

761. **Hest Bank** by Keith Miles. A 8 page article with 10 photographs from the 1950s and 60s and a track diagram. Hest Bank station is the only place that the West Coast Main line touches the West Coast, 233 miles from Euston. Situated on Morecombe Bay it was an ideal site for camping coaches. The article also looks at the early history, gradual closure in the 1960s, and the accidents that occurred there in July 1912 and May 1965. *British Railways Illustrated* Vol 20 (March 2011).

762. **Action Stations**. This is an article on building a station in 4mm scale, inspired by Northampton station and showing the use of the Grand Junction station building panels from Parkside Dundas. *Model Rail Magazine* No 152 (January 2011).

763. *The Friends of the NRM Review* No 134 (Winter 2010/2011) contains photographs of:  
- the signal gantry at Rugby taken during the construction of the GCR over-bridge;  
- ex LNWR 1st class sleeping car converted into a mobile cinema coach M395017M at Euston in March 1968.

764. **Working the Coal at Whaley Bridge in Northwest Derbyshire: 1883 to 1903. Its Impact on the Local Railway Network**. A series of correspondence between the LNWR, mining companies, landlords and their agents concerning the extraction of coal beneath the railway in the vicinity of Whaley Bridge station and the consequences of subsidence. *Mining History: Bulletin of the Peak District Mines Historical Society* Vol 17 No 6.

765. The Nostalgia Corner of the February 2011 edition of the *Railway Observer* reprints **The Passing Scene No.2 – The Buckingham – Banbury Branch** from the February 1961 edition. This records the closure of the branch with a somewhat whimsical look at what was lost.

766. **The Huddersfield Narrow Canal**. An 11 page history by Keith Gibson. The canal fell into railway ownership in 1841 and to the LNWR in 1847. The article includes photographs of work boats lettered 'L&NWR Huddersfield Canal'. *Narrow Boat Magazine* (Spring 2011).

767. **Carnforth Cameos** by David Idle. A single page containing three colour photographs of ex LMS steam in July 1965. *Backtrack* Vol 25 No 3 (March 2011).

768. **An Introduction to Steam Locomotive Testing: Traditional Locomotive Testing Techniques Part 3**, by Adrian Tester. 7 pages, 6 photographs, 6 tables and 3 references. This part looks at further examples of testing using the dynamometer carriage and concludes that the exercise was of dubious value. Examples include comparative tests of a 'Super D' and other locomotives on the Toton – Brent coal trains. A comparison is made with individual costs for every locomotive class collected by the LMS between 1927 and 1937. *Backtrack* Vol 25 No 3 (March 2011).

769. **In Search of Light, part 2**, by Jeffrey Wells. This part looks at the advent of electricity as a viable alternative to gas for lighting carriages and stations. 7 pages with 8 photographs, 2 diagrams and 22 references. It again includes LNWR examples, including an aside about an LNWR experiment in 1880 with luminous paint for carriage interiors. *Backtrack* Vol 25 No 3 (March 2011).

770. **The Unforgettable Cockermouth, Keswick and Penrith Railway**. This is a history of the branch line through the Lake District by Michael B Binks, with 10 pages, 17 photographs, a map and a gradient profile. A light axle loading resulted from challenges in construction, restricting the size of the locomotives used. Traffic was worked by the LNWR and NER and the line became part of the LMS at the grouping. The author has uncovered some interesting facts beyond a simple history. *Backtrack* Vol 25 No 4 (April 2011).

771. **Euston: We had a Problem**. 5 pages with 12 photographs/illustrations. A very brief history to illustrate the ironical. The old Euston was built to impress but then grew in piecemeal fashion as expediency required. By the early 1960s drastic remedial action was required, with the well argued result. The new Euston is a symbol of 1960s concrete architecture, now obscured by uninspiring slab-sided office blocks ..... *Backtrack* Vol 25 No 4 (April 2011).

772. **Red Rose Ramblings**. Three pages containing 9 colour photographs of steam and diesel hauled trains at Lancashire locations, mostly from the 1960s. Some are ex LNWR locations. *Backtrack* Vol 25 No 4 (April 2011).

773. **‘Flirting with the Enemy?’ Railway Operated Electric Tramways in the United Kingdom.** This is an 8 page article by Geoffrey Skelsey LVO, with 14 photographs/illustrations, 2 tables, 19 references and a bibliography. The author looks at 5 examples in some detail. The LNWR has a bit part in its early withdrawal of passenger trains on the Darlaston loop through competition from the tram and its late, expedient, acquisition of the Wolverton and Stony Stratford. *Backtrack* Vol 25 No 4 (April 2011).

774. **Harold Froggatt – ‘The Little Hercules’.** The story of a Crewe fireman, by Michael Bentley and Edward Talbot, with 7 pages and 10 photographs, 2 of ex LNWR locomotives. Harold Froggatt was claimed to be the strongest fireman at Crewe through his ‘other’ occupation as a professional boxer. *Backtrack* Vol 25 No 5 (May 2011).

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