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1007. In Network Track Record, *The Railway Magazine* for March 2016 reports the closure of the Crewe to Manchester and Sandbach to Northwich lines between 13 and 24 February 2016 while repairs were made to Twemlow viaduct at Holmes Chapel and Peover viaduct at Goostrey.

1008. **Visiting Camden Shed.** Two pages with five colour photographs taken by Geoff Rixon. Big ex LMS locomotives in the early 1960s. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 5 (May 2016).

1009. **Wings Over Cambridge.** A single page with an aerial photograph of Cambridge station provided by Alan Perry and a comprehensive description from Geoffrey Skelsey. Subtitled 'A Snapshot of a Vanished Railway Age', the photograph, thought to have been taken in the summer of 1922, shows the infrastructure of the various railway companies that met there. This, of course, includes the LNWR's line from Bletchley. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 5 (May 2016).

1010. **The Calvert Spur,** by John Jarvis. A six page article with seven colour photographs from the BR diesel period and later, a map and track diagrams, and 19 references. A look at the history and physical characteristics of the spur, built in 1940 to link the ex LNWR Oxford to Bletchley line with the former Great Central Railway London Extension. Built to facilitate war time diversions, it still has an important role today. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 6 (June 2016).

1011. **In their Liverpool home.** A four page feature of nine black and white photographs from the Pendragon archives, mostly from the BR steam period. Five are of specific ex LNWR interest, including an oft published photograph of Special tanks at Riverside. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 6 (June 2016).

1012. **East Lancashire Lines.** Another photographic feature, this time of six pages containing ten colour photographs from the BR steam period, by David Rogers. These are primarily ex L&Y lines, but one of the magnificent signal gantries at Preston makes another appearance. *Backtrack* Vol 30 No 7 (July 2016).

1013. **Moor Road Signal Box No 2.** A five page article on the box, located on the LNWR and Furness Railways Cleator Joint Lines in Cumbria. It includes elevation, plan and detail drawings, a rather excellent coloured reproduction of the LNWR two-chains-to-the-inch plan of Moor Road surveyed in 1881 - 1885 and two photographs, one of an LNWR train at the station. *Cumbrian Railways Journal* No 156 (October 2015).

1014. The Railways and their Signalling in the Tebay Area.

This is an article by Michael Bland and Richard Foster, originally published in 1977 and reprinted as part of the 40th anniversary of the Cumbrian Railways Association. It includes additional material from Richard to bring things up to date. There are eight pages, fifteen photographs and three signal/track diagrams. A detailed and scholarly read as you would expect, with much of LNWR interest. *Cumbrian Railways Journal* No 157 (February 2016).

1015. Sir William Tite and the Lancaster & Carlisle Railway.

A two page article by Gordon Biddle, with six photographs. This is a summary of a two part article previously published in Backtrack in 2008: Press Digest 40 items 645 and 650. *Cumbrian Railways Journal* No 157 (February 2016).

1016. Signal Box Records: Moor Row Nos 1, 2 and 3,

by John M Hammond. A two page article with four photographs, following up the feature on Moor Row No 2 (Press Digest item no 1013 above) and explaining the history of the boxes. *Cumbrian Railways Journal* No 157 (February 2016).

1017. The Launch of HMS Princess Royal by Mike Peascod. Two pages with six illustrations. The ship was a battlecruiser, launched by Princess Louise at the Vickers shipyard, Barrow in April 1911. The illustrations come from a booklet issued to guests and show that special trains were laid on for them, from and to Euston. *Cumbrian Railways Journal* No 157 (February 2016).

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