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Traffic Vehicles

Operating at Whitehead

LMS NCC: 68, 241, 411
GS&WR: 1142, 1097
GNR(I): 50, 9

Operating at Mullingar

LMS NCC: 91, 238
GNR(I): 88
GSR: 1327, 1335
CIÉ: 1419

In Progress

GNR(1) Brake Third 114 has been withdrawn for traffic to receive attention to framing in the passenger area and the luggage van floor.

At Mullingar CIÉ Brake third 1916 is at the fitting-out stage ready for a return to traffic this summer. GSR Bredin-designed side corridor third No.1327 has had two corner posts repaired and attention given to the brake and running gear. This stalwart of our carriage fleet (in traffic from 1972 until 1989) has moved to Heuston and after valeting will once more enter the fray.

Back at Whitehead NCC Third number 243 is having its gloss coats of exterior paint applied whilst work on plumbing, wiring and interior finishing is in hand. The last major items to be completed will be the bogies, glazing and upholstery.

Special RPSI Working Member Fares:

***Dublin-Mullingar-Dublin £6.50 return!
Contact Peter Emmett for details. We
gratefully acknowledge the help of Iarnród
Éireann in making Mullingar easily
accessible.***

Examination Season

Ex- CIÉ 'Laminate' coaches 1915, 1469, 1470 and 1483, together with diner 2422 have been withdrawn from traffic for overhaul and

examination of the body structure at Whitehead, although 2422 is taking a short holiday at the Irish Railway Collection in Cultra. 1469 may appear on the 'Portrush Flyers' subject to interim repair being carried out.

Sheer Excitement

Thanks to a great deal of effort on the part of Dermot Mackie and Bob Collins, amongst others, the heavy lifting facility (sheer legs) at Whitehead is now operational. Its first job was to lift GS&WR first 1142 in order to attend to some wastage of the bogie frames caused by over fifty years of lavatory outfall!

Consolidation time

Most of the effort at Whitehead and Mullingar this summer will be spent on improving further the interior finish and decor of our running fleet of coaches.

Looking forward

The past three years have seen an enormous increase in the amount of work carried out, giving the return of several vehicles to traffic as well as upgrading the standard of presentation and restoration on many of the vehicles available for traffic. Although the withdrawal of the laminates has drastically reduced the number of running coaches it should be remembered that it is nearly twenty years since any of these vehicles had significant repair work done.

This winter should see the return of 'Bredin' 1328, GNR(I) first 227 and NCC third 243, all of which are at the stage of "fitting out" after major repairs. Watch this space - or even better come and help!

For a good time at Whitehead or Mullingar dial (0846) 611211 anytime and leave a message. No previous experience necessary, just old clothes!