

BR DIESELS VOLUME 1

CLASSES 24-31, 40-46, 76
AND 77 SYSTEMWIDE

Maurice Dart

Now in his eighties, from a boy Maurice Dart has travelled throughout much of Southern Britain armed with a camera, taking photographs of all things railway. His collection, now numbering thousands of images, has been the source of many publications and has been used in countless magazines and journals. In this book the author includes the earlier types of diesel locos which worked on BR many of which have been withdrawn, leaving survivors in departmental use and in preservation. Others, including class 20s, still operate for companies such as DRS.

With the popularity and interest which has developed for certain types of diesels this is a collection of selected classes from the author's own colour slides and prints taken as he travelled around the country from the early 1970s. This first volume includes intermediate and earlier main line types along with a few of the Woodhead electrics. In some cases, especially at stations, the book includes 'infrastructure' in the photos which adds interest. Detail shown of some locos may be useful to modellers.

This book recalls an era when the types included were a familiar sight and sound on the system.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Maurice Dart was born in Plymouth and, apart from a period in Gibraltar, he has lived in Devon and Cornwall for all of his life. The interest in railways was bred into him almost from birth and has stayed with him. He was educated at Sutton High School, Plymouth followed by Plymouth & Devonport Technical College and worked as a chemist in the China Clay industry for thirty seven years. Through his work connections he gained an intimate knowledge of the Lee Moor Tramway and of China Clay railway operations by the main line railway companies. Following retirement he works as a volunteer on the Bodmin & Wenford Railway mainly in the shop or escorting visiting enthusiasts around the railway.

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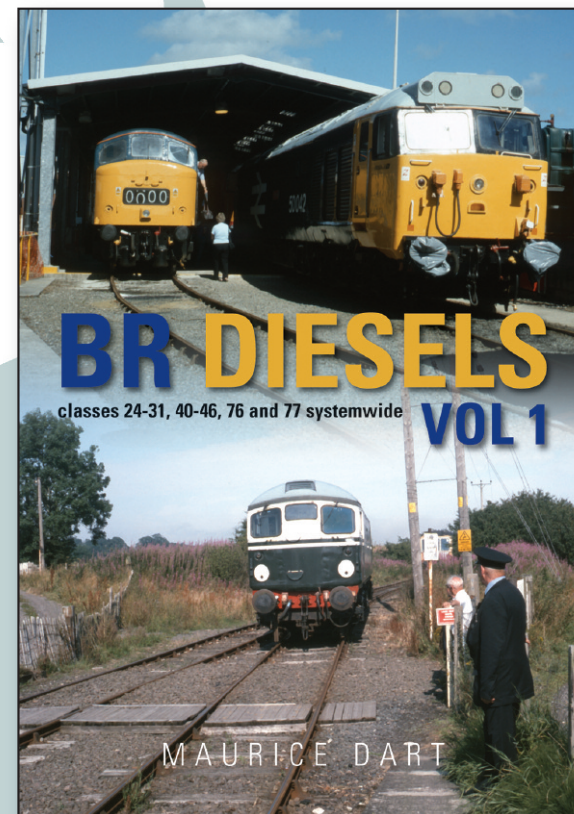
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On 5 June 1976 the yard at Glasgow Works (St Rollox/Springburn) was host to LNER A4 class 4-6-2 60009 'UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA' which had called in for some attention.



On 17 May 1992 hemmed in by other engines at Bo'ness was preserved 27005. The 0-4-0ST masquerading as NCB no.42 is ex LNER Y9 class 68095.



The last train of the day from Bridge of Dun on 4 August 2002 was banked in the rear by 26014. It is approaching the train over the foot crossing to couple up. I was treated to a cab ride to Brechin on this loco.

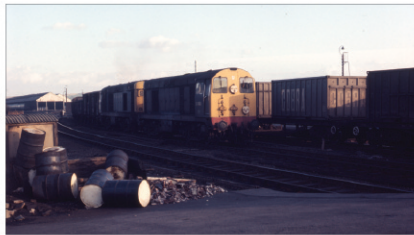
CLASS 20 DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES

The 1000hp class 20s were designed to work freight trains in pairs coupled nose to nose so action shots of them taken from the front and are rare. Occasionally they would appear on passenger trains which were normally summer workings to holiday resorts. It was only in later years that they appeared in the West Country and Southern England when they worked some excursion and weed killing trains. In preservation, as with many other types their sphere of activity has widened considerably. A loco at a depot with no allocation quoted means the loco is at home. One engine, 20166 features strongly in this book. I make no excuse for including a good selection of shots of this engine as it was based on the Bodmin & Wenford Railway for many years. As I am a working volunteer on that line I was afforded chances of obtaining some unusual shots of it at work.

The yard at Cove Works on 4 December 1977 contained Cardiff Canton's class 47 47089 and 20005 from Toton depot.



Partly in shadow rounding the curve from Oakenhew Junction 20023 leads 20205 into Wakefield Kirkgate on 2 January 1975. Both locos were based at Tinsley.



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During an Open Day at Tinsley depot on 27 April 1996 20042 was paired with 20188. Both had been withdrawn and sold to Peter Waterman.



Passing Derby station on 2 January 1975 are 20043 and 20072. Both were from Toton depot.



Among Harry Needle's engine stored at Meldon Quarry on 8 May 2005 are 31426 (ex 31193, later 31526, then back to 31426) and 31437.

Example of a double-page spread.