

## ROYAL TRAIN ?

### GRAND JUNCTION RAILWAY: 1987 SESQUICENTENARY.

Some members know already that the information in the last LIONSHEART (No 9.) has been drastically revised.

A Grand Exposition will now definitely be held at Crewe beginning on the 4th. July 1987. It will continue until Sunday 16th. August.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will attend on Friday 24th. July.

All the visiting Locomotives are expected to be 'in steam' on that day and on other weekends, on a rota basis, throughout the six-week period.

One or two saddletanks will be available during the week and provide brake van rides for the Public.

Visiting locomotives expected to be steamed were thought to be:-  
LION, HARDWICKE, PRINCESS ELIZABETH, DUKE of GLOUCESTER together with a Webb Coal Tank and a Black 5. There is, however, some doubt about exactly how many of the above will actually be available.

COLUMBINE may only be there as one of the static exhibits.

It is now known that OLCO will be heavily involved in this event for a large part of it. The opportunity for members to assist Adrian Jarvis and his team once again in the operation of LION is now a certainty.

Steaming Dates and times will be quite arduous. LION will be in steam the first weekend July 4th. and, of course, on the Royal

Weekend commencing Friday 24th. July, the date of the Queens Visit, plus one further weekend, probably in August.

The Public times are from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. We shall require a MINIMUM of three members for each of the three 3 hour shifts every day we are in-steam. In fact we are committed to provide one Stationmaster, one Guard and one Fireman for each shift. Allowing for preparing and cleaning LION we have something in the order of a 12-14 hour day each time.

CLEANLINESS OF, AND PUBLIC ORDER AROUND, ALL VISITING LOCOS ARE TO BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SUPPORTERS CLUBS.

Appropriate 19th. Century style Costume is *de rigueur* for all members in the vicinity of LION on the occasion of Her Majesty's visit.

The organisers expect all members to be in costume whenever possible but particularly when LION is in steam. There will be changing facilities

FORMER national newscaster Richard Baker is to host a show at Crewe's Lyceum Theatre to celebrate the town's 150th anniversary.

He will act as narrator during the 90-minute show which will reflect the story of Crewe in music, dance and drama.

Sponsored by British Rail Inter-City, the show, with music by composer Bill Connor of TV's Albion Market "soap," will be the highlight of a gala evening launching a six-week festival of celebrations.

The gala evening will be held on July 4, the date in 1837 when the Grand Junction Railway came through Crewe and signalled the birth of the town.

The Heritage Centre in Vernon Way will also be opened to the public that day coinciding with the BREL Works open day and the BMX national championships at Tipkinder Park.

The following day, July 5, a cavalcade of steam trains will trundle down the Chester line from the

Works to the Heritage Centre site.

Other events during the six-week festival will include a "King of the Line" strongman competition and Nantwich Country Fayre on July 11, Crewe, Nantwich and South Cheshire Festival and Carnival on July 25 and a rock-and-jazz show on August 1 in Queens Park, Crewe, which also celebrates its centenary this year and has railway connections.

The high point of the festival will be on Friday, July 24, when the Queen officially opens the Heritage Centre during a Royal visit to the borough.

Mr. Bryn Hughes, the borough council's community development officer and Heritage Centre co-ordinator, said the centre will be open daily from July 4 between 10 am - 7 pm.

Entry fees at weekends will be: adults, £2 (with one accompanied child under 16 free); additional children and OAPs, £1; unemployed and students, £2.

On weekdays: adults £1.60 (with one accompanied child under 16 free); additional children, OAPs, unemployed and students, 80 pence.

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JULY 4th - AUGUST 16th

# Entire town to join fun

LOCAL folk have been invited to join in community celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of Crewe.

More than 120 people turned up at a meeting at the town's Newdigate Centre during which borough council officials outlined plans for a six-week summer festival and for the Heritage Centre to be opened by the Queen in July.

The council's chief executive, Roger Mather, said the idea was to involve the whole community in the celebrations and to promote the borough for the future.

He said the council has underwritten the project to the tune of £500,000. The nine-acre Vernon Way site includes the former North Junction signal box, which is now being converted to house an exciting museum and viewing area.

Also planned are a rail link on to the site from the Chester line, an exhibition hall, an open arena and a miniature railway.

The site may also have commercial leisure activi-

ties and it is anticipated that an ice rink, able to stage national and international ice-skating events, a hotel, a family diner and theme pub will be built.

## Research

Mr. Mather said the council was supporting work being done by 140 people tidying railway embankments and doing research work tracing the history of Crewe for an exhibition.

The centre would be open to the public from Saturday, July 4, heralding the beginning of a six-week community and railway festival lasting until August 16.

The official opening will be by the Queen on Friday, July 24, and this would be seen as recognition of the continuing importance of Crewe as a railway centre.

Mr. Mather stressed: "It is not just the railways on exhibition in the long term. It will also be Rolls-Royce and other industries. It is Crewe's heritage."

Mr. Keith Burton, director of community services, made an appeal to the audience, which included a variety of groups, model engineering and

railway societies, music and arts associations, youth clubs, historical societies and firms.

"This is not the council's festival. It is Crewe's and the area's festival. We want to play the numbers game. I want the youngsters of Crewe to be able to tell their children and their children's children what Crewe is all about and to join in the celebrations," he said.

And Councillor John Bedson, chairman of the Railway Heritage sub-committee, commented: "All the council is doing is setting the thing up and providing the facilities for the community to take advantage of. If it is to become successful it must involve the whole community."

IS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO OLCO UP TO DATE?

There may not be time to issue a further LIONSHEART before JULY.

The Hon. Secy. can only promise to inform paid up members who wish to participate at Crewe of the Subsistence allowance rates and Accomodation arrangements when they become known.

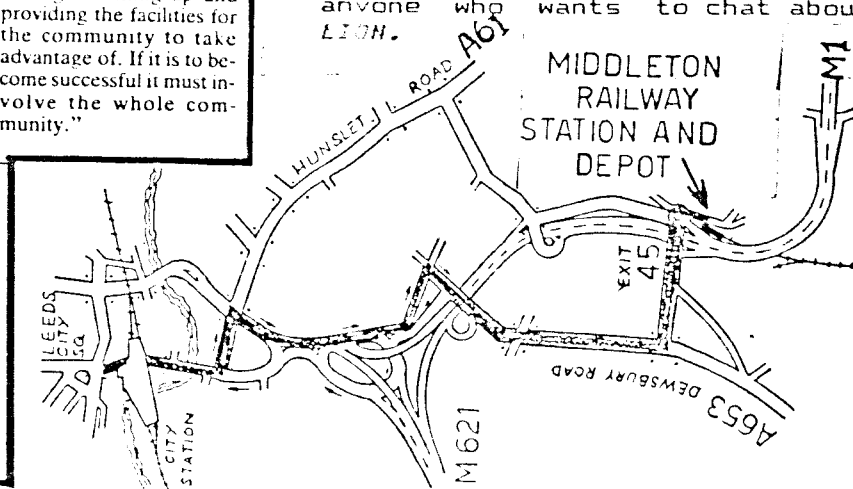
Issue of Exhibitors passes will be limited to members whose subscriptions are not in arrears.

Entrance Charges at weekends will be £2 per adult and £1 per child. On weekdays the charges drop to £1.60 and 80p. However it is only at the weekends that the classic Locos will be in steam. This years subs could save you money.

Our member Eric Lindsay will probably have his 7.25"6 LION ready in time for running on the 1000 metre ground level track to be laid at the site.

## LION IN THE NORTH-EAST.

Members in the vicinity of Leeds should keep in touch with our member Joe Lee, Chairman of the Middleton Railway. They celebrate their 175th. Anniversary this year and it is hoped that LION will pay a visit for static exhibition just before going to Crewe. This is a very friendly preservation society and the warmest of welcomes awaits any OLCO member who cares to just 'be around' and chat about LION to anyone who wants to chat about LION.



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Date 5th October, 1984.

Dear Charles,

Many thanks for your recent letter, and for the ideas raised therein. I must admit to certain reservations about the idea of building a replica destined for Manchester, in fact I have often wondered why apparently sensible Liverpudlians in the past built a railway to the damn place.

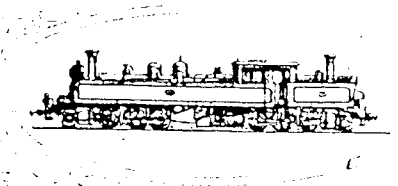
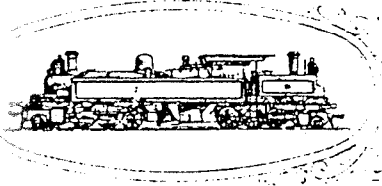
The Dock Board Archives (or at least a substantial part of them) have been recently displaced by the need for building works in their former location, and they are presently at the Large Object Store. This means that, for the next few months, access to them is possible on Sundays, as that building is regularly open for various volunteer activities. It is a useful and not readily repeatable chance for those who are not free during office hours to see what they can ferret out about LION's second incarnation.

Finally, I think your idea of having some sort of a "care and maintenance" group in Liverpool is a very fine one. As you probably know, our collection includes so many items which are really decrepit that once something is, like LION, safely on display, it tends to get neglected as not needing immediate attention. It would be good to have her stay neat and clean, and it may even be that there are people around, not adequately cared for by the National Health Service, who would enjoy doing this.

Yours faithfully,

A. E. Jarvis  
Keeper of Social & Industrial History

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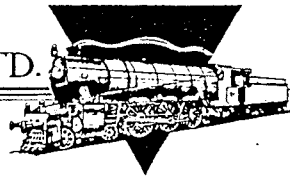
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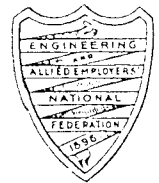
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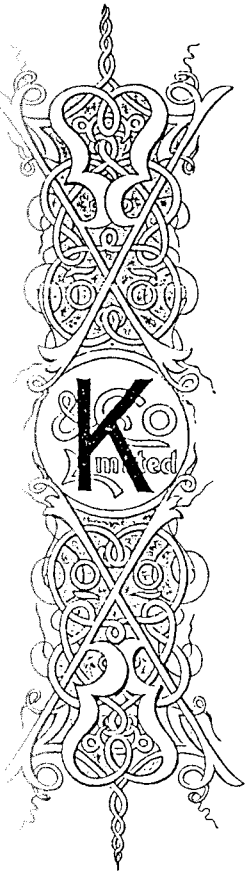
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