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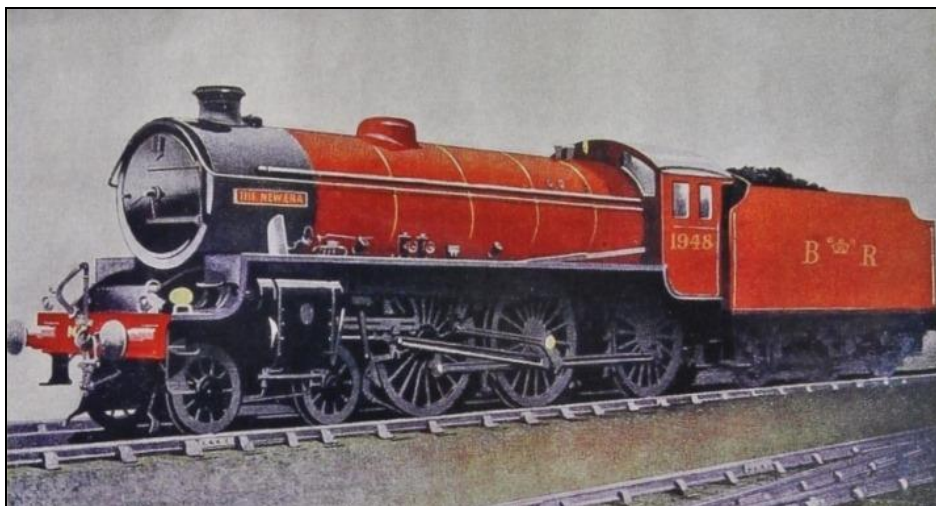
(colour plates courtesy of The Railway Magazine)



A pair of NBL L1 4-4-0's double head the sleeping cars on a 528 tons Paris to London boat train circa 1937



SR 'Scotch Arthur' 4-6-0 No 770 'Sir Prianus' is seen passing Knockholt with a Pullman express circa 1926



And finally, a prediction of BR livery in the July 1947 edition – fortunately it proved wide of the mark !

2016 SLIDE SHOWS

Building on our successful run in 2015, three new Colour Slide Show bookings for next year have already been received, starting with a visit to Hertford on Tuesday 5th January. A full list of shows available for the 2016 season are shown below, please forward them to your Club Secretary or Event Organiser :

NORTH BRITISH LOCOMOTIVE PRESERVATION GROUP RAILWAY SLIDE SHOWS AVAILABLE FOR 2016

Presentations featuring mainly Commercial Colour slides

- 1) Great Eastern Lines 1954 - 1962**
- 2) London Area Stations & Sheds 1958 - 1960**
- 3) Routes from Paddington 1958 - 1962**
- 4) Waterloo - Bournemouth & South Coast 1958 - 1961**
- 5) Railways of Scotland 1962**
- 6) London Midland Main Lines 1958 -1962**
- 7) Kings Cross - York & Sunderland 1957 - 1961**

Presentations featuring mainly my own colour slides :

- 8) Engines of the North British Locomotive Company, Glasgow**
- 9) British Steam in South Africa 1987 – Present**
- 10) Working Steam in China - 1999**
- 11) UK Steam Preserved 1968 - Present**

Each show consists of two 45 minute sessions with an Interval in between.

Bookings to Ken Livermore
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I escaped from our dull winter weather this month by paying a return visit to Cuba's perpetual summer. The halcyon days of the Zafra Sugar Cane Harvest are sadly long gone but I visited several Museums and Sugar Mills and managed to find no less than 71 steam locomotives in various states of repair. Virtually all the locos in Cuba are of American origin but No 1662 shown above was of particular interest as this number was once carried by LNER Footballer 'Manchester United'. If anyone would like some photos or a list of the locos that were noted in Cuba this month, please let me know.

Whist on the subject of our 'Manchester United' Appeal, the Facebook page has now achieved more than 1,000 'likes' and our task is now to convert as many of these to full Members as possible. The 61662 Facebook page can be found at : <https://www.facebook.com/Engine61662ManchesterUnited>

Thanks to some excellent hard work by our webmaster Dave Fox, the new NBL Preservation Group website is now available to view at www.nbloco.co.uk It is planned to archive back copies of the Newsletter and add future editions to the website on a regular basis. Please contact Dave with your news, views and suggestions for the website on: webmaster@nbloco.co.uk

NBL B1 4-6-0 No 61306 'Mayflower' is to be taken out of service at the end of the year for a boiler lift and general maintenance. Since re-entering traffic in 2015, this hard working engine has completed more than 20 trips on the Main Line and made appearances at various preserved railways. Loco owner David Buck has confirmed that when the overhaul is completed, the engine will continue to be based at Southall shed.

**Thank you all once again for your continued support
More news to follow next month, Best Regards, Ken**

MEMBERSHIP & INFORMATION

If you would like to comment on our preservation activities or would like further information on any of our projects, please contact our Secretary Ken Livermore by letter or by e:mail. NBL related Photos can be uploaded direct to our Facebook page at : <https://www.facebook.com/NorthBritishLocomotives>

New Members and Supporters are always welcome and funds are urgently needed for all our projects. Please join us and help to preserve North British locomotives from around the World. Our Website Address is : www.nbloco.co.uk

Remember, **there is no annual Membership Fee**, just a one-off joining fee of £10 which will give you regular news updates and the option to participate in our locomotive preservation projects. All donations and membership fees will be acknowledged in writing. For further details, please email our Hon. Secretary : ken.livermore@btinternet.com

If you would like to join us or make a donation, please complete the form below and send it to : Ken Livermore, **Hon. Secretary, NBL Preservation Group, 4 Porchfield Close, Earley, Reading, Berks, RG6 5YZ.**

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