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Dawlish Summer Holiday - One Year On.

43135 leads 43146 with the down Atlantic Coast Express, the 0906 Paddington - Newquay seen running along Marine parade on 24th July.



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From The Editor

Welcome to this special issue of Railtalk Magazine, Dawlish Summer Holiday - One Year On.

When we did the Dawlish Summer Holiday special edition last year, we thought that it was great. A year later, it's even better. Down on the sea wall there has been a lot happening during the last year, Cross Country have won the franchise from Virgin and all with that came a change of livery. The units are the same, the loadings are as busy as ever, but the current rail direction seems to think that just changing the colour of the operator will cure all ill's.

One nice addition over the last year has been the Colas Class 47s, their colourful livery contrasting nicely against the sea wall. The influx of Class 142s is evident and seems to have been a complete success. As ever the near completion of the refurbishment of the FGW HST fleet means that once again they have a uniform livery, (more or less!!)

This year, like last, HST's were hired in for the summer, with the new National Express East Coast livery making an impact on the sea wall, as is the new Cross Country HST livery.

This edition has been compiled entirely using photographs and comments from Railtalk contributor Richard Hargreaves, (Pictured below) who writes:

"Although the scene on the South Devon mainline has changed beyond recognition in the last 30 years and today may seem sterile to some enthusiasts, there is always something different to photograph every year, whether that be a form of traction new to the area, a new traffic flow or, just a new livery on some of the local units. I would love to be able to be photographing regular Class 50 hauled trains or "Peaks" on inter regional expresses and as those who know me would anticipate a desire for wizzo's on everything, but sadly those days are gone for good. However there is still nothing better on a summers day than to spend a few hours line side photographing the current scene in the South West, chatting with fellow enthusiasts or generally just reminiscing about what traction used to be passing by"



So there is still plenty to see, plenty of change and yes there was some sun on the south coast this year, probably about the only place in the UK this summer. We don't envisage this being a special edition from Dawlish being "annual event" but with all the changes going on we hope that you will appreciate this edition. Special thanks to Richard Hargreaves for his time in compiling this edition.

Andy Patten.











Above: Sunday 27th July and 6024 heads along Marine parade with the down Torbay express. This shot taken from boat cove on another glorious summer day.



Left: The returning Torbay Express thunders through the middle road at Dawlish Warren a week earlier, on 20th July. The 2008 season saw train blessed with a matching rake of chocolate and cream stock.

Top: On a day of stormy seas, 24th July, Network Rail's 950 001 is seen returning from 2 days in Cornwall having earlier in the day traversed the mothballed Heathfield branch.



*Bottom:
Class 31 233 worked a test train along the sea wall, but unfortunately at around midnight on 29th July. The following day the Class 31 is seen in the bay platform at Exeter St Davids before returning to Derby.*







Above: The 0850 Exmouth to Penzance rounds Langstone Rock on Saturday 26th July formed of Arriva liveried Class 150 213.

Top Left: Class 150 221 brakes for the booked Teignmouth stop with the 0745 Bristol Temple Meads to Penzance on 27th July.

Bottom Left: The 1354 Exeter St Davids to Paignton passes Horse cove with 142030 and 142009 giving its passengers a tremendous view of the coastline.



Above: Class 150 121 runs into Newton Abbot on 19/07/07 to form the 1606 service to Gunnislake.

Bottom Left: Class 153 369 and 150 239 head towards Dawlish on 21st July with the 0926 Exeter St Davids to Plymouth service.

Bottom Right: A livery comparison at Dawlish Warren on 26th July as SWT's Class 159 107 pauses with a Paignton service with FGW's dynamic lines liveried Class 150 246 heading for Exmouth.



Right: On August 1st Class 159 006 departs from Dawlish with the 1603 service to Plymouth. SWT services are due to finish west of Exeter at the end of the 2009 summer timetable.

Below: The 0926 Exeter St Davids to Plymouth passes through Dawlish Warren on August 1st formed of 52282 + 57244 + 153382.

The Class 150 is temporarily reformed and the leading vehicle renumbered to 150244 due to accident damage to the other vehicles in the original set.









Above: 43166 storms through the platform at Dawlish on 20th July with XC's 1025 Plymouth to Dundee service.



Left: 43239 leads the 1522 Newquay to Manchester Piccadilly through Dawlish Warren on Saturday 26th July



Above: Class 66 548 hauls the Moorswater to Westbury cement up through Dawlish Warren on 22nd July.



Left: Class 66 169 passes Dawlish Warren with 6B99 Tavistock - Alexander Dock Jct. on 24th July.



Above: Class 66 602 hauls the Westbury to Moorswater cement down through Dawlish Warren on 23rd July.

Left: Class 66 621 coasts along the sea wall towards Dawlish with a rake of empty box wagons from Angerstein Wharf to Newton Abbot on 28th July.

Sand and stone are being extracted from Cornwall and taken to the south east in connection with construction of various projects for the 2012 Olympic games.







Railtalk Magazine *Class 142 004 and 142 067 head away past Langstone Rock on 21st July with the 0903 Exeter Central to Paignton service. Although the subject of much mockery amongst some enthusiasts, the “donkeys” are proving highly reliable and their high density proving very useful.*



