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Cover Pic: 37167 & 37042 pass through Wandsworth Road with 6Z57 13:37 Hoo Junction - Three Bridges engineers train. Photo: MICHAEL GIBSON.

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OPENING SHOT



37710 shows off its distinctive Load Haul black & orange livery at Northwich whilst working the Mostyn Tanks. As from the middle of October, Load Haul ceases to exist, so yet another livery is consigned to the history books. In this issues centre-spread, we show a variety of liveries still carried on the members of the class. Phot them while you can as the maroon tide is coming in fast. **Photo: DANIEL HITCHENS.**

From the Driving Seat

Time for me to pen my pre-AGM dissertation. This last year has seen, once again, many changes not only to the railway system as a whole but also the Group. The last twelve months has seen the Group go from a set of wandering generalities to a team of meaningful specifics; i.e. we now know what we are doing and where we are going. We now have a fantastic magazine, a boiler ex-37116, a bid in for 37003, over 300 members and the foundations in for a great future.

This past year we also ran two railtours, both successes in their own rights, firstly taking Class 37s to the Mid-Hants and the second, well if you weren't their, where were you! Notably, it was the first public pairing of EW&SR liveried 37s, the last ever run of two of the participants (37058/059), the most consecutively numbered locos on a tour (57/58/59) and by far and away the fastest any of us had ever been behind 37s (109!).

We inspected 37003 in June and submitted a bid to Load Haul who then faded into EW&SR; we are still awaiting a verdict but EW&SR do know of our bid and

are treating it seriously. All we can do is wait. Several major railways have expressed an interest in having 003 if we are successful, with the Great Central currently topping the pile.

The committee also changed again during the year, with the gain of Steve Potter and Paul Smith and the loss of Rod Saunders. The committee will be changing again at the AGM; I am not re-standing as Chairman or Sales Officer. The last four years have been a very challenging and interesting time, but now time has come for me to move on and concentrate on my business activities. This decision was not taken lightly as I really enjoy the job, but I need to focus on what I have to do with as few distractions as possible.

I want to personally thank ALL of you for your support over the years and ask that you give the Committee your full support in the future; we are so close it hurts.

See Ya at the AGM!

Mike Millward
Chairman

GROUP NEWSDESK

Membership Matters

There has been plenty activity on the membership front. Welcome to all the new members and thankyou to those who have renewed or re-joined. The details are as follows:

Renewals

37008 - R. Chamberlain
37033 - Michael Hayes
37091 - Mrs J.D. Foster
37111 - Sam Spratt
37157 - Colin Good
37164 - John Wrigley
37178 - P.T. Burnett
37212 - T. Hayward
37248 - Michael Price
37401 - Barry Jowett
37672 - D. Pulfer
37716 - D. Hughes

37011 - K. Reynolds
37043 - R.C. Smith
37093 - A. Louth
37120 - Ada Spratt
37158 - P.P. Renney
37165 - Carl Smith
37207 - D.J. Owen
37213 - R.K. Dodd
37260 - M. Green
37412 - J. Langton
37675 - R.K. Upton
37898 - G. Sullivan

37024 - I. Mayoh
37055 - B.A. Davies
37098 - R.S. Wills
37121 - Ray Spratt
37159 - Mstr M. Renney
37166 - A. Dowle
37209 - Tim Young
37222 - D. Prior
37274 - Steve Branch
37424 - Elaine Jowett
37685 - D. Foster

37025 - B. Darling
37081 - D. Aistable
37100 - S.P. Avins
37156 - Maurice Barber
37162 - M. Warrick
37169 - Mark Jones
37210 - Dr P. Hayward
37229 - M. Wren
37294 - G. West
37671 - Mark Wigley
37688 - T. Dowle

Rejoining

37094 - Jeffrey Wolton

New Members

37265 - Alan Randle
37605 - Andrew Warrick

37266 - Robert Knowles

37301 - Gordon Lacy

37302 - Andrew Lacy

We would like to thank the following members who have made donations:

37013 - D. Hamilton
37210 - Dr P. Hayward
37601 - P. Sindall

37080 - G. Corker
37212 - T. Hayward

37162 - M. Warrick
37222 - D. Prior

37166 T.E. & A Dowle
37412 - J. Langton

Graham Potts
Membership Secretary

37003 - WE'RE STILL AWAITING A DECISION

THE Group is still awaiting a decision from EW&SR regarding our bid for 37003, currently in store at Immingham. One of the reasons for the delay is the current amalgamation of the three freight companies back into a single organisation. This is expected to be completed by 14 October and then hopefully we can make further headway.

It is interesting to note that EW&SR are finally beginning to dispose of its surplus locomotives. Around fifty have recently been put out to tender including the heavily robbed, Old Oak resident, 37373.

A further batch of Class 37s will be made available in December.

AGM DETAILS

THIS year's AGM will be held on 23 November at The Centrex Training Centre, High Earcall, Near Telford, Shropshire. Kick off is 10:00 am.

Directions from the M54 as follows: Exit the M54 at Junction 6, follow the signs to Whitchurch as far as Cruddington Dairy where you turn left following the signs to Centrex. The nearest BR station is Shrewsbury. Centrex's telephone number is 01952 777777.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. A sales stand will be present including a range of latest videos, so don't forget your chequebook.

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CREWE WORKS WELCOMES 25,000 VISITORS



SATURDAY, 17 August, saw thousands of enthusiasts converge on Crewe for the open day held at the Works. For 'Syphon' fans there was plenty of interest both inside and outside the Works.

Class 37s on display at the show were, 37419 displaying its EW&SR maroon livery, 37425 undergoing maintenance, EPS's 37603, 37668, plus stored/withdrawn 37066, 37333 and 37699.

Outside the Works a full complement of 37/4s were operating

ABOVE: 37419 shows off its new maroon livery at Crewe Works open day and was the subject for thousands of photos during the day.

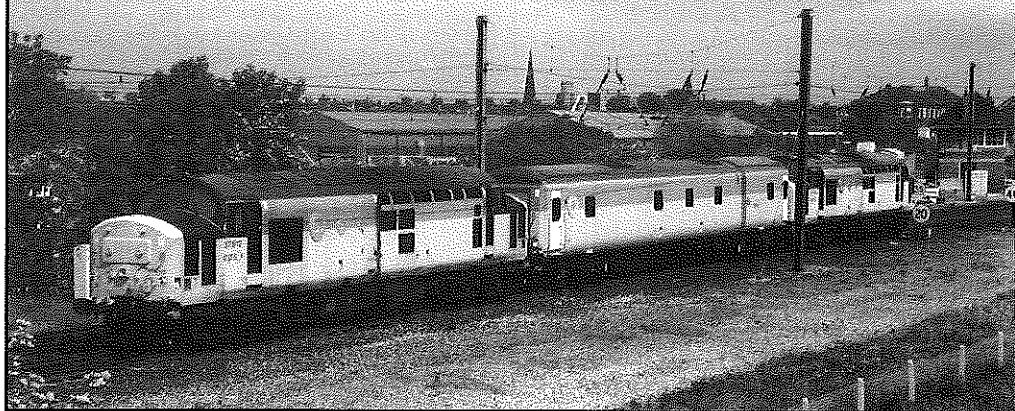
RIGHT: A complete contrast was provided by the heavily robbed 37333. **Photos: DANIEL HITCHENS**

on the North Wales Coast services. Then just to complete the picture a Pathfinder tour ran from Bristol via Exeter(!) to Crewe utilising 37010 & 37042.

37029 was also nearing the end of its restoration at the nearby Crewe Heritage Centre, thus making it quite a day.



37/6s TO FINISH BEFORE THEY START?



AS we closed for press, there were some very strong rumours that the new owners of EPS are seriously considering abandoning plans for all European sleeper services from anywhere other than London.

Considering the amount of time and money spent on creating the Class 37/6s and their accompanying gen-

erator cars it seems quite incredible that they could be surplus to requirements before they have worked the trains they were designed for.

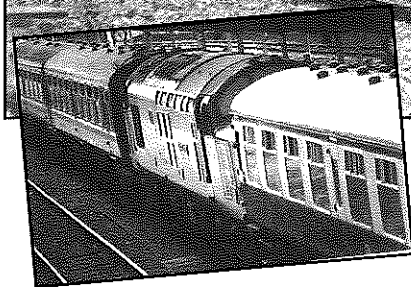
Hopefully the situation will be a bit clearer next issue. Until then the picture above of 37610 on test will have to suffice. **Photo: PETER J. ALDERSON.**

FUN & GAMES AT CHESTER



On 10 August, 37429 failed at Beeston whilst working the Birmingham International - Holyhead. 37402 working the following train was used to push the failed loco and train into Chester (see picture left). On arrival at Chester 37414 was coupled onto the front (see picture above) and continued forward to Holyhead dragging 37429. 37402 then continued its journey a few minutes later.

Photos: DANIEL HITCHENS.



LEEDS - SO'TON LINER WATCH

THE Saturday's 15:16 4031 Leeds to Southampton Freightliner and Sunday's 19:58 4E76 return still continue to produce Immingham 'Syphons' and rumour has it this will continue to be the case until at least December. Once again thanks to Mr K. Palmer for the latest list of workings.

27/28 July -	37131 & 37677
3/4 August -	37131 & 37330
10/11 August -	37131 & 37330
17/18 August -	37225 & 37330
24/25 August -	37225 & 37330
31 Aug / 1 Sept -	37884 & 37888
7/8 September -	37330 & 37677
14/15 September -	37225 & 37684
21/22 September -	37225 & 37358

37431 BACK SOON?

AFTER months of indecision it looks like 37431 will be returned to traffic. The loco is currently at Springburn Works in Glasgow undergoing attention. One set back has been the power unit which was sent to an outside contractor for repair. The unit came back supposedly working, however a number of faults have since been discovered.

FREIGHT SHORTS

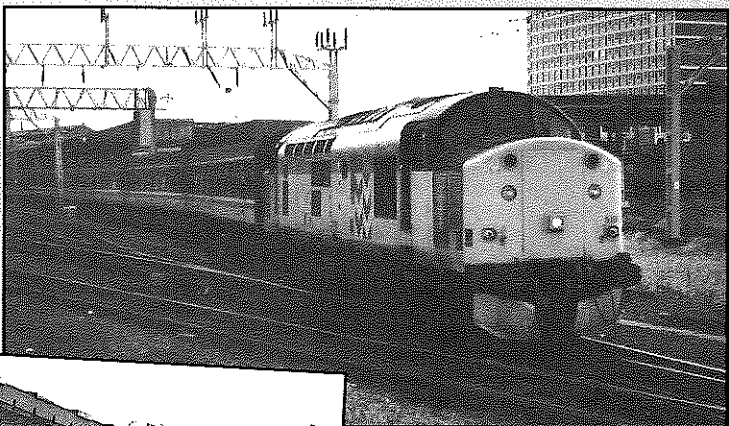
12/8/96 - 37142 hauled Class 50, D444 from Kidderminster - Crewe for the open day.
 12/8/96 - 37191 hauled steam locomotive 'Duchess of Hamilton' from Carlisle to Crewe.
 20/8/96 - 37505 & 37695 worked 6P27 Bescot - Cannock MGR.
 23/8/96 - 37695 hauled 'Peak' 45041' from Crewe Works to Derby.
 31/8/96 - 37046 & 37274 at Liverpool Street on Engineers duties.
 9/9/96 - 37685 worked the Deanside - Wisbech petfood train, in place of Class 56.
 12/9/96 - 37074 & 37238 worked 6Z22 19:35 Temple Mills - Croft empties.
 12/9/96 - 37379 & 37274 worked 6Z65 Croft - Temple Mills ballast.
 16/9/96 - 37798 & 37174 noted on Great Western engineers train.
 18/9/96 - 37055 & 37244 worked 6Z65.
 19/9/96 - 37274 & 37379 worked 6Z22.
 19/9/96 - 37715 & 58008 seen at Wellingborough on a northbound stone service, both locos working.
 7/10/96 - 37897 worked 6B20 West Drayton to Coedbach coal.

MORE NB'S HIT THE COAST

AFTER a severe shortage of 'NB's' working on the North Wales Coast this year, recent times have seen the situation improve.

On 31 August, 37708 spent the day working along the Coast starting with the 10:23 Bangor - Crewe and ending on 20:05 Chester - Runcorn.

The following Saturday it was the turn of 37518 which worked from



37518 departs Crewe with the 17:18 to Holyhead on 7 September. **Photo: DANIEL HITCHENS**



37708 sits at Bangor awaiting to shunt the stock for the 17:18 service to Crewe **Photo: DANIEL HITCHENS**

14:18 Crewe - Bangor and promptly failed on arrival, the 15:18 Crewe - Holyhead saw 37201 in action and it returned on the 18:16 to Birmingham as far as Crewe.

The following Monday 37087 started a run of four consecutive days on the Coast, the loco had a rest on the Friday and was back out again on Saturday 21 September.

As we closed for press 37212 was the latest to make an appearance on 14, 15 & 16 October.

mid-day onwards. The loco then put in appearance the following day on 09:28 Crewe - Holyhead.

The 13 September saw 37505 work the



Having spent the best part of a week working services down the Coast, 37087 is seen at Bangor after arrival from Crewe on 21 September. **Photo: DANIEL HITCHENS**

37032 BACK IN ACTION



PRESERVED 37032 has made a storming return back into action. The loco based at the North Norfolk Railway was started up on 11 August and then ran from Weybourne to Sheringham in multiple with 20227.

The loco made its service train debut on Saturday, 31 August with three return trips over the line and thus

became the first Class 37 to haul a passenger train in preservation.

On behalf of the Group I offer our congratulations to the owners at getting this wicked machine running again and I hope as many as possible can get over to the North Norfolk to see it. We will try and keep members informed of running dates.

SIMPLY RED

TWENTY-FIVE of the Class now sport the EW&SR maroon livery, the latest additions being 37042, 37114, 37128, 37370, 37371, 37518, 37684, 37688, 37697, 37883 and 37886.

By the time you read this there are probably a few more including 37408, which was expected to lose its Large Logo (the last of the class to be so painted) as it was undergoing an 'E' exam in early October.

BEAST OF BODMIN

THE Bodmin Railway's diesel gala had newly repainted 37416 as it's star attraction on 21/22 September. The maroon 37 had worked down to St Blazey the during the previous week, where it remained until moving to Bodmin for the gala.

'McFOURS' OUT ON TOUR

THE Summer months usually sees a number of Scottish tours and charters, this year has proved no different and good use has been made of Motherwell's Class 37/4s.

Some of the more interesting were 37430 working Edinburgh to Mallaig on 27 July. 37409 & 37428 working to Kyle of Lochalsh from Edinburgh on 31 August, 37430 on a private Edinburgh to Mallaig charter on 13 September, followed by a run to Fort William the following day paired with 37406 on Lancaster Tours 'Highland Fling'.

37717 GOES TO NRM

THIS year's diesel weekend at the National Railway Museum on 7/8 September saw 37717 resplendent in its EW&SR maroon livery as a static guest visitor.

EW&SR REORGANISATION BEGINS

AS can be seen from Ch.Ch.Ch. Changes on the opposite page, EW&SR have begun to reorganise the Class 37 Fleet as they start to plan future requirements. No less than seventy-eight 'Syphons' have changed pools.

On the done side eight have been moved into store, 37035, 37156, 37201, 37207, 37232, 37262, 37423 & 37427. The latter two will probably return quickly, but there is doubt about the others.

On the plus side 37133 and 37196 have re-entered traffic, both moving into the recreated Bescot LSSB 'Sandite' pool.

The other major news is the abolition of seven

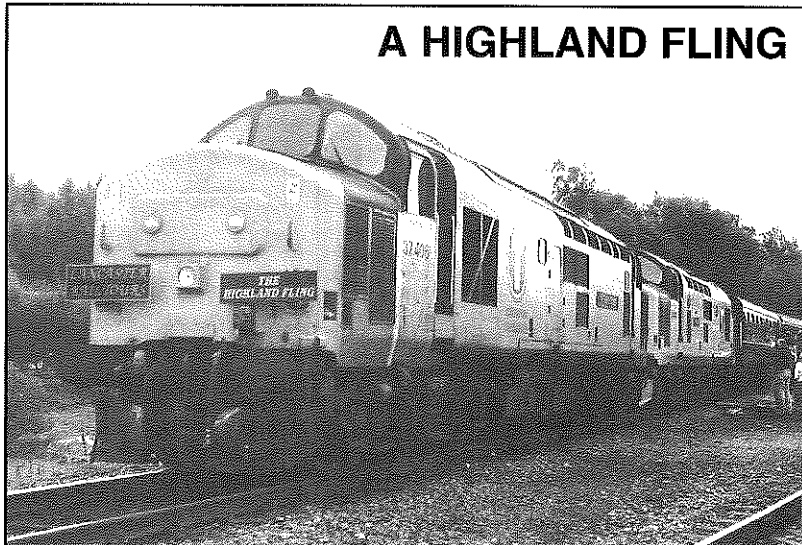
pools as EW&SR slim them down, trying to create only one pool per depot before, presumably, eradicating them completely. The following pools have been merged. At Toton - EWCN & ENTN (now ENTN), At Stewarts Lane - EWDS & EWDB (now EWDB), at Immingham - FDDI, FDKI & FDCI (now FDDI), at Motherwell - LGPM & LGBM (now LGBM), at Cardiff - LNDK, LNKK & LNCK (now LNCK).

A number of locos have also moved to new depots. The most notable being 37702, 37796, 37799 and 37802 which have moved from Cardiff Canton to Motherwell in a switch with four Class 56s.

The complete list is shown opposite.

A HIGHLAND FLING

THE highlight for participants of Lancaster Railtours 'The Highland Fling' on 14 September '96 was the use of Motherwell's, 37406 & 37430. The 'Syphons' powered the train over the scenic West Highland line to Fort William. The pair are seen during a photo-stop at the remote location of Rannoch. Photo: DANIEL HITCHENS



Ch. Ch. Ch. Changes

English Welsh & Scottish

Pool Changes

37023 EWDS (SL) - EWDB (SL)
 37035 EWRB (SL) - ENXX
 37042 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)
 37047 EWDS (SL) - EWDB (SL)
 37055 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)
 37057 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)
 37065 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)
 37072 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)
 37087 LWCW (SP) - LBLB (BS)
 37098 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)
 37106 EWDS (SL) - EWDB (SL)
 37114 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)
 37133 LCWX - LBSB (BS)
 37140 EWDS (SL) - EWDB (SL)
 37141 LNDK (CF) - LBLB (BS)
 37146 LNDK (CF) - LBLB (BS)
 37154 LBLB (BS) - LBSB (BS)
 37156 LGBM (ML) - LCWX
 37158 LNDK (CF) - LBLB (BS)
 37162 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)
 37178 LBLB (BS) - LBSB (BS)
 37185 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)
 37191 LBLB (BS) - LBSB (BS)
 37196 LCWX - LBSB (BS)
 37201 LBLB (BS) - LCWX
 37207 LBLB (BS) - LCWX
 37212 LGBM (ML) - LBLB (BS)
 37216 EWDS (SL) - EWDB (SL)
 37222 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)
 37227 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)

37232 LGBM (ML) - LCWX
 37242 EWDS (SL) - EWDB (SL)
 37244 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)
 37248 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)
 37255 LBLB (BS) - LBSB (BS)
 37258 LNSK (CF) - LBSB (BS)
 37262 LGBM (ML) - LCWX
 37334 FDKI (IM) - LBSB (BS)
 37376 EWCN (TO) - ENTN (TO)
 37379 EWDS (SL) - EWDB (SL)
 37411 LNDK (CF) - LNCK (CF)
 37412 LNDK (CF) - LNCK (CF)
 37416 LWCW (SP) - LNCK (CF)
 37423 LGHM (ML) - LCWX
 37427 LNDK (CF) - LCWX
 37503 FDDI (IM) - FDCI (IM)
 37513 FDDI (IM) - FDCI (IM)
 37515 FDDI (IM) - FDCI (IM)
 37516 FDDI (IM) - FDCI (IM)
 37517 FDDI (IM) - FDCI (IM)
 37519 FDDI (IM) - FDCI (IM)
 37667 EWDS (SL) - EWDB (SL)
 37675 LGPM (ML) - LGBM (ML)
 37676 EWDS (SL) - EWDB (SL)
 37677 FDDI (IM) - FDCI (IM)
 37678 EWDS (SL) - EWDB (SL)
 37679 EWDS (SL) - EWDB (SL)
 37680 FDDI (IM) - FDCI (IM)
 37682 FDDI (IM) - FDCI (IM)
 37686 FDDI (IM) - FDCI (IM)
 37688 FDKI (IM) - FDCI (IM)
 37692 LGPM (ML) - LGBM (ML)
 37693 LGPM (ML) - LGBM (ML)

37694 FDDI (IM) - FDCI (IM)
 37702 LNCK (CF) - LGBM (ML)
 37712 LGPM (ML) - LGBM (ML)
 37714 LGPM (ML) - LGBM (ML)
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 37801 LGPM (ML) - LGBM (ML)
 37802 LNCK (CF) - LGBM (ML)
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 37906 LNCK (CF) - LNCK (CF)

LIVERY CHANGES

37042 FM - WC
 37114 DC - WC
 37128 BM - WC
 37370 DC - WC
 37371 MB - WC
 37375 DC - MB
 37518 FM - WC
 37684 FU - WC
 37688 FA - WC
 37697 FC - WC
 37883 FP - WC
 37886 FM - WC

CURRENT POOL ALLOCATIONS

ENGLISH WELSH & SCOTTISH RAILWAY

OPERATIONAL POOLS

ENTN - Toton

37010	37012	37013	37038	37042	37046
37051	37055	37057	37065	37072	37079
37097	37098	37114	37137	37162	37185
37222	37227	37238	37244	37248	37264
37376	37715	37798			

EWDB - Stewarts Lane

37023	37037	37047	37054	37074	37077
37106	37109	37140	37167	37198	37203
37216	37219	37242	37274	37371	37375
37377	37379	37667	37676	37678	37679
37703	37705	37709	37800	37803	37890
37891	37892				

EWDB - Stewarts Lane - Restricted Use

37040	37174	37194	37220	37245	37293
37370	37372	37380			

FDCI - Immingham

37350	37513	37515	37516	37517	37519
37677	37680	37682	37684	37686	37688
37689	37694	37697	37698	37706	37707
37708	37710	37711	37713	37716	37717
37718	37719	37883	37884	37885	37886
37888					

FDRI - Immingham - Restricted Use

37131	37225	37330	37332	37358	37503
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LBLB - Bescot

37025	37071	37073	37087	37095	37108
37116	37141	37142	37146	37158	37211
37212	37214	37240	37505	37695	

LBSB - Bescot - Sandite

37154	37178	37191	37196	37255	37258
37334					

LGBM - Motherwell

37043	37069	37100	37152	37153	37165
37170	37175	37221	37250	37261	37294
37351	37510	37675	37683	37685	37692
37693	37702	37712	37714	37796	37797
37799	37801	37802	37893		

LGHM - Motherwell - West Highland

37401	37403	37404	37406	37409	37410
37424	37428	37430			

LNCK - Cardiff Canton - South Wales

37411	37412	37416	37701	37704	37887
37889	37894	37895	37896	37897	37898
37899	37901	37902	37903	37905	37906

LNK - Cardiff Canton - Cornwall

37521	37668	37669	37670	37671	37672
37673	37674	37696			

LSNK - Cardiff Canton - Sandite Fitted

37197	37229	37230	37254	37263	
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LWCW - Springs Branch

37405	37407	37413	37415	37419	37426
37509	37518	37520			

LWMC - Crewe Diesel - North Wales Passenger

37402	37408	37414	37417	37418	37420
37421	37422	37425	37429		

Total: 218

STORED POOLS

ENXX - Former Mainline Stored Locos

37035	37048	37092	37241	37278	
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FDYX - Former Load Haul Stored Locos

37003	37019	37045	37058	37059	37063
37068	37075	37083	37104	37110	37139
37144	37209	37217	37218	37223	37235
37298	37331	37333	37335	37340	37341
37343	37344	37345	37359	37381	37382
37699					

LCWX - Former Transrail Strategic Reserve

37026	37066	37088	37107	37111	37133
37156	37184	37188	37201	37207	37213
37232	37262	37275	37423	37427	37904

LCXX - Former Transrail Stored For Spares

37008	37031	37078	37080	37099	37251
37431					

Total: 60

EUROPEAN PASSENGER SERVICES

GPSV - Bristol St Phillips Marsh - Sleepers

37601	37602	37603	37604	37605	37606	37607	37608	37609	37610	37611	37612
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Total: 12

RAILTOUR FILE

Date: 24 August '96

Tour: 'The Bo'ness Traveller'

Organisers: The Branch Line Society

Reporter: David Prior

With a little trepidation, I parted with the rather too pricey £49 for this tour as I was planning to be in Scotland for the Bo'ness & Kinnell's diesel gala over the (English) Bank Holiday.

The trepidation was all down to a pre-conceived notion of what the B.L.S. would do to a tour. Would we spend hours tottering up and down every siding in a marshalling yard, and insisting on kissing the buffers at all stops? Would everyone, I wondered, have to walk to the business end for those last few elusive chains?

The tour was actually very enjoyable, and historic in being the first through passenger on and off the Bo'ness & Kinnell Railway and also onto the Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group's tracks at Minnieve.

The tour began with D5301 & 25235 hauling the train up the bank to Birkhill and into the exchange siding alongside the main Edinburgh - Glasgow line. Here, 37043 and 37212 were waiting for us. Most people seemed a little disappointed by Motherwell's choice; few people surely want 043 after its glory days as a West Highland 'Boiler'. However, 212 was my 212th 'Syphon', so I wasn't grumbling. After a delay the locos were attached to the train in top and tail mode.

After picking-up at Linlithgow we set off for Cowlairs and Springburn thirty minutes late. For those of you who haven't been passed Eastfield in daylight since 1987, it's an object lesson in how the mighty have fallen. No sheds, no rows of 37s, 26s, 27s, 47s, 20s, not even any rails! A depressing comment on today's railways, as hordes of Class 158s whirr past from a 100% plastic Glasgow Queen Street.

With 043 making noisy but sluggish progress (load 8 + dead sister) we headed across the River Clyde via High Street Junction and Shields Junction (no Class 81s around either!!). Taking the Ayr line, the tour

slowed to more pedestrian rates at Falkland Junction, before crossing into Ayr Harbour. As we never made it to within a coal train's length of the buffers, the B.L.S. punters weren't over-enthused, but that was that. A blast from 043's horn, answered by 212, and we were off back towards Newton Junction, through Ayr and onto Waterside, Chalmersston and to A.R.P.G. metals in teeming rain at 5 m.p.h.

After covering a 6 mile round trip in just over an hour, I was glad when 43 opened up as we headed for Terminus Junction, Polmadie, Coatbridge and the oil terminal at Grangemouth (another 5 m.p.h. thrash!). A very helpful BP team saw the train deep into the terminal yard. This saw the production of a number of notebooks for impromptu sketches of the track layout. And that was that, with D8020 whistling us back to Bo'ness: 200 miles in eleven hours.

To cover lines of five different private owners and some rare Railtrack metals was a great feat of organisation, and I'm sure I'll never get to these places again behind a Class 37.

Well done B.L.S., good route, good traction, excellent tour description..... and, yes, half the train did walk to the very end to claim the last half yard!

MILEAGE DETAILS

37043:	Linlithgow - Ayr Harbour	78.25
	Minnieve - Grangemouth	80.75
	Larbert N - Bo'ness Jnc	8.00
	TOTAL	167.00
37212:	Exchange Sdg - Linlithgow	2.00
	Ayr Harbour - Minnieve	16.25
	Grangemouth - Larbert N	8.75
	Bo'ness Jnc - Exchange Sdg	0.25
	TOTAL	27.25

CAPTIONS & CREDITS FOR PHOTOS OVERLEAF:

TOP LEFT: 37682 & 503 depart Barnetby in the stop-gap grey primer livery. Photo: PETER J. ALDERSON.

MIDDLE LEFT: 37025 still retains large logo livery, albeit without the large logo. The loco is seen at Chester with a ballast on 26/8/96 Photo: DANIEL HITCHENS.

BOTTOM LEFT: 37351 currently carries the 'lets save our money' Transrail Dutch livery. The loco awaits its next duty at Mossend on 14/9/96 Photo: DANIEL HITCHENS.

TOP CENTRE: 37242 wearing the superb Mainline Blue colours, is involved in engineering duties at West Hampstead on 6/3/96 Photo: M. GIBSON

MIDDLE CENTRE: 37116 in the one-off Transrail Blue.

Sister Dora has just arrived with the 14:53 from Holyhead on 8/6/96 Photo: KEN CARR.

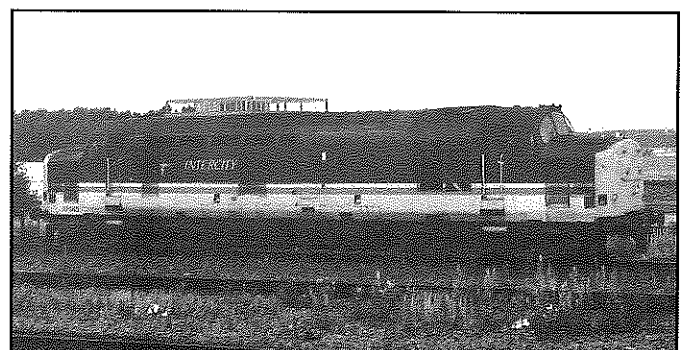
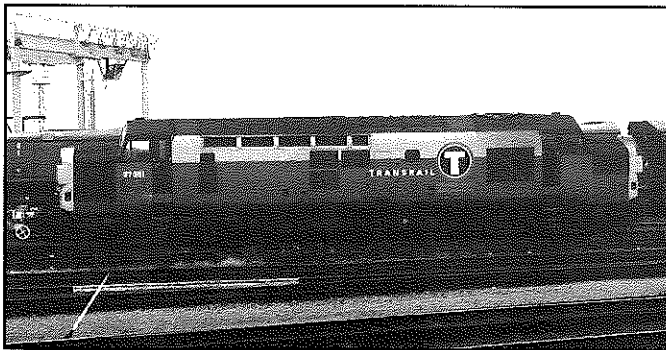
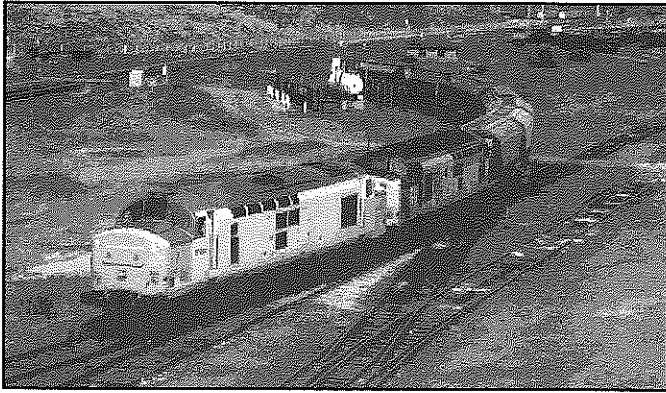
BOTTOM CENTRE: 37884 runs through Chester with the Humber Coke in its subtle Load Haul livery on 25/8/96. Photo: DANIEL HITCHENS.

TOP RIGHT: 37611 adorned in EPS livery moves off from Crewe after working with 37604 on the 'Cumbrian Coaster' railtour. Photo: KEN CARR.

MIDDLE RIGHT: 37430 in the other Transrail 'lets save our money' livery. The loco sits at Fort William on 14/9/96. Photo: DANIEL HITCHENS.

BOTTOM RIGHT: 37685 is currently painted in Inter City livery. The loco is seen at Mossend on 14/9/96 Photo: DANIEL HITCHENS.

CURRENT 'SYPHON' LIVERY VARIETY



CLASS 37 FLEET SURVEY



A few issues ago we looked at what all the Class 37/4s were up to on a certain day. This time we go one better and look at the whole fleet! The day in question was a Summer Saturday morning. Although not that many locos were actually running, it is still quite interesting to see where they all were.

Out of a total of 237 'Syphons' (stored examples not included), 183 were actually operating or available. An availability of of just over 77%.

We'll start with those actually working. A total of 28 were in action or just about to be.

37055 was pottering around with an engineers train at Westbury, and 37065 was en-route from their to Exeter with an empty ballast working. 37071 was heading for Guide Bridge with another engineers duty. 37077 was running light engine to Chaddesdon engineers sidings to pick up a train. 37154 was heading for Shap with a freight for Carlisle. 37667 was at Acton with an engineers train for Old Oak Common. 37680 was working between Seal Sands and Haverton Hill. 37683 & 37685 were preparing to work an 'Enterprise' to Mossend. 37701 & 37887 were in charge of an Aberthaw MGR. 37717 was returning to Immingham light engine after working tanks to Salt End. EPS 'Syphons' 37609 & 37610 were at Washwood Heath being prepared for a test run with the 'Euro-Sleepers'. Of the Class 37/4s, 37401 was at Kyle of Lochalsh waiting to return to Inverness. 37402 was heading for Crewe with 1K56. 37406 & 37424 were being prepared to work a railtour. 37411 was at

Bristol waiting to take out the Weymouth. 37413 was ready to depart Chester with the ECS for the Stockport - Holyhead. 37414 was at Bangor awaiting to return on 1K59. 37415 & 37419 were working the Tunstead - Oakleigh stone. 37417 was heading for Bangor with 1D60. 37418 was working the 1K58 Holyhead - Crewe. 37420 was at Crewe waiting to take out 1D62 as was 37422 waiting to work 1D69. 37429 had charge of the Birmingham International to Holyhead.

A total of 155 were available for traffic. These were located at forty different locations, as follows:

Inverness: 37294. *Fort William:* 37428. *Motherwell:* 37043, 37152, 37156, 37170, 37175, 37212, 37221, 37351, 37410, 37893. *Millerhill:* 37153, 37250, 37261, 37675, 37797. *Ayr:* 37510, 37714. *Carstairs:* 37693. *Tyne Yard:* 37332, 37515, 37517, 37710. *Thornaby:* 37682, 37684. *Carnforth:* 37520. *Warrington:* 37087, 37178, 37201, 37207, 37211, 37426. *Healey Mills:* 37131, 37225, 37330, 37358, 37677, 37707, 37716, 37719. *Gascoigne Wood:* 37191. *Scunthorpe:* 37689, 37698. *Immingham:* 37513, 37688, 37694, 37708, 37713, 37884, 37885. *Doncaster TMD:* 37334, 37350, 37519, 37711. *Toton:* 37040, 37509, 37220, 37222, 37244, 37676. *Leicester:* 37013. *Bescot TMD:* 37025, 37095, 37116, 37214, 37240, 37255, 37695. *Bescot Yard:* 37142. *Peterborough Yards:* 37601, 37612. *March:* 37679. *Harwich Parkeston Quay:* 37012, 37038, 37046, 37140, 37242. *Bletchley:* 37505. *Margam:* 37889, 37902, 37905, 37906. *Barry:* 37802, 37897. *Cardiff:* 37197, 37230,

37412, 37702, 37796, 37799, 37894, 37896, 37898. *Newport*: 37141, 37146, 37158, 37229, 37258, 37704, 37901, 37903. *Exeter*: 37254. *St Blazey*: 37521, 37671, 37673, 37674, 37696. *Goonbarrow*: 37669, 37670. *Westbury*: 37194, 37798, 37892. *Eastleigh*: 37010, 37037, 37137,

37801. *Toton*: 37035 (exam), 37109, 37114 (exam), 37264 (exam), 37376 (exam), 37377 (exam), 37706 (exam), 37718, 37883 (exam), 37886 (exam). *Bescot*: 37073 (exam), 37108. *Cardiff*: 37427 (exam), 37899 (exam). *St Blazey*: 37672. *Eastleigh*: 37375 (exam). *Didcot*: 37097 (exam). *Stewarts*



37426 & 37415 are seen after arrival at Oakleigh sidings and are preparing to depart light engine for Peak Forest. On the day of our fleet survey 37415 was enroute to Oakleigh, whilst 37426 was stabled at Warrington. **Photo: KEN CARR**

37705, 37709, 37715, 37803. *Swindon*: 37051, 37162, 37248, 37372. *Didcot*: 37047, 37219, 37245. *Acton*: 37185, 37198. *Stewarts Lane*: 37054, 37607, 37703. *Stratford*: 37023, 37057, 37106, 37167, 37238, 37274, 37379, 37380, 37678. *Clapham Junction*: 37605, 37611. *Hoo Junction*: 37072, 37174, 37216, 37891. *Three Bridges*: 37042, 37079, 37098. *Redhill*: 37203, 37227, 37293, 37890.

The remaining fifty-four members of the fleet were either undergoing exam, maintenance, or awaiting repair. Their locations were as follows:

Fort William: 37403 (exam). *Motherwell*: 37069, 37100 (exam), 37165 (exam), 37232, 37262 (exam), 37404 (exam), 37409, 37430 (exam), 37692 (exam). *Ayr*: 37423, 37712. *Tyne Yard*: 37686. *Wigan*: 37107 (exam), 37405, 37407. *Buxton*: 37518. *Immingham*: 37516, 37888 (exam). *Doncaster TMD*: 37895. *Doncaster Works*: 37416, 37503, 37602, 37604, 37606, 37608, 37697. *Crewe TMD*: 37408, 37421. *Crewe Works*: 37425, 37668,

Lane: 37370 (exam), 37371 (exam), 37603, 37800 (exam). *Stratford*: 37074.

So there you have it, I hope that the above has helped give you an insight on where to find the class at weekends, hopefully next time we will review the fleet on a typical weekday, when they are actually doing something.

FLEET BREAKDOWN BY OPERATOR

Operator	Total	Avail	%
EPS	12	7	58
Load Haul	38	29	76
Mainline	71	57	80
Transrail	116	90	77
EW&SR Total	225	176	78

COCKNEY 'SYPHONS'



ABOVE: D6704 (37004) stables at Liverpool Street prior to working a Clacton service during the mid-'60s.
BELOW: A decade later, the Class 37s are still based in the 'East End', 37017 takes a breather at Stratford depot. Both.
Photos: **TRANSPORT TOPICS**



Tales Of Yesteryear

No. 1: CHASING THE POPE by Graham Potts

It was 1982, the current Pope, John Paul, had recently been ordained and decided to go on a World Tour. He visited South America, Ireland, Poland and even Great Britain, riding like God himself in his bullet proof Popemobile. Not surprisingly he attracted huge audiences and mass publicity.

What you may ask, has this got to do with Class 37s, is he a member? Well, its got a lot to do with 'Tractors', as BR had things called coaches in those days and ran several specials to each Mass - sometimes twenty or thirty. Though Glasgow produced memorable 'Tractors', it is York that I remember most.

Everyone felt either Sheffield or Newcastle was bound to chuck out a 'Tractor'. So, at 05:44 I sat huddled on the stock of the first 'PopeEx', yes 05:44, talk about ungodly, even more so was the coupling on of 40085, with seconds to spare it set off round the coast to Sunderland, I followed and awaited news of what dropped on later services. Having got back to Newcastle, I learned 37192 had been made one of the standby locos. Then 37068 appeared on the bridge from Gateshead shed.

Mass hysteria could have resulted in the other type of 'worshippers' sat on the 10:15 'PopeEX' as 068

backed on, but we managed to control ourselves. What a din our lady made as she thundered up the Tyne Bank, trails of black smoke drifting into those back gardens so used to white 'Deltic' smoke.

Tyne Yard still a massive hump-shunt yard was decorated with 31s & 37s and we recognised 37066 adorned with its huge shunting hook, attached across the front.

On arrival at York, we discovered 37068 was to work the 16:23 return and some ale was consumed whilst we reverently awaited its second coming and so it came to pass. All these specials were ordained to stop at Northallerton, so, at the behest of the majority, we got off, 110 miles in the book.

A great wailing and gnashing of teeth were heard as 47288 bought in the next service, but this heresy was short lived. A star suddenly appeared in the South, it shone like a beacon and the wise men recognised it as a sign, a sign of a Central Wales headlight (the only locos fitted with headlights at the time). The 17:26 York - Newcastle rolled in with Cardiff allocated 37192, the northern disciples fell to their knees in wonderment, it must have been a miracle!



37106 & 37048 take a breather between engineering duties on the Great Eastern Mainline at Rivenhall.
Photo: KEN CARR

CLASS 37/4 PASSENGER WORKINGS THROUGH DORE

by Peter Hall

In a previous contribution to *SYPHON!* consideration was given to the passenger workings of Western and Scottish Region allocated Class 37s through Dore. Following on from this I have identified several further workings for such allocated Class 37/4s. Thus I have produced this sequel looking in depth at the passenger workings of this sub-class expanded to cover locomotives allocated to depots within other former regions.

When first fitted with ETH the thirty one Class 37s which formed Class 37/4 were allocated to depots in Scotland and South Wales. 37401-13/22-25 being allocated to Eastfield T&RSMd for predominantly West Highland duties, 37414-21 to Inverness T&RSMd for Far North duties and 37426-31 to Cardiff Canton T&RSMd. Hardly surprisingly Scottish allocated locomotives have never appeared through Dore on Passenger duties, however in the early years several appearances were made by Welsh examples.

The first appearance was made on 27th March 1986 when 37429 (CF) headed a 1100 Cardiff-York relief, returning later in the day at the head of a 1809 York-Birmingham New Street relief. Just over a week later this locomotive made a further appearance at the head of a Witton-Sheffield return footex. Outward this train had been headed by 45136 which had presumably either been declared a failure or purloined for another train before the return journey. Later on in that year, on 6th November, 37428 (CF) passed through Dore at the head of the 1320 Harwich Parkeston Quay-Blackpool North which it worked as far as Sheffield. It returned the following day on a 1203 York-Cardiff relief.

1987 saw two of the Cardiff sextet on passenger duties. 21st March saw 37430 (CF) heading the return leg of 'The Yorkshire Rose' railtour from York to Cardiff. More notable however was the use on 30th December of 37429 (CF), this headed a 1125 Cardiff-Leeds relief which returned later as Ecs to Cardiff. Also of note during this year was the use of 37427 (CF) to head the 1412 Plymouth-Leeds parcels on 13th November. This being the first recorded working of this locomotive through Dore on a train since it had ETH fitted.

The real pinnacle of Class 37/4 passenger workings through Dore occurred in the autumn of 1989. During the summer and early autumn of this year a daily Nottingham-Blackpool North train was operated particularly aimed at the day trip market. Having being predominantly worked by Class 47s throughout the summer it was a great surprise when, for the period 2nd October to 3rd November, the Monday-Friday 0815 Nottingham-Blackpool North and 1828 return were rostered for a Cardiff Canton T&RSMd allocated Class 37/4, 37408 (CF), 37426 (CF) & 37431 (CF) doing the honours during this amazing month. Just for good measure, 37408 (CF) was also used on the equivalent Sunday train on 29th October, substituting for the diagrammed Class 47, it also having worked a Leicester-Barnsley and return footex the previous day. The result of all this activity being that by the end of the year five of the original six Cardiff Canton T&RSMd Class 37/4s had now appeared through Dore on passenger trains with the sixth being recorded on a parcels train.

This was also the year in which 37407 and 37408 were first allocated to Cardiff Canton T&RSMd and although 37408 featured on the Blackpool working 37407 was elusive. In fact to this date 37407 has never been recorded passing through Dore as either D6605, 37305 or 37407 on any train.

Another feature of 1989 was the transfer of Class 37/4s for use on Peak District freight workings where they joined similar 37676-37688 in the 'FAB!' pool. The first arrivals being 37411/22/25 which obviously were seen regularly through Dore on freight workings from early 1989. Interestingly however on the day after the Blackpool train ceased 37411 (TI) was used to head 'The Pennine Voyager' railtour from Swindon to Carlisle through Dore. This however marked the beginning of a three year period during which the only Class 37/4s seen through Dore were on freight trains. In particular those from 'FAB!' pool which included 37411/14/22/25 at various times and 37427/29 from 'FALY' pool. The later pair appearing on a short lived 1626 Tees NY-Earles Sidings and 2150 return Cement train which ran between April and December 1992 on Wednesdays.

From July 1991 until July 1992 the revived North West 'Club Trains' operated using Class 37/4s from the 'MDRT' pool with 37415/6/7/9/26/30 being used at various times during the year. With these locomotives being based at Tinsley TMD almost daily light locomotive workings operated through Dore during this period. It was to be a locomotive from this pool which was to herald a revival in the Classes passenger workings through Dore. On 21st October 1992 47851 heading the 1205 York-Poole was declared a failure at Sheffield. Assistance arrived in the form of 37420 (TI) which piloted the errant through Dore as far as Derby. Another locomotive from this pool, 37426 (TI), became the first Class 37/4 to work a passenger train through Dore Tunnel a couple of weeks later when it was used to head a 0635 Derby-Glasgow Central and 1703 return charter which was routed via the Hope Valley. The winter of 1992/93 also saw a couple of appearances by a 'FAB!' locomotive on railtours with 37422 (IM) heading a returning Jarow-Derby on 31st October and a returning Rossington-Manchester on 6th March.

The Spring of 1993 saw the gradual build up of the 'RCMC' pool prior to the expanded locomotive hauled passenger operation in the North West and North Wales. The following couple of years in particular seeing a number of locomotives from this pool making appearances through Dore on non-timetabled passenger trains. The first to appear was 37414 (CD) which headed a Nottingham-Whitby and return charter on 1st May 1993. This was followed a week later by a Birmingham New Street-Pickering and return charter headed by old favourite 37408 (CD). 37421 (CD) made the first of a number of appearances on 4th July 1993 when it headed a returning Scarborough-Derby charter the outward working of which is believed to have been routed via the Rother Valley.

Further appearances by this locomotive took place in 1994 when on 26th June it became involved in a series of trains run to celebrate the centenary of the Hope Valley route and on 3rd December when it headed a West

Ruislip-York Charter. 37422 (CD) returned to old haunts by heading a York-Amlwyth and return railtour on 9th October 1993 and a West Ruislip-York and return charter on 12th February 1994. The final former 'FAB' locomotive to make a passenger appearance through Dore was 37425 (CD) which appeared on a West Ruislip-York and return charter on 19th December 1994.

Since the autumn of 1993 the 'FAB' pool which became the 'LWCC' pool the following spring has progressively built up a large complement of Class 37/4s which appear regularly through Dore on Cement and Stone trains with 37405/8/15/6/7/9/20/6 all seeing service. To date however none of these has found its way onto a passenger working through Dore whilst in this pool.

That then brings the story almost up to date regarding passenger workings with the exception of the most recent working which took place on 9th December 1995. This could in a way be considered a revival of the earliest work-

ings being the use of a Cardiff Canton T&RSM locomotive on a Cardiff-York train. On this occasion however 37413 (CF) was used to head a 0735 Cardiff-York and 1620 return charter rather than a service train.

Subsequent to this final working 37413 has been transferred into the 'LWCC' pool along with the elusive 37407. Neither has however yet been recorded through Dore since the transfer took place.

Thus in conclusion to date thirteen of the thirty-one class 37/4s have appeared through Dore on passenger workings although with the exception of the exploits of 37420 (TI) on 21st October 1992 such workings have since 1989 been confined to special workings. A listing of all the passenger workings through Dore follows which is believed to be complete. I would however be grateful for any corrections or additions that can be made to the listing.

Table of known 37/4s on passenger trains through Dore

DATE	LOCO	TRAIN	DATE	LOCO	TRAIN
27/3/86	37429	1100 Cardiff - York Relief	26/10/89	37408	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham
27/3/86	37429	1809 York - Birmingham NS Relief	27/10/89	37408	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North
5/4/86	37429	Wilton-Sheffield Footex RTN LEG	27/10/89	37408	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham
6/11/86	37428	1320 Harwich PQ - Blackpool Nth detached at Sheffield	28/10/89	37408	Leicester - Barnsley Footex
7/11/86	37428	1203 York - Cardiff Relief	28/10/89	37408	Barnsley - Leicester. Footex Rtn Leg
21/3/87	37430	York - Cardiff Railtour 'The Yorkshire Rose'	29/10/89	37408	0844 Nottingham - Blackpool North
30/12/87	37429	1125 Cardiff - Leeds Relief	29/10/89	37408	1729 Blackpool North - Nottingham
2/10/89	37426	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	30/10/89	37408	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North
2/10/89	37426	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	30/10/89	37408	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham
3/10/89	37426	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	31/10/89	37408	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North
3/10/89	37426	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	31/10/89	37408	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham
4/10/89	37426	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	1/11/89	37408	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North
4/10/89	37426	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	1/11/89	37408	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham
5/10/89	37431	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	3/11/89	37408	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North
5/10/89	37431	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	3/11/89	37408	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham
6/10/89	37431	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	4/11/89	37411	Swindon - Carlisle Railtour 'The Pennine Voyager'
6/10/89	37431	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	21/10/92	37420+47851	1205 York - Poole 37420 Piloted Sheffield - Derby
9/10/89	37431	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	31/10/92	37422	Jarrow - Derby Railtour
9/10/89	37431	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	7/11/92	37426	Derby - Glasgow Charter Via Dore Curve
10/10/89	37431	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	7/11/92	37426	Glasgow - Derby Charter Via Dore Curve
10/10/89	37431	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	6/3/93	37422	Rossington - Manchester Railtour via Chesterfield
11/10/89	37431	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	1/5/93	37414	Nottingham - Whitby Charter
11/10/89	37431	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	1/5/93	37414	Whitby - Nottingham Charter
12/10/89	37431	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	8/5/93	37408	Birmingham N.S. - Pickering Railtour
12/10/89	37431	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	8/5/93	37408	Pickering - Birmingham N.S. Railtour
13/10/89	37431	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	4/7/93	37421	Scarborough - Derby Charter
13/10/89	37431	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	9/10/93	37422	York - Amlwyth Charter
16/10/89	37431	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	9/10/93	37422	Amlwyth - York Charter
16/10/89	37431	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	12/2/94	37422	West Ruislip - York Charter
17/10/89	37431	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	12/2/94	37422	York - West Ruislip Charter
17/10/89	37431	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	26/6/94	37421	Manchester Vic - Sheffield Charter
18/10/89	37431	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	26/6/94	37421	Sheffield - Manchester Vic. Charter
18/10/89	37431	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	26/6/94	98241+37421	Manchester Vic - Sheffield Charter Assisting in rear
19/10/89	37408	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	26/6/94	698241+37421	Sheffield - Manchester Vic Charter Assisting in rear
19/10/89	37408	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	19/11/94	37425	West Ruislip - York Charter
20/10/89	37408	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	19/11/94	37425	York - West Ruislip Charter
20/10/89	37408	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	3/12/94	37421	West Ruislip - York Charter
23/10/89	37408	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North	9/12/95	37413	Cardiff - York Railtour 'Yorkshire Rambler'
23/10/89	37408	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham	9/12/95	37413	York - Cardiff Railtour 'Yorkshire Rambler'
24/10/89	37408	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North			
24/10/89	37408	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham			
25/10/89	37408	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North			
25/10/89	37408	1828 Blackpool North - Nottingham			
26/10/89	37408	0815 Nottingham - Blackpool North			

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WINTER '96 /'97 DIAGRAMS

NORTH WALES COAST 37/4

MONDAY to FRIDAY

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

CD301

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

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 - Holyhead

CD303

1G76	01:57	Holyhead - Birm Intl
1D64	08:30	Birm Intl - Bangor
1K65	12:22	Bangor - Crewe
1D75	15:18	Crewe - Holyhead
1G79	18:15	Holyhead - Birm Intl
1D99	23:12	Birm Intl - Holyhead

CD304

1K58	07:37	Holyhead - Crewe
1D67	11:18	Crewe - Holyhead
1K69	13:54	Holyhead - Crewe
1D79	17:18	Crewe - Holyhead

CD305

1K56	07:00	Holyhead - Crewe
1D65	10:18	Crewe - Bangor
1K67	13:22	Bangor - Crewe
1D77	16:18	Crewe - Bangor
1K77	18:20	Bangor - Crewe

Weekend diagrams not available at time of going to press. However, SO Stockport - Holyhead is still a 37/4.

SOUTH WALES & WEST 37/4

MONDAY to THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

11:30	Bristol - Cardiff
16:45	Cardiff - Manchester Pic.
21:38	Crewe - Cardiff

SATURDAY

09:00	Bristol - Weymouth
16:55	Weymouth - Bristol

SUNDAY

16:10	Cardiff - Birmingham NS
19:40	Birmingham NS - Cardiff

SCOTRAIL 37/4

MONDAY to SATURDAY

05:05	Edinburgh - Ft William
19:50	Ft William - Edinburgh SX

SUNDAY

19:05	Fort William - Edinburgh
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PASSENGER DIARY

There has been some interesting workings recently with plenty of 'NBs' out and about, plus some of the rarer 37/4s. We are still getting much information about

Scottish workings so please let me know any details. Finally, if you can't be bothered to write in, you can phone me or leave messages on my answer machine (01245) 450779.

THE 'NB's

6/8/96	37254	10:44 Plymouth - Manchester Piccadilly from Ivybridge - Birmingham NS.
17/8/96	37010 & 37042	Pathfinder's Crewe Open Day special from Bristol - Exeter - Crewe and return.
18/8/96	37519 37263	13:05 Newcastle - Poole from Doncaster - Birmingham N.S. 'Duff' failed. Leeds - Plymouth from Exeter then return to Bristol. Hst failed.
24/8/96	37043 & 37212	'The Bo'ness Traveller' railtour in top & tail mode.
31/8/96	37229 37708 37032	Assisted 'Kettle' 5029 from Hereford - Kidderminster. 10:23 Bangor - Crewe, 13:18 Crewe - Bangor & 17:18 return. North Norfolk Railway.
5/9/96	37087	Holyhead - Birmingham International from Wolverhampton then back to Crewe.
7/9/96	37518 37141	12: 18 Crewe - Holyhead & 14:36 return, then 18:18 Crewe - Bangor & 20:22 Bangor - Chester. 13:30 Paddington - Penzance from Exeter - Plymouth. HST failed.
8/9/96	37518	09:28 Crewe - Holyhead.
11/9/96	37046 37245	Oxford - Twyford helping failed 'Duff' on 10:48 Edinburgh - Brighton. 37046 then failed. Dragged failed 'Duff' and 37046 forward to Brighton.
12/9/96	37037	Worked 09:20 Brighton - Edinburgh dragging previous days failed 'Duff' as far as Reading.
13/9/96	37141 37201 37505	16:43 York - Plymouth from Exeter. HST failed. 15:18 Crewe - Holyhead & 18:16 to Birmingham Int as far as Crewe. 14:18 Crewe - Bangor, failed after arrival at Bangor.
14/9/96	37154	Rescued Euston - Manchester service from Bletchley - Rugby.
16/9/96	37087 37518	North Wales Coast (services worked not known). North Wales Coast (services worked not known).
17/9/96	37087	North Wales Coast (services worked not known).
18/9/96	37087	North Wales Coast (services worked not known).
19/9/96	37087	North Wales Coast (services worked not known).
21/9/96	37087	North Wales Coast (services worked not known).
3/10/96	37670 & 37671	15:00 Newcastle - Plymouth from Exeter.
5/10/96	37254 & 37671	Nenta tour from Exeter - Barnstaple and return.
14/10/96	37212 & 37402 37212	Crewe - Bangor, 212 as pilot. Bangor - Crewe
15/10/96	37212	07:42 Chester - Crewe
16/10/96	37212	North Wales Coast

PASSENGER DIARY

THE 'E' FLEET

37401 Mary Queen of Scots LGHM (ML)

Last recorded working 10/8/96.

37402 Bont Y Bermo LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 14/10/96.

37403 Ben Cruachan LGHM (ML)

Last recorded working - Fort William sleeper 7/8/96.

37404 Loch Long LGHM (ML)

Last recorded working 7/10/96.

37405 Strathclyde Region LWCW (SP)

Last recorded working North Wales 10/5/96.

37406 The Saltaire Society LGHM (ML)

Last recorded working - charter 7/10/96.

37407 Blackpool Tower LWCW (SP)

Last reported working - North Wales 12/7/96.

37408 Loch Rannoch LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 15/10/96.

37409 Loch Awe LGHM (ML)

Last recorded working - Charter 31/8/96.

37410 Aluminium 100 LGHM (ML)

Last recorded working - Ft William Sleeper 7/10/96.

37411 LNCK (CF)

Last reported working - Weymouth 3/10/96.

37412 Driver John Elliot LNCK (CF)

Last recorded working Weymouth - Westbury 7/10/96.

37413 Loch Eil Outward Bound LWCW (SP)

Last reported working - North Wales 17/8/96.

37414 Cathays C&W Works LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 15/10/96.

37415 LWCW (SP)

Last reported working - North Wales 6/4/96.

37416 LNCK (CF)

Last reported working - Crewe - Cardiff 11/10/96.

37417 Highland Region LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 7/10/96.

37418 East Lancashire Railway LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 7/9/96.

37419 LWCW (SP)

Last reported working - North Wales 15/10/96.

37420 The Scottish Hosteller LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 15/10/96.

37421 The Kingsman LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 15/10/96

37422 Robert F. Fairlie LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 15/10/96.

37423 Sir Murray Morrison LCWX

Last recorded working - Fort William sleeper 27/6/96.

37424 LGHM (ML)

Last recorded working - Fort William sleeper 1/8/96.

37425 Concrete Bob LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 7/10/96.

37426 LWCW (SP)

Last reported working - North Wales 14/10/96.

37427 LCWX

Last recorded working Bristol - Cardiff 12/7/96.

37428 David Lloyd George LGHM (ML)

Last recorded working - Charter 31/8/96.

37429 Sir Murray Morrison LWMC (CD)

Last reported working - North Wales 14/10/96.

37430 Cwmbran LGHM (ML)

Last recorded working - 'Highland Fling' Railtour 14/9/96.

37431 LCXX

Loco now stored last recorded working 19/7/94.
It looks likely that this loco will be returned to traffic.

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Speed Merchants!



37051 & 37057 head through Welwyn Garden City on the outward leg of the Group's 'Settle Syphons' railtour. Colour copies of this shot (which is absolutely stunning) are available from the photographer at £2.50 incl. p&p. Send orders to Alan Vacani, 81 Broomhills, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL7 1RE. Photo: ALAN VACANI.