

Cumbrian Railways Association

An Electronic Newsletter
to keep Local History Groups and the
Press informed of our activities

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From our Chairman

Welcome to the first edition of our "Electronic Newsletter"
This is a concise electronic publication that we will be sending out quarterly to update you on the latest news from the CRA and events being run by us and our affiliated societies. We hope you find it interesting!

This is also an introduction from me. Last year our then Chairman, Les Gilpin, stood down. Supported by our Trustees and as the second longest serving trustee, I stepped forward to fill the gap whilst a fulltime replacement was sought. At our recent Annual General Meeting I was nominated and appointed, uncontested, as the permanent Chairman. I now look forward to leading the CRA as we build on the successes of the last 40 years. My thanks to the Trustees and members for putting their faith in me and I only hope I can live up to it.

Philip Tuer (Chairman)

Why not join the CRA?

Why not look into joining the CRA?

Discover more about the railways of Cumbria – their history, trains and the people who built and ran them

Membership benefits include:

- Quarterly Journal
 - Quarterly Newsletter
 - Spring & Autumn Conferences
 - Access to Photographic Collections
 - Access to Archives
 - Access to Journal back issues
 - Active Chat Line group
 - Facebook group
 - Help with 180+ years of Cumbrian railway history
 - Member discounts on CRA products and publications
- Forty years' Anniversary achieved with around 450 current members

INCREDIBLY !!!!!

Subscriptions held since 2011 - seventh year at the same rate! Exceptional value!

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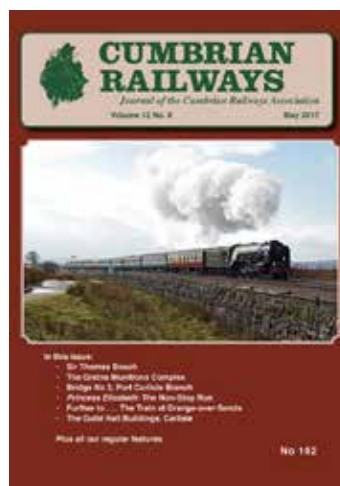
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**LATEST CRA JOURNAL -
MAY 2017 NOW AVAILABLE!**

This 40 page colour edition contains fascinating and informative articles on:

- The Gretna Munitions Complex in the Great War
- Sir Thomas Bouch (1822–1880) – Famous Railway Civil Engineer
- Signal Box at Grayrigg
- Princess Elizabeth: The Non-Stop Run of 1936
- Tornado on the Settle & Carlisle line

.....and much, much more!

Copies available price £5.50 (including postage in the UK) at www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk

Back issues of the Journal are also available via our website. Newsletter Lakes Express Issue 92 is available to members.

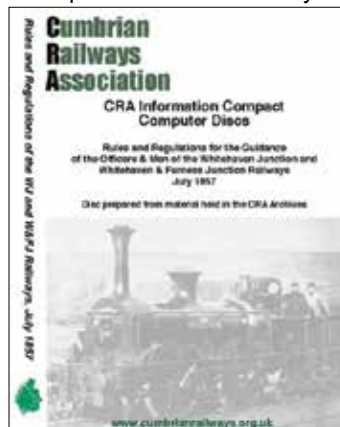
CRA Announces New Historical Railway Publication

This publication is the **WHITEHAVEN JUNCTION AND WHITEHAVEN AND FURNESS JUNCTION RAILWAY RULE BOOK 1857**, companies whose original routes form part of what is now the Cumbria Coast line from Carlisle to Barrow.

This fascinating document gives an insight into the rules and regulations that employees of those railway companies were required to abide by and gives insight into the conditions under which they worked during the mid 19th century.

"This will appeal not only to those interested in these two companies but also railway enthusiasts and historians wishing to gain a further insight into how railways were run in the 19th century. It can also be used to draw parallels with and trace the origins of the regulations that apply to modern day train operations" says CRA Archivist, Guy Wilson.

The Rule Book is available in PDF format on a Compact Disc – Price : £5.00 plus £1.00 P&P. Copies of the disc are available via the web site : <http://www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk/wj/wfjrulebookcd.php>.



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Forthcoming Events For Your Diary!

CRA Autumn Meeting 2017

Our Autumn Meeting will be held at the Abbey House Hotel, Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness, LA13 0PA on Saturday 11th November 2017 starting at 1030. Non-members of the CRA are always welcome!

Further details of the event and speakers etc. will be published on our website at www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk

Saturday June 17th 2017 CRA Field Trip – Langwathby and Long Meg, Armathwaite and Howe & Co sidings area of the Settle and Carlisle Railway.

This trip will meet at Little Salkeld green, Cumbria (post code CA10 1NN) at 10.30 am. The walk will be into and around the Long Meg mines and narrow gauge tramway areas. After lunch to Armathwaite to visit the now non-operational signalbox owned by Friends of the Settle & Carlisle Line (there will be a donation for this so bring some change). Finally, on to the Cotehill area to explore the remains of the sidings and tramways associated with the various works at Howe and Co sidings.

Parking at both Little Salkeld and Cotehill is limited, so car sharing is encouraged.

Anyone who would like to attend the trip, but is not a member of the CRA, will need to be registered as a Day Member of the CRA, for which a charge of £1 will be made. If you would like to join this event please contact Graham Worsnop via fieldtrips@cumbrianrailways.org.uk

Please note: there is still some damage from Storm Desmond in the area where we will visit, and anyone joining the trip does so at their own risk.

SteamAle presents

September 19th 2017 STEAMALE Talk and Slideshow "Carlisle Goods Lines in the BR Period" by Jeff Davidson
Venue: Ex Services Mens Club, Victoria Place, Carlisle
Time 1930 to 2200 : Cost: £3.00 (including sandwiches)
Further details: www.steamale.co.uk

Direct Rail Services Open Day

Direct Rail Services (DRS) are holding an Open Day at their Kingmoor Depot, Carlisle on Saturday 22nd. July 2017 from 10.00. There will be a range of locomotives on display including their new Class 88 electro-diesel and friendly staff on hand to answer questions about DRS. There will be something for all the family including behind the scenes of DRS and railway memorabilia available.

Tickets are available on the DRS Shop website or on the gate for £5 (under 16s must be accompanied by an adult at all times). Be aware there is no parking on the DRS site except extremely limited disabled parking.

Contact us :

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CRA Expands Photographic Collections

A key activity and purpose of the CRA is to preserve documentary and photographic history, mainly of the railways of Cumbria, and make them accessible to members and non-members alike

This is an update on the interesting new photographic collections which are currently being catalogued by members or have recently been received.

Tony Freschini Collection: This consists of approximately 2000 images of railway engineering projects across north west England taken between the 1960s and the 1990s. There is a significant amount of Cumbrian



material and much of this features the Settle and Carlisle line.

Ken Armstrong Collection: Another new collection which

is a large donation of images from the estate of the late Ken Armstrong. There are approximately 2,000 photos which are currently being catalogued



by CRA member Ken Harper. The collection includes a wide range of railway subjects, taken mostly in the 60's and 70's with a lot of Cumbrian material included.

Duncan Hagan Collection: Another large collection donated by family of this late CRA member. The approximate number of images has yet to be ascertained but the prints and negatives fill

18 banana boxes of the type you see at supermarkets. The whole collection is meticulously catalogued and documented and we are now planning how these



will be scanned into our photographic library to make them available for viewing.

For further information on these collections and our existing extensive photographic portfolio, go to www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk or contact our Photo Archivist, Dave Richardson on photoofficer@cumbrianrailways.org.uk.