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## EDITORIAL

*News in this issue of concerns being expressed by watchdogs of the likely downturn in ridership and its effect on rail finance are timely. In every previous economic slowdown trains have become emptier as riders have been forced to draw in their horns or have no reason to travel in changed circumstances. Your association will need to watch closely how the sums are made to add up in the future as, in the most pessimistic prognosis, there will be a considerable shortfall between the amount the government thinks passengers are going to pay and the amount going into the fare box.*

*On a different subject your editor seems to find that most people are able to secure good advance purchase deals while, on occasion, he has been unsuccessful and gone by road instead, unable to face the enormity of walk up fares. If you are planning a trip – make arrangements as soon as you can. It seems that those of us who do not have a lifestyle that runs nicely with planning ahead will need to pay up or source an economical alternative. Good Travelling!*

## EDITOR'S NOTES

*Railway Magazine reported that call outs to eradicate bed bugs from train seats have increased by nearly 10% this year according to pest control firm Rentokil. Anybody come home with more than they left home with down here?![ ] They also commented on pest control action on low cost airlines.*

*The recession is here – Festiniog Railway is to cut 9 full time posts and make 3 posts part time – at this writing management were asking for volunteers. The railway have also asked Sotheby's to auction a Terence Cuneo painting painted in 1964 showing two Festiniog engines passing in a loop – guide is between £40 and £60K. Meantime the road crossing in Portmadoc was reinstated to*

*enable Welsh Highland trains to use the Festiniog station and facilitate Blaunau Festiniog – Carnarvon through services in August.*

*Look out! A Polish holidaymaker was fatally electrocuted when he had a quiet wee at Vauxhall station in London and his stream landed on the live 3<sup>rd</sup> rail.*

*Previously I reported the difficulties being experienced by Stobart Pullman the haulage firm's expansion into the charter rail tour market. These came to a head on July 14 when the board decided to cancel all future trains. "See the sights, Live the dream" the Stobart brochure had proudly proclaimed – well not on Stobart Pullman Trains apparently. See what happens when you stop wearing ties!!*

*Arriva introduced innovative ticketing for the occasion of Aberystwyth University's Fresher's Fair which coincided with European Car Free Day [what?] Called the 2 4 1 initiative it enabled rail or bus travellers to use the bus for their return journey. The train company have produced a new timetable to illustrate what journeys are available and Gerwyn Jones of the Cambrian Railways Partnership said: Today there is much talk about integrating transport and improving people's opportunities to travel by means other than the car – we see this new initiative as being an important new development in making travel by public transport easier and more attractive for people." It would be a lot harder to introduce where the transport provider doesn't have a monopoly as in the Aberystwyth area.*

*Good to see the Carmarthen river bridge undergoing a repaint – apparently it's a listed structure so important for NR to keep up the maintenance.*

*Heart of Wales line have introduced a new ale trail on the line – visit 6 pubs and you can get a new T shirt FOC. Along with other CRP officers the HOW CROs have engaged in promoting Wales and the Heart of Wales Line at London Marylebone, Birmingham New street and Birmingham Moor Street under the Scenic Wales by Rail brand. Food for thought for our Association perhaps?*

*In response to representations made by the Association regarding the provision of a 2 car unit for the 09-10 every day ATW confirm that this will be operative until May 2009. Regarding overcrowding*

*the operator conceded " there have been occasional 'spikes', but there doesn't appear to be any discernable worrying trend. I do appreciate that customer perception will naturally differ from this view".*

*Thomas the Tank has apparently been licensed to Chinese TV – stand by for a new influx of steam enthusiasts!*

*Uncertainty about the Community Rail Partnership in West Wales was somewhat reduced by news that funding for its operation has been included in the SWWITCH budget albeit on a somewhat reduced basis from that in operation when Mr Youngman was the Officer.*

## WELSH CONCERNS

*This table shows concerns of Welsh railway passengers ranked in order of importance against English ones – from Passenger Focus surveys*

<b>Wales Rank</b>	<b>Attribute</b>	<b>GB Rank</b>
1	<i>Price of train tickets offer excellent value for money</i>	1
2	<i>At least 19 out of 20 trains arrive on time</i>	3
3	<i>Sufficient train services at times I use the train</i>	2
4	<i>Passengers are always able to get a seat on the train</i>	4
5	<i>Trains are consistently well maintained/in excellent condition</i>	8
6	<i>Company keeps passengers informed if train delays</i>	5
7	<i>Seating area on the train is very comfortable</i>	9
8	<i>Maximum queue time no more than 2 mins</i>	6

	<i>to purchase tickets</i>	
9	<i>Information on train times/platforms accurate and available</i>	7
10	<i>Connections with other train services are always good</i>	15
11	<i>Passengers experience a high level of security on the train</i>	10
12	<i>The inside of the train is cleaned to a high standard</i>	14
13	<i>Station staff are available whenever required</i>	17
14	<i>Personal security at stations is improved through CCTV/staff</i>	11
15	<i>Facilities at stations are plentiful and of good quality</i>	18
16	<i>All trains have staff to assist</i>	20
17	<i>Good easy connections with other forms of transport</i>	12
18	<i>Your journey time is reduced by five minutes</i>	13
19	<i>All station staff are helpful and with a positive attitude</i>	21
20	<i>Always a quick response to information requests at stations</i>	19
21	<i>All train staff helpful and have a positive attitude</i>	23
22	<i>There are good quality toilet facilities on every train</i>	25
23	<i>Useful information is provided throughout the journey</i>	22
24	<i>There is sufficient space for passengers' luggage</i>	24
25	<i>The train travels at a fast speed throughout the journey</i>	16
26	<i>Station environment always pleasant and comfortable</i>	26
27	<i>Stations are cleaned to a high standard</i>	27

28	<i>All station building maintained to a high standard</i>	28
29	<i>High quality car parking available</i>	29
30	<i>The outside of the train is cleaned to a high standard</i>	30

## YOUR COMMITTEE IN ACTION

Meeting of the PRTA Committee Taberna Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

Your committee discussed:

- Network Rail's Route Utilisation strategy – no-one had been to the briefing in Abergavenny – Peter explained what he had been writing in the submission from the PRTA. Guy interested to see RUS. Post meeting: Completed submission now sent to Network Rail, and copied to committee. RUS here if anyone wants to look at it.
- December 2008 timetable review – draft timetable received on CD (far better than post or email) – main change is the retiming of the Manchester to Carmarthen/Milford trains which will leave Manchester four minutes earlier, and Swansea at xx.00. Swansea to Pembroke Dock trains will leave Swansea at xx.05, the hours they run. Because the Milford train is five minutes earlier, it avoids being delayed by the Pembroke Dock to Swansea train at Whitland, and will arrive in Milford ten minutes earlier than at present.
- Rumours suggested that an hourly service to Milford, restriction of the Pembroke Dock service to a shuttle to Whitland and the replacement of Class 175s might soon be on the cards. Freightliner to buy yard at Carmarthen as yard for West Wales with feeders to Trecwn as required. These were only rumours!
- Trains to trip between Pembroke Dock and Pembroke or not? ATW had asked us to think about running units back from Pembroke Dock to Pembroke and back in their 50 minute stopover at Pembroke Dock. Why not abandon even interval and run a few trains out long distance in the morning (eg 7.05 and 9.05) and receive a few back long distance in the evening. Sec to contact ATW.

- *The environmental network for Pembrokeshire – material already sent by email -*
- *ORR station usage data – did anyone look at it*
- *New fares offerings – is there any news – Guy said there was a lack of advance fares (material has since appeared in PRTA newsletter and in RDS mag). Andrew said Rail Easy was good (I tried it some weeks later to find that the site was under maintenance – will try again)? – David W reported that everything was OK – the earlier you book, the cheaper it is. If time and day are not important, there is a range of tickets available.*
- *Haverfordwest station car park – action needed? – the idea that the car park should be pay to park and that bona-fide rail travelers might get their money back later was again suggested? No action agreed.*
- *Jason Torrance – campaign for better transport – some discussion as to its aims and objectives*
- *One Wales connecting the nation – has anyone obtained/read a copy? – Alan has copy – not much in it for West Wales – I don't recall that we asked anyone to send in a PRTA view on this – redo next time.*

#### 5. *Old items*

- *PRTA Membership leaflet – Andrew presented his latest version of a membership flier –*
- *Fishguard study progress – had made SWWITCH document, though only as a five train a day option rather than seven. Had not made the RUS, which would be one of our comments on the RUS (done).*
- *Real ale rail trail guide – review copy, print or not – yes it will go – Peter to do?*
- *Progress on station guides –*
- *Vision task force – no meeting*
- *Land cruise – beating the bounds – revisit after real ale launch?*
- *Angela Burns – yes we still want meeting – secretary to fix – add One Wales document to her agenda.*
- *Loadings – 9,10 Milford often 2 car and often standing from Whitland to Cardiff. All Milfords should be three car or run hourly service.*

*Peter Absolon - Secretary*

## BACK TO BASICS

*Having visited Berlin in 2007 the merits of the new Hauptbahnhof there don't need to be sold to me. I have changed and caught trains there and it is a pleasant experience – one can appreciate the thoughts of the architects when they were drawing up the plans for a station suitable for one of Europe's great capital cities. In the UK we apparently don't have any architects of comparable merit but only developers – now there's nothing wrong with developers but considering Birmingham New St and London Euston for example we have no great examples of design for transportation that have been constructed recently. News that Birmingham New Street is to be redeveloped again and also London Waterloo give one no great hopes. Network Rail apparently has no chief architect but got round to describing Waterloo as "a late and rather tired expression of Edwardian architecture" – good idea to get the shops in like the new St Pancras. What we really need is railway stations that are hubs of transportation – not great retail opportunities for developers – Brussels Nord comes to mind – a transport interchange. Unless Network Rail can find some developers/architects that have a feel for the primary purpose of what a railway station is used we shall end up with more Birmingham New Street – bring back the Euston arch!*

## IS THIS YOU?

*Many people who believe they are leading the greenest lifestyles are, in fact, some of the main culprits behind global warming. This is the surprising conclusion from recent research undertaken at Exeter University. Stewart Barr from the University who lead the research said: " Green living is largely something of a myth. There is a middle class environmentalism where being green is part of the desired image. But another part of the desired image is flying off skiing twice a year. And the carbon savings they make by not driving their kids to school will be obliterated by the pollution from their flights."*

*Other interesting facts which emerged from the research were:*

*+ Some respondents thought flights were a reward for their green living*

*+ Only a very small minority matched their green activity at home by refusing to fly abroad.*

*+ Researchers found that respondents who were most aware of environmental issues including global warming were most likely to take frequent flights.*

+ *Questioned about heavy use of flights one response was: " I recycle 100% of what I can, There's not one piece of paper goes in my bin so that makes me feel less guilty about flying as much as I do".*

+ *Green lifestyles at home and frequent flying were linked to income, with wealthier people more likely to be engaged in both activities.*

+ *The team said that this was one of the first attempts to analyse how green intentions alter depending on context.*

+ *Frequent flyers said they expected that flying would become greener as aircraft technology improved.*

*The study concluded: The notion that we can treat what we do in the home differently from what we do on holiday denies the existence of clearly related and complex lifestyle choices and practices. Yet even a focus on lifestyle groups who may be most likely to change their views will require both time and political will. The addiction to cheap flights and holidays will be very difficult to break.*

## **THOSE NEW EXPERTS**

*Following the surprise resignation from the cabinet [ and apparently from political life completely] of Mrs Kelly – was it really at 03-00? Gordon Brown needed a new Transport Secretary. He selected Geoff Hoon – chief whip for Labour in the Commons and former defence secretary. Son of a railwayman Mr Hoons career has been as a law lecturer and a visiting law professor before practising for a short period as a barrister. This was following graduation from Jesus College, Cambridge. Since 1984 he has been an MEP and then after 1992 he was elected as the member for Ashfield in the Midlands. During his time in defence the difficulties over troop mortality, due to inadequate kit surfaced.*

*As Minister of State for Transport, Brown appointed Lord Adonis. He is a History graduate from Keble College, Oxford – previously he had a ministerial post in education. He has worked as a strategist for Tony Blair, as a fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford and as education correspondent at the Financial Times.*

*New Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport is Paul Clark MP formerly manager of the Trades Union Congress National Education Centre.*

*Tom Harris the former minister was, according to reports, summarily dismissed by phone from No 10 – he was quoted as saying " Obviously I'm disappointed...."  
Whether this new team will have any sky blue thinking on transport remains to be seen!*

## **MORE ON RAIL FARES.**

*Rail fares bought at the station can be five times more expensive than advance fares.*

*And that is a big problem when the Government ought to be encouraging people to switch from cars to trains because of the increasing cost of petrol.*

*Rail campaigners are urging the Government to abandon its policy of making rail travellers pay even more.*

*"The Government's solution to high rail fares is to offer advance fares," said public transport campaigner Cat Hobbs.*

*"But we can't always predict the future and so need a walk-on railway.*

*"At a time when people are facing increases in petrol prices, the Government is planning to make the green alternative, rail, even more expensive.*

*"The Government needs to invest more in the rail network so that people can just turn up at a station and go."*

*The Campaign for Better Transport compared the cost of walk-on and advance rail fares for single journeys between the largest cities in each region in England plus the largest cities in Wales and Scotland.*

*On average, walk-on fares are 4.7 times the price of advance fares, but researchers found this varied according to where your journey started.*

*From Newcastle upon Tyne, they were 5.33 times more expensive, from London 5.10, from Cardiff 5.04, from Leeds 5, from Norwich 4.78, from Glasgow 4.77, from Bristol 4.72, from Birmingham 4.49, from Southampton 4.25, from Nottingham 4.07 and from Manchester 4.*

*Government investment in the railway was £6.3billion in 2006/7 but the 2007 Rail White Paper shows that by 2014, the Government plans to halve its investment to £3billion a year, leaving passengers to pay £9billion.*

*In 2005/06, passengers paid 49% of the cost of running the railway. By 2014 they will pay 75%.*

*The majority of people cite high fares as the biggest disincentive to travelling by train. Some travellers comments: Steve Nodwell told CBT: "I live in London and am originally from Liverpool. Last year I became an uncle and was delighted with the news of my brother's baby. Of course I and my girlfriend wanted to get up to Liverpool as soon as we could to see the baby and be part of the big family occasion. We were deflated when we saw the price of the tickets.*

*"Even if we were to have waited two weeks to see the new arrival there were no reasonably priced tickets. We ended up reluctantly hiring a car for half the price of the two return tickets. We are both very aware of the negative effects of personal transport and neither of us owns or usually uses a car; however, when we are priced out of returning home for such important events we have to sacrifice our morals."*

*Matthew Moll said: "I recently travelled to my brother's house in Newcastle from Huddersfield. Although I knew what day I would be travelling in advance, the time of arrival (he was coming back from a conference in London on the same day) was not known until it was too late to buy any cheap advance tickets for the train I would be travelling on. The ticket cost £32.20 with a Young Person's Railcard."*

*Info from the Campaign for Better Transport*

[www.bettertransport](http://www.bettertransport)

## **HIGH SPEED – DON'T BET ON IT.**

*As we put this issue together the Tories announced that they would abandon plans for a third runway at Heathrow in favour of a new high speed line to Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds.*

*Outgoing Transport Minister Ruth Kelly had been expected to give the new runway the go ahead this autumn but with her resignation announced at the party conference no doubt there will be at least a mini review of policy which could point to the exit door on this policy. There is no doubt, given the experience in France and Germany, that high speed rail lines can empty short haul airliners, or that the use of the trains would be environmentally friendly. Whether Leeds is a good idea is another question – air does not have a great share of the travel market there at this time. It must*

*be doubtful if any large projects are feasible in the current melt down situation we shall have to wait & see.*

*Other musts to make things better for air travellers would be to radically improve access to Heathrow by rail and to make rail ticket prices more attractive or at least economically accessible to the majority of the population. Don't hold your breath!*

## HOW'S YOUR STATION DOING?

*Based on the Office of the Rail Regulator's statistics here it is:*

Station	04/05	05/06	Change	06/07	Change
Cardiff	774328 0	835773 2	+7.9%	912692 3	+9.2%
Carmarthen	288795	294208	+1.9%	323233	+9.8%
Llanelli	285144	294208	+4.1%	316574	+6.6%
Pembrey&B	77381	82482	+6.6%	88674	+7.5%
Swansea	138609 2	142231 2	+2.6%	157226 7	+10.5%
Blaenau F	25700	23553	-8.4%	19272	-18.2%
Whitland	38165	39034	+2.3%	43372	+11.1%
LLandoverly	20264	19427	-4.1%	16717	-11.6%
Ammanford	17463	14627	-16.2 %	12163	-12.0%
Ferryside	17211	18775	+9.1%	19461	+3.6%
Kidwelly	15769	15881	+0.7%	15059	-5.2%
Llandeilo	13473	12265	-9.0%	11485	-6.4%
Clunderwen	12709	12430	-2.2%	14297	+11.5%
Haverfordw e	114021	110023	-3.5%	116960	+6.3%
Tenby	76695	75629	-1.4%	84598	+11.8%
Milford H	39750	40899	+2.9%	45935	+12.3%
Pembroke D	30056	30439	+1.3%	35758	+17.4%
FishguardH #	28284	23873	-15.6 %	29049	+21.7%
Pembroke	21477	22513	+4.8%	24424	+8.5%
Narberth	10321	11140	+7.9%	13556	+21.7%

<i>Kilgetty</i>	7794	8221	+5.5%	9607	+16.8%
<i>Johnston+</i>	6974	5197	-25.5 %	4658	-10.4%
<i>Saundersft</i>	4560	4001	-12.3 %	5081`	+26.9%
<i>Penally</i>	4339	5289	+21.9	5031	-4.9%
<i>Manorbier</i>	4265	4009	-6.0%	4443	+10.8%
<i>Clarb Road</i>	3011	3210	+6.6%	3802	+18.4%
<i>Lamphey</i>	2646	2552	-3.6%	2936	+15.0%
<i>Aberystwyth</i>	241351	254499	+5.4%	257127	+1.0%

*# Last time we reported on the ORR's ridership figures the Fishguard Harbour quantity gave cause for concern – there is no change in this – ORR report that only 27 passengers made use of interchange at this station!*

*+ Johnston figures no doubt reflect the effects of the loss of the school traffic which ended when ATW's regular interval timetable came in and the morning train convenient for school was taken off despite our best efforts.*

*We asked for comment regarding the sharp downturns on on HOWL and Conway Valley stations above – no reply was received at this writing.*

*WEST WALES STATIONS BY RIDERSHIP High to Low*

*Swansea*

*Llanelli*

*Carmarthen*

*Haverfordwest*

*Pembrey and Burry port*

*Tenby*

*Milford Haven*

*Whitland*

*Pembroke Dock*

*Fishguard Harbour*

*Pembroke*

*Ferryside*

*Kidwelly*

*Clunderwen*

*Narberth*

*Kilgetty*

*Saundersfoot*

*Penally*

*Johnston*

*Manorbier*

*Clarbeston Road  
Lamphey*

*WEST WALES STATIONS BY % INCREASE 06/07 VS 05/06*

*Saundersfoot – 26.9%  
Fishguard Harbour & Narberth equal  
Clarbeston Road  
Pembroke Dock  
Kilgetty  
Lamphey  
Milford Haven  
Tenby  
Whitland  
Manorbier  
Swansea  
Carmarthen  
Pembroke  
Pembrey & Burry Port  
Llanelli  
Haverfordwest  
Ferryside – 3.6%*

*WEST WALES STATIONS BY % DECREASE 06/07 VS 05/06*

*Johnston – 10.4%  
Kidwelly  
Penally – 4.9%*

*THAT LOST OPPORTUNITY AT MILFORD/2*

*Below is a whistle sign, which, for some reason was left by the scrappers when the branch line to RNAD Milford Haven was dismantled.*



## ***ECONOMIC MELT DOWN MIGHT HIT RAIL***

*The governments financial watchdog the National Audit Office has been looking at Rail Franchising and the organisation of the railways. Its report signals difficulties ahead if the economic downturn affects the ridership levels that are currently being experienced and the increases that are forecast. Under current government plans, by 2014 the ridership is expected to pay for 75% of the funding for the railways – this amounting to £9billion a year. Continuing the farce of private business/ government organised monopolies in rail the NAO report comments that, in the event of a downturn in ridership, the DfT will have to make up the financial shortfall being experienced by the operators. Peter Hain – former government minister has recently asked that the government draw up contingency plans for rail financing if the downturn comes home to roost – stay tuned on this one! Report is at the NAO's website.*

## ***SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT!***

***A SAFE TRIP IS A GREAT TRIP!***

***# Arrive at your station early to avoid rushing for your train***

- # Think about parking logistics before setting out*
- # Watch your step when boarding and leaving the train*
- # Use handholds/handrails when boarding and moving through the train*
- # Walk don't run on stations and in trains*
- # Read safety info on board.*

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1. *To Press for improvements to rail and associated bus services in  
The area West of Carmarthen.*
2. *To encourage greater use of the current services*
3. *To assist in the improvement of the railway environment in  
particular at stations*
4. *To liase with other pro – rail organizations.*

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 Bus users UK [www.bususers.org](http://www.bususers.org)  
 Acorn Travel 01348 74728 [www.acorntravel.com](http://www.acorntravel.com)  
 Trans Wales Bus – [www.trawscambria.info](http://www.trawscambria.info)  
 South West Wales Integrated Transport Consortium: SWWITCH  
[www.swwitch.org.uk](http://www.swwitch.org.uk)  
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 Llandrindod Wells Booking Office – Kelsham Hannah 01597822053  
 Ludlow Station Travel – Railway Station, Ludlow 01584877090

Arriva Cross country [www. Crosscountrytrains.co.uk](http://www.Crosscountrytrains.co.uk) [Cardiff – Nottingham  
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 Swiss Timetable: [www.ch.co](http://www.ch.co)

## CALL TO ACTION

*Seen any vandalism lately? – seen any graffiti operators? – people behaving suspiciously around the railway?*

**DIAL 0800 405040 –**

## **HELP THE RAILWAY TO TAKE CARE OF ITSELF**

*###This is especially important now: the price of scrap metal has reached enormous heights and cable and other thefts are plaguing the track maintainers daily.*

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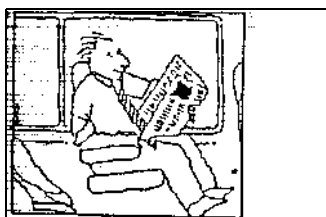
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