



Pullman Car Services

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

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

## **Editorial:**

Welcome to Coupé News No: 34.  
Your free newsletter of Pullman related news and material.

My thanks to those readers who have supplied articles and photographs which have been 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.35, please forward by December 28<sup>th</sup>. Coupé News No.35 will be published on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Editorial Address:**

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**CAR OF THE MONTH.**



cRichard Tuplin 2005.

**November 12<sup>th</sup> 2005 National Railway Museum - York.**

**Mk2d FO 3352 on display in Blue Pullman livery.**

Have you a photograph you would like to place in 'CAR OF THE MONTH'  
If so, just e-mail as an attachment in jpg format to the editorial e-mail address.

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### **The Pullman Society.**

Members of the Society can expect some good news shortly in respect of additional benefits of membership.

If you want to be part of the news and benefit package then why not join me and others by annual membership.

For details on membership contact: -

Alan Wood at [awood17166@aol.com](mailto:awood17166@aol.com)

### **Pullman Society 2006 AGM.**

I am advised that the 2006 AGM will be held in May at the Birch Hotel, Haywards Heath. This will be followed by an evening aboard the Bluebell Railways "Golden Arrow" service.

The AGM's are a truly all Pullman event, with displays of memorabilia that includes different gauge models of cars to original menus.

The AGM is open to all Pullman Society members.

Further details on this event will be posted in the near future.

### **Pullman related Web Site News.**

Terry,

Please pass on to fellow readers this web site, I found photos available to purchase of the final down working of the Bournemouth Belle.

[www.Buttsjunction.co.uk](http://www.Buttsjunction.co.uk)

Further photographs have been added.

Regards

Alan Rushworth.

## **Look Back At Pullman.**

### **1960.**

December 5<sup>th</sup>. Bristol Pullman damaged near Swindon, after hitting tools left on the track by a permanent way crew.

Further pre 1960 built cars from the Eastern Region noted in the Bournemouth Belle formation.

### **1985.**

December. Pullman car **LUCILLE** to Thomas Hill, Rotherham for complete overhaul.

### **1990.**

December 4<sup>th</sup>. NRM Pullman **EAGLE** noted on a road transporter on the M62 enroute to Carnforth for asbestos removal.

December 16<sup>th</sup>. St Pancras station. Flying Scotsman Services Ltd Pullman cars being used in a film production.  
Cars 347, 348, 349, 350 with Mk1 No.129 and locomotive 44932.  
Cars 335 & 354 with locomotive 80080.  
One side only of the cars painted "Green".

December 29<sup>th</sup>. The "Lakeland Pullman" set, undertakes its final working, a charter for Hertfordshire Rail Tours "The Copy Pit Pullman".

## **Middlesbrough Model Railway Club Exhibition 2006.**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May.  
The Settlement Community Centre, St. Pauls Road, Middlesbrough.

More details to follow.

**Readers Requests.**

Prolific Pullman Collector and also the Archivist to the Pullman Society Antony Ford. Advises that he is interested in the purchase or exchange of Pullman Car Table Lamps.

Antony is also interested in the purchase of any photographs of the interior and exterior of any of the 1932 Pullman Composite cars as constructed for the London Victoria – Brighton electrification services.

Contact Antony on 01793 704428 or e-mail [anjo@ford28.freemove.co.uk](mailto:anjo@ford28.freemove.co.uk)

## FM Rail - Blue Pullman Set

The UK railway scene had its first view of FM Rail's "Blue Pullman" train on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the National Railway Museum at York.

Consisting at present of only one Mk2 First Open No.3352, the coach was open to view internally and externally.

The plan for 2006 will be a formation in the Blue Pullman livery of eight Mk2 FO, two Mk1 Kitchen's and one Mk2 Brake coach.



cRichard Tuplin 2005

### Mk2 FO 3352 at the NRM on November 12<sup>th</sup> 2005

To haul the Blue Pullman train formation it is reported that FM Rail plan to use three Class 47/7s resplendent in the Nanking Blue livery only, these being 47703, 47709 and 47712.

The recent acquisition by FM Rail of leading charter train operator Hertfordshire Rail Tours. The unveiling of the first Blue Pullman vehicle, in its traditional livery of Nanking Blue and White, is the first opportunity to see what will be on offer to Hertfordshire Rail Tours customers once FM Rail begins operating the company's programme of Great British luxury dining day excursions from January 2006.

John Farrow, Managing Director of Hertfordshire Rail Tours said “The new Blue Pullman will allow FM Rail and Hertfordshire Rail Tours to offer charter customers a truly stylish on-train dining experience, one offering the highest on-board standards of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century but able to draw upon the reputation for quality firmly established by the Blue Pullman fifty years ago.”

Customers of FM Rail’s Blue Pullman will enjoy a full on-train meal service at their First Class seat, typically the delicious Great British Breakfast, on the outward journey and a four course dinner on the way home. Meals are freshly cooked on board by expert chefs and silver-served by friendly and attentive stewards.

FM Rail’s Blue Pullman train will also be available for private hire and can operate over virtually every railway route in Britain. There will be eight 42-seat saloon carriages, giving a maximum capacity of 336 First Class seats, plus two kitchen cars and a service vehicle. Electric or diesel locomotives can haul the eleven carriage train whose maximum speed is 100 mph.

The first coach of FM Rail’s Blue Pullman on display at the Cab-It Event at the National Railway Museum is Derby built Mk2F Open First (AD1F) No 3352.



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**Seating 2 x 1**

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**The Blue Pullman – Will Supply Passengers with Pullman Style Service.**  
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### **3353 Technical Details.**

Built at Derby – Period of 1973-4

Lot Number 30859

Weight 33t

AD1F (FO) - Gangwayed Open with 2x1 seating

Diagram AD107

Mk2F

Air conditioned

Seating 42 - (2x1)

B4 Bogies

Electric Train Heating Index - 5X

### **Refurbishment Work Undertaken Prior To Storage.**

\*Powered Operating Vestibule doors fitted.

\*Secondary door locking fitted.

\*New panels fitted.

\*Table lamps fitted.

\*Burgundy seat trim fitted.

Prior to storage at the MOD Kineton the coach was in service for Virgin on the Euston –West Midlands services before being displaced by Pendolinos.

Other than a general tidy up, this included the external livery change from Virgin to Blue Pullman, undertaken at Barrow Hill.

Little has changed to the coach since storage at MOD Kineton.

### **Known Workings for Period January – April 2006.**

\*January 12<sup>th</sup> Kings Cross – Cambridge Circular.

\*January 28<sup>th</sup> Letchworth – Portsmouth Harbour.

\*February 4<sup>th</sup> London Victoria – Portsmouth Harbour.

\*February 14<sup>th</sup> Stevenage – Salisbury.

\*February 18<sup>th</sup> Kings Cross – Kidderminster & the SVR.

**All above FULLY BOOKED.**

March 4<sup>th</sup> Kings Cross – York & Harrogate.

March 11<sup>th</sup> Paddington – Exeter & Oakhampton & DR.

March 25<sup>th</sup> Basingstoke – Chesterfield or Crich Tramway Museum.

\*April 8<sup>th</sup> Euston – Chester or Llangollen Railway - **FULLY BOOKED**

April 14 – 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Holiday Kings Cross – Inverness & Coach tours.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Kings Cross – York with coach options to Eden Camp or NYMR.

For further details contact 01438 718125 or [www.traintrips.co.uk](http://www.traintrips.co.uk)

My thanks to Richard Tuplin and Peter Hall for assisting in this article.

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Auctions are held at, Myers Grove School, Wood Lane, Stannington, Sheffield 6. starting at 11 am. Viewing is from 7.30 am till 11 am on the day of the sale. Licensed bar; extensive catering; sales stalls; Ample free parking; on the main tram route from Sheffield station; wheel chair access.

## **Sheffield Railwayana Auctions Ltd Saturday 10th December 2005**

35 \***PULLMAN CAR CIRCULAR WALL PLAQUE** from "Car Gwladys." Built in 1932 by Metropolitan-Cammell Carriage Wagon & Finance Co, Saltley as a composite car and formed in SR electric Unit 2041 (later 3041). It worked all its life between the South Coast and London Bridge/Victoria. It was withdrawn 26th March 1966 and sold for scrap at Norwich. The plaque is painted white with the full company coat-of-arms and dates from the 1950s. 9" diameter and in good condition.



44 \***PULLMAN CAR SQUARE BASE TABLE LAMP** from car "Rosemary" decorated in the typical Arcadian style of swags and rams heads. In good condition (but without base) complete with shade which has a few heat cracks. "Rosemary" was a 1st class parlour car built by Midland Carriage & Wagon and entered service in 1923, and used principally on North Eastern Services; subsequently on the Southern Region. It was withdrawn in September 1963 and sold to Taylor Bros, Manchester for scrap. A very attractive lamp.



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## TRAINS OF TODAY: THE TEES-TYNE PULLMAN

The Tees-Tyne Pullman today takes fifty-two minutes less to reach London from Newcastle than it did when it first ran in 1948, although it now calls at York as well as Darlington. High speeds and traditional Pullman comfort, with the added amenity of the Hadrian Bar, make the Tees-Tyne Pullman one of the top trains of today.



*Photograph: Ronald Chapman*

**Trains of Today The Tees-Tyne Pullman.**

Peter Fidczuk supplied the picture on page 12, with the following e-mail, way back in sunny and warm August, apologies Peter for the delay.

Dear Terry

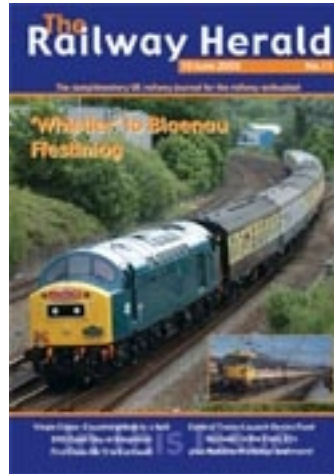
Mention of the Hadrian Bar in the latest Coupe News reminded me that you might like this photo of the interior of the Hadrian Bar. It is from the BTC's glossy magazine 'Transport Age' but unfortunately when I cut the JPEG into a word document I managed to lose the issue number.

Best wishes

Peter Fidczuk

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## **The Railway Herald – A Free Web Based Railway Magazine.**



### **What is Railway Herald?**

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**Model Railway News.**

**Bachmann BR Mk1 Pullman 2nd 39-300**



We have waited a long time for the arrival of the **Bachmann** BR Mk1 Pullman Cars. The first car out of the workshops is 2nd class Pullman 'Car No.332' in lined umber and cream with a white roof.

**The Car features: -**

Separate chromed door handrails.

Flush glazing and aluminium window frames.

Bunched blue curtains.

Detailed interior with working lights on the tables (all 8 wheels conduct electricity).

Detailed under frame and bogies.

Lamp or sign irons on the corridor connector frames.

Excellent printing which includes plenty of detail on the sole bars and coach ends.

The axle boxes picked out in yellow and red and piping and ventilator detail on the roof.

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### Tail Lamp.

Well another year nears its end, and it's time to reflect on the Pullman happenings of 2005.

Restoration work has been ongoing at Carnforth on cars **LYDIA, ISLE OF THANET** and **BERTHA**. Will the trio return South to Swanage in 2006 to offer Wessex Pullman operations on the Swanage Railway.

Petworth Station has a new Station Master who took control in October, will we see further Pullman expansion under the new ownership.

A unique opportunity arose in early Autumn, with car **MONTANA** being advertised for sale from its home in Cambridgeshire since late 1960's. No news as yet on the future of this unique car.

The Bluebell Railway a known leader in Pullman restoration and operation has been busy with the restoration of **CAR NO.64** during the year. I hope to see the car in May of 2006.

The name "Blue Pullman" has returned to railway operations with a train formation of Mk2 and Mk1 coaches in the unique livery. But the question remains to be answered for the purist "When is a Pullman not a Pullman". I leave that to you to decide.

The year has been rather quiet on the model railway front, it's looking likely that at least one of the long awaited Bachmann Mk1 cars will be available at Warley this weekend.

Hornby have built on the Pullman train packs available from the Mail Order suppliers. My own Northern Belle set arrived a couple days after publication of last month's newsletter. The unique Mk2 coaches in the Northern Belle livery have been faithfully produced by Hornby. What will 2006 bring from Hornby?

As recorded in last months newsletter a new supplier for "0" gauge Pullman cars has entered the market.

And not forgetting one train that has now been with us now for 23 years, and brought the name Pullman back in vogue for style, elegance and service.

The British Pullman operation of the Venice Simplon Orient-Express, the unique rake of Pullman cars that we all like to see and some times travel within.

2005 saw two ex-Brighton Belle Motor Brake Parlour cars moved to Europe for some form of restoration for use with the British Pullman train formation. No news on the project to date.

Finally for 2005, may I take this opportunity to thank those readers who have contributed during the year. We all appreciate your time and effort given.

**Remember - "Information is for Sharing – Not gathering Dust".**

T.Bye December 1<sup>st</sup> 2005.