

Cumbrian Railways Association

The County's Railway History Group

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

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Carlisle Citadel Station sees the light of day again

In the refreshed West Coast livery, Virgin Trains Pendolino 390 040 enters a bright Carlisle station from the north on a sunny February 22nd 2018. The £14.5 million project to refurbish the roof structure, which dates from 1880, and replace 114 tons of glass – which was recycled locally - with 10512 m² of ETFE panels is all but complete and attention will soon turn to a further project to improve platform surfaces in the Grade 2* listed building.

Work on the roof has been ongoing for over two years and an innovative state-of-the-art scaffolding construction



was used to provide access to the roof for workers and a safe environment for passengers and railway operations below. Scaffolding used to span the 13 roof bays, 160 metres long and 47 metres wide weighed 1400 tonnes and had to be installed over and subsequently removed from the electrified lines underneath during five-hour overnight possessions by a team of advanced scaffolders from Palmers. Both installation and removal each took around nine months. Design consultants Arcadis, supported by architects Jefferson Sheard produced the designs for Network Rail's main contractors Galliford Try and both the local council and Historic England were consulted throughout, as were station operators Virgin Trains. Photograph by Peter Naylor.

Have you checked out our website?

These days good websites are as essential for groups such as the CRA as for major businesses and retailers. We have been putting much effort into trying to further improve ours.

Changes so far include:

An improved and more interactive home page with maps, a publications slideshow and latest news and events

Improved website page navigation

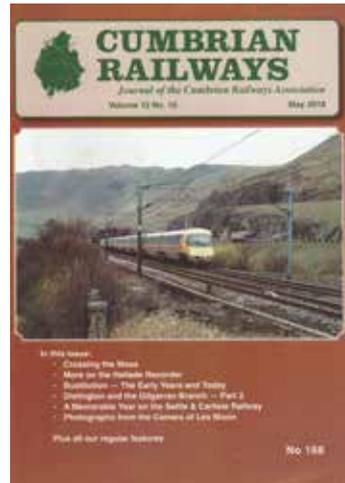
Updated sections on Railway Accidents and Privatisation – with more pictures

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Cumbrian Railways Journal



LATEST CRA JOURNAL - May 2018 NOW AVAILABLE!

This edition (in full colour as always) contains fascinating and informative articles on:

- The Distington and Gilgarran Branch Part 2
- A memorable year on the S&C
- Bustrition on Cumbrian railways, past and present
- Recording a non-stop tun with the Hallade Machine

.....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.

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 460 current members

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Forthcoming Events For Your Diary!

CRA Autumn Meeting 2017

The Cumbrian Railways Association is pleased to announce that it's Autumn Meeting will be held at Newton Rigg College, Newton Rigg, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0AH, on Saturday 10th November 2018.

There will be the usual range of fascinating talks and presentations at this all day event including:

- The Cumbrian Coast Line in the 1980s
- The L & C Line in LNWR days
- Superb images from one of the best railway photographers around

Remember non-members are always welcome at these events!

Further details will be announced on our website: www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk. Check it out!

CRA Field Trip – Saturday 16th June 2018 – Piel (Roa Island) Branch

The CRA is organising a field trip on Saturday 16 June, along the historic trackbed of the Salthouse Junction- Piel Pier (Roa island) branch. The branch closed in 1936, with few railway structures remaining, although the stone approach to Piel Pier and the site of Rampside (Concle) station will be examined. The outing is being led by local railway author Howard Quayle. Why not join us?

The trip will start with a meet up in the car park, Barrow Town Hall at 10.30 hrs. Transport to Roa Island will be by minibus or large MPV (cost to be advised). We would hope to be back at Barrow Town Hall car park around 2.30pm.

Documentation (including plans) will be available, but not as hard-copy, being sent to participants by email prior to the outing.

The walking distance back from Roa Island is approx. 4 miles over generally firm ground, stout footwear and waterproof clothing is advised as there is no shelter on the walk. Coffee, teas, etc. can be purchased from the Bosun's Locker Cafe on Roa Island. Walkers should bring their own food.

If you want to join us please contact the organiser, Ian Lydiatt, at meetings@cumbrianrailways.org.uk or on 01539 735886

If you are not a CRA member don't worry. Anyone attending who is not a CRA member, will just need to be registered as a CRA Day Member, for which a charge of £1 will be made.

Railway Museum honoured at National Heritage Awards Ceremony



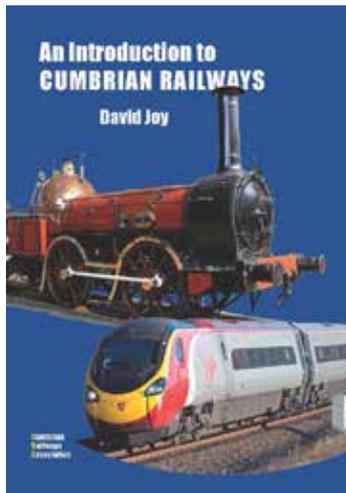
The Ravenglass Railway Museum is celebrating after receiving a prestigious award from the Heritage Railway Association at their annual awards ceremony held in Birmingham on 10 February. The museum scooped the award for Large Groups in recognition of its comprehensive re-

development and extension project which opened in June 2017. The Museum, which opened in 1978, was extensively re-developed between 2015-2017.

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CRA Publications and CDs for Sale

- An Introduction to Cumbrian Railways by David Joy £9.95



- Dalton-in-Furness: Mediaeval Capital to Mining Community, £4.20
- Whitehaven: the Railways and Waggonways of a Unique Cumbrian Port, £13.50
- Millom: a Cumberland Iron Town and its Railways, £14.00
- A North Lancashire Railway Album from the Cameras of Ian and Alan Pearsall, £14.50
- The Ulverstone & Lancaster Railway, £6.75
- The Carlisle Railway History Conference – souvenir booklet £2.50
- Railwaymen of Cumbria Remembered, £2.50

- The Track of the Ironmasters, £8.95
- The Coniston Railway, £9.00
- CD The Furness Railway Magazine 1921-1923, £10.00
- CD CRA Journal Volumes 1-5, £10.00
- CD Whitehaven Junction/Whitehaven & Furness Junction Rule Book, £6
- CD Cleator & Workington Junction Railway, £10.00
- Time for Coppernob a story for young persons, £7.95

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Cumbria Industrial History Society Program 2018

Wednesday 4th July 6.30pm GATEBECK GUNPOWDER TRAIL. Meet at towpath at SD 53348360, park at Crooklands Hotel for a walk led by John Acres. Contact Robin Yates 07776 400713

The Railways of Carnforth the Town and its Ironworks

This book was the recipient the Railway and Canal Historical Society 2015 Book Award and a second edition has just been published following popular demand. It was written to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Carnforth Station Heritage Centre which opened in 2003. The book, priced at £25.00, gives a comprehensive history of the railways of Carnforth from the earliest days of railway development to present day. For details, contact : Barrai Books, 17 Railway Terrace, Lindal, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria, LA12 0LQ.

CRA Welcomes New Trustee

Workington born Barry Stephenson, a CRA member since 2006, has just been appointed as an Association Trustee and Committee member. A qualified Chartered Accountant, Barry's presence and previous work experience will expand the range of skills and experience steering our Association. Although already an active member of the CRA, these roles will enable Barry to bring a fresh and new perspective to the management and planning of the Association going forward.

Barry is an enthusiast for railways and admits to having nearly 500 books on railways - many of which relate to Cumbria! We wish him well in his new roles.