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Front Cover Photo May 2012 Issue 483: 37219 and 37216 with 73128 on the rear power away from Furnace Sidings station on 15/10/11. [Chris Weeks]

FUTURE EVENTS

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

East & West Sussex

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

Notes & News

The notes and news section of this magazine along with the LSA were the last submissions from Rick King. I have not edited them apart from some minor formatting and present them in the form that he submitted them.

Cardiff (Celsa Steelworks)

30/01 08934 66705 DH50-2

Severn Beach Line

All services seen bar one (158) were sprinter operated, including a couple of 3 car formations in the morning, 153 attached, full list of those seen below.

150101/104/120/122/123/126/127/129/131
150216/233/239/244/246/248/263/266
153370/382
158763

Parkway

09/01 66506 noted in the yard with a rake of empty mgr, only moving loco was 66109 with Didcot freight service from Newport ADJ.

12/01 No Freightliner locos this evening, only loco seen was 66011 with the Newport ADJ - Didcot service plus a cameo by the NR HST set using power cars 43013/062.

16/01 MGR service this evening saw 66059 work an empty rake to Avonmouth the "action" being completed by 66095 with the Didcot service from south Wales.

19/01 66059 seen again, this time with a loaded mgr bound for Didcot PS, 66089 working the Didcot freight plus 66598 arriving light engine and proceeding to the yard for stabling.

23/01 66416 observed stabled in the yard, 66069 headed for Avonmouth with

empty mgr from Didcot PS closing with 66089 on the freight service from south Wales.

30/01 Just 66007 seen this evening with the Didcot bound freight. There was also an unexpected appearance of a 143 unit working a Gloucester - Bristol service, unit being 143620.

Units

150101/120/122/124/129/221/234/246/261
153370
158766
220001/002/008/009/010/017/020/022/024/027/032/033
221122/123/126/127/129/132/135/138/139

Cardiff - Steelworks

Various: Passing the site during February during daylight hours has only seen the new shunting locos DH50-1 & DH50-2 present along with 08934.

Bristol

Severn Beach Line

Observations during February has seen the usual 3 car formation in the morning (150 + 153), neither of the 3 car 150s have been seen, but one morning 158.961 put in an extra trip only non sprinter working seen. Units recorded below;

150102/104/108/120/121/122/123/124/126/130/131
150216/234/238/239/243/244/246/247/249/266
153305/329/361

Parkway

02/02 5 locos seen this evening, 66527/530/604 Stabled or moving around the yard and on the mainline, 66069 loaded mgr for Didcot and 66112 with the Didcot freight.

13/02 Tonight saw 66957 stabled in the yard, 66098 with empty mgr for Avonmouth and 66070 with the Newport ADJ- Didcot service. Also there was a XC HST working with power cars 43304/366.

16/02 Quiet night with just 66622 in the yard and 661.02 working Didcot freight service front Newport.

20/02 Bonanza evening, 70016 seen departing from the yard with empty MGR for Portbury followed by 66507. Arriving was 66507 with empty MGR for overnight stabling and also visible in the yard prior to the shunt was 70014. Newport ADJ - Didcot freight loco this evening was 66154.

Units

C1150: 106/108/127(3)/128/129/130/216/232/239/243/247/248/261
C1158: 766
C1220: 001/003/005/006/007/011/012/016/018/021/025/031/034
C1221: 121/128/129/130/137/140/141

Notes & News

Cardiff (Steelworks)

Only sightings passing these premises have been shunting locos, DH50 1 and DH50-2

Bristol

Severn Beach Line

Only sprinters of the 150/1 and 150/2 have been seen this month and the odd C1153 if not detached and does an extra turn. The Sunday service has seen a 3-car unit 150:121, other units seen shown below:

C1150/1: 104/108/123/124/126/128/129

C1150/2: 216/219/221/232/234/243/247/249/263/265/266

C1153: 370

Parkway

01/03 3 loco seen this evening, 66172 working loaded coal from Avonmouth - Didcot PS, 70005 arrived with MGR empties for the yard and finally 66167 with the Didcot freight.

5/3/12: Tonight saw 66415 at the head of empty MGRs destined for Portbury, 66098 with MGR empties for Avonmouth and the Didcot freight was worked by 66030.

8/3/12: Only one loco seen this evening, 66160 with the Newport ADJ - Didcot freight. The NR HST also seen using power cars 43013/062.

Units

C1150: 104/126/128/216/244/248/261/266

C1220: 002/005/016/018/019/020/021/024/025/026/031

C1221: 124/126/134/139

Stock Alterations

Locomotives

Transfers

08428 -Margam, 08451/454 (WB)-LO, 08696(L0)-WB, 08703(T0)-CE (Hoo) ' 08865(T0)-CE, 08933 -Mendip Rail, 09201(T0)-CE (Milford J), 37075 - Keighley & Worth), 66412/417 -Poland

COLO 56087/094/105/113 (Colas)

EPXS 86231/234/621/633/635 (Europhoenix)

XHAC 57302/304/309 (DRS)

XHNC 20301/302/304/305 (DRS)

WSSL 08623/782/802. 09012 (DBS Logistics)

Stored

CE: 08593/633/752. 67008. 92015. KM: 37218. 66413. TO: 66013.'

BU: 56007/018/060/081

Traffic

20312. 37259/605. 57002 -KM, 66156 -TO, 67007/029. 90026. 92031/037 CE.

Disposals

EHR: 08492. 37197/412. 56032/058/104/112
Booth: 58002
For Sale: 37703/714/716/718/800/884. 58017/037
Celsa: 37799/801/883
Midland RC: 08331

Diesel Multiple Units**Transfers**

142009 (HT) -NH
150001,002 (PM) -RG

Stored

51341/398 (Dean Forest), 51353 (Wensleydale)

Reformation

57369 + 52202

Electric Multiple Units**Stored**

317708/709/710/714/719/723/729/732 (Aldersbrook)

Withdrawn

Ron Hull: 325010

Registered

306017 (D)
Cars 76324 + 70823 +71163 + 76297 - HQ (WR)

New Stock

390056 -MA

390012 is currently running with 2 cars from 390055 as part of the trials for 11 car formations. It is understood that a number of extra have arrived in this country for inserting as necessary.

Coaching & NPCC Stock**Stored**

West Coast: 1252/53. 3241. 5815/76. 5925. 6045. 6151/54
Barton U N: 3312. 5797. 5912/91.
CS: 10245 IS: 10588 IL: 10206. 11074 WB: 94538

Withdrawn

6364/65. 94102

Disposals

Booth: 5679. 5789/93. 5930/62. 6013/49/52. 6120/36. 9480/90/98
Strathclyde F&R: 5788.5821, For Sale: 3278. 3385. 5989. 9513
Mid Norfolk: 9406/23. 21224

Registered

9225 -North York Moors 99513 -Didcot

Renumbered

82108 - 82308, 82131 - 82307, 82144 - 82306

MISCELLANEOUS**Bristol Area Station News**

Having travelled on the special First/GW 4th November Bristol freight line Class 150 trip with 150246, the Saltford Environmental Group (SEG) are continuing with their push to see the village station closed in 1970 re opened. More than 30 people have helped distribute leaflets around the area, including nearby Newton St Loe and Corston, to get residents to sign a petition to support the groups work. Many possible users of a new two platform station currently have to travel by car along the busy A4 road to Keynsham to catch a train.

Work is to start here on a new ramp on the downside platform following many years of campaigning. The Department for Transport will provide £465,000 towards the project, of which £50,000 has been contributed from Bath & North-East Somerset Council. Wheelchair passengers heading for Keynsham from London or Bath currently have to travel to Bristol Temple Meads and catch another train back to the up platform at the station.

A similar campaign with a 913 locally collected signature petition organized by the 2008 formed Backwell Access Group will hopefully address a similar problem on the downside at Nailsea & Backwell where a new ramp is needed. Plans are also in hand to introduce a car parking charge here for the first time to help fund the £70,000 loan needed by North Somerset Council to purchase land and to extend the number of parking spaces from 120 to 303.

Further down the line at the Yatton and Weston-super-Mare stations, Cleeve Nursery have provided planting and maintenance details for the installation of hanging baskets to brighten up the platforms with the involvement of First/GW, local residents and firms as well as the Severnside Community Rail Partnership. Yatton is in fact one of several listed smaller stations where the removal of station staff is under consideration. A booking clerk and a manager deal with the morning commuters, the station becoming unmanned from 14:00 onwards each day.

Weston-super-Mare station could see a reduction in staff operating hours as a recommendation of a recent independent report carried out by Sir Robert McNulty into cost savings on the National rail network. 675 small category 'E' stations could see staff removed and more self service ticket machine installed which may save £1 billion a year from rail running costs. Most ticket sales take place between 07:00 - 10:00, but many smaller stations remain open on average for 10 hours a day. Rail unions carried out a small protest at Temple Meads station against these proposed cuts as part of a Nation wide demonstration during early February.

Also, at Temple Meads, First/GW have introduced a new £375 permit for taxi firms to pick up and set down passengers on the station's concourse. Many

cabbies were unhappy with this new charge and a protest was organized, but a similar set up already exists at Bristol Parkway and Bath which costs around £600 a year.

New Train Depot for Bristol

Planning permission was given on 01/02 for Agility Trains a consortium formed by Hitachi Rail Europe and John Laing to build a new electric train depot in the Stoke Gifford triangle, latterly used as a tip and leased to a company by Network Rail for reclamation of building waste as well as for used ballast disposal. The work would take between 18 - 24 months to complete and is expected to create up to 200 new jobs. The main building which would accommodate two full length trains will also contain offices and storage space with smaller buildings for driver and carriage cleaning staff. The main rail connection would be via a connecting spur off the Bristol Parkway - Filton North freight only line (to Avonmouth) with an 'emergency' main line link at the Patchway end of the site with road access reached off the A38 via North Way.

However, a local action group against the plans 'SACRED' (Stokes Campaign Against Rail Electrification Depot) was formed with concerns over noise and lighting from the side. It was stressed that the operation of a modern day rail maintenance depot is very different to those of the past, with much worked computer generated and lighting provided from waist high poles so drivers would not be dazzled whilst carrying out movements round the site. The trains will be of 'bi-mode' design which will be able to operate on both electric or diesel power. The facility which could open for stock testing during mid - 2015, will form part of the proposed Government £4.5 billion Great Western Mainline electrification project from London - Bristol and Cardiff expected to be fully completed by 2019.

Pre Electrification Signalling Upgrade

Much of the late 1960s installed signalling structure in the Bristol area will now see an up grade as part of a £350 million investment programme. The improvements will take place in five stages, commencing in the Didcot area with around £150 million set aside for the Bristol where a growth of 44% in rail travel is expected within the next 10 years. This will include major changes at Temple Meads in line with electrification and the reinstatement of Brunel's old train shed for passenger trains. Around £50 million will be spent on the Swindon - Chippenham / Gloucester routes the latter line is now to see redoubling to Kemble. £20 million has also been lined up for the Newbury - Reading route. The Great Western Mainline is running near to capacity with nearly 30 million train journeys with a growth rate of around 5% each year with an expected 50% growth in passenger figures over the next decade.

Local Firm Purchased by Network Rail

Portishead based on track plant 'hire' company Hydrex is now owned by Network Rail having been taken over during November following the firm passing into administration. The company which employs 700 people nationwide will see a reduction of 20 staff at Portishead and a further 90 at its Doncaster depot as a result of the sale but 531 jobs have been saved. More competition from a number of existing and new operators in this specialist field was blamed for a downturn in the firm's business. The Portishead site located in Harbour Road close to the town's Marina

(former docks) is made up of offices, a workshops and a test track complete with a training centre and a station. A further development on from this takeover suggests Network Rail have since put the company up for sale again.

Road Bridge Rebuilt near Weston-super-Mare

A new £700,000 rail bridge near Hewish just off the main A370 Bristol - Weston-super-Mare road has now been re-opened following a rebuild after steel girders were found within the structure suffering from corrosion. In 2006, a 7.5 - tonne restriction was introduced over the bridge on Wick Road with a single lane traffic light controlled system, however the original 40 tonne weight limit has now been reinstated. Whilst the work, which started in December 2011 was underway, pedestrian access to the village of Wick st. Lawrence was still possible with the erection of a temporary footbridge just to the north of the site.

New Hope for Former Railway Land

Following a visit by the Prime Minister in July last year, the land running alongside Temple Meads taking in the former diesel depot and Royal Mail sorting offices is to become a designated a 'local enterprise zone'. Businesses will be encouraged to set up on the 70 hectare (173 acre) site with cheaper rates, relaxed planning rules and a fast internet link to drive the economy in the area. Already the BBC have shown an interest which would mean a move from their Whiteladies Road city buildings and a concert hall has also again been mentioned for the former Bath Road diesel depot closed nearly 20 years ago. A Soho based Vinyl Factory owned by Mark Wadhwa is keen to open a music studio on the ground floor of the former Royal Mail sorting office which is owned by Kian Gwan a Thai-based equity company which has a £22 million development plan. A new £1 million river bridge will provide a road link to the former depot site and a new footbridge will provide a direct link to Temple Meads station and provide a walkway onwards to the City centre.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

New Guardians for former Midland Box

Having successfully blocked plans to develop local green belt land, the Warmley & Siston Community Garden Project set up in 2009 are now focusing further efforts on the former '4D design' Warmley signal box (opened 01/09/18), a survivor from the Midland mainline from Bath and Bristol which passed through here. This box was reduced to a ground frame (for gate operation) on 05/05/68 when the line was singled and closed on 02/12/68 the gates then being trainman operated. Attention was immediately made to the land around the two storey wooden structure located alongside the main Bristol - Chippenham A420 in Warmley village where on the opposite side of the road the station platforms survive with one of the original buildings now in use as a café for pedestrians and cyclists using the popular Bristol - Bath cycle path which now runs over the route. Once a general tidy up, flower beds laid and the area fenced with the help of South Gloucestershire Council grants became available to the 12 strong

group (as well as public donations), with enough funds to repaint the box. Repairs to the building will follow including work on the staircase, balcony and re-glazing as well as internally where it is hoped a museum will be set up with the help of local residents who may have memories of the railway operation through the area.

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 460

Manchester Flyer

14/01/12

Sightings by C Weeks, accompanied at various times by B Beal, P Carpenter, D Griffiths, J Griffiths, M Lear, R Morris, R Perry and S Reeve.

On M5 near Jnc 2 going southbound on a low loader.

R/R: AP Webb: 047 (970051-7) - O&K MH 5S Super-Railer 315527.

Bescot Yard (view from M6).

Diesel: 56091*/115*/117*. Also reported was 66003**.

Altrincham Station.

DMU: 150112/119. Trams: 1004/25, 2005/06.

En Route to Old Trafford via Trafford Bar.

Trams: 1010/11/16/24/26, 3001.

Ayres Road Tram Depot (view).

Trams stabled: 3012/18/20/23/26/28/29/31/32/33/34/35/36/40/41/43/45/46.

R/R: Brecknell Willis: Q62LDV - Mercedes-Benz Unimog Modular 152791.

Quattro (Leased to Pod-Trak Ltd): Genies: PTL125, PTL126, PTL127, PTL128.

Passing Trams: 1005, 3001/14.

Firswood Station.

Trams: 3004/16.

En Route to Cornbrook.

1001/02/18.

Cornbrook Station.

DMU: 142084, 156426, 185102/122.

Trams: 1003/04/09/14/15/17"BURY HOSPICE"/19/20"LANCASHIRE

FUSILIER"/21/22"POPPY APPEAL"/23. 2001/02/04/05.

3004/06/07/08/09/10/14/15/17.

En Route to Abraham Moss.

In service: 1011/16/25, 2006, 3001/04/08/09/16.

Manchester Victoria: DMU: 142038, 150141.

Queens Road Tram Depot, Cheetham Hill: 1006, 3003/05/24/25/38/47.

R Morris reported Diesel: GECT 5862/91 RFSK V337/91 was visible later.

En Route to Manchester Victoria.

DMU: 155345. Trams: 1001/02, 2001/03, 3007.

Manchester Victoria

DMU: 142033/036/038, 150203/211/228/277, 155344.

Trams: 1003/04/05/08/09/18/19/22, 2005, 3004/07/14/16.

Salford Central.

DMU: 150117/269.

Salford Crescent.

DMU: 142033/040, 150226/269, 156423, 185148.

Deansgate.

DMU: 150143, 156468.

Deansgate-Castlefield.

Tram: 3007.

Museum of Science and Industry (visit).

Gauge 5ft 6": Steam: No.3157 - VF 2759/11. Gauge 4ft 8.5": Steam: PLANET - MSI/92, (NOVELTY) - ScienceMus/29, No.3 "AGECROFT No.1" - RSHN 7416/48 ex p209. Diesel: D2868 - YE 2851/61 ex p61, 06003 (D2420 97804) - AB 435/59 ex p61. Electric: 1505 (27001) "ARIADNE" - Gorton 1066/54. Battery Electric: "CEGB BOLTON" Reg 258/45 - EE 1378/44 Bg 3217/44. Gauge 3ft 6": Steam: 2352 - BP 6639/30. Gauge 3ft: Steam: No.3 "PENDER" - BP 1255/1873 sectioned. Carriages: Gauge 4ft 8.5": L&Y: (247 45017 5902) 10825. MB: 1 b/o on chassis of wagon 555829. Replicas: 7, 8. Wickham Trolley: 9036 - Wkm 8196/58. Wickham Trailer: 9036T. Wagons: GCR 2703, 97217, 182568, 782903, 783709, 950344, 4wl Marsh Trackwork steel open.

Notes: The worksplate carried by No.3157 says VF 3064/11.

The cab of Electric 76039 (26039) is also on display with the name HECTOR.

Castefield-Deansgate Station

Trams: 1018/25, 2003, 3009/10/15/16.

Deansgate Station.

DMUS: 150137.

En Route to Manchester Picadilly.

DMU: 185104/120/131. EMU: 323225.

Manchester Picadilly.

Diesel: 66199/726"SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY". DMU: 142007/009/011/014/037/044 142045/046/047/058/063, 150111/137/146/148, 156423/452/468/482/487/488/489 158770/774/777/813/824/858/862/865, 170306/307/308, 175007/104/107/109, 185101/105/108/111/112/117/121/122/128/129/134/141/143/147/150. DEMU: 220011/025, 221124. EMU: 323223/224/226/227/228/229/230/231/232/233/234 323235/238, 390016"Virgin Champion"/017"Virgin Prince"/021"Virgin Dream"/037"Virgin Difference"/039"Virgin Quest".

Manchester Oxford Road.

DMU: 156420. EMU: 323225.

Castefield-Deansgate Station.

Trams: 1004/10/19.

En Route to Altrincham.

1011/16/17"Bury Hospice"/18, 3009/16.
Ayres Road Depot: 3020/26/28/32/43/45.

Between Altrincham and Navigation Road.

DMU: 142044, 150144. Trams: 1001/02/03/09/22"Poppy Appeal"/23/25, 2003/06, 3001.

Summary of Haulage/Route:

Altrincham to Trafford Bar 2005, Trafford Bar to Old Trafford 1010, Firwood to Cornbrook 3016, Cornbrook to Abraham Moss 1020 "Lancashire Fusilier", Abraham Moss to Manchester Victoria 2003, Manchester Victoria to Salford Crescent 142036, Salford Crescent to Deansgate 156423, Deansgate to Manchester Picadilly and return 150137, Deansgate-Castlefield to Altrincham 1010, Altrincham to Navigation Road 1023, Navigation Road to Altrincham 1009, Altrincham to Navigation Road 150144.

* assumed ** not seen by all

TRIP 462

South Yorkshire

11/02/12

Meadowhall Station

DMU: 144003. DEMU: 222012**. Trams: 102/118.

MRW Railways Ltd, 195 Rutland Rd, Sheffield (view).

The group was unable to see anything at this location.

Kelham Island Industrial Museum, Sheffield (view).

Diesel: 1 - YE 2481/50 pvd.

Stagecoach Supertram, Nunnery Depot, Sheffield (view).

Road/rail: M992NNB - Volkswagon/Perm/95, YM02DJY - Volkswagon/Harsco.
Passing Trams: 102/106/110.

South Yorkshire Transport Museum, Rotherham (visit).

Steam: (Brown Bayley No.7) - HC 1689/37 pvd. Tram: Lower deck b/o of Sheffield tram (460). Passing: DMU: 142017, 144007.
Note: Thanks to Stuart Lodge for arranging our visit.

Tata Steel, Aldwarke Works, Rotherham (view).

Diesel: 32 - YE 2935/64, 34 - YE 2594/56 ex p232, 91 - YE 2944/65, 94 - YE 2890/62. Crane: (25) - Coles 16210/58*. NR wagons: 29064/169/271, 3170 5892 020-6.
Passing: Diesel: 43304**, 66192. DMU: 144011**/013, 158796"Fred Trueman Cricketing Legend"**. Notes: b/o box van wagon in green also present on site.

Elsecar Steam Railway, Barnsley (visit).

Gauge 4ft 8.5": Steam: (EARL FITZWILLIAM) - AE 1917/23, 2150 MARDY MONSTER - P 2150/54, (10) GERVASE - S 6807/28 a rebuild of MW 1472/00, (No.7 RRM147) - S 9376/47 reb TH/60 ex p172, WILLIAM - S 9599/56. Diesel: LOUISE - HE6950/67, 2895 EARL OF STRAFFORD - YE 2895/64, 2w1-2DM - Motorised

dumper truck. Carriages: Mk1: 3958, 4903, (18562) 25562, 35305. NPCCS: 4wl CCT: 94869 (977222). Crane: 0645/20/10 - Smith. On-Track Machines: 74058 (BP062 MPP12905), 74059 (BP063 MPP7049). Wickham Trolley: DB965949 68/005 DX - Wkm 10645/72. Gauge 2ft 2": Diesel: RH 382808/55. Carriage: Manrider. Notes: A huge thank you to Del Tilling, who arranged and hosted our visit. The frames of AE 1945/26 were sent to Ron Hull Jnr at Rotherham recently.

Rainstorth Farm, Jumble Lane, Thorpe Hesley (visit).

11 grounded wagon bodies were viewed, those identified were
SR: 59177. BR: 757541, 758531, 759314, 761615, 763953, 769003.
Note: 757541 is listed as 757561 on some lists.

Fields, left hand side of M1 heading south after Jcn 35 (view from car).

Approx 5 box van wagon bodies were noted.

The Scotts Company (UK) Ltd, Hatfield Peat Works, Doncaster (visit).

Gauge 3ft: Diesel: H23 - Schoma 5129/90 reb AK/98 oou, S20 THE THOMAS BUCK - Schoma 5130/90*** pvd, Schoma 5131/90 reb AK/98 oou, Schoma 5132/90 oou, S21 (THE THOMAS BUCK) - Schoma 5220/91 oou, Schoma 5221/91* oou.

***Schoma 5130 carries an AK/98 rebuild plate and the name formerly on Schoma 5220 and is plinthed along with a 4wl flat wagon.

Note: Huge thanks go to Phil Westwood for organising and Kevin for hosting our visit.

Trackwork / Track Recovery Services, Kirk Sandall (view).

On-Track Machine: GWS 75: 2866*. Road/Rail: RR103 X72KET (940052-2) - Case 988P Superailler CGG0129274/2000, RR128 YU52ZCO (943069-3) - Thwaites 8 tonne Swivel Skip A1652, RR129 YU52ZCT (943068-5) - Thwaites 8 tonne Swivel Skip A1653. Trailer: RR119 - Phil 2131/01.

Passing DMU: 144013, 158848/904, 185119/148.

Quattro Plant, Long Sandall (visit).**

Road/Rail: 63 (940304-7) - Komatsu PW95 21D00004403/96, 216 (EJZ4139) (943048-7) - Barford 6 tonne SXR6000 Swivel Skip SX60366/SMMF0327/01, 217 EJZ4138 (943049-5) - Barford 6 tonne SXR6000 Swivel Skip SX60367/SMMF0328/01, 331 (940310-4) - Komatsu PW130 K30656, 336 (940330-2) - Komatsu PW130 Superailler K34121, 340 (940397-1) - Mecalac 14MXT 030632/02, 346 (940402-9) - LJH Mecalac 14MBX 031018, 419 (940422-7) - Komatsu PW150ES K35133/04, 441 (940390-6) - Komatsu PW160 Megarailer K40523, 442 (940426-8) - Komatsu PW160 Megarailer K40524, 457 (940097-7) - Komatsu PW170 K30441, 479 (940017-5) - Gigarailer 180 S 301265, 522 (911208-5) - Komatsu PC128 Crawlerailer 8336, 526 (911164-0) - Komatsu PC128 8569, 531 (911169-9) - Komatsu PC128 9013, 538 (911176-4) - Komatsu PC128US 9099/04, 701 (940532-3) - Komatsu PW160 Megarailer3 55595. Trailer: 720 (011474-2) - Philmor 2357/09.

Note: 538 (911176-4) was Komatsu PC128US 9101/04 which is now 539,

* assumed ** not seen by all

Worcester Shrub Hill Station and Station Yard.

Diesel: 43063/177/188/195. DMU: 158958, 172212/213/333/337. Carriages: HST: 40808/904, 41105/106/163/166, 42092/093/211/213/214/216/304/332, 44076/087. Road/Rail: NDS (Hydrex): 6876 (940656-0) - Liebherr A900CZW 47374.

Worcester DMU Servicing and stabling point (view from station).

DMU: 153354, 170504/515/634.

Bescot (view from M6).

Diesel: 08865*, 66041/148.

Metro Centre, Wednesbury Tram Depot (visit).

Battery Electric: SET WN1021/1/2007. Trams: 01 oou/02/04"SIR FRANK WHITTLE"/09"JEFF ASTLE"/14"JIM EAMES"/16"GERWYN JOHN". Road/Rail: Q179VOH - Mercedes-Benz Unimog U1650 Pick-Up 166200/91, T977JPP - Mecalac 12MXT 025834. Trolley: A513484 (909009-1) - Geismar Steel EGO4 four seat trolley ST/08/03. Trailer: A174460A (011425-4).

With thanks to Paul Barefoot for organising, Mo Rahman for hosting and the other staff we met for a superb visit.

The group rode on Tram 14 within the depot confines.

The group then travelled by Tram to Snow Hill, most people on tram 07.

Sightings from here on made by C Weeks. Includes sightings from the depot.

Seen in Service: Trams: 03"RAY LEWIS"/06"ALAN GARNER"/07"BILLY WRIGHT"/08"JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN"/10"JOHN STANLEY WEBB"/11"THERESA STEWART"/12/13"ANTHONY NOLAN"/15"AGENORIA".

The Hawthorns Station.

DMU: 172345.

St Pauls Station.

DMU: 172340.

Birmingham Snow Hill Staion.

DMU: 168109, 172216/331/344.

Rode on 172344 to Moor St.

Birmingham Moor Street Staion.

Steam: 2885 - Sdn/38. DMU: 168215, 172220/221/222/335/336.

Rode on 172336 to Tyseley.

Tyseley DMU Depot Carriage Sidings (view).

Diesel: 3783 (08616) "TYSELEY 100". DMU: 153364, 170103/114/518, 172215/332/342.

Tyseley Locomotive Works (view)

Steam: (7820 DINMORE MANOR) - Sdn/50* dsm, (No.1 CADBURY) - AE1977/25*.

Diesel: 40118 (D318 97408) - EE 2853/61 RSHD 8148/61, 50021 (D421) RODNEY - EE 3791/68 EEV D1162/68*, 50033 (D433) GLORIOUS - EE 3803/68 EEV D1174/68*, D1015 WESTERN CHAMPION - Sdn/62, D1755 (47161 47541 47773) -

BT 483/64, (D3029 08021) 13029 - Derby/53*, No.800 - Bg 800/20*, 13 - RH 299099*, RH 347747*, RR 10255/66*. DMU: 960011 977859 (55025) PANDORA. Carriages: Mk2: 5193, 5221, 5300 b/o, 9711 (9532)*. NPCCS: Mk1: 80898 977405*.

Notes: D1755 may also carry 47773 on the side/end which was not viewed. Where a loco has been assumed, number carried details taken from 15EL.

Tyseley Station.

DMU: 168002/003/005/112/215/217, 172212/213/220/331/333/334/335/336/337 172340/341/343/344/345. DEMU: 220001/027/032.

Rode on 172213 to Moor Street.

Birmingham Moor Street Staion.

Steam: 2885 - Sdn/38. DMU: 168002/110/216, 172212/216/220/221 172331/336/343/345.

Rode on 168110 to Dorridge.

En Route. Passing: DMU: 172345. Stabled near Dorridge: OTM: 73936.

Dorridge Station.

DMU: 168113/216, 172344.

Rode on 168216 to Leamington Spa.

En Route.

Diesel: 66155. DMU: 168107/109.

Leamington Spa Station.

In Service: DMU: 168215/217. DEMU: 220011. Stabled: DMU: 172211/219.

Rode on 168215 to Moor St.

En Route.

Passing: DMU: 172333. Stabled near Dorridge: OTM: 73936.

Birmingham Moor Street Station.

Steam: 2885 - Sdn/38. DMU: 168107, 172340/345.

Rode on 172340 to Snow Hill.

Birmingham Snow Hill Station.

DMU: 168215, 172212/220/333/335/336/343.

The group then travelled by Tram to Wednesbury Great Western Street.

Seen in Service: Trams: 03"RAY LEWIS"/05"SISTER DORA"/06"ALAN GARNER"/07"BILLY WRIGHT"/08"JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN"/10"JOHN STANLEY WEBB"/12/13"ANTHONY NOLAN"/14"JIM EAMES"/15"AGENORIA".

Metro Centre, Wednesbury Tram Depot (visit).

Trams: 01 oou/04"SIR FRANK WHITTLE".

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