

# YEOVIL & DISTRICT RAILWAY SOCIETY

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## Driver in a hurry!

Saturday 30th. September saw Kingfisher Railtours 'The Eden and Penzance Explorer' pass through Sherborne at maximum line speed. In charge of the locomotive, Class 37 No.37425 was Paul Miles son of Terry Miles who lives in Yeovil and is well known to many of us.

It was rumoured that Paul, a Yeovil Town supporter, did not want to miss the home game against Nottingham Forest that afternoon, so he was in a real hurry to get the train to Plymouth such that he could return 'on the cushions' to Yeovil in time for the 5pm kick-off!



'The Eden and Penzance Explorer' passing through Sherborne at 08.40 on Saturday 30th. September 2006.

## Did you know?

- That 2006 was the centenary of the opening of the Castle Cary to Cogload line which opened to goods on the 11th. June and to passengers on the 2nd. July 1906.
- That next year is the centenary of the commencement of work to re-model Yeovil Junction station. A task that took until 1909 to complete.

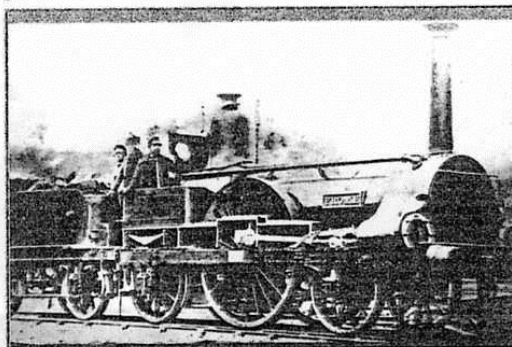
## Forthcoming Railtours

Sat. 18 Nov. 'The Capital Express'.  
Minehead, Castle Cary, Newbury, Paddington -  
6024 King Edward I.  
Tues. 5 Dec. 'Cathedrals Express'.  
Victoria, Salisbury, Bath, Bristol return - 45231.  
Thur. 14 Dec. 'Cathedrals Express'  
London Victoria to Sherborne return. - 71000  
Duke of Gloucester.

## Historical mischief at Yeovil!

On the 8th. August 1862, one driver Hicks commissioned a local photographer to take a picture of himself and other crew members on the footplate of Christie Adams & Hill built 6ft 6in. Single No.114 'Frome' at Yeovil Town.

Upon hearing of the exploit, the London & South Western management were not at all pleased. Driver Hicks was reprimanded for unauthorised use of the engine consuming coke, oil and water. Hicks was ordered to hand over the photographs, but he had the last laugh as he kept the negative! Hence we are able to see the result today.



Driver Hicks and crew aboard No.114 'Frome' at Yeovil Town on the 8th. August 1862.



Black Five No.45231 passing through Bradford Abbas on the 11th. October 2006 with Steam Dreams 'Cathedrals Express' from Minehead to Salisbury

## MEETING DIARY

Tues. 7th. Nov. 'Yeovil Railways Digitised' - John Day  
Tues. 5th. Dec. 'Christmas Buffet and Quiz'.