

**CARDIFF AND AVONSIDE**

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**YOUR COMMITTEE**

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FINANCE	Maintenance of Financial Base.	KEVIN DAVIES
SALES	Sales Provision/Advertising.	KEVIN DAVIES
GENERAL	Non-function specific activities.	SIMON CHAINEY

**NOTES:-**

1. Primary owner shown in upper case.
2. John to assist with Events to reduce workload on Martin.
3. Simon to print and distribute magazine to reduce workload on Andy.

## EVENTS

**TRIP 321                      HAMPSHIRE                      Sunday 22/08/99.**

ITINERARY P. Davies, Tistead Station; Hayling Island Rly; Hampshire Buildings Preservation Trust, Lower Smanwick; Durley Light Rly; Marwells Wonderful Rly, Colden Common; Eastleigh: EWS Dept, Wessex Traincare Ltd, PAD; D.S Smith, Bitterne; Solent Rigging Ltd, Southampton; Paultons Rly, Ower, EWS Westbury.

PERMITS All to be applied for except P. Davies, EWS Eastleigh, Solent Rigging Ltd and EWS Westbury.

FARES Members; £12, Non Members; £14, Deposit; £5.

TIMES	Nailsea & Backwell	Dep	06.30	Arr	21.30
	Temple Meads	Dep	06.55	Arr	21.05
	Parkway	Dep	07.15	Arr	20.45

BOOKINGS To Martin Lear by the 22/07/99 please.

**TRIP 322                      DERBYSHIRE INDUSTRIAL                      Saturday 25/09/99.**

ITINERARY Health & Safety Executive, Harpur Hill; Buxton Lime Industries, Tunstead; Redland Aggregates, Sterndale Moor; Blue circle Industries, Hope; Hunslet Locomotive Hire Ltd, Killamarsh; WH Davies & Sons, Langwith Jct; Courtaulds Chemicals, Spondon; Derby: Etches Park(view), RTC(view), Litchurch Lane(view).

PERMITS All to be applied for except Derby locations.

FARES Members; £16, Non Members; £18, Deposit; £6.

TIMES	Nailsea & Backwell	Dep	06.30	Arr	21.30
	Temple Meads	Dep	06.55	Arr	21.05
	Parkway	Dep	07.15	Arr	20.45

BOOKINGS To Martin Lear by the 25/08/99 please.

**TRIP 323                      SOUTH YORKSHIRE                      Saturday 23/10/99.**

ITINERARY    South Yorkshire Super Tram Depot, Nunnery; Kelham Island Industrial Museum; Kvaerner Metals, Darnall; Coopers Metals, Attercliffe; S. Harrison, Tinsley; Rotherham: Booth Roe Metals, Yorkshire Engine Co, British Steel; UES Steels, Stocksbridge

PERMITS      All to be applied for except South Yorkshire Supertram Depot.

FARES        Members; £16, Non Members; £18, Deposit; £6.

TIMES        Nailsea & Backwell            Dep    06.30    Arr    21.30  
              Temple Meads                    Dep    06.55    Arr    21.05  
              Parkway                            Dep    07.15    Arr    20.45

BOOKINGS    To Martin Lear by the 23/09/99 please.

**TRIP 324                      THE DOLLANDS MOOR AVOIDER                      Saturday 13/11/99.**

ITINERARY    Rugby Group Plc, Halling; BP Oil Refinery Ltd, Isle of Grain; Foster Yeoman Ltd, Rochester; Chatham Dockyard Historic Trust; Redland Bricks Ltd, Lower Halstow; Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway; Ridham Sea Terminals Ltd, Ridham Dock.

PERMITS      All to be applied for.

FARES        Members; £16, Non Members; £18, Deposit; £6.

TIMES        Nailsea & Backwell            Dep    06.30    Arr    21.30  
              Temple Meads                    Dep    06.55    Arr    21.05  
              Parkway                            Dep    07.15    Arr    20.45

BOOKINGS    To Martin Lear by the 13/10/99 please.

**TRIP 325    LONDON FLYER    Saturday 11/12/99.**

ITINERARY    9 hours to do as you please in the Capital.

PERMITS      None.

FARES        Members; £12, Non Members; £14, Deposit; £5.

TIMES        Nailsea & Backwell            Dep    06.30    Arr    21.30  
              Temple Meads                    Dep    06.55    Arr    21.05  
              Parkway                            Dep    07.15    Arr    20.45

BOOKINGS To Martin Lear by the 11/11/99 please.

**NON SOCIETY EVENTS:-**

14-15/08/99 WICKHAM TROLLEY WEEKEND AT EAST ANGLIAN  
RAILWAY MUSEUM, Chappel and Wakes Colne

11/09/99 ALAN KEEF OPEN DAY at Ross-on-Wye.

Please note trips are not being run to either event, although The Industrial Railway Society are hoping to have a stall at both events.

**GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION**

1. The pick up points are the standard ones. If you live outside of the areas served by these points but on the line of route for a trip please contact Martin Lear to arrange another which is mutually convenient.
2. The following comprises the fare structure:-

ADULT MEMBER	FULL FARE.
ADULT MEMBER + SPOUSE	FULL FARE + HALF FARE.
ADULT MEMBER + CHILD	FULL FARE + QUARTER FARE.
UNACCOMPANIED CHILD	THREE QUARTERS FARE.

A child is defined as a person who has not yet reached their seventeenth birthday and is still in full time education.

People who are not members or family members will have their fares increased by the non member rate. (£2 PER DAY.)  
Members paying the full fare will have priority up to the "book by" date. After that the trips will be filled on a first come first served basis.

3. The discounts highlighted above for family members relate to travel costs only. Hotel Accommodation and Permits will be charged at cost price.
4. Members are reminded that where only one magazine is required, relatives living at the same address can become family members at the rate of £1 per head, per annum.
5. Do you know someone who would like to join the Society?  
Existing members can earn a £2 credit/bonus for each new member introduced. This credit/bonus can be used on any future Society trips.
6. Please note that catering is no longer provided on trips.

7. Please note that the Events organiser can now be contacted immediately prior to and during trips on the mobile number listed on the first page of the Magazine.

## NOTES AND NEWS

### BRISTOL

- 28/05 60091(IM) worked the Newport-Wembley freight, instead of the normal Class 66. 20301/303(SD) worked the Bridgwater-Sellafield flasks.
- 29/05 EWS liveried 47785(CD) arrived with a fourteen coach ECS for a Green Party Election Special. 37409(ML) was on the Weymouth diagram.
- 01/06 Parkway this evening saw the following freight services:-  
60091 with scrap and steel for South Wales, 66110 with LPG empties for Furzebrook, 47371 Southampton-Pengam freightliner, 47287/303 Pengam-Felixstowe freightliner, 66101 Wembley-Newport intermodal, 56029 Russell's coal and 47204 Tilbury-Pengam freightliner. Later at Stapleton Road, 37411/417 were noted with St Blazey-Cliffe Vale service.
- 02/06 A busy ten minute period at Yatton saw:-  
37610+20312(SD) with the 14.10 Bridgwater-Sellafield nuclear flasks at 15.12.  
37377+37176(TO) on the 08.57 Cliffe Vale-St Blazey freight at 15.13.  
60044(TO) on the 09.40 Burngullow-Newport china clay slurries at 15.17.  
37672/668(TO) with the 14.12 Newport-St Blazey freight at 15.20.  
Just two freightliners this evening at Parkway, 47345 Southampton-Pengam and 47114 Pengam-Felixstowe.  
Services to and from the North subject to heavy delays or diversions due to flooding.
- 03/06 Green liveried barrier vehicles, 6330/38, were at St Phillips Marsh.
- 04/06 37409 again worked the Weymouth diagram. 66036(TO) worked the Newport-Wembley freight and 20304/305(SD) worked the Bridgwater-Sellafield nuclear flasks.
- 05/06 47726+47744 arrived at Temple Meads at 10.00 with the 06.20 Derby-Paignton (1V35) following the failure of 47744 at Westerleigh Junction. 47726 Manchester Airport Progress (CD) continued to Paignton at 10.18 ninety minutes late. After adventures in East Anglia and the North Of England,

6024 KING EDWARD I, returned to familiar stomping ground with the Steamy Affairs 'Bristolian' (from Colchester to Bristol and 17.55 return - the steam leg being between Ealing Broadway to Bristol and then to Didcot). The coaches were BN96 green Mark Is, with two BN91 blood/custard in the formation with the locomotives support coach W35333. The ECS left St Phillips Marsh at 17.30 for Temple Meads, the KING on the rear of 47776(CD). The Class 47 ran in front of the train light.

Three freights seen during the day were:-

60025(TO) on the Burngullow-Newport slurries.

66018(TO) Furzebrook-Hallen Marsh LPG tanks.

66102(TO) with the refuse train running on a Saturday due to the bank holiday Monday.

There were problems at Temple Meads during the weekend following a lightning strike during a thunder storm.

Electronic displays were down as well as platform information - important for the new summer timetable.

07/06 08500 "Thomas" on station pilot duties. 47474 noted with a rake of HST stock (Virgin) en route to works for repaint, the barrier vehicles were 6336/46. 37409 was again on the Weymouth diagram.

08/06 37423(ML) was the new Weymouth locomotive and 66016 worked the Newport-Wembley freight.  
Parkway this evening saw 66110 lpg empties, 60064 with tanks followed by 66116 with RH Roadstone hoppers bound for South Wales, also heading in that direction were 47283 Southampton freightliner and 66040 on the intermodal service.

09/06 66064(TO) worked the Newport-Wembley freight. Other freights seen during the day, west of Bristol were:-  
37610+20313(SD) 14.10 Bridgwater-Sellafield.  
60100(TO) 09.40 Burngullow-Irvine slurries (only three tanks).  
37803(TO) 14.17 Newport-St Blazey freight.  
37678/513(TO) 08.57 Cliffe Vale-St Blazey freight.  
This date saw the launch of First Great Western new HST livery when 43147/172 worked the 11.45 Paddington-Bristol TM. The set also worked the 16.30 Paddington-Cardiff Central service. The change, carried out at Old Oak Common, does not involve a repaint, but consists of removing the Merlin logo on the power cars and replacing it with a small gold 'First' logo, and a gold band extending along the lower part of the white section of the coaches with several narrow green lines above and below. At least two other sets had been seen by 17th June (with power cars 43009/026/177/182). A number of other power cars including 43003/127/131/168/181, have had their front end below the light cluster repainted in plain green (instead of white and green). A Virgin HST double power car failure (43121 + 43065) saw the 07.10 (1V47)

Edinburgh-Plymouth leave Bristol over one hour late, being piloted by 47839(TO).

Parkway this evening saw 47283 Southampton-Pengam freightliner, 66028 light engine to South Wales, 47361 Felixstowe freightliner and 37154 with the gauging train. Later at Stapleton Road, 37802 was noted with a southbound freight.

- 10/06 66064(TO) again worked the Newport-Wembley freight. 37423(ML) failed near Yeovil with the Weymouth service and was assisted to Cardiff by 37178(TO). The ThO Fawley-Margam fuel train was hauled by 66068(TO). The 6M72, 16.55 St Blazey-Cliffe Vale freight suffered a failure in Highbridge loop when 37069(TO) expired. The locomotive was paired with 37350/D6700(TO) and the rescue locomotive was 37264(TO), the three engines and train reached Cliffe Vale over 300 minutes late. 66108 passed through Temple Meads with a welded rail train bound for the South West. Later at Stapleton Road, 47289 noted with the Pengam-Southampton freightliner.
- 11/06 20301/303(SD) powered the Bridgwater-Sellafield nuclear flask service.
- 12/06 37350 piloted 47851 on the 1V26 23.30 Manchester-Paignton from Bristol T.M. as the Wales & West driver allocated didn't sign Class 47s. The pair returned on the 1S66, 08.58 Paignton-Glasgow, the Class 37 being detached at Bristol TM and returning light to Exeter. 37802/803 worked the late running Burngullow-Newport slurry tank service. After the failure of 37420(TO), 47783 *St Peter* (CD) worked the 09.00 Bristol-Weymouth and return service, but the afternoon runs were covered by 37040, commencing with the 14.33 Bristol-Weymouth.
- 13/06 37407 was on Weymouth services.
- 14/06 37802/803(TO) were paired on the 14.17 Newport-St Blazey enterprise freight - only three wagons (empty scrap wagons, destined for St Erth). Light engines through Temple Meads this evening heading for South Wales were 37350/802.
- 15/06 37414(TO) was the Weymouth locomotive. 37264+37069 powered the 6M72, 16.55 St Blazey-Cliffe Vale freight. Parkway freights this evening were, 47296 Southampton-Pengam, 47205/323 Pengam-Felixstowe, 66074 MGR empties to Avonmouth, 37707 MoD freightliner and 66032 Wembley-Newport intermodal.
- 16/06 37042/198(TO) worked the Cliffe Vale-St Blazey freight and 20311+37607 the Bridgwater-Sellafield nuclear flasks. Observations at Pilning recorded:-

60071(TO) 10.03 Parc Slip-Didcot loaded MGR at 13.47.  
37670/676 Newport ADJ-St Blazey freight at 14.17.  
37414(TO) 14.05 Cardiff-Bristol TM at 14.40.  
47725(CD) 14.33 Bristol-Cardiff TPOs at 15.04.  
60076(TO) Burngullow-Irvine slurry tanks at 15.12.  
56120(IM) Newport ADJ-Avonmouth at 15.25.  
47741(CD) 14.25 Swansea-Paddington vans at 16.07.  
66027(TO) 16.45 Newport ADJ-Wembley freight at 17.03.  
56120(IM) 16.20 Avonmouth-Warrington at 17.06.  
37802(TO) Didcot-Cardiff Tidal Oil empties at 17.16.  
Parkway freights were 66116 MGR empties to Avonmouth, 47370  
Felixstowe freightliner and 47746/749 on Low Fell TPO.

18/06 158867 in new colours was reported to have visited Bristol  
on a Portsmouth Harbour service. 37414(TO) worked the  
Weymouth diagram. 37896/887(TO) were noted on the 16.55 St  
Blazey-Cliffe Vale freight and 37505/676(TO) on the 14.17  
Newport-St Blazey enterprise service.

19/06 Two railtours were in Bristol today:-  
Pathfinders 'Spinning Spectre' (05.49 to Goole) headed by  
37516/679(TO) with coaches 4959+3115+3149+3148+4916+4938+  
4949+4939+4956+17015+4991+5005+4999. Other locomotives for  
haulage on this tour, later in the day were 58001, 56098,  
66005, 47315 and 60025. Hertfordshire Tours 'Red Dragon'  
originally billed as a GWT HST set was loco hauled by  
66025(TO) from Paddington-Cwmbargoed/Uskmouth with 60100(TO)  
returning the train to Paddington in the evening.

21/06 Observations at Yatton saw:-  
37887/896(CF) with the 08.57 Cliffe Vale-St Blazey at 15.40  
and 37671/513(TO) with the 14.17 Newport ADJ-St Blazey  
enterprise freight.

22/06 Parkway again, the following were recorded 37519/673 light  
engines to South Wales, 57004 Southampton freightliner,  
47258 Felixstowe freightliner, 66032 Newport intermodal and  
60030 MGR empties to Avonmouth. Also recorded was 66075 with  
a southbound coal train at 00.14 at Stapleton Road.

23/06 Hastings unit 1001 worked 5Z15 1150 Castle Cary-Temple  
Meads and 2Z15 1325 Temple Meads-Castle Cary carrying  
passengers for the Glastonbury pop festival. It also  
operated other special trains between Castle Cary and  
Taunton and Westbury. 37407(TO) headed the 13.00 Cardiff-  
Bristol TM-Weymouth (retimed due to the pop festival)  
passing Horfield at 13.42. Also seen were:-  
37607+20309 14.12 Bridgwater-Sellafeld flasks at 14.42,  
37057/892(TO) 08.57 Cliffe Vale-St Blazey freight at 14.51  
and 66125+66124+66120 on their first working the 6C21,  
14.17 Newport ADJ-St Blazey enterprise freight at 15.27.  
Another special running this day was 1V80 09.45 Victoria-  
Bristol TM Orient Express. 47732 *Restormel* (CD) operated



the service via Salisbury, arriving in Bristol at 13.05 and leaving at 15.53 via Reading and Ealing Broadway. The following were recorded at Parkway, 66069 LPG empties for Furzebrook, 47290 Southampton freightliner, 47212 Felixstowe freightliner and 60030 MGR empties for Avonmouth.

- 26/06 A brief spell at Filton Abbey Wood saw:-  
66018(TO) on a South Wales bound ballast/empty wagons train at 17.12.  
1001(St Leonards) hired in by Wales & West on the 16.30 Cardiff-Portsmouth Harbour at 17.24.  
66074(TO) on the Furzebrook-Hallen Marsh LPG tanks.  
47476(BS) unusually employed on the 1M25, 16.17(SO) Paignton-Manchester, instead of a Virgin Class 47/8 at 18.20.  
08402(EH) was stabled in Stoke Gifford Sidings.
- 27/06 Pathfinders 'Brush & Colne' railtour (08.10 Westbury-Blackpool and onwards to Colne) was hauled via Day's Curve at 09.10 by 47344/379(BS). The trip acted as a farewell tour for the former Railfreight Distribution pool of Class 47s, whose numbers are now only a handful. 47348 and 47276 with 60060 also hauled the train during the day. The same two Class 47s, hauled the train back to Westbury in the evening. The coaching stock used was:- 3149+3148+4916+4938+4949+4939+4956+17015+4991+5005.  
Barton Hill was viewed at 09.00 at which time the following were noted:-  
47474/722/732/737/742/774/845.  
37414(TO) worked a Bristol-Taunton-Castle Cary train via Bridgwater during the afternoon, as part of an additional pop festival, having worked the 09.00 to Weymouth earlier in the day.
- 28/06 37678 worked 2Z64 06.32 Castle Cary-Bristol T.M. and then hauled the 08.30 Bristol-Weymouth. 5 car demu 1001 was again used on shuttle duties between Castle Cary-Bristol. Observations at Yatton saw the following:-  
37678(TO) 13.40 Bristol TM-Castle Cary (via Taunton) ECS at 14.22. This locomotive had been hired by Wales & West to provide extra loco hauled trains, the coaches used were Regency Rail 'Valleys' Mark IIs.  
37896/670(TO) 14.17 Newport ADJ-St Blazey enterprise service at 14.58. 158864 was seen with no set number on 57864.
- 29/06 Activity at Parkway comprised, 57004 Southampton freightliner, 47152/207 Felixstowe freightliner, 66028 Newport intermodal, 66048 CAIB 4 wheel hoppers to South Wales and 66032 MGR empties to Avonmouth.
- 30/06 37043 was on the morning Weymouth diagrams.  
A longer stay at Parkway saw the following, 66028 Newport intermodal, 37519/673 MEA empties to South Wales, 47370

Felixstowe freightliner, 47114 Southampton freightliner, 66104 CAIBs eastbound, 66032 MGR empties to Avonmouth, 37702 eastbound steel service, 66031 MGR empties to Avonmouth and 66009 Llandarcy-Grain bitumen tanks.

**THE CLASS 47 COUNT**

RES (CD): 47474. 47627/640. 47721/722/725/732/736/737/738/  
739/741/742/746/749/750/756/757/758/760/761/  
762/763/764/765/767/768/770/771/774/775/776/780/  
781/782/783/784/785/787/789/790/793.

VT (TO): 47805/810/814/817/818/826/832/841/843/845/847/848/849/851

GW (LE): 47830.

EWS (BS): 47344/379/474/476.

**LOCAL UNITS NOTED DURING THE MONTH**

Class 143: 601/610/614/617/618/619/620/621/622/623/624/625.

Class 150: 219/221/230/232/233/234/236/238/239/240/241/242/  
243/244/246/247/248/249/251/253/254/261/263/265/  
266/267.

Class 153: 302/303/305/308/312/318/327/353/362/368/370/  
372/374/377/380/382.

Class 158: 815/816/818/819/820/821/822/823/825/826/827/  
828/829/830/831/832/833/834/835/836/837/838/  
840/841/842/843/863/864/865/866/869/870/871/872.  
Three Car 158824+52833.

**BINLINER**

This month's sightings are as given below;

From 01/06 to 09/06 66102.  
From 10/06 to 30/06 66108.

**TURBO TIME**

This month's sightings are as given below:

03/06	165126, 166202.	07/06	165121/132.
10/06	165125/129.	14/06	165133/134.
17/06	165126/137.	21/06	165119/121.
24/06	165118/133.	25/06	165109 (SPM) .

28/06 165119.

Also noted during the month was 165136.

### NEWPORT

- 04/06 The following observations were made:-  
37802/803. 47372. 59202. 60036/040/090. 66018/019/028/  
044/082/083.
- 05/06 37668/716/802, 60090 *Quinag* (all TO) were on Godfrey Road.
- 06/06 37686/706/887, 60036/090 (all TO) were at Godfrey Road.
- 08/06 37350 *National Railway Museum/505 British Steel Workington*  
(TO) worked the afternoon ADJ-St. Blazey service.
- 11/06 37673/887, 60079 *Foinaven* (all TO) were at Godfrey Road.  
158850 (TS) worked 15:00 Cardiff-Nottingham.  
The following observations were also made:-  
09107. 37716/897. 47052/193/354. 56128. 59202.  
60041/064/079. 66005/062/086.
- 16/06 37702 *Taff Merthyr/802/884 Gartcosh/897/899* (all TO) were  
at Godfrey Road.
- 18/06 The following observations were made:-  
09107. 37884/897/899. 47349. 59203. 60012/076/080/100.  
66100.
- 19/06 37706/717 *Berwick Middle School Railsafe Trophy Winners*  
1998/884/897 (all TO) were at Godfrey Road.
- 20/06 Godfrey Road contained 37702/716/884/897 (all TO),  
47736 Cambridge Traction & Rolling Stock Depot (CD).
- 21/06 Godfrey Road contained 37702/706/894.
- 25/06 The following observations were made:-  
09107. 37706/884/892/899. 47234/292. 60026/076/080.  
66059.
- 26/06 Several special services were noted taking rugby fans  
to Cardiff for the first match at the Millennium Stadium.  
The most amazing working was at 12.10, when D172 *Ixion*  
arrived on 1V77 08.33 Manchester-Cardiff, the allocated  
37029 being ripped at Crewe due to low power. It was noted  
there were more railfans on the train than rugby fans! The  
stock was 4927, 5009, 1863, 21272, 3140, 13227. Almost as  
remarkable was the appearance of Hastings DEMU 1001 at  
11.42 on a relief service from Portsmouth Harbour to  
Cardiff. Earlier, a more conventional sight was 37414

hauling 9448, 5437/53/91 on 1Z24 09.50 Westbury-Cardiff, which arrived at 11.20. A few minutes later, 47705 *Guy Fawkes* in gleaming black livery arrived on 1Z28 08.35 Crewe-Cardiff hauling 5647, 4963, 35453, 3273/40/67, the first coach in Watermans Railways livery and the others in Chocolate and Cream. One other colourful arrival was at 11.55, when three car 150012(TS) in Centro livery appeared on 08.30 Nottingham-Cardiff. Earlier, 156415(TS) worked 10.55 Cardiff-Nottingham. Freight operations consisted of 60003 *Freight Transport Association* (TO) on empty steel coil wagons and 59201 *Vale of York* (FB) sharing ore duties with 60091. 37706 was on Cardiff Docks-Llanwern slag empties. Godfrey Road contained 37892/899, 56106(IM).

The following units were noted at Newport during the month:-

Class 143: 601/612/614/617/622/625.  
Class 150: 230/232/236/238/239/241/244/253/261.  
Class 153: 312.  
Class 158: 787/815/817/820/821/823/824/825/827/828/830/831/  
836/837/839/841/842/843/863/865/866/868/869/870/  
872, plus 3 car 824 + 833(1).

### **CARDIFF TIDAL SIDINGS**

During the month the following observations have been made at this location:-

06/06 08466/819/828.  
13/06 08466/819/828/955.  
20/06 08466/683/819/932/957.  
27/06 08651/955.

### **BARRY**

During the month the following observations have been made at this location:-

06/06 66062/091/105.  
13/06 37710. 66047/056/063/087/105.  
20/06 66047/056/063/107.  
27/06 66009/056/072.

### **CARDIFF CANTON**

Cardiff Canton was viewed from the footbridge on four occasions during June and the following observations were made:-

06/06 08506/625/734/756. 09105. 37222/225/242/407/409/  
412/708/710/715/890/901/904. 56051. 60009/071/091/100.  
66009/071/078/087.  
Railtour 444 + 50031 plus 37796/802.

13/06 08506/625/651/683/734/756/993. 09013/105.  
37040/178/222/225/242/673/708/715\*/716/901/904.  
47815. 56051/053/128. 60012/027. 66064/091.  
TPO: 80337/347/375/421. \* Used as depot pilot.

20/06 08625/651/734/756. 37222/225/242/708/715/890/899/  
901/904. 47052/234/354. 56011/102. 60076/100.  
66019/025/091.

27/06 08625/734/756/819. 09105. 37042/198/222/225/242/  
412/670/678/708/715/901/904. 56106. 60009/012/  
026/064. 66025/054/071/127.

### CARDIFF CENTRAL

01/06 2V07 07.23 Rhymney-Cardiff was hauled by 37414 *Cathays C&W Works 1846-1993* (TO) and 2F06 07.41 Rhymney-Cardiff by 37669(TO). In the evening, 37414 worked 2R40 16.46 to Rhymney and 37407 *Blackpool Tower* (TO) the 2R42 17.05.

02/06 73106(EH) arrived at Canton for tyre turning.

03/06 37414 was on 2R40. 37350 *National Railway Museum* (TO) worked 6V34 Fawley-Margam.

04/06 50031 and D444 worked as 0Z71 13.15 Kidderminster-Cardiff, arriving around 16.00. They then hauled 2R42 to Rhymney, with D444 leading and both engines powering! The driver was taking things cautiously, presumably not being used to 5,400 hp! Three spare Forward Trust Rail coaches, kept at Canton as reserve vehicles for the Rhymney stock, were added to the rear of the usual formation. 1M89 16.45 Cardiff-Manchester was operated by 158868/831(CF) as 37409 *Loch Awe* (ML) was stopped at Canton for an exam and the stock was defective. 158831 was detached at Crewe to form the 19.25 to Shrewsbury and 158868 continued to Manchester.

06/06 37710(TO) and 56051(IM) were noted at Canton.

07/06 A double treat for commuters on the Rhymney line! 37796/802(TO) worked 2V07 07.23 Rhymney-Radyr and D444+50031 worked 2F06 07.41 Rhymney-Cardiff, which comprised 7 coaches. The Class 50s left Cardiff at 12.45 light engine for Kidderminster. In the evening, 37407 worked 2R40 16.46 to Rhymney and 37409 2R42 17.05.

08/06 37423 *Sir Murray Morrison 1873-1948 Pioneer of British*

*Aluminium Industry* (ML) worked 1C96 14.05 to Bristol. 37407/409 worked the same evening Rhymney diagrams as the previous day, except that the 16.46 comprised the three spare Forward Trust Rail coaches, including a BSO instead of the customary BFK.

- 10/06 37178(TO) worked one of the Rhymney turns.
- 11/06 37710(TO) worked the 2R40 and 37043(TO) 2R42. 37420 *The Scottish Hosteller* (CD) was allocated to the 16.45 Manchester but was replaced by 153374+158815. However, there seemed to be no shortage of Class 37/4s as 37409/423 worked 6S79 Canton-Mossend!
- 13/06 37040/178(TO) were sent light engine to Rhymney for the morning commuter trains.
- 14/06 37178 worked 07.23 Rhymney-Radyr and 37040 07.41 Rhymney-Cardiff. In the evening, 37178 worked the 16.46 and 37426(CD) the 17.05.
- 15/06 37414 worked 14.05 to Bristol. 37178 and 37407 worked the evening Rhymneys.
- 16/06 D6700 in immaculate British Railways green livery looked stunning with a rake of Forward Trust Rail coaches when it worked the 16.46 to Rhymney! 37407 was on the 17.05.
- 17/06 37407 worked 16.46 to Rhymney and 37899(TO) the 17.05.
- 18/06 37407 worked the 16.45 to Manchester with six coaches. 37671 *Tre Pol & Pen* (TO) worked the 16.46 to Rhymney and 37414 the 17.05. 60090 *An Teallach* (TO) passed through Cardiff on Murco tanks.
- 21/06 37678(TO) worked 2V07 07.23 from Rhymney and 37513 (TO) the 2F06.
- 22/06 37678 was again on the morning Rhymney run.
- 24/06 37198 worked 2V07 07.23 Rhymney-Radyr. The evening trains were worked by 37198 on 16.46 and 37042(TO) on 17.05. 57004 *Freightliner Quality* (FD) worked 4S81 18.20 Pengam-Basford Hall.
- 25/06 Mark 1 buffet car 1683 was noted in the formation of one of the Rhymney sets, working 07.21 Rhymney-Radyr with 37198 at the front! 37198 worked 2R38 in the evening, still with the buffet behind the loco. 37042 worked 2R40 and 37702 *Taff Merthyr* (TO) the 21.05 to Rhymney.

26/06 To cater for the demand anticipated from rugby fans for the Wales v South Africa match at the new Millennium Stadium, a loco hauled service was operated on the Rhymney line, with departures starting at 07.15 and thence hourly until 20.15, returning from Cardiff at 08.50 until 20.50. Three rakes of FTR stock were used, hauled by 37042/198/678.

30/06 37042/198 worked the morning Rhymney services.

## **STOCK ALTERATIONS**

### **Locomotives**

#### Transfers

08410 (PM) -LA, 37602 (ML) -OC, 37604 (OC) -ML.

#### Stored

#### On Decision

37140/156/294/376/685/708/715/889/891. 56021/047. 58022.

#### Component Recovery

56019/082/092.

#### Traffic

08428 -DR, 20902 -SD, D9009 (x55009), 55019 -CP.

#### Withdrawn

31126/242 (Cut up at Wigan)

#### New Stock

C166: 66106/107/108/109/110/111/112/113/114/115/116/  
117/118/119/120/121/122/123/124/125/126/127 -TO.

### **Diesel Multiple Units**

#### Transfers

C1150: 275/276/277 (CF) -NL.

C1153: 328 (HT) -CF.

Traffic

Cl101: 686(51231 + 51500) -CK.

Withdrawn

Cl101: 53201 + 54379. (MC Metals)

Cl117: 51332/336/344/361/375/378/386. (MC Metals)

Renumbered

Dept: ExCl210 vehs, 60200 - 999603, 60201 - 999604.

New Stock

Cl170: 116 (50116+79116), 117 (50117+79117) -DY,  
201 (50201+56201+79201), 202 (50202+56202+79202) -NC.

**Electric Multiple Units**

Transfers

(S): 2251(BM)/54/60(BI)-FR.

Dept: 932620(ZE)-IL.

Stored

Cl310: 101/110.

(S): 1527/57.

Traffic

Cl310: 101 -SI.

Cl508: 118 -BD.

Withdrawn

Dept: 305908 (977741/742/743) (MC Metals)

Renumbered

Cl313: 010 - 110.

Cl319: 179 - 379.

(S): 1510 - 1106, 1520 - 1107, 1536 - 1108, 1541 - 1109,  
1543 - 1110, 1549 - 1111, 1577 - 1115, 1580 - 1116,  
1597 - 1118, 2251 - 1394.



## New Stock

C1357: 001 -EM.

## **Coaching & NPCC Stock**

### Transfers

5732 -BY, 6200 -OO, 10229. 11077. 12095 -PC, 13225 -EC,  
17159 -BY, 41179/180. 42018 -LA, 42075/203/333 -PM,  
42360 -LA, 42361 -PM, 44049 -LA, 44059 -PM.

### Stored

1842/50. 3178/82 @CP, 5002 @BN,  
5450/54/75. 6216. 17058 @KI, 9493 @ZD,  
5669. 9490 @ZC,  
5751/60/72/99. 5826/40/51/71/90/92. 9434 @ZN,  
35514 @ZB, 10655/725 @YK,  
80251/252. 94025/028 @TE, 92229/261/518/649/728/916 @BK.

### Traffic

5778 -MA, 21252 - RL, 35322 (99035) -CJ, 94520/521/522 -BK.

### Withdrawn

80250. 92259/399/550/558/716/740/888. 94031.  
95173/181. (Booths)

### Renumbered

6652 - 6720, 6660 - 6721, 6661 - 6722, 6662 - 6723,  
6665 - 6724, 92258\* - 94518\*, 92510 - 94520, 92907 - 94522,  
92917 - 94521, 99129 - 21272.  
\* correction to previous advice.

## **AVONMOUTH**

MGR traffic by the end of the month had all but temporarily disappeared, with 60087/095, 66067/099 being recorded in the first half of June. The use of Class 58s seems to have finished.

05/06 66018(TO) worked the Furzebrook-Hallen Marsh LPGs.

07/06 66073(TO) was present at Hallen Marsh at 16.00 with empty cartics for Washwood Heath.

10/06 66110(TO) worked the LPG tanks from Furzebrook.

- 11/06 The Eastleigh based pilot 08653, worked via Hallen Marsh Junction (reverse) and into the Britannia Zinc reception sidings (across the A403 at Smoke Lane Crossing). The Class 08 then proceeded across Kings Weson Lane Level Crossing and onto Britannia Zinc internal rail network to the Norsk Hydro transit shed. This location is expected to see EWS hauled freight traffic initially bagged fertilizers. A 'loadhaul' block fertilizer train ran until Mid 1995 to this location - being hauled over Britannia Zinc tracks by an industrial diesel shunter. This type of loco still work the Sulphuric Acid tanks, which commenced in May last year to and from Smoke Lane Level Crossing/Hallen Marsh.
- 12/06 66007(TO) was present with empty cartics.
- 16/06 08653 again visited the Norsk Hydro shed this time with loaded cargowaggon and two empty wagons for a load and clearance trial. The train entered the works at 10.15 departing at 12.15 after off-loading bagged fertilizers. By the end of the month a second loop in the Britannia Zinc reception yard had been brought back into use. 56120(IM) arrived with the 13.50 Newport ADJ-Avonmouth enterprise service formed of one Cargowaggon and six empty bogie steel wagons. The Class 56 returned to Newport as the 16.20 to Warrington (running late) with the wagons used by the Class 08 for the trials.
- 18/06 56086(IM) worked the afternoons enterprise freight from Newport.
- 23/06 60009(TO) hauled a special steel working after 21.00 using the wagons which arrived on 16/06 (plus around six more) from Bennetts Yard, Royal Edward Dock. The loads destination unknown, had further workings during the month. It is reported further sidings are to be laid in the dockside and more traffic possibly steel and coal could be handled.
- 26/06 66074(TO) worked the LPG tanks from Furzebrook.
- 28/06 66081(TO) worked the afternoon enterprise trip from Newport to Avonmouth.
- 30/06 Problems were encountered when a swap of Class 08s took place, with 08402(EH) destined for Avonmouth and 08653(EH) for Stoke Gifford. The locos hauled trains of wagons, but 08402 failed near Brentry. 08653 collected 08402 plus its short train (the loco could be withdrawn, with a traction motor failure) and deposited it in road five of the Bulk Handling Terminal. Both Class 08s, 08653 in use were present at the end of the month.

01/07 47476(BS) was unusual power for the Washwood Heath cartic empties.

### TYTHERINGTON QUARRY BRANCLINE

A further series of inward stone trains ran in June. Only one out of five was recorded, that of 59102 on the 16/06.  
A previously unrecorded working on 30/04 was hauled by 59001.

### SHARPNESS BRANCLINE

Recent sightings on the nuclear flask trips from Crewe have been:-

21/05	20314/37607.	27/05	20310/314.
03/06	20310/314.	09/06	20301/303.

### CLASS 66s

01/06 66116(NYA) was at Godfrey Road with defective brakes.

02/06 The brake problem had obviously been rectified as 66116 worked 6H10 10.09 Penmaenmawr-Guide Bridge ballast.

05/06 66116 was again at Godfrey Road. 66015(TO) was on a coal service.

06/06 66036(TO) was at Godfrey Road, 66009/071/078(TO) at Canton and 66062/091/105(TO) at Barry.

10/06 66064(TO) was at Godfrey Road and 66071/090(TO)/108(NYA) visited Newport ADJ. 66102 worked the Avon binliner.

11/06 66064/071/074(TO) were at Godfrey Road. 66022 and 66086(TO) were on Grange-Llanwern coal. 66025(TO) worked RH Roadstone hoppers through Newport.

15/06 66018(TO) was on a Llanwern-Grange working.

19/06 The Jumboship CAJAH BORNEO arrived at Newport Docks carrying 66117-127. 66015/027(TO) were noted at Godfrey Road. 66025(TO) worked 1Z38 Hertfordshire Railtours charter from Paddington to Cardiff, with 66018 returning the train to London.

20/06 Five locos were unloaded at Newport Docks, including 66118/120/121/126. 66062(TO)/107(NYA) were at Godfrey Road.

21/06 All the new 66s were unloaded by 17.00. Exhaust smoke from one of them indicated it was having its engine tested.

- 22/06 66079(TO) was on Grange-Llanwern coal. 66023(TO)/112(NYA) were at Doncaster.
- 23/06 66119/126 worked 6S76 13.57 Cardiff-Mossend as far as Carlisle, then ran light to ML as 0Z19. 66125/124/120 triple-headed the 6C21 14:51 Newport-St. Blazey, departing Newport 50 mins early. At Exeter Riverside yard, 66120 was detached. 66112 was on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway for a publicity event. 66045(TO) worked through Leicester on Ford articulated wagons and 66083 (TO) was seen at the same location on a Redland self-discharge stone train.
- 25/06 66061(TO) worked the diverted 1S47 06.30 Euston-Glasgow between Stafford and Preston. via Bolton.
- 26/06 66079(TO) was on Grange-Llanwern coal and 66107 on Godfrey Road.

### CWMBARGOED SPECIALS

Special services were run Rhymney-Barry-Cwmbargoed-Barry-Cwmbargoed-Rhymney in connection with a Festival of Transport at Barry Island on 01/06. A seven coach rake of Forward Trust Rail Mk2s was formed with D444 *Exeter* +50031 *Hood* in multiple at one end and 37796/802 in multiple at the other!

The services ran as follows:

1Z01 09.20 Rhymney-Barry [arrive 10.28] - The Class 37s were leading and although the service departed 10 mins late, the train arrived at Barry on time. A considerable number of railfans were already on board - one person had driven from Shrewsbury to Rhymney that morning and the car park at Rhymney station had apparently never seen so many cars!

1Z02 10.46 Barry-Cwmbargoed [arrive 12.19] - The Class 50s were leading on the first assault on Cwmbargoed! Both engines had smoky exhausts, but the 5,400hp available provided rapid acceleration, even with two idling Class 37s on the back! It was a remarkable journey up the branch, with traces of long-closed stations still visible.

1Z03 12.27 Cwmbargoed-Barry via Ninian Park (rev) [arrive 14.07] - Class 37s leading to Ninian Park and Class 50s thence to Barry.

1Z04 14.40 Barry-Cwmbargoed [arrive 15.40] - Class 37s leading.

1Z05 15.57 Cwmbargoed-Barry [arrive 17.09] - Class 50s leading.

1Z06 17.17 Barry-Rhymney [arrive 18.25] - Class 37s leading.

The event was very well organised. There was a free tour leaflet which gave a history of the lines the trains operated over, plus a detailed timings sheet. A very welcome surprise was the provision of TWO catering trolleys from Wales & West, which did brisk business.

## WINSFORD CRASH

The loco involved in the Winsford crash on 23/06 was 87027 *Wolf of Badenoch* (WN) on the 1S47 06.30 Euston-Glasgow, which hit 142003/008 (NH) on 5H80 09.00 Crewe-Manchester ECS via Warrington. The 1Z99 recovery train was hauled from Crewe by 47768 Resonant (CD) and comprised ADRC96713, ADB977088, ABD977107, ADB977235,

## CLASS 170s

All 17 Class 170/1s have been delivered to Midland Mainline and 16 of them were noted at Leicester over an evening/morning period of observation. Most were working as single units, but some peak hour services were formed of twin sets. Many of these are diagrammed to stand at Leicester for up to 12 minutes, to allow a following HST to overtake.

Class 170/2s are currently being delivered to Anglia Railways. 170201/202 were noted at Norwich depot on 01/06 and 170202 was seen at Liverpool Street at 07.00 on 22/06.

ABB Litchurch Lane was viewed on 23/06 and numerous Class 170s in Central Trains livery were noted around the yard, presumably both 170/5s and 170/6s. Most seemed externally complete and appeared to be awaiting miscellaneous items such as BSI couplers and internal electrical fittings. **Although the bodies were fully painted, none of them carried vehicle or set numbers. Members are warned not to waste their time visiting the Works at present, as it is impossible to identify vehicles.** Also around the yard were other Class 170 bodysHELLS painted in an unrecognisable livery, possibly 170/4s for ScotRail. No new stock was visible in the Research Centre and 170116 was the only unit on Etches Park depot.

## POSTALS

### **4s (PCV)**

94327	94148	94160	94314	94302	94191	94225	94321
94315	94227	94175	94306	94335	94180	94226	94339
94337	94117	94132	94344	94304	94114	94111	94316
94309	94218	94174	94313	94333	94176	94214	94310
94338	94138	94168	94311				

### **4s (BG)**

94433	94209	94103	94421	94495	94102	94164	94416
94432	94137	94228	94413	94474	94112	94430	94470
94463	94140	94150	94414				

### **5s**

94438 94203 94195 94126 94513  
94455 94216 94153 94468 94458  
94520 94215 94166 94200 94431  
94504 94177 94110 94515 94404  
94427 94123 94192 94118 94459

## TRIP REPORTS

### **TRIP 319 CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

**26/06/99**

#### Robert Blackmore, Mill Green Farm, Mill Green

Preserved Wickhams: 2ft gauge; Wkm 3414/43 (Reb 1992) Ex p.36.  
60cm gauge; RTT767178 Wkm 3170/c43 (Ex p.107).

#### Mayer Parry Recycling Ltd, Snailwell

Industrials: Army 410 - NBQ 27645/58, 406 - NBQ 27427/55 OOU,  
RH 468048/63, 1 - RH 304468/50 OOU (Ex p.150), 08647 Hor/59 Dsm  
(Ex p.221/2). Grounded Bodies: BR; 975404 (87729), 87867.  
Note; There were also a number of London Underground Carriages  
present awaiting scrapping.

#### Charles Saunders, C/O F & W Saunders & Son Ltd, Huntingdon

Preserved Loco: 3ft gauge; WB 1889/11 Dsm.

#### C.Cross, Upwell Fen Light Railway, Upwell

Preserved Wickhams: 40/234N - Wkm 9523/63, 40/245 - Wkm 9813/65.

#### Welle Manor Hall, New Road, Upwell

Preserved Diesel Loco: 2ft gauge; MR 9774/53 OOU.

#### Queen Adelaide Station

DMU; 158780.

#### The Potter Group, Queen Adelaide, Ely

Industrials; 08202 Derby/56, TH/S 150C/65.

#### Stan Burgess, Haddenham

Preserved Loco: 2ft gauge; WB 2043/17 Dsm.

Note; This loco is currently being completely rebuilt.

#### Chesterton Junction P.W Yard, Cambridge

Departmentals; DB975663, DS70164 (U/Frame Only). Internal Users;  
041396/397/467 (Grounded), 041917/918/920/921/922, 042143. Track  
Machines; 81323 OOU, 78418 (On Wagon DB905004) OOU, 78419 (On  
Wagon DE263284) OOU. Passing: DMU; 158780. EMU; 365525/537.

#### Kindrum Cattery, Barnwell Junction, Cambridge

Preserved Carriage: Pullman; 156 Montana.

## INDUSTRIAL, PRESERVATION AND DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

### STRATFORD & BROADWAY RAILWAY SOCIETY

#### LONG MARSTON

R.W. GILES

A visit was made on their second 'member only' open day on the 27/06/99 at Long Marston on the now closed MOD Long Marston site. The event coincided with the end of Army track maintenance at the depot. Avon Valley Railway stock is also stored on site:-

#### Top Shed Area:-

DMU Cars: (117418) 51351/397. 59520.  
Industrials: P1555/20. EFFICIENT AB 1598/28. ROF CHORLEY 4  
18242 JF 422022/62.  
Coaching Stock: 1966/971/972/984. 4614. 5344. 17031  
(14031 AVR). 25231. 35006. (DB975660/6337).  
LMS Ambulance Coach (3322).  
Wagons: Gunpowder Vans RNAD 239/321. Guardsvans 68726  
(Toad). 951789. Tank 184408(DB999 06x).  
(two other wagons were present unidentified).

#### Top Shed (Inside - view through door):-

DMU Set: (L231) 51909+54271(AVR).  
A wickham trolley with an ex SR B+brakevan were also present.

#### Bottom Shed/Museum (Outside):-

Industrial: 70047 MULBERRY AB 362/42.

#### Storage Sidings (Yard):-

Coaching Stock (All AVR): 3051(DB977492). 977351(3089).  
3746. 3749(977623). 3991(977627). 4058(977629).  
9208(DB977134). 13231(DB977132). 977653(25735). 34531  
(DB977410). 99153(35481). 99629.  
LMS Guardsvan: 294176.  
A large number of foreign registered flat wagons were also present.

#### MOD Maintenance Shed

##### Yorkshire Engineering Company:-

Industrials: D1171 HC D1171/59(AVR). 823391(GECT 5391/73)  
Body Parts removed. A green Hunslet 0-4-0, JF 0-4-0,  
Sentiel or Yorkshire 0-6-0, Hibberd 4WDM 3777/56, DN 26653  
Baguley and a narrow guage Hunslet were also visible along  
with a MOD dark green AB 0-4-0 (similar to Mulberry).  
Ex Foreign Industrials 0-4-0 Hunslets all in red livery:  
874 (lot 8) various parts missing. 875 working order.  
876 (lot 7) various parts missing. 877 (lot 6) various  
parts missing. 878(lot 5) various parts missing.  
A hopper wagon and two former MOD 12T vans were also present

outside the workshop (the hopper in yellow, the vans in green eith yellow ends.

NOTES:-

1. Long Marston saw its last trains of stored coaching stock removed during March. The branchline connection to Honeybourne and the mainline is now mothballed.
2. The SBRS are uncertain what the future holds as their lease is monthly and it is not known what the MOD or EWS have lined up for the area. EWS and Railtrack are considering reopening the former mainline from Stratford-On-Avon through to Cheltenham (also taking in the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway).
3. The SBRS guides present were very friendly and helpful, they said it is hoped a passenger shuttle could have provided a final tour over part of the rail network, but permission was refused. Efficient, Mulberry and ROF Chorley 4 18242 were in use on a mixed train around the site for photographic purposes.
4. The Yorkshire Engineering Company have recently taken out a lease on the former MOD maintenance shed as well as the top shed which is subleased to the SBRS. The site /workshops were out of bounds, so a closer examination of the locos present could not be undertaken, it was also pouring with rain. All coaching stock and non Yorkshire Engineering Company locos were identified.

**RAILTOUR/SPECIAL TRAINS UPDATE**

R.W. GILES

- 07/08 60800 Paddington-Didcot-Westbury-Yeovil-Weymouth-Paddington (60800 from Didcot).
- 11/08 Various Additional Excursions/Railtours to the West Country for the Solar Eclipse.
- 15/08 45110+45407 Bristol-Plymouth and return.
- 21/08 73098 Mid Hants Railway Alton to Bath/Bristol and return via Avonmouth.
- 29/08 Class 50 from South Wales to Paignton and return.
- 04/09 6024 Kingswear-Bristol to Gloucester and Birmingham Snow Hill (4983 pilot from Gloucester).
- 11/09 73096 Alton-Bristol-Alton.
- 18/09 37029+33103 Midlands to Cornish & Devon Branchlines.
- 01/10 VSOE & Queen Of Scots to Cardiff for Rugby World Cup.



09/10 Class 37s 'Splott Pilot' to Barry No2 Dock/Alexandra Dock/Machen Quarry/Llanwern/Thytherington Quarry to/from Newport.

09/10 73096 Alton-Reading-Salisbury-Exeter-Taunton-Reading.

06/11 Queen Of Scots London-Cardiff (Rugby).

13/11 6024 Dorridge-Didcot-Basingstoke-Weymouth and return.

20/11 73096 Alton-Reading-Cardiff and return via Severn Tunnel.

27/11 35005 former SR to Yeovil Junction (route to be confirmed).

27/11 6024 Yeovil Junction to Woking-Victoria and return.

### **TAUNTON**

A new stone flow for cabling work in the town commenced at the end of May, off-loading by mechanical grap in Fairwater Sidings west of the station on the downside. The trains could run from either Meldon or Merehead. The Meldon train uses MEA wagons.

28/05 59001(FY) operated the first stone train ex Merehead.

09/06 58027(TO) worked a further train of MEAs from Meldon Quarry. The trains normally take three hours to off-load, the contract being similar to those at Goodrington and Plymouth Friary.

### **SEVERN BEACH BRANCHLINE**

06/06 The Bristol-Severn Beach line again saw a special free Sunday Service, following three similar events organised during 1998.

Bristol City Council/The Countryside Agency and the Forest Of Avon Group chartered five return trips using Class 143 sets 143618/621(CF). The trips formed part of the West of England Environmental Awareness fortnight, official guided walks were on offer from Sea Mills and Severn Beach as part of the promotion also to encourage the use of the line. The Summer Timetable has however, seen a reduction of trains on the branchline which receives part funding by South Gloucester and Bristol City Councils. There are now only six return trips from Temple Meads to Severn Beach a further nine terminate at Avonmouth (with a bus connection to Severn Beach). This is a reduction of two through trains but Saturdays still remain the same at 15.

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