

Class 45s for Liverpool St – Norwich services!

The RCTS publication 'The Railway Observer' August 1974 edition reported the following...'Class 45/0s are expected to take over from Class 47/0s on main line services in the near future, the latter being required for freight duties elsewhere. 45006 'Honourable Artillery Company' (HO) arrived at Ipswich on 23rd June and remained in the station yard until 28th when it made two crew training trips to Norwich, before running light to Stratford. On 1st July it was employed on 1N18 08.30 Liverpool St - Norwich and 11.46 return. Some eighteen Class 45/0s may eventually be transferred to Stratford.' Interesting stuff!

The following month it was reported that 'The trials with 45006 on the G.E main line proved to be somewhat short lived. The 08.30 Liverpool St - Norwich on 1st July, its first working on revenue earning services, arrived in Norwich eighteen minutes late and the return working was five minutes late into London, much of the time lost being attributed to the locomotive's poor starting and hill climbing. It appears that Holbeck may have loaned the worst Class 45/0 on its allocation, for on inspection at Stratford several mechanical faults were found, including worn tyres and a flaw in one of the axles. It is probable that the proposed transfer of members of this class to Stratford will not now take place. 45006 was still in the repair shop at Stratford on 27th July.'



45006 stabled at Ipswich in June 1974 for crew training.

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