

TRANS PENNINE

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PENNINE RAILWAY

SOCIETY



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NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

The Doncaster Works Open Weekend on June 17/18th is now past and to say it was a success would be a gross understatement. As far as the Society was concerned its success surpassed our most optimistic hopes. Over the 2 days our stall made a cash profit of £87.40 and we have a stock of saleable goods to the value of £43.94. An account is shown elsewhere.

We would like to formally thank all members who helped in various way e.g. supplying goods, helping on the stall etc. Without your help the venture would never have got off the ground. We can only hope that BREL have seen the light and that Open Days at Doncaster may become an annual event. We hope to have stands at other Open Days In future, but obviously the problem of carrying goods further afield makes the organisation a little more difficult. However, if it helps promote the good name of the Society we will have a go.

As a Committee we are always conscious of the fact that our sole purpose is to give members what they want (within reasonable bounds). The fantastic support you give us on the majority of our trips tends to make us believe that we are doing a good job and we may suffer from becoming rather complacent. If there are any specific trips you would like us to run then please let any committee member have a note and we will discuss the feasibility of the arrangements. If you have any ideas which you think may benefit the society then please let us know.

We think we are the best organised, best behaved, friendliest and, probably, the least costly society in the country, but we should never become complacent about the fact.

A new list of visits appears below and we hope there is something there to appeal to all our members. We have postponed our Continental visit and this may now take place next Spring. If you are interested in travelling to the Continent with us please contact Robin Skinner.

FUTURE EVENTS

Sat. 2nd Sept-Derby Works 11-00. Meet Siddals Road entrance 10-45,
Members 35p, child 20p.Non-members 55pchild 30p.

Wed. 6th.Sept-Social evening at the Masons Arms Doncaster 19-30
Mr. Eric Slater-A selection of cine-films.

Fri. 8th.Sept-Social evening at the Cock Tavern, Phoenix Road, Euston 19-30

Tue.12th.Sept-Social evening at the Grapes Hotel, Trippet Lane' Sheffield. "VIZZIKWIZ"-
individual quiz competition,- nominal entry fee PRIZES -all welcome 19-45

Wed. 4th.Oct -Social evening at the Masons Arms, Doncaster 19-30 Quiz
- PENNINE v PEAK RAILWAY SOCIETY

Sat. 7th.Oct -London depots-to include Finsbury Park, Hornsey, Cricklewood, Willesden, and Old.
Oak Common. Meet Kings Cross travel centre 09-20, returning to Central London by 18-00.
Cost includes permits and travel around London.
£3-00, non-members £3-25 No half fares.

Tue.10th.Oct -Social evening at the Grapes Hotel, Sheffield.
Mr. Sanderson - Post-War main line power-slides 19-45.

Fri.13th.Oct -Social evening at the Cock Tavern, Phoenix Road, Euston 19-30

Sun.15th.Oct -Crewe Works 14-30. Meet 14-15. Members 35p,Non-members 55p.

Wed. 1st. Nov -Social evening at the Masons Arms, Doncaster 19-30
Mr R. Milnes -Great Central Sheffield-Grimsby..

Thu. 9th.Nov -Social evening at Doncaster BRSA Club. First leg of PENNINE SHIELD.
Doncaster Railway Circle v South Yorkshire Railway Photographic Circle v Pennine Railway
Society 19-30.

Fri.10th.Nov -Social evening at the Cock Tavern Phoenix Road, Euston 19-30

Sat.11th.Nov -North-East by rail. To include Darlington, Thornaby, and Tyne Yard (requested).
Meet Doncaster 08-15, returning 17-45.

Tue.14th.Nov-Social evening at the Grapes Hotel, Sheffield. Second leg of Pennine Shield. - South
Yorkshire RPC. v Pennine Railway Soc. v Doncaster R.C. 19-45

Sat.25th.Nov-Derby Works 11-00. Meet Siddals Road entrance 10-45.
Members 35p, child 20p, Non-members 55p, child 30p.

Sat. 2nd.Dec- Yorkshire by rail. To include Tinsley, Holbeck (or Neville Hill), York 'and
National Railway Museum, Meet Rotherham 08-30. Return to Doncaster at 16-51.

Wed. 6th.Dec-Social evening at the Masons Arms Doncaster.
Final leg of the PENNINE SHIELD. Pennine Railway Society v South Yorkshire RPC v
Doncaster Railway Circle. 19-30.

Fri, 8th, Dec-Social evening at the Cock Tavern, Phoenix Road, Euston 19-30

Sat, 9th.Dec-Creee Works 10-30. Meet 10-15.Members 35p,Non-members 55p.

Tue, 12th, Dec-Social evening at Grapes Hotel, Trippet Lane, Sheffield 19-45.

**ALL BOOKINGS AND REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED TO ROBIN SKINNER**

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The introduction of the new passenger timetables on May 8th.1978 brought a large scale changeover to HST power on the East Coast Main Line services, Our cover picture shows HST set No 254 003 passing Botany Bay (Nr. Retford) with the 07-40 Kings Cross/Newcastle on the first day of the timetable operation.

We thank **Tony Booth** for the photograph.

HST - NEW ROUTES APPROVED

The Transport Secretary, William Rodgers recently announced that he had approved a proposal for a major investment scheme to introduce high speed trains on services linking Edinburgh and North-East England with the South-West and South Wales. This means construction of 18 high speed trains together with spares and necessary improvements to track and signalling at a total cost of over £45m.The new trains will be progressively Introduced into service from 1981cutting journey times from, Newcastle-Cardiff by 64 minutes and Edinburgh-Plymouth by 126 minutes.

RAIL COSTS

In 1977 BRB spent in England and Wales £15,100 per single track mile on infrastructure work on track signalling and electric track equipment, In Scotland the cost was £13,700 a mile. This excludes capital expenditure not allocated to a single region.

MILTON KEYNES TO HAVE NEW CENTRAL STATION

BR are to build a new Inter-City station at Central Milton Keynes on a site between Bletchley and Wolverton stations. Construction will begin at the end of 1979 and the station will be in operation by May 1981.The new station on the London-Birmingham-Glasgow electrified route will become the terminal for Euston's Outer Suburban services. A pattern of Inter-City trains will also call at the new station,

TRAGEDY AT TAUNTON

At 03-00 on Thursday 6th.July fire broke out on the previous night's 21-30 Penzance-Paddington sleeper near Taunton, resulting in the loss of eleven lives, A further passenger has since died in hospital. The last passenger death resulting from a train accident was in October 1975 when a light engine collided with an Aberdeen-Kings Cross train at Lunan Bay, between Montrose and Arbroath.

DERAILMENT AT HOUGHTON

On 19th June the 14-36 Paignton-Leeds struck a derailed freight train at Houghton Colliery, north of Rotherham, resulting in the front bogies of the locomotive being derailed and damage to each of the coaches, which were also struck by wagons. Miraculously no-one was seriously injured.

TORY DIP RAIL

Debate on rail catering arose recently in the House of Commons under a "Ten Minute Rule Bill" proposed by Conservative DIP for Pudsey Giles Shaw. The purpose of Mr. Shaw's Bill was 'to allow private franchising arrangements for rail catering both on stations and on trains.

NUR MP Dick Buchanan defended rail catering and suggested that Sir Charles Forte was the only one who might take on rail catering (he is one of the top ten contributors to Tory party -funds). Mr. Buchanan praised the staff of Travellers Fare and indicated he would not be prepared to eat or drink should conditions in station buffets or on trains deteriorate to a level commonly found in Sir Charles' motorway cafes. The Bill was defeated by 164 to 135 votes.

PLEASURE BOAT ON STANDBY

BR have announced that should the 'FARRINGFORD', the only boat now working the Humber Ferry-service, break down, then the Bridlington pleasure boat 'YORKSHIRE BELLE' would be brought into use as a replacement even though this vessel has no capacity for road vehicles.

HIGHEST BOX CLOSURE

The highest signal box on BR at Dalnaspidal in the Scottish Highlands, has been closed. The box 1,400 feet above sea level has been made redundant with the opening of the new double line stretch between Blair Atholl and Dalwhinnie.

STEELMEN's NEW STATION

A new railway station for British Steel employees at Redcar on Teesside has been opened. The new station has been called British Steel, Redcar - replaces the old Warrenby Halt and is on the from Darlington to Saltburn. Also a new line is being laid to carry torpedo ladles of molten iron from the giant furnace now being built at Redcar to BSC's Lackenby Plant. Lackenby plant.

GRANT FOR RAILFREIGHT

The Transport Secretary is to Grant £683,000 to Blue Circle Cement towards the £1.5m cost of providing rail freight facilities at a new bulk cement depot at Upperby Sidings, Carlisle. This will secure on rail the future bulk supplies of cement from Eastgate Weardale, and Hope, Derbyshire. The grant is the second largest to be agreed in England.

MORE HST's ON ECML

Three more weekday services on the high-speed services on the East Coast Main Line have recently been introduced. The 08-00 Kings Cross/Edinburgh, 13-10 Edinburgh/Kings Cross, 15-10 Edinburgh/Kings Cross and 19-01 Kings Cross/Newcastle.

The down Newcastle Executive departing London at 17-55 will become an HST working and be speeded up.

COAT OF ARMS;

We are looking for a club motif/coat of arms which could be used on badges or the society headboard. If you could design one please, send your entry to a Committee member. Prizes will be awarded for the best entries.

STROUD VALLEY LINE

BR are gradually a, face lift to their diesel multiple unit fleet and. the first refurbished train to be introduced in the West of England Division has entered service on the Stroud Valley line between Swindon, Gloucester and Cheltenham. Five DMUs in total will be refurbished for use on the line. Cost of one three-car set is £21,000

RAILEX 125 -ACCOUNT JUNE 17/18 1978

OPENING STOCK (cost)

352.59

SALES (cash) 455.99

LESS CLOSING STOCK (cost)

43.24 308.65

TRANSFER TO MEMBERSHIP A/C

6.00

COST OF STALL

5.00

DONATION TO ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

5.00

PROFIT

131.34

455.99

455.99

INTER-CITY 125 SERVICES

Members may be interested to note the passing times of HST workings through Doncaster each weekday:-

09.08- 07.32 Newcastle/Kings Cross

09.22 7.40 Kings Cross/Newcastle

09.50 08.00 Kings Cross/Edinburgh (STOPS)

11.28 08.10 Edinburgh/Kings Cross

11.38 10.00 Kings Cross/Edinburgh

13.15 11.35 Kings Cross/Newcastle (STOPS)

13.21 10.10 Edinburgh/Kings Cross

14.34 11.10 Edinburgh/Kings Cross

15.28 13.50 Newcastle/Kings Cross,

14.10 Kings Cross/Edinburgh

16.34 13.10 Edinburgh/Kings Cross

17.43 16.00 Kings Cross/Edinburgh'

18.34 15.10 Edinburgh/Kings Cross

18.44 17.00 Kings Cross/Edinburgh

19.28 16.10 Edinburgh/Kings Cross

20.40 19.00 Kings Cross/Newcastle (STOPS)

HEAVY WORK TO TAKE PLACE ON ECML

Heavy engineering work is to take place shortly at Stoke and Peascliffe tunnels in the vicinity of Grantham and Penmanshiel Tunnel in Scotland to give throughout route availability for 8,611 containers, and it has been decided that the work should be carried out before full implementation of the Inter-City 125 timetable in 1979. It is proposed that the work in Stoke and Peascliffe Tunnels should be undertaken between September and December this year with the work in Penmanshiel Tunnel following on in January to March 1979,

All tracks through Stoke and Peascliffe tunnels will be lowered by approximately one foot. This will be done one line at a time and will require a continuous block for the line affected plus opposite line block on weekday nights for three weeks. Stoke Down Line will be blocked Monday 11th. September until Saturday 30th September, Stoke Up Line from Monday 2nd.October until Saturday 21st, October. Peascliffe Down Line will be blocked from Monday 23rd.October until Saturday 11th, November whilst Peascliffe Up Line will be blocked from Monday 13th. November until Saturday 2nd.December.

The Engineer will be given 12 hours total possession overnight Monday/Tuesday to Friday/Saturday, and single line working will apply during the remaining period. Total possession will commence at 20.30 finishing it 08.00. During this time all overnight services will be diverted via the Joint Line with connecting DMU services to and from Grantham, Newark and Retford, as appropriate from Sleaford, Doncaster, Lincoln and Peterborough. Diversions via Cambridge or Lincoln will also take place on Saturday nights/Sunday mornings and up to Sunday afternoons.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Is it true that Geoff' Bambrough has not been on a Society trip since the abolition of ladies only compartments?

TRAGEDY AT SHEFFIELD

A railman was killed when hit by a Carlisle-Nottingham express hauled by 45145 near Attercliffe Road station on 21st.August. Following trains were diverted via Tinsley Yard and Canklow.

ZOO TRAIN DERAILMENT

Six passengers, including two children were taken to Scarborough Hospital on 20th.August after being, flung from a miniature train which crashed during a trip round the Zoo. Several other people were injured when two open carriages on the train left the half-mile track at Flamingo Park zoo at Kirkby Misperton.

DONCASTER MERRYMAKER TROUBLE

Soon after the tragic excursion from Scunthorpe to Windsor which arrived back over 160 minutes late further trouble hit a Doncaster Division excursion on 3rd June. The excursion, from Spalding to Fort William was hauled by 47218 to Eastfield where 25062/230 took over. 25230 expired at Dumbarton necessitating a further brace of engines to be dispatched from Eastfield in the shape of 25246 and 27029.However 25246 failed at Crianlarich and was replaced by 25232. Arrival at Fort William was 139 minutes late.

To rub salt into the wounds 25232 died at Corroul on the return journey and was detached leaving 27029 to struggle alone to Bridge of Orchy where 27043 was attached to assist to Eastfield. Almost unbelievably the official reason for all this trouble was hot weather.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE CORNER

Since the joint meetings commenced there have been only two new faces turn up at the Grapes on Trippet Lane, Sheffield. We welcome these two Gentlemen and hope they enjoyed our company and will grace us with their presence at many more meetings. What's up with Pennine members? Don't tell - me you are shy.

Our July meeting which was billed as a member's slides night ran into unexpected difficulties - the lamp blew in our projector and a replacement projector which was hastily pressed into service suffered the same fate. However the meeting, was formed into two equal teams and a South Yorkshire versus Pennine quiz was, held with each team member asking his opposite number-- questions of his own choice. The standard turned out to be surprisingly Good and by the end of the evening the Pennine team ran up a narrow victory.

The slide night was successfully held at the August meeting. The VIZZIKWIZ with an entry fee of 10p per contestant and prize vouchers of £2.00 £1.50 and £1.00 will be awarded to the winners.

Our remaining programme for 1978 is as follows-

October 10th. John Sanderson entertains.

November 14th. the opening round of the PENNINE SHIELD takes place whilst on December 12th. we have the Grand Christmas social evening with pea and pie supper. LET'S SEE YOU ALL AT THE VIZZIKWIZ

Jack Davis

READERS LETTERS

"SPION KOP"

ANFIELD

Dear Sir/Madam I would like to congratulate the Society on the recent trip to the Humberside area which must rank as one of the most enjoyable ever run. Much of the praise for this must go to Tom Helliwell for his leadership and organisation.

After a near disastrous start when Mr. Bolland almost missed the train everyone was soon cheered up by the sight of Tony Booth being left behind on Doncaster station. The train journey was pleasant and relaxing without a certain member around collecting ashtrays and annoying innocent fare paying passengers.

There was nobody trying to sell badges or nattering about speedway bikes. Society members were able to mix freely with the public without being put to shame by a certain member who insists on wearing funny hats and a flasher mac.

On arrival at Hull the party was guided through the streets to Botanic Gardens by that well known Mancunian explorer Norman Bolland to the cry of 'Follow me lads-I know the way'. The only blight on the proceedings was finding Mr. Skinner's eldest son waiting to greet us on our return to Doncaster.

Finally I would like to nominate Tom Helliwell for the 'Leader of the Year' title.

K.C.

40 Nursery Road

Lydiate

Maghull

Merseyside

I, Kevin Francis Connell do solemnly declare that the £10 note I had in my hand at the bar of 'The Grapes' public house near New Street station, Birmingham on Saturday 2 nd. July 1978 was not the same £10 note I won in the Christmas competition. That £10 note is still in an old sock under the bed at the above address and can be viewed Monday to Friday 09.00 to 17.00 for a small charge.

COMPETITION NUMBER 12

The winner (and only entrant) was Mr. D. Wallace of Sheffield. Where's all that Lancastrian shouting now?

Answers to the quiz~

1-SWANSEA

2-FFESTINIOG 2 miles 338 yards

3~SNOWDON SUMMIT 3540 feet

4-C 51 miles

5-BOSTON LODGE

6-CENTRAL WALES LINE

7-IT IS A LIFTING BRIDGE

8-CARDIFF GENERAL

9-IRON ORE TO LLANWERN STEEL WORKS

10-WHITLAND

ANSWERS TO PRESIDENTS PUZZLE

CREPELLO, ORION, NORTH STAR, REVENGE, EMPRESS OF BRITAIN, NIMBUS, SCYTHIA, AGINCOURT, THE ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT, TITAN, NEPTUNE, EMPRESS OF CANADA, AQUITANIA, ATLAS, SAMARIA, ACHILLES, SYLVANIA, AMAZON

COMPETITION No. 13

The future of this feature is in danger-please enter. Even if you can get only a few answers, you still stand a good chance of winning.

First prize £2.00 with £1.00 each to two runners up. Entries should reach Jon Davis 81 Robin Hood Crescent Sheffield 9 by 25th.September 1978.

Listed below are DMU driver-guard buzzer signals and a mixed up set of meanings. Can you arrange these with their correct code?

1-DRAW UP

2-STOP

3-STOP AT FIRST AVAILABLE TELEPHONE AND REQUEST POLICE ASSISTANCE

3-3 CORRECT VACUUM INDICATED IN REAR GUARDS COMPARTMENT DURING TEST

4-START

5-SLOW DOWN WHEN PROPELLING

6-GUARD REQUIRED BY DRIVER

7-DRIVER OR GUARD LEAVING TRAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES 9-
SET BACK

LOCOMOTIVE STOCK ALTERATIONS

Eastern Region 08064 KY 03206-HM

Midland Region 25193/308/13-CW, 25322-10 25326-CW 40136-SP 47189-BS 47204-CD

Scottish Region 47038/268/9-HA. 08402-ED

LOCOMOTIVES WITHDRAWN

08001/404/512, 25295, 7 60022/4/43/5 2/6

LOCOMOTIVE STORED

08251

DMU REALLOCATIONS

WR Set 303-LA, WR set 469-BR 50087/8/,129/30/1101/9037-LA 51311/26/9490-BR, 59486-RG, 59543-TS, 50233/6386-DN,50303/21/9114-LMR, 51484/6436-LN, 501741/1235/9060-HA, 51227/34/9080-DE, 55000-HN, 05015-ED, 50209-GF 50147/87/239/1461/9565/78-DE, 50234/1243/9303-IS, 51459/805/9541-HN

The following vehicles have been transferred to Heaton: 50152/4/99/204/5/9/10/1/20/5/9/31/2/47/51/91/4/373/5/82/6,51206/8/9/14/6/21/52/74/6/7/8/9/85/99/301/427/429/435/6/8/9/41/7/8/82/5/93/50650/3/69/77/8/81/2/3/5/7/9/6425/30/36/218 6086, 5636/7/74/6/9/80/1/92/7/9/30/53/9/60/1/4/5/6/70

DMUs- STORED

56121 56440 56474.

DMUs REINSTATED

59236

DMU's WITHDRAWN

50357 56128

COACHING STOCK NEWS

VEHICLES WITHDRAWN

304 (BG) 507 (PK) 4101 9327 21139 70654

TRANSFERS

To Eastern Region 3392 13447 14052 25118 25420 25431 35400

To Midland Region 524.2

To Scottish Region 4210 14000 14021

To Western Region 36530

NOTES AND NEWS**Eastern Region**

On 18th.June -two special trains arrived at Doncaster from Paddington and were hauled from Birmingham to Doncaster by 20009/64 and 20087/186. On 23rd.June the shunter at Lincoln station was 03022,whilst on 25th.June a variety of power was noted on overnight services - 55006 on 22.15 Kings Cross-Aberdeen, 47114 20.00 Harwich-Stirling, 40057 22.30 Kings Cross-Edinburgh, 46037 21.00 Newcastle/21.50 Bradford-Kings Cross and 55009 on 23.00 Kings Cross-York newspapers -all noted at Lincoln.

On 18th July, 71001 was noted on Doncaster MPD. This locomotive is now in Doncaster Works awaiting attention prior to moving to the National Railway Museum. On 25th July 47429 failed at Doncaster on the 15.00 Kings Cross-Aberdeen. Sister engine 47087 'CYCLOPS' took over to Edinburgh and returned south on the 20.20 Aberdeen-Kings Cross from Edinburgh.

On 23rd,July 55003 'MELD' had charge of a Chesterfield-Carnforth-Carlisle-Skipton-Chesterfield excursion. The train was hauled by 84003 from Carnforth-Carlisle. On the same day 08291; was at Wakefield Kirkgate whilst Holbeck hosted 08369/453/766 and 40022.

On 30th.July 31403 and 31411 were noted at Finsbury Park, both sporting a white waistband. On 3rd, August Wigan 1401 40170 was noted on a Parkeston-Bathgate Class 6 freight, whilst the usual quota of foreign engines have worked through York recently including 25032 57/180/202/49/57/ 8/6-4/36/301/2/3 along with a solid batch of 40s 40063/98/101/14/25/7162/86.

On 21st.August HST sets 254021 and 254022 were both seen heading north through Sheffield Midland.

Southern Region

On 30th.july 47544 was noted at Brighton having worked a train from Spalding. Also noted at Brighton were 09017 and 73115.On 20th. August 47246 arrived at Ashford with an excursion from Spalding. The train was taken forward to Hastings by 33050. Also at Hastings was 33034 which had arrived with a Hereford excursion. On the same day 08681 was at Kensington Olympia whilst withdrawn 71's 71002/7/8/10 were at Stewarts Lane.

Midland Region

On 10th.June 31161/234 were surprise visitors at Morecambe with a train from Grantham. On 8th.July the following were noted at Derby works-08622/5, 20079/135/58/64, 25030/46/45/117/9/24/46/73/4/95/7/9/ 25210/54/64/95/7, 44010. 45010/4/8/31/43 /51/5/67/77, 45123/4/ 31/43/6/7/8, 46007/24/35/8/53, HST 43042/3 43120/1, APT Sc49002/4 ADB 968007 (ex.24061).

Noted at Burton on 22nd July were new Class 56s 56041/5, whilst on the sane day Tyseley hosted 08067/597/790/928, 25040/63/265, 45070 and 47012/34/188/282/343/482. On 22nd.July engines at Saltley Included 56040, 08182/461/6/647/920, 20067/77/150/4, 25135/41/84/308. On the same day members on the Birmingham visit were delighted to note 24023 at Bescot. Other locomotives there included. 08005/19/41/294/327/56/579/85/613/4/73/ 08700/68/809, 20088185, 25032/63/188/92/245/60/3/75/99/313/25/6, 37057, 40138, 45023, 46040, 47198/229/475/85, 82006, 83009.

On 22nd.July 37047 was noted on Derby Works having been taken off the 03.21 York-Tenby which struck a man at Tapton Junction, Chesterfield.

Engines noted at Carlisle on 23rd July included 08759/844/910/11, 40070/90/145/75. On 12th. August Class PWM652 was noted on Burton MPD.

Western Region

On 1st. July 47033 'ORION' was noted on an express at Taunton whilst on the same day 08644/950 were at Bristol and 08479 was noted at Exeter and 08649 was Malago Vale.

On the morning of 6th July the previous night's 21.30 Penzance-Paddington sleeper caught fire west of Taunton. Eleven lives were lost. The train was- hauled by 47498 and the damaged sleeping cars were W2437 and W2423.

On 12th.August PWM652 was noted at Taunton whilst on the same day 08646.25052/223, 50007/19/38, and 33020 were noted at Exeter,

Any information suitable for inclusion in the next edition of the magazine should be sent to the Magazine Editor.