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Profits from the draw will go directly into the Preservation Fund. Further details and/or application form can be obtained from Diane Saunders, Monthly Draw Co-Ordinator, 61 The Drakes, Shoeburyness, Essex SS3 9NY. *Good Luck! Cover Photo:* 37211at Kenny O. with the Group's The Exhibitionist' railtour. Photo: Rod Saunders. Last issue's cover pic was by David Percival.

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WE are always looking for articles, information, news or photographs for *SYPHON!*. If you think you have anything relevant then send it to: Ken Carr, Editor, 13 Shearers Way, Boreham, Chelmstord, Essex CM3 3AE. If you are sending in photos, B/W prints are our first preference, colour prints second and third colour slides. We would be grateful if you could send an stamped addressed envelope so that we can return the photos (at no additional cost to the Group) once we have finished with them and also please put your name & address on each print with as much caption detail as possible!

# From the Engine Room We're Beginning To Roll

t this year's Annual General Meeting, the committee promised that things were beginning to happen for the Group. We weren't kidding. Just look at the list of new members at the bottom of this page. We now own a Class 37 steam-heat boller, ex-37116 (the fact that it came from 116 had no bearing on the purchase - I promise!) and we are back in the railtour game after running the excellent 'Exhibitionist' on 23 March.

However, we cannot rest on our laurels and we intend to double our efforts to further increase membership and more importantly the preservation fund, after all we are here to preserve one or more 'Syphons'. We currently have assets of over £16,000, but we need to increase this dramatically and quickly.

With the purchase of the freight companies by North & South Railways (Wisconsin), a number of redundant Class 37s may well be coming up for sale soon. It is important that we are a ready and able to purchase one of these locos if a suitable example becomes available.

The purchase price is only the beginning, we then have to transport the loco to its new home and then there will be the expense of purchasing spares.

There are many ways to help as we get ready for

the final push towards a purchase. Encourage friends to join the Group, buy your videos through the Group, travel on our tours. Or the very easy option send in a donation. If every member donated just £2.00 a month for the rest of the year we would raise over £4,500, taking us well clear of the £20,000 mark.

Anyway that's enough begging, in this issue of SYPHONI you will find a report & pics of 'The Exhibitionist', North Wales Coast Summer diagrams, Saturday freight diagrams and of course plenty of arti-

cles, photos and news.

As always, I am looking for pictures, articles, news and workings for the next issue, closing date is 26

May

Remember with your help we can become one of the Country's premier preservation group's, although it would help if we had a local Start writing those cheques now, we are up and running, it should be quite a ride.

Bye for now!

Ken Carr Editor

# <u>Membership Matters</u>

Welcome to all new members and thank you to those of you who have renewed/rejoined. If you have received a renewal form with this issue please reply as promptly as possible. Many Thanks.

### Renewals

| 37083 - Mr A Wilson     | 37057 - Mr D Burdass | 37305 - Mr A Williams | 37030 - Mr J King     |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 37131 - Mr D Hamilton   | 37054 - Mr S Squires | 37042 - Mr K Carr     | 37058 - Mr S Maloney  |
| 37075 - Mr A Timperley  | 37403 - Mr A Walby   | 37005 - Mr K Fransham | 37113 - Mstr Fransham |
| 37114 - Mr M Collins    | 37262 - Mr S Mackay  | 37601 - Mr P Sindall  | 37602 - Mrs R Sindall |
| 37217 - Mr A Slater     | 37420 - Mr S Riley   | 37261 - Mr J Hooson   | 37263 - Mrs B Hooson  |
| 37264 - Miss L Hooson   | 37035 - Mr J Leeman  | 37906 - Mr N Radley   | 37079 - Mr P White    |
| 37003 - Mr M Rouse      | 37031 - Mr B Faulks  | 37138 - Mr M Collins  | 37046 - Mr J Scrivens |
| 37421 - Mr I Vandervell |                      |                       |                       |

### Rejoining

| 37019 - Mr P Bramwell 37713 | 7 - | Mr | Ν | Murp | hy |  |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|---|------|----|--|
|-----------------------------|-----|----|---|------|----|--|

| New Members         |                         |                       |                      |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 37027 - Mr M Stock  | 37040 - Mr C Cangialosi | 37066 - Mr D Donlan   | 37128 - Mr M Mee     |
| 37146 - Mr T Rowley | 37167 - Mr P Davies     | 37184 - Mr R J Bohill | 37196 - Mr R Bohill  |
| 37350 - Mrs D Carr  | 37298 - Miss J Carr     | 37175 - Mr E Watson   | 37072 - Mr M Bone    |
| 37669 - Mr P West   | 37670 - Mrs J West      | 37232 - Mr K Forster  | 37235 - Mr L Forster |
| 37154 - Mr P Holden |                         |                       |                      |

### Membership Number Changes

37113 - 37370 Mstr Fransham

37089 - 37798 Mr R Oxenforth

Graham Potts Membership Secretary

# <u>NEWSDESK</u>

### SECOND RAILTOUR POSTPONED

HOURS before closing for press we were informed that our second railtour planned for 20 July '96 has had to be postponed due to "operating problems", whatever that may be!

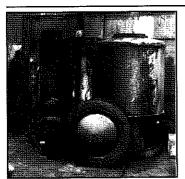
The New Brighton Rocker was scheduled to run from Paddington to Merseyside via the Chiltern main line and Warrington with **triple-headed** Mainline (ESBB/EWDB) Class 37 haulage. In addition a pair of Class 73/0s were to have been used around Merseyside.

We still intend to proceed with this tour at a future date and negotiations are continuing with the relevant authorities to fix a date. We may still run a tour on 20 July, with 'Syphons' from Kings X - Carliste (out via the S&C and return via Tyne Valley) being a strong contender. Members will be informed as soon as a decision has been reached. Anyone who has already booked on 'The New Brighton Rocker' will receive a full refund.

# WISCONSIN'S え NEW NAME & LIVERY

ENGLISH, WELSH & SCOTTISH RAIL-WAYS is the new name for Wisconsin Central's U.K. freight & parcels operation. The new name will replace the names of the four companies (RES, Load Haul, Mainline & Transrail) bought recently.

The company's new livery is reportedly Maroon with a yellow stripe and a Class 37 is apparently at Toton being painted in the new livery. Eventually it is planned that the new livery will replace the profusion of current liveries carried by EW&SR locos. We'll keep you informed.



### STEAM HEAT BOILER IS OURS

THE Group have taken the first steps of what will undoubtedly be a long road to restoring a Class 37 to its former original condition.

Our first purchase is a steam heat boiler which was offered for tender after being removed from 37116 during its recent overhaul at ABB Doncaster.

BR procurement informed the Group on 22 February that our £1000 bid was successful. The boiler has now been removed from Doncaster to a secure location and any member who would like to help with the restoration please contact Chairman Mike Millward. The purchase has also depleted the preservation account so any donations will be gladly received.

Sald boller sits inside Doncaster Works prior to its purchase by the Group. Removal from 'The Plant' took place in late March.

# SYPHON! REGISTERED WITH BRITISH LIBRARY

READERS may have noticed the addition of an ISSN number on the top right hand cover of this magazine. Basically this means we are now registered with the British Library and copies of SYPHON! will be lodged with the Library. It will also help us to achieve our objective of having the magazine on sale in selected retail outlets.

### MEMBERSHIP GROWS

RECENT attempts by the committee to attract new members is beginning to bear fruit. Membership figures are growing thanks to national advertising, mailshots and 'The Exhibitionist railtour. However, we can't remain complacent, so please help us recruit more Class 37 enthusiasts to the Group. Membership forms are available from Graham Potts.

### **CREDIT CARD FACILITY**

THE Group can now accept most major credit cards for sales items and railtour bookings. When using the card we need to know the following details, the card holder's name & address, the card number and expiry date. We can accept both Access & Visa. However, we are unable to accept Switch at the present.

### 6700 CLUB WINNERS

For January:

37148 Mr M Reeve - £12.00 37241 Mr C, Day - £6.00

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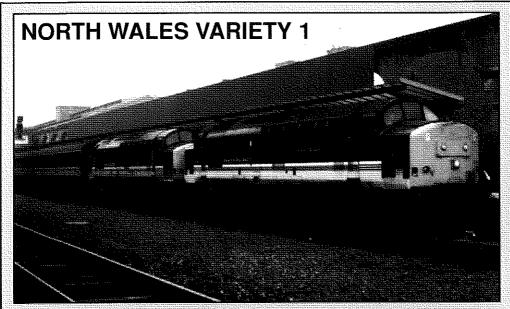
Each month a cash prize is awarded to the first out of the hat. In addition 'super' draws will take take place at Christmas and during the Summer, where additional prizes are up for grabs. The Christmas draw had no less than seven excellent prizes.

Profits from the draw go directly into the Preservation Fund.

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Good Luck!



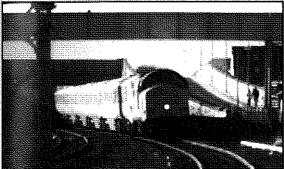
THE North Wales Coast has been throwing up its usual surprises. On 3 February 37 886 was used to rescue a failed 47756 at Holyhead. The 'Duff' was booked to work the 09:06 'InterCity' to Euston but was declared a failure before departure. The 'Syphon' was summoned and worked the train to Crewe. On 29 March, 37255 replaced a failed 37/4 on the 14:24 Crewe - Holyhead.

A number of non-Crewe 37/4s have also been in action, most notably the clusive 37415. The loco made just one return run to Holyhead on 7 March. The locos ETH doesn't work, however, after an exam at Crewe it was passed as OK and was used. On return to Crewe, the ETH was deemed as faulty and it went back to being a freight engine! Call me cynical, but it sounds like a bit of a fix.

Other unusual 37/4s which have seen use on the Coast include 37405, 411, 413, 416, 419 and 426. All the Crewe based machines have worked on the Coast this year bringing the total to seventeen.

This will be increased to eighteen in mid-April with the re-appearance of 37420 from Ad-Tranz Doncaster. It is expected that it will be transferred into the Crewe LWMC pool, taking the place of 37407 which will move to Springs Branch. However, whether 407 actually makes this move will depend on class availability. In early April, 37411 was on loan to Crewe from Cardiff to help out in the motive power shortage.

On 21 March, 37414 & 37421 were put out on test on the 14:24 Crewe - Holyhead, such was the desperation to get locos back in traffic.



TOP: 37414 & 37421 are seen at Chester en-route to Holyhead with the 14:24 from Crewe. Both locos were out on test, 37421 suffered problems on the outward leg, due to lack of coolant, resulting in an hour late departure on the return run. However both were OK on arrival at Crewe and were out on the 'Coast' the following day.

Photo: KEN CARR.

LEFT: 37886 provided the first appearance of a non-ETH 'Syphon' on passenger along the North Wales Coast this year, when on 3 February it was used to power the 09:06 Holyhead - Euston after failure of the diagrammed 'Duff'.

Photo: DANIEL HITCHINS.



MORE from the 'Coast' 37405 Strathclyde Region has become quite a regular on the North Wales Coast recently.

The loco is seen stabled at Chester station with the stock for the evening Manchester -Blackpool service on 21 March '96. To save running the engine round, when the train arrives from Manchester Piccadilly in the morning, the whole train is turned on Chester's triangle in readiness for the afterncon.. Photo: KEN CARR

### HIGHLAND 'ENTERPRISE' TIMINGS

TRANSRAIL'S 'Enterprise' network has been widely acclaimed. Services running north of Mossend are Class 37 hauled with a daily working to & from Mossend/Aberdeen and a second working via Aberdeen to Inverness. Timings for the Inverness service are as follows:

| arr.  |           | dep.  | arr.  |           | dep.  | _ |
|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|---|
|       | Aberdeen  | 09:25 |       | Inverness | 15:40 | _ |
| 10:04 | Inverurie | 10:50 | 18:00 | Elgin     | 19:10 |   |
| 12:24 | Elgin     | 13:22 | 19:45 | Inverurie | 20:35 |   |
| 14:57 | Inverness |       | 21:00 | Aberdeen  |       |   |

### GOOD FUTURE FOR THE CLASS?

IN a recent interview for Transport Video's, Video Track (Issue 51), Media Relations manager for North & South Railways, Julian Worth, states that the Class 37/4s will continue to be hired out to any passenger operator which wants to use them and that he hopes both Scotrail and Regional Railways North West will use them for some time to come.

He also states that it is likely that the 'Syphons' will become the standard mid-powered locomotive for the new freight company. However, there will be some fleet restructuring and a number of withdrawals of the class will probably occur in due course.

### FREIGHT SHORTS

8/1/96 - 37232 & 37675 powered the Deanside to Wisbech vans from Mossend.

21/1/96 - 37043 hauled HST set minus power cars thro' Newcastle. 26/1/96 - 37141 worked the 11:10 Margam - Dee Marsh steel instead of booked Class 60.

19/2/96 - 37040 hauled the new Single-Line Spoil & Ballast Train from Derby RTC - Mountsorrel for testing.

27/2/96 - 37678 worked 6M73 Quidhampton - Willesden in place of a Class 56. 37107 deputised for a failed Class 60 on 6B10 Peak Forest - Bletchley stone.

1/3/96 - 37322 worked Workington - Lackenby steel atter 60 failed. 6/3/96 - 37026 & 37108 worked 6E17 Peak Forest - Leeds after yet another Class 60 failed.

15/3/96 - 37073 & 37170 worked Aberdeen - Mossend ' Enterprise', 37170 & 37403 worked return, 37043 & 37262 worked the Aberdeen - Inverness 'Enterprise' & return.

### **SNOWPLOUGH DUTIES**

THIS Winter's heavy snowfall led to a number of 37s out on snow clearing runs sandwiched between snowploughs. On 9 January, 37048 & 37057 were noted on the March - Peterborough line. 37201 & 37207 worked out of Bescot on 6 February, the next day 37894 & 37896 worked the Cardiff Valley lines.

### **ADVERTISEMENT**

# NEW RELEASE CLASS 37s - Volume Two

Filmed in the early part of 1996, this video shows Class 37s in action at various locations. These include rare shots in Southall Electrification Yard, and engineering trains at Wandsworth Road. There are three of the class at Aberdeen on 16 March.

The video closes with views of 37211 & 37426 on 'The Exhibitionist' at London Kensington Olympia, Alton and Clapham Junction.

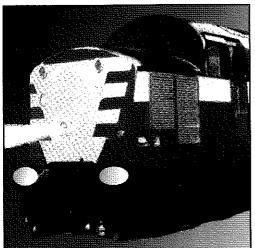
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### WISCONSIN LIVERY SUGGESTION



Central's new liv-Based W.C.'s livery in the U.S.A. The bodyside colour

cabs and top of the nose are finished in black.

this space.

### Simon ber. Jowett has submitted this sugaestion for

GROUP mem-

Wisconsin

is a shade of maroon with vellow striping. The

We have sent the original artwork on to W.C. so watch

### **OUT OF THIS WORLD**

The clipping opposite from the TV Times sug-Class 37s. Sadly, this episode of Star Trek had nothing to do with our beloved 'Syphons'. gests there may be a long term future for the

Donna her secret; (T) 14351 6.00 Star Trek: Voyager The 37's-The crew finds an ancient a telect from Earth floating in

### SYPHON DIARY

A number of Class 37s will be appearing on railtours / diesel galas during the coming months. This is the list so far:

27 April - TINSLEY HUMPER (HR) Kings X - Tinsley Open Day via Spalding, Sleaford and Nottingham. 2 x 31s KX-Nott, 2 x 37 (EWCN or EWTN) Nott-Sheff.

25/26 May - PAIGNTON & DART-MOUTH DIESEL GALA Class 37 in operation both days.

1 June - CUMBRIAN COASTER (PT) Bristol - Workington via Crewe & Carnforth, 2 x 37/6 Bristol - Crewe, 2 x 20/3 Crewe-Workington.

1-9 June - EAST LANCS DIESEL WEEK

37029 in operation various days 20 July - NEW BRIGHTON ROCKER

(Class 37 Group) Paddington - Birkenhead area. 3 x 37s and 2 x 73/0s.

27 July - DYFED DOCKER (PT) Birmingham to Milford Haven and Fishguard, Class 37 throughout with a second assisting in West Wales.

### **LEEDS - SO'TON** LINER WATCH

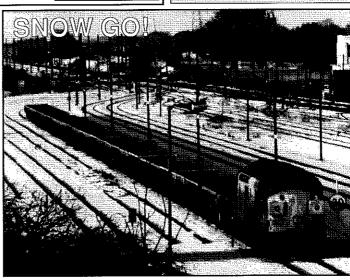
THE Saturday's 15:16 4O31 Leeds to Freightliner and Southampton Sunday's 19:58 4E76 return are both now a regular Immingham Class 37 duty. The 'Syphons' stable at Eastleigh on Saturday night. This is the full list of what has worked this year.

6/7 .lan -37503 & 37513 13/14 Jan -37503 & 37513 20/21 Jan -37358 & 37332 37513 & 37330 3/4 Feb -37517 & 37519 37513 & 37517 10/11 Feb -17/18 Feb -37225 & 37350 24/25 Feb -37059 & 37350 2/3 March -9 March - (4031) 37517 & 37684 10 March - (4E76) 37517

684 failed 37517 & 37519 16 March -

### NAMES FOR SALE

THE following ex-Class 37 nameplates are currently on sale at Collectors Corner in London: An Comunn Gaidhealach ex-37418. £800: International Youth Year 1985 ex-37191, £800; Lanarkshire Steel ex-37325, £1,000; Jimmy Shand ex-37188, £1,000; Dunrobín Castle ex-37114, £1,000.



The Winter's heavy snow falls brought chaos to all methods of transportation, not just trains, 37095 sits in York North Yard with 8P42 which was caped due to the cancellation of P-way work on Sunday, 28 January, Photo: SIMON JOWETT

### REVENUE EARNING TRAINS FOR 37/6s

ONE of the surprises of the year so far took place on 20 February when, EPS owned, 37612 turned up at Penmaenmawr with a ballast trip from Warrington. It is believed a drastic shortage of motive power led to the use of the 37/6.

A month later, on 19 March, 37607 & 37611 were enroute from Doncaster to Bristol via Stewarts Lane, when they were used to work 6Z66 Lelcester - Stud Farm and 6V76 Stud Farm - Hayes stone trains. The Euro-Duo reached Knighton Junction, when EPS found out and ordered that they be removed immediately and sent light to London!

Other (EPS) workings noted have been 37612 on 14 February being towed dead in tow by a pair of Class 31s on the Warrington - Bescot enterprise. The loco then hauled two 37/6 classmates 37609 & 611 to ABB Doncaster.

37604 & 37608 towed a Eurostar set from North Pole to Peterborough on both 5 February and 18 March, in connection with East Coast Main Line trials.

On 13 March, 37607 & 37611 were involved in generator coach tests between Doncaster and Gainsborough Lea Road. Two days later 37605 & 37612 performed the same duty.

During Mid-February, 37608 was stationed at Salisbury for crew familiarisation. The 'Syphon' went out on a daily run between Worting Junction and Andover being towed by 73119 on 19 - 23 February.

# 37/6s INTO STORE

IN a shock move European Passenger Services have halted the conversion at Doncaster Works of the final two Class 37/6s. 37603 (37504) and 37606 (37508) have been moved from 4 Bay, where the conversions were taking place, and been stored outside in the canal sidings.

The reason for this decision is that the delay in the completion of the 'Night Stock' which the locos will haul has meant that services will probably not commence until 1997. With little other work for the 37/6s it makes financial sense to postpone the final conversions.

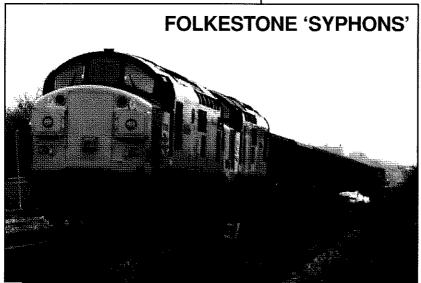
In addition most of the completed Class 37/6s will go into store once testing has been completed. A number of problems have been hitting the 'Sixes' because of their lack of use and it seems a wise move to wait until they can be better utilised before re-entering them into service.

### GEN FILE CORRECTIONS

FOLLOWING last month's popular 'Gen File', there are a few corrections as follows:

37013 last working should read 5/4/95 37382 should be pool FDYX IM 37680 last working should read 13/3/93 37797 last working should read 15/4/95 37801 last working should read 23/5/93

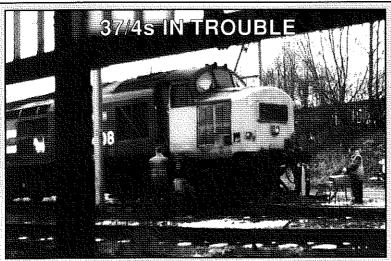
In addition a number of changes have taken place during the last couple of months full details can be found in *Ch. Ch. Ch. Changes* (page 10) and *Passenger Diary* (Page 23).



MAINLINE'S 37042 & 37890 ventured into deepest Kent on 24 March. The pair were used on a 1500 tonne ballast train and are pictured left just outside Folkestone West station.

The track renewal work took place over several weekends during March.

Appearances of Class 37s in this part of Kent are still quite rare, although as they continue to displace the Class 33 'Gromptons' they should become a more regular sight. Photo: Graeme Levett.



37408 Loch Rannoch is in the process of being re-railed after its little accident at Crewe diesel depot on 3 February. No major damage was caused to the loco and it was soon back in traffic. Photo: DANIEL HITCHINS

DURING the last couple of months, two derailment incidents have seen Class 37/4s off the rails.

The first took place on 3 February at Crewe diesel depot. 37408 Loch Rannoch was leaving to work the 11:24 Crewe -Holyhead, when became derailed on the throat to the yard. Not surprisingly this caused some difficulty for locos arriving/departing the depot. The 37 was rerailed during the afternoon and moved into the shed for inspection.

The second incident took place at Holyhead on 29 March. 37421 was deralled whilst running round its train causing damage to two wheelsets and possibly a traction motor. The loco was towed to Crewe for attention.

### FREIGHTLINER FROLICS

(N) addition to the now regular Leeds - Southampton liner, the class have been appearing with increasing regularity on Freightliner services.

15/1/96 **37715** - Ripple Lane - Southampton.

16/1/96 **37214/412** - 19:46 Pengam - Crewe. 19/1/96 **37046** - 19:30 Leeds - Tilbury.

27/1/96 37203 - 22:19 Felixstowe - Garston.

Ripple Lane.

9/2/96 **37244** - 4L87 Swindon - Tilbury. 10/2/96 **37703/58041** - Top & tailed 00:55 Southampton

- Ripple Lane.

28/2/96 **37054/055** - 23:23 Southampton - Ripple Lane. **37047/077** - 4M53 Felixstowe - Trafford Park.

29/2/96 37047/077 - 12:27 Garston - Seaforth, 4K58 Seaforth - Crewe, 22:10 Crewe - Leeds. 37191 - 23:24Coatbridge - Seaforth.

**37054/055** - 23:23 Southampton - Ripple Lane. **37047/077** - 4L89 Leeds - Felixstowe.

1/3/96 **37047/077** - 4L89 Leeds - Felixstowe. **37191** - 14:30 Garston - Southampton.

4/3/96 **37055/33116** - 21:13 Southampton - Ripple Lane.

**37214/254** - 18:20 Pengam - Coatbridge. 5/3/96 **37676** - 4L87 Swindon - Tilbury.

**37214/146** - 18:20 Pengam - Ćoatbridge. **37054/803** - 20:35 Southampton - Lawley St.

### **'SYPHON' HAULED MILK**

THE next few weeks could well see the return of milk trains running to the Capital from the West Country. Expected motive power - Class 37s. We'll keep you informed.

### 37116 SISTER DORA

As exclusively revealed in the last issue of *SYPHONI*, 37116 emerged from Doncaster on 7 February in all over blue livery, by the end of the month it was carrying one of the worst names going, *Sister Dora*, acquired from a dead 'Ped'.

Since having its face rearranged at Doncaster, the loco has been in virtual residence around Warrington. However, it has been down the 'Coast' on a couple of occasions visiting Penmaenmawr.

### THE 'GAZZA' COAL

'SYPHONS' are making regular appearances at Gascoigne Wood on coal duties. During one week in February three of Bescot's celebrities turned up on the 03:16 empties from Warrington Arpley, 37201 (17th), 37116 (21st), and 37188 (24th). The 14 February saw 37184 was noted on 6M77 19:50 Gascoigne - Warrington.

Other workings have seen 37107 & 37108 on the Scottish service on 29 January. 37416 failed after arriving at Gascoigne on 7 February and was worked back to Warrington dead in tow on the next service by 37883. On 28 February 37704 performed the herculean task of hauling a dead Class 56 and thirty-six loaded MGR wagons to Fiddlers Ferry. Four days later on 2 March 37026 & 37415 were noted heading for Warrington.

### FIRST & LAST

37430 hauled the first train of Transrail's new road-railer vehicles from Aberdeen on 16 January, as part of the 'Enterprise' service to Mossend. 37141 removed the last set of tankers from the doomed Heathfield branch the following day. The next day, 18 January, 37254 hauled the last coal train over the Tondu - Mill Pit - Margam Abbev

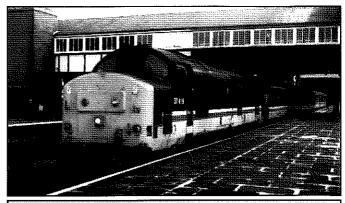
### **ALL CHANGE!**

THE last couple of months has seen a number of changes to the 'Syphon' fleet.

Nine more locos have moved into strategic/contingency/stored pools including 37431, 37008 & 37031 have reappeared on the system. Previously withdrawn both are now shown as stored unserviceable!

Mainline have shuffled their pack. Stratford has lost its allocation of Class 37s for the first time (I think) since December 1960. Four locos have moved from Stewarts Lane to Toton. Pool changes have also occurred within depots.

37411 & 37413 moved from Cardiff to Motherwell. However, 37411 has since returned to South Wales. Full details below.



STOP PRESS: As we closed for press, reports were coming through that 37419 had joined 37431 stored. The loco is believed to be in reasonable condition, so it may be only temporary. We'll keep you informed. During January the loco is seen departing Bangor, Photo: KEN CARR

### Ch. Ch. Changes

### Load Haul

Pool Changes:

37378 FDKI (IM) - FDYX 37699 FDCI (IM) - FDYX

Re-named:

37332 The Coal Merchants Association of Scotland February '96

### Mainline

Pool Changes:

37040 EWRS (SF) - EWRB (SL) 37048 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO) 37048 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO) 37055 EWDS (SL) - EWCN (TO) 37097 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO) 37174 EWRS (SF) - EWRB (SL) 37241 EWDS (SL) - ENXX 37244 EWDS (SL) - EWCN (TO) 37264 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)

37370 EWDS (SL) - EWRB (SL) 37376 EWDS (SL) - EWCN (TO) 37705 ESBB (SL) - EWDB (SL)

37709 ESBB (SL) - EWDB (SL) 37715 ESBB (SL) - EWDB (SL) 37798 EWDB (SL) -ENTN (TO)

37890 ESBB (SL) - EWDB (SL)

### Transrail

New Pools:

LCWX - HQ Strategic Reserve LCXX - HQ stored for spares LWCW - SP Class 37 (North West) Pool Changes:

37004 LNXX - LCXX 37008 WDN - LCXX

37026 LWCC (SP) - LWCW (SP)

37031 WDN - LCXX

37066 LWCC (SP) - LWCW (SP) 37073 LGBM (ML) - LBLB (BS)

37078 LNXX - LCXX

37080 LNXX - LCXX

37087 LBLB (BS) - LWCC (SP)

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LCWX`- LCXX

37107 LWCC (SP) - LWCW (SP) 37108 LWCC (SP) - LWCW (SP)

LWCW (SP) - LBLB (BS) 37111 LBLB (BS) - LCWX

37178 LNSK (CF) - LBLB (BS) 37184 LBLB (BS) - LCWX

37188 LBLB (BS) - LCWX

37214 LNDK (CF) - LGBM (ML)

LGBM (ML) - LBLB (BS) 37251 LGBM (ML) - LCWX

LCWX - LCXX

37405 LWCC (SP) - LWCW (SP) 37411 LNDK (CF) - LGHM (ML)

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37415 LWCC (SP) - LWCW (SP) 37416 LWCC (SP) - LWCW (SP) 37419 LWCC (SP) - LWCW (SP)

37420 LWCC (SP) - LWCW (SP) 37426 LWCC (SP) - LWCW (SP)

37431 LGHM (ML) - LCWX

LCWX - LCXX

37509 LWCC (SP) - LWCW (SP) 37518 LWCC (SP) - LWCW (SP) 37520 LWCC (SP) - LWCW (SP)

37797 LNCK (CF) - LGPM (ML)

### Named:

37116 Sister Dora

25 February '96 - Bescot

### LIVERY CHANGES

37013 FU - MB

37040 FM - FU 37043 DC - TD

37051 MF - MB

37057 LL - MB

37153 DC - TD

37174 DC - MB

37216 GB - MB

37227 FM - MF

37232 DC - TD

37242 FD - MB 37244 FD - FU

37371 DC - MB

37372 DC - MB

37376 FC - FU

37420 ML - RR

37515 FM - LB

37682 FA - Grey Primer!

37703 FU - MF

37710 FP - LB

37717 FP - Grey Primer!

37802 FC - TR

37887 FC - TR

37893 FP - TR

# **CURRENT POOL ALLOCATIONS**

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| 37010  | 37012     | 37038     | 37046     | 37048    | 37051 |
| 37092  | 37097     | 37137     | 37264     | 37798    |       |
| EWCN   | - Toton - | - Great V | Vestern I | nfrastru | cture |
|        |           |           |           | 37072    |       |
| 37114  | 37162     | 37185     | 37222     | 37227    | 37244 |
| 37248  | 37376     |           |           |          |       |
|        |           |           |           |          |       |

| EWDD- | SIGMAIL | <u>s Lane -</u> | <u>IIIII aəti (</u> | <u>ucture</u> |       |
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| 37037 | 37054   | 37074           | 37077               | 37109         | 37167 |
| 37198 | 37203   | 37219           | 37274               | 37371         | 37375 |
| 37377 | 37703   | 37705           | 37709               | 37715         | 37800 |
| 37803 | 37890   | 37891           | 37892               |               |       |

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| 37013       | 37023    | 37047           | 37106    | 37140     | 37216        |
| 27242       | 37370    | 37667           | 37676    | 37679     | 27670        |

| <b>EWRB</b> | - Stewart | s Lane - | Restricte | d Use |       |
|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|-------|
| 37035       | 37040     | 37174    | 37194     | 37220 | 37245 |
| 37203       | 37370     | 37372    | 37380     |       |       |

| ENXX - | <ul> <li>Stored</li> </ul> | <u>Locos</u> |       |
|--------|----------------------------|--------------|-------|
| 37070  | 37138                      | 37241        | 37278 |

LBLB - Bescot - General Use

<sup>276</sup> Total: 73

### LOAD HAUL

| FDCI - Immingham - HGR Humberside |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 37503                             | 37517 | 37682 | 37684 | 37686 | 37689 |
| 37697                             | 37698 | 37706 | 37707 | 37708 | 37710 |
| 37711                             | 37713 | 37716 | 37717 | 37718 | 37719 |
| 37883                             | 37884 | 37885 | 37886 | 37888 |       |

# **FDDI - Immingham - Departmental** 37513 37515 37516 37694

| FDKI - Immingham - Control Contingency |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 37058                                  | 37059 | 37095 | 37131 | 37225 | 37334 |  |
| 37344                                  | 37350 | 37358 | 37688 |       |       |  |

# FDRI - Immingham - Restricted Use 37330 37332 37519 37677 37680

LNHK - Cardiff Canton - 37/9s

| FDYX - | Stored I | <u>Locos</u> |       |       |       |
|--------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 37003  | 37019    | 37045        | 37063 | 37068 | 37075 |
| 37079  | 37083    | 37104        | 37110 | 37139 | 37144 |
| 37209  | 37217    | 37218        | 37223 | 37235 | 37238 |
| 37298  | 37331    | 37333        | 37335 | 37340 | 37341 |
| 37343  | 37345    | 37359        | 37378 | 37381 | 37382 |
| 37699  |          |              |       |       |       |
|        |          |              |       |       |       |

Total: 73

### **EUROPEAN PASSENGER SERVICES**

GPSV - Bristol St Phillips Marsh - Sleepers

37601 37602 37603 37604 37605 37606 37607 37608 37609 37610 37611 37612

Total: 12

### TRANSRAIL

| 37154  |        | 37191     | 37201<br>37275     |   |       |  |
|--------|--------|-----------|--------------------|---|-------|--|
| LGBM - | Mother | vell - Ge | neral Use<br>37100 | - | 37153 |  |
|        |        |           | 27175              |   |       |  |

| 37043 | 37069 | 37088 | 37100 | 37152 | 37153 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 37156 | 37165 | 37170 | 37175 | 37196 | 37212 |
| 37221 | 37232 | 37250 | 37261 | 37262 | 37294 |
| 37505 | 37510 | 37683 | 37685 |       |       |

| <u>LGHM</u> | - Mother | well - Wa | est High: | land  |       |
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| 37401       | 37403    | 37404     | 37406     | 37409 | 37410 |
| 37413       | 37423    | 37424     | 37428     | 37430 |       |

| LGPM - | - Mother | well - HC | R Scotl | and   |       |
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| 37351  | 37675    | 37692     | 37693   | 37712 | 37714 |
| 37797  | 37801    | 37893     |         |       |       |

| LNCK - Cardiff Canton- South Wales |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 37701                              | 37702 | 37704 | 37796 | 37799 | 37802 |  |  |  |
| 37887                              | 37889 | 37894 | 37895 | 37896 | 37897 |  |  |  |
| 37808                              | 37800 |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |

| <u>LNDK -</u> | · Cardiff ( | <u> Canton - </u> | <u>Departm</u> | ental |       |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| 37141         | 37146       | 37158             | 37263          | 37411 | 37412 |
| 37427         |             |                   |                |       |       |

| 37901       | 37902     | 37903      | 37904     | 37905     | 37906 |
|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| LNLK -      | Cardiff ( | Canton -   | Cornwall  | !         |       |
| 37521       | 37668     | 37669      | 37670     | 37671     | 37672 |
| 37673       | 37674     | 37695      | 37696     |           |       |
| LNSK -      | Cardiff ( | Canton -   | Sandite i | Fitted    |       |
| 37133       | 37197     | 37213      | 37229     | 37230     | 37254 |
| 37258       |           |            |           |           |       |
| LWCW        | - Spring  | s Branch   | - Class   | 37 (Norti | West) |
| 37026       | 37066     | 37087      | 37107     | 37405     | 37415 |
| 37416       | 37419     | 37420      | 37426     | 37509     | 37518 |
| 37520       |           |            |           |           |       |
| <b>LWMC</b> | - Crewe   | Diesel - I | Vorth Wa  | les Pass  | enger |
| 37402       | 37407     | 37408      | 37414     | 37417     | 37418 |
| 37421       | 37422     | 37425      | 37429     |           |       |
| LCWX -      | Strateo   | ic Reser   | <u>ve</u> |           |       |
| 37111       | 37184     | 37188      |           |           |       |
| LCXX -      | Stored F  | or Spare   | <u>es</u> |           |       |
| 37004       | 37008     | 37031      | 37078     | 37080     | 37099 |
| 37251       | 37431     |            |           |           |       |

Total: 136

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"at this rate we will

have time for a photo,

with time to get them

developed, stop"

he Class 37 Group are well and truly back as railtour operators, following the highly successful 'Exhibitionist' on Saturday 23 March.

The tour was due to kick-off from Chester at the highly unsociable time of 6:15 am, a time which was imposed on us by Railtrack, Also, quite incredibly, the final timings for the trip were not faxed through until

15:41 the previous day!

The friday evening was filled with rumours of what would be allocated to the tour. 37066 & 116, 37405 & 116 and even 37066, 116 & 405. In the event it was 37211 and 37426 which rolled into Chester at 6:40! The wonderful excuse for the fact that the stock was late was that there was nobody available at Crewe to couple up the 'Syphons' to the stock!

A mass operation transferring the contents of nine luggage trolleys, including enough beer to stock a small pub,

into the brake ensued.

Departure finally came at 6:47, 32 minutes late. A number of pick-ups were scheduled along the route to

Shrewsbury but allowing 73 minutes for the 42 mile journey was just a shade excessive. As a result the deficit was reduced to 9 minutes on departure and this was converted into a 1 minute arrival at Wolverhampton!

Wolverhampton was the final pick-up and bang on time at 8:24 we wound our way through the

outskirts of Birmingham. At Bescot we passed rows of dead 'Peds' plus a few 'Syphons' awaiting their next turn of duty.

With each mile that went by we gained more time, so much so that by Rugby we were now running 12 minutes early. Outbound we were routed via Northampton which was reached at 9:34. On returning to the West Coast Main Line at Hanslope Junction we were checked. Repairs to the overhead wires were being undertaken on the up fast and this provided the sight of a green signal immediately preceding the rear of the engineering train!

Once underway we once again started to gain more time thanks to more lapse timings, the pair touched 90 mph near Milton Keynes and arrival at Wembley Central for a crewe change was a mere 17 minutes early, thus prompting one wag to suggest that we would have time to have a photo, with time to get them developed, stop upon arrival at Kensington Olympia.

We wound our way through North London and left the West Coast for the Southern. Sadly there were no EPS 37/6s on view at North Pole depot. As anticipated we arrived at Kensington early enough to have a photo-stop.

This was a combined set down/pick up point and with everyone on board we left right on time, crossed the Thames, cruised through Clapham Junction and ran via Balham & Tooting to Wimbledon, where arrival was 7 minutes early. However, a large flash was seen from 37426 and it transpired that a circuit breaker had been

As South West trains EMUs whizzed by we just stood there, plenty of 'orange jackets' appeared, but little seemed to be happening. Eventually 20 minutes down we pulled away and headed down the main line to Woking.

Once on the Alton branch we had to wait at Bentley for a unit before proceeding and arrival at Alton was 27 minutes late. The separate Class 27 hauled charter wasn't at the station so there was time for some photos of the 'Syphons'.

Then while some headed for the one decent pub in Alton, the rest headed for Alresford behind D5353 passing a dubious wedding reception party travelling in the opposite direction behind A4 Sir Nigel Gresley . No sign of Bride or Groom though, could they have been joining the BBC we wonder.

Prior to the return over 'the Alps', the station announc-

er proudly stated that the train would depart late, in order that we could have "an interesting run back". Life is either very very dull in Hampshire or he got it very wrong, we ambled back to Alton not hitting much more than 20 mph all the way. Personally, I hit the bar.

With everybody back on board the main tour, we left Alton two

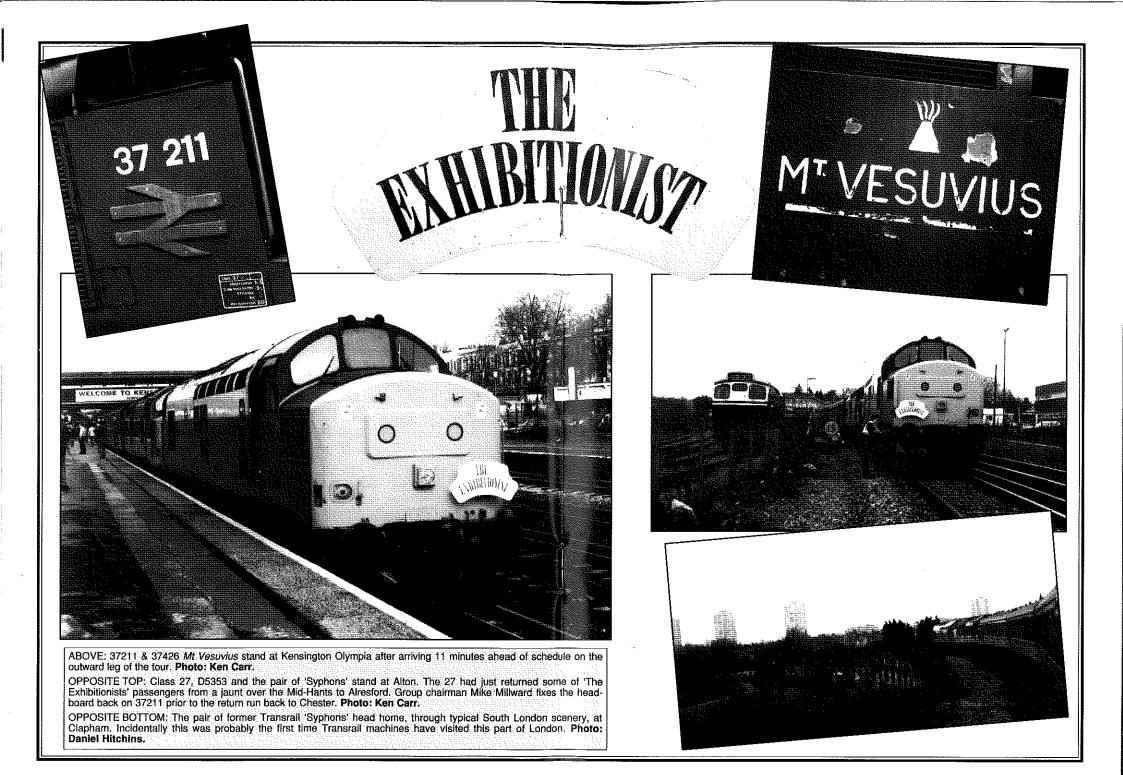
minutes down at 15:39. An interesting amble through Camberley, Ascot and Staines brought us back to Clapham Junction, where we were booked to wait for the heritage unit on the Kenny O shuttle to clear off out the way.

As way of entertainment during the 8 minute stop, we had arranged for a flypast by Concorde. With the airshow complete we trundled off to Kensington to pick up the Ideal Home punters and drop off those that had joined for the Alton section only, including one person who shall remain nameless (Paul Jones) who was still in the process of buying some of Graham's excellent ale as we departed. Happily the beer remained in glass and we managed to catch the flying payment.

The run back was pretty much as outward except we avoided the Northampton loop and were held up due to the engineering works at Hanslope. This led to us being four down by the time we reached Wolverhampton, which was easily made up on the run to Chester thanks to timings more relevant to a Class 08. The tour pulled into Chester at 21:21, a mere 34 minutes early!

In all a most enjoyable day and judging by the feedback and the number of people who joined up as members it was well worth the hardwork. Here's to "The New Brighton Rocker".

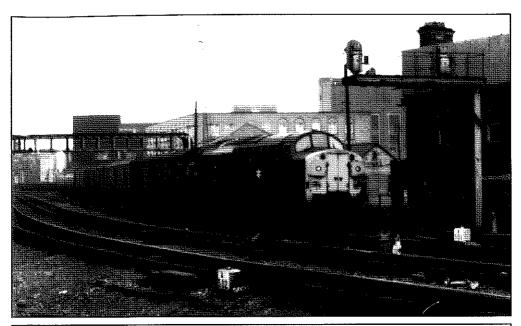
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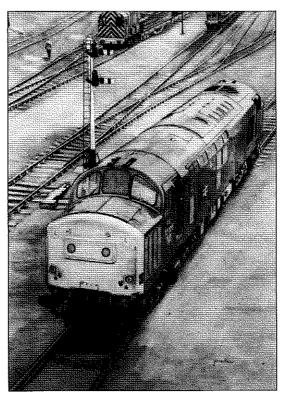
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| Chester              | 06:15     | 06:47  | Bentley            | 12:31     | 12:53  |
| Saltney Jnc.         | 06:20     | 06:50  | Dominoy            | 12:33     | 13:00  |
| Wrexham General      | 06:36     | 07:02  | Aiton              | 12:40     | 13:07  |
| Wrexnam General      | 06:38     | 07:02  |                    |           |        |
| Ruabon               | 06:48     | 07:09  | Alton ·            | 15:37     | 15:39  |
| Huabon               | 06:48     | 07:09  | Bentley            | 15:43     | 15:46  |
| Gobowen              | 07:00     | 07:18  | Aldershot          | 15:54     | 15:58  |
| CODOWEII             | 07:02     | 07:19  | Į.                 | 15:55     | 16:01  |
| Shrewsbury           | 07:28     | 07:38  | Ash Vale           | 16:03     | 16:08  |
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| Wellington Telford V |           | 07:52  | Virginia Water     | 16:34     | 16:31  |
| Telford Central      | 07:50     | 07:56  | Staines            | 16:42     | 16:40  |
| Tenora Contrai       | 07:51     | 07:58  | Twickenham         | 16:53     | 16:52  |
| Wolverhampton Nth Jr |           | 08:15  | Clapham Junction   | 17:06     | 17:05  |
| Wolverhampton        | 08:19     | 08:18  | · ·                | 17:12     | 17:13  |
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| Portobello Jnc.      | 08:31     | 08:28  | Kensington Olympia | 17:22     | 17:22  |
| Bescot               | 08:35     | 08:33  |                    | 17:25     | 17:25  |
| Perry Bar Nth Jnc    | 08:44     | 08:41  | Wembley Central    | 17:37     | 17:37  |
| Aston                | 08:47     | 08:44  | 1 .                | 17:38     | 17:38  |
| Birmingham Intl.     | 08:59     | 08:53  | Harrow & Wealdstor | re 17:44  | 17:44  |
| Coventry             | 09:10     | 09:02  | Bletchley          | 18:14     | 18:15  |
| Rugby                | 09:26     | 09:14  | Milton Keynes      | 18:16     | 18:19  |
| Long Buckby          | 09:38     | 09:27  | Hanslope Jnc.      | 18:22     | 18:31  |
| Northampton          | 09:45     | 09:34  | Rugby              | 18:52     | 18:49  |
| Hanslope Jnc         | 09:55     | 09:41  | Coventry           | 19:02     | 18:59  |
| Milton Keynes        | 10:07     | 10:00  | Birmingham Intl.   | 19:15     | 19:07  |
| Bletchley            | 10:12     | 10:03  | Stechford          | 19:18     | 19:12  |
| Tring                | 10:27     | 10:17  | Bescot             | 19:38     | 19:37  |
| Watford Junction     | 10:47     | 10:32  | Wolverhampton      | 19:45     | 19:49  |
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| Wembley Central      | 10:58     | 10:41  | Telford Central    | 20:04     | 20:08  |
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| Mitre Bridge Jnc     | 11:04     | 10:52  | Shrewsbury         | 20:24     | 20:24  |
| Kensington Olympia   | a 11:10   | 10:59  |                    | 20:26     | 20:28  |
| , , ,                | 11:12     | 11:12  | Gobowen            | 20:48     | 20:48  |
| Latchmere Jnc        | 11:16     | 11:16  |                    | 20:50     | 20:49  |
| Wimbledon            | 11:38     | 11:31  | Ruabon             | 21:02     | 20:57  |
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| Raynes Park          | 11:43     | 12:03  | Wrexham General    | 21:15     | 21:04  |
| Surbiton             | 11:47     | 12:07  |                    | 21:18     | 21:05  |
| Brookwood            | 12:07     | 12:29  | Chester Sth Jnc.   | 21:52     | 21:18  |
| Ash Vale             | 12:11     | 12:32  | Chester            | 21:55     | 21:21  |
| Aldershot            | 12:20     | 12:41  |                    |           |        |
| Farnham              | 12:25     | 12:47  |                    |           |        |



This page was supposed to be carrying an ad for 'The New Brighton Rocker' railtour. However, it's last minute postponement sent me diving for the 'piccy file'. ABOVE: Of the handful of 'Syphons' cut-up, 37113 is one. The loco passes through Newcastle during happier times on the Doncaster Works test train during 1981. BELOW: 37054 awaits departure from Audley End, on 3 May 1982, with a Cambridge - Liverpool Street service. **Photos: KEN CARR.** 







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# WHEN SATURDAY COMES

reight traffic in the main is a five day a week operation. However, this does not mean to say that it doesn't run at weekends it just isn't as regular. For those that enjoy watching freight, but can't get out during the week here is the Syphonl guide to Saturday Class 37 freight action.

We'll start with Freightliner. At present absolutely everything and anything can turn up on freightliner services, but one which is booked and regularly produces 'Syphons' is the 4O31 15:16 Leeds - Southampton which arrives in the Southampton area at around 21:00. The train runs via Derby, Washwood Heath, Banbury, Didcot and Basingstoke. The pair of Class 37s used are Immingham beasts, thus giving the opportunity of seeing Load Haul liveried 'Syphons' deep in Mainline territory. The locos return on Sunday with 4E76 19:58 Southampton - Leeds.

Coal traffic in the South west of scotland is also 'Syphon' hauled on Saturdays. 6R70 07:10 Ayr Falkland Yard - Chalmerston, 7R73 09:45 Chalmerston - Killoch & 7R83 13:20 Killoch - Falkland Yard are operated by a single pair of Motherwell Class 37s. The empties depart Ayr and head for Chalmerston opencast site arriving just after 08:00, once filled they head back to Ayr arriving around 10:40, the locos run round the train and head for the Killoch washery arriving at midday. An hour and twenty minutes later the 'Syphons' haul the coal back to Falkland Yard arriving around 14:30.

In South Wales there is one 'Syphon' diagram on a Saturday, MGRs to & from Cwmbargoed. At 11:13, 6C07 sets off from Aberthaw with empties for Cwmbargoed arriving shortly after 13:00. The train heads back down the valley at 15:45 arriving back at Aberthaw Power Station at around 17:30. Traction is provided from Cardiff Canton. In addition, extra trains may run especially if there is engineering work planned on Sunday with as many as three 'additionals' running (The travel section, page 575, on BBC2 Ceefax is a good place to check for details of engineering work).

The soon to be replaced old vacuum braked ICI hoppers can be found in use on Saturdays on stone traffic around Peak Forest. The first train of the day, at 07:30, sees a pair of 'Syphons' growl up the grade from Buxton Lime Industries' quarry at Tunstead with limestone for the Brunner Mond chemical plant at Northwich on 7F48 arriving around 09:00. The train returns empty as 7H51 at 10:50 arriving back at Tunstead just after midday.

The second return trip leaves Tunstead at 14:35 and runs to Oakleigh arriving shortly after 16:00 the train returns empty at 19:18 as 7H53 arriving back at Tunstead just before 21:00. Pairs of Wigan Springs Branch 'Syphons' outstationed at Buxton are used for these workings. Incidentally, a similar operation runs on Sunday with departure times roughly an hour later.

Fuel oil for the depot at Holyhead is moved on a Saturday, providing a bit of variety on the North Wales Coast. The outbound run departs Stanlow at 06:15 as 6D28 arriving at Holyhead around 09:00, the empties depart at 10:24 as 6F29 arriving back at Stanlow just after 13:00. Once again Wigan usually provide the Class 37.

One train which runs in the early hours of Saturday morning is the Baglan Bay to Humber acid tank empties. Designated as 6E33 the train leaves Baglan Bay at 20:20 on Friday evening arriving on Humberside in the early hours of Saturday. This train has the distinction of being the only one currently requiring banking assistance up the Lickey but only when it is carrying an additional load of steel from Newport. The train climbs the lickey just after midnight and is powered by an Immingham Class 37.

A Mainline 'Syphon' has charge of the 6M10 01:40 Harwich - Longport train of solvent which arrives in Staffordshire around 07:30. The return departs at 17:10 but an overnight stop en-route results in the train arriving back at Harwich during the early evening on Sunday.

Another early hours train is 6034 Plymouth - Eastleigh which departs Plymouth at 22:25 on Friday, returning empty bitumen tanks. The Mainline 'Syphon' arrives at Eastleigh around 03:00.

A more sociable train is the, as required, 6E05 15:24 Stanlow - Humber oil service which returns empties from the Conoco Stanlow terminal to the Humber refinery. An Immingham Class 37 is the diagrammed motive power. The train arrives back on Humberside just after 21:00. Incidentally the outward journey, 6M56 arrives at Stanlow at 03:30 Saturday morning.

In addition to the above booked workings, failures and 'additionals' can result in other services benefiting from 'Syphon' power.

Weekend engineering work also sees a number of Class 37s in use. Once again BBC2 Ceefax is a useful way of working out what may be happening.

### SATURDAY 'SYPHON' FREIGHT DIAGRAMS

| 4O31 15:16 Leeds - Southampton             | Liner        | 2 x Immingham 37s  |
|--|--------------|--------------------|
| 6E05 15:24 Stanlow - Humber                | Oil (E)      | Immingham 37       |
| 6E33 20:20 (Fri) Baglan Bay - Humber       | Acid (E)     | Immingham 37       |
| 6R70 07:10 Ayr Falkland Yard - Chalmerston | Coal (E)     | 2 x Motherwell 37s |
| 7R73 09:45 Chalmerston - Killoch           | Coal         | 2 x Motherwell 37s |
| 7R83 13:20 Killoch - Falkland Yard         | Coal         | 2 x Motherwell 37s |
| 7F48 07:30 Tunstead - Northwich            | Stone        | 2 x Wigan 37s      |
| 7H51 10:50 Northwich - Tunstead            | Stone (E)    | 2 x Wigan 37s      |
| 7F50 14:35 Tunstead - Oakleigh             | Stone        | 2 x Wigan 37s      |
| 7H53 19:18 Oakleigh - Tunstead             | Stone (E)    | 2 x Wigan 37s      |
| 6D28 06:15 Stanlow - Holyhead              | Fuel Oil     | Wigan 37           |
| 6F29 10:24 Holyhead - Stanlow              | Fuel Oil (E) |                    |
| 6C07 11:13 Aberthaw - Cwmbargoed           | MGR (E)      | 2 x Cardiff 37s    |
| 7C07 15:45 Cwmbargoed - Aberthaw           | MGR          | 2 x Cardiff 37s    |
| 6M10 01:40 Harwich - Longport              | Solvent      | Stewarts Lane 37   |
| 6L78 17:10 Longport - Harwich              | Solvent (E)  | Stewarts Lane 37   |
| 6O34: 22:25 (Fri) Plymouth - Eastleigh     |              | Stewarts Lane 37   |

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# CATH'S DIARY

t's not very often you get a chance to read a woman's

37 sightings for you to pour over. diary (Well I don't anyway). However, SYPHON! now This log of 'Syphon' sightings was compiled by member, Cathy Barton and her partner, and covers the gives you that chance. Unfortunately for you, I have edited out all the good juicy bits and just left the Class period 2 January - 17 March 1996.

Tue, 2 Ian '96

37413: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol. Wed, 3 Jan '96

37412: 16:33 Bristol - Weymouth. 37010: Swindon - Westbury engineers trip & return light engine. 37010, 37051 & 37245: Swindon stabling point at 20:00.

Thu, 4 Jan '96 37412: 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol. 37705: 6V62 10:40 Fawley - Margam oil.

Fri, 5 Jan '96 37412: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol. 37245: Arrived Westbury Yard at 10:30 on engineers from Stoke Gifford, returned at 14:15. 37715: Stabled Westbury Yard at 14:00.

Sat. 6 Ian '96 37055, 37097, 37098 & 37137: Stabled Westbury Yard.

Sun, 7 Jan '96 Major engineering work between Westbury and Salisbury resulted in the following being seen within one and a half miles of Upton Lovell at 11:00. 37715:

Ballast. 37098: Ballast. 37055: Ballast. 37803: Ballast. 37703: Light. 37137: Empties from site to Salisbury, 37097 was also involved during the night. Mon, 8 Jan '96

37411: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol. 37042, 37098, 37245, 37803: Stabled at Westbury 19:00. 37892: At Westbury on oil tanks.

Tue, 9 Jan '96 37411: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol, 16:33 Bristol -Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth Westbury.

Wed, 10 Jan '96 37411: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol. 37185: Took

track panels from weekend engineering works to Stoke Gifford, 37248: Stabled at Westbury 08:30. 37412: 16:33 Bristol -Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth -Westbury.

Thu, 11 Jan '96

37412: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol, 16:33 Bristol - Weymouth & 19:38

Margam - Fawley oil. Fri, 12 Jan '96

37412: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol. 37162: Empty MSV spoil wagons for weekend engineering works. 37042, 37137 & 37242: Stabled at Westbury.

Sun, 14 Ian '96

37040: Westbury Yard in run down condition. 37245: On ballast train. 37601 & 376xx: Stabled at Bristol St Phillips Marsh. 37503 & 37513: Eastleigh at 18:30 for 19:30 Southampton - Leeds Freightliner. Mon, 15 Jan '96

37427: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol, 16:33 Bristol -Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth Westbury, 37040: Engineers trip from Bristol - Westbury, 37055; Bristol portion of Fawley - Tavistock oil 6V92 (Westbury -Bristol & return). 37242: Stabled Westbury Yard. Tue, 16 Ian '96

37427: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol. 37678 & 37242: Stabled Westbury Yard. 37248 & 37185, 37010 & 37705: Ballast trains from Meldon Quarry, 37054: Working ex-TML wagons from Swindon.

Wed, 17 Jan '96 37427: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth &

Bristol - Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth -Westbury. 37242, 37380, 37705 & 37010: Stabled Westbury Yard. Thu, 18 Jan '96 37412: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol, 16:33 Bristol -Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth Westbury, 37380, 37242, 37012 &

08:40 Weymouth - Bristol. 37412: 16:33

Fri, 19 Jan '96 37412: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol. 37264: Ballast arrive at Westbury 12:00 from Bristol.

37222: Stabled at westbury 19:30.

Sun, 21 Jan '96

37679 & 37705: Swindon 14:00. 37054 & 37264: Didcot. 37358 & 37332: Eastleigh at 18:00 to work Soton - Leeds

Weymouth - Westbury, 37042 & 37242: Freightliner. 37370, 37892, 37703 & 37803: Eastleigh Airport sidings. Stabled at Westbury 19:30, 37242 exworks Mainline Blue livery, 37705: Mon. 22 Ian '96 37412: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth &

> 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol, 16:33 Bristol -Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth Westbury. 37679: Arrived Westbury at 14:30 with ex-TML wagons from Swindon. 37803: Fawley - Bristol oil. 37222, 37242

& 37380: 21:00 Westbury Yard. 37889 & 37899; Arrive Westbury with 7C24 16:15 Barry - Westbury Cement Works coal. Tue, 23 Jan '96

37412: Westbury - Bristol ECS departed at 08:10. 37427: 16:33 Bristol Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth Westbury. 37679: Arrived Westbury at 15:50 with ex-TML wagons from Swindon

Wed. 24 Ian '96 37427; 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol, 16:33 Bristol -Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth -Westbury.

Thu, 25 Jan '96 37380: 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol. 37411: 16:33 Bristol - Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth - Westbury. 37370: Fawley -Margam oil. 37137: Westbury Yard at 14:00.

Fri, 26 Jan '96 37411: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol, 37065, 37054, 37705 & 37242: Westbury Yard at 14:00. 37293: Eastleigh Yard at 16:00.

Sat, 27 Jan '96 37427: 07:55 Westbury - Weymouth & 11:00 Weymouth - Bristol, 13:33 Bristol -Weymouth & 17:26 return. 37054 & 37242: Light engine from Westbury to Didcot at 13:45. 37802; 6B01 12:01 West Drayton - Coedbach coal empties via Westbury. Mon, 29 Jan '96

Weymouth - Westbury. 37097: Bristol portion of 6V62 oil. Tue, 30 Jan '96

37412: 16:33 Bristol - Weymouth & 19:38

37412: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol, 16:33 Bristol -Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth - Westbury. 37097 & 37222; Westbury Yard.

Wed, 31 Jan '96

37412: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol, 37413: 16:33 Bristol - Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth -Westbury.

Thu, 1 Feb '96

37412: 16:33 Bristol - Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth - Westbury, 37074, 37042 & 37222: Westbury Yard at 19:00.

Sat, 3 Feb '96

37799 & 37887: Additional Barry -Westbury Cement Works coal & return.

Sun, 4 Feb '96

37042, 37054, 37055, 37065 & 37380: Stabled at Swindon 15:00.

Mon. 5 Feb '96

37413: Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth -Bristol, 16:33 Bristol -Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth - Westbury. 37055 & 37065: Ex-TML wagons from Swindon. arrive Westbury 14:00.

Tue, 6 Feb '96

37413: Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth -Bristol, 16:33 Bristol -Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth - Westbury.

Wed, 7 Feb '96

37413: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth -Bristol. 37427: 16:33 Bristol - Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth -Westbury.

Thu, 8 Feb '96

37427: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol, 16:33 Bristol -Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth Westbury.

Sun, 11 Feb '96

37517 & 37519: Eastleigh Southampton - Leeds Liner,

Mon, 12 Feb '96

37412: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol, 16:33 Bristol -Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth Westbury, 37715: 6V62 Fawley - Bristol -Tavistock & return oil.

Tue, 13 Feb '96

37412: Flooding at Yeovil caused amendment to diagram, 06:59 Westbury - Yeovil Penn Mill & Yeovil Penn Mill - Bristol.

11:58 Bristol - Yeovil Penn Mill & return. 16:33 Bristol - Yeovil Penn Mill & return and Bristol - Westbury, 37704 & 37889: 19:53 Barry - Westbury Cement Works coal. 37222, 37274 & 37370: Stabled at Westbury 21:30.

Wed. 14 Feb '96

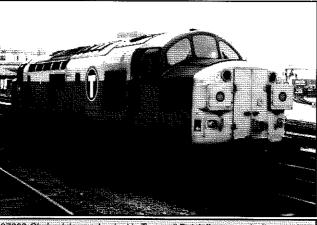
37412: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol, 16:33 Bristol -Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth Westbury.

Thu, 15 Feb '96

37412: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth & 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol. 37427: 16:33 Bristol - Weymouth & 19:38 Weymouth -Westbury.

Fri, 16 Feb '96

37427: 06:59 Westbury - Weymouth &



37088 Clydesdale, resplendent in Transrail Dutch livery, awaits its next duty. at Aberdeen on Saturday, 16 March, Just one of the many 'Syphons' seen on Cathy's travels. Photo: KEN CARR

08:40 Weymouth - Bristol, 37248, 37046 & 37274: Stabled at Westbury.

Sat, 17 Feb '96

37799 & 37704: Barry - Westbury Cement Works coal & return.

Mon. 19 Feb '96

37427: On ECS at Westbury, 37709: 6V92 oil to Bristol.

Thu, 22 Feb '96

37055: Westbury on ballast. 37264 & 37427 & 37894: Barry - Westbury coal. 37274: On ex-TML wagons.

Fri. 23 Feb '96

37248: Westbury on ballast.

Sun, 25 Feb '96

37185 & 37800: Westbury. 37225 & 37350: Eastleigh for Liner to Leeds.

Tue, 27 Feb '96

37046, 37048, 37377 & 37709: Stabled at Westbury 22:00. 37887 & 37898: Barry - Westbury coal.

Wed, 28 Feb '96

37097; Ex-TML wagons to Bristol, 37248; Ballast to Bristol.

Thu, 29 Feb '96

37412: Westbury ECS to Bristol.

Fri, 1 Mar '96

37046. 37114 & 37705: Stabled Westbury 20:00.

Sat. 2 Mar '96

37889 & 37899: Barry - Westbury coal and return.

Mon. 4 Mar '96

37377: Ballast to Reading from Westbury departed 22:40.

Tue, 5 Mar '96

37274. 37114 & 37046: Stabled at Westbury 20:00.

Thu, 7 Mar '96 37274 & 37097: Stabled Westbury, 37264 & 37114: Bailast to Reading depart 22:45.

Sat. 9 Mar '96

37427 & 37894: Barry - Westbury coal ran via Gloucester & Bristol loop due to closure of Severn Tunnel.

Sun, 10 Mar '96

37427 & 37894: Stabled at Westbury. 37042, 37222, 37216, 37377 & 37248: Stabled at Swindon 10:30. 37684: Failed at Eastleigh. 37517: Southampton - Leeds Liner via Westbury & Swindon.

Mon, 11 Mar '96

37705: Fawley - Bristol oil & return.

Thu, 14 Mar '96

Sat, 16 Mar '96

37088, 37043 & 37262: Stabled at Aberdeen. 37156; Stabled at Ladybank.

Sun, 17 Mar '96

37800: Stabled at Westbury. 37517 & 37519: Southampton - Leeds liner via Westbury & Swindon. 21

# My Top Ten by Richard Davis

aving read several articles featuring other member's 'Top Tens', I have finally got around to putting pen to paper. My 'Top Ten' is in no particular order except by date. As you will see the various runs cover an extensive period. Living close to Birmingham, the chance of Class 37 haulage,

especially on Summer Saturdays in the late '70s & early '80s was a common occurrence. However, I was pre-occupied chasing Class 40s, but if they were to be had they were definitely taken. I have tried to give a varied mix of trains that 'Syphons' could be found working.

1. 37192 & 6888 Margam - Shrewsbury via Central Wales Line 20 April 1974
This was a "Kettle' railtour called 'The Powysman'. It also had D1067 Western Druid from Newport Margam. As a mere 13 year old, I probably didn't appreciate the route at the time!

2. 37157 Glasgow Central - Kilmarnock 5 August 1978
This was the second 'Syphon of a Scottish rover, and it was working the 08:30 Glasgow Central Blackpool. Incidentally the first 'Syphon' of the week had been 37219 working the 09:15 Aberdeen Birmingham a couple of days earlier.

3. 37116 Nottingham - Sheffield 12 July 1979
Well wound up when this appeared working the 07:17 Harwich Parkeston Quay - Manchester
Piccadilly. At this time the diagram only occasionally produced a Class 37.

**4.** 37134 Kings Norton - Birmingham - Gloucester 19 September 1979
The 06:55 Gloucester - Leeds & 14:39 Leeds - Plymouth were a regular 'Fix' trains during the Summer months. The morning train called at several local stations on its way to Birmingham. Loads of thrash, loads of commuters. Took it back to Gloucester in the evening because ... read on!

5. 37189 Gloucester - Birmingham 19 September 1979
The 15:15 Plymouth - Manchester Piccadilly was another train that could produce anything from a pair of Class 20s to a 'Duff', as the engine came off a Bescot - Gloucester freight. The 'Syphon' was unassisted up the Lickey. Oh, if only these trains still ran.

6. 37190 Crewe - Shrewsbury 9 June 1980
Having been bowled out by a lack of Class 40s in North Wales, the ideal move was to take the 10:00
Crewe - Cardiff behind 37190 as far as Shrewsbury to connect with 40137 on the 11:40 Shrewsbury
- Fuston.

7. 37011 Liverpool Street - Cambridge 29 October 1980
A superb run behind this 'Syphon' on the 18:36 Liverpool Street - Kings Lynn. The connection for this train was made behind 37014 on the 15:35 Cambridge - Liverpool Street.

8. 37184/176/179/182 The Wee Hours Mega Bash 31 October / 1 November 1980 These were the days. 37184 Seven Tunnel Junction to Bristol Temple Meads with the 23:00 ex Cardiff for the 01:24 to Milford Haven with 184 as far as Swansea, then 37176, Swansea - Carmarthen and 37179 on to Milford Haven. Then back to Swansea with 179 on the 07:30 for a bonus connection with a 'Ruggex' relief to Cardiff behind 37182. It was the only time I did this and I don't regret it.

9. 37073 Barrhill - Ayr Shed 17 July 1981
This was a fairly solid Class 40 train and 'Syphons' on this route were rare at the time. So not surprisingly when this came round the corner everyone was in a state of shock. The only bad thing was a change of loco at Ayr shed, with 37073 being replaced by a 'Duff'.

10. 37042 Sheffield - Birmingham 28 July 1984
Fell onto this at Sheffield. The 'Syphon' was in charge of the 15:21 relief to Paignton, nice surprise!

# PASSENGER DIARY

here has been some interesting workings recently with plenty of 'Non-Es' out and about, plus some of the rarer 37/4s.

Sadly we have had no reports from Scotland for this issue, if you have any gen please let me know. A shortage of space has resulted in this condensed view of recent events.

Finally, If you can't be bothered to write in, you can phone me or leave messages on my answer machine (01245) 450779.

### THE 'NON -E's

| 13/12/95 | 37055          | With 33046 Canterbury - Grove Park on 'The Kentish Spinner' Railtour.  |
|----------|----------------|--|
| 28/12/95 | 37685          | Pitlochry - Perth on 1B44 18:00 Inverness - Edinburgh due to incompatibility problems between a Class 150 & 156.             |
| 30/12/95 | 37153          | Aviemore - Inverness piloted 47791 on 1S25 03:30 from Euston   |
| 31/12/95 | 37170          | Dalwhinnie - Edinburgh assisted HST on 09:40 Inverness - Kings X   |
| 1/1/96   | 37229          | Exeter St Davids - Plymouth failed HST on 15:35 from Paddington.   |
| 10/1/96  | 37696          | Exeter St Davids - Penzance with 08:50 HST from Edinburgh. 1st r un since 24/08/91   |
| 13/1/96  | 37695          | Par - Penzance assisting 47816 on 23:55 sleepers from Waterloo. 1st r un since 29/9/91                                       |
| 19/1/96  | 37197          | Abergavenny - Cardiff, rescuing 37427 on 18:03 from Birmingham.  |
| 25/1/96  | 37380          | 08:40 Weymouth - Bristol Temple Meads.   |
| 26/1/96  | 37158<br>37100 | Exeter St Davids - Plymouth failed HST on 20:35 from Paddington. Edinburgh - Aberdeen & return failed HST.                   |
| 30/1/96  | 37229          | Exeter St Davids - Plymouth on 23:55 Waterloo - Penzance sleepers. 10:44 Plymouth - Manchester with 47575 as far as Bristol. |
| 31/1/96  | 37685          | Ladybank - Edinburgh, 47760 failed, 21:40 from Aberdeen.   |
| 3/2/96   | 37886          | 1A29 09:06 Holyhead - Euston as far as Crewe.  |
| 5/2/96   | 37229          | Exeter St Davids - Plymouth on 09:13 from Liverpool.   |
| 18/2/96  | 37201          | Lockerbie - Glasgow Central with the 10:10 from Euston.  |
| 20/2/96  | 37674          | Llantrisant - Cardiff with 16:32 Swansea - Paddington HST.   |
| 21/2/96  | 37178          | Nuneaton - Coventry dragging 87027 on 10:30 Manchester Piccadilly - Euston due to overhead line problems near Rugby.         |
| 24/2/96  | 37207          | With 20128 & 31439 on 'Jewel in the Crown' Railtour.   |
| 2/3/96   | 37895          | Assisted 37412 on 'The Glamorgan Freighter' railtour. 1st r un since 19/08/90  |
| 11/3/96  | 37154          | Crewe -Rugeley dragging 87006 due to Stafford crash.   |
| 20/3/96  | 37671          | Bodmin - Plymouth failed HST on 07:20 Penzance - Edinburgh.  |
| 23/3/96  | 37211          | with 37426 Chester - Alton on 'The Exhibitionist' railtour.  |
| 29/3/96  | 37255          | 14:24 Crewe - Holyhead.  |

# PASSENGER DIARY

### THE 'E' FLEET

37401 Mary Queen of Scots LGHM (ML)

No reports from Scotland - last recorded working 5/1/96.

37402 Bont Y Bermo LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 19/3/96.

37403 Ben Cruachan LGHM (ML)

No reports from Scotland - last recorded working 14/10/95.

37404 Loch Long LGHM (ML)

No reports from Scotland - last recorded working 23/12/95.

37405 Strathclyde Region LWCW (SP)

Loco has been quite a regular performer on North Wales services during February & March previous duties July '95. Last recorded working North Wales 26/3/96.

37406 The Saltaire Society LGHM (ML)

No reports from Scotland - last recorded working 29/12/95.

37407 Blackpool Tower LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 13/4/96.

37408 Loch Rannoch LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 13/4/96.

37409 Loch Awe LGHM (ML)

No reports from Scotland - last recorded working 7/11/95.

37410 Aluminium 100 LGHM (ML)

No reports from Scotland - last recorded working 29/12/95.

37411 On Loan to LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 11/4/96.

37412 Driver John Elliot LNDK (CF)

2/3/96 - Worked 'The Glamorgan Freighter' railtour. Last recorded working Crewe - Cardiff 15/3/96.

37413 Loch Eil Outward Bound LGHM (ML)

On 12 April appeared on North Wales services. Last reported working - North Wales 12/4/96.

37414 Cathays C&W Works LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 11/4/96.

37415 LWCW (SP)

This loco made its first and only passenger appearance since 3/10/92 on 7 March, working the 11:24

Crewe - Holyhead and 13:56 return.

37416

LWCW (SP)

Last reported working - North Wales 21/3/96.

37417 Highland Region LWMC (CD)
Last reported working - North Wales 12/4/96.

37418 East Lancashire Railway LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 13/4/96.

37419 LWCW (SP)

Fairly regular on North Wales services until early March and a move to Doncaster Works. Last reported working - North Wales 2/3/96.

37420 The Scottish Hosteller LWCW (SP)

At Doncaster Works, Last reported working - North Wales 3/10/95.

37421 The Kingsman LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 21/3/96

37422 Robert F. Fairlie LWMC (CD)
Last reported working - North Wales 13/4/96.

37423 Sir Murray Morrison LGHM (M

No reports from Scotland - last recorded working 30/12/95.

37424 LGHM (ML)

No reports from Scotland - last recorded working 3/1/96.

37425 Concrete Bob LWMC (CD)
Last reported working - North Wales 2/3/96.

37426 LWCW (SP)

23/3/96 - 'The Exhibitionist' Railtour. Last reported working - North Wales 13/4/96.

37427 LNDK (CF)

17/2/96 - Worked 18:03 Cardiff - Birmingham 'Ruggex'. Last recorded working Crewe - Cardiff 12/4/96.

37428 David Lloyd George LGHM (ML)

No reports from Scotland - last recorded working 8/11/95.

37429 Sir Murray Morrison LGHM (ML)

At Doncaster Works. Last reported working - 8/1/96. 30/12/95.

37430 Cwmbran LGHM (ML)

No reports from Scotland - last recorded working 19/12/95.

37431 LCXX

Loco now stored last recorded working 19/7/94.



'Syphons' have been regular visitors to the North Walsham line during weekends for engineering work. ABOVE: 37046 makes a pleasing sight next to the signalbox at Wroxham on 5 February. The same day saw 37023, 37072 & 37379 at work on the line. BELOW: 37072 is seen south of Wroxham a month later on 3 March. The 'Syphon' was joined during the day by 37106 & 37667. **Photos: MIKE MILLWARD**.



# NORTH WALES COAST 37/4 SUMMER '96 DIAGRAMS

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| CD300 |          |                       |
|-------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1D60  | 08:17    | Crewe - Bangor        |
| 1K61  | 10:23    | Bangor - Crewe        |
| 1D71  | 13:18    | Crewe - Bangor        |
| 1K75  | 17:18    | Bangor - Crewe        |
| 1D83  | 19:22    | Crewe - Chester       |
| 5F84  | 22:35    | Chester - Edge Hill   |
| Tot   | al Passe | enger Mileage: 344.68 |
|       |          |                       |

### CD301

| 5D54                            | 04:50   | Eage Hill - Chester |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 2D54                            | 07:06   | Chester - Bangor    |  |  |  |  |
| 1K59                            | 09:13   | Bangor - Crewe      |  |  |  |  |
| 1D69                            | 12:18   | Crewe - Bangor      |  |  |  |  |
| 1K71                            | 15:22   | Bangor - Crewe      |  |  |  |  |
| 1D81                            | 18:18   | Crewe - Bangor      |  |  |  |  |
| 2D71                            | 20:22   | Bangor - Chester    |  |  |  |  |
| 5F84 F                          | o 22:35 | Chester - Edge Hill |  |  |  |  |
| Total Passenger Mileage: 443.07 |         |                     |  |  |  |  |

### CD302

| 1K54 | 07:41 | Chester - Crewe |
|------|-------|-----------------|
| 1D62 | 09:17 | Crewe - Bangor  |
| 1K63 | 11:22 | Bangor - Crewe  |
| 1D73 | 14:18 | Crewe - Bangor  |
| 1K73 | 16:22 | Bangor - Crewe  |
| 1D56 | 21:14 | Crewe - Holyhea |

Total Passenger Mileage: 450.33

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| 1G76 | 01:56     | Holyhead - Birm Intl  |
|------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 1D64 | 08:30     | Birm Intl - Bangor    |
| 1K65 | 12:22     | Bangor - Crewe        |
| 1D75 | 15:18     | Crewe - Holyhead      |
| 1G79 | 18:16     | Holyhead - Birm Intl  |
| 1D99 | 23:12     | Birm Intl - Holyhead  |
| To   | tal Passe | enger Mileage: 823.93 |

### CD304

| 1K58         | 07:35          | Holyhead  | - Crewe        |
|--------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1D67         | 11:18          | Crewe - H |                |
| 1K69<br>1D79 | 13:53<br>17:18 | Holyhead  |                |
|              |                | Crewe - H | adiamenta a sa |

Total Passenger Mileage: 422,60

### CD305

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|-------|-----------|----------------------|
| 1K56  | 06:58     | Holyhead - Crewe     |
| 1D65  | 10:18     | Crewe - Bangor       |
| 1K67  | 13:22     | Bangor - Crewe       |
| 1D77  | 16:18     | Crewe - Bangor       |
| 1K77  | 18:20     | Bangor - Crewe       |
| То    | tal Passe | nger Mileage: 429.20 |

Total Daily Diagrammed Mileage: 2913.81



Once again there is a full complement of Class 37/4 diagrams this Summer, six during the week and seven on Saturdays including the return of the SO Stockport - Holyhead train.

The price of the Chester to Holyhead day rover is expected to remain at just £11.00, giving excellent value for a full day's bashing.

To whet your appetite here's 37405 awaiting to depart Bangor on the 12:23 to Crewe.

Photo: Daniel Hitchins.

| SATUR                          | DAY            |                                      |              |                |   |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|---|
| CD300                          |                |                                      | CD304        |                |   |
| 1D60                           | 08:17          | Crewe - Bangor                       | 5D57         | 04:50          | Edge Hill - Chester                         |
| 1K61                           | 10:23          | Bangor - Crewe                       | 1D57         | 07:07          | Chester - Bangor                            |
| 1D72                           | 13:18          | Crewe - Bangor                       | 1K59         | 09:13          | Bangor - Crewe                              |
| 1K75                           | 17:18          | Bangor - Crewe                       | 1D70         | 12:18          | Crewe - Holyhead                            |
| 1D83                           | 19:22          | Crewe - Chester                      | 1K71         | 14:36          | Holyhead - Crewe                            |
| 2F80                           | 20:05          | Chester - Runcorn                    | 1D82<br>2D81 | 18:18<br>20:22 | Crewe - Bangor                              |
| 5F80                           | 20:36          | Runcorn - Edge Hill                  |              |                | Bangor - Chester                            |
| To                             | tal Passe      | enger Mileage: 358.49                | 10           | itai Passe     | enger Mileage: 492.59                       |
| CD301                          |                |                                      | CD305        |                |   |
| 1G80                           | 02:00          | Holyhead - Birm Intl                 | 5D53         | 02:30          | Edge Hill - Chester                         |
| 1D64                           | 08:30          | Birm Intl - Holyhead                 | 1K53         | 07:45          | Chester - Crewe                             |
| 1K69                           | 13:55          | Holyhead - Crewe                     | 1D62         | 09:17          | Crewe - Bangor                              |
| 1D80                           | 17:18          | Crewe - Holyhead                     | 1K63         | 11:22          | Bangor - Crewe                              |
| То                             | tal Passe      | enger Mileage: 542.38                | 1D74         | 14:18          | Crewe - Bangor                              |
|                                |                | -                                    | 1K73         | 16:22          | Bangor - Crewe                              |
| CD302                          |                |                                      | 1D85         | 21:14          | Crewe - Holyhead                            |
| 1K57                           | 07:40          | Holyhead - Crewe                     | 10           | tai Passe      | enger Mileage: 450.33                       |
| 1D67                           | 11:17          | Crewe - Bangor                       | CD306        |                |   |
| 1K67                           | 13:22          | Bangor - Crewe                       | 5D37         | 08:35          | Chapter Stackwart                           |
| 1D77                           | 16:18          | Crewe - Bangor                       | 1D37         | 09:57          | Chester - Stockport<br>Stockport - Holyhead |
| 1K77                           | 18:19          | Bangor - Crewe                       | 1H44         | 13:26          | Holyhead - Stockport                        |
| То                             | tal Passe      | enger Mileage: 429.20                | 5H44         | 16:11          | Stockport - Chester                         |
|                                |                |                                      |              |                | enger Mileage: 258.38                       |
| CD303                          |                | 11.1.1                               | 70           | нан павъс      | nger wiieage. 256.56                        |
| 1K55                           | 07:00          | Holyhead - Crewe                     | Total        | Saturday       | y Diagrammed Mileage:                       |
| 1D65                           | 10:18          | Crewe - Bangor                       |              | outu. uu,      | 3010.10                                     |
| 1K65<br>1D76                   | 12:22<br>15:18 | Bangor - Crewe                       |              |                | 0070.70                                     |
| 1K78                           | 18:22          | Crewe - Holyhead<br>Holyhead - Crewe | Tota         | i Weeki        | / Diagrammed Mileage:                       |
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| 10                             | tai Passe      | enger Mileage: 478.73                |              |                | 10170.30                                    |
| SUNDA                          | YS             |                                      | CD302        |                |   |
| 1,11,1011,1000 mm (photo) from |                |                                      | 1K52         | 08:30          | Chester - Crewe                             |
| CD300                          |                |                                      | 1D58         | 10:07          | Crewe - Holyhead                            |
| 5F84                           | 22:30          | Chester - Edge Hill                  | 1K58         | 14:22          | Holyhead - Črewe                            |
| 71177114                       |                |                                      | 1065         | 17:18          | Crewe - Holyhead                            |

| SUND  | YS                      |   | CD302                               | CD302                               |   |  |  |
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| <b>CD300</b><br>5F84                          | 22:30                   | Chester - Edge Hill                                     | 1K52<br>1D58<br>1K58<br>1D65        | 08:30<br>10:07<br>14:22<br>17:18    | Chester - Crewe<br>Crewe - Holyhead<br>Holyhead - Crewe<br>Crewe - Holyhead |  |  |
| CD301<br>1K54                                 | 09:28                   | Holyhead - Crewe  | Total Passenger Mileage: 338.08     |                                     |   |  |  |
| 1D60<br>1K60<br>1D67                          | 12:21<br>17:17<br>19:35 | Crewe - Holyhead<br>Holyhead - Crewe<br>Crewe - Chester | <i>CD304</i><br><i>5K57</i><br>1D63 | 14:45<br>15:59                      | Edge Hill - Crewe<br>Crewe - Holyhead                                       |  |  |
| Total Passenger Mileage: 422.60 CD303 & CD305 |                         |   | 1G81<br>1D99<br><i>Tc</i>           | 18:18<br>23:12<br><i>Ital Passe</i> | Holyhead - Birm Intl<br>Birm Intl - Holyhead<br>enger Mileage: 436.73       |  |  |
| Spare .                                       | at Holyhe               | ad & Crewe Respectively                                 | Tota                                | l Diagrar                           | mmed Mileage: 1197.41   |  |  |

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