

PRESERVED COACHING STOCK OF BRITISH RAILWAYS

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MYSTERIOUS CARRIAGES!!!

My thanks to all those who have so far responded to the appeal on the last 'Amendment Sheet' for information that might help locate **BR Mark 1 CK 15961**. Two recipients of these sheets in particular have made Herculean efforts to trace this carriage and are still on the case at the time of writing. Very special thanks must therefore go to Doug and Clive for all their efforts. The carriage is though still proving extremely difficult to locate. It has now been established that Cheddar Valley Railway was a garbling of the facts and the carriage actually departed the Kent & East Sussex Railway on 12th February 2004 for non-railway use with a purchaser in Cheddar, Somerset. It is also understood that this purchaser intended to use it for storage purposes in connection with a cycle hire business. Enquiries made so far with Cheddar cycle businesses have not as yet been fruitful. It would also appear that the carriage left the Kent & East Sussex Railway minus bogies so may well now be grounded rather than on a section of track. With this more precise information now available, can any other recipients of these sheets now shed any light on the current location of this carriage. Perhaps cycling friends have mentioned something in passing in the past and the significance had not been realised. Please do not leave it to others, if you know something or somebody who knows something about this carriage then please let me know.

Obviously BR Mark 1 CK 15961 remains the top 'serious mystery' but close behind are:-

GWR Hawksworth BTKs 2148 (DW150403) and 2218 (DW150400). These two carriages were last known to be at the Severn Valley Railway in April 2001. Subsequent to that, probably in 2002 or 2003 they appear to have disappeared from that railway. Enquiries made when it was first realised that they had disappeared resulted in the information that they had moved to the premises of Enterprise Weaving Company, Firs Industrial Estate, Kidderminster. If they did move to that location, they had again moved on by early 2006 although enquiries suggest that they were never there. There have been suggestions that they were actually broken up at the Severn Valley Railway rather than moving away. Enquiries to clarify what actually did become of them via Severn Valley Railway associated websites have met with silence. Similarly the VCT have, despite their efforts, been unable to establish any accurate information about what has become of them. Again I believe a recipient of these 'Amendment Sheets' has the vital clue in this mystery. Is it you? Do you know what has become of them and never realised I did not? Has someone mentioned something about them in passing? Do you have friends involved with the Severn Valley Railway who might know or know someone who does? What, if anything, is the Enterprise Weaving Company involvement with the mystery or was this a 'red herring'? Any help with this mystery would be very much appreciated. Do not leave it to others, if you know something or somebody who knows something about these carriages then please let me know.

SPECIAL AND CHARTER TRAIN COACHING STOCK

1) FM Rail

Mark 2s RFB 1211, FO 3285, TSOs 5779, 5789, 5812, 5824, 5827, 5888, 5897, 5912, 5948, 5983, 5989, 5991, 6001, 6045, 6049, 6117, 6122, 6173, 6121, 6134, 6151, 6164, 6168 and BSOs 9479, 9496, 9506, 9525 that had been leased from HSBC Rail (UK) have been taken off lease and returned to the leasing company.

Blue Pullman liveried FO 3278 and BSO 9513 that had been leased from HSBC Rail (UK) have now been purchased.

Leased Mark 2 FO 3395 has been painted into Blue Pullman livery and is now based at East Ham along with the other Blue Pullman liveried carriages.

Stored Mark 2 BVs 6356 & 6357 and BFKs 17144 and 17170 that were stored at Barrow Hill have been moved to Coalville for further storage.

2) Cotswold Rail Train Services

Mark 3s RFM 10235 and FO 11033 that had been leased from Porterbrook Leasing Company have now been purchased.

Mark 2s FOs 3241, TSOs 5669, 5700, 5710, RMBF 6722 and BSO 9493 have been leased from HSBC Rail (UK).

