



Pullman Car Services

# COUPE NEWS

The Quality of Service is Remembered Long After The  
Price is Forgotten

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**No:22**

May I take this opportunity to wish all readers  
A Merry Christmas.

**Editorial:**

Welcome to Coupe News No: 22.  
Your free newsletter of Pullman related news and material.

My thanks to those readers who have supplied material included within this edition.

All I ask of you for the time I spend in production is for you to forward on, either by e-mail or printing a copy, to any one you may know who will be interested.

**Information is for sharing - not gathering dust.....**

If you have any material for inclusion in No.23, please forward by December 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Coupe News No.23 will be published on January 1st.

**Editorial Address:**

Have you missed a copy of Coupe News, or changing your e-mail address, or wish to be removed from the mailing list. Please e-mail to the address below with your request, it's as simple as that.

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### **Preservation News:**

#### **BALMORAL.**

Steve Middleton has forwarded the following report.

Balmoral is stored within the ex P.C.Co workshops at Preston park and was unaffected by the fire of December 2003.

My haulier saw her, but there is no point attempting removal at the moment.

There were plans for redevelopment but they have been shelved.

Once redevelopment happens, some kind of road will have to be put in, so it will then be possible to retrieve the car body.

If the worst comes to the worst, we will take the coach apart and carry it out, bit by bit. After all, she arrived in England in packing cases!

#### **Car No.64.**

David Jones has forwarded the following report.

**Car 64** arrived back at the Bluebell Railway on Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>, a few days later than predicted in the last 'Coupe News'. The Allelys rig left Stewarts Lane on the 8<sup>th</sup> and travelled down the M23 until stopping overnight at the Bolney lay-by near Haywards Heath. On the Thursday **Car 64**, still covered in its green tarpaulin, was taken up to Horsted Keynes where the interior panelling, doors, tables, seating, luggage racks, heating and electrical runs, carpets, etc. will be fitted over the winter at the Horsted Keynes Carriage and Wagon Works. In the meantime, during the following week the body was jacked up and the bogies run out for overhaul. Three rolls of the new Pullman moquette mentioned in the last Coupe News have been sold to a Pullman Society member, but there are still several available at £690 per roll, ideal for other Pullman Car owners. Interested parties should contact the C & W at Horsted Keynes.

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### **Look Back at Pullman:**

#### **1881.**

December 5<sup>th</sup>.

The London Brighton & South Coast Railway.

Inaugural run of 'The Pullman Limited'.

Consisting of 4 renamed cars LOUISE (ex ARIEL), BEATRICE (ex GLOBE), VICTORIA (II) (ex ADONIS) and MAUD (ex CERES).

The new service also offered for the first time in the United Kingdom travel with electric lighting.

#### **1888.**

December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Press demonstration run of the new stock for the 'The Pullman Limited'.

December 11<sup>th</sup>.

'The Pullman Limited' stock replaced with a vestibule set ALBERT VICTOR (Parlour), PRINCE (Buffet), PRINCESS 9Smoking).

#### **1928.**

December 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Pullman Car Company open Preston Park Workshops at Brighton.

Replacing Longhedge workshops at Battersea, which then became the Pullman Car Company Commissary.

#### **1932.**

December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The final steam hauled operation of the 'Southern Belle' and also the final use of steam hauled Pullman Cars on this service.

#### **1936.**

December 20<sup>th</sup>. Noted passing Stafford on a football charter (Charlton Athletic vs Bolton Wanderers) consisting eight Southern Railway coaches and Pullman car SAPPHIRE. It was also noted that two coaches still retained boards displaying London-Margate-Broadstairs-Ramsgate!

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**1939.**

December 4th.

London & North Eastern Railway timetable issued, no mention of any Pullman Services.

**1945.**

December.

3<sup>rd</sup>, Mr Frank Harding OBE. Appointed General Manager of the P.C.Co Ltd.

31<sup>st</sup>, Mr G.H.Griffith CBE. General Manager P.C.C Ltd retires.

Mr Douglas Stewart appointed Catering Superintendent.

Mr Morris Upstone appointed Staff Superintendent (operating staff).

**1946.**

December 27<sup>th</sup>.

Noted at Preston Park. Pullman cars CYNTHIA, VERA, REGINA, LORAINÉ, EUNICE & LUCILLE.

**1949.**

December 9<sup>th</sup>.

The “up” Golden Arrow hauled by 34084 ‘253 Squadron’ whilst entering Victoria station collides with 34085 ‘501 Squadron’. An emu on a local service then collides with the wreckage. 8 injuries sustained by passengers on the emu. 8 Pullman cars in the train formation that day.

Reports refer to light engine 34085 causing the incident after passing a signal. The Golden Arrow was not derailed, but the first two Pullman cars suffered superficial damage on the left hand side of each car.

34085 suffered the most from the incident with damage to its motion, platework and fittings on one side, the cylinder casting was cracked and the side of the cab was demolished.

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## **1952.**

December.

BR Standard Class 7 Pacific No.70004 'WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE' continues one of the two engines allocated to Stewarts Lane for the 'Golden Arrow' and other continental express working. It usually completes one trip from London to Dover and back daily.

December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Due to a mishap to the 'TEES TYNE PULLMAN' stock, the 'down' train had to be made up entirely of ordinary LNER and BR stock.

### **Attendants Service:**

The following requests for help in relation to historical data have been received and are now posted in the hope that a fellow reader may be able to help.

Unless otherwise stated, please reply to the editorial address.

### **Table 1.**

A request from Lee Wareham.

I am very interested in sourcing any interior photographs of ex 1932 6 Pul car MAY, in addition I am also interested in any other 6 Pul car interiors. I will pay all costs etc.

### **Table 2.**

A request from Rita Waters,

I hope you can help me. I'll looking for a source for Pullman beds, ceiling or wall recessed. Can anyone help or advise?

I have the beds from Balmoral that may interest Rita. None are for sale, yet, although eventually it may turn out that I have surplus.

Stephen Middleton [www.statelytrains.com](http://www.statelytrains.com)

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**Table 3.**

A request from Alan Wright.

I am a member of the Gauge One Model Railway Association and I am looking for drawings of the "K" type carriages as built for the "Queen of Scots".

I have the late David Jenkinson's article from Modellers Back Tracks but there is little dimensional detail of such items as windows and door openings.

Do you know of a good source of drawings and photographs that I could go to.

I live in Ontario but am originally from Peterborough where my grandfather was a driver at New England shed and handled main line steam when I was a boy.

Response: -

Alan Wright's request for drawings, try Skinley from Phil Brice, 01273 581265.

He lists two - 1st kit car Thelma and 1st parl car Zena.

Also HMRS have the Metro-Cammell drawings archive which will be available when they have digitised the collection for sale.

Further info can be obtained from their membership secretary

Tony Straw, 11 Gorse Ave, Mansfield, Notts, NG18 3NS

Alan Rushworth

Response: -

I could not recommend the Skinley drawings mentioned by Alan Rushworth as they are incorrect.

Both drawings, supposedly of the 1928 stock feature curved rainstrips and underframe trussing, both features which were absent from the all steel cars.

I have spoken to Phil Brice about these errors, also those errors on the drawings of the 1951 cars, but I feel there is little chance of the errors being corrected.

Alan White.

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**Table 4.**

Miles Haywood requests your help.

I have been reading Coupé news, and wondered if you can help me?  
I am trying to find two Pullman 1st class type Arm Chairs, either original or reproductions. Would you know of any for sale or when I can obtain plans to have them made?

I have contacted several preserved railways, but nobody has replied!  
Any information you have would be gratefully received.

Keep up with the good work of the news letter, it is very pleasing to see somebody taking an interest in this subject.

I am amazed at the small amount of information on the web for such an important subject.

Response: -

I have a chair that may interest Miles Haywood, it is ex railway and I believe it is Pullman although it's final job was in ex LMS inspection saloon at York in the 1980's.

It has been poorly recovered although frame is fine - £150 with proceeds going to transport and recovery costs of Balmoral pullman.

Stephen Middleton [www.statelytrains.com](http://www.statelytrains.com)

**Vestibule Sales/Requests.**

1. Antony Ford of Swindon, is most interested in purchasing the following items: -

- (a). Interior photographs of any Southern Electric Pullmans of 1932.  
Any condition and all expenses paid.
- (b). Wanted Pullman car lamp shades. Any colour and finish. Good prices paid.

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### **Pullman Talks:**

For those of you in the North East of England, I am giving a talk to the "Railway Athletic Transport Group" on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm. The venue the Railway Athletic Club, Brinkburn Road, Darlington. The subject for the evening will be in two parts.  
Part 1. "The restoration of the Venice Simplon Orient-Express Cars".  
Part 2. "London to Venice on board the Venice Simplon Orient-Express."

Any reader in the North East is most welcome to come along, a bar is available, with a break between each part.

### **Sheffield Railwayana Auctions**

11<sup>th</sup> December 2004 Commencing at 11.00am

Inquiries about estimates and other matters can only be made up to **6 p.m. on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

Faxed and e-mail bids are acceptable up to **10 p.m. on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

45\* A Pullman Car Company original 1<sup>st</sup> Class dining car chair upholstered in the original green/white cloth. Tall back version. In good, original condition. The buyer of Lot 45 will be given the option of buying Lot 46 at the same price.

46 A similar Lot.

47\* A Pullman Car brass table lamp stamped "TC 249", formerly "Pearl" of 1925. A circular base, shaped column, and sympathetic shade. Base switch but not rewired. This car had a more illustrious career than most, working the Milan-Cannes service for Wagons Lits, followed by extensive use on the Southern Railway, especially the "Devon Belle". Its interior was specially selected Indian Paduk with ornamental inlay of satin woods in the 'Adams' style. It was withdrawn in 1963 and sold to Taylor Brothers, Manchester for scrap.

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## **SHEFFIELD RAILWAYANA POSTAL AUCTION**

POSTAL AUCTION CLOSES: MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER AT 12:00

837 **BTC PULLMAN CARS.** Three different menus, each 2pp with Luncheon Menu on front and Wine List on back. Pullman coat of arms at top, undated. Red printing on yellow card. (3) £10

922 **PULLMAN CAR COMPANY** Rule Book. Card covers, 22pp dated January 1922. Covers a little worn. (1) £20

### **Murder on the Orient Express.**

Directed by Sidney Lumet with the musical score by Sir Richard Rodney Bennett. Everyone who has seen the 1974 film, (you may have your own copy on video or DVD in your collection) will remember the haunting music that accompanied the film is a master piece in itself.

EMI have just released a CD with the score of the film forming part of the content.

I obtained my copy on Yahoo, but I am sure you will be able to order a copy at any large retailers.

EMI Classics 7243 5 86188 2 2

For details on this DVD visit [www.emiclassics.com](http://www.emiclassics.com)

### **Remembering the Southern Part 1 Vol 105 – B&R Video Productions.**

Well being a Southern man residing in the North East of England, I am always on the look out for a source to rekindle the days of standing at Southampton Central or Eastleigh with some Tizer, peanut butter sandwiches in grease proof paper, and bread pudding all contained within my dark red duffle bag in the company of my Ian Allan combine volume and shed directory.

Well remembering the Southern Part 1, which B&R have just released and available in DVD format, covers the period 1949 to 1966 from Dover to Swanage and includes Isle of Wight.

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The film shot at Dover covers the working of the Golden Arrow amongst other things, and shows the train prior to the Festival of Britain cars being introduced. Bulleid pacifics before naming are seen arriving at Dover, with L,01,C & E1 classes seen.

Well worth getting a copy for your collection.

For details on this and other DVD & Videos visit [www.BandRVideos.co.uk](http://www.BandRVideos.co.uk)

### **Pullman Car Preservation List 16<sup>th</sup> Edition.**

It's that time of year again, the annual publication of the PCPL will be released on January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like a copy, just e-mail me a request.

### **Tail Lamp:**

Coupe news is only as good as the information received, and published within. So why not share your news / material / information with fellow Pullman connoisseurs.

It is hard to believe that is nearly 12 months (December 11<sup>th</sup>) since the fire at the old Pullman Car Company Workshops at Preston Park, which luckily was contained to an area within the north of the building.

News on the building has dried up, is it a case of 'out of sight out of mind', 'no news is good news' etc.

So as the 41<sup>st</sup> year after closure comes to an end, will the 42<sup>nd</sup> see any improvement in the matter of the building and contents?

Has any reader of this newsletter in the Brighton area, any news at all as to the fate of the building and contents.

Well another year comes to a close, may I take this opportunity to thank those readers who have forwarded material for inclusion in the newsletter during 2004.

The Pullman of the year award must go to Nick Dodson and his car PEGASUS, what a splendid sight the car made at the NRM Railfest .

My thanks to both Nick and Peter Watkinson for both 'Pullman and Perfection'.

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T.Bye November 30<sup>th</sup> 2004