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***** AUTUMN LEAF FALL TIMETABLE BEGAN ON MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER *****

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS by John Oates

We're delighted to provide our latest "Rail Report" enclosing the **Mid Cheshire "Leaf Fall" Timetable** commencing on Monday 3 October. The main changes are that some trains towards Manchester run up to 2 minutes earlier, giving drivers an extra 2 minutes to allow for longer braking distances and slower acceleration due to rail potentially contaminated with fallen leaves – the railway's version of "black ice". Network Rail will be running their Rail Head Treatment Trains to minimise the effect on the trains – you may see these running along the lines after the morning peak spraying the rails with high pressure water jets, as well as applying "Sandite" (a gel to assist with traction) at more difficult locations.

A number of us had a useful meeting with **Northern's new Regional Director, Liam Sumpter** in July. This was not the first time we'd seen him, as although only officially appointed from 1 July, he came with Northern's MD, **Alex Hynes**, to our AGM in Plumley in June where we were able to welcome him to his new role. We discussed many points with Liam, and with their Stakeholder Manager for the Mid Cheshire Line, Matt Worman. These included **Station Groups / Volunteering, Ticketing, including the Scholar Season Tickets, the Line Support Scheme** which was put on hold at Northern Rail's request around a year ago, the coming **Two Trains an hour service** (draft timetable expected for consultation in September), **Train Service Performance, Temporary Speed Restrictions, Disabled Access** at some stations, **Customer Information System** displays, **Bus substitution** arrangements, the **Rail North Electrification Study**, Potential Rail Services over the **Mid Cheshire (Middlewich) Rail Link**, and the **Airport Western Link**, and much more. A lot for a first meeting and already much has been followed up. We've agreed to meet with Liam quarterly from now. Overall, a very useful meeting. The new Northern organisation with Regional Directors should provide for a far more focussed management of our railway.

On 1 September a revised Business Proposal for the **Mid Cheshire Rail Link** from Northwich to Sandbach was launched. We think it's very good indeed. It runs to 40 pages and is to be read in conjunction with the previous Chapman (2000) and Railway Consultancy (2009) reports. The reinvigorated Mid Cheshire Rail Link Campaign chaired by Stephen Dent, with Samantha Moss as Secretary and with representatives from Knutsford and Northwich Town Councils, as well as MCRUA is to be congratulated on this excellent next step in the campaign. We have already seen renewed interest, including from the National Press. As they say, "Watch this Space", and lobby hard for us. Middlewich is a town bigger than Knutsford (which has over 500,000 passengers a year), and for Knutsford, Northwich and Middlewich to have access to mainline trains via Crewe, rather than having to go all the way round via Chester or Stockport, will really help to assist to "grease the wheels" of the local economy.

Our **Music Trains** are currently having their best year yet. More trains with a greater number of people on each. Very many thanks are due to all those involved, Michael Ross who organises these, the Northern Conductors, their managers, the bands, the pubs, and last but definitely not least our volunteer train hosts who help on the

trains. Very well done, all. A great way to bring more people onto our railways at less busy times, and to showcase the railway and the Mid Cheshire Line scenery.

You may see our **Passenger Counters** back out and about on Mid Cheshire Line trains up until Christmas. We've recommenced our counting at Liam's request (and because we're interested!) to give us an idea of passenger usage since our last set of counts 18 months ago. We know our passenger counts were taken very seriously by those involved in the bidding for the new Northern franchise, and seen as far more useful than the official figures, which are based on ticket sales and a variety of assumptions. Many thanks to our volunteer passenger counters for agreeing to come back for a further round of counting, and to Northern staff for continuing to be so cooperative with us.

We're still trying to put a **Special Train** together for 2017. We can't say any more yet, but we're hopeful. I appreciate nothing in the above mentions our **Crewe-Liverpool Line**. There is much going on in the background though as we work towards the renewal of the "West Midlands" franchise in 2018 – better services for Acton Bridge, Hartford and Winsford, better connections at Crewe, potentially trains north to Warrington and onwards, and reintroducing the British Rail service of some fast direct trains to London. Committee members Harry Boardman and Simon Barber in particular are working on this line. In the main we've had a great summer for getting out and about on our lines. Let's hope the Autumn provides plenty of opportunity for more.

FARES NEWS by Michael Ross

Northern have reduced a large number of Off Peak Returns and DUOs along the Line, although it is difficult to work out a pattern for which have been changed. The reductions do not appear to have been publicised. Some of the changes are very minor (10p) but others are significant e.g. Cuddington to Ashley DUO reduced from £14.80 to £13.80. Northern have also increased the Off Peak Return fare between Greater Manchester stations (Hale, Altrincham, Navigation Road, Stockport and Manchester Central Zone) so that it is roughly halfway between the Anytime Single and the Anytime Day Return. But the fares are still very low and lower than fares for similar distances outside GM. As an example Navigation Road to Hale Off Peak Return has gone up from £1.80 to £2.20. Northern have also abolished the Off Peak Single between these stations but it was only 10p or 20p cheaper than the Anytime Single so is unlikely to be noticed.

CURRENT SPECIAL OFFERS by Andrew Macfarlane

Arriva Trains Wales have restarted their **Club 55** offer for those aged 55 or over as from 1st September. Prices are the same as for the previous offer, £24 return from any station on their network to any other station on their network. Senior or Disabled Persons' Railcard holders get £1 off this fare. A higher fare (£29) applies on a Friday. This is a walk-on offer and tickets can be bought on the day. A return to Swansea enables outward travel via the Central Wales line and return travel via Cardiff and Hereford. Break of journey is allowed. The ticket cannot be used before 0900 on Monday to Friday on most routes but this restriction does not apply on Saturdays or Sundays. The last day for outward travel is Thursday 27th October. There is a £2.50 add-on for Northern services. On the Mid Cheshire Line, this is from Knutsford and stations to Stockport. More details can be found here: <http://www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk/55/Buy/>.

TransPennine Express also restarted its **Club 55** offer as from Monday 19th September. The last day for outward travel is Sunday 20th November. Return journeys must be within one month of the outward date on the ticket. Travel in the North of England is £19 return standard class, £39 return first class. Travel to or from Scotland is £29 return standard class, £59 return first class. Holders of Senior, Disabled and Two Together railcards get a 20% discount on these fares. All travellers must be aged 55 or over. Travel must be on trains timed to depart at or after 09.30 on Monday to Friday, at any time at weekends. These fares are walk on fares which can be booked on the day at station ticket offices or from the conductor if the station is unstaffed. There is no need to book in advance but tickets can be booked in advance online only from tpexpress.co.uk/club55. Tickets are valid on TransPennine Express services only.

ADVANCE FARES BETWEEN CHESTER AND MANCHESTER

As from 4th September Northern are offering Advance purchase single fares between Manchester and Chester, which offer a considerable saving if you are able to book in advance and commit yourself to a particular Northern train. Available fares are £6.00, £6.50, £7.00, £7.50 and £8.00. The earlier that you book, the cheaper the fare and the number of these tickets which is available for each train is quota controlled. You need to book by 23.59 on the day before travel and there are no refunds if you cannot travel. These fares are available online or from ticket offices. You are not allowed to “travel short” on these fares, you must travel only between Manchester Piccadilly and Chester or vice versa. The ever-useful BR Fares website has details at: <http://www.brfares.com/#!fares?orig=MAN&dest=CTR>.

USEFUL FACILITY

Station booking offices (including Altrincham) are able to print rail tickets purchased over the Internet.

PURCHASING RAIL TICKETS ONLINE

It is best not to use the Trainline website because they charge credit/debit card fees on top of the train fare. This does not apply if you use a Train Company’s website. Train companies are obliged to sell all rail tickets on their websites regardless of which company sets the fare. Some short-term special offers are only available on the website of the train company which is making the offer.

NATIONAL RAIL FARE INCREASE

The national rail fare increase in January 2017 for regulated fares (singles, off-peak returns and 7-day season tickets) will be 1.9%. This figure is calculated from the increase in the Retail Price Index in July of each year.

MUSIC TRAINS by Michael Ross

By the time the Rail Report is received the last Music Train for the public will have run (on 5 October). There is just one more Music Train after that which is for a group on 19 October. The main news is that, having run fourteen Music Trains so far, we have already carried more people than in any previous year. Next year will be the tenth year of Music Trains on the Line. There will be a full account of the year in the December Rail Report.

COMMUNITY RAIL OFFICER’S REPORT by Sally Buttifant

By the time you are reading this report we will know if we have been successful at the national Community Rail awards in which we have been shortlisted in two categories – community engagement events and station to station. Fingers crossed though competition across the country is fierce and we have done well to be shortlisted. This year, with the new franchise starting in April, is proving interesting and frustrating as we wait to hear what Northern’s plans are with extra funding, service level agreements and station friends. We are glad to see that passenger counts are re-starting – it will be interesting to get our on the train take re actual passenger numbers. The summer has also been busy with volunteers at stations, talks promoting the railway, following up with Northern re bikes on trains and attending various events. We look forward to the new franchisee settling in and things getting back to normal as we try and encourage people to use the train and spend their money locally.

FORTHCOMING BUS REPLACEMENTS DUE TO PLANNED ENGINEERING WORK

From Monday 31st October to Thursday 3rd November (inclusive) the 22.48 train from Chester to Piccadilly is replaced by a bus throughout its journey. An additional bus runs at 23.30 from Knutsford to Manchester Piccadilly. This continues to happen on a 6-week recurring cycle.

STEAM ON THE MID CHESHIRE LINE

In the event neither of the Railway Touring Company’s “North Wales Coast Express” steam-hauled special trains on Sundays 21st August and 4th September ran via the Mid Cheshire Line. For some reason both trains were diverted to run via Eccles, Warrington Bank Quay and Helsby. One steam special did run via the line on

Saturday 30th July when 45690 "Leander" hauled "The Coast to Coast Express" from Liverpool to Scarborough which ran via Runcorn, the Hartford curve, Northwich (pick up), Altrincham (pick up) and Cheadle Heath to reach the Hope Valley route. The train had a water stop at Plumley station. The return leg was diesel-hauled. Details of short-notice changes to steam specials on the main line can often be found on the website www.uksteam.info.

MCRUA VICE-CHAIRMAN JOHN HULME IS AWARDED THE BEM by John Oates

We were delighted to hear on 11 June that John Hulme, our Vice Chairman, was honoured with the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the Queens 90th Birthday Honours List. I've adapted the press release a little, below.....

The award is for John's community services to railways in Cheshire and is not only for his work on the Mid Cheshire Line but also in recognition of John organising the Cheshire Best Kept Stations Awards since 2003. These were set up to motivate and encourage the work of volunteer groups in making Cheshire railway stations attractive gateways for their communities by gardening, landscaping, artwork etc. Now president of Cheshire Best Kept Stations, John developed the Awards from his former business at Plumley Station House but stepped down last year handing over to a new organising group. John, 64, and married to Joan, is also locally a Trustee of the Lion Salt Works Trust, the Friends of Weaver Hall Museum and Castle Community Church. He is Vice Chairman of MCRUA and a member of the Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership.

John said: "I am absolutely thrilled to accept this honour but it really recognises those 30 plus station groups that make Cheshire Stations the best. They are our unsung heroes in the community. I must also thank the new team that has taken over the mantle of Cheshire Best Kept Stations. This is particularly important as Community Rail is set to grow substantially this year with the recent changes in Franchise on the Northern Network."

John Oates, Chair of Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association and the Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership said: "The CRP and the Rail User Group (MCRUA) are delighted to hear this news. John has put a huge amount of effort into many initiatives in Mid Cheshire, especially an amazing job both setting up and running the Cheshire Best Kept Stations Competition for over 10 years, all on a voluntary basis. This award is recognition very well earned."

Sally Buttifant, Mid Cheshire Community Rail Officer said: "I am so pleased to hear that John has been awarded the British Empire Medal for services to Cheshire railways. John works tirelessly to promote the railway and improve the experience for passengers as well as being passionate about Northwich and community rail. Excellent news!"

Mark Barker, Chair of Cheshire Best Kept Stations added: "This is a richly deserved honour for John. Cheshire Best Kept Stations has brought together hard working volunteer groups, local government, businesses and the rail industry, strengthening many local communities. How fitting it is that a man, who spent 12 years working to recognise the efforts of others, should himself be honoured for this work."

FREIGHT NEWS

On freight, coal trains are again running along the Mid Cheshire Line to Fiddler's Ferry Power Station. Freightliner is operating the trains, which began on 27th June, from the now-closed Ferrybridge C Power Station in Yorkshire, which has a considerable stockpile of coal. The new Knowsley (Kirkby) to Wilton (Teesside) flow of containerised domestic refuse has now started running twice per day via the Mid Cheshire Line after a test run on 3rd June.

NEWS FROM THE LINE by Andrew Macfarlane

Manchester Airport has safeguarded the alignment for the **Manchester Airport Western Link** from Mobblerley to the Airport in their latest Sustainable Development Plan. This is good news because the Western Link could

potentially revolutionise the train service on the Mid Cheshire Line. Ticket barriers became operational on platforms 4 to 7 at Manchester Piccadilly as from Tuesday 16th August. They were installed as a requirement of Virgin's franchise extension for the West Coast franchise. Rail replacement buses now depart from stand A in Altrincham bus station and not from the car park behind platform 4. The barrow crossing between platforms 3 and 4 at Altrincham was removed by 19th May so there is now no back-up facility if the lifts are not working. Members may have noticed work which took place recently at the site of the former **Cheadle** station on the single line between Northenden and Stockport, which has seen the creation of a car park extension for the BMI Alexandra Hospital on the site of the former coal yard. Perhaps it could make a ready-made station car park in the future? There is certainly a case for a station here which would serve the centre of Cheadle village but the impact on journey times would need to be taken into account. **Navigation Road** rail platform is to have a proper Customer Information System, public address system and CCTV installed. Thank you TfGM!

BUS NEWS

The Arriva 18 bus from Altrincham to Manchester Airport is to become the 288 from 30th October. The X41 Stagecoach bus from Altrincham to Manchester is being withdrawn as from 31st October so there will no longer be a direct bus from Altrincham to the Manchester Royal Infirmary or the Christie Hospital, a highly retrograde step. The First 41 and the Stagecoach 143 buses will go from Sale Metrolink station to the MRI and the Christie.

LOCAL RAIL NEWS

A bridge for cyclists and walkers is to be built across the Bridgewater Canal in **Broadheath** using the parapets of the former railway bridge which carried the Lymm line over the canal. **Ordsall Lane Junction** in Salford is to be remodelled over the Christmas/New Year period so that the Liverpool line will again be the "straight" route and the Windsor Link will become "the branch". Also the Manchester Rail Operating Centre at Ashburys is to take over control of the lines from Manchester Piccadilly to Glazebrook and Eccles over that period. The roof over the steps to the Manchester-bound platform at **Heaton Chapel** station collapsed without warning on 4th April. Luckily the steps were closed off at the time and no one was hurt. Repair work to the steps on both sides of the station is currently ongoing. **Holmes Chapel** station is to be rebuilt with the booking office relocated on the Manchester-bound platform.

METROLINK NEWS by Andrew Macfarlane

The 9-week engineering blockade at St Peter's Square ended on time and the line and the station reopened as from Sunday 28th August. The Eccles line reopened fully as from the same date. The main all-day 7-days a week service from Altrincham now runs to Piccadilly station, operated by single trams. The additional service when the 6-minute frequency is in operation on Monday to Saturday runs from Altrincham to Bury, operated by double trams. The East Didsbury line now has a tram every 6 minutes during the day on Monday to Saturday with trams running alternately to Shaw & Crompton or Deansgate-Castlefield. However both services are operated by single trams so the overall capacity is still the same. The plan to run the Airport line through to Deansgate-Castlefield was dropped and the service continues to start and terminate at Cornbrook for the time being. The Metrolink Passenger Information Displays (PIDs) at Timperley, Navigation Road and Altrincham are said to be going live in September. Seeing will be believing! Metrolink now has a "Get Me There" App for purchasing tickets via a smart phone. Tickets become live as soon as you buy them so cannot be purchased in advance of the day of travel. Further details can be found here: <http://www.getmethere.co.uk/metrolink.php>.

METROLINK TIMETABLES

These are unfortunately no longer visible online with the demise of the North West Journey Planner on the TfGM website. The new journey planner on that site, MyTfGM, does however show scheduled tram times if you plan a journey involving Metrolink. On Monday to Saturday Metrolink trams currently leave Altrincham for Piccadilly station at 05.56 and then at 08, 20, 32, 44 and 56 minutes past each hour.

NORTHERN FREEPHONE NUMBER

The fairly new Northern freephone number for Customer Services, 0800 200 6060, is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hello Andrew,

I very much enjoyed the section of the latest newsletter concerned with good value fares. I will certainly be looking to use the Chester to Edge Hill fare in future!

However, I think the article was unnecessarily pessimistic with regards to split tickets with advanced fares. The National Conditions of Carriage consider a journey to be from the passenger's origin to the passenger's destination, regardless of the number of tickets held for that journey. So in the case of delays on earlier segments of the journey, and as long as minimum connectional times are planned in to the journey, the subsequent ticket or tickets must be honoured by the relevant TOC, and in the worse case scenario by alternative transport. All of this is explained on the ever helpful Railforums website, specifically <http://www.railforums.co.uk/showpost.php?p=1179550&postcount=5> and the pdf attached (Q. 04). Especially good news for travellers on Cross Country services where there are huge savings to be made by purchasing multiple split tickets.

Of course it is possible that staff on the ground are not *au fait* with the details of the NCofC and may try to charge for a new ticket. In that case it is best to pay up with good grace, then reclaim the cost from the relevant TOC, where it will always be refunded, often with additional compensation. In the same vein, and with advance or non advance tickets, delay compensation is applicable to the whole journey even if 'split' tickets are held, so long as multiple tickets are offered as evidence. Keep up the good work. I believe the Mid Cheshire RR was once voted best rail user group newsletter, well deserved.

Best wishes,
Laurence Wheeler.

ALTRINCHAM WINTER LECTURE SERIES

The Altrincham Electric Railway Preservation Society (AERPS) is again running its series of lectures on railways and other transport-related themes at Altrincham Methodist Church, on the corner of Barrington Road and Woodlands Road, which is around 5 minutes' walk from Altrincham station. The start time is 7.30pm and admission is £3.50 (free for AERPS members), which includes tea, coffee and biscuits at the interval. The forthcoming programme is:

Friday 14 October 2016	Walt Denning: The West Somerset Railway – A Personal View (slides and video).
Friday 11 November 2016	Martin Arthur: Trams in Alicante and Tramway Developments in Mallorca and Bratislava (Slovakia) (all in 2016). A digital presentation.
Friday 9 December 2016	Alf Storey: Steam in colour on the Somerset & Dorset Railway and the Great Central main line. A colour slide presentation.

STEPHENSON LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY MEETINGS PROGRAMME

The SLS North Western Area continues to meet at the Friends' Meeting House in Mount Street Manchester M2 5NS (near St Peter's Square Metrolink station) at 2pm on Saturdays (unless otherwise stated). Visitors are welcome at all meetings. The forthcoming programme is:

Tuesday 18th October, 18.30. Joint meeting with the Newcomen Society at the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester M3 4FP. Dr Michael Bailey MBE, SLS President: "Brunel's Fan: His Locomotive Draught Experiments of 1840/41".

Saturday 5th November. Michael Norris: "Railways around Preston".

Saturday 3rd December. Steve Fort: "60 Years of Railways in Lancashire".

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr Ian Rigby of Northwich Mr Jon Leigh of Hazel Grove
Mr R M Walker of Tarporley Mr and Mrs A Fraser of Altrincham
Mr Bryn Mallion of Altrincham

MID CHESHIRE LINE PEOPLE

Longstanding MCRUA member **Ian Lowe** from High Legh died on 23rd June aged 82. Ian was a regular traveller on MCRUA special trains over many years and he also attended many MCRUA public meetings. Andrew Macfarlane attended his funeral at Macclesfield Crematorium on Friday 8th July. MCRUA member **Gordon Hewitt** from Timperley has also died. We say farewell to **Chris Ingham**, who retired from Northern on 23rd August. Chris had been the Station Manager for the line before later taking charge of unstaffed stations over a wide area including the Mid Cheshire Line. Thank you for your friendliness and cooperation with MCRUA, Chris and enjoy your retirement. We welcome **Liam Sumpter** as the Director of the Central Region of Northern, which includes the whole of the Mid Cheshire Line and is centred on Manchester. Northern has been sub-divided into four regions: Central, West, North-East and East.

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USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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Virgin Trains Ticket Sales (to buy any rail ticket)	0871 977 4222 (08.00 to 22.00 every day)
Freephone number to report crime on the railway	0800 40 50 40
Network Rail (to report infrastructure faults)	03457 11 41 41 or 0207 557 8000
Train Running Information - TrainTracker	03457 48 49 50 and then Option 1.
Northern Customer Services	0800 200 6060
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)
National Public Transport Enquiry Line	0871 200 22 33 (07.00 to 22.00 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)

www.tfgm.com (now includes a new 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)

traintimes.org.uk (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). You need to scroll down for the results.

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

www.realtimetrains.co.uk (shows actual train running times in real time for a particular day and location).

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