

718. The January 2010 issue of The Railway Magazine reports: "Houses in ex-Royal train shed - A row of new luxury townhouses has been built within the walls of the long disused ex-LNWR Royal train shed at Wolverton. The train shed roof that covers the homes has been adapted to contain solar panels and rain water harvesters".

719. **LMS Signals No 21: Mirfield 'Speed' Multiple-aspect Colour Light Re-signalling Scheme.** By L G Warburton, with 24 pages, 32 photographs and copious track and signal diagrams. Mirfield was a bottleneck where the LNWR and L&Y routes from Manchester to Leeds used the same track for a short distance. Amalgamation under the LMS gave the opportunity to remove that bottleneck with track and signalling improvements. The usual comprehensive LMS Journal treatment, included for the extensive pre-group infrastructure and stock from both companies on view. *LMS Journal* No 25.

720. **Pullman Cars on the LMS in Scotland**, by Peter Tatlow. Another copious LMS Journal offering with 20 pages, 15 photographs, carriage diagrams, tables etc. The agreement between the Caledonian Railway and the Pullman Car Company commenced in 1914. The article records that, despite the Caledonian's ambition to run Pullman coaches from Euston, the LNWR would have nothing to do with it. *LMS Journal* No 25.

721. **Railways and No 10: From Wellington to Asquith.** Prime Ministers in the nineteenth century regarded railways as an integral part of British life. A J Mullay reviews their work, with 5 pages, 7 photographs, 7 sources and a table of all main line locomotives named after nineteenth century PMs. With an extensive named fleet, the LNWR is prominent. *Backtrack* Vol 24 No 3 (March 2010).

722. **LMS Eight-Coupled Part 2: The Inheritance**, by Michael Rutherford. 9 pages, with 19 photographs (6 in colour) and 10 references. This part looks at the development of the coal trade and the continued reliance on obsolete infrastructure and small wooden wagons. It covers the introduction of eight-coupled locomotives by the LMS constituents in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. 4 photographs are of LNWR interest. *Backtrack* Vol 24 No 3 (March 2010).

723. **Charles Fay and James Newall Mechanical Railway Brakes**, by Tom Wray. 3 pages, 5 illustrations and 8 references. This article includes a brief biography of the two gentlemen, describes the operation of their similar designs, and their involvement in the mid-nineteenth century brake trials. The Fay brake was fitted to the LNWR's 'Irish Mail' and Newall's gas lighting to the 'Limited Express' running between London and Holyhead in 1862. *Backtrack* Vol 24 No 3 (March 2010).

724. **LMS Eight-Coupled Part 3: The Inheritance**, by Michael Rutherford. 9 pages, with 18 photographs (7 in colour) and 17 references. Of diminishing direct LNWR interest as the focus moves to other companies. There are two photographs of ex LNWR locomotives, a 'Super D' at Shugborough in 1960 and Bowen Cooke 0-8-2T 7880 looking very smart at Crewe in 1935. *Backtrack* Vol 24 No 4 (April 2010).

725. **Edgeley Atmosphere.** One page of 3 colour photographs of steam locomotives at Stockport Edgeley in October 1966, by Mike Kinder. *Backtrack* Vol 24 No 4 (April 2010).

726. **Patricroft and the GWR Connection.** Notes by Bob Essery on original notes by A J Walker. 3 pages, including extract from the RCH map and a double page photograph of the shed yard in the 1950s. Explains the out-stationing of GWR enginemen at the LNWR shed. *LMS Journal* No 26.

727. **Stetchford, Birmingham**, by Bob Essery. Primarily a photo-feature of 6 pages with 9 photographs, taken in 1964. Lovely pre-group wooden buildings! *LMS Journal* No 26.

728. **Railway Brakes**, by L G Warburton. The evolution of railway brakes from their inception to the automatic vacuum brake adopted by the LMS, with 7 pages and 5 photographs. Includes LNWR practice and notes on the Newark brake trials. *LMS Journal* No 26.

729. **The Central Wales Line.** A 2 page photo-feature with 5 colour photographs of steam from the 1960's. *Backtrack* Vol 24 No 5 (May 2010).

730. **Chelsea Box and Chelsea Basin**, by Jonathan Jarvis. 6 pages, with 8 photographs, map, signal box diagram and 9 sources. The author's reminisces of the West London Line from the 1960s. *Backtrack* Vol 24 No 5 (May 2010).

731. **LMS Eight-Coupled Part 4: The Age of Total War**, by Michael Rutherford. 10 pages, with 22 photographs (6 in colour) and 19 references. Covers the two World Wars, attempts at standardisation and the LMS inheritance and developments. Includes a table of eight-coupled locomotives inherited by the LMS, predominately ex. LNWR. *Backtrack* Vol 24 No 5 (May 2010).

732. **Blackberry Lane Shed**. Our own Simon Fountain describes his 7mm scale model of an LNWR engine shed. 10 pages, with track plan and 17 photographs, 8 in colour. *Model Railway Journal* No 198.

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