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THERE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT TIMETABLE CHANGES ON THE MID CHESHIRE LINE IN THE NEW TIMETABLE STARTING ON SUNDAY 20^{TH} MAY (SEE BELOW). THE NEXT NORTHERN STRIKE DATES ARE THURSDAY 24^{TH} MAY AND SATURDAY 26^{TH} MAY.

FROM THE SECRETARY:

TAKE NOTE: The Annual General meeting of the Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association will take place on TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2018 at 7.30pm in the Dining Room of the Railway Inn, Station Road, Mobberley, Knutsford WA16 6LA – adjacent to Mobberley railway station. The meeting will be followed by a presentation given by Vicky Cropper, the Regional Community and Sustainability Manager, for Northern's Central Region. Based in Manchester, the region stretches as far north as Clitheroe and Colne, down to Crewe, Stoke on Trent and Buxton. The agenda for the meeting and copies of the minutes of the 2017 AGM will be available at the meeting or from the Secretary in advance by email. If you don't have access to email and would like copies please contact the Secretary.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS by John Oates

We're pleased to provide our latest "Rail Report" enclosing MCRUA's version of the Mid Cheshire Summer Timetable (see below) which commences on Sunday 20 May. This coming timetable has a lot of differences from the one from last December, i.e. it's not just the usual few changes by a minute or two. Northern aren't able to produce a printed version until 1 June, after the timetable has commenced, though it will be available earlier for download from their website. The main change is the "standard" departure from Piccadilly changes from 17 minutes past to 41 minutes past, thus affecting all trains in the Chester direction. Furthermore, there will be new morning peak extras in the Chester direction. This will be very welcome for all the scholars who use the (currently hourly) service, as well as the 100s of Barclays Bank workers for Radbroke Hall, near Knutsford. It also gives much better arrival times for commuters to Chester. We hope this will lead to greater use of our services into Chester; indeed they were more heavily used prior to the timetable change back in 1989 which produced the current inconvenient arrival times at around 10 minutes to the hour. This timetable is in effect a "temporary" timetable before the "Two Trains an Hour" timetable due last December can be introduced, incorporating elements of what is to come. We tried hard to persuade Northern to have the Sunday Service increased to hourly for the summer from its current two hourly, but we hear the timescales for service planning were so compacted, the Sunday service had to stay as it was though terminating at Piccadilly rather than running through to Southport. Readers may remember that the "Two Trains an Hour" timetable could not be introduced in December 2017 as the Great Western electrification was/is very heavily delayed, such that Great Western Railway (GWR) could not release their older diesel trains to Northern for Northern's increased services. Most

of the GWR trains have now arrived, **BUT** Network Rail's electrification through Bolton which should have been completed last year is still incomplete, meaning Northern cannot transfer the diesel trains on that route onto others, including our Mid Cheshire Line, as they need to continue to use them through Bolton. It's even more complex than that, though we won't bore you with the details. Suffice to say, our promised "Two Trains an Hour" timetable is still coming (though Christmas may beat it, but we hope not!!) once Network Rail complete the Bolton electrification. All very frustrating and very trying. And because Network Rail only announced on 4 January that the Bolton electrification was further delayed, an announcement well outside the industry 6 month deadlines, Northern and others have had a real scramble to put any sort of timetable together for May, as the old one couldn't continue to run as there are major timetable changes to TPE trains from May. No doubt, if a Train Operating Company (TOC) had missed these deadlines so badly, fines would follow. However, Network Rail is not a TOC, but an organisation which is part of the Department for Transport. Somehow, we don't think the Office of Road and Rail (ORR) will be fining what is in effect an arm of Government. However, at least it's the start of seeing the improvements that MCRUA has been collecting evidence towards and lobbying for right back since 2006.

In March, the Amazing Women by Rail project was launched at a very fine "do" in Manchester. This project, grant-funded after a DCRDF (Designated Community Rail Development Fund) bid has been led by Sally Buttifant, our Mid Cheshire Community Rail Officer, and is in conjunction with the services through the Calder Valley from Manchester Victoria to Blackburn, via Todmorden, and both Leeds routes, i.e. via Bradford and via Brighouse. Other supporters of the project include Community Rail Lancashire, Friends of Littleborough Station and Women in Community Rail. The website - https://www.amazingwomenbyrail.org.uk/ - beautifully put together by our own John Hulme and his son, Ian, provides more details, including a downloadable version of the excellent booklet produced, which includes stunning artwork by Nicky Thomson, the same Chester-based artist who has produced the very popular artwork for our CRP's "Marvellous Days Out" project. The style is very different though, as you'll see. One of the aims of the project is to encourage people to discover these places using our train services, thereby also "discovering" the train services and then using them more in the future. We are sure it will be a great success. Booklets are available free from staffed stations along the Mid Cheshire Line and many other locations, though the first 10,000 have mainly been snapped up. But don't worry, further supplies will probably be with us by the time you read this. Sally, Judie Collins and I were delighted to attend the launch of the Altrincham Interchange Community Art Project supported by students at Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College, TfGM, our CRP and MCRUA. The artwork on platform 1 produced by the students at the college is quite excellent, beautifully complementing large versions of our CRP's Marvellous Days Out posters and all paid for by TfGM. It is quite superb to see this, together with other changes taking place at Altrincham to make it a much pleasanter place for our passengers. TfGM and Blessed Thomas Holford (and our CRP) are to be congratulated on these improvements, and with more to come. More details are available on the internet at https://www.tfgm.com/press-release/bright-future-for-altrincham-interchange.

MAY 2018 TIMETABLE by Andrew Macfarlane

As John mentions above, because of delays to the electrification of the Bolton line the May 2018 timetable does not include the planned two trains an hour service on the Mid Cheshire Line as far as Greenbank. The Manchester-Buxton line is getting two trains an hour from May 2018 but we are not. It is not clear why the Buxton line has been given priority for an enhanced service. Our new path at xx.41 from Manchester Piccadilly does at least improve some connections at Stockport, which currently sometimes require a dash through the subway (or just miss). The new departure time from Stockport towards Chester means that at long last there are reasonable connections out of the local trains from Crewe and Macclesfield/Stoke and out of the Norwich-Liverpool service. However our optimism that we would no longer have Pacers on the line from May 2018 proved to be unfounded. It is very disappointing that Northern will not have the paper timetables available at stations until 1st June, particularly given the scale of the changes to services from 20th May. This shows a disregard for those without access to the Internet. MCRUA has been busy handing out its own printed timetable on trains and at stations. Styal gets its hourly service on Monday to Saturday from 20th May and Flixton gets its

hourly Sunday service. There are major changes to Northern and TPE services across the North of England from 20th May and more changes to come in December. The start of the planned new Chester-Warrington Bank Quay-Manchester Victoria-Bradford-Leeds Northern service has been delayed until December 2018. There are no timetable changes on the Crewe-Liverpool line in May 2018.

FORTHCOMING RAIL REPLACEMENT BUSES DUE TO PLANNED ENGINEERING WORK

From Monday 11th June to Thursday 14th June (inclusive) the 22.46 train from Chester to Manchester Piccadilly is replaced by a bus throughout its journey. An additional bus runs at 23.30 from Knutsford to Manchester Piccadilly. These buses are currently not shown in the National Rail website Journey Planner. This bus replacement continues to happen on a 6-week recurring cycle.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Paul Wilkinson

2018 Membership update (data as at 1st May 2018) **- Thank you for your continuing support.** If you received this Rail Report by Post: Please check your envelope for your membership number. If it is in the form of:

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18xxx - you have recently joined or already renewed. Thank you for your continued support.

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WAYFARER PRICE INCREASE

From 21st May the prices of the popular Wayfarer ticket increase to: Adult: £13.50; Senior Citizen (holders of English bus passes only): £8.50; Child: £6.75; Family (up to 2 adults + 2 children): £27. It would be great if this useful ticket was better publicised.

OTHER FARES NEWS by Andrew Macfarlane

The Calder Valley route between Leeds and Manchester via Rochdale, both routes between Manchester and Liverpool and the route between Manchester and Wilmslow via Manchester Airport are to become Penalty Fares routes from 14th May. Northern have said that they are unlikely to introduce a Penalty Fare scheme on the Mid Cheshire Line until they have installed ticket vending machines at all stations on the line. Those needing to pay cash or needing tickets not on the machines (e.g. Wayfarer tickets or through tickets to Metrolink stations) would have to obtain a free "Promise to Pay" ticket from the ticket machine. Those with "Promise to Pay" tickets would need to pay cash to the conductor for their ticket. Why not make it easier by having the full range of tickets available from the machines? It is disappointing that Northern is not obliged to do so.

GREATER MANCHESTER WOMENS' CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL PASS

The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, has introduced a new travel pass for women who have been adversely affected by the 2011 Pensions Act in terms of their qualifying age for a national bus pass. The pass provides free travel on train, tram and bus in Greater Manchester after 09.30 on Monday to Friday and at any time at weekends and on bank holidays. Women who were born between 6th October 1953 and 5th November 1954 and who are permanently resident in Greater Manchester qualify for the new pass. Further details are at https://www.tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/womens-concessionary-travel-scheme or ring 0161 244 1000.

Application forms are available at Travelshops at bus stations in Greater Manchester (including at Altrincham station).

SENIOR RAILCARDS

Members may not be aware that there are no time restrictions on the use of senior railcards in the North of England. The only restriction is that they cannot be used before 09.30 on Monday to Friday on journeys wholly within the London and South East area.

TORNADO VISITS THE MID CHESHIRE LINE

Tornado, the famous new-build steam locomotive, is still due to visit the Mid Cheshire Line on Wednesday 1st August when it hauls its tenth anniversary train "The Mad Hatter" returning from Chester to Darlington via Northwich, Altrincham, Northenden Junction, Cheadle Heath, Hazel Grove and the Hope Valley line to Sheffield. The train will leave Chester at around 16.30. Final timings will be on www.uksteam.info nearer the time. The loco failed on the East Coast main line at Sandy on 14th April with an issue to do with the motion connected to the middle cylinder. It will hopefully be fixed well before 1st August and also hopefully by then it will have been gauged for the Mid Cheshire Line (in terms of not fouling any structure adjacent to the track).

FREIGHT NEWS

Trains of imported coal from Redcar to Fiddlers Ferry power station have recently restarted to re-stock the power station for the forthcoming winter. These trains are being operated by Freightliner and run daily via the Mid Cheshire Line in both directions. The loaded train passes through Altrincham at around 15.30.

MUSIC TRAINS by Michael Ross

A full programme of Music Trains has been arranged for 2018, running through until October. There will be monthly Music Trains from Chester to the Golden Pheasant at Plumley. The next one is on 23 May. Plus three evening Music Trains from Altrincham to Alexanders in Chester, starting on 13 June and, a new venture, a Music Train from Chester to Knutsford on Friday 22 June as part of the Knutsford Music Festival. Full details are on the Community Rail Partnership website www.midcheshirerail.org.uk.

The new timetable means different train times, an earlier start from Altrincham, a later return from Plumley and more time in the pub. Full details are in the Music Trains newsletter and on the CRP website. To subscribe send an email to musictrains@midcheshirerail.org.uk.

MARVELLOUS DAYS OUT - posters, mugs, cards, bookmarks and a calendar by Michael Ross

Building on the popularity of the Marvellous Days Out posters, which have been highly successful, we have arranged for mugs to be produced using the Knutsford and Chester posters, also postcards of Knutsford and Chester and, hopefully, a 2019 calendar with all the posters in it. Knutsford cards and mugs are available from the Knutsford Heritage Centre. Chester postcards are available from the Chester Visitor Centre. Chester mugs and the calendars are 'in production' and will, hopefully, be available by the end of the month. There are also free Marvellous Days Out bookmarks at these outlets. We are also working on plans for an online webshop. All these products help with the two aims of the Marvellous Days Out campaign:

- to promote the many attractions along the Line to residents and visitors and
- to raise awareness of the route of the Line and the communities it serves.

NEW PHONE NUMBER TO REPORT FAULTS AT STATIONS

Following Carillion going into liquidation, from 12 April Northern's property maintenance services transferred to ISS who are responsible for all planned and reactive maintenance and cleaning in their stations and offices. There is a new number to report faults at stations or on trains. The contact email address remains unchanged as faults@northernrailway.co.uk. The new phone number for fault reporting is **0844 264 3606.** Customer Experience Centre (CEC). The CEC that deals with Northern's customer enquiries has been brought in-house. The CEC has moved to the Sheffield Interchange with the staff now being employed by Northern. There are no

changes to the CEC contact details. The contact number for customers remains **0800 200 6060**. For a three month trial period (from April) the opening hours have been reduced from 24 hours a day to 0700-2200. These hours will be updated on Northern's website and will be changed on printed material when it is due for renewal if this change becomes permanent.

NEWS FROM THE LINE by Andrew Macfarlane

There is no sign of a solution in the lengthy ongoing industrial dispute between Northern and the RMT over the future role of the conductor. The latest day of strike action took place on Wednesday 9th May and further strikes will take place on Thursday 24th May and Saturday 26th May. The public address speakers on the platform at Navigation Road were working by 25th February. The points at Navigation Road had been repaired by 30th April because double track working between Navigation Road and Altrincham had resumed by that date. This has shortened the length of the single line in that area and should improve performance. The speed restriction at the older of the two overbridges at Roscoe's roundabout, Cheadle Heath (between Altrincham and Stockport) has been eased from 5 mph for freight trains to 20 mph and from 20 mph for passenger trains to 30 mph but it seems that further work is required here. The Branch Line Society will be running a special train "The Nosey Peaker" with a class 37 diesel on Thursday 14th June. The train will travel from Peak Forest via New Mills South Junction, Cheadle Heath, Altrincham, Northwich, Middlewich and Sandbach to Crewe in the afternoon. The Crewe arrival time is approximately 17.00. Members may have seen media coverage of the completion of the first of Northern's new trains in Spain. Just to clarify that these trains will not operate on the Mid Cheshire Line. They are to be used on "Northern Connect" routes. The Mid Cheshire Line will be operated by refurbished older trains but the class 142 Pacers are due to be withdrawn by the end of 2019.

LOCAL RAIL NEWS by Andrew Macfarlane

The famous Stockport-Stalybridge service will operate in both directions and on a Saturday rather than a Friday in the new timetable from 20th May. The train will leave Stalybridge at 08.46 and return from Stockport at 09.45. Ashton Moss North Junction signal box was abolished after the last train on Friday 13th April and the area is now controlled by the Manchester ROC (Rail Operating Centre) at Ashburys. The Runcorn area is now also controlled by the Manchester ROC following the abolition of the signal boxes at Halton Junction and Runcorn over the early May bank holiday weekend. Runcorn signal box, an "ARP" design from World War 2, is a listed structure. Abellio (Netherlands Railways) pulled out of the bidding for the Wales and Borders franchise in February because of the collapse of Carillion, which was its construction partner in the bid. Northern and ASLEF have not renewed their Rest Day Working agreement which means that drivers are not currently working their rest days (except Sundays). This in turn is leading to cancellations because Northern do not have enough drivers to operate the full service without rest day working and there is also the issue currently of the need to train drivers on the new layout and signalling on the Preston-Blackpool North line.

METROLINK NEWS by Andrew Macfarlane

The section of the Bury line between Crumpsall and Whitefield is scheduled to be changed to TMS operation (line of sight) from a date in June. This is unfortunately likely to lead to increased journey times because of new speed restrictions. The Ashton line may move to a 6-minute frequency from June by the extension of the Media City-Etihad Campus service through to Ashton. The Eccles Metrolink line is to be closed for 13 days from the end of July to mid-August for work to build the junction for the new Trafford Centre line at Pomona. Exact dates have yet to be announced. A bus replacement service will be provided. 27 additional trams may be purchased for Metrolink in a deal being negotiated by GM Mayor Andy Burnham. 24 would be to strengthen existing services and 3 would be for the planned extension from Manchester Airport to Terminal Two.

COACH TRIP TO THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY

On Saturday 26th May the Altrincham Electric Railway Preservation Society (AERPS) is running a coach trip from Stockport, Sale, Altrincham and Knutsford to the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway's Steam Gala 'Return to Broadway'. Eight locos should be in steam and operating on the line that day including King class 6023 King Edward II, the first time that a King class has operated on the line in preservation. Each passenger

will receive a day rover ticket giving unlimited travel on the railway including the new extension to Broadway, opened on 30th March. The line is now 14 miles long. The Selwyns coach will start from Stockport (on the road called Shaw Heath on the Edgeley side of the station) at 07.40 and pick up at Sale (outside Marks and Spencers) at 07.55, Altrincham (the lay-by opposite Rackhams) at 08.05 and Knutsford (on Northwich Road opposite the former Conservative Club) at 08.20. The coach will drop passengers at Cheltenham Racecourse station and then pick-up from there at 18.00. The all-inclusive fare is £45 (£43 for AERPS members). The booking form can be found here: http://altrinchamelectric.org.uk/excursions/index.html or ring 0161 976 1831.

RETRO RAILTOURS

Retro Railtours are running two excursion trains in 2018. On Saturday 26th May "The Retro Bath Centurion and Retro Salisbury Cathedral Belle" runs from Huddersfield, Stalybridge (06.30 approx), Reddish South (06.45 approx), Stockport (06.50 approx), Wilmslow (07.10 approx), Crewe (07.40 approx) and Shrewsbury (08.00 approx) to Bath and Salisbury (much in the news recently!). Two class 37 diesels have been requested to haul the train. Fares are £74 return to Bath (£114 first class) and £79 return to Salisbury (£119 first class). On Saturday 25th August they are running "The Deltic Retro Scot III" behind Deltic D9009 *Alycidon* from Huddersfield, Marsden, Stalybridge (06.45 approx), Manchester Victoria (07.15 approx), Wigan North Western (08.00 approx), Preston (08.30 approx) via Carlisle to Edinburgh for a 4-hour stopover with the return leg via the East Coast main line. The Deltic is replaced by a class 67 diesel at York. Fares are £89 return (£129 first class). Premier dining is also available on both trips. The Retro Railtours website is at www.retrorailtours.co.uk and they can be contacted on 0161 330 9055 or at info@retrorailtours.co.uk.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following people who have joined since the last issue of the newsletter:

The Moss family of Middlewich Mr A Needham of Utkinton Mr D Vaughan of Toft Mr P Dease of Swinton

MID CHESHIRE LINE PEOPLE

David Langton, a career railwayman and well respected Train Planner, who worked for First North Western and TransPennine Express, retired on 22nd December last year. David was helpful to MCRUA when he was with FNW and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

IN MEMORIAM

Long-standing member Colin Menzies from Altrincham died in November.

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National Rail Enquiries 03457 48 49 50 or 0207 068 0500

Virgin Trains Ticket Sales (to buy any rail ticket) 0871 977 4222 (08.00 to 22.00 every day)

London Northwestern Railway ticket sales (to buy any rail ticket) 03333110006

Northern ticket sales 0344 241 3454

British Transport Police for non-emergencies
Network Rail (to report infrastructure faults)

Train Running Information - TrainTracker

0800 40 50 40 or text 61016.
03457 11 41 41 or 0207 557 8000
03457 48 49 50 and then Option 1.

Northern Customer Services 0800 200 6060 (0700-2200)

Transport Focus (complaints appeals) 0300 123 2350

TfGM Bus, Rail and Metrolink Enquiries 0161 244 1000 (0700-2000 Mon-Fri, 0800-2000 Sat/Sun)

Metrolink Customer Services 0161 205 2000 (seven days a week)

Merseytravel Public Transport Enquiry Line 0151 236 7676 (08.00 to 20.00 every day)

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.nationalrail.co.uk (includes a journey planner which shows times and fares and a facility to obtain real time train running information for any station)

www.northernrailway.co.uk (includes details of forthcoming engineering work under "Travel" and then "Improvement Works")

www.networkrail.co.uk (includes a link to download the National Rail timetable)

www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk (to buy any GB rail ticket using a credit or debit card)

<u>www.tfgm.com</u> (includes a Journey Planner called "MyTfGM" which shows scheduled tram times if you plan a journey involving Metrolink).

www.metrolink.co.uk (shows any current problems with the tram service and details of future engineering work) www.traveline.info (a national public transport journey planner).

www.transportfocus.org.uk (the website of Transport Focus, the statutory body for rail and bus users).

www.railfuture.org.uk (the website of Railfuture, the independent, national, voluntary body for rail users)

<u>traintimes.org.uk</u> (an unofficial website which provides rail information derived from official sources in a user-friendly format).

www.uksteam.info (details of steam-hauled special trains on the main line).

www.brfares.com (lists all available fares on the National Rail network).

railwayherald.com/railtours (lists special trains (both steam and modern traction) on the main line).

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