

October 2009 - You Filthy Swine!!! :@

Having said goodbye to Summer we now Welcome Autumn and the yearly leaf falls and the Sandite season is well in full flow. As per usual down here we get the daily Network Rail Windhoff MPV's running so no class 66/67 combination. but it would be great to get a range of photos at some point. Also this month we had the Lymington Branch 3 cig's 1497 & 1498 being hauled to Weymouth by Southwest trains 73235. This has all been in part of tests for Regenerative braking on SWT Desiro's fleet. The unit acting as the guinea pig is 450103. This is the third week that they have been doing these tests.

A few days later we got a visit from Network Rails Structure gauging train behind 31465. Its the first time I have seen this train and I managed to video it and also get dazed by the lasers :). During that time I was suffering with flu, which has since been diagnosed as Swine Flu, so yeah I aint a well bunny at the moment. Hopefully in a few weeks I'll be jumping around feeling fit as a fiddle but until then its just feeling crap :(

Site News

Updates to the site include:-

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Nothing much to report this month apart from the addition of one video entitled:-

* October Hi lights

I am still working on the DVD that I made a few years ago. So when I do not have any current videos to do I work on this and try to get some videos uploaded at some point.

Tours

There are no tours that have been added as far as I am aware.

Thats all the news for this month. More next month... OINK OINK :@

September 2009 - Wow I'm honored, no really I am!!!

To start off this news bit just a couple of lines to say how honored I am to have my website mentioned in a magazine. Although quite fittingly I never saw it. The magazine in question was Rail Magazine issue 623 on page 70. It apparently was about the [Operation Smash Hit](#) article about the class 46 that was thrown into the Nuclear Flask (filled with water) at 100 mph back in 1984 at the Old Dalby test track. Now unfortunately I missed it, but I feel kinda all warm & fuzzy inside as my site was mentioned in one of the Railway "trade" magazines. I have a back issue which was kindly donated to me by Dave Fellows so I can have it for posterity :). Also a big thank you to Dave for letting me have his copy. I know alot of people will say whoopdidoo and big deal but to me it is a big deal. Just to know that people in the railway press have seen the site, and its been mentioned in a magazine, (actually the sites achieved something more than my photographs could!!!). Hopefully it wont be the last time though.

Whilst updating the [Events](#) section for this update with forthcoming Engineering works for 2010. I was staggered at the amount of W10 Enhancements to the route between Southampton & Basingstoke. With dozens of weekends put over to the enhancement of the Southampton - Stafford route for higher loading gauge, ie Nine foot six high containers on normal flat wagons instead of pocket wagons. Of note there is only one weekend worth of Engineering between Poole & Dorchester South. That does not include any Ballast drops or LWRT trains, or any other type of engineering train for that matter. 2010 looks to be a lean year for engineering trains., But we will see how it pans out. Still you never know what's around the corner ;p. As a little side note and doing something that I said I never would do, I am now listed on Facebook. So if you look for Antony Henley on Facebook you can contact me :), befriend me or do whatever..... hold on no dont do whatever!! :)

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Apart from the usual moronic Noob Tubers posting their hate filled comments on various videos over the past few weeks there have been around eight videos uploaded. These are as follows:-

- * Sunny South Special 190809
- * Midweek Nocturnal Happenings
- * Wet & Steamy Engineers 060609
- * Two Sheds & a kettle May June 2009
- * Tractors, Kettles, Duff's & Desiro's May2009
- * Norden to Harmans Cross Chopper Style 090509
- * Swanage Beer & Diesel Gala 090509 Part II
- * Swanage Diesel Gala 090509 Part I

I am considering investing in a Hi Def video camera for much clearer video, but currently it wont be until at least next year. Well you never know what Santa Claus may bring me for 2009 ;p.

Tours

Three more tours have been added to the Events section these are:-

Saturday October 3rd 2009 - The Dartmouth Express Poole - Kingswear.

Thursday November 26th 2009 - The Bath & Bristol Express - Poole - Bristol

Saturday November 28th 2009 - The Capital Christmas Express - Swanage - London Waterloo

More news next month.

August 9th 2009 - I'm Back!!!

So where have I been? Nowhere really!!! Just been too busy to update the site. With the amount of stuff I have had to do and the photos I have taken (over 1000) then the website has fallen behind somewhat.

Since the April update to the site there has been two main changes to parts of the site.

The first all the pictures from now on including pic of the month are sized at 1200 x 800. Why? you ask. The main reason being as at 1200 x 800 there is more detail in that size picture. The only down size is the file size. Sometimes the size can go up to 500k. This to anyone with a decent broadband connection should pose no problem but those with a dial up connection will see some slow loading of the pictures. This is not really my problem. As my mate said once "upgrade or die!!"

Secondly the spreadsheet on the Dorset freight section is now Open Office compatible only. I was encountering several problems with the spreadsheet and ms works and have decided to go for the better package which is Open Office. For more info about the problems faced with MS works and how to go about getting Open Office then visit the Dorset Freight page.

Over the past few weeks of updating various pages on the site in preparation of this main update I have take to visiting a great site. I can do this as I have two PC's. One where I read my email's and do the movies for 15mph productions and a second for the web site. Both PC's and monitors are on the same desk so whilst doing the website I have been watching the camera's at railcam.nl Its a great site where it streams live video that over looks a busy level crossing at Mierlo-Hout. Its situated on the mainline between Eindhoven & Venlo. Passenger trains run every few minutes that includes local stoppers and express. There is also plenty of freight traffic that include Euro GM 66's. Freight mainly consist of inter-modal but coal and mixed freight also runs. Light engine moves are plentiful here. Overall over a 24 hour period you can expect to see in excess s of 100 trains. its a very good site that also includes photos, forums and is well worth a visit. Its a shame that there is no one in the UK that does this. Great places for this would be along the East coast mainline, West coast mainline, Great Western Mainline, Southampton, Reading area. Plus loads of other places where not only alot of passenger traffic runs but freight would be ideal. Obviously living next to the railway and having a small fortune for the initial set up does help but the Dutch site does get donations to help with the running. It definitely would be a great thing to see set up in the UK.

Site News

Updates to the site include:-

Two new pages added to the Poole January June Gallery (pages 4 & 5).

New Gallery added to the Poole Gallery - July - December 2009.

Two new galleries added to the On Location area Swanage Beer & Diesel Gala & Eastleigh 100.

Dorset Freight has been fully updated.

Events has been updated.

The Links page has been updated.

Loco Wants has been updated

15mph Page has been updated

News

Pic of the month has not been updated as well as no new videos.

You Tube / 15 mph Productions

Some videos since the last update have gone up. I am now working on the Swanage Beerfest and diesel Gala videos but am not sure when they will be available to view.

Tours

Not mentioned in the April update but Spitfire has announced they are running a tour from Crewe to Swanage on September 26th with 2 West Coast Rail class 37's in charge. This is currently the last tour down our neck of the woods so far for 2009 but hey we could have one or two more planned.

April 12th 2009 - Happy Easter

Happy Easter from Hentis Rail, no bunnies were harmed during this news update.

The next few months are going to be a busy one for me personally both with work and my social life. Regarding work, we are in the last few weeks of implementing a Warehouse Management System (WMS) for our order picking side of the business. This includes Replenishment, Pick, Pack & despatch of all orders being organised by the WMS. Its a big job to do as the whole warehouse has to be readied for wireless operation, all the staff has to be trained on using the WMS software & scanning guns as well as this around 10 members of staff including me have gone to our owners premises to work for around three days training on how to operate the WMS. Strange really as both WMS systems will be different to each other. Anyhow thats work to that end I will be doing 2 weekends of overtime in stock check and moving bits about the warehouse so any updating of the website will not happen for a few more weeks. Then we have all the headaches of the system going live towards the end of April (that will be fun) and trying to sort out the problems whilst trying to do a days work as well. As is my current work load and shift pattern at the moment this site will only be updated on weekends as I dont have enough time in the evenings. When and if I do get spare time during the week I will try and update certain areas of the site locally on the HD and then when the main update comes up not alot of major work will be required to update the site.... in theory.

Socially, or shall I say Hobby wise, this WMS thing has come at the worse time for me. With May being a very busy 4 weeks with countless Railtours through Poole, Swanage Diesel Gala and Eastleigh 100 open day to boot I am going to need a holiday in June... yeah right.....

When I checked the last lot of photos (Poole Gallery March 21st 2009) that I took with the camera I noticed on some of the photos a dark spot on them. On checking the camera it was found to have dust / dirt on either the mirror or sensor in the camera chassis. Its not on any of the 3 lenses that I have got as I have checked them already. Its not what I need to be honest as I dont have enough money to send the camera away to be cleaned / repaired as well as also needing it for the end of

April and for May as well. This has come at a really bad time but I am sure I will cope with it..... yeah just keep taking the tablets.

Site News

Updates to the site this month include:-

News (well stone me)

Events

Dorset Freight

Poole Gallery

Links

Pic of the Month

I have had no time to do anymore videos for the time being although I have one to be finished and three that are in pre-production with one more inbound later this week. Arrghhh.... Although I am hoping that if this update goes live a day early (hey its my site I can update when I want right?.... just checking :)) I could in theory start work on the one in the editing suite!! Hopefully by the next site update these 5 videos could be up on the You Tube channel.

I am also in the pre planning stages at the moment of adding a new section to the site. Its another photo gallery but its going to be presented in a different way. I hope to have more news on the next update....hopefully.

Tours

Two more tours have been added to the events section. They both include the Steam Locomotive Oliver Cromwell. One is a tour from Norwich to Poole (23/05/09) that stops at Eastleigh to drop people off to the Open Day. The tour then continues to Poole where Oliver Cromwell comes off and goes to Eastleigh for the open day and stays there for the week. The next tour one week later sees Oliver Cromwell hauling a steam special to Bath & Bristol. Check the associated dates in the events section for me info.

Thats it for the time being more news later.

March 29th 2009 - A plea

I start off this month with a plea to all the people who will do the following. On April 1st & 2nd there will be tours going to and returning from Swanage Railway the first passenger paying trains since 1967. This will also be repeated with Tangmere on the May Day bank Holiday weekend. I would like to plead with people to stay the right side of the fence and not to trespass on either of these tour dates. If you trespass it is a selfish way of getting "that shot" as well as putting yourself and other peoples safety at risk because of your selfishness as well as ruining the day for a vast majority of "legal side of the fence" enthusiasts out there. So please please do not spoil these occasions with your selfishness.

Site News

This months updates to the site include:-

Poole Gallery

Events

Dorset Freight

Also several minor updates to corresponding pages.

Tour News

Now officially confirmed is the cancellation of the Eastleigh 100 branch line shuttles by Pathfinder Tours visiting the Fawley & Hamworthy goods lines over the Eastleigh Open Day weekend. Oh well. Still a provisional tour from Pathfinder Tours quotes September 26th for a visit of 40145, the first whistler to visit the area for a good few decades, oh there has been one or two!! With a tour originating in Cheshire somewhere and a destination of Swanage Railway. I have put this in the event section but whether or not it plays out we will have to wait and see.

The beginning of April will see the first fare paying train to and from Swanage since 1968. April 1st & 2nd will see the Purbeck Pioneer run from Victoria to Swanage and return to Waterloo with DBS 66's 66177 & 66152 perhaps? that moved to Eastleigh from Didcot on Saturday 28th March... we will see.

More news next month.

March 18th 2009 - All Change!!

As from Monday March 16th my shift patterns at work will change. I used to do 1 week of 6am - 2pm and then 1 week of 2pm - 10pm. These shifts had their good and bad points. Mainly the good points were that I was able to get the Sand / stone train or any kind of special train, this was mainly on the 6-2 shift. But now from Monday 16/03/09 I will be doing a 10am - 6pm permanent shift which I have 3 more hours in bed in the morning and I also get home at a reasonable hour it kind of screws up my ability to get out and get the stuff in the afternoons. Might be able to get a few shots of stuff about the area on a weekend or in an evening if the sand runs back as 0W49 on an evening but I am not really holding my breath. Its not the easiest of shifts to work but at least I wasn't one of the 4 supervisors that got made redundant. I was 1 out of 8 that were chosen for redundancy but was "lucky" enough to keep my job.

SO what does this mean? To an extent I wont be updating the site with photos as much as I would like to. There are days when I am going to book off but because of the more responsibility I have been given at work (and no extra money typical!!!!) I have to plan my days. I think for the time being I will have to play it by ear.

Site News

The site has been updated with the following:-

Links

News

A new Page for the Poole Gallery January - June 09

Events

pic of the month

I have yet to update some areas of the Dorset Freight page so that currently has not been updated for the this month.

Tours

Past time Rail has announced a tour to Weymouth from Waterloo via Reading and Basingstoke and return via Southampton Hasslemere Leatherhead and Epsom with 2 x Class 73's for August 1st 2009.

It looks as though Pathfinder tours have pulled the plug on the Eastleigh 100 Branchline shuttles scheduled for May 23rd & 24th. I cannot see them listed anywhere on Pathfinder's site. I have contacted them about this and await a reply. In due course if I receive a reply I will update the events page accordingly but for the time the dates have been removed.

February 9th 2009 - The end for the Weymouth Quay line?

News that has been floating around over the last few months concerning the Weymouth Quay branch has finally become official. Weymouth & Portland Borough Council will buy the Tramway from Network Rail for a princely sum of £50,000 in a deal that will see one of three options come about. These are Closure of the line and it be lifted and resurfaced, for it to be preserved for future use or it is to be left as it is. Personally speaking I would really like to see it put to use. Especially for the Olympic Sailing events in 2012. but to be honest in all likely hood I expect the line would be ripped up and yet another piece of Dorset's Railways would be confined to the History books.

Following hot on the heels of January's great news of the first railtour to visit the Swanage Railway. Two new dates have been announced for two tours over the May day bank holiday weekend. One to arrive and one to depart from Swanage. See the events section for more details.

The first week of February saw the first snow fall for 2009 and the first decent amount of snow that stayed on the ground for more than an hour for a good 18 years, although on about 4 days it threw it down with snow I only managed to get out twice to get some photos. The day we were all hoping it would snow would be Wednesday 4th or Thursday 5th as that was the day that the sand train 6M42, has moved to one day a week leaving Wool for Neasdon, would run and we would be able to get a shot of it in the snow. Unfortunately that was not the case. Looks as though the economic downturn is affecting the aggregate industry as there was no booked stone train in the first week of February. The freight 09 spreadsheet does look a little bare at the moment but hopefully it should start looking better (fingers tightly crossed) over the next few months.

SITE NEWS

Updates this month include:-

- A retro pic of the month.
- Poole Gallery Jan - June 09 updated.
- Events section
- News (well duh)
- Dorset Freight
- 15 mph Productions
- Links

Tours

Two dates have been added for steam tours over the May day bank holiday. Saturday May 2nd sees Tangmere run from Victoria - Swanage with "**The Dorset Coast Express**". Then on Monday Tangmere runs from Swanage - Waterloo with "**The Royal Wessex**". Sunday the train runs from Swanage to Eastleigh for turning in readiness for Mondays departure.

15 mph Productions

Three new videos have appeared on the page since the last update. These are :-

- Memoirs of Eastleigh Part XII
- Harrow & Wealdstone Wanderings Part II
- Formation oddities

Go check them out on the 15 mph Production page or my You Tube Channel.

January 24th 2009 - Breaking News

First Mainline Rail passenger train to stop at Swanage since 1972!!

LONDON TO SWANAGE BY TRAIN - AT LAST!

THE PURBECK PIONEER - WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2009

John Farrow of UK Railtours has announced the first public railtour to Swanage since closure of the branch by BR in 1972.

This has been a long time coming' said John 'but all the pieces of the jigsaw have now fallen into place and we're ready to go.

All parties felt that it was a good idea to keep things robust and simple, and run the first train on a date when there is no scheduled Swanage Railway train service. That way we have the line all to ourselves, hence the choice of date just a few days before the railway begins running every day right through till autumn.

The train will leave from London Victoria (provisionally 08.55) running via the Mid-Sussex Line, Havant, Southampton, Bournemouth, Worgret Junction and Corfe Castle to Swanage where passengers can enjoy a break of over two hours. The station is right in the town centre, with the sea just a few minutes level walk away. Return is as outward to Southampton then via Romsey, the Laverstock Loop and Basingstoke, reaching Waterloo by around 20.30. Motive power is expected to be a DB Schenker (formerly EWS) Class 66 throughout, with Mark 1 vehicles.

The First Class Dining fare for this historic trip will be £159 (£616 for a party of four) including the Great British Breakfast, morning coffee and a four course dinner. A celebratory glass of champagne will be served to dining passengers as the train passes over the boundary between Network Rail and the Swanage Railway at Motala. Alternatively Standard Class is available at £57.50 (child £47.50) with a buffet car available. Bookings are being handled by Past-Time Rail, PO Box 6000, Lichfield, WS14 4EH, telephone 01543 411971, or visit www.past-timerail.co.uk. Demand is expected to be very heavy so you are advised to book soon.

Further to this there are also plans to run 2 Steam / Diesel tours to Swanage this years on successive days.

January 18th 2009 - There are some ungrateful BASTARDS out there?

Another news update for January due to a few more additions and updates to the site.

I noted on a friends fopic site a comment made by some anonymous person stating "*its so good to see a site that doesn't just stay on Poole platform and goes other places round Dorset*" Although I have no way to know if it was aimed at me and the site or anyone else I am a little miffed at this comment. Personally speaking its hard to get to places due to the fact that I have to rely on public transport either train or bus. I dont have the luxury of a car or motorbike or for that matter a push bike. I also suffer from Menieres disease which affects my balance and can prove quite messy if I have an attack. Yes I have tablets that control it but they dont always work. I dont rely on codging lifts off people to get to a great photographic location to get that shot of a special working. If people offer then so be it, I will except but I wont openly go and ask them. I also have a limited amount of money available to me that mainly keeps a roof over my head. Magazines do not want my photos so I cant live off magazine payouts. So this is why I take photos mainly at Poole station, or in the location of. Its a ten to fifteen minute walk from my house. Which is basicly the same time to reach for the Sterte area where I have been taking more & more photos as of late. As to getting photographs around the Dorset area I cant as I have not got the time unless I book a day off. The latest shots dated Wednesday 14th January in the Poole January - June 09 gallery were achieved only because I had booked a day off in advance. Even though originally the move of the 73 and 33 were cancelled then I was informed the night before that the move was back on. Even though I missed the train itself due to the fact I was running late and the train was early.

The other thing I would like to mention here is that unlike quite a few other sites I am not one for just coming out of the woodwork when there are special workings or tours that are passing through the area. I get down to the station or to where ever I want to photograph the trains at any point I can if and when I am not working or finished work. I work alternate shifts so its hard to plan more than a week in advance in what I want to do or where to go, especially if I am working lates where I have to be at work for a 2pm start. Still thats my rant over and personally if people dont like looking at photos of just Poole station then so be it... dont look at the website then. If some people dont like what is written here then tough. I am fed up with all the little complainers in the world that think they know it all and that it gives them the right to comment on everything, well it does not.

SITE NEWS

Updates this time include:-

- . Poole Gallery January - June 2009 gallery added.
- . Events updated.
- . Pic of the month. Two new pics of the month for January have gone up whilst December's pic of the month is still there.
- . Links page has been updated with new links.
- . 15mph Productions page has been updated.
- . Dorset Freight page has been updated as well as the pdf and spreadsheet files can now be downloaded.
- . News page has been updated..... Well DUH!!!

15mph Productions

Just one video has been uploaded since the last update:-

. Memoirs of Eastleigh Part XI - Part 11 in the popular series of the ongoing look back at Eastleigh since 1999.

Thats if for the time being. More next time.

January 4th 2009 - Happy New Credit Crunch!!

Happy New Year to Everyone. **2008** was indeed one of the best years we had for the Poole area. Visiting loco's were plenty including an entire Class of locomotives(Class 59's 59/0's 59/1's & 59/2s). In short we had 124 different loco's down varying from Classes 20, 31, 33, 37, 47, 50, 57, 59, 60, 66, 67 & 73's. Out of unit types we had 6 types of units. these were Class 421, 423, 458, 460, 950 & 960. The disappointing result was the only 2 steam loco's which made an appearance. These were Tangmere & Dutchess of Sutherland. All the different class of loco's & numbers that visited Poole over the past twelve months can be found in the 2008 Dorset Freight Archive section on the [DORSET FREIGHT](#) page. I hope that 2009 is as just a good year as 2008.

SITE NEWS

Since the last update on December 25th the following pages have seen updates to them:-

In the Poole Gallery January - June 08 pages 1,2,3 & 4

In the Poole Gallery July - December 08 pages 1,2 & 3.

In the On Location Gallery Eastleigh 26th September 08 pages 1 & 2 have been updated.

In The Poole Works Gallery 2008 section Wareham 30/05/08 & 7/06/08 have been updated.

Events, 15mph Productions, Dorset Freight 2009, News and Index page have all been updated

Tours

Some tour information for 2009 has been published already including tours to the [EASTLEIGH 100](#) open weekend. One of these tours is a Spitfire Tours run tour to Weymouth from Crewe. Also its been confirmed that there will only be two Steam Dream tours down our neck of the woods in 2009. Just been confirmed from Rail Blue Charters is a seaside special using their "Cargo D" Blue/Grey stock to Weymouth. A date has not been announced but it will be some when between May & September.

15 mph Productions

2008 was a good year for videos unfortunately it took me to nearly 2009 to stick them up on You Tube. Over the past week a total of 16 new video have appeared on my [Channel](#) on You Tube.

These are as follows:-

Sheds,Tugs, Brushes & Kettles Poole July 8th 2003

Harrow & Wealdstone Wanderings 2003 Part 1

37248+37676 Poole - Blackpool North Tour Footage 29th November 2008

37248+37676 5Z47 Poole 28th November 2008

Swanage Convoy Poole 8th May 2008

8029 5Z85 Poole 27th October 2008

31601+9702 Poole 22nd October 2008

09019 + 66043 Eastleigh 260908

31190 & 31454 4Q02 Poole 27th August 2008

Dutchess of Sutherland 1Z93 Poole 130808

Sheds n' Skips in the evening @ Poole July 2008

Sunday Morning Engineers 27th July 2008

1Z86 Hastings - Bournemouth 280608

Dorset Engineers June 7th 2008 Part 3

Dorset Engineers June 7th 2008 Part 2

Dorset Engineers June 7th 2008 Part 1

The latest two videos were taken from my 4 hour DVD of videos that I put together from various trips out in 2003, 2004 & 2005. More videos are planned to be uploaded over the next few months. As well as video of Virgin 47's from a few years ago at Bournemouth Depot.

2008

25th December 2008 - Happy Xmas

Just a quick message to say a very Happy Christmas to you all. Updates include a new gallery added in the Poole Gallery of my first ever railtour. New page added to the Poole July - December Gallery. New page added to the On Location Gallery. Events (With no less than 5 new tours for 2009 listed). Dorset Freight updated to 17th December 2008. I hope to have a comprehensive list of what was available through Poole for 2008 in the next two weeks and also from January 1st Dorset Freight 2009 is launched with 2008 segment eventually being archived and made available in a month or two. Loco want's, 15mph and the links section have all been updated although no new videos as of yet have been uploaded to You Tube. Plus I have the prospect of some promotional photography with a local band for 2009 to fit in as well. My last trip out of the year will be on Wednesday December 31st to Eastleigh. So if anyone would like to meet there just drop me a line the email is on the index page, or I might see you there.

From 2009 the events section will be scaled back somewhat concerning engineering work around my area. It is becoming harder trying to A) find time and B) find the information concerning the engineering dates so unless there is major works then it wont be listed. There will be some disappointed people out there but at the end of the day I am doing this off my own back and it takes a lot of my spare time up which currently I do not have alot of. There are also other projects that I would like to do in 2009 so some things have to be scaled back. There will be another small update before January 1st. So until then enjoy Christmas.

12th October 2008 - Hmmttttttt

Well so far what a year its been. 20's, 31's, 37's 47's 50's 73's and even 33's for the first time in a few years have visited Poole this year, and its only October. So its been a busy year. For me personally it has, hence why there has not been any update since August. I have been really busy with work , Photography (weddings) and other bits so much so I have neglected the website somewhat. Unfortunately work takes priority most people who have a job realise this but there are some that don't. While we are on the subject of jobs. The company I work for has just been sold by our parent company to another distributor. To say my future with this company is not known is somewhat of an understatement. Currently I do not know what their plans are but hopefully we will find out in a few weeks time.

Site News

This update contains the following. The Poole gallery July - December 08 section has a new page added to it, Poole Gallery index, Loco Wants, events, 15 mph productions, pic of the month (September) and Dorset Freight page and Spreadsheet have been updated. Currently I have photos up till mid September processed but I have photos from a recent trip to Eastleigh and some more from Poole to do over the next few weeks.

You Tube

Currently with the amount of photographic work that I am lagging behind any planned video releases have been put on hold.

Thats it for now. More next month (Hopefully).

14th August 2008 - Copyright Issues

It was pointed out to me a few weeks ago that one or two of my photos from this site were being used on other peoples sites. There have been 3 instances now this year of people using copy righted material from this site on their own sites, thus passing the photo off as their own. This last person who shall rename nameless not only was displaying my photographs but hot linking them from my site. Now someone who shall remain nameless (Lukespencer91) decided set up a shitty Freewebs page dedicated to Network Southeast, that crashed IE7 and Firefox 3 every time your visited it. Nice idea. But unfortunately every single image he used was not owned by him. All the images he used were being HOT LINKED from the original photographers site including mine. After a prolonged argument with him pointing out that any photograph that I use that has copyright on it is backed up on a secure server at my place of residence in which in a court of law I can and will produce original RAW and full sized JPG's if needs be. His original reply was "before you say i been copyrighting your pic give this a though mate did you get wirtten primssion from the ToC to take these pics of these train if you have not then if your fault not mine and i have took the site of air for a refurb and don't expect me to remove the pic until you tell me that you have permssion" - Yes that was his original reply (spelling mistakes and bad grammar included) to me in which I did send several replies to him about how the photographers worked is owned by the photographer and considered a work of art, also that the photographer pertains copyright on it. His little retort of whether I sought permission to take potos of the trains is null and void as you don't and have never in the past. So far he has not put any more photos up but I have a little surprise for this little shit if he does and for anyone else if I catch them. So once again please once again all these images on this website are either owned or copy righted to me. So do not upload them to any BBS, forums or your own websites trying to pass them off as your own, especially via hotlinking methods. 99.99% of the time I can prove they are from this site and I will do everything I can to have them removed and your site closed down. Remember ownership remeains with the photographer. So in a court of law it means I will win any legal challenge bought up against people displaying copy righted material.

Railway News

Since the last update we have had a few notable workings down through Poole. A pair of DRS 37's on the serco test train on July 22nd followed by several nights of engineers traffic from July 26th - August 1st including 67021 on the trains from the 29th July - 1 August. Also on August 5th we had a visit from DRS 37423 and the observation coach Caroline although I was at work and unable to photograph or film it. Also the second Steam Dreams tour to Poole arrived on August 13th behind 46233 Dutchess of Sutherland. A first for the SWML line in her 70 years that she has been operating. Its also the first time I have seen her as well. The pics I took were not that good but the video has turned out really good.

August 9th saw two months to the day for 66601 The Hope Valley on the 6M42 & 6O49 sand runs to and from Wool. This is by far the longest run any single Freightliner 66 has had on the sand turn this year, although I think 66622 last year tok the biscuit at nearly 3 months down here.

Site News

Well in July Hentis-Rail.co.uk hit 70,000+ visitors so thats a pretty good milestone in 5 years of operation. A big thank you to everyone that continues to visit time after time. I hope to add one or two more sections over the next few months but these will explained further closer to the time of completion. Updates this month include:- The Poole Gallery, Links, Dorset Freight 08 Events, News & Loco Wants as well Pic of the month.

Tours

Originally dated for September 26th we should have had another Stobart tour down to Weymouth but due to Mr Stobart pulling the plug on Stobart rail, this tour is now not gong to happen. However we do have another tour slotted in for November 29th called "The Christmas Cracker. It goes from Poole to York & Newcastle behind a pair of West Coast Railway Class 37's. I am 99.95% certain I am going to go for this which will be my first ever railtour/charter and the first in a good few years loco hauled train (HST's dont count). For more info prices and pick up points goto www.spitfiretours.co.uk.

15 mph Productions

Six videos have gone up since the last update. These are as follows:-

31459 & 31190 4Q02 Poole 6th May 2008

Swanage Diesel Gala Convoy May 8th 2008

47773 & 50049 Poole May 10th 2008

Dorset Engineers May 31st June 1st 2008 Part 1

Dorset Engineers May 31st - June 1st 2008 Part 2

Dorset Engineers May 31st - June 1st 2008 Part 3

I have more videos to do but at the moment not a lot of time to do them so these will be going up as and when.

8th July 2008 - Captains log supplemental!!!

Woah Mr Hentis two updates with in two weeks what's going on? The week that I did the last update I went to Basingstoke & Didcot as well as a few other areas that need updating so there's a second update. Due to unforeseen circumstances the update planned for July 6th and then subsequently on the July 7th did not take place. This was due to problems outside of my control. Subsequently all the updated pages have dates of when they were last up dated apart from the front page and the index 2 page.

Railway

Not much going on in the railway since the last update apart from venturing to Basingstoke and Didcot what was absolutely crap on that day, Basingstoke was ok. for the first time since around 2000 we had a Hastings Unit come to Branksome as part of a shakedown run and GBRF staff Jolly to Bournemouth. An extra sand Train ran on Friday and again for the 2nd week in a row only one stone train ran, perhaps because of the turn down in building materials caused by the housing slowdown....who knows? I aint no Business Analyst!!!

Site News

Well the update this week includes Loco Wants, Dorset Freight Key file and Spreadsheet, An new page has been added in the On Location section also a new page for the Poole Gallery has been added to. Two more pictures for pic of the month have been added as well.

Tours

Nothing added so far but this week sees the first of two Steam hauled tours for 2008 through Poole. It should be Tangmere with the Sunny South express to Weymouth.

15 MPH Productions

Only one video to add in this update but this week I start on videos dating back as far as April to be processed on the site.

* Memoirs of Eastleigh Part X

25th June 2008 - Hey I'm back & Happy Birthday Mr. Hentis

Yep I'm back after spending almost two months in Liberty City (GTA 4 - PS3), and working my arse off at my day job, with a major update and additions to the site. Thats why there has been no updates I have been working hard and spending most of my spare time (apart from photographing and videoing bits and bobs) in Rockstar's Grand Theft Auto 4 for the PS3 (oh and getting a new PS3 because of it). As I sit and type this news (to be published on June 25th) the sun is currently setting in the west and the sun is preparing to set on my 37th year of life on this world. I will be 38 on Saturday June 28th and what will I be doing to celebrate it..... I shall be at Branksome to photograph / video a Hastings unit coming into the depot for watering and possibly refueling as well.

Railway

OK so I never managed to get to Swanage Railway gala neither did I manage to go to the East Somerset 150 this past weekend even though I had planned to. So I have to try and make it to the Lymington 150 on July 12th surely??? Although there wont be much there of railway matters me thinks. Apart from I have heard that there could be a 73 and 3 car electric unit working the line or a Desiro. SWT Managing Director Stewart says that "To encourage local people to try the railway for the first time, we will be selling tickets for return trips that afternoon between Lymington and Brockenhurst for just 20p to reflect the 1s 6d first class fare when the line opened". WOW I'm impressed to see SWT pulling out the stops for this To be honest I will be going to this as its on the list of things to do this year, I have never ever been from Brockenhurst to Lymington and I think its high time I should..... especially to savour the good ol slamdoor experience again.

My local station, Poole, is currently having new Oyster card type pre pay ticket machines installed. When these will be ready is anyone's guess but apparently these are not Oyster card compatible. Which would have been a lot easier..... oh well.

Site News

Well seeing as I haven't updated the site in nearly two months there's a hell of a lot to up date. So where do I start..... at the top me thinks. News , pic of the month, Events section (see Tours section below) The Poole gallery has a 4th page added to it. The loco wants section has been updated as well as more links on the links page. The Poole works section has also had 2 pages added to it. In place of the Hentis-Rail on You tube link on the index page there is now a new 15 mph Productions page describing what we do, well when I say we I mean just lil ol' me. But it also links to a slightly

over hauled You Tube channel from within the page.

Tours

Five Tours have been added this month 4 new and 1 re scheduled due to postponment. These are as follows:-

- June 28th Hastings - Bournemouth with a Hastings DMU by GBRF
- August 1st - 6024 to Weymouth
- August 23rd - THE DORSET COAST EXPLORER & GREAT WEY ROUND re scheduled
- September 5th - The Weymouth Paddler to weymouth not via Poole but Yeovil with 55022 Royal Scots Grey
- September 27th - Northampton - Weymouth with the Stobart Pullman

For info and timings where appropriate see the events section

15 MPH Productions

From early June its been decided to rename my You Tube channel as 15 mph Productions to reflect this a new page has gone up describing how the name came about. This can be found [HERE](#). It basicly describes the equipment I use, How I produce & edit the videos. It also lists the top 5 most viewed and the top 5 latest videos that I have uploaded to the channel as well as a customised (it wouldn't fit onto the page otherwise) You Tube player that plays the latest 20 videos on my channel. It also provides a direct link to the 15 mph Channel as well as a link to DVD's that I will be selling in the future. Remember what you see is what you get. If you want professional style then go ahead go and pay £25.00 or more for a PC copied DVD ala Wolverton Works style!! But this section is in the future and not yet finalised. This page can be found listed on the index page as 15 mph Productions.

The latest videos to appear on You tube are the following:-

- * Memoirs of Eastleigh Part IX
- * Duffs, Tugs, Slammers & Pigs Poole 2002
- * Memoirs of Eastleigh Part VIII
- * Memoirs of Eastleigh Part VII
- * 66091 6N29 Poole April 27th 2008

I currently have one Memoirs of Eastleigh video to finish editing. This will leave a further 9 plus hours of video to capture and edit for uploading to the channel. Just a few to do then. Expect more videos to be released on the channel in July (hopefully).

Thats it till next month.

27th April 2008 - Happy Birthday Hentis-Rail.co.uk!!!

Railway

It seems as though the defunct £50 million project to re-develop the old Poole Goods yard, The current station and goods yard is back on the table after contractual problems have been ironed out. This ambitious plan would see a new hotel on the site of the old station with affordable housing, a new "smaller" station, footbridge, more office space / retail outlets (do we need more retail outlets in Poole, probably going to be a line of cafe's... we really have to many in Poole!!! honestly). I had heard rumbling's over the past few weeks that it had resurfaced again but not had confirmed to me until a few days ago. The plans would also include a new footbridge connecting serpentine road to Holes bay road as well as the re location of sidings # 9 & 10 and the abolishment of the engine siding in the current yard and a redesign of the carriage sidings approach from the mainline and from with in the carriage sidings itself. As well as this the "planned" work to make the carriage sidings fully signalled. The next couple of years will prove interesting.

Visiting diesel's at the forthcoming Swanage Diesel gala looked to be in doubt early March as a rather large hole had appeared under one of the china clay sidings at Furzebrook. The hole is believed to have appeared due to a collapsed culvert under the track. Network Rail were looking into it... no seriously stop laughing.... they were apparently using a video surveying team to see how bad the damage was. Well the news I have is that they hope to have it repaired for the first of 2 convoys of stock to the diesel gala on May 8th. Unfortunately that will not include the Fastline 56 as it is required for mainline duties. Hopefully a replacement can be found. The current (to date) line up is 07007*, 20096, 37275, 37906, 73107, 73109 & 4 Vep 3417 Gordon Pettit. The 07 is due to arrive by road from the 6th of May. I had heard that a GBRF 66 would be appearing at the gala doing 1 trip a day with 3417, but not sure how true that is. Swanage also have 08436 33 D6515 and 47635 stabled at the railway and they will be used as well. I personally don't think it will top last years gala when the Western attended but I hope it does. I plan on going so look out for someone with an EWS drivers bag and a canon camera taking photos oh and enjoying some haulage behind something!!!! No Beer though :(

April 19th turned out to be a rather special day for Poole. We had for the first time in ages two Railtours through Poole on the same day. First up was Spitfire's "The Wey Farer" tour from Crewe - Weymouth behind a pair of DRS Class 20's. This was the first time in some 9 years that some 20's had visited our neck of the woods. to be honest it was probably the last time as well, with DRS investing more in GM traction I seriously doubt we will see any more 20's in our neck of the woods.... prove me wrong DRS please do!!!. This undoubtedly must be the Tour of 2008 down our neck of the woods, not that we get loads down here mind. The second tour turned out to be just as spectacular as the 20's. This was a tour from Hooton to Poole with a pair of 67's top and tail. The 67's were recently repainted in the Wrexham & Shropshire livery and were loco's 67014 & 67015. These proved as photogenic as the Class 20's as the 67's train had to pull up into the old goods yard at Poole to be watered thus leaving 67014 in a decent photogenic location. There were loads of people coming in and just parking their cars up getting photos. Probably the only such tour working before the Wrexham 4 start their turn on the W&S Railway duties.

Site News

On April 16th Hentis-Rail.co.uk celebrated its 5th birthday. Considering this was only supposed to be a little project to learn HTML whilst I had nine weeks off getting better after an operation I think I have come far with the site as it is. So again a big thank you to all the visitors over the past 5 years who have supported the site by visiting it.

Updates this month include The Poole gallery, Loco wants, Dorset freight, event and pic of the month. There is a lot of house work that needs to be done on the site over the next few months with links that need redirecting so please if you come across a link that is broken , that you know did work please drop me mail and I will look into it.

Tours

Just one tour added this month. Spitfire Tours the Dorset Dumpling has been added for September 6th. This will feature a class 73 and Class 33 top and tail and will be the second lot of class 33's we have had down here this year.

As well as Swanage Beer & Diesel gala (someone mention Beer..... Hmmm DUFF Beer... err sorry) in May we also have on May 9th Kingfisher Tours "The Grand Scottish Tour" a 4 day tour from Poole - Scotland and return. On May 10th we have Vintage Trains Purbeck explorer and rumored to be on the same day a VSOE luncheon between Bournemouth Guilford and Victoria. On May 12th we have the return Grand Scottish Railtour, whilst on the following Saturday on May 17th we have Pathfinder Tours "The Great Wey Round" with a pair of 33's. So a busy month indeed.

You Tube

Just two video's for You Tube this month although I have one more in the editing suite that never made it this month.

- Dorset County Choppers - An 8 minute video of The Wey Farer and Dorset Coast Express tours to Poole on April 19th 2008
- 66213 + 66221 6G19 Poole 230408 - Two EWS sheds on a rail drop for Poole

12th March 2008 - No news like good news!!!

A little bird tells me we could be seeing some more freight traffic down here at some point this year. Thats all I am allowed to say about it at the mo so keep your ears and eyes peeled to this site for more info. Its with much regret that I have had to sale my Sony R1 camera, probably the best camera I have had, and there has been quite a few. This was due to the fact I needed the money to finance a new lens for my Cannon 400D. I have recently bought a Canon EF 90-300mm f/4.5-5.6 lens. Pictures from the first time I used it can be viewed on the March 1st section of the Poole Gallery for 2008. Let me know what you think, send your comments to the usual address (2nd page of the site left hand column). I am still learning with this camera but I am happy to be learning.... it keeps the brain cell active.

Site News

Updates to the site this month include The Poole Gallery for Jan-June 08 including photos from the Stobart Pullman tour plus the sand & stone trains, and a few other bits chucked in for good measure. A new page has appeared in the On Location section for 2008 of my rather troublesome trip to Eastleigh. The Dorset Freight page & Spreadsheet has been updated, Pic of the month for March has been added can you spot it? The events and Links section have also been updated. I am working on updating the guest gallery as well and then hopefully making a start onto the BR Years gallery with more pic's to come hopefully sometime this year.

Tours

No new tours have been added this month but timings have gone up for Spitfire's "The Wey Farer" tour on April 19th. Also confirmed loco's for the two Steam Dreams tours are Tangmere and Dutchess of Sutherland.

You Tube

Just a couple of video's this month to add to the channel bringing the total video's to 281.

66078 6N65 Poole February 5th 2008 - 66078 with a train of Seacows on a midweek ballast drop between Poole & Dorchester South.

Day out at Eastleigh February 16th 2008 Part 1 - A seven minute, 2 part video of my day at Eastleigh on February 16th.

Day out at Eastleigh February 16th 2008 Part 2 - Part two of the 2 part video documenting my day at Eastleigh on February 16th.

STOP PRESS

I have just taken delivery of a book called "Route 66 - The Class 66 Story" by Ken Carr and published by Visions International. This is their second book and I have only just opened this and hopefully its as good as their last book. It should complement the "Route 66 The Story So far DVD" very well. I think if you were a Class 66 fan then this book is a must for you with quite possibly 2nd and 3rd editions being done as well for all the latest GM's that have still to land on our and Europe's shores. I have only just got this so I will be reading it at work and letting you know what its like next month. The price is £14.95, the ISBN is 9780955826405.

15th February 2008

What a busy few months its been. Hentis-Rail.co.uk is fast approaching its 5th birthday wow 5 years already. Seeing as this only started out as a project to learn HTML whilst I was off work for 9 weeks then this is a long 9 weeks :P. I have all you lot the 60 thousand plus visitors to the site to thank for that. Not all of you have provided feedback but hey its up to you if you like the site and want to tell me then fine please do. You might have noticed the smell of fresh paint around here. Obviously approaching its 5th year the walls were getting a bit faded so a colour change was needed. There may be some bits I missed so please feel free to point me in the right direction. There is a lot to cover this month so here goes.

Latest news on the class 442's is that Southern are only taking 10 and 12 are going to be forced back to SWT after some arm twisting from the DfT. It looks as though the first class section on the Southern trains could be placed into the MBLs on the 442's. Interesting.

Web Site

The major difference you will see is the colour, blue was bright but grey adds an air of distinction I think and the colour's mix (either that or my eyes are bugged!!). Also the front page has 2 scripts on it that Microsofts Internet Explorer 7 (and other IE browsers) do not like and throws up a security warning about active x controls and scripts. Please note there are no hidden viruses, malicious cookies or trojans what so ever from my site. I do not believe in that so please allow the scripts to run. All they do is randomize the 2 jpeg images on the front page. Far better go to www.mozilla.org and download the latest version of Firefox (Internet Browser) and Thunderbird (email client) these are way better than Microsofts Outlook Express & Internet Explorer.

This month has been a massive update including the colour changes the following areas have been updated:- Loco wants, Locos, Emu's & Mu's, Poole Gallery Jan - Jun 08, Poole Gallery Index, On location index, Poole Works Index, Events, links, news , Contents page and pic of the month / front page. As well as that two more pages have been added. these are London 26th January in the on location section and Freight 2008. The freight 2008 is a year long project I am doing in listing the locomotives that go though or arrive at Poole on Freight, infrastructure or Railtours. this includes steam locomotives as well, on track plant like tamping machines etc etc are not included as the workings are generally unknown unless you have a good knowledge of trust, in which I don't. This is available to download in Microsoft works spreadsheet(.xlr) format and will be updated on a regular basis. there is also a Key on the web page listing the workings and abbreviations used. I tried to upload a text file but it didnt like two similar named files in the same folder. Oh well a work around is in the works. Also starting from this month a news archive section will be available to download. This will be available in text format for people to download and will list the old news from the site.

Tours

Six tours have been added to the events section most of these are between March & May with two at Poole on the same day.

You Tube

A quiet few weeks for the channel. Just three video's have been uploaded. But a few more are in production at this moment in time. These are:-

66602 6Z42 Poole 12th January 2008 - The Angerstein - Wool MOD sand empties on a Saturday.

Tuppy - Basicly a short video about my mates staffie that died back in October.

Winnie & the Ball - Another short webisode of Winnie the staffie playing outside with a ball at just 10 weeks old.

30th December 2007 - Happy New Year from Hentis-Rail.co.uk

What a year its been. The loss of the Wessex Electrics and the Desiro prangs that have caused rumor the some of the pigs could be making a return. Hi-light of the year for me has to be Swanage Railway. May 10th saw a convoy of loco and rolling stock consisting of GBRf's 73136 & 73208, Seco Rails 47635, SouthWest Trains 4Vep 3417 and the Diesel Traction Groups D1015 all to participate in the renowned Swanage Beer Festival due to the newly installed link at Motala (the boundary between Network Rail and Swanage Railway). It was a resounding success even though the weather was quite crap. I managed to photograph and film the convoy on its way to and from the Beer Festival but was unable to attend. Lets hope 2008's festival is better. Again on July 2nd another first for the Swanage Railway. BR Standard Class 4 2-6-0 76079 made its way to Swanage as the first steam working to Swanage for some 40 years. It was due to bank the Royal Wessex Tour from Weymouth but the tour had to be postponed until October 20th 2007, then the tour was cancelled all together. The kettle was at Swanage to participate in the 40th Anniversary of the end of Steam on British Railways. On the 10th of October yet another first for Swanage Railway and for GBRf. 66704 Colchester Power Signalbox made its way down to Swanage with a consist of 15 Network Rail Auto ballasters for a ballast drop of about a mile around the Motala link. Not only was it the first class 66 to visit Swanage but it was the longest and heaviest weighing at nearly 1500 tons. This returned to Eastleigh the next day. It took just two months for another train to visit Swanage Railway. This time comprising of EWS class 66 No.66237 (they could have put a 37 on it!!) with a rake of 15 ZCA "rudd", 21ton 4 wheeled ballast wagons. These are on hire to Swanage from EWS for construction and P-way work at Swanage station. These should return in February 2008. All in all Swanage Railway has had a very good year.

So what else have we had around the local area over the past 12 months. The normal 66's on the sand including a few celebrity ones. Bardon Aggregates Liveried 66623 made it down for the Wool - Neasdon Sand working. But noted for its 2 month stint on the job was 66622 unofficially named Dorset Wanderer. It was a welcome site to see this one go. Apart from the usual 66's classic traction was all the rage. with 31's, 37's, 47's and 73's making themselves known. However we failed to get any class 33 workings down here again. This must be the 4th year in a row where we have not had any 33's down here what so ever. Seems a shame really as the 33/1's spent most of their lives down here.

This year was abound with engineers trains as well. We had engineers possessions at between Poole and Wareham for 2 weeks with 66's allox to all the trains (would have wanted a 60 or 37). There were a few instances where GBRf were allocated onto engineers trains. Long Welded Rail drops were the norm in 2007. Shared between EWS and GBRF some I got others I didnt know about till after they had happened.

We had our fair share of tours that were planned and had a majority of them that were cancelled as well. Hi-lite must include Clan Lines visit on July 8th, celebrating 40 years of the end of steam on the Southern, With 37's and 47's and the odd 67 tour down here it was a good year for motive power.

August 21st saw a trial flow of sand from Wool - Watford behind 66018. This followed on September 4th with the start of a weekly run from Wool to Watford with the sand. Although there is some doubt whether this will be running much longer in 2008. I think 2007 will be mostly remembered for the first 6 weeks of the year and the run down and taking off lease the Class 442 fleet by SWT. It led to some weekends in the first few weeks of 2007 with loads of enthusiasts bashing the remainder of the 442 fleet.

This year I bought myself yet another new camera. A Canon EOS 40D. Truth be told I am still getting used to it but I hope to improve over 2008 (if you saw my recent lot of photos you'd be laughing, no honestly you would!!!). The R1 still takes great shots but I cannot seem to get my head round the Canon. Also in 2007 after 12 1/2 years of starting work at 08:30 and finishing at 16:30 I started in May on a shift rota. To be honest worst thing I have ever done... I should have taken the redundancy.... What a putz. I currently work 1 week at 6am - 2pm and the next week at 2pm - 10pm. Both shifts have their advantages and disadvantages. But for me its made going out for the day a lot harder. Hence why I have not gone far apart from Eastleigh this year and that wasn't as many times as I had wanted to. Well my first trip out will be in January to London. So I hope to have some photos and video's for that.

So.. what will 2008 bring?

Not much at the moment. I have just updated the Events section with planned engineering work for the rest of 2008 and most of 2009. Have a read its interesting. Just 3 tours have been announced at the moment. Two steam Dreams Sunny South Specials. One in July and the other in August. A Hertfordshire Railtours Pullman from Milton Keynes to Weymouth on March 1st '08 and thats it for the tours so far. Hopefully we will see some more.

Engineering work is scheduled through out the year with overnight / early morning possessions on a Saturday/Sunday. Only 3 weekends of full possessions around the Poole area. 2 weekends between Poole and Wareham with full relay of ballast sleepers and rail and a weekend of closure for level crossing installation at Moreton & East Burton and structure work on Creekmoor viaduct. It looks as though 2008 could be a quiet year for our neck of the woods, although Basingstoke Area Re signalling scheme is set to be completed this year as well. Make a date for December 2009 though work starts around December time on the W10 loading gauge enhancement scheme. Firstly at Redbridge with Junction Road footbridge being hired and December 5th 2009 for 6 days between Northam Junction and Southampton there is single line working due to the Southampton to Stafford freight route upgrade. No Doubt this will cause uproar with South Today & Meridian Tonight providing their best attempts at mass panic amongst some easily led commuters... Did I say that... oh well mark my words and see.

Anyhow it only leaves me to wish every one a safe and Happy 2008.

27th December 2007 Happy Christmas

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of the 19668 visitors who visited the website this year. I managed to get an old style EWS drivers bag. Now why would you want one of them? you ask. Well since purchasing my Canon EOS 40D and lens and still wanting to use my Sony R1 and Canon and the video Camera together, I just didnt have a big enough and secure bag to carry it all around with and food and drink if I am out all day. So the EWS bag is big enough to put either the the R1 or Canon (plus lenses) and the video camera into the same area. Also other bits spare batteries filters, dictaphone, binoculars, mobile phone and timing sheets / timetables etc etc. Its a decent amount that can be put away in the bag and it does the job nicely. The only thing that wont go in is the tripod but I am not complaining. The has been a bit of space between this and the last update mainly due to the fact that I have built a new PC. Which uses an Intel Core 2 Duo 3ghz processor, BFG Geforce 8800 320mb gddr3 video card 2 gig of ram and a 160gb Sata II HD. To say I had teething problems with it is an under statement as from day one it would not work. Bearing in mind I used to build my own PCs from scratch, this was the first one I had built for the past 5 years so I wasn't exactly going to have it all my own way with it working straight out of the boxes. But it works now and this is what I now edit my photos with and the web site, this update is being done on the new PC. The other PC will is now used for video editing (it was planned for this one but it does not like the editing software / hardware I use!!!).

Traction

60010 came down twice with in a week on the 12th & 18th of December. The 12th it was allocated on the Whatley Quarry - Hamworthy OP Stone and on Wednesday 18th it was allocated on the Eastleigh yard - Wool and Wool - Watford Sand workings. 66237 made a run to the Furzebrook branch on December 11th to drop off a rake of 15 empty "rudd" wagons currently on hire to Swanage Railway. Two class 442's have gone to Railcare Wolverton works to be prepared for use with Southern. Units 2412 & 2414 left behind 47830 on December 3rd.

Tours / Events

Only two tours added this month for Steam Dreams Sunny South Specials, one in July and a few weeks later in August. See the events section for more info.

Site News

Updated this month :- Pic of the month, Poole July - December 2007 Gallery, Loco Wants, News & Events. Early in December I amassed a stunning figure of 60,000 visits to the site since 2003. I thought hitting 50,000 in May was good but hitting 60.000 in December is fantastic. This year I have had in short just under 20,000 visits to the site this year alone. 19668 to be precise from January 1st 2007 - December 27th 2007. A big thank you to the visitors who keep coming back for more.

You Tube

Since the last update 10 video's have appeared on my CHANNEL on You Tube they are as follows:-

- DR79221 6Z14 Poole 14th March 2006 - Video of Rail grinder arriving at Poole.
- Wessies, Dessies & Brians a late night at Poole 2006 - Waiting for a pair of 31's on the UT2 Train to Weymouth at Poole.
- Wessies, Dessies and Spoons @ Poole 231206 - Waiting for the Blue Pullman 47's from Weymouth.
- Memoirs of Eastleigh Part VII - Part 7 in the popular series filmed December 29th 2006.
- 37602 & 37608 1Z14 Serco Poole January 8th 2007 - Video footage of ratable traction at Poole for a change!!
- 66707 6G16 Poole 110107 - 66707 bringing in a Long Welded Rail Train to Poole.
- 66518 6Z42 Poole 171107 - 66518 on the sand train shot at Sterte, Poole
- An Afternoon at Poole December 11th 2007 - Featuring A 66 to Swanage, Freightliner 66 on the sand empties and an EWS shed on the EWS sand.
- 60010 7V48 Hamworthy OP - Whatley Stone empties - An EWS 60 on the stone empties.
- Winnie the Staff vs. Tigger!! - Winnie the eight week old staffie pup ripping tigger a new one!

31st October 2007 - Happy Halloween

Traction

66704 made an historic visit to Swanage on 10th October with a ballast train. It was the first Class 66 to work the Motala link, the boundary between Swanage Railway and Network Rail and and the first to visit Swanage and Corfe Castle. As well as one of the longest trains since the end of BR Steam Specials in 1967, It was the heaviest train that they had on the line since the 1800's. The entire train weighed in around 1476 tons (incl. loco according to the official paperwork I have) and was used for ballasting of the track between the Motala link and Norden Park and ride. The loco was top & tailed with Swanage Railways resident class 33 D6515 Stan Symes. The £10,000 worth of ballast was paid for by Swanage Railway with the train crew supplied by First GBRf and the ballasting crew were being trained by Network Rail. It seems as though there is a growing bond between Swanage Railway and GBRF and I think it would be nice to see a GBRf class 66 named "Swanage Railway" as a commemorative mark. 66704 left Swanage the following day returning to Eastleigh with most of the train empty.

Three days later more GBRf 66's were engaged in CE work around the Bournemouth area 66708, 66716 and 66724 were required to work several CE trains as part of an engineers possession at Bournemouth. The previous week saw a first for our neck of the woods. On Friday October 6th 66192 made an appearance at Poole with Single Line Spoil Handling Train. This came from Hinksey to Poole to run round so it could take possession on the up line at Bournemouth. Finally after 5 years on October 15th I managed to clear my Class 450 Desiro's. I got a text message from Dorset Ned (big thanks by the way) saying that 450124 was working the Brockenhurst - Wareham runs. After just getting in from my early shift and feeling rather tired I managed to drag my arse down to the station to photograph it. I was lucky, as it happened to be working the Wareham - Winchester service which would have seen it finish its run down here. I managed to get a few shots of it at Poole so I was a happy chap. :)

Tours

Just one tour this month. March 1st 2008 Hertfordshire Railtours Blue Pullman to Dorchester & Weymouth more details in the Events section. Also no more additions but just tidied up the page by removing old dates and cancelled tours.

Website

Updates this month include Bournemouth Station CE work in the Poole works gallery. A fifth page has been added to the Poole gallery, Although I went to Eastleigh on September 28th no page has been put up in the On Location gallery. The Event, Loco wants and Pic o' the month areas have all been updated as well.

You Tube

Since September six videos have been uploaded to my channel on You Tube.

These are:-

- Dorset Engineers 22nd/23rd September 2007 Part I
- Dorset Engineers 22nd/23rd September 2007 Part II
- Dorset Engineers 22nd/23rd September 2007 Part III
- 66091 6N66 - Poole 26th September 2007
- 66192 6N21 Hinksey - Branksome 06th October 2007
- 66704 6G66 Eastleigh yard - Furzebrook Oil Sidings (Swanage)

Go have a look and comment if you wish. Please note all comments have to be approved by me. Its an anti spam measure to ensure that no comments are placed relating to the spammers promoting their sordid sites.

25th September 2007 - Eastleigh works reprieved?

Traction

Two Class 47's were named on September 21st at Eastleigh works to mark the completion of work done on the first batch of locomotives for Seco/Colas Rail. 47749 was named Demelza and 47727 was named Rebecca at a ceremony at the now re-opened works. Both the locos as well as receiving a repaint also had an intermediate overhaul which is basically new OTMR and AWS equipment being fitted a full check of the electrical systems as well as cleaning of the main generators. Blue Star Coupling has also been installed to enable the locos to work in multiple together. Its now thought that two more 47's are bound for Eastleigh for the same treatment. The site was originally going to be sold off for housing but due to the site being under the flight path of Southampton Airport (which is next door) its been muted as not being a good idea. Currently there is a short term lease on the works site. Also the Class 442's are getting their luggage modifications there (see 442 news above for more info). Pics of the Class 47's on a test train and being named can be found at the following sites:-

Richie Sulzmans Southern Railway Gallery
James Mayls UKRAILPICS
Andrew Cameron's 47Soton.co.uk
Carl Watsons Fotopic site

Get your shots of the Brockenhurst - Wareham Desiro's in as soon as possible. From December this service will be removed and a new two trains per hour service to Weymouth service will start. The current Weymouth - Waterloo services will no longer call at Upwey or Moreton but will call at Parkstone & Branksome instead.

The new Weymouth will call at all stations to Poole then Bournemouth, Pokesdown, Christchurch, New Milton, Brockenhurst, Southampton Central, Southampton Airport Parkway, Winchester, Basingstoke and Clapham Junction.

The Poole-Waterloo service will call at all stations to Brockenhurst then Ashurst, Totton, Southampton Central, Southampton Airport Parkway, Eastleigh, Shawford, Winchester, Basingstoke, Fleet, Farnborough Main and Clapham Junction.

With thanks to DJH and National Rail enquires for the info.

Tours

As the tour season comes to a close there is nothing more now till next year. I have updated the Events section but mainly to bring it up to date.

Webby

Website news. An update to the Poole Gallery (new page added), Events, Locowants and news section and pic of the month for this update.

You Tube

Just one video since the last update has gone up and thats the video 59102, 47843 & 47847 Poole 19.09.07. I am currently working on a further two or three videos that will be added over then next few days but these wont be set to music.

9th September 2007 - Wanted 1 EWS drivers bag... read on!!

Just a couple of updates this month. I start of this bit of news with a plea. I am looking for and will pay for one if anyone has an old style (Red/gold) EWS Drivers bag that they want to get rid of. The reason why I want one is for my own reasons and will become clear if the person who is willing to part with theirs gets in contact with me. Its for legitimate reasons and nothing dubious. I would expect it to be in decent condition and photos would have to be seen of it as well. So please if anyone has one and would like to get rid of one then please get in touch with me at (email removed)

Tours

What looked to be some sort of decent record of tours between the end of July and September has turned out to become a damp squibb, with about 4 tours cancelled. The 850 tour from London non stop to Weymouth on September 8th was cancelled due to 850 Lord Nelson failing with Crown Stays and other issues and wont be back in service till 2008 at the earliest, The Tour to Weymouth behind D1015 Western Champion never even got off the ground that was cancelled. The Class 50 tour to Weymouth also on Spetember 8th has also been cancelled for some unknown reason, again!! Also one other steam tour was cancelled on September 22nd due to engineering work between Bournemouth and Southampton!! Fantastic!! Still e have 2 Pullman tours to Bournemouth and I think at least one more Steam dreams tour to come.

Website

The website today has been updated with an separate gallery added in the Poole Gallery Index page dedicated to 73109's passenger work on the Lymington Branch on September 4th. Also the latest Poole July - December pages have had a few updates over the past week mainly 1st and 4th of September.

Traction

September 4th a new sand flow started with 66150 running as the 6Z57 Wool MOD sidings - Watford Yard loaded sand. This is initially running on Tuesday only but I believe there is a pathway for Thursdays as well. Tuesdays and most Thursdays Freightliner runs their empties from the previous days run to Neasdon back to Wool sidings. So EWS are down early in the morning with a rake of VTG PGA's and run back around 15:37 off of Wool. In theory it looks as though the trains are timed to pass at Poole (although on the 4th they were about 10 minutes apart due to the Freightliner empties being late, see the Poole Gallery for shots). Also on September 4th an impromptu diesel fest appeared on the Brockenhurst - Lymington Branch where Class 421 1497 disgraced it self by failing (again!!) on the branch. Due to the lack of a Class 450 Desiro to do the honors Class 73 73109 was acquired to run the train on diesel in push pull mode till around 18:40 when a class 450 would be made available to run along the branch. It turned out to be an enthusiast place to get to as rare diesel traction returned to the Lymmie branch for one afternoon only.

You Tube

Just one video for this month. This was when I went to Hinton Admiral & Branksome to video the Chichester - Bournemouth T&RSMD VSOE ecs and the Wool sand empties. All did not go to plan as the photos I took at Hinton Admiral of the VSOE ecs were crap. Although I managed to get some shots at Branksome. I put together this 6 minute plus video of the day. The video is called Hentis Rail Awayday Part 1. Its set to music as well which has turned out to be a bit popular. Go have a look and comment and rate it if you like. Also regarding You Tube comments. Due to You Tubes inability to deal properly with spammers posting stupid and spam comments on mine and others videos I have been forced to take the following steps of making comments on approval only. This is purely down to the fact that You Tube cannot or will not stop the people from continual spamming of accounts and I dont want porn sites advertised on my channels as the channel is a favorite with young kids as well as older ones.

19th August 2007 - General bits and a moan

Okay I will try and get the moan out of the way first. Since posting the news below about Freightliner & Poole Docks I have received around 4 or 5 emails of abuse from various, I would say enthusiasts but there sad little gits from my book. Basically stating that I know "F**k All" and that the story of "Freightliner moving into Poole docks is nothing but a figment of my overworked imagination". The information I get is far more accurate than you think. Whether you believe it or not is upto you, and yes I know I stand in the firing line if I put these articles up on the site but what I don't want is threatening and abusive emails both of which should constitute in a cessation of your email service by your ISP as it is against their usage policy. One mail particularly stated about me stating that "Freightliner were moving into Poole Docks". I did not state that of which I duly informed the mis informed ejit that it was a rhetorical statement. That is when the abuse started in return emails. I have since been bouncing this persons abusive emails back to him and sent 3 or 4 to his ISP in complaint (although they will do bugger all about it). Still I have my little ways of dealing with them. Please if you are going to contact me about what I have written then fine please do but do not email me to threaten or abuse me as I will no longer tolerate it.

Website

The update for today is mainly another page has been added to the Poole July - December 07 Gallery . These shots were of the Steam Charter to Weymouth and the Hamworthy Stone train, a shot that I have been trying to get for ages, with not a pigeon in site!! These shots were taken with my new Canon EOS 400D Also the news and Pic o' the month has been updated.

14th August 2007 - Freightliner move into Poole Docks??

Freightliner have enquired if the Hamworthy branch is available for possible weekend out berthing of container flats. Down Saturdays return Monday as per trips on the Fawley Branch. Its not known whether it is in addition to the Fawley branch trips or if it is because of forthcoming engineering works. Either way its an interesting development. As most people will know there used to be a Freightliner flow back in the BR days from the late 70's to early mid 80's. In fact I do have a few photos that have been sent to me of work taking place of the installation of a container lifting hoist at the docks around the 1970's. Also there are 150+ various 40ft containers that have been appearing stacked up to 4 & 5 high on the the Quay and within the docks itself. An enquiry to the security peeps at Poole docks did not turn up much info but further investigations have found out that these containers are coming down form all parts of the country for storage and then shipping via coastal ship to Rotterdam Europort in the Netherlands. Apparently there is a world shortage of 40ft containers.

I have a new camera. I have just bought a new Canon EOS 400D 10.1 megapixel camera with a EF-S 18-55mm f/3.5-5.6 II lens and a EF 55-200mm f4.5 - 6.6 II USM lens. It a very good camera and both the camera and supplied software that came with it will take a little while to get used to and be able to use it to its full potential. So what am I going to do the the Sony R1? I got some stunning pictures with the R1 and still hope to get some. I will be using both cameras. The disadvantage of the R1 is the lack of speed in taking multiple photos as well as it being a fixed lens camera where as the 400D has better multiple shot capability and has over 60 odd different lenses available for it!!

30th July 2007 - Tours Galore

Tour

One more tour added this month. A GBRf staff jolly to Weymouth on August 22nd. Comprising of 2 x class 73 load 7 and a 66 on the rear. This will leave from London Victoria around 09:15 and arrive at Weymouth around 13:02. It should pass through Poole around 12:26 and return around 18:23 arriving back at London Victoria around 21:33.

Traction

67029 made only its second journey to Poole on July 28th with an ecs working from Eastleigh (originally Old Oak Common) to Poole for a loco run round. The loco took charge of the diesel leg of The Golden Arrow from Bournemouth - Folkestone and Canterbury. DRS tractors 37218 & 37259 provided traction for the Serco test train on July 17th to Weymouth and return also staying for about an hour in Poole Yard. A pair of 31's will visit Poole on August 1st & 2nd with the UT2 test train to Weymouth and return.

A new sand working is rumored to be starting up from Wool in September by EWS on behalf of Bardon Aggregates. This is due to run as the Wool Mod sidings to Watford Yard could mean we get the sand train through Poole around 5 days a week, Three by Freightliner and two by EWS.

Website

Due to work constraints alot of the workings that have been happening over the last few weeks around Poole I have been unable to photograph. Fortuante though I have been able to acquire some photos of the workings.

This month the Poole Gallery has been updated with photographs from 14th, 17th, 21st, 22nd and 28th of July. the News section and events section has been updated as well.

You Tube

A further 7 videos have been uploaded to MY CHANNEL on You Tube bringing the number of videos to 257.

Slamdoor and 442's at Poole - A 12 coach slamdoor unit runs into the carriage sidings at Poole and 2408 leaves Poole with a service to Weymouth and then we see the 12 coach slammer leave the sidings for platform 1. September 22nd 2004.

73096 & 33103 Poole 220904 - 73096 pulls into Poole with a Waterloo - Poole Cathedrals express charter and gets watered whilst in platform 1 then it leaves for the run round sidings where 33103 attaches ts self to the train and then leaves Poole almost an hour later. September 22nd 2004.

66070 6V29 Poole 0904 - 66070 with the 6V29 Furzebrook - Hallen Marsh loaded LPG tanks, briefly pausing at Poole in September 2004.

Memoirs of Eastleigh part VI - The 6th episode and possibly the last in the series. Featuring Sheds, 57's and voyagers and I cant remember what else. This was shot in 2004 as I have not been able to transfer the rest of videos from VHS onto my PC for technical reasons.

Pair of 31's UT2 Train 092004 - A Pair of 31's One is 31190 and I am not sure what the leading one is on the UT2 train passing through Poole in late 2004.

Waterloo Sunset - Poole 080707 - 35028 Clanline is hauled into Poole station behind 66145 on the diesel leg of the Waterloo Sunset tour on SUneday July 8th. We then see Clan Line detach from the train and go into Poole Yard for watering and coaling and finally here and see her leaving Poole for the return leg to London.

66529 6Z42 Poole 280707 - 66529 passes underneath Sterte road bridge at Poole with the 6Z42 Angerstein Wharf - Wool MOD sidings sand empties. July 28th 2007