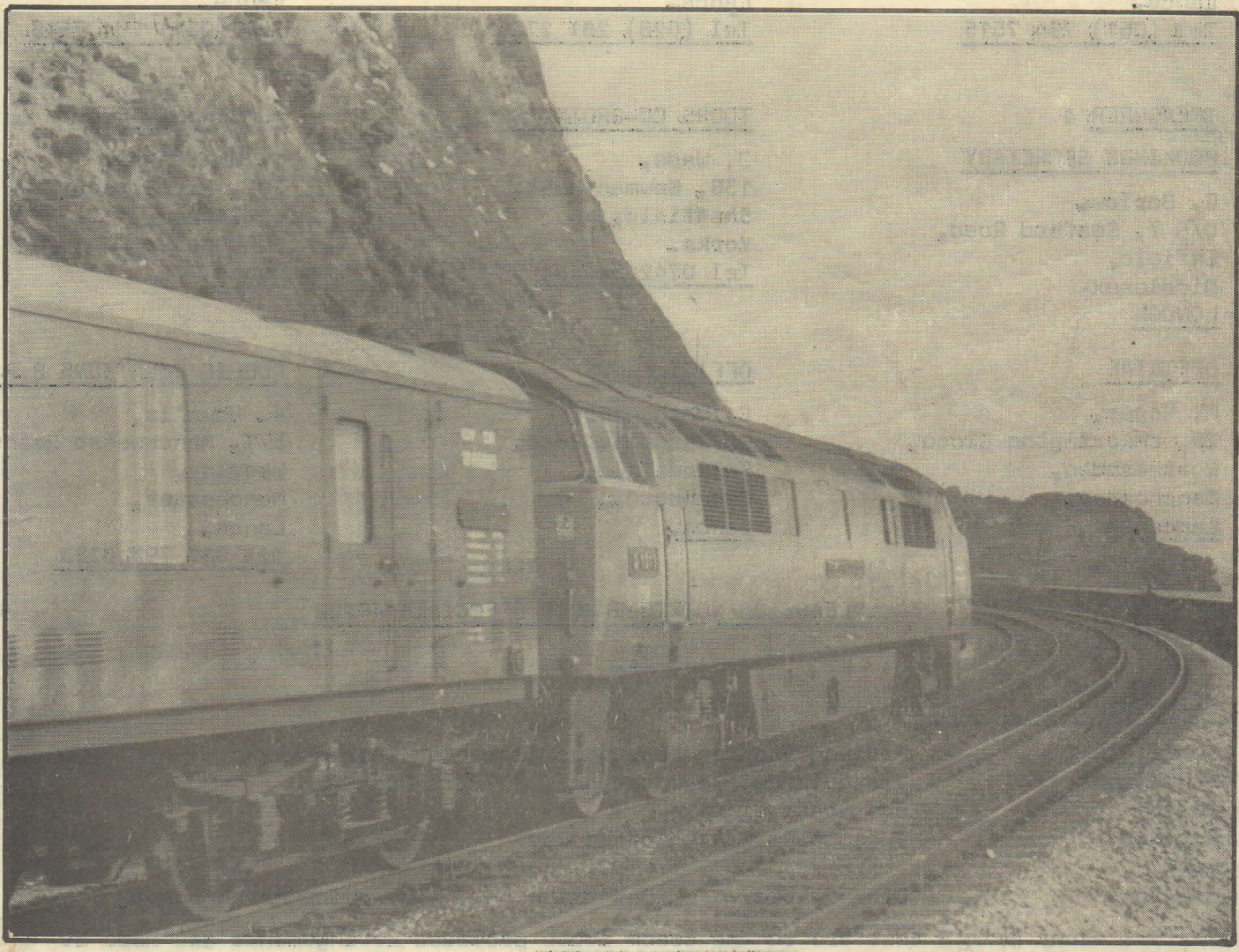


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Manchester	Victoria Railway Station 202/203 Bus Stop
Nelson	Bus Station
Burnley	Outside El Greco Coffee Bar
Bury	
Winwick	Pick up only (Day trips only - by prior arrangement)

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



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

It has been brought to the attention of the Committee that there are some members who will not abide by the rules laid down for visits to depots. When visiting any B.R. installation, we are granted permission for one organised party, not for various smaller parties to wander round at their own convenience. Our relations with British Rail have always been good, but incidents of this nature will not help to keep them this way, and may result in future refusals to our requests for permits.

Would members please note that as the booking secretary lives in London, and our tours depart from Barnoldswick, it is necessary for the sheets with participating members names on to be sent to Mr. Fawcett a week before the tour is due to depart, please, if you have any reason to inform us of being able/unable to attend, at the last minute, ring Mr. Fawcett and not Mr. Barlow.

Since our last magazine we have had our Allocation Book and Depot Order Book, combined into one edition, complete with a list of the new H.S.T. formations. This book has been printed at a printers and is now 'pocket sized' with a shiny stiff-backed cover. The price is 40p, 5p cheaper than our old Combined Edition. These books are available from the Sales Officer, address inside front cover.

Will members who are renewing their membership please remember to send their membership cards with their renewal fees. This will enable the renewal date to be altered, so that the Booking Secretary, and other Officials will know that you have renewed. Anyone who has a membership card which appears to be out of date will have to pay the non-members extra charge of 50p for any tours they are participating in.

Will all members who were on our recent E. Anglia tour, which due to a major brake down, never arrived, please note that unless Mr. Barlow is notified to the contrary, all participants will have their money transferred on to the new E. Anglia which now departs on Saturday 20th May.



## NOTICES

### STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPES

Now more than ever it is most important that all members enclose either an S.A.E. or a stamp, with all correspondence to Society Officials when they require a reply. Failure to do so can only result in further increases of tours prices, publications etc.

### POSTAL ORDERS/CHEQUES

These must be crossed A/C PAYEE ONLY and made payable to 'Northern Counties Transport Society or N.C.T.S.' and not made payable to Society Officials. If you are in any doubt how to fill in your postal orders, then leave them blank. Please do not fill in the section 'at which office' as members are apt to fill in the Post Office where the order was purchased, not the one at which it is to be cashed. If the bank returns any Postal Orders or cheques which have been filled in incorrectly, they you booking may be cancelled.

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The number which appears on your membership card is yours, please quote it when writing to an Official. Please also send your membership card, 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. 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 cannot be filled, then your money will not be refunded, unless a medical certificate can be produced. Please remember, when you have paid your deposit the balance for each tour should be paid seven days before the intended tour. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT TELEPHONE BOOKINGS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED, you may however telephone the bookings secretary to see if there is a place vacant. If you find out at the last minute that you are able to participate in a tour, please ring A. Fawcett, not the bookings secretary, as the sheets for the tour are forwarded to Mr. Fawcett a week before the departure date. You must then confirm the booking with a cash deposit.

### ATTENDING TOURS

If for any reason, you find that you are going to be late arriving at a picking up point, even if it is at the last minute, then please let an official know, and wherever possible we will hold the coach for you, otherwise the coach will depart at the time stated.

### 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 now 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.



## A WEEKEND IN THE DONCASTER AREA

I left Lancaster, bound for Doncaster on Friday September 23rd on the 16.12 train to Barrow, changing at Carnforth for Leeds. We were due to depart from Carnforth at 16.58, but as usual the expected DMU was late. On making enquiries to the station supervisor, I learnt that the unit had typically failed at Morecamb. However annoyance turned to surprise, when half an hour later the failed 'bug' trundled into the station behind 25191. We left Carnforth some 20 minutes late, although with the type 2 on the front, we had made up the lost time by the time we reached Skipton, where 31175 was noted. 40108 was at Bingley. During my two hour wait at Leeds lucky me copped two Haymarket 47's ie 47403/493.

It was knocking on 10pm when I arrived at Donni, and I didn't feel like doing much loco spotting so we went straight to my mates house.

The plan for Saturday was as follows Doncaster, Tinsley, Wath, Sheffield Stn, Rotherwood, Worksop, Froddingham, Doncaster.

The Station Pilot on Donni was 08420, 40099, 40148 were also lurking about, along with 2 31's. Somehow (I don't know how) we managed to get round Tinsley. I ripped my jacket in the process, but it was worth it, around 60 locos were noted including 25243, 56's noted were, 56002/010/011/019/020/025/027/030/035.

On arrival at Wath, we noted all the home shunters with the exception of 08049. Other locos noted were 08866, 08670, 31107/128, 37095/126/135/120/123/ 47278/279. 76's noted were 012/027/033/035/041.

From Wath we caught the 'Bus' (one of those 4 wheeler things the N.C.T.S. use) to Sheffield, noted on Midland Station were 08022/219/538, 47130/546 entered on a passenger train.

From Sheffield myself and faithful comrade, caught the Lincoln Train, alighting at Worksop. Noted en route were 08879 at Cattlebridge, 08543 at Darnall, 76's at Rotherwood were as follows 007/009/011/021/037/038/039/040. On arrival at Worksop four Tinsley 31's were noted just outside the station 16 locos were noted on the stabling point:- 08560/429/263/824/782/128/867, 20061/022, 37128/169/125/141/112, 47294/311. When we arrived back at Donni we were pleased to see the last Wath Shunter, 08049 in the sidings along with 37252 and 55003 "Meld" all 3 were supposedly waiting to go into the works. 56035 was noted on Donni Station.

En route to Scunthorpe we noted 20028/029 at Gunnis Yard, 08404 was the Scunthorpe Station Pilot. Froddingham contained 24 locos none of which were particularly interesting.

After helping my mate with his paper round on Sunday morning, we made our way to Doncaster Depot, foreign locos noted were, 03197 ex works, 08459/514/006/324/512. After going round the DMU Sidings, we asked in vain if there were any parties going round the Works.

Because of our attempt failing, we scavenged around the outside of the works, risking our necks climbing up the main gate to get a few extra locos, including 76020. 50's noted were 030/046/036/039/048, 24104/112/113 were awaiting their doom. 16.14 finally arrived, and I did my farewells, and set off back to Lancaster. As luck had it, I was diverted via Knottingley, where I copped FOUR class 47's, what a superb end to a fine weekend.

STEPHEN SIENKIEWICZ 3568



We left home (Warrington) at 7.00am and arrived at Guide Bridge at about 8.00am. It was still quite dark and we managed to get round. Stabled here were 08604, 08686, 40028/030/033/098/111/185, 47342, 25166/208 and 76006/014/015/016/022/024 76040/041/047/053.

After a long boring journey we got to Tinsley where we were thrown out twice but managed to get all the numbers. All Class 13's were in together with 08075/183 08260/335/386/507/523/729/810/878, 20010/017/019/032/061/065/129/132/133/212, 31101/131/147/166/175/221/250/252/270/275/300/303, 37081/086/095/105/134/137, 47169/173/219/276/447/601, 46052, 45025/028/030/039/040/061/107, and 56004/006 56009/56010/56013/023/027/030, a total of 63 locos in all.

Next stop was worksop, where we found 08560/782/824, 20208/213, 31128/119/276/299 20302/319, 37108, 47177 in the yard with 31159, 37124/125/132 at the East of the Station.

Next we tried to find Barrow Hill and after an hour of searching round Staveley we eventually asked someone who directed us to Barrow Hill. It was worth waiting though with no less than 13 Class 20's, these being 20056/057/059/060/078/098/127 20130/144/211/214/215. Also here were 56020 and round the turntable 03189, 08267 47305/313, 08141/186/492/868/871 and 56019/021.

After dinner at Chesterfield where 45041/146, and 46014 passed us we headed for Shirebrook where we found 08128/255/263/285/287/429/867/869, 20021/034/133/210 31116/235/297/311, 37103/112/120/121/122, 47278/307/316, 55003/008/011/018/024/025/ 56026/028.

Westhouses was next and after negotiating miles of narrow country lanes, we eventually came to the town of Westhouses which consists of about 5 houses and we eventually found the depot. There we found 20048/067/087/076/151/154/160/162/166 20167/177/178/181/186/187/192/195 and 47322/327.

Next we headed for Toton and having been shown out twice by the same man, we still managed to get the tree Class 56's and some if not all of the locos. Noted were 13 08's, 20018/063/071/064/042/165/190/139/180/174/167/152/168/155/156/173/037/169 196/150/198/172/113/182/140/142/135/161, 25073/107/115/118/193/210/268/270/279, 44002/005/008/010 all without nameplates, 45031/066/128, 46032, 31228, 37136, 47102/188/377/369, 56033/034/035. There were several Peaks inside the shed which we missed.

Derby, Etches Park was to be impregnable as usual, however we saw 0598 and a Class 24, several multi-coloured-multies, 31127, 31306, 20088/209/022, 08455/142, 45123 on a southbound passenger, 20045, 46045 again on a passenger.

Our last sighting of the day was 45036 going North.

To conclude, my brother Gareth and I saw over 300 locos, travelled 300 miles, got kicked out 4 times, used 11 gallons of petrol, crawled under a fence, scumbled down a hill, balanced on a wall, and got round 7 sheds.

I must note however that most sheds/stabling points (GU, BH, SB, WT and Worksop) were deserted, especially WT and were perhaps fuller than usual due to the time of year, certainly Toton and Tinsley were packed.

GEOFF EDWARDS 3688



" A REET GUD DAY "

Sunday 27th November 1977, began as I heaved myself out of bed (minus block and tackle) and downstairs equipped with Pyjamas and spotting books. Transport arrived at 8.30am, (which should have been 7.45) in the form of a Morris Minor Estate.

We duly set off in search of my friend in Barnoldswick (Allan Fawcett Country), collected him and headed for Skipton. Locos noted on the sidings were 31176/268 and 40141. Our next venue was Leeds City Station, but unfortunately we were delayed by Headingley W.Y. P.T.E. Bus Garage (as you may gather I spot buses as well).

Leeds City Station was reached and noted on the station were 40003, in the siding 46050 on a Newcastle-Liverpool train and 31324 (First Cop) on a permanent way train.

The next port of call was Holbeck, unfortunately we were not allowed round. But the depot foreman gave us a full list of what we could see which were, 46048, 08766, 46017, 08503, 47459, 47483, 31301, 47433, 45016, 08225, 40077, 40094, 40064, 31111, 31417, 47413, 47413, 47020, 45011, 46030, 31410, 25268, 40179, 40046, 40198.

Noted travelling up to Leeds City were 55010, 47278, and the following were noted on P.W. trains and Ballast, 40040, 31409, 47270 (good cop that). We then set off for Healey Mills. Noted here were 08706, 08865, 40181, 40115, 37245, 37098, 40100, 40106, 08056, 08162, 08163, 08172, 08311, 08306, 08295, 08098, 08307, 08298, 08172, 08311, 08306, 08295, 08098, 08307, 08298, 08172 (Phew, there are enough 08's) 45036, 40195, 47309, 40197, 40014, 47277, 40035, 45019, 40006, 40051, 40147, 37040, 37093, 40192, 40149.

My mate then put his clog down and went to Tinsley (John Wade Country), we got delayed again then by another bus depot in Wakefield, and another one in Barnsley, and lastly by a P.T.E. South Yorkshire in Sheffield.

We had a permit for Tinsley (incredible - some of our members do know how to go about things) and we duly trotted round. (some great cops here) 08244, 56003, 13003, 08523, 56013, 37125, 20019, 08022, 08878, 45039, 13001, 45048, 31325, 47215, 20023, 20033, 45035, 37114, 08208, 40060 (guess who cleared his class 40's with 40060), 25123, 45017, 20212, 45026, 08810, 37025, 45069, 37052, 45030, 37126, 20017, 37105, 31302, 31270, 20057, 20060, 31221, 20061, 20129, 20010, 20208, 20213, 20054, 20055, 56005, 56012, 45112, 45120, 56027, 47601, 56016, 56024, 56014, 56008 (I copped all the 56's).

After a rotten trip over the pennines into Lancashire, we got stopped (yes, by another Bus Garage in Gtr Manchester.

We set off home, and ended up at Guide Bridge, and got round anall, (thats an ancient Lancashire work for as well). Locos noted here were 40025, 47351, 40009, 25293, 25209, 76047, 76013, 25097, 76031, 76034, 76037.

Our final depot was Longsight, we didn't get round, but we got the numbers of 85017, 47340, 47349.

All in all, a good day, we hadn't finished bus spotting, because we then went to Gtr Manchester Hyde Rd Depot, and Bury Garage. Then nearer home, the two Burnley Garages, with a grand total of 35 locos, and 281 buses, its what I would call

" A reet gud day".

JOHN HUGHES 3626



TOURS PROGRAMME

ALL VISITS TO DEPOTS ADVERTISED ARE SUBJECT TO PERMITS BEING AVAILABLE

Saturday/Sunday 22nd/23rd April

Tour 78.9

NEWCASTLE

Due to the fact that permits are not available for Doncaster Works, this trip will now visit Hull and Goole instead.

Other Depots to be visited will include. Blyth, York, Thornaby, Darlington, Sunderland, Hartlepool and all the Gateshead stabling points.

Coach will depart as follows:-

Barnoldswick	17.15	returns	21.50	
Nelson	17.25	"	21.40	
Burnley	17.30	"	21.30	
Bury	18.00	"	21.00	
Manchester	18.30	"	20.30	Cost will be £6.00
Sheffield	20.00	"	19.00	<u>Min. Deposit £2.50</u>

Friday/Saturday 5th/6th May

Tour No 78.10.

WOLVERTON & DERBY WORKS

This trip will visit both these railway workshops. At Wolverton the 08's from Bletchley can be seen, also this is the main workshops for repairing all Eastern Region DMU's.

Other depots to be visited will include Leicester, Wellingborough, Bedford and all the other Bletchley stabling points, plus other stabling points in the Midlands Area.

Coach will depart as follows:-

Barnoldswick	18.00	returns	21.50	
Nelson	18.10	"	21.40	
Burnley	18.45	"	21.30	
Bury	18.45	"	21.00	
Manchester	19.15	"	20.30	Cost will be £6.00
Sheffield	20.45	"	19.00	<u>Min. Deposit £2.50</u>

Saturday/Sunday 20th/21st May

Tour No 78.11

E. ANGLIA

This tour to include Norwich, March, Peterboro, Cambridge, Colchester, Clacton, Lincoln, and other stabling points in E. Anglia and Lincolnshire.

Coach will depart as follows:-

Barnoldswick	18.00	returns	21.50	
Nelson	18.10	"	21.40	
Burnley	18.20	"	21.30	
Bury	19.00	"	21.00	
Manchester	19.30	"	20.30	Cost will be £6.00
Sheffield	21.00	"	19.00	<u>Min. Deposit £2.50</u>



ALL VISITS TO DEPOTS ADVERTISED ARE SUBJECT TO PERMITS BEING AVAILABLE

Saturday/Sunday 10th/11th June

Tour No 78.12

PLYMOUTH & SWINDON

This tour to include Birmingham area depots, Taunton, Exeter, Newton Abbot, Laira and Swindon Works. Other installations as time permits.

Coach will depart as follows:-

Barnoldswick	17.00	returns	21.00
Nelson	17.10	"	20.40
Burnley	17.20	"	20.30
Bury	18.00	"	20.00
Manchester	18.30	"	19.30

Cost will be £6.50  
Min. Deposit £3.00

Sunday 18th June

Tour No 78.13

DONCASTER WORKS

Members to meet at the works gates at 13.00. Members MUST book in advance with the Bookings Secretary.

Cost will be 40p

Saturday/Sunday 24th/25th June

Tour No 78.14

GLASGOW & AYR

Tour to include Carlisle, Ayr (and stabling points), Eastfield, Polmadie, Corkerhill, St. Rollox and others as time permits.

Barnoldswick	17.00	returns	21.00
Nelson	17.10	"	20.40
Burnley	17.20	"	20.30
Bury	18.00	"	20.00
Manchester	18.30	"	19.30

Cost will be £6.00  
Min. Deposit £2.50

Saturday/Sunday 22nd/23rd July

Tour No 78.15

N. WALES & WEST MIDLANDS

Tour to include, Holyhead, Liverpool, Manchester, Birkenhead, Stoke, Tyseley, Saltley, Bescot, and Crewe Works, and others as time permits.

Coach will depart as follows:-

Barnoldswick	18.00	returns	21.20
Nelson	18.10	"	21.10
Burnley	18.45	"	21.00
Bury	19.15	*	20.30
Manchester	20.45	"	20.00

Cost will be £6.00  
Min. Deposit £2.50



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Saturday/Sunday 29th/30th July

Tour 78.16

LONDON.

Tour to include Hornsey, Stratford, Selhurst, Stewarts Lane, Hither Green, Old Oak Common, Willesden, and others as time permits.

Coach will depart as follows:-

Barnoldswick	17.55	returns	21.50
Nelson	18.05	"	21.40
Burnley	18.15	"	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-Saturday 5th - 12th August

Tour No. 78.16

MINI-BUS-HOLIDAY

This tour will visit most installations South of Carlisle & Newcastle. Fare includes Hotel Accomodation.

Minibus Departs

Manchester Victoria at 10.00 on the 5th  
Returns:- " at 17.30 on the 12th

Cost will be £60.00  
Min. Deposit £15.00

For full details contact J. Wade immediately, very limited vacancies only.

Sunday 13th August

Tour No. 78.17

DONCASTER & IMMINGHAM DAY TRIP

Tour will visit Tinsley, Immingham, Frodingham, Doncaster Works & Depot and others as time permits.

Coach will depart as follows:-

Barnoldswick	06.30	returns	22.20
Nelson	06.40	"	22.10
Burnley	06.45	"	22.00
Bury	07.10	"	21.30
Winwick	07.35	PICK UP ONLY - By prior arrangement	
Manchester	08.00	"	21.00
Sheffield	09.30	"	19.30

Cost will be £3.50  
Min. Deposit £2.00



ALL VISITS TO DEPOTS ADVERTISED ARE SUBJECT TO PERMITS BEING AVAILABLE

Friday/Saturday/Sunday 1st/2nd/3rd September

Tour No 78.18

GRAND SOUTHERN TOUR

This tour to include some London Depots, Hither Green, Stewarts Lane, Selhurst, Eastleigh, Brighton, Chart Leacon and other Southern Region stabling points.

Fare will include one nights Bed & Breakfast on Saturday night.

MEMBERS WISHING TO VISIT I.O.W. will be surcharged £1.00

Coach will depart as follows:-

Barnoldswick	17.55	returns	22.20
Nelson	18.05	"	22.10
Burnley	18.15	"	22.00
Bury	18.45	"	21.30
Manchester	19.15	"	21.00
Sheffield	20.45	"	19.30

Cost of this tour will be:- For those who wish ) £13.50 minimum deposit  
to visit the I.O.W.) £7.00

For those not wishing) £12.50 minimum deposit  
to visit the I.O.W.) £6.00

ALL MEMBERS TO PAY THE REMAINDER OF THEIR FARE 14 DAYS BEFORE

DEPARTURE DATE

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		Set down only	

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.

please note increase in price.

Cost 30p

Saturday/Sunday 23rd/24th September

S. WALES (Full details next magazine)



A GOOD DAYS SPOTTING AT DONNI

One cold January morning, my brother and a friend and I set out to Skipton Station to catch the 07.47 train to Leeds. In the sidings at Skipton were, 31146/70/80, 40094. The run to Leeds yielded no locos (as usual). At Leeds there were 08225/449, 46043/50, 47544. We had two minutes to catch our train, and after a bit of sprinting we managed it. It was the 08.30 to Kings Cross, hauled by 47544. By this time our friend Geoff Hartley (better not say fat or he'll sit on me) was panting and puffing. Just outside Wakefield Westgate, 47534 was on an empty car transporter. When we arrived at Doncaster, 47546 was on a parcel train and 31327 on a similar working. As soon as we got off the train 56014 went through on an empty coal hopper, which surprised us because we didn't expect to see any 56's coming through the station. A flurry of locos came through as soon as we got there. The shunter was 08876, which was generally "mucking about" (what else would it be doing - Ed). In the works sidings were 08459 ex works, 31103 and 31415 ex works also. About 10 minutes later 47476 was on a Kings Cross - Leeds. Not long after that 47490 came through on a southbound passenger. Then a newspaper train came through southbound, hauled by 40044, which I presumed was the Cleethorpes - Manchester, newspaper train. About 10'clock we decided to go round to the works to see what we could get. From the footpath round the back of the works, the following locos were noted:- 56036/037/038/039/ they all looked as though they were ready to come out into service in a short time. The other locos were 31273, 37227, 50008, 55017, 76020, scrapped locos were 24007/013/014/105/108/111 and the cab of 31150. Then we decided to go down to the depot, where we were refused permission to go round the depot, but we got a few numbers. Locos noted were, 08136/146/514, 31196/322, 37170, 47162/165/213 and passing the depot were 31211, 40175 on a coal train, also 47520 and 55009. As soon as we got back to the station, 47039 went through on oil tanks. The only peak seen that day at Doncaster was 46023, on an unidentified passenger working. About 5 minutes later, 37069 came through on a mixed freight, Also 56030 went through light engine. Deltics noted at Doncaster throughout the day were, 55004/005/007/009/011/015/016/017/018/019/021/022. By now it was getting late, and we went down the platform to catch our train, which was the Bradford Executive, but we had to change at Wakefield. It was hauled by 47519. At Wakefield we had 25 minutes to wait for our train, which was the 10.20 Penzance - Leeds. While we waited 47476 went through light engine (again). Our train was hauled by 45077. We had a fairly long wait for our DMU so we settled down to some trainspotting on Leeds Station, locos noted were, 45026 on a freight liner, 47490 again, 45114 was in the sidings and 40078. Finally, we got to Skipton at 21.05. The only loco different from those there in the morning was 40036. Locos seen at Doncaster were:- 08102/136/146/401/444/459/514/876, 24007/013/014/105/108/111, 31103/150/171/196 31211/232/246/273/316/322/327/410/415, 37069/093/170/201/211/227, 40040/044/075/175 37092, 46023. 47039/162/165/179/213/277/296\*\*297/311/312/370/372/401/404/415/418/ 47428/465/476/490/519/520/527/541/542/544/546/547/551, 50008, 55004/005/007/009 55011/55015/55016/55017/55018/019/021/022, 56007/014/030/036/037/038/039, 76020. Out of 108 locos I copied 17. A good days trainspotting.

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### TAYNUILT - Rural Railway Backwater

I spent my Easter holiday at a cottage in the village of Taynuilt in Scotland. The Cottage was 200 yards from the station, which is on the Glasgow to Oban line about eleven miles from Oban. Although train watching was not the purpose of the holiday, I tried to be in the village when the trains were due. The Station is manned continually (except Sundays) and is now the first crossing loop out of Oban.

There are three passenger trains each way, leaving Oban at 0800, 1225 and 1745, leaving Glasgow at 0807, 1255, and 1804. Trains are made up of 5, 6, or 7 coaches and hauled by 25/1, 27/0 and 27/1 locos.

Freight is light, the maximum number of waggons I noted was 6 consisting of Fuel, Coal and Perishables. The up freight leaves Oban at 0100 hrs and the down service arrives at Taynuilt at about 0800 hrs and waits to cross the first passenger up train. There is also an overnight mail train which usually consists of a 2nd Class coach and a parcels van. This train brings the mail and newspapers to Taynuilt eventually reaching Oban at 0600 hrs. At Oban, the train connects up with the mail boat service to Coll, Tiree and Colonsway. The parcels van returns to Glasgow on the 1745 service, whilst the coach returns on the 1225 train. On the Tuesday morning there was no down freight and the loco worked light from Glasgow.

Double heading occurs regularly on the 1745 from Oban with locos working in Tandem, occasionally the 1225 is double headed but this seemingly depends on late running, or heavy loading. The operating pattern can be seen in the list at the end of the article. Basically, the loco off the overnight parcels works the first up passenger train. The loco working the down freight is usually the pilot loco on the double headed passenger trains. The loco on the last down passenger train works out on the overnight Glasgow freight. On Saturdays the pilot on the 1745 works to Crianlarich and then returns as pilot to the 1804 from Glasgow. This I believe is usual practice in case P.W. work is scheduled on the Sunday. However on the Sunday, I was there, no work was scheduled, and the locos were stabled in Oban Station for the day.

Timekeeping was generally good, and lateness was usually less than five minutes. However, there was one exception, the 0807 ex Glasgow, with seven coaches hauled by 25033. Later in the day it was involved in an accident which demonstrated to me the resourcefulness needed in the Western Highlands. 25033, despite looking in good condition arrived at Taynuilt 57 minutes late due to a combination of delayed crossings on long single line sections and poor loco work with the seven coaches on many of the gradients.

A quick turn round at Oban brought 25033 and 27111 as pilot back to Taynuilt at 1311 - 19 minutes late. After the 'right way' the locos refused to move due to what looked like a brake defect on the leading Class 27.

There was much too-ing and fro-ing by both crews, despite the pouring rain, inspecting brakes, and making adjustments.

However the engine of 25033 was shut down and the two drivers went in to the engine compartment. A few minutes later they emerged and restarted the engine. All this took 15 minutes and at 1330 both locos started off very strongly nearly forty minutes late.

All this went to show that despite pouring rain, the loco men on these isolated lines need dedication, resourcefulness, and experience to correct faults as relief locos may be anything up to 100 miles away.

The table mentioned in the article follows overleaf.



The following table shows the intensity of loco workings

Loco:- 27/1 27111ED

Depart	Glasgow	about 0100 hrs	Mail	Oban	arr 0600	101½ )	Monday	
"	Oban	0800 hrs	Pass	Glasgow	arr 1126	101½ )		
"	Glasgow	1255 hrs	Pass	Oban	arr 1626	101½ )		
"	Oban	1745 hrs	Pass	Glasgow	arr 2106	101½ )		
"	Glasgow	about 0200 hrs	L/eng	Oban	arr 0915	101½ )	Tuesday	
"	Oban	1255 hrs	Pilot	Crian	arr 1345	42½ )		
"	Cranlariah	1509 hrs	Pilot	Oban	arr 1626	42½ )		
"	Oban	1745 hrs	Pass	Glasgow	arr 2106	101½ )		
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	<u>UP WORKINGS</u>		<u>DOWN WORKINGS</u>		<u>DOWN FREIGHT</u>
	Departure time From Oban		Departure time From Glasgow		
Saturday	1745 -	27014/18	1804 -	27014/43	
	27014 pilot to Crianlarich		27014 pilot from Crian		
Sunday	NO TRAINS				
Monday	0800	27111	0807	27021	
	1225	25033/27043	1255	27111	25033
	1745	27111/27014	1804	25033	
Tuesday	0800	27021	0807	25033	
	1225	25033/27111	1255	27021/27111	27111
	1745	27021/27014	1804	27043	
Wednesday	0800	27043	0807	27010	
	1255	27010	1255	27043	27021
	1745	27043/27021	1804	27010	
Thursday	0800	27014	0807	27020	
	1225	27020	1255	27014	27009
	1745	27014/9	1804	27020	
Friday	0800	27011	0807	27002	
	1225	27014	1255	27011	27014

Tables and article by

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RAIL NEWS

From P.R. Taylor

Stoke-on-Trent

47271 HA on Southbound Tanks )  
Nuneaton )  
 47312 IM Stabled south on the Station )  
 All On 4-3-78

Stockport

47178 BS Stabled in the Station )

Longsight Depot

84010 stabled with 40008 KD 11-3-78

Beatoock

26041 IS passed with three waggons on N-bound freight 31-3-78

Godley Junction -Ditton Junction Line (Near Norris Bank Stockport)

25070 SP E-Bound mixed freight 13-2-78  
 25258 TO Shunting Cadburys Sidings 16-2-78  
 47227 CF W-Bound on M.G.R. for Fiddlers Ferry 16/17-2-78  
 47341 BS W-Bound on " " " " 16-2-78  
 47314 TI W-Bound on " " " " 17-2-78

From K.J.W. Lawes

Inverness Depot 29-8-77

Unusual locos noted here were 40112 LO, 40070 HM, 20020 TI, 08882 HA

From J.R. Platts

all through Manchester Victoria During January

1st 40167 HA on 1E02 - 23.28 M/cr Vic to Newcastle  
 3rd 47206 ED on 1E10 - 17.10 Liverpool - Newcastle  
 54 mins late from Victoria - loco required water.  
 40167 HA on 4M48 - Heaton C.S. - Red Bank  
 4th 47287 TE on 6E37 - Weaste - St. Clarence.  
 7th 46003 LA on 1E10 - 17.10 Liverpool - Newcastle  
 8th 46022 LA on 5M50 - Hull - Red Bank C.S.  
 10th 25227 ED on local trip workings  
 11th 47001 BR on 5J42 - Carlisle - Red Bank  
 16th 47508 LE on 4P22 - 0050 M/cr Vic - Preston  
 17th 46026 LA on 1F54 - 0323 M/cr Vic - Liverpool - News  
 25214 TO on 4G05 - Preston - Birmingham Curzon Street  
 18th 47013 BS on 4P22 - 0050 - M/cr Vic to Preston  
 19th 37098 HM arrived light diesel from Warrington  
 20th 46021 LA on 1E26 - 0215 - M/cr Vic - Leeds  
 21st V.V. unusual  
 25316 CW on 4G05 - Preston - Birmingham Curzon Street  
 25054 CW on 4M05 - Sunderland - Preston  
 22nd 47088 CF on 5M49 - Bradford - Red Bank  
 40168 HA on 1E31 - 0055 M/cr Vic Leeds  
 24th 46014 LA on 6J46 - Peak Forrest - Hope Street.  
 25270 TO on 4P05 - 2003 - M/cr Vic -  
 25th 47047 IM on 1E10 - 1710 - Liverpool - Newcastle



RAIL NEWS WORKSHOPS

SWINDON 12-3-78

03159	08135	08153	08259	08300	08408	08411	08466	08478	08494
08556	08661	08667	08812	08820	08877	24039	24041	24052	24077
24078	24079	24084	24085	24134	24141	47063	No. 8 V.O.R.		

WOLVERTON 19-3-78

08160	08082	08806
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ST. ROLLOX 25.3-78

08145	08447	08501	08564	08755	08852	20080	20100	20120	20211
25010	25018	25021	25026	25031	25034	25064	25077	25078	25096
25239	25247	26023	26045	27203	27205	27206			
Scrap Lines:-		08448	25025	26016	26020				

DERBY 1-4-78

08303	08333	08455	20029	20062	25030	25049	25073	25118	25131
25135	25141	25174	25182	25193	25213	25288	25311	25321	
25326	31200	44010	45012	45017	45023	45028	45030	45042	45051
45053	45064	45066	45067	45105	45127	45130	45143	45147	46020
46024	46029	46033	46034	46036	46040	46050	46054		

CREWE 1-4-78

08123	08633	20005	20097	20135	20162	20165	20168	20175	20182
25176	26083	40002	40006	40025	40040	40041	40048	40054	40058
40062	40087	40089	40096	40107	40118	40136	40164	40182	40199
47001	47014	47033	47078	47088	47089	47151	47158	47163	47193
47213	47227	47239	47240	47270	47283	47297	47333	47339	47351
47352	47366	47410	47404	47405	47407	47411	47417	47418	47421
47425	47431	47448	47467	47469	47489	47505	47520	47532	47541
76008	81007	81008	81010	81016	81019	82004	82006	82007	83008
83012	84004	84005	85016	85026	85032	86001	86214	86219	86222
86245	86260	87022	87101	87207					

DONCASTER 2-4-78

03161	03370	03397	08006	08099	08131	08276	08393	08401	08482
08504	08520	08525	24086	24121	31007	31012	31127	31146	31149
31202	31209	31222	31244	31257	31259	31273	31282	31293	31323
31413	37051	37062	37070	37093	37098	37170	37190	37218	37252
37277	50006	50011	50014	50020	50021	50031	50046	55001	55003
55008	55009	55011	55013	55022	56044	56045	56046	56047	56048
56049	56050	56051	56052	56053	76020				