

961. **Off the Beaten Track.** A seven page article by Philip Atkins, with eighteen photographs of which eight are in colour. The article looks at occasions country wide where a locomotive has turned up in a totally unexpected place. There are several from the LNWR period, including Webb three cylinder compound *Compound* on the L&SWR in 1884 and Prince of Wales no 969 at Lewes circa 1920 (including photograph). *The Railway Magazine* Vol 161 No 1,367 (February 2015).

962. **Real Atmosphere.** Two pictures of the siding and surroundings of Aber station in the late 1950s with a lone 16T steel mineral wagon. Views of a wagonload world long gone, showing the goods yard and the stone cattle loading ramp, the end of the station building and part of the footbridge. *Model Railway Journal* No 237 (March 2015).

963. **New Street Lamp Building.** An article on modelling the lamp building as it was after 1964: seemingly the only bit of the old station surviving that rebuild (and now no more!). Prototype photographs as well as modelling the building with its BR added upper story. *Finescale Railway Modelling Review* Issue 2. Winter 2014.

964. **Grass Roots.** The Railway Magazine's occasional look at the early days of preservation includes a half page colour photograph of *Hardwicke*, with a single LNWR saloon, in steam at Church Fenton in the mid 1970s. *The Railway Magazine* Vol 161 No 1,368 (March 2015).

965. **Tank Engine Tenacity.** A six page article by Keith Farr in the Practice and Performance series, with eight photographs and five performance logs. 'The humble tank locomotive rarely gets a mention in performance articles, yet was capable of brisk running and tenacious hill climbing'. Of interest to us here is a log of a Coal Tank on a Newport to Nantybawch service in South Wales in September 1947, with two appropriate Coal Tank photographs. *The Railway Magazine* Vol 161 No 1,368 (March 2015).

966. The Nostalgia Corner section from *The Railway Observer* of April 2015, from an original report dated April 1965, reports LNWR signals still extant at Seaton, and Middleton Top, Sheep Pasture and Cromford on the Cromford and High Peak line.

967. **Recollections of some L&NWR Classes,** by Mike Kinder. A six page article with five photographs of ex LNWR locomotives in the LMS and BR periods. The article contains the author's observations of traffic on the Nuneaton to Coventry line at Newdigate Siding near Bedworth in the mid 1940's when majority of the traffic was worked by LNWR locomotives. There

is a detailed look at the ex LNWR locomotives remaining in traffic in the area. *British Railway Illustrated* Vol 24 No 3 (December 2014).

968. Outings with a Steam Crane 2, by Brian Penny. Another six page article, with eight photographs from the BR period. It charts the author's outing in May 1959 with the Shrewsbury steam crane, to rescue steel billets from a stopped wagon at Knighton on the Central Wales line. *British Railway Illustrated* Vol 24 No 3 (December 2014).

969. More of Birmingham New Street - as it used to be. Three pages containing seven of Michael Mensing's colour photographs from the early 1960s - before and during rebuilding. Steam and diesel powered trains in view, and the inevitable ex LNWR infrastructure. *Backtrack* Vol 29 No 6 (June 2015)

970. Britain's Railways and the Great War Food Crisis, Part 1 - A Hard Row to Hoe. A five page article by Dr Malcolm Timperley, with nine illustrations and 26 references. As the Great War progressed, food shortages became an increasing problem, from both reduced availability from abroad and local production difficulties. This part looks particularly at the release of railway land for food production and includes an LNWR poster advertising the availability of plots. *Backtrack* Vol 29 No 7 (July 2015).

971. Behind the Scenes at Crewe Works. A single page with three colour photographs, taken outside Crewe works in the 1960s. Mostly LMS standard products in view, but a 'Super D' also prominent. *Backtrack* Vol 29 No 8 (August 2015).

972. The Club Train 1889 - 1893 Part One. A seven page article with thirteen illustrations by Jim Greaves. The story of an early adventure in the provision of luxury train services in Europe. A sleeping car designed by one of the principals, Colonel Mann from the USA, was tried out by the LNWR in 1874. The company subsequently decided to build its own. *Backtrack* Vol 29 No 8 (August 2015).

973. Britain's Railways and the Great War Food Crisis, Part 2 - Going to Work on an Egg. This part has six pages, six photographs, eight diagrams/maps/tables and 19 references. Before and during the Great War the Government was intent on increasing local egg production to reduce the dependence on imports. The railway companies facilitated promotional tours by train and the LNWR provided a three vehicle set for a tour of North Wales in 1913. *Backtrack* Vol 29 No 8 (August 2015).

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