

# DEC 77 CARS 72 NEWS SHEET

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## Forthcoming Trips.

Sat 3 December.

### North London.

<u>Times.</u>	Cardiff dep	06.00	ret	22.00.
	Newport "	06.30	"	21.30.
	Bristol "	07.15	"	20.45

Bookings. This trip is now fully booked but due to the demand, a repeat of this trip will run on 14 January 1978 (see below).

Fare. £5.50. Deposit. £2.00.

Visiting. Euston, Kings Cross, St Pancras, Cricklewood, Bounds Green, Finsbury Park, Hornsey, Stratford.

Sat 14 January.

### North London.

This trip will run exactly as above, deposits are to be made by the 10 December. Members may also arrange their own transport to London (cheap return tickets etc) but should still inform the Bookings Sec, stating which depots they wish to visit. They will be subject to a charge of 50p per depot, and will be their responsibility to make their own way to the depot by the required time.

Sunday 29 January.

### Humberside.

<u>Times.</u>	Cardiff dep	00.00.	ret	22.00.
	Newport "	00.30.	"	21.30.
	Bristol "	01.15.	"	20.45.

Bookings. To be made by 31 December.

Fare. £8.50 Deposit. £3.00.

Visiting: Hull Botanic Gardens, Hull Docks, Goole, Doncaster Works, Doncaster, Frodingham, Immingham, Grimsby, Lincoln.

## Seasonal Greetings.

The Committee takes this opportunity to wish all members a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to thank you for your support during the past year. We look forward to your continuing support for the following year.

## Membership Fee 1978.

The membership fee for 1978 will remain at £1.00. Members wishing to rejoin the society please complete the membership renewal form and send it to the Membership Secretary by the 31 December. The member credit scheme is still in operation and is the same as last year 25p.

Day 1.

Knottingley: 08206/305/309. 47277/292/296/301/302/304/308/309/310/361/372/373/374.  
Thornaby: 03075/159. 08059/310/864/772. 31130/143/278/285/152. 37001/024/069/070/  
37072/100/135/154/160/163/198/201/211/219. 40196. 47052/288/360/362/363/  
47493/542. ADB966509.  
Tees Yard. 08251/502/608/770/774. 31141. 37003.  
Hartlepoons. 08212/389. 37013. dmu:51429/1485. 56453.  
Darlington St. 08120. 40070. dmu: 50295/6065.  
Darlington: 03080. 08003/004/053/063/161/167/268/506/512. 31139/277. 37010/155.  
dmu's: 50144/0170/0178/0182/0183/0184/0220/0223/0248/0259/0261/0294/0295/  
51211/1216/1219/1223/1226/1236/1274/1439. 56052/6054/6056/6062/6065/  
56072/6087/6091/6084/6136/6378/6396/6405. 59064/104/9063/9068/9070/9113/  
59572.  
Passing. 40030/080/156.  
Shildon: 08006/071/159.  
Sunderland: 08058/081/254. 37028/048/066/073/195/216/242.  
Gateshead: 03064/079/107. 08001/217/516/562/708/872. 20133. 31406/418. 40030/040/  
40069/074/085/086/145. 37004/053/059/071. 45009/028/053/075. 46027/035/  
46042/045/047/049/051/055. 47036/411/412/413/415/421/487/519. 55008/011/  
55014/021.  
South Gosforth: 08054. 40051/063.  
dmu: 50149/0156/0165/0168/0191/0204/0209/0211/0213/0225/0229/0251/0291/0555/  
50564/0602/0609/0617/0634/0639/0766. 51205/1208/1214/1283/1285/1427/1441/  
51478/1490/1492/1500/1507. 56050/6078/6081/6089/6190/6193/6218/6367/  
56370/6375/6376/6379/6399/6409/6410/6420/6427/6464/6499. 59049/9050/  
59090/9188/9190/9197/9203/9208/9214/9220/9233/9240/9380/9573/9574/9576/  
59577.  
Heaton: 08544/325/747/888. 45048. 47502.  
Blyth: 08116. 37030/055/056/061/063/068/078/083/099.  
Tyne & Wear 03056/061.  
NCL Depot.  
Tyne Yard: 08087/274/511. 31120/280/289. 37004/006/032/062/065/077/096/106/250.  
40038/156. 47041/222/306.  
Newcastle Cen: 03066/078/111. 46004/033. 47420/494/525.

Day 2 to be published next month.

Books for Christmas.

The following publications are available:-

RAILWAY + STEAM ENTHUSIASTS HANDBOOK: A132 page illustrated hardback with 38 sections of railway preservation information, BR data (motive power, lines, gradient summits, tunnels, banks, yards and signal boxes), and other reference data. Price = £3.25. Available post free from Avon Anglia, 9 Poplar Avenue, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. BS9 2BE.

RAIL 125: an official BR Western Region publication to mark the introduction of the HST's to regular public service. It is a 24 page booklet with many colour and black and white illustrations, diagrams, a map and a comprehensive text. The booklet describes the role of operation of the trains and gives technical, timing and engineering data on the HST's. Price is only 50p, available post free from the General Secretary (address on front page).

Locomotive Stock Alterations.

ScR to period ending 29/10/77.

Transfers. 25031/090/092/096(LMR)-ED. 47465(WR)-HA.

40303/321. 59114(LMR)-DE On Loan.

Withdrawn. 06007 40048.

Storage. 25031/096 Stored Unserviceable.

Correction. 51450 should read 51456. (Oct Newsheet)

SR to period 1/11/77.

Transfers. 33033(BH)-HG.

ER to period ending 30/10/77.

Transfers. 20025(TI)-IE. 31107(TI)-SF. 31109(IM)-SF. 31110(TI)-SF. 31125/126(FP)  
-MR. 31137/138(TE)-SF. 31185(FP)-SF. 31240(FP)-MR. 31297/298(TE)-TI.  
31324(TI)-HC. 37026/027(SF)-MR. 37032(TE)-GD. 37055/056(MR)-GD.  
37170(TI)-IM. 40057(YK)-GD. 40070(HM)-YK. 40152/153(GD)-TE. 40194(HM)  
-TE. 45021/022/024/025/026/027/028/029/030/031/032/034/035/036/038/039/  
45040/041/043/047/048/053/061(HO)-TI. 47064(SF)-LMR. 47158/162/165  
(SF)-IM. 47167/168(TI)-IM. 47172(SF)-IM. 47281/293/294/295(TI)-LMR.  
47298(SF)-LMR. 47313(TI)-TE. 47411(FP)-GD. 47425/426(HO)-SF. 47431  
(YK)-SF. 47434(HO)-YK. 47457/458(HO)-SF. 47459(HO)-YK. 47460/461  
(HO)-SF. 47462(HO)-YK. 47518/519/520/521/522(HO)-GD.

50166(DN)-(NL)-BG. 50214(GF)-NL. 50359(NR)-SF. 51225(BG)-CA.  
51246(GF)-DN. 51269/271(FP)-NR. 51442(NL)-CA. 51492(BG)-GF.  
56051(DN)-(NL)-BG. 56066(GF)-NL. 56071(GF)-DN. 56073(NL)-CA.  
56131(FP)-MR. 56371(BG)-CA. 56415(FP)-SF. 56474(BG)-GF.  
59197(HS)-GF. 59224(NL)-GF. 59231(BG)-GF.

Withdrawn. 03025/159/171. 03358. 51125.

Storage. 03154(TE)-LN.(stored serviceable.)  
08077/090/512 (stored serviceable)

New Stock. 56030-TI.

Class 254 TRSB. 40035/036\*  
TF. 41057\*/077/078.  
TS. 42116/121\*/122\*/124\*/125\*/126/127/128\*/129/130/131/132/133/134/  
42135.  
DMB. 43062/063/064/065.

Allocation Heaton(HT) \*Stored.

Class 312/0.

312008	76956	62491	71175	78007 )	
312009	76957	62492	71176	78008 )	Allocated
312010	76958	62493	71177	78009 )	HE.
312011	76959	62494	71178	78010 )	

Transfers. TRSB. 40036 )  
Class 254. TF. 41058 ) (HT)-BN.  
TS. 42111/112/113/114. )  
TF. 41063/067/069. (BN)-HT.

Stored. TRUK. 40511/513/514/518.  
TF. 41061/062/065/066/074.

LMR to period ending 29/10/77.

Transfers. 08025(CH)-BS. 08465(BC)-KD. 25031(SP)/090(LO)/092(CW)-ScR. 25094(KD)-  
CD. 25096(TO)-ScR. 25101(BS)/111(CW)-TO. 25112/114(SP)-CD. 25115(SP)-  
TO. 25148(LO)-CD. 25173(CW)-TO. 25186/192(LO)-CD. 40010/011/017(LO)-  
KD. 47064(ER)-BS. 47281(ER)-TO. 47293/294/295/298(ER)-BS.

Locomotive Stock Alterations (cont).

LMR Transfers (cont).

50303/321(TS)-Scr o/l. 50610/679/682/683/693/694/695/726/727/729/732/735/  
50738/739(WR)-CH. 50762(WR)-TS. 50866(NH)-TS. 50872(WR)-TS. 50919(NH)-TS.  
51058/059/071/072/073/074/076/085/086/087/099/101/102/104(CH)-WR. 50482(BY)-NH.  
59114(TS)-Scr o/l. 59261/266/279/288/291/294/299(WR)-CH. 59374(NH)-TS.  
59414/418/430/431/432/433/434/435(Cu)-WR.

Storage. 24036/091 Stored unserviceable.  
59014 released from storage to traffic at TS.

Modifications. Scr, BR+LMR.

Dual Brakes Fitted: 25178/239/307/327. 37031/084.  
S.C. Isolated. 47293.  
H.W. Fitted. 86001/015/038.  
AB, AW, C Fitted. 76036/039.  
BR AWS Fitted. 47074/228. 50057/064/081/097/123/832/835/885/888. 51220. 56066.  
Reclassified. 50862-Class116/2 )  
50872-Class116/1 ) Formerly WR parcels units.  
59492-Class187.

Refurbished Units.

(LMR only)

50051/052/057/062/064/070/076/095/097/107/113/115/117/118/  
50206/305/319/329/335/338/692/708/831/832/833/835/861/884/  
50885/912/914/924/943/945/947/981. 51179/183/184/200/203/  
51561/570/902/904/907/923/925/929/931/937. 52037/039/042/  
52043/064. 56058/228/230/253/333/341/344/351/485/487/490/  
59001/002/003/012/019/026/028/029/119/123/301/334/339/341/  
59442.

Members Trip Report.

London. 29/10/77.

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Parkway. 45010. 46023. 47242.  
Swindon. 08288/546/577/583/591/795/866. 24084. 31124/204. 37293.  
Didcot. 33061. 47326.  
Tilehurst. 47035.  
Reading. 08656/780/799/803. 31296. 47121. PWM653.  
Slough. 08785.  
Langley. 08794. 33027. 47167.  
Southall. 47258.  
Paddington. 08630. 31117/420. 47191.  
Euston. 85003/009. 86009/019/210/218/232/239/241/242/243/252/253. 87024/034/101.  
Camden. 08886. 25236/266. 86228. 87018.  
Willesden. 08010/535/903/921/926. 81014. 83010. 84006. 85012. 86027/039/204/207/208/  
86209/217/226/237/238/260. 87018/020/026/031.  
Stonebridge 08234/680/682/904. 85001/024. 86007/015/022/035.  
Park.  
Wembley. 86029/258. 87011.  
Old Oak Co. 08483/630/779/787/798/948. 31163/209/230/231/251/256/257/265/273/286/304.  
47128/444. 50010.  
Cricklewood. 08458/603/606/890/902. 25051/099/101/177/178/181/256/280/310/311/314/324.  
45004/023/044/118/143/146. 46030. 47228/295/323/339/532/537.  
Finsbury PK. 08545/551/555/558/859. 31124/117/190/199/201/207/219/223/402/405. 40083.  
47401/404/407/494/547. 55006/007/020. DB968002/003.  
Kings Cross. 31188/224/401/404/407/411. 47028/054/224/410/411/431/434/458/551/553.  
55003/008/010/012/013.  
Liverpool St. 08531. 31162. 37039/051. 47115/117/130/155/297.  
Stratford. 03009/092/171. 08131/230/233/239/241/262/264/408/409/440/518/519/520/521/  
08541/547/627/724. 31003/004/005/006/007/012/013/015/019/106/109/111/122/  
31125/129/148/156/185/192/323. 37017/023/026/027/052/064/084/088/102/109/  
37116/197/260/264. 47003/085/100/114/135/150/163/164/425/426/519/549.

Notes & News.

Cardiff.

On the 10/11/77 the 06.14 hrs Sheffield-Cardiff was worked throughout by 40054(YK), it then returned to the North with the 11.45 service to Newcastle (these times are also corrections to those stated last month).

The Cardiff-Crewe services still remain as the highlight of the month examples noted have included 25222 on the 13/11/77, 25061 and 25221 on the 26/11/77, but the afternoon service from Crewe on the 3/11/77 was powered by 24087(CD), it then returned on the 17.10 service back to Crewe, the reason for this locomotive working this train was believed to be caused when a class 47 failed at Shrewsbury while working the train, and the only loco that was on the station was the class 24, which then took over the train for the rest of the journey to Cardiff.

Off region locos noted:

20178/195. 25133/267/270. 47188(TO), 25042/061/221/222. 47040/352(CD), 47201(CW), 37081(MR), 37283(IM), 37265(SF), 37112. 47176/293(TI).

Bristol.

On the evening of the 26/10/77, the Avonmouth-St Blazey freight (7B30) passed through Temple Meads double-headed by 46008 + 46024, the latter was non operational and presumed to be a failure, this locomotive was not removed from the train at Bristol, as would have been expected, but allowed to continue as part of the train to Laira to receive the necessary attention.

Due to the bad weather over the weekend of 29/30-10-77 services to and from Scotland via Carlisle on 31/10/77, were heavily delayed or diverted via Newcastle. One such service was the 13.35 Glasgow - Bristol, which was cancelled via the normal run and a special service run via Newcastle which arrived at Bristol at 21.15.

The HST's have again been receiving bad publicity because of the high failure rate, several sets had to be replaced, due to technical faults, by others from the depot during the month. One such failure warranted a few lines in the local press on 23/11/77, having failed on leaving the depot and trapping the others on the premises causing delays of some 15 mins - hour.

Off region locos noted:

25061(CD), 31147/271(TI), 31162/204/208/315(MR).

Weston.

On the 9/11/77, M51076 + M59416 + M51099, appeared in Weston Station, having worked in on the 18.00hrs from Bristol. The unit was carrying a front number C596 on both ends. It is now known that this is one of a few new sets of units now allocated to Cardiff.

Unusual locomotive activity for November, concerns the appearance of two Stratford based class 47's. Firstly on the 8/11/77, silver-roofed 47093 powered the 12.45 Penzance - Crewe Parcels (4M05), and two days later 47011 worked the 17.40 Taunton - Bristol TM local service (2B39).

Off region locos noted.

47108/334/486(BS), 47192/228/344/501(CD). 37179/181/232(LE). 31126/151(MR). 45115/120/127(TO).

Manchester.

Firstly a couple of corrections to last months notes. The MIDLAND JUBILEE 87 is not 87004 as stated but 87007, and the GN emu 313033 at Guide Bridge was en route to Liverpool for trials on the Merseyrail system. The trials proved to be unsuccessful with among other things the doors would not open and the pantograph fell off.

The second naming ceremony at Picadilly, on Tuesday 1 November, saw 87007 named City Of Manchester, after which it departed with the 15.35 to Euston (1A61). An evening of unusual motive power took place on 15/11/77, when the 11.10(1M22) from Plymouth, due 17.39, arrived 15 mins late with 40034, due to the wires being blown down near Birmingham. Most surprisingly, the loco then ran round and worked out with the return service, the 18.28 (1G63) to Birmingham. Meanwhile the (1M52) 17.16 from

Manchester (cont).

Doncaster, arrive Picadilly at 19.15, and the return(1E64) 19.45 to Hull was worked by an ex WR Inter-City dmu.

Meanwhile over at Victoria class 31's now have a regular duty. The loco works over light engine from Huddersfield and returns with the 02.15 (1E26) Newspaper train to Leeds, also on the 3/11/77 31403(FP) was seen towing a failed Calder Valley dmu back to the Eastern Region.

As a result of a caustic soda train being derailed on the WCML near Preston, it resulted in two Anglo-Scottish trains being diverted through Victoria. 47492(BS) with the 08.15 (1861) Bristol-Glasgow, which passed through at 12.38, and 47420(GD) with the 09.23 (1M24) Glasgow-Birmingham, which arrived at 14.10 and eventually left at 14.50.

The Holyhead-Trafford Park freightliner, (4H59), has been turning up late on a few occasions, probably due to the container ship arriving late due to heavy seas, The latest of which was on 23/11/77, when it passed through Victoria at 14.02. exactly 6 hours late the engine being 40182.

Finally on the 18/11/77 shortly after 13.00hrs and in the space of less than 5 minutes, no less than 12 locos passed through Victoria, 9 of which were class 40's, the locos being : 25194. 40027/034/042/087/106/135/140/174/195. 46026. 47087.

Off region locos noted: 1) Picadilly 2) Victoria.

1). 25054(CW). 25214(TO). 40100(HM). 45059(TO). 47031(LA). 47120(BS). 47247(CF).  
47254(SF). 46051(GD).

2) 47492/531/532(BS). 45030/039(TI). 40074. 46036/039/042/043/044/047/055. 47420(GD).  
40153(TE). 25074/136/211/258. 45055(TO). 25202. 40009/016/087/088/136/137(KD).  
40052(YK). 37112(TI). 40176/195/197/199(HM). 47213/219/263(IM). 47010/162/165(SF).  
25302(CW). 31403(FP). 47083/087/096/097/252/258(CF).

General.

A visit to Glasgow on 19/11/77 revealed that several of the Ayr based Cross-Country units had been refurbished, the most striking feature being that they are now in standard blue and grey livery, which alone has smartened up their appearance no end. However only one complete 3 car set was noted as such the other sets noted had just one or two cars refurbished. In addition these units now carry set numbers which appear just below the drivers window on the non gangwayed ends also, the majority of Hamilton based units were noted with set numbers, again just on one end only.

The highlight of the day for the railway enthusiasts on the special from Bristol-Edinburgh on 19/11/77, was the first leg of the return journey, Edinburgh-Carstairs, when super power in the form of 55019 was used. While on the subject of Beltics 55018 which was rumoured to have been cut up, is in fact in Doncaster Works undergoing repair and is expected to return to traffic on 2/12/77.

On the 19/11/77 a class 33 was a rare visitor to Swansea on an excursion from the Southern, the identity unknown, also an unidentified class 31 was seen derailed lying on its side in the Thames Valley, covered by a canvas sheet.

Finally class 33, 33043 was noted on Hither Green Depot on 29/10/77 with severe accident damage after falling down an embankment on the Hither Green-Dartford line, due to this derailment a special bus service was laid on operating from Hither Green Station.

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