



Pullman Car Services

Coupe News

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

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Cover Photograph:

From the late John Boyes collection.

May 30th 1964 - Deltic No.9008 hauls the 11:00am Glasgow Queen Street to Kings Cross 'The Queen of Scots' Pullman service approaching Zetland Bridge located to the north of Northallerton Station.

My thanks to Richard Barber.

Editorial:

Welcome to Coupe News No: 71.

This is your free newsletter of Pullman related news and material.

My thanks to those readers who have supplied articles and images for inclusion 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 also be interested in reading about matters Pullman.

Changing your Email address, or wish to be removed from the mailing list, then Email to the editorial address with your request, it's as simple as that.

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The views and articles within this publication are not necessarily those of the editor.

Information Required.

I will welcome any information on the Pullman car located on your local preserved railway or in use as a static Restaurant, for inclusion within your Coupe News and the Pullman Car Services Archive.

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

If you have any material for inclusion in No.72, please forward by January 28th 2009.

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We remember the Pullman car that was allocated the same schedule number as this edition of Coupe News.

Type of Car: Third Class Car.
Into Service: 1897 for South Eastern Railway.
Original Builder: Metropolitan
Pre 1960 Schedule No: 71.
Post 1960 Schedule No: 87.
Name: STELLA.
Rebuilt: Pullman Car Company at Preston Park Works.
Type of Car: Parlour.
Into Service: March 1919.
Tare: 31t.
Covers: 20.

Formerly South Eastern Railway "Folkestone Third No.204 and built by Metro 1897.
Condemned April 14th 1928.
Written Off by the PCCo in September 1928.

Free Newsletters/Magazines/Videonet:

MRE Mag.

Published every Monday, Wednesday & Friday by Pat Hammond covering model railway news, views and products.

Visit www.mremag.com for further detail and information.

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RAILWAY HERALD.

Railway Herald is a colour magazine that covers today's railway scene in the UK.

Visit www.railwayherald.co.uk for further detail and information.

Railway World.

The Videonet site of the Railway Scene today in all Gauges.

Visit <http://www.therailwaychannel.com/Railway%20World/moviepage.html> for more details.

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Coupe News - Passengers Reservations List.

207 x Regular First Class Passengers.

3 x Web Sites - Passenger Numbers Unknown.

Look Back At Pullman.

1934 – January – 75 Years Ago:

January 1st. The London Midland Railway purchase for £21.000 all the Pullman Cars and crews that have been operating in the Scottish Region since July 1914. The existing contract of 20 years was not renewed. It is reported that the cars remain in Pullman livery at present but with the name PULLMAN painted out.

1959 – January – 50 Years Ago:

January 17th. “Pullman Excursion”. Paddington to Cardiff in conjunction with an International Rugby Match. The seating quoted consisting 72 First & 132 Second Class.

1969 – January – 40 Years Ago:

January 25th. An eight car Blue Pullman set is allocated for a 4th round FA Cup charter Birmingham to Southampton.

1974 – January – 35 Years Ago:

January 6th. Ex Brighton Belle Kitchen First GWEN is noted at Brighton Top Yard.

January 26th. Ex Devon Belle Observation CAR No.13 is reported as being in store at Newton Abbot.

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Model Zone - Exclusive BR Mk 1 ex Pullman car WREN as RTC Coach "Laboratory 14 Wren".



Photographed at Doncaster on April 1st 1981, note the hand brake addition just below the name 'WREN'. cBob Lumb/PCSA.

Model Zone have in partnership with Bachmann a limited edition production of RTC Coach RDB975427 LABORATORY 14 "Wren", in RTC Red/Blue livery. **Available early 2009.** This Research Dept Coach, was used mainly for acoustic tests relating to interior noise levels. To place an advance order 0161 8325371 or visit the Web site <http://www.modelzone.co.uk> Part No: BC39-290Z. Scale: 00. Limited edition of 504 models. Price: **£31.99** plus P&P.



Laboratory 14 WREN RDB 975427 at Vic Berry's Scrap Yard at Leicester cPCSA.

Transferred to RTC at Derby in 1974 and remained in service until 1988.
Sold to Vic Berry and arriving at the Leicester yard in July 1988.
The car was finally broken-up in October 1989.

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Eric Rawcliffe advises.

“Asian Cooking Made Easy” on BBC2 this evening (December 16th) - featured Pullman car 84 (MARY) at work on Keithley & Worth Valley Railway with a ‘Curry Special’.

Some nice interior shots of marquetry and upholstery.

Per the BBC Web Site: -

Anjum Anand helps a volunteer chef on board a classic steam train to serve an Indian menu.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00g6341/Indian_Food_Made_Easy_Series_2_Kashmiri_Cuisine/

Graham Teal advises.

BY PULLMAN TO BRIGHTON - By H. C. P. SMAIL

I came across this article on the internet the other day I do not know if you can use it in an addition of Coupe News; it's an extract from the Sussex County Magazine in 1955.

http://scm.pastfinders.org/scm_29_pullman.htm

1951-2 PULLMAN CARS – Phil Kirk.

These were the only 16 Pullman Cars fitted to be fitted with square pantry and toilet windows instead of the normal oval window type.

The cars were for use on the “Golden Arrow” formation from 1951, not all together but on a rotation basis.

The plan of the Golden Arrow train of 1951 was a train of 10 Pullman cars hauled pulled by the new BR Standard 4-6-2 Pacific Britannia class locomotives. One of which No. 70004 William Shakespeare hauled the train consisting of cars Car No 208 (2nd Brake), Car No 35 (2nd Parlour), Carina (1st Kitchen), Perseus (1st Parlour), Orion (1st Kitchen), Hercules (1st Parlour), Pegasus (1st Parlour & Bar), Cygnus (1st Parlour), Aquila (1st Kitchen) and Minerva (1st Brake).

The 16 Pullman Cars listed below: -

Pre 1951 cars: Car No 34, Car No 35, Car No 36, Car No 208, Isle of Thanet & Minerva.

1951 “U” Class cars: Aquila, Carina, Cygnus, Hercules, Orion, Pegasus & Perseus.

1952 “U” Class cars: Aries, Phoenix & Car No 303.

A request to Simon Kohler Group Marketing manager for Hornby Hobbies. The icing on the cake would be if Hornby were to model these Pullman Cars, as this would complement the existing wonderful range. Please don't put these names on the current models.

Pullman Car QUEEN MARGARET - Geoff Coy.

I am currently researching the Pullman Car Queen Margaret without great success and would be grateful for any information that any reader can provide me with regard to drawing and photographs

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The NEW 2009 PULLMAN MODELS.

R2817 Devon Belle Train Pack & R4380 Devon Belle Coach Pack.



The Devon Belle Pullman commenced in 1947 and operated during the summer months for 7 years with the final train running at the end of the 1954 summer carrying holiday makers to the West coast of England. There were two rakes of specially prepared Devon Belle Pullmans commissioned each with their own Observation Car at the rear of the train. The Observation Cars were converted from old Third Class cars and were fitted with a refreshment buffet as well as a small pantry and kitchen. The fitted seats were either double settees or swiveling single armchairs and with an almost uninterrupted view all around due to a virtual continuous wall of window glass they proved to be very popular with the holidaymakers who could sit and while enjoying some light refreshments see the countryside recede behind them! This train pack is an excellent representation of the luxuriously splendid Devon Belle Pullman service which can be enhanced still further with the addition of the Pullmans included in the Devon Belle Car pack.

Available: 2nd Quarter of 2009.

R4377 Pullman 'Devon Belle' Observation Car.



Length: 263mm - Livery: Pullman cream & umber - Period: 1947
Built: 1921 - Special feature: Illuminated interior- **Available:** 1st Quarter 2009.

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R2819 Bournemouth Belle Train Pack & R4381 Bournemouth Belle Coach Pack.



The Bournemouth Belle train service was first inaugurated by the Southern Railway in 1931 and operated until nationalisation in 1948 with the service being postponed during the Second World War. However, after 1948 the service was subsequently operated by British Railways until withdrawal on the 9 July 1967. Initially the service operated out of Waterloo Station calling at Southampton, Bournemouth and Weymouth but was later amended so that it terminated at Bournemouth West. This Hornby Bournemouth Belle pack features a BR Britannia Class locomotive, "Alfred the Great", plus three 12 wheel Pullman Cars simulating part of the service as it would have been seen in the early 1950s. An additional pack containing three further 12 wheel Pullman cars is also available to extend the train.

Available: 4th Quarter 2009.

R4387 Pullman Bar Car 'Daffodil'.



Length: 263mm - **Livery:** Pullman cream & umber - **Period:** 1960s - **Built:** 1928

Special feature: Illuminated table lamps - **Available:** 2nd Quarter 2009.

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R4384 Pullman 1st Class Kitchen 'MONACO' & R4385 Pullman 3rd Class Parlour Car '98'.



Image supplied by Antony Ford - **Available:** 4th Quarter 2009.

(My thanks to Simon Kohler for allowing me to reproduce the images and text for this article).

Those six words of encouragement rang out on Christmas morning after I visited the Hornby website, "You had better start saving now" rang in my ears from 'She that must be obeyed' if you want four new Pullman cars and two train packs with the add on car packs in 2009.

Not only do we get the new cars, but also the opportunity now arises for conversions of at least three of the four model range with a little cosmetic work, repainting and rebranding.

Firstly the observation car can be repainted for use following the purchase by BR for the land cruise work undertaken in Wales and Scotland in the late 1950's.

The **DAFFODILL BAR** can be repainted in SR green and rebranded "BUFFET" following the cars purchase by BR for use on Ocean Liner services c1960-1966.

MONACO can be converted to a PULLMAN HOLIDAY COACH and placed in a station siding.

Alas no Blue Pullman DMU for 2009, will anyone grasp the nettle for 2010.

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The BLUEBELL RAILWAY – David Jones.



cD.Jones.

BR Mk1 Pullman Kitchen First Class car EAGLE within the Carriage & Wagon workshop at Horsted Keynes on December 12th 2008.

The car is being prepared for its move by road to the Mid Hants Railway.

Pullman Car DORIS.

No further news on the car to report, remains at Horsted Keynes station.

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The Pullman Car Company Workshop at Preston Park, Brighton – David Jones.



cd.Jones.

The site of the workshop is in the final days of the demolition project as seen on November 26th 2008.

The Churchill Van – BLV S2464S.

No further news to report.

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Tail Lamp.

Apologies for the earlier than planned publication, this was due solely to nature and the dreaded Virus that has for the last month or so past through all the family including myself over Christmas. So rather than sit in front of the TV feeling sorry with myself I spent time putting this edition together. As would be expected December is a quiet month for Pullman material etc, and this is reflected in the number of pages forming this edition.

The one thing about December, and normally on the 31st at midnight Hornby release details of the forthcoming new range of models for the year ahead.

This year (2008) the press release date was moved to midnight Christmas Eve, but this was beaten by "Model Rail" as the latest edition was delivered to some subscription addresses on Christmas Eve's post delivery, (my copy arrived on the 27th) and details hit the web sites by mid morning on the 24th. As can be seen within this edition Hornby have come up trumps with four completely new models and two Pullman train packs with add on car sets. It's now time to drop hints around the family for Birthday, Fathers Day, and any other anniversary you can come up with, to gain some of the new cars, train packs and car sets.

Add to this list Volume two of Antony Ford's Pullman Car history book, we have a great 2009 to look forward to Pullman wise.

With the impending move of car **EAGLE** from the Bluebell Railway to the Mid Hants to enhance the dining train operation in Hampshire.

The Mid Hants is building up a collection of the ex-BR Mk1 Pullman cars of which some will be some years away from entering traffic. With Gresley A4 "BITTERN" resident on the line will we see at some time in the future a full rake of BR Mk1 Pullman cars as the 'Yorkshire Pullman' racing through the Hampshire countryside.

And finally to the '**Pullman Achievement of 2008**'.

Congratulations to the Swanage Railway and all those involved in the repatriation and restoration of CAR No.14.

My thanks to those readers who have taken time to contribute to this edition of Coupe News in the form of Email, news, articles and photographs, without your contributions this edition would have been much the poorer.



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

T.Bye - PCS – January 1st 2009.