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Class 87 Farewell at Long Marston - Special Edition

What a fantastic day at Long Marston. The number of loco's present and the size of the event made it a day to remember.



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From The Editor

Welcome to this special issue of Railtalk Magazine, where you can find a round up of the best from Long Marston's open weekend on the 7th - 8th June 2008. This special edition brings you a selection of pictures from the event, from people who were there.

Not only did the event truly say "FAREWELL" to the Class 87s (we think!), but also many other locos and rolling stock were possibly seen for the last time.

I visited Long Marston on the Saturday, and I can't believe how positive the feedback was from everyone attending the event. Everyone that I spoke to said how fantastic a day it was, a real credit to the organizers. (Even the sun came out)

The biggest star of the event was 87 002, recently acquired by the AC loco group. The loco was displayed back in its original BR Blue condition. Hopefully the loco is to do a re-run of the "Farewell Class 87" tour which was cancelled at the end of last year. There were a number of other classes also present, the biggest surprise to many (including me) was the appearance of the South West Trains Class 73.

Another surprise at the event was seeing 08 447, in a very similar livery to "Porterbrook" purple.

Motorail Logistics

Charity Open Day Weekend
Long Marston 7/8th June 2008

CLASS 87 FAREWELL

Long Marston Storage Site
Campden Road
Long Marston
Stratford on Avon
Warwickshire
CV37 8QR

PORTERBROOK OVERIGHT First GBRf Praxis Rail UK RAILTOURS Electric Traction Services

Admission by ticket only. All proceeds from the event will be donated to The Anthony Nolan Trust and Vale Wildlife Rescue

SATURDAY Admit One Person
SHUTTLE Ride Voucher
Long Marston Sidings
Gates Open 10.00am

I should like to thank Motorail Logistics and various other organisations for making it a truly fabulous event. We hope that you will do the same again next year.

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This is what it's all about, Class 87's being prepared for use in Bulgaria. The next two to be prepared are 87 022 and 87 028, seen here inside one of the many sheds at the site. Some loco's, like these two will not be receiving a repaint.



The AC loco group's latest acquisition looking resplendent in its original livery of BR blue. Class 87 002 was the result of many months of negotiation with various parties to let at least one of the class remain in the UK. [Richard Hargreaves](#)



"The Wolf" was just another Class 87 until an accident with a Class 142 at Winsford. After a lengthy stay in Crewe Works, being rebuilt, the loco was returned to traffic, but subsequently always had a following. It is therefore, sad to see it stripped, as spares doner for the rest of the class.



The Class 87's at Long Marston are seen here in three views of the site. The long line of loco's are awaiting their turn in the queue for exam prior to being transported to Bulgaria, and a new lease of life.



*Above:
One of three ex - GBRf
Class 87's on site is 87 006.*



*Left:
Class 87 034 is seen
with 87 020*



*Right:
Class 87 032 is seen with
some ex - Anglia
Class 86's.*

*A large amount of
Class 86's are also
stored at the site.*



Above: Class 86 250 still in Anglia livery. The Anglian 86's were unusual in that the front yellow warning panel was not full width of the loco and curved round at the bottom.

Right: A cab view of Class 86 245 and Class 87 020, reveals just how similar the designs were in many ways.



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Another shot showing a group of Class 86's lined up at Long Marston.

Virgin Trains liveried Class 86 258 is pictured here, and this Class 86 and a couple of others look in excellent condition, will they see use on the national network again???



Top Left: Class 47 701, still in Fragonset livery and 47 746 still wearing the RES livery.

Above: Several Class 20's are stored at Long Marston, including a couple of ex - DRS examples. Pictured at the front of this row is Class 20 902 owned by HNRC, and still in DRS livery



Left: Class 37 683 is pictured here at the back of Long Marston, this loco has signs on it saying "stored in working order". I wonder if it's still the case?!



*Above:
South West Trains liveried Class 73 201
looked good in the sunshine. These ED's have
many years of life ahead of them, and are
still being overhauled by Network Rail.
South West Trains use these locos
on "thunderbird" duties.*

*Left: Class 08 447, could we see a return to
Porterbrook livery??, this shunter certainly
turned heads.*

*Right: HE7276, An 0-6-0 industrial shunter
displayed at the event.*



Right: Class 08 728 is pictured here carrying the "Deanside Transit" logo.

Far Right: A Class 20 which sadly needs to be put out of its misery!. Carrying the RFS number 2017. Could this loco really be of any use???

Below: Class 56 021 and 56 011, both recently sold, await their fate .





Above: Class 20 016 with more holes than a pack of polo's has gained the name "Sir Mervyn Nocock".



Left: Another shunter that is at the Compound, is "Rachael", HE7003, Believed to be ex Longbridge shunter.



Right: Within the line of Class 20's at Long Marston Compound is 20 215. Another loco with bodywork that has past its best. At the end, you can clearly see the rust and holes in the bodywork.



*An interesting photo of a pair of class 37's, and not one that many people would have thought of taking.
Class 37 683 and 37 696 stored together.*



Above: This Steam loco, Andrew Barclay's 2183, owned by the Stratford and Broadway Railway was used at the event, for trips to part of the compound, inaccessible by foot or restricted areas.

Left: An interesting doll strapped to the side of one of the stored loco's. Im not sure what the doll is suppose to express, do you?

Right: Yorkshire Engine Company shunter, 2856, with an ex-Virgin liveried Mk 3 First Class coach.





Top Left: GBRf / Metronet Class 66 722 named "Sir Edward Watkin" was another visiting loco to the event.

Above: It was here last year and its still looks good this year. The AC loco group's Class 86 401 awaits a return to main line use, possibly later in 2008, but the groups efforts have been ploughed into Class 87 002, which they have recently acquired.

Below: Long Marston's own 3 car DMU was running trips on the day around part of the campus. The DMU normally works as a 2 cars, but due to the vast amount of people wanting to travel, the 3rd car was added for the weekends event.



On this page are some views of the vast number of coaching stock, that is stored on the site.

Above: We were suprised that these old Mk 2 vehicles in original Blue/Grey of BR still exist.

Left: Some more modern Mk 3 passenger and sleeper stock.

Right: A view of three MK 2's in various liveries of Virgin, Inter-city and Anglia.





Above: Along with the large amount of stock that is stored, there is also a large amount of ex - Virgin DVT's.

Left: Three very large, and unusual holes in the side of one of the ex - Anglia coaches.

Right: They were for sale, then they weren't. But now the Arriva Trains Wales's rolling stock is at Long Marston!!!





Above: Long Marston also holds stock awaiting entry in to traffic, such as these new Lafarge Cement wagons..

Left: Not only are there loco's on site dropping to bits, coaches are too!!

Right: These Albright and Wilson tanks, haven't seen use for a good few years, but they are still stored here.





*Class 66 182 is pictured here on its way into the campus with the “Long Marston Open Day” tour ran by UK Railtours/Past-Time Rail
The tour ran from London Euston to Long Marston and return, arriving at the event at 12:30. On the rear of the train was 66 081.*



Anglian liveried Class 86's 86 215 and 86 223 await their fate. [Pete Cheshire](#)