

1115. Waterways of the Shropshire Union Railway and Canal Company, part 3. A seven page article continuing the series on the canal. With maps and photographs, this instalment covers the stretch between Norbury Junction and Newport. *Archive* No 94 (June 2017). The previous part was Press Digest item 1071.

1116. Garston Dock: August 1980. An eleven page article on the docks in the year 1980. Photographs of the coal drops in operation are accompanied by a track layout. A three page appendix contains drawings of the coal drops from *The Engineer* of 1906. *Archive* No 94 (June 2017).

1117. From Curly Sandwiches to Haute Cuisine, by Mike Peart. A two page article about railway food in general, but including details of a menu from a Euston - Glasgow/Edinburgh LNWR express dated 1910 and a photograph of the inside of the Euston station buffet in 1913. *NRM Review: The Journal of the Friends of the National Railway Museum* No 160 (Summer 2017).

1118. Waterways of the Shropshire Union Railway and Canal Company, part 4. An eleven page article continuing the series on the canal. This instalment follows the 'Welsh Cut' from Wrenbury to Chirk, including the Whitchurch branch. *Archive* No 95 (September 2107).

1119. The Nostalgia Corner section of *The Railway Observer* reprints a brief note from September 1967 about what was probably the last steam working on the CK&P line, a Keswick Convention special. *The Railway Observer* Vol 87 No 1063 (September 2017).

1120. Archive: David Joy. A short biography of David Joy, particularly detailing his achievements, by Karyn French the IMechE archivist. Joy was the exemplification of the Victorian engineer as a draughtsman and artist. A single page, illustrated with two of Joy's drawings (available via the Internet). *Institution of Mechanical Engineers Journal* (October 2017).

1121. The Way We Were. A two page spread relating to the changes made to the Bank Hall, Liverpool, powerhouse when converted to staff accommodation in 1953/4. Includes three black and white photographs of the converted building. *British Railways Illustrated* Vol 27 No 1 (October 2017).

1122. Historic England threatens judicial review over Wolverton Works, by Phil Marsh. A news item about the planned redevelopment work and the opposition to it. Three quarters of a

page including one colour photograph of the Royal Train at the works. *Heritage Railway* Issue 233 (September/October 2017).

1123. **The West Coast Mainline Electrification.** A ten page article by Alan Taylor which outlines the developments of the 1960s which led to the West Coast becoming Britain's most modern main line. There are fifteen photographs, some in colour, and mostly of electric blue locomotives and green EMUs. There is just a glimpse of the old order. *Backtrack* Vol 31 No 11 (November 2017).

1124. **The View from the Train: Charles Dickens on Railway Development and Rail Travel in Dombey and Son,** by John Edmondson. Dickens wrote his seventh novel between 1846 and 1848, in the period when railway development was revolutionising transport and travel and as a consequence many other areas of daily life. Our author draws a parallel between Dickens' setting and the developing London and Birmingham around Camden Town. The article has six pages, seven period illustrations, a bibliography and references. *Backtrack* Vol 31 No 11 (November 2017).

1125. **Shap and Beattock: Class 50s take the high road.** A five page article by John Heaton, with six photographs and four performance tables. In October 2017 a Class 50 hauled railtour ran from Euston to Glasgow and back. This article compares its performance with that from several earlier periods including the LNWR. *The Railway Magazine* Vol 163 No 1,400 (November 2017).

1126. **Disaster in Carlingford Lough.** A five page article regarding the sinking of the LNWR steamer *SS Connemara* off Greenore in 1916. *Sea Breezes* (November 2017).

1127. **A Liverpool Look,** by Stephen Roberts. A ten page article with eighteen photographs of Liverpool Lime Street. A short history with photographs from the 1940/1950s, but still very LNWR. *British Railways Illustrated* Vol 27 No 2 (November 2017).

1128. **An Amble Through Amberswood,** by Michael Back. Three pages made up of six half page well captioned photographs of bridges and the signal box at Amberswood. *British Railways Illustrated* Vol 27 No 2 (November 2017).

1129. **Trainspotting at Crewe in the Early 1960s,** by Stef Niewiadomski. Seven pages with ten colour photographs. Included for the location, little LNWR material. *Steam World* Issue 365 (November 2017).

1130. **Minister may decide on Wolverton demolition,** by Phil Marsh. A one page news article with one aerial photograph of the works, about its future and the legal activities surrounding it. *Heritage Railway* Issue 234 (October/ November 2017).

1131. **A Central Wales Journey.** Subtitled 'Gordon Biddle recalls a trip from Shrewsbury to Swansea in 1963'. Four pages with eight black and white period, and later, photographs of various stations along the route plus Knucklas Viaduct. *NRM Review. The Journal of the Friends of the National Railway Museum* Issue 161 (Autumn 2017).

1132. **The former LNWR routes out of Leeds,** by Alan L Bailey. A five page article, with ten photographs from the BR steam and diesel periods and a map. This is a look at all lines to the West of Leeds but particularly the old and new LNWR lines. There is a little history but the author draws mainly on the railway activity he saw and photographed during his train spotting days in the 1950s and 60s. *Backtrack* Vol 31 No 12 (December 2017).

1133. **Bushey Water Troughs in London & North Western Railway Days,** by Edward Talbot. A two page photographic feature with five more of Dr Tice Budden's photographs. LNWR trains on Bushey troughs in the 1890s, with Ted's usual excellent presentation. *Backtrack* Vol 31 No 12 (December 2017).

1134. **Waterways of the Shropshire Railways and Canal Company part 5.** Continuing along the canal, a seven page article with two maps and nine photographs, of the feeder canal between Llangollen and the weir at Llantysilio. *Archive* Issue 96 (December 2017).

1135. **The last days of steam over Shap,** by Barry Mounsey and Andrew Wilson. Eleven pages including five colour and nineteen black and white photographs. No directly LNWR material. *Steam Days* (December 2017).

1136. The subject matter of *Modern Locomotives Illustrated* No 228 is the **London Midland and North West Area EMUs.** It includes coverage of the LNWR London/Liverpool (sic) Oerlikon and subsequent sets and the LNWR units converted to AC overhead for the traction experiment in the 1950s on the Lancaster - Morecambe/Heysham services. *Modern Locomotives Illustrated* No 228 (December 2017/January 2018).

1137. **To Shap in Style.** Observations by Barry Taylor in six pages and including ten black and white photographs - general views of the incline and a number taken at Scout Green Box. *British Railways Illustrated* Vol 27 No 3 (December 2017).

1138. **A Day from My Record Books No 3**, by John Wickham. Eight pages, including four colour and five black and white photographs, of the WCML in 1963. Some ex LNWR infrastructure still visible. *Steam World* Issue 366 (December 2017).

1139. **Shap's Last Christmas of Steam**, by Peter Fitton. Six pages, including three colour and five black and white photographs of the area around Shap. *Steam World* Issue 366 (December 2017).

1140. **Steam Over the Fells Farewell**, by Maurice Burns. Five pages, including seven colour and eleven black and white photographs. Some ex LNWR infrastructure detail including Tebay station and its locomotive shed. *Heritage Railway* Issue 235 (November/December 2017).

1141. The *SLS Journal* of November/December 2017 includes two undated black and white photographs of: Birmingham Control showing the inside of the control office with five members of staff and the details of the services including those of the LNWR; and Wolverhampton Parcels with ten members of staff in front of an express parcels van (marked LMS but the date of van might be earlier). *SLS Journal* Vol 93 No 908 (November/December 2017).

1142. The *Railway Herald* (a digital magazine) includes a half page photograph of the new build Bloomer 2-2-2 No 670 at Tyseley Locomotive Works. *Railway Herald* Issue 572 (15 November 2017).

1143. **TransPennine honours the Victoria Cross Heroes**. A half page news report, including two colour photographs, about the addition of vinyls to a TPE class 185 to commemorate Ernest Sykes VC and Wilfred Wood VC. *Railway Herald* Issue 573 (22 November 2017).

1144. **'TJE' at Birmingham New Street**. A four page feature of twelve black and white photographs from the Pendragon collection. The photographs were taken by John Edgington, whose death was recorded recently. Mostly ex LMS steam, with two ex LNER interlopers and a Prince of Wales and a Coal Tank, taken against the backdrop of the old station between the late 1940s and early 1960s. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 1 (January 2018).

1145. **Change at Verney Junction**. An eight page study by John Jarvis of the operating practices and infrastructure changes at the Buckinghamshire station from 1868 to 1968. There are ten photographs covering the period from 1910 to 1993, some in colour, a map, track diagrams and twelve references. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 1 (January 2018).

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