

1095. **The Royal Warehouse at Newton.** A five page article by Brian Poole recounting the history of the Newtown based firm of Pryce Jones which was a pioneer of mail order and relied heavily on the railway. For some period, the LNWR provided dedicated and marked vans for a daily service to Euston. Fourteen illustrations, period and present. *The Welsh Railways Archive Vol VI No 5* (May 2017).

1096. **Guardian of the Tunnel Mouth,** by Michael Back. A one page article, including one photograph of the tunnel mouth and the LNWR Waterloo Tunnel Mouth signal box at Edge Hill, Liverpool. Relates to the route to the docks and Riverside Station. *British Railway Illustrated Vol 26 No 10* (July 2017).

1097. **Super Ds on the Western Region,** by Richard Derry. A six page article about the Super Ds which worked on the Western Region in the 1950s. Includes seven photographs, one a double page colour spread, and details of locomotives concerned. *Steam World Issue 361* (July 2017).

1098. **The Patricroft Pursuit,** by Keith Widdowson. A seven page article about the final Class 5 duties during 1966/7. Six photographs, mostly of locomotives and one interior shot of the shed. Mostly LMS/BR interest. *Steam World Issue 361* (July 2017).

1099. **A trip on the Cromford and High Peak Railway.** A letter from L J White about a trip on the line in 1964, including three photographs taken around Middleton incline at that period. *Steam World Issue 361* (July 2017).

1100. **How the LNWR coach ended up at an Indian restaurant.** A letter from David Jones, the title explaining the content. A photograph is included of the coach on the Bluebell Railway. The letter claims that it is the sole remaining semi-royal saloon from the LNWR royal train of 1903. *Heritage Railway Issue 230* (June/July 2017).

1101. **The real brains behind the Bloomers.** A letter from Peter Davis about the design and nickname of these locomotives. *Heritage Railway Issue 230* (June/July 2017).

1102. **The Formative Years of the London and Birmingham Railway 1832-1838 Part 2.** The concluding part of Jeffrey Wells' article on the genesis of the West Coast main line, covering the completion of the infrastructure and the first services (the first part was Press Digest item 1093). Six pages with eleven

illustrations/photographs and a list of contractors. More J C Bourne sketches and plenty of items of L&B and LNWR origin in view. *Backtrack* Vol 31 No 8 (August 2017).

1103. **The Photographs of Dr Tice F Budden**, by Edward Talbot. A two page article with six photographs. Michael Wrottesley has loaned Ted an album of photographs by Dr Budden who is considered to be one of the pioneers of railway photography. There is a short biography of the man and an interesting selection of his work. Two are of LNWR interest; the white Greater Britain *Queen Empress* and Mr Webb's *Locomotion* and coupe. *Backtrack* Vol 31 No 8 (August 2017).

1104. **Ryecroft Reminiscences Part 1**. A seven page article by David J Hayes, with six photographs, a map and sample train details from 1973. Ryecroft Junction is at Walsall on the South Staffordshire Railway. This article is primarily about the, by then, freight only traffic in the 1970s. However it is headed by a photograph of the junction in the 1960s, showing a magnificent array of tall ex LNWR signalling and other infrastructure. *Backtrack* Vol 31 No 8 (August 2017).

1105. **Shrewsbury's Central Significance**. An eight page article by Stephen Roberts, with ten photographs of BR vintage, one showing the MPD. A description of the various lines and their importance, with only passing reference to the LNWR. *Steam World* Issue 362 (August 2017).

1106. *Heritage Railway* for July/August 2017 has a quarter page news item about the demolition of Wolverton Works. It includes one photograph of a caterpillar tracked digger at work. *Heritage Railway* Issue 231 (July/ August 2017).

1107. **A Trip on the North Wales Line**. A four page feature of twelve black and white photographs from the Pendragon Collection, taken by Alan Tyson. The photographs are mostly of ex LMS steam locomotives, but there is plenty of earlier infrastructure in view. *Backtrack* Vol 31 No 9 (September 2017).

1108. **Churchward and the Locomotive Exchanges with the LNWR in August 1910**. Nick Deacon discusses this exchange of GWR Star and LNWR Experiment, requested by Churchward in an apparent attempt to resolve a GWR boardroom wrangle. Why did Bowen Cooke acquiesce, with a locomotive not strictly comparable and at a disadvantage through lack of water troughs on the GWR? Four pages with seven photographs and a train log. *Backtrack* Vol 31 No 9 (September 2017).

1109. **Melton Mowbray (North).** A feature on John Spence and Steve Weston's N gauge exhibition layout representing the BR steam era. Melton Mowbray is on the ex Great Northern and LNWR joint line between Market Harborough and Newark. Eight pages with thirteen photographs and a track plan, all in colour. *British Railway Modelling* (September 2017).

1110. **On Shed in 1946.** A three page article by Mike Peascod surveying the 1946 locomotive allocations, duties and notable visitors for Oxenholme, Barrow and Workington sheds, from the pages of *Railway Observer and Railway Locomotives*. There were still a number of ex LNWR locomotives about, with Workington having the largest allocation of Cauliflowers on the system. *Cumbrian Railways Journal* Vol 12 No 7 (August 2017).

1111. **Transporter of delight,** by Barry McLoughlin. Three pages with five colour and one black and white photographs of the transporter bridge which linked the premises of Lever Brothers (later Unilever) to the LNWR. It was the only rail transporter bridge in the world. Built in 1916, it was converted to road use in 1940 and closed commercially in 1964. *Steam Railway* Issue 471 (September/October 2017).

1112. **Ryecroft Reminiscences Part 2.** The concluding part of David J Hayes' survey of the traffic to be seen at Ryecroft Junction in the 1970s (The first part is Press Digest item 1104), Five pages with six photographs. *Backtrack* Vol 31 No 10 (October 2017).

1113. **Tales from the Lune Valley, Tebay and Carlisle.** A seven page article by John M Hammond, including six photographs from the 1950s and 60s with extended captions. Difficult for me to summarise well! Five (or more) detailed, descriptive and well written tales of working life on the railway in the Tebay area from 60 to 70 years ago (and an atmosphere perhaps not changed much from before the grouping). *Cumbrian Railways Journal* Vol 12 No 8 (October 2017).

114. **The Low State of Workington Main Station.** A two page article by Brian Quayle, with three photographs, two tables and seven references. Bulmer's 1883 *Directory of West Cumberland* took the LNWR to task for the ex Whitehaven Junction Railway station provided at Workington. By 1886 the station area had been modernised, including a new station building. *Cumbrian Railways Journal* Vol 12 No 8 (October 2017).

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