

**925. Bluebell LNWR semi-Royal saloon in long-term move to Lavender.**

News item referring to the move of the saloon to the Lavender Line in March 2014 on long-term loan. It will host cream tea specials. *The Railway Magazine* No 1,358 Vol 160 (May 2014).

926. *The Railway Magazine* for July 2014 is termed 'The Remembrance Issue', commemorating the centenary of the First World War and 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Second. Several features include snippets of LNWR interest:

- a photograph taken near Ypres in February 1918 of British soldiers watching an aerial dogfight while an ROD marked LNWR 0-6-0 waits for the road;
- a photograph of soldiers disembarking LNWR carriages at Heaton Park, Manchester in March 1915;
- a photograph of ROD 3412, an LNWR 'Coal Engine', at Velu in November 1917;
- a total of 111 LNWR 'Coal Engines' and Class Gs were used abroad in the First World War;
- a photograph of the cab of the cab of 'Cauliflower', LMS 28505, with a tarpaulin rigged up to prevent firebox glare.

*The Railway Magazine* No 1,360 Vol 160 (July 2014).

**927. Nassington Ironstone Quarries.** A three page article by Tim Edmonds recalling a visit he made there in August 1970, with six photographs and a map. The quarries were just north of the former LNWR Rugby to Peterborough line between Kings Cliffe and Nassington. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 9 (September 2014).

**928. Mails, Steam and Speed,** by David Andrews. A nine page article, with twelve illustrations and 45 references. It reconsiders in some detail whether *City of Truro* did indeed reach a speed 102 mph in 1904. The contemporary LNWR Precursor class is used for comparison. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 9 (September 2014).

**929. 'Give My Regards to Broad Street!' Part 2.** The second part of Geoffrey Skelsey's article subtitled 'The ruin and renaissance of the North London lines and the birth of the overground'. This part has seven pages, 10 colour photographs, 9 references and a bibliography. It brings the story up to date, and all the photographs are from 1985 or later. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 9 (September 2014). (Part 1 is Press Digest reference 924).

**930. Lost Chords and Earthworks - The Unevolved Railways.** A four page article by R A S Hennessey looking at railways which were approved and construction started but which never opened for traffic. Mention is made of the Olney extension to the Wolverton to Newport Pagnell branch abandoned in 1871 and Duddeston viaduct, Birmingham, a relic of the GWR's thrust for New Street rendered superfluous by the Snow Hill connection. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 10 (October 2014).

**931. South Wales Locomotives.** Three pages containing ten black and white photographs from the Pendragon archives. All are of locomotives from the railways of South Wales which were grouped in 1923 except one: ex LNWR 'Super D' 49064 on Barry shed in June 1956. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 11 (November 2014).

**932. Birmingham New Street - As It Was.** Three pages containing seven colour photographs from the camera of Michael Mensing. The photographs are taken just before the 1960s rebuilding began and all but one are of steam powered trains. As ever, ex LMS and LNWR stock and infrastructure is much in evidence. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 11 (November 2014).

**933. The First Railway Guidebooks,** by J D Bennett. A two page review, with five illustrations, of railway guidebooks from the 1830s. There were plenty of

them, with LNWR constituent companies much in evidence. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 11 (November 2014).

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