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### EDITORIAL

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** A final reminder that this will be held in the upstairs room at The County, St Helens Street, Ipswich, on Saturday 23rd November 1991 with an amended starting time of 1345. The pub is actually on the corner of St Helens Street and Orchard Street opposite the County Hall offices of Suffolk County Council, about 5-10 minutes walk from the town centre. If you are planning to drive I will happily send directions to anybody who writes to me (Editor) for details. If you are coming by rail it is best to catch an Ipswich Buses service 12 or 13 (8 buses per hour) from the bus shelter immediately opposite the station doors to Tower Ramparts bus station (33p exact fare only). On alighting from the bus continue along the road the bus was travelling (Crown Street) which becomes St Margarets Street. At the fork in the road where the new Odeon cinema is, go to the right of the cinema and proceed along this road past the Regent Theatre, shortly after which you will see The County on the left hand side of the road. The agenda will include: minutes of the last A.G.M., Chairmans address, Treasurers report, Membership Secretarys report, Editors report, report on behalf of Railtour sub-committee, matters arising from the last A.G.M., election of Executive Committee, and any other business. Although the meeting actually starts at 1345, we will be in the room from at least 1300. Sales items will be available, and there will be a collection for the Preservation Fund - please come along if you can!

**CHRISTMAS DRAW:** This year we are running a 'modified low cost' version of the annual draw after the difficulties we experienced last year in making what was a relatively small amount of money. With this newssheet, you will find two strips of raffle tickets with duplicates of each number. Each ticket (number) is 20p and all we want you to do is write your name and address on the back of each ticket and return them to The Promoter, Dean Warner, 10 Surbiton Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 4AX, with the money. The first prize is £25 and there will be a variety of other prizes as well, with the draw taking place on Wednesday 18th December 1991 so the prizes will hopefully arrive before Christmas. More strips of tickets can be obtained by writing to Dean (The Promoter), and as all proceeds go to the Preservation Fund it goes without saying that we want you all to buy as many strips/tickets as possible for yourself or others. Don't forget the ticket purchaser keeps one copy with the other returned to Dean with the name & address on the back. All cheques & postal orders should be made out to 'The Class 37 Group' - please don't send money through the post if possible - good luck!

**CHRISTMAS STORIES & MESSAGES:** Each year we try to include a christmas story, fact or fiction, in the December "Syphon". Why not put your imagination or memory to work and pen a suitable tale, otherwise you might have to put up with one of my own! There is also the opportunity again to send a message, festive or otherwise, via the pages of the

December "Syphon!" by sending the message to the Editor with a cheque/postal order for £1 which goes to the Preservation Fund. Please send all stories and messages to reach the Editor by Monday 25th November.

THIRTY YEARS OF THE 37: My thanks to Mike Rouse (37003) who confirms that, with reference to last months instalment relating to 1964, D6707 had covered nameplates, a condition in which it was observed at Lowestoft on 4th July 1963.

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

PRESERVATION FUND: There has been a big increase on last months figure, and on 4.11.91 the total stood at £4885:53. This rise is thanks to a £100 donation from Mark Rigby, sponsored walk money collected by Maurice Barber, Dean Warner and Dave Ruddick, and the transfer of a further £500 from the General Account as a result of profits made during the last year. Other income has come from Membership number changes and collections in the donations box at the East Lancs Railway diesel weekend and October Open and Committee meetings. Outstanding sponsored walk money will put the total over £5000, otherwise donations are welcomed to the Treasurer at any time.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Many thanks to A.Jones (37048), Mr R, Mrs C, Mr K and Mr S McBeath (37064/065/066/067), Mr J.Haydock (37220), Mr D.Bellamy (37222), C.Richens (37237), K.Richens (37238), P.Stevenson (37240) and Marcus Linfoot (37512) who have either joined or renewed their membership during the last month, your support is very much appreciated. My apologies to those who have had renewals due for the delay in publication of the last 2-3 magazines/newssheets which have been later than I would have liked. Fortunately our system gives each member a months grace, so don't worry if you are not able to get your renewal off straight away as long as it reaches us by the end of the month after it was due. There is one membership number change to report, Mr D.Pulfer (37103-37672). A list of membership number currently available reads: 37015/016/020/021/028/030/034-36/040/042/047/057/071/079/089/092/094/098/099/101-103/138/201/226/230/265-304/306-314/320-326/350-359/370-381/401/404/411/415-418/421-424/426/428/430/501-511/513-521/668-670/673/674/676-693/695-699/701-705/707-715/717-719/796/798-803/883-886/888-890/894-899.

If you would like to replace your number with any of these, send a letter of explanation to the Membership Secretary together with £1 which goes into the Preservation Fund.

DIARY: 13.11.91 Open Meeting (Wednesday) at The County, St Helens Street, Ipswich, in the 'Green Room', starting at 20.10.

23.11.91 5th Annual General Meeting, The County, St Helens Street, Ipswich, meeting starts at 13.45, for directions see this months Editorial.

THANKS to those who have supplied me with information for this newssheet, these good persons include Mark Rigby, David Wilson, Maurice Barber, Colin Wilks, Mike Rouse, Marcus Linfoot, Mr D.Pulfer, Martin Ranson, Timothy Stretan, Andrew Donald, Crispian Cousins, David Reid, R.Cavanagh, John Hooson, Alistair Barham, Dean Warner, Neil Murphy, Martin Reeve. Information not included this month will be used in the December "Syphon!".

DEADLINE for the December "Syphon!" will be Monday 25th November.

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#### NEWSDESK

There had been no depot or sector reallocations upto 26.10.91.

LIVERIES: Newly reported changes are 37013/261 - Railfreight Distribution, 37175 - civil engineers, and 37696/797 - Railfreight Coal.

GENERAL: It is understood from sources at Crewe Works that 37903, there following its collision with 37137 which is still present as well, will be released with an English Electric 12CSVT engine reinstated. Although not scheduled to be done until the new financial year in April, I understand work has already started. The most logical re-numbering would be to 37882, as this would fit in with the other refurbished centre box ballasted loco's that also have Brush alternator equipment.

In connection with the reopening of the Tondy-Pontycymer line, which is scheduled for early November, 37697 worked light engine from Margam then over this route on Monday 28th October for the benefit of S & T staff. The next day (29/10) it made two trips with 18 empty MGR wagons, driver route learning between Tondy and Pontycymer. It is thought that this was the first train on the branch, excepting the weedkiller, for around 5 years. There has also been, and will be for the foreseeable future, coal trains from Maesteg as there is still coal being found in the tips above the town. There were due to be two trains during week commencing 28/10 to Jersey Marine Steel Supply on Wednesday and Friday.

In Anglia, the Sizewell construction trains are due to cease on 17/12/91. Currently, this runs as 6Y60, 0500 Ipswich-Leiston and 6Y61, 0926 Leiston-Ipswich (Thursday and Saturday excepted), and is limited to 600 tons which includes the loco weight. This is because anything more and the train is prone to being unable to restart on the steep bank on the freight branch when the rails are wet or greasy, and Construction sector are no longer prepared to pay for two loco's to be provided.

37429 was noted at Motherwell TMD on 5/10/91 minus one of its "Eisteddfod Genedlaethol" nameplates. It was paired with 37373 for use on the Gunnie-Clitheroe cement.

# PASSENGER INFORMATION

Unfortunately some errors crept into the gen in the September "Syphon Extra" and October "Syphon!" which I am happy to rectify. On 14/8 the 1050 Inverness-Aberdeen was worked by 37153 (as correctly shown in September "Syphon Extra"), not 37428 which only worked the 1930 Inverness-Aberdeen ECS on that date. On 15/8, 37153 did 1050 Inverness-Aberdeen and 1714 Aberdeen-Inverness, not the 1524 Aberdeen-Inverness which was worked by 37408 as correctly shown last month. There seems some debate over what 37152 actually did on 21/9, although it certainly wasn't Ayr-Dumbarton as shown last month. I have been informed it \*worked the 0725 Glasgow-Mallaig charter only to Cowairs where 37404 went forward, although there was an SRPS charter that day that was advertised as 0705 Edinburgh-Fort William, not via Glasgow. Finally, reference to 37225 working 1855 Waterloo-Exeter from Salisbury to Exeter on 29/9 should be deleted. On with this months latest 'gen', which includes the following two "standard diagram" codes:

A = 0714 Blackpool-Manchester Victoria /1721 Manchester Victoria-Southport

B = 0716 Southport-MV /1715 MV-Blackpool /1900 Blackpool-Liverpool

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|----------|-----------|--|
| 23. 9.91 | 37144     | 1700 Liverpool St.-Norwich (Needham Market-Norwich)                    |
|          | 37158     | 0605 Derby-Plymouth (Exeter-Plymouth) - 47824 failed                   |
|          |           | 1203 Plymouth-Manchester P. (Plymouth-Exeter)                          |
| 25. 9.91 | 37232     | 1050 Inverness-Aberdeen  |
|          | 37407     | 1705 Kyle-Inverness  |
|          | 37416     | 1015 Inverness-Kyle  |
| 28. 9.91 | 37232     | 0617 Aberdeen-Inverness /1050 Inverness-Aberdeen                       |
|          | 37407     | 0650 Kyle-IS /1227 IS-Kyle /1705 Kyle-IS                               |
|          | 37416     | 1015 Inverness-Kyle  |
| 29. 9.91 | 37098     | 1755 Exeter-Waterloo (Exeter-Salisbury)                                |
|          |           | 1855 Waterloo-Exeter (Salisbury-Exeter)                                |
|          | 37418     | 1610 Birmingham NS-Aberystwyth /2017 Aberystwyth-Machynlleth           |
| 30. 9.91 | 37415 = A | 37426 = B  |
| 1.10.91  | 37415     | 0716 Southport-MV /1715 MV-Blackpool /1900 Blackpool-Liverpool         |
|          | 37426     | 0714 Blackpool-Manchester Victoria                                     |
|          | 37430     | 1721 Manchester Victoria-Southport                                     |
| 2.10.91  | 37415     | 0714 Blackpool-Manchester Victoria                                     |
|          | 37426     | 1715 Manchester Victoria-Blackpool /1900 Blackpool-Liverpool           |
|          | 37430     | 0716 Southport-Manchester Victoria /1721 Manchester Victoria-Southport |
| 3.10.91  | 37426 = B | 37430 = A  |
| 4.10.91  | 37415     | 1721 Manchester Victoria-Southport                                     |
|          | 37426     | 0714 Blackpool-Manchester Victoria                                     |
|          | 37430     | 0716 Southport-MV /1715 MV-Blackpool /1900 Blackpool-Liverpool         |
| 5.10.91  | 37430     | 0714 Blackpool-MV /1715 MV-Blackpool /2027 Blackpool-MV                |
| 7.10.91  | 37415     | 0716 Southport-Manchester Victoria                                     |
|          | 37419     | 1715 Manchester Victoria-Blackpool /1900 Blackpool-Liverpool           |
|          | 37430     | 0714 Blackpool-Manchester Victoria /1721 Manchester Victoria-Southport |
| 8.10.91  | 37419 = A | 37430 = B  |
| 9.10.91  | 37419 = B | 37430 = A  |
| 10.10.91 | 37419     | 0716 Southport-MV /1715 MV-Blackpool /1900 Blackpool-Liverpool         |
| 11.10.91 | 37415     | 1715 Manchester Victoria-Blackpool /1900 Blackpool-Liverpool           |
|          | 37419     | 0714 Blackpool-Manchester Victoria /1721 Manchester Victoria-Southport |
| 12.10.91 | 37415     | 0714 Blackpool-MV /1715 MV-Blackpool /2027 Blackpool-MV                |
|          | 37430     | 1200 Crewe-Cardiff /1720 Cardiff-Crewe (additional for rugby)          |
| 14.10.91 | 37271/272 | 0745 Basingstoke-Exeter St Davids (Basingstoke-Salisbury) 47712 f'ward |
|          | 37415 = A | 37419 = B  |

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15.10.91	37415	0716 Southport-Manchester Victoria
	37418	0714 Blackpool-Manchester Victoria
	37419	1715 Manchester Victoria-Blackpool /1900 Blackpool-Liverpool
	37430	1721 Manchester Victoria-Southport
	37521	0705 Glasgow-Euston (Motherwell-Carlisle) 87001 failed
16.10.91	37216	1208 Peterborough-Ipswich (Thurston-Stowmarket, CAPED)
	37419 = A	37430 = B
17.10.91	37070	1514 Glasgow-Euston (Carstairs-Abington)
	37087	1707 Glasgow-Euston (Carstairs-Abington)
	37419 = B	37430 = A
	37504	1025 Euston-Glasgow (Abington-Carstairs)
18.10.91	37419 = A	37430 = B
19.10.91	37430	0714 Blackpool-MV /1055 MV-Blackburn /1205 Blackburn-MV
		1355 MV-Blackburn /1505 Blackburn-MV /1715 MV-Blackpool
		2027 Blackpool-MV
21.10.91	37069	2105 (20/10) Euston-Inverness (?-Beattock)
	37278	2105 (20/10) Euston-Inverness (?-Dunblane) assisting 47673
	37415	1715 Manchester Victoria-Blackpool /1900 Blackpool-Liverpool
	37419	0716 Southport-Manchester Victoria
	37430	0714 Blackpool-Manchester Victoria /1721 Manchester Victoria-Southport
22.10.91	37054	0639 Westbury-Paddington (Westbury-Reading, CAPED) - 47431 failed
	37415 = A	37430 = B
23.10.91	37415	0716 Southport-MV /1715 MV-Blackpool /1900 Blackpool-MV
	37430	0714 Blackpool-MV (1721 MV-Southport worked by 47357 dragging 37430)
24.10.91	37415 = A	37426 = B
25.10.91	37415 = B	37426 = A
	37430	2027 Blackpool-MV (Blackrod-MV) - 31xxx ran out of fuel
26.10.91	37202/285	0500 Swindon-Cleethorpes (Pasture Rd Junction-Cleethorpes) CHARTER
	37415	0714 Blackpool-MV /1715 MV-Blackpool /2027 Blackpool-MV
28.10.91	37415 = A	37426 = B
29.10.91	37415	0716 Southport-MV /1721 MV-Southport
	37426	0714 Blackpool-MV (to Poulton-le-Fylde where failed, train caped)
	37430	1715 MV-Blackpool /1900 Blackpool-Liverpool
30.10.91	37415 = B	37430 = A
31.10.91	37415	0714 Blackpool-MV /1721 MV-Southport
	37430	0716 Southport-MV /1055 MV-Blackburn /1205 Blackburn-MV
		1715 MV-Blackpool /1900 Blackpool-Liverpool
1.11.91	37415 = B	37430 = A
2.11.91	37415	0714 Blackpool-MV /1715 MV-Blackpool /2027 Blackpool-MV

37419 derailed at Edge Hill after working the 1900 Blackpool-Liverpool on 14/10, it went to Springs Branch for bogie inspection after working the same train the next day. 37415 worked what was expected to be the last 2027 Blackpool-Manchester Victoria on Saturdays on 2/11, the 1715 Manchester Victoria-Blackpool will continue to run, however. This months 'Working of the Month' goes to 37010 on the 1705 Carlisle-Hereford Regional Railways organised excursion listed in last months gen, which ran on 12/10/91.

#### REGIONAL VIEW (brief notes, full details in next months "Syphon!")

ANGLIA: 37216 worked a 2155 Ipswich-Oulton Broad South ballast on 29/10, running as 8T35 instead of the booked 6T35 due to the inclusion of two 35mph restricted hoppers. The next night, 37144 worked what was presumed to be the same train, passing Beccles at 0315 towards Lowestoft and returning towards Ipswich at 0445. On 23/10, 37144 and an unknown Rfd 37 worked 4C67 (0350 Felixstowe North-Stratford) to Ipswich following the failure of the booked Rfd pair. On arrival at Ipswich there was no electric available because of riots on the West Coast, so 37023 went forward to Stratford.

MIDLAND: Information on 6V?? Usk-Birkenhead North coal service shows this to be a Monday Wednesday and Friday service arriving at Birkenhead North between 7 and 8am, returning as 6M09 between 8:30 and 9am. 37's noted on this train include 37223 (11/10) and 37222 (25/10 and 30/10).

WESTERN: A visitor to Devon and Cornwall on 11/10/91 found all Laira's 37's located as follows: 37674 at Laira @ 1345, 37673 at Plymouth North Rd station @ 1500 on a Marsh Mills to Fowey Harbour service, 37411/412/417/420/669/672/675 at St Blazey @ 1630, 37670 passed Par station e/b on Clay wagons, and 37671 ran light onto St Blazey about 1700.