

The Railcar Association News Bulletin



EDITORIAL

A quiet bulletin this time, we must all be very busy keeping our railcars in service and progressing restoration works!

NEWS

Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway: 55023 has reportedly now been removed from service for planned maintenance and/or a refresh.

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway: The intermediate repairs to Class 117 DMS 51405 are progressing well, with the full might of the railway's Carriage & Wagon department on the task. Inside their shed since May, new lino has been fitted to the rear passenger saloon and a myriad of interior improvement jobs have been undertaken, including replacement of several side and ceiling panels and repainting of many areas such as seat frames, window surrounds etc.

Keighley & Worth Valley Railway: Several repairs to doorways have been made on the operational Class 101 set to keep it healthy whilst in service. Repairs to railbus M79964 continue underneath the sliding doorway, with

metalwork repairs complete and the plywood wooden flooring in place on top.

North Norfolk Railway: The latest challenge has been the failure of some final drive protection relays inside the cab desk of Class 101 E56062, which it would seem were causing the final drives on partner E51228 to try and drop out whilst on the move: NOT GOOD! The set was removed from service immediately before any serious damage could occur and the fault traced to the relay. New ones are on order, but in the meantime a relay has been borrowed from M56352 so that E51228/E56062 could return to service quickly. Whilst M56352 sits in the yard sans relay, the opportunity has been



taken to fit a replacement exhaust to its current partner M51188, whose vacuum creation has been poor for some time.

RESTORATION NEWS

Class 103 56160 (Denbigh): Riveting of the roof panels continues to progress, with a panel at the rear (toilet end) being replaced entirely. A recent observer pointed out that a spectre ticket inspector can be seen in one of the front windows at dusk! (see following page).



Class 108 50928 (Worth Valley): All seating, luggage racks, lino and some roof panelling has been removed from the front saloon, all for restoration or replacement.

Class 104 56182 (North Norfolk): Restoration recently took a pause for a few weeks whilst a wagon project was



attended to, however recently work on 56182 has restarted with a start made on hanging the cab doors and repairing the heater fuel tank.

MOVEMENTS

Class 117 51371/51413 moved from



MOD Long Marston to Eastleigh

Works in May for continuation of the project to back convert it to a passenger carrying set, plus mainline registration.

TIME TRAVELLER

Green Era

[Class 101 E51210 – Hexam – 8/9/67](#)

[Class 126 – 5/7/68](#)

Blue Era

[Class 101 – Wylam – 28/3/78](#)

[Class 101 W51517 – Weymouth – 14/5/81](#)

[Class 116 – Barry Island – 5/76](#)

Blue/Grey & Later

[Class 110 – Doncaster – 1984](#)

[Class 104 – Glasgow Central – 19/2/85](#)

[Class 122 – Exeter Central – 14/9/88](#)

[Class 114 – Bootle – 14/8/96](#)

SUBMISSIONS

Hopefully the contents of this bulletin was both interesting and informative. If you know anyone who could provide similar material found in this issue for future bulletins, please make yourself or them known to railcar@live.co.uk The following types of submission would be most welcome:

- Photographs of vehicles in service

- Restoration articles
- Reports on special events
- DMU modelling articles
- Articles on DMU history
- Recollections of DMUs on the national network.
- Requests for information
- News & images of recent DMU activity
- Anything that may be of interest to readers

Feel free to send submissions at any time to railcar@live.co.uk but no later than August 29th for Issue 155 (due out September).

GALLERY



51074 undergoes work at Blundsdon, 19/5/19 (C.Walker)



E56062 leads a 4-car 101 set at Weybourne, 14/6/19



W51859 stabled at Williton during the diesel gala, 22/6/19



A sorry looking 51887 stored at Minehead, 21/6/19

