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END OF THE YEAR AT ASHBY JUNCTION

A light snowfall lends a crisp feel to this view at Ashby Junction, just north of Nuneaton, on 29th December 1962. Two LMS 4-6-0s, Class 5 No.45058 piloting 'Jubilee' No.45592 *Indore*, whisk the late-running Heysham–London Euston 'Ulster Express' past the signal box in a flurry of steam, while 8F 2-8-0 No.48349 waits to bring a freight off the Ashby & Nuneaton line. As the year draws to a close, steam can ponder upon the inexorable march south of the West Coast Main Line electrification.

(Tommy Tomalin)

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