



# *The Pacer Preservation Society Bulletin January 2012*



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## Introduction

Welcome to Issue 3 of the Pacer Preservation Society's new bulletin. It will be released every other month and will enable you to keep up-to-date with all the latest news from the PPS. The bulletin will include not just the Class 142-144 units, but also the less publicised LEV and Class 141 railbuses too. On behalf of the PPS, I hope you enjoy this bulletin and the corresponding Pacer Chaser magazine!

*Peter Dickinson*

## News

### 142059's Cab offered to the PPS

The cab front of 142059, which now languishes under Manchester Victoria station, has been donated to the PPS by station staff. Negotiations as to where the cab will be stored are currently ongoing, and details will be available shortly. A full account of 142059's crash at Liverpool Lime Street in 1991 can be found within Pacer Chaser Issue 2 (available in December).

### New Chairman & Area Representative

Alan Wilson, the PPS' current Chairman has stated that he wishes to step down and as such, the Chairman position has become vacant. Following discussions at the meeting, **Phil Rogers** has agreed to take over as Chairman. The role itself is just a figurehead role at this stage in the PPS' development but will become more complex as the society grows.

It has become clear that a lot of the PPS' members are based in Northern England and that there is greater representation of the PPS in this area than in other areas which experience regular Pacer operations (South West & South Wales). In a bid to readdress this imbalance, **Glenn Bowden** has agreed to become the South West area representative for the PPS. He will have the role of increasing awareness of the PPS and acting as a local contact for members/potential members.

On behalf of the PPS, please wish both Phil and Glenn all the best with their new roles.

### Website Updates

Following capacity issues and it not being able to do all the functions required, the website has been completely rebuilt. There has been a string of updates on the website in the past, but it is at least bearing fruit. The new website is temporarily available at <http://pacerpreservation.weebly.com>, but thanks to the generosity of PPS member Glenn Bowden, it will soon be going live at [www.pacerpreservationsociety.co.uk](http://www.pacerpreservationsociety.co.uk). All members will be contacted when this changeover goes live.

A number of potential members have remarked that they would apply if they could pay through Paypal, and on the former webs.com based site, this was not possible. However the new site makes online membership possible and is now a lot more straightforward.

## Weardale Bash

The Llangollen Railcar Trust have arranged with the Weardale for a private charter using 141113 on a Saturday in early March. This will cover the whole branch (including Eastgate) and there will be lunch to be had. Although it's officially for Llan DMU Group members any of the PPS members who want to come will be able to. Please contact Peter Dickinson ([peter.dson@hotmail.com](mailto:peter.dson@hotmail.com)) if you are interested in attending this.

## Llangollen DMU Gala – Help Required

The Llangollen Railway is hosting its annual DMU gala on 23-24<sup>th</sup> June and the PPS has been invited to have a stand at this throughout the weekend. If anyone is willing to help man the stand for part or all of each day, email: to [pacerpreservationsociety@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pacerpreservationsociety@hotmail.co.uk). Every hour would be gratefully appreciated.

## Simplified Membership System

There have been a number of issues with the original membership system and these have now been resolved. Members can now choose their own unique membership number from the 140001-144023 range with all membership numbers taken being listed on the membership section of the PPS website.

Applying online through Paypal is now available at: <http://pacerpreservation.weebly.com/membership.html>

## Information Required

Research is underway to determine the repainting dates of the Class 144 units from WYPTE metro livery into Northern Rail livery. Thus far, the following dates have been determined as the last known sighting in Metro livery and first sighting in Northern livery. Note: if a unit is not listed, its repaint date is known already.

If you can help fill in any of the gaps please contact **Peter Dickinson** at: [peter.dson@hotmail.com](mailto:peter.dson@hotmail.com)

Unit Number	Last sighting in Metro livery	First sighting in Northern Rail livery
144005	29 October 2008	02 March 2009
144006	24 November 2008	01 April 2009
144009	27 December 2008	18 March 2009
144012	26 March 2009	07 May 2009
144015	20 September 2009	05 December 2009
144016	09 September 2009	20 November 2009
144017	20 June 2009	04 February 2010
144018	10 September 2009	30 November 2009
144019	17 July 2009	05 December 2009
144020	13 March 2009	06 June 2009
144021	15 July 2009	09 December 2009
144022	19 July 2009	02 June 2010
144023	17 October 2009	19 December 2009

**Are these dates right? Have a delve through your photo collection and see what you can find. All info will be greatly appreciated!**

## Pacer Chaser Photographic Competition

The Pacer Preservation Society's first photographic competition is now open, with the deadline for entries being **1<sup>st</sup> March 2012**. Email entries to [pacerpreservationsociety@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pacerpreservationsociety@hotmail.co.uk) accompanied with your name, contact details and photograph details (location, working etc).

The winning entries will be published on the official PPS' 2013 Calendar!

## Other Railbuses

- The former Northern Ireland Railways four-wheel railbus RB003 has been placed into the new £550,000 Carriage Gallery at the Downpatrick and County Down Railway. It will be on public display when the gallery opens later this year.
- RB002 is still in Dundalk in a relatively secure location in the garden behind the owner's house. It's mechanically complete but missing all the seats. Electrically - wires cut under the cabs the same as RB004 was in the past, not sure about the control cabinets as they are in-accessible due to interior panelling fitted whilst in use as an office. We assume that they are stripped with all relays and control modules removed. A bit rusty round the edges and in need of a good wash. A few weeks/months work required to get it operating I think - it appears to be mechanically almost identical to RB004, and the electrics will be yet another hack of the un-refurbished class 141 control panels and cable harness. (Update from Craig Owens)

## Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the PPS meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012 are available to view and download at:

<http://pacerpreservation.weebly.com/events--news.html>

## Forthcoming Events

Weardale Bash with 141113	Saturday in early-March 2012 (Subject to confirmation with Llangollen Railcar Trust)
PPS Bulletin No.4 released	Monday 19th March 2012
PPS Bulletin No.5 released	Monday 21st May 2012
Pacer Chaser Issue 3	Friday 1st June 2012
Llangollen DMU Gala	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2012
PPS Bulletin No.6 released	Monday 16th July 2012

Keep up-to-date with all the latest news at: <http://pacerpreservation.weebly.com/index.html>