

37890 The Railway Observer

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'Log' of the activities of 37890 covering the years 1994 (from its naming at Hither Green on 23rd February) to the present time. After its return from use in France in 2000, we are recording major changes but not sightings and workings. Note that, in this 'log', RO refers to The Railway Observer, the monthly magazine of the RCTS.

1999: -

6th January	Worked 20.25 Healey Mills-Scarborough infrastructure train (7K54)
8th January	In charge of the Mostyn Dock-Hull Saltend (6E39)
15th January	In charge of the Mostyn Dock-Hull Saltend (6E39)
19th January	Worked Baglan Bay-Humber tanks (6E21)
23rd/24th January	Margam depot
5th February	Worked 04.40 Merehead-Exeter with 37887, later noted at Eastleigh FY with ARC hoppers being unloaded
11th February	Worked 10.34 Fawley-Margam tanks (6V34)
12th February	Worked Baglan Bay-Humber tanks (6E21)
17th February	In charge of the Mostyn Dock-Hull Saltend (6E39) again.
18th February	Doncaster station
8th March	Stranded at Kildale due to flooding, moving to Whitby later and returning to Tees on 15th March
24th March	Worked 12.20 Middlewich-Arpley Enterprise, then left light northbound two hours later
16th April	Immingham depot - Out of use for attention to coolant pipework and still there on 14th May
23rd May	Margam depot
25th May	Worked 11.01 Godstone Tip-Margam slag train (6Z17) with 37706
27th May	Worked 00.10 Margam-Round Oak steel (6M11) with 37708 - the latter failed at Llanwern
11th June	Transferred to Pool WNXX (Stored Locomotives) as a result of derailment damage and stored at Cardiff Canton depot
2nd July	Transferred to Pool WKMF. Designated 'Special Projects', this pool was created for locomotives being despatched to Eurre in France for infrastructure work on the TGV extension from Lyon to Marseille
13th July	Moved to France via the Channel Tunnel
15th October	Stabled at Eurre base depot, France (photo of 37890 without nameplates on The Naming Page of this website; this photo originally appeared on page 99 of RO March 2000)

EWS confirmed that the nameplates were removed from 37890 before its move to France.

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