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**Front Cover Photo January 2012 Issue 479: Yeovil Pen Mill Signal box on
23/03/12 [Chris Weeks]**

FUTURE EVENTS

Trip 465

London Flyer

Saturday 19/05/12

Itinerary

David Buck, Windsor; Approx 8 hours free time in the capital.

Book by date - 01/05/12 **Fares** - £32.00, Trip Members = £34.00

Safety Equipment - Hi-Viz vest and safety shoes.

Timings (from Bristol area) - **Depart** 06:30 **Return** 22:00

Trip 466

East Midlands

Saturday 23/06/12

Itinerary

Aggregate Industries (Bardon Hill & Croft Quarry); Brush Traction (Loughborough); Lafarge Aggregates (Barrow-Upon-Soar); Abbey Pumping Station (Leicester); Snibston Discovery Park (Colville); Peter Thomas (Blaby); Welland Valley Traction Club (Market Harborough); Greenlea Light Railway (Burbage); Conkers Discovery Centre (Moirs); Armourgeddon (Husbands Bosworth).

Book by date - 23/05/12 **Fares** - £40.00, Trip Members = £42.00

Safety Equipment - Hi-Viz vest and safety shoes.

Timings (from Bristol area) - **Depart** 06:30 **Return** 20:00

Trip 467

Derbyshire

Saturday 14/07/12

Itinerary

W.H. Davis (Langwith Junction); Leander Architectural (Dove Holes); Tarmac Cement (Tunstead); Terry Gibson (Derby); Gullivers Kingdom (Matlock Bath); Little Mill Inn (New Mills); Peak Rail (All Locations); Derbyshire Dales (Rowsley); Mike Strange (Tansley); Tramway Village (Crich); Crich Store (Clay Cross).

Book by date - 14/06/12 **Fares** - £40.00, Trip Members = £42.00

Safety Equipment - Hi-Viz vest and safety shoes.

Timings (from Bristol area) - **Depart** 06:30 **Return** 20:00

Trip 468

Derbyshire

Saturday 04/08/12

Itinerary

Drusilla's Zoo Park (Berwick); Lavender Line (Isfield); Great Bush Railway (Hadlow Down); Alan Pragnell (Horsted Keynes); Rother Valley Railway (Robertsbridge); South Downs Heritage Centre (Hassocks); Volks Electric Railway (Brighton); Kingston Light Railway (Shoreham-by-Sea); Hollycombe Steam Collection (Liphook).

Book by date - 04/08/12 **Fares** - £34.00, Trip Members = £36.00

Safety Equipment - Hi-Viz vest and safety shoes.

Timings (from Bristol area) - **Depart** 06:30 **Return** 20:00

Trip 469

Statfold Barn Open Day

Saturday 15/09/12

Itinerary

L.H. Group (Barton-under-Needwood); Statfold Barn Railway (Tamworth); Churnet Valley (Cheddleton); Moseley Railway Trust (Apedale).

Book by date - 15/08/12 **Fares** - £34.00, Trip Members = £36.00

Safety Equipment - Hi-Viz vest and safety shoes.

Timings (from Bristol area) - **Depart** 06:30 **Return** 20:00

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

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 and e-mailing the completed form to: 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.
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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.

Society Yahoo! News Group

There is now a Yahoo! news group available which you can subscribe to allow you to get e-mail alerts for any workings or reports posted by other

group members. We can also use this to provide any updates on any society event. To join you can use the link on the home page or send an e-mail to cardiffandavonside-suscribe@yahoogroups.com the more members who join and contribute will help all members of the society.

Avonmouth

18/09 Weekend track work between Dr. Day's junction and Narrowway's Hill Junction saw a number of associated engineering train workings over the Severn Beach branch via Clifton Down. 66069 was noted passing Montpelier at 20:58 with an unidentified working (possibly a 6W?? 14:00 Leckwith North junction - Oxford Hinksey yard service), as this loco along with 66138 had earlier in the day top n'tailed a 6W41 09:28 Westbury - Leckwith Junction train (11:00) and 66132 + 66127 top n'tailing a 6W26 13:23 Westbury - Narrowways Hill junction (via a reverse at Swindon) formed of MLA and JHA wagons. Road buses were in use in place of trains over the Severn Beach branch during the Sunday work periods which lasted until 20/10.

20/09 67020 worked a 4D98 Avonmouth - Barton Hill HTA wagon trip, being reported as passing Filton Abbeywood at 13:10.

21/09 DBS livered 59206 departed Avonmouth West Wharf at 13:31 (1 minute late) with 6A83 loaded stone to West Drayton ARC. Later, 66598 arrived on a re-timed afternoon 6C38 07:49 Bristol Barrow Road - Avonmouth stone empties passing Brentry at 14:29. The loco had earlier been noted passing Narrowways Hill junction around 13:00 heading towards Bristol with two empty stone box wagons from Stoke Gifford which it was assumed to have run round in Temple Meads to gain access to the Barrow Road branch via the usual reverse move at Lawrence Hill and collect the rest of the train.

30/09 66020 worked the 6A83 loaded stone service to West Drayton ARC formed with Hanson hoppers.

01/10 Making the usual autumn period morning Saturday run via Avonmouth, the 3S59 Barton Hill water cannon top n'tailed with 66175 + 66176 passed Brentry at 10:50 heading towards Avonmouth.

05/10 59205 was on the 6A83 West Drayton ARC loaded stone service.

07/10 66204 powered the 6A83 West Drayton loaded stone, and later blue livered 66623 was noted waiting at Hallen Marsh at 15:15 to cross the Severn Beach branch for Bennett's siding with stone empties

08/10 66175 + 66176 were again on 3S59 water cannon duty passing Brentry at 10:49 heading towards Avonmouth. Following extensive gauging and measurement tests during September last year, GBRf 66731 + 66726 arrived around 18:30 on a 4V24 Doncaster - Avonmouth BBHT train of 21 IIA biomass wagons for daily loading during the following week. Two locos were booked as assurance so the train could work over Lickey incline without a banking loco. The biomass arrived as a single boat load and was off loaded at Portbury dock and moved by the covered conveyor belt system to Avonmouth no.2 silo for loading. The material was believed to have originated from the Far East, possibly Indonesia.

09/10 Further biomass load preparation work took place from 12:45 - 13:45 using the two GBRf locos. Several Sunday engineering trains passed through the area from the Narrowways Hill junction - Dr. Day's junction occupation: 66134 - 6W20 11:15 Clifton Down - Oxford Hinksey yard (11:32), 66084 - 6W21 Clifton Down - Oxford Hinksey yard (12:49), 66079 - 6W22 Clifton Down - Newport ADJ (13:33), 66171 - 6W23 - Clifton Down - Oxford Hinksey yard

(14:20).

10/10 Things did not go to plan regarding the biomass loading as only three wagons had been loaded by 13:05 and the final wagon completed at 14:33! 66726 was working solo to load the train. The main problem seemed to be the auto lids fitted to keep the pay load dry, they appeared to be randomly re-opening after the wagon appeared to be fully loaded! This meant a manual closing and flattening operation by ground staff. The train's booked departure diagram for the following four days was as follows: 6E23 11:40 Avonmouth BBHT - Doncaster Down decoy yard (for Drax P.S), Hallen Marsh 11:46, Filton West jcn 12:07, Bristol Parkway 12:15 - 14:19, Westerleigh Junction 14:29, Yate 14:32, Charfield 14:39, Cheltenham 15:21, Ashchurch 15:29,

11/01 66726 + 66731 were reported passing Ashchurch at 15:33 (4 late) with 6E23 loaded biomass to Doncaster.

12/10 The inward 4V24 Doncaster - Avonmouth biomass empties, again with the same two locos passed Parkway at 08:47 and on the return, through Cheltenham at 15:20 (1 early),

13/10 This was the final day of biomass operation, again with 66726 + 66731, the 4V24 empties were reported passing Hallen Marsh jcn at 09:36 and the loaded 6E23 passing Brentry at 12:56 and Yate at 14:29 (1 early).

16/10 66079 was reported as working a late afternoon engineers train off Clifton Down.

21/10 66091 worked the 6A83 Avonmouth West wharf - West Drayton loaded stone.

23/10 66155 + 66132 top n'tailed a late afternoon 6W03 engineers train to Clifton Down via Newport.

24/10 66175 + 66079 passed Hallen Marsh at 09:22 on the 3S59 Barton Hill water cannon heading towards Avonmouth this being a Monday morning return working to Bristol.

28/10 66091 was again on the 6A83 loaded stone departure with the day's destination being Acton.

29/10 66143 + 66079 with the 3S59 Barton Hill water cannon passed Brentry at 10:44 heading towards Avonmouth.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included: 66011/031/047/050/061/125/126/142/145/151/170/171/175/182/201/204.

Locos recorded on stone duty during the review period have included: 59201/205/206. 66020/091/230/204. 66508/519/545/551/598/623.

Bristol Parkway, Pilning and Westerleigh

17/09 At 11:00 Stoke Gifford downside held: 66597, 70011.

21/09 70011 was stabled with 66544 and 66957 in Stoke Gifford yard at 15:00.

22/09 The first refurbished/life extended Class 60 was noted - 60007 in DBS red and carrying the name 'The Spirit of Tom Kendell' (along with white block capital lettering 'Switch On To Safety' on each side) working the 6B33 11:55 Theale - Margam empty fuel tanks passing Badminton slightly down on time at 15:39.

24/09 Locos stabled on the down side at Stoke Gifford during the early afternoon were: 66522, 66544, 66554, 66596, 66615. Later, Shanks split-livered 66522 departed 0Y27 light-engine to Newton Abbot for a 6Y27 Hackney yard rail train and 66560 was an arrival on 6V60 stone empties from Angerstein Wharf.

25/09 66544 + 66957 departed Stoke Gifford on a 4Z97 empty coal wagon move

to Crewe via the Severn Tunnel and the Marches route. Two PW train reports were: 66115 - 6W27 Maindee East junction - Westbury (noted passing Patchway at 09:17) and 59002 top n'tailing 59203 - 6W44 Heath junction - Westbury yard (noted Severn Tunnel junction at 11:28), the latter running via Swindon where a reverse move took place. To complete the days report, 47826 + 57601 top n'tailing the return 'Highland & Jacobite Statesman' (1Z55 09:55 Fort William - Bristol Parkway) returned the train's ECS as 5Z55 23:15 Parkway - Crewe Refuge siding being reported as passing Kings Norton (Birmingham) at 00:19 -16 early (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news).

27/09 The yellow 'Class 150' test unit 950001 was back in the area arriving as 2Q08 06:07 Derby RTC - Temple Meads, being booked to cover the Sharpness (booked 09:45-09:50), Tytherington (13:12 - 13:22) and Westerleigh (14:03-14:10) freight lines on route. During the evening period, there were several train alterations due to the report of an obstruction in the Severn Tunnel. The 1B83 17:15 Paddington - Carmarthen First/GW HST departed Parkway at 19:38 (58 late) and was diverted via Gloucester whilst the 1B69 17:45 Paddington - Swansea was terminated at Parkway, the set then running onwards as ECS to St. Phillips Marsh.

28/09 66176 + 66175 was reported as passing Severn Tunnel junction at 10:34 heading towards Bristol with the return 3S59 water cannon from South Wales. Later, a 1Q13 10:32 Didcot - Didcot test train top n'tailed with DRS locos 37601 + 37611 was routed via Oxford, Reading, Didcot (reported at 12:16), Swindon, Chippenham (12:53), Bath, Temple Meads, Bedminster (reverse), Parkway (departing at 14:51), Severn Tunnel junction (reverse, departing 15:33 - 1 late), Parkway (arr 15:48), for a further reverse at Temple Meads, then via Bath, Chippenham and Swindon to Didcot.

29/09 66137 was on a additional 6Z37 Newport ADJ - Westbury departmental, whilst GBRf 66711 passed Patchway at 19:30 on 6F30 return 16:24 Exeter (Alphington Road) - Cardiff Tidal loaded scrap, GBRf being a new operator for this service.

30/09 The Barton Hill water cannon (3S59) returning from overnight South Wales branch duties, with locos 66176 + 66175 in a top n'tail formation passed Severn Tunnel junction at 10:59 (3 early), Worle junction at 12:23 (1 late) and returning here at 12:36 (1 early) for Barton Hill depot. Later, 66160 + 66138 passed Patchway at 18:15 on a up unidentified train of JNA wagons. There were delays when 66418 was declared a failure in the Severn Tunnel on the 4087 17:28 Wentlooge - Southampton containers. The working had been reported through Newport at 17:40 but did not reach Patchway until 19:28 with a unidentified assisting loco which had run 1Z99 light-engine to help the train forward. During the afternoon, Stoke Gifford downside held: 66508, 66598, 70005.

01/10 A DBS eight loco OX16 13:00 Margam - Oxford Hinksey yard (via Westbury booked 15:28 - 15:45) light engine move was formed: 66070 + 66093 + 66186 + 66250 + 66124 + 66118 + 66015 + 66204 passing Filton Abbeywood at 14:32 (2 early).

Pathfinder Tour's 'Coal Grinder' using DRS Class 37 and a 66/4 locos was put back to 24/03/12 due to the availability of the Gwaun-cae-gurwen branch in West Wales.

02/10 At 18:00, Stoke Gifford sidings held: 66516, 66554, 66598, 70005.

03/10 FLHH loco reports were: 66554 passing Filton Abbeywood at 18:10 on a 6Z28 Newton Abbot Hackney yard - Eastleigh train of rail empties and 66598 with 6Z26 10:15 Rugby - Taunton Fairwater part HOBC train which was

reported through Lawrence Hill at 13:55. Also, 66606 ran light from Taunton Fairwater to Cardiff Tidal sidings for the recently introduced 6L33 21:29 (SO) scrap empties to Dagenham.

05/10 47500 + 47826 top n'tailed a 1Z57 06:05 Holyhead - Salisbury (and 1Z58 17:47 return) West Coast Railway Company 13 coach excursion being reported passing Filton Abbeywood at 12:15 and departing Bath at 12:49 (20 late). The train stabled in the East yard at Salisbury before the return, which was recorded as passing Keynsham at 19:00.

08/10 66023 powered a 6Z49 13:05 Newport ADJ - Westbury departmental formed of MTA and MHA wagons and 66554 departed Stoke Gifford sidings on a 0Y27 light loco move to Newton Abbot Hackney yard for rail train duty (6Y27).

09/10 66509, 66511, 66554, 66560, 66623 were all present stabled in Stoke Gifford sidings at 10:15.

11/10 66170 worked what was reported to be the 6B65 10:40 Westbury - Newport ADJ departmental, a train which had not run for sometime. Whether this train had now become a TO working remained unconfirmed.

12/10 66519 brought in 6V87 stone empties from Crawley late in the day.

13/10 60049 arrived at Westerleigh as a 0V98 light engine move. The 6B33 Theale - Margam fuel tanks headed by 60007 was stopped at Didcot alongside the Milton trading estate with a 'hot box' problem. DRS 37601 + 37611 were reported as used to remove a defective tank wagon, the locos being in the area on test train duty! Several First/HST services were delayed due to the incident along with the 6B33 which did not pass Patchway until 17:42. Later, 66528 was an arrival at Parkway on 6V44 stone empties from Angerstein Wharf.

14/10 Using the 6B49 (DBS Llanwern - Swindon steel service headcode), FLHH 66519 passed Pilning at 07:13 with Stoke Gifford - Neath stone empties. 950001 appeared twice passing Parkway heading towards South Wales at 10:45 and returning in the up direction up at 12:20.

17/10 66128 was on 6Z42 Acton - Cardiff docks empty stone, whilst 66551 worked 0Y27 Stoke Gifford - Newton Abbot Hackney yard light for a 6Y27 rail train move to Lydney (Gloucester) via a loco run-round at East Usk yard.

19/10 66076 worked 6B36 Acton - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties whilst 66520 ran 0Y27 Stoke Gifford - Newton Abbot Hackney yard light for a return 6Y27 17:05 Newton Abbot - Eastleigh empty rail train move, routed via Temple Meads, Bath and Westbury.

20/10 Colas 66847 ran 0V78 down light during the morning returning the 6078 Dollands Moor export steel service later in the day. 66551 worked 6056 04:45 Stoke Gifford - Angerstein Wharf (due 11:27) loaded stone being reported as passing Filton Abbeywood at 04:52. Later, 66076 was on a afternoon 6Z35 Moreton-on-Lugg - Acton loaded stone and 66060 on 6V42 Tilbury - Trostre steel empties passing Parkway at 23:07.

22/10 66091 + 66061 top n'tailed UK Tour's 'Valley of the Witch' (1Z65 08:06 Paddington - Cwmgwrach / Onllwyn) railtour being recorded passing Swindon at 09:52 (3 late) and Patchway 10:22 (right time). A morning 0Z74 Crewe Basford Hall yard - Stoke Gifford light-engine move (via the Marches and the Severn Tunnel) was formed 66602 + 66604 + 66545, where the locos joined 66520, 66559 and 66610.

23/10 66076 arrived at Filton at 11:54 with a five wagon autoballaster destined for the Lawrence Hill / Dr. Day's engineer's occupation. At 12:10, Stoke Gifford downside held: 66520, 66545, 66610, 70005. With track

work taking place at Dr. Days junction, Arriva XC services were terminating, and restating at Parkway: 220006 + 221133 being noted as an arrival during the afternoon on the 13:06 ex. Edinburgh Waverley in place of the booked HST.

25/10 The 6V98 Lindsey - Westerleigh fuel tanks arrived running 202 minutes headed by 66055 + 66161 + 60099, motive power for the return 6E41 remained unknown. The evening period saw a good variety of locos: 66519 returning empty stone wagons off a Avonmouth - Theale service, 31602 leading a 3Z18 Derby RTC - Bristol TM test train, which had earlier been reported through Cheltenham at 18:02 and a very rare 60039 on the 6A29 Wentlooge - Didcot wagon load train passing Patchway at 20:26. This loco had run Merehead - Margam light engine earlier in the day (arriving Pilning loop at 12:22 and departing at 12:33).

27/10 A second refurbished 'Super Tug' 60054 in the smart DBS red livery passed Yate at 11:52 on a late running 6E41 Westerleigh - Lindsey empty fuel tanks with 60007 (the first refurbished Class member) later passing at 12:10 with the inward loaded 6B13 fuel tanks from Robeston - Westerleigh. At Parkway, 66526 departed as 6003 22:40 Stoke Gifford - Crawley loaded stone via Day's curve and Bath.

28/10 66148 was reported in Parkway loop at 13:30 with a 6Z42 Acton - Cardiff docks empty stone formed of 2 JGA and PGA wagons.

29/10 At 14:25 Stoke Gifford down sidings held: 66413, 66506, 66602 the locos later forming a 0Y12 Stoke Gifford - Westbury light loco move. 66519 was also recorded on a 6V60 stone empty arrival from Angerstein Wharf .

30/10 Unusual for a Sunday, 66015 passed Patchway at 16:05 with 6B33 Theale - Margam empty fuel tanks following the failure of the train loco 60071 during the previous day.

31/10 DRS liveried 66413 departed Stoke Gifford at 07:00 as a 0Z26 light-engine move to collect a rail train from Newton Abbot Hackney yard.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

16/09 Driver route training continued in the Westbury area using 67020 working light outwards during the morning from Barton Hill, returning mid afternoon (also see the December 2011 Magazine). Also on Barton Hill, the shunting pilot 08516 (which carried the old EWS red colours) was noted with a newly applied LNWR grey livery (as carried by both 08810 and 08868 at Crewe) with plain yellow ends and Rory nameplates. Crysallis Rail now operates the facility here under the LNWR banner, having taken over from DBS subsidiary Axiom Rail. An afternoon visitor through Bristol was a 2Z02 Reading TMD - Reading TMD saloon coach (975025 Caroline) move passing Uphill junction (Weston-super-Mare) at 14:30 (right time) having earlier been reported through Cheltenham at 12:46 the working taking in Oxford, Moreton-in-Marsh, Worcester (reverse), Bristol TM, Taunton (reverse), then onwards via Castle Cary and Newbury. Another DRS test working, the Radio Survey Train was also still active, top n'tailed with 37059 + 37604 running as 1Q13 10:54 Temple Meads - Temple Meads via Parson's Street (noted 11:02), the Weston loop, Bridgwater (11:56) and reversing at Taunton (departing 12:19 - 12 late), Bridgwater (12:29), Temple Meads, Filton to Avonmouth (reverse), then onwards to Filton, Patchway and a Severn Tunnel junction reverse. The return was back to Highbridge loop for a reverse, taking in a Hallen Moor (reverse) passing Brentry on the inward at 14:28. From Highbridge the working ran to Swindon (reverse) via Uphill junction (18:12), Temple Meads, Parkway and Badminton, re-tracing the same

route back on the return to Bristol (also see the December 2011 Magazine).

18/09 Steam 6024 King Edward I worked the final 'Torbay Express' (1Z27 09:15 Bristol TM - Kingswear and 1Z28 16:42 return) of the 2011 season.

19/09 Both overnight First/GW sleeper services were routed via Bristol: 57605 - 1C99 23:50 (Sun) Paddington - Penzance (08:59) booked Temple Meads 01:55 - 02:55 and 57603 - 1A40 21:15 (Sun) Penzance - Paddington (05:05) booked Temple Meads 02:09 - 02:45. A 5Z29 10:00 Barton Hill -

Kidderminster (SVR) steam loco move with 6024 King Edward I and W35333 (support coach move) via Parkway was cancelled. 67020 + 47815 were used to return the Torbay Express railtour stock to Eastleigh during the morning.

20/09 66560 was an early evening arrival at Bristol Barrow Road with 14 MJAs as 6V87 10:59 stone empties from Crawley. The working was booked for a Bath down loop stop from 15:44 - 16:40 and a Barrow Road arrival time of 17:27.

22/09 The Exeter scrap contract changed from DBS to GBRf from this date with 66711 working the 6F31 02:49 Newport docks - Exeter (Alphington Road) empties and 6F30 16:24 return with 14 wagons. A railtour stock ECS moved attracted plenty of attention top n'tailed with 57601 + 47826 as 5Z54 08:15 Carnforth - Exeter (Riverside). Reports came from Leominster (13:46 - 7 late), Pilning (15:40 - 31 late), Parsons Street (16:04 - 26 late), Uphill junction (16:30 - 26 late) and Bridgwater 16:39. At Barton Hill, 66164 departed at 12:20 with a single HTA wagon (310618) trip for Avonmouth (4D98). Later at Barrow Road, 66598 + shanks livered 66522 arrived at 18:37 with 21 HIAs as a 12:06 departure from Bow (6V87). 66598 later left at 19:12 light-engine for Stoke Gifford leaving 66522 behind stabled with the train. The days Arriva XC HST diagrams were covered with the following power cars and intermediate coaches: 43301 XC05 43304 - 1V44 06:00 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S51 12:23 Plymouth - Glasgow Central. 43357 XC01 43303 - 1V50 06:06 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth / 1E63 15:23 Plymouth - Leeds. 43384 XC03 43207 - 1V54 06:32 Dundee - Plymouth / 1E73 17:23 Plymouth - Leeds. The fourth diagram was worked by Voyager set 221120 - 1V46 06:32 York - Plymouth / 1S55 13:23 Plymouth - Leeds.

23/09 66606 was in charge of a 6Z85 10:15 Taunton Fairwater - Taunton Fairwater HOBC wagon turning move passing Bridgwater at 10:35 (2 late) in the Bristol direction. 67020 back at Barton Hill was used on Westbury area driver route learning duties. Two special railtour workings were: 158766 on a First/GW 1Z53 09:30 Exeter St. Davids - Sheffield passing Bridgwater at 10:03 (3 early) and calling at Nailsea & Backwell (booked 10:51 - 10:52), the return 1Z53 11:30 Sheffield - Exeter was two days later and West Coasts 'Highland Jacobite Statesman' (1Z54 05:27 Exeter St. .Davids - Fort William - due 21:17) top n'tailed with 47826 + 57601 using c/stock: 17080, Apollo (3231), Sovereign (3188), 1659, 552 Ennerdale Water (99675), 550 Rydal Water (99673), 99993, 549 Bassenthwaite (99672), 551 Buttermere (99674), 99311, 4940 and noted departing Temple Meads at 06:39 (1 late). The tour returned two days later terminating at Bristol Parkway (see Bristol Parkway, Pilning and Westerleigh notes & news). 220031 + 220033 were used on the 1V50 06:06 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth Arriva XC service in place of a HST set. A police security exercise took place at Bath Spa station in a similar manner to the one which was carried out at Temple Meads on 15/07/11 (see the October 2011 Magazine). Again sniffer dogs were brought in to search out any possible drug movements by passengers.

24/09 Colas 66743 departed Temple Meads at 13:08 as 0Z69 light-engine for

South Wales and steel duty. 67020 was recorded as stabled on Barton Hill depot.

26/09 Both First/GW sleeper services were diverted via Yeovil, the up train 1A40 with 57605 (booked Yeovil Pen Mill 02:29 - 02:31) and the down train 1C99 with 57503 (booked Pen Mill 03:18 - 03:21). Shanks livered 66522 ran 0Y27 08:30 Stoke Gifford - Newton Abbot Hackney yard light for rail train duty, being noted passing Bridgwater at 09:34. The 1Q13 Radio Tests Train was back in the area as a Derby RTC - Didcot working top n'tailed with 37603 + 37611 being reported as passing Bath at 13:06 for Temple Meads, then later through Severn Tunnel Junction at 15:43 towards Bristol following a Newport reverse and then passing Pilning at 15:55 (15 early), departing Parkway at 16:12 following a reverse towards Temple Meads (reverse), Bathampton junction (18:04) and Swindon (18:27).

27/09 Another 1Q13 test working, again using the same locos as on the previous day, ran as 10:02 Didcot - Didcot being reported through Swindon at 11:56 (1 late) and departing Temple Meads at 12:56 (1 early), passing Patchway at 13:07 for a Severn Tunnel junction reverse. Then back via Bristol and Swindon passing here at 15:48 (46 early!). The 6V51 Warrington - Portbury empty car carriers were noted passing Lawrence Hill at 08:29 behind 66004 and later the return 6X52 loaded train to Mossend passed the same location between 18:17 - 18:19 (the recorded e pass time being due to the trains speed and length!) however, the working did not reach Newport until 21:00 due to a diversion via Gloucester as there were problems in the Severn Tunnel. A morning steam move through the area was the still unnamed 70000 (Britannia) as 5Z22 09:10 Bishop's Lydeard (WSR) - Eastleigh loco + support coach passing Bridgwater at 09:44 and departing Bathampton loop at 11:29 (2 late).

28/09 The Torbay Express Ltd 'Bath Spa Express' (1Z87 08:03 Poole - Temple Meads and 1Z88 15:35 return) was worked throughout by steam 70000 (Britannia). Test unit 950001 worked the 2Q08 from Temple Meads to the West Country via the Westbury area including the quarry branch lines.

29/09 Newly reallocated former London Midland 150101 was on the 2090 17:51 Great Malvern - Weymouth First/GW service.

30/09 Test unit 950001 returning from West Country branch visits, passed Worle junction (Weston-super-Mare) at 12:20 as 2Q08 07:12 St. Erth - Temple Meads.

03/10 150233 + 150239 were used on the 1F09 09:30 Cardiff Central - Portsmouth Harbour First/GW service in place of the normal Class 158/9 3-car unit,

05/10 Steam 70000 (Britannia) worked the Torbay Express Limited 'Bath Spa Express' (1Z87 08:05 Poole - Temple Meads and 1Z88 15:35 return) using the carmine and cream 'Royal Scot' (RIV21) Mk I coaching set. The 1Z87 was reported as arriving at Bath at 11:17 (3 late) and departing at 11:22 (5 late) whilst the return passed Westbury at 16:27 (7 late). Loco 60163 Tornado was originally expected to work this train. Barton Hill water cannon (3S59) reports for the day with locos 66176 + 66175 were through Filton Abbeywood at 10:54 towards Bristol and passing Oldfield Park at 21:43 (7 late) as 21:07 overnight Barton Hill - Barton Hill via Westbury (reverse), Avonmouth and South Wales branch lines.

06/10 67029, still retaining it's silver EWS colours worked a 1Z05 09:32 Ealing Broadway - Temple Meads managers train with the usual c/stock: 11039, 10211, 10546 and driving van 82146 which was leading when noted passing Swindon at 10:46 (2 late) and near Keynsham at 11:25. The working

was later noted passing Dr. Day's junction at 12:08 with the Class 67 leading having presumably carried out a reverse move at Parkway. The train then proceeded to Barton Hill visiting the carriage wash on arrival at 12:39. Later in the day, steam 34067 Tangmere arrived with a Steam Dream 'Cathedrals Express' (1Z95 08:45 Victoria - Temple Meads and 1Z96 16:35 return to Kensington Olympia) using c/stock: 35518 (loco support), S5249, S5236, 1961, 99128 Pamela, 99121 Julie, 13440, 1860, 4905, 4994, 99318, S9392. The train was noted passing Bristol East at 14:09 (5 late) and departing Temple Meads for Bristol West ECS at 14:22 (10 early), the return being reported through Keynsham at 16:57. Earlier, 66176 + 66175 departed Temple Meads at 11:59 with the 3S59 water cannon for Weston-super-Mare and Class 150 coach, 57126 (from set 150126) was visible on Barton Hill awaiting a repaint to First/GW blue from LM green along with a internal refurbishment.

07/10 The DBS managers train was still present on Barton Hill depot at 14:30, despite being allocated a 1Z05 12:56 Barton Hill - Ealing Broadway move (and 5Z05 15:13 ECS return to Toton).

09/10 Colas locos 66744 and 66847 were both reported on engineering train duty at Dr. Day's junction during the day.

12/10 New arrival 150202 was noted working the 2C43 06:26 Bristol Parkway - Penzance First/GW service. Later, steam 70000 (Britannia) made a rare British Pullman VSOE appearance in place of 60163 Tornado and latterly 35028 Clan Line. Working details were: 1Z97 08:45 Victoria - Temple Meads and 1Z98 16:35 return, the return being actually noted passing Keynsham at 16:49. During the evening, 142029 arrived as a 5Z74 19:50 Exeter St. Davids - St. Phillips Marsh move. The day's Arriva XC diagrams were covered as follows: 43384 XC03 43321 - 1V44 06:00 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S51 12:23 Plymouth - Glasgow Central. 43207 XC02 43303 - 1V46 06:32 York - Plymouth / 1S55 13:23 Plymouth - Edinburgh Waverley. 43357 XC01 43378 - 1V50 06:06 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth / 1E63 15:23 Plymouth - Leeds. 43301 XC04 43304 - 1V54 06:32 Dundee - Plymouth / 1E73 17:23 Plymouth - Leeds. Note: set XC03 was recorded as running as a six coach formation with carriage 45003 removed.

13/10 Following problems with the 6B33 Theale - Robeston empty fuel tanks in the Didcot area (see Bristol Parkway, Pilning and Westerleigh notes & news), 158767 stood in for the delayed 1C18 14:30 Bristol TM - Weston-super-Mare HST service between Bristol and Weston-super-Mare.

15/10 DRS provided 37601 + 37611 to start Pathfinder Tour's 'Ousing Dove' railtour (1Z29 05:55 Temple Meads - Mount Bretton), the locos arriving with the 5Z28 ECS via the Marches, Severn Tunnel and recorded passing Patchway at 04:27. Later in the day, 66155 returned the tour at 23:02, the day's c/stock in use being: 17105, W3112, W3107, 3144, 1683, W1842, 5322, W4959, 4927, M5292. Another tour during the day was Vintage Train's 'The B&H Aqua Sullis' (1Z43 07:05 Solihull - Bristol TM and 1Z45 18:09 return) which was worked throughout by steam loco 5043 Earl of Mount Edgecumbe. A '80th Anniversary Oxford University' headboard was noted being carried by the loco on the day the train being routed via Oxford, Didcot, Reading West curve, Newbury, Hawkridge curve, Trowbridge and Bath on the inward, and Bath, Box and Swindon on the return. A railtour postponed on the day was Spitfire Tour's 'Jorvic Growler III' Railtour featuring Class 37 haulage which was put back to 05/11/11 due to routing issues. Standing in for the normal Class 158/9, 150102 (in ex. LM green) + 150121 were unusually paired on the 1F05 07:30 Cardiff Central - Portsmouth Harbour

service. A 3S59 water cannon report (with locos 66175 + 66176) was the trains arrival at Weston-super-Mare at 12:37 and departure at 12:45.

16/10 Having returned the previous day's 'Ousing Dove' railtour, 66155 and the stock were noted stabled in the Bristol East freight yard, prior to departing as 5Z31 15:00 ECS to Eastleigh, the train being noted passing Keynsham at 14:56. Two engineering train reports were: 59102 + 59205 (top n'tailing) - 6W42 15:46 Westbury - North Somerset junction and 66614 + 66620 passing Bristol East from the Bath direction at 10:43 returning a 6Y11 08:30 Gloucester Yard junction - Taunton Fairwater yard HOBC, routed via Kemble and a reverse at Swindon. The Barton Hill water cannon made a 16:30 Barton Hill - Barton Hill run to Westbury and back, arriving here at 18:08 and departing at 18:12.

17/10 Test unit 950001 was noted stabled on the former Bath Road depot spur, the unit later departing as a 2Q08 move to South Wales covering the Tower Colliery and Treherbert branches with Cwmbargoed and Machen quarry being visited during the following day. Two morning HOBC wagon turning moves were: 66614 - 6Z87 06:23 Taunton Fairwater - Taunton Fairwater and 66620 - 6Z85 09:52 Taunton Fairwater - Taunton Fairwater, the later being reported as passing Bath at 11:52 heading for Westbury.

18/10 66551 passed Temple Meads at 06:16 on a 6Y27 Lydney - Newton Abbot Hackney yard rail train.

19/10 Recent arrival, ex..LM 150122 worked the 2E20 08:53 Weymouth - Gloucester First/GW service. During the early evening period, 66519 was noted held in East depot loop at 18:10 with empty stone wagons for Barrow Road.

20/10 On Barton Hill depot, 66079 had replaced 66175 on the Barton Hill water cannon. A interesting working during the morning involved 66172 running 0C49 02:49 Newport ADJ - Exeter (Riverside) yard light-engine to collect a single 'cripple' MBA wagon 500151 (which had been removed from a DBS scrap train some weeks back) returning as a 6B59 07:10 Exeter (Riverside) - Newport ADJ move passing Nailsea at 08:01.

21/10 66525 worked a 6Y27 05:55 Gloucester Signal 31 - Newton Abbot Hackney yard rail train being recorded in Temple Meads at 06:44. Following a HST set failure on the First/GW 1A12 07:40 Paignton - Paddington service, 142001 was used as cover from Exeter to Temple Meads where 150219 was added, the train being terminated at Swindon at 08:47 only 7 late !! The sets later returned as 5Z76 ECS to Exeter. A further Class 142 working later in the day was 142064 + 142029 working 5Z42 12:29 Exeter St. Davids - Newton Heath passing Bridgwater at 13:08, departing Temple Meads at 13:49 and passing Gloucester yard at 15:00. The motive power for a West Country rail tour over the following day converged on Bristol. 6024 King Edward I ran as 5Z60 08:40 Kidderminster (SVR) - Barton Hill (13:52) with support coach W35333 passing Ashchurch at 09:50 (12 late), Cheltenham 10:03 (15 late) and later following a reverse on the Newport Maindee triangle, passed Pilning at 13:07 (10 early). Meanwhile, 70013 Oliver Cromwell ran as 5Z70 09:00 Swanage - Barton Hill with support coach E14099 via Salisbury, Westbury and Bath. Later, 31106 was reported as departing at 22:26 northbound leading a test train, which was assumed part of a turning move as the train was actually booked to leave as 3Z33 23:32 Bristol Kingsland Road - Derby RTC (also see the notes below for 22/10 regarding this move).

22/10 Having departed the previous day (see the above notes for 21/10), 31106 on the return from South Wales was routed via Marshfield 09:08 (76

early), Chepstow, Gloucester and Bordersley (Birmingham). Later in the day, 66598 worked a 6Z85 HOBC wagon move unusually in reverse to the normal direction, via Westbury, Bath and Bristol. The loco then power a second 6Z85 09:50 turning move via the normal route through Bridgwater, Bristol, Bath and Westbury. Steam locos 6024 King Edward I + 70013 Oliver Cromwell were on hand to take over the Railway Touring Company 'Devonian' (1Z71 06:09 Poole - Plymouth and 1Z73 16:29 return) from 47760 at Temple Meads being later recorded passing Parsons Street at 10:19 (right time) and Bridgwater at 10:47 (5 early). The 1Z73 return departed Exeter at 18:11 (14 early), Taunton 18:44 (14 early) and Nailsea & Backwell 19:12, arriving in Temple Meads around 20 early. The days c/stock in use was as follows: E14099 + W35333 (both loco support), 4905, 1860, 99127, 99348, 3093, 99125, 99316, 99121, 99128, 9392. The Britannia Class loco 70013 was celebrating its 60th Anniversary on this outing. Barton Hill water cannon (3S59) reports for the day with locos 66175 + 66079 were through Patchway at 10:18 for the Avonmouth loop and passing Temple Meads at 12:11 for Weston-super-Mare.

23/10 This was the final Sunday of a week-end PW block at Dr. Days junction. 66175 + 66079 on the Barton Hill water cannon made an afternoon visit to Westbury passing Bristol East at 13:50 and returning at Hick's Gate, near Keynsham at 15:46.

24/10 A four day PW block in Cornwall saw Adjustments to the Arriva XC timetable as viaduct repair work took place in the Liskeard area. Some Berks & Hants HST diversions via Bristol were reported during the morning following the failure of 66086 on a 6W77 Truro - Westbury departmental at Athelney. Later in the day there were problems in Devon on the sea wall at Dawlish due to strong winds and a high tide which saw a ban on Voyager set movements from 16:00 - 19:30.

25/10 66079 + 66175 on the 3S59 Barton Hill water cannon was reported in Yatton loop at 08:00 and later passing Parson's Street at 08:29, off its normal diagram route. Later, 66598 worked 6Z29 07:16 Taunton Fairwater - St. Phillips Marsh departmental wagon move (for wheel turning) being reported through Bridgwater at 07:37, the loco then returning 0Z29 09:14 light back to Taunton. The day ended with an evening 'incident' at Dunball (north of Bridgwater) which was under police investigation.

26/10 31602 returned a 3Z35 Barton Hill - Crewe test train (being reported passing Cheltenham at 01:18 - 17 early). Later, the Barton Hill water cannon was noted 'off diagram' passing Lawrence Hill at 08:00 heading towards Temple Meads. Two engineering train reports for the day were: 66160 - 6W83 06:00 Tavistock junction - Westbury (via Temple Meads) formed of four Falcon wagons and noted passing Bath at 10:29 and 66177 - 7W81 04:00 Saltash - Westbury (noted Worle at 09:10) formed with Falcon wagons and crane 78226, which went forward behind 66053 the following day in the consist of the 7M50 Westbury - Bescot departmental. From around 11:30 - 13:45 the mainline was closed between Bridgwater and Weston-super-Mare following the discovery of a body on the line and a police investigation, two miles north of Bridgwater. There were some train diversions via Westbury along with road bus connections between Bridgwater, Highbridge and Weston-super-Mare.

27/10 A 6Z62 08:34 Plymouth (Tavistock yard) - Bescot downside additional freight working was headed by 66116 + 66126 (both of these two locos having seen use on St. Blazey water cannon duty) being noted passing Nailsea & Backwell at 11:36. DRS livered 66413, ran 0Y27 13:56 Stoke

Gifford - Newton Abbot Hackney yard light-engine (Nailsea 14:23) for a 6Y27 17:58 return rail train to Swindon (for Kemble) routed via Westbury. Newly named 150129 Devon & Cornwall Railway Partnership + 158769 worked the 2C67 09:00 Cardiff - Paignton First/GW service.

28/10 DRS liveried (but now a FLHH loco) 66413 worked a 6Z28 13:00 Swindon - Newton Abbot Hackney yard CWR train (Hullavington 14:57) was routed via Bath and Bristol instead of Westbury. Another FLHH report was 66598 with a 6Z86 14:52 part HOBC Taunton Fairwater - Taunton Fairwater turning move (via Temple Meads, Bath and Westbury) passing Uphill junction at 15:50 (and arriving back in Taunton at 18:29).

29/10 First/GW provided a HST set for a 'Green Pilgrims' Plymouth - Cheltenham and return football special conveying Argyle supporters, the team and the new club owners. The set was formed 43149 University of Plymouth + 41027 + 41028 + 40306 + 42040 + 42039 + 42348 + 42041 + 44013 + 43195. Recently reallocated, ex.LM 150216 was noted stabled at St. Phillips Marsh depot.

30/10 Sunday Arriva XC HST allocations (with intermediate stock) were as follows: 43207 XC02 43357 - 2C64 09:05 Plymouth - Newquay / 1S55 11:35 Newquay - Edinburgh. 43384 XC03 43301 - 1V56 08:50 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth / 1E75 18:23 Plymouth -Leeds. 43378 XC04 43321 - 1V48 09:00 Leeds - Plymouth / 1E63 15:23 Plymouth - York. 43304 XC05 43285 - 1V50 06:06 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth / 1E67 16:25 Plymouth - Leeds. Following problems with power car 43164 on the 1A12 07:40 Paignton - Paddington First/GW service, 142001 + 150234 + 153372 formed a special Exeter St. Davids - Bath working routed via Taunton and Westbury.

31/10 Pathfinder Tour's 'Majestic Snowdon' (Bristol - Holyhead) was worked each way by 67030 the return trip arriving in Temple Meads at 23:25. 66614 was booked off Temple Meads at 11:10 on 6Z85 09:52 Taunton Fairwater - Taunton Fairwater HOBC wagon turning move, the working being reported through Bridgwater at 10:24 (12 late).

First/GW dmu set 150130 was named Severnside Community Rail Partnership on an unspecified date during October in Bristol in the presence of Severnside Community Rail Partnership officer Heather Gullimore, Chairman Keith Walton, Steve Taylor from First/GW and secretary Antonia Parer-Jones.

Cardiff

23/09 Arriva 57316 was stabled at Cardiff Canton depot (also being recorded here on 24/09, 26/09, 06/10, 12/10 and 13/10).

24/09 GBRf 66711 was noted stabled in Pengam yard on scrap wagons at 11:40 off a 6F31 Exeter working. 66607 was also recorded as stabled in Central station light-engine.

28/09 66607 was again reported as at Central station, whilst the Margam water cannon put in an appearance at 10:28 top n'tailed with 66077 + 66065 (with wagons 642020 + 642001). At Cardiff Canton the following were visible from a couple of vantage points: 08499. 37308. 50044. 50049. 50135,

02/10 66507, which had brought in a 6Z11 Killoch - Margam loaded coal stabled at Pengam overnight before returning the 4Z97 empties onwards to Stoke Gifford.

15/10 66610 was stabled light-engine in Central station.

21/10 66075 + 66152 + 66091 + 66147 passed Central station on an early afternoon 0Z98 Magam - Bescot light loco move.

20/10 66525 passed Cardiff Central at 04:04 (77 early) on a 6Y40 05:12 Cogan junction - Westbury yard (due 07:47) 10 HQA autoballaster move.
23/10 60065 was reported as passing Pontyclun at 11:23 on a 6H25 Llanwern steel trip working.
28/10 66952 passed Duffryn at 16:00 on 4Z98 Margam Grange sidings - Crewe Basford Hall yard (via Gloucester) coal empties.

Exeter

17/09 An unusual steam combination recorded here was GWR 5029 Nunney Castle + LNER A4 4492 Dominion of Canada (alias 60019 Bittern) on the Railway Touring Company 'Mayflower' (1Z37 06:52 Euston - Plymouth and 1Z47 16:11 return). Having been located on the WSR, the Castle was attached (and removed on the return) at Taunton, the train having arrived here at 10:25 (3 early) and departing at 11:01 (3 late) and later recorded departing here at 18:43 (5 early) for the return to London. The train's c/stock formation was listed as: 17013 (loco support), 99127, 3093, 99316, 3148, 99121, 99348, 1860, 4973, 5035, 99723.
29/10 67027 + 67030 top n'tailed UK Railtour's 'Dartmoor & The North Devon Line' outing (1Z82 08:02 Waterloo - Okehampton and 1Z83 16:50 return) ran out and back via the former LSWR Yeovil junction route. The trip was believed to be a first time visit for Class 67 locos to Okehampton. Problems were encountered on the return with the removal of a defective coach (3069) to Exeter Riverside yard from Exeter St. Davids, leaving here at 19:14 (158 late), however the late running was reported as reduced to 70 minutes late on departing Yeovil junction at 20:23.

Gloucester

24/09 Newly delivered DMU set 172213 was noted in Gloucester station on a test working during the day.
02/10 A 3 hour late running 6Y12 08:40 Cheltenham - Westbury (via Stroud and Kemble) with 66613 was routed via a loco run-round at Worcester and Swindon.
03/10 60007 powered the 6V05 Round Oak - Margam steel service through Cheltenham at 11:05. A 6Z17 12:20 Long Marston - Didcot wagon move with 66188 passed near Ashchurch at 14:40 formed with a single TDA wagon.
05/10 Another new DMU set 172214 was reported passing Cheltenham heading for Gloucester at 14:45 and returning through the same location at 15:12.
07/10 60007 put in a repeat performance on the 6V05 Round Oak - Margam steel.
08/10 GBRf 66711 passed Cheltenham at 16:38 on 6Z30 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal loaded scrap.
09/10 The day's engineering train activity in the area was as follows:
66554 - 6Y27 10:30 Gloucester signal 31 - Newton Abbot Hackney yard (rail train) via Kemble and Swindon (the loco later returning 0Y27 light-engine to Stoke Gifford). 66509 - 6Y25 10:30 Lydney - Westbury yard (cwr train) via Swindon. 66623 - 6Y12 09:20 Cheltenham - Westbury MLAs via Worcester and Swindon (both with loco run-round). 66620 + 66606 top n'tailing 6Y11 - 08:30 Gloucester New yard - Taunton Fairwater (via Bristol TM).
12/10 New unit 172212 was recorded passing Cheltenham at 14:16 heading towards Gloucester on an empty test train.
14/10 66068 was on the 6B36 07:32 Didcot - Ashchurch MoD trip formed of only two wagons.
16/10 66623 worked a 6Y12 09:00 Cheltenham - Westbury departmental formed

of MHA and MTA wagons loaded with spoil. The train, routed via Kemble was noted arriving in Swindon at 12:47.

18/10 DRS livered 66152 powered the 6V05 Round Oak - Margam empty steel passing Ashchurch at 11:15.

19/10 66088 worked the 6V72 23:34 (Thur) Liverpool EMR - Swindon Cocklebury

Yard scrap empties.

24/10 37601 + 37604 top n'tailed a 1Q13 Derby RTC - Swindon test train through Kemble at 16:11. Later, GBRf 66729 on the 6Z97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal loaded scrap passed Cheltenham at 20:08.

25/10 DRS livered 66097 passed Cheltenham 18:12 on a 4Z93 13:44 Milford sidings - Margam yard empty coal HTAs.

28/10 66057 headed the 6V72 Liverpool - Swindon scrap empties.

29/10 66716 worked 6Z97 loaded scrap to Cardiff Tidal sidings through Cheltenham at 18:27.

Newport

16/09 70011 passed East Usk at 14:50 light-engine heading towards the Severn Tunnel and Stoke Gifford.

17/09 A 0X16 11:20 Margam - Westbury (14:45) light-engine move was noted formed; 66092 + 66167 + 66134 + 66174 + 66121 + 66145 when noted passing East Usk at 13:20.

18/09 70011 passed East Usk at 17:58 with 4Z98 16:11 Margam (Grange sidings) - Stoke Gifford coal empties.

19/09 66711 was on the evening 6Z97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal sidings loaded scrap train.

22/09 Bio-mass trials took place on the Uskmouth P.S. branch with GBRf duo 66732 + 66721 top n'tailing three wagons (two IIAs fitted with auto lid covers and one open coal wagon). The train had arrived as 6V37 ex. Doncaster and returned the following day at 10:00 for Peterborough. A new bio-mass import flow via Newport docks is believed to be under consideration linked to this trial.

27/09 66126 was on a morning 4L36 Aberthaw - Ripple Lane empty HTA coal train.

28/09 66711 passed during the morning on a delayed 6Z97 13:43 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal loaded scrap train whilst later 60091 passed down light-engine at 13:55.

30/09 The 6Z97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal scrap service was headed by 66711.

01/10 A Pathfinder Tour's South Wales freight line trip 'the Coal Grinder' featuring DRS Class 37s and a Class 66/4 loco was put back to March 2011 due to route availability.

03/10 50049 + 50044 passed East Usk at 10:55 heading light for the Severn Valley Railway at Kidderminster.

06/10 66053 + 60096 passed Newport at 17:42 on an unidentified up freight service.

08/10 70009 was on the 4V64 (SO) Crewe Basford Hall yard - Wentlooge loaded containers via the Marches.

09/10 60007 worked the 11:08 Margam - Dee Marsh and 16:05 return steel services.

15/10 66168 + 66061 passed Newport at 11:50 (100 early) as 0X16 12:30 Margam - Eastleigh light locos, being followed at 11:55 by a second light engine Westbury / Eastleigh move (0012) formed 66100 + 66129 + 66197. Later, 66729 passed Newport at 19:38 on 6Z97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal

loaded scrap.

18/10 66620 + 66605 + 66614 passed East Usk at 10:40 on a single wagon Stoke Gifford - Crewe Basford Hall yard move. Later, 70003 arrived at 11:35 in East Usk yard with 4F56 10:40 Uskmouth P.S. - Stoke Gifford coal empties and in the process of running round ran light-engine to Newport station, assumed for a crew change. 66520 later turned up on the 6F90, the second coal arrival from Portbury for Uskmouth during the day.

22/10 70005 passed Newport at 06:15 on 6Z97 coal empties to Pengam sidings.

25/10 DBS livered 66152 worked the 6V69 (TO) Bescot - Newport ADJ freight service.

28/10 66170 was on the morning Llanwern - Birdport loaded steel trip, 70005 arrived in East Usk at 11:43 on 4F56 empties from Uskmouth- Stoke Gifford, whilst latter 66506 arrived at 12:20 on the 6F90 120:50 Portbury - Uskmouth loaded coal, the return empties of which departed as a 4M04 direct move to Crewe Basford Hall yard, instead of returning to Stoke Gifford.

Portbury Branchline

17/10 DBS restarted their 6B69 15:00 loaded coal departure to Aberthaw P.S. (and inward 4C70 empties ex. Aberthaw /Avonmouth), 66050 handling the day's train, again being noted on 19/10 and 20/10, with 66151 appearing on 25/10 and 27/10.

20/10 FLHH 66554 was unusually 'hired' to DBS to work the 6V51 03:05 Warrington - Portbury car empties arriving in the dock's area at 09:33. The loaded return 6X52, again with the same loco was recorded passing Ashton junction near to time at 17:55.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included: 66050/151. 66506/520/525/957. 70003/005/011.

Westbury

27/09 59205 arrived over night at St. Blazey on a 6Z50 autoballaster (10) working from Westbury. Two recorded water cannon visits during the day were: 67020 + 67027 top n'tailing 3J41 Didcot - Westbury (departing at 18:29) with wagons 642034 + 642046 and 66006 + 66199 top n'tailing 3S13 return 08:45 Westbury - St. Blazey with wagons 642017 + 642043. The latter working visits Crediton from Exeter (as required) and Salisbury on an out and back from Westbury during the morning run.

28/09 A loco change had already taken place on the 3J41 water cannon, with 67025 taking over from 67027.

30/09 37601 + 37611 top n'tailed a out and back 1Q13 Didcot - Derby RTC test train via Westbury with a reverse in Exeter (Riverside) yard.

14/10 A 'Winchester & Southampton Luncheon trip' (1Z91 10:40 Winchester - Southampton Parkway via Melksham) Northern Belle dining special was top n'tailed with 67003 + 67030. The working was recorded as passing Chippenham at 12:47 (1 late) and Swindon 13:08 (3 late) on the outward journey.

15/10 Locos present during the day included: down yard: 09737. 59002/205. station area: 66128. up yard: 59001/004/206. 66053/100/129/197.

18/10 66109 failed between Southampton and Romsey on the 6V62 Eastleigh - Plymouth (Tavistock yard) loaded fuel tanks (via Bristol). Having been reported as passing Redbridge at 11:37 (6 late), the train was later noted passing Dean at 13:35 (105 late) and Salisbury at 13:50 (107 late) with

rescue loco 66182 hauling 66109 and train. 66182 had run 1Z99 light from Eastleigh via Chandler's Ford to assist, 66109 being later left at Westbury, before departure from Bristol was substantially late with a load of 28 tanks.

21/10 60039 worked a 6Z17 10:57 Whatley Quarry - Hayes loaded stone formed of 19 JGA wagons. The 3J41 Didcot water cannon was noted top n'tailed with 67007 + 67008.

22/10 60039 was present along with other locos stabled during the afternoon.

26/10 59204 made a second rare sub class Cornish visit on a 6Z62 10:15 Westbury - St. Blazey additional fuel tank train. The loco returned as a 0Z59 light-engine move.

28/10 66508 was a morning arrival on the 6V20 20:54 (Thur) Hope (Earles sidings) - Westbury (06:05) loaded cement.

29/10 At 15:00 the following were present in the yard areas: 08737. 66103/115. 59001/202/206.

LOCAL LOCO HAULED PASSENGER SERVICES

1V31 / 1W91 05:32 Holyhead - Cardiff Central / 16:15 return 'Wag Express'
19/09 57313. 20/09 57313 (1V31) / 57316 (1W91). 21/09 57316. 22/09 57316 (1V31) / 57313 (1W91). 23/09 57313 (1V31). 26/04 57313 (1V31). 27/09 57313. 28/09 57313 (1V31) / 57316 (1W91). 29/09 57316 (1V31) / 57313 (1W91). 06/10 57315. 12/10 57315. 13/10 57315. 24-26/10 57315. 28/10 57316. C/Stock formations recorded in use: 9521, 5976, 6183, 10249 (28/09). 9539, 5965, 6183, 10259 (06/10). 9521, 5965, 6183, 10259 (24/10),

LOCAL FREIGHTLINER WORKINGS

4V51 / 4051 Southampton Millbrook - Wentlooge containers

19/09 70001. 20/09 66534. 21/09 66587. 22/09 66587. 24/09 66542. 27/09 66587. 28/09 66572. 01/10 66589. 03/10 70007. 06/10 70007. 08/10 66956. 10/10 70007. 12/10 66564. 14/10 70009. 15/10 66504. 17/10 70007. 18/10 66517. 19/10 66572. 20/10 66566. 24/10 70009 + 66543. 25/10 66501. 26/10 70007. 27/10 66533. 28/10 66539. 31/10 70009.

4V50 / 4087 Southampton Maritime - Wentlooge containers

17/09 66537. 22/09 66541. 24/09 66541. 27/09 66572. 28/09 66588. 29/09 66558. 30/09 66412. 04/10 66534. 06/10 66556. 08/10 70007. 12/10 66535. 18/10 66412. 19/10 70009 + 66570. 22/10 66535. 24/10 66535. 25/10 66535.

6F65 04:55 Portbury - Uskmouth (Fifoots) P.S. loaded coal

19/09 66957. 20/09 70011. 23/09 70011. 24/09 70011. 26-28/09 70011. 29/09 70005. 30/09 70005. 04/10 70005. 07/10 70005. 15/10 66506. 17/10 66506. 18/10 66520. 19/10 66525. 20/10 66506. 24/10 66506. 25/10 70005. 26/10 70005. 27/10 70005. 28/10 70005. 28/10 70005. 29/06 66506.

6F90 10:50 Portbury - Uskmouth (Fifoots) P.S. loaded coal

19/09 70011. 20/09 66957. 23/09 66957. 24/09 66957. 17/10 70003. 18/10 70003. 20/10 70003. 22/10 70005. 24/10 70005. 25/10 66506. 26/10 66506. 28/10 66506.

6A21 Pengam - Theale loaded stone

17/09 66598. 24/09 66623.

6M36 12:10 Westbury 'la Farge'-Hope (Earles sidings) cement empties (MFO)
23/09 66619. 03/10 66619. 14/10 66596.

The Container Count - Bristol West (Railport)

The following locos have been recorded with head codes listed where known:

17/09 66537 (4V34). 21/09 66425. 22/09 66543. 24/09 66533 (4V34).
26/09 66425. 27/09 66532 (4O24), 28/09 66532, 01/10 66533. 03/10 66590.
04/10 66590 (4O24) 08/10 66590. 06/10 66592 (4L32) 12/10 66511. 13/10
66511. 15/10 66593 (4V34). 16/10 66593. 17/10 66537. 18/10 66503 (4O24).
19/10 66503 (4L32). 20/10 66503 (4L32). 22/10 66504 (4L32). 23/10 66412
(4V34). 24/10 66412 (4L30), 66504. 25/10 66504. 27/10 66541 (4L32). 29/10
66543 (4V34). 31/10 66543 (4L30). 66588 (4L32).

Train notes: Arrivals - 4V34 04:45 ex. Felixstowe (SO). Departures: 4L30
10:00 (MO) - Felixstowe. 4L32 11:00 - Tilbury. 4O24 11:00 - Grain
(Thamesport).

LOCAL DBS WORKINGS

6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh loaded fuel tanks

19-24/09 60071. 29/09 60007. 06/10 60071. 08/10 60071. 10/10 60071.
13/10 60071. 17-21/10 60071. 27/10 60007. 26-29/10 60007. 31/10 60007.

6E41 Westerleigh - Lindsey fuel tank empties

19/09 60010. 22/09 60065. 29/09 60015. 01/10 60065. 10/10 60099.
13/10 60099. 17/10 60099. 18/10 60099. 20/10 60099. 24/10 60099.
25/10 66168 + 60099. 27/10 60054. 29/10 60065. 31/10 60024.

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

23/09 66126. 04/10 66119. 18/10 66172. 21/10 66192. 25/10 66018. 28/10
66018.

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

17/09 66192. 20/09 66093. 22/09 60007. 24/09 60007. 01/10 60071. 04/10
60007. 06/10 60007. 08/10 60007. 11/10 60007. 15/10 60007. 22/10 60007.
25/10 60007. 27/10 60071. 29/10 * 60071.

Note: Loco failed prior to departure.

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

20/09 66188. 27/09 66188. 04/10 66135. 11/10 66169. 18/10* 66182.
25/10 66068.

Note: * Train started with 66109 but failed before reaching the Bristol
area.

**6V51 Warrington - Portbury docks (via Newport ADJ) steel and empty car
carriers (TThO) 6X52 return loaded vehicles to Mossend.**

22/09 66164. 29/09 66113 (6X52). 04/10 66017. 06/10 66184. 13/10 66127.
18/10 66188. 20/10 66554*. 25/10 66151.

6B35 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties

21/09 66102. 26/09 66037. 05/10 66201. 10/10 66060.

**6A83 / 7C83* Machen quarry - West Drayton ARC loaded stone * Westbury /
Appleford. ** Ardingley..**

20/09 59205. 22/09* 59205. 30/09 66020. 03/10 ** 59203. 06/10 59201.

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

01/10 66115. 08/10 66076. 15/10 66160. 22/10 66094. 29/10 66076.
6C39 St. Blazey - Newport ADJ freight (ThO) 22/09 66097.
29/09 66160. 06/10 66168. 13/10 66015. 20/10 66069. 27/10 66152.
6C99 22:42 Stoke Gifford - St. Blazey freight (TO) 05/09
66090. 04/10 66168. 11/10 66015. 18/10 66069. 25/10 66152.

6A29 Wentlooge - Didcot wagon load freight

30/09 66145 25/10 60039.

LOCAL COLAS WORKINGS

6078 / 6Z78 * Margam / Llanwern - Dolland's Moor export steel

22/09 66745. 214/09 66745. 29/09 66742. 03/10 66742, 04/10 66745. 10/10
66742. 11/10 66745. 13/10 66744. 18/10 66744. 20/10 66847. 23/10 66847,
25/10 66847. 27/10* 66847. 31/10 66847,
6V78 / 6Z78 * Dolland's Moor - Llanwern / Margam steel 01/10
66742. 04/10 66745. 15/10 66745. 17/10* 66745. 22/10 66847. 25/10 66744.
27/10 66847.

LOCAL GBRF WORKINGS

6F30 / 6F31 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Exeter (Alphington Road) scrap empties / loaded scrap.

22/09 66711. 27/09 66711. 29/09 66711. 04/10 66711. 06/10 66711. 13/10
66729. 20/10 66729. 25/10 66729. 27/10 66729.

LOCAL DRS WORKINGS

6V73 / 6M56 Crewe coal sidings - CEGB Berkeley nuclear flasks

17/10 37604 + 37606. 20/10 20308 + 37606.

6V74 / 6M67 Crewe coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks

21/09 37038 + 37069. 23/09 37229 + 37682. 28/09 37059 + 37069.
07/10 37218 + 37608. 12/10 20309 + 37603. 19/10 66421 + 66424.
26/10 66301 + 66422. 28/10 20309 + 37608.

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