

Giants of Steam 2019

The first day...

11 October 2019

We present a few photos from the first day of 2019's Giants of Steam, from two contributors to the BRPS [What's New/Blog web page](#). In spite of the damp conditions, the railway was exceptionally busy, and those photographers who braved the elements were rewarded with some atmospheric shots.

There are a lot more photo posted on [the Bluebell's Facebook page](#). In addition, a gallery from photos from Keith Duke is [available here on flickr](#).



Visiting BR 7MT Pacific No.70000 'Britannia' is seen at Nobles Bridge (*Julian Clark*). This bridge is more commonly referred to by its descriptive title of "Three Arch Bridge".

Giants of Steam continues tomorrow and Sunday.

See more information about the event [on the web site here](#).



Above: LNER BI 4-6-0 No.61306 'Mayflower' brings its 7-coach train into Horsted Keynes, headed appropriately by the Great Northern Railway Directors' saloon. Below, renumbered as No.73087 'Linette', a S&D locomotive, the Bluebell's resident BR 5MT "Standard Arthur" 73082 'Camelot' passes 'Britannia' at Horsted Keynes. (Both photos by Julian Clark)





Brighton-built Standard 4 tank No.80151 heads a 6-coach train, the first down trip of the day, approaching the tunnel at the former West Hoathly station site. Below, 'Britannia' is seen approaching the same tunnel from the south. Again, both photos are by Julian Clark.





David Long's photo shows 'Britannia' after exiting the tunnel at West Hoathly, while below we have another of Julian's photos, with 80151 apparently hauling *The City Limited*, heading South from the tunnel.





80151, again with *The City Limited*, seen here leaving Horsted Keynes. Below we see 'Mayflower' passing southbound through Nobles Bridge. (Both Julian Clark)





'Britannia with its first train of the day, at West Hoathly, and below, 'Linette', also on its first up journey.





David Long's photo shows 'Linette' with its train of six Southern Railway carriages, recreating the Somerset & Dorset line, whilst below another of Julian's shows 70000 'Britannia' getting away from Horsted Keynes with its final train of the day.





The *Pines Express* behind Standard Arthur 73087 'Linette' at Leamland Bridge (Julian Clark) and below, 80151 with its branch-line train formed of two SECR carriages (David Long).





Two more of BI 'Mayflower' – above, approaching the tunnel (David Long) and below, just after exiting the tunnel southbound (Julian Clark)

