

Monthly Gen Update – August 2009

Date	Information
02/08/09	Today marked the end of diverting the West Coast sleepers via the ECML on Sunday nights only. The northbound sleepers were worked by 90020 and 90028 with 90036 hauling the two trains as far as Wembley. The southbound services were worked by 90021 (1M16) and 90035 (1M11). From 09/08/09 the sleepers reverted back to going via the WCML.
05/08/09	The only thing to report for today is that 90019 replaced 90029 on WB64 after it arrived back at Wembley as it required a B-exam at Crewe.
06/07/09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 90018 worked its 2nd passenger service since returning to traffic, and hauled 1M11 from Glasgow. 90020 took the Edinburgh portion to Carstairs, and 90036 operated 1M16 from Edinburgh albeit excessively late. 2. 90019 was stepped down at Euston after working 1B44 and so never performed 1G27 or 1B68 due to a series of incidents on the WCML resulting in chaos one of which derives from OLE damage resulting in a Pendolino being stranded for 3hrs and was eventually rescued by a 57. 3) Strike action continued today in Anglia with a limited service being operated for the 2nd week running. 3. 90028 became officially stored today - 90018 were reinstated and became its replacement. The usual reason for storage 'wheelsets' 4. 90019 makes its debut run with VT WB64 having replaced 90029 the night before.
07/08/09	<p>The key news story for today was the use of both MK3 sets operating on the WCML for Virgin Trains.</p> <p>The Virgin Trains liveried set (WB64) performed the usual Birmingham diagram starting with 1G04 continuing with the rest of the diagram as usual. However, the Cargo-D set (WB65) which ran ecs from Crewe was due to work just the 18:46 EUS-PRE service.</p> <p>Due to a shortage of rolling stock, WB65 was quickly put into service after arriving at Euston. It worked 1G22 13:03 EUS-BNS, for 1B58 14:50 BNS-EUS where it then did 1P05 18:46 EUS-PRE.</p> <p>The use of two loco-hauled sets to Birmingham was an unforgettable event (very rare these days) of which I am deeply grateful having the experienced the whole trio of class 90 trash.</p> <p>A small special article outing the days events will follow shortly, and be placed in the article page of this site. In addition to what has happening on the West Coast, the other things to report are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 90026 worked a one trip carrying American students to Prestonpans from London Kings Cross having departed from the capital at 07:07. The stock was brought into the termini by 67027. On arrival at Prestonpans, the train went ecs to Millerhill where 90026 was ran round and the stock came back empty southwards. 2. Strike action continued today in Anglia with a limited service being operated – 90010, 90001, and 90010 made an appearance.

08/08/09	<p><i>The most significant event that took place today was the deployment of 90026 to Anglia having been dragged to Ilford in readiness to be used by NXEA. This class 90 loco had NEVER worked in Anglia before this date.</i></p> <p>The other interesting working for today was the deployment of 90019 to the 17:43 EUS-BNS 1G36 for the 3rd week running.</p>
09/08/09	<p>The first outing on a Sunday for the VT WB64 occurred today. It was anticipated that 90019 would work 13:38 EUS-BNS, 15:30 BNS-EUS, 17:38 EUS-BNS and 19:30 BNS-EUS. However, due to a problem with the DVT once again on the 15:30 BNS-EUS, the MK3 set was stepped down at Euston and so never worked the 2nd set of services.</p> <p>Over in Anglia 90001, 90005, 90010, 90011, 90014, and 90024 all saw action between London and Norwich and were all routed via the Ilford grade separated junction due to engineering work on the fast lines.</p>
10/08/09	<p>The VT MK3 set was not today due to the ongoing issues with DVT 82126 - the diagram was covered by a series of Pendolinos.</p>
11/08/09	<p>Today the WCML witnessed an extra diagram being worked by WB64+90029 due to a shortage of Pendolinos & Voyagers. This included:</p> <p>07:03 EUS-BNS 1G04 08:50 BNS-EUS 1B29 10:43 EUS-BNS 1G15 12:30 BNS-EUS 1B44 14:43 EUS-BNS 1G27 16:30 BNS-EUS 1B68 19:03 EUS-BNS 1G40 (extra) 20:50 BNS-EUS 1B94 (extra)</p> <p>In addition, it was anticipated that 90026 would work a series of test runs today over in Anglia - I am unsure if this actually happened, but I shall update this gen when it becomes available.</p>
13/08/09	<p>Today sees strike action on the London to Norwich route for NXEA. However, the proposed action for Friday 14/08/09 has been called off due an agreement having been reached.</p>
14/08/09	<p>Today marks the end of the weekday and Saturday diagram for Virgin Trains WB64 between Euston and Birmingham. It is envisaged that from Monday 17th August it will become the Euston 'hot' standby where it could work anything, but more than likely be restricted to Birmingham turns.</p> <p>The final day of using WB64 + 90029 on the Birmingham route was a bit of an anti-climax compared to the previous week. The last train that worked was the 12:30 BNS-EUS (1B44) due to operational problems with the DVT meaning the set did not work 1G27 or 1B68, but did perform on 1P05.</p> <p>WB64 was used for its first run to Preston today as WB65 is now off hire from Cargo-D to VT bringing an end to seeing 2 loco-hauled sets out on Fridays. The final run for WB65 was last Friday on 1P05 with 90035 at the helm. The only booked diagram is the 18:46 EUS-PRE 1P05 on Fridays although it could still be used at weekends like it has for the past 3wks.</p>

	<p>In addition, the proposed industrial action in Anglia today has been called off after an agreement has been provisionally reached. The class 90s out on London to Norwich services are:</p> <p>90001, 90002, 90003, 90005, 90006, 90010, 90011, 90012, 90013, 90014, 90015, and 90024.</p> <p>The use of 90026 has still not materialised despite being on hire to NXEA. Also, 90008 is still out of traffic which is a worrying sign from a personal prospective.</p>
15/08/09	<p>The key working today was the inaugural day running in Anglia for 90026 which had not worked on the line prior to this date. The trains involved were:</p> <p>05:30 NRW-LST 08:00 LST-NRW 10:30 NRW-LST 13:00 LST-NRW 15:30 NRW-LST 18:00 LST-NRW</p> <p>The use of 90026 does mean that all 50 class 90s have now worked in Anglia on passenger service.</p> <p>In addition the other DBS class 90 no. 90024 was also out today as well as 90003, 90009, 90015, 90011, 90013 and 90010.</p> <p>The West Coast diagram which had operated with WB64 for the previous 4wks never came out to play today.</p>
16/08/09	<p>The only notable thing to report for today is the deployment of 90026 working its 2nd day of operations for NXEA starting with the 10:00 NRW-LST for the 12:30 LST-NRW etc. In addition, 90029 is ripped off the VT MK3 Set to carry out sleeper movements for FSR - this left the set with no loco.</p>
21/08/09	<p>The key thing to note for today was the deployment of 90035 to Virgin Trains MK3 set. It started with a test run to Northampton in the morning for DBS drivers, and in the afternoon WB64 + 90035 worked the Fridays Only to Preston (1P05). On arrival at Preston off 1P05, the stock went ecs to Wembley.</p> <p>In Anglia several 90s were performing for NXEA. This included 90008 following a spell out of traffic as well as 90026 to name but a few.</p>
22/08/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 10:00 London to Great Yarmouth was taken over by a class 47 at Norwich topping 90026. However, the 47 failed twice passing Crown Point resulting in 90026 pushing the stricken train back into Norwich station in passenger service. <p>It is unknown if a 90 has worked in service from this location before, but it was no doubt the first time that 90026 had performed this movement. Unfortunately the site owner was not in the area at the time, and so did not have the pleasure of scoring this piece of track for a class 90.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite being placed on WB64 the day before, 90035 was swapped with 90036 fresh of a C-Exam. 90036 + WB64 worked the 17:43 EUS-BNS 1G36. On arrival at New Street, the stock went ecs to Wembley.

25/08/09	The key thing for today is the deployment of WB64 + 90036 which is to run ecs to Polmodie in readiness for a footex to Euston from Glasgow Central and back for Celtic fans. This is the first time the refurbished MK3 set has gone north of Preston and so makes its inaugural north of the border.
26/08/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90036 worked a footex today from Glasgow and back. The outward journey ran as 1Z71 leaving the Scottish city at 07:18, and returned to Glasgow from Euston at 23:55 1Z73. • Virgin Trains provided the TMs and drivers as far as Preston where DBS took over to take the train from/to Scotland. It was operated by Thomas Cook, but unfortunately the web site owner was not in attendance with this footex :-)
28/08/09	90036 performed the Fridays Only 18:46 EUS-PRE 1P05. It returned ecs to Wembley departing Preston at 22:15.
30/08/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The West Coast sleepers were diverted via the West Midlands and Manchester Piccadilly (to/from Crewe) due to engineering work on the Trent Valley and north of Crewe via Hartford. • Engineering work in Anglia meant that loco-hauled services only operated between Norwich and Ipswich with buses forward.
31/08/09	Engineering work on the GEML again meant that the loco-hauled services were only used between Ipswich and Norwich. The 90s out today were 90001, 90013 and 90026.