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**February 2011 Issue 468 Front Cover Photo:** 20305 is seen at Temple Meads whilst working from Acton to Cardiff Tidal taking 73209 for shunting duties at the steel works on Rover Way. 20301/302/304 were also involved in the move. [Jim Hockley]

## FUTURE EVENTS

### **Trip 451 EASTER SPECIAL IRELAND Friday 22nd to Monday 25th April 2011**

A four day trip to Southern Ireland visiting as many of the numerous locations as will be possible. Hopefully this will include the larger of the Bord Na Mona sites.

It is proposed that the overnight stays will be in Limerick, Galway and Dublin

**Departure times** : TBA. **Book by date** 12/03/11.

**Fares** : Between £150.00 & £250.00, it is hoped however that this trip will cost less than £200.00. (this will of course all depend on the cost of the ferry and of the accommodation).

As you are all aware this year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Society, this trip is being undertaken as part of those celebrations.

### **Outline trip programme for the rest of the year**

Trip 452 London Flyer Saturday May 21st  
Free time in London (approx 8 hours) to do whatever you want.

Trip 453 Devon & Cornwall Sunday June 19th  
Visiting 15EL locations in the South West. Note that this is a Sunday because we hope to do the Launceston Steam Railway.

Trip 454 Amberley & Hollycombe Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>  
Hopefully visiting both of these locations with plenty of locos.

Trip 455 Current BR Saturday August 13th  
We know it doesn't exist anymore - but that's just a name!  
Latest units or whatever else has recently come out - location/area TBA.

Trip 456 North Yorkshire Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th September  
A weekend trip which will hopefully include the NRM at York & The North Yorkshire Moors Railway, plus others in the area.

Trip 457 Home Counties/London Plant Saturday October 15th  
Visiting the various plant and road-railer installations in the Home Counties/London area.

Trip 458 Hampshire & Dorset Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>  
Visiting 15EL locations in this part of the country.

Trip 459 London Flyer Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>  
Approx 8 hours free time in London to do whatever you want.

All timings, fares & complete itineraries TBA.

Please use the trip bookings form or send an email to the Bookings Secretary if you wish to participate on any of the above trips

### **Special Event**

As most of you might know on Saturday 9th April there is another chance

for people to visit the secure site of Motorail Logistics at Long Marston. For more details of this please only contact Tony Croft  
His email address is: [robanthonycroft@aol.com](mailto:robanthonycroft@aol.com)

### **IMPORTANT - EVENTS**

A direct replacement for the Events Secretary position has not yet been forthcoming and therefore the future trip programme will be severely limited.

The way forward for running trips without an Events Secretary is as follows.

- The annual events programme will be set by the committee.
- Volunteers will be required to plan and organise individual trips within the programme. Can anyone willing to become involved in planning a trip please make themselves known to any member of the committee.
- Once a trip has been planned and advertised, trip pick-up arrangements will be undertaken by the Bookings Secretary.
- A trip leader will be appointed for each trip. This need not be a committee member and a volunteer will be required if the trip is to run. Can anyone willing to become involved in leading a trip please make themselves known to any member of the committee.

### **IMPORTANT - BOOKINGS**

Trip bookings will now only be accepted on a Trip Booking Form. Completed Trip Booking Forms should be returned to the Bookings Secretary prior to the Book-By Date.

To secure participation on a trip it is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that their completed Trip Booking Form is submitted in advance of the Book-By Date. Booking requests received on a Trip Booking Form after the Book-By Date will be filled on a first come first served basis regardless of whether they are a member or non-member. Please also note that any "provisional" booking which has not been confirmed by a Trip Booking Form will not secure participation on the trip and will not be chased by the Bookings Secretary after the Book-By Date has passed.

Forms should be submitted either on a trip, or by post Roy Morris, or by downloading from the Society web site [cardiffandavonside.org.uk](http://cardiffandavonside.org.uk) and e-mailing the completed form to: [bookings@cardiffandavonside.org.uk](mailto:bookings@cardiffandavonside.org.uk)

### **GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION**

1. Although trip timings and costs advertised are based on Bristol area departures, fuel/train fare to an advertised departure point from Cardiff and Newport will be paid by the Society upon agreement with the Events Organiser. If you live outside the areas served by these points but on route for a trip please contact Roy Morris to arrange a pick up point that is mutually convenient.
2. The fare structure is as follows:  
ADULT - FULL FARE. CHILD - QUARTER FARE. TRIP MEMBER - AS ABOVE + £2.  
A child is a person who has not yet reached their seventeenth birthday and is still in full time education. People who are not Society members or family members will have their fares increased by the trip-member rate (£2 per day).

3. The discounts highlighted above for family members refer to travel costs only. Accommodation and Permits will be charged at cost price.
4. Members who wish to go on a trip must contact Roy Morris prior to the book by date to confirm that they still intend to go on the trip.
5. Where a trip is organised with an itinerary to a specific area, it may sometimes be possible to drop off a member en route. This is known as the Trip Flyer option. Availability and exact duration of stay will be at the discretion of the Events Organiser. The fare for this option will be negotiable, depending on the drop off point and seat availability.
6. For members living outside the normal pick up/drop off areas it may be possible to be picked up en route. This is known as the Trip Hiker option. Fares and availability are at the discretion of the Events Organiser.
7. The Society mobile **07510 224197** will be switched on throughout the duration of society trips. Please do not use it outside these times for time critical communications as voice mails and texts may not be picked up immediately.
8. Participants who confirm their booking on a Trip Booking Form prior to the "book by" date will have priority regardless of whether they are a member or non-member. Booking requests received on a Trip Booking Form after the "book by" date will be filled on a first come first served basis regardless of whether they are a member or non-member.

### **MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS**

The magazine content is totally reliant upon the membership and contributions are always welcomed. We would encourage members to contribute to the magazine, whether it be local news, local sightings, or reports from members own visits to areas of interest. Can any contributions please be submitted electronically to Kevin, preferably by e-mail in a similar format that appears in the magazine to:  
magazine@cardiffandavonside.org.uk

### **MAGAZINE COVER AND WEB SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**

Contributions for the magazine cover photo should be from within our area, web site photos would normally be taken on Society trips. Although any photographs of interest will be considered for publication. Please send via e-mail or post to Kevin, all prints will be returned. Any photographs submitted for the cover will be considered for publication on the web site unless a request is made not to publish them.

### **NOTES AND NEWS**

Avonmouth

03/11 FLHH 66510 worked a 6058 loaded stone departure, believed for Angerstein Wharf.

**09/11** 66519 was on an inward 6Z38 Mantle Lane (Coalville) - Avonmouth (Bennett's) train of stone empties, being reported through Cheltenham at 07:10.

**11/11** 66237 departed Barton Hill at 12:15 on a 'refreshed' single HTA wagon trip for Avonmouth Bulk Handling terminal.

**13/11** The Barton Hill water cannon, top n'tailed with 66077 + 66100 was

noted passing Magor at 09:48 and later passing Brentry at 11:25 heading for Avonmouth and Clifton Down.

**14/11** Having completed the final First/GW loco and stock diagram two day's earlier (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news) 67016 + 67017 departed the Bristol area as 4Z67 15:00 (Sun) Avonmouth BBHt - Bescot empty coal HTAs (reported Standish junction at 17:58 - 129 late).

**16/11** 66616 was on a morning 6Z38 Dagenham - Avonmouth (Bennett's) empty stone working.

**17/11** 31285 covered all the lines in the area as 1Q06 17:19 Newport ADJ - Bristol TM (via a reverse at Cardiff Central) structural gauging train formed with departmental c/stock: 99666, 975280, 975081, 460000, 9708. A train route summary from Cardiff was as follows: Machen (reverse) - Newport - Cardiff Central (reverse) - Severn Tunnel - Patchway - Avonmouth - Clifton Down - Temple Meads (reverse) - Clifton Down - Avonmouth - Severn Beach (booked 23:36-23:43 - reverse) - St. Andrews Road (23:51-23:59 - reverse) - Hallen Marsh (00:12) - Parkway - Tytherington Quarry (booked 00:47-00:57 - reverse) - Westerleigh (booked 01:26 - 01:56) - Parkway - Filton Abbeywood - Bristol East loop (reverse) - Parkway (03:12 - 03:28 - reverse) - Temple Meads - Bristol West (03:46 - 03:56) - Barton Hill (04:00).

The working was recorded as passing Brentry at 00:18 close to time early on the 18th November, heading towards Bristol Parkway.

**25/11** One of the newly reallocated former Silverlink units 150123 was on First/GW Severn Beach and Avonmouth services during the day. A recent announcement from First/GW has stated that Class 150/2 units could be displacing Class 143 sets over the Severn Beach line, the Pacers will presumably head west to take over further Class 142 duties.

**27/11** 66077 + 66100 top n'tailing the 3S59 ex. south Wales for Barton Hill passed Avonmouth station at 11:21 heading towards Clifton Down, this turning out to be the final working of this year's water cannon programme off Barton Hill.

**30/11** 66610 worked 6Z38 04:25 Dagenham - Avonmouth stone empties.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included: 66005/027/041/137/156/157.  
66185/192.

### **Bristol Parkway, Pilning and Westerleigh**

**01/11** The 6E41 Westerleigh - Lindsey fuel tank empties departed double-headed with 66120 + 60011, the Class 60 having arrived 0V98 light-engine and the Class 66 as 0Z66 ex. Newport ADJ, 66061 being originally allocated for the rescue mission.

**05/11** 67005 with 67006 passed Parkway with eastbound Royal Train ECS at 13:00. 66952 was on a 6Z12 04:00 Carlisle - Taunton Fairwater departmental via Hereford, the Marches, the Severn Tunnel and Pilning.

**06/11** The Saturday 4V50 04:47 Southampton Millbrook - Wentlooge containers faced a diversion via Westbury, Melksham and a reverse at Swindon due to trackwork between Westerleigh junction and Wootton Bassett. The train was top n'tailed with 66532 + 66591 and was noted through Patchway at 09:56. The return 4051 13:44 Wentlooge - Millbrook was routed the same way, via Bath and a Swindon reverse. Containers are banned due to clearance issues at Dundas aqueduct near Avoncliff on the Limpley Stoke valley line between Bathampton junction and Bradford-on-Avon. The 3S59 Barton Hill water

cannon, returning from South Wales was recorded in Pilning loop at 11:00 and noted passing near Sea Mills on the Severn Beach branch at 11:47, having crossed the 2K18 11:16 Temple Meads - Severn Beach First/GW local service, as booked at Avonmouth.

**08/11** Signalling problems in the Bridgend area saw London bound First/GW services running up to 40 minutes late. The recently started 6Z50 04:55 Portbury - Uskmouth P.S. loaded coal service has been reported as returning as 4Z51 10:00 Uskmouth - Stoke Gifford with a run-round in Chipping Sodbury loop from 12:30 - 12:51.

**13/11** 66614 + 66512 + 66953 + 66609 worked north via the Severn Tunnel, light-engine for Crewe Basford Hall yard being reported through Magor at 10:10.

**14/11** 66952 + 66585 top n'tailed a return Taunton Fairwater bound departmental (6Y??) through Parkway from Westerleigh at 12:11, followed by a second departmental (6Y??), behind 66555 heading for Westbury at 12:41.

**15/11** 60063 arrived at Westerleigh during the early afternoon on a late 6B13 loaded tank train ex. Robeston, which was running in access of 3 hours behind schedule.

**16/11** 66555 arrived at Stoke Gifford during the late afternoon 4Z07 coal empties from Rugeley P.S.

**17/11** Freightliner Heavy-haul loco 66952 passed Parkway at 06:24 on the 4V26 Grain - Bristol Railport 'wine liner' containers.

**18/11** 66536 worked a 6O56 Stoke Gifford - Angerstein Wharf train of stone empties formed with 21 HIAs, being recorded as passing Dr. Days junction at 07:11 (1 early). The working returned as 6V44 18:48 Angerstein Wharf - Newton Abbot Hackney yard via the Berks & Hants and Westbury. 70002 was on 4Z07 Rugeley P.S. - Stoke Gifford coal empties reported as passing Cheltenham at 16:23.

**19/11** 70002 was stabled on the downside at Parkway at 10:00.

**20/11** 66612 was on a 6Z61 08:00 Bow - Stoke Gifford train of stone empties via the Berks & Hants and Hawkridge curve.

**21/11** 70002 arrived at Parkway during the afternoon on 4Z05 13:20 Rugeley P.S. - Stoke Gifford coal empties.

**22/11** An additional 6B25 (MO) 11:18 Westerleigh - Robeston train of fuel tank empties was headed by 60091.

**25/11** First/GW HST power cars 43087 + 43125 worked the 1B25 10:45 Paddington - Swansea service, the latter being newly named '11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment Royal Logistic's Corps'.

**26/11** 66117 + 66245 (carrying French livery wasp stripes and brandings) were paired on the morning 6V78 Dolland's Moor - Margam export steel empties.

**29/11** 60071 was on a second 6B25 11:18 (MO) Westerleigh - Robeston train of empty fuel tanks, passing Charfield at 11:06.

**03/12** The Arriva XC 1V44 06:00 Leeds - Plymouth service with power cars 43301 + 43303 arrived 48 minutes late at Parkway and was allowed to run non-stop between here and Exeter to recover time.

04/12 60073 + 60015 arrived at Westerleigh several hours late on the 6V98 fuel tanks ex. Lindsey. The 6B33 Theale - Margam, fuel tank empties with 60071 were diverted via Bath (due to track work between Westerleigh and Wotton Bassett) and recorded passing Filton Abbeywood at 14:41 (14 late).

05/12 66620 + 66952 top n'tailed a return 6Y33 Cheltenham Alstone road level crossing - Taunton Fairwater track replacement train during the morning.



**07/12** The inward 4V50 Southampton - Wentlooge containers with 66501 was reported as running over 3 hours late - reason unknown.

**09/12** A taste of things to come, Colas 66844 worked 6Z98 14:10 Wembley - Llanwern formed of 34 SNCF curtain sided steel empties being recorded through Swindon at 16:30 and Parkway at 17:30.

**10/12** Signalling problems at Hullavington, which saw some single line working, caused First/GW HST service delays including the 1B27 11:15 Paddington - Cardiff calling 61 minutes late at Parkway and being terminated at Newport. Meanwhile the 1L62 12:28 Swansea - Paddington service was reversed at Parkway and headed onwards via Filton, Dr. Day's curve, Bath and Box to Swindon. Over at Westerleigh, newly painted (but not overhauled) 'Tata steel' silver 60099 was on the 6V98 and return 6E41 Lindsey fuel tanks (also see the November 2010 Magazine cover).

**11/12** 66952 + 66607 + 66510 ran 0Z25 Taunton Fairwater - Stoke Gifford light (noted passing Parson's street at 14:10). 66615 + 66620 + 66548 ran the other way to Taunton light as replacements.

**14/12** 60074 + 60099 arrived at Westerleigh 220 minutes late on the inward 6V98 Lindsey - Westerleigh loaded fuel tanks, the latter having failed at Longbridge, 60074 running light from Bescot to assiSt. The train departed at 14:06 with 24 empties, some 3 hours late. In the meantime 60096 had arrived at 12:28 with the 6B13 loaded tanks ex. Robeston giving the rare sight of three Class 60s together away from the main depots.

### **Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road**

**01/11** Both the First/GW sleeper services were diverted via Yeovil overnight. The 1C99 23:45 Paddington - Penzance was noted at Pen Mill at 02:08 (30 early) with 57604 and later 57605 on the 1A40 21:45 Penzance - Paddington departed off the same location at 02:38 (2 early). Carrying its new 'refreshed' local lines First/GW livery 150127 was on the 2C42 05:24 Temple Meads - Penzance service.

**02/11** An unidentified freight train failure on Filton bank saw a number of cancellations and diversions Reported as cancelled was the 2C83 16:00 Cardiff Central - Taunton service, and the 1F18 12:33 Portsmouth Harbour - Cardiff Central was turned back at Temple Meads forming the 16:30 departure to Portsmouth Harbour leaving 65 minutes late. Some road coach moves were also reported to have taken place for passengers between Parkway and Temple Meads.

**03/11** 66952 passed Filton at 11:24 on a 6Z11 09:50 Taunton Fairwater - Carlisle departmental, having earlier been recorded at Worle junction at 10:34 (9 late). Later, the NRMT HST set with power cars 43013 + 43062 was noted arriving in Temple Meads at 19:47 and departing 5 minutes later for Taunton.

**05/11** 143619 was unusually employed on the 2E20 08:53 Weymouth - Gloucester service in place of the normal Class 150/1 or 150/2 unit. Signalling problems at Taunton, saw the First/GW loco and stock 'hire' Class 67s, 67016 + 67017 depart Taunton platform 3 at 08:21 ECS for Bristol. Later in the day, 66604 was reported as a failure on the 6M36 Westbury 'la farge' - Hope (Earles sidings) cement empties at Bath Oldfield Park. 70005 was most unusually despatched light from Stoke Gifford as the rescue loco, which reversed at Bathampton junction to reach the failure via a reverse off the down line near Oldfield Park station, the train being eventually reported through Filton at 16:30 and later,



passing Abergavenny at 18:18 (185 late). Two other FLHH records were: 66952 with a return 6Z12 04:00 Carlisle - Taunton Fairwater departmental via Pilning and 66614 on a 6Z85 HOBC wagon turning move through Temple Meads during the morning. The same loco was later believed to have powered a similar working (6Z86) during the evening period.

**06/11** One of the newly reallocated former LM Silverlink units 150131 worked the 2C61 07:06 Temple Meads - Taunton local service. Following serious overcrowding on Saturday morning services between Westbury and Bath on the lead up to Christmas, a number of diverted (due to trackwork between Swindon and Didcot) First/GW HST services between South Wales and Paddington were given special permission to call and pick up shoppers at Trowbridge station, to ease congestion on local unit worked trains. A DBS departmental report for the day was 59102 with a 6W30 20:45 Westbury - Uphill junction CWR move which saw a loco run-round at Taunton between 21:57 - 22:22.

**07/11** The Barton Hill water cannon (3S59) worked it's additional morning Sunday trip to Plymouth and back with 66077 + 66100.

09/11 The 3S59 Bristol water cannon, with the same locos was reported as departing Hereford at 09:08 for Taunton (booked 13:10 - 13:20), being later seen at Weston-super-Mare from 12:37 - 12:41 before heading west, later returning to Barton Hill.

**10/11** 150129 and 150131 were reported as further former LM unit arrivals during the week. A DRS inspection saloon move booked as 2Z01 08:17 Ealing Broadway - Cardiff Central (via reverses in Bristol TM and Swansea) was cancelled. The working was due to run 5Z01 07:58 Cardiff - Derby RTC (via Parkway, due 09:26) during the following day. Colas 47749 ran 0Z76 Washwood Heath - Plymouth Tavistock yard light-engine through the area during the early afternoon.

**11/11** 47749 returned on a one wagon 6Z76 08:32 Tavistock yard - Rugby departmental move reported as passing Worle junction at 10:52 and straight through Temple Meads being actually booked to stop here from 11:49 - 12:15.

**12/11** With further new replacement unit arrivals during the week, this was to be the final day of the First/GW Class 67 and stock diagram, 67016 + 67017 top n'tailing the day's workings. The 2C89 19:00 Cardiff Central - Taunton was noted departing Yatton at 20:14 (1 late) the locos being seen to be carrying Class 67 photos stuck inside their cab windows ! For the record for the final day the c/stock formation was noted as: M9508 + M6046 + M6117 + M6064 (the full Cargo-D 'hire' blue/grey set !). DBS 'hire' locos recorded in use on these passenger trains which will be missed by the photographer and the haulage enthusiast alike, since their introduction to help ease First/GW unit over crowding from December 2009 were as follows, 67020 and 67026 being the final 2 locos to appear: 66006/153/135.

67003/005/006/016/017/018/019/020/022/024/026/027/028/029/030.

13/11 Saturday trackwork saw diversions again via the Berks & Hants for First/GW passenger services aswell as freight traffic including the 4V50 Southampton - Wentlooge containers top n'tailed by 66533 + 66556.

**14/11** Steam 6024 King Edward I arrived in Bristol during the early afternoon as a 5Z24 10:10 Bishop's Lydeard - Barton Hill loco and support coach move. The loco carried a '5 Poppy' headboard in a mark of respect for remembrance Sunday.

**15/11** 150244 + 150256 were noted on the 2Y10 09:12 Parkway - Weston-super-

Mare First/GW service, which was in the hands of Class 67s and stock during the previous week. Newly re-allocated 150129 with 150248 were recorded on the day's diagram during the following day.

**16/11** During the evening, a 6Y11 Taunton Fairwater - Bedminster HOBC move was recorded top n'tailed by 66615 + 66607 being reported through Taunton station at 20:34.

**17/11** Heavy rain in the West Country, one inch being recorded as falling in an hour at St. Austell saw some late running. The 1S35 06:28 Penzance - Edinburgh Voyager was terminated at Truro due to a landslide, but was later able to restart at Liskeard as the 1Z35 07:51 departure for Edinburgh. There were two test train reports for Bristol: 31285 stabled on the structural gauging train (SGT) formed with departmental c/stock: 99666, 975280, 975081, 460000, 9708 and blue livered 31106 which was an evening arrival on a 3Z08 15:37 departure from Exeter (Riverside) - Barton Hill depot. DBSO van 9701 formed part of this train's short formation.

**18/11** 31285 with the structural gauging train was booked to work as 1Q06 18:38 Barton Hill - Barton Hill via Salisbury (reverse), Castle Cary (reverse) and Whatley quarry (reverse, being booked here from 21:16 - 21:31).

**19/11** 150129 + 150130 were noted on the First/GW 2U14 11:02 Taunton - Cardiff Central service. 31285 departed the area as 1Q06 21:26 Temple Meads - Derby RTC Serco (booked Parkway 21:51) with the SGT.

**20/11** 67027 + 67024 top n'tailed a 1Z80 08:26 Cardiff Central - Kensington Olympia Northern Belle 'Harold's & Kingsbridge shopping special' dining trip which was noted passing Filton at 09:25 heading for a reverse in Temple Meads. The c/stock in use was reported as: Glamis (3174), Alnwick (3273), 1566, Belvoir (3267), Harlech (3275), Warwick (3182), 325, 17167, 10714, Crewe (10729). Diversions were again in place for First/GW services via the Limpley Stoke Valley. Also during the afternoon, 66609 worked a 6Z12 12:10 Crewe Basford Hall yard - Taunton Fairwater part HOBC move via the Marches, the Severn Tunnel and Pilning and two returning morning DBS engineering train's to Westbury (from a worksite in the Newport area) were worked by 66184 (6W30) and 66117 (6W45) ex. Llanwern.

23/11 31459 was on a further test train running as 4Q06 21:42 (Mon) Derby R.T.C. - Barton Hill. departing 17 minutes late.

**25/11** Steam 44932 was on a Railway Touring Company 'Bath & Bristol Christmas Express' (1Z92 08:30 Poole - Bristol TM and 1Z93 16:34 return). The inward working was reported as close to time being noted arriving in Bath at 12:45 and passing near Keynsham at 12:59, however the 1Z93 return was delayed by 30 minutes. Also during the day, 150129 + 158951 were an unusual combination on the 1F26 15:23 Portsmouth Harbour - Cardiff Central service and a further departmental test train report was 31106 on a 3Z83 Bescot - Exeter working being noted with the loco on the rear, through Filton at 11:20, Worle junction at 11:34 and Highbridge at 11:50. The working was booked to return to Kingsland Road during the evening.

**26/11** 60049 passed Bath at 09:50 heading towards Bristol on a diverted (and additional) 6Z35 empty stone service destined for Moreton-on-Lugg. Also during the day, the heaviest widespread November snowfall for 17 years was recorded in much of the area. 45cm was measured in Cornwall and temperatures were down to around minus 10 in some West Country locations.

**27/11** Two Saturday morning railtour departures were: Royal 67005 on Pathfinder's 'York & Durham Festive Explorer' (1Z?? 07:05 Temple Meads - Durham) and the other Royal 67006 on a second Pathfinder outing 'The

Shropshire Monarch' (1Z60 06:05 Paignton - Shrewsbury and 1Z64 15:56 return) which saw steam 6024 King Edward I work this train from and back to Temple Meads (also see the January 2011 Magazine cover). 67006 returned the train west during the evening departing at 20:15 (26 late), the trip also calling at Weston-super-Mare in each direction. 66100 + 66077 passed Parson's Street at 13:18 returning from Weston-super-Mare on the 3S59 water cannon.

**29/11** Morning signalling problems and a points failure at Bath Oldfield Park saw some wrongline working for down trains in the area.

**30/11** Arriva/Wales regulars: 150267/278/279/281 finished their 'hire' period with First/GW from today. Up to 2 sets however, will still be 'hired' in but on an 'as required' daily basis.

**01/12** The 6V74 Crewe coal sidings - Bridgwater was headed by a rare combination of 37087 + 57009 arriving at 07:29 at it's destination, departing at 13:04 and being reported as passing Parson's Street at 13:44 heading north. A Steam Dream's 'Cathedral' Express' (1Z88 08:45 Victoria - Bristol TM and 1Z89 16:36 return) was worked by steam 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley each way via Swindon, Chippenham and Bath where the train was noted departing at 12:45 and the return being recorded here at 16:58. The train's c/stock was recorded as: 21096 (loco support), 5171, 5200, 1840, 13440, 9104, 3093 , 99125, 1961, 5237, 5236, 5249. BR Green/white livered 31190 ran 0Z31 Derby RTC - Crediton light-engine (reported through Parkway at 12:30) for use on Santa specials on the Meldon Quarry - Okehampton - Bow (former station site) line over the Christmas and New year period. 31454 was also book to travel but worked west later in the month so a top n'tail operation was able to take place over the line. Later in the day, a lorry bridge strike at Whitby road (near Bristol East) saw a 5 mph speed restriction put in place whilst NR carried out checks.

**03/12** 66620 was active on HOBC wagon turning moves, handling both the 6Z85 09:50 and 6Z86 14:20 Taunton Fairwater departures via Bridgwater, Bristol, Bath and Westbury back to Taunton.

**04/12** UK Railtour's 'Bath Christmas Fayre' (1Z60 07:27 Bedford - Temple Meads and 1Z63 16:26 return) was worked in by steam 60163 Tornado having taken over the trip at Acton. The train routed via Salisbury (water) and Westbury, was running over an hour late (believed affected by poor weather conditions) when making an earlier water stop at Chertsey being later seen passing Oldfield Park at 13:46 (41 late) having recovered some time. The return was also late departing at 16:56, the c/stock being recorded as: 14007 (loco support), 35469, 3097, 3120, 1699, 3066, 3069, 1683, 3149, 3112, 1813, 5292, 5341. During the evening, 66952 + 66620 top n'tailed a 6Y33 Taunton Fairwater - Abbotswood junction track replacement train.

**05/12** A 0X85 12:29 Eastleigh - Margam light-engine move was formed: 66173 + 60049 + 66084 via Day's curve. Sunday diversions were still in place as the GWML between Swindon and Didcot was closed for trackwork.

**06/12** At around 07:00, signalling problems in the Thingley junction area saw up to 25 minute delays on down trains. During the evening, 66609 + 66510 top n'tailed a 6Y33 track replacement train from Taunton Fairwater - Cholsey.

**07/12** Having ran 0Z32 06:05 Taunton Fairwater - St. Phillips Marsh light, 66952 returned a 6Z32 08:25 St. Phillips Marsh - Taunton Fairwater sleeper train move passing Worle junction at 09:25 (20 late) and routed via the Weston-super-Mare loop. Colas 47749 put in another appearance during the

review period again running 0Z76 Washwood Heath - Plymouth Tavistock yard light being reported as passing Bromsgrove at 12:13 (18 late) and Bridgwater at 14:24 (22 early !). The loco returned a 6Z76 08:32 Tavistock yard - Ealing track machine move during the following day via Westbury. During the evening 66238 was routed via Day's curve, Bath and Westbury on the 6C99 21:47 Newport ADJ - St. Blazey freight formed of 11 JIA wagons and 97302 (37170) passed Stapleton Road at 23:21 (37 late) on a 3Z18 16:00 Derby RTC - Bristol TM test train.

**08/12** The First/GW 1A40 23:45 Penzance - Paddington sleeper service, headed by 57603 was confirmed as running via the Weston-super-Mare loop, Temple Meads, Parkway and Swindon whilst the balancing 1C99 23:45 Paddington - Penzance with 57604 having been delayed by a late traincrew arrival, ran via the Berks & Hants, Westbury and Taunton. Later, the 6B65 Westbury - Newport ADJ departmental was unusually noted departing Temple Meads with 66082 and formed of four YQAs, at 13:15 having been diverted away from it's normal route via Day's curve. During the afternoon, the old fish dock, alongside platform 2 was host to 97302 (37170) with dept c/stock: 6263, 999602, 9703 another departmental test unit 950001 was also nearby, stabled on the former Bath Road depot stub next to platform 15. The Class 37 hauled train was due to run 3Z18 Temple Meads - Derby RTC during the evening, routed via Swindon, Reading (reverse), Swindon (reverse), Didcot, Oxford. Banbury to Tyseley and onwards from the Birmingham area.

**09/12** The First/GW 1A40 21:45 Penzance - Paddington sleeper service headed by 57604 was confirmed as routed via Bridgwater, Bristol TM, Parkway and Swindon. The 1C99 Paddington - Penzance sleeper was however formed with a HST set (with power cars 43033 + 43026) and running via the Berks & Hants route over 3 hours late (reported Reading at 04:17). Also during the day, 142009 worked 5Z42 Exeter St. Davids - Newton Heath empty for a repaint (reported Parkway at 15:16), test unit 950001 was on 2Q08 06:35 Temple Meads - Westbury, reported Stapledon Road (06:41 - 1 early), then via Parkway (reverse), Hallen Marsh junction (reverse), Parkway (reverse), Temple Meads, Portbury (booked 08:10 - 08:14), Temple Meads, Clifton Down, Avonmouth, Severn Beach (booked 10:16 - 11:18), Avonmouth, Clifton Down, Temple Meads (reverse), Bath, Chippenham, Swindon (reverse) and Melksham to Westbury. Later, 66099 departed Barton Hill and passed Filton Abbeywood at 17:53 on a 4 coach Cargo-D stock move for Crewe via the Severn Tunnel, the Marches and Hereford.

**10/12** 31454 was reported through the area late morning as a 0Z31 Derby - Meldon Quarry light-engine move to join 31190 already there. Test unit 950001 was again recorded on a 2Q08 05:43 Westbury - Plymouth taking in Reading (reverse), Frome (reverse), Melksham, Thingley junction (reverse), Bath, Temple Meads and the Weston-super-Mare loop.

11/12 A 'Bath & Bristol Xmas Statesman' (1Z54 06:27 Peterborough - Bristol TM and 1Z55 15:32 return) was top n'tailed with West Coast locos 47760 + 47851 (the latter now sadly having lost it's two tone BR green livery in favour of West Coast maroon and it's Traction Magazine nameplates) was routed via Leicester, Wellingborough and Luton, calling at Bath at 12:16 (1 early) and departing at 12:22 (2 late). The return was later noted here at 15:51 (4 late), departing at 15:53 (3 late), the c/stock in use being: 6177, (5995), 1203, 3379, 3334, 3277, 3295, 1659, Sovereign (3188), Apollo (3231), Car no. 17020. Coach 5995, which had recently had a former Virgin red/grey livery re-paint, was only identified from a internal window

sticker! A second tour for the day did not make Bristol! A Railway Touring Company 'The Bath Christmas Market' (1Z84 06:50 Three Bridges - Bristol TM and 1Z85 16:35 return), with steam 44932 was in trouble near the start, being removed from the train at Tonbridge for repair and then later passing Gatwick 94 minutes late. The working eventually was failed in the Redhill area, support loco 47760 returning the tour back to Three Bridges later in the day.

**15/12** A 1Z53 11:10 Cardiff - Salisbury/Southampton Northern Belle Xmas dining trip was top n'tailed by Royal train dedicated 67006 + 67008, being reported through Pilning at 11:50 (2 early) and departing Temple Meads at 12:33 (1 early). The return 1Z54 trip was at 15:51 off Salisbury.

### **Bristol Railport - Working timetable October/November 2010**

4V30 23:00 (Mon-Sat) Tilbury - Bristol Railport (arr 06:53) or 4V26 23:10 (Mon-Sat) Grain - Bristol Railport (arr 06:53). 4L32 11:07 (M-F) Bristol Railport - Tilbury (17:49) or 4O24 11:00 (M-F) Bristol Railport - Grain (17:44).

Thursdays Only: 4V32 07:25 Southampton Maritime - Bristol Railport (Bath 11:16, Oldfield Park loop 11:32-11:48, Bristol TM 11:53, Railport 12:05). This working is formed from a 4V32 18:59 (Wed) Felixstowe - Southampton Maritime (03:16). Return: 4L30 16:27 (ThO) Bristol Railport - Felixstowe. Associated return light-engine movements (following loco servicing/fuelling) : 0B32 13:50 Stoke Gifford sdgs - Bristol Railport (14:14), 0C30 18:10 Stoke Gifford - Bristol Railport (18:54).

### **Cardiff**

GBRf are to take over yard shunting at Tidal sidings for CELSA from late January. A Class 73 will be used as the main loco with support expected to come from privately owned Class 08s. This will replace the current DBS Class 08 operation here. Also the same company will be running a number of scrap metal flows from the Midlands to Cardiff using their Class 66/7 loco fleet.

### **Gloucester**

**11/11** 66168 was on the 6B36 Didcot - Ashchurch MoD trip.

**15/11** 66248 + 60024 ran 0V05 Round Oak - Margam light-engines.

**19/11** DRS 66411 was on the 6Z90 09:20 Tyne yard - Cardiff Tidal loaded scrap metal.

**22/11** 66019 worked a 5 wagon 6B36 Didcot - Ashchurch MoD service being recorded passing Swindon at 08:12.

**08/12** 66199 was on the 6V72 23:34 (Tues) Liverpool - Swindon Cocklebury yard loaded scrap formed of 17 MBA wagons.

**10/12** 60049 passed on 6M03 10:00 Margam - Bedworth tanks. The working had earlier in the day been reported as passing Cardiff at 11:00 (3 late).

### **Newport**

**01/11** There was no access for trains via the Maindee North - Maindee East junctions as this section of line was singled.

05/11 The NRMT HST passed at 08:11 on 1Z20 heading for Derby RTC via Swansea formed with power cars 43013 + 43062. The Royal Train was also noted at 12:34 heading in the up direction top n'tailed by 67005 + 67006 (also see Bristol Parkway, Pilning and Westerleigh notes & news).

**06/11** 57315 + 57313 top n'tailed the 1V77 05:20 (Sat) Holyhead - Cardiff

Central service, 60045, (having been earlier reported through Cheltenham at 09:40) appeared on 6V40 Scunthorpe - Margam loaded steel and 66566 was on 4V46 Crewe Basford Hall yard - Wentlooge loaded containers.

**12/11** 66554 failed near Pontrillas on the 6M61 08:25 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal, 66609 being the rescue loco. Due to delays to other services caused by the incident, the train's departure from Portbury was revised over the following few days. What was assumed to be a late running 1Z20 NRMT HST for Derby passed at 14:15 in the up direction formed: 43013 + 975984 + 975994 + 975993 + 975814 + 975984 + 43062.

18/11 Three Class 60s were reported in South Wales during the morning: 60096 working 6V49 Tees Yard - Newport steel, 60054 on hand at Newport Alexandra dock junction and 60024 at Margam.

**19/11** 60013 was on a 6M76 Llanwern - Dee Marsh loaded steel service.

**20/11** The Saturday's only 6M60 Exeter - Bescot (downside) freight departed Newport headed by 66016 + 66051, the latter being attached at Alexandra dock junction.

**22/11** 60054 worked the morning 6M81 Round Oak - Margam steel coils and 60096 passed Newport at 08:48 as an 0V54 light-engine move, assumed destined for Margam.

**27/11** 66117 + 66232 + 66165 passed at 09:26 on a 0W39 Alexandra Dock junction - Westbury light-engine move whilst slightly earlier at 09:14, 66113+66188 passed on the 6M60 Exeter - Bescot (downside) freight service. The 6V19 overnight freight from Immingham was seen at 09:25 top n'tailed by 66090 + 60054.

**30/11** 66125 + 67001 (dit) passed Newport at 07:31 heading for Alexandra dock junction yard with the 6V51 Portbury car service. 60054 was also recorded at 07:52 running 0V49 westbound light-engine for Margam.

**04/12** For the first three week-ends in December the Newport - Hereford line was closed for NR track work.

**08/12** 57315 was on the Arriva 1W91 16:15 Cardiff Central - Holyhead service. It is understood the Welsh Assembly is to provide funding for a further years operation of these loco-hauled trains. Apparently a DBS Class 67 and stock operation had also been under consideration.

**09/12** 66099 with the 6V51 Portbury bound loaded and empty car carriers ran via the now single Maindee North - Maindee East junctions and not calling at Alexandra Dock junction yard.

### **Portbury branch line**

**02/11** 67025 was unusual motive power for the 6V51 Warrington car service.

**06/11** DBS operated both of it's normally week-day only 4F23 09:33 Avonmouth - Portbury (13:00 6B86 return) and 4C70 11:25 Avonmouth - Portbury (15:00 6B69 return), Aberthaw P.S. coal services on several Saturday's during the review period.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included: 66009/012/027/164/192/197.

66510/530/551/553/554/555/556/585/609/953. 70005.

### **Westbury**

06/11 The Didcot water cannon train was noted here at 08:15 with 66073 + 66026 in the usual top n'tail formation.

### **Weymouth**

**02/12** The mainline through Dorchester South towards Wareham was closed due

to heavy snow.

#### **Units seen during the review period**

142009/068.

143603/611/612/617/618/619/620/621.

150120/121/123/127/128/129/130/131/221/233/234/239/243/244/246/248/249/278/279/281.

153370/373/382.

158749/763/767/769/798/951/952/953/954/955/956/958/959.

159005/102/104/105.

220008/009/031.

221119/123/138/140.

950001.

Arriva XC HST power cars: 43207/285/301/303/321/357/378/384.

SWT First/GW 'hire' units: 158880 (28/11), 158883 (13/11), 158885 (19/11), 158886 (04/12), 158887 (20/11).

### **FREIGHT REVIEW**

Well here we are with another look at the freight scene over the past couple of months. I'm sorry that I managed to miss a month out -- I have been very busy at home as the family house has been placed up for sale and the associated events to that have curtailed some of my activities. Anyway, enough of that, on with the job. During the first couple of weeks of January the Eastleigh-Mountsorrel engineers' service was noted fairly regularly through Leicester at about 07.00 on it's way north. The two locomotives that seemed to cover the working between them were 66403 and 66404 -- except when 66404 failed and the service was taken over by 66845. The vehicles in the train (which appeared to be the same wagons consistently) were as follows: 29526/ 458/ 412/ 026/ 366/ 265/ 060/ 257/ 201/ 261/ 084/ 211/ 185/ 154/ 222/ 103/ 507/ 418/ 522. The service returns southbound through Leicester at about 11.30. The coal services passing Leicester, both Freightliner and DB Schenker, have been very regular so far this year with a variety of locomotives appearing on the trains including, on the evening of 20th January, when one of the Freightliner services was graced with 70006 -- not it's first visit to Leicester actually as, in late December, it had been noted on the Crewe-Mountsorrel aggregate service. My first real visit to Nuneaton in 2011 was on 24th January. Before departing Leicester the Lafarge cement service was noted heading northbound in the charge of 66622. The consist was: 11024, 10784, 12403/ 427/ 435/ 445/ 430/ 418/ 433/ 444/ 437/ 402/ 409/ 429/ 447/ 431/ 441/ 424/ 429/ 432/ 438/ 443/ 423/ 427 (note the two four-wheel PCAs at the front of the train. The evening was quite busy with all the usual services appearing. Problem at the moment is that the period at Nuneaton is dark and wagon identification virtually impossible. The Hinksey-Mountsorrel was in the charge of a fairly uncommon (in these parts anyway) 66604, with the southbound empty automotive service having 90039 and 92041 at the head. On 27th January, myself and three colleagues headed north and spent the day at Milford Junction. Whilst not as busy as my previous visit, 28 freight workings were noted in the time we were present -- which gave us an average of a freight every 17 minutes, plus light engine



movements, 09201 back and forth, a couple of class 185 units, a class 170, and the passenger service -- in the charge of 144010 -- up and down all day, wasn't too bad. First up was 66718 working the biofuel train with the following consist: 37.70.6955.288/ 284/ 283/ 271/ 273/ 280/ 278/ 278/ 286/ 269/ 270/ 285/ 287/ 267/ 282/ 277/ 276/ 281/ 275/ 268/ 274 (all "winners" for me incidentally!). Next passing was 66519 on a Freightliner coal with the following train: 370224/ 187/ 124/ 358/ 349/ 432/ 104/ 202/ 377/ 099/ 080/ 089/ 164/ 137/ 354/ 153/ 239/ 416. The first DB Schenker coal was worked by 66041 with the following vehicles: 310505/ 149/ 858/ 301/ 549/ 401/ 513/ 728/ 172/ 901/ 038/ 375/ 837/ 573/ 066/ 647/ 710/ 108/ 163/ 859, 311118. Two other DB Schenker workings followed in quick succession, 66134 with the following rake: 310847/ 514/ 438/ 966/ 604/ 348/ 829/ 402/ 506/ 864/ 757/ 110/ 950/ 602/ 315/ 023/ 809/ 868/ 912, 311051/ 095. Then 66160 in charge of: 310521/ 202/ 682/ 487/ 078/ 783/ 812/ 399/ 433/ 127/ 457/ 664/ 129/ 727/ 975/ 684/ 492/ 659, 311127/ 044/ 084. Next was another Freightliner service headed by 66518: 370224/ 187/ 124/ 358/ 349/ 432/ 104/ 202/ 377/ 099/ 080/ 089/ 334/ 153/ 239/ 416/ 104/ 137. Another Freightliner service in the charge of 66513 (noted the previous Monday evening at Nuneaton on a Daw Mill-Ratcliffe coal!) was made up of the following wagons: 370419/ 217/ 062/ 336/ 423/ 319/ 078/ 118/ 228/ 161/ 151/ 368/ 175/ 125/ 007/ 181/ 215. The next working was a GBRf coal with 66404 at the "sharp end" (yes, the engine that had been on the Eastleigh-Mountsorrel the week previous) with the following rake: 371106/ 100, 37.70.6955.256/ 262/ 248/ 244/ 245/ 247/ 246/ 263/ 217/ 219/ 251/ 260/ 252/ 253/ 254/ 250/ 259.

Another freightliner coal service followed behind 66547 (again noted at Nuneaton the previous Monday evening), with the following train: 369008/ 039/ 056/ 023/ 015/ 071/ 036/ 108/ 117/ 088/ 055/ 024/ 102/ 064. There then followed four more Freightliner coal services -- 66595, 66514, 66511, 66529 being in charge of those, before the Redcar-Margam coke train hauled by 66149 with the following impressive rake of 31 HTAs: 310140/ 041/ 581/ 635/ 846/ 277/ 259/ 476/ 723/ 345/ 222/ 640/ 335/ 941/ 981/ 152/ 833/ 751/ 668/ 216/ 907/ 700/ 491/ 157/ 495/ 342, 311003/ 072/ 016/ 011/ 036. A British Gypsum service then passed in the charge of 66122, vehicles being: 610267/ 268/ 172/ 173/ 093/ 094/ 163/ 164/ 263/ 264/ 281/ 282/ 335/ 336/ 353/ 354/ 247/ 248. The final working was a large rake of MEAs -- some of which were not noted due to speed and the state of the vehicles. The train was headed by 66006 and the vehicles identified were: 391679/ 443/ 310/ 560/ 602/ 645/ 689/ 633/ 603/ 155/ 674/ 122/ 151/ 273/ 640/ 497/ 269/ 526/ 389/ 358/ 671/ 676/ 573/ 563/ 357/ 151/ 358/ 356. These vehicles looked to have contained gypsum as everything was covered in a white dust and there is a gypsum working in the area that uses open vehicles. Moving to Nuneaton on 31st January, amongst the usual workings was a late running GBRf service out of Hams Hall. Headed by 66724 the train consist included a lot of the single container flats now being seen in regular traffic. On this particular working were: 640644/ 657/ 688/ 666/ 643/ 677/ 693/ 659/ 651/ 680/ 678/ 671/ 674/ 655. Closely following this was the Crewe-Mountsorrel aggregate service hauled by 66952, vehicles being: 501066/ 136/ 128/ 129/ 006/ 103/ 249/ 248/ 247/ 043/ 009/ 142/ 141/ 150/ 070. The same train was noted a couple of weeks later, on 4th February, at Leicester hauled by 70006 with the following rake: 501076/ 166/ 168/ 167/ 016/ 005/ 137/ 133/ 134/ 065/ 063/ 125/ 126/ 127/ 002. To bring this effort to a close a couple of snippets of news. By the time you read this

66608 should be working in Poland and the four class 20s that operate the tube stock trains through Leicester now include "spare" loco 20308 due to the failure of 20304, locos now being 20301, 20302, 20305, 20308. Sorry it's a bit of a long report this time. Hope no-one falls asleep whilst reading it! All the best.

### **LOCAL FREIGHTLINER WORKINGS**

#### **4V50/4051 Southampton - Wentlooge containers**

01/11 66955. 02/11 66587. 04/11 66567. 05/11 66956. 06/11\* 66532+66591.  
13/11\* 66533+66556. 15/11 66587. 16/11\*\* 66576. 20/11 66567.  
22/11 66594. 23/11 66587. 26/11 66501. 27/11 66538. 29/11 66501.  
30/11 66593. 01/12 66568. 06/12 66568. 07/12 66501. 08/12 66577.  
09/12 66537. 10/12 66565. 11/12 66592. 14/12 66576.

Notes: \* The train on this date was top n'tailed throughout. \*\* The train on this date ran as 4Z50.

#### **4V60 Calvert - Bristol Barrow Road binliner**

02/11 66554. 05/10 66510. 16/11 66536. 30/11 07/12 66548. 08/12 66556.  
08/12 66556. 14/12 66952. 15/12 66952.

#### **6M61 08:26 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal**

01-03/11 70005. 05/11 66554. 12/12\* 66554.

Note: The train was temporary re-timed from 12-15/12 with an 02:48 departure.

#### **6M04 10:50 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal**

01/11 66530. 05/11 66953. 10/11 66510. 22/11 66555. 14/12 66551.  
15/12 66551.

#### **6Z50 04:55 Portbury - Uskmouth (Fifoots) P.S. loaded coal**

01/11 66595. 02/11 66595. 11/11 66609. 16/11 66554. 20/11 66553.  
26/11 66555. 29/11 66552. 30/11 66585. 14/12 66556.

#### **6Z51 11:48 Portbury - Uskmouth (Fifoots) P.S. loaded coal**

05/11 66953.

#### **6A21 Pengam - Theale loaded stone**

02/11 66510. 06/11 66595. 23/11 66612. 30/11 66510.

#### **4V32/4L32 11:00 Bristol West (Railport) - Tilbury empty and loaded containers**

03/11 66516. 08/11 66502. 10/11 66502. 12/11 66568. 20/11 66572.  
25/11 66538. 29/11 66535. 10/12 66542.

#### **4L30 10:00 (MO)/16:27 (ThO) Bristol West (Railport) - Felixstowe / Ipswich empty and loaded containers**

04/11 66569. 08/11 66590. 11/11 66956. 18/11 66541. 22/11 66952.  
02/12 66594. 09/12 66592.

#### **4V32 Felixstowe / Ipswich - Bristol West (Railport) (SO) containers**

20/11 66572. 27/11 66502. 11/12 66543.

**4V26/4024 11:00 Bristol West (Railport) - Grain empty and loaded containers**

01/11 66501. 16/11 66952. 17/11 66952. 18/11 66569. 19/11 66590.  
22/11 66590. 08/12 66954.

**LOCAL DBS WORKINGS**

**6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh loaded fuel tanks**

01/11 60063. 02/11 60063. 04-06/11 60063. 08/11 60045. 10/11 60063.  
13/11 60063. 15/11 60063. 16/11 60063. 18-20/11 60063.  
22-24/11 60063. 25/11 60096. 26/11 60096. 29/11 60096. 30/11 60096.  
01-04/12 60096. 06-09/12 60096. 11/12 60096. 14/12 60096.

**6E41 Westerleigh - Lindsey fuel tank empties**

01/11 66120+60011. 08/11 60071. 10/11 60071. 16/11 60091.  
18-20/11 60073. 08/12 60071. 10-13/12 60099. 14/12 60074+60099.  
15/12 60071.

**6B49/6B50 Llanwern - Swindon stores yard loaded steel (TFO)**

02/11 66189. 05/11 66079. 09/11 66002. 16/11 66027. 19/11 66090.  
23/11 66237. 26/11 66169. 03/12 66116. 10/12 66077. 14/12 66095.

**6B33 Theale - Robeston fuel tank empties / Margam (SO)**

03/11 66166+60096. 04/11 66166. 11/11 66122. 13/11 60013.  
16/11 66176. 18/11 60013. 20/11 66058. 23/11 60091. 25/11 60013.  
30/11 60071. 02/12 60071. 07/12 60049. 09/12 60049. 11/12 66156.  
14/12 66192.

**6B83/6A83 Westbury - Machen - West Drayton ARC empty / loaded return stone**

03/11 59201. 05/11 66133. 10/11 66194. 26/11 66171. 29/11 66030.  
06/12 59201. 15/12 66111.

**6V62 Eastleigh - Plymouth (Tavistock yard) depot fuel tanks (TO)**

02/11 66154. 09/11 66030. 16/11 66065. 23/11 66051. 30/11 66115.  
07/12 66047. 14/12 66197.

**6X52 Portbury - Warrington/Mossend loaded and empty car carriers (TThO)**

02/11 67025. 04/11 66172. 11/11 66237. 16/11 66061. 18/11 66075.  
23/11 66094. 25/11 66221. 30/11 66125. 02/12 66040. 07/12 66056.  
14/12 66199.

**6O78 Margam - Dolland's Moor export steel**

23/11 66015.

**6V78 Dolland's Moor - Margam export steel empties**

15/11 66237. 25/11 66132. 26/11 66117+66245. 27/11 66051.  
30/11 66007. 07/12 66037. 11/12 66166.

**6B35 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties**

03/11 66039. 05/11 66054. 18/11 60010. 23/11 66194. 27/11\* 60049.  
07/12 66204. 09/12 66111.

Note: \* The train was confirmed as running 6Z35 on this date.

**6B65 Westbury - Newport ADJ departmental**

03/11 60063. 19/11 60074. 03/12 66117. 08/12 66082.

**6B59 Exeter (Alphington Road) - Cardiff Tidal sidings loaded scrap**

09/11 66051. 11/11 66051. 23/11 66095. 06/12 66054.

**6M60 Exeter (Riverside) - Bescot (downside) via Newport ADJ freight (SO)**

06/11 66057. 20/11 66016. 05/12\* 66011 11/12 66238. 13/12 66153.

Note: \* The train was confirmed as running via Westbury on this date.

**LOCAL DRS WORKINGS****6V73/6M56 Crewe Coal sidings - CEGB Berkeley and return nuclear flasks**

01/11 20308+37423. 08/11 20303+37038. 11/11 20303+37038.

15/11 37069+37259. 16/11 20308+37038. 09/12 20303+37601.

13/12 37038+37601. 15/12 37601+37607.

**6V74/6M67 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater and return nuclear flasks**

03/11 66411+66430. 05/11 37087+37682. 10/11 37069+37259.

24/11 37038+37259. 01/12 37087+57009. 03/12 37604+37610.

10/12 20303+37601.

**Stock Alterations****Locomotives****Transfers**

57301 - 57312 (inc) (CF)-LO, 66239 - France, 86218\* - Hungary

**Stored**

BH: 47816. CB: 66602/605/606. CE: 60059. 67007/015/016/022/028. 92034/037.

CG: 66304. LD: 66603/604. TO: 08567/706. 09106. 60009/040/048. West

Ruislip: 20189/227. Boden Rail: 09008 (HNRC)

Newport Docks: 70012 - accident damage rumoured being returned to GE

**Traffic**

08632 -TO(Tidal), 08865 -TO(Hoo), 08888 -TO(Tidal),

09201 -TO(Knottingley), 47841 -KM, 66546 -LD, 67009 -CE

**Disposals**

EMR (Kingsbury): 08577/651

N/K: 96382 @NP

Private at Lavender Line: 03020/197

For Sale (DBS): 90017/022/023/025/030/031/032/033/037/038/040/050

**Sold - Provisional**

Booth: 08466/482/512/561/569/597/698/776/786/924/925/941/954.

09005/009/013/101/105/202

EMR: 37503/521/669/670/671/693/707/891/895

Thomson: 08765/770/828/856. 09015/102

56054/059/067/070/071/083/095/107/109/120

HNRC: 09014/019

Private: 08401. 09001. 37042

**Renumbered**

43065 - 43465, 43067 - 43467, 66624 - FLP66102, 86218\* - 0450-004-01

**New**

70008/009 (DFGI) /010/011 (DFGH) -LD, 70012 - store U

**Diesel Multiple Units****Transfers**

150267/278/279/281 (PM) -CF

**Stored**

60394 + 60494 (221144) at CZ

**Reformed**

221142 + 60994, 221143 + 60794

**Electric Multiple Units****Disposals**

Mid Norfolk - 1497 Epping & Ongar - 1498

**Renumbered & Reformed**

378013/018/019/020 - 213/218/219/220 (4 Cars)  
450024/548/560 - now correct formation

**New Stock**

380002/004/005/006/007 -HQ  
390054 -HQ (Edge Hill)

**Coaching & NPCC Stock****Transfers**

92146/938 - MBCS

**Stored**

HT: 9488

**Disposals**

GC Nottingham: 5365/76

**Renumbered**

94150 - ADB 971001, 94191 - ADB 971003 -ZA

**PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS****West Somerset Railway**

A further series of sea defence, rock armour stone trains operated during November and December.

The off loading site was near Dunster station, the Mendip stone being used on exposed sea shore between Dunster and Minehead protecting a number of

homes and commercial properties in the area.

The trains ran as 7C27 05:15 Whatley (or Westbury) - Taunton, 6Z24 08:40 Taunton - Minehead / 12:00 Minehead - Taunton, 6Z25 13:10 Taunton - Westbury using 4 -wheel Sea Urchin wagons. The trains were due to commence in the first week of November, but this was put back to 9th November. Arrival at Minehead for a loco run-round to gain access to the off-loading site was normally around 08:30 and departure from the Dunster after 12:15 for the return. Locos in use were recorded as follows:-

09/11 59205. 10/11 66018. 11/11 59205. 21/11 59104. 25/11 59103.  
26/11 59103. 29/11 59205. 30/11 59201. 01/12 59201. 02/12 59005.  
03/12 59005. 06/12 66174. 07/12 59206. 08/12 59206. 09/12 59206.  
10/12 59201. 13/12 66174.

Previous stone movements over the line have been from March 1997 until June 1998 - sea defence work on Minehead seafront (amounting to around 100,000 tonnes), March 2000 - sea defence work at Doniford, and October 2004 - road repair work near the village Vellow (close to Williton).

### **Road Movements**

26/11 A unidentified former GWR loco (possibly a Prairie tank) was viewed heading north-bound at 10:26 on the M5 crossing over the B4054 Avonmouth Road near Shirehampton.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Forest of Dean**

The Bristol based cycling charity Sustrans is to re-open 6 miles of the former Tintern quarry branch line as a cycle path at a cost of £1 million. The section of the former running line from Tidenham (Chepstow) - Monmouth, which closed in the 1960s will included to refurbished and re-opened former rail tunnels.

## **TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS**

03/11 Taunton Fairwater: DR77901.  
11/11 Salisbury Network Rail yard: DR73927.

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