

PRESERVED COACHING STOCK OF BRITISH RAILWAYS

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SPECIAL AND CHARTER TRAIN COACHING STOCK

A) Fragonset Railways

A further twenty nine Mark 2s have been leased from HSBC Rail (UK) for use on charter operations. These are RFB 1254, FOs 3278, 3285, 3300, 3337, 3366, 3385, 3395, 3429 TSOs 5912, 5919, 5948, 5960, 5983, 5989, 5991, 5995, 6001, 6045, 6046, 6049, 6059, 6121, 6134, 6151, 6164 and BSOs 9513, 9516, 9522. All are based at Oxley, Wolverhampton. FOs 3278 and 3285 are however not currently available for use and are stored at Oxley prior to overhaul prior and returning to use. In addition Mark 3 RFM 10231 was also leased from Porterbrook Leasing Company for use on charter operations but has now been taken off lease and subsequently leased to Cotswold Rail (see below).

Three of the Mark 2 FOs, 3300, 3337 and 3429 were damaged in the Old Oak Common Fire (see Amendment Sheet 71). These three have subsequently been taken off lease and remain at Old Oak Common pending a decision on their future. Mark 1 RBR 1981 that was extensively damaged in the Old Oak Common fire is considered to be beyond economic repair and is now stored at Old Oak Common pending disposal.

Four of the Mark 2 FOs 3359, 3360, 3362 and 3408 previously leased from HSBC Rail (UK) for use on charter operations have now been purchased by Fragonset Railways.

In Amendment Sheet 69 it was mentioned that one of the fourteen Mark 2s leased from HSBC Rail (UK) for sub-lease to Train Operating Companies was TSO 6112. This should have read 6122. The contract to supply four carriages to First North Western has now ceased whilst the requirement for Wessex Trains has reduced to five carriages. Thus TSOs 6117, 6122, 6173 and BSOs 9506, 9525 remain with Wessex Trains whilst TSOs 5797, 5866, 5906, 5925, 5958, 5981, 6168 and BSOs 9497, 9505 are being held in reserve.

Mark 2 BFK 17170 has been moved from storage at Etches Park, Derby to Barrow Hill.

Mark 2 BFK 17144 has been purchased from Network Rail for possible further use and had been moved to Barrow Hill for storage.

Mark 2 Barrier Vehicles 6356 and 6357 (originally BSOs 9455 and 9443) have been purchased from Bombardier Transportation and have been moved to Barrow Hill for storage.

Mark 2 Test Train Brake Force Runners 977789, 977790, 977791, 977793, 977794 (originally TSOs 5765, 5830, 5855, 5596 and BFK 17139 respectively) have been purchased from Bombardier Transportation and have been moved to MoD Ludgershall for storage.

Mark 1 Test Train Brake Force Runners 977085 and 977193 (previously RBs 1637 and 1989) have been purchased from English, Welsh and Scottish Railway and have been moved to Barrow Hill for storage.

B) Cotswold Rail Train Services

This company has now entered the market for the provision of carriages for charter operations. Thirteen Mark 3s have initially been leased from Porterbrook Leasing Company. These are RFMs 10231 (previously leased to Fragonset Railways), 10235, FOs 11013, 11029, 11033, 11066, TSOs 12052, 12070, 12110, 12124, 12129, 12135 and BFO 17173. All the carriages are based at Oxley, Wolverhampton.

C) Riviera Trains

Five Mark 2 carriages, RFB 1252, FO 3261 and TSOs 6024, 6038 & 6176 have been taken off lease. In addition Mark 1 BG 92936 has also been taken off lease.

Stored Mark 2 BFK 17159 has been moved from Old Oak Common to Stewarts Lane.

Mark 2 TSOs 5814 and 5816 that were extensively damaged in the Old Oak Common Fire of 5th September 2004 are considered beyond economic repair and have been taken off lease. They remain at Old Oak Common pending disposal.

Four of the carriages used on the contract with the Valley Lines Unit of Arriva Trains Wales, TSOs 5961, 6067, 6177 and BSO 9529 have been transferred to the fleet of carriages used for charter

operations. They have been replaced with TSOs 5945, 6051, 6141 and BSO 9537 that had previously been used for charter operations.

D) Vintage Trains

Mark 2 BSOT 9101 has now been painted in Chocolate and Cream livery and returned to operational mainline use.

Railfilms 'LMS Club Car' 99993 remains based at Tyseley Locomotive Works and sees regular use in Vintage Trains formations.

E) English, Welsh and Scottish Railway

At the time of the acquisition of the rolling stock assets of Rail Charter Services (Amendment Sheet 64) this company also owned Mark 2 FOs 3225, 3226, 3258 and FK 13582. These remain in storage at MoD Kineton. In addition, during 2003 the company also acquired Mark 3 Sleeping Cars SLEP 10540, 10546, 10054, 10572, 10604 and SLE 10653, 10654, 10669, 10682, 10686, 10711, 10712, 10713, 10730 from Cotswold Rail Engineering. All of these were moved to Old Oak Common for storage. Also acquired during 2003 were Mark 2 TSOs 6035, 6066, 6124, 6170, 6178 and BSOs 9521, 9524 from HSBC Rail (UK). These later seven carriages were acquired for use on a contract to provide carriages to Arriva Trains Northern for services between Leeds/York and Carlisle/Knaresborough between September 2003 and September 2004. All but TSO 6178 were repainted in Arriva Trains livery and saw use. TSO 6178 was used as a source of spares and has subsequently been stored at Healey Mills Yard. Following completion of the contract with Arriva Trains Northern the six carriages in Arriva Trains livery saw limited use with Arriva Trains Wales for relief trains in connection with events at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff before being moved to storage initially at Crewe International Electric Depot and more recently at Old Oak Common. They have now been moved to Cardiff Canton depot for regular use with the Valley Lines Unit of Arriva Trains Wales.

PRESERVED LOCOMOTIVE HAULED COACHING STOCK

1) Additions

a) British Rail Coaching Stock Built to Wagon Lots
SALOON **999504** Great Central Railway

2) Deletions

a) British Rail Mark 1 Passenger Carrying Coaching Stock
RB **1703** Disposed of for scrap to C. F. Booth, Rotherham

3) Movements

a) Southern Railway Stock
BY **683** DB975807 The Old Post House, Blakemere u/f only remains

b) London & North Eastern Railway Stock
BGP **70759** Severn Valley Railway

c) British Rail Mark 2 Passenger Carrying Coaching Stock
TSO **5174** Battlefield Railway

4) Detail alterations

a) Southern Railway Stock
POS **4920** No longer part of National Collection

5) News of Mainline Operations

a) **Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway (Scottish Railway Preservation Society)**

Mark 2 TSO 5412 has now been painted in Maroon livery.

b) **Railfilms**

Mark 1 saloon 99884 that was in storage at Crewe Carriage Shed has now been moved to the Carnforth premises of the West Coast Railway Company for storage.

Mark 2 FOs 3231 APOLLO and 3246 APHRODITE have now been painted in Pullman Car livery and returned to service. Both have been moved to Old Oak Common and are used in Wessex Trains formations as required. It is understood that both suffered smoke damage during the fire at Old Oak Common on 5th September 2004.

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