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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.
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.

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@yahooogroups.com the more members who join and contribute will help all members of the society.

Notes & News

Cardiff (Celsa Steelworks)

25/09 08925/934. 66711

Severn Beach Line

Weekday observation of the stock used on this line, during daylight hours, has revealed that the norm appears to be 1 x Cl143 and 1 x Cl150. There have been occasions where only one unit type has been used. On 13/9/11 - 150129 + 143612 ran as a pair all-day with the Cl150 out of use and 150248 was the other unit on the circuit.

143603/611/618/619/620/621

150108/120/121/126/128/130/131/219/234/238/239/243/244/247/249/265

With engineering works taking place on the mainline during weekends between Lawrence Hill - Stapleton Road, overnight of the 18-19/9/11 no less than 4 "Civils" trains were heard heading towards Clifton Down with a report that 8 Cl66s were in the Clifton area at 05:00.

Parkway

01/09 Stabled in the yard at the head of a rake of empty mgrs was DRS loco 66301, only other loco seen was 66143 with the Didcot bound freight from Newport.

05/09 Freightliner locos seen this evening were 66596 in the yard, 66599 on empty mgrs in the yard and 66614 arriving with more empties for overnight stabling. The Newport ADJ - Didcot freight was worked by 66133.

12/09 66598 noted on a rake of empty mgrs in the yard, also present was 66522. The Newport ADJ - Didcot was worked by newly DBS liveried 66097.

15/09 66957 was present in the yard at the head of empty mgrs and 66165 passed through with the Didcot bound freight from Newport ADJ.

19/09 66504 seen Southampton bound with a "Liner" service from Wentloog circa 19:30 also seen was 70011 arriving with empty mgrs from South Wales direction.

22/09 66623 seen at the head of a stone train stabled in the yard and the Newport ADJ - Didcot freight passed through with 66161 at the head.

26/09 70011 noted stabled in the yard, the only other yard based action was 66554 shunting a rake of stone wagons from the down loop into the yard for overnight recess.

Units etc

XC PC: 43207/285/301/303/304/321/357/366/378/384

150123/126/128/129/130/219/221/235/244/246/248/249/261

158763/882

220001/004/007/010/011/013/016/017/018/022/023/024/028/029/031
221128/130/135/131

Stock Alterations

Locomotives

Transfers

66026/028/032/036/042/045/049/052/072/073 (TO)~AZ, 66146/153/157/159,
66163/166/173/178 (TO)-PN, 66179 (TO)-AZ, 66180/189 (TO)-PN, 66190/195,
66202/203/205/208/209/210/211/212/214/215/216/217/219 (TO)~AZ,
66220 (TO)-PN, 66222/223/224/225/226 (TO)-AZ, 66227 (TO)-PN, 66228/229,
66231/233/234/235/236 (TO)-AZ, 66237 (TO)-PN, 66239/240/241/242/243,
66244/246/247 (TO)-AZ, 66248 (TO)-PN, 66419/420 (KM)-FD, 73119 -SE.

DFHG - 66419/420 -FD

AZ = Alizay (France) PN = Poznam (Poland)

Stored

BU: 08389/918/954/892. CD: 56091/115/117. CE: 92012/022. CG:
66414/415/416/417/418. CO: 92006/014/018/020/021/023/033/040. DC: 08405.
HQ: 56303. Hope (LaFarge): 08905.
08605 -TO, 09018 -Old Dalby, 47828 -KM, 59202. 60054. 66019/022/038,
66038/062/064/123/218 -TO, 90026. 67021. 92003/009/036/042 -CE.

Disposals

Booth: 09024

Thomson: 56095

Transfesa - 58015/020/024/029/030/031/041/043/047

CB Rail - 66411/541/413

Renumbered

Europort: 9106 - 9716, 9112 - 9722

Diesel Multiple Units

Transfers

150104 (TS)-PM, 110/111/113/114 (TS)-NH, 202 (TS)-PM,
150210/214/226 (TS)-NH, 280 (CF)-NC, 282 (CF)-NH
156497/498 (NH) -DY

Stored

150209* (57209 + 57212) @ZG

Traffic

172212-221/332/333/336-345 -TS

New Stock

172214/217/219/220/221/335/336 -HQ

Formations

Disbanded:150003/005/010/011/013/014/016/017

Formed: 150103/105/110/111/113/114/116/117/204/209*/226

Electric Multiple Units**Transfers**

322481/484/485 (GW) -NL

Stored

460008 -SL

Traffic

380001-022, 101-116 -GW

New Stock

378255/256 - NG

Coaching & NPCC Stock**Transfers**

1211 -CP

Stored

SZ: 5943/78/83. 6009/12/21/29/50. 6175/79.ZB: 10241

Traffic

10223 -NC

Withdrawn

975494/573/574/611/612/613

Disposals

Sims: 975494/573/612

Thomson: 5480

Raxstar: 6153

West Coast: 1258. 5737/40/45. 5888. 5900/03/43/48. 6009/12/21/29/50/73.
6175/79. 9489.

Mid Norfolk: 5908/60. 6016. 6136. 9538. 9713.

Grand Central: 12165

MISCELLANEOUS**Plymouth**

04/10 First/GW DMU set 150129 was named 'Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership at Plymouth station, using a white vinyl sticker with black lettering, prior to working 2G74 10:56 Plymouth - Gunnislake and 2P85 11:45 return local services.

Margam

26/10 MG Demolition: The following withdrawn c/stock were present:
80371/400/439. 94404/407.

Sudbrook

03/09 The pumping station was opened by Network Rail for the first time between 11:00 - 17:00 Network Rail to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Severn Tunnel opening. The Victorian pump house, which nowadays is the control centre for operations and maintenance of the tunnel, was built to remove spring water from the rail link and has just seen major improvement work completed.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford 23/09/11

R.W.Giles

Narrow gauge: No.4 Bella (AK68/03) was in use on passenger duty with No.3 (AK17/85) 'on shed'.

Swanage Railway 24/09/11

R.W.Giles

During a train journey over the line the following locos, DMUs and EMUs were recorded: Swanage station: Ex. BR diesel: D6515. 33103 Swordfish. Ex.BR steam: 80104 (in use with c/stock: S4981, S4349, S35059, S24127, S4983). Dmu set: M51933 + M54504 (in use). Loco shed / turntable: Ex.BR diesel: 08436. Ex.GWR steam: 6695. 'Old' Carriage sidings: Ex. SR steam: (300)53. 34028 Eddystone. Dmu: W55028. Harman's Cross: Dmu cars: W59486. W51346 + W51388 (the latter two both assumed being located behind hauled carriage stock). Corfe Castle: Ex.BR diesel: 33111. emu set: 1498 (S76773 + S62411 + (S76044). Norden: (May - JF 4210132/57) - under overhaul.

Notes: Two locos not seen, but reported as undergoing overhaul / restoration in Herston works: 34053 Sir Keith Pile and 34072 257 Squadron, the tender of the latter being noted in a restored condition near Herston Halt where a two road carriage shed is being built.

The line's other Bullied, 34070 Manston was away on the WSR.

Some c/stock notes:

Swanage: Wessex Belle dining train formation: (bay platform) - S35464, S4055, S3090, S4803, S1937. static catering coaches: The Birds Nest buffet: S1947 with E87929 as a support and stores van. Reported as being inside the goods shed (not seen): S4365.

Corfe Castle: front of goods shed: S13S, (S2464), 5781 - Churchill museum train.

Norden: static catering coach: The Norden Nest: S1865.

West Somerset Railway 15/10/11

R.W.Giles

A brief visit to Williton at 12:20 found D6566 occupying the up platform on a 10 wagon works train, as Ex.GWR steam 4160 arrived with a Minehead bound dining special. The loco shed was viewed and the following recorded: Ex.BR diesels: D1035. D7017. D1661. D2205. 03119. Industrial: MSC DH16 (S10175/64). Ex.GWR steam: 6960 Raveningham Hall was undergoing light-engine steam testing at the Watchet end of the carriage restoration shed.

Avon Valley Railway

09/10/11

During 'local services day' Ex.GWR 1369 and industrial tank loco Jessie

were in use during the day on passenger services.

11/10/11 45379 having arrived six days earlier, worked its first passenger train the 19:00 departure from Bitton. The loco has historical connections with the line being purchased by a group of volunteers from Barry for the then Bristol Suburban Railway at Bitton in 1974. The tender was completely overhauled and substantial work undertaken on the loco itself before a decision was made to sell the loco in 1994 to the GCR at Ruddington arriving here in 1997. However, after only minor work a further sale move took place in 2002 to the Mid Hants where a return to working order was completed in March 2010.

15/10 + 16/10 'Two day End of Season Gala' R.W.Giles

During the second day, locos 1369 (see the October 2011 Magazine cover - from the South Devon Railway), 45379 (from the Mid Hants), Jessie (from Llangollen) and the AVR's own RSH 7151 (standing in for the failed Polish tank 4015 Karel) were all in use on a mixture of mainline and local passenger and freight trains with some double-heading. The weekend with the usual complex gala timetabling, was reported to have been a big success, although damage was sustained to a point which affected services on the first day. Of the line's other locos and stock, most were located in the main yard with (Edwin Hulse - AE 1798/18) located in the former goods shed / workshop under overhaul. dmu set: Sc52006 + Sc52025 was stabled in the 'up siding', which was the home of former LMS '4F' 44123 (next to the foot crossing) for many years, this loco now resides in the main yard.

Gloucester & Warwickshire Railway 30/10/11 R.W.Giles

A visit to travel the more recently re-opened northern section of the line recorded the following locos/dmus: in use: W55003 working Toddington - Hailes Halt - Toddington - Laverton - Toddington shuttles (note - no alighting was possible at Hailes or Laverton).

Toddington station car - park: Broad gauge replica: Iron Duke + tender.

Station area: dmu sets: W51339 + W51382. W51363 + W59515 + W51405. (W51365) + (W51407).

Loco shed area (view only): 37215/324. 45149. 47105/376. DMU set: W52026 + W51956. near loco shed road gate: cab from steam loco 35006. 2ft narrow gauge loco (North Glos Rly Co.): 1091 (Hen 15968/18).

Siding north of Toddington station: loco wheels + underframe: 76077 (assumed).

Road Movements

02/10 West Somerset Railway: GWR 5542 departed Bishop's Lydeard at 16:50 by road low loader for the South Devon Railway.

05/10 Avon Valley Railway: LMS 45379 arrived on a 4.5 hour road journey from the Mid Hants Railway for the line's forthcoming end of season two day gala. The loco returned home to the Mid Hants line on 25/10 this being the loco's first visit to another preserved railway since restoration was completed at Ropley works.

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

22/09 DR73903 in use with staff training - Westerleigh yard. DR73931 passing Parkway station.

24/09 DR73110 - Bristol Kingsland Road.
28/09 DR73905 - Cardiff Central. Bristol Dr. Day's junction - road/rail machines: 5015/206/218 with another unidentified. support trailers: 181. RT205 (011140-6). RT224 (011141-7) fitted with two seats.
05/10 Road/rail machines: 6213 (943028-9). 6214. support trailers: RT224/278 - Lawrence Hill. Road/rail machines: 5015/036/206/512. 6504 with another unidentified D41P - Dr. Day's junction, Bristol area.
06/10 DR73108 - Taunton stn. DR73905 - Westbury.
09/10 Road/rail machines: 112 (940717-0). FR612 Readypower. TRS1001 (940495-3) Total Rail Solutions. 2297 (?) brand new excavator. (911276-2). (911278-8) both Belfour Beatty. support trailers (both out of use, missing wheels): (040044-8). (040047-1). cabs only carrying number: 436. 439. dumped panel carrying number: 6687 Hydrex. - Requote Depot, Bishop's Lydeard, near Taunton (view from outside perimeter fence).
10/10 Road/rail machines Hydrex: 5015/206/218/221/512/518. 6213/214/504 with another unidentified PC138US and excavator. Support trailers: RT278 with another unidentified - Dr. Day's junction area, Bristol.
15/10 DR73935 - Severn Tunnel junction. Road/rail machines Readypower: FR670 (940143-9). Support trailer: FR737 (010006-3) - Cardiff Central stn (close to signal box).
23/10 MPV DR98907 + DR98977 - Weymouth stn departing at 10:58.
25/10 80206 - Taunton Fairwater yard. DR73108/935 - Bristol Kingsland Road.
28/10 MPV DR93914 + DR93904 - Yeovil junction (arr at 11:30).
29/10 DR73115/931. DR77903 - Bovis sidings, Westbury.

TRIP REPORTS

Turbo Trilogy

"Tricky"

17/11/11

Stourbridge Junction 13:00-18:45

139001/002.

150001.

153354.

172216/332/333/336/338/339/340/342/345

en-route

172212/213/214/218/341/344.

WMT: 07/14

Birmingham Moor Street

GWR 2885.

67015.

165022/027.

168003/215/216/217.

172217/219/220/343

Birmingham Snow Hill

165013.

168005/112/113.

172215/221/337.

WMT: 03/04/05/08/09/10/13/15/16

15/12/11

Stourbridge Junction 12:45-18:15

139002.

150105.

153366.

170631.

172211/212/213/214/215/216/217/219/220/221

172331/332/334/335/338/339/340/341/342/343/344/345.

26/1/12

Stourbridge Junction 12:45-18:15

66017/109.

139001/002.

153365.

170635.

172211/213/214/215/216/217/218/220/221/222.

172331/333/334/335/336/337/338/339/340/341/342/343/344/345.

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