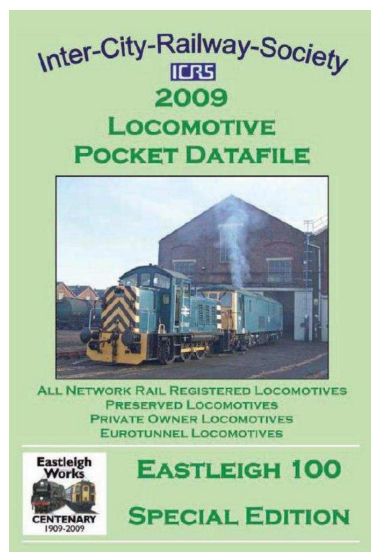


News & Messages – April & May 2009



Eastleigh 100 Special Edition Pocket Datafile (Updated 19/05/2009)

Following enquiries from ICRS Members who cannot attend the Eastleigh 100 event and who don't want to miss out on the opportunity to purchase the new **Special 'Eastleigh 100' Edition Locomotive Pocket Datafile**, we have decided to set aside a limited number for **members only** to order by post.

The price will be £4.95 including postage. This is a **members only** offer.

If you're interested, please send an email to chairman@icrs.org.uk stating your name, address and membership number. You will be sent details of where to send your cheque. We will reserve your copy until your cheque arrives.

For those members without email, please 'phone Maurice Brown on 0121 624 8641. Maurice will provide details of where to send your cheque.

The ICRS will be launching a Special Edition 2009 Locomotive Pocket Datafile at the Eastleigh 100 Open Weekend, 23-25 May 2009

This is a special edition publication that will *only be available* at the **Eastleigh 100** event, priced at £4.95 with 50p from the proceeds of each book sold at the event going to the supported charities, Naomi House, PSP Association and Teenage Cancer Trust.

The Datafile contains a listing of all Network Rail registered locomotives, preserved locomotives, private owner locomotives and Eurotunnel locomotives with details of loco status, allocation and names carried.

Bruce Knights of Knights Rail Services has written the Foreword.

With a limited print run of only 500 it is sure to be popular and the Datafile will only be available at **Eastleigh 100** so please come along to the ICRS stand at the event and purchase your copy. The Datafile is not available from HB Publications.

For further details on **Eastleigh 100** [click here](#) and see more [ICRS publications here](#)

New generic username/password for Members' Area (Updated 17/05/2009)

The generic username and password that is issued when first applying for access to the Members' Area of the website has changed. Any member who has requested access to the Members' Area but has not as yet advised their own choice of username/password, needs to do so now. All username/password requests to be sent to website.manager@icrs.org.uk.

37428 debuts in preservation at GCRN Diesel Gala (Updated 08/05/2009)

Following the signing of a formal custodianship agreement for Class 37 locomotive, 37248 last July, the **Growler Group** have announced that the locomotive will be making its debut in preservation service at the **Great Central (Nottingham)** diesel gala on the 16th and 17th May.

37248 has been on hire to the West Coast Railway Company since 2005 and has operated reliably all over the Network Rail system, on a variety of trains, particularly in Scotland. With the end of the loan agreement in sight, it has been decided to retire the locomotive from main line service and embark on a new career in preservation.

37248 is expected to stay at the GCRN through to October, taking part in the railway's 2009 programme of events. A permanent base for 37248 has not been determined, but with guest-participation in a number of events planned during 2009 and 2010, this is not yet a priority.

There will be NINE diesel locomotives appearing at the GCRN diesel gala on 16th and 17th May making this gala, the railway says, its biggest and best such event thus-far, with the potential of operating a pair of Class 37s (248 and 009), for the October 2009 event.

More information on the May gala and the rest of the year's programme can be found at: www.gcrn.co.uk; for further details of 37248 and the Growler Group visit their website at www.thegrowlergroup.org.uk

Petition to PM to end harassment of rail enthusiasts (Updated 08/05/2009)

Members of the ICRS and other railway enthusiasts will no doubt be interested in an online petition at the Downing Street website calling for an end to the harassment of railway enthusiasts by 'jobsworths.' Deadline for adding your name to the petition is 4th June and to date over 2,500 people have added their views to this important issue. The petition is online [here](#)

Yahoo Group Update (Updated 29/04/2009)

The [ICRS Yahoo Group](#) has been updated with new rules and a redefined purpose.

The Group is moving towards being a more discussion-based forum rather than a 'live gen' posting site, which is well catered for elsewhere. We still welcome the posting of live gen and sighting lists and welcome both ICRS and non-ICRS members alike getting involved with discussing the current railway scene, raising questions and providing answers and generally helping each other in the pursuit of their hobby.

We welcome [feedback](#) on the changes and ways in which we can make the Yahoo Group better.

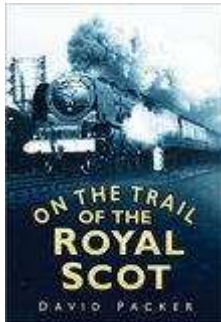
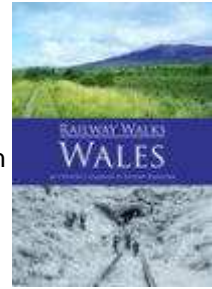


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New books from The History Press (Updated 22/04/2009)

The History Press have contacted us regarding some new books recently released, which may be of interest to ICRS members and rail enthusiasts:

Railway Walks: Wales is a wonderful history and guide of the important branch lines in Wales and the scenic walks that can be taken to further explore how the railway has interacted with the Welsh landscape throughout history. Richly illustrated, this book is replete with photographs of the surrounding landscape and detailed guides on the history of each branch line from the Rhondda Railway to Snowdonia. Jeff Vinter takes us on a fascinating journey through the remote landscapes of Wales, past old tracks and ancient viaducts to discover some of Wales's hidden treasures. *Railway Walks: Wales* is a must-have guide for anyone interested in Wales's railway heritage, or for all those who love to explore the hidden landscape of Wales. Look out for more titles from the *Railway Walks* series out in June.



On the Trail of the Royal Scot

In his new book David Packer takes us on a journey along the route of one of the world's most famous trains - the Royal Scot, which through most of its history was hauled by one of the fastest locomotives available. From Euston, near the site of one of the earliest experiments with steam locomotion, through 400 miles of English and Scottish countryside to Glasgow, the journey has much to offer. Hills and mountains, estuaries, rivers and valleys and even a glimpse of the west coast of England, combine with manmade features such as viaducts and cuttings, tunnels and embankments, as well as churches, cathedrals, castles, Roman roads, canals and motorways, to provide a microcosm of Britain that will engage the traveller's attention along the way. The West Coast Main Line is one of the major trunk routes in Britain, an amalgam of some of the country's oldest railways, including Stephenson's London and Birmingham Railway and the Grand Junction Railway. David Packer illustrates the full variety of motive power, as well as a wealth of other trains, both passenger and freight, which used the same spectacular line.

Full details and to order these any other railway titles visit [The History Press](#) and don't forget that the ICRS in association with HB Publications do our own range of railway publications. [Click here for full details.](#)

Join ICRS NOW! (Updated (15/04/2009))

Now is a great time to join the ICRS and beat the increase in subscriptions from 1st June 2009. Its quick and easy to sign up - just a few clicks - via our secure site at Paypal. [Click here](#) to sign up now!

A one year membership to the ICRS is currently £15. During the year you will receive 12 issues of **Tracks**, our monthly glossy 28-page magazine, access to the Members' Area of the website including the facility to download current and past issues of **Tracks** in full colour. In addition members benefit from a 20% discount on all HB Publications and 10% discount on Ian Allan publications and magazine subscriptions/renewals.

If you are also interested in buses why not consider joining the [GB Bus Group](#)? Joint membership is just £26 for the whole year and you can [sign up now!](#)

From 1st June the annual subscription to the ICRS increases to £16 but the five-year membership will stay at £75 saving £5 on purchasing an annual membership each year.