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EDITORIAL

"THE BRENTFORD BARD": Our second railtour ran as planned on June 22nd and was hauled almost throughout by 37682/37685. The exception was Brentford to Hayes & Harlington where 47145 assisted us back to the mainline.

Before the day itself we lost the Colnbrook branch at very short notice, after the balance had been paid and much to our annoyance, and almost ended up being sent wrong road to Stratford-upon-Avon via Dorridge. The latter was corrected, and last minute negotiations got us rerouted into Paddington as partial compensation for the loss of Colnbrook, but a planned trip round a loop of lines between Paddington and Greenford was lost because of very late running caused by a vacuum brake farce between the 37's and 47145. I shall not go into much detail here as a full report will appear in the August "Syphon!". A few blue railtour teeshirts remain, and these can be purchased from the Sales Officer for £5 + fl postage and packing.

To give you (and your pockets) some advance warning, other fundraising events planned this year include the circulation of the donations letter next month, a sponsored walk in September, and our annual draw which this year will probably be in December.

MONTHLY DRAW: The June winner will be announced next month as Rod is on holiday.

PRESERVATION FUND: The total on 7/7/91 was £3437.82, the increase over last month being due to collections at the East Lancs Railway, on "The Brentford Bard" railtour and at the June open meeting, and more membership number changes.

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: For the first time our membership has passed and maintained a total of over 250, a big thankyou to you all for making this possible. June's renewals and new members were as follows: Colin Wilks (37010), Mr C.Burton (37022), Mr B.Darling (37025), Mr R.King (37061), Mr S.King (37062), Mr P.Egerton (37073), Mr A.Egerton (37074), Ms A.Egerton (37075), Ms S.Egerton (37076), Steve Fennell (37088), Mr C.Preston (37113), Mr J.Potts (37117), Mr J.Potts (37118), Mr C.Bruce (37121), Mr T.Benge (37122), Mr J.Russell (37140), Mr C.Gill (37141), Mr M.Halsey (37153), Master M.A.Halsey (37154), Mr P.Westley (37160), Rob Fairhead (37161), Mr R.Cory (37188), Mr I.Hewitt (37190), Mr P.Shipcott (37197), Mr A.Green (37198), Mike Hallam-Rudd (37199), Clive Penning (37216), Andrew Harlott (37253), Mr A.Richards (37407), Andrew Wilkinson (37408), Mr S.Salter (37413)
Membership number changes are Mr M.Ireland (37163 to 37797), Mr J.Ireland (37064 to 37026 and Mr S.Riley (37255 to 37420).

DIARY: 24.7.91 Open Meeting (Wednesday) at The County, St Helens Street, Ipswich. What was the green room should be reopened by now, but I don't know if it will still be green, start 2010.

28.7.91 Pathfinder Tours "Vulcan Valley Venturer", 37's on South Wales branches.

4.8.91 SALES STAND, Gloucester railway, 37's to Westerleigh Yard.

11.8.91 North Wales Coast diesel day, includes 2 x 37.

18.8.91 SALES STAND, Old Oak Common open day.

THANKYOU to everybody who has supplied me with information this month, a full list of credits will appear in next months "Syphon!"

DEADLINE for the August "Syphon!" will be July 30th.

NEWSDESK

Reallocations for the period 4.6.91 - 2.7.91 were as follows:

37013	TE-IM	FTMT-FPCI	37225	CF-TI	FMAK-FDET	37715	CP-TE	FMHK-FMTY
37108	ML-SF	FMGM-DCAA	37504	TE-ML	FMTY-FMGM			

LIVERIES: More repaints that have come to my attention are; 058 - civil engineers, 073 - triple tone Distribution, 420 - Inter City.

NAMES: 37902 has been named 'British Steel Llanwern' and was seen as such at Newport on 8/6. 37079 is now 'Medite', the name of a multi-national shipping line who operate from the port of Felixstowe - the nameplates standing out from the crowd as they are yellow. 37504, now a Motherwell engine, has lost its 'British Steel Corby' plates.

GENERAL: 37225 seems to be leading a mercurial existence of late. After looking (metaphorically) like a withdrawal candidate earlier in the year it appeared with a shiny corporate blue repaint, a condition in which it was seen at Hereford on 1/6. However, within a couple of weeks it had disappeared to Doncaster Works for Intermediate overhaul and would presumably receive another repaint. The future for 37273 seems to be less certain, its condition giving two correspondents cause for concern. It is currently at Cardiff Canton with serious body damage and has been cannibalised of certain parts, some I believe for 37225 ironically. In addition, some parts and copper were stolen while it was on its side at Johnston.

Now allocated to Stratford, 37108 has also been at Canton, for a bogie change and was expected to be dispatched on 6/7 for its new home. Although the Hunterston-Ravenscraig iron ore trains are now almost exclusively hauled by new class 60's, 37's still make the occasional appearance. An example was on 8/5 when 37501/520 worked a return trip leaving Ravenscraig at 0900 and returning at 1600. On the return they were piloted from Mossend Yard by 37209, still large logo blue and unofficially named 'Phantom'. 37's have also been recently employed moving imported coal from Rothesay dock, Yoker to Kincardine power station. Two separate workings of 16 coal hoppers leave the dock mid-morning, each behind a single 37 and are united at Mossend to be worked forward. 37165/222/229/375/694 were exhibited amongst other things at a staff + family open day at Ayr TMD on Sunday 19/5.

37131 was involved in an incident at Washwood Heath on 29/4 and had to be moved to Bescot for inspection, where it remained until 2/5 at least. Also on 29/4, 37167 failed at Toton. On 1/5, 37026 (in multiple with 37031) failed at Chippenham Junction after losing its coolant while working 4L97 (2045 Coatbridge-Felixstowe). 37185 was used to assist the failure forward to Bury where 37052/047 took over. On 9/5, 37670 (in multiple with 37412) failed just short of Dainton summit while working 6M72 (2225 St Blazey - Cliff Vale). 37010 was sent from Exeter to assist and 37670 ended up being dumped at Exeter.

WORKS: DONCASTER - the following were present on 2/7: 037 - radiator/fan, 096 - withdrawn, 225/244 - Intermediate overhaul, 260 - withdrawn, 415 - general engine repairs, 674 - collision damage (OK - 28/7), 684/688/796 - light overhaul, 802 - main alternator, 895 - light overhaul. 37073 left on 1/7 after Intermediate and 671 on 5/7.

GLASGOW, also on 2/7 contained: 023 - Intermediate (OK - 9/7), 221/230 - both rectification, 405 - general engine repairs & collision damage (OK - 6/9), 411 - engine repairs (OK-16/8) 680/695 - light overhaul.

PASSENGER INFORMATION

The latest 'NB' class 37 passenger workings, including what I know of the long awaited 'Motherwell drags' and movements of 37025 are as follows. If you can shed further details on either of these two subjects (or know of any class 37 hauled passenger workings) I would very much like to hear from you.

1.6.91	37038	1130 Paignton-Paddington (Exeter-Paddington)
	37207	2055 (31/5) Edinburgh-Plymouth (Newton Abbot-Plymouth)
5.6.91	37144	0705 Ipswich-Lowestoft (Woodbridge-Lowestoft)
8.6.91	37144	1007 Yarmouth-Leeds (Yarmouth-Norwich)
		1345 Cambridge-Yarmouth (Norwich-Yarmouth) /1630 Yarmouth-Norwich
9.6.91	37026	1525 Euston-Glasgow (Braidhurst J-Polmadie)
	37051	1530 Glasgow-Birmingham NS (Glasgow C-Motherwell)
		1000 Euston-Glasgow (Braidhurst J-Polmadie)
	37128	1445 Glasgow-Euston (Glasgow C-Carstairs)
		1645 Glasgow-Euston (Glasgow C-Motherwell)
	37152	1505 Glasgow-Edinburgh (?) (Glasgow C-?)
		1615 Glasgow-Plymouth (Glasgow C-Motherwell)
	37521	1312 Plymouth-Glasgow (Braidhurst J-Polmadie)
10.6.91	37035	1705 Waterloo-Exeter (Honiton-Exeter)
	37026	0815 Glasgow-Euston (Glasgow C-Motherwell)
	37099	0716 Penzance-Glasgow (Braidhurst J-Polmadie)
	37238	0825 Glasgow-Poole (Glasgow C-Motherwell)
12.6.91	37156	1030 Inverness-Kyle (Muir of Ord-Kyle) /1705 Kyle-Inverness
14.6.91	37156	1030 Inverness-Kyle /1705 Kyle-Inverness
15.6.91	37025	0845 Inverness-Kyle CHARTER (1240/1241)
	37026	1007 Yarmouth-Leeds (Yarmouth-Norwich)
		0847 Birmingham NS-Yarmouth (1356 Norwich-Yarmouth)
		1700 Norwich-Liverpool St (Haughley J-Ipswich) - 86220 failed
	37156	1030 Inverness-Kyle /1705 Kyle-Inverness
	37219	1101 Yarmouth-Birmingham NS (Yarmouth-Norwich)
		0942 Leeds-Yarmouth (1545 Norwich-Yarmouth)
16.6.91	37053	0830 Liverpool St-Norwich (Stratford-Norwich)
17.6.91	37040	0825 Glasgow-Poole (Glasgow C-Motherwell)
	37285	0815 Glasgow-Euston (Glasgow C-Motherwell)
19.6.91	37087	0825 Glasgow-Poole (Glasgow C-Motherwell)
	37216	1935 Liverpool St-Harwich PQ (Manningtree-Harwich PQ) - 86246 fail
	37885	2100 (18/6) Plymouth-Edinburgh (Braidhurst J-Polmadie)
20.6.91	37153	0825 Glasgow-Poole (Glasgow C-Motherwell)
	37264	1815 Bristol-Paddington
21.6.91	37025	0655 Kyle-Inverness /1227 Inverness-Kyle /1705 Kyle-Inverness
	37152	2025 (20/6) Inverness-Euston (Blair Atholl-Edinburgh)
	37184	2130 (20/6) Euston-Inverness (Stirling-Perth)
	37152/184	2130 (20/6) Euston-Inverness (Perth-Inverness)
22.6.91	37025	1030 Inverness-Kyle /1505 Kyle-Inverness /1842 Inverness-Kyle
	37111	2110 (21/6) Euston-Fort William (Edinburgh-Eastfield)
	37219	1007 Yarmouth-Leeds (Yarmouth-Norwich)
		0942 Leeds-Yarmouth (1545 Norwich-Yarmouth)
	37682/685	0758 Manchester P.-Brentford /Hayes & Harlington-Paddington
		Paddington-Manchester P. CHARTER
	37892/893	Paddington-Merthyr-Cwm Bargoed-Paddington CHARTER
23.6.91	37698	0842 Bute Rd-Merthyr /1242 Bute Rd-Merthyr /1642 Bute Rd-Merthyr
	37702	1003 Merthyr-Bute Rd /1403 Merthyr-Bute Rd /1803 Merthyr-Bute Rd
24.6.91	37025	0655 Kyle-Inverness /1227 Inverness-Kyle /1705 Kyle-Inverness
25.6.91	37025	1030 Inverness-Kyle /1505 Kyle-Inverness /1842 Inverness-Kyle
26.6.91	37025	0655 Kyle-Inverness /1227 Inverness-Kyle /1705 Kyle-Inverness
	37101	0716 Blackpool-Manchester V
	37196	0607 Edinburgh-Cardenden-Edinburgh
27.6.91	37025	1030 Inverness-Kyle /1505 Kyle-Inverness /1842 Inverness-Kyle
	37167	0607 Edinburgh-Cardenden-Edinburgh
28.6.91	37025	0655 Kyle-Inverness /1227 Inverness-Kyle /1705 Kyle-Inverness
	37165	0607 Edinburgh-Cardenden-Edinburgh
	37175	1000 Aberdeen-Nairn /1930 Nairn-Aberdeen (1240/1241)

29.6.91	37025	1030 Inverness-Kyle /1505 Kyle-Inverness /1842 Inverness-Kyle
	37219	1007 Yarmouth-Leeds (Yarmouth-Norwich)
		0847 Birmingham NS-Yarmouth (1356 Norwich-Yarmouth)
30.6.91	37888	0625 Manchester P.-Walton-on-Naze (Willesden-Stratford) CHARTER
	37892	0625 Manchester P.-Walton-on-Naze (Shoeburyness-Liverpool St and Colchester St Botolphs-Walton-on-Naze) CHARTER
1.7.91	37025	0655 Kyle-Inverness /1227 Inverness-Kyle /1705 Kyle-Inverness
	37152	1010 Inverness-Euston (Perth-Edinburgh)
	37263	1000 Cheltenham-Cardiff
2.7.91	37025	1030 Inverness-Kyle /1505 Kyle-Inverness /1842 Inverness-Kyle
	37088	1703 Edinburgh-Cardenden-Edinburgh

From Monday 8/7/91 a number of 37 passenger diagrams are due to commence as follows, starting with the Monday-Saturday diagrams.

1A44	0552	Inverness-Aberdeen	1H23	0617	Aberdeen-Inverness
1H27	0916	Aberdeen-Inverness	1A50	1050	Inverness-Aberdeen
1A52	1212	Inverness-Aberdeen	1H33	1524	Aberdeen-Inverness
1H35	1714	Aberdeen-Inverness			
5H35	1935	Inverness-Aberdeen (ECS)			
2H80	0655	Kyle-Inverness	2H83	1030	Inverness-Kyle
2H85	1227	Inverness-Kyle	2H84	1505	Kyle-Inverness
2H86	1705	Kyle-Inverness	2H87	1842	Inverness-Kyle
2J86	0741	Southport-Manchester V.	1J96	0716	Blackpool North-Manchester V.
	0940	Manchester V.-Southport	1N99	1715	Manchester V.-Blackpool North
	1440	Southport-Manchester V. (ECS)	2027		Blackpool North-Manchester V.
2P87	1706	Manchester V.-Southport			

The Inverness-Aberdeen and Manchester-Southport/Blackpool line diagrams are booked for 37/4's, whereas the Inverness-Kyle diagrams can be 37/0 or 37/4, for which 37025 and 37156 are available. On Saturdays the 'Blackpool' finishes with a 1900 Blackpool to Liverpool instead of the 2027 Blackpool-Manchester. There are of course also the Cambrian line Saturday only diagrams - 0450 Shrewsbury-Pwllheli/0936 Pwllheli-New St and 1058 New St-Pwllheli/1725 Pwllheli-New St - and the Fort William sleeper. The Inverness-Aberdeen line also has 2 Sunday only diagrams as follows:

1A48	1000	Inverness-Aberdeen	1H27	1000	Aberdeen-Inverness
1H31	1314	Aberdeen-Inverness	1A56	1526	Inverness-Aberdeen
1A58	1706	Inverness-Aberdeen	1H39	1955	Aberdeen-Inverness

On the first day of the weekday diagrams (8/7), 37430 did the Blackpool and a 31 the Southport, 37407 and 37408 shared the Kyle diagrams and 47's worked the Inverness to Aberdeen trains, although 37262 did the 0552 Inverness-Aberdeen and 37431 was due to take over later in the day. As it was the first day after a big change-round many of the loco's were in the wrong places, hence the non appearance of 37's on several of the above. More details of the movements of the 37/4's of late will appear in next months 'Electric Themes'.

Some other brief details of those workings listed in this months gen list are as follows. On 10/6, 37035 took over from 50002 after the latter hit a dog at Crewkerne. 37156 started a stint on the Kyles on 12/6 after taking over from 37408 which had failed with an electrical fault on its first trip out. 37026, which was at the time towing dead 47284 and 47624, bolted onto the back of the 1700 Norwich-Liverpool St at Haughley after 86220 failed on 15/6, arriving Ipswich 60 minutes late. The next day 37053 worked on the Great Eastern, leaving Stratford 52 minutes late and arriving Norwich 93 late. A couple of rumoured workings I can dispel, 37031/271 were quoted for the 0905 Norwich-Liverpool St on 14/6, they infact took the stock ECS from Stowmarket to Ipswich top yard with the passengers put on the following London service, and on 28/6, 37045/047 did not work a Felixstowe service forward from Derby Road, simply because nobody turned up for it! For this months 'Working of the Month' I'm having 37264 on 20/6 on the 1815 Bristol-Paddington - thankyou and goodnight.

A full 'Regional View' will appear in the August "Syphon!" - keep the news flowing!