



Introduction:

Welcome to a special edition of Quarterlight. This issue covers our forthcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held on 1st October 2005 inside LMS Period 2 Third Corridor 1501. Enclosed with this newsletter you will find the Annual Report from the Trustees of the LMSCA. This includes a review of the year's activities, the minutes from last year's AGM, the LMSCA Accounts for the period from April 2004 to April 2005. We hope you will be able to attend to see the completed Period 2, 1501 and the work being undertaken on the National Railway Museum's Period I Third Open, 7828.



A Members who attended last year's AGM swap notes and talk about the various aspects of LMS carriages.

News:

Here is some of the latest news from the LMSCA:

National Railway Museum Period I third open, 7828 progress:

Work continues with the roof of 7828 pending approval from the NRM of the specification roof materials and our restoration method statement.

Visitor Centre and Interpretation Boards:

As mentioned in Droplight the LMSCA were successful in getting an awards for all grant. Work has started on the design of the interpretation boards which will be located on station platforms along the railway. Also included is the design and production of a new glossy leaflet which is in the course of preparation and hopefully will be available at the AGM. Work will begin soon on the construction of the new visitor room to be located at the entrance to the LMSCA Carriage Shed.

Carriage & Wagons Restorers Convention 2005

This year the 'Carriage and Wagon Restorers Convention' is being held at the Isle of White Steam Railway over the weekend of September 24th-25th. A contingent from the LMSCA is planning to attend.

Midland Carriage Body:

External repairs to the sides and roof continue to make this carriage watertight ready for the winter.

1501 or 1502 that is the question ...



LMS renumbering scheme of 1933.

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We have been having some debate over the real identity of TK2. It is certainly known that the vehicle had the number 395801 as this is the departmental number it displayed when it first arrived at Peak Rail. However, what was its number before then? In many of the published books covering departmental vehicles the carriage is listed as 1501. When looking up in the 'Illustrated History of LMS Carriages' for further information on the carriage, it stated that the vehicle was numbered 3030 when first built and then renumbered shortly afterwards to 1501 under the

This all seemed like case solved, that was until we started taking the carriage to bits and found that every door was stamped with the number 3031 ! Surely they would not have swapped every door on the carriage with those from another? However the number 1501 was found on other components. As a result we had to assume that the vehicle's identity is 3031 /1501 and consequently we have painted 1501 on the side. However could it be 3030 or 1502? Who knows, the important thing is that a carriage which is one of only ten built has been preserved for future generation to appreciate.

Further shed improvements:

In addition to the new access trolleys detailed in issue I I of 'Droplight' new fluorescent lighting has been installed over the full length of the workshop area of the shed. This had two benefits. The new installation reduces our electricity consumption to 30% of the original (the overhead lighting had to be used previously) and it also much improves the illumination at the workplace. The lighting is further divided into sections so that not all need to be switched on at the same time.

Website:

The website has news of the Awards for all Grant including computer generated views of the proposed visitor centre - thanks Alan. Updates to the Latest news and Rolling Stock sections are also in place.

Crewe:

The trustees did make some tentative enquiries regarding displaying one of our carriages at Crewe this year. In the event this was not possible as the space required and the time required to organise this was not available. We could neither find the time required to produce a suitable display as an alternative. However as part of the exhibition phase of 1501's development, we are hoping to provide a 'mobile exhibition. In the future this should be available 'ready to go' at short notice. We may be looking for volunteers to man this if all goes well!

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Please come on Saturday 1st October and have a look around if you can make it, the regulars will be very pleased to see you there.

The LMS Carriage Association