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FORTHCOMING TRIPS

Sat 19 May

BREL Swindon Works Open Day

<u>Times:</u>	Cardiff Central	dep. 08.00	ret. 19.30
	Highcroft	,, 08.15	,, 19.15
	Newport Station	,, 08.30	,, 19.00
	Bristol T.M.	,, 09.15	,, 18.15

Bookings: A few seats may still be available, please contact Mr D A Jones as soon as possible.

Fare: £2.50 Deposit: £1.00

Visiting: BREL Swindon Works Open Day (3 hour visit), Basingstoke, Reading Depot, Reading Signal Works, Reading Station.

Sat/Sun 26/27 May

Southern

<u>Times:</u>	Cardiff Central	dep. 23.00 (25/5)	ret. 22.30 (27/5)
	Highcroft	,, 23.15	,, 22.15
	Newport Station	,, 23.30	,, 22.00
	Bristol T.M.	,, 00.20	,, 21.15

Bookings: This trip is now fully booked.

Fare: £15.00, includes overnight accommodation in Dover.

Deposit: £5.00

Visiting: BREL Eastleigh Works, Ashford, Basingstoke, Bournemouth, Dover, Eastbourne, Eastleigh, Faversham, Folkestone, Fratton, Gillingham, Hither Green, Hoo Junction, Newhaven, Ramsgate, Salisbury, Seaford, Selhurst, Shepherdswell, Slade Green, St. Leonards, Stewarts Lane.

FORTHCOMING TRIPS (contd.)

Sat 9 June

Derby & Toton

<u>Times:</u>	Cardiff Central	dep. 06.30	ret. 22.15	<u>Please</u>
	Highcroft	,, 06.45	,, 22.00	<u>note</u>
	Newport Station	,, 07.00	,, 21.45	<u>revised</u>
	Bristol T.M.	,, 07.45	,, 21.00	<u>times</u>

Bookings: These should have been sent to Mr D A Jones by 12 May

Fare: £6.00, includes Works Tour and admission to Toton Open Day.

Deposit: £3.00

Visiting: BREL Derby Loco Works, Leicester, Nottingham Carriage Sidings, Toton Open Day.

Sat 23 June

South Yorkshire

<u>Times:</u>	Cardiff Central	dep. 00.00	ret. 22.30	<u>Please</u>
	Highcroft	,, 00.15	,, 22.15	<u>note</u>
	Newport	,, 00.30	,, 22.00	<u>revised</u>
	Bristol T.M.	,, 01.15	,, 21.15	<u>times</u>

Bookings: To be sent to Mr D A Jones by 26 May.

Fare: £9.00

Deposit: £5.00

Visiting: Barrow Hill, Beighton, Healey Mills (view only), Holbeck, Leeds Station, Neville Hill, Orgreave, Pawmarsh, Rotherham, Sheffield Station, Shirebrook, Tinsley, Wath, Worksop.

Sat/Sun 14/15 July

East Anglia

<u>Times:</u>	Cardiff Central	dep. 23.00 (13/7)	ret. 22.30 (15/7)
	Highcroft	,, 23.15	,, 22.15
	Newport	,, 23.30	,, 22.00
	Bristol T.M.	,, 00.20	,, 21.15

Bookings: To be sent to Mr D A Jones by 9 June. Seats limited.

Fare: £11.00, includes overnight accommodation in Southend-on-Sea.

Deposit: £6.00

Visiting: Bury St. Edmonds, Cambridge, Chesterton, Clacton, Colchester, East Ham, Ely, Fenchurch St. Station, Great Yarmouth, Ilford, Ipswich, Kings Lynn, Liverpool St. Station, Lowestoft, March, Norwich, Parkeston Quay, Ripple Lane, Shoeburyness, Stratford, Tilbury.

Sun 29 July

Manchester

Full details of this trip will be published in the June newsheet.

Locomotive Stock Alterations

SR to period ending 10/4/79

Transfers: 08180(SU)-ER, 08387/556(EH)-SU, 09021/023(SU)-AF, 33033(HG)-EH.

Withdrawn: 08151/155/156.

Conversion: 08600(SG)- to Departmental Stock for use as Slade Green depot shunter, new number not known at present.

LMR to period ending 17/3/79

Transfers: 25222(CD)-CW, 25245(BS)-CD, 25309/310/311/312(CD)-CW, 47554(BS)-ScR.

New Stock:

Class 56: 56056/057-TC.

Class 507: 507013 (64379 71354 64417)
507015 (64381 71356 64419) }
507019 (64385 71360 64423) } All to HR.
507020 (64386 71361 64424) }
507023 (64389 71364 64427) }

ER to period ending 8/4/79

Transfers: 08100(DR)-MR, 08102(DR)-IM, 08504(IM)-TE, 31237/270(YK)-TI, 31274(TI)-GD, 31275(TI)-TE.

51500/509/512/513(GF)-WR, 56053(HT)-BG, 56119/135(BG)-NR, 59050/093(GF)-WR, 59107(NL)-BG, 59531(BG)-NL.

Withdrawn: 08042. 56307. 52086.

New Stock:

Class 254: Ts: 42242/244/245/246/247/249/250 - NL.

DMB: 43112/113. - NL.

ScR to period ending 7/4/79

Transfers: 06002(DT)-ED, 06003(ED)-DT, 08441(DE)-DT, 37081(ML)-ED, 37154(ED)-ML, 47554(LMR)-HA.

Withdrawn: 06004.

Modifications:- All Regions.

Air Brake Fitted: 08389/516.

Boiler Isolated: 31233.

BR AWS Fitted: 50033/196/258/548. 51219, 56019/023/045. -

MW Fitted: 86005.

Trip Reports.

Midlands.

10/3/79.

Rugby: 08684/808.25257.82005.85001/015/013/011/026.86014/219.87017.EMU:039/074
078/088.

Nuneaton: 25118/261/303/309.

Leicester: 08153/471/612/695/696/697/698/856.20066/187.25067/249/301.31299.37121.
45059.47101.

Coalville: 08045.20077/147/159/183/186/193.47131.56035/038/051.

Westhouses: 08617.20016/043/048/063/064/072/084/150/158/161/163.47207/227/257.
47329/369.

Notis GS: 08018/270/322/894.20056/135/143/157/167/173.25136/160/163/185/259/283/
25302.31159/216.45113/128.47257/329.56036/054/055.dmu:50035/448/502.
50737.51296.56008/442.59155/290.

Toton: 08021/292/293/320/334/535/610/685/741/829/858.20037/044/050/057/058.
20073/075/076/088/090/113/134/141/148/151/152/154/165/166/167/170/171.
20176/177/189/196/198.25152/183/264/267/269/280.31159.40121.45004/007.
44009.45004/005/042/051/055/056/059/067/064/077.45104/110/115/130/131.
45139.47029/088/298/306/318/327/329/330/343.56037/039/043/046/049/050.
56052/056.

Darby: 08142/573/598.20030/058/082.25095/134.37024.40106.45046/106/137.47363.

Witches (view): 47537.dmu:50488/721.59255.Dept:DR97#018.4002.

Burton: 08037/046.20172.47227/290/307/323.

Bescot: 08327/356/406/474/585/590/614/673/674/700/765/788.25027/151/222/252.
25262.40179.45029.47094/100/200/331/476/489.56041.86261.

Bescot YD: 08297.20001/045/070/096.25038/143/150/164/187/327.37135.40052.45054.
47104/293/290/345/354.86010.EMU:085.

Soho: 86213 (passing).dmu:50834/842/897/895.50350.EMU:003/015/015.31299/204.

Saliley: 08134/182/411/647/893/895/908/919/920.20036/082/145/174.25121/129/127.
25188/260/288.31126/194/204.45022/045/129/133.47095/129/191/473/496.
56053.

Vauxall: 08742.25101.36016/103.

Curzon SS: 08103/597.

Tyseley: 08067/790/928.25125/141/272/325.47012/077/109/113/315/486.dmu:50051/052
50053/057/058/062/069/074/076/079/077/081/082/087/089/112/113/117/117.
50120/121/123/124/305/306/308/309/313/317/321/323/324/327/329/331/336/340
50656/676/725/730/786/818/821/826/830/851/852/857/860/862/877/875/877.
50883/886/904/905/910/912/913/914.51110/112/119/129/131/133/138/142/144
51146/151/486.55006.56295/296/411/452/454.59001/002/003/006/012/013/014
59028/115/117/119/121/122/126/125/257/283/326/328/332/333/341/342/351.
59360/366/368/375/438/439/441/443/448/543/623.

Stourbridge: 08019/083/672.25253/271/273/299.47374.dmu:51449/521.55004.59343/550.

Notes & News.

Bristol:

On 9/4/79, the freightliner was powered by 25323-CD/324-CW, a pleasant change from the normal power, also on this day the 16.39 Leeds-Bristol, due 20.51 was sufficiently late to warrant two additional services to be operated into Bristol the first being the TMS from Cheltenham-Bristol which was used as a service train and the second a special service from Birmingham which arrived at 21.25 consisting of dmu's, 50880+59361+50827. No announcements were made as to when the Leeds was to arrive.

The first class 20 seen in Bristol for some time was noted on 14/4/79, this being 20186, which had brought failed 47257 from Derby, the class 20 returning shortly after leaving the failed 47 at Bath Road.

Notes & News (cont).

Bristol.(cont)

Observations of Portsmouth services as revealed a draft of class 33 power, class 31's having a monopoly and for one week assistance was given by 31418-GD, before it returned to its native depot.

Following a recent decision to name a number of class 47/4's based on Old oak Comman, four were noted on Bristol in a couple of days, these being 47508/509. 47510/513.

Locos Noted:

25131/136/137/279/303-TO, 25177-CW, 25211-LO, 25272-BS, 25286/296-SP, 31115/237-IM, 31244/293. 37011-MR, 31290. 37166-TE, 37064-SF, 47404-FP, 47552-YK

Severn Tunnel Jnc:

Locos Noted:

31124-OC, 31134-IM, 45004-TO, 45038-TI, 45069-TO, 47074/100/349-CD.

Cardiff.

A number of class 33's were noted over the Easter period, firstly on the 14/4/79 a special from Brighton to Cardiff for the football match was powered by 33058-HG, two days later on the Easter Monday another football special from Portsmouth-Newport arrived into Cardiff ECS powered by 33003-BH, other members noted have included 33002 and 33012.

On a visit to Canton on Good Friday, off region locos noted included: 25278-CW, 25320-TO, 37117-TI and 40016-LO.

Locos Noted.

25159. 47436/515/539-CD, 25278/279. 47202-CW, 25285-SP, 31152. 37004/011. 47303-TE, 31211. 37175-IM, 31322-MR, 37060-SF, 37152*ED, 47270/274-HA, 47518-GD,

Bristol-Taunton Line,

The Easter bank holiday period brought a number of off region workings, the two most notable being the sight of 47169-SF GREAT EASTERN, properly making its first visit to Bristol area since naming in March, on an excursion on the 16/4/79, also noted were 25081/236-CW which worked a St. Pancras to Paignton excursion a day earlier

On the 17/4/79, 47552-YK was noted failed behind 31210/111-YK at the head of a un relief during the afternoon.

Other note worthy BR class 47's workings include 47404-FP with the 13.58 Penzance-Birmingham (1874) on the 4/4/79, 47162-SF on the 21.20 Bristol-Plymouth (1852) on the same day, 47521-YK which powered the 17.30 Plymouth-Bristol (4814) on the 27/3/79 and 47423-GD hauling the 14.40 Leeds-Plymouth (1V94) on the 10th April 1979.

Finally two other from the north east were Thornaby's, 31102 on the 18.55 Exeter (Riverside)-Margam coal empties (7000) on the 27/3/79 and 31290 on the 16.12 (NY) Bristol-Plymouth parcels (4810) on the 12/4/79.

Locos noted.

25262. 47109/338/486-BS, 25158. 47040/051/178/192/195/335/354/443/445/450/456-CD 31155. 31316. 47047-IM, 31113-MR, 47018/184-SF, 25121-TO, 47201-CW.

Manchester.

Noted at Victoria since the 8/4/79 has been single dmU unit TDB 975309-YK its been seen regularly on route learning trips. On the 3/4/79 a land slide south of Newcastle, no doubt caused by the bad weather at that time, added further to the BR's troubles. Trains were diverted via Sunderland and the coast, the result at this end was the 62 Minute late arrival of the 10.01 Newcastle-Liverpool, hauled 46021-LA. The 12.45 Blackpool North-Victoria and 17.10 return has produced two unexpected specimens in recent weeks. on the 3/4/79 the motive was 47518-GD and 18/4/79 was 47466-BD.

Notes & News (CONT).

Manchester(cont).

Over at Piccadilly, class 31's seem to have been seen more regularly on the Boat train, a typical week from Monday 26/3/79 to Saturday 31/3/79, with Loco's in order of appearance: 47198-CD, 31191-FP, 31272-YK, 31158-BR, 31418-CD, 45008-TO. Other Loco's 31180-FP and 46047-CD. Finally a welcome visitor to Stockport during late March was 55020 NIMBUS, -FP on the 21.10 York-Shrewsbury, this Loco had spent the best part of Two year -s in Doncaster Works.

Loco's noted at Victoria.

25253, 47487-BS, 25113, 40016/138/175/179-KD, 40007/009/169/176/183-HM, 40056, 46046/048, 47421/428/508-CD, 47408-FP, 47047/380-IN, 47288/313/363-TE, 40069, 47434-YK, 47243-CF, 47129-LE, 45021-LA, 47466-ED.

General.

A visit to Bricklayers arms on the 21/4/79, saw a three car ER dmu arrive and depart in a matter of minutes, the units being 50844+59353+50897-SF. Why a ER dmu should work into a parcel terminus is a complete mystery.

Noted at Euston during the Month was 85005, sporting a Landore sticker!

Also noted at Crewe diesel depot during the month was 24063 in a damaged condition, it is led to believe that the damage was caused at Shotton Steel Works where the loco in question over run the buffers and landed in the factory (not a pretty sight).

Following the re-numbering of the GE class 312's from 312101-312119, to 312781-312799, the GE equivalents have also been re-numbered from 312001-312026 to 312701-312726.

Named class 86's noted now include: 86240 'Bishop Eric Treacy', and 86241 'Glenffiddich', 86208 'City of Chester', 86210 'City of Edinburgh'. Meanwhile, 84008 has been given a paint complete with silver buffers, due to it been the most popular Loco for Railtour's.

Finally news of coaching stock, MK 111 Buffets, prior to entering service, Longsight and Edge Hill GS received a vehicle each for staff training. Despite explicit instructions to the contrary, somebody at Longsight plugged the coach in to the shore supply, and immediately plunged the place in to darkness. Edge Hill went one better with their coach, M 10007: they managed to rip out one side of it, causing an estimated £45,000 worth of damage.

Special News

Congratulations are in order for one of the Committee members namely Mr. A. Price for becoming the proud Father of a Baby girl one week before the Scottish tour, we are sure that the members of the society would like to take the opportunity of wishing Mr A. Price & Mr's D. Price and of course the Baby all the very best for the future.

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