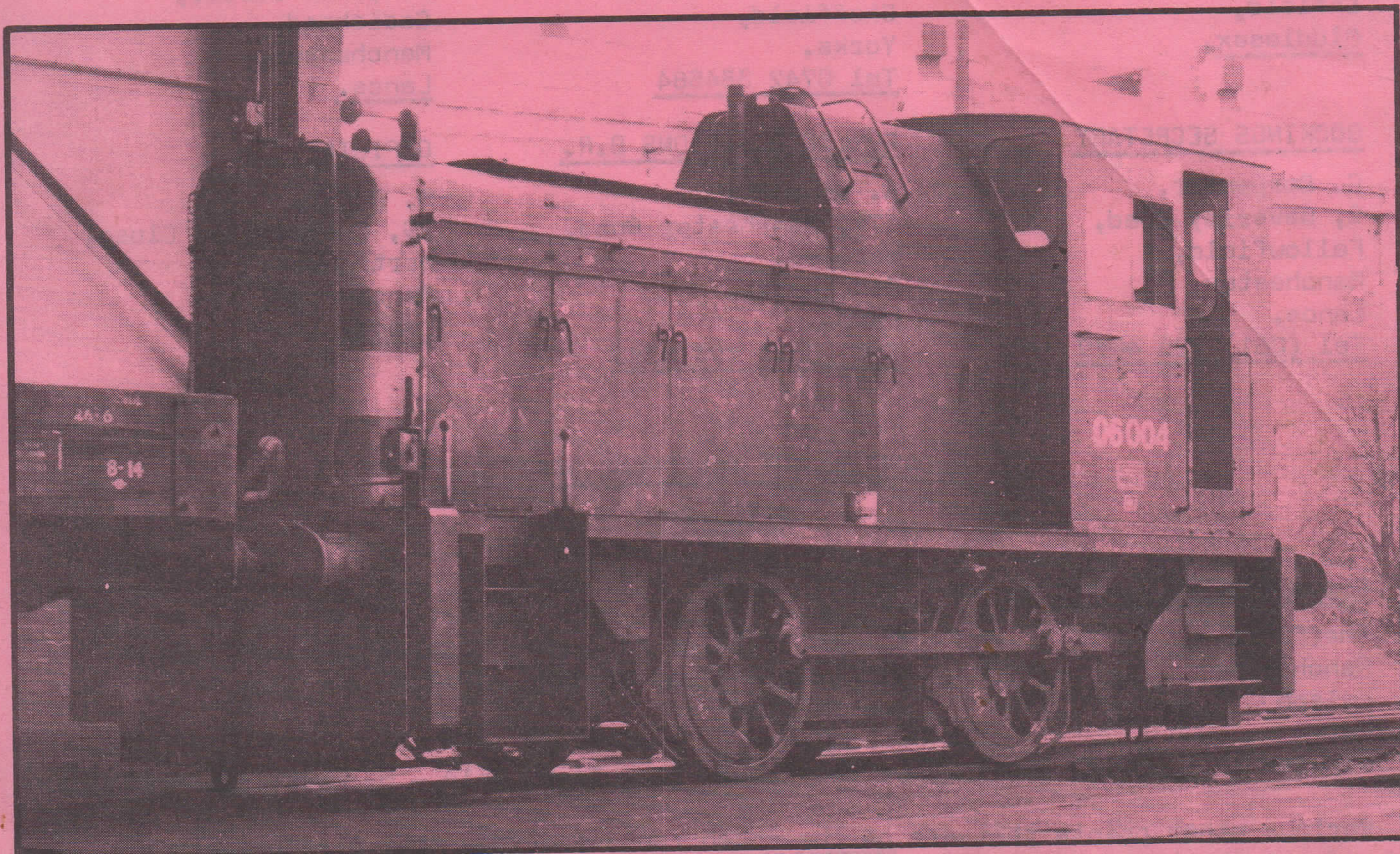


Northern Counties Transport Society



PRINTED & PUBLISHED BY N.C.T.S. 44, Stanwell Road, SWINTON, Manchester M27 1TD

PERSONAL SECRETARY

P. Howells,
44, Stanwell Road,
Swinton,
Manchester,
Lancs
Tel (061) 794 7515

PUBLIC RELATIONS

A Fawcett,
34, Conway Crescent,
Barnoldswick,
Via Colne,
Lancs.
Tel (028) 281 2735

SALES OFFICER

H. Howells,
44, Stanwell Road,
Swinton,
Manchester,
Lancs.
Tel (061) 794 7515

TREASURER

G. Barlow,
C/o 7, Seaford Road,
Enfield,
Middlesex.

TOURS CO-ORDINATOR

J. Wade,
138, Newman Road,
Sheffield,
Yorks.
Tel 0742 384584

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

W. Whittaker,
207, Fir Street,
Cadishead,
Manchester,
Lancs.

BOOKINGS SECRETARY

C. Carpenter,
2, Beverley Road,
Fallowfield,
Manchester,
Lancs.
Tel (061) 225 4079

PUBLIC RELATIONS B.R.

A. Howells,
571, Manchester Road,
Wardley,
Manchester,
Lancs.
Tel (061) 793 8383

OFFICIAL

M. Roger,
29, Cherrington Close,
Northenden,
Manchester,
Lancs.

PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE OFFICIALS

AFTER 9PM.

Coach Picking up Points

Sheffield
Manchester
Nelson
Bury
Winwick

Midland Station Forecourt (Selected Tours only)
Victoria Railway Station 202/203 Bus Stop
Bus Station

PICK UP ONLY (Day Trips only - by prior arrangement)

Various other points that are on the coach route provided that arrangements are made at the time of booking.

MAGAZINE EDITOR

I. Collier,
23, Kingsway,
Worsley,
Manchester,
Lancs.

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Since our last magazine two of our "esteemed" Committee Members have "Bitten the dust" by succumbing to the charms of the opposite sex.

I speak of course of John Wade our Tours co-ordinator, and Bill Whittaker our Membership Secretary. I am sure you all join the Committee in wishing them all the very best for the future. I do hear that the new Mrs. Wade was overcome by the sight of our Committee, spruced up in their 'Sunday Best' when they arrived for the wedding.

We must also welcome back Ian Collier, our one time Booking Secretary, as our new Magazine Editor. Will you please all remember to send any future articles for inclusion in our magazine, to him.

During the course of the last 3 months we have had to cancel several tours, due to lack of support. We should say however, that having cancelled the tours, we have discovered that, had the many members who wanted to participate in them, booked in advance, we could well have run them. Permits have to be returned 14 days prior to intended visits, if they are not required, this means that tours which are not well supported have to be cancelled more than 2 weeks prior to the departure date, in order for us to obtain a refund.

We do realise that the Booking Secretary being in London has not helped those who wanted telephone confirmation that a place was available, before sending their money, as Mr. Barlow was not on the telephone. However, we hope that now Chris Carpenter has taken on the job, things will be easier for you all.

We must stress however, that it is vital to book well in advance for all tours, this is for the benefit of all of us, but yourselves in particular, so please remember - BOOK EARLY.

Members who do find out at the last minute that they are able to participate in a tour, should ring the Booking Secretary Chris Carpenter, to see if there is a place available, or if another member has cancelled his place. It will be no use ringing Alan Fawcett, as the sheets will not now be sent to him, as Chris will bring them along himself.

If you cannot get in touch with Chris, ring either Penny or Harry Howells.

PLEASE NOTE

Members who join our tours in Bury, should note that, the coach will now come off the motorway slip road, and pick up passengers at the bottom near the roundabout.

NOTICES

STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPES

Now more than ever it is most important that all members enclose either an S.A.N. or a stamp with all correspondence to Society Officials, when they require a reply. Failure to do so will result in your mail being filed in the W.P.B. (Waste Paper Bin) Or your letter will be sent to you without a stamp so that you will be forced to pay all excess charges when you receive it.

POSTAL ORDERS/CHEQUES

These must be crossed A/C PAYEE ONLY and made payable to Northern Counties Transport Society or N.C.T.S. Do not make them payable to Society Officials. If you are in doubt as to how to fill in your Postal Order, leave it blank. Do not fill in the section marked 'at which office' as members are apt to fill in the name of the Post Office at which it was purchased. If the bank returns any Postal Orders or Cheques because they have been incorrectly filled in, goods will not be forwarded and Bookings will be cancelled.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The number which appears on your membership card is yours, please quote it when writing to any Official. Please also send your membership card when booking for tours and also when renewing your membership to enable the renewal date to be changed.

BOOKING FOR TOURS

When booking for a tour, please follow the instructions printed on your membership card, and send the necessary booking form, or full details on a slip of paper. If you find out at the last minute that you are unable to attend a tour, please let an Official know, as it may be possible to fill your place. If your place can not be filled, then we regret your money will not be refunded unless a medical certificate can be produced. If you fail to turn up for a tour without producing any medical evidence of illness your money WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO YOU. Also remember that when you have paid a deposit for a tour, the balance outstanding must be paid 7 days before the departure date.

TELEPHONE BOOKINGS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED, However you may telephone the Booking Secretary to see if there is a vacant place, provided you confirm the booking with a cash deposit, IMMEDIATELY you have reserved your place.

If you find out at the last minute that you are able to participate in any tour, you may telephone the Booking Secretary, to see if there is a place available, or if another member has cancelled his place.

ATTENDING TOURS

If for any reason you find that you are going to be late arriving at a picking up point, please let an Official know, and wherever possible we will try to hold the coach for you, otherwise the coach will depart at the time stated in the magazine.

CONDITIONS OF VISITS

Will members please note that visits to depots advertised are subject to permits being available. B.R. sometimes imposes conditions at short notice, it is therefore becoming almost impossible to let members know in advance if a permit is not available.

Opinions raised in this magazine are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the Committee or of the Society in general.

Dedication Test

The Northern Counties resident Psychiatrist has devised this simple test of your dedication to loco-spotting. All you do is select one of the options and score according to the experts comments on a later page.

1. It is Sunday morning. Your thoughts turn immediately to going:-
(a) to church (b) back to sleep (c) Out for a walk (d) spotting
2. Your time of getting up is determined by:-
(a) last nights beer (b) sunrise (c) the first bus to the station
3. Which of these do you not take with you:-
notebook, "Shedbook", camera, pens, binoculars, flask, sandwiches, B.R. Time-table, maps, money, more sandwiches, plastic-mac, Beano Annual.
4. You have 30 seconds to catch the train. There is a class 40 at the other end of the platform. Do you:-
(a) ignore it (b) get the 'bino's' out (c) run and get it (d) think of a number, double it, subtract six and add 40,000?
5. You want to know what is pulling you, but haven't time to go and see. Do you:-
(a) wait until your destination (b) hang out of the front coach window
(c) see 4d.
6. The train is full, you pass a depot on the wrong side of the train. Do you:-
(a) calmly sit and get what you can (b) rush over to the other side of the train ignoring all obstacles living or dead (c) run down the train hoping to keep up with it.
7. You are sitting next to a nice young - lady and you pass a depot. Do you:-
(a) grit your teeth and ignore it (b) pretend to be doing a crossword and write down the numbers in the squares (c) rely on your memory and then write them down in the toilet (d) pretend to be collecting them for someone else.
8. The young - lady asks what the numbers in your book are. Do you:-
(a) meekly confess your hobby (b) say you are a mathematician (c) pass it off as too complicated to explain (d) pretend to be french.
9. At your destination the first thing you do is:-
(a) check return train times (b) go into town for lunch (c) position yourself for the day (d) run about like a lunatic for every conceivable number.
10. You accidentally bump into a nun on the station. Would you:-
(a) politely appologise (b) ignore her in favour of your quest (c) ask her what the Brush 4 was that you just missed.

BUS ENTHUSIASTS!!!

A complete G.M.T. fleetlist containing numbers and allocations correct to 1st July 1978, is now available.

Send 40p Cheque or Postal Order to I. Collier, 23, Kingsway, Worsley, Manchester, M28 4EE, for your copy.

Stocks are limited and are not available from any other source.

DONCASTER & SHEFFIELD

On 17.6.78 I set off from Colne Bus Station for Doncaster. At Keighley I caught the 08.53 for Leeds. On the train I met Martin "Frank" Widdowson and Stephen Shaw (both N.C.T.S. members) who had caught a later bus from Colne, not realising the train now runs earlier, and had to sprint along the platforms.

First locos seen were 40047 (HM), 45035 (TI) both on passengers, outside Leeds. Leeds Station was packed with 08501, 08369, 40050 (HM), 45101 (TO), 47539 (CD), 31417 (HO), 31181 (YK), 46041 (GD), 25256 (CW) and 47471 (YK) which was our train, all lurking about. For some reason we were diverted away from Holbeck and the only loco seen was 47305 (TI) light engine. At Wakefield 47220 (IM), was seen on car transporters. Near Doncaster 47488 (BS), passed us and 08876 was just north of the Station. Before we went to the Works Open Day we saw 40028 (LO), 46036 (GD), 47547 (YK), 47552 (YK), 40029 (LO), 55009, 55005, 40040 (HM), 40006 (HM), all came through the station, with 55021 and ADB 966510 outside the works.

On the works were:- 03079 (GD), 03161 (SF), 03397 (NR), 08071 (Wdn), 08099 (BG), 08184 (DR), 08276 (Wdn), 08310 (Wdn), 08444 (DR), 08504 (IM), 24066 (Wdn), 31012 (Wdn), 31143 (TE), 31176 (MR), 31208 (MR), 31209 (OC), 31212 (SF), 31218 (FP), 31226 (FP), 31243 (IM), 31251 (MR), 31257 (OC), 31286 (OC), 31295 (MR), 31303 (TI), 31313 (MR), 37027 (MR), 37072 (TE), 37099 (GD), 37141 (TE), 37160 (IM), 37164 (TE), 37208 (LE), 37218 (CF), 37232 (LE), 37242 (GD), 37260 (SF), 37266 (SF), 37279 (CF), 50003, 50005, 50006, 50011, 50021, 50026, 50029, 50034, (all LA) 50042 (BR), 50046 (LA), 55001, 55002, 55004, 55008, 55020, 56047, 56048, 56049, 56050, 56051, 56052, 56053, 56054, 56055, 56056, 76020, 43080, 43081, (254013).

As Stephen had a permit for Tinsley we then went to Sheffield. Whilst waiting for our train, 55007, 47488 (BS), 47542 (YK), 43058, 43059/066/067 (254002/006), 37128 (TI), were seen. At Mexborough 37105, 47177, 37107, 47279 (all TI), were stabled, at Rotherham 08861, 08219, 08128, were present and at Brightside (I think) 08485, 08331. At Sheffield Midland, 47119 (CF), 46056 (GD), 08539, 25258 (TO), 25264 (TO), 47172 (SF), 47351 (CD), were about. For the remarkable fare of 2p we caught the bus to Tinsley. Locos present were:- 08015, 08022, 08024, 08033, 08115, 08244, 08260, 08507, 08810, 08539, 13001, 13002, 20019, 20022, 20054, 20058, 20060, 20061, 20078, 20098, 20127, 20128, 20129, 20130, 20133, 20157, 31119, 31248, 31252, 31293, 37020, 37095, 37127, 37131, 37135, 37136, 37137, 37205, 45004, 45025, 45043, 45045, 45144, 47275, 47307, (Franks 500th), 47419, 47601, 56002, 56007, 56016, 56019, 56023, 56026, 56028.

As time was running out I decided to go straight back to Leeds, whilst Frank & Steve went back to Doncaster. On the Station were, 45101 (TO), 45139 (TO), 45147 (TO), 47043 (IM), and 47539 (CD), which pulled me to Leeds. On Holbeck were 08453, 08498, 08500, 08517, 08766, 31128 (TI), 31268, 31327 (YK), 45101 (TO). On Leeds City were 31410, 08501, 08369. Due to the times of the local buses I returned via Skipton, 31181 (YK), 31180 (HO), 47183 (HM), were stabled.

A really good day in which 190 locos were seen and fortunately 124 were copped.

ALISTAIR BALDERSTONE. 3739

N.C.T.S. Combined Edition is available price 40p from H. HOWELLS, 44, Stanwell Road, Swinton, Manchester, M27 1TD.

N.C.T.S. Stabling Point Book is also available from the above address, invaluable if you are in the habit of going spotting alone or with friends rather than on our tours. Price 30p.

Remember to enclose either an S.A.E. or a stamp for the return postage.

A MINI CAR BASH (DONE IN A FORD ESCORT)

On 28-3-78, myself and the unmentionable 'gravel pit' left Doncaster bound for Tinsley, without any previous knowledge that we were to later embark on a somewhat hazardous car bash in a souped-up Ford Escort

We reached Tinsley at approximately 10.30 am. 45 locos were noted which is !?@!!-?@ compared with the 70 or so locos which can be seen on Tinsley at Weekends. However, the engines we noted are as follows:- 08507/008/015/223, 13011/002, 20213/208/017/098/20127/010/133/214/057/028/017/023/061/034/022, 31306/303/168, 37265 (SF), 088 (MR), 37201 (IM), 45031/133/038, 46035 (GD), 47173/601, 56003, 56007/008/013/014/022, ADB 966510.

It was then that we un-expectedly came across a zany school teacher from the 'liver birds' area. We reached an agreement that if 'gravel pit' navigated (and I sat in the back keeping quite quiet), then he would drive us round a few sheds in the general area. With this in mind, we set off, and reached Rotherwood in a record breaking 35 seconds (or thereabouts!). The covenant was then broken, I couldn't keep quiet any longer due to the fact that my last 76 was on shed, that being 76014. Other locos noted were 31302, 37132/139, and 76010. After managing to calm down we set off enroute to Worksop. Locos noted here were 08128/287/782/824/867, 31221/276/116/311, 37132, 47314, and 56020/028/029.

Next on the agenda was Shirebrook, we managed to reach there in one piece, despite 'gravel pit' directing us down a busy one way street (but of course he denied that it was his fault) Locos noted at Shirebrook shed were 08215/075/560, 20056/060/092/209, 47169/279 and 56005/006/015/017 which is pretty good considering that it was a Tuesday. We voted on whether or not to attempt Barrow Hill, and after a unanimous decision, we set sail yet again to try and find the place. We gathered that it was somewhere in the wilderness between Chesterfield & Mansfield, (that could be anywhere!) However after negotiating about 10,000 miles of rural country lanes (slight exaggeration) we eventually found it. The depot contained 14 locos including 03189m 08868/871, 56019 56024/025, the rest was a mixture of local 20's (bombs) and 47's (no nickname yet devised).

By this time we were quite hungry, so it was decided to head for Chesterfield Station for some grub. Noted en route, was 08166 at Chesterfield wagon works. 20016/087 and 45110 all passed through the station.

Next stop was Beighton Junction, where we saw 08033/133 and 56014. After another short break we sped off to Wath via Rotherham Road, where we noted 08015/244, and 40049 (HM) Wath was reasonable with locos in the form of 08049/050/051/870, 31271m 37123/126/37128/136/205, 47350 (CD), passing, and end of plough ADB 968011 (I think) 76's present were 76009/011/029/032/033/036/037.

After re-fueling, we soared off into the distance heading back to Doncaster. We got round the shed and noted the following locos:- 08102/514/100/136/184/459/745/065/066 (both the latter being withdrawn ex Immingham), 31174/409/155/196/269 (MR), 37174 (IM) 039 (MR), 048 (TE), 009 (TE), 47312 (TI), 222 (IM) 165 (IM), 517 (HA), and 56002. Locos noted outside Donni works were 08482 (SF), 31007/012/233 (IM), 257 (OC), 50006 020, 55001/013/022 and 37093 (HM). We couldn't see any 56's (fume! fume!) After being set down at Donni Station, we gave our most grateful thanks to Emerson Fittipaldi from Liverpool, and caught the bus back to 'gravel pits' house.

All in all, it turned out to be a fine days spotting, with gravel pit making only a few mistakes with the navigation, altogether we saw nearly 160 locos of which I copped 17 including my last 76, Not bad eh!

STEPHEN SIENKIEWICZ (3568) with thanks
to Nicholas Clarke (gravel pit) 3468.

TOURS PROGRAMME

ALL VISITS TO DEPOTS ADVERTISED ARE SUBJECT TO PERMITS BEING AVAILABLE

Saturday/Sunday 9th/10th September

Tour No 78.19

GLASGOW & EDINBURGH

Tour to include Eastfield, Polmadie, Corkerhill, St. Rollox, Haymarket, Millerhill, Hamilton, Motherwell, and others as time permits.

Coach Departs as follows:-

Barnoldswick	17.00	returns	21.50
Nelson	17.10	"	21.40
Burnley	17.20	"	21.30
Bury	18.00	"	21.00
Manchester	18.30	"	20.30
Sheffield			

Cost will be £6.00

Min. Deposit £2.50

Sunday 17th September

Tour No 78.20

CREWE WORKS ONLY

Members to meet at the works entrance.

ALL Members who wish to participate in this visit MUST book in advance by notifying the Booking Secretary and sending their visit fee.

Saturday Sunday 23rd/24th September

Tour No 78.21

S. WALES

This tour will visit Swansea, Cardiff, all the other S. Wales Stabling points and the Birmingham Area.

Barnoldswick	17.00	returns	21.50
Nelson	17.10	"	21.40
Burnley	17.20	"	21.30
Bury	18.00	"	21.00
Manchester	18.30	"	20.30

Cost will be £6.00

Min. Deposit £2.50

Saturday Sunday 7th/8th October

Tour No 78.22

NEWCASTLE & HULL

This tour will include visits to Healey Mills, York, Thornaby, Darlington, and all possible Tyneside & Humberside Stabling points.

Barnoldswick	17.45	returns	21.50
Nelson	17.55	"	21.40
Burnley	18.05	"	21.20
Bury	18.45	"	21.00
Manchester	19.15	"	20.30
Sheffield	20.45	"	19.00

Cost will be £6.00

Min. Deposit £2.50

Saturday/Sunday 21st/22nd October

Tour No 78.23

SWINDON & EASTLEIGH

Tour to include Swindon Works, Westbury, Salisbury, Eastleigh, and others as time permits.

Barnoldswick	17.00	returns	21.50
Nelson	17.10	"	21.40
Burnley	17.20	"	21.20
Manchester	18.30	"	20.30

Cost will be £6.00

Min. Deposit £2.50

TOURS PROGRAMME

ALL VISITS TO DEPOTS ADVERTISED ARE SUBJECT TO PERMITS BEING AVAILABLE

Sunday 5th November

Tour No 78.24

SHEFFIELD & DONCASTER DAY TRIP

Tour to include, Tinsley, Wath, Doncaster, & Works, and others as time permits in the South Yorkshire Area.

Barnoldswick	06.00	returns	21.50
Nelson	06.10	"	21.40
Burnley	06.15	"	21.30
Bury	06.40	"	21.00
Winwick	07.05	PICK UP ONLY	
Manchester	07.30	"	20.30
Sheffield	09.00	"	19.00

Cost will be £3.50
Min. Deposit £2.00

Saturday/Sunday 18th/19th November

Tour No 78.25

OVERNIGHT MIDLANDS

Tour to include, Saltley, Bescot, Peterborough, March, Cambridge, and the Nottingham and Leicester Areas, and others, as time permits.

Barnoldswick	17.45	returns	21.50
Nelson	17.55	"	21.40
Burnley	18.05	"	21.30
Bury	18.45	"	21.00
Manchester	19.15	"	20.30
Sheffield	20.45	"	19.00

Cost will be £6.00
Min. Deposit £2.50

Saturday/Sunday 2nd/3rd December

Tour No 78.26

LONDON & SOUTH EAST

Tour to include Old Oak Common, Willesden, Stratford, Hither Green, Stewarts Lane, Ashford (Chart Leacon), Dover, Tonbridge, and others in the London area.

Barnoldswick	17.45	returns	21.50
Nelson	17.55	"	21.40
Burnley	18.05	"	21.30
Bury	18.45	"	21.00
Manchester	19.15	"	20.30
Sheffield	20.45	"	19.00

Cost will be £6.00
Min. Deposit £2.50

Sunday 17th December

Tour No 78.27

CREWE WORKS ONLY

Members to meet at the works entrance.

ALL members who wish to participate in this visit MUST book in advance by notifying the Booking Secretary and sending their visit fee.

Sunday 7th January

Tour No 79.01

S. YORKS DAY TRIP

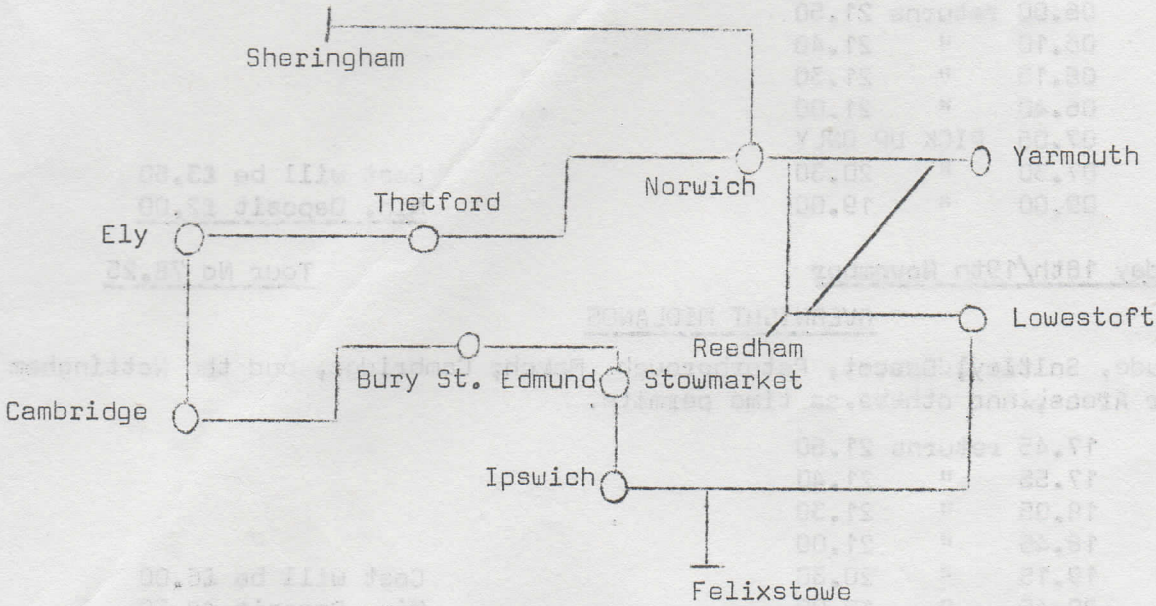
Tour to include Tinsley, Wath, Bradford, Leeds, Healey Mills, York, and others as time permits.

Pick up times and points will be in next magazine.

COMPETITION

PRIZE:- A Voucher for £3.00 to be used against the cost of any trip.

Below is a sketch of all the 'named lines' in E. Anglia. Simply plan a route, taking in all the lines shown. The member who covers all the lines in the shortest overall time is the winner.



Rules

1. You may start and finish at the same point or different points. You may start and finish at intermediate stations to those shown above, if you wish.
2. You may choose any day of the year in the current B.R. Timetable. You must specify the day of the week you use, and also the date if you use trains which do not run throughout the year. The day begins at 00.01 and ends at 23.59. You may use only scheduled passenger trains.
3. You may cover any line as many times as you wish.
4. You must have at least a 5 minute gap between arrivals and departures.
5. You may not travel between Bury St. Edmunds and Ely except via Cambridge. Nor may you travel between Norwich and Stowmarket via Diss.
6. The final date for entries is September 30th.

Entries must be sent to the treasurer. In the event of a tie the prize will be shared. The winning entry will be published in the next magazine.

SPECIAL BONUS!!! If you complete the route in less than 10.hrs 44. mins the value of the winning voucher will be doubled to £6.00

Dedication Test - 2

Mark your answers according to the following:-

- 1.(a) 0 Very commendable but most unlikely.
(b) 0 Out of the question on a Sunday morning for a true spotter.
(c) 1 If you are walking to a "relevant" place, otherwise score 0 again.
(d) 2 This was an easy one wasn't it?
- 2.(a) 0 A true spotter is oblivious to physical considerations. You were probably out spotting the night before anyway.
(b) 1 Only a few are adverse to darkness.
(c) 2 Again obvious, but the next few are harder-----
3. Score 2 if you said the Beano Annual. It is of course too complicated for the average spotter, and contributes unnecessary weight to carry.
Otherwise score 0.
- 4.(a) 1 Unlikely, but maybe necessary.
(b) 2 But be quick.
(c) 0 For stupidity.
(d) Score 0 and drop out of the contest immediately.
- 5.(a) 1 Few have so much patience.
(b) 2 The most popular = physical risk and warning signs are irrelevant.
(c) 0 It may not even be a Class 40 ---- out of the contest.
- 6.(a) 0 Just as if!!!
(b) 2 Many passengers are used to this and make allowances.
(c) 1 If the train is moving at 5 mph or less, otherwise not advisable.
- 7.The ultimate test of dedication.
(a) 0 Very few have the willpower.
(b) 2 Combines enthusiasm with ingenuity - until she offers to help with the crossword.
(c) 1 Most railnews and "unusual sightings" result from this method.
(d) 0 not really very convincing.
- 8.(a) 0 She will probably move to another seat.
(b) 0 She may request further explanation, or be one herself.
(c) 2 The only possible way out (but be polite, as she may resent the implication that she is less intelligent than someone who collects train numbers).
(d) 1 Restrictive and requires too much skill.
- 9.(a) 0 Too depressing to consider
(b) 1 You don't go so far and then leave the station, anyway what about your 96 sandwiches.
(c) 1 Shows complacency creeping in ---- be careful.
(d) 2 Why not, that's what you want for.
- 10.(a) 0 This is as likely as the Nun swearing.
(b) 2 You have your priorities right.
(c) 1 Pointless really, but you've nothing to lose I suppose.

<u>Scores</u>	18-20	You are undoubtedly certified
	15-17	Almost but not quite.
	12-14	Keep taking the tablets
	8-11	See a Doctor, you can be saved yet
	5-7	Change your hobby
	1-4	You're probably good company.
	-1-0	There aren't many of us about.

In the next issue, the Psychiatrist examines your behaviour on N.C.T.S. Tours. For eg. How will you react when Allan Fawcett runs out of cigarettes, with 12 hours to go, and How you react to the instruction that 52 of you should try to like like a party of 20.

DAY TRIP TO PAIGNTON

6-7-8

We arrived at Manchester Victoria at 6.10 am - half an hour before our train was due to depart. Engines noted on the Station were:- 40098 (LO), 47363 (TE), 47436 (CD), 47486 (BS), and 40134 (SP). Our train arrived five minutes late, behind 40018 (KD) and when we got on the train we found that some daft (*****) had taken our seats.

When we arrived at Stockport 40008 was removed and 82005 (LG) was put on. At Longport 47123 (CF) and 24047 (CD), were noted on the sidings.

The next place of interest on our short journey was Bescot, where we noted 25211 (TO), 47203 (CW), 25141 (SP), 08294 (BS), 47200 (BS), 08700 (BS), 08585 (BS), 47452 (CD), 25182 (CW), 40107 (LO), 37079 (TE), 08041 (BS), 08327 (BS), 25147 (BS), 08005 (BS), 31294 (BR), 45002 (HO), 47286 (BR), 47221 (IM), 47241 (CF), 86243 (WN), 87022 (WN), 08919 (SY), 47444 (CD),

At Birmingham New Street there was the usual rubbish except for 31295 (BR) and 47499. 82005 was then taken off and replaced by 46030 (GD). At Lickey 37175 and 37213 both off Cardiff were stabled there. Between Cheltenham & Gloucester we saw 47102 (CD), 47089 (CF), 46013 (LA) and 08486 (GL).

As we approached Bristol I was lucky to cop 08668 (BR) one of my last Bristol Shunters. In and around Bristol we saw 31132 (BR) 03121 (BR) 46022 (LA), 08950 (BR), 08644 (BR), H.S.T. 253016, 50041 (BR), 31419 (BR), 50045 (LA), 31401 (FP), 31256 (OC), 47190 (CD), 50018 (LA).

We had made lost time up between Bristol & Taunton and as we passed through the Station, we saw burnt out coaches of the night sleeper from Penzance with 47498 still attached.

Engines noted in the station and yards were 47488 (BS), 08821 (BR), 46004 (LA), 47106 (CF), 31118 (OC), 31135 (MR), and PWM652.

By now we were getting hungry and looking forward to a fish & chip dinner at the best chippy in Devon.

At Exeter, trains were noted:- 08479 NA, 45105 (TO), 31170 (HO), and 33018 (EH).

We were at Exeter five minutes while those who wanted to, got off. As we reached Newton Abbot the weather was a lot nicer. Engines seen were 08281 (NA), 47339 (CD), 47122 (CF), and 08955 NA.

In and around Paignton were 47326 (TO), 47101 (CF), and 50002 LA). When we got off the train we made a mad dash to the Chippy.

After about a 4 hour stop we are back at the station again. At Exeter on the way back were 46017 (LA), 25058 (BR), 08646 (NA), 08288 (NA), and 33011 (EH), on a Waterloo train.

On the way into Bristol 253009 and 253017 passed us as well as 46011 (LA).

When we got to Temple Meads on shed were 45020 (HO), 31401 (FP), 08644 (BR), 45008 (TO) 50018 (LA), 31138 (SF), 31212 (TI), 31158 (MR), and 253003 came into the station.

Between Bristol & Gloucester 5 or 6 light engines passed us, the ones we got were, 46014 (LA), 50008 (LA), 31154 (MR). Between Gloucester & Birmingham we passed 47267 (CF), 47129 (LE), 46033 (GD), all on Freightliners, and 37207 (LE), on a coal train.

In and around New Street were, 47144 (CF), 08103 (SY), 46003 (LA), 33102 (EH), (on a southbound train). At Wolverhampton there were quite a few locos in the station:-

08765 (SY), 25152 (TO), 25211 (TO), 25187 (BS), 25204 (CW), 47013 (BS), 83010 (LG) 84008 (CE), 86229 (WN). We again changed engines at Stockport and 40030 took us on the last part of our journey.

We arrived at Victoria 5 mins early and overall it had been a very good day.

Ian & Ken Gledhill

A MORNING AT DONCASTER TOPLINE

Doncaster Topline is a spotting place to the North of Doncaster Station. Its the line which members will no doubt have seen freights go over on.

The morning was Thursday 22nd June. I arrived packed with bino's and note pad, at 09.50 and was there 5 minutes when the first locos came in the form of 20052, 20028 (IM) running light into Doncaster from the direction of Scunthorpe. The next loco to come was 40012 (LO), pulling the Cleethorpes to Manchester parcel freight. Then 40195 (HM) came on a freight going towards Wakefield. Then in the space of 5 minutes 3 expresses came with 55005, 47447 (CD), 55013, on them respectivley. 37140 (IM), then passed running light ti Immingham, followed by 31281 (IM) and 31317 (MR) double headed on a local coal train. 37169 (TI) then passed on a freight bound for Tinsley followed by 31298 (TI) on the same run. 47447 (CD) and 47434 (YK) worked passenger trains to and from Hull respectively. Then at 10.45 254010 worked a Crew training run only to be booted by me as I am a keen Deltic fan, and by a stroke of luck two passenger trains going south passed with Deltics at their heads, 55022, 55015 did the duty. 56008 then passed on a local merry-go-round and 47410 (FP) worked the 11.20 to Leeds. 47420 (GD) was on the 10.55 Leeds-London and 254006 passed on the "Flying Scotsman" at about 20 m.p.h.. 47379 worked light from Immingham to Doncaster then 47408 (FP) worked a local to York. 40074 (GD) then passed on a Mark 1 rake, and 56010 passed on another hopper train. 31274 (TI), 31228 (TI), and 31245 (IM) gave me a surprise as they passed tripple headed on a very long Steel Train. 47406 (FP) sped by on an express and 47309 (KY), passed on yet another hopper train. 37020 and 37132 (both TIO worked together on a mixed freight and 31194 (IM) provided the last number of the day as it passed on a P.W. train at about 12.30. Quite an interesting morning and I managed to cop nothing, got soaked and froze-off but as I am a dedicated spotter I went home sulking.

N. CLARKE (gravel pit, Cag, etc)

RAIL NEWS

L.M.R.

Despite the introduction of Class 56's Toton has retained 5 of its Class 44 Peaks. So far this year, 56037-46 have entered service, but only 1 Class 44 (44005) has been withdrawn. Similarly, the Class 24's have held on. Only 3 have been withdrawn this year and nos. 24023/35/47/63/81/82 remain in service. Recent sightings of these locos have been as follows:-

24023, Crewe 2-4-78, Warrington 1-5-78, Bescot 23-7-78.

24035, Salford 4.4.78. Acton Bridge 19-6-78, Crewe Depot 23-7-78.

24047, Longport 6-7-78, Crewe Depot 23-7-78.

24063, Acton Bridge 19-6-78.

24081, Warrington 1-5-78, Crewe Depot 23-7-78

24082, Warrington 3-7-78, Euston 10-6-78; This loco apparently worked a "Senior Citizens Special" right through from Llandudno as there was no replacement loco available at Crewe.

24073/87/133 are still stored in Crewe Depot Yard and 24022 can still be seen at Reddish depot.

Noted at Stonebridge Park/Willesden on 2-4-78 were 33007, 33027 (EH), and 37038 (MR) The Class 37 was on a freight working whilst the Class 33's took over inter-regional excursions trains to S.R. destinations.

Longsight has recently received 11 new Class 40's from various depots. These include 40163 & 40166 both Haymarket "originals" 40163 has been noted at Warrington on 3-7-78 and Piccadilly on 9-7-78. However 40166 was noted on Haymarket on 27-5-78, 4 weeks after its supposed transfer.

In addition to the above, the following visitors have been seen at and around Warrington. 19-6-78 47255 (SF), 3-7-78 25276 (BS), 40156 (HM), 47285 (BR), 47324 (TO) and 47497 (LA).

At nearby Wigan the following have been noted:- 26-4-78 25211 (TO), 40074 (GD), 1-5-78 25149 (KD), 25201 (KD), 25310 (TO), 20-7-78 25113 (KD), 40068 (YK), 47291 (TE), 47504 (LE).

Foreigners in Manchester recently have included:-

3-4-78 47265 (CF), 5-4-78 40160 (HA), 30-4-78 46009 (LA) on Newton Heath. 47168 (CF) on Guide Bridge and 47511 (LE) On Longsight. 8-5-78 47045 (ED), 47422 (GD), 12-5-78 47477 (BR), 15-5-78 45142 (TO), 47005 (SF), 47125 (CF), 16-5-78 47099 (BR), 17-5-78 40158 (HA), 47004 (SF), 30-5-78 25125 (TO), 37137 (TI), 40064 (HA), 45136 (TO), 47217 (IM), 47435 (HA), 7-7-78 47094 (CF) and 47310 (KY), on a Blackpool excursion train. On 9-7-78 a train from St. Pancras was noted arriving at Piccadilly hauled by 47496 (LA) On 23-7-78 the following were noted on the Birmingham area, 31151 (MR), 31200 (MR) and 31293 (MR), all on Saltley and 37057 (TE) on Bescot. Also seen on Bescot 23-7-78 was 08579 ex Healey Mills.

E.R.

Noted at York on 31-3-78 were. 25216(CD), 25256 (CW), 31162 (MR), 31244 (MR), 31285 (TE) 37045 (TE), 37047 (MR), 37128/132/136 (TI), 40008 (KD), 40131, 47218 (IM), 47439 (IM) 47530 (CD), and H.S.T. Sets 254010/013 which were undergoing trials prior to taking over the E.C.M.L. expresses.

A visit to the Sheffield area depots on 16-4-78 resulted in all the Class 56's being seen except 56001, which was apparently at Derby Research Centre. This suggested that there are no Sunday workings for these locos at present. 20078/156 (TO), 37046/96 (TE), 37114 (MR), 40093 (SP) were on Tinsley and on 7-5-78 25299 (BS), 31217 (FP), 37029/38 (MR), 40055/121 (LO), 47535 (BS), were noted there.

An unusual sight at Holbeck on 7-5-78 was 03022 (LN). The reason for its being there is a mystery, as it has not been reported as being withdrawn or re-allocated, nor had it gone into Doncaster Works by mid June. Holbeck now has lost its entire allocation of 'Peaks' and now has only a handful of Class 31's as its main line allocation, all its type 4's having gone to other E.R. depots in recent months. In contrast Healey Mills has just received its first ever allocation of Class 47's in the form of 47164/179/183 47297, and Thornaby now has an allocation of six Class 40's, 40038/73/124/146/147/194.

S.c.R.

Eastfield Class 08 no 08173 has apparently been renumbered P01 and is confined to working at and around Polmadie. Visitors to this depot on 28-5-78 were 40080 (YK), 47032 (LA), and 47232 (CF).

Inverness has lost all but three of its Class 25's and has received six Class 47's in exchange. It is assumed that these will be confined to working south to Perth, Edinburgh and Glasgow, as their weight prevents them from working the scenic routes to the North and West.

Twelve Class 47's are to be equipped with push-pull equipment to take over the Glasgow Edinburgh push-pull service. These will be numbered 47701-12 and will carry names connected with the area, such as "Strathclyde", "Holyrood" and "Waverley". Which locos will be renumbered is not known (except that they will be between 47493-555), nor have any dates been announced.

S.R.

The solitary Isle of Wight Shunter, 05001, appears to be kept permanently at Sandown despite its being allocated to Ryde. It is kept in a small P.W. yard to the North of the station, along with a dozen or so wagons and a "track machine". It is rarely used as can be seen from the state of the surrounding tracks, but it is maintained in immaculate condition.

Despite the withdrawal of all members of Classes 71 & 74, earlier this year, the region has not received any replacements as yet. However "foreign" locos are often to be seen, such as 31416 (BR), 47122 (CF), and 47330 (TO), at Portsmouth on the 17-6-78, and 47482 (BS) at Guildford on the same date.

W.R.

The two Class 37's allocated to Laira for trials and crew training have been working the china clay trains in Cornwall recently, replacing Class 25's on these duties. Both these locos, 37142 & 37267 were noted double heading through Newton Abbott on 5-7-78.

Locos from other regions noted in the South-West during July have included 31105 (SF) and 33012 (EH) at Westbury 5-7-78, 31144 (IM) & 33044 (HG), at Newton Abbott on 14-7 and 31232 (IM) on Severn Tunnel Junc. 15-7-78. Class 33's noted on Exeter and Waterloo trains during this period were 33001/2/4/10/18/33/38/50/103.

Another visitor to the Western Region was 73114 noted at Acton on 5-7-78.

N.A. based shunter 08584 still works exclusively at Meldon Quarry, where it has been for some time. It is reported to be in similar external condition to its predecessors D3509 and D4022.

RAIL NEWS WORKSHOPS

Doncaster 17th/18th June A full list appears in an article previously.

St. Rollox 25-6-78

06007, 08402, 08442, 08449, 08882, 20011, 20085, 20105, 20116, 20148, 20212, 25002, 25019, 25035, 25050, 25062, 25077, 25186, 25229, 26018, 26025, 27002, 27025, 27106, 27203, 27211, 27212. Scrap line:- 08145, 27031, 40072.

CREWE 23-7-78

08080, 08125, 08802, 20033, 20063, 20081, 20097, 20152, 20162, 20165, 20175, 40004, 40010, 40041, 40048, 40049, 40054, 40055, 40056, 40058, 40075, 40078, 40089, 40096, 40010, 40014, 40121, 40136, 40140, 40146, 40161, 40169, 40167, 40176, 47009, 47011, 47032, 47040, 47042, 47078, 47086, 47100, 47102, 47135, 47157, 47163, 47174, 47208, 47230, 47247, 47249, 47256, 47333, 47335, 47354, 47370, 47373, 47401, 47402m 47403, 47405, 47409, 47411, 47413, 47415, 47416, 47427, 47435, 47437, 47440, 47453, 47471, 47478, 47490, 47493, 47519, 47526, 47539, 81010, 81013, 81018, 82001, 82002, 82007, 83008, 83011, 83012, 84002, 84004, 84005, 85006, 85011, 85018, 85030, 85031, 86011, 86029, 86210, 86251, 86261, 87024.

STRATFORD 30-7-78.

03149, 08521, 31106, 31117, 31189, 31205, 37119, 40047, 40077, 47155, 47277, 47412,

DERBY OPEN DAY 5-8-78

08455, 08456, 08612, 08625, 20062, 20079, 25011, 25030, 25045, 25079, 25107, 25116, 25119, 25146, 25176, 25189, 25199, 25208, 25236, 25249, 25250, 25295, 25297, 25300, 25303, 25318, 44005, 45009, 45017, 45027, 45029, 45030, 45031, 45043, 45044, 45051, 45111, 45122, 45123, 45128, 45131, 45144, 45146, 46007, 46018, 46021, 46024, 46033, 46038, 46043, 46053, 46055, 47337, 56045.

SALES LIST

- N.C.T.S. Combined Edition (Numerical, Depot Order & HST Sets).....40p
N.C.T.S. Stabling Point & Shed Directory.....30p
N.C.T.S. Ex B.R. Loco's in Industrial Service.....10p
P.V.C. Locoshed Covers17p
P.V.C. Combined (The Ian Allen one) Covers.....20p
Both these Covers are available in ORANGE, RED, BLUE, PURPLE and BLACK.

Spotters Note Books.....17p

BADGES

Loco side views Price 30p each badges available are:-

Brush Hawker Siddeley Diesel, Type 1 Bo-Bo, Warship, Western Diesel in
RED or BLUE, "Empress of Britain", Hymek Diesel, Deltic "St. Paddy", Peak,
G.W.R. Diesel Railcar, Type 2 A1A-A1A, 0-6-0 Diesel Shunter, H.S.T.,
Diesel Pullman, Advanced Passenger Train, 25Kv AC Electric Loco, "Brighton
Belle", Blue Electric Multiple, Southern Region 4 COR Unit.

Emblems Price 25p each badges available are :-

B.R. Arrow (either RED or BLUE), B.R. Lion, B.R. Electric.

Loco Nameplate Emblem Price 25p Only "WESTERN FUSILIER" available.

Miniature Lineside Notices These notices are 2" x 1" Bronzed Finish.

The Price of these are 40p each, available are:-

"BEWARE OF TRAINS"

"Do not cross over the Eastern & Western Valleys, West of Newport, North of
Wolverhampton, nor to leave the G.W.R. System."

"Engine Men!, Only locomotives with condensing apparatus may proceed over the
electric lines of the District and Metropolitan Railways beyond this point".

"Do not use the Toilet whilst train is standing in the Station".

These items can be obtained from :- Mr. H. Howells,
44, Stanwell Road,
Swinton,
MANCHESTER,
M27 1TD

Please enclose cheque or postal order made payable to "N.C.T.S.", also a
Stamped Addressed Envelope (or just send a stamp) with your Order.