

TRANS PENNINE

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NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Welcome to our second magazine of 1977, the year in which the society hopes to beat the great success of last year. First of all we would like to thank all those members who attended the film show given by Robin Rowland in February and Keith Marshalls slide show in March, at the Masons Arms. The February meeting brought a record attendance of 25, a record which lasted only one month before 30 people turned up at the March meeting. Robin and Keith wish us to pass on their thanks for the attendance and they look forward to returning in early 1978. We would like to extend our warmest thanks to these two gentlemen for giving up their evenings to give us two excellent shows.

Turning now to trips, Robin Skinner would like to thank all those members who took part in the visit to Liverpool for being such an orderly party, which went towards making it one of the most interesting and pleasurable days out we have had yet.

Our Editor Jon Davis says he would like to see more members sending in details of rail news etc. as his local postman is in danger of being made redundant through lack of work, and don't forget to write into our new section of the magazine "Talk Point" and give us your views on what makes you angry about the railways or any praise you may want to give them.

FUTURE EVENTS

Wed. 6th. April - Social evening at the Masons Arms Doncaster 19-30. Trial Quiz-question master Keith Marshall.

Sat. 16th. April - Derby Works-meet Siddals Road entrance 10-45. Members 35p, Non-Members 55p.

Sat. 23rd. April - London Area depots-meet under departure boards at Kings cross 10-05. Return by 1900. Depots to include Stratford, Hornsey, Hither Green, Old Oak Common. Members £1.55, Non-Members £1.80

Wed. 4th. May - Social evening at the Masons Arms 19-30.
Mr. Jon Davis-"Midland Main Line".

Sat. 7th. May - Humberside by rail and sea. Leave Doncaster 10-20 return by 20-00. To include Botanic Gardens, Immingham, Frodingham. Members £3-00 adult, £1-50 child. Non-Members, £3.25 adult, £1.75 child.

Sat. 21st. May - North-East by rail to include Darlington, Thornaby and Gateshead. Times and details available on booking. From Doncaster-Members £5-50 adult, £2-75 child. Non-Members £5-75 adult, £3-00 child.

Sun. 29th. May Crewe Works-Meet Goddard Street entrance 14-20
Members 25p, Non-Members 45p.

Wed. 1st. June - Social evening at the Masons Arms Doncaster 19-30

Fri/Sat. 10/11 June-Inverness by rail from Doncaster-to include Lochgorm depot 11-00(Sat.) and coach tour to Loch Ness to see the monster. Prices on application before 28th. May - approx. £6-60 from Doncaster including coach tour.

Sat. 25th. June - Derby Works-details as per 16th. April.

ALL BOOKINGS TO TOM HELLIWELL

WARNING Please do not turn up for visits without booking in advance as you may have to be turned away if the visit is fully booked.

Numbers are limited to that on the permit as British Railways byelaws require .

LOCOMOTIVE STOCK ALTERATIONS

London Midland Region: 03397/9-ER, 25092/264-TO, 40095/8-LO, 40134/79-SP. 45058-TO
46028-WR,47074/95-BS

Scottish Region: 08321-HN,20203-HA, 47470-ED, 20019/55-TI, 20204/6-ED, 08712-DE, 50269-HA 59556-ED

Western Region: 08185-GL, 08492-EJ, 08825-BR, 37270/1-CF, 37298/9-LE, 46018-20-
LA, 47128/38/40/2/3/4/5/59-LA

Locomotives withdrawn 08135/318, 24065/104/6/12/3/5/8 20/1/9, 25012, 26009/20, 27015,
44006, 76004/48/50/55/7, D1022/D1058

DMU Reallocations; 50388-NH, 50389-TS, 50497-BX, 51272-NH, 51292-NH, 51470-DE, 51527-DE
51519/801/8-HN,55006-TS,56058-CH,56115/20-NH, 56424-NH :56456-TS 59544-DE 59553-HN

DMUs Withdrawn: 51540, 252001

EMUs Reinstated: 29547/8/9/60/7/77/91/9-HR

New shed codes: OO-Old Oak Common (HST), PM-Bristol St. Phillips Marsh (HST)

COACHING STOCK NEWS

Vehicles withdrawn: 3(BY), 9(RFO), 143(BG), 323(PPF), 603/12(SLSTP), 1011/5 RSO/RUO, 1046/7/51
(RUO), 3064/8,3704,3915/89/95,4116/51 4361/3,4473, 4498,4549,4600,4765/93,4815,9005, 9331/51,9408/91,
13163/74/7/84/8, 13257,13263/6/71/9/83,13353,15376,15709,21006;14/30/5/53/89,21147,21220,2412,
24753/75/87,24808,30281,31320,32994 33002/14,34040, 34554,34910,35098,
35108,35156,37931,43150,46107,7o427~32/41,70531/2/43

Transfers

To Eastern Region 1562,1764,2130,4200/32,4850/94,5095,5122,5348,5409, 5954,6111, 13420,15833
80028. To Western Region 5079, 5158,5982/6, 13085, 14081, 86747
To Midland Region 1524,4994/6,13481,25783/99, 25808/35,
35287 To Scottish Region 3022/35/6,4119/61,5110/1/88

Vehicle reinstated; 87090

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

We would like to thank **Mr. Jack Davis** for our first cover picture. All photographs used for the magazine will be framed and hung on the wall of our club room in the Masons Arms

THROAT TROUBLE AT KINGS CROSS

Eastern Region have undertaken a nine week--operation to remodel the throat area of Kings Cross station. The work is playing havoc with the East Coast train services and it seems appropriate that the operation is due to be completed on April Fools Day.

RAILHEAD GRANTS FOR SHEFFIELD-AND WOLVERHAMPTON

Coopers (Metals) Ltd. of Swindon have been awarded a Government grant of £82,000 to be used to provide rail freight facilities at their new alloy steel depot in Brightside Lane, Sheffield.

A grant of £671,000 will help BSC to build a new railhead at their Bilston Works near Wolverhampton. The railhead will act as a trans-shipment depot for steel produced for West Midlands markets at the Corporations major complexes in the Teesside and Scunthorpe areas. Up to 6,000 tons of steel a week will be switched from road to rail when the Bilston sidings become fully operational.

BRADFORD INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM-RAILWAY**EXHIBITS by D. J .Croft**

The Bradford Industrial Museum was opened on 14th. December 1974. Whilst much of the museum is devoted to the textile industry there is a small transport gallery containing motor cars motorcycles and one steam locomotive. There is also a Bradford tram and a trolleybus in another gallery.

The locomotive in question is "NELLIE" a 1922 Hudswell-Clarke 0-4-0 ST (works number 1435), built for use on Bradford Corporations Esholt Sewage Works railway system. Originally a coal burner, "NELLIE" was converted to run on oil waste products in 1962. Incidentally she was named after the vicar of Esholts wife. A diesel shunter was acquired by the Corporation in 1969 and "NELLIE" was retired the following year to a temporary home at the Yorkshire Dales railway site at Embsay near Skipton. In May 1974 she was returned to the industrial museum for restoration and repainting in a pleasant golden brown livery, complete with the Bradford coat of arms.

Around the walls of the transport gallery are other railway items including a nameplate from the LMS Coronation Class loco "City of Bradford" (BR 46236) and several from other Esholt locos. Whilst not a major railway museum the industrial museum is well worth a visit if you happen to be in the Bradford area. It is situated at Moorside Hills, Moorside Rd, Bradford 2, which is off the A658 Harrogate road and is open daily 10-00-17-00. Admission is free.

IN SEARCH OF EUROPEAN STEAM

A member of the Pennine Railway Society is planning to visit one of the remaining steam centres in Europe. Will anyone who would be interested in joining him or if anyone could supply current information on European steam please contact Mr. K. M. Brown, 4, Hudson Close, Harthill, Sheffield, Tel. Worksop 770633.

ATOMIC TRAINS KEEP DANGEROUS S TRAFFIC OFF ROADS

Deadly atomic waste is being shipped every day on BR. nearly 500 loads went to Windscale plant in Cumbria for reprocessing last year. Waste is packed in special flasks which are then cased in other protective materials. The whole package could weigh up to 80 tons.

Stations from which the journeys were started were Bradwell (Essex), Berkeley Gloucestershire), Trawsfynydd near Blaenau Ffestiniog (Gwynedd), Dungeness Kent), Sizewell (Suffolk), Oldbury (West Midlands), Wylfa (Anglesea) and Hunterston (Ayrshire).

NEW STATION

Work has started on a new station at Brinnington, Cheshire between Bredbury and Romiley on the Manchester Piccadilly-New Mills Central line. Work should be complete by this Autumn.

TRANS PENNINE TALK POINT

A new section for "TRANS-PENNINE" is "Talk-Point" in which guest writers will put over their point of view on things that matter in the world of BR and the Pennine Railway Society.

Such controversial topics as the Woodhead route and its future and the Advanced Passenger Train will be discussed, as well as criticism or praise when it is due on the progress of the GN and Midland electrification schemes as well as general discussion on BR's Inter-City, and local services.

Also, you the member, will be invited to write to the Editor giving your views on the subjects being discussed. One of the ideas of this article is to generate discussion and interest in the things that affect your hobby and interests. The writer will sometimes be blunt and ruthless therefore it will be up to you to write in and say where he is right or wrong, and most important of all-tell us what you think.

So look out in the next issue for "Talk Point" and if you've anything to moan about or praise put it down in letter form to "Talk Point", and send to the Editor.

ALDWARKE JUNCTION ROTHERHAM

In answer to a members question on Aldwarke Junction here is a paragraph from the manual printed by BR for the opening of Tinsley marshalling yard- "Aldwarke Junction new signal box controls the scissors connections between the ex-Midland slow lines and the ex-GC Rotherham branch and signals trains on both main line routes between Kilnhurst (West) South and Rawmarsh Station and between Rotherham Road and Thrybergh Junction. Train describers are provided between Aldwarke and the immediate fringe boxes".

LADIES ONLY NO MORE

On 11th.March BR announced the end of "Ladies Only" compartments.

NOTES AND NEWS

EASTERN REGION

Highlight of these notes must be the appearance of D1013 "Western Ranger" at Leeds City on 20th.January. It is understood that

D1013 was the only locomotive available when the engine on 1B54 Swansea-Leeds failed at Gloucester, and it caused many heads to turn by working through to Leeds. The hydraulic returned to its Laira base working 1V94 14-33 Leeds-Plymouth throughout.

Gateshead Class 46, 46032 was noted passing Gainsborough Lea Road-hauling a West Burton-Fletton freight on 12th,January.This train is usually hauled by a Class 47 from Immingham or Tinsley.

A visit to York Railway Museum on 22nd.January saw 31018 and 03090 on view whilst visitors on York MPD included 03171,25056,25189, 40059/81/108/183 and Wickham Saloon DB 975005/6. On the same day.40196 was seen at Kilnhurst South.40050 at Cudworth and 40112 at Normanton. On 24th.January newly arrived Class 56s,56519/20 were noted on Barrow Hill MPD.

On 26th.January Wigan Class 40,40131 was noted on the Newark-Lincoln line hauling a train of empty oil tanks towards Immingham whilst on the same day 25094 worked light engine through Gainsborough Lea Road and 47363(TE) was seen on a train of oil empties bound for Teesport refinery instead of the usual Class 37 motive power.

Class 08 shunter,08015 was included in a mixed freight hauled through Rotherham Masborough by 31148 and 31238 on 28th.January, whilst on 29th.January 40032 ex "Empress of Canada" was seen working on the Joint line between Doncaster and Gainsborough. Unusual power was provided for a Tinsley-Lincoln on 3rd.February with 31173 and 40009 in charge.

On 5th.February the 09-49 Cleethorpes-Sheffield hauled by 40035 "Apapa" was noted running 29 minutes late at Gainsborough Central whilst on 12th. February this train was worked by 31179 instead of the usual Longsight Class 40.

On 12th. February a Taunton-York enthusiasts excursion hauled by D1023 "Western Fusilier" was noted running over 60 minutes late at Treeton Rotherham. The locomotive had been in collision with a cow near Gloucester and had sustained damage to the vacuum pipe.

Brighton and Hove Albion FC ran a special to their game at Rotherham United on 12th. February. The return working was noted leaving Rotherham behind 45029, and included in the formation was Pullman Parlour First E314E.

Sheffield-Barnsley trains have been diverted via Shepcote Lane and the Sheffield District line to Brightside on Sundays in February because of engineering work near Attercliffe Road station.

On 14th. February Gateshead Class 47, 47414 was noted at Liverpool Street fuel sidings alongside Class 31s, 31002/4/12.

EMU's 312105/6/12 have been noted on crew training duties for loco men at Chingford, Bishops Stortford, Enfield and Hertford.

Cardiff Canton Class 47, 47231 was seen working light through Clapham Junction on 15th. February.

The first Doncaster built Class 56, 56031 has been undergoing high frequency testing in a new test plant housed inside the paint shop.

Class. 47, 47079 "George Jackson Churchward" was seen heading south through Rotherham Masborough on 4th. March hauling an evening freightliner.

Class 56 locomotives are now working freight trains on the Sheffield-Manchester Hope Valley line. On 5th. March 56006 was seen at Sheffield Midland returning light having worked a train up the valley.

A visit to Doncaster MPD on 13th. March saw the following amongst engines in attendance:

03397, 03399, 08102/100/131/638/876/002/061/076, 37209/252, 4006/043/049, whilst engines on the works on the same day included 56002 50009/040/041/048 03005/103, 31009, 24110/118/119/127/129, 03180, 55004/009/012/016, and 5603i/2 were both seen in or around the paintshop.

A Chesterfield-Edinburgh excursion ran into trouble on 5th. March when 47167 expired at Alnmouth. Class 40, 40003 was taken off a passing freight and took the train on to Edinburgh, where arrival was 112 minutes late.

On 12th. March a football special ran from Rotherham-New Clee for the Grimsby-Rotherham game. The 11 coach train was hauled by 37089.

On 13th. March 56001/4 were noted at Shirebrook and 56017/8 were seen at Barrow Hill.

The F.A. League Cup Final replay was held at Hillsborough, Sheffield on 16th. March, resulting in an influx of soccer specials. Eight trains were scheduled to run from Birmingham-Sheffield Midland, and in fact seven ran with one train being cancelled. Motive power was as follows

1Z69 -45054, 1Z72-47120, 1Z73-47098, 1Z74-47049, 1Z94-47540, 1Z93-4547, 1Z94-47540, 1Z96-47538.

Ten trains were scheduled to bring Everton fans across the Pennines from Liverpool. Every train ran, using the Woodhead route and bringing fans to Wadsley Bridge station. Motive power was provided as follows 1Z22-40055, 1Z23-40019, 1Z34-40105, 1Z35-40093, 1Z43-40106 1Z44-40042, 1Z45-47345, 1Z46-40116, 1Z47-40031, 1Z48-40028.

Sheffield was host to another football special on 19th. March when a train brought Nottingham Forest fans to the game at Sheffield

United. The train was hauled by 45070.

LONDON MIDLAND REGION

Deltic Class 55, 55016 "Gordon Highlander" made a brief but welcome appearance at Derby Midland on 3rd. February when it hauled a dead "Peak" from York to Derby. What would the likes of Johnson and Deeley have thought if they had seen this crack East Coast loco in the Midland capital?

On 5th. February 40185 was noted at Ilkeston on an up freight whilst 44002, "Helvellyn" and 44004, "Great Gable" were seen in Toton Yard.

Noted in the engine sidings at Derby on 8th. February were 08067/612, 20053/63/88/130/160, and 47191, whilst Burton depot played host to 08043/623, 20134/173/208, and 47331. On the same day 25280 was in charge of banking duties at Saltley.

On 24th. February 40141 was seen on the bankers road at Manchester Victoria and sister engines 40020 "Franconia" and 40172 were seen working oil trains from the Shell refinery at Stanlow on the Helsby, Rock Ferry line.

Serious flooding hit the Midland main line in the Long Eaton area on 24th. February and Derby-London trains were diverted via Sinfyn and Castle Donnington. Flood water washed away a section of ballast from the down line in Clay Cross tunnel and drivers were advised to proceed with extreme caution inside the tunnel.

The 09-56 Manchester Victoria-Glasgow/Edinburgh was noted at Bolton on 26th. February behind 40117, whilst 40010, "Empress of Britain" worked a special through Wigan Wallgate after being seen on Springs Branch depot. Other Class 40s noted on 26th. February included 40011-Manchester Victoria, 40018/115/178-Springs Branch, 40058/79/171/181/191-Birkenhead MPD, 40029-Edge Hill, 40091-Allerton, whilst green Class 47s, 47256 and 47358 were noted at Springs Branch and Birkenhead respectively. Also on Birkenhead MPD on the same day was 24057 In good external condition. Following our visit around Lancashire depots the 18-35 Manchester-Sheffield contained the rear portion reserved by the Pennine Railway Society.

Cement trains to the cement works at Hope continue to provide a variety of motive power. On 5th. March 40118 was in charge of one train and 25106/163 double-headed another. Noted at Manchester Victoria on the same day were 25090 and 25302, whilst 40106 arrived with a parcels train. 40106 is still sporting a rather faded green livery. Class 24 locomotives are becoming increasingly rare to spot, but 24091 was seen on a parcels train at Chester on 5th. March.

An unusual visitor to Manchester Piccadilly on 5th. March was 47081, "Odin".

WESTERN REGION

English Electric Class 50s are to be maintained at Doncaster in future to give Crewe more space to build new HST units. The first two to visit the Plant were 50009 and 50048. Whether the reliability of Class 50s will now improve remains to be seen.

On 22nd. January D1013 "Western Ranger" worked the 06-45 Paddington-Birmingham and the 10-25 return from Birmingham. 47037 and 47223, both of Immingham depot were noted working Birmingham-Paddington expresses on 17th. February, and two days later miniature snow-plough fitted Class 31s 31285 and 31307 were noted on the services.

The following hydraulics were seen on Swindon Works on 23rd. January:

D818, D1001/3/5/6/11/2/5/6/21/5/8/34/6/7/43/9/53/6/7/62/3/4/5/8/9. Also noted were 24040/59/89/135 and SR Trailer Luggage vans S68201/2/3/4/6.

All Paddington-Swansea day time services are now booked HST workings although stock is limited by a defect which has been spotted on the bogies of Mark 3 coaches.

It is thought that prototype HST power cars 252001 are now at Derby Research Centre and are to run test trains with HST trailers on a circular route from Derby which is to include the freight only Masborough South curve at Rotherham.

D1023 "Western Fusilier" hauled a circular special between Cardiff, Hereford, Worcester, Reading, Bristol and Cardiff on 5th. February.

Noted at Severn Tunnel Jcn on 5th. February were 47086, "Colossus", and PWM 614, whilst D1013, "Western Ranger" was at Cardiff Canton.

A Mexborough -Weston -Super-Mare excursion on 5th. March was worked to Severn Tunnel Jcn. by 47167, which was then replaced by 46003. On the return journey 47167 took charge again at Gloucester. Noted on Bristol Bath road MPD the same day were 47089, "Amazon" and D1071, "Western Renown" and 50028/38 were seen at Bath later in the day.

A visit to Westbury MPD on 20th. February revealed the following locomotives -08411/825/951, 31254, 47012/40 47083 "Orion" 47171/328 47484, "Isambard, Kingdom Brunel", 47508, PWM 653. February 26th. 1977 will be remembered as the last day of BR diesel-hydraulic locomotives. A double-headed special was worked from

Paddington to South Wales and Plymouth by D1013 and D1023, with stand by pair D1010 and D1048 in close proximity throughout the tour. After the excursion D1010 and D1048 were despatched to Laira whilst D1013/23 went to Swindon to drop off one of the pair before the other proceeded to Laira scrap road.

SOUTHERN REGION

Crompton Type 3,33202 was derailed at Crayford on 19th. February whilst working the 09-00 Wimbledon-Hoo Junction empty tank train.

COMPETITION No. THREE

Winner of Competition number three was Mr., J.Sanderson and runners up were Mr. T. Helliwell, and Mr. S. Griffin.

The Answers are as follows:

- 1-PAISLEY GILMOUR STREET
- 2-PONTEFRACT TANSHELF
- 3-OLDHAM
- 4-FALKIRK GRAHAMSTON
- 5-DOVER PRIORY
- 6-BRADFORD FORSTER SQUARE
- 7-BURNLEY BARRACKS or MAIDSTONE BARRACKS
- 8-BIRKENHEAD HAMILTON SQUARE
- 9-ARDROSSAN SOUTH BEACH
- 10-BOOTLE NEW STRAND
- 11-WILLESDEN JUNCTION NEW STATION
- 12-LEAMINGTON SPA MILVERTON (FOR WARWICK)
- 13-EXETER ST. THOMAS or SWANSEA ST. THOMAS
- 14-YARMOUTH VAUXHALL
- 15-NOTTINGHAM LONDON ROAD HIGH LEVEL

COMPETITION NUMBER FOUR

Below are ten questions on the subject of electrics. First prize is £2 with second and third prizes of £1 each. All entries to reach Jon Davis before 30th.April.

ELECTRICS

- 1-WHICH FIRST ALL ELECTRIC RAILWAY SYSTEM IN BRITAIN?
- 2-OF WHAT WAS WEST COAST ELECTRIC E2001 A REBUILD?
- 3-WHAT SYSTEM DID SOUTHERN RAILWAY CLASS CC LOCOS 20001/2/3 USE?
- 4-BRUSH CLASS ES1 No.26500 IS PRESERVED IN YORK NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM. IN WHICH COMPANYS LIVERY IS IT PAINTED?
- 5-WHO NAMED CLASS 76 No.26000 "TOMMY" ?
- 6-HOW MANY BR ELECTRICS HAVE CARRIED NAMEPLATES A-1, B-10, C-21, D-24 ?
- 7-WHAT IS THE NICKNAME OF THE GLASGOW AREA EMU'S?
- 8-WHEN WERE THE MANCHESTER-GLOSSOP-HADFIELD UNITS INTRODUCED?
- 9-WHERE IS NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE RAILWAY BATTERY LOCO No.BEL2 PRESERVED?
- 10-SOUTHERN REGION 2EPB UNITS 5781-5795 WERE FORMERLY USED ON WHICH LINES?

SPECIAL TRAINS

A number of interesting special excursions are planned to run in the near future.

On 3rd April an HST unit will leave Paddington about 08-20 and run into Pembrokeshire visiting Carmarthen, Milford Haven and Fishguard Harbour, and one week later on 10th April the first ever public InterCity 125 train will run from Paddington and Reading to Plymouth.

In July a Silver Jubilee special will run, the first public run of an HST from Kings Cross-Edinburgh, a five hour journey with 125mph, running.

NEW SOUTHGATE STATION

New Southgate on the GN Suburban line which was gutted by fire on Christmas Day was reopened by Eastern Region on February 14th, 1977.

NEW STATION

A new bus/rail interchange station is to be built on the site of the old Knowsley Street station and goods yard closed in 1970, and replacing Bolton Street station. The present line to Manchester which runs into Bolton Street station will be diverted to run on the trackbed of the former locomotive loop line closed in 1967, to the Knowsley Street site.