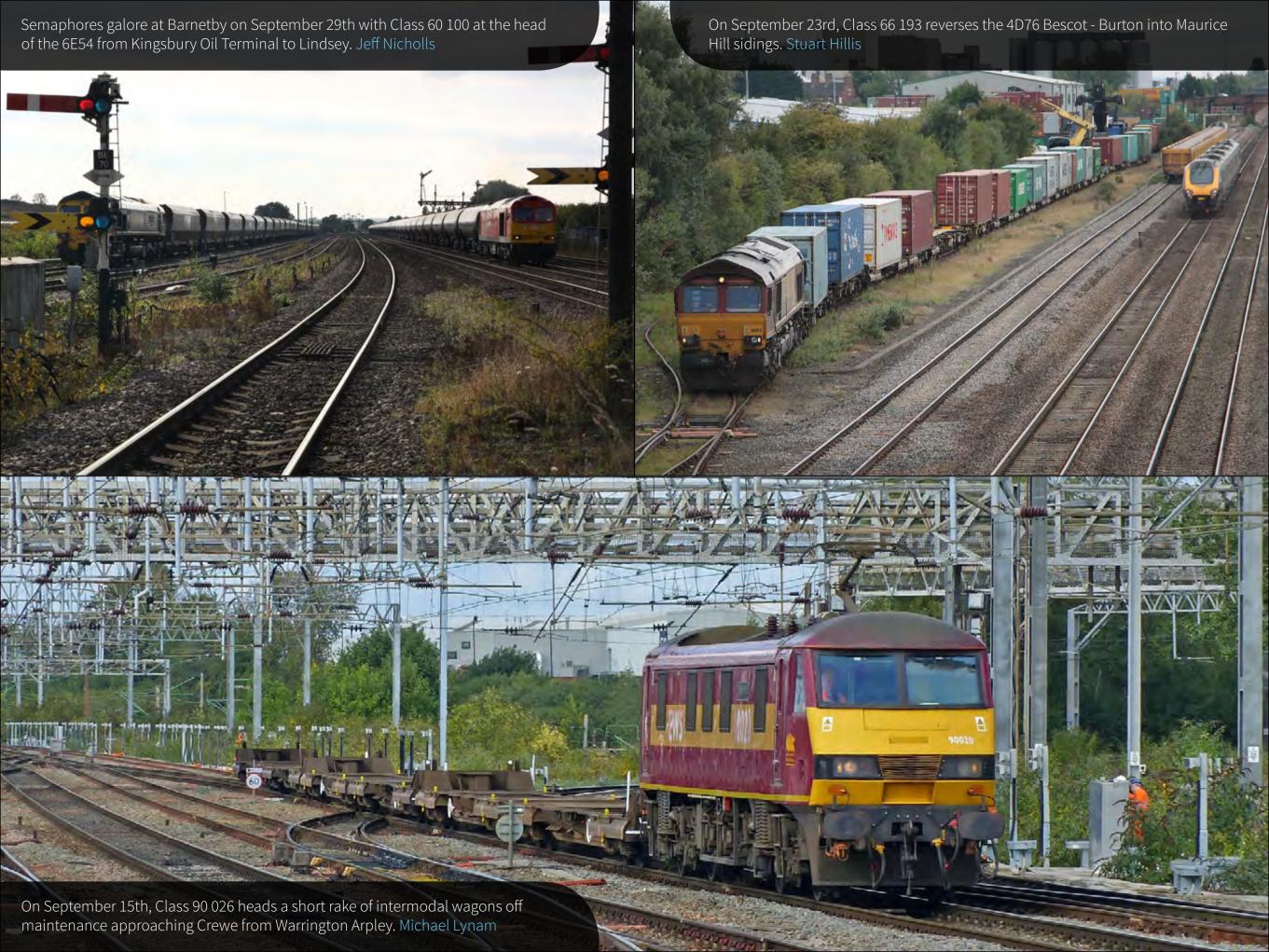
















Right: On September 12th, Class 57 307 'Lady Penelope' stands in the sunshine at Rugby. Richard Hargreaves

Main: Class 37 402 working the 2C49 Barrow-in-Furness to Carlisle approaches Flimby on September 7th. Colin Irwin

Below: On September 16th, Class 47 818 heads through Stalybridge working a York to York outing with 'Caroline'. Brian Hewertson







Right: Class 37 401 passes Nethertown on September 18th working the 2C34 Carlisle - Barrow-in-Furness Northern service. Carl Grocott

Main: Class 20 308 and 20 305 top'n'tail a pair of wagons from Gresty Bridge to Basford Hall yard through Crewe. Michael Lynam

Below: On September 25th, Class 37 038 is pictured stored at Barrow Hill, still in the old DRS livery. Derek Elston









Class 66 427 has charge of the 04:31 Coatbridge F.L.T. to Daventry DRS as it passes Class 66 421 working the 12:13 Daventry DRS (Sains) to Coatbridge F.L.T. heads through Rugeley Trent Valley on September 14th. Colin Irwin through Stafford on September 5th. Derek Elston 66427 • • Class 37 405 arrives into Carlisle on August 27th, with 5Z45 empty coaching stock Class 66 301 powers the 4L48 12:37 Daventry DRS to Purfleet Deep Water Wharf from Crewe to Carlisle yard. Michael Lynam through Northampton on September 17th. Derek Elston





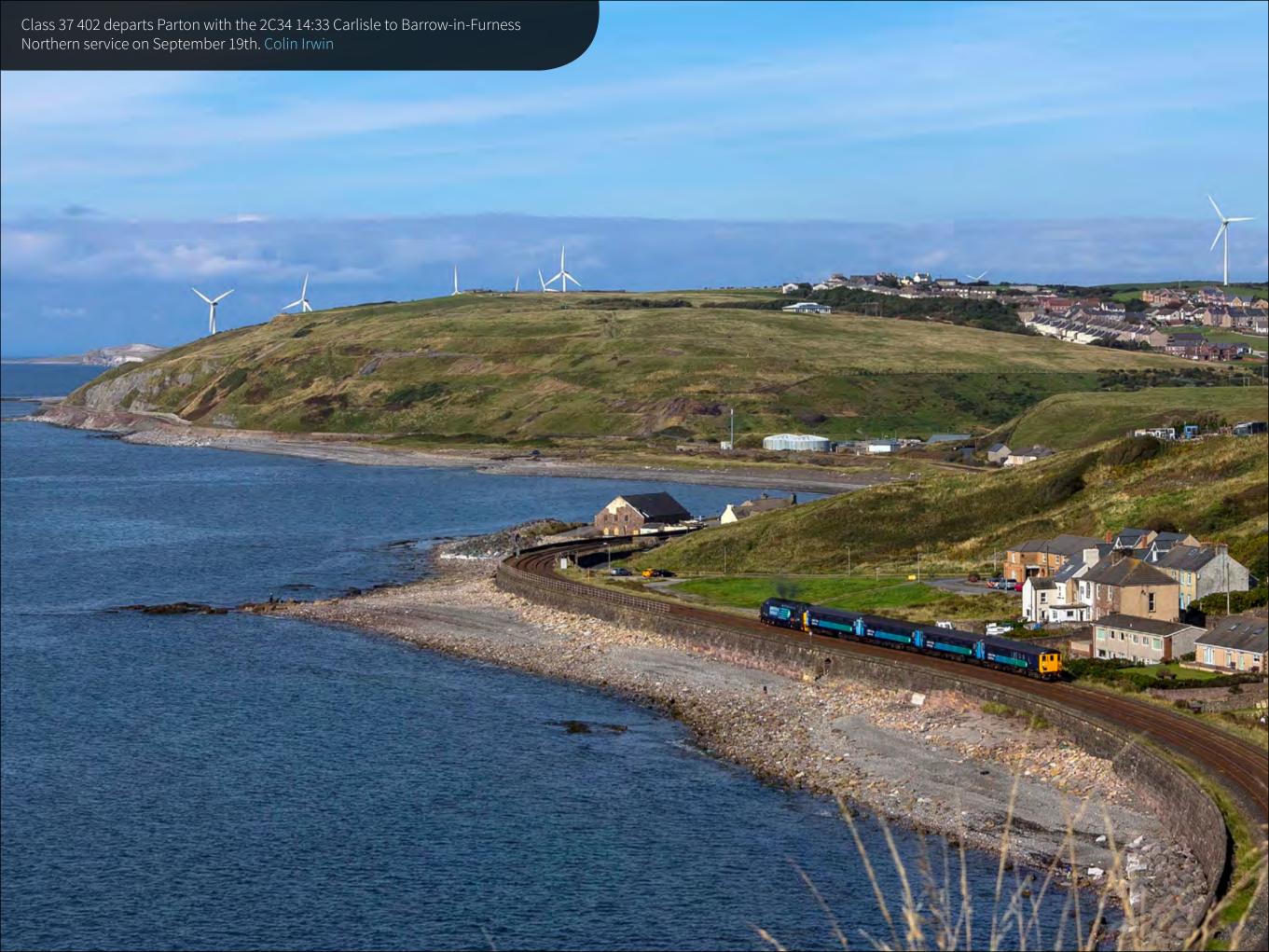
Class 57 002 and 57 012 pass through Doncaster on September 29th with the 6Z50 10:15 York Thrall Europa to Stowmarket RHTT wagon move. Derek Elston 57002 Class 66 303 is pictured stabled at Gresty Bridge depot on September 15th. Michael Lynam

Class 37 402 heads past Nethertown on September 18th working the 2C34 14:37 Barrow-in-Furness - Carlisle. Keith Davies





Class 37 606 leads 57 301 'Goliath', 20 305 'Gresty Bridge' and 20 308 with just one wagon heading from Sellafield to Crewe through Warrington BQ. Robert Bates



East Coast

Right: Repainted Virgin power cars Nos. 43313 and 43274 work an all grey East Coast set into Doncaster on September 9th. Michael Lynam

Main: A Virgin Trains HST set working the 1S11 09:45 London Kings Cross to Aberdeen service crosses the Forth bridge on September 6th. Colin Irwin

Below: Class 67 012 hauls 91 132 and DVT No. 82231 working the 1Y11 Newcastle - London Kings Cross, diverted via the Durham Coast passing Newburn Bridge Hartlepool on September 3rd. Michael J Alderdice



















On September 30th, Class 66 414, in it's new livery, heads northbound at Church Brampton with a Felixstowe to Crewe liner. Geoff Barton

Class 66 420 and 66 593 double head a northbound Felixstowe - Leeds liner

through Doncaster on September 9th. Michael Lynam

On September 17th, the 12:57 London Gateway Freightliner to Crewe Basford Hall S.S.N. is seen at Wilsons Crossing with 66 954 supplying the traction. Derek Elston





Class 86 604 heads a Garston - Crewe Basford Hall working through Acton Bridge on September 17th. Michael Lynam







Class 66 956 arrives into Carlisle from Fiddlers Ferry with empty hoppers for Hunterston. Michael Lynam Freightliner Class 70 011 is seen leading the 4L39 Crewe to Felixtowe liner through Northampton running around 30 minutes early on September 30th. Derek Elston

Class 70 018 passes through platform 14 at Manchester Piccadilly station running light engine from Crewe Basford Hall - Trafford Park FLT. Michael Lynam



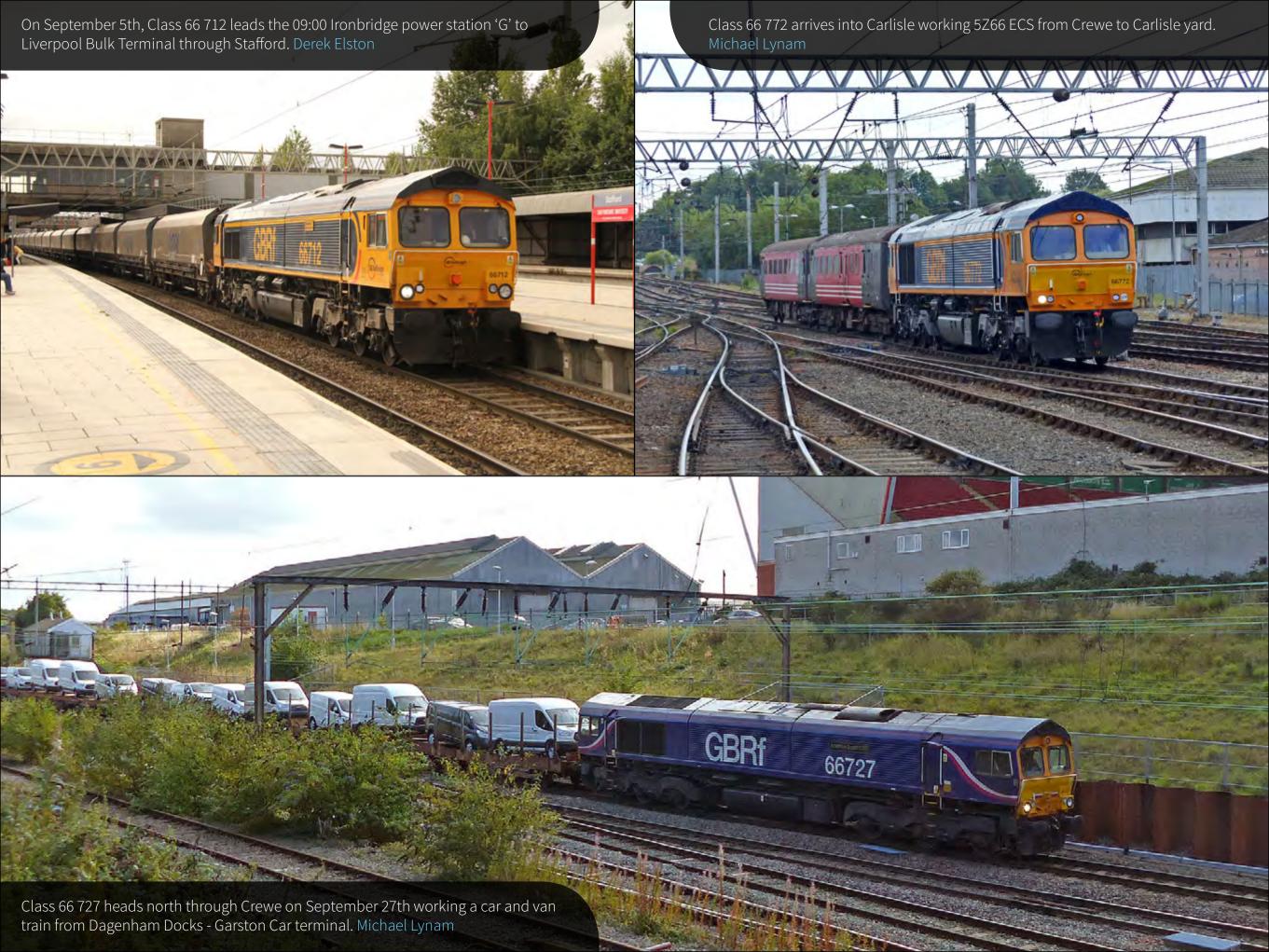


Class 66 622 passes Steel Heath near Whitchurch, heading towards Shrewsbury, with the 6V82 Tunstead - Westbury cement on September 27th. Phil Martin



Right: Class 70 004 heads southbound through Acton Bridge on September 3rd with a working from Ditton - Felixstowe. Michael Lynam Main: Class 90 048 speeds through Nuneaton on September 12th working a Felixtowe to Crewe liner. Richard Hargreaves Below: Class 66 615 working the 6M49 Immingham - Rugeley power station loaded coal passes Burton on September 22nd. Stuart Hillis





Right: On September 30th, the 0Z92 09:56 Crewe to Willesden is seen approaching Northampton with Class 66 716 leading 92 010 and 90 036. Derek Elston

Main: Class 66 711 'Sence' passes through Selby station on September 4th with a Selby Potter Group to Felixstowe container train. Robert Bates

Below: On September 12th, Class 66 717 and 66 709 pass through Stalybridge heading to Doncaster from Trafford Park. Brian Hewertson









Class 20 118 and 20 132 along with a couple of barrier wagons are seen stabled alongside Derby station on September 25th. Derek Elston

Class 66 721 working the 6M01 Tinsley - Bardon Hill quarry with stone hoppers, is seen near Moira West Junction on September 2nd. Stuart Hillis









Barnby Dun sand train. Michael Lynam



Class 66 712 passes Ruckley Sidings on September 28th with the 4F61 13:00 Ironbridge power station - Tuebrook Sidings GBRf . Keith Davies





Class 66 746 with the 6M01 Tinsley Yard - Bardon Hill quarry conveying stone hoppers, passes Moira on September 10th. Stuart Hillis



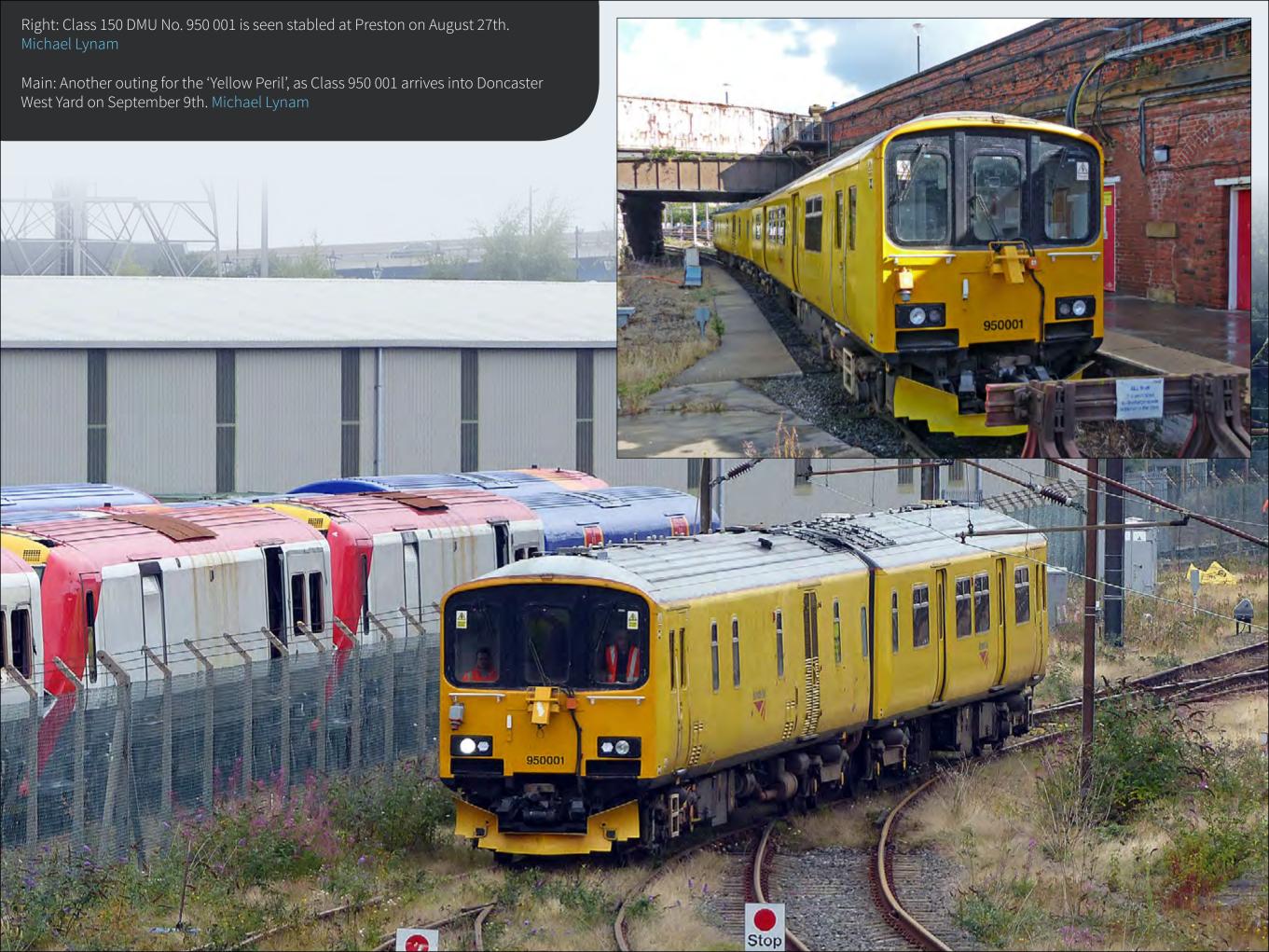
Class 66 712 exits the slow line at Acton Bridge with empty Biomass hoppers from



On a dull September 5th, Class 66 763 and 66 706 lead a rake of stone hoppers through East Croydon. Class47

















Left: CrossCountry's Class 221 121 working a Manchester Piccadilly to Bournemouth service, calls at Stafford on September 5th. Derek Elston

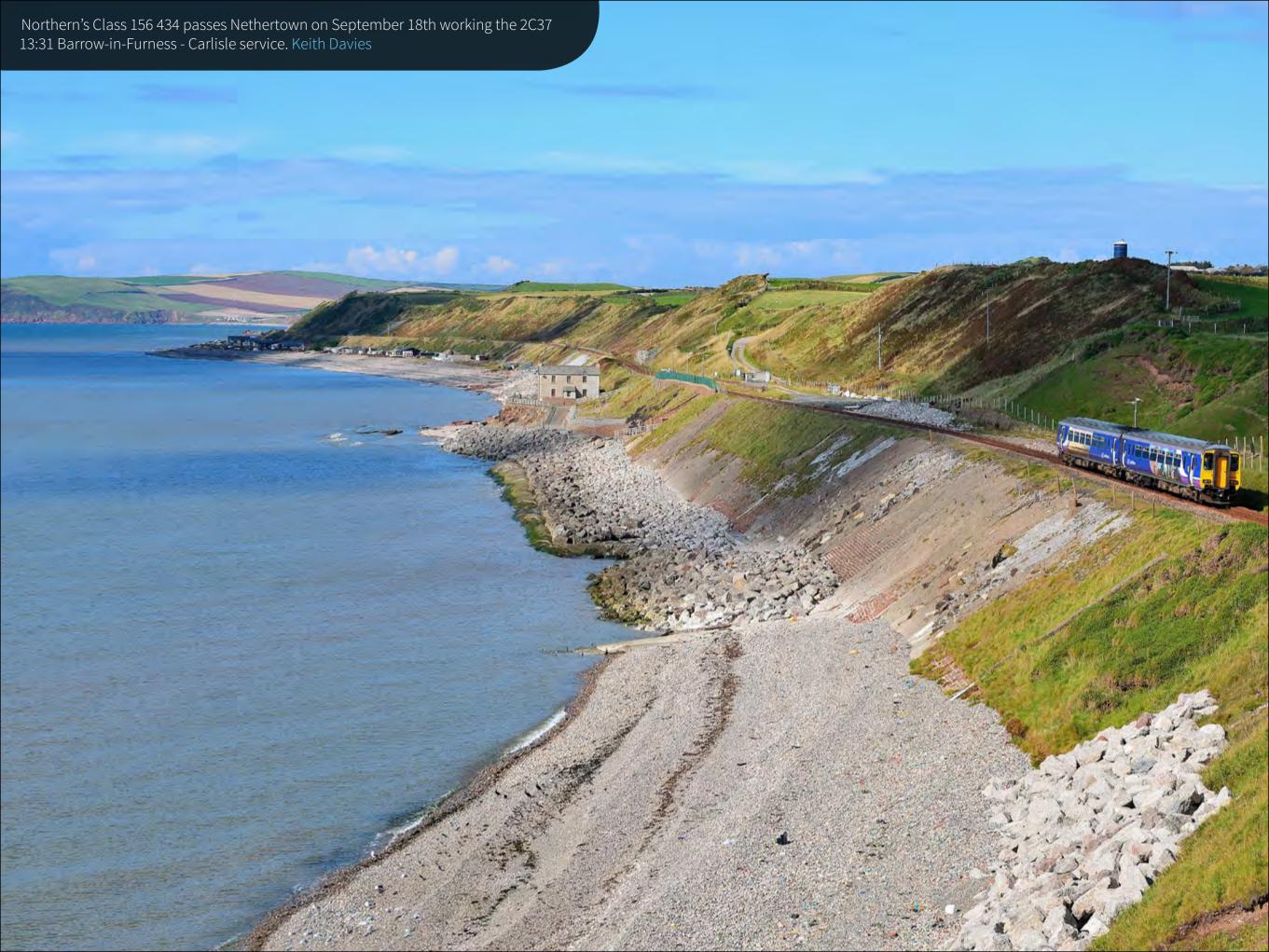
Main: On September 26th, London Midland's Class 172 214 passes Blakedown working a Kidderminster service. Colin Irwin

Below: Northern Rail's Class 142 053 and 142 037 stand at Stalybridge on September 14th working a service to Manchester Victoria. Brian Hewertson









First Great Western's Class 150 128 forming the 2U16 12:08 Taunton to Cardiff Central service is seen at Newport on September 1st. Derek Elston First Great Western Northern Rail's Class 142 035 arrives at Rishton station on September 28th working the 2S11 10:36 Burnley Central to Blackpool South service. Dave Felton

An unusual visitor to Crewe recently was London Midland's Class 323 208, seen here in platform 2 en route from LNWR to Soho following maintenance. Michael Lynam





Northern's Class 150 148 is pictured departing from Rishton station with the 2N16 09:20 Blackpool South to Colne service on September 28th. Dave Felton













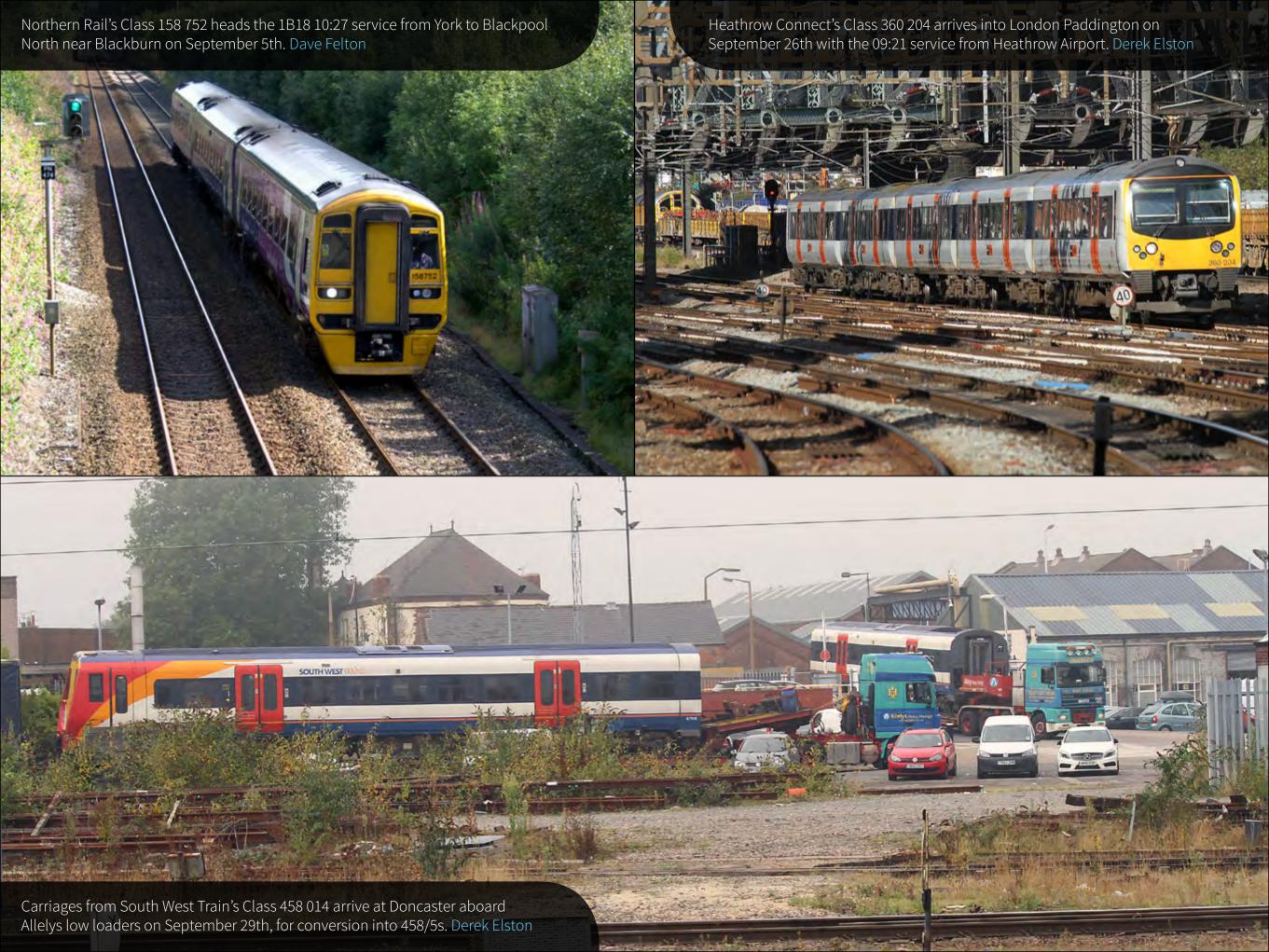


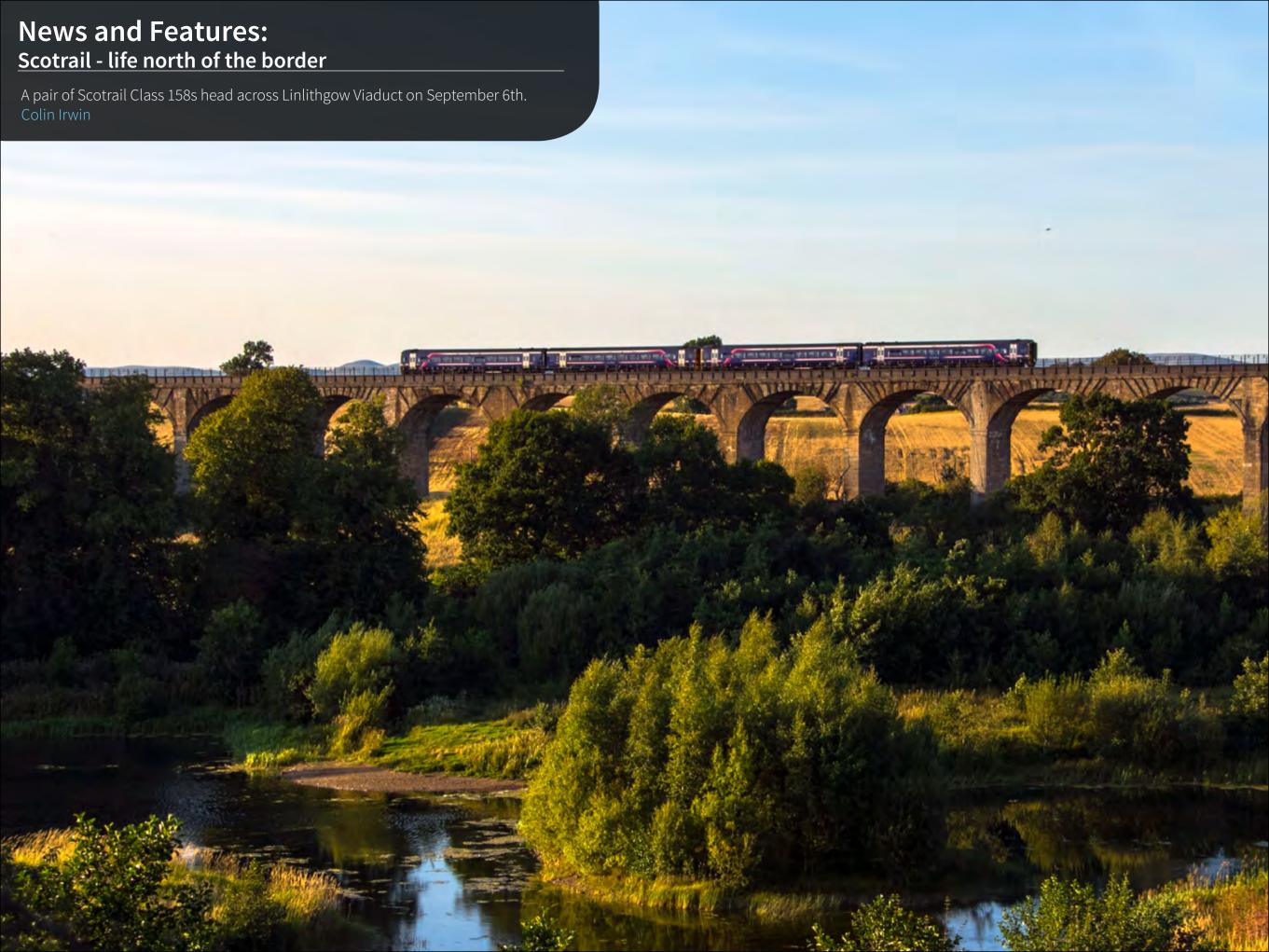
Virgin Trains' Class 221 115 passes Ruckley Sidings on September 28th with the 5G14 13:06 Shrewsbury - Wolverhampton ECS working. Keith Davies

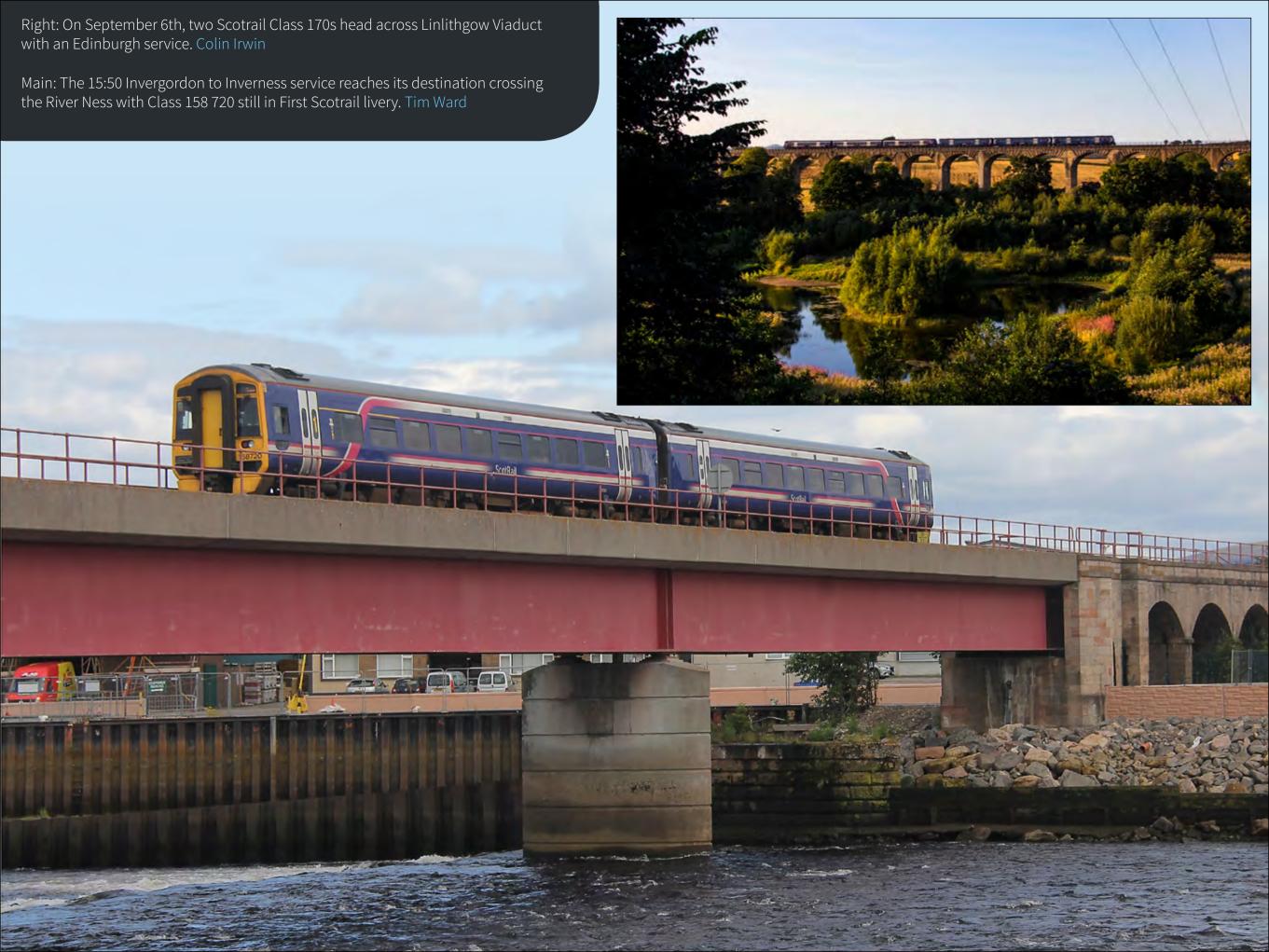




Northern Rail's Class 150 224 and 142 037 pass through the Cherry Tree area of Blackburn working the 2N10 11:21 Blackpool South to Colne on September 5th. Dave Felton









Returning from the Kyle of Lochalsh to Inverness, Class 158 713 calls at Dingwall with the 15:50 departure. Tim Ward





The stations at Thurso and Wick are similar but distinct in style. Here at the latter, Class 158 715 'Haymarket' awaits to depart for Inverness with the 16:00 service. The picturesque journey takes over 4 hours to reach the Highland capital. Tim Ward

Nottingham Trams

Bombardier built tram No. 212 and Alstom No. 217 sit at the new Toton Lane terminus. Michael Lynam



Alstom tram No. 220 departs the new Nottingham railway station tram stop, working a service to Clifton South. Michael Lynam







Alstom trams Nos. 228 and 229 wait their next turn of duty at the Wilkinson Street depot. Michael Lynam

Alstom tram No. 217 departs Toton Lane with a service for Hucknall. Michael Lynam



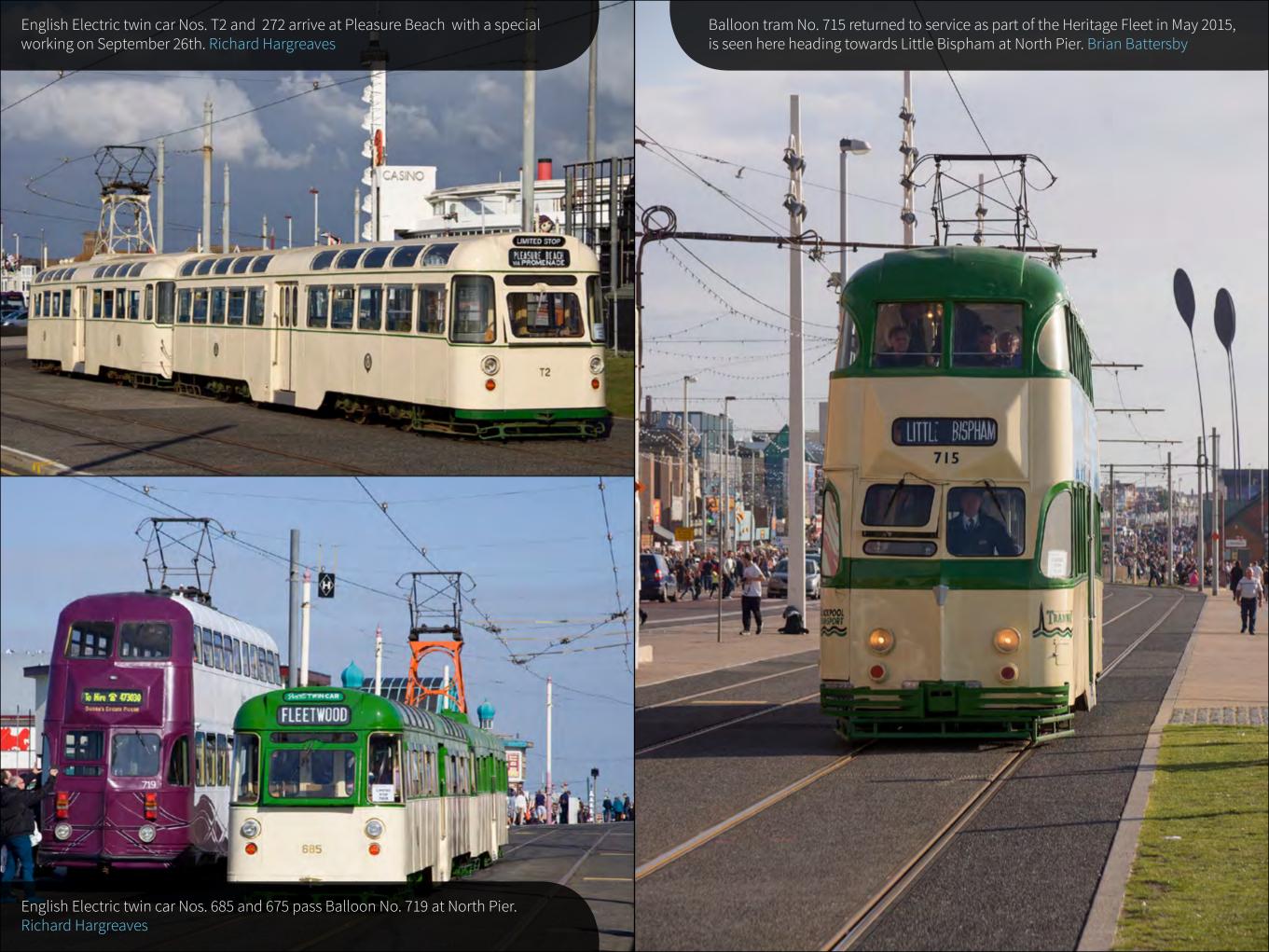
Built in 1901 by Electric Railway & Carriage Co., Bolton No. 66 is seen at the Pleasure Beach. Richard Hargreaves





English Electric Boat tram No. 600 is seen at Bispham on September 26th. Brian Battersby







Centenary Car No. 641 has replaced the Brush Railcoach at Pleasure Beach as an advert for the tramway. Richard Hargreaves

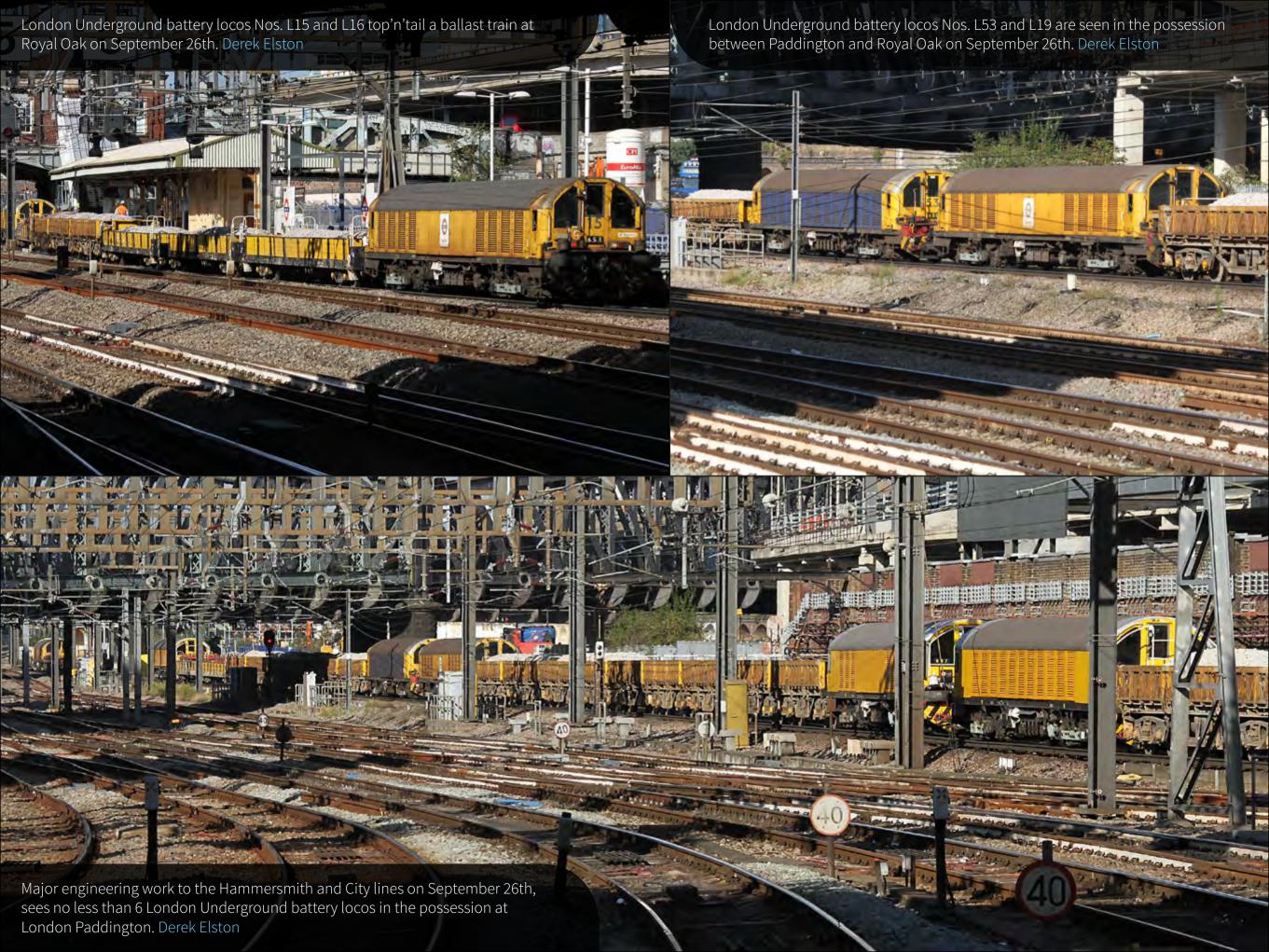




Jubilee tram No. 761 stands outside the Rigby Road depot on September 26th. This tram is privately owned and not part of the heritage fleet. Brian Battersby







Fares Advice with RailUK

This month more questions and answers on the complex ticketing system of Britain's Railways.

Are RailCo's legally obliged to sell you cheapest ticket

Q: I have noticed that at my local ticket office (Redhill) they are selling weekly season tickets for London Bridge as London Terminals to passengers that only want London Bridge as there is no London Bridge only option from Redhill =- cost is £65.

However this ticket is more expensive than a London Bridge only weekly season ticket from Gatwick valid only on Southern services (£59.80). All but one service from Redhill to London Bridge is operated by Southern. The Gatwick ticket is fully valid through Redhill. So are they doing something wrong here? Or is it up to the passenger to know these things.

A: They are obliged under the TSA to offer the cheapest appropriate fare for the flow that is requested. i.e. If a passenger requests a season from Redhill to London, then the cheapest appropriate ticket from Redhill to London should be offered. They are not obliged to search for split tickets, tickets from other stations and whatnot. This would cause huge queues at the ticket office and could cause other TOCs to complain if they suggested a loophole ticket that was revenue extracting to the other TOC.

That said, passengers are free to research tickets in their own time, and if they ask for a specific ticket, it should be sold - just the onus is on the passenger to do the legwork

Excess on Two Together if one can't travel

Q:Unfortunatelymypartnercannotaccompany me on a forthcoming advance ticket with the Two Together discount. Is it possible to pay an excess of the discount amount applied ahead of travelling or is the ticket completely invalid?

A: There is no provision for this type of excess in the official procedures, so officially it is a new ticket, but it can't hurt to give it a go. East Coast ticket offices I heard are quite good at excessing away Railcard discounts, so perhaps Stevenage is a possibility for you.

Alternatively depending on the journey, it may also be possible to wait till departure and explain your circumstances to the guard. Since you have paid more than one full fare ticket, I cannot imagine many guards having an issue, but obviously this approach is not always possible, especially if you have gatelines at your origin station and/or you have multiple legs to your journey

I must admit that this is one I think needs addressing in the Railcard T&C - as someone with two tickets and a Two Together will always have paid more than one ticket, I think it should be acceptable to travel alone provided you hold both sets of tickets *and* the Railcard. That isn't the case at present, though if you don't ask (*before* boarding) you don't get.

Ticket Advice for All

Advice on rail ticketing is available on railforums.co.uk in the 'Fares, Tickets & Routeing' section. We believe this to be the best source of UK rail fares advice available anywhere, as we have a team of people who are familiar with the complex rail fares system who can help you. Never pay over the odds again, and ask us if you need help! See you there!







Solid foundation for a long-term partnership

DB Schenker Rail UK and Hope Construction Materials have laid solid foundations for their future partnership by signing a five-year contract for comprehensive transport services.

The two companies celebrated on Wednesday, 16th September, by further cementing their relationship when DB Schenker Rail UK's Class 60 locomotive (60044) was named Dowlow, in honour of Hope Construction Materials' Dowlow Quarry in Derbyshire.

The naming ceremony was performed by DB Schenker Rail UK CEO Geoff Spencer and Hope Construction Materials CEO Chris Plant. Afterwards they both enjoyed a cab ride on the locomotive.

The new five-year contract covers the transport of aggregates from the quarry at Dowlow near Buxton to ten locations across Britain. In 2015 a new depot has been opened at Walsall in the West Midlands, with further depots planned to open during the contract. Coal is also conveyed twice per week from South Wales to the cement plant in Hope.

The locomotive naming ceremony took place at the official opening of Hope's new £1.2m upgraded site in Walsall which includes a railhead and concrete plant.

Geoff Spencer said: "This is the beginning of a long-term partnership between DB Schenker Rail UK and Hope Construction Materials. The volumes are expected to grow significantly during the contract and we are proud to be supporting Hope Construction Materials in achieving its goals. We were delighted to name our loco 60044 in honour of Dowlow Quarry and to further cement our relationship

with Hope Construction Materials, a young company that is quickly establishing itself in the British market."

Chris Plant said: "Our investment in our Walsall Plant means that we can now bring in aggregates by rail from our quarry near Buxton in Derbyshire; and we can also bring in cement by rail from our Works at Hope, also in Derbyshire. This in turn means that we have all the key ingredients for concrete here on one site, ready to provide a slick and efficient first class supply service to construction companies in this very busy area. In addition to marking the official opening of our new Walsall Plant, it was a pleasure to work with DB Schenker Rail UK to officially name the locomotive which will pull the wagons of aggregates, 'Dowlow'."

'DURHAM CATHEDRAL' TRAIN ARRIVES FOR A SPECIAL DEPARTURE

On September 29th, Virgin Trains unveiled a locomotive specially designed to celebrate Durham Cathedral and the retirement of the Dean of Durham, The Very Revered Michael Sadgrove. Locomotive 91114 proudly features a 'Durham Cathedral' name plate and has been given an extensive

design-makeover by Virgin Trains to include a silhouette of the historic building, St Cuthbert's Cross and other details from the architecture of the Cathedral.

board address system to deliver a short message to those on-board the service.

Michael Sadgrove said: "It is truly an honour to have a train named after Durham Cathedral and I am humbled to see my name on the cab of the locomotive too.

"Throughout my time here as Dean of Durham, I have travelled along this stretch of railway line and, along with so many others, marvelled at the breathtaking view the stretch into Durham affords of the Cathedral.

"For so many, that view of Durham Cathedral is a symbol of 'coming home', a feeling that we have been privileged to share for the last 12 years, and it will remain a special view to us forever."



The train cab also features the name 'The Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove, Dean of Durham' along with the dates of his service to mark his retirement. Dean of Durham, The Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove welcomed the train as it arrived at Durham station today before joining the service to Newcastle where the train was officially blessed. Durham Cathedral Choristers sang to customers at Durham and Newcastle stations as well during the journey between the two cities on the East Coast Main Line. The Dean used the

An official blessing was performed by The Dean of Durham at Newcastle station along with Railway Chaplain for the Newcastle area, Helen Bartlett.

David Horne, Virgin Trains Managing Director, said: "We're honoured The Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove is launching and blessing our newly designed 'Durham Cathedral' locomotive as

his final official engagement as the Dean of Durham. We've worked closely with the Durham Cathedral community to create this design and I'm confident our customers like it when it's out and about on our route promoting this amazing city with spectacular views to the rest of the UK."

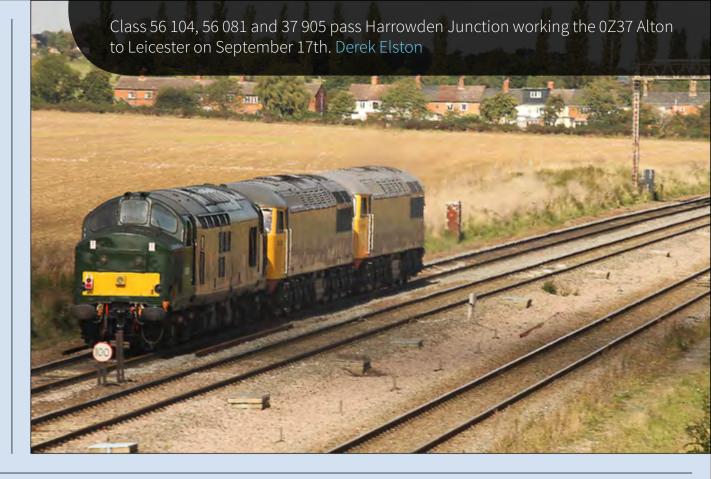
Photo: Virgin Trains Managing Director David Horne with Dean of Durham Michael Sadgrove and Railway Chaplain (Newcastle area) Helen Bartlett.





The boiler from Ivatt 2-6-2T No. 41312 boiler is seen on test at Ropley on September 28th. Ken Livermore





VIRGIN TRAINS TO LAUNCH NEW SERVICE FROM SUNDERLAND

Virgin Trains has launched tickets for its newest destination – Sunderland. The city will benefit from a new direct return service to London from 14 December 2015. Virgin has also started selling tickets for a new return service from Stirling to London King's Cross. Both of these new services, from Monday 14 December, will feature early morning departures making them ideal for a day of business or leisure in London. The company will also sell tickets from today for an additional return service from Leeds to London on Saturdays, a move designed to appeal to leisure travellers and families wishing to travel to the capital in the run-up to Christmas.

David Horne, Managing Director at Virgin Trains, said: "This is a hugely exciting day for us as we move towards operating more services, and adding Sunderland to the Virgin rail map. "The new services mark a major milestone in Virgin Trains' ambitious plans to transform services on its East Coast

route, which also includes £140m investment to deliver an improved service and more personalised customer experience. "Business customers have been calling for more early-morning departures that will give them a longer day in the capital and we're delighted to be delivering on our promise by launching these extra services. We're also responding to demand in Leeds, with an extra return service which will be great for leisure travellers and those families wishing to head to London in the run-up to Christmas."

Rail Minister Claire Perry said: "The new Sunderland service will provide better journeys for customers across the region and boost economic ties between the north east and the capital, stimulating growth. It will play an important role in our ambitious plans to build a Northern Powerhouse and create a balanced, healthier economy. Along with the additional services for Scotland and Yorkshire, this is further proof that the new East Coast franchise is delivering real benefits for customers across the UK."

The additional weekday Stirling service will launch on Monday 14 December with a 05.26 weekday departure, arriving in London King's Cross at 10.52. This is 46 minutes faster than the existing 05.30 departure, which requires a change of train and arrives in London at 11.42. The train will also call at Falkirk Grahamston, and will link with the existing 06.26 departure from Edinburgh Waverley. The return service will depart London King's Cross at 15.00, arriving in Stirling at 20.16.

Customers in Sunderland will see a new 05.40 departure, arriving in London King's Cross at 09.08. With the return service departing London at 20.00, both services will be faster than existing direct trains to Sunderland, by seven minutes southbound and 11 minutes northbound.

Customers in Leeds will see an additional 09.40 departure on Saturdays starting on Saturday 17 October: the new service will also call at Wakefield and arrives at King's Cross at 11.51. The return service will depart London at 19.04 and arrive in Leeds at 21.21.

Tickets for the new Sunderland service and additional trains from Stirling and Leeds are now on sale at http://www.virgintrainseastcoast.com/

The first of GB Railfreight's new fleet of 73/9s go into service

GB Railfreight has confirmed that the first three of a new fleet of refurbished 73/9s have gone into service following a 10-year lease agreement with Network Rail. They will be supporting the infrastructure provider's ongoing track and engineering operations.

The three 73/9s (73961-73963) went into service for Network Rail on 16th September and will be rotated around two types of work:

- (1) Infrastructure monitoring hauling trains that monitor the track and any defects that have occurred
- (2) Possession management hauling day/ overnight engineering trains

GBRf has spent millions of pounds refurbishing these locomotives. Keeping the same underframe, Brush Traction has replaced the original 600hp English electric engine with brand new 1600hp MTU R43 4000 V8, providing increased power, improved fuel economy and enhanced versatility. Afurther eight 73/9s are currently undergoing refurbishment and testing at Brush Traction to go into service on other contracts later this year. This increased power and versatility means that Network Rail will be able to cover a much wider area on their monitoring and possession work, extending beyond the southern region.

The award of this contract highlights the crucial investment that GBRf is making in supporting the growth of rail freight over the medium-long term. Earlier this year, GB Railfreight brought the first of their 21 new Class 66s into service, for use on various work across the network. At present, GBRf's total fleet includes 72 Class 66s, 20 Class 73s, 16 Class 92s, 4 Class 08/09s and

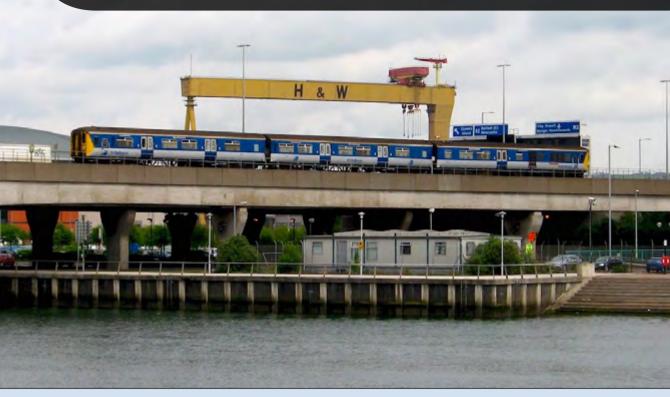
12 DI8 shunters. This number will increase with the arrival of an additional six Class 66s in January 2016.

John Smith, Managing Director of GBRf, said: "GB Railfreight is delighted that the first of its new Class 73/9s have entered into service and that they will be supporting Network Rail with its infrastructure work across the UK rail network. These electrodiesel 73/9s are incredibly versatile and powerful, and can be used on a wide variety of routes across the regions. This deal is another sign of the significant investment GBRf is making in the domestic freight industry."

Paul Gilbert, operations director for Network Rail National Supply Chain, said: "Our infrastructure monitoring and engineering trains are absolutely vital to the work we do each and every day. The introduction of the 73/9s is a quick and cost effective way of boosting our fleet and will improve reliability and increase in our overall capability."

Doug Loudon, Managing Director of Brush Traction, said: "Wabtec, through its Brush Traction business, is delighted to have worked with GBRf to return these locomotives to service. The locomotives have benefited from a full physical overhaul as well as having had significant engineering upgrades applied to provide a highly engineered specification. Wabtec will provide full service support to GBRf and Network Rail over many years of service as part of its commitment to the program. The activity to refurbish a further seven locomotives is at an advanced stage in support of entry in to service later this vear."

A Northern Ireland Railways Class 450 DEMU is photographed against a background of the Harland & Wolff shipyard in Belfast. Keith Chapman



Staff pitch in to spruce up Great Yarmouth rail station

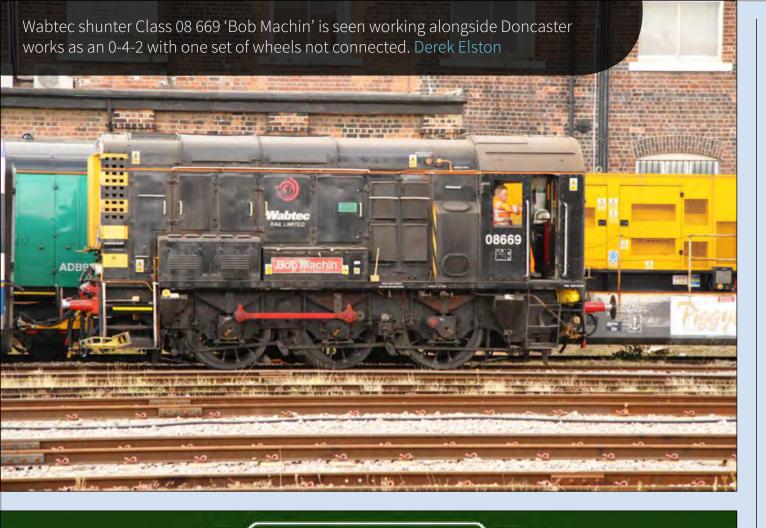
A team of Abellio Greater Anglia employees have completed a makeover of Great Yarmouth station to create a more welcoming environment for passengers and tourists.

The two-day project was undertaken earlier this summer by Abellio Greater Anglia managers and staff who volunteered their time to give the station an overhaul and create a better impression to visitors.

The work, which is now complete, included: Cleaning and repairing the front fascia of the station; Repairing and repainting the ticket office and mess room; Repainting all visible white paint, doors, fences and bollards; Deep cleaning of the floors; Installing new netting to deter pigeons; Installing, painting and planting flower tubs and hanging baskets; Clearing weeds and tidying the grassed area at the front of the station.

The Abellio Greater Anglia team was also assisted by staff from contractors, Railscape and Holywell.

Abellio Greater Anglia's Area Customer Service Manager, James Reeve, said, "Everyone worked really hard over the two days and it was also very enjoyable, with everyone participating with real enthusiasm. The team has made a real difference, significantly improving the overall appearance of the station and creating a better impression to customers and visitors to the town."



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Virgin Trains launches new menu

Acclaimed chef, Bryn Williams, has launched a new on-board menu, especially for two routes on the West Coast Mainline in collaboration with Virgin Trains. Bryn, of Odette's Primrose Hill and newly opened Bryn at Porth Eirias, Colwyn Bay, has developed the new Evening Menu, which is exclusive to the North Wales and Shrewsbury routes; it is the second Bryn has created for Virgin Trains passengers, since the partnership began in January 2015. Available to customers travelling in First Class on Monday – Friday evenings, the new menu offers a choice of three mains (Slow Roast Chicken; Herb Gnocchi; or Hand Cured Salmon); and two desserts (Lime and Lemon Posset; or Cheese and Biscuits).

Rob Taylor, Virgin Trains First Class Product Development Manager, said: "Working with local people and suppliers is something we take real pride in, so to have Bryn on board for a second menu is fantastic. We're passionate about the quality of our food. Bryn's culinary expertise along with our knowledge and experience, has allowed us to create something special for our First Class customers." The partnership began when a member of the Virgin Trains on-board team from Holyhead approached Bryn with the idea of working with Virgin Trains, after she noticed he was travelling regularly between London and North Wales whilst setting up his new restaurant at Porth Eirias in Colwyn Bay.

Bryn Williams, who is from Denbigh, said: "It is amazing to work with Virgin Trains and do something like this on my home patch. I'm proud to be able to offer customers quality food that is tasty and well thought-out; the dishes are classic combinations, using seasonal ingredients. The collaboration is a great team effort with people who share the same dreams and passion. Virgin Trains has this in abundance – from the catering team that produce the food to the on board staff who serve it, and without them it wouldn't have been possible."

Vicki Jones, North Wales Customer Experience Leader, said: "We're really proud to offer our customers something unique and tasty that has been developed by an acclaimed local chef. Bryn has been fantastic to work with and listens to what we and our customers want. The new food has only been available for one week and it is already going down a treat." The new menu is available now until 8th January 2016.

GB Railfreight and FCC Environment reopen strategic freight site in Cricklewood

On September 8th, GB Railfreight ran its first train transporting waste from its new North London Railfreight Terminal, a strategic freight site in Cricklewood that the company has leased from Network Rail.

The new 3-year contract is for one train a day (Monday to Friday) in partnership with FCC Environment, who GBRf have signed a material storage, handling and haulage deal with. Each loaded train is formed of 20 box wagons, which is the equivalent of removing about 70 lorries from the road or 350 lorries per week. The site handles soil waste from a variety of locations in London, including construction sites and development areas. Waste material arrives at the site by lorry where it gets deposited, prior to being transported by rail.

Locomotive 66709 departed the North London Railfreight Terminal at 12:15 and was the first train to run under the new agreement to take spoil up to FCC Environment's Calvert Waste Management Facility in Buckinghamshire. The ultimate end use of the materials is reuse or recovery rather than disposal. GBRf have signed a head lease with Network Rail to commence operating from the Cricklewood site, a location that had not been in use for a number of years.

GB Railfreight have called down and leased the strategic freight site through a property deal with the infrastructure provider and are now working in partnership with FCC Environment, who procure the material and arrange road movement into site, and Material Handling Ltd, who manage the handling, storage and loading of material. John Smith, Managing Director of GB Railfreight, said: "As London continues to build, more and more construction soils and materials need to be able to leave the capital efficiently and with least cost to the environment at a time when London's roads are already seriously under strain. With major projects like HS2 and Crossrail 2 in the pipeline the rail freight sector can provide a reliable solution. This new service out of Cricklewood demonstrates our commitment to doing our bit to support the construction sector in London, removing 350 lorries from the road per week."

Phil Amos, Senior Accounts Manager of GB Railfreight, said: "The successful commencement of operations at this location, and the running of trains from Cricklewood to Calvert, reflects the hard work of a number of parties over many months to return this site to an active railfreight terminal. We very much look forward to providing FCC Environment with GBRf's customary high levels of performance and customer service on this flow."

ON TRACK TO CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF BRITAIN'S PREMIER RAIL MUSEUM

Virgin Trains East Coast teamed up with the National Railway Museum (NRM) on September 23rd to celebrate four decades of the first national museum outside London – with help from three volunteers who've been there from the very beginning.

The train operator and the Museum also announced that an exclusive Hornby model of locomotive 43238 is to be made, with a limited production run going on sale in Spring 2016.



era in railway history, just as the National Railway Museum's birthday marks a milestone in our railway heritage. As part of the branding of our train fleet in Virgin red, we have taken the opportunity restore locomotive 43238's association with the NRM and to celebrate

Coast Managing

It seems only fitting that we should dedicate one of our locomotives to mark four decades of this amazing

visitor attraction, which has created special memories for millions of visitors in Britain and around the world, and which now attracts hundreds of thousands of people to York, the heart of our network. The Hornby model will make an exciting and unique keepsake of this milestone in the history of Britain's railways, and we're sure it'll be in great demand from collectors and rail enthusiasts alike."

Paul Kirkman, National Railway Museum Director, said: "Anniversaries are times of reflection, and it is with huge pride that we recognise the development of the National Railway Museum over the last 40 years. I am truly grateful to the many organisations that have worked with us over that time especially our esteemed counterparts in the railway industry. They help us to tell the amazing stories of the railways, old and new, so that our visitors can understand the importance of the industry and its impact on us and the world.

"Anniversaries are also a time for looking forward. Forty years ago, rail passenger numbers had been declining since the 1950s and stood only a little above their all-time low. To many, it must have felt as though a golden age had passed and the glory days were consigned to history. How different the world feels now: passenger numbers continue to grow and the country's most significant infrastructure schemes are railwavs."

Long-serving National Railway Museum volunteer Rob Tibbits said: "It's been a pleasure being present at all the milestone moments for the Museum, including the opening of Station Hall in 1995 and the addition of Search Engine in 2008, big rail events including the Railfest celebrations of 2004 and 2012, the award-winning Mallard 75 season, and numerous Royal visits.

"We can't wait to see what the next 40 years will bring, starting with next year's return of the legendary steam loco 'Flying Scotsman'."

Locomotion, the National Railway Museum at Shildon, County Durham, is sister venue to the NRM in York, and is a joint venture between the National Railway Museum and Durham County Council.

Chairman of the Locomotion Joint Management Board Brian Greenwood said: "We're delighted to support the event, which recognises 40 years of promoting railway heritage at the National Railway Museum in York.

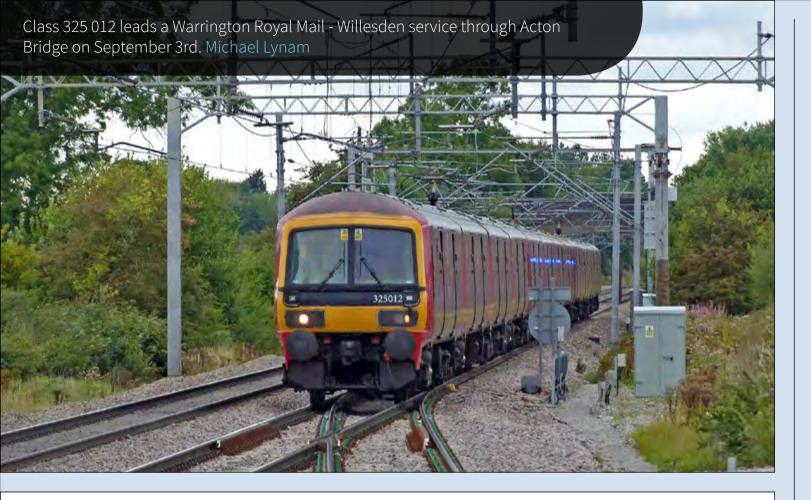
"It's also excellent news that an exclusive Hornby model of locomotive 43238 in its impressive new livery is to be produced, and I'm sure this limited edition model will be in high demand when it goes on sale next Spring."

Museum visitors past and present are also being invited to share their memories, photos and videos of 40 years of the National Railway Museum via a dedicated page on the attraction's website. For more information, visit: http://www. nrm.org.uk/NRM-40/.

For more information on Virgin Trains East Coast services and great value fare deals to visit the National Railway Museum in York, visit: http://www.virgintrainseastcoast.com.

David Horne, Virgin Trains East Coast Managing Director, and Paul Kirkman, National Railway Museum Director, named locomotive number 43238 'National Railway Museum 40 Years 1975 – 2015' on the platform at York station. The same locomotive previously carried the name 'National Railway Museum – The First Ten Years 1975 – 1985' for 12 years from 1985. It now wears a distinctive and specially-designed livery, depicting key exhibits from the Museum's collection, including the working replica of Stephenson's 'Rocket', and 'Locomotion No.1' which is currently on loan to Darlington's Head of Steam Railway Museum.

Invited guests and passengers joined in the celebration, with the three long-serving volunteers - David Eastoe, Peter Brumby and Rob Tibbits - marking a collective 120 years' service at the event. Together, they blew out candles on a specially-designed celebration cake which re-created the unique livery worn by the locomotive named at York station.



Loco Fleet List 2015

This publication gives a reference to all the Diesel & Electric Locomotives which have operated on Britain's railways from the early experimental era right up until the present day.

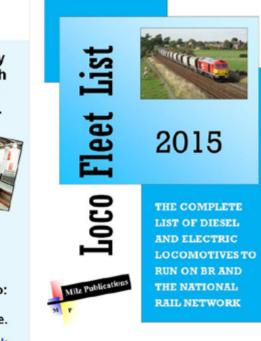
This information has been put together to give an easy reference to the numbering and official naming of each locomotive and includes all withdrawn, preserved and currently operating locos in TOPS classification order.

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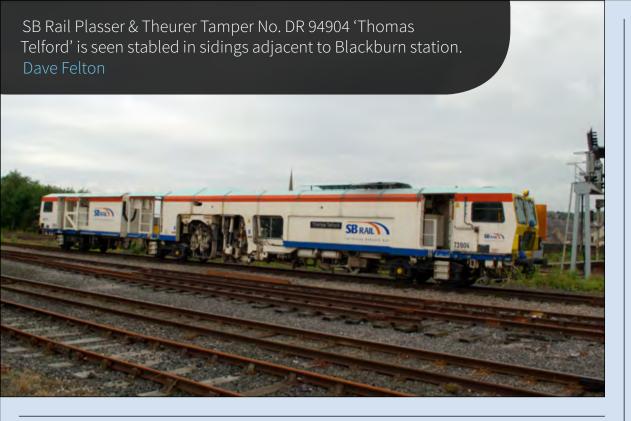
Groceries, post and automobiles ride the rails - Britain fills 80 more freight trains per week than last year as shoppers get hungry

Mackerel in May, asparagus in autumn and figs in February - the demands of Britain's shoppers for goods out of season, rapid delivery and specialist produce are today helping to fill 80 more freight trains per week compared to this time last year, according to new research from Network Rail. Figures show this demand has been steadily increasing over the last decade, with a 75% uplift in the volume of consumer goods travelling by train since 2005. Today rail freight plays an ever more important role in delivering everything from loo roll and luxury cars to refrigerators and rhubarb across the UK, with trains covering an extra 20,000 miles each month compared to the same time last year and more than 600,000 miles in total. In order to handle the escalating load, Network Rail has been consistently upgrading the railway, with new links to major UK ports being constructed to support foreign trade. New longer freight trains capable of carrying greater loads have also been introduced as well as significant track enhancements to improve the flow of freight traffic and ultimately get goods to customers more quickly.

Network Rail's director of freight, Paul McMahon, said: "The next time you enjoy a chocolate bar with your afternoon cuppa, consider that it has more than likely travelled by train to get to you, and at Christmas when you send a flurry of cards to friends and family, they will join millions of other pieces of mail moving daily by train to get to their destination. Quite simply, many of the things we rely on wouldn't get to us as quickly or efficiently as we expect without rail freight. We're continuing to work on increasing capacity for more freight trains, making the network more efficient to allow longer trains to carry more containers, and importantly separating flows of passenger and freight traffic – and our Railway Upgrade Plan is helping to make this all possible."

According to the Rail Delivery Group, the rail freight industry is now adding over £1.6 billion a year to the UK economy and this is predicted to rise to £2 billion in 2023 with continued investment.

The increase in rail freight also continues to fuel British trade. For example, in Southampton where significant changes have been made to improve efficiency, such as extending platform lengths, updating signalling and enhancing terminal technology. With Chinese imports now representing 60% of the containers received through Southampton port, rail freight plays an important role in supporting international trade to the UK.



Work starts on site to replace Ufton Nervet level crossing with a bridge

Network Rail's plan to improve safety at Ufton Nervet level crossing has reached an important milestone as work started to prepare the site for the replacement of the level crossing with a bridge. The building of a bridge will completely separate road and rail traffic at this site, which has experienced several incidents of deliberate misuse following a collision between a train and a car on the crossing in 2004 in which seven people died and 71 people were injured. The preparatory work currently taking place involves moving the location of the memorial garden from the south to the north side of the crossing to make it more accessible once the new bridge has opened. The memorial garden is dedicated to those who died and those affected by the 2004 collision. As well as being more accessible, its new location will also mean it joins the memorial garden dedicated to Mr Stanley Martin, the driver of the train.

Daniel Collins, Network Rail's scheme sponsor for the project said: "This is an important step towards our goal of improving the safety of passengers and the wider public at Ufton Nervet. Replacing the level crossing with a bridge will completely separate road and rail traffic at this site, significantly reducing the risk of a tragedy, like the 2004 collision, happening again."

'Tree World Services' is carrying out the work on behalf of Network Rail to move the location of the memorial garden. This company is located near to the crossing and its staff assisted the emergency services in the aftermath of the 2004 collision. As a result, they feel very connected to the work to replace the crossing and were keen to be involved in the project. Construction of the new bridge will start in early 2016 and will take approximately a year to complete.

Did you Know - Ken Mumford

Cambrian Tyranny

In 1892 at Ellesmere Station the Cambrian Railway made its mark in the annals of trade union history. John Hood, the Stationmaster, had given evidence before a Parliamentary Committee inquiring into over-long hours worked by railwaymen - a 60 hour working week was nothing unusual and only the Welsh regard for Sunday observance kept the hours worked from being even more.

Around the same time, the Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants of the United kingdom denounced the Cambrian, saying that 'little railways were a gigantic mistake' and the Labour press thundered 'Cambrian Tyranny.'

Dickens in a bridge crash

Charles Dickens almost lost his life on June 9th 1865 when a fast boat express from Folkstone was wrecked about 1½ miles from Staplehurst station. A bridge under repair, and by some grave failure on the part of the man in charge a rail was taken out, forgetful of the fast boat train's approach.

The train left the rails, and a part of it ended up in the stream below. Ten people were immediately killed and over fifty injured. Interesting that exactly five years to that very day that great author passed away. Dickens' many friends thought that his end was quickened by the awful shock of this accident.

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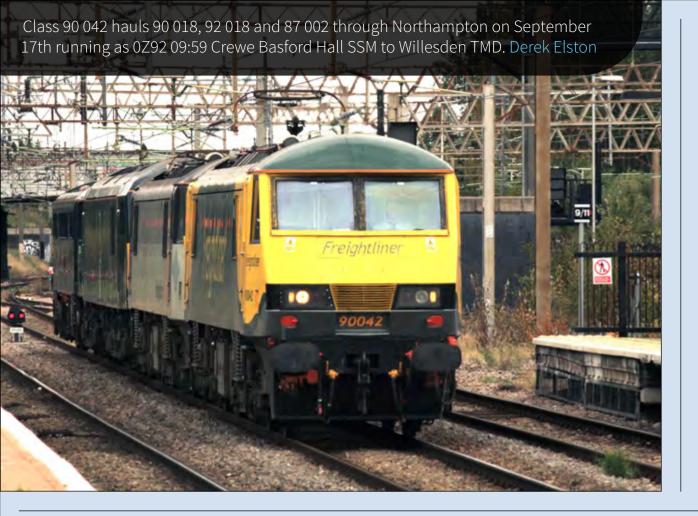
Swindon Works [Loco & Carriage Department] was responsible on February 1921 for repairing a shoulder strap for Caerleon's Station Master's artificial limb. The Bill [not stated] was charged to the Traffic Department.

Did You Know?

The design of the only Great Western Pacific type locomotive -`The Great Bear' was closer to a 4-8-0 than a 4-6-2 as the rear set of wheels had a very limited amount of side-play hence one of the reasons why it was restricted to a very limited route availability and spent most of its brief life between London and Bristol.



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GB Railfreight increases capacity at the Port of Felixstowe

On September 2nd, GB Railfreight ran its first train in its new slot at the Port of Felixstowe, enabling the freight operator to increase its capacity at the Port by over one fifth (23%). The new slot, GB Railfreight's 7th at the Port, was awarded after a competitive bidding process. It marks an important milestone in GB Railfreight's operations at the Port, its first new slot since 2012. This slot allows trains to run from Felixstowe to Birmingham Intermodal Freight Terminal (BIFT) at Birch Coppice in the West Midlands, a major intermodal freight terminal owned by Maritime Transport. It is the first train to serve this route out of the Port, meaning it will be actively switching freight from road to rail. Trains will run to and from the Port once a day, five days a week (Monday to Friday) over the next five years. The first train, locomotive 66761, left the Port for Maritime Transport's Birmingham Intermodal Freight Terminal, Birch Coppice, at 10:29 am. To begin with, the trains will consist of 33 wagons. However, GBRf has placed an order for a further 15 Ecofret triple-platform wagons, which will make the train 45 wagons in length. This will allow the freight operator to continue to serve the demand for 40 foot containers and increases GBRf's capacity at the Port by 23% - over one fifth.

John Smith, Managing Director of GB Railfreight, said: "This is a really exciting day for us. We have worked extremely hard to identify opportunities to increase our capacity to and from the Port. As a result, we now run the longest intermodal freight trains on the network

with wagons that can accommodate 40 foot-containers. The winning of our 7th slot is an important milestone as it enables us to further expand our capacity, helping us to continue to meet the demand from our customers and support the growth of the intermodal rail freight market and its potential to take freight off the roads."

John Williams, Group Managing Director of Maritime Transport, said: BIFT is an important strategic freight interchange in the West Midlands and we are delighted that GBRf has chosen our rail terminal for their new service."

Clemence Cheng, Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Felixstowe and Managing Director of HPH Europe division, said: "As well as being the busiest container port in the UK, Felixstowe also operates the country's biggest intermodal rail facility. In 2014 we handled close to 900,000 TEU by rail. This record volume was achieved by the investment we made in our newest terminal, the North Rail Terminal, and the dedicated employees in our rail team working closely with our customers and Network Rail to improve on our efficiency and the handling of longer trains. The 30+ wagon trains that run from there are the longest intermodal trains in the UK. Capacity at the North Rail Terminal is being further enhanced by two new Rail-Mounted Gantry Cranes. Together with the new service launched, this investment further enhances the unique range and frequency of services available at Felixstowe giving port users greater choice and more opportunities to strip carbon from their supply chains."

First Great Western Becomes Great Western Railway as Part of Historic Re-brand

On September 20th, railway company First Great Western was re-named Great Western Railway (GWR) as it marks the biggest investment in the railways since Brunel. The rebrand is centred on the company's commitment to putting its people and customers first. Inspired by the legacy of Brunel, the new branding is a modern adaptation of the traditional Great Western Railway look and feel, drawing on its 182-year-old heritage to inspire a new identity. As part of the new look, travellers will soon be able to see refreshed branding, new uniforms and the phased introduction of new train liveries. Central to GWR's activity is an improvement package, put together with the Department of Transport (DfT), which will deliver huge benefits to passengers in terms of journey times, capacity and reliability.

Alongside the ongoing £7.5 billion investment in improvements to the rail network, a massive fleet upgrade will see new or more modern trains, all with free WiFi, on every area of the network by December 2018. During the same time frame, the addition of new trains will slash the average age of First Great Western's train fleet by more than half – and also help to create three million additional seats across the network. A major timetable change in December 2018 will see quicker train journeys across the route with a reduction of journey times between South Wales, Bristol and London, shaving travel time into Bristol by up to 17 minutes and Cardiff by up to 14 minutes. These new services will also see more direct trains into Devon and double the number of trains into and out of Cornwall. This will be supported by 100 extra members of customer-facing staff, and the introduction of dedicated Customer Ambassadors at key stations across the route to help customers with local information, directions and onward travel options.

Local businesses also stand to benefit as a result of being better connected to new and prosperous markets. Independent research conducted for the South West Economic Regional Develop Agency (now LEPs) has shown that electrification will boost the South West economy by £120m per year alone.

Great Western Railway Managing Director, Mark Hopwood said: "This investment represents a historic milestone for us and so it was a perfect opportunity to launch the Great Western Railway once again. We are committed to improving the journeys of our passengers, as well as the economic prosperity and social footprint of the regions and communities we serve. It's a new dawn for our railway and we're excited to be at the helm." Local communities along the Great Western Railway service will also benefit from financial support. A £2.2m Customer and Communities Improvement Fund, which will support areas of the railway where there is a real social need will be deployed, as well as a commitment to redevelop branch lines, offer free travel to jobseekers on their way to interviews and introduce a paid work placement programme for the long term unemployed.

FirstGroup Chief Executive Tim O'Toole said: "FirstGroup is the proud operator of GWR, a railway steeped in years of tradition, and our new brand for the franchise represents this strong heritage." "We will be using our unrivalled knowledge and experience of the network to help deliver significant upgrades over the next few years and are already working closely with the DfT and Network Rail to deliver the initial phases of a £7.5bn investment programme to transform a key part of the country's transport infrastructure. "Under our experienced management, the franchise will see new or refurbished trains on every part of the network, resulting in more frequent and faster journeys and an increase in the number of seats, keeping people moving and communities prospering across the GWR network."



Shops to make way for a brighter, more spacious concourse at Leeds station

Leeds station users can look forward to a brighter future as Network Rail prepares to increase the space in the main passenger concourse. The three retail units next to the exit on to New Station Street, currently occupied by Burger King, Paperchase and Journeys Friend, will all be demolished to allow in more light, to create more space and to allow passengers and shoppers enter and exit the station more easily. The shops were closed from Monday 28 September, with work to remove them starting in early October. Most of the work will take place during the day with materials being removed during the night so as not to disrupt passengers. The project will last around six weeks, with the exits onto New Station Street remaining open at all times. Helen Dawson, Network Rail's station manager for Leeds, said: "Taking away these units will allow more light into the concourse and helps take out some bottlenecks that can build up at the station doors during peak times. The space vacated by the shops will also make waiting in the concourse a more comfortable experience for those checking the timetable boards or waiting to meet friends, family and colleagues."

A Different View Virgin Trains East Coast power cars Nos. 43208 and 43319 head onto the Forth Bridge at South Queensferry, September 6th. Richard Jones

Numbers & Dots: As West Country Pacific No. 34092 passes a milepost marker at the East Lancs Railway on September 10th. Gerald Nicholl

GWR Hall Class 4-6-0 No. 4965 'Rood Ashton Hall' catches the evening sunlight as it passes Uffington on September 26th working the 1Z64 Hereford - Tyseley. Carl Grocott



With the skyline of Bolton in the background, work can be seen well advanced for the demolition of Orlando Bridge. Dave Felton







Former BR Class 08 No. D3429 shunts a rake of MGR hoppers at Chasewater on September 5th. Richard Hargreaves

Hunslet 0-4-0 diesel hydraulic locomotive No. 6678 shunts some brake vans at Chasewater. Richard Hargreaves



PLEDGES TOWARDS BUILDING P2 REACH £2M IN JUST TWO YEARS

Pledges towards the building of new Gresley class P2 steam locomotive No. 2007 Prince of Wales have already reached £2m in just two years since the launch of the project in September 2013. The new locomotive is already over one-third complete by weight. This rapid construction has been fuelled by the project's successful fundraising campaigns which have seen pledges of 40% of the £5m required to complete Britain's most powerful steam locomotive by 2021. In only 18 months since the launch of the project's 'P2 for the price of a pint of beer a week' (£10 per month) regular donation - or covenant - scheme, funds either already donated or pledged by Standing Order have already reached £2m.

The class P2 2-8-2 'Mikado' locomotives were the most powerful passenger steam locomotives to operate in the UK, designed by Sir Nigel Gresley to haul 600 ton trains on the arduous Edinburgh to Aberdeen route. Sadly the design was never fully developed and they were rebuilt in 1943/44 and scrapped by 1961. The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust (a registered charity and builders of famous new steam locomotive No. 60163 Tornado) is building the seventh member of this class over seven years at an estimated cost of £5m through its P2 Steam Locomotive Company subsidiary. The project will demonstrate how the design can be fully realised through use of modern computer design and modelling techniques, enabling the new locomotive to deliver its full potential hauling passenger trains at high speed across today's national network.

Public interest in seeing a new Gresley class P2 become a reality sooner rather than later is high and almost 700 people have already signed up to the 'P2 for the price of a pint of beer per week' (£10 per month or more) covenant scheme since its launch a year ago. In addition to this core scheme, funds have been raised through The Founders Club (over 360 people have donated £1,000 each – target 100 people, now closed), The Boiler Club (almost 90 people have pledged £2,000 each - target of 300 people), Dedicated Donations (£120,000 from existing supporters sponsoring a variety of components) and the sponsorship of the locomotive's distinctive front-end by The Gresley Society Trust. This means that the project has already received pledges of £2m (including Gift Aid) of the £5m needed over the next seven years.

Mark Allatt, chairman, The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, commented: "We are delighted with the level of support that the project to build Britain's most powerful steam locomotive has received since its launch. Thanks to our supporters' continued generosity £2m has now been donated or pledged which has been converted into over one third of the new locomotive being now in existence by weight. With No. 60163 Tornado's overhaul now complete, our team at Darlington Locomotive Works has resumed the erection of No. 2007 Prince of Wales's frames, fitting the frame stretchers, horn guides and other components manufactured by external contractors over the past few months. "We are hopeful that we will have completed the rolling chassis for No. 2007 Prince of Wales next winter and we remain on-track for completion of the new locomotive in 2021. However, to maintain this rate of progress we need to continue to raise in excess of £700,000 per year, which given the nature of the regular donation scheme becomes more challenging as each year passes. "I would encourage all steam enthusiasts who haven't yet contributed to this exciting project to help us to meet these deadlines by becoming a monthly covenantor or joining The Boiler Club. It's time to get on board! This year will see further major announcements as the construction of new Gresley class P2 No. 2007 Prince of Wales gathers pace."



On a perfect autumn morning, Class 37 109 arrives at Ramsbottom from Rawtenstall during the Diesel Gala on September 27th. Jeff Nicholls





It could be a scene from the 1980s as Class 50 015 'Valiant' leaves Ramsbottom bound for Rawtenstall with a rake of blue/grey stock. Jeff Nicholls





Rawtenstall. Michael Lynam

Rudyard Lake Steam Railway

No. 6 'Excalibur' is a 2-4-2T built by Exmoor Steam Railway, works No. 294/1993 and is seen here at the depot on September 27th. Michael Lynam

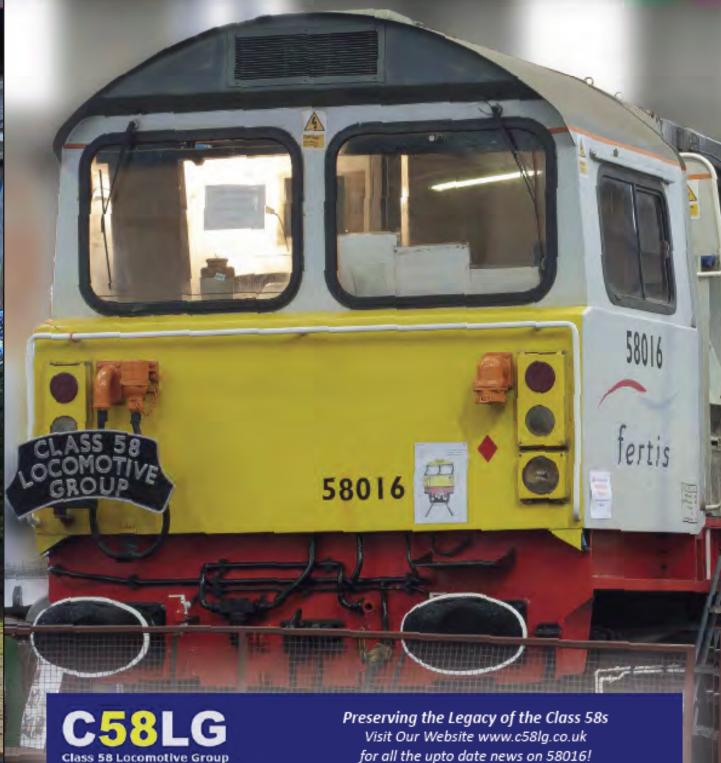


No. 8 'King Arthur' an 0-6-2T built by Exmoor Steam Railway, works No. 324/2005 is seen operating at the line near Leek on September 27th. Michael Lynam

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Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway

Class 08 No. D3558, Class 26 038 and a Swindon built DMU are seen at Bo'ness depot. Michael Lynam









Carrying the DRS livery, Class 37 703 is pictured outside the depot at Bo'ness. Michael Lynam

LNER Class D49 No. 62712 'Morayshire' is seen being prepared for the days duties. Michael Lynam









West Lancashire Light Railway Over the weekend of September 19th/20th, the line held an event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the construction of Kerr Stuart Joffre class 0-6-0 locomotive No. 2405 built 1915. Built in Stoke for the French Artillery Railway in WW1, two working Joffre locomotives were in steam for the first time in preservation with the special appearance of Moseley Railway Trust's Kerr Stuart 3014 built in 1916. Here Kerr Stuart No. 3014/1916 and 'Joffre' No. 2405/1915 are seen at Delph. Michael Lynam 'Utrillas', built by Orenstein & Koppel, Germany, works No. 2378/1907, an 0-4-0 Tank + Well Tank is seen at Beconsall. John Balaam



Autumn Steam Gala to Feature Six Locomotives 16th - 18th October

A classic Southern Railway N15 King Arthur class locomotive is to star in the Swanage Railway's three-day Autumn Steam Gala – an event featuring six locomotives in action spanning more than half a century. The real Southern steam event takes place between Friday and Sunday, 16 to 18 October, 2015, inclusive.

There will be a frequent train service between Norden, Corfe Castle, Harman's Cross and Swanage. It will be the first time the majestic No. 777 'Sir Lamiel' – built for the Southern Railway in 1925 – has visited the Swanage Railway in more than five years.

It was in July, 2010, that the 80-ton locomotive hauled the popular 'Swanage Belle' excursion train from London to Corfe Castle and Swanage when it was painted in British Railways Brunswick Green livery and numbered No. 30777. The Autumn Steam Gala will also be the first time that two Southern Railway steam locomotives designed by the company's Chief Mechanical Engineer Richard Maunsell have worked together on the Swanage Railway – 'Sir Lamiel' and fellow tender locomotive 'U' class locomotive No. 31806.

Also being put through their paces during the Gala will be Victorian-designed T9 class locomotive No. 30120 dating from 1899, M7 tank No. 30053 built in 1905, Battle of Britain class Bulleid Pacific No. 34070 'Manston' dating from the mid-1940s and British Railways Class 4 Tank No. 80104 built in 1955. Swanage Railway General Manager Matt Green said: "It will be great to see 'Sir Lamiel' back at Swanage and everyone is very much looking forward to welcoming the locomotive back to the Isle of Purbeck. Our Autumn Steam Gala will be an event not to be missed with six locomotives spanning more than half a century hauling trains from Norden to Corfe Castle, Harman's Cross and Swanage. It will also be a first for the Swanage Railway to have two Richard Maunsell-designed locomotives – 'Sir Lamiel' and our 'U' class No. 31806 – hauling trains on the relaid Purbeck Line.

Like the iconic T9 No. 30120, 4-6-0 wheel arrangement 'Sir Lamiel' is part of the National Railway Museum's national collection based in York. A class 5 in terms of power, No. 30777 'Sir Lamiel' was built for the Southern Railway in June, 1925, at North British Locomotive Company's Hyde Park works in Glasgow. A total of 30 of the N15 class locomotives were built. The locomotive was named after a fictional Knight of the Round Table in the 12th Century legend of King Arthur, Sir Lamiel of Cardiff, who was said to be a great lover. No. 30777 was first based at the Nine Elms depot in London before moving to Battersea, Bournemouth, Dover, Feltham and Basingstoke.

On withdrawal in October, 1961, 'Sir Lamiel' was stored at Fratton, Stratford & Ashford. Later adopted by Humberside Locomotive Group in June 1978. Now sporting a 1930s malachite green livery of the Southern Railway, 'Sir Lamiel' is maintained and operated by the 5305 Locomotive Association and is based on the Great Central Railway at Loughborough in Leicestershire. The N15 King Arthurs were based at Bournemouth for main line work for more than 40 years through to the early 1960s. In the early 1950s, there were 12 of the class on the books at Bournemouth but by 1960 there were just four; the locomotives having been eclipsed by the Bulleid Pacifics. The last King Arthur locomotive was withdrawn by British Railways in 1961.

Swanage Railway train times – and special event details – are available online at www. swanagerailway.co.uk or by telephone on 01929 425800.







On September 29th, Class 50 049 is seen on display in the Autumn sunshine at Kidderminster. Richard Hargreaves



On September 18th, GWR 0-4-2T No. 1450 stands at Bewdley with the Autotrain. Derek Elston





Class 17 'Clayton' No. D8568 stands at Kidderminster on September 28th, ready to work a service along the line to Bridgnorth. Richard Hargreaves



SR Battle of Britain Pacific No. 34053 'Sir Keith Park' waits to come off shed at Bridgnorth, when it will take out the 10:27 to Kidderminster Town. Derek Elston











'Princess' a Bagnall 0-6-0ST built in 1942 for Preston Docks, heads for Strand Road. Recently overhauled Birchwood No. 4, a Bagnall 0-6-0ST built in 1942, has been painted to resemble 'Courageous', a long lost Preston Docks engine, seen here on Navigation Way swing bridge. Michael Lynam Hawthorn Leslie 0-6-0ST 'Linda' works No. 3931 and recently restored at the RSR, heads alongside the river towards Riverside Station, September 12th. Ken Abram





North Yorkshire Moors Railway

LNER A4 Class 4-6-2 No. 60007 'Sir Nigel Gresley' passes Moorgates with a Grosmont to Pickering service, September 2nd. Robert Bates



LNER K4 Class 2-6-0 No. 61994 'The Great Marquess' passes Moorgates with a Grosmont to Pickering service on September 10th. Robert Bates





Southern Railway U Class 2-6-0 No. 31806 is seen passing Moorgates with a Grosmont to Pickering service on September 25th. Robert Bates



ECS from Grosmont to Pickering on September 25th. Robert Bates













Port Erin - Douglas service on September 11th. John Balaam



working the 12:40 service to Douglas. John Balaam

Manx Electric Railway cars Nos. 7 and 48 arrive into Laxey with the 13:40 Ramsey -Douglas service on September 10th. John Balaam



Douglas Horse Tram car No. 36 and 'Robert' are seen working through the streets on September 9th. John Balaam

Manx Electric Railway cars Nos. 19 and 46 are pictured arriving at Laxey with the 13:40 Douglas - Ramsey service on September 10th. John Balaam



Snaefell Mountain Railway car No. 5 is seen at Laxey on September 10th. This is the only car on the line not original, having been rebuilt following a fire. John Balaam





Right: BR Britannia Class No. 70038 'Robin Hood' is seen departing from Preston station with a parcels train with less than 3 months to go before being withdrawn from service on May 14th 1967. Dave Felton

Main: Class 50 020 arrives at Lostwithiel with the 09:20 Liverpool - Penzance service on May 14th 1983. Nick Clemson

Below: A Class 108 DMU is seen arriving into Bolton on September 6th 1991 with a service from Manchester. Michael Lynam







Right: Class 47 500 'Great Western' stands at Manchester Piccadilly on May 14th 1989 working a Cross Country service. Brian Hewertson

Main: Class 47 485 hauls the 1T32 through Kirkham with Class 20s Nos. 20 018 and 20 061 attached the rear of the train on February 15th 1992. Dave Felton

Below: Class 47 157 heads a Southampton bound liner through Eastleigh on June 18th 1999. Paul Godding











Right: Class 56 083 hauls an MGR working through Knottingley station on January 6th 1994. Brian Hewertson

Main: Class 142 025, L103 (Class 122 No. 55003) and P460 (Class 118 No. 51302 nearest) in (British) Telecom advertising livery are seen at Exeter St. Davids stabling point on May 2nd 1987. Nick Clemson

Below: Ruston & Hornsby built diesel shunter (Class 07) No. D2986 and fellow unidentified class members are stabled Eastleigh on August 4th 1969. Dave Felton







Right: Class 37 682 and 47 456 are seen amongst many others stabled at Buxton depot on April 19th 1989. Brian Hewertson

Main: Class 47 814 stands at Bolton on September 6th 1991 working a Cross Country service to Edinburgh. Michael Lynam

Below: Class 37 695 passes Haston, near Hadnall with a Cardiff - Warrington Arpley enterprise freight on August 7th 1998. Keith Davies







