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25th August 1979.



As members who go on trips will know, we now have a new coach firm called "Pennine Way". We have been using this firm for some 4 months now and we have found them to be considerably more reliable than the previous firm. We have had only one breakdown in all this time, and that was only a burst tyre, which can happen to the best of us. So, to those members who have ceased going on tours because of breakdowns and late arrivals home, I say 'please give us another try!'

Members will note from the tours programme that we have increased our prices. This is due to the ever-rising cost of diesel fuel. We have endeavored to keep these increases to a minimum. Due to the unstable price situation, however, it is impossible to guarantee that we will not have to make a fuel surcharge on the trips themselves, should the price of fuel rise again during the forthcoming tours programme. Members booked on the Sheffield and Immingham tour on Sunday 9th September should note that a £0.50 levy will be raised on the tour for this very reason, as this tour has been advertised at the old prices.

We welcome Steven Sienkiewicz as the founder member of the new sub-committee, which was set up at the last committee meeting with the following objectives:

1. to provide a period of training for members who have expressed a wish to serve as officials of the Society.
2. to provide assistance to existing officials.
3. to foster more member-participation in the running of the Society.

Members over 16 may apply, in writing, for membership of the sub-committee. These applications will be discussed at the next committee meeting after application has been received. If appointed, the sub-committee member may attend future committee meetings and voice his opinions, but he may not vote. A copy of the Constitution of the Sub-Committee, by which all its members will be bound, is available from the Treasurer.

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NEW N.C.T.S. PUBLICATIONS

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B.R. Coaching Stock Book 1979

This book is our first venture of this kind, and probably the first pocket-sized reference book to all coaching stock and H.S.T. vehicles. It is in numerical order and is correct to May 1979. Price 40p plus 10p postage and packing.

B.R. Locomotive Stock Book 1979

The 1979 edition of this very popular book is now available, offering a choice of numerical or depot order for ease of reference. All named locomotives are listed, plus allocations etc. Correct to June 1979. Price still 40p plus 10p postage and packing.

Please note that John Wade is now Sales Officer (address opposite).



SPECIAL NOTICE

All overnight tours will now depart at the following times:

Barnoldswick	1650	hrs	Saturday,	returning	at	2200	Sunday
Colne	1700	"	"	"	"	2150	"
Nelson	1710	"	"	"	"	2140	"
Burnley	1720	"	"	"	"	2130	"
Bury	1800	"	"	"	"	2100	"
Manchester	1830	"	"	"	"	2030	"

When it is stated under a tour that a pick-up at Sheffield will be made, the departure and arrival times will be 2000 hrs Saturday and 1900 hrs Sunday respectively.

Coach picking-up points

Nelson	Bus Station
Burnley	Outside El Greco Coffee Bar
Bury	Heap Bridge (M66 Jnc. with A58)
Manchester	Victoria Railway Station (202/203 Bus Stop)
Sheffield	Railway Station

Members may be picked up at other points provided these are on the route of the coach and prior arrangements have been made with the Bookings Secretary. The Society will not be held responsible if a member has decided to get off the coach at a depot advertised, and the tour does not visit that depot.

Booking for tours

1. Always book as early as possible, by sending the required deposit, and remember to pay the balance at least 7 days before the tour.
2. Send your membership card and a stamped addressed envelope with all bookings.
3. Cheques and postal orders must be crossed "A/c Payee Only" and made payable to "N.C.T.S.". Do not make cheques payable to Society officials. Always retain postal order counterfoils and never send cash through the post.
4. Last minute bookings by telephone are accepted at the discretion of the Bookings Secretary.
5. Departure times are strictly adhered to unless a request for the coach to be held has been approved by an official. There will be no refund for non-attendance unless a medical certificate can be produced, or your place can be filled by another member.
6. All depots advertised are subject to availability of permits. The Society has no obligation to inform members beforehand if any depots advertised are to be omitted.



Saturday 1st September

Derby Works Open Day

Tour No. 79.DW

A coach will run to Derby for the Works Open Day. Due to the short length of time between when you receive this magazine and the trip please telephone Allan Fawcett on Barnoldswick (0282 82) 2735 if you want to go. The fare of £2.00 will be collected on the coach. This does not include admission to the Works.

Coach departs from Barnoldswick at 0800 hrs., returning at 1930 hrs.

"	"	"	Colne	"	0810	"	"	"	1920	"
"	"	"	Nelson	"	0820	"	"	"	1910	"
"	"	"	Burnley	"	0830	"	"	"	1900	"
"	"	"	Todmorden	"	0900	"	"	"	1830	"
"	"	"	Manchester	"	0945	"	"	"	1800	"

Sunday 9th September

Sheffield and Immingham

Tour No. 79.21

Tour to include Tinsley, Doncaster depot, Wath, Frodingham, Immingham and others in the Yorkshire area.

Coach departs from Barnoldswick at 0550 hrs., returning at 2200 hrs.

"	"	"	Colne	"	0600	"	"	"	2150	"
"	"	"	Nelson	"	0610	"	"	"	2140	"
"	"	"	Burnley	"	0615	"	"	"	2130	"
"	"	"	Bury	"	0640	"	"	"	2100	"
"	"	"	Manchester	"	0730	"	"	"	2030	"
"	"	"	Sheffield	"	0900	"	"	"	1900	"

Cost will be £4.50. Minimum deposit £2.00.

If you have already booked for this tour, please note that a £0.50 levy will be raised (see Editorial for details).

Saturday, 22nd September

Crewe Works Open Day

Tour No. 79.CW

A coach will run to Crewe for the Works Open Day. Please book in the normal manner, but send your money etc. to Allan Fawcett, not to the Bookings Secretary. The fare of £2.00 does not include admission to the Works.

Coach departs from Barnoldswick at 0800 hrs., returning at 1930 hrs.

"	"	"	Colne	"	0810	"	"	"	1920	"
"	"	"	Nelson	"	0820	"	"	"	1910	"
"	"	"	Burnley	"	0830	"	"	"	1900	"
"	"	"	Todmorden	"	0900	"	"	"	1830	"
"	"	"	Manchester	"	0945	"	"	"	1800	"

Sat/Sunday 29th/30th September

Carlisle and Newcastle

Tour No. 79.22

Tour to include depots in the North West and in the Newcastle area.

Cost will be £7.50. Minimum deposit £2.50.



TOURS PROGRAMME

Sat/Sunday 13th/14th October                      Edinburgh and Dundee                      Tour No. 79.23

Tour to include Haymarket, Millerhill, Dundee, Dumfirlin and Grangemouth.

Cost will be £8.50. Minimum deposit £2.50.

This tour will pick up and set down in Sheffield.

Sat/Sunday 27th/28th October                      Midlands                      Tour No. 79.24

Tour to include Westhouses, Coalville, Burton, Nottingham, and the Birmingham and Sheffield areas.

Cost will be £7.50. Minimum deposit £2.50.

This tour will pick up and set down in Sheffield.

Sat/Sunday 10th/11th November                      London                      Tour No. 79.25

Tour to include Old Oak Common, Stratford, Hither Green, Selhurst, Stewarts Lane, and other stabling points as time permits.

Cost will be £7.50. Minimum deposit £2.50.

This tour will pick up and set down in Sheffield.

Sat/Sunday 24th/25th November                      South Wales                      Tour No. 79.26

Tour to include Cardiff, Ebbw Junction, Landore, Margam and Bristol, as well as the valley stabling points.

Cost will be £7.50. Minimum deposit £2.50.

Sat/Sunday 8th/9th December                      Swindon and Plymouth                      Tour No. 79.27

Tour to include Taunton, Exeter, Plymouth, Swindon Works and others.

Cost will be £8.50. Minimum deposit £2.50.

Sunday 16th December                      Crewe Works Only                      Tour No. 79.28

Meet at Goddard Street entrance at 1420 hrs. Please book in the normal manner.

Cost will be £0.30.

Sat/Sunday 5th/6th January 1980                      London                      Tour No. 80.01

Tour to include London area depots as well as stabling points en route.

Cost will be £8.00. Minimum deposit £3.00.

This tour will pick up and set down in Sheffield.



TOURS REPORTS

Note: The following lists show the locomotives seen on Society trips from the beginning of the last magazine. In a number of cases, where permits were not available, the lists were obtained from other sources, e.g. foreman's lists, binoculars and other spotters' notes.

Sat/Sunday 28th/29th April 1979

London

Tour No. 79.11

Hitchin: 08558, 31220  
Kings Cross: 31149/189/403/411, 47517/528/549, 55007/021  
York Way: 08859  
Thornton Fields: 08422, 47009/149  
Stratford: 03047/081/154/160/161/168, 08180/232/233/239/241/264/315/  
409/318/494/522/527/542/554/698/724/758/930/957,  
31005/013/106/107/110/141/151/194/244/249, 37021/030/044/  
076/082/089/090/093/118/262, 40078/147/153, 45015,  
47005/006/019/064/114/116/117/169/170/180/255/277/526,  
ADB968000  
Temple Mills: 08520/546  
Ilford: 08262  
Ripple Lane: 08407/715/958, 31003/112/137, 37060/115/259/260/263/266,  
47003/005/007/018/090/160/184/262  
Hither Green: 08160/653, 09007, 33042/043/045/054/055/059/065/210,  
71004/009/013/014, 73110/111/118/122  
Norwood Junction: 08556, 09001/002/016, 33037/038/062  
Selhurst: 08153/154/655, 09005  
Clapham Junction: 09003, 33005/016/019/024, 73115  
Ranelagh Bridge: 47443  
Old Oak Common: 08480/630/656/678/785/936/948/949, 31118/132/144/163/238/  
257/259/412/415, 47035/077/442/463/486/500/508/515/529/  
537, 50004/017/031/048

Sat/Sunday 12th/13th May 1979

North East

Tour No. 79.12

Brightside FLT: 08485  
Meadow Hall: 08523  
Healey Mills: 08086/098/172/206/311, 37031/105/112/245/246, 40007/009/  
037, 47189/309  
Hammerton Street: 03089, 08499  
Bradford Exchange Stn.: 08548  
Forster Square: 08501  
Leeds Holbeck: 08224/498/503/766, 25278, 31139/188/256/263, 31417,  
40040/070/083/129/149/176, 45007/027, 46001/041, 47006,  
55018  
Shildon: 08063/159/164  
Etherley Tip: 03067  
Consett: 08081/274, 37019/069  
Tyne Yard: 03107, 08116/147/148, 31274/289/406, 37005/101/123/134/  
161, 46055  
Low Fell: 08087  
Dunston: 03056



Gateshead: 03059/069, 31184/418, 40071/116, 45026/119, 46006/037/  
046, 47235/246/274/419/429/552, 55007/013  
Tyne & Wear NCL: 03064, 40002, 45072  
Newcastle Central Stn.: 03061/066/170, 40195  
Wallsend: 03094  
South Gosforth: 08708  
Blyth Cambois: 08127, 37001/003/007/063/066/071/113/164/195  
Jarrow: 08254  
Monkwearmouth: 08058  
Sunderland: 03078, 08445/562/571, 37059/106  
Hartlepool: 08120/864, 37098/173/193  
Thornaby: 08054/059/174/211/245/251/373/504/608/632/772/774/860,  
25301, 31101/102/143/152/166/252/277/278/285/287/290,  
37016/042/057/079/080/119/121/141/148/197/219, 40056/101,  
47287/362/363/524, ADB966509  
Darlington: 03080, 08004/006/161/268/506, 31167/271, 37045/117  
York: 08062/169/245/249/336/388/453/705/707/769, 25137/176,  
31142/229/235/272, 37009/062, 40078/080/193/194, 45001/  
010/013, 46004, 47311/373/521/522/528, 55006/022  
York Station: 08559/748, 45119, 55007  
Knottingley: 08056/064/309, 47179/292/297/301/304/308/372  
Tinsley: 08075/219/260/492/749/810/861/866, 13002/003, 20003/065/  
096/145, 31168/186/203, 37209, 40196, 45040/045, 46051,  
47523, 56001/026/028/030  
Rotherwood: 20054/210, 76003/022/029/053

Sat/Sunday 26th/27th May 1979      North West & West Midlands      Tour No. 79.13

Springs Branch: 08265/302/423/616/815/846/925, 25093/164/186/200/281/283/  
284/285, 40022/082/086/109/120/129/131/132/135/172,  
47060/097/227/229/298/348  
Wigan North Western: 08340  
Blackburn: 08299, 25142, 40046/179  
Preston: 08355, 25214, 40094/195, 47523, 86228/251  
Fazakerley: 08688  
Runcorn: 08885  
Widnes: 08328/916  
Garston: 08291/670/887/917, 25208/288, 40076/096/130/137, 86017  
Allerton: 08463/464/532/628/703/922/931/939, 86206, 87009  
Edge Hill: 08918/924, 40090/163, 47113/199/205/426/468/528/545  
Wavertree: 08282  
Lime Street: 08923, 25166/319, 47530, 81002, 86007/254, 87001/027  
Birkenhead: 24081, 25110/122/152/198/287/297/317, 40115/141,  
47347/358/490  
Ellesmere Port: 08857  
Chester: 08069/465/490/665, 25094/106/148/259/292, 40087/152,  
47351  
Wrexham: 25263/304, 40042  
Shrewsbury: 08088/289, 25299, 45054  
Wolverhampton: 08466/474/809, 25038/074/273, 40068, 47439, 86243, 87029  
Tyseley: 08103/790/928, 25252/269, 40012, 47108/333/440/442/487  
Saltley: 08019/067/182/647/740/805/920, 20041/068/073/180,  
25264/282/325, 31251/280/305/319, 40092, 46056, 47012/032/  
129/134/179/216/244/281/318/344/462/535/551, 56054



Dudcaston C.S.: 25280, 86243.  
 Bescot: 08083/177/356/588/613/614/673/765/783/788, 20141/161/162/178, 25039/040/129/134/141/150/217/274/275/286/327, 40004/170/186, 45003/045/061/140, 46033, 47049/248/306/330/332/335/336/341/357/529, 56038/053, 85016, 86036  
 Crewe Works: 08125/631/694, 20033/081/097/136/190, 37035/077/078/187, 40006/020/027/044/047/048/062/065/067/074/091/099/104/164/171/174/177/181, 47026/036/037/045/085/094/100/103/104/120/123/131/132/135/145/163/213/239/269/272/276/288/313/317/320/326/340/402/403/409/412/415/420/423/444/465/472/474/483/484/509/541/546/601/708, 81015/017, 82001/002/007, 83005/012, 85008/025/037, 86014/028/032/208/219/220  
 Crewe Diesel Depot: 08032/055/068/222/382/390/416/468/470/633/635/701/737/802, 24063, 25063/145/160/161/162/192/221/222/245/261/290/300/307/315/323, 40004/019/111/138, 45013, 46023, 47171/192/214/228/264/339/349/355/373/433/436/445/446/454/463/466/482/486/491/503/510/515/540, 85004/013, 86035/221/254, 87018  
 Longport: 08913  
 Etruria: 08256/329  
 Cockshute: 08080/469, 25107/118/157, 47178/200  
 Northwich: 08213/300/690, 25103/138/176/215, 40028/055/172  
 Arpley: 08342/624/691, 25140, 40007/061/126/166/192, 47353  
 Warrington Central: 08431  
 Glazebrook: 08290

Sat/Sunday 23rd/24th June 1979

South Wales

Tour No. 79.15

Hereford: 08836, 25290, 47343  
 Aberdare: 08195, 37275/288  
 Ammanford: 08664, 37230/274/295/297  
 Carmarthen: 08636, 47186  
 Burry Port: 03144, 37175, 47487  
 Llanelli: 03120/142/152, 37185/223  
 Landore: 03119/141/145/151, 08035/658/660/792/818/897, 37189/190/191/192/218/292/304, 47012/029/068/081/124/148/157/232/487/510/512/513  
 Swansea C.S.: 08637, 47002/138  
 Swansea East Dock: 08400/659/662/663/898, 37159/217/284  
 Britton Ferry: 37181  
 Margam: 08359/362/365/366/367/368/586/651, 37188/210/233/236/241/270/296/298/301/303/305/308, 45013/068/143, 46021/025, 47166/247/258/477  
 Llantrisant: 08189  
 Radyr: 08190/194/198/352/484, 37244/248/255/272/279/280, PWM651  
 Barry: 08350/351, 37277, 47237/283  
 Cardiff Canton: 08193/196/591/835/896, 25245, 31154/158/230, 37162/253/258/273/278/282/287/291/306, 45022/076, 46028/034/041/042, 47035/060/063/082/086/087/121/125/225/230/242/245/257/264/337/521, D3255 (Ex B.R.)



Central Stn: 08581  
 Cardiff Docks: 08191/192/353/589/593, 37272  
 Newport Ebbw Jnc.: 08580/582/634/639/652/786/791/801, 25039/275,  
 37182/222/229/243/258/269/289  
 Severn Tunnel Jnc.: 08349/481/781/848/932/940, 20047/197, 31117/121/154/  
 260, 37025/183/208/225/290, 40097, 46012, 47357  
 Bristol: 03121/382, 08218/238/338/638/644/646/649/795, 31136/  
 159/210/230/246/298/401/422/424, 37085/178/246/276/297,  
 45015/050/051/052/073/112, 46006, 47020/032/105/152/  
 158/267/285, 50020/021/026/042, T08968006 (D5705)  
 Gloucester: 08106/212/249/444/486/670/778/826/914, 25242, 37207,  
 45003, 46050, 47106/202, PUM650  
 Saltley: 08182/461/467/647/740/742/919, 20066/113/162/185,  
 25040/061/118/123/129/145/283, 31182/309/318, 37066,  
 40135, 45017/112, 46037/049, 47083/168/250/381/434/  
 465/489/507, 56036/052  
 Bescot: 08083/356/474/590/613/614/673/674/688/788/809/901,  
 20006/030/042/045/148/186, 25161/163/172/173/174/178/  
 318/321, 37074, 45012/028, 46030/035, 47159/193/244/  
 318/331/347/350/445/452/485/488, 56051

Sunday 8th July 1979

Sheffield and Hull

Tour No. 79.16

Tinsley: 08075/219/492/507/510/543/749/878, 13001/002/003,  
 20001/003/017/025/054/092/103/127/130/133/208/215,  
 25114/149, 31120/144/149/300, 37135/140, 40070/144,  
 45007/010/011/016/018/027/028/030/036/041/046/048/057/  
 072/110/137/139, 47164/168/210/275/314/417, 56017/018/  
 022/023/027  
 Orgreave: 31308/311, 55018, 76021/024/026/030/049  
 Rotherham Station: 08033/810  
 Rotherham Road: 08208  
 Wath: 08047/049/051/870, 20056/213, 31237, 56013/019/034,  
 76001/006/008/009/015/022/032/035/039  
 Mexborough: 37122/156  
 Doncaster Shed: 08114/128/131/136/146/166/184/277/331/420/434/444,  
 31102/320/406, 37007/040/072/131/132/209, 40003, 45019,  
 47102/370/520, 55017, 56025/033/060, A08968011  
 Goole: 08168/567/607, 37095/246/249  
 Hessle: 08317/514  
 Botanic Gardens: 03063/073/112, 08165/253, 20065/132/210/228, 31156,  
 37292  
 Alexandra Dock: 08435  
 Knottingley: 08056/064/309, 47247/277/297/302/310/374/376  
 Crofton: 08226, 55010  
 Wakefield: 08305  
 Healey Mills: 08098/162/163/172/206/295/308/311/572/579/773/865,  
 25154, 31126/207/270, 37031/105/121/141/245, 40002/019/  
 040/050/088/100/176/183, 45033, 47265/292



## WESTERN RAILOVER

I seem to be making a habit of doing this railrover every other year. This is the third time in six years I have done it. The reason for doing it this time was that I needed 30 out of my last 65 locos off the South West or London areas. So, on the 7th of July I set off with my suitcase, three friends from Barnoldswick, and two brothers out of the infamous Todmorden lot.

We all met at Nelson and caught the first train heading in the Preston direction, which was a special to Blackpool. I said it would be all right to catch this as it would stop at Preston. But when it got to Preston it went straight through without stopping and I was called a few names by the others. I copped 25320, however, which was double-headed with 25277. Anyway, after working our way back from St. Annes, being hauled by 47453, we had to wait 15 minutes for our train to Crewe which was pulled by 86241 "Glenfiddich". At Crewe we parked ourselves at the end of the platform and during our stay I copped 08927. 37158 was noted on a Crewe-Cardiff train. At about 5 p.m. we departed for Birmingham, via Stafford where newly-named 86218 "Planet" was noted. At Birmingham 31312 and 31327 were noted. At 11.45 p.m. we began our railrover behind 46008 which took us to Bristol. We were in Bristol by 1.30 a.m. and had to wait until 3.20 for our train to Paddington. We arrived there at 5.50 a.m. and guess who was there to meet us! Yes, good old Graham Barlow (I'll get you for that, Al - GB) grinning as usual. (Graham, I credited you with more intelligence than to get up at that time to run Fawcett and his boy scouts all over London - Ed.). We all jumped in his car and set off to Willesden where 08121 with the red "doofa" was present along with 3 Class 25's, 6 Class 08's and the usual electrics. Anyway, after touring round London and having a good breakfast (during which I managed to pick up a parking ticket for parking right outside the front door of the Great Eastern Hotel - GB) we proceeded to Kent. It was a very warm day so we had all the windows open and we were serenading all the good people of Dover with typical North-country music - they didn't 'arf look at us funny! It was then back to our base - Baden Powell House. We booked in, had a good wash, and then an evening meal.

Monday was a sizzler and we arrived at Paddington just in time to catch our H.S.T. to South Wales. Locos on Paddington were 50005/012/036/044/048. At Reading 50030 and 50045 were noted. A visitor on Swindon Works was 03143. Then into South Wales and the first shed, Severn Tunnel, when the first of many Class 37's we were to see were not on the stabling point (well, that's what you put - Ed.). We were surprised to see 56036 on Canton and 56035 on Margam. The lads were having a really good time copping everything in sight, but the only loco I wanted (37234) wasn't about so I asked the foreman at Margam where it was and he told me it was at Westbury. Just my luck! Anyway, I might see it later in the week. Then we took an H.S.T. to Cardiff, passing treble-header 37305/306/308 on the way. We then proceeded to Radyr. Locos present here were PUM651, 08193/198/484, 37159/255/257/285. I was lucky enough to get a picture of another treble-header when we returned to Cardiff, nos. 37301/302/307. Next we went to Bristol Temple Meads, changing at Bristol Parkway. We then went to London, deciding to stop at Reading for an hour. I hadn't been there a minute when I copped my last two Class 50's, 50001 and 50033, so the day wasn't too bad after all. 50044 took us back to Paddington, doing the 35 miles in 30 minutes. Not bad, eh!

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Tuesday's timetable included Plymouth, Exeter and Eastleigh. We caught the sleeper to Penzance, alighting at Plymouth at 0520 hrs. 50019 and 50038 were seen here during our half hour stay. We then made our way back to Reading, copping my last Class 50, 50010, on Taunton. We had to buy tickets to Eastleigh as it is not on the Western Region. We caught S.R. d.e.m.u. no. 1203 to Basingstoke. Locos seen at Basingstoke included 08892, 33005, 33006 and 33204, plus 73129. We stayed on Eastleigh Station for about 1½ hours, in that time seeing 23 locos, mostly S.R. stuff but also 37014. We then went round the Works where I copped 33027 (A full Works list on this date appears on the back cover - Ed.). Then it was back to London to meet Graham again. I copped 33119 at Basingstoke and now only need 33209 to clear my Class 33's. After doing the customary tour around London with Graham, and copping 25053 on Cricklewood, I relaxed over three pints of Tartan.

Next day, Wednesday, it was back down to Plymouth. We got off at Newton Abbot where I copped 46020, so now the only "Peak" I need is 45129. Going via Laira depot we eventually made our way to Par to do St. Blazey. On the shed were 08113/377/643, 25080/206, 37142/267 and Peaks 46013 and 46017. I copped both the Class 37's. We then returned to Bristol and took a Milford Haven train to Swansea. The rest of Thursday was spent doing the South Wales sheds. We managed to get 37300 on Ebbw Junction, this being the last 373XX we needed to see. On returning to London we spent an hour on Clapham Junction. Locos noted here amongst the hundreds of units were 09005, 33004/009/019, 73114/122/135 and 47048. We took a train back to Waterloo seeing 09012, 33032, 73117 and 73134 here.

On Friday we decided to go to Penzance via Westbury. Coming out of Paddington I copped 31241. At Westbury I at last saw 37234, and moving on to Exeter for an hours' stay I copped 25052. We also saw two Class 33's, nos. 33011 and 33032. We then jumped on a train which we thought was going to Penzance, but ended up in Paignton! Nobody told us it split up at Newton Abbot. Anyway, we eventually got on the right track and caught a train to Penzance noting 25057 and 25080 double-headed, being banked by 37142. I copped 08941 at Penzance and 37267 was seen bringing in 50026 which had failed. We travelled back overnight to Reading and spent Saturday morning on Reading Station, noting 50 locos and 20 H.S.T.'s in three hours. This was our last day and it was also Stratford Open Day, so we paid a visit there. The Open Day was well organised by B.R. with the numbers pinned up so you didn't have to walk across the lines for them. All credit to the organisers.

Anyway, that was our week finished. I had copped 22 locos which brought me down to needing 43. We had travelled 3,000 miles, seen all but 8 of the Class 50's and over 1,500 different locos in all.

Allan Fawcett



## CARDIFF AND BARRY RAIL TRIP

On 16th June 1979 I purchased a return ticket to Barry, the object being to photograph as many steam locos as possible at Woodhams Bros. scrapyards,

I caught the 0716 from Lancaster and changed at Crewe where 37251 (CF) was noted as well as 46008. We then boarded the 0908 to Swansea which was hauled by 85014 as far as Birmingham. Our train was then taken over by 47478. Locos on Gloucester included 20016/084 and 37211 (IM), which I copped. Severn Tunnel Junction was a disappointment as it was blocked by a Motorail train. However, we managed to see 08349, 37207/236/260 and 47102. Ebbw Junction was slightly more successful with 08780/786/791, 37177/196/208/228/230/270/271 and 47468/476 being present. Just before we entered Caerdydd (Welsh for Cardiff) we passed a triple-headed iron ore train consisting of 37301/305/306.

We travelled on from Cardiff in a six-car d.m.u. which was empty except for ourselves. After a short meal stop at Barry Island it was down to Woodhams but unfortunately the sun had gone in and it was rather dull. However, I hadn't come all this way for nothing so I clicked away and hoped for the best. Sadly for the steam enthusiasts amongst us there are only about 80 steam locos left at Barry as scrapping is now in progress. After two hours of sauntering round the scrapyard it was on to Barry stabling point where the following locos were stabled: 08350, 37179/190/243, 47098/240/282/332/350. We then went back to Cardiff where the following were on Canton: 08191/835, 25127, 31424, 37217/225/248/254/272/273/280/286/287/291, 45021/133, 47087/089/119/123/144/236/237/254/473. After sausage and chips in a bus station cafe it was back to Birmingham, and then onto Lancaster behind 86254.

Steven Sienkiewicz

## "TOMMY" CAR BASH

On Sunday 29th April I went to the Manchester area to try to clear my Class 76's, or "Tommy's" as they call them in my area. I needed 20 altogether as I had seen the other 20 on a visit to Wath, Rotherwood and Reddish. I called at Wigan Springs Branch first where 29 locos were present: 08126/265/284/287/340/615/846, 25042, 25082 (ED), 25103/196/283/285/316, 40018/020/022/029/034/109/130/135/136/185, 47214/333/356/450. Next stop was Longsight, where I wasn't allowed round, but I managed to see 08915 and e.m.u.'s 001, 008 and 029. Next stop was Guide Bridge where the following were present: 25158, 40011/055/096/098/111/119/163 and "Tommy's" 76003/009/011/013/022/025/029/034/040/049/051/054. I copped 10 of these - 10 more to go. Next call was Reddish where 08687, 25036/056/089/100/106/256, 40024/116/166/186 were present, along with "Tommy's" 76001/006/023/024/027/031/037/039/047/053. Other "Tommy's" present which are withdrawn and stripped for spares were 76002/004/043/048/050/052/055/057. I copped 8 of these and now only need two more, which are 76033/035.

I had done very well but was a bit disappointed at not finding the other two. On the way home we called at Preston where 08302, 25138, 40109/128, 47439/463/466 and 86260 were present.

Darren Webb



AN OVERNIGHT DONCASTER AND SOUTH YORKSHIRE TOUR

Me (Cag), Graham Force, and schoolboy novice Andrew Didcot arrived at Doncaster Station at 8.30 p.m. on Friday 27th July to do an overnight stint. Almost as soon as we arrived a knackered red Cortina pulled up (bet that's the last time John takes you on a car bash - Ed.) which I recognised as John Wade's. The first notable loco we saw was 55015 "Tulyar" done up like "Meld" in white. 40056 arrived on a parcels train shortly afterwards followed by 08745. Then came 46013 on an up London train, followed by 47292 on an MGR train. It was at this point that Wadey suggested we come to York with him in the morning to do some stock-bashing (to the uninitiated this means collecting coaching stock numbers). I agreed to join him. The rest of the locos noted that night were 08131/876, 31105/221/224/227/239/249/251/253/284/301/410, 37010/011/016/054/069/100/109/110, 40009/062/113/165, 45051/052, 46042, 47006/029/206/212/218/271/297/338/372/374/377/413/414/426/508/523/544, 55003/006/009/014/017/018/019. Outside the Works were 50019, 56060 and 56061. As you have probably guessed Doncaster overnights are now the best for Deltics. Eventually, Wadey and I bade our farewells to the other two and set off for York. Between 0700 and 1230 hrs. we noted 08169/705/707/748, 25277, 31226/253/300, 37038/209/235/244, 40006/028/046/154/171/188, 45025/046/048/058/068/076, 46025/030/032/035/050, 47147/160/183/288/402/426/435/449/485/515/521/545/549 and 55008.

We then went on to York carriage sidings but there were no locos on so I won't say anything about this as a lot of younger members (novices) don't collect coaching stock. Locos noted on York shed were 08062/285/334/453/516/525/540/559/769/875, 25271/292, 31127/142/239/279/316, 37100, 40007/047/070/080/092, 45007/016/021, 46028, 47164/407/527/542, 55011/013. Then I went to the museum. There were the usual steam locomotives plus E26020, D1062, 84001, E5001 and D2860. By this time I was feeling tired. We set off home stopping to look for some industrial locos and to pick some strawberries. 25184 and 55015 passed while we were picking strawberries.

We were 7 miles from our house when Wadey decided he was taking me to Hull. I could have killed him. The usual Hull rubbish was found at all Botanic Gardens stabling points, the exception being 37305 on Botanic Gardens. I returned home after an average trip with nothing copped and feeling very exhausted.

N. Clarke

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RAIL NEWS

Movements in the Blackpool, Poulton and Preston area, May 1979

- Apr 30- 47406 into Blackpool.
- May 2- 40009/098, 47540 towards Preston, 47549 towards Blackpool.
- May 3- 40184 towards Blackpool.
- May 4- 40168/182 towards Blackpool, 40184 towards Preston.
- May 12- 37119 on tankers at Preston, 08744, 40023/119, 47551 at Blackpool.
- May 19- 47707 "Holyrood" running light-engine towards Preston, 47033 (CF) and 40148 (HA) on Preston sidings.
- May 22- 47555 "The Commonwealth Spirit" towards Preston.



## RAIL NEWS

Since the introduction of the summer timetable, and the increased frequency of trains from Liverpool to York/Newcastle a variety of engines have worked these trains. Some of the most notable are 47707 "Holyrood" which worked this service for a whole week from 14th May 1979. On 23rd June 47702 "St. Cuthbert" worked through Manchester Victoria. Even more surprising was "Deltic" 55015 "Tulyar", which worked through Manchester Victoria on 19th June, to be followed by 55013 "The Black Watch" on 12th July, and by 55017 "The Durham Light Infantry" on 23rd July.

There is now only one Class 24 left in service, that being 24081. On 14th July this loco was seen on Chester shed and two days later it worked a Stoke-Healey Mills freight. On 23rd July it was noted on Llandudno Junction shed.

On two recent occasions double-headed Class 31's have been noted leaving Birmingham. On 23rd June 31318 and 31164 worked a Norwich train, whilst on 22nd July 31231 and 31273 worked a Paddington train. Also on 23rd June 83013 failed outside Longsight whilst on a Manchester-Birmingham New St. train and was eventually towed all the way to Birmingham by 47083 "Orion". Another named Class 47, no. 47086 "Colossus" worked a Paddington-Manchester train as far as Wolverhampton, on 22nd July. Also on 22nd July, 37090 was noted on Bescot. The Lickey incline bankers on that day were 37231 and 37217.

Class 47 nos. 47180 and 47184 have now been named "County of Suffolk" and "County of Cambridgeshire" respectively.

A number of Class 47's are to be re-numbered. These are to be taken from Class 47/D and re-classified 47/4. The conversions to be carried out are listed below:

47020 to 47556	47036 to 47562	47045 to 47568	47174 to 47574	47167 to 47580
47024 to 47557	47037 to 47563	47047 to 47569	47175 to 47575	47169 to 47581
47026 to 47558	47038 to 47564	47048 to 47570	47176 to 47576	47170 to 47582
47028 to 47559	47039 to 47565	47164 to 47571	47179 to 47577	47172 to 47583
47031 to 47560	47043 to 47566	47168 to 47572	47181 to 47578	47180 to 47584
47034 to 47561	47044 to 47567	47173 to 47573	47183 to 47579	47184 to 47585

"Deltic" n. 55003 "Meld" has emerged from Doncaster Works with white cab-surroundings. No. 50006 is still lying in Doncaster Works minus an engine and nameplates. The only other Class 50 without nameplates is 50011, which is now in service. It is reported that "Deltic's" 55001 and 55020 are unlikely to emerge from Doncaster Works: Both have been there for some considerable time and are not in the best of conditions.

A visitor to Wolverton on 15th June was "Peak" no. 45007. On the same day a surprising visitor to Salfords on the S.R. main line to Brighton was 37261 (SF).

A number of ex Liverpool-Southport units have appeared at Crewe. These have been replaced by the new Class 507 units. The numbers of some of the units at Crewe are 28311/30/41/53, 29580/85/89/91/99, 29862/71/87/92.



On 30th June 47704 "Dunedin" was noted at Derby Research Centre with the first of the new coaches for the Glasgow-Edinburgh service. On the same day at Harold Wood on the Eastern Region main line to Colchester 31017 was noted on a ballast train. PwM654 was noted at Bristol on 1st July on it's way back to Newland.

Another class due for extinction is Class 44, of which there are only three left. On 3rd July no. 44008 was noted at Stoke in the morning and later that evening in Peterborough. Two days later no. 44004 was also noted at Peterborough.

4th July was a bad day for the Western Region around Westbury. A Foster-Yeoman stone train became derailed ripping up some track. This provided the unusual sight of 50036 "Victorious" double-headed with 33016 from Westbury to Exeter. On 5th July, 56035 and 56036 were noted on Cardiff Canton. On the same day 25073 (TO) was noted at Worcester.

On 6th July 25005 worked passenger services between Glasgow and Dundee. On the same day newly-converted 47708 "Waverley" worked a passenger train from Aberdeen as far as Mossend Yard. Two of the new electric units for the Glasgow area were noted at Polmadie on 6th July. Their numbers were 314207 and 314208.

#### Workshops

##### Doncaster, 22nd July

03017/034/045/079/371/399, 08114/459, 24063, 31124/155/166/180/187/209/215/232/278/292/320/324/424, 37084/087/117/128/150/201/205/218/232/235/259, 50002/003/006/007/017/024/025/027/049/050, 56029/057/060/061/062/063, 56064-56071 under construction, ADB966507/968007, 74010

##### St. Rollox, 22nd July

06007, 08144/341/430/571/693/718/753/764, 20004/049/110/123/155/200/214, 25049/085/226/237/240/306, 26006/016, 27025/033/044/102/107

##### Eastleigh, 10th July

08151/202/394/640/779/845/929, 33019/027/054/056/058/204, 73132/136, 02991

##### Stratford Open Day, 14th July

03149/161, 08233/264/315/409/418/440/494/510/521/541/552/724/859/930/958, 31003/004/005/006/008/013 (in green livery)/015/019/114/118/133/148/151/182/190/191/241/255, 37022/049/060/091/093/200/215/262/265, 40147/176, 47003/011/017/019/085/102/117/140/156/169/170/263/289/374/408, 55019, 56018, E43095, 313003, ADB968000.

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