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934. **What did you do in the War, Mr Porter?** A six page article by A J Mulla, with eight photographs, three tables and a list of sources. There were no reserved occupations at the start of the First World War, and railwaymen, as all others, rushed to enlist. This article looks at the consequences, particularly the statistics, including the women employed to fill the gap and the subsequent casualties. The LNWR appears surprisingly enlightened in its employment of women. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 11 (November 2014).

935. **War Memorial Engines**, by Sitwell D Williams. A seven page article with sixteen photographs and five references. Among the other railways the LNWR was prominent, commemorating personalities and war time events, and later the fallen with the Cloughton *Patriot*. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 11 (November 2014).

936. **LNWR Locomotives Picture Gallery**. Ten portraits of LNWR locomotives spread over five pages. These are from the NRM picture archives and span the period from the 1890s to the late 1920s. *Journal of the Friends of the National Railway Museum* No 149 (Autumn 2014).

937. **A new George in ten years? Remediating a great wrong**. A great article by Paul Hibberd, founding member of the LNWR George the Fifth Steam Locomotive Trust. It reviews the history of the class, touches on the loss of the last survivors and looks forward to the future. See the quite significant bits of the locomotive already in being! *Steam Railway* No 433 (October/November 2014).

938. **The Old Station at Windermere**, by Alan Sykes. This illustrated article reports on the unveiling of a blue plaque mounted adjacent to the Porte Cochère of the old station, which is now part of Booth's supermarket. The piece also includes an interesting history of the station and of the Kendal & Windermere Railway. *Cumbrian Railways* No 149 (February 2014).

939. **Early Railway Photographer in Cumbria**, by John Minnis. The background to a number of early photographers operating on the railways of Cumbria. Includes as an example a photograph taken by RE Charlewood at Shap in 1900. *Cumbrian Railways* No 150 (May 2014).

940. **Glasson Dock Railway**, by Frank Walmsley. Notes on the promotion and management of this branch railway. *Cumbrian Railways* No 151 (August 2014).

941. **Maryport & Carlisle and London & North Western Railways Parcels Van No 633**, by Mike Peascod. Photograph of a standard LNWR parcels van and a similar one lettered for joint use by the LNWR and M&CR. *Cumbrian Railways* No 152 (October 2014).

942. **In search of Bigrigg Goods Depot**. Notes on the research undertaken on the Bigrigg depot on the LNWR & Furness Joint Lines. *Cumbrian Railways* No 152 (October 2014).

943. **L&NWR in the George Whale Era**, by Andrew Wilson. The need for robust, reliable and simple engines, following Webb's retirement is covered, showing how Whale achieved his goal. Well illustrated, including both pre and post grouping views, mainly from the RAS Collection. Nine pages. *Steam Days* No 304 (December 2014).

944. **Eric Bruton on the West Coast Main Line**. A four page feature with 8 black and white photographs from the early 1950's. One portrays three Wolverton Works shunting engines; ex LNWR Special tanks CD3, CD6 and CD7. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 12 (December 2014).

945. **The Testers.** A two page article by our Don Rowland, illustrated with three of his own photographs taken in February 1948. A schoolboy spotter's recollections of the main line testing procedure for the new and repaired locomotive output from Crewe works. *Backtrack* Vol 28 No 12 (December 2014).

946. **The Highland, A Railway Thrown Into Turmoil by the Great War.** A three page article by Keith Farr, with three photographs and two tables. Northern Scotland was mostly out of bounds during the war because of the number of military establishments there. In order to cope with the associated traffic, including the 'Jellicoe' specials, the Highland Railway borrowed locomotives from other companies including the LNWR. The photographs include Precedent *The Auditor* on Perth shed and a compound 0-8-0 on Shap with a coal train. *The Railway Magazine* No 1,365 Vol 160 (December 2014).

947. **Chester - The General Scene.** A three page feature of photographs from the BR steam period sourced from the Pendragon archives. As ever, ex LNWR (and GWR) infrastructure is visible. *Backtrack* Vol 29 No 1 (January 2015).

948. **On the Blackpool Line.** Two pages containing five Tom Heavyside colour photographs from the blue diesel period. *Backtrack* Vol 29 No 2 (February 2015).

949. **Water, Water, Everywhere ...** Four pages containing ten photographs of trains on troughs, from the Pendragon archives. Ex LNWR lines have the majority, including a double headed Claughton express near Chester in August 1922. *Backtrack* Vol 29 No 2 (February 2015).

950. **Sleeping Cars - Aspects of Their History and Development.** A five page article by George May, with six photographs and three drawings. The article covers all companies, from the beginnings in the Victorian period through the grouping. LNWR luxury is much in evidence. *Backtrack* Vol 29 No 2 (February 2015).

951. **Helsby - A Cheshire Country Junction.** A single page with three colour photographs of the station on the LNWR and GWR joint system in Cheshire. The ex LNWR Type 4 signal box is very evident. *Backtrack* Vol 29 No 2 (February 2015).

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