

994. **Coals to Kensington: Steam hauled freight on the District line.** A six page article by Michael J Smith with a map and nine photographs. The article is about coal traffic from the Midland main line to High Street Kensington depot, which the author observed in the late 1940s. As ever, our company was involved as the route included the North & South Western Junction Railway ((LNWR, MR & NLR) and the West London Railway (GWR & LNWR). *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 2 (February 2016).

995. **Out and About in the North West** by Brian Magilton. A three page feature of eight colour photographs, taken of BR steam and diesel powered trains in Cheshire, Derbyshire and Lancashire in the 1960s. Five are on ex LNWR metals. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 2 (February 2016).

996. **Llandudno Junction.** Three pages with eight black and white photographs from the Pendragon archives. Mostly BR steam from the 1960s, but one of an almost empty station in 1914. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 2 (February 2016).

997. **How to build an LMS 0-8-4T.** A five page article by Tony Wright giving a well illustrated step by step account of the building of the H P M Beames designed locomotive from the Brassmasters 4mm kit. *British Railway Modelling* (December 2015).

998. In *Headline News, The Railway Magazine* for February 2016 reports Beamish Museum's project to build a replica WW1 'Crewe Tractor' by 2018.

999. **Birkenhead Joint.** A two page feature of five colour photographs of BR steam and diesel in the 1960s, taken on the ex LNWR & GWR joint line on the Wirral. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 3 (March 2016).

1000. **The Makers: Parliamentary Trains.** To quote the three page illustrated article, "In a new series celebrating craftsmen and women in our hobby, Phil Parker meets the two men behind a cottage industry not afraid to tackle unusual and historic prototypes". Well done Peter Chatham and Stephen Weston, and a good plug for the Society as well! *British Railway Modelling* (Spring 2016).

1001. **Trevor Owen on the West Coast Main Line.** A two page feature in tribute to the late Trevor Owen. Five colour photographs of ex LMS and BR steam powered trains taken towards the southern end of the line. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 3 (March 2016).

1002. **The Royal Scots as they used to be.** Another photographic feature, this time of four pages and eight black and white photographs of the Royal Scots in their un-rebuilt form. Included for the ex LNWR infrastructure on view, particularly the magnificent signal gantries to the south of Preston station. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 3 (March 2016).

1003. **Oswestry; Railway Town of the Welsh Borders.** The second part of a Jeffrey Wells feature, with seven pages, seven photographs and two maps/plans. This part deals with the Oswestry, Ellesmere & Whitchurch Railway and shows the LNWR interest in and influence on adjoining & potentially adjoining railways. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 3 (March 2016).

1004. **Rails to Morecombe,** by David Joy. A ten page article with 18 photographs/illustrations, six in colour, and a map. This article presents a vivid picture of why the transport systems around Morecombe Bay developed in the way they did in the Georgian and Victorian periods. The LNWR competed with the MR, with the later pioneering electric motive power in 1908. Ironically the MR units were replaced with ex LNWR ones in 1953, both types being seen in some of the photographs. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 4 (April 2016).

1005. **The Railway in Court: mind the Gap.** A five page article by Bill Taylor, with nine black and white photographs. A look at selected court cases from the period before the railways were grouped, where companies were in trouble for incidents where passengers fell from trains, sometimes fatally. Two of the nine cases involved the LNWR. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 4 (April 2016).

1006. **To Crewe for Repairs.** A single page containing two colour photographs, taken by Godfrey Platt of ex LMS locomotives under repair at Crewe. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 4 (April 2016).

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