

A high-angle photograph of a steam locomotive pulling a train through a lush green landscape. The locomotive is dark blue and black, emitting a large plume of white steam. The train is on a set of tracks that curve through the landscape. The locomotive's number, 'Nº 4472', is visible on the front. The background shows a green valley with some buildings in the distance.

# The Life and Times of 'Flying Scotsman'

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The book, a limited edition of 280 pages, tells the life history, in words and pictures, of Sir Nigel Gresley's Pacific locomotive ex GNR A1 1472, LNER A1/A3 4472, 502 & 103 and BR Class A3 60103 now approaching its centenary year.



***Above - 1472 (unnamed) departs Kings Cross, c. early 1923. (Author's Collection)***

It tells of the locomotive's working life from 1922 until withdrawal from BR in 1963, and its subsequent purchase by Alan Peglar. Its fateful trip to America is told in detail as is its tour of Australia. The locomotive has had various owners, all documented in the book, until, finally, being purchased by the NRM (York). The story of its restoration by the NRM and subsequent return to steam on the ELR and hence BR is told in detail. The history ends (?) as the locomotive enters Riley's workshops in Bury for overhaul for its centenary celebrations.

Appendices give technical details of the locomotive, and include the occasion of the British Empire Exhibition 1924, the first 100 m.p.h. run from Leeds, and various offshoots of the 'Flying Scotsman' brand, including vinyl recordings and models.



***Above - 4472 passes Holgate Platforms, York on an up express, c. 1935. (Author's Collection)***



***Above - with over 2 million miles (2,076,000) on the clock, 60103 prepares to leave Kings Cross for the last time in BR ownership, 14 January 1963. (Author's Collection)***



*Above - 4472 is hard at work on the WRS 'Aberdonian' on 25 June 1966,*



*Above - 502 (and 31466) climb Broadfield Bank (ELR), 16 January 2016.*



*Above - 60103 passes Marholm on '1Z39' the Steam Dreams 'Farewell Alan Pegler' memorial train from Kings Cross to York, 13 October 2018.*



*Above – 15 June 2022 and work on 60103 continues apace. (Stuart McDonald) (Note, the cutting gear was to remove some superheater tubes for replacement)*

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