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1172. RM Archive, from April 1918, reports the collision between the LNWR ship *Rathmore* and a naval boat in the March. The passengers, mainly military, were taken off and landed at Kingstown, with the *Rathmore* towed to Dublin.

Railway Magazine Vol 164 No 1,405 (April 2018).

1173. Narrow Gauge Track Record reports on the replica LNWR 18in gauge 0-4-0ST under construction, to be named *Nipper*.

Completion in 2019 is anticipated. *Railway Magazine* Vol 164 No 1,405 (April 2018).

1174. **The Bard at Broad Street** by David Williams. A three page article with three black and white photographs taken with Britannia No 70004 *William Shakespeare*. Limited views of the infrastructure but with a short history of the station. *British Railways Illustrated* Vol 27 No 7 (April 2018).

1175. **Castle Corners - Northampton, 23 February 1951** by Graham Onley. Two pages including three black and white photographs of the station infrastructure with extensive captions. *British Railways Illustrated* Vol 27 No 7 (April 2018).

1176. **Cloughton Wheels** by Allan C Baker. One page with two black and white photographs of Cloughton driving wheels taken during the scrapping of Patriot No 5500 *Patriot*. Extensive caption. *British Railways Illustrated* Vol 27 No 7 (April 2018).

1177. **A Crewe Works Miscellany** with notes by Allan C Baker. Two pages with three black and white photographs and extensive captions covering the works Pay Train, a sludge tender and a Beyer Peacock ex tramway locomotive. *Railway Bylines* Vol 23 No 5 (April 2018).

1178. **Chimney meets Capuchon for LNWR George V.** A small news item with a colour photograph showing progress on the chimney of the George V new build. *Steam Railway* Issue 478 (March/ April 2018).

1179. A colour photograph of a LNWR Coal Tank with a van train, overprinted as part of the magazine's subscription advert. *Steam Railway* Issue 478 (March/ April 2018).

1180. **Two Dukes and a Lord** 'The Nobility and the Railways of Barrow'. An eight page article by David Joy, with a map, references and sixteen illustrations and photographs. This is an informative description of the early development of the railways around Barrow with particular reference to the local nobility who had an interest. As

ever, our railway taps in around the edges. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 5 (May 2018).

1181. **Brewood's Lost Chances.** A four page article by Bob Yate, with four maps and two photographs. Brewood is a small market town north of Wolverhampton, just bypassed by the West Coast main line to its east. This article looks at the attempts to connect it. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 5 (May 2018).

1182. In Headline News, The Railway Magazine reports the opening of the new Kenilworth station on 30 April 2018, at last! *The Railway Magazine* Vol 164 No 1,406 (May 2018).

1183. **Making a Splash.** A seven page article by Nick Pigott looking at the development of the water trough, which revolutionised long distance railway travel, and its decline. Whilst the article covers all lines it was the invention of John Ramsbottom who installed the first set on the North Wales main line in 1860. It includes seventeen photographs, diagrams, and a list of all UK sites. *The Railway Magazine* Vol 164 No 1,406 (May 2018).

1184. In Network Track Record, The Railway Magazine reports the completion of the North Wales Coast line upgrade with re-signalling between Shotton and the Conwy Valley, track improvement/replacement and other works, together with the retiral of the ex LNWR signal boxes at Holywell Junction, Mostyn, Rhyl No 1, Abergele & Pensarn, Talacre and Prestatyn. The first four are Grade II listed, the last two are to pass into private and community ownership respectively. *The Railway Magazine* Vol 164 No 1,406 (May 2018).

1185. **Were the Patriots Really Necessary?** A five page article by A J Powell, suggesting that, LMS politics apart, further resolution of the basically competent Claughton's weaknesses would have been cheaper than their nominal rebuilds to the Patriot class. With three photographs and two diagrams. *The Warrior* (the Patriot project newsletter) Issue 37 (May 2018).
(and reprinted from the June 1992 issue of *Steam Days*)

1186. **Around the Works - Crewe in the 1930s** by 'Crewe Motive Power Apprentice'. Two pages with three black and white photographs and extended captions of various shops in Crewe Works, including LNWR locomotives. *British Railways Illustrated* Vol 27 No 8 (May 2018).

1187. **Ardwick Amenities.** Three pages with four black and white photographs and extended captions of the semi derelict buildings at Ardwick, Manchester, including one interior shot of a very run down office. *Railway Bylines* Vol 23 Issue 6 (May 2018).

1188. **'Irrational' Wolverton Works demolition for High Court hearing.** A half page news item with one colour photograph. *Heritage Railway Issue 241* (May 2018).

1189. The NRM Review Picture Gallery includes a black and white photograph of rebuilt Claughton No 6004 with an up express at Hillmorton, south of Rugby, in the mid 1930s. *NRM Review. The Journal of the Friends of the National Railway Museum Issue 163* (Spring 2018).

1190. **Moving memories, railways and memorial** by Bob Gwynne and Philip Dunn Birch. A two page article which includes a black and white photograph of Claughton No 1914 *Patriot* in ex works condition. *NRM Review. The Journal of the Friends of the National Railway Museum Issue 163* (Spring 2018).

1191. **Steam Days at Nuneaton**, by Stanley C Jenkins. An overview of how Nuneaton became an important railway junction. Fourteen pages with twenty four black and white and three colour photographs, one old print and a copy of the RCH map of the area. *Steam Days* (June 2018).

1192. **Push pull on the old OA&GB**, by Nick Deacon. A three page article about the Oldham, Ashton & Guide Bridge Junction Railway, built as a link between the L&YR and the LNWR. It includes five black and white photographs with extended captions. *Railway Bylines Vol 23 Issue 7* (June 2018).

1193. **Royal Variety**, by Nicola Fox. A six page general article including thirteen photographs (twelve in colour) about the conservation work needed to preserve vehicles from the Royal Train. Includes mention of the LNWR vehicles at the NRM. *Steam Railway No 480* (May/ June 2018).

1194. 'Conservation work on Royal saloon underway'. A news item with one colour photograph relating to the start of conservation work on Queen Victoria's Royal Saloon based at the NRM and originally built by the LNWR. *Railway Herald* (digital magazine) Issue 598 (6 June 2018).

1195. **Locomotives Away From Home** by Philip Atkins. This article looks at examples, from railways before the grouping, where locomotives were observed at locations away from their home turf, on inter company trials, excursions, specials, etc. There are examples both to and from LNWR territory, particularly traffic to and from holiday resorts to the west. Five pages with five photographs. *Backtrack Vol 32 No 6* (June 2018).

1196. **On a Day Out From Manchester to Llandudno.** A four page feature of nine colour photographs, taken by David Rogers on 14 May 1966. BR and ex LMS steam locomotives, and plenty of ex LNWR fixtures and fittings to spot. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 6 (June 2018).

1197. **'And were you always satisfied with the work of your compounds, Mr Webb?'** The first of a two part article by L A Summers which seeks to carefully sift the fact and fiction surrounding F W Webb and his locomotives. The title relates to a question that the author wishes had been asked of Webb in an interview published in *The Railway Magazine* of February 1900. Four pages with seven photographs and twenty four notes and references. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 6 (June 2018).

1198. In Readers' Forum, Peter Davis offers some detailed comments on the Dr Tice Budden photographs published in Ted Talbot's article in the December 2017 *Backtrack*. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 6 (June 2018).
(Bushey Water Troughs in London & North Western Railway Days, Press Digest item 1133)

1199. **Take a Little Water With It.** A four page photographic feature from the Pendragon archives on the theme of 'keeping steam locomotives supplied with the water they needed'. It has ten black and white photographs from the period from the late 1940s to the 1960s, three of which have a direct LNWR interest. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 7 (July 2018).

1200. **For Heavy Haulage on the North Western.** A photographic feature from Colour-Rail: four pages with eight photographs of 'Super Ds' taken in the 1950s and 60s, and there's another on the cover. I'd ask what more could we want for but I'm sure there would be a chorus in reply! *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 7 (July 2018).

1201. **'And were you always satisfied with the work of your compounds, Mr Webb?'** The second and concluding part of L A Summers' excellent article (see item 1197 above). It includes a depth of analysis missing from much of what has been written about Webb and concludes that the true story still has resonance today. Five pages with eight photographs, seven of locomotives in LNWR livery. There are thirteen more references. *Backtrack* Vol 32 No 7 (July 2018).

1202. **Distington and the Gilgarran Branch, part 2** (of 5; part 1 is Press Digest item 1156). This continuation of Richard Foster's opus has thirteen pages, eight photographs with extended captions, five maps and diagrams and three timetables. It follows the story

into the Twentieth Century with various developments in facilities, a look at some sources of traffic and the games played between railway companies to secure it. *Cumbrian Railways Journal* Vol 12 No 10 (May 2018).

1203. **Distington and the Gilgarran Branch, part 3.** This part is a very detailed look at the Gilgarran Branch, which ran from Ullock via Distington to Parton, considering its history, features and events through to closure in 1973. It has fifteen pages, fifteen atmospheric photographs with extended captions and thirteen maps/diagrams/instructions. *Cumbrian Railways Journal* Vol 12 No 11 (August 2018).

1204. **Carlisle, Tuesday 21st August 1928.** Ron Herbert recounts the observations his father, Arthur, recorded on a trip from Bradford to Carlisle and back. Seven pages with eight photographs and seven tables of data. A meticulous and detailed recording of the trains, locomotives, stock formations etc seen on the day, on the outward journey and at Carlisle Citadel and Kingmoor. As you would expect, a fair sprinkling of ex LNWR locomotives amongst the other companies and new LMS order. *Cumbrian Railways Journal* Vol 12 No 11 (August 2018).

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