

905. **Euston Regenerates.** A two page feature with five colour photographs, taken during reconstruction in the early 1960s. There is steam, electric and diesel motive power on view and just a glimpse of the old. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 3 (March 2014).

906. **Payton and His Pictures: A Railwayman and His Camera.** A four page article with nine photographs, by Mike G Fell and R A S Hennessey. Robert Nigel Payton took photographs during the course of his railway career with the LMS and BR and these have now been made available to the Stephenson Locomotive Society. Payton had several postings at Crewe and lived at 3 Wellington Villas, cue a photograph of *Orion* in action in the garden of number 4, with G R S Darroch and friends. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 3 (March 2014).

907. **The Railway in Court: Snow on the Platform,** by Bill Taylor. A two page article with three photographs. One of two cases described, a passenger slipped on snow covered and worn steps at Perry Barr in 1887. Despite a vigorous defence the court found against the LNWR. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 3 (March 2014).

908. **The Architecture of the Chester and Holyhead Line,** by James Johnson. Part two, with three pages and seven photographs, looks at the stations between Llandudno Junction and Chester. Five of the photographs are from the LNWR period. (Part one was Press Digest item 856). *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 3 (March 2014).

909. **Feeling Railway Servants,** by Alistair F Nisbet. A five page article with nine illustrations – one of direct interest: a LNWR luggage van being loaded at Euston. Based on items from the press in the mid 1800s, the article looks at inducements made to railway workers to provide services. It would seem that our company, among others, did not always ensure its rule book was followed. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 4 (April 2014).

910. **In Patriotic Fervour.** A four page feature containing eleven colour photographs of Patriots taken in the BR period. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 4 (April 2014).

911. **Railway Fares and Charges in the Eyes of the Press in 1850.** Andy Brown reveals how the subject was as contentious over 150 years ago as it is today. Opinions appear divided between the travelling public and those with a railway interest. Three pages with four illustrations and fifteen references. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 4 (April 2014).

912. **Before the Ultimatum – Railway Readiness in Britain in 1914.** A six page article by A J Mullay, with seven illustrations, two tables and a bibliography. The UK entered World War 1 on 4th August. This article looks at the preparations already made by the railway companies in anticipation and the rather disjointed activities of government and armed forces in the following weeks. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 5 (May 2014).

913. **Lead On, Part One.** The whys and some of the wherefores of locomotive valve gears, by Miles MacNair. Six pages with five photographs and six diagrams. This part article explains the working, advantages and disadvantages of the main valve gear developments of the 19th century by Alan, Gooch, Hackworth, Joy, Stephenson, Walschaerts et al. There is particular reference to the variations of Joy gear favoured by the LNWR. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 5 (May 2014).

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