



INSIDE MOTION

News and Views from the
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Preamble

I've been somewhat distracted by other things recently, so this issue of IM has been rather rushed. At least it keeps the momentum going ...

Club matters

Open Day

After a long spell of hot and sunny days, the weather decided to turn wet and windy just in time for TSME's annual Open Day. Hopes were not high that many would attend, but it seems that engineers are made of sterner stuff and we had a good mix of visitors from near and far – Sunderland, York, Carlisle, Whitehaven and Strathaven. There was plenty of action out on the tracks and much socialising under the awnings. A good day indeed as it turned out.

Whilst locos were watered and coaled, people were also watered and fed thanks to our catering stalwarts Linda Nicholls and Mary Graham who provided both lunch and afternoon tea. A special “thank you” must go to Mary Tomlinson who baked an assortment of cakes and scones for the tea table.



Before and after the rains came

Public Running

The rain theme continued for this event, to the point of it almost being cancelled. The morning looked very unpromising and a couple of heavy showers passed through, but by ten o'clock it had moved out in to the North Sea and things rapidly improved. No doubt due to the poor forecast visitors were initially slow to arrive, but numbers picked up steadily as the day progressed. Fortunately there were four steam locos and plenty of drivers available to manage the traffic which was busy right up to, and a bit beyond, closing time.

Note that September's PR event is cancelled thanks to the Great North Run.



Dates to note

Sunday 24th August – Newcastle Mela – no access

Sunday 7th September – Great North Run – no access. Public Running is cancelled

Sunday 14th September – Newcastle Allotment & Garden Festival – no access

And, if you really want to plan ahead ...

Saturday 11th July 2026 - Lost Minds 2026

Bollards

In response to growing public safety concerns about the volume of vehicles entering the Park, the Council has decided to install a locked bollard at the gates on Claremont Road. You should already have received an advance notice about this from the Secretary, but with scant details as to its operation. At the time of IM going to press, it was still “work in progress” so keep alert for further updates in the next few days.

Postamble

A rather slim issue this month, but I work with what I have. Let’s see what September brings ...

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Headquarters and Multi-gauge Track – Exhibition Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4PZ

Gallery – Open Day



left – D Cormack's "Britannia"



right - G Cheape's 3F Jinty



D & S Doucet's "Planet" and BR 08 Shunter (both battery electric)



left – A Boyes' BR 07 Shunter right – M Lumas' 4-8-2



Potter Bros' Union Pacific "Big Boy" boiler