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<b>Cover Photo</b>	Peckett 2111 was brand new when IRS Bulletin No.1 was printed, so its entire career will have been recorded in various Bulletins over the years. Newly restored to working order it is seen here hauling the Midland Railway Centre Vintage Train at Swanwick Junction station on 29th April. <i>(Photo: Sydney Leleux)</i>

## **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

I cannot let this go by without a few words from the Chairman:

### **Bulletin 1000**

It is a great achievement to reach our 1000<sup>th</sup> edition and perhaps an opportune moment to look back at its development.

Bulletin No.1 was edited by Bill Williams and published in April 1949. Those early editions reported the amendments to published Pocket Books. The Bulletin content eventually evolved into a composite report that not only included Pocket Book amendments, but also UK and overseas news. When the EL series was published, these had their own dedicated Amendment Bulletin, as by then Amendment Bulletins were produced for each published Handbook. In recent years Overseas News has had its own Bulletin, all these each with a different editor but all continue to be numbered in one continuous series.

From No.1 these were typed foolscap size sheets (slightly longer in page length than A4 paper size we know today), printed on one side only and produced on a Romeo type duplicating machine. With this machine the master sheet was placed on the outside of the drum, alcohol based fluid was added (to the drum, not the editor), with each rotation of the drum one copy was produced and this was repeated page by page. It was to be a long time into the future before photocopying machines became available and even longer before their cost came within the reach of IRS finances. The advent of word processing was a great advantage to our editors. A gradual change to A5 size took place in the mid 1970s from No.217 and now we have colour photographs on the cover.

I congratulate all our editors who have worked very hard over many years meeting publication deadlines month after month, year on year. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Richard Sherwood who took over the editorship from Eric Tonks with issue No.375 in March 1984 - 33 years ago. Well done Richard and thank you.

Richard has now handed over in a seamless transition to our new editor Martin Shill. Good luck Martin.  
*Ian R Bendall, Chairman.*

## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

The Society owes a great debt of gratitude to Richard Sherwood for having edited this Bulletin over more than three decades. Richard has maintained the high standard of concise and accurate reporting, whilst adapting the Bulletin to reflect the major change of emphasis following the decline of industrial railways in this country. Fortunately Richard, whilst now having more well-deserved free time, will continue to assist in the compilation of the Bulletin and to be involved in the Society in general.

Changes to the method of preparing the Bulletin for printing have allowed the production lead-time to be reduced by about a month, so the cut-off date for this Bulletin was deferred from 6<sup>th</sup> July to 10<sup>th</sup> August. These changes also account for some cosmetic alterations to the format of the Bulletin. Other changes may be made during 2018 but for the present these have been confined to the E-Bulletin.

### **E-Bulletin**

Hitherto this was a copy in PDF format of the printed Bulletin. That didn't allow the potential of a digital document to be fully exploited. In particular the printed Bulletin, for cost reasons, is usually restricted to 32 pages, all except the cover pages in black and white. Because data storage is now very cheap these constraints do not apply to a digital document. Therefore from this issue the E-Bulletin will be larger than the printed version, with a revised layout containing more detail, photos and Internet links. There isn't space in the printed Bulletin to describe these changes in full, so all members with internet access are urged to view the

new E-Bulletin themselves. It is available via the Members page on the Society E-Shop (www.irsociety.co.uk). If you haven't already done so, you will need to register for the E-Shop as an IRS member before you can access the Members page.

Some may feel this will reduce the printed Bulletin to a second-class status, discriminating against those members who do not have internet access. That is certainly not so. The printed version will continue to provide the features it already does. However, the proportion of members with online access is steadily increasing, as shown by the success of the E-Shop and the fact that almost all contributions to the Bulletin now come via email or internet sources. Accordingly, I believe that it is no longer justifiable to impose on the digital version of the Bulletin restrictions that arise solely from the production of a printed document. However, all feedback, positive or negative, will be welcome.

## **SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS**

### **North and East Yorkshire Handbook.**

**Stewart Liles** has taken on responsibility for editing this book. Members with information should please contact Stewart. His email address is granite.boss@hotmail.com. Meanwhile **Cliff Shepherd** is continuing to prepare the handbook for **Teesside**.

### **Complete EL Index      \*\* NEW \*\***

A new version of the Index to the EL Books, compiled by **Andrew Smith** and **Guy Tritton**, is now available for download as an Excel file from the online IRS Shop for £12. This version is a big improvement and covers 1EL to 17EL (up to 17EL List No.5), including cross-references to the relevant Bulletins for all additions and deletions of locos.

## **CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS BULLETINS**

In Bulletin 995 (July), the entry for Peak Rail (page 11) identified 65 as HE 3889. The loco concerned was actually the other No.65, HC 1631.

## **SALES STANDS**

### **Statfold Barn Railway Enthusiast Day - 9<sup>th</sup> September**

New, shop-soiled and second-hand books will be available. Book orders can be collected by prior arrangement.

### **Amberley Museum, Industrial Train Day - 15th October 2017**

### **Warley National Rail Model Railway Exhibition, NEC Birmingham – 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November**

Only IRS publications will be available but other books can be ordered for collection.

### **Bredgar & Wormshill Open Day & Model Railway Show - 6th May 2018 (10.30 - 4.30)**

## **PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICE**

**KC-09:** This list will include the following locations;

Around half of the views on this list are from the Penrhyn and Dinorwic slate quarries (1950 and various dates in the 1960s) together with NCB Handen Hold, South Hetton, Bowes Railway, Baddesley and Kingsbury; Appleby Frodingham Steel; Briton Ferry Steelworks; GKB, Cardiff ; Aberthaw and Rhoose cement works; WD, Kinnerley; Cohen, Kingsbury; London Transport steam at Neasden and maybe one or two more. These are mostly views from the late 1940s.

The full list is included in the E-Bulletin. Alternatively please send a self-addressed and stamped envelope to: Kevin Lane, 15 Beech Green, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 1EB or e-mail [kevin-lane@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kevin-lane@hotmail.co.uk). Prints should be ordered by **17th October 2017**.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### **Magazines**

Leighton Buzzard NGRS  
Narrow Gauge Railway Society

Chaloner No.171 (Summer 2017)  
Narrow Gauge News No.339 (March 2017)  
Mardyke Miniature Locomotives (The Narrow Gauge No.241, Spring 2017)  
Magazines Issues 540- 544  
Preservation Leaflet  
The Works July 2017

Cardiff & Avonside Railway Society  
Clive Stevens  
Twyford Waterworks Trust

### **Donations to the Archive**

Narrow Gauge Railway Society  
Lightmoor Press.  
Chris Fisher  
Rob Pearman  
Mike Kennard  
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'Class 'A' Barsi Light Railway'  
Archive Nos 91 & 92  
Motor Rail/London Brick Co correspondence  
Light Rly Research Soc of Australia magazines  
Books and magazines  
Journal 229 July 2017  
IL No. 163 2017

## **QUERIES, APPEALS, FOR SALE**

### **REPLIES**

#### **A further reply to the Appeal in Btn 986/4 regarding an Avonside Engine Co. Ltd Cast Iron Lamp Post in Exeter.**

Following the response from Mike Smith in Bulletin 991, Mr.R.D.Smith, who raised the original appeal, reports that he has also now found Avonside lamp posts on the platform at Devils Bridge station, Vale of Rheidol Railway (*These were installed about three years ago, recovered from another site. The original lamp posts at Devils Bridge were removed in GWR days after winter services ceased – Ed.*)

## **SOCIETY VISIT REPORTS**

### **Hope Cement Works, Derbyshire, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

The visit commenced by viewing 5 0-6-0DH AB (assumed 613) pulling JPA bogie cement tanks through the silo loading them with Ordinary Portland Cement. The locomotive is remote controlled and the other remote controlled 0-6-0DH AB number 4, which we saw later in the loco shed receiving maintenance, are the preferred locomotives for this job. Whilst watching this Class 20 Bo-BoDE No.3 coupled onto a rake of loaded 4w PCA wagons and tripped them to Earles Sidings. The works is connected to Earles Sidings by a 1½ mile long private branch line which is now usually worked by the Class 20. This was formerly a job done by the B-BDH BLUE JOHN (HAB 773). Earles Sidings is on the south side of the Hope Valley Sheffield to Manchester line, one mile west of Hope Station. A walk over to the loco shed found another class 20 (No.82) parked nearby. This was formerly hired by HNRC to Scunthorpe Steelworks. Outside the shed was 08865 GILLY and inside was 4 0-6-0DH AB (assumed 616) receiving attention.

The sidings continue past the loco shed to a dead end and here were stored 0-6-0DH AB 20/10685 (assumed AB 647, engineless), BLUE JOHN B-BDH HAB (plated 773), 62 6WDH

TH (assumed V316), 0-6-0DH Sentinels DERWENT (reb plate AB 6004), PEVERIL (reb plate AB 6140) and HNRC 0-6-0DE's 08714, 08905 and 09201.

On an adjacent siding at the buffer stops was a gem from the past: 4w COVHOP wagon B886400. The current mainline fleet consists of 4w PCA and bogie JPA's. The latest batch are silver (stainless steel), internationally registered and lettered "Hope Construction". A 4w frame of a PCA wagon was seen, probably for track maintenance etc. Whilst we were here the Class 20 No.3 had returned, it was then coupled to a rake of empty bogie coal hoppers and set off with them to Earles Sidings. Rail traffic consists of cement to Dewsbury, Dagenham and Theale terminals and two trains per week in-bound with coal from South Wales.

Harry Needle Railroad Co. (their van on site was lettered HNRail) provides the locos on a contract hire basis but also seems to store other locos from his fleet here. It is believed that BLUE JOHN, PEVERIL and DERWENT are still the property of Hope Cement.

The final call was to the wagon repair sidings which has a two road covered building that has now been extended. This is operated by Freightliner. A road tractor fitted with a heavy metal plate buffer beam at the front is used to position wagons for maintenance. As the visit concluded the party was treated with the sight of Class 20 No.3 returning light engine up the tree lined branch from Earles Sidings.

Thanks are due to Hope Cement for allowing the visit, to the two guides from the company for a very extensive and informative tour of the rail facilities. A donation was made to the company's nominated charity.

*Ian Bendall*

### **Norfolk, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

The IRS group, consisting of 13 members and partners, visited the Mid-Norfolk Railway, the Yaxham Light Railway and M.Mayes

#### **Mid-Norfolk Railway, Dereham**

The group was met at **Dereham station** by Charlie Robinson, the railway's Groups and Charters Manager, who escorted us to a reserved carriage on the first service train of the day, hauled by 37688. We de-trained at **Yaxham** and crossed the line for the **Yaxham Light Railway** and **M. Mayes** (see below). The Mid-Norfolk Railway tour then resumed at Yaxham with a two car DMU carrying no running number, but with VR VB CL101 on the buffer beam, which was working the opposite turn to 37688 and on which the group returned to Dereham for an organised yard visit. It proved possible to view the stored Wickham trolley (Wkm 1308) in the **goods shed** from the access stairs although Health & Safety concerns meant that we could not enter the shed. Stored in the **yard**, off the rails was a Bruff road/railer, which we were told the owner had long term plans to restore to operational order. In the **sidings** were DMU (55009), carrying the destination RYBURGH; 50119, Thos. Smith 6wD crane MNR 81330 with two match trucks; DMU 51942, D2334, 37003, BSC1 (EEV D1049), DMU 51503, 47367 KENNY COCKBIRD, 47596 ALDBURGH FESTIVAL and 73210

#### **Yaxham Light Railway, Yaxham**

Here we were met by Paul Hemnell and the other members of the group. COLONEL (RH 202967) and ARMY 25 (RH 222100) were ready, 'top & tail' on a passenger train. The group variously rode a number of times over the railway or photographed the train. A number took the offered opportunity to drive one of the Rustons before inspecting the remaining stock and partaking of the tea, coffee and delicious cakes provided by the team at Yaxham.

The following locomotives were seen: OUSEL (MR 7153), stabled in a siding alongside the Mid-Norfolk Railway line; 18 (FH 3982) and 13 (MR 7474), both at **Whinburgh Road Halt**, L 54684 was off the rails in the undergrowth near **Whinburgh Road**. In the **Carriage Shed**

was 7 (RH 170369), partly stripped for overhaul. In the **Locomotive Shed** were KIDBROOKE (WB 2043) and PENLEE (HE 2668). Outside were the partly restored Moes, GOFY (OK (6501?)) and PEST (L 40011).

### **M.Mayes, Yaxham**

After our welcome refreshment and a final inspection of the Yaxham Light Railway stock, we re-crossed the Mid-Norfolk Railway to enter the yard of M.Mayes, where we were welcomed by the **Norfolk Hunslet Preservation Group**. The history of the locomotive (HE 3193) was explained in detail, together with an explanation of the major overhaul it had undergone since arriving in Norfolk. The group were expecting to commission the locomotive back into service in the summer of 2017. By kind arrangement with Mr. Mayes, limited access was allowed to view the two standard gauge locomotives in his care: S 9596, which is well on the way to completion; and RSHN 7818, on which little has been done for some time. The group were advised that the owner had the locomotive up for sale.

## **INDUSTRIAL NOTES AND NEWS**

Compiled by the Editor from reports submitted to the Records Team and reports posted on the IRS Yahoo Group Site. (The E-Bulletin contains a report by Steve Livesey on Hope Cement Works, omitted from here because it largely duplicates the IRS visit. To save space several other reports have been more heavily edited than in the E-Bulletin.)

### **ENGLAND**

#### **Alan Keef, Ross-on-Wye**

[17EL/100]

*Chris Weeks, 14<sup>th</sup> May.* Present were **(900mm)** RR009 (HE 9282) and RS106 MARY (RFSD L106), **(600mm)** HE 9352, **(2'0")** No.4 BELLA (AK68) ex Cotswold Wildlife Park, SKIPPY (AK 2), MR 40SD502/75 and BATTY (WR 1393), **(Monorail)** AK M002 and AK M003.

*Bryan Lawson, July.* Following a quick 'overhaul', AK 68 was returned to the **Longleat Light Railway** on 6<sup>th</sup> July. All the monorail equipment, including locos AK M002 and AK M003, has been sold to **Olympic Aquatic Engineers, Norwich**, and moved on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Brett Aggregates Ltd., Cliffe**

[17EL/107]

*Gary Segger and Mark Jones, 17<sup>th</sup> June.* 331 (Werk 868) was OOU, next to the loader.

#### **British Steel (Greybull Capital), Appleby Frodingham Works**

[17EL/128]

*Justin Edwards, 6<sup>th</sup> May.* A Branch Line Society tour. **In use around the works** were 817 (MaK 1600 017), 8.708 (MaK 1600 008), 8.719 (MaK 1600 019), 70 BIG KEITH (HE 7281) and 80 (HE 7474). Outside the **Heavy Repair Bay** were 8.712 (MaK 1600 012), 8.716 (MaK 1600 016), 8.718 (MaK 1600 018), 4 (BD 3737) with a damaged cab, 6 (BD 3739), 30 FUSION (CNES/HE 7290) jacked up off bogies, 51 (YE 2709) and 93 (YE 2902). 81 (20056) was stored at **Winns Sidings**. On the north side of **Rail Service Centre** 44 (YE 2768), 90 (YE 2943), 91 (YE 2944), 92 (YE 2788), 94 (RR 10238) and 95 (YE 2690) were all stored out of use, 44 and 95 with middle wheelsets removed and 90 minus rods. At **Dawes Lane Coke Ovens** was red coke oven loco GB 420383 (presumed). 8.701 (MaK 1600 001), 8.702 (MaK 1600 002), 8.703 (MaK 1600 003) and 74 (HE 7285) were at **Mill Exchange Sidings**, and on the **High Lines** were 2 (BD 3735) and an unidentified BD

#### **British Steel (Greybull Capital), Skinningrove Works**

[17EL/216]

*Andrew Murray, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.* YE 2825, yellow, was in the head shunt overlooking the cliffs. From the A174 Brotton Road Andrew could just see the front of the nose of a yellow locomotive, in exactly the same position that he saw YE 2832 in September 2014.

- Celsa Manufacturing (UK) Ltd., Cardiff** [17EL/289]  
*Internet sources* report 08389 returned here from **HNRC Barrow Hill**, w/e 7<sup>th</sup> July.
- Cleveland Potash Ltd., Boulby Mine** [17EL/212]  
*Andrew Murray, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.* Viewed from adjacent fields were CHARLIE (S 10107), in Ed Murray branded yellow, and LADY POTTER (RR 10214), yellow.
- Cobra (Middlesbrough) Ltd.** [17EL/213]  
*Gary Pullan, 25<sup>th</sup> June.* Seen from a BLS tour of the A.V.Dawson site were 11 (EEV 3994), 15 H006 (HE 6294) and ELIZABETH (TH 276V). Only TH 276V appeared operational.
- Crossrail** [17EL List 2,974/12]  
*Chris Weeks, 13<sup>th</sup> May.* At **Westbourne Park** was Schöma 6844. At **Plumstead** Chris saw three of the four blue Jung locos as well as OK 26880 (red), 1 (CE B4618.1), 2 (CE B4618.2), 3 (CE B4618.3), 5 (CE B4618.5), 6 (CE B4618.6) and Unimogs 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7.  
*Alex Bettenev, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.* Alex joined a private visit to **Plumstead**. A full account is in the E-Bulletin, but to summarise: Bance STDN1/PAC/278-2016 was in a small compound adjacent to the **Entrance Gate**. In the **Main Yard** were 1 (CE B4618.1), shunting; 2 (CE B4618.2), 5 (CE B4618.5), 7 (CE B4618.7), shunting; N3 (Jung 13289), 4 (Jung 12347), PZB-90 (OK 26880), out of gauge for tunnel work and used as yard shunter; 1 (Unimog 215665/Zagro), 3 (Unimog 240938/Zagro 4346), 4 (Unimog 240933/Zagro 4345), and E-DRA-10 APV 325 (SVI 1602359). In the **Maintenance Shed** were 6 (CE B4618.6) and N1 (Jung 12842). On the **'Trace' to the Tunnel Portal** were 3 (CE B4618.3) paired with 4 (CE B4618.4). In the **'Old Coal Yard'** was OH 1 E-DRA-02 (Cometi 1710-1) and in the **Storage Area (Compound 3)** were 5 (Unimog 214126/Zagro 3781) and 7 (Unimog 226761/Zagro).  
*Andrew Murray, 3<sup>rd</sup> August.* Observed from the **Connaught Road footbridge**, Silvertown, between 17:15 and 20:00 (all trains heading towards Plumstead): Schöma 6321 (17:40), 3 (CE B4618.3) and 6 (CE B4618.6), (19:20), 4 (CE B4618.4) and 5 (CE B4618.5) (19:21), N1 (Jung 12842), (19:28), N4 (Jung 12347) (19:32), N2 (Jung 13286) (19:36).
- W.H.Davis, Langwith Junction** [17EL/52]  
 01520 (TH V322) moved here 10<sup>th</sup> July, on hire from **HNRC** (*reported on www.wnxx.com*).
- Davy Markham, Sheffield** [17EL/241]  
*Martin Shill, 26<sup>th</sup> May.* TH/S 189C was stabled with a flat wagon in the Industrial Park between Unit 6 (BAW Coatings) and the Davy Markham Fabrication Shop.
- A.V.Dawson, Middlesbrough** [17EL/213]  
*Gary Pullan, 25<sup>th</sup> June.* A BLS tour was hauled by 08598 and 08600, top and tail. Also seen were 08774, 08912 (off track – for spares), Bg/DC 2725 and RSHN 7900.
- Docklands Light Railway** [17EL/140]  
*Chris Weeks, 13<sup>th</sup> May.* 994 KEVIN KEARNEY (GECT 5577) and 92 (Wkm 11622) were at **Poplar Depot**.
- Eastside 2000 Ltd, Hereford** [17EL/101]  
*Chris Weeks, 14<sup>th</sup> May.* ARMY 220 (AB 359) was plinthed by the main gate.
- Flixborough Wharf Ltd., Flixborough** [17EL/127]  
*Huw Williams, 25<sup>th</sup> July.* A loco assumed to be 29 (HE 7017) was visible from the road.
- Grand Central Railway Co. and Northern Rail, Heaton** [17EL/342]  
*Alex Bettenev, 25<sup>th</sup> April.* Noted from a passing metro was hire loco 08588 H047.



**Great Eastern Traction, Hardingham Station****[17EL/157]**

*Paul Membely, 25<sup>th</sup> June.* DL82 (RR 10272) and RACHEL (Byers /1998) were seen, with three other locos under tarpaulins.

**Hitachi Rail Europe, Doncaster Carr Depot****[17EL List 7, 990/13]**

*Adrian Booth, 21<sup>st</sup> June.* The KUBO 10000E (Zephyr 2590) was noted in use.

**Lafarge Tarmac Ltd., Swinden Quarry****[17EL/232]**

*Gary Segger, 14<sup>th</sup> June.* CRACOE (RFSD 067/GA/57000/001), white with Tarmac branding, was hauling wagons under the loader.

**Leander Architectural, Dove Holes (2ft 0in gauge)****[17EL/53]**

*Ted McAvoy* reports that 6 (WR 7967) moved to **Ashton Packet Boat Co** on the Saturday before Easter. "THE WASP" (A.J. Wilson) arrived at Leander on 29<sup>th</sup> March for repairs (it also attended the Ffestiniog 'Quirks' weekend). A Ruston LAT or LBT (418776 or 418676?) ex Charles Matthews, Canada and now belonging to one of the Ashton Packet Boat fraternity arrived from **Statfold Barn** on 13th May for restoration.

**LH Group Services, Hunslet Engine Co & LH Access Technology, Barton-Under-Needwood****[17EL/189]**

*Alex Bettaney, 21<sup>st</sup> June.* Viewed outside the Workshop from the public footpath which skirts the Northern edge of the site were 08615, 08913, DH50-1 (TH 278V reb HE 9376), 08873, ALEX (AB 614), MADDIE (HE 6662), 08785, VALIANT (S 10108), also 08891 and 08575, both OOU. Inside the workshop were an unidentified Class 08 and a Sentinel loco.

**Liberty Speciality Steels, Stocksbridge (formerly Tata)****[17EL/243]**

*Andrew Hurrell* reports that through the autumn and winter (since 17/9/16) the service has been maintained mainly by No.35 (YE 2635), with No.33 (YE 2740) seeing occasional use. No.38 (YE 2798) returned, repaired and repainted, at the end of January (seen working 3rd Feb). Since then it has made very few appearances. The use of No.33 through early May suggested that No.38 was not usable and No.35 in need of attention. *Martin Shill* noted No.35 back in action on 26<sup>th</sup> May; No.38 was stored at the west end of the site. On 25<sup>th</sup> July *Huw Williams* recorded No.33 as the working loco.

Andrew also provides information on vantage points to observe the railway operations. The railway is clearly visible over the boundary wall of the car park at Fox Valley retail park or from Smithy Hill bridge (now re-named Fox Valley Way). Because only one loco is in use, and that intermittently, depending on production and which crew are on shift, a lot of patient standing around may be required. The best chance of seeing rail movements is from 07:30 through to early afternoon, but there are breaks around 08:30 and 12.30. Between duties the loco is parked where it can be seen from the Christ Church car park at the west end of the town centre but the view is restricted by trees. Spare locos may be visible further west, where the main road passes the "Venue" event hall (best seen from Manchester Road). Deepcar is not recommended because steelworks locos only run across the bridges to Exchange Sidings when long incoming trains have been brought in. That can be late at night or early in the morning but is not predictable.

**Motorail UK Ltd., Quinton Rail Technology Centre, Long Marston****[17EL/218]**

*Alex Bettaney, 21<sup>st</sup> June.* The Rail Live exhibition. A full report is included in the E-Bulletin but this is a brief summary of the resident locos seen:

Stored in sidings around the show site were 01547 (TH 308V) and Robel 56.27-10-AG35, both owned by HNRC. Viewed from the main show site, access roads and off site from Long Marston Road were 873 (AB 512), WD 70047 MULBERRY (AB 362), part sheeted; 11720 (NBQ 27648), sheeted; 2856 (YE 2856), sheeted; and DMUs 513xx (one of 51352

or 51376), PANDORA (PSteel/1960), (960301 977987 51371) and (960301 977988 51413), both PSteel/1960.

### **Moveright International Ltd., Wishaw**

[17EL/219]

*Alex Betteney, 21<sup>st</sup> June.* Alex had permission to walk round the yard. In front of the **workshop** were HAMBLE-LE-RICE (TH 294V, stored for HNRC), 08411 (dismantled), 08580/08414 (carries 08414 on battery box), 003 (08846), OOU, and 08995. At the side of the workshop were 08593, dismantled (to be scrapped); 09015 ROB, OOU; and 47484 (part sheeted). In the **New ten road storage area** in the neighbouring yard were 08939, 08752, 08802, 08709, 08738 (fitted for multiple working) and "TOBY" (RH 235513), s/o, in bare wood

### **Ed Murray, Hartlepool**

[17EL/213]

*Andrew Murray, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.* The two locomotives on site were JAMES (TH 288V) and LOCO-NO9 T J THOMSON (TH 287V).

### **Harry Needle Railroad Company, Barrow Hill**

[17EL/54]

*Brian Cuttell, 31<sup>st</sup> May.* Outside the **HNRC shed** were 37025, 37421 & 86101. Stored in a line next to the **Compound** were 01515, "08765", 08786, IEMD 01 (08824), WIGAN 1 (08877) & 08428. Also visible stored in the **sidings** were 20905, 47769, 47853, L127 BILL (EEV D1199), L149 BEN (EEV D1200), AB 612 (no engine), EEV D1228 (assumed) and RR 10213 (assumed). 37099 was in the **Roundhouse shed yard** and 37038 was at the **road entrance**, probably just arrived by lorry. 37409 was stabled just outside the **rail entrance gates**. On 1<sup>st</sup> June 47739 was noted outside the **HNRC shed**.

*Brian Cuttell, 31<sup>st</sup> July:* Identified were 01543, 08782, 20096, 20118, 20132, 20311, 20314, 20901, 20905, 37099, 37175, 37418, 47769 & 47853. Stored in a line next to the compound were 01515, 08765, 08786, IEMD 01 (08824), WIGAN 1 (08877) & 08428 According to a report on [www.wnxx.com](http://www.wnxx.com) 09106 has been purchased by HNRC and moved to Barrow Hill.

### **Nemesis, Burton-on-Trent**

[17EL/191]

*Steve Livesey, 29<sup>th</sup> April.* A site tour. Unfortunately, the group were not allowed access to the long siding containing most of the locos but they could be viewed from the bridge and adjacent industrial estate. Steve identified HE 7181, HO13 (S10137), EE 5352 (assumed), 08500, 9 (TH 237V), 08994, KAMARA 2 (EEV D1233), 20904, 09006, 20903 and a grey liveried loco, either 09014 or 08918. LAURA (HE 8805) and HE 7041 were seen earlier on the visit. Two or three other locos were in the distance towards the buffer stops.

### **Nexus Tyne Wear Metro**

[17EL/167]

*Alex Betteney.*

**Benton PW Yard:** Located immediately to the west of Benton Station, one siding had been temporarily re-instated for engineering work and the stabling of plant. Viewed from passing Metro on 1st June was TXM 5020 99709 979023-7 (Unimog 199725). On 25<sup>th</sup> April F171 DUA (Unimog 140729/Zweiweg 1188) was at **Gosforth East Junction Compound**, OOU; NK12 CWZ (Unimog 228343) and YR10 FDP (Ford 833517/Aquarius) at the **Operations Centre Car Park** and HCT 035 (Perm 035) at **South Gosforth PW Shed**.

### **Siemens Rail Systems, Northam**

[17EL/96]

*Chris Weeks and friends, 20<sup>th</sup> May.* Niteq B193 was moving EMU 450001 along the wheel lathe area.

### **Plasmor Ltd., Heck**

[17EL/231]

*Alex Betteney, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.* JF 4220038 was stabled at the works rail gate.

**SSI UK and British Steel (Greybull Capital), Lackenby Works** [17EL/215]

*Andrew Murray, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.* Viewed from the A1085. In front of the loco shed were 260 (GECT 5429), 269 (GECT 5466), 257 (GECT 5426) and 265 (GECT 5462). Between the shed and the A1085 were 253 (GECT 5416), 276 SPAWOOD (GECT 5474), 266 (GECT 5463) and 8.711 (MaK 1600.011).

**SSI UK, South Bank Coke Ovens, Teeside** [17EL/214]

*Andrew Murray, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.* The two coke oven locos, nos. 1 and 2 (HartlepoolBSC /86), were visible at a distance from the footbridge of South Bank station.

**Stobart Group, Widnes** [17EL/37]

*Mick Tick, 12<sup>th</sup> May.* HE 7189 was present.

**Stobart Rail Ltd, Carlisle** [17EL/46]

*Alex Bettenev and Allan Brooks, 22<sup>nd</sup> July.* Unimog 160572 was in the Workshop.

**Story Rail Ltd., Carlisle** [17EL/47]

*Alex Bettenev and Allan Brooks, 22<sup>nd</sup> July.* Unimog 130580 could be seen.

**Port of Sunderland, Sunderland South Dock** [17EL/76]

*Alex Bettenev and Roger Darsley* both report that the last two locos at this site, RH 395294 and RH 416210, unused since 2001, were moved on 21/12/2016 to the **Bowes Railway**.

**Ridham Sea Terminals, Ridham Dock** [17EL/109]

*Gary Segger and Mark Jones, 17<sup>th</sup> June.* Unfortunately access to the building thought to house EEV D1227 is now blocked from the level crossing by Palisade fencing.

**Tata Steel, Hartlepool Works** [17EL/215]

*Andrew Murray, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.* Viewed from a footpath which runs along the other side of the Hartlepool to Stockton line were GECT 5425, and 264 PORT MULGRAVE (GECT 5461). Also present was a yellow Moyses, believed to be Moyses 1464.

**Transport for London, Northumberland Park Depot** [17EL/141]

*Andrew Murray, 4<sup>th</sup> August.* During a Branch Line Society tour of the Victoria Line Niteq B184 was noted in the Wheel Lathe building at this depot.

**Transport for London, Ruislip Depot** [17EL/141]

*Gary Segger, 22<sup>nd</sup> July.* Seen from a train and the depot approach road were L28, L31, L44, 4 PAM, 7 ANNEMARIE, 8 EMMA, 11 JOAN, 13 MICHELLE and 14 CAROL.

**Wabtec Rail, Doncaster** [17EL/243]

*Alex Bettenev, 18<sup>th</sup> April.* 08669 and 08724 were viewed from a passing train.

**Wheal Jane Ltd., Cornwall** [17EL/40]

*Ian Bendall, 5<sup>th</sup> May.* The preserved loco (a 1'10" gauge 1¾ ton Clayton) is in the Earth Science Park, coupled to a 4w wagon frame, at 90 degrees to the private road leading to the reclaimed mine site. The metalwork on the loco looked new in places. Neither the works no. nor date could be deciphered on the worksplate. The cab has a roof on posts in the style of those at Wheal Pendarves. Unlike most South Crofty locos this one does not have a hinged footplate; across the battery box are two semi-circular uprights, perhaps an attempt at a steam outline.

**SCOTLAND**

**Nuclear Decommissioning Agency, Chapelcross Works** [17EL/255]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 23<sup>rd</sup> July.* One of the two RH locos was seen from the western perimeter of the site, outside a shed.

**W & D McCulloch, Currarie Farm, Lendalfoot****[17EL/254]**

*Simon Guppy and friends, 23<sup>rd</sup> July.* The farm is abandoned; the R/R was not on site.

**Westland Horticulture, Springfield Moss (2ft 6in gauge)****[17EL/256]**

*Hamish Stevenson* reports CHRISTINE (Byers/1998) has moved to the **Tweeddale Railway Society**, initially to a site at Skirling near Peebles for cosmetic restoration in January, and then in March for display at the **Newlands Activity Centre, Romano Bridge, near Leadburn**, where a model railway exhibition took place over the weekend of 18/19 March. It is intended to restore the loco to working order over the next year.

**IRELAND****Attymon Peat Co-Op Society, Co.Galway (3ft 0in gauge)****[17EL/311]**

*Ted McAvoy* reports that the Attymon Peat Co-operative is closing down. The two railways are equipped almost entirely with stock built in the 1940s/50s and the bog machinery is of similar vintage. Closure is due to the old age of the members and Irish carbon taxes that have made the turf (peat) too expensive. Loco movements to clear stocks were due to finish in April/May 2017 on both sites. It is hoped to save as much as possible of the rolling stock and machinery. Ted comments that the whole operation was unique and it's sad to see the last 'traditional' industrial narrow gauge in the British Isles coming to an end.

**Ballymena PW Depot****[17EL/300]**

*Simon Guppy and friends, 27<sup>th</sup> May.* 7015 (K-355 APT) (P&T 46) was in the compound.

**Bord Na Móna (3ft 0in gauge)****BnM, Ballivor****[17EL/326]**

*Simon Guppy and friends, 30<sup>th</sup> May.* LM 220 (HE 6253) was on the fuel train on the opposite side of the main road to the works. LM 236 (HE 6315) & LM 327 (HE 8933) topped and tailed a loaded train from the bog. LM 203 (HE 6236) was inside the workshop and LM 207 (HE 6240) outside, with no wheels. In the scrap line were LM 63 (RH 259744), LM 251 (HE 6330) and LM 358 (Dun EW).

**BnM, Bellair****[17EL/322]**

*Simon Guppy and friends, 30<sup>th</sup> May.* LM 219 (HE 6252), LM 227 (HE 6306) & LM 277 (HE 7242) were all parked here, apparently seldom used. LM 411 (BnM) was working on the bog, as was another unidentified loco.

**BnM, Blackwater System****[17EL/322]**

*Simon Guppy and friends, 29<sup>th</sup> May.* At **Blackwater Bog** LM 400 (BnM) was on the ash train. Coming off the bog, with loaded trains heading for West Offaly Power Station, were LM 396 (BnM/1995), LM 411 (BnM), LM 428 (BnM) and LM 432 (BnM). Also in action were LM 410 (BnM), LM 411 (BnM), LM 432 (BnM) and LM 436 (BnM). With the help of directions from Ted McAvoy and after driving for a couple of miles from Blackwater on a rough track, then walking for another 20 minutes, Simon and party finally tracked down the elusive LM 313 (HE 8549) at **The Diamond** on the fuel train.

At **Blackwater Works**, inside the **Workshop** were LM 295 (HE 8532), LM 399 (BnM) and LM 409 (BnM). Outside in the **Yard** were LM 212 (HE 6245), LM 229 (HE 8531), LM 230 (HE 6309), LM 234 (HE 6313), LM 281 (HE 7247), LM 286 (HE 7254), LM 320 (HE 8939), LM 433 (BnM), RM 1 (BnM), F836 (BnM), F 842 (BnM) and F 878 (BnM). In the **Scrap Area** were LM 217 (HE 6250), LM 261 (Deutz 57842), LM 276 (HE 7241, just a frame). At the far side of the scrap area, in undergrowth, were LM 292 (HE 8529), LM 294 (HE 6308), LM 357 (Dun EW) and LM 365 (DunEW). On the **Museum Line** were C 55 (Wkm 7680), C 80 (BnM), LM 105 (RH 375344), LM 111 (RH 379079), LM 184 (Deutz 57130), LM 254 (Deutz 57835),

LM 280 (HE 7245), LM 343 (SMH 60SL746), LM 354 (DunEW), LM 367 (DunEW), LM 368 (DunEW), LM 372 (DunEW), RH 422567 and F 630 (BnM).

LM 405 (BnM) and LM 425 (BnM) were stabled at **West Offaly Power Station**. In the space of an hour LM 396 (BnM), LM 400 (BnM), LM 403 (BnM) and LM 431 (BnM) were noted arriving at the Power Station.

### **BnM, Boora System**

[17EL/322]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 17<sup>th</sup> April.* The access road to the Discovery Park affords a good view of **Boora Works**. In a compound was F 308 (BnM converted tractor). On a disused siding were LM 109 (RH 379024), OOU, LM 275 (LM 328 HE 7240), dismantled, five disused bogie fuel tank wagons and several bogie flat wagons. Outside the workshop were LM 277 (HE 7242) and LM 126 (RH 3799270), identities assumed.

*Simon Guppy and friends, 29<sup>th</sup> May.* At **Boora Works** LM 160 (RH 402176) was the only locomotive inside the workshop; it has been cosmetically rebuilt with a steam outline, and is being painted green. When complete it will go to Lough Boora Parklands. Outside were LM 126 (RH 379927), LM 235 (HE 6314) and LM273 (HE 7246). LM 283 (HE 7250) was at **Clongowney Tea Centre**. Stabled around the shed area at **Derrinlough Briquette Works** were LM 392 (BnM), LM 393 (BnM), LM 394 (BnM), LM 398 (BnM), LM 439 (BnM) and LM 440 (BnM). At **Derrymore** LM 244 (HE 6323) and LM 319 (HE 8926) were on what seemed to be newly laid track, grid reference N 218207.

### **BnM, Coolnagun**

[17EL/326]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 28<sup>th</sup> May.* LM 384 (HE 9256) and RM5 (BnM) were outside the workshop; other locos may have been hidden in the undergrowth. C77 (BnM) could not be found on Coole Bog – *Andrew Waldron* advises that it lives in the middle of the bog, not on track but on a skid platform, and is complete with wheels and chassis.

### **BnM, Derrygreenagh System**

[17EL/322]

*Ted McAvoy, March 2017.* Bord na Móna have launched a major locomotive rebuilding project, expected to cost more than €3 million. Fifty of their modern 4wDH are being completely rebuilt on a production line at **Derrygreenagh Works** at the rate of one every three weeks. By the end of March 2017, eleven or twelve should have been completed. Also authorised is a €2 million track upgrading project for power station main lines. During week ending 1/3/2017 BnM moved around 10,000 loaded peat wagons, because narrow gauge rail remains the cheapest and most effective way of moving huge tonnages of peat around the Irish Midlands.

*Simon Guppy and friends, 30<sup>th</sup> May.* LM 305 (HE 8544) was found about 15 minutes' walk out onto the bog at **Derrylea**.

### **BnM, Lemanaghan**

[17EL/322]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 29<sup>th</sup> May.* LM 266 (HE 7232) was at the works and LM 269 (HE 7235) was at the Tea Centre, on the fuel train.

### **BnM, Lullymore, Co. Kildare**

[17EL/313]

*Steve Livesey and Danny Sheehan, 22<sup>nd</sup> March.* The railway system closed about 25 years ago. It took an hour to locate LM97T (RH 375332), about 200/250 yards from the rear of the Briquette Works, the end furthest from the canal. The loco was a mangled wreck with the flattened cab alongside and leaning on part of the frames which was gradually sinking into the bog. An attempt was made to follow the old track bed from the works on to the bog but it proved impossible, nor could any other locos or derelict wagons be located.

### **BnM, site near Templeharmey**

*Simon Guppy and friends, 28<sup>th</sup> May.* LM 302 (HE 8539) was found at what appears to be new track, approximate grid reference M995758.

## **BnM, Mountdillon System**

[17EL/318]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 28<sup>th</sup> May.* No locos were found at **Corlea**. (*Andrew Waldron* advises that this bog is to become a country park, with part of the rail system retained as a tourist train). At **Derryad** LM 37 (RH 252245) was on a fuel train. C49 (BnM 5) was found abandoned at **Derryaroge**, off track (grid ref N028718). About a mile further east, by a level crossing (grid ref N065742) were RM3 (BnM) and LM 330 (HE 8937). LM 375 (HE 9240) & LM 385 (HE 9257) were at the headshunt at **Lough Rea Power Station**. LM 270 (HE 7237), LM 401 (BnM) and LM 428 (BnM) were parked by the Tippler. There were three other unidentified locos in the yard.

LM 66 (RH 259750), LM 247 (HE 6326), LM 267 (HE 7233) and LM 374 (HE 9239) were outside **Mountdillon Depot**; LM 209 (HE 6242) and LM 242 (HE 6321) were in the PW Yard. At **Mountdillon Old Works** LM 205 (HE 6238) was inside the shed, LM 135 (RH 382814) and LM 300 (HE 8535) outside. *Andrew Waldron* comments that LM 135 is here for cosmetic restoration and will then be plinthed locally, probably in Lanesborough.

## **BnM, Timahoe**

[17EL/313]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 28<sup>th</sup> May.* The gates were shut and padlocked and the phone number no longer valid, so it is not known if LM 134 (RH 382811) is still there.

## **Bulrush Peat (750mm gauge)**

[17EL/300]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 27<sup>th</sup> May.* At **New Ferry Road, Bellaghy** L5 (Schöma 4979) and slave unit Schöma 4980 were at the Tippler, with loaded wagons. At **Magheralane Road, Randalstown** L4 (Schöma 5601) and slave unit Schöma 4992 were coupled together on track. L6 (Schöma 5602), 2 (MR 40S307) and Schöma 5603 were all off track.

## **Dublin LUAS, Red Cow Depot (4ft 8½in gauge)**

[17EL/309]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 26<sup>th</sup> May.* Road-Rail vehicles 97D 67550 and 162D 16509 and Richard loco ENG 5873 13 006 were viewed from car park.

## **Iarnród Éireann**

[17EL/310]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 15<sup>th</sup> April.* A pre-arranged visit to **Limerick Maintenance Depot and Wagon Works** to view 4wBH R/R AVB 5735/1/2010, which is used to move/position bogies, resulted in a full tour of the maintenance facility and a partial visit to the adjacent yard. At **Limerick Junction Plant Depot**, seen from the platform of Limerick Junction Station, were 721 JESS (HPET 1068) and 728 (Plasser/1974 reb Inchicore/1999), plus other plant.

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 17<sup>th</sup> April.* **Kildare Plant Depot**, viewed from Kildare Station car park. Present were inspection railcar 723 (MatisaSPA 0215) and MPV 790 (Geismar 999).

## **McCormack Bros, Ballymahon**

[17EL/318]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 28<sup>th</sup> May.* This site is on the R 392, west of Ballymahon. The R/R tractors in 17EL were not present, although there was a newer tractor (not a rail vehicle).

## **Northern Ireland Railways, York Road Depot**

[17EL/300]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 26<sup>th</sup> May.* Road-Rail vehicle AFZ 7054 was visible in the car park.

## **Chris Shilling, Munster Railway Works, Kealkill**

[17EL List 3,976/15]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 14<sup>th</sup> April.* An extremely isolated and difficult to find location. Chris Shilling constructs small gauge vehicles for Industrial and pleasure lines. The main workshop is located in the grounds of a cottage, with an additional 3-road shed alongside and is served by an incomplete 1ft 3in gauge railway. The ground has been levelled and ballasted to connect the two workshops via a sharp corner and probably a small turntable. Inside the workshop was 4wPE OIM 010/2015, green. Also here was a short length of monorail track, with a 2-wheel wagon frame with raised handle for pushing.

### **Sunshine Peat, near Dungannon (2ft 6in gauge)**

[17EL/301]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 27<sup>th</sup> May.* The Sunshine Peat site was fenced, and all gates locked. *Andrew Waldron* advises that locos have not been used here since 2010.

### **Three Rivers Heritage Group, Kilmacow**

[17EL/314]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 14<sup>th</sup> April.* Stored, pending resale/disposal, in one corner of the yard were C202 (MV 973), LM 117 'MÍCHAÉL' (RH 379910), LM 125 O (RH 379084), partly sheeted; LM 189 (Dtz 57125), "LM 257" (Dtz 57836) and LM 314 (HE 8548), LM 356 'SEAN' (DunEW), C 53 (BnM 9/Southern Motors/1958), C 78 (BnM/1972) and ex West Clare Railway/BnM coaches 3386 and 3389 and some wagons.

### **Unilokomotive Ltd, Ida Industrial Estate, Dunmore Road, Tuam**

[17EL/312]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 16<sup>th</sup> April.* The business was closed for the weekend, so the yard was viewed through the gates. Visible were 5ft 3in gauge 4wDH (Unilok), incomplete, built for a cancelled order; and 5ft 6in gauge 4wDH (Unilok 2353/2012), fire damaged ex Israel.

## **ISLE OF MAN**

### **National Air Traffic Services, Laxey (3ft 6in gauge)**

[17EL/337]

*Andrew Waldron and friends, 9<sup>th</sup> May.* Wkm 10956 was inside the small shed. Andrew was told Wkm 11730 was locked up inside the SMR engineering shed.

## **NON-LOCOMOTIVE WORKED LINES**

These notes incorporate observations received up to the end of July 2017. Compiled by Hon. Records Officer – Non-Locomotive Worked Lines (*Graham Feldwick*).

## **ENGLAND**

### **Bude Harbour Tramway, Bude, Cornwall**

*John Bishop, 25<sup>th</sup> June.* Although this horse-worked line has been closed for over 70 years, around 150 yards of track, 2ft 0in gauge, remains embedded in concrete along the route. The line ran from the beach to transport sand, and of particular interest is the wagon turntable still buried in the sand.

### **Egremont Mining Co Ltd, Florence Iron Ore Mine, Egremont, Cumbria**

*Graham & Lesley Feldwick, 19<sup>th</sup> May.* The mine closed in 2008 but the company remains in existence and the buildings are intact. A short length of 2ft 6in track runs from the main buildings, with a flat wagon on it protruding under a closed doorway. In the yard, used by a metal-working company, were a complete tub and a chassis and separate body. An adjacent scrap heap had a further chassis and two bodies, and curiously a 2ft gauge chassis. The short, overgrown length of std gauge track was under the loading chutes.

### **Wasdale Sawmill, Netherwasdale, Cumbria**

*Graham & Lesley Feldwick, 23<sup>rd</sup> May.* The sawmill, closed 2015, was auctioned in 2016. New owner is nearby Church Stile Farm & Holiday Park, who have renovated the cottage as a holiday let but retained the short 1ft 8in gauge railway, flat wagon and hand-crane as features, and have given an assurance that these will be looked after in the future.

### **Haig Colliery Mining Museum, Whitehaven, Cumbria**

*Graham & Lesley Feldwick, 19<sup>th</sup> May.* The former colliery became a museum, closed for major repairs and development in 2014, reopened in 2015 but closed due to financial difficulties in 2016. Several items of narrow gauge railway interest are on display on track outside and can be seen from the perimeter fence, including 4 tubs, 2 flat wagons and a bogie wagon.

### **Treak Cliff Cavern, Castleton, Derbyshire**

*Paul Teather, 13<sup>th</sup> July* (via IRS Yahoo Group). The 2ft 0in gauge incline was in operation bringing construction materials down from the cavern entrance building to the road, with the track shiny so seeing regular use at present. The incline is operated by a motor at the top lowering and raising the wagon with a wire rope.

### **Qinetiq, Portland Breakwater, Bincleaves, Dorset**

*Graham & Lesley Feldwick, 14<sup>th</sup> July*. The 200 yard ballasted 2ft 0in gauge handworked line connecting buildings on the breakwater remains clearly visible from the adjacent cliff top, but the site is closed and the track has not seen recent use. No rolling stock could be seen.

### **Grange Iron Company, 56 Broomside Lane, Carrville, Durham**

*Matthew Feldwick, 27<sup>th</sup> July*. Under the namesake of a former Durham manufacturer of mining equipment and colliery plant, Graham Robson has been building and restoring coal tubs along with mining equipment and machinery for display and industrial use for 15 years.

### **Bovingdon Brickworks Ltd, Bovingdon, Hertfordshire**

*Graham & Lesley Feldwick, 19<sup>th</sup> July*. The brickworks, with its 2ft 0in gauge hand-worked system serving the brick making areas and the drying ovens, closed for production in October 2016, due to a shortage of available suitable clay. The works has since been mothballed, but is not expected to reopen.

### **St Agnes Lifeboat Station, St Agnes, Isles of Scilly**

*Chris Pack via HRO, 16<sup>th</sup> July*. The station opened in 1891 with a single slipway. A new slipway 350 yards long was additionally provided in 1904 but the station was closed in 1920. The lifeboat was carried on a double bogie trolley running on broad gauge track – a point immediately outside the station enabled the lifeboat to be launched from either slipway depending on the tide. The rails and bogie have long gone, but where they ran can still be easily seen.

### **Spalding Bulb Museum, Birchgrove Garden Centre, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Lincolnshire**

*Matthew Feldwick, 24<sup>th</sup> April*. Opened in 1995, this museum has a range of buildings, machinery and equipment relating to the growing of flower bulbs in the area. The forcing house has a 2ft 0in gauge handworked railway running to it. The straight lines are connected by a wagon turntable, and there are three wagons, once used to bring boxes of bulbs inside to give early flowering.

### **Matthew T Shaw, Iron Bridge Works, Clyde Wharf, Westferry Road, Millwall, London**

*Harvey Smith, 9<sup>th</sup> May* (via IRS Yahoo Group, and identified by *Chris Fisher*). During recent site clearance a remnant of the once extensive 2ft 0in gauge system here came to light, with a point and track set in concrete and visible from the entrance in Westferry Road, near to Chapel House Street. [*Google Street View also shows this clearly – HRO*].

### **National Trust, Sheringham Park, Sheringham, Norfolk**

*Huw Williams, 16<sup>th</sup> May*. A preserved sawbench alongside one of the walks through the park is served by a railway of approximately 2'6" gauge. There is a 4-wheel bogie either side of the saw. One side has about 3.5m of track, the other about 5m.

### **RNLI, Lifeboat Station, Southwold, Suffolk**

*Graham & Lesley Feldwick, 11<sup>th</sup> June*. The Atlantic 85 class RIB lifeboat was inside the lifeboat building on a rail-mounted trolley, which is moved by hand to a hoist position above the river. Gauge is 4ft 8½in, with modular track set in concrete.



## **Ministry of Defence, Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Strensall, near York, North Yorkshire**

*Matthew Feldwick, 8<sup>th</sup> June.* Noted initially on a report on Facebook, it appears that the narrow gauge (most likely 2ft 6in) railway at Strensall is still in use. IRS records show this as 1,165 yards long, mainly straight with a siding at one end. Main use is to move materials around the ranges, and there is at least one flat wagon. It has not been reported for many years and the site is due to close in 2021.

## **WALES**

### **Glynllifon Country Park , Clynnog Road, Caernarfon, Gwynedd**

*Mike Shaw, 8<sup>th</sup> May.* A short length of, presumably surviving, track can be found in the former sawmill, which is now a shop, with further track outside which may be reconstructed. A 4w flat wagon contains some new components but is no doubt an accurate reproduction.

## **CHANNEL ISLANDS**

### **The War Tunnels, Jersey**

*Roger Bagnall, 16<sup>th</sup> June.* There is plentiful evidence inside these tunnels, which were built with slave labour by the German occupation forces during WW2, of a network of 600mm lines, presumably then as now, laid in concrete. The tunnels are on a grid pattern, and there are signs of wagon turntables at the junctions. Just inside one of the unfinished tunnels there is a section of sleepered track with a large side tipping skip wagon on display.

## **NETWORK RAIL AND CONTRACTORS**

### **Aylesbury Depot**

[17EL/342]

*John Dicks and friends, 27<sup>th</sup> May.* 01509 LESLEY (RH 468043) was present.

### **Copmanthorpe Yard, York**

[17EL/345]

*Alex Bettaney, 13<sup>th</sup> April.* 950001 (999600+999601) was viewed from a passing train.

### **Darlington Park Lane OTPD**

[17EL/346]

*Alex Bettaney, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.* DR 97501 (Robel 69.40/4) was viewed from a passing train.

### **Heaton Traincare Depot, Newcastle-upon-Tyne**

[17EL/342]

*Alex Bettaney, 25<sup>th</sup> April.* 08588 H047, (RMS Hire loco), was viewed from a passing Metro.

### **Holgate Engineering Works, York**

[17EL/342]

*Alex Bettaney 17<sup>th</sup> July.* Viewed from points around the perimeter were TM 4150 MAGNUM (Trackmobile LGN971310198) and DR 98905 (Windhoff 2526) + trailer DR 98955.

### **Neville Hill Traincare Depot, Leeds**

[17EL/342]

*Alex Bettaney 22<sup>nd</sup> April.* Noted from a passing train were 08525 DUNCAN BEDFORD, 08690 DAVID THIRKILL and 08908 IVAN STEPHENSON (OOU).

### **GB Railfreight, Peterborough**

[17EL/345]

*Alex Bettaney, 13<sup>th</sup> April.* EMU translator vehicles 64664 LIWET and 64707 LABEZERIN, both green, were viewed from a passing train.

### **St. Philips Marsh, Bristol**

[17EL/342]

*Internet sources* report 08663 was moved here from **Loram, Derby**, w/e 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Virgin Trains East Coast Main Line Co LTD, Bounds Green Depot**

[17EL/342]

*Alex Bettaney, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.* 08441, stabled with a VTEC coach, was viewed from a passing train.

## PRESERVATION AND PLEASURE LINES

Compiled by the Editor from reports submitted to the Records Team and reports posted on the IRS Yahoo Group Site. Three letters have also been received by the Editor since May. Because of the volume of reports for this Bulletin many in this section have been heavily edited, or omitted if the situation has not changed from that previously reported. The E-Bulletin includes all these reports in full.

### **ENGLAND**

#### **Aln Valley Railway, Alnwick**

[17EL/168]

*Andrew Murray, 25<sup>th</sup> June.* 20/110/711 (AB 615), was working brake van rides. Inside the **shed** were (12088), under repair and currently unnumbered, PENICUIK (HL 3799) and RICHBORO (HC 1243). Outside were "DRAX" (EES 8199), BUZZ (Wkm 10648) and Wkm 4985, converted to a trailer for Wkm 10648. RH 312989 was plinthed in the **car park**; out of public view behind were Perm 006 and Perm 007. The current intention is to get one of them working as a more sheltered passenger carrying vehicle instead of the Wickham. In a siding at the far end of the line were RH 265617 and 73010 (Plasser 712).

*Roger Darsley, 4<sup>th</sup> August.* Roger also noted 20/11/711 (AB 615) in the yard.

#### **Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre**

[17EL/211]

*Hugh Smith, 8<sup>th</sup> July.* The "Railway Gala Weekend". In passenger service were POLAR BEAR (WB 1781) with four Groudle Glen coaches and PETER (WB 2067) with an ex-RAF Fauld coach and two MoD Lydd coaches. (At least one GGR coach and one of the MoD Lydd coaches are replicas). TOWNSEND HOOK (FJ 172L) and MONTY (OK 7269) were outside the **3' 2¼" gauge shed** (otherwise known as "Betchworth Hall") while BARBOUILLEUR (Decauville 1126) was also enjoying the sunshine. SCALDWELL (P 1316) was outside the "**Railway Exhibition Hall**". No.23 (Spence 23L) was in the **annexe**, her 5'3" gauge transporter being outside. Inside the Hall were MR 872, MR 10161, HU 45913 and EEDK 808. Demonstration goods trains were hauled by PELDON (JF 21295) amongst others. Other locos in action were 3101 (MR 1381), R&R 80/37, one of the ex-Thakeham Tiles Hunslets, HE 8969 and a Hudson-Hunslet 4wDM of c1940 whose identity was unknown to its driver. BURT (MR 9019) was in the new "**Wagon and Engine Shed**" which is a black corrugated iron building at the southerly end of the standard gauge line.

*James Smith* reports the move of SCALDWELL (P 1316) from Amberley to the **Southwold Railway Trust** on 10th July.

#### **Appleby Frodingham RPS, Scunthorpe**

[17EL/130]

*Justin Edwards 6<sup>th</sup> May.* A Branch Line Society tour. Present were CRANFORD (AE 1919), 3138 (Chrz 3138), rolling chassis; 1 (YE 2877), ARNOLD MACHIN (YE 2661), dismantled (under overhaul); P 1438, HE 3846 (assumed) and DMUs 56207 and 59245 (assumed). HE 7409 provided motive power for the BLS train.

#### **Ian Ashby, Valley Nurseries, Evesham**

[17EL/228]

*Hugh Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> July.* A pre-arranged NGRS visit. ARCHER (MR 4709) provided the motive power on the 2'0" gauge. The rolling chassis (no engine, gearbox or bodywork) of MR 7128 was also present. The 1'6" gauge was not operating as the sole motive power, CLIFF (Eng Emporium /2010) was temporarily out of order.

#### **Barrow Hill Roundhouse, Derbyshire**

[17EL/55]

*Brian Cuttell, 31<sup>st</sup> May.* D5814 was in the **commercial area sidings**, 89001 alongside the HNRC shed and EMU car "62321" located down the side of the **Rampart shed**, in static use. The **compound** held EMU coaches 62266 and trailer cars 76527, 76528, 76762 plus Brighton Belle trailers 287 & HAZEL. EMU trailer 70950 was removed from the compound

in May 2017 but it isn't known whether it has left Barrow Hill. Several DRS Class 20s are stored on the mainline siding in the shed yard; on 1<sup>st</sup> June these included 20308 & 20312.

### **Battlefield Line, Market Bosworth**

[17EL/213]

*Ian Ashby, 30<sup>th</sup> April.* SIR GOMER (P 1859) was in use and CUMBRIA (HE 3794) in steam on shed.

### **A.J.R. Birch & Son, Hope Farm, Sellindge**

[17EL/109]

*Gary Segger and Mark Jones, 17<sup>th</sup> June.* 35011, 35025, 68078 (AB 2212) and ANTWERP (HE 3180) were seen.

### **Bowes Railway, Springwell**

[17EL/77]

*Alex Bettenev and Roger Darsley* report that the Sunderland North Community Business Centre is now running operations at Springwell in co-operation with the Bowes Railway Co Ltd. (very few volunteers from the Bowes Co are active now, generally due to age).

*Andrew Murray, 24<sup>th</sup> June.* Inside the **loco shed** were 101 (FH 3922), No. 22 (AB 2274) and W.S.T. (AB 2361). In an adjacent room displaying mining equipment were HC DM842, EE 2476/RSHN 7980, No.8 (CE B1840) and B03 (HE 8515/AB 651). Locked in a **storage shed** were No.2 (CE B3060) and No.1 (CE 5921). Inside the **former Wagon Shop** were PINKY (RH 395294), REDHEUGH (RH 476140), PERKY (RH 416210) and HE 6263.

### **Andrew Briddon, Darley Dale, Derbyshire**

[17EL List 1, 967/5]

*Brian Cuttell, 21<sup>st</sup> May.* "RS 8" (SCW/1960) has been stripped down. The rolling chassis was outside the shed doors, as was yard shunter 2 JAMES (YE 2675). On tracks next to the Peak Rail running line were 685 HO45, HO49 13, "TOM" (S 10180), D9500, 98307 (GP-TRAMM), 03901, HC D1186; also 107 (NB 27932), BT 803, NB 27097, "GRACE" (HC D1345), YE 2940 and "JACK" (YE 2679), these all sheeted.

### **Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Quanton Road**

[17EL/33]

*Mick Tick, 30<sup>th</sup> April and Alan Sturrock, 1<sup>st</sup> May.* 5080 DEFIANT was still present but was awaiting transfer to **Tyseley** for overhaul. Its place at Quanton Road will be taken by 3020 CORNWALL from the **NRM, Shildon** (arrived 12<sup>th</sup> June). Possibly JUNO (HE 3850) may also come here from Shildon.

**In use** were 30120 (due to return to Swanage) and 9466; SWANSCOMBE (AB 699), MILLOM (HC 1742) and "SCOTT" (WB 2469) were working the Vintage train, demo freight and Driver for a Fiver. In the **Museum** were AP 807, REDLAND (KS 4428), HL 3717, TP 53P (Wkm 8263) and EEDK 803. Inside the **Upside Shed/Workshop** was COVENTRY No.1 (NBH 24564), out of ticket and unlikely to be overhauled for some years as new cylinders are required. The overhaul of L99 (7715) has begun in the **Ivatt shed**. Outside was 6989, nearing complete restoration from Barry condition. The intention is for it to be in service by the October Gala, although initially it will have to run with the tender from 6984.

**Around the site** were 30585 (out of ticket), TARMAC (FH 3765), "WALRUS" (FH 3271), WD849 (HE 2067), 66 (HE 3890), OSRAM (JF 20067), 3405 JANICE, GIBRALTAR (P 2087), boiler condemned, ROKEBY (P 2105), awaiting boiler repairs, D2298, HILSEA (RH 463153), RH 425477, 5208 (S 9418), CHISLET (YE 2498), DMUs M59761, M51886 & M51899, London Underground 53028, 013063 & 54233 and ESL118A/B. ARTHUR (HE 3782) is being rebuilt as "THOMAS", after which work should begin on SYDENHAM (AP 3567).

### **Bure Valley Railway, Aylsham**

[17EL/159]

*Huw Williams, 16<sup>th</sup> May.* Two brief visits on the same day: 4 (HE 4556, Reb EAGIT) was shunting empty stock and 2<sup>nd</sup> DIVISION USSAF (BVR /89) stabled in Aylsham station in the morning. In the early evening 8 JOHN OF GAUNT (Winson 16) was in the station. 4 was stabled in a siding and SPITFIRE (Winson 14) was under overhaul in the workshop.

## **Caister Castle Car Collection, near Great Yarmouth**

[17EL/159]

*Huw Williams, 17<sup>th</sup> May.* 42 RHONDDA (MW 2010), recently repainted, is visible (just) from the car park. Also on display is a horse drawn double deck London tram trailer, circa 1903.

## **Cambrian Heritage Railways**

[17EL/179]

*Sydney Leleux, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.* The museum at **Oswestry Station** was closed but in the running shed/workshop were AB 2261 and ALPHA (FH.3953) In the yard outside were AB 885, TELEMON (VF D295/DC 2568), SCOTTIE (RH 412427) and a P 0-4-0ST, wheels frame & boiler. Its cab and tank were in the yard, together with the tank from HE 3770 (presumed). Behind the shed/workshop was a silver painted boiler, suitable probably for an 0-4-0. The hope is to run trains 'properly' next year. At **Llynclys Station** three DMU power cars were present: W51205, W56055 and one with no visible number. 11517 ALUN EVANS (RH 458641) and an un-numbered blue 0-6-0D EE? were in the yard, plus a quantity of coaches etc. Standing in the loop at **Blodwell Junction** were H037 (EEV D1230) and track machine 98205. In the quarry (SJ257233) were HC D1388 and a rusty 0-4-0D.

## **Chesewater Light Railway, Brownhills**

[17EL/192]

*Alex Bettenev and Allan Brooks, 9<sup>th</sup> July.* The Burton Brewery Locomotives Day event. Operating **top 'n' tail passenger trains** were D3429 and COLIN McANDREW (AB 1223) with coach 14024 and DMU trailers 59444 and '59603'. In the **Yard**, alternating between shunting and top 'n' tail brake van rides were 21 (KC 1612), No.5 (Bg 3027), MARSTON THOMPSON EVERSHED (Bg 3410) and 15099 (MR 2026). Stabled at the **Headshunt** was "HELEN" (TH 264V). At the **Station**, stabled in Platform 1 siding were P 917 and HC 431 and in Platform 2 siding 255 (GECT 5418), HC D615, JF 4220015, RH 305306, DERBYSHIRE STONE No.2 (FH 1891), and JF 4100013. Stabled in the **Yard** were Bg 3590, "HEM HEATH No.3D" (WB 3119), WB 3208, 306 (GECT 5383), ex Tata Steel Llanwern 12/6/2017; 267 (GECT 5464), 251 (GECT 5414) and the wheelsets from GECT 5469, scrapped at Hartlepool 6/2017. Inside the **'Running Shed'** were 5 (S 9632), TEDDY (P 2012) and "LINDA" (WB 2648). Inside the **Museum** were D2911 (NBQ 27876), 15097 UBIQUE (MR 1930), ZZ 267 (EEV 4003), ex Ed Murray, Hartlepool 3/5/2017; "MYFANWY" (RSHD 8366-WB 3211), cab removed, HOLLY BANK No.3 (HE 3783), 4 (RSHN 7684), 900331 (Wkm 496), on top of a wagon; HC 1822, under restoration; N 2937, A14W PWM 2786 (Wkm 6885), and ASBESTOS (HL 2780). Inside the **Museum Workshop** were BBT 3097, GECT 5430 and Wkm 6857, all under restoration/overhaul. Off track near the **Narrow Gauge Sheds** was Wkm 6857, blue body detached from chassis. At **Chesewater Heaths yard** was 6678 (HE 6678). The **Narrow Gauge Railway** was not running but RH 476106 was noted outside the loco sheds

*Bob Darvill, July.* Railcar BD 3707 arrived 24<sup>th</sup> July from the **Midland Railway Centre**.

*Colin Alliez.* WB 2842 arrived c.26<sup>th</sup> July, on permanent loan from the **Foxfield Railway**.

## **Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway**

[17EL/175]

*Steve Livesey, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.* The Annual Open Day/Volunteer Recruitment weekend, when areas normally out of bounds, including the yard and Restoration shed, are open to the public. DMU W55023 was in use. At **Chinnor Station** D3018 and DMU W55024 were in the platform. In the yard were 6412, visiting for the summer; 08825, operational but in need of attention; D5581, under restoration, and EMU 1198. Inside the **Restoration Shed** were WD9024 (Wkm 7090) and Bance AL2025. At **Princes Risborough Station Sidings** IRIS (RH 459515) and 977992 (stored Class 117 power car) were viewed from the car park.

## **Crossness Engine Trust, Abbey Wood**

[17EL/145]

*Robin Parkinson, June.* Track is being laid with 35lb rail. Restoration of WOOLWICH (AE 1748) is also progressing.

## **Darlington Railway Preservation Society**

[17EL/77]

*Andrew Murray, 21<sup>st</sup> May.* The annual Open Day. Inside the **Museum** were PATONS (WB 2898), RSHN 7925/DC 2592, 1 (GEC / (28?)), 185 (JF 4110006), Wkm 7611 and No. 39 (RSHD 6947). In the **Workshop** was P 2142, undergoing overhaul. Outside were Wkm 10647, in use, JF 4200018 (which has been sold and is likely to be restored and displayed outside the new owner's business) and RH 279591. On the **1'8" gauge** was RH 476124, in use, and RH 354013, dismantled. Plant MPP 12771 (Perm PC035), was in the **Car Park**. RH 312988 was on the **Carriage Works** track, visible from the Head of Steam site.

## **Dean Forest Railway**

[17EL/90]

*Colin Alliez, Ian Ashby, Nigel Attwood and Bob Yate.* The Wartime Forest Steam Galas (13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> May). **In use** were RSH 7139, newly restored to Longmoor WD blue livery as 152 RENNES; 75008 SWIFTSURE (HE2857) visiting from Nene Valley Rly and 132 SAPPER (HE 3163) visiting from East Lancs. At **Norchard** were 5541 (operational), AB 2221 (partly dismantled), GUNBY (HE 2413), smokebox and chimney removed; WILBERT (HE 3806) minus boiler, repairs continue; D3937 GLADYS, D9521, D9555, DON CORBETT (HE 5622), SALTY (HE 6688), 3947 (FH 3947) and DMUs E50619, M51566 and M51914 (all complete). At **Lydney Junction**, near the signal box, were 37308 and 73002 (both sheeted over, so identity presumed) and 08238 CHARLIE. In the sidings beyond the platform-end were HE 2411 (minus cab), the remains of 08473, JF 4210127 and HE 3889, transferred in 2015 from Peak Rail - the boiler is now on RENNES.

## **R.Dixon, Bicester (private site)**

[17EL List 6, 987/15]

*John Dicks and friends, 27<sup>th</sup> May.* This was a mini open day. LB 54181 and DORIS (RH 462365) were in use. Also present were CE 5196C, HE 9053 (frame only) and LMM 1066 (frame & wheels). An ex Cameroon Tamar Class 0-4-2T is expected, but had not yet arrived from Kent. Construction work has just begun on a WB Sipat type 0-4-0ST.

## **East Kent Light Railway**

[17EL/111]

*Gary Segger and Mark Jones, 17<sup>th</sup> June.* At **Shepherdswell** were ST.DUNSTAN (AE 2004), 9 (EE 2129/VF D319), SNOWDOWN (JF 4160002), 01546 (TH 273V), 08685, 08676 and 08799, whilst at **Eythorne** were RH 466616 and RICHBOROUGH CASTLE (EEV D1197).

## **East Somerset Railway, Shepton Mallet**

[17EL/185]

*Bob Yate, 24<sup>th</sup> June.* The debut of Ivatt tank no.41313, which was working passenger trains with 46447. 5637 was in the shed, undergoing routine maintenance, and 39 (RR 10218) in the yard. RR 10221 (assumed) was at the shed headshunt. LADY NAN (AB 1719) was under overhaul in the works, tanks and cab outside in yard. 1 (RSHN 7609), dismantled, was at Merryfield Lane siding, and 51909 was in the siding next to car park.

## **Electric Railway Museum, Coventry**

[17EL/219]

*Martin Shill, 13<sup>th</sup> August.* All stock listed in 17EL was present, on static display. The site is intended for redevelopment so the Museum seems likely to close in October. The remaining scheduled Open Days are 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September and 8<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Elsecar Steam Railway**

[17EL/244]

*Adrian Booth, 7<sup>th</sup> June.* Viewed from the boundary fence were GERVASE (S 6807), ELIZABETH (TH 138C), BIRKENHEAD (RSH 7386), EARL FITZWILLIAM (AE 1917), LOUISE (HE 6950), MARDY MONSTER (P 2150), dismantled, and S 9376.

## **Evesham Vale Light Railway**

[17EL/228]

*Ian Ashby.* MONTY (ESR 300) working services with three closed carriages on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 20<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> May. On 10<sup>th</sup> April DOUGAL (SL /70) was in charge, with three semi-open carriages.

*Hugh Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> July.* A Gala weekend, so all locomotives were in service. The main line comprises a single track with a balloon loop; the out-and-back run is about a mile. Locomotives seen were No.3 DOUGAL (SL /70), No.4 SLUDGE (L 41545), CROMWELL (RH 452280, Rbt AK 13R), MONTY (ESR 300) and ST EGWIN (ESR 312).

### **Fengate Agricultural Light Railway**

[17EL/159]

*Ken Scanes, 14<sup>th</sup> July.* The Weeting Steam Rally. LITTLE BARFORD (AB 2069) was in light steam posed with a wagon loaded with logs. 1060 (LO 172) stood on track nearby, largely complete. No.7 (BP 2038) and an Isle of Man carriage were on the edge of a field a few hundred yards away; No.7 only a frame (bent), pony wheels and a few other bits.

### **Foxfield Railway**

[17EL/194]

*Andrew Smith, 15<sup>th</sup> July.* Visiting loco for the Gala weekend was SIR GOMER (P 1859) from Shackerstone. Resident locos in use included RSH 7063, 2 (WB 2842), WHISTON (HE3694), WIMBLEBURY (HE 3839) and BELLEROPHON (Haydock C). Amongst other stock present was NSR No.2, Stoke/1923 per IRS records but which, according to a Walkden fitter, has the frame of another ex-NSR loco. WD 820 (EE 1188/DC 2157) was by the **Heavy Repair Shop** and HAWARDEN (WB 2623), assumed, inside. CLIVE (AB 486) was outside the **Shed**. In the **Museum** were MOSS BAY (KS 4147), KS 4421, P 1803, a pair of RH locos and YE 2868. In the **Yard** were HENRY COURT (P933), BAGNALL (WB3207), WOLSTANTON No.3 (WB 3150), MYFANWY (WB 3211), S 9535 and a Wkm trolley.

### **Gartell Light Railway, near Templecombe**

[17EL/186]

*Bob Yate, 25<sup>th</sup> June.* In use were No.1 AMANDA (Gartell /2003), No.6 MR.G. (NDLW 698), No.5 ALISON (AK No.10), with No.2 ANDREW (BD 3699) spare. 9 JEAN (NDLW /2008) was in the shed. The brake van converted from RH 193984 was in the station sidings. 8 FAITH (UphillJ /2016) is now at the Lynton & Barnstaple Rly.

### **Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway**

[17EL/91]

*Mick Tick, 27<sup>th</sup> May.* The Cotswold Festival of Steam. **In use** were 1450, 2807, 4270, 7820, 7903, 35006 and 76017. Around the **Toddington** site were 2874, 3850, 45149, E6036, 2001 (20035), 11230 (RSHN 7860/DC 2574), 21 (JF 4210130), 372 (YE 2760) and DMUs W51360 & W51405 and at **Winchcombe** D2182, BD 3743 and DMUs W51363(?) & SC52029.

### **Great Western Railway Society, Didcot**

[17EL/176]

*Hugh Smith, 24<sup>th</sup> June.* **In use** were AB 1047 with a GWR autococh on the 'Branch Line' and D9516 with two coaches on the 'Main Line'. Inside the **loco shed** were 1338, 1466, 3650, 3738, 3822, 5051, 5322, 5572, 5900, 6106, 6697, 6998, 7808, "No.5" (GE /1857) and BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE (RSH 7544). In the shed yard were 4144, 6023, PHANTOM (08604) and DL26 (HE 5238), 18000 was near the **turntable** and 08742 alongside the loco shed, derelict. The railmotor was in its shed, and 5227 was adjacent to that shed. The **Transshipment Shed** held FIRE FLY and IRON DUKE.

### **Haigh Country Park**

[17EL/155]

*Andrew Murray and Sydney Leleux, 14<sup>th</sup> May.* An NGRS visit. Passenger services were in the hands of HELEN (AK 41). Outside the shed were 15 RACHEL (G&S/61), missing its bonnet; Minirail/54, OOU with one bogie under RRS /83. In the shed were a couple of coaches and a milk float, whose cab will be used for a loco. 2ft gauge BUSY BASIL (SL/86) was locked in a compound in another part of the park.

### **Hollycombe Steam Centre**

[17EL/210]

*Chris Fisher, 21<sup>st</sup> May.* A recent arrival is Plymouth 4848/45, a DL type 4wDM (10 tonnes, 125 hp) previously at C.F. de la Vallée de l'Ouche.

**Hampton & Kempton Waterworks Railway, Hanworth** [17EL/146]

*Hugh Smith, 7th May and Tony Fawcett, 21st May.* DARENT (AB 984) was in service; HOUNSLOW (SPL 1) was in the siding next to the station partly sheeted over. HE 9338 was outside the carriage shed and sister loco SPELTHORNE (HE 9357) was inside the loco shed. MR 4023 is dismantled under the A312 flyover.

**Heatherslaw Light Railway, Cornhill-on-Tweed** [17EL/168]

*Andrew Murray, 24th June.* In use was BUNTY (SmithN of 2005/AK 85R). Inside the shed was THE LADY AUGUSTA (TaylorB /89). In the sidings between the station and turntable were BINKY (SmithN /89 reb Heatherslaw) and CLIVE (SmithN /2000).

**Isle of Wight Steam Railway, Havenstreet** [17EL/106]

*Paul Webb, 2nd & 3rd May.* 41298 was in use. In the **Yard** were 8 FRESHWATER, W11, D2059, 03197, and 235 (AB 371). In the **Loco Shed** were INVINCIBLE (HL 3135), 92 WAGGONER (HE 3792), near the end of a 10 year overhaul; 198 ROYAL ENGINEER (HE 3798) and 24 CALBOURNE, undergoing a major overhaul. In the **Historic Collection (The Train Story)** were AJAX (AB 1605), D2554 and No.2 YARMOUTH.

**Kent and East Sussex Railway** [17EL/114]

*Gary Segger and Mark Jones, 17th June.* D2023, D9504, 3174 DOVER CASTLE, 08888 and 1638 were at **Tenterden**; 4253, 6619, 7822 FOXCOTE MANOR, 753, 30065, WD1960 WAINWRIGHT, 32670, 32678, D6570, No.1 (RH 423661), 14 CHARWELTON (MW 1955), 376 NORWEGIAN (Nohab 1163), 25 (HE 3797), 1 (MV /1932), 23 (HE 3791) and 12 (P 1631) at **Rolvenden**; D2024 at **Bodiam** and 5668 at **Wittersham Road**.

**Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway** [17EL/48]

*Colin Alliez, 27th July (steam stock).* VICTOR (WB 2996) was in use. Also present were 42073, 42085, boiler out, AB 1245, AB 2333, dismantled, REPULSE (HE 3698), in working order, and PRINCESS (WB 2682).

**Lakeside Miniature Railway, Southport** [17EL/156]

*Andrew Murray and Sydney Leleux, 13th May.* An NGRS visit. JENNY (MossAJ /2006) was in use. The other three locos (not operational) were outside the sheds: GOLDEN JUBILEE (Barlow /63), DUKE OF EDINBURGH (Barlow /50) and PRINCESS ANNE (SL /71).

**Lavender Line, Isfield** [17EL/209]

*Gary Segger and Mark Jones, 18th June.* At Isfield were 16 (HL 3837), 422 VALIANT (RH 459517), 15 (FH 3658), EMPRESS (WB 3061), ARMY 221 (AB 354), Cockerill 2945, ARMY 830 (VF 5257/DC 2176) and D4113.

**Lea Bailey Light Railway, Ross-on-Wye** [17EL/92]

*Ian Ashby, 14th May.* The Compressed Air weekend. SID (HE 9902) and WHISTLING PIG (EIMCO 401-216) were in operation together with MR 21282 and an ex Mowlem WR 4wBE. 18" gauge WR 7617 was on a 2ft gauge wagon and WR 7888R and WR L1009 were also present.

**Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway** [17EL/26]

*Mick Tick, 30th April and Sydney Leleux, 1st May.* An 'Anything Goes' weekend. In use were CREEPY (HE 6008), CARAVAN (MR 7129), PC ALLEN (OK 5834), PEDERMOURA (OK 10808), RISHRA (BgC 2007), TROTTER (MR 10409) and the converted ISABEL (MR 5608). At **Pages Park** NG23 (BD 3702) and AMW15 (RH 194784) were working freights. DOLL (AB 1641), 778 (BLW 44656), PIXIE (KS 4260) and ELF (OK 12740) were in the **workshop/shed**; outside was BEAUDESERT (SMH 101T018). At **Stonehenge** ARKLE (MR 7108), 30 (MR 8695), LOD 758009 (MR 8641) and LOD 758220 (MR 8745) were working freights. Wkm 3282, PETER WOOD (HE 9347), 1 (KraussM 7455), 44 (MR 7933),

26 ANNA (MR 8720), 24 (MR 11297), HAYDN TAYLOR (MR 7956), 20 (MR 60S317), MR 5613 (bowframe), L11221, RED RUM (MR 7105), MR 5612 (frame), DAMREDUB (MR 7036), 28 (RH 200516), NUTTY (S 7701) and PENLEE (Freud 73) were all in the yard, and 24 (MR 4805) was on the **Chamberlains Barn quarry/New Trees quarry branch**.

### **Leeds City Council, Armley Mills Museum [17EL/248]**

*Sydney Leleux, 22 April.* On a low loader in the car park was W&L 85 (HE 3815) 'on tour'. In the **shed** were HC D571, HT 9728/85, JUNIN (HC D557). GB 1210, the 4w frame of EBW /1855, ALDWYTH (MW 865), ND3066 (HE 2390), JF 22060 and ELIZABETH (HC 1888). In the **yard** were SOUTHAM 2, GB 2543, JF 20685 and two 0-4-ODM mines locos.

### **Lincolnshire Coast Railway, Skegness [17EL/131]**

*Chris Bates.* The boiler of JURASSIC (P 1008) was successfully steam-tested on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Work then began to reassemble and repaint the locomotive. A successful test run was made on 2<sup>nd</sup> August but work was still required to the air braking system. However, the loco is rostered to haul passenger trains on 17<sup>th</sup> September (see Dates for the Diary).

### **Midland Railway Centre, Ripley [17EL/58]**

*Alex Bettenev, 2<sup>1st</sup> June.* The annual 'Small Groups' open evening. The Matthew Kirtley building was also open. OSWALD (NW 454) was at the **Swanwick Junction** site road entrance. Outside the **Diesel Shed** was 45041 and at the **Station** MR 460 and MR 2024. In the **On-Track Plant Compound** were Mercury 5337 and BD 3707 and in the **Yard** D1048, D1516, 08590, 37190, 20142, D8059 & D8188 (visiting from WSR), 20189, 20205, ALBERT (HC D1114), MANTON (HC D1121) and RH 384139. 47761 was beside the **Museum** building, beside the **Running Shed** were 47564 and AB 441 and outside the **West Shed** 44767, under repair. Inside the **Matthew Kirtley Museum** were 158A, 73129, SDJR 23 (47327), AB 1875, No.2 PN 8292 (AB 2008), Mkm 109, VICTORY (P 1547), CASTLE DONINGTON 1 (RSHN 7817) and 27000 (ELECTRA). Inside the **Running Shed/workshop** were 5619, TAFFY (P 1163), D2138, D2858, D7671, 20048 (under overhaul), 12077 and AB 416.

A visit was also made to **Golden Valley Light Railway**, knowing that the ladies there offer a superb buffet in return for a donation. In use were DARCY (BD 3753) & SMH 40SD529 on trains and, around the shed yard, Dtz10249 (Dtz 10248), NG 24 (BD 3703) and AD 34 (HE 7009). RH 7002/0567/6 was plinthed. At the shed were JOAN (Civil No.1), OK 7529, HE 7178, TUBBY (MR 8667), BERRY HILL (RH 222068), LB 53726 (canopy) and L 10994.

### **Mid Norfolk Railway, Dereham [17EL/160]**

*Paul Membely, 25<sup>th</sup> June.* The Steam Gala Weekend. 60009, 9466 and 62 UGLY (RSHN 7673) were working trains between **Dereham** and **Wymondham**. (USATC S160 6046, due to attend, was not ready in time). A DMU substitute operated the last service of the day. At **Dereham** were 73210, 47367, BSC 1 (EEV D1049), 37003, 37688, 47596, EMU 62402 (1497), 68004 and DMUs 51503 & 59117. D8069 and 31235 were at **Thuxton**.

### **Nene Valley Railway [17EL/35]**

*Andrew Murray, 4<sup>th</sup> June.* The 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday event. Hauling the main service trains between **Wansford** and **Peterborough** were 34081 and visitors 46100 and D9000 (posing as 55018). Shuttles were running between **Wansford** and **Yarwell Junction** top and tailed by THOMAS (HC 1800) and D9520. 31271 was giving footplate rides on the **Fletton branch** from Orton Mere. In the yard at **Ferry Meadows** were 323 674-2, FH 2895, Alco 77120 and MPP 10188 (Bance 098/00). Inside the containers containing the Rail Mail/Great Train Robbery presentations was 2ft gauge 807 (EEDK 807). At **Wansford (Station/Yard)** were 1212 HELGA (EK), DEREK CROUCH (HC 1539), BARABEL (RR 10202), 101 (Nohab 2082), YE 2654, partly dismantled; and NEWSTEAD (HE 1589). Inside **Wansford Shed** were 1178 (Motala 516), under restoration; 656 (Frichs 360), not much more than a rolling



chassis; 9529, JACKS GREEN (HE 1953), 75006 (HE 2855), TOBY (Cockerill 1626), under restoration; 64305 (Krupp 1308) and FH 2896, rolling chassis and cab. In the Workshops were DL83 (RR 10271), NVR1612 (Wkm 1642), under restoration; 73050 and EEV D1123, under restoration. DR 98500 (Plasser 52788) was stabled on the west side of the **C & W Workshop**.

### **North Bay Railway Co., Scarborough**

[17EL/237]

*Gary Pullan, 25<sup>th</sup> June.* A 20 minute interval service was in operation with trains well loaded. In use were GEORGINA (NBRES /2016) and 1931 NEPTUNE (HC D565). In the shed were 1932 TRITON (HC D573) and 1933 POSEIDON (HC D582). 570 ROBIN HOOD (HC D570) was not seen but Gary was told it was inside shed road 3.

### **North Gloucestershire Railway, Toddington**

[17EL/93]

*Ian Ashby, 16<sup>th</sup> April.* CHAKA'S KRAAL No.6 (HE 2075) was in use. 1091 (Hen 15968) and TOURSKA (Chrz 3512) were in the shed with JUSTINE (Jung 939), boiler off for its 10-year inspection.

*Mick Tick, 27<sup>th</sup> May.* TOURSKA and 1091 were in use. In the Shed & yard were JUSTINE, CHAKA'S KRAAL No.6, YARD No.A497 (HE 6647), "SPITFIRE" (MR 7053), 5 (RH 354028) and BRYNEGLWYS (SMH 101T023).

### **North Norfolk Railway**

[17EL/160]

*Hugh Smith, 21<sup>st</sup> May.* Colonel Stephens Society visit. Trains were being hauled by 8572 and D182. 12131 was shunting at **Sheringham**. D2051 and D2280 were seen from the train near **Holt**. Also present there were 25057, D3940, D6732 and 45133. At **Weybourne** were 76084, 90775 (in light steam), D2063, D3940 and DMUs M51192, M56352, E56062 and E51228. In the **Loco Works** were D5631 (partly dismantled), a class 08 (D3935?), 92203 and 564.

### **North Shropshire NG Group, Weston station, Morda**

[17EL/180]

*Sydney Leleux, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.* This site is leased from the standard gauge Cambrian Heritage Railways who may want to take it back. Near the yard entrance was an 0-4-0D frame and wheels with jackshaft drive. In the shed were three MR 4wDM, one with cab 3 EMRYS, another with cab T3 (MR 8738), and one without cab or identity. In the bottom of the yard was the frame of a Ruston 4wDM. A lot can be seen from the road bridge.

### **North Yorkshire Moors Railway**

[17EL/238]

*Brian Cuttell, 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June.* 76079 & 80136 were both in use on passenger services. At **Grosmont**, inside the **workshop** were D2207, awaiting a replacement engine, and D5032, 30926 & 45428, all under overhaul. The boiler of 30926 was being static steam tested outside. Inside the **shed** were 44806, in light steam, 63395 & 12139. D7628 was stabled outside. In the **yard** were stored 3672, 75029 and 08495. The **Deviation Shed** was locked but 61994 & 34101 (under overhaul, boiler removed) were outside with another unidentified tender engine. The **long siding** running south alongside the running line held 26038, 37264, DMU set 50164 + 59539 + 50160, D5061, DMU set E50204 + E51511 and an unrestored 4-6-0 (no boiler) stored against the buffer stops at the end of the siding. At **Pickering** 08850 was on the turntable. At **New Bridge PW Depot** 08556 was stabled next to the level crossing. No16 (EEDK 1195/DC 2164) was stored partially sheeted over, visible from the adjacent road.

### **Peak Rail site, Rowsley, Derbyshire**

[17EL/61]

*Brian Cuttell, 21<sup>st</sup> May.* D8 PENYGHENT (BR green) & No20 JENNIFER (HC 1731) were 'Top & Tailing' passenger trains to Matlock. 5224 & 5553 were inside the **Shed**; work has started on the overhaul of 5553. An unidentified Class 117 DMU centre trailer car (W59506?) was in the shed for repaint. Stored in the open to the south of the shed are

No.65 (HC 1631) and, on blocks, the chassis of K 5470. In the shed yard were E1 CASTLEFIELD (HC D1199), 08830, 31270, DMU W51354. At **Rowsley Yard** were 01531 H4323 (HE 7018), YE 2480, RH 412431 (all stored), 37152, 46035, 50029 RENOWN.

On the **Derbyshire Dales Narrow Gauge Railway**, stored between the shed containers were 22 (MR 8756), 87009 (MR 4572), HE 8917, 85051 (RH 404967) & RH 260712. LB 52726 was with wagons in front of the containers.

*Ian Bendall, 10<sup>th</sup> May.* **Heritage Shunters Trust, Rowsley.** Outside the **Brightmoor Building** was D2205. Inside were two lines of locos, most in working order: D2139, PWM654, 08016, 09001, 07001, 03113, 03099, D2854, 13000, D2953, D2199, D2337, D2868, "BIGGA" (TH 102C) and D2284. The two lines continued outside to a two road **Diesel Shed/Workshop** which contained (D9525), (06003) in primer and D2866. Between these two buildings were Wkm 9688, D2017, D2272, D2229, 03180, D2587 and PWM650.

### **Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway**

[17EL/49]

*Dave Peel, 11<sup>th</sup> May.* In use were RIVER IRT, RIVER MITE and DOUGLAS FERREIRA. Inside the **Carriage Shed** was CYRIL (L 4404). In a small shed on the opposite side of the line was ICL 1. Stabled at the **Headshunt** was LADY WAKEFIELD. Believed to be inside **Engineering Workshop** were NORTHERN ROCK and RIVER ESK (on slow rebuild after arson attack). Outside were GB 2782 and ANITA (RH 27273), assumed.

*Peter Excell, 28th June.* Peter visited the **Railway Museum** just after it re-opened on 24<sup>th</sup> June. Locomotives displayed are KATIE (DB /1896), SYNOLDA (BL 30), ICL.No.1 (Ravenglass /1925), "QUARRYMAN" MH 2, "ELLA" DB /1881, this just one side of the main frame plates, seriously bent as a result of a collision with a petrol loco in the 1920s.

### **Severn Valley Railway**

[17EL/181]

*Mick Tick, 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May.* The SVR 2017 Diesel Gala. In use were D1062, D1842, D8568, D9551, 20189, 20205, 31271, 33108, 45041, 45060, 50007, 50008, 55022 (posing as 55018), 60100, 66771, 73 107 and 88003. In **Bridgnorth Yard** were 813, 1450, 2857, 4566, 4930,7714, 7812, 34027, 34053, 82045, D1013, D3586 (shunting) and "CATCH ME WHO CAN". At **Kidderminster Diesel Depot** were 12099, D3201, D7029, 08635, 50035 and 50044 and in the Yard/station RH 281269, D1015, D3022, D4100, 08896, 31271, 45060 and 50049.

### **Shrepreth Wildlife Park**

[17EL/36]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 2<sup>nd</sup> July.* The railway can be viewed from the entrance/shop area. The loco (UK Loco /2007) has the name "DOTTO" on the works plate.

### **Shrewsbury Steam Trust, Coleham Pumping Station**

[17EL List 8, 996/8]

*Martin Shill, 17<sup>th</sup> June.* In railway terms this is a new site, although it has been a museum for many years. As mentioned in the July bulletin (995/20) it now has a new 2w-2BE built by R.C. & J. Targett and which runs on a short length of track at Open Days

### **Spa Valley Railway**

[17EL/115]

*Gary Segger and Mark Jones, 18<sup>th</sup> June.* At **Tunbridge Wells West** were 32650, 47493, D3489, 09026, 6585, 33063, 33201, 33202, TOPHAM (WB 2193), 68077 (AB 2215), LADY INGRID (AB 2315), 57 (RSHN 7668) and RSHN 7924/DC 2591. RING HAW (HE 1982) was at **Eridge**.

*Colin Alliez, 1<sup>st</sup> July (steam stock).* In use were BEATRICE (HE 2705), visiting from Embsay, and RING HAW (HE 1982). No.72 (VF 5309) had failed with regulator problems. UGLY (RSHN 7673) had just returned after visits to the Tanfield and Mid Norfolk Railways.

### **Springfield Agricultural Railway, near Huntingdon**

[17EL/36]

*Hugh Smith, 6th.May.* A NGRS visit. In use were WR 3557, No.10 (Moes) and No.12

(Moes). On display were 2 (Diema 1553), Spoor 112 and CE B0176. The line, about ½ mile long and "two rails in the grass", is used to carry logs and horse manure.

### **Statfold Barn**

[17EL/196]

*Mark Hambley, Brian Kiddy and Mike Newport, 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> May.* This was the "Great Miniature Weekend". The principal focus of the event was miniature traction engines, steam lorries etc. A two train service was operated, with ALPHA (HC 1172), MINAS DE ALLER No. 2 (Corpet 439), HOWARD (HE 1842), CSR No. 19 (HC 1056) and TINY (Plymouth 5800). FIJI (HC 972) was operating "Driver for a Fiver" trips and GREENBAT was Statfold **Carriage Shed** pilot. Tram B&A 14 was in service between Statfold and Oak Tree. Three recent arrivals for repair were BARBER (TG 411), in the **Grain Store Roundhouse**, GREEN DRAGON (HE 1859), **Traverser**, both from South Tynedale Railway, and GELERT (WB 3050), **Running Shed**, from the Welsh Highland Heritage Railway.

*Enthusiast's Day 10<sup>th</sup> June.* Changes subsequent to Bulletin 995 (July 2017): In the **Traverser Shed** were 9332 STATFOLD WORKS (HE 9332), GP 39 (HC 1643), boiler repairs; GELERT (WB 3050), ex WHHR 3<sup>rd</sup> April for repairs, and BARBER (TG 441) ex STRPS 30<sup>th</sup> April. In the **Running Shed** were RH 283871, ex Purbeck Mineral & Mining Group, Norden, 14<sup>th</sup> May, being fitted with new tyres; CEGIN (AB 1991), frame only, on a flat wagon and GREEN DRAGON (HE 1859), ex STRPS 3<sup>rd</sup> May, under repair. In the **Covered Shed opposite the entrance to Oak Tree Halt**, off track was the rolling chassis of HC DM803. In use on the **Upper Line** of the **Field Railway** was SACCHARINE (JF 13355), top and tail with ISUBUTU (WB 2820) and also THE GOOSE (SBR 9905). On the **Lower Line** were 11 FIJI (HC 972), 2 HOWARD (HE 1842), 19 (HC 1056), ALPHA (HC 1172), LIASSIC (P1632) + JACK LANE (HE 3904), SRAGI No.1 (KraussS 4045) + 2 MINAS DE ALLER (Corpet 439), RYAM SUGAR 1 (Dav 1650) + STATFOLD (HE 3903) and SYBIL MARY (HE 921) + MARCHLYN (AE 2067). Included in one of the trains was COMP A 35981 (MR 8640 conv to 4w air compressor unit/brake tender). On separate trains on the **Garden Railway** were No.6 HOWARD (Wbton 2) and ISC No.2 ROGER (KS 3128). Burton & Ashby No.14 was operating on the **Tramway**. 1ft 6in gauge JACK (HE 684) was on display at the **Oak Tree Tram Stop headshunt**.

**NB.** No.1 HARROGATE (P 2050) went to the **STRPS on loan** from 25<sup>th</sup> April, RNAD TRECWN A10 (BD 3782) was believed to be **off site** for repairs and "GALLOPING GOOSE" (StanhopeT/2005), incomplete, was not found.

*Roy Etherington, July.* TG 441 was returned to the **South Tynedale Railway** on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Stephenson Railway Museum, Chirton**

[17EL/169]

*Andrew Murray, 25<sup>th</sup> June.* Hauling passenger services was D2078. In the yard outside the **museum** were the frames of WB 2994. The public area of the museum held RS A4, No.1 (RSHN 7683), 10 (Consett /1958), E4 (Siemens 457) and 3267. On the other side of the wall was 08915 and, further into the workshop, A.No.5 (K 2509) and P 1970.

### **Stoke Edith Station, Tarrington**

[17EL/101]

*Chris Weeks, 14<sup>th</sup> May.* RH 463150 was seen. Wkm 4171 was unavailable for viewing.

### **Swindon & Cricklade Railway**

[17EL/227]

*Russell Wear* advises that P 1555 arrived from the **Cholsey & Wallingford Railway** on 27<sup>th</sup> June, and that 45 (AB 2352) is moving in August to a private site near Oswestry.

### **Tanfield Railway**

[17EL/80]

*Andrew Murray, 25<sup>th</sup> June.* Hauling passenger trains was No.2 (HL 2859). On the line beside the **Carriage Shed** was No.3 (RSHN 7078). Inside **Marley Hill Shed** were SIR CECIL A. COCHRANE (RSHN 7409), TWIZELL (RS 2730), 14 (HL 3056), 20 (WB 2779) and 49 (RSHN 7098), minus boiler. In the **Workshop Yard** were No.13 (HL 3732), rolling

frames, with a boiler on top; 38 (HC 1823), frames, and IRWELL (HC 1672), frames. There were also at least two further locos present. On the other side, and next to the wall of the large shed was HL 3746. Behind the workshops was Perm PC034. In the **Turntable** area were No.48 (RSHN 7944), RSH 7697, No.44 (RSHN 7760), No.3 (RWH 2009). **Around the sidings** were Bg 3565, No.6 (JF 4240010), 9 (AEG 1565), No.4 (S 9559), HL 2711, M2 (RSHD 7430), RSHD 7800, HC DM1067, on a wagon; No. 1 (HE 7332), frames laying upside down; 25 (EE 2848/RSHN 8201), Perm BP025, No.6 (AB 1193), RSHN 6980, 2111-125 (HE 6612) and No.2 (AW D22). Near the **staff car park** were 2201/266 (HC DM1170) and "TYNESIDE GEORGE" (HC DM1119).

### **Threlkeld Quarry & Mining Museum**

[17EL/51]

*Colin Alliez, 28<sup>th</sup> July (steam stock).* In use were 19 (HC 1056), STATFOLD (HE 3903), JACK LANE (HE 3904), all visiting from Statfold Barn, CLOISTER (HE 542), IRISH MAIL (HE 823), both visiting from the West Lancs Rly, and SIRTOM (WB 2135). "ASKHAM HALL" (AE 1772) and the frames of the new build loco were also present.

### **Titley Junction Station, Kington**

[17EL/102]

*Chris Weeks, Mike Newport and Keith Day, 14<sup>th</sup> May.* D2158 with DMU vehicle 51412, were running trips over the full length of the line. FH 3906 and 10 BRESSINGHAM (TH 163V), toured Titley Junction station sidings with trains comprising a Brake Van and a Lowmac with bench seats. P 1738 was inside the shed; DMUs W51370 and W51372 were in the sidings. PWM2801 (Wkm 6684) was inside a lorry trailer that couldn't be opened.

### **Twyford Waterworks Trust, Twyford**

[17EL/99]

The Trust's Newsletter, The Works, for July 2017 records that WR M7550 has been returned to working order but a full restoration will be required in due course.

### **Tyseley Locomotive Works, Birmingham**

[17EL/223]

*Colin Alliez, 24<sup>th</sup> June.* The Castles Open Weekend. In use were 4965, 5043 9600, 46233 and P 2004. Also seen were 2885, 5080, 6880 visiting from Llangollen, 7029, 5593, AE 1977, RSHN 7280, minus boiler, No.670, boiler cladding off, No.14 (HE 3815), 34028, 71000, HL 3597, 4936, all dismantled, 3278 (Alco 71533), cab and boiler cladding off, and HE 2868, sheeted. 4121 and Cockerill 3083 were not seen but were believed to be on site. However Colin was told that the frame of 4115 was scrapped about two years ago.

### **Vale of Berkeley Railway, Berkeley Power Station**

[17EL List 1,967/11]

*Colin Alliez 29<sup>th</sup> April.* Present were 54 D9553 and AB 2126 (on loan).

*Mike Kennard, 12<sup>th</sup> July.* Wkm 7509 was moved here from the **Lavender Line**.

### **West Lancashire Light Railway, Hesketh Bank**

[17EL/120]

*Andrew Murray and Sydney Leleux, 13<sup>th</sup> May.* NGRS visit. Hauling passenger trains were 21 UTRILLAS (OK 2378) and JOFFRE (KS 2405). One return trip was hauled by "11" (MR 5906). Within the passenger train was brake van No. 2, converted from MR 7955. Other locos in action were 40 (RH 381705), 21 (HE 1963), 8 (HE 4478), TAWD (RH 222074), 10 (FH 2555) and MILL REEF (MR 7371). In the **Workshop** were JF 15991, HC DM750, undergoing restoration, and IRISH MAIL (HE 823). Near the back of the **Loco & Carriage Store** were WELSH PONY (BEV 640), RH 264251, RH 297054, FH 1777 and L 10805.

Outside the south end of the **Large Shed** were L 29890 and Bredbury c54. Inside were Bg 3002, 12 (MR 11258), GB 1840, 8 (MR 11223), 36 (RH 339105), MONTALBAN (OK 6641) and WB 1760, chassis and boiler. Behind the shed were RH 200478, MR 8992 and FH 3916. Chrz 3506 was plinthed near the **Entrance**. Beside one of the containers were the frames of HC DM1393. At the end of the **Headshunt** was WR ?. At **Willow Tree sidings** were the frames of RH 202036 and MR 8995. Apparently the frames of Hen 14676 are in a container with parts around the site, and JF 15513 was off site for restoration.

The other locos listed in 17EL were at a **private workshop near Leyland**, viewed by invitation. BLW 45190 was about two thirds through its restoration, BV 692 (now re-gauged to 2'0") was awaiting completion of its overhaul and BV 613 was being used for spares.

### **West Somerset Railway**

[17EL/187]

*Mick Tick, 10<sup>th</sup> June.* D1010, D5343, D6575, D7017, D8059 and D8188 were working trains. DMUs M51859, M51880 & M59678 were working between Minehead and Dunster. At **Bishops Lydeard** D4107 was shunting. 6960, 53808, 50007 and 50049 were also here, D6566, D7018, D9526 and HC 1857 were at **Williton**; AB 578 and RH 210479 at **Washford**; DMUs M51663 (frame) and W59493 and 4163 (Geismar ST/02/28) at **Dunster** and 4110, 7828, 53809, D1661, D2133, D2271 & DMU M51887 at **Minehead**.

### **A.J.Wilkinson, Rowden Mill Station**

[17EL/103]

*Mike Newport and friends, 14<sup>th</sup> May.* Wkm 6941 was sheeted, on track in the station.

### **Windmill Animal Farm, Burscough**

[17EL/121]

*Andrew Murray and Sydney Leleux, 14<sup>th</sup> May.* Hauling trains were MOUNTAINEER (WVanHeiden /72) and SAFARI EXPRESS (SL 15/2/79). Often in the consist of the trains hauled by MOUNTAINEER was GWRIL (L 20886). The **Workshop** contained (USA? /48) and PRINCE CHARLES (Barlow /54). Under the **covered area** to the right of the shed were KÖNIGSWINTER (SL 7217), PRINCESS ANNE (Barlow/48), DUKE OF EDINBURGH (Barlow /48) and 14 (WalkerG /85). Inside the **shed** were MossAJ /89 sitting on a workbench, BLACK SMOKE (SmithEL /56), Guest 18, WHIPPET QUICK (L 6502) and BATTISON (Battison /58). BLUE PACIFIC (GuinnessNL /35) was on a section of track between the station and sheds. On the other side of the station was SAINT THOMAS (Guest /57). L 26366 has returned to the Cleethorpes Light Railway.

### **Woodhorn Narrow Gauge Railway, Ashington**

[17EL/169]

*Andrew Murray, 24<sup>th</sup> June.* Trains were being hauled alternately by No.1 BLACK DIAMOND (HE 6348) and 3 RIO GEN ENBACH (HE 9353). Out of service in the shed was No. 2 (Schöma 5240).

## **SCOTLAND**

### **Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group, Dunskin**

[17EL/258]

*Martin Shill, 25<sup>th</sup> June.* No.10 (AB 2244) was hauling the brake van trips and AB 1952 performed hourly demonstrations at the station. The **Museum** contained No.16 (AB 1116) and HE 8816. Inside the **Loco Shed** was RH 417890 (dismantled). In the yard were No.1 (AB 347) and S 10012. Beside the shed were No.23 (AB 2260), RH 421697, AB 399 and NBQ 27644. On a length of 2'6" gauge track near the **Station** was RH 210959. By the station entrance was RH 183749, dismantled. In a siding north of the station was RH 224352, well hidden. Next to the weighbridge were AB 1614 and AB 2358. Sidings by the running line contained JF 22888, RH 284839, HE 3132 and AB 2368.

*Simon Guppy and friends, 23<sup>rd</sup> July.* By prior arrangement RH 211681 and AB 561 had been taken out of the container by the station and put on display.

### **East Lothian Council, Prestongrange Museum**

[17EL/261]

*Colin Alliez, 3<sup>rd</sup> August.* No.29 (AB 1142) was outside, minus saddle tank, boiler cladding and cab. It may go on permanent loan to **Shed 47 Rly Pres Grp** (Scottish Vintage Bus Museum, Lathalmond near Kely, Fife). The other steam locos were locked in the shed.

### **The Garden of Cosmic Speculation, Portrack House**

[17EL/262]

*Ian Bendall, 9<sup>th</sup> May.* The loco is in the area of the garden known as the Portrack Scotti Garden Of Rails 2004, on the site of the old railway bridge across the River Nith. The garden is a private site but Ian was able to see the RH 0-4-0 diesel shunter by walking

along the river bank from the Robert Burns museum (the loco is also visible from passing trains between Dumfries and Sanquhar). Previously thought to be RH 304471 it has now been identified as RH 418790, last reported sent to EMR Kingsbury for scrap, Sept 2003.

#### **Lowthers Railway Society, Leadhills & Wanlockhead Railway** [17EL/264]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 22<sup>nd</sup> July.* Trains were being worked by LUCE (RH 7002/0467/6); in the train was brake van MR 8884. The frames of MR 8564 and WR 1614 were in a siding. In various **containers** were OK 6335, Decauville 917, ELVAN (MR 9792) and LITTLE CLYDE (RH 7002/0467/2). In the **main shed** were NITH (HC DM1002), CLYDE (HE 6347), MENNOCK (HE 9348), CE B1819D and coach 251, ex-MR 8863.

#### **G. Mann, Saughtree Station** [17EL/264]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 22<sup>nd</sup> July.* MEG OF SAUGHTREE (RH 275882) was parked in the old station. A little further along the line was Geismar ST/04/03, with a trailer.

#### **Waverley Route Heritage Association, Whitrope** [17EL/269]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 22<sup>nd</sup> July.* Parked around the site were RH 411319, JF 4240015, 26040, Perm 001 and Leyland Railbus RB004.

### **WALES**

#### **Corris Railway Co. Ltd., Maespoeth** [17EL/273]

*Jonathan Longbottom, 11<sup>th</sup> June.* No 7 (Winson 17) was working passenger trains. 11 (OK 25721) was inside the **Loco Shed**. No 5 (MR 22258) and No 6 (RH 518493) were parked in the **Station** area. No 7 (HE 7274) and No 9 (CE B0457) were in the **Carriage Shed**, where the boiler for what will be No 10 (a replica of one of the original Hughes saddle tank locos) was also on display. The worksplate states it was built by Israel Newton & Sons Ltd of Bradford in 2012.

#### **Fairbourne Railway, Gwynedd** [17EL/273]

*Colin Alliez 27<sup>th</sup> May.* Working on the 1ft 3in gauge line was SIAN (Guest/1963). Also here was MOUNTAINEER (WVanHeiden/1972 reb SL/1985). Both were visiting from the Windmill Farm Railway.

#### **Llanberis Lake Railway, Gilfach Du** [17EL/283]

*Jonathan Longbottom, 6<sup>th</sup> June.* DOLBADARN (HE 1430) was working all passenger trains. The frames of No 2 (HE 849) were inside the **Workshops**; ELDIR (HE 493) and TOPSY (RH 441427) were stabled outside.

#### **National Museum of Wales, Welsh Slate Museum, Gilfach Ddu** [17EL/281]

*Jonathan Longbottom, 6<sup>th</sup> June.* The four locos remain on static display: UNA (HE 873), BE /17, RH 175414, and the Williams 4WPMR, this is partially obscured by the Ruston and easy to miss.

#### **Rhiw Valley Light Railway, Manafon** [17EL/283]

*Sydney Leleux, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.* An NGRS visit. JACK and POWYS were in use, MONTY was off site under repair.

#### **Snowdon Mountain Railway** [17EL/284]

*Jonathan Longbottom, 9<sup>th</sup> June.* Trains were worked by 2 (SLM 924), 3 (SLM 925), 9 (HE 9249), 10 (HE 9250), 11 (HAB 775/HE 9305) & 12 (HE 9312). 5 (SLM 989) was in steam outside the loco shed, almost at the end of an overhaul. Parts of 6 (SLM 2838) were in the shed yard - it has been under overhaul since September 2015. The other steam locos (4, 7 & 8) are stored off site. 7 & 8 have had their boilers scrapped. There is currently no plan to restore any of these.

## **Vale of Rheidol Railway, Aberystwyth**

[17EL/285]

*Jonathan Longbottom, 14<sup>th</sup> June.* 8 was operating all trains. 1213 was in the **loco shed** and 10 (BMR 002) stabled in the **station yard**. The rolling chassis of 7 (Sdn 1923) was in the **Workshop**. At **Capel Bangor** Perm 005 was seen heading back to Aberystwyth. The flail mover (HE 7495) was stabled in the loop at **Aberffrdw**.

*Bob Darvill, July.* NG G13 Garratt 60 (Hanomag 10551/1928) arrived on 17<sup>th</sup> July from the **Schinzacher Tree Nursery Railway, Switzerland**. The loco is stated to be in working order. Following the 'closure' of the **Penrhyn Quarry Railway** MW 1382 arrived 20<sup>th</sup> July. The loco is owned by Welsh Slate Ltd., and is on loan to the VOR.

## **IRELAND**

### **Birches Peatlands Park, Dungannon**

[17EL/301]

*Simon Guppy and friends, 27<sup>th</sup> May.* No locos were found. At the station a notice stated that the train will not operate until further notice. (*Andrew Waldron* points out that the only working loco, AK 44, had problems last year and may be out of action again).

### **Dennis Collins, Newmarket Road, Kanturk**

[17EL/307]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 15<sup>th</sup> April.* On an isolated section of track was 'WANDERING WILLIE' and the 2-2-0PM (CollinsD/2011). Inside one of the barns was LM 360 (DunEW), whilst in the woods was 2w-2PM (Ferguson/c1938), unusable since a tree fell onto it.

### **Crowley Engineering, Upper Glanmire Bridge, Glanmire**

[17EL/307]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 14<sup>th</sup> April.* At the rear of the yard were LM 371 (DunEW) and a 4-wheel flat wagon dumped on a pile of scrap.

### **Tim Crowley, Youghal Castle, Co. Cork**

[17EL List 8,996/14]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 14<sup>th</sup> April.* A private site; in a partly open sided shed were LM 140 (RH 392139) and a coach converted from a BnM wagon.

### **Irish Traction Group, Carrick-On-Suir**

[17EL/325]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 14<sup>th</sup> April.* Inside the Goods Shed were 226 (MV 972) and G 616 (Dtz 57227), under restoration. Outside were B 103 (BRCW DEL 22) and G 601 (Dtz 56118).

### **Lartigue Monorailway, Listowel**

[17EL/313]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 15<sup>th</sup> April.* L.B.R. 4 (AK 62) with two coaches was demonstrated.

### **Lough Boora Parklands, Boora**

[17EL/323]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 17<sup>th</sup> April.* A number of exhibits are displayed on isolated track sections. Present were LM 51 1 (RH 259191), LM 181 (Dtz 57123), LM 127 (RH 379928) and LM 23 (RH 244788). LM 171 Q (RH 402983) was in the Sky Train Sculpture.

### **Lullymore Discovery Park & Heritage Railway**

[17EL/314]

*Steve Livesey and Danny Sheehan, 22<sup>nd</sup> March.* The Park was closed to the public but *Andrew Waldron* had kindly arranged a visit. LM 85 (RH 329693) and LM 139 (RH 392137) were in the open-ended shed. LM 309 (HE 8545) and C 72 (BnM/1972) were stored on a siding 200 yards out on the bog. LM 309 will be restored once a new engine is found.

### **Mayo North Old Engine & Tractor Club, Enniscoe Heritage Centre**

[17EL/320]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 16<sup>th</sup> April.* In the 3ft 0in gauge platform was LM 129 (RH 383264).

### **Tralee & Dingle Steam Railway Co Ltd, Blennerville Windmill**

[17EL/313]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 15<sup>th</sup> April.* This has not operated for some time due to funding issues. In a locked shed were 5T (HE 555), under restoration, and LM 92 L (RH 371967).

## **Waterford & Suir Valley Heritage Railway, Kilmeaden**

[17EL/325]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 14<sup>th</sup> April.* Plinthed by the roadside was LM 259 (Dtz 57840). Operating passenger services was No.3 'ENTERPRISE' (MR 60S382 reb AK/2004). Inside the main workshops were RH 375314 and LM 348 (SMH 60SL744). Inside a container behind the workshop were LM 179 (Dtz 57121), engine removed, and LM 256 (Dtz 57837).

## **West Cork Model Railway Village, Clonakilty**

[17EL/308]

*Alex Bettaney/CARS, 14<sup>th</sup> April.* RH 305322 was visible from the road and a footpath.

## **CHANNEL ISLANDS**

### **The Pallot Steam, Motor & General Museum, Jersey**

[17EL/336]

*Roger Bagnall, 16<sup>th</sup> June.* Inside the building were P 2085, J.T.DALY (WB 2450) and LA MEUSE (LaMeuse 3442) while outside was P 2129. MR 11143 (assumed) was standing at a platform on the 2ft gauge line. Dumped at the far side of the field was NBQ 27734.

## **ISLE OF MAN**

*Andrew Waldron and friends, 4th to 10<sup>th</sup> May.* This was a very detailed account which, because of shortage of space, has been heavily edited. The full report is in the E-Bulletin.

### **Groudle Glen Railway**

[17EL/337]

Operating the service was SEA LION (WB 1484). Outside the shed at **Lhen Coen** was WALRUS (HE 4395) and ANNIE (Booth R /1997). The shed held DOLPHIN (HE 4394). On a 4w wagon next to ANNIE were the frames, wheels, cylinders and connecting rods for the new build 2-4-0T BROWN BEAR by Booth, not yet complete. The boiler was also on site.

### **Isle of Man Steam Railway**

[17EL/337]

No.12 HUTCHINSON (BP 5126) and No.13 KISSACK (BP 5382) handled services between Douglas and Port Erin. On a pre-booked tour of the **Works** No.15 CALEDONIA (D 2178) was seen, minus boiler (at the SVR for overhaul), but should be back in service by October. Also present were No.4 LOCH (BP 1416), No.8 FENNELA (BP 3610) and No.10 G.H WOOD (BP 4662), the latter two serviceable but both have minor faults. No.1 SUTHERLAND (BP 1253) was dismantled (boiler and frames). The plan to cosmetically restore this loco has been shelved. In the **Yard** was No.18 AILSA (HE 9446). **No.2 Shop** contained MR 22021 (presumed). LM344 (SMH 60SL751) has moved to Auldyn Construction, Douglas. In **No.3 Shop** was Wkm 8849. The **End Shop** contained VIKING (Schöma 2086) which has not been used for at least three years but may replace HE 9446 as yard shunter. Also seen was one of the ex CDR WkB railcars, either 19 or 20, but no number carried. No 21 (MPES 550/1) was sheeted at the **Bus Depot**. There are a number of problems with it and it has not been used for at least two years.

## **PRESERVED ROLLING STOCK**

These notes incorporate reports received up to the end of July 2017. Compiled by the HRO Non-Locomotive Worked Lines (Graham Feldwick) or posted on the IRS Yahoo Group.

## **ENGLAND**

### **Florence Arts Centre, Egremont, Cumbria**

*Graham & Lesley Feldwick, 19<sup>th</sup> May.* Based in the former mineworkers buildings of Florence Mine, the Arts Centre has three 2ft 6in gauge tubs on display outside, all filled with soil and flowers and in a very rusty condition. One is of an end-tipping design.



### **Statue of Miner, Egremont, Cumbria**

*Graham & Lesley Feldwick, 19<sup>th</sup> May.* At the end of Egremont Main Street is a raised statue of a miner pushing a tub from Florence Mine, entitled 'Haematite Worker' to commemorate iron ore mining in the area.

### **Millom Town Centre, Millom, Cumbria**

*Graham Feldwick, 5<sup>th</sup> March.* In the centre of Millom is a plinthed statue of 'The Scrutcher', the person who spragged the narrow gauge iron ore tubs to stop them, made from Florence mine dust and resin, and complete with a tub on rails.

### **Bolsover District Council, Station Road, Bolsover, Derbyshire**

*Adrian Booth, 18<sup>th</sup> July.* The 2ft 0in gauge mine tub (black livery) remains on display here on a brick plinth to commemorate the former colliery, and is lettered '1889-1994 Bolsover Colliery'.

### **Station Road, West Hallam, Derbyshire**

*Paul Walpole, 10<sup>th</sup> June.* The narrow gauge 4w tub here is painted black with silver wheels and is placed on a raised plinth in a field opposite the entrance to what was Stanley Colliery.

### **Kingsteignton roundabout, Kingsteignton, Devon**

*Matthew Feldwick, 30<sup>th</sup> June.* One of the 2ft 6in gauge side tipping wagons that were used at the former WBB ball clay mine nearby has been painted and placed on display on a short length of track on this roundabout.

### **Cothercott Mill, Cothercott, Shropshire**

*Mike Shaw, 19<sup>th</sup> July (via IRS Yahoo Group).* Members of Shropshire Caving and Mining Club have placed an inside framed U skip from Gwynfynydd gold mine via Snailbeach loco shed on an extant plinth at the foundations of Cothercott Barytes Mill.

### **East Anglian Transport Museum, Chapel Road, Carlton Colville, Suffolk**

*Graham & Lesley Feldwick, 15<sup>th</sup> June.* The body of the 3ft 0in gauge Southwold Railway van is on display here by the narrow gauge railway. There are also two tractors with dumb buffers and formerly used for shunting trams. An excellent museum, well worth a visit.

### **Hull City Council, Streetlife Museum of Transport, High Street, Hull, East Yorkshire**

*Peter Excell, 4<sup>th</sup> July.* On display outside the museum is a simple wooden-framed standard gauge wagon, last of the bogies that were used to shift timber around the docks for export.

### **Treeton, near Rotherham, South Yorkshire**

*Adrian Booth, 31<sup>st</sup> July.* The three preserved n.g. pit tubs – one at the north end and the two at the east end filled with flowers and in front of a preserved pit wheel - are still present.

## **SCOTLAND**

### **Treasures of the Earth, Corpach, Fort William, Highland**

*Bob Smith, 19<sup>th</sup> May.* The three Hudson inside-framed U skip wagons were displayed on 2ft gauge track outside this gemstone and fossil museum. They were originally at the Eaglesham barytes mine at East Kilbride. (*HRO*: a fourth tub is on a length of track on a wooden trestle at first floor level).

## **WALES**

### **Roundabout at Penygroes, Gwynedd**

*Mike Shaw, 8<sup>th</sup> May.* A small narrow gauge double flanged slate rubble wagon is displayed under a slate 'cromlech' shelter on this roundabout.

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

### **Cardiff and Avonside Railway Society**

Trips are open to all, book via John Dicks, email: [bookings@cardiffandavonside.org](mailto:bookings@cardiffandavonside.org) or telephone 01275 853495. Updates and more information will be available on the website: <http://www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk/Trips/trips.htm>

### **Foxfield Railway**

23/24<sup>th</sup> September: **Autumn Gala**

### **LCGB North London Branch Meetings**

Members are invited to attend the above Meetings which take place at **14:00 on the second Tuesday of the month at the Wood Green Social Club, 2 Stuart Crescent, London N22**. Please support them. The nearest Tube Station is Wood Green. Plenty of buses run locally. Travel to the site by car is not advisable.

### **Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway**

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> September: **Iron Warhorse Centenary**. WDLR 778 & 2182.

30<sup>th</sup> September/1<sup>st</sup> October: **Fifty Not Out**. Celebrating the first half-century of the LBNGRS. The aim is to have at least 10 locos in steam.

15<sup>th</sup> October: **Diesels Day**

28<sup>th</sup> October: **Steam Glow**. Evening service only, photoshoot.

### **Lincolnshire Coast Light Railway, Skegness**

17<sup>th</sup> September: Skegness Water Leisure Park "**Classic Wheels**" Car Show, plus WW1 railway stock on view and passenger trains running. It is intended that trains will be operated by the newly restored **JURASSIC (P 1008)**.

### **Moseley Railway Trust, Apedale**

Trains operate every Saturday and Bank Holiday Monday to 28<sup>th</sup> October and on the second Sunday in September and October plus any Bank Holiday weekends in these months. Trains also operate every Sunday in July and August. Steam will work trains on the second complete weekend of each month, plus all three days at Bank Holidays, and on Special Event days.

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October: **Diesel Delights Weekend** a new enthusiast-orientated event, showcasing the diesel fleet.

For further details please see the websites for Moseley Railway Trust and Apedale Valley Light Railway.

### **Rocks by Rail, Cottesmore, Rutland**

"**The Rutlander**" brake van trips and "**Driver For A Fiver**" will be operating on 10<sup>th</sup> September. Admission: Adults £8.00, Senior Citizen £7.00, Child £5.00.

On non-operating days: Adults £5.00, Senior Citizen £4.00, Child £3.00.

### **Rushden Historical Transport Society, Northamptonshire**

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> September: **Model Weekend**: brake van rides using a diesel loco

22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> September: **Music and Real Ale Festival**: THE BLUE CIRCLE (AP 9449)

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October **LMS Branchline At War weekend**

18<sup>th</sup> October **Fish and Chip Supper**

28<sup>th</sup> October **Hallowe'en**: Ghost train specials

For further information see the Events Diary

### **Friends of the Thorpe Light Railway, near Barnard Castle, Co. Durham**

A private 15" gauge line.

17<sup>th</sup> September: Last **Open Day** for 2017.

For information, and the possibility of extra running sessions for private groups, see the website

### **Twyford Waterworks, Hazeley Road, Twyford, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 1QA**

The Waterworks will be open on Sunday 3rd September and Sunday 1st October.

The industrial railway will be operation on all open days. Locomotives not on display will be made available to IRS members for photography on request.

All Open Days are from 11am to 4pm, Admission Adults £5, Concessions £4, children free

Full details can be found at [www.twyfordwaterworks.co.uk](http://www.twyfordwaterworks.co.uk).

## **BOOK REVIEW**

### **THE SNAILBEACH DISTRICT RAILWAYS**

*By Andy Cuckson. ISBN 978 0906294 901. Hard back. 275mm x 215mm. 218 pages. 273 B&W photographs, maps and drawings. Published in 2017 by Twelveheads Press, 2 Woodside Cottages, Chacewater, Truro, Cornwall TR4 8LP. Price £30.00. The book is available post free from the publisher. It can also be purchased from the IRS Sales Team.*

The Snailbeach District Railways was a less well-known 2ft 4in gauge mineral railway that ran from Snailbeach Mine on the western flank of the Stiperstones ridge in Shropshire to the GWR & LNWR Joint Minsterley Branch at Pontesbury. It had a precarious existence but struggled on from its opening in 1877 until it closed in 1959. Traffic initially mainly involved the despatch of lead and carrying incoming coal but later it took on a new role hauling roadstone and became part of Colonel Stephens' empire. Andy Cuckson will be known to readers of the RECORD as he has previously contributed articles on this subject in issues 144 (March 1996) and 180 (March 2005). Based on many years of research and conversations with older residents who worked on the line, he has now been able to produce this comprehensive book which is sure to become the standard work on the railway. Coverage includes the form of rails used in the mine; the various competing schemes for a railway; the involvement of Henry Dennis, its entrepreneurial civil engineer and manager; construction of the line; its varying fortunes over the years including its relationships with other mines; its engineering features and buildings; methods of operation; its steam locomotives and wagons together with the personalities involved with the railway. The book is well written and up to Twelveheads Press' usual high standard with a superb range of photographs and maps, including drawings of the rolling stock and buildings. It also comes with a glossary of railway terms, a full set of references and an index. The book is highly recommended.

*Cliff Shepherd*

## **NEW BOOKS**

### **MARDYKE MINIATURE LOCOMOTIVES**

*By Dave Holroyde and Lawson Little*

*The Narrow Gauge - Issue 241 Spring 2017. ISBN 978-0-9934386-3-9. Published by the Narrow Gauge Railway Society. Paper covers. 40 pages. Price £5.50 from the IRS Sales Team.*

This special issue of The Narrow Gauge is intended to be a tribute to the late Dave Holroyde and is based on his records. It tells how the late Des de Smedt founded and operated the company. In addition, there is a list of the locomotives and railcars built, diesel and battery operated and mainly 7.25in gauge but some 10.25in gauge. Seven steam locos and seven rolling chassis were also completed but only four were sold.



(Left):

The cover features a loco built when Bulletin 1 was being prepared so here is one for this Bulletin. In 1949 the name Clayton would have been known for steam wagons or railcars rather than locos but, unlike Peckett and most British builders, Clayton has adapted to changing markets and technologies. Today it is one of very few British firms still building locos and, even more unusual, a successful exporter. On 13<sup>th</sup> July new 6 ton battery

loco B4629 was on test at Clayton's works before being shipped to Korea.

(Photo: Clayton Equipment Ltd.)

(Below):

Representing a previous generation of British exports is FIJI (HC 972), built in 1912 to serve the sugar cane industry in Fiji. Returned to Britain a century later, it was restored at Statfold Barn, where it is now a regular performer. *Peter Stamper's* competition winning photo shows FIJI in action during the Statfold Charter day, 2016.

