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Front Cover Photo June 2012 Issue 484: D5627 (31203) stands at the head of the ECS after the last train of the day on 15/10/11 at the Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway.

FUTURE EVENTS

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

Society 40th Anniversary Social

Saturday 18/08/12

We are planning to hold a social event on Saturday 18th August to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Society.

Details are provisional but it is likely to comprise a visit to a railway location in Bristol followed by an informal social in a local pub.

More details in next months magazine.

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

Avonmouth

16/12 Two DRS livery loco records were: 66419 with 6F90 Avonmouth - Uskmouth P.S. coal (being loaded here due to flooding on the Portbury branch) passing Brentry at 11:44 and 66422 on 6Z39 13:25 Avonmouth West Wharf - Didcot loaded stone which was recorded passing Brentry at 11:25.

01/12 Locos present in the bulk handling terminal during the afternoon were recorded as follows: 66046/069/108/133.

03/01 Having passed Filton Abbeywood at 11:53, 66143 arrived on a three HTA wagon Barton Hill - Avonmouth trip.

05/01 59204 worked 6Z83 Avonmouth West Wharf - Dagenham loaded stone.

07/01 66108 departed on a 4E66 13:58 Avonmouth - Scunthorpe train of HTAs being noted passing Westerleigh junction at 14:00, going onto the Gloucester line.

13/01 66068 was on the 6A83 13:30 Avonmouth West Wharf - West Drayton ARC loaded stone.

17/01 66615 powered the 6Z39 Avonmouth - Didcot loaded stone, whilst most unusually 66192 was noted here 'off route' with the 6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car train passing Hallen Marsh at 08:00.

26/01 DRS livery 66415 worked 6Z39 Avonmouth - Stoke Gifford loaded stone.

29/01 Both No1 and 2 loading silos were noted undergoing heavy maintenance and closed to rail loading during the day.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included:
66041/046/050/058/059/066/069/098/104/106/108/122/129/133/184/186/200/213.
66419.

Locos recorded on stone duty during the review period have included:
59204. 66068. 66415/422/558/615.

Bristol Parkway, Pilning and Westerleigh

17/12 Pathfinder Tour's 'Festive Jingle Jangle' (1Z65 06:27 Westbury - Edge Hill sidings (13:16) was worked by 66098 departing Parkway at 07:24 (right time). 66206 returned the trip as 1Z67 18:12 Crewe sidings -

Westbury (22:53) with locos 31601, 60011 and 92037 also featuring over several different routes in the area during the day.

Other reports for the day included: 66238 + 66080 + 66002 + 66162 + 66037 + 66043 + 66061 + 66100 + 66108 + 66213 which ran 0X12 12:44 Newport ADJ - Westbury light (five locos carrying on to Eastleigh from Westbury for use on week-end track work between Yeovil and Castle Cary), 66623 which travelled 0Y27 Stoke Gifford - Newton Abbot light returning a 6Y27 15:18 rail train from Hackney yard - Ashchurch (noted Temple Meads at 17:20) and two Stoke Gifford afternoon coal empty arrivals: 66526 - 4V06 ex. 08:53 from Rugeley P.S. and 66419 - 4V46 ex. 11:15 from Rugeley P.S..

18/12 Engineering train reports included: 66621 - 6W35 06:30 Maindee East junction - Westbury formed MHAs and MTAs (running over 60 minutes late), 66623 - 6Y27 09:00 Cheltenham Lansdown Road junction - Westbury (noted near Bath at 10:02), 66549 tnt 66598 - 6Y33 08:58 Abbotswood junction - Taunton Fairwater yard track replacement train with the usual HQA, JJA and YKA wagons (noted passing near Bath at 10:44). At 22:30, Stoke Gifford downside held: 66419, 66526, 66569, 66601, 66621, 66623, 66956, 70002.

20/12 66001 passed Filton Abbeywood at 13:20 with a single steel carrier presumably the Barton Hill shunt 'barrier'. The wagon was believed to be heading back to South Wales.

23/12 66613 arrived light-engine at 16:50 to join already stabled: 66510, 66569, 66598, 66606, 66621, 66623. All of these locos (excluding 66569) had earlier arrived as a 0Z74 15:00 Taunton Fairwater - Stoke Gifford move.

24/12 66112 + 66104 + 66188 + 66105 + 66187 passed Filton Abbeywood at 13:17 running as 0X12 Newport ADJ - Westbury yard. At 15:15, Stoke Gifford downside held: 66535, 66542, 66549, 66555, 66559, 66598, 66606, 66620, 66621, 66623, 70002.

66549 + 66623 later top n'tailed a 6Y80 Newport ADJ - Didcot departmental for the Xmas period track work passing Patchway at 23:23. 66549 + 66598 + 66606 + 66623 also ran light-engine to Newport for PW works trains.

26/12 66598 passed Patchway at 06:29 on a 6Y62 Newport ADJ - Didcot (Milton Estate) engineers.

27/12 59201 worked a morning 6B65 Westbury - Newport ADJ departmental returning light-engine. Due to track work between Swindon and Parkway the 6B33 13:20 Theale - Margam empty fuel tanks with 60071 was routed via the Berks & Hants, Trowbridge and Bath, being recorded passing Keynsham at 15:18 (3 late) and Patchway at 16:22.

28/12 DBS livery 59206 worked a 6B65 Westbury - Newport ADJ departmental passing near Bath at 12:00 and Patchway at 12:23. 60071 departed Westerleigh on a morning 6B25 11:18 (MO) Westerleigh - Robeston fuel tank empties.

A freight diversion was the 4051 Wentlooge - Millbrook containers with 66954, which saw a loco run-round at Swindon and the train proceed on wards via Thingley junction (12:15 - 3 late) and Melksham to Westbury. 70010 was also noted passing Patchway at 16:11 with coal empties for Stoke Gifford. For this part of the Christmas and New Year period, First/GW were operating a reduced timetable with SWT running a Saturday only timetable.

29/12 Having departed at 12:04, 66533 passed Filton Abbeywood at 13:13 with a diverted 4051 Wentlooge - Millbrook loaded container service and 60071 was later noted passing Keynsham at 15:15 (right time) on the 6B33 Theale - Margam fuel tank empties which had travelled via the Berks & Hants, Trowbridge and Bath. Other reports for the day included: 59204 with

6B65 11:30 Westbury - Newport ADJ departmental noted passing Filton Abbeywood at 12:21, the loco later returning light to Westbury and coal empty arrivals at Stoke Gifford: 66585 at 13:46 (4V06) and 70010 at 15:37 (4V22).

31/12 During the afternoon period at Stoke Gifford 'downside': 66606, 66618, 66622, 70010 were all stabled with arrivals: 66618 (4V06) and 66595 (4V46) on coal empties.

01/01 A view of Stoke Gifford downside during the evening found the following present: 66515, 66585, 66618 (all stabled on coal empties) along with 66622, 70010.

02/01 143621, which had suffered damage in an incident in the Severn Tunnel during early December worked the 2C77 13:00 Cardiff Central - Exeter St. David's First/GW service, this bringing to an end the regular use of the Class in the Bristol area after nearly 20 years - 143616 was in use on the Bristol - Severn Beach branch line on the final day of Heritage DMU operation over this route on 26/09/92 (see Magazine 249 - October 1992).

03/01 Strong winds and rain caused problems, in several areas with a 50 mph speed restriction being brought in as a safety precaution due to flooding in some areas. One of the usual locations prone to flooding at Chipping Sodbury tunnel saw some diversions via Bath and Box, the 1L94 19:29 Swansea - Paddington First/GW HST service being recorded as running this way. The route was however reopened later into the evening. At Parkway, Stoke Gifford sidings; 66545, 66555, 70006, 70011 were found to be present during the early evening.

04/01 Flooding between Parkway and Swindon, in the Chipping Sodbury area was still causing delays of up to 20 minutes. 60054 brought in a retimed 6B16 Robeston - Westerleigh loaded tanks service passing Yate at 04:33, the loco later working the balancing return 6B25 11:18 (MO) Westerleigh - Robeston fuel tank empties. 70011 was a arrival later at Stoke Gifford on 4V47 11:15 coal empties from Rugeley P.S.

05/01 60081 ran 0F85 Westerleigh - Newport light engine being noted passing Parkway at 15:30 and returned the following day through Parkway at 14:25.

07/01 A 0012 Newport ADJ - Westbury /Eastleigh light loco move was noted passing Marshfield (between Cardiff and Newport) at 11:45 and Patchway at 12:25 formed 66005 + 66011 + 66106 + 66184 + 66232. 66552 later arrived at Stoke Gifford on 6V60 15:25 stone empties ex. Theale.

08/01 At 13:30, Stoke Gifford sidings held: 66555, 66564, 66585, 70002.

09/01 DRS livery 66419 passed Yate at 15:25 with 4V47 11:15 Rugeley P.S. - Stoke Gifford coal empties. The loco ran light to Taunton Fairwater during the following morning passing Uphill junction (Weston-super-Mare) at 07:54.

13/01 Colas duo 47727 + 47749 worked 0Z47 Washwood Heath - Westbury light engine (reported Cheltenham 10:59 - 18 early) for PW work in the area (see Westbury notes & news). Later, the NRMT HST set was noted passing Parkway at 11:55 working the 1Z20 Swansea - Derby RTC part of the usual FO diagram. The intermediate coaches were recorded as: 977984, 975814, 975994, 975984, 975995, although our correspondent over looked taking the power car numbers!

A loco failure report was 66607 on the 6M36 Westbury 'la Farge' - Earles (Hope sidings), close to the works, 66506 being sent as the rescue loco, the train being later seen in the Bristol area over 180 minutes late with

66607 'dit' taking the normal route via Day's curve, Patchway, the Severn tunnel and the Marches.

14/01 Pathfinder Tour's first outing of the year was the 'Abercot Generator' (1Z52 07:22 Parkway - Appleford sidings) which was worked throughout by 66002, the ECS arriving as 5Z52 05:09 Eastleigh - Parkway (due 07:15), the train departing here at 07:25 (3 late). The tour later passed through the area again being noted at Patchway at 14:47 (30 late) and East Usk at 15:02, as 1Z55 12:27 Appleford - Aberthaw, the return being 1Z56 16:29 Aberthaw - Oxford (via the Vale of Glamorgan line and Barry). The train's c/stock formation was reported as: 6310, 35469, 3110, 3123, 3147, 1671, 4949, 4991, 4959, 5366.

Another report for the day was Colas 66847 noted departing Parkway at 08:33 (11 early) and passing Stapleton road at 08:42 (10 early) on a 0Z49 08:07 Gloucester - Eastleigh (11:41) light loco move.

Two other light-engine move records for the day were: 0012 (0X12 Ex. Newport ADJ) Margam - Eastleigh yard - 66031 + 66087 (both ex. Margam) 66078 + 66095 + 66023 + 66169 + 66109 (reported East Usk at 12:49) and 0Y27 Stoke Gifford - Newton Abbot - 66617 for a return 6Y27 17:17 Hackney yard - Ashchurch rail train. 158884 was the day's SWTs 'hire' unit being noted working the 2E18 08:38 Westbury - Gloucester and 2089 10:42 return to Weymouth.

15/01 PW train reports included: DBS 66109 - 6W30 11:50 Bridgend - Westbury (formed JNAs with spoil and ballast and track panels), 66031 - 6W31 12:25 Bridgend - Oxford Hinksey yard, 6W32 - 66046 top n'tail 66154 13:20 Bridgend - Oxford Hinksey yard, 66089 - 6X44 13:00 Bridgend - Oxford Hinksey yard (point wagons). FLHH 66617 - 6Y27 08:50 Cheltenham - Newton Abbot (Hackney yard) reported Westerleigh junction 08:05 (80 early) and Yatton 12:23 (72 early), the loco later returning light to Stoke Gifford. Also during the morning Colas pairing 66846 + 66847 passed Parkway at 09:46 heading 0Z46 light to South Wales and at 15:20 Stoke Gifford sidings held: 66420, 66553, 66558, 66598.

17/01 60011 was a stranger on the 6B49 Llanwern - Swindon stores yard loaded steel, the return 6B50 empties being noted passing Parkway at 16:19. Also during the morning, Colas 66846 ran as a 0Z26 Ashford C.S. - Margam light loco move.

18/01 The 1L42 07:30 Carmarthen - Paddington First/GW service was diverted via Yate passing here at 10:12 - reason unknown.

20/01 A new DBS Friday Only freight service for the area: 6042 11:31 Halewood - Southampton Eastern Dock operated behind 66111. The working which today conveyed 88 Range Rover Evoques, operates Monday - Saturday normally from Birmingham via Banbury and Oxford. Some local timings for this service are: Gloucester 16:55, Bristol Parkway (down yard - crew change) 18:07 - 18:37, Filton Abbeywood 18:40. The train then continues onwards via Day's curve, Bath and Westbury. It is interesting to note the 6042 head code was last used in the area on one of the Avonmouth - Furzebrook empty lpg tank workings.

21/01 Light loco moves during the afternoon recorded: 0X12 Margam - Westbury formed 66087 + 66096 + 66004 + 66092 + 66169 + 66074 + 66114, passing Newport at 14:46, Patchway 15:14, Keynsham 15:40 and arriving in Westbury at 16:15 (where some of the locos were moved on to Eastleigh). It is interesting to note the convoy ran as a 0B19 move between Margam and Tondu, and 0Y34 18:01 Stoke Gifford - Westbury formed 66621 + 66589 + 66590.

Other reports for the day were: 66419 (4V46), 66523 (4V20), 66618 (4V06) all on Stoke Gifford coal empty arrivals, 66519 on 6V60 Angerstein Wharf - Pengam stone empties and 66618 with a 6Y27 Newton Abbot Hackney yard - Stoke Works junction rail train.

22/01 Some Sunday PW train observations included: 66074 - 6W35 11:15 Bridgend - Westbury (formed with MHA, MFA, MTA wagons), 66058 - 6W36 12:25 Bridgend - Westbury (formed with MHA and MTA wagons - loaded spoil), 66005 tnt 66017 - 6W37 13:10 Bridgend - Westbury, 66054 - 6W38 14:15 Bridgend - Westbury, 66089 - 6W49 16:56 Bridgend - Oxford Hinksey yard. Trains 6W35 - 6W37 all arrived late during the previous evening or in the early hours at Leckwith junction to enter the occupation and saw a loco run-round or reverse at Briton Ferry, whilst 6W49 ran round at Swansea Burrows sidings. Also, 6W39 20:00 Bridgend - Bescot with 66091 and 6W40 23:30 Bridgend - Bescot with 66141 both ran and returned via Tondur.

Another report for the day was GBRf owned 66745 (carrying Colas colours) on a 6E37 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Peterborough working formed of 6 VTG empty green bogie box wagons, being noted passing Patchway at 15:03 and Didcot at 16:12. 66416 with 66523 and 66590 were noted stabled at Parkway at 12:00.

23/01 A 1Q13 Derby RTC - Tyseley test train formed with NR Class 37 97303 (with dept c/stock 72616, 72639, 977997, 9701) was noted passing Cheltenham at 13:17 heading to Newport for a reverse move, prior to passing Chepstow at 14:39, Charfield 15:25, Yate 15:31 for a reverse at Temple Meads. The return was later recorded through Yate heading north at 16:52 (3 late). 66548 was a late afternoon arrival on 4V47 Rugeley P.S. - Stoke Gifford coal empties (reported Charfield 15:17).

24/01 66847 failed in the Severn Tunnel on 6078 Dollands Moor bound export steel. 66069 off a Didcot - Avonmouth coal service was the 1299 rescue loco.

25/01 66504 worked a diverted 4V50 Millbrook - Wentlooge container service via Bath, passing here at 06:30 (42 late). This service was again routed this way during the following day.

26/01 66598 + 66616 top n'tailed a 6Y33 06:42 Parkway - Taunton Fairwater yard track replacement train (due 05:59) and later 66617 worked a 6Y27 21:05 Newton Abbot Hackney yard - Westerleigh junction rail train. Also, 66549 powered 6V44 Angerstein Wharf - Barrow Road stone empties.

27/01 66617 returned the 6Y27 'slinger' wagon rail train as a 05:30 Charfield - Newton Abbot Hackney yard working, the loco then returning a 6Z28 17:05 train to Eastleigh East yard (21:58), instead of returning to Stoke Gifford light as originally booked.

The second Friday Only 6042 11:31 Halewood - Southampton Eastern dock car train operated behind 66221. 70003 and 70016 were present in Stoke Gifford down sidings during the afternoon.

28/01 66420 + 66542 arrived in Stoke Gifford downside at 14:08 as 0C30 a light loco move from Bristol West (Railport). Two afternoon empty coal arrivals were recorded : 66524 on 4V06 Rugeley P.S. - Stoke Gifford at 13:17 (reported as running nearly three hours late) and 66552 on 4V20 08:00 Fiddler's Ferry - Stoke Gifford at 14:44. The latter working had seen a loco swap presumably in the Crewe area as 70015 had taken out the previous evening's 6M02 20:45 departure off Portbury which forms the 4V20 return empties.

29/01 Stoke Gifford sidings held: 66420, 66523, 66524, 66542, 66618.

30/01 31465 worked a 1Q06 15:39 Derby RTC - Temple Meads structural

gauging train (formed with dept c/stock: 99666, 460000, 975280, 975081, 9708) being booked to include Gloucestershire branch lines en route. Having visited the Sharpness branch (booked 19:48 - 20:16) the train was reported passing Cheltenham north at 22:08 (2 early) and down 22:21 (1 early) following a reverse in Alstone loop, then Yate at 23:00 (3 late) for the Westerleigh branch line returning at 23:35 (3 late) and departing for Temple Meads 'wrong line' at 23:40 (72 early) having not covered the Tytherington branch as booked - reason unknown..

31/01 Having arrived the previous afternoon, 37409 + saloon coach 975025 Caroline worked a high mileage 2Z02 07:30 Cardiff Canton - Bristol Parkway, via Parkway, the GWML, Acton High level, Willesden SW sidings (reverse), Kew East junction, Hounslow, Woking, Basingstoke, Southampton (reverse), Basingstoke, Reading, Swindon (reported 16:06 - 18 late) and then 'off route' in Temple Meads at 18:48, assumed to reverse the train. A booked visit and reverse at Yate did not take place. Another report for the day was: 66616 + 66617 top n'tailing a 6Y11 Taunton Fairwater - Chipping Sodbury HOBC working (via Westbury).

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

16/12 Despite as having reported 143617 as the last class member working in the Bristol area, Severn Tunnel incident damaged 143621 was still present near the wheel lathe at St. Phillips Marsh on this date. Also at St. Phillip's Marsh during the morning, 08822 was active shunting barrier vans 6330 and 6348 (the latter a long term resident here) ready for Colas 47739 + 47749 to top n'tail as a 5Z47 11:19 move to Eastleigh Works to collect HST buffet coaches for a move to Kilmarnock for modifications to normal passenger stock. The working, which was routed via a reverse at Bristol West was recorded passing Temple Meads at 11:40.

Over at Barton Hill, 66004 was shunting the water cannon wagon ready to depart during the afternoon being latter recorded as passing Parkway at 14:20 and Sprinter coach 55300 (150001) was noted moving on it's own carrying a former Central green livery one side and a rubbed down masking tape First/GW 'undercoat' livery on the other !

Later at Temple Meads, test unit 950001 passed on 2Q08 06:30 Westbury - Plymouth (via the Mendip quarries, Newbury and Reading) being reported passing Highbridge at 16:15 and later 66601 which was noted at 16:20 on a 6Z85 Taunton Fairwater - Taunton Fairwater HOBC turning move (via Bath and Westbury).

Also DRS 37423 was recorded as stabled at the west-end on a test train formed with dept c/stock: 6263, 999602, 9703.

17/12 A Steam Dream's 'Cathedral Express' (1Z86 07:45 Ashford - Bristol TM and 1Z87 16:35 return) was worked by steam 60163 Tornado being reported passing Didcot at 11:55 (6 late), Swindon 10:45 (10 late), Bath arriving at 13:09 (4 late) and Keynsham at 13:24. The train which had departed Ashford at 07:52 (7 late), departed on the return from Temple Meads at 16:49 (14 late) due to the late arrival of the ECS. Water stops for the trip were at Challow outward and Wantage Road on the return. An interesting Temple Meads station announcement for the return stated the train's destination was Ashton

18/12 With the Bristol - Taunton line closed for track work, diverted via Westbury Arriva XC services included HST set XC04 with power cars 43366 +

43207 working the 1V48 08:10 Leeds - Plymouth service.

20/12 The second log train to run: 6Z50 09:08 Gloucester New Yard - Teigngrace was powered by Colas 66847 being reported through Parkway at 09:50 (1 late), Filton Abbeywood 09:51 (1 late), Temple Meads 09:59 (1 late), Bridgwater 10:40 (73 early!), Taunton 10:57 (75 early) and Dawlish 13:24 (4 early). It is interesting to note from the times that the Yatton loop stop was missed out in favour of a stop in Tiverton loop. Also prior to the log empties traversing the Heathfield branch, test unit 950001, had also covered the line. Two trains over this line in one day is something of a rarity!

Back at Temple Meads, NR Class 37 97303 was stabled in the west end bay during the day with dept c/stock: 6263, 999602, 9703. The train was booked to form a test run off Bristol at 23:57 to Crewe.

21/12 Test unit 950001 returned as 2Z08 north passing Yatton at 09:32. The second return loaded log train, 6Z51 15:26 Teigngrace - Chirk with 66847 was reported departing Newton Abbot at 15:08 (19 early) and passing: Exeter st. David's 15:32 (17 early), Taunton 16:05 (81 early) and Bridgwater 16:16 (82 early).

22/12 66099 was present on Barton Hill depot coupled to two HTA wagons. This was an unconfirmed Avonmouth wagon trip and it was not known if this loco had earlier brought in the 6V51 empty car train to Portbury. An evening arrival at st. Phillips Marsh was Colas 47739 + 47749 on a 5Z25 barrier coach move from Kilmarnock reported as passing Oxford at 17:49.

27/12 Engineering works over week-ends during January and February saw the Taunton - Castle Cary line closed with some diversions via Bristol.

01/01 The 2C92 11:50 Westbury - Bristol TM First/GW service was noted formed with a 2-car 158962 (57745 + 52762) + 150108.

03/01 Due to heavy rain there were flood problems at Flax Bourton on the down line with several Arriva XC services being diverted via Westbury including the 1V46 - Plymouth Voyager service being noted passing Trowbridge at 11:20.

Later, 66618 passed Parson's Street at 10:49 on a 6Z85 Taunton Fairwater - Taunton Fairwater HOBC turning move via Bath and Westbury being noted here at 12:10. During the evening 31602 arrived on a 3Z18 Eastleigh Alstom works - Bristol TM working via Basingstoke and Didcot (not via Westbury booked 18:16 - 18:25 as planned). The train was booked into Temple Meads twice being initially recorded in at 18:40 (23 early) and departing at 19:33 (on time), returning around 23:30 having been recorded on a booked stop in Bath down goods loop at 22:30.

05/01 Trains were reported as running at caution between Bridgwater and Highbridge due to over hanging tree branches following a period of high winds.

08/01 Due to over running engineering work, LM livery 153325 was used on a 1Z26 17:48 Temple Meads - Cardiff Central First/GW working in the path of the 1F26 15:08 Portsmouth Harbour - Cardiff Central service. The unit then continued the diagram running as 1F35 19:08 Cardiff - Portsmouth as far as Temple Meads for 158954 to take over. A single engineering report was 66547 on 6Y34 11:30 Taunton Fairwater - Westbury noted in Temple Meads at 12:46.

09/01 A 5Z13 Derby RTC - Exeter (Riverside) test train transit move top n'tailed with 37607 + 37606 (booked Yatton loop 11:17 - 12:03) was reported passing Cheltenham at 09:12 and Bridgwater 11:34. The train during the evening then ran 1Q13 21:55 Exeter st. Davids - st. Blazey (via

Barnstaple) also covering the Falmouth and St. Ives branch lines during the early hours of the following day.

10/01 The First/GW 1A40 Penzance - Paddington sleeper service with 57604 was confirmed as routed via Bristol although the pathing of the balancing 1C99 service with 57602 was unknown.

11/01 The first former LM Class 150/1 unit to be 'out shopped' in First/GW livery by Barton Hill, 150126 was noted working the 2U22 15:15 Taunton - Cardiff Central service. Other reports for the day included: 37606 + 37607 top n'tailing a 1Z13 12:54 Exeter St. David's - Derby RTC (which was in fact re-timed as 12:08 Plymouth to Derby RTC on the day) passing Taunton at 13:37 (12 late), Flax Bourton 14:37 and Yate 15:24 (16 late) and 66558 with 18 empty HIA stone wagons on a 6V87 Crawley - Barrow Road working (booked Bath down loop 16:49 - 17:07 and Lawrence Hill ground frame 17:27).

12/01 The NRMT HST set with power cars 43013 + 43014 arrived in Taunton at 21:15 as a 1Z17 test working from Derby RTC via Bristol. The set then went on to do its normal Thursdays ('Q') working again via Bristol to Swindon, then back via Bath, Day's curve and Parkway to Old Oak Common. A engineering train report was 66200 on 6W65 18:48 Oxford Hinksey yard - Dainton via Bristol being reported as passing Chippenham at 19:34 (34 early).

13/01 DRS livery 66419 powered a further 6Z85 HOBC turning move passing Uphill junction at 10:48 and Fairwood junction, Westbury at 12:18.

15/01 Following a rare appearance in the Westbury area on track work (also see Westbury notes & news) Colas 47727 + 47749 returned as 0Z47 13:07 Westbury - Bristol TM passing Newton St. Loe near Bath at 13:13. The onward 0Z47 16:20 Bristol TM - Washwood Heath move was also an early runner departing at 13:45 (155 early!).

16/01 Class 150 unit coach 57212 was visible outside Barton Hill depot.

18/01 150002 ran 5Z19 Reading depot - Barton Hill empty for refurbishment, being reported as passing Didcot at 17:58.

20/01 66616 was reported passing Highbridge at 07:30 on a 6Y27 Kemble - Newton Abbot Hackney yard rail train, the loco then hauling a 6Y27 11:00 working to Westbury consisting of a single JZA wagon. 158952 was recorded as operating as a two car unit on this date.

21/01 67017 worked 1Z91 09:34 Victoria - Bath (12:40) VSOE, then 5Z91 12:55 Bath - Bristol East yard, 5Z92 16:37 Bristol East - Bath and 1Z92 16:55 return to Victoria, some recorded outward working times were passing Swindon at 11:58 and arriving Bath at 12:28 (12 early), departing at 12:35 (20 early) as ECS.

There was late running recorded during the afternoon and early evening following the failure of the HST set on the 1G47 16:15 Paddington - Cheltenham service (with power cars 43009 + 43154) at Uffingham with loss of air. Both the 1C24 17:30 Paddington - Weston-super-Mare and 1C26 18:30 Paddington - Taunton services were diverted via the Berks & Hants, Newbury and Trowbridge. Meanwhile, the 1G47 was split, the rear power car 43154 with coaches G + H being left as the rest of the train conveyed passengers onwards to Swindon at 30 mph. arriving 246 minutes late ! 57603 later arrived at the Knighton level crossing location light - engine to collect the rest of the train which was recessed at Didcot going forward to Old Oak Common at 10:33 during the following day.

24/01 Having worked 5 YDAs as a 6Z29 Taunton Fairwater - St. Phillips Marsh move, noted passing Bridgwater at 07:15, 66547 returned as 0Z29 09:41

light-engine to Taunton Fairwater (due 10:32) passing Bridgwater at 09:53 (24 early). The wagons were moved to the Bristol depot for wheel lathe attention.

25/01 A 'hire' HST power car 43052 from East Midland Train's was used with 43285 to work the 1V44 06:00 Leeds - Plymouth and 1S51 12:23 Plymouth - Glasgow Central Arriva XC services.

27/01 EMT's 'hire' HST power car 43052 was replaced by 43357 for the 1V50 06:06 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth and 1E63 15:23 Plymouth - Leeds Arriva XC services.

28/01 A early afternoon track circuit failure at Reading West junction saw several First/GW HST services diverted via the Berks & Hants as well as road transport between Reading and Didcot.

Services from Temple Meads to the Capital were cancelled, the 1L55 11:28 Swansea - Paddington being the first train to be turned back (from near Tilehurst), along with the 1A17 12:30 Temple Meads - Paddington. The 1A19 13:30 Temple Meads - Paddington was held at Didcot and returned in the path of a booked westbound service.

Light-engine moves during the afternoon via Dr. Days curve were recorded as follows:

0X12 11:06 Margam - Westbury - 66111 + 66051 + 66003 + 66168 + 66114 + 66105 + 66129 + 66053 (being reported as passing Bridgend at 12:43, Newport 13:50, Patchway 14:11 and Lawrence Hill 14:27). 66129 + 66053 were both confirmed as added at Newport . 0Y38 15:03 Stoke Gifford - Westbury - 66618. 0Y12 16:37 Stoke Gifford - Westbury - 66523 + 66524 + 66542 + 66420, this working departing at 16:16 (21 early).

29/01 Sunday re-signalling work between Bathampton junction and Keynsham saw all First/GW Portsmouth Harbour - Cardiff Central services diverted via Bradford junction to Swindon to connect with South Wales HST services. The workings returned at about 20 minutes past each hour from 09:20. This arrangement also took place during the following Sunday on 05/02. Also the Bristol - Taunton line was closed west of Weston-super-Mare for overnight PW work (as on the 22/01) with services being diverted via Bath, Westbury, Castle Cary to/from Taunton.

31/01 Class 150 coach 52124 (150124) was visible outside Barton Hill depot.

Cardiff

16/12 70002 worked the 4Z97 12:48 Grange sidings (Port Talbot) - Stoke Gifford coal empties passing Central station at 16:20 (166 late).

21/12 60071 passed Cardiff at 07:35 on the 6H25 Margam - Llanwern steel trip returning later on the balancing down service at 08:54. A view of Cardiff Canton Pullman recorded the following: 08499, 37308, 50044, 50049, 50135.

22/12 57314 with DVT 82306 (82144) carrying Arriva Trains blue colours, were present in Central station. The driving van is to be used with DBS Class 67 locos when they take over the Cardiff - Holyhead services in place of the Class 57/3s in a few weeks time. DRS livery 66415 was on the 6V23 Drax - Aberthaw fly-ash empties.

07/01 70006 and 70011 were unusually stabled on Canton depot having brought in coal empties to Pengam from the Midlands during the day (also see Newport notes & news).

08/01 A view of Cardiff Tidal sidings at 15:30 found:

08934. 66705. Industrial: DH50-1 (TH 278v/78 reb HE9376/11).

With the down line closed west of Leckwith junction for track work, some of the associated engineers trains were as follows:

6W31 - 66187 Bridgend - Westbury (reported Bath at 15:34), 6W36 - 66005 Bridgend - Westbury (reported Patchway 14:38) and 6W44 - 66184 on a unknown starting point - Leckwith junction (noted Bath at 13:03).

12/01 67003 was on a 08:34 Crewe - Cardiff Central driver training ECS returning at 12:58 to Crewe.

13/01 66622 was present stabled in Cardiff Central.

15/01 Returning engineering trains and hauling locos were as follows:

6W30 11:50 Bridgend - Westbury yard - 66109 (formed with JNAs containing spent ballast and track panels) reported Barry 11:45 and Cardiff Central 12:10, 6W31 12:25 Bridgend - Oxford Hinksey yard - 66031, 6W32 13:20 Bridgend - Oxford Hinksey yard - 66154, 6X44 13:00 Bridgend - Oxford Hinksey yard - 66089 (formed with point wagons).

18/01 66705 arrived at Cardiff Tidal sidings with 6Z51 scrap empties from Handsworth. The loco also worked the same duty two days later.

20/01 70011 was on 6V95 Killoch - Grange sidings loaded coal, being reported as passing Nantwich at 06:13.

21/01 The newly started 6L33 13:04 (SO) Cardiff Tidal sidings - Dagenham empty scrap wagons departed 11 minutes early behind 66622. The loco had been stabled on Canton depot prior to running light to Tidal sidings for the empty scrap train.

24/01 GBRf 66715 worked 6V01 Lindsey - Cardiff docks loaded oil tanks.

27/01 Having worked the 6Z97 Killoch - Grange sidings loaded coal, 70016 returned the 4Z97 12:48 departure empties to Stoke Gifford sidings.

28/01 60071 passed Pontyclun at 13:04 on a 6B67 Margam - Llanwern steel trip.

A view of Cardiff Tidal sidings recorded the following: 08934. 66705 with industrial locos: DH50-1 (TH 278v/78 reb HE9376/11). DH50-2 (TH246v/73 reb HE9377/11).

31/01 GBRf 66730 ran 0V87 Ferme Park - Cardiff light loco (passing Westerleigh junction at 16:53) to work 6E87 (Wed) 03:58 empty tanks to Lindsey.

Sunday PW work from 08/01 - 05/02 saw the mainline closed between Cardiff and Bridgend. Diversions operated via Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan line and road bus transport was also in use. Saturdays 14/01 and 21/01 also saw the mainline closed.

Maintenance staff at Cardiff Canton Pullman were under going Class 67 loco familiarization with loco 67002 followed by 67029 being present during the month.

Gloucester

17/12 Colas 66847 was stabled for log duty during the following day, however the planned working from Teigngrace was postponed.

19/12 Newly delivered 172222 passed Cheltenham at 14:48 towards Gloucester on a driver training turn.

27/12 66109 + 66171 + 66051 + 66054 passed Cheltenham at 16:07 as a 0F85 Bescot - Margam light loco move.

30/12 66846 ran as a 0Z99 15:23 Rugby - Gloucester light-engine move and was used to rescue 6J88, a northbound track machine (near Cheltenham

Alstone road) which had suffered a hydraulic oil loss.

31/12 66846 + 66849 arrived Gloucester as a 0Z66 light-engine move from Rugby.

09/01 66847 ran 0Z67 10:15 Rugby - Gloucester light-engine for Teigngrace log duty during the following day.

13/01 66011 departed Cheltenham goods loop at 10:15 with 7X36 Didcot - Ashchurch MoD trip and later 60071 appeared on the 6V92 Corby - Margam steel service, passing Cheltenham at 15:06.

19/01 153329 + 150108 (in LM green) were noted on the 2G82 09:45 Swindon - Cheltenham First/GW local service.

21/01 Colas 66847 was stabled at Gloucester.

24/01 NR Class 37 97301 was reported to have powered a 1Q13 08:08 Derby RTC - Derby RTC (19:40) test working (formed with dept c/stock: 72616, 72639, 977997, 9701) via the Stroud Valley line as part of the train's itinerary.

25/01 60054 passed Ashchurch at 10:33 on the 6V05 Round Oak - Margam steel, whilst 66846 worked 6Z50 11:10 Gloucester New yard - Carlisle log empties.

30/01 66850 was stabled at Gloucester. DRS 37409 with saloon coach 975025 Caroline leading formed a 5Z02 12:30 Derby RTC - Cardiff Canton (17:07) move via Cheltenham passing at 14:55 and Magor at 16:01. The train saw use from Cardiff during the following day (also see Bristol Parkway, Pilning and Westerleigh notes & news).

31/01 Having run 0B36 Acton yard - Ashchurch light engine (noted passing Swindon at 08:23), DBS livery 59206 returned a 6X36 loaded army vehicles train which was reported as departing Kemble at 14:11 for Didcot.

Newport

17/12 A morning signalling failure between Cardiff and Newport saw passengers conveyed by road buses between the two locations which were starting and terminating at Bristol Parkway with rail connections from the North and the South.

18/12 Having docked the previous evening with four new Class 70s, off loading commenced during the morning from the BDC Colorado with the first loco 70015 successfully touching down at 10:00, four hours earlier than expected with 70013, 70014 and 70016 following.

It was interesting to note, that the next batch, 70017 - 70020 were booked to be off loaded at Seaforth (Liverpool) due to North Atlantic weather conditions.

On the mainline, 60071 powered the 6E30 17:36 Margam - Hartlepool steel service which was diverted via the Severn Tunnel, Westerleigh junction and Charfield.

19/12 Two Class 60 reports were: 60071 on 6V02 18:38 (Sun) Tees yard - Margam steel and 60099 with 6V49 Immingham - Newport Alexandra dock junction freight.

21/12 70004 powered the 4Z97 Grange sidings - Stoke Gifford coal empties passing Newport at 13:38. 66043 passed in the up direction on the Bescot BTU formed: ADB971003 + ADB971001 + ADB975471 + 996219 + 112053 + ADRC96715 (Crane).

22/12 66622 hauled 70014 + 70015 + 70016 + 70013 as 0Z28 11:30 Newport ADJ - Crewe via Hereford, being noted pausing in Newport station from 12:41 (56 late) - 12:45 (50 late).

03/01 70006 passed East Usk at 14:35 on the 4Z97 Grange sidings - Stoke Gifford coal empties.

05/01 70010 passed East Usk at 14:55 on 4V22 10:57 Crewe Basford Hall yard - Stoke Gifford coal empties. 66846 passed Newport station at 11:50 running light from Margam - Llanwern.

07/01 The Saturday's only 4V64 (SO) Crewe Basford Hall yard - Wentlooge container service was diverted via Birmingham Landor street, Oxford, Didcot and Swindon behind 66564 being eventually recorded passing Newport at 16:42.

Both 70006 on 4V06 (ex. Rugeley P.S.) and 70011 with 4V20 coal empties (which departed Parkway at 14:15) stabled in Pengam sidings (having run onwards via the Severn Tunnel) due to space availability at Stoke Gifford. Later a DMU set failure on the Ebbw Vale branch saw the 2F79 19:40 Ebbw Vale - Cardiff Central formed 153320 + 150217 + 153312 + 142073 + 150227, the formation was only believed to have reached Rogerstone before being terminated.

Three departmental train reports were as follows:
 6W20 - 66188 Cardiff Queen St - Oxford Hinksey yard (recorded passing Maindee West junction at 11:35), 6W23 - 66121 10:20 Oxford Hinksey yard - Radyr (reported Westerleigh junction at 11:47) with MEAs, 6W24 - 66100 Oxford Hinksey yard - Radyr sleeper train.

10/01 GBRf 66735 passed Newport at 18:14 with down scrap empties.

11/01 57314 + 57316 top n'tailed a 05:32 Holyhead - Cardiff Central 'relief' service, Colas 66846 passed Newport at 11:03 light-engine for Margam and 67003 later appeared down light at 11:36 on a Arriva Trains driver training run, returning at 13:37.

12/01 70006 passed Newport at 13:50 with 4Z97 Grange sidings - Stoke Gifford coal empties.

13/01 The NRMT HST set with power cars 43013 + 43014 passed Severn Tunnel junction at 11:38 on a return 1Z20 Swansea - Derby RTC test working.

14/01 60071 passed Newport at 08:46 on a 6H24 Llanwern - Cardiff docks steel trip, the train having originated at Margam.

16/01 Colas 66847 passed Magor at 14:52 heading for Gloucester light-engine.

18/01 60071 powered the 6V05 Round Oak - Margam steel train.

20/01 The 6M76 Margam - Dee Marsh loaded steel was headed by 60071 and 66846 ran 0Z55 10:55 Llanwern - Eastleigh Works light-engine, being reported through Bath at 11:50.

21/01 Having passed Cardiff Central earlier at 12:06, 60071 passed Newport at 12:24 with the 6H25 Margam - Llanwern steel trip. The 6H26 departed Llanwern for Trostre (via Margam) at 13:08.

Another freight report was 4V64 Crewe Basford Hall yard - Wentlooge (SO) loaded containers with 66533 (reported passing Dorrington at 12:54).

23/01 31285 arrived late during the day at Alexandra dock junction for stabling with a 1Z06 test working from Derby RTC, 66705 powered 6Z97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal scrap empties during the evening and earlier DRS livery 66416 was recorded departing East Usk at 11:35 on 4F27 Uskmouth P.S.- Stoke Gifford coal empties.

26/01 60091 ran 0V19 Immingham - Margam light-engine.

30/01 60071 departed Llanwern at 07:02 with the 6H22 steel trip to Margam.

Portbury Branch line

12/01 Car loco 66121 departed Barton Hill at 15:19 (passing Temple Meads at 15:25) with 6D98 trip from Avonmouth conveying steel carrier BAA 900126 for Portbury Auto-terminal.

26/01 A new FLHH coal diagram was introduced as - 6F65 04:55 Portbury - Uskmouth (07:14), 4F27 10:42 Uskmouth -Portbury (14:18), 6M14 16:16 Portbury - Fiddler's Ferry (02:00), 66507 being in charge of the day's workings, DRS livery 66419 working the previous day's train. These workings commenced operating on the 24th.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included:
66004/046/141.

66415/416/419/507/511/513/515/519/523/528/544/547/550/555/595/598/613/952.
70002/003/006/010/011/013/014.

Westbury

01/01 Locos present at 15:00 were as follows: 08737. 59201/202/204/206. 66100. 66188.

With the Salisbury - Yeovil Junction mainline closed for a signalling up grade. Sunday SWT diversions were to operate on selected dates up until March.

During the day: 159106 + 159103 departed at 14:26 with the 1L33 12:15 Waterloo - Exeter st. David's and 159010 + 159108 were later recorded at 14:44 on the 1L52 12:50 Exeter st. David's - Waterloo service.

03/01 59101 + 59102 + 59104 ran 0F59 11:00 Eastleigh - Westbury light (via Chandler's Ford and Romsey) following works attention and repaints being noted passing Warminster at 12:52 (14 early).

07/01 08737, 66140 and 66187 were present as 159012 + 159103 departed at 14:12 on the diverted 1L48 12:26 Waterloo - Exeter st. David's service.

14/01 It was reported that DBS were unable to provide locos and crew for a Saturday engineering occupation on the Merehead quarry branch so Colas provided 47727 + 47749 in a top n'tail formation on 6Q70 12:03 Westbury - East Somerset junction auto ballaster, arriving at the Wanstrow, worksite at 13:37.

21/01 At 16:00 the following locos were present: 08737. 66193.
59001/005/204/205.
59206.

27/01 The NRMT HST with power cars 43013 + 43062 passed over the avoiding line at 12:00 with a 10:00 Plymouth - Paddington working.

29/01 Now GBRf owned 66745 (in Colas colours) worked a heavily delayed 6W20 01:00 Evesham - Westbury engineers, via a loco run-round at Swindon. The working was reported through Cheltenham at 15:36 (300 late) and Melksham at 20:32.

LOCAL LOCO HAULED PASSENGER SERVICES

1V31 / 1W91 05:32 Holyhead - Cardiff Central / 16:15 return 'Wag Express'
15/12 57306. 21/12 57315. 28/12 57314. 29/12 57316. 30/12 57316.
03/01 57315. 04/01 57316. 24/01 57308.

Note: 05/12 - C/stock formation: 9521, 5976, 6183, 10259.

LOCAL FREIGHTLINER WORKINGS

4V51 / 4051 Southampton - Wentlooge containers

17/12 66563. 19/12 70001. 21/12 70001. 22/12 66539. 28/12 66954.
29/12 66533. 31/12 66593. 03/01 66504. 04/01 66504. 05/01 66565.
07/01 66534. 10/01 66956. 11/01 66565+66536. 12/01 66568.
13/01 66562. 14/01 66540. 16/01 66591. 21/01 66539. 25/01 66504
27/01 66504. 28/01 66504. 30/01 66504.

6M55 06:55 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal

30/12 66613. 31/12 66515. 04/01 66535. 05/01 70010. 06/01 70011.
12/01 66415. 14/01 66598. 16/01 66519. 19/01 66519. 20/01 66419.

6M61 08:25 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal

21-23/12 70002. 02/01 70010. 09/01 70011. 17/01 66519. 18/01 66519.
24/01 66419. 25/01 66507. 27/01 66548. 30/01 66523. 31/01 66528.

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

16/12 66419. 19/12 66419. 20/12 70010. 21/12 66523. 27/12 66528.
28/12 66513. 29/12 66595. 30/12 66515. 31/12 66515. 03/01 66595.
04/01 70003. 05/01 70013. 06/01 70002. 09/01 70006. 10/01 70014.
11/01 70014. 12/01 66598. 13/01 66511. 16/01 66952. 17/01 66509.
19/01 66550. 20/01 66416. 21/01 66416. 23/01 66419. 24/01 66544.
25/01 66415. 26/01 66548. 30/01 66548. 27/01 66523.

Notes: 16/12 Train ran as 6F90 Avonmouth - Uskmouth P.S. on this date.

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

23/01 66416. 24/01 66523. 25/01 66419. 26/01 66507.

6M02 20:45 Portbury - Fiddler's Ferry loaded coal

17/01 70011. 25/01 70003. 26/01 70003. 27/01 70015.

6A21 Pengam - Theale loaded stone

07/01 66552.

6M36 Westbury 'la Farge' - Earles (Hope sidings) cement empties (MFO)

16/12 66597. 21/12 66601. 13/01 66607. 20/01 66603.

Notes: 13/01 66607 failed at Westbury, 66506 was the assisting loco.

The Container Count - Bristol West (Railport)

17/12 66956. 19/12 66569 (4L30), 66956 (4L32). 20/12 66562. 22/12 66567
(4024). 23/12 66587 (4L32). 03/01 66567 (4024). 04/01 (4L32). 07/01
66517 (4V34), 66588. 10/01 66954 (4L32). 12/01 66534 (4024). 13/01
66952 (4024). 11/01 66534. 14/01 66952, 66420 (4V34). 16/01 66420 (4L32).
66588 (4L30). 20/01 66590 (4L32). 21/05 66590, 66589 (4V34). 23/01 66589

(4L32). 26/01 66536 (4L32). 28/01 66420 (4V34), 66542.

Train notes: Arivals 4V34 04:45 ex. Felixstowe (SO). Departures: 4L30 09:03 (MO) - Felixstowe. 4L32 11:00 - Tilbury. 4024 - Grain (Thamesport).

LOCAL DBS WORKINGS

6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh loaded fuel tanks

16/12 60071. 19/12 60054. 21/12 60054. 27/12 60054. 29/12 60054.
04/01 60071. 09/01 60054. 10/01 60054. 12/01 60054. 13/01 60054.
16/01 60054. 17/01 60054. 19/01 60054. 20/01 60054. 23/01 60054.
24/01 60054. 25/01 60071. 27/01 60071. 30/01 60091. 31/01 60091.

Notes: 23/01 Train retimed as 07:44 Robeston - Westerleigh (14:55). 30/01 Train retimed as 08:10 Margam - Westerleigh (12:20).

6E41 Westerleigh - Lindsey fuel tank empties

20/12 60091. 29/12 60091. 30/12 60091. 02/01 60049. 03/01 60049.
07/01 60049. 09/01 60091. 10/01 60091. 14/01 60091. 16/01 60049.
17/01 60049. 21/01 60071. 26/01 60049. 30/01 60011.

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

17/01 60011. 20/01 66184.

6B33 Theale Robeston (Margam SO) fuel tank empties

17/12 60054. 22/12 60071. 27/12 60071. 29/12 60071. 03/01 60071.
05/01 60054. 10/01 60071. 12/01 60071. 17/01 66071. 19/01 60071.
24/01 60071. 26/01 66100. 28/01 60091. 31/01 60071.

Notes: 27 + 29/12 the train was diverted via the Berks & Hants route the Limpley Stoke Valley and Bath.

6V62 / 6C62 Eastleigh - Plymouth Tavistock yard fuel tanks (TO)

20/12 66206. 03/01 66162. 10/01 66019. 17/01 66085. 24/01 66169.
31/01 66176.

6V51 Warrington - Portbury docks (via Newport ADJ) steel and car empties

20/12 66001. 05/01 66093. 06/01 66087. 10/01 66206. 12/01 66121.
13/01 66053. 17/01 66192. 26/01 66183. 31/01 66082.

Note: 17/01 The train was routed via Avonmouth.

6B35 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties

19/12 66044. 04/01 66091. 13/01 66232. 27/01 66147.

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

04/01 66193.

Note: This was possibly a brief return for DBS on this working whilst GBRf sort out a wagon shortage problem!

6A83 Machen Quarry - West Drayton ARC loaded stone

21/12 59101. 25/01 59204. 30/01 66162 + 59204.

Notes: 21/12 Train ran as 6Z83 Machen - West Drayton ARC.

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

17/12 66114. 24/12 66093. 07/01 66185. 14/01 66187. 21/01 66019.

28/01 66046.

6C39 st. Blazey - Newport ADJ freight (ThO)

22/12 66087. 05/01 66053. 12/01 66054. 19/01 66184. 26/01 66053.

6C99 Newport ADJ - st. Blazey freight (TO)

13/12 66174. 20/12 66087. 03/01 66127. 10/01 66054. 17/01 66184.

24/01 66053.

LOCAL COLAS WORKINGS

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

03/01 66846. 10/01 66846. 17/01 66846. 24/01 66847. 31/01 66847.

6Z50 08:36 Gloucester New yard - Teigngrace empty log carriers

20/12 66847. 03/01 66847. 10/01 66847. 17/01 66847. 31/01 66850.

Notes: 03/01 train ran as 08:13 Chirk - Teigngrace and 09:05 Gloucester - Teigngrace on 10/01 and 17/01.

6Z51 14:41 Teigngrace - Chirk loaded log carriers

21/12 66847. 04/01 66847. 11/01 66847. 18/01 66847.

Notes: 21/12 train ran as 15:26 to Chirk (Chester).

LOCAL DRS WORKINGS

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

20/12 66303+66423. 29/12 57007+57011. 05/01 37608+37612.

10/01 37602+37603. 17/01 20309+37606. 24/01 37194+37510.

31/01 37038+37603.

AREA MOTIVE POWER LINE UP - Thursday 5th January 2012

6B33 Theale - Robeston - 60054, 6M67 Bridgwater - Crewe - 37607 + 37612 (with FNA 550017), 6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh - 60071, 6E41 Westerleigh - Lindsey - 60091, 6V05 Round Oak - Margam - 66011, 6X52 Portbury - Mossend - 66093, 6V92 Corby - Margam - 66106, 6V67 Redcar - Margam - 66122, 6M41 Margam - Round Oak - 66164, 6Z44 Aberthaw - Lindsey - 66144, 6V07 Round

Oak - Margam - 66197, 4V22 Crewe Basford Hall yard - Stoke Gifford - 70010, 7C54 Banbury Road - Whatley Quarry - 59103, 6Z50 Chirk - Gloucester New Yard - 66847.

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LOCAL DBS WORKINGS

6V62 Eastleigh - Plymouth Tavistock yard loaded fuel tanks (TO)
03/05 66058 etc.

6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury dock (via Newport ADJ) steel and car empties
03/05 66187 etc.

LOCAL DRS WORKINGS

Under 6V73 / 6M56 CEGB Berkeley flask, the last line of this entry for 26/05 concerning 57008 + 57009 should be listed under the 6V74 / 6M67 Bridgwater flask entry.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Dartmoor Railway (31/12/11)

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In use on 'mince pie' specials: Ex,BR: 47701 with c/stock: 1213 +3353 + S61743 (working as a driving coach ex. SR Emu set 1589).
Okehampton station: platform 2: c/stock: 80225 ex.LMS guardsvan: 731411 (both vehicles had been in use as a Santa Grotto and support van),
platform 3: c/stock: (96212 / 93448). (DB889022), main platform next to footbridge: grounded body: (E87554).
Meldon Quarry: Ex.BR: D4167 (08937). dmu : 59520. demu:
60146/(150)/(673)/677/827/831. emu: 70273, 62385, (69310/332), 76747.
(76277/DB977335), c/stock: 3387, (3411), (9501), 10518, (10595), S10611.
RDB975046 (S34249). (DB977353/94691). Track machines: DB96303A + DB96303B.
small plant: MNN6154. MNN6155.

Notes:

47701 is now in a non-authentic two tone green colour scheme, and was carrying tinsel wrapped on it's front end hand rails! There were several items unidentified from this 'view from train' report including two Wickham trollies and two coaches.
Both 60150 and 60673 were assumed only as on the inside of a second row of stock.
977353 + 10611 + 69310 were all in use as a buffet /café and associated stores vehicle close to the Meldon viaduct.
The loco maintenance shed at Meldon was reported as containing an industrial steam loco: a Hudswell Clarke in pieces (a long term restoration project!) and diesel Flying Falcon (JF 422016/62) - a very underpowered loco for use on the line - but at in working order! coach: (13436) under a full overhaul.

The railway hope soon to have a fully working two (or three coach) 'thumper' unit formed: 60146 + 60677 + 60827 (205028), although the costs of replacing some of the small broken windows in the centre coach is proving expensive.

76747 + 62385 (both ex. emu set 1399) were from the Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway, having previously being located at Meldon.

Coach RDB975046 (LAB 11) is ex. Nottingham Heritage Centre, Ruddington. The train shuttles over the December period were operating from Okehampton as far as the former Bow station site (although no alighting was allowed here due to the condition of the platform) towards Crediton, and then back to Meldon Quarry (via Okehampton).

At Meldon Quarry the station had just survived a recent landslide which had wiped out and closed part of the nearby Granite Way public footpath and cycleway. Rebuilding repairs were underway with a detour available over the station platform on non rail operating days otherwise it was a longish diversion over fields to by-pass the site.

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