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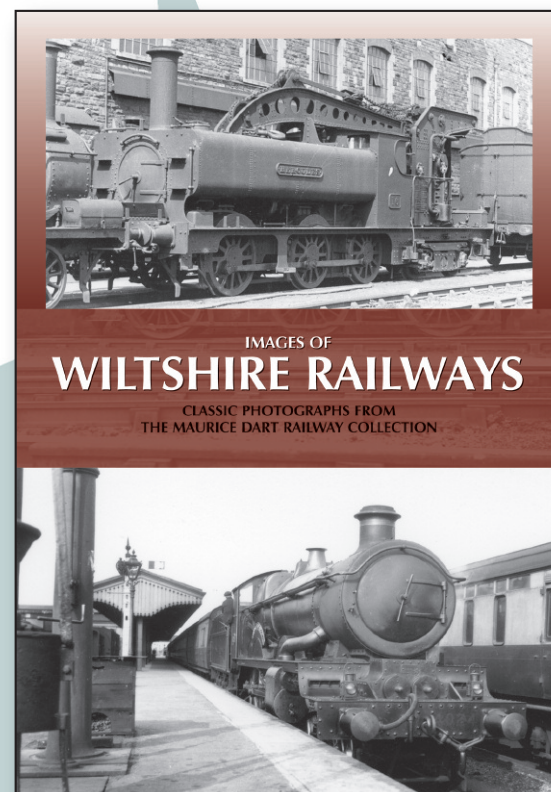
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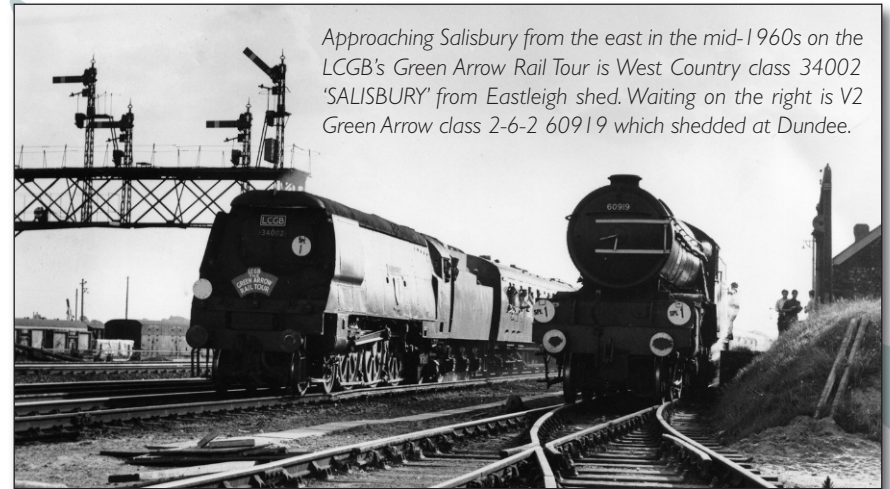
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On 25 July 1964 Oxford shed's 6874 'HAUGHTON GRANGE' is between Wilton and Salisbury on the 12.47(SO) Bristol Temple Meads to Bournemouth service. G.F.Gillham.

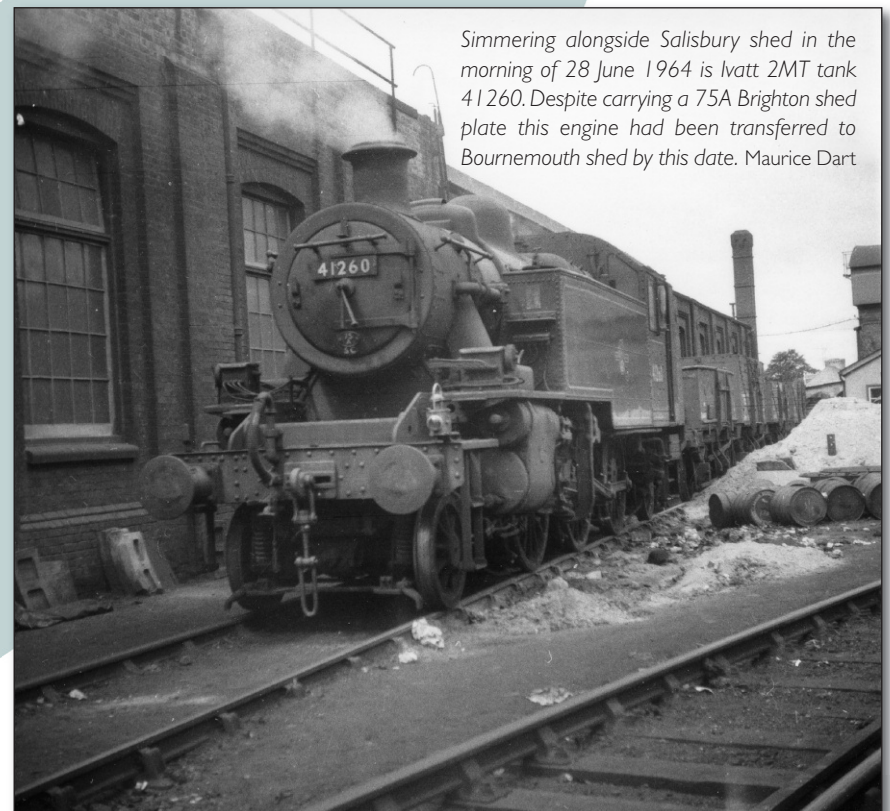


Approaching Salisbury from the east in the mid-1960s on the LCCB's Green Arrow Rail Tour is West Country class 34002 'SALISBURY' from Eastleigh shed. Waiting on the right is V2 Green Arrow class 2-6-2 60919 which shedded at Dundee.



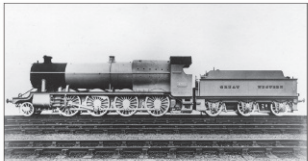
A long line of locally based engines on shed at Westbury on 25 May 1958. Maurice Dart/Transport Treasury.

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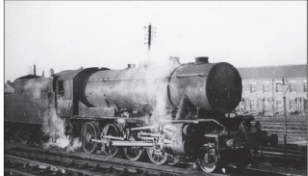


Simmering alongside Salisbury shed in the morning of 28 June 1964 is Ivatt 2MT tank 41260. Despite carrying a 75A Brighton shed plate this engine had been transferred to Bournemouth shed by this date. Maurice Dart

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This is another Swindon Works Record shot of one of the large 4700 class 2-6-0s, 4750 emerged from the Works in April 1952 and was sent to Oakley shed, Wilton/Hampton. This class of steam engines were used on fast profitable trains, which usually ran through the night. On Summer Saturdays they could be seen working Express Passenger trains. Roger Cox.



His and the section with priority W5 2.8.0 77077 passing east of Swindon Works on 8 December 1948. This engine was from Swindon Patent Street shed and was renumbered to 90546.

2-8-0 AND 0-8-0 TANKS

This section contains shots of the GWR 4200 and 5205 classes of heavy freight tank locomotives. Included are several of the only photographed batch of these locomotives which were stored after construction before being rebuilt into 7200 class 2-8-2s. The 50 is represented by a solitary example of the 2 class Crossley 5047s.



This scene shows two members of the 4200 class partly escaped at Swindon Works on 29 September 1963. Number 4265 from Ebbw Junction shed, Newport. To the rear is 4268 from Llanelli shed. This engine was very familiar to the author as it was based at 8 Blissy in the 1940s and very early 1950s. Maurice Dart/Transport Treasury.