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

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**Editorial:**

Welcome to Coupe News No: 14.  
Your free newsletter of Pullman related news and material.

To those who have forwarded material included within this edition, thank you for sharing your information with fellow readers.

All I ask of you for the time I spend in production, is for you to forward on, either 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.15, please forward by 25<sup>th</sup> April.  
Coupe News No.15 will be published on May 1st.

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Have you missed a copy of Coupe News, if so e-mail a request, it's as simple as that.

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### **Preservation News:**

G.Moon advises.

### **Car No. 347.**

CAR No. 347 has been sold to the Swanage Railway, and is due to arrive in April. This is not one of the three previously loaned cars to the Swanage Railway, those being CAR No.335, 348 & 353.

### **North Yorkshire Moors Railway.**

Extract from Moorsline No.141 Winter 2004. (J.Hawley).

### **S/No.318 "ROBIN".**

After nearly 10 years of service ROBIN, is due a makeover. Work on minor bodywork repairs and a repaint started at the beginning of January. All windows have been removed, as some corrosion is visible under the glazing rubbers. Removing the windows also makes painting easier. All the seats and tables are to be removed for renewal of the carpet.

Web-site [www.northyorkshiremoorsrailway.com](http://www.northyorkshiremoorsrailway.com)

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**Look Back at Pullman:**

**1924.**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

The first Kings Cross – Newmarket race special is run hauled by Ivatt Atlantic No.1427, consisting of six cars, and routed via Hitchin.

The Kings Cross service proved to be popular and loads increased at times to eleven & twelve cars for major events.

**1944.**

**April.**

Noted stored at Polegate. Pullman Cars TOPAZ, GLENCOE & AURORA.

**1954.**

**April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Merchant Navy Class No.35028 “CLAN LINE” noted hauling the down Golden Arrow.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Royal train working. 5bel unit No.3052 Waterloo to Portsmouth & Southsea Platform 5. Conveying HRH The Queen Mother, HRH Princess Margaret, HRH Prince Charles and HRH Princess Anne.

**1964.**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Battle of Britain Class No.34088 “213 Squadron” hauls the “Regency Belle” consisting of 5 Pullman Cars, only one car identified, Car no.344.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Final operation due to the lack of patronage of the “Regency Belle”.

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**1979.**

Easter, following haulage from Ely to Bournemouth, Car No.340 is moved from Bournemouth by road to the “Avon Causeway Hotel”, at the closed Hurn Station (28-09-1935) near Christchurch.

Purchased from Ely from a choice of 12 cars. Parts from the remaining 11 cars used in the restoration.

**Attendants Service:**

**Table 1.**

Robin Lush seeks information from any reader of Coupe News, on the identity of the Pullman Car body located at the back of Hellifield shed.

Robin visited the site in 1966, at that time the external condition was getting to be dilapidated, the interior was gutted. Time was running out for this car.

Any known information on this unique Pullman will be of interest I am sure to all readers.

**Table 2.**

A request relating to the Pullman Car Inspectors.

Did Inspectors, and the Chief Inspector, wear distinctive uniforms, and / or insignia, such as additional gold braid.

**Table 3.**

An Archiepiscopal Pullman Car Train.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> 1924, a special train operated from London for guests to the inauguration of work on the shaft of Betteshanger Colliery, near Deal, Kent.

The “First Shot” was fired by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Is any information available? In particular where did the train terminate? It is likely that the “mineral railway”, about 13/4 miles long, from the Dover – Ramsgate line to the colliery site, was completed before sinking began.

**“IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE, SIR”**

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**Special Working Notices:**

**Middlesbrough Model Railway Club Exhibition May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2004.**

MMRC clocks up 50 years of existence in 2004, and the annual exhibition will reflect a truly North East Railway theme, for this special year for the club. I have been kindly invited to attend on behalf of the Pullman Society, so I hope to meet both readers of Coupe News and members of the Society.

**Cleveland Model Railway Club Exhibition August 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 2004.**

The exhibition will be held the Redcar & Cleveland College, Redcar Lane, Redcar.

I have been kindly invited to attend on behalf of the Pullman Society. More details to follow.

**Sheffield Railwayana Auction March 13<sup>th</sup> Pullman Values.**

The following auctions prices were paid for these listed items: -

Lot 43. Pullman Car Company upholstered armchair, believed to be original brown material. In fine original condition. **£1,030**

Lot 44. As lot 43. **£1,030**

Lot 395. Headboard "Tees-Tyne Pullman", polished plywood pattern, saved from Darlington Works. **£420**

Lot 436. Pre-1960 Pullman Coat of Arms mounted onto board. **£50**

**Postal Auction close date March 22<sup>nd</sup> 12 noon.**

Lot 1030 . Two different cutlery forks, both showing different size Company coat of arms. **£85**

For further details visit [www.sheffieldrailwayana.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldrailwayana.co.uk)

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### **The Pullman Society.**

The Pullman Society affiliated to the Historic Pullman Foundation, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

The Society's is dedicated to the study of all aspects of Pullman operations in the British Isles and Continental Europe – and in the United States, where the first cars were built and services began.

The society publishes "The Golden Way" three times a year.

Further details on membership forward a SAE to the Membership Secretary c/o 140, St.Helens Down, Hastings TN34 2AR.

### **Passengers Response:**

Dear Mr Bye

#### Comment

I have read with some bemusement the excitement over Bachmann producing Met-Cam Pullmans. All the types of car have been produced in kit form by Southern Pride for over 8 years.

These have the majority of the livery already done for you with printed sides, (with superb flush glazing), and transfers included in the kit. The range even covers the reversed Blue/Grey livery, and the standard Blue/Grey of the ER Parlour 2nd's and Hadrian Bar.

Interiors are also in the kit, only requiring a plasticard floor to mount the components on.

These along with replacement window etches and glazing for the Tri-Ang Blue Pullman show a commitment to keep the Pullman identity alive.

I hope to send you more "topical" news in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

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Alan White, a fellow Pullman Society member who is also the Society Modelling consultant has been kind enough to respond to two items within last months "Tail Lamp".

I note in the formation of The Master Cutler that we have PLUTO....surely the contributor has missed GOOFY from the list? Seriously I assume it is a spelling mistake for PLATO?

Surely your comment that the Hornby models are suitable for ISLE of THANET and LYDIA in Churchill's funeral train is a little wide of the mark.....they were a completely different design. I am building my two by converting (in my usual method) two of the original parlour cars which have the correct window spacing. I am also building 208 as it should have guard style doors at one end (as does ISLE of THANET).

One other major visual difference on both cars is that both were rebuilt with rectangular toilet windows in place of the oval type for early post war service on the Golden Arrow and retained these until withdrawal.

The Hearse Van is also under construction, and I have today ordered Winston Churchill. I hope to have the complete train less unfortunately the 51 cars which as you say are not available in any shape or form on display at the Pullman Society AGM this year.

### **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.

T.Bye April 1<sup>st</sup> 2004