

894. **The Rise and fall of the British Marshalling Yard.** Dr Michael Rhodes tells the story of the 50 or so British yards, now largely disappeared. Part 1 covers the period from the 19th Century to 1963 and has nine pages and 15 photographs, track diagrams etc. The main emphasis is naturally on more recent times but mention is made of the first gravity assisted yard in the world, at Edge Hill, Liverpool. *The Railway Magazine* Vol 159 No 1,351 (November 2013).

895. **LNWR Spotlight.** A two page article by our own Peter Stanton, who has done a grand job in the available space. He summarises the appeal of the company and the extensive support available from our society and the model trade. There are eight illustrations covering model and prototype, mostly in colour. *Railway Modeller* (December 2013).

896. **Restaurant Cars and Their Development.** A seven page article by George May with twelve illustrations, including exterior and interior views of an 'American Special' twelve-wheeler. A look back to a form of travel now largely extinct, covering the pre-group, grouping and BR periods. *Backtrack* Vol 27 No 12 (December 2013).

897. **The Rise and Fall of Railway Spine,** by Dr Malcolm Timperley. A four page article with 5 illustrations and nine references. Charles Dickens suffered a number of ailments after his involvement in the Staplehurst disaster in 1865, from which he never properly recovered. His condition was diagnosed as 'railway spine', a physical condition, easy to fake and increasingly used to claim damages against the railway companies. The LNWR's surgeon, Herbert Page, was instrumental in proposing an alternative, psychological based view which was treatable. What we would now call post-traumatic stress disorder. *Backtrack* Vol 27 No 12 (December 2013).

898. **Some Late Gladstonian Journeys.** A four page article by Martin Connop Price, with six illustrations and a bibliography. Gladstone's family home was at Hawarden, Flintshire. This article primarily recounts railway journeys in North Wales resulting from Gladstone's friendship with Edward Watkin, but includes the arrangements made by Robert Turnbull of the LNWR to transport the great man's body to London after his death. *The Welsh Railways Archive* Vol 5 No 8 (November 2013).

899. **The Trent Valley Railway,** by Robin Mathams and Dave Barrett. The authors will be familiar to all those who attended the 2013 Crewe lunch. The article, of nine pages with twelve illustrations and a map, traces the origins of the important part of the West Coast Main Line lying between Stafford and Rugby. The illustrations cover all periods from the earliest days to Pendolinos. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 1 (January 2014).

900. **Open House at Longmoor.** A four page article by Jeffery Grayer, with six colour photographs, recounting the final open days at the Longmoor Military Railway in 1968 & 69. It makes passing reference to the then resident ex LNWR inspection saloon. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 1 (January 2014).

901. **Barnum & Bailey's Circus Train, part 1.** An eight page article by Mike G Fell OBE, with eleven illustrations, three tables and 19 references. This part looks at the personalities and details of the special stock built in the late 1890s to carry the circus on its tours. Of particular LNWR interest is the initial loan of some company stock, and the country wide itineraries for the 1898 and 1899 tours. It must have involved smart work by the railway companies with the special stock limited to 25 mph! *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 1 (January 2014).

902. **Ditton Junction – 1912,** by John C Hughes. There were two accidents at Ditton Junction in 1912. The first, caused primarily by excess speed, resulted in 16 fatalities and much reviewing of company arrangements and procedures. In the second, caused by a broken tender axle, there were no injuries but quite probably a lucky escape. The six page article, with eight photographs, a track layout and nine references, takes a detailed look at the first accident. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 2 (February 2014).

903. **The Call of the Hills,** by Alan Tyson. A three page feature, with eight colour photographs of steam locomotive hauled trains between Preston and Shap in the 1960s. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 2 (February 2014).

904. **Barnum & Bailey's Circus Train, part 2.** See reference 901 above. This part, of seven pages with nine illustrations and eight references, looks at Buffalo Bill's use of the train to tour extensively in 1903 and 1904, and the subsequent disposal of the stock. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 2 (February 2014).

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