

Railpower: another Barrow Hill classic



Immaculate after a repaint into BR blue, pioneer Class 26, 26007, stands outside at Barrow Hill during the four-day Railpower event. The Class 26s celebrate their 50th anniversary this year and the former D5300 has been undergoing a through overhaul for several years now. *Pip Dunn.*

Barrow Hill Roundhouse put on another first-rate event with its four-day Railpower 2008 show on August 22-25 which celebrated a number of major railway milestones.

However, organiser Mervyn Allcock says the Barrow Hill

Roundhouse museum is unlikely to repeat the four-day event as the site gears up to build a new shed and take on more commercial railway work. Mr Allcock said: "We will continue to do events and open days, but not of this size and scale."



Another star exhibit at the Barrow Hill Railpower event was Class 40 D213 Andania fresh after a repaint into BR green. Part of the event's celebrations was the 50th anniversary of the Class 40s. *EEG.*

with full yellow ends, the first-built Class 26, 26007, and 45105, both in BR blue.

The Class 26 – formerly D5300 – was repainted into BR blue with its correct 26007 TOPS number. The loco, owned by Victor Korzeniewicz, is 50 years old this year and is one of the few surviving pilot scheme machines from the 1955

modernisation plan. It also has also had its headcode discs refitted.

Also on display were a varied selection of steam, electric and diesel locos, with 66426 provided by DRS and 60074 *Teenage Spirit* from EWS. Locos from the HNR, Nemesis Rail, Network Rail and Deltic Preservation Society fleets were also on display.

The event was a celebration of the past 10 years of open days at Barrow Hill, 40 years since the end of BR steam, 50 years since the Class 26s and 40s were introduced, 60 years since the nationalisation of Britain's railways, and 160 years since the death of George Stephenson. Mr Allcock also said it was a "celebration of history of railways."

As far as possible, locomotives were positioned around the turntable and in the yard in chronological order, allowing visitors to place the exhibits in context, and to see the development of rail traction from Trevithick's *Catch me who can* to the latest Class 66.

Locomotives at Railpower

Diesel: 03066, D2302/24, 08492, 08695, D4092, D9520, 20092/096, 20101/105/119/121, D8132 *Barrow Hill Depot*, 20904, 26007/011, 33035, 33103/108, 37057, 37170 (97302), 37201/275, 37372, 37515, 37672/682 D213 *Andania*, 45060 *Sherwood Forester*, 45105, 45112 *Royal Army Ordnance Corps*, 47237, 47488, 47707/744/791, 1023 *Western Fusilier*, D9009 *Alycidon*, D9015 *Tulyar*, 56006, 58001, 60074 *Teenage Spirit*, 66426.

Electric: E3003, 82008, E3035, 84001, 85101, 89001

Gas turbine: 18000.

Steam: 3440 *City of Truro*, 6430, 41708, 60532 *Blue Peter*, *Puffing Billy*, *Catch me who can*, Metropolitan Tank I, 30587, 1300, MSC 70, 662 *Martello*, Peckett 2000, 506 *Butler Henderson*, 96 *Normandy*, 78019, RSH *Henry*.