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Dawlish Summer Holiday



Front cover

43180 Heads the 1305 Paddington - Penzance through Dawlish. 28/07/07

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Welcome

Welcome to a very special edition of Railtalk Magazine,

Dawlish Summer Holiday.

This entire issue is brought to you by renowned photographer, Richard Hargreaves, who has photographed the area for many, many years. Here in his own words and pictures is his view on the area.

Since 1976 my family has spent its summer holidays at Dawlish Warren in South Devon, situated midway between Exeter St David's and Newton Abbot. I wasn't aware of the railway before we arrived but that was soon to change. The scenic splendour of the area is to me still one of the most beautiful of places to be and with a main line railway hugging the cliffs for the 3 miles to Teignmouth a great place for the enthusiast and photographer.



Those two weeks in August 31 years ago were to shape my life greatly as it was there that I was really bitten by the railway bug and armed with copies of the Ian Allen locoshed and Combined volumes for that year my Dad and I spent many blissful hours sat on Langstone Rock watching the endless procession of loco hauled trains carrying thousands of happy holidaymakers to and from the coastal resorts of Devon and Cornwall.

Traffic in those days was incredibly varied and hectic, most trains having a relief service shadowing it.

Virtually anything could turn up, classes 25,31,33,37, 45, 46, 47, 50 and 52 and in great quantity too, upwards of 50 different locos traversing the wall on any one day.

Over the following 31 years traffic has dwindled to a just a mere shadow of its former glory but a summers day there today can still produce great variety, maybe not in loco hauled services but certainly in livery variations on the HST and unit fleets...even the much maligned Virgin Voyagers are proving popular photographic subjects now with the impending livery change to Arriva.

This year was my first visit with a digital camera to the sea wall and a CD of my photographs taken between July 21st and August 3rd has found it was to the editor's office of Railtalk magazine. They have suggested that some of the pictures should be shared with their readers and so here are their selection from the 500 or so pictures they had to choose from.

Hopefully you will find something of interest among them and maybe visit the area for yourself in the future.

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It doesn't have to be all diesel



Above: GWR 2-8-0 3803 prepares to run round the 1415 from Buckfastleigh seen here at Littlehempston. 30/07/07

Below: 6024 storms through Dawlish Warren with the return working of the "Torbay Express" from Kingswear to Bristol Temple Meads. 29/07/07





Above: 43163 on the rear of the 1500 Plymouth – Paddington heads past Cockwood Harbour. 01/08/07

Below: 43161 approaches Kennaway Tunnel with the 0905 Paddington – Newquay. 03/08/07





Above: 43180 pulls away from Dawlish with the 1038 service to Paddington. 01/08/07

Below: Viewed from the footbridge by Kennaway Tunnel 43024 leads the MML hired in rake of stock with the 0730 Paddington - Penzance. 03/08/07







Above: Heading west along the Teignmouth sea wall is 43022 with the 1105 Paddington - Plymouth. 24/07/07

Below: Midway along the sea wall is Rockstone Footbridge, from where 43128 is viewed leading the 0643 Penzance - Paddington. 03/08/07





Above: "Bubblecar" W55000 nearing the end of its long restoration at Buckfastleigh. 30/07/07
Below: 50042 'TRIUMPH' runs round at Boscarne Jct. prior to returning to Bodmin General. 28/07/07





Above: Class 04 D2246 awaits it's next shunting duty at Buckfastleigh. 30/07/07

Below: One of the latest arrivals to the line is Class 47 47306 now a resident at Bodmin, seen here getting a much needed polish. 28/07/07





Above: 37321 (37037) complete with highland terrier stands in the afternoon sunshine at Buckfastleigh. 30/07/07

Below: Recently exchanged for 47306 with Harry Needle is Class 20, 20197 seen here at Bodmin Currently this loco has an uncertain future. 28/07/07



Locomotive Variety



Above: The loco from Friday nights "Down Sleeper" runs light engine back to Plymouth to act as weekend rescue loco. 57602 awaits the call. 28/07/07
Below: A fine vantage point on a summer evening is the footbridge west of Dawlish Warren station. 66080 with the 6V62 Fawley to Tavistock Jct. Fuel Tanks.





Above: A hand held night shot of 50049 pausing at Exeter St. David's with a return charter for Minehead. 21/07/07
 Below: 67025 Trundles towards Dawlish Warren with a St. Blazey to Exeter Route Learner. 24/07/07





Above: Another shot from the Dawlish Warren footbridge, this time looking east with 66219 on the 6C41 St. Blazey to Riverside.
Below: 66616 heads a ballast from Meldon having just run round its train in Exeter St. David's station. 26/07/07





Above: Rounding the curve near Dawlish Warren is 66718 with a rake of HST stock for refurbishment. 27/07/07
 Below: Another view of 66718 with a Laira to Derby stock move, this time viewed from Rockstone Bridge. 24/07/07





Above: Saltash Bridge as viewed from the 0858 Plymouth - Newquay HST, with 43098 leading. 28/07/07
 Below: 67017 and 67016 pass through Bodmin Parkway with a charter bound for Par. 28/07/07





Above: 153377 and 153372 pause at Dawlish Warren whilst working the 1550 Exmouth - Paignton.

Below: 150233 departs Dawlish With the 0920 Exmouth - Paignton. 30/07/07





Above: 159105 with the 1748 Plymouth—Waterloo passing sunny Dawlish Warren.. 02/08/07
 Below: A drizzly day at Exeter St. David's sees 180101 heading for Paddington with the 1207 service.. 26/07/07





Above: Heading away from Cockwood Harbour is 159013 with the 1447 Plymouth - Waterloo. 01/08/07
 Below: 158870 departs Dawlish and passes under Coastguards Bridge with the 0914 Paignton - Exmouth.





Above: 158776 still in Transpennine Express livery approaches Dawlish Warren with the 1620 Exmouth - Paignton. 24/07/07

Below: "Local Lines" liveried 150244 with the 1650 Exmouth—Paignton pauses at Dawlish Warren. A remarkable contrast to the picture above. 03/08/07





Above: Just to show how diverse the motive power is in this area, 950001 comes to a stand on Exeter depot, having worked in from Truro. 26/07/07
 Below: Viewed from Lea Mount, 159001 heads towards Kennaway Tunnel. This is an excellent vantage point but not for the faint hearted as it is a fairly steep climb. 28/07/07







Above: Who would have thought that this sight will not be seen next year, 221133 passes Cockwood Harbour with the 1425 Plymouth - Edinburgh. 01/08/07

Below: From Rockstone Bridge looking east is a fantastic view of the bay, 221135 heads for Plymouth with a service from Leeds. 22/07/07





Above: 221103 speeds west through Dawlish Warren with the 1540 Birmingham - Plymouth. 31/07/07
 Below: With a storm brewing in the skies, 221101 approaches Kennaway Tunnel with a Manchester - Plymouth service. 27/07/07





Above: 221115 pauses at Dawlish with the 1403 Paignton - Leeds. 27/07/07
 Below: 221130 heads along Marine Parade with the 0910 Birmingham - Plymouth. 03/08/07





Above: Often forgotten is the coast further west passed Dawlish. 220021 slows for it's stop at Teignmouth with a Newcastle - Plymouth service.. 31/07/07

Below: 220034 bursts from Parsons Tunnel onto the Teignmouth sea wall with an Edinburgh - Plymouth service. 24/07/07



That's it, the end of my journey. I hope that you have enjoyed looking at these shots as much as I did taking them.
I shall leave you with this shot, a grainy but atmospheric picture of a full moon over Dawlish Station. 30/07/07

