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1146. **From Porter to Canvasser.** A brief autobiography of Edward John Bowen, born into a railway family at Garth, Breconshire and who went on to senior posts in the LNWR and LMS. Three pages with seven period photographs/illustrations. *The Welsh Railways Archive* Vol VI No 6 (November 2017).

1147. **The New Transport Hub at Workington.** A two page article by Tom Jenkins looking at the alterations to and refurbishment of the LNWR built station to form a Twenty First Century facility. Five colour photographs. *Cumbrian Railways Journal* Vol 12 No 8 (October 2017).

1148. *The Railway Magazine* editorial in the December 2017 issue features TransPennine Express's remembrance tribute on Class 185 111 to Privates Ernest Sykes VC and Wilfred Wood VC. *The Railway Magazine* Vol 163 No 1,401 (December 2017).

1149. The RCTS Then and Now feature in *The Railway Magazine* for December 2017 takes a brief look at the various developments of Birmingham New Street station, particularly those in the 1960s and between 2010 and 2015. *The Railway Magazine* Vol 163 No 1,401 (December 2017).

1150. **To Tebay in Style,** by David Knapman. Four pages with six black and white photographs (including two of the Settle and Carlisle line). Photographs of Tebay shed and station in the 1960s. BR Standard locomotives with little LNWR infrastructure. *British Railways Illustrated* Vol 27 No 4 (January 2018).

1151. **A Liverpool Look - 2 Exchange,** by Stephen Roberts. Eight pages with twelve black and white photographs of Liverpool Exchange station in 1950, including two of the approaches to the station and LYR signalling. *British Railways Illustrated* Vol 27 No 4 (January 2018).

1152. **Spotting in Crewe MPD's final years.** A letter from Tim Barber including two black and white photographs of Crewe South MPD. One is a general shot of the shed including the coaling stage, dated 1967. *Steam World* Issue 367 (January 2018).

1153. **Council sounds death knell for historic Wolverton Works just days before Christmas.** A news article by Phil Marsh including two colour photographs dated 1993 and December 2017. *Heritage Railway* Issue 237 (January/February 2018).

1154. **Demolition of Wolverton Works saga not over yet!** A half page news report about Heritage England initiating a judicial

review of Milton Keynes Council's decision making process in the hope of saving the works. Includes one photograph of work on the site dated last December. *Railway Herald* (digital magazine) Issue 579 (17 January 2018).

1155. **Carnforth Station Junction Signal Box.** A ten page article by Richard Foster, with eighteen photographs, a map and three drawings. The extant box is to the Furness Type 4 design and is Grade II listed. The article describes the transformation brought by the recent sensitive restoration and refurbishment by Network Rail. The detailed photographs of the locking room are a treat! *Cumbrian Railways Journal* Vol 12 No 9 (February 2018).

1156. **Distington and the Gilgarran Branch,** by Richard Foster. Part 1 (of 5) is a detailed look at the origins of the Cleator and Workington Junction Railway: promoted to challenge the unsatisfactory local LNWR and Furness monopoly it promptly became a LNWR/FR Joint Line. Fifteen pages with sixteen photographs and four maps/diagrams. *Cumbrian Railways Journal* Vol 12 No 9 (February 2018).

1157. **Joint Line Jaunts.** Martin Connop Price recounts two brake van trips he made in April 1976, from Workington to Beckermeth and Rowrah on LNWR/FR Joint Lines in Cumbria. Eight pages with fourteen photographs and a map. *Cumbrian Railways Journal* Vol 12 No 9 (February 2018).

1158. **Adieu Broad Street, 1963.** A three page article about the North London Railway terminus. It includes four photographs of the station in its final years. *Railway Bylines* Vol 23 No 3 (February 2018).

1159. The January/February 2018 edition of the *SLS Journal* includes a half page colour copy of a print of Chester station in historical times, from the Elton Collection, Ironbridge Gorge Museums. *SLS Journal* Vol 94 No 909 (January/February 2018).

1160. **Freight Through Warrington.** A two page feature of five colour photographs from the BR blue period, by Tom Heavyside. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 2 (February 2018).

1161. **Private and Public Opposition to Nineteenth Century Railways,** by Jeffrey Wells. A six page article with ten black and white photographs. It includes examples of LNWR interest in the Liverpool and Manchester, and at Shugborough. Also covered are places where the railway was able to seriously impinge on historic sites, at Berkhamstead, Castlethorpe, Flint and Shap. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 2 (February 2018).

1162. **What it was like at Kenilworth.** The back cover of the February 2018 *Backtrack* has a rather nice colour photograph of Precursor No 25219 *Bucephalus* with a local train, at Kenilworth. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 2 (February 2018). This photograph is available as a screen saver from David P Williams, see Newsletter No 189.

1163. **Stafford Starters** by Michael Back. A one page black and white photograph of Stafford up bay platform starter signals, with caption. *British Railways Illustrated* Vol 27 No 6 (March 2018).

1164. **50 Years Ago This Month**, by Peter Fitton. A double page spread with three colour photographs taken at Kirkham Goods Yard, Carnforth shed and Blackpool North locomotive shed in early 1968. Period shots but some LNWR infrastructure. *Steam World* Issue 369 (March 2018).

1165. **Nipper of the Yard**, by Mark Smithers. A four page article including ten colour photographs, three vintage black and white photographs and a locomotive plan. Report of the new build of an 18" gauge Crewe works shunting locomotive. *Heritage Railway* (March/April 2018).

1166. From the RCTS Photographic Archive, a half page photograph with half page caption of ex LNWR class 7F No 49361 at Bescot shed in 1962. *Railway Observer* (March 2018).

1167. **The Knotty and the First World War.** A four page article, included for the excellent half double page photograph of a NSR 0-6-2T at Manchester London Road with the LNWR's midday express to London. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 3 (March 2018).

1168. **Liverpool Street Station 1862-1935.** The LNWR's tentacles: this eight page article includes a photograph of the south west aspect of the station with a glimpse of the adjacent Broad Street and the entrance to the LNWR's goods depot. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 3 (March 2018).

1169. **Whitmore Signal Box.** Spencer Jackson recalls a visit to the box and a communicative signaller while trainspotting at Easter 1955. Two pages with two photographs from a little later period with the catenary just beginning to appear. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 3 (March 2018).

1170. **Ron Herbert's Last Months of Steam.** Seven pages with eleven colour photographs, taken mostly in the Carnforth area in

1968. Period shots with little specific LNWR material. *Steam World* Issue 370 (April 2018).

1171. **Eric Bruton's 'Black Fives'**. A four page feature of nine black and white photographs taken all over the BR system in the 1950s and 60s. A few have specific LNWR interest, including an atmospheric one at Kensington Olympia with the locomotive and train framed by ex LNWR signals. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 4 (April 2018).

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