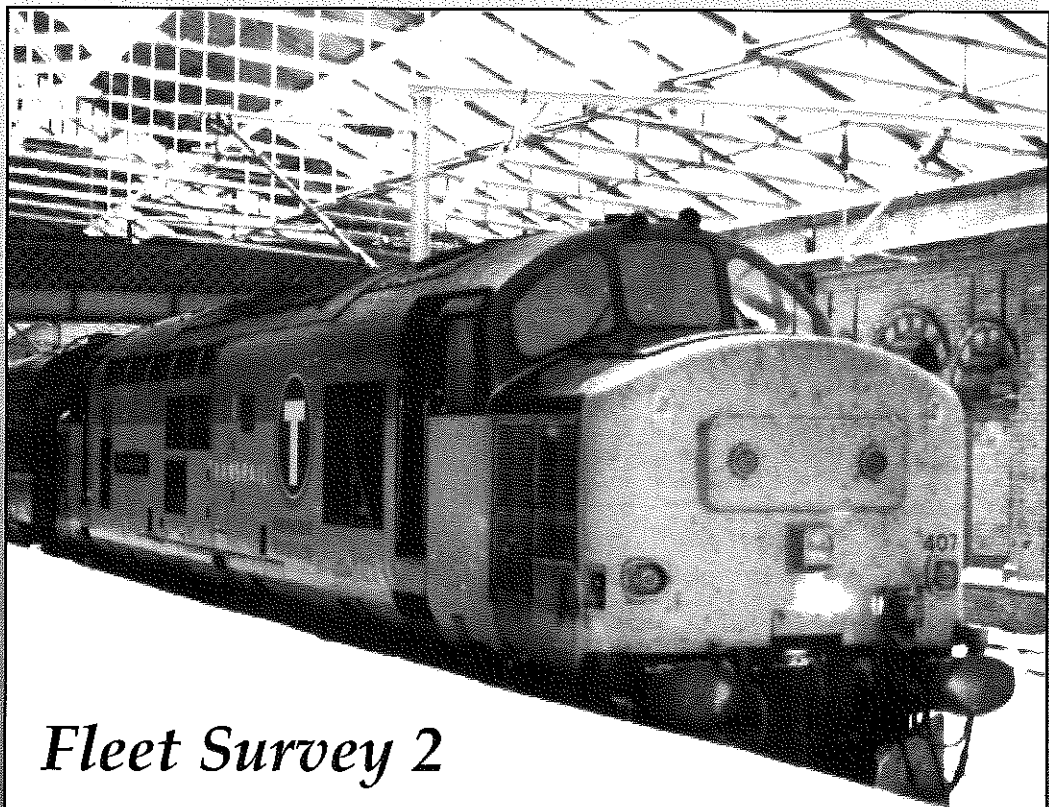


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Cover Pic: In a very Christmassy scene, 37407 sits amongst the snow at Crewe after arriving on a train from Holyhead in January 1996. **Photo: KEN CARR.**

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, Chelmsford, 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 s.a.e. 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! If you are submitting articles, we can accept them on computer disk providing they are saved as an ASCII file, please also enclose a hard copy.

OPENING SHOT



A memory from the 1960s to kick off this issue, D6743 heads one of the Kings Cross - Cleethorpes services past Langley Junction in the early part of the decade. **Photo: DAVID PERCIVAL**

From the Engine Room

First off, apologies for the lateness of this issue, sadly due to personal reasons and a hectic workload, production has been slower than expected.

We now have a new Chairman, Tim Young, who now has the task of steering us towards our goals and World domination. Welcome on-board Tim, we look forward to working with you.

1996 has been an interesting year, we have more members than ever, 311 to be precise, a boiler and we ran a couple of great railtours. In addition we still have a bid for 37003 outstanding, not bad really. Details from the AGM appear overleaf.

The Class 37 fleet has also had an fascinating year. Things that stand out include the desecration of 116, the unveiling of the EWS livery and the 'Settle Syphons'. However my personal highlight was whilst waiting at Chester for a westbound Holyhead service, when 37116 appeared on the

front end, hellfire! This was the first time I'd had it since 1982 and it brought back some great memories.

A number of changes were brought in at the AGM, one of which is the changing of publication dates of *SYPHON*! This will help ease the pressure especially around Christmas time. The next issue will be out in early March. This will give you plenty of time to pen some articles and take some photos please send all inclusions to my address listed opposite as soon as possible.

That's enough rambling, anyway the pub is open now, I hope you all enjoy the read and have a great festive season.

Ken Carr
Editor

GROUP NEWSDESK

Membership Matters

The latest membership update is as follows:

Renewals

37013 - David Harrison
37074 - Miss P. Mercer
37174 - Steve Flowerday
37225 - Colin Hargrave
37241 - Charles Dey
37718 - Simon Jowett

37029 - Peter Holden
37096 - Neil Findley
37197 - Robert Hall
37226 - K. Bartlett
37404 - Stephen Tingley

37049 - Gary Sansom
37104 - Christopher Mills
37199 - Andrew Fuller
37237 - Chris Richens
37413 - Adrian Cox

37073 - A.R. Luckham
37105 - Dean Warner
37221 - Kevin Farley
37238 - Kristian Richens
37610 - John Gothard

New Members

37267 - Robert Owst

Graham Potts
Membership Secretary

AGM ROUND-UP

FOLLOWING our recent AGM, the following has been agreed:

COMMITTEE CHANGES:

TIM YOUNG is the new Chairman, Paul Smith takes on the additional role of Sales Officer and Mike Millward becomes member without portfolio. The rest of the positions remain unchanged as per the listing on page 2.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

These will increase by £1.00 from 1 January 1997 to £7.50. However anyone wishing to renew before the end of January 1997 can do so at the old rate of £6.50. Any member can buy up to five years worth of membership at the old rate providing you do so before 31 January 1997.

MAGAZINE:

The publishing dates for *SYPHON!* have been put back by a month, this is to make better use of production and printing deadlines. The next issue will now come out at the beginning of March instead of February. In order that no one loses out all current memberships will be increased by one month.

RAILTOURS:

Due to the fact that we lost money on this year's railtours, we are forming a separate railtour company. This will be run entirely separately from the Group and shares will be available to all members, if the membership doesn't take these up they will then be offered to the general public. The Group will receive 50% of the net profits of each tour run, but **WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSSES**, these would be entirely the responsibility of the shareholders.

Without setting up the new company, the Group would be unable to have any involvements with tours as we have to protect our preservation reserves.

200 Shares are available at £50 each, please send an SAE to Paul Smith for a prospectus.

ACCOUNTS:

Due to the recent change in Treasurer, the accounts were still being prepared at the time of the meeting. Once they have been independently audited these will be made available.

37003: DECISION EXPECTED DURING JAN

THE Group is still awaiting a decision from EWS regarding our bid for 37003. Although the locomotive is not on the tender list, they have decided to consider our bid. We expect to hear some time in January. Interestingly if we are not successful, this will mean that EWS consider the loco suitable to a return to traffic or placed in the strategic pool. We'll keep you posted.

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The first railtour to traverse the Robin Hood line was A1A Charter's 'The Merry Men'. 37047 and 31466 had the honour of hauling the tour over this section and are seen later in the day at York. Photo: DAVE BALL

37/6 ROUND-UP

AT the end of October all twelve Class 37/6s were transferred from Bristol Phillips Marsh depot to Old Oak Common. This is, I think, the first time Class 37s have been allocated to the West London Depot. The move may be further proof that the north/west of London 'Euro-sleepers' have been knocked on the head.

Apart from towing 'Eurostars' around, class members have been noted on some interesting moves recently, the best was on 29 September 37606, 607 & 612 were used on the Toton - Temple Mills engineers train from Peterborough as part of a move to get the locos from Doncaster to Stewarts Lane.

FREIGHTLINER FROLICS

NOW that the Leeds - Southampton liner has gone over to Class 47s, it is pleasing to note that other services are still occasionally seeing 'Syphon' haulage.

On 28 October 37379 & 37380 were used on the Felixstowe branch shuttles. The following day 37897 rescued 47317 at Ludlow on 20:51 Pengam - Crewe, returning in the early hours of the following morning on the 01:50 Crewe - Pengam. Later the same day 37710 was noted on the 22:00 Leeds - Crewe with a failed 47212 in tow. The next day, 31 October, 37719 assisted 47302 on the 22:28 Crewe - Leeds. On 25 November, 37377 & 37140 replaced a Class 56 on the 19:10 Felixstowe - Lawley Street and the following morning's 01:47 return.

'SYPHONS' WORK DIDCOT MGRs

ON 18 December, a couple of remarkable workings were noted, two separate pairs of 'Syphons' were utilised on MGR trains from Toton - Didcot. 37222 & 37376 worked 6V44 and later in the day they were followed by 37010 & 37109 on 6V65. Maybe, a sign of things to come!

'SYPHON' SURFING ON THE NET

MEMBER, Simon Jowett has informed me that the famed 'Internet' carries some 'Syphon' gen about the North Wales Coast, which includes, news, photos and a soundtrack of 37422 pulling away from Ludo!

It can be accessed on:

<http://rylibweb.man.ac.uk/data1/sy/jch/nwales.html>
I hope that makes sense to all you 'techies' out there.



SEASIDE SPECIAL

37411 stands at Paignton with the 13:28 to Cardiff on 17 August in place of the usual 'Sprinter'. This was part of a number of duties taken over by loco & stock during a two week period in August. **Photo: Alan Hawkins.**

'TAFF' TO THE RESCUE

THE much heralded return of 'Deltic' D9000 to the mainline ended prematurely at Berwick some 50 odd miles into its journey after a fire broke out in the No.2 engine's exhaust system at Berwick.

After a wait of over two hours, 37702 *Taff Merthyr* arrived to take the train forward to Newcastle, where it and D9000 were removed and a Class 86 appeared to take the tour back to London.

Thankfully, damage to the 'Deltic' wasn't too bad and it is expected to work the scheduled 2 January tour.

LEEDS - SO'TON LINER WATCH

THE Saturday's 15:16 4031 Leeds to Southampton Freightliner and Sunday's 19:58 4E76 return has finally returned to Class 47 haulage. Once again thanks to Mr K. Palmer for the latest list of workings.

28/29 September -	37225 & 37513
5/6 October -	37131 & 37225
12/13 October -	37131 & 37332
19/20 October -	37131 & 37332
26/27 October -	37131 & 37332
2/3 November -	37131 & 37332

WAVERLEY BOUND

THE 21 October provided a rare sight of an NB 'Syphon' at Edinburgh Waverley. 37141 came to the aid of the 05:54 Bourmemouth - Edinburgh at Preston and worked the train throughout. It is expected to work the scheduled 2 January tour. The loco may also have worked back later in the day but I have received conflicting reports on whether this was on a train or light engine.

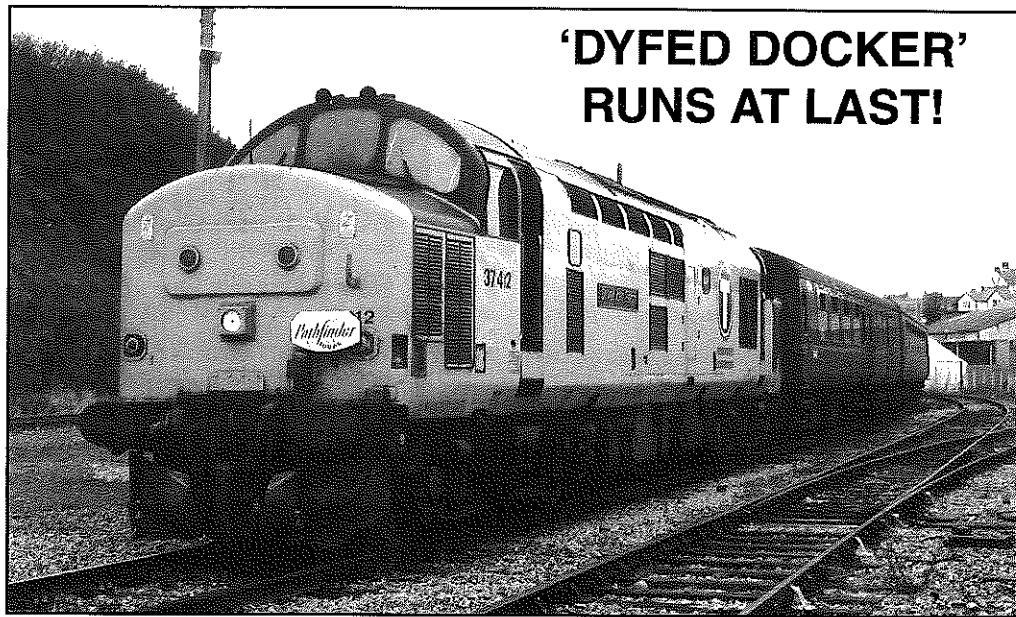
'MAC-FOURS' WORK OVER S&C

MONDAY 18 November saw the unusual sight of two of Motherwell's finest working a freight on the Settle & Carlisle. 37428 & 37430 were sent light to Hellifield to pick-up the Gascoigne Wood - Carlisle containerised coal train, which had been abandoned the previous Saturday due to a loco failure.

BANBURY BALLAST

ENGINEERING work at Banbury, on 17 November, led to the following pairs being used on p-way trains. 37012 & 37098, 37679 & 37798 and 37227 & 37715 were all noted during the day. Five days earlier, on 12 November, 37077 & 37679 were similarly employed.

'DYFED DOCKER' RUNS AT LAST!



After Pathfinders numerous attempts to run 'The Dyfed Docker', it finally ran on 16 November. 37412 replaced 37411 at Cardiff due to an ETH fault. At Carmarthen 37902 assisted top & tailing with 37412 to Milford Haven and Fishguard. The pair are seen at Milford Haven, 412 above, 902 below **Photos: DAVE BALL**



THE CHANGES KEEP ON COMING

WITH EWS continuing to restructure their fleet of locomotives, there have been more pool/depot changes. For example Wigan Springs Branch 'Syphons' have now been moved to Crewe, whilst some of the Stewarts Lane machines are now back at Stratford.

A second 37/9 has been put into store, this time 37905 is the casualty. 37350 has replaced 37330 in the Immingham FDR1 pool after the latter moved to Bescot.

It is also becoming increasingly more common to see locos from the former three freight companies in each others areas.

One such working saw Mainline blue liveried 37203 working the Sunderland - Lindsey tanks on 25 October in place of the usual Class 60.

MORE MAROON

TWO more Class 37/4s have appeared in EWS maroon, 37415 and 37427. The later was noted during November working a ballast along the Coast in ex-works condition. It has since moved back to Cardiff.

Other recent repaints include 37521, 37695, 37707, 37885 and 37893. In the next issue of SYPHON! we'll bring you right up to date with everything in a new 'Gen-File'.

FREIGHT SHORTS

- 6/10/96 - 37377 worked a Toton - Didcot MGR.
- 7/10/96 - 37703 worked a Toton - Didcot MGR.
- 24/10/96 - 37698 failed on the 'Lickey' whilst working the Baglan Bay - Humber tanks.
- 29/10/96 - 37114 & 37718 were used on a trial run for a new flow of coal between Asfordby and Rufford, Mansfield.
- 2/11/96 - 37051 & 37372 top & tailed a Chipman rail cleaning train on West Anglian routes.
- 5/11/96 - 37106 & 37377 deputised for a Class 60 on 6V33 Mountsorrel - Banbury stone.
- 6/11/96 - 37106 & 37377 worked Angerstein - Bardon Hill stone.
- 7/11/96 - 37013 & 37079 worked Angerstein - Bardon Hill stone.
- 16/11/96 - 37332 on an engineers duty at Folkestone en-route to Hoo.
- 26/11/96 - 37671 & 37672 worked 'Silver Bullet' all the way to Irvine.

Ch. Ch. Ch. Changes

English Welsh & Scottish

Pool / Depot Changes

37023	SL - SF
37047	SL - SF
37106	SL - SF
37133	ML - BS
37140	SL - SF
37216	SL - SF
37242	SL - SF
37258	CF - BS
37262	LCWX - LBSB BS
37275	LCWX - LNSK CF
37330	FDR1 IM - LBSB BS
37350	FDCI IM - FDR1 IM
37379	SL - SF
37405	SP - LWCW CD
37407	SP - LWCW CD
37413	SP - LWCW CD
37415	SP - LWCW CD
37419	SP - LWCW CD

37426	SP - LWCW CD
37427	LCWX - LNCK CF
37509	SP - LWCW CD
37518	SP - LWCW CD
37520	SP - LWCW CD
37667	SL - SF
37676	SL - SF
37678	SL - SF
37679	SL - SF
37905	LNCK CF - LCWX

EPS

Pool / Depot Changes

37601	PM - OC
37602	PM - OC
37603	PM - OC
37604	PM - OC
37605	PM - OC
37606	PM - OC
37607	PM - OC

37608	PM - OC
37609	PM - OC
37610	PM - OC
37611	PM - OC
37612	PM - OC

LIVERY CHANGES

37415 M - WC
37427 RR - WC
37521 FP - WC
37695 TR - WC
37707 FP - WC
37885 GP - WC
37893 TR - 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			

Stratford

37023	37047	37106	37140	37216	37242
37379	37667	37676	37678	37679	

EWDB- Stewarts Lane

37037	37054	37074	37077	37109	37167
37198	37203	37219	37274	37371	37375
37377	37703	37705	37709	37800	37803
37890	37891	37892			

EWRB - Stewarts Lane - Restricted Use

37040	37174	37194	37220	37245	37293
37370	37372	37380			

FDCI - Immingham

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	37332	37350	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
37262	37330	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	37427	37701	37704
37887	37889	37894	37895	37896	37897
37898	37899	37901	37902	37903	37906

LNLK - Cardiff Canton - Cornwall

37521	37668	37669	37670	37671	37672
37673	37674	37696			

LNSK - Cardiff Canton - Sandite Fitted

37197	37229	37230	37254	37263	37275
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LWCW - Crewe Diesel

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: 219

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	37423	37904	37905		

LCXX - Former Transrail Stored For Spares

37008	37031	37078	37080	37099	37251
37431					

Total: 59

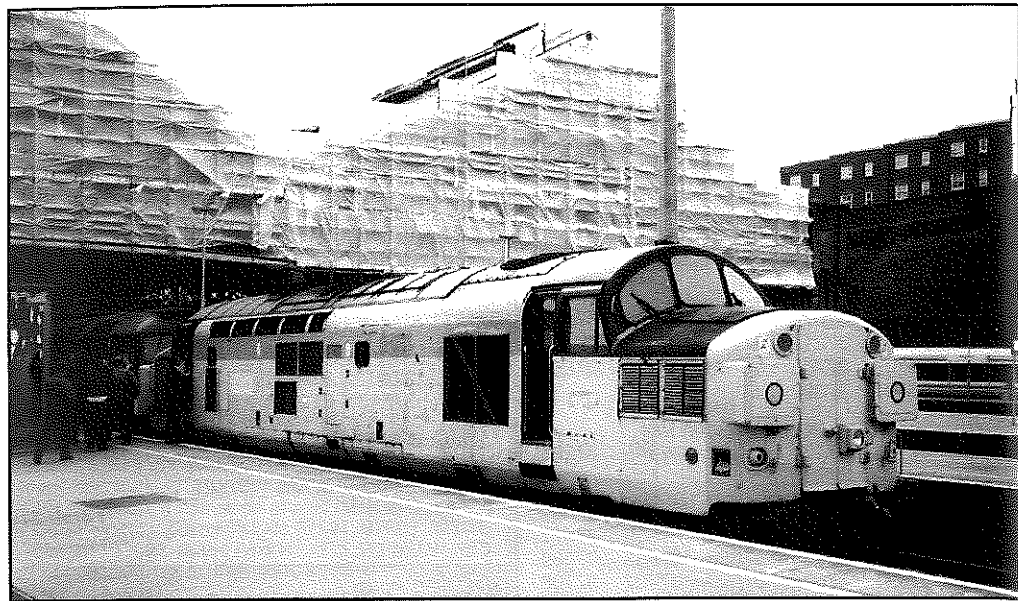
EUROPEAN PASSENGER SERVICES

GPSV - Old Oak Common - Sleepers

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

Thirty Somethings



ABOVE: 37037 awaits to depart Brighton with 09:20 Brighton - Edinburgh on 12 September. The loco worked the train as far as Reading. **Photo: ALEX HALL**

BELOW: This year's Severn Valley Gala didn't feature a 'Syphon', so here's a reminder of 37031's visit in May 1993. The loco is seen with the 11:55 Bridgnorth - Kidderminster on 7 May '93. **Photo: D. PRIOR**



SYPHONS TO BLACKPOOL

Class 37 workings on Sheffield - Blackpool Summer Saturday trains

by Peter Hall

A peculiarity of diesel workings during the 1960s, 1970s and early 1980s was the use of Class 37s on trains to Blackpool from the Sheffield area. During this period the class were rarely seen in North West England, particularly on passenger workings, a situation much different to that of today.

The workings to Blackpool were probably a consequence of the historical development of rosters and routing. The traditionally established route to Blackpool from Sheffield for seasonal and excursion trains was, until the mid 1980s, to cross the Pennines via the Copy Pit route. Trains being routed from Sheffield either via the Dearne Valley and Wakefield Kirkgate or Barnsley to Healey Mills, then via Elland, Hebden Bridge, Copy Pit, Blackburn and Preston. Interestingly many of the trains were worked throughout by Sheffield area crews which often resulted in route refreshing trips running during the spring.

The pattern of Summer Saturday trains between Sheffield and Blackpool from 1966 until 1975 was of two out and back workings, one via the Dearne Valley running throughout the summer and one via Barnsley running for just the peak summer weeks. The routing of the trains was however reversed for the summer of 1975.

Motive power for this decade was predominantly Tinsley (41A, later TI) allocated Class 37s, although for certain summers trains had been otherwise rostered, for example, in 1969 the via Barnsley train was worked by Tinsley allocated Class 31s and the following year by Tinsley allocated Class 47s. Records of individual locomotives used in this decade are regrettably scarce but as during these years the diagrammed locomotives would almost always appear it can be presumed that the appearance of other locomotives on the workings was almost unknown. Certainly in 1975, the trains used Tinsley allocated Class 37s on all days of operation.

The final decade of trains via this route, commencing in 1976, saw a major reshuffle. One out and back working continued, the full season train, routed outward via Barnsley and returning via the Dearne, however from the following summer the return working was adjusted to run via Barnsley on days when the high season train did not run. This working continued the Class 37 tradition.

The second train however became inter worked with the Bradford-Blackpool, a train similarly routed via Hebden Bridge and Copy Pit. Thus the outward train from Sheffield via the Dearne Valley returned to Bradford, whilst the outward train from Bradford returned to Sheffield via Barnsley, both only operating during the high season. Class 37s were almost unknown on these workings which were predominantly Classes 40, 45 or 47. Only one Class 37 managed to creep on to these trains during the six years that they ran in this form, this being 37012 (MR) which headed the 0806 Sheffield-Blackpool North and 1300 return to Bradford Interchange on 27th August 1977.

This pattern continued until 1981 when the high season train was re-routed to return via the Dearne Valley

and the full season train via Barnsley on all weeks. This was however the last season of two trains, the high season train failing to appear in the summer 1982 timetable, whilst the remaining train was routed via the Dearne Valley in both directions. This pattern continuing to the end.

Turning now to the actual locomotives on the all season train. Other than Class 37s two Class 31s are recorded, 31235 (TI) on 1st August 1981 and 31302 (CW) on 7th July 1984 otherwise substitutions, quite frequent in some years, were drawn from Classes 40, 45 and 47. Of particular note however are the substitutions by non Tinsley allocated Class 37s. For the first seven years of the decade only one or two such substitutions occurred each year.

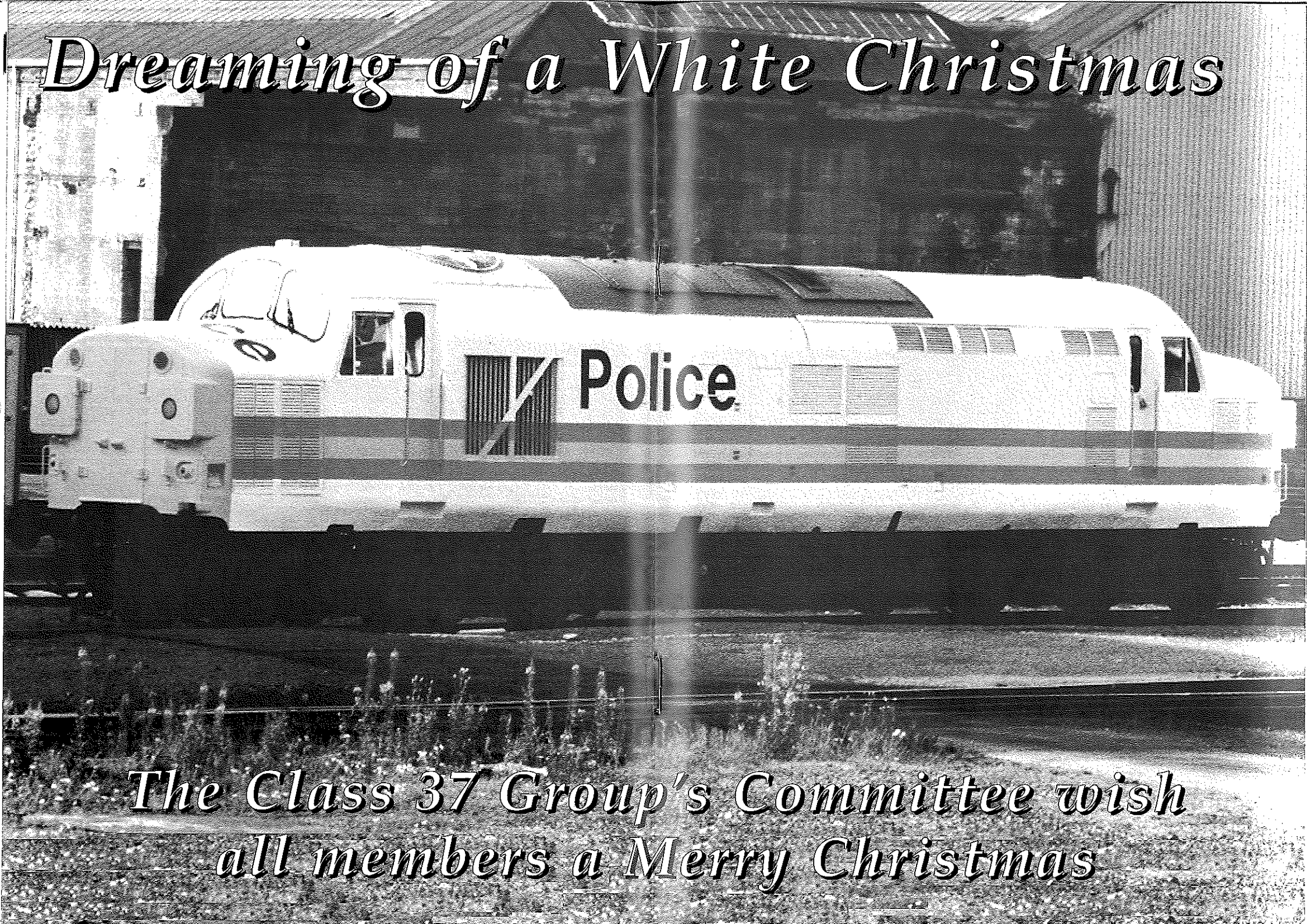
In 1976 two were recorded, 37054 (MR) on 31st July and 37197 (TE) on 14th August. Similarly in 1977 two were recorded, 37039 (MR) on 2nd July and 37086 (MR) on 13th August. 1978 saw but one with 37013 (TE) on 27th May, however the following year saw a further two Teeside locomotives with 37101 (TE) on 9th June and 37057 (TE) on 1st September. 1980 again saw two with 37132 (IM) on 31st May and 37107 (MR) on the 9th July. Former Tinsley allocated 37044 (SF) reappeared on 27th June 1981, with 37075 (MR) appearing on 31st July the following year.

Things began to hot up in 1983 however with five visitors, 37109 (MR) on 4th June, 37031 (HM) on 25th June, 37061 (GD) on 9th July, 37071 (HM) on 23rd July and 37126 (HM) on 27th August. 1984 was without doubt the greatest summer for Class 37 passenger workings in the Sheffield area, with grateful thanks to King Arthur for keeping them off coal trains. Not surprisingly therefore the Blackpool train featured highly with seven non Tinsley allocated examples appearing. The most notable was with out doubt 37187 (BR) on 23rd June, one of only two Western Region allocated examples to have worked the train. Other non Tinsley locomotives were 37136 (GD) on 26th May, 37032 (TE) on 9th June, 37109 (MR) on 16th June and 18th August, 37020 (GD) on 30th June and 37079 (TE) on 4th August.

The final year, 1985, saw the second Western Region allocated locomotive to appear when former Tinsley allocated 37228 (CF) made a welcome reappearance on 8th June. Other non Tinsley locomotives in this year being 37200 (TE) on 29th June and a reappearance by 37061 (GD) on 6th July.

The train was last locomotive hauled on 31st August 1985 with 37024 (TI) in charge. The train did however continue for one further year during which it was formed by a DMU.

Subsequently through trains from Sheffield to Blackpool have been routed via the Hope Valley and Manchester with the only appearances of Class 37s being during the early autumn of 1989 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 allocated Class 37/4, 37408 (CF), 37426 (CF) & 37431 (CF) doing the honours during this amazing month.



Dreaming of a White Christmas

*The Class 37 Group's Committee wish
all members a Merry Christmas*

CLASS 37 FLEET SURVEY 2



Photo: ALEX HALL

In the last issue of *SYPHON!* we looked at the status of the fleet on a Summer Saturday, when many of the locos were stabled at various locations around the country. This time we look at a typical Autumn Weekday Afternoon.

The first thing that hits you (not surprisingly) is how many are out and about working or scheduled to be

working later in the day.

This time I have used a tabular format to show the information in locomotive number order. For the sake of clarity stored and withdrawn examples have been omitted.

To conclude I have included a table showing availability by sub-class and interesting reading it is too.

Loco	Location	Status	Actual/Next Working	Notes
37010	Stewarts Lane	Stabled	Spare	
37012	Eastleigh TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37013	Hither Green	Stabled	Spare	
37023	Stratford TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37025	Bescot TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37037	Three Bridges	Stabled	Spare	
37038	En-Route	Working	6E98 Mountsorrel - Peterborough	d/h with 37065
37040	Eastleigh TMD	Maintenance		
37042	Toton TMD	Exam		
37043	Millerhill	Stabled	Spare	
37046	Eastleigh TMD	Maintenance		
37047	Peterborough	stabled	Spare	
37051	Stratford TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37054	En-Route	Working	8C12 Meldon Quarry - Westbury	d/h with 37222
37055	Hornsey TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37057	Didcot F.P.	Stabled	Spare	
37065	En-Route	Working	6E98 Mountsorrel - Peterborough	d/h with 37038
37069	Motherwell TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37071	Bescot TMD	Exam		
37072	Peterborough	Stabled	Spare	
37073	En-Route	Working	6G36 Burton W.R.D. - Bescot	
37074	En-Route	Working	6T91 Toton - Chaddesden	
37077	Toton TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37079	Hither Green	Stabled	Spare	
37087	En-Route	Working	6C47 Sellafield - Carlisle	

Loco	Location	Status	Actual/Next Working	Notes
37095	Bescot Yard	Stabled	to work: Local Trip Workings	
37097	En-Route	Light Engine	Harwich P.Q. - Ipswich	
37098	Swindon	Stabled	Spare	
37100	En-Route	Working	8B16 Montrose - Millerhill	d/h with 37675
37106	Acton Yard	Stabled	Spare	
37109	Swindon	Stabled	Spare	
37114	Toton TMD	Exam		
37116	Warrington	Stabled	to work: Local Trip Workings	
37131	Healey Mills	Stabled	Spare	
37133	Bescot TMD	Exam		
37137	Harwich P.Q.	Stabled	Spare	
37140	Stratford TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37141	En-Route	Working	7A74 Stud Farm - Northampton	
37142	Northampton	Stabled	Spare	
37146	Penmaenmawr	Stabled	to work: 6F11 Penmaenmawr - Arpley	
37152	Millerhill	Stabled	Spare	
37153	Millerhill	Stabled	Spare	
37154	Toton TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37158	En-Route	Working	6Z13 West Ruislip - Bescot	
37162	Didcot Yard	Stabled	Spare	
37165	En-Route	Light Engine	Grangemouth - Linkwood to work: 6N71 Linkwood - Mossend	
37167	Stewarts Lane	Maintenance		
37170	Motherwell TMD	Exam		
37174	Hoo Junction Yard	Stabled	Spare	
37175	Motherwell TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37178	Bescot TMD	Exam		
37185	Toton TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37191	Bescot TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37194	En-Route	Working	6O68 Temple Mills - Hoo Junction	
37196	Wigan S.P.	Stabled	Spare	
37197	St Blazey	Stabled	Spare	
37198	Hither Green	Stabled	Spare	
37203	En-Route	Working	7T52 Didcot - Bescot	
37211	Warrington	Stabled	Spare	
37212	Carlisle	Stabled	Spare	
37214	Gascoigne Wood	Stabled	to work: 6M77 Gascoigne Wood - Warrington	
37216	Toton TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37219	En-Route	Working	8T21 Exeter Riverside - Westbury	d/h 37245
37220	Toton TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37221	En-Route	Working	6S54 Blyth - Fort William	
37222	En-Route	Working	8C12 Meldon Quarry - Westbury	d/h with 37054
37225	En-Route	Light Engine	Healey Mills - Doncaster Decoy Yard	
37227	Eastleigh TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37229	Cardiff Canton	Stabled	Spare	
37230	En-Route	Light Engine	Newport - Shrewsbury	
37238	Peterborough	Stabled	Spare	
37240	Warrington	Stabled	Spare	
37242	Stratford TMD	Exam		
37244	Hornsey TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37245	En-Route	Working	8T21 Exeter Riverside - Westbury	d/h 37219
37248	Toton TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37250	Elgin	Stabled	to work: 6A16 Elgin - Aberdeen	d/h with 37510
37254	St Blazey	Stabled	Spare	
37255	Toton TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37258	Wembley	Stabled	Spare	
37261	Motherwell TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37263	En-Route	Light Engine	Barry - Barry Island	
37264	Toton TMD	Exam		
37274	Three Bridges	Stabled	Spare	
37293	Hither Green	Stabled	Spare	
37294	Ayr TMD	Stabled	to work: 7R14 Killoch - Falkland	
37330	Thornaby TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37332	Healey Mills	Stabled	Spare	
37334	Wellington	Stabled	Spare	

Loco	Location	Status	Actual/Next Working	Notes
37350	Rotherham	Stabled	Spare	
37351	Ayr TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37358	Thornaby TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37370	En-Route	Working	6O41 Meldon Quarry - Westbury	
37371	Eastleigh TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37372	Acton Yard	Stabled	Spare	
37375	Hither Green	Stabled	Spare	
37376	Didcot FP	Exam		
37377	Harwich P.Q.	Stabled	Spare	
37379	Three Bridges	Stabled	Spare	
37380	Stratford TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37401	Inverness TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37402	Crewe TMD	Exam		
37403	Wick	Stabled	to work: 6Z56 Wick - Inverness	
37404	En-Route	Working	7D19 Fort William - Mossend	d/h with 37409
37405	Buxton TMD	Exam		
37406	En-route	Working	Charter: Kyle of Lochalsh - Keith	'Royal Scotsman'
37407	Tunstead	Stabled	Spare	
37408	Allerton TMD	Exam		
37409	En-Route	Working	7D19 Fort William - Mossend	d/h with 37404
37410	En-Route	Working	7Y45 Mossend - Fort William	later worked sleeper
37411	Cardiff Canton	Exam		
37412	Barton Hill	Stabled	to work: 2O93 Bristol T.M. - Weymouth	
37413	Bescot Yard	Stabled	Spare	
37414	En-Route	Working	1K67 Bangor - Crewe	
37415	Crewe Works	Maintenance		
37416	Cardiff Canton	Exam		
37417	En-Route	Working	1D73 Crewe - Bangor	
37418	Crewe TMD	Exam		
37419	En-Route	Working	7F54 Tunstead - Northwich	d/h with 37518
37420	En-Route	Working	1K69 Holyhead - Crewe	
37421	En-Route	Working	1D71 Crewe - Bangor	
37422	Crewe TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37424	Fort William	Stabled	to work 6E16 Fort William - Blyth	
37425	Bangor	Stabled	Spare	
37426	Willesden Yard	Stabled	Spare	
37428	En-Route	Working	7D59 Perth - Mossend	
37429	Crewe TMD	Exam		
37430	Millerhill	Stabled	Spare	
37503	Killingholme	Stabled	Spare	
37505	Rugby	Stabled	Spare	
37509	En-Route	Working	6H33 Widnes - Earles sidings	
37510	Elgin	Stabled	to work: 6A16 Elgin - Aberdeen	d/h with 37250
37513	Margam	Stabled	to work: 6E21 Baglan Bay - Humber	
37515	En-Route	Working	8E78 Mountsorrel - Doncaster Decoy	
37516	Tyne Yard	Stabled	Spare	
37517	Thornaby TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37518	En-Route	Working	7F54 Tunstead - Northwich	d/h with 37419
37519	En-Route	Working	8K50 Doncaster Decoy - Healey Mills	
37520	Peak Forest	Stabled	Spare	
37521	En-Route	Working	6C43 St Blazey - Exeter Riverside	d/h with 37674
37601	Old Oak TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37602	Doncaster Works	Maintenance		
37603	Stewarts Lane	Stabled	Spare	
37604	Doncaster Works	Maintenance		
37605	Stewarts Lane	Stabled	Spare	
37606	Doncaster Works	Maintenance		
37607	Doncaster Works	Maintenance		
37608	Doncaster Works	Maintenance		
37609	Old Oak TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37610	Old Oak TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37611	Clapham Junction	Stabled	Spare	
37612	Old Oak TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37667	Acton Yard	Stabled	Spare	

Loco	Location	Status	Actual/Next Working	Notes
37668	Drinnick Mill	Stabled	Spare	
37669	En-Route	Working	6G08 Goonbarrow - Fowey Docks	
37670	Exeter Riverside	Stabled	Spare	
37671	Exeter	Stabled	Spare	
37672	Exeter Riverside	Maintenance		
37673	St Blazey	Stabled	Spare	
37674	En-Route	Working	6C43 St Blazey - Exeter Riverside	d/h with 37521
37675	En-Route	Working	8B16 Montrose - Millerhill	d/h with 37100
37676	En-Route	Light Engine	Hither Green - Clapham Junction	
37677	Healey Mills	Stabled	Spare	
37678	En-Route	Light Engine	Westbury - Meldon Quarry	
37679	Stratford TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37680	Healey Mills	Stabled	Spare	
37682	Tyne Yard	Stabled	Spare	
37683	Motherwell TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37684	Toton TMD	Exam		
37685	Motherwell TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37686	Thornaby TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37688	Doncaster Works	Maintenance		
37689	En-Route	Light Engine	Normanby - Immingham TMD	
37692	Motherwell TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37693	Millerhill	Stabled	Spare	
37694	Margam	Stabled	Spare	
37695	Camforth	Stabled	Spare	
37696	Cardiff Canton	Exam		
37697	Doncaster Works	Maintenance		
37698	Immingham	Stabled	Spare	
37701	En-Route	Working	7C40 Newport A.D.J. - Exeter	
37702	Monktonhall	Stabled	Spare	
37703	Stratford TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37704	Crewe Works	Maintenance		
37705	Eastleigh	Stabled	Spare	
37706	Toton TMD	Exam		
37707	Immingham TMD	Maintenance		
37708	Healey Mills	Stabled	Spare	
37709	Hoo Junction Yard	Stabled	Spare	
37710	En-Route	Light Engine	Tees Yard - Port Clarence	
37711	Thornaby TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37712	Ayr TMD	Stabled	to work: 6R49 Falkland - Killoch	d/h with 37714
37713	Doncaster TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37714	Ayr TMD	Stabled	to work: 6R49 Falkland - Killoch	d/h with 37712
37715	Toton TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37716	Doncaster TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37717	En-Route	Light Engine	Washwood Heath - Immingham TMD	
37718	Toton TMD	Exam		
37719	En-Route	Working	6V14 Hull - Baglan Bay	
37796	Motherwell TMD	Exam		
37798	Toton TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37799	Cockenzie	Stabled	to work: Cockenzie - Monktonhall	
37800	Didcot Yard	Stabled	Spare	
37801	En-Route	Light Engine	Millerhill - Motherwell TMD	
37802	Millerhill	Stabled	Spare	
37803	Action Yard	Stabled	Spare	
37883	Immingham TMD	Maintenance		
37884	Ayr TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37885	En-Route	Working	6E39 Mostyn - Salt End	
37886	Immingham TMD	Maintenance		
37887	Llanwern	Stabled	Spare	
37888	Ayr TMD	Stabled	Spare	
37889	Onllywn	Stabled	Spare	
37890	En-Route	Working	6Y46 Eastleigh - Hoo Junction	
37891	Didcot F.P.	Stabled	Spare	
37892	En-Route	Working	6C22 Westbury - St Phillips	
37893	Millerhill	Stabled	Spare	
37894	Cardiff Canton	Maintenance		

Loco	Location	Status	Actual/Next Working	Notes
37895	Cardiff Canton	Stabled	Spare	
37896	En-Route	Light Engine	Exeter - Newport	
37897	En-Route	Working	6B20 West Drayton - Coedbach	
37898	Cardiff Canton	Exam		
37899	Onllwyn	Stabled	Spare	
37901	Newport	Stabled	Spare	
37902	Llanwern	Stabled	Spare	
37903	Margam	Stabled	Spare	
37905	Margam	Stabled	Spare	
37906	Margam	Stabled	to work: 6B76 Margam - Ebbw Vale	

SUMMARY

Sub-Class	Total	Out Of Use	Avail %	Sub-Class	Total	Out Of Use	Avail %
37/0	86	11	87.2	37/6	12	5	58.3
37/3	14	1	92.8	37/7	43	9	79.1
37/4	28	8	71.4	37/9	5	0	100
37/5	40	35	87.5	Totals	228	39	82.9



37223 makes a fine sight as it heads a Warrington - Healey Mills 'enterprise' in June '95. **Photo: DAVE BALL**

NEW STREET ARRIVAL



One of the locos that had an extended spell on North Wales coast duties during the year, 37087, pulls into Birmingham New Street. **Photo: ALAN R. HAWKINS**

The Class 37 Group - Syphon Shop

We are pleased to announce that we have an extended range of sales items on offer. All are available by Mail Order.

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Syphon Celebration	£17.95
D&E Journey thro' the '60s	£17.95
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East Coast Power	£17.95

Locomaster Profiles

Capital Syphon (New Due Jan)	£15.95
Traction Review '96 Pt 1	£15.95
Traction Review '96 Pt 2 (New Due Dec)	£15.95
Silver Bullet Syphons	£15.95
Class 37 Power	£13.95

AUDIO CASSETTES

Syphons	£3.50
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Group Mugs	£2.00
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Royal Scot Pt 2	£18.95
Diesel & Electrics on 35mm	£18.95
Diesel & Electrics on 35mm 2	£18.95

Telerail

Loco-Hauled Class 37s	£18.95
New Horizons - Belgium	£18.95
East Coast Memories	£18.95

Train Crazy

North Wales Coast	£17.95
EMUs	£17.95

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BR 37s (Alan Vitty) (New)	£3.60
37s on the Grade (Alan Vitty) (New)	£3.60

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25p for anything else.

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The Brake Van

The Bits That Don't Fit Anywhere Else

SYPHON NUMBER SEARCH

4	8	7	5	0	7	3	4	5	9	4	9	2	3
3	9	4	1	5	3	7	9	9	3	2	4	3	7
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2	3	6	8	3	1	0	4	5	4	3	8	1	2
6	9	7	4	5	6	2	8	0	6	7	0	3	4
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8	3	9	5	6	1	2	6	2	3	7	9	2	0
4	5	6	2	0	9	9	3	5	8	4	2	6	1
7	3	7	6	6	8	8	5	6	3	1	7	1	5
7	9	1	4	4	6	7	1	9	3	0	6	4	0
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3	4	1	0	9	3	6	9	1	8	9	5	7	1
3	7	3	1	4	7	5	7	5	7	6	3	0	3

Convert the Class 37 names listed below into the relevant number, then try and find them in the number grid. The numbers are listed horizontally, vertically and diagonal, both forwards and backwards.

<i>Viking</i>	<i>City of Worcester</i>
<i>Taff Merthyr</i>	<i>Vulcan</i>
<i>Loch Long</i>	<i>Enterprise</i>
<i>Sister Dora</i>	<i>The Kingsman</i>
<i>Bont y Bermo</i>	<i>Loch Eil</i>
<i>Leyburn</i>	<i>Clydebridge</i>
<i>Ripple Lane</i>	<i>Tre Pol & Pen</i>
<i>Caithness</i>	<i>Thornaby</i>
<i>Dounreay</i>	<i>TMD</i>
<i>Dalzell</i>	<i>Merehead</i>
<i>Cwmbran</i>	<i>St Blaise Church</i>
<i>Radio Highland</i>	

THE SYPHON! '96 REVIEW QUIZ

- Q1. Which Class 37 became the first to work a public train in preservation?
- Q2. From which loco was the Group's boiler acquired from?
- Q3. Which loco became the first to carry the EWS maroon livery?
- Q4. Which depot recently received an allocation of Class 37s for the first time?
- Q5. Which Class 37 rescued *Nunney Castle* on 31 August?
- Q6. 37010 was used on two different railtours during the year, what were they?
- Q7. Which NB kicked off the year assisting an HST on 1 January?
- Q8. How many 37/4s have worked along the North Wales Coast during the year?
- Q9. Which Class 37 made an appearance at the NRM during the year?
- Q10. Which is the odd one out, 37212, 37059, 37051 or 37116?

Answers: 1. 37032, 2. 37116, 3. 37057, 4. Old Oak, 5. 37229, 6. The Tinsley Hump and Crowe Open Day special, 7. 37229, 8. Nineteen, 9. 37117, 10. 37116 (the others appeared on the Group's railtours during the year)

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Competition Entries & inclusions for 'The Brake Van' to: **13 Shearers Way, Boreham, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 3AE.**

PASSENGER DIARY

Not a great deal to report this time on the NB front, with very little activity at present. Due to time pressure I haven't had time to compile the 37/4 diary, this will reappear next issue.

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

2/11/96	37047	'The Merry Men' Raitour from Nottingham with 31462 .
16/11/96	37905	'The Dyfed Docker' Raitour from Carmarthen to Milford Haven & Fishguard. Main tour engines 37411 failed at Cardiff replaced by 37412.
21/10/96	37141	05:54 Bournemouth - Edinburgh from Preston
23/10/96	37219	09:00 Poole - York from Didcot - Birmingham N.S.
21/11/96	37509	Glasgow - Euston from Carlisle? - Preston.
23/11/96	37710	'Grimsby Reaper' Raitour
24/11/96	37069	09:00 York - Glasgow from Carstairs
28/11/96	37717	21:05 Euston - Liverpool from Crewe <i>wires down</i>
30/12/96	37702	'The Deltic Deliverance' raitour from Berwick to Newcastle towing 'Deltic', D9000.
14/12/96	37505	'The Rooster Booster' Raitour from Northampton - Birmingham N.S. with 20075

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20 FEBRUARY 1997
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On New Years Eve (31 December), a special is to run from Bristol - Newton Abbot in connection with some local festivities.

Bristol dep 09:20 with a 37/4 price £17.50, tour returns from NA at 17:45. Bookings on 0345 114114

Three shuttles will also run between Newton Abbot and Heathfield with an NB top & tailing with the 37/4. Shuttles dep NA at 11:30, 13:00 and 14:30. Price £4.00 each. Bookings on 01626 67494

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