

January 2010

24th January 2010



The diverted 1J85 08.10 London Marylebone to Wrexham General hurries through Bletchley on the Down Fast, Saturday 23rd January 2010 (Mark Richards)

Wrexham & Shropshire services are being diverted this weekend and next due to engineering work taking place at Leamington Spa. Services are routed from London Marylebone via Neasdon, South Ruislip, Greenford, West Ealing, Acton Main Line, Acton Wells Jn, Willesden No.7 Jn, Willesden Sudbury Jn and the WCML to Stechford and thence via Aston, Perry Bar North Jn to Tame Bridge Parkway then as per normal booked route.

Due to the WCML diversions, Wrexham & Shropshire are unable to call at Banbury or Leamington Spa in either direction.

90024 was also seen out on the Pretendolino set on the 23rd working the southbound 1B12, 09.50 Birmingham New Street to London Euston.

The first two Class 313s in Southern livery emerged from Wolverton Works in the last week it is believed. 313204 and 313205 have both been at Willesden in the full Southern livery albeit without branding. The units have been renumbered from 104 and 105 respectively. It is understood that Southern will get c.20 of these units which will be used on East Coastway services.

18th January 2010

It was the turn of 90024 to power the loco hauled Pretendolino set today on the Birmingham diagrams.

17th January 2010

The West Coast Mainline had a bad week with firstly a dewirement just to the north of Wembley Central during the Wednesday morning peak. Southern's 377210 had its pantograph ripped off in the incident which brought the wires down on the Up Slow and also closed the Down Slow and for a time both Fast Lines, putting a stop to all train services into and out of Euston. Normal service was not restored until late afternoon with disruption still continuing into the evening peak.

377210 was not eventually recovered from Wembley Central until about 19.30; 73202 effected the rescue, taking the set back to Selhurst depot.

On the 16th, a fatality in the Berkhamsted area caused serious disruption to services with delays and cancellations affecting both London Midland and Virgin.

Despite our report on 7th January, the Pretendolino continues to run and it now seems likely will continue to do so until the end of January. 90039 has been the recent motive power. Further photos of the Pretendolino can be found in our [Fotopic](#) gallery.

7th January 2010

The use of the Virgin Pretendolino set on the Birmingham diagrams is expected to end this week. Presumably the set will continue to operate the FO 18.46 London Euston - Preston.

66048 James the Engine was involved in a derailment at Carrbridge on Monday. Photos coming soon. In the meantime photos of 66048 at Inverness prior to its ill-fated journey can be seen in our [Fotopic](#) gallery