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**Best of 2008**



# Welcome



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### Front Cover

71000 'Duke of Gloucester' at Arnside working the "Cumbrian Mountain Express" on 9th February.

*Ian Furness*

## Submissions

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## From The Editor

Welcome to this special issue of Railtalk Magazine, Best of 2008

What a difficult decision, so much so that it has taken us nearly a month to decide. We do get so many really great pictures every month, and we thank you all for sending them to us, we really appreciate it.

However, we have been looking through the past year and thinking, do we use pictures that have already been in the magazine?, do we use all shots that havent been used before???

To compromise, we've gone for a mix of both.

Some of these pictures on the following pages you may recognise, some you definatly have not seen, but we hope that you will enjoy them all and reflect at what a wonderful year it was overall.

We may have moaned ad the year progressed, but with the exception of some decent sunshine, it is pleasing to note that we enter 2009 with more loco hauled services that in many recent years. Yes the Class 37 fans may be disappointed that their numbers have dwindled but who would have thought that in 2009 there would be any at all. It is good to see the Class 56s making a return to our rails and that there will soon be more Class 58s abroad than in the UK, combine that with the current export of Class 87s and the Eurocorgo Class 66s then a trip to Europe could soon be an important part of scratching those fleet lists.

I look forward to an interesting 2009, with all the new unit deliveries and the rebranding of EWS as DB, we could be in for a bumper year.

**Andy**



January



2008 got off to a bad start, certainly as far as DRS were concerned. Class 37 515 was involved in an accident on the 4th January, with a wagon load of potatoes. As the year ended this loco was sidelined at Barrow Hill, it's future uncertain.



January



Hull Trains continued to hire the AC loco group's Class 86 101 in place of a "Pioneer" unit that had been dropped. Here it speeds passed Retford on the 27th January. [Nick Green](#)





EWS unveiled their latest Class 60 repaint.

Carrying the DB Schenker logo, and advertising "Teenage Cancer Trust" Class 60 074 stands outside the National Railway Museum. [Class47](#)



March





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April





April





May





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June





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July





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August



At the Barrow Hill gala, Gas Turbine 18000 was unveiled in BR Green livery. Looking superb, all we need now is an engine (and all the other bits) to put inside it! [Class47](#)



August



A solid performer on many railtours during 2008 was the CFPS's Class 40 145. Seen here (with Deltic Class 55 022 at the rear) approaching Newton working the 1255 Ayr - Bo'ness 'Routes and Branches' railtour on the 24th August. [Jonathan McGurk](#)



# September





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October





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Hanson Traction's latest Class 56 to return to traffic, took a spin out on the Nene Valley Railway in October. Class 56 312 in unique livery departs Wansford. [Richard Hargreaves](#) Inset: Ex Fragonset Class 47 701 enjoyed a spell at the GWR during 2008. [Ian Furness](#)



October





November





December

