



The DAFTA Awards 2011

More tongue-in-cheek "presentations" based on the railway experiences of Roger Davis

The Moses award for the unluckiest traveller in a foreign country goes to the Chinese gentleman who had the following conversation with a Train Manager. "I'm sorry, sir, but you're on the wrong train". "No, I on right train - this Newcastle train". "Sorry sir, this Newquay train".

The Connex Memorial award for the latest train arrival goes to Southern for the train announced over the tannoy at Lewes station. "The next train on platform 4 will be the late running 1929 service to Brighton, calling at Falmer, Moulscumb and London Road, and scheduled to arrive into Brighton in 1945".

The Sepp Blatter award for honesty goes to the Train Manager on a CrossCountry service which had remained in the platform at New Street for about 20 minutes. "This is the 0903 service to Bournemouth. You may have noticed that we are now running 17 minutes late. This is due to the now legendary incompetence of the staff at New Street station".

The Jack Warner award for even greater honesty also goes to a CrossCountry Train Manager for the following announcement. "Passengers wishing to alight at Chester-le-Street may have noticed that we went straight through without stopping. This was due to the driver forgetting that he had to stop there."

The Russell Ross and Jonathan Brand award for the most embarrassing broadcast message also goes to a CrossCountry Train Manager who was in his office with the Retail Services Manager as his train waited at a signal for about 10 minutes just outside New Street station. "I apologise for the delay. We are currently waiting for a platform to become free. (5 second wait). I don't know why we're stuck here. I had to tell them something. (5 second wait). What's still switched on?"

The Gordon Brown award for the person most likely to be looking for a new job is the fourth successive triumph for CrossCountry Train Managers for this announcement on the 1430 service from Bristol Temple Meads to Glasgow Central which should have been operated using a High Speed Train. "I apologise on my own behalf to the passengers who have just boarded this train. Passengers with reservations in coaches B, E and G have probably already noticed that these coaches do not exist. This is because our management have decided to send one of these horrendous units out to save some money. I advise everybody on this train to obtain a complaint form and complain to our management for not doing their job".