

803. **The Railway Clearing House**, by David Monk-Steel. A 3 page article, with 5 illustrations, explaining the history and purpose of the organisation. The London & Birmingham had a key role in setting up the RCH, and the latter's offices were adjacent to Euston. *The Railway Magazine* Vol 158 No 1,330 (February 2012).

804. *The Welsh Railway Archive* Vol 5 No 4 includes a photograph of ex LNWR Crewe Works shunter No 3014 in industrial use at Adam's Yard, Newport, South Wales, date unknown.

805. **The Oxford to Cambridge Line**. Part one, Oxford to Bletchley, by Bill Simpson. *Steam Days* (March 2012).

806. **Steam in the Peak District**. 3 pages of black and white photographs, all but 1 from the BR period, from the Alan Tyson collection. All are on ex Midland lines except 1: 'Super Ds' crossing at Alsop-en-le-Dale, on the Buxton – Ashbourne line in May 1962. *Backtrack* Vol 26 No 3 (March 2012).

807. **Relics of the Storeton Tramway**, by Rowan Patel. The article has 3 pages, 3 black and white photographs and a diagram showing the track construction. It has a brief history of the tramway which was located on the Wirral and in operation from the mid 1830's to c1905. Local legend has it that second hand track from the Liverpool & Manchester was used in the construction and our author shows that stone block sleepers, chairs and fish-bellied rail found on site in 2009/10 are an exact match to that company's original track. *Backtrack* Vol 26 No 3 (March 2012).

808. **The Charnwood Forest Line**, by Mark Smith. 3 pages with 4 black and white photographs and a map. A brief history of the ex LNWR branch between Coalville and Loughborough, closed in 1963. The photographs show some of the present day remains. *Backtrack* Vol 26 No 4 (April 2012).

809. **From Sneinton Hermitage to Weekday Cross**, by Robert Emblin. 7 pages with 11 photographs, a map and 2 drawings of bridges. A history of the loop line in the Nottingham suburbs between the GNR and the GCR, with, as ever, LNWR running powers. There is a good photograph of 'Large Jumbo' *Prince Albert* at London Road (Low Level) and a clever (1 April) caption on a GNR subject. *Backtrack* Vol 26 No 4 (April 2012).

810. **Aspects of Junction Development Part 2**, by Jeffrey Wells. 8 pages, 10 illustrations/photographs, 4 diagrams and 17 references. This article is part of a series looking at the early development of major railway junctions and their associated towns and works. This one covers Crewe and Doncaster. *Backtrack* Vol 26 No 4 (April 2012).

811. **Manchester Victoria Station in Focus**, by Jeffrey Wells. 5 pages, 8 photographs and 3 references. This article looks at particular features of the station, which was shared by the L&Y and LNWR until the latter opened Manchester Exchange in 1884. The LMS later connected the two stations by what was claimed to be the longest platform in the world. *Backtrack* Vol 26 No 4 (April 2012).

812. **Road-Rail Goods Traffic and Containerisation 1928-29**, by Jeffrey Wells. 7 pages, 11 photographs and 8 references. Whilst primarily post-grouping, the article looks back to when the early railways began to capture long distance freight from the roads and the mutually beneficial relationship that developed with carriers like Pickford's. The main thrust, however, is to the time when things had gone full circle. Of particular interest are photographs of the road vehicle build and repair shop at Wolverton and 'Special tank' *Wolverton* shunting wagons loaded with containers. *Backtrack* Vol 26 No 5 (May 2012).

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