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Front Cover Photo February 2014 Issue 504:

56302 leads 56094 and 78831 from HOTRT1 through Lawrence Hill on 02/01/14.
[Chris Weeks]

FUTURE EVENTS

Trip 486

MANCHESTER FLYER

Saturday 22/02/14

Please note that due to difficulties with visits to key locations in the Bedfordshire area, Trip 486 has now been rearranged as a Manchester Flyer

Trip Fare = £40.00 - Reduced Fare for Society Members = £37.00

Departure Time from Bristol = TBA

Return Time to Bristol = TBA

Proposed Itinerary:

Approx 8 hours free time to do as you wish in the Manchester area

Book By Date = 26th January 2014

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: TBA

Trip 487

DONCASTER FLYER

Saturday 15/03/14

Trip Fare = £39.00 - Reduced Fare for Society Members = £36.00

Departure Time from Bristol = TBA

Return Time to Bristol = TBA

Proposed Itinerary:

Approx 8 hours free time to do as you wish in Doncaster

Book By Date = 22nd February 2014

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: TBA

Trip 488

EASTER KENT

Friday-Monday 18-21/04/14

A four day trip visiting Preserved & Industrial Locations in Kent

Trip Fare = £112.00 - Reduced Fare for Society Members = £100.00

NOTE: Participants will be required to pay for their own B&B accommodation which will be additional and separate from the Trip Fare

Departure Time from Bristol = 0300 (Friday 18th am)

NOTE: Please note the early morning departure time, this is to maximise the time in Kent, due to the distance to be travelled

Return Time to Bristol = 2100 (Monday 21st pm)

Proposed Itinerary:

Avondale Environmental, Chatham; A.J.R Birch & Son Ltd, Sellindge; Bredgar & Wormshill Railway, Bredgar; Dover Transport Museum, Dover; East Kent Light Railway, Sheperdswell; Kent County Council Museum, Canterbury; Ken Jackson, Eynsford; Channel Tunnel, Cheriton; Preston Steam Services, Canterbury; J. Martin, Hunton; Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway, New Romney; Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway; Kent & East Sussex Railway; Spa Valley Railway, Tunbridge Wells; World Naval Base, Chatham; Miniature Railway, Faversham; New Barn Railway, Swanley; Faversham Wharf plus others

Permits to be applied for: All locations (except Channel Tunnel)

Book By Date = 29th March 2014

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: TBA

Trip 489

LONDON FLYER

Saturday 17/05/14

Approx 10 hours free time to do as you wish in the Capitol

Trip Fare = £33.00 - Reduced Fare for Society Members = £30.00

Departure Time from Bristol = 0700 am

Return Time to Bristol = 2100 pm

Proposed Itinerary: None

Book By Date = 3rd May 2014

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: None

Trip 490

CORNWALL

Saturday 14/06/14

A one day trip visiting locations in the County

Trip Fare = £35.00 - Reduced Fare for Society Members = £32.00

Departure Time from Bristol = 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol = 2100 pm

Proposed Itinerary:

Imerys Clay Company, Blackpool Driers; Helston Railway, Sithney; Summercourt Scrapyard, Newquay; T. Ware, Carharrack; John Spenceley, Nr Truro; Little Western Railway, Newquay; Porterswick Junction Railway, Launceston; Various locations with grounded Coach bodies

Permits to be applied for: Where appropriate

Book By Date = 31st May 2014

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: TBA

Please use the Trip Bookings Form or send an email to the Bookings Secretary if you wish to participate on any of the above trips.

Proposed trips for the rest of 2014 are shown below. Note that these trips are only provisional. Dates and locations are therefore subject to change depending upon open days, etc. Itineraries, fares and timings are all TBA.

Trip 491 - 12th - 13th July	:	County Durham or Channel Islands
Trip 492 - 9th August	:	North West Miniatures
Trip 493 - 13th September	:	Statfold Barn Open Day
Trip 494 - 11th October	:	West Yorkshire
Trip 495 - 8th November	:	Plant Trip (area to be decided)
Trip 496 - 13th December	:	London Flyer

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 to John Dicks, 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 for Society members is as follows
ADULT - FULL FARE.
CHILD - QUARTER FARE.
TRIP MEMBER - AS ABOVE + £3
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 (£3 per day).
3. The discounts highlighted above for family members refer to travel costs only. Accommodation, and permits / admission fees will be charged at cost price.
4. Members who wish to go on a trip must contact John Dicks 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 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 also use this to provide you with any updates on Society events. To join you can use the link on the Home page of the Society web site www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk or send an e-mail to Cardiffandavonside-suscribe@yahoogroups.com

The more members who join and contribute will help all members of the society.

Useful Publications

Listed are publications that might be of use to those travelling about the country in search of locos and rolling stock. Please note that this is not intended as a review or a recommendation in anyway.

Compiled by Peter Nicholson;

AEB Rail Publications

27 Chatsworth Avenue, Warton, Preston, Lancs PR4 1BQ

Tel. 01772 468952

Website: www.aebrail.co.uk

Locomotives/Units/Coaching Stock and Unit Combined 2014

£9.95 post free

Includes UK (main line) diesel and electric locomotives, DMUs/EMUs and coaching stock.

Also, Ireland and Northern Ireland locos and units, UK light rail networks, and London and Glasgow underground stock.

UK & Continental Wagons Combined 2014

£12.95 post free

Contains the following fleet lists: private owner wagons, air-braked wagons, B-prefix wagons, engineers' wagons, track machines, snow ploughs, departmental coaching stock and on-track plant (excluding road-rail vehicles), RIV wagons, and Channel Tunnel and train ferry-registered wagons which are, or could, work on the UK network.

Inter City Railway Society

ICRS, c/o 14 Partridge Gardens, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO8 9XG

www.intercityrailwaysociety.org

UK Combined 2014 (Published early February; updated to 6 January.)

£15.99 post free

Contains all Network Rail registered diesel, electric and steam locomotives (including preserved and private owner), diesel and electric units (including preserved) and coaching stock, plus light rail and underground in the UK.

Milz Publications

7 Wood Street, Warrington, Cheshire WA1 3AY

Website: www.milzpublications.co.uk

Loco Fleet List 2014 (6th edition)

£7.99 plus £1.99 p&p. Cheques payable to L. Miller

Lists all diesel and electric locomotives which have operated on Britain's (main line) railways from the early experimental era right up to the present day. Includes the numbering and official naming of each locomotive. Details all withdrawn, preserved and currently operating locos, in TOPS classification order.

Specialist Transport Publications

ST Publications, 51 Kendal St., Wigan, WN6 7DJ

www.stpublications.co.uk

Tel. 07760 284494

UK Wagons 2014
£12.50 post free.

Lists all the wagons of the UK main line fleet, operated by DB Schenker, private owners, international-registered wagons, engineers' stock, RIV and air-braked wagons, Channel Tunnel and miscellaneous stock.

Western European Trams 2014

£12.50 post free

Lists all the trams of Western Europe including the UK. Fully updated with all recent changes to the fleets concerned.

Modern Locomotives Illustrated

No. 205 Class 66s Part 2

£4.50 published January 23

National Rail Timetables

These are featured this month in view of the demise of the official, TSO version.

TSO (The Stationery Office)

GB Rail Timetable - Winter 2014 - Final Edition (8 Dec 2013 to 17 May)

£18.00

For delivery options see website:

www.tsoshop.co.uk/bookstore.asp?FO=1241783

Contains details of all rail services operated over the GB rail network, together with rail and shipping connections with Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands. Published by TSO with permission from Network Rail. 3,712 pages.

This is the last edition to be published by the TSO, this being the official successor to the National Rail Timetable published by Network Rail until the Winter 2006-07 edition.

Middleton Press

Easebourne Lane, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9AZ

Tel: 01730 813169

Website: www.middletonpress.co.uk

Rail Times - Winter Revision (8 December to 17 May)

£17.95 plus £2 p&p

The demise of the TSO timetable leaves the Middleton Press Rail Times as the UK's only national, printed railway timetable. This continues to be produced twice a year - for as long as it is supported by rail travellers. Includes all timetables for Great Britain plus Eurostar services and features 15 route diagrams with TOC routes in colour.

Magazine Usage Questionnaire

Enclosed with this month's magazine is a questionnaire giving you the opportunity to provide feedback on the content, frequency, distribution and other general aspects of the Society magazine.

Completed questionnaires can be returned to the Magazine Editor by post, or alternatively why not visit the Society web site www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk and complete the survey online instead.

NOTES & NEWS

Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh

19/12 An engineering train report was; 66951 + 66531 top n' tailing - 6Y39 Kemble - Westbury coalfish wagons passing Dr.Day's junction at 0725.

20/12 66547 + 66956 + 66613 + 66617 were an evening arrival at Stoke Gifford on a 0Y35 light-engine move from Taunton Fairwater yard.

21/12 Pathfinder Tour's 'Beverley Humber', 1Z37 0642 Newport - Beverley (1305), and 1Z38 1615 return to Newport (2255), was top n' tailed with 37423 + 37604 with 37612 being noted departing Parkway at 0726 (8 late) and passing Yate at 0734 (9 late), with c/stock; 4946, 4949, 4998, 1813, 3122, 3147, 3149, 1671, 3100, 3098, 17105.

The train also ran 1Z37 1321 Beverley - Dairycoates (1410) and 5Z38 1525 ecs return to Beverley (1605) whilst in the Humber side area. For the record, the morning ecs move to South Wales was the 5Z37 0317 Crewe HS - Newport (0537) via Shrewsbury and Hereford. The Saturday Only light loco move from Margam was used to convey rhtt vehicles 642042 + 642029 only as 6012 1106 Margam - Eastleigh being reported passing Lawrence Hill at 1338 and arriving Westbury at 1411. 66090 was the train loco.

22/12 66849 ran 0Z66 1256 Cardiff Canton - Eastleigh East Yard (1540) light passing Newport at 1301 and Bath 1355 (6 early).

23/12 At 1500, Stoke Gifford 'downside' had the following stabled; 66524, 66566, 66599, 66620, 66621. 66518 and 66598 were both attached to separate west facing coal wagon empties. An engineering train report was; 66165 - 6Z17 1210 Newport ADJ - Westbury (1356) passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1236 (2 late), Filton Abbey Wood 1302 (2 late) and Bath 1329 (3 late) formed of Falcon wagons.

24/12 Two light engine moves were; DBS 66074 + 66018 + 66182 as 1010 Margam - Westbury passing Patchway at 1146 (1 late) and Bath Oldfield Park at 1223 (15 late) and Colas 56302 + 56087 running as 0Z56 1028 Cardiff Canton - Washwood Heath Metro Cammel (1326) passing Patchway at 1154 (38 late) and Yate 1207 (39 late).

27/12 During the afternoon, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66524, 66541, 66550, 66591, 66613, 66617, 66620, 66621.

28/12 66850 ran 0Z66 1400 Rugby Colas - Cardiff Canton light loco, collecting 66847 from Gloucester New Yard at 1600 and passing Pilning at 1715.

30/12 66621 passed Pilning at 0557 on the 6F35 Cardiff Tidal - Dagenham Down yard scrap empties. Later, Colas 66850 passed the same location at 1644 (26 late) with a 6Z52 1027 Tilbury Riverside - Margam Grange sidings working (1820).

31/12 Weather related problems with flooding at Chipping Sodbury Tunnel saw Great Western diversions via Box, Bath and Day' curve to / from South Wales. Having returned the 4V30 0805 Ratcliffe PS - Gloucester New Yard coal empties which were reported passing Cheltenham at 1523 (91 late), 66952 'on hire' from FLHH ran 0V30 light loco to Stoke Gifford. Later, 66037 passed Patchway at 2215 on the 6C99 (TO) Newport ADJ - Exeter (Riverside) freight formed of 16 empty china clay JIAs. The days train was

recessed at Exeter instead of running straight through to St. Blazey and did continue onwards during the following day.

01/01 An engineering train report was; 66017 top n' tailing 66135 - 6W61 0505 Westbury - Taff Wells passing Filton Abbey Wood at 0552 (1 early) formed of 21 JHA/MLA wagons. The return was booked as 2013 to Westbury Down yard (2235).

02/01 A landslide on the Standish junction - Swindon mainline (via Kemble) in the Stonehouse area saw the up line closed and the down line only passable at caution. A reported diversion was the Great Western 1L91 1834 Cheltenham Spa - Paddington HST passing Westerleigh junction at 1923 heading for Parkway and a reverse move back via the Badminton route to Swindon.

03/01 The latest biomass silver Class 60 repaint, 60066 powered the overnight 6A11 2249 (Fri) Robeston - Theale and 6B33 1300 empties to Margam) fuel tanks.

Flooding in West Wales at Pembrey along with the Swansea District line on this date affected services, tank trains and Trostre steel being diverted via Neath.

04/01 Mainline activity, whilst the 2014 Cars Social proceeded at the nearby Beaufort Arms, Stoke Gifford, included; Colas 66847 passing Parkway at 1554 (24 late) with the 1100 Tilbury Riverside - Llanwern steel service. In the holding sidings; 66526 (an afternoon empty coal train arrival), 66534, 66550 and 66589 were all present. The Colas Class 66 ran 0Z75 1500 Cardiff Canton - Westbury light-engine during the following day.

05/01 At 1200, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66419, 66526, 66534, 66550, 66589, 66595, 66599, 66607, 66619.

07/01 67024 was an unusual visitor to Parkway at 1345, light-engine diverted from the Oxford line due to flooding between here and Didcot. This route had however reopened by 1300 on that day, passage being possible at a low speed.

08/01 66510 + 66596 + 66419 formed a 0Y30 Stoke Gifford - Westbury light engine move passing Stapledon Road at 1938 (66419 + 66952 + 66526 had earlier returned from overnight PW work off Westbury in the opposite direction during the morning period).

09/01 66148 + French ECR 66179 passed Westerleigh junction at 0631 with the 6V13 Dollands Moor - Margam steel service, now often used to move locos from mainland Europe to Toton for attention.

10/01 The NRMT HST (with power cars 43013 + 43014) carrying out its near six weekly area checks, started from Pilning at 0803 to Derby RTC (assumed with the trains normal 1Z20 headcode), via Swansea where departure was at 1010 (-) and later Parkway at 1213 (-). The reason for this unusual starting point remained unknown

11/01 Arriva Wales 142075 working 1148 Cardiff Canton - Barton Hill empty for overhaul passed Patchway at 1220 (82 early). At 1445 Stoke Gifford sidings held; 66419, 66510, 66525, 66532, 66550, 66596, 66955. An afternoon arrival was 66539 with a failed 66957 on an unidentified empty coal service from Rugeley PS. 66539 had been attached at Bescot to take the train forward. The Margam - Westbury / loco convoy was reported as a non-runner, but 66170 + 66027 + 66177 arrived Westbury at 1519 as 0012 Newport ADJ - Eastleigh. A Colas freight report was 66848 on a 6Z62 1100 Tilbury Riverside - Llanwern Exchange sidings steel service, arriving Parkway down loop at 1505, departing at 1507 (91 early) and passing Patchway at 1516 (84 early) whilst DBS operated a day light 6M60 0736

St.Blazey - Bescot with 66192 being reported passing Bridgwater at 1013 (116 early) and Filton Abbey Wood 1120 (122 early) for the Severn Tunnel and a reverse in Newport ADJ yard. The working then went forward via the Marches, not the Chepstow mainline and Gloucester as normally booked.

12/01 This was the second week end of HOBC activity in South Wales, 66617 + 66607 top n' tailing the 6Y11 1000 Llanharan - Taunton Fairwater yard (1323) return which departed Temple Meads at 1214 (2 late). The train had run 6Y11 2032 Taunton Fairwater - Port Talbot East (0006 Sun) during the previous day. Colas 66847 powered a 6V86 1530 Worcester - Port Talbot Grange sidings loaded coke train via the Bristol area being reported passing Parkway at 1655 (9 late). Later, 66524 passed Ashchurch at 1830 and Yate 1913 (97 late) with a diverted ex Stud Farm (a working from 09/01) running as 6Z14 1455 Bescot Up Engineers sidings - Stoke Gifford (1800) ballast, away from its normal route via Oxford due to flooding. The working went forward to Exeter via Temple Meads during the following morning.

14/01 66554 was an evening visitor working a 4Z18 1836 Washwood Heath RMC -Eastleigh East yard (2308) departmental, being reported passing Ashchurch at 2018 (21 late), and later routed via Yate, Day's Curve, Bath and Westbury.

18/01 The 6X33 1152 Westbury - Whitemoor Yard GBRf (1930) departmental top n' tailed with 66605 + 66619 took the long way through the area, running via Chippenham and departing Swindon at 1310 (8 late) having reversed in the West loop for Parkway arriving at 1349 (5 late) and departing following a second reverse at 1411 (4 early) then retracing its route back to Westerleigh junction where the Midland line was taken, Yate being passed at 1421 (4 early).

Locos recorded at Westerleigh on tank duty during the review period have included;

60001/039/044/054/091/099.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

23/11 Additional Information (January Magazine) - The return Steam Dreams 'Cathedrals Express' with 70000 Britannia passed a red light (SPAD) at Shrewsbury so assisting loco 37516 was put on the front of the train with a different train crew.

19/12 A fuel run for Colas 56113, was 0Z13 0830 Westbury Down yard - Barton Hill (0928) and 0Z14 1130 Barton Hill - Westbury (1225) which was noted passing North Somerset junction at 1137 (4 early).

20/12 The Arriva XC 1V44 0600 Leeds - Plymouth HST service formed with set 43366 XC05 43384 was diverted via Chepstow and the Severn Tunnel due to a points failure at Berkeley Road junction. The 6A11 0011 (Thur) Robeston - Theale loaded Murco fuel tanks were reported as a very late runner passing Bath at 0905 with 60099 in charge.

22/12 Sunday Arriva XC HST diagrams were reported as covered with the following power cars and intermediate coaches; 43207 XC01 43304 - 1V48 0810 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S55 1424 Plymouth - Edinburgh Waverley. 43384 XC04 43366 - 1V50 0900 Leeds - Plymouth / 1E63 1524 Plymouth - York. 43301 XC03 43357 - 1S53 1324 Plymouth - Edinburgh Waverley. 43378 XC04 43285 - 1V56 0908 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth / 1E75 1824 Plymouth - Leeds. The SWTs 1060 1604 Temple Meads - Waterloo service was noted with a 'mixed' set 159108 (52801 + 58701) + 57775 (158885).

23/12 Adverse weather conditions, due to another North Atlantic storm saw a blanket 50 mph speed restriction introduced for safety reasons, with much debris blown onto the track at various locations. There were numerous reports of late running and cancellations in the local area, two Great Western HST examples being the 1C22 1630 Paddington - Taunton (1928) service, terminated at Weston-super-Mare at 2132 (161 late) due to the report of flooding and late running and the 1C24 Paddington - Taunton (2021) again terminated at Weston also running late at 2244 (175 late). Elsewhere, the Paignton and Barnstaple branches were closed along with the mainline between Taunton and Tiverton and a tree blocked the main line at Wrangaton (between Newton Abbot and Plymouth). 43131 suffered front end damage whilst working a Paddington - Plymouth service which was terminated at Taunton at 2030.

24/12 Continual poor weather conditions saw some early hours flooding at Hele & Bradnich (between Exeter and Tiverton junction). The 1A40 Penzance - Paddington sleeper service was reported as terminated at Exeter and returned as 1C99 0411 Exeter - Penzance, whilst the balancing 1C99 was terminated at Taunton and returned to the Capital.

26/12 There was no passenger service trains in the Bristol area despite a report of crowds numbering around 100,000 shopping the sales at the cities Cabot Circus retail complex. The line just north of Exeter at Cowley Bridge was reported flooded.

27/12 An evening fatality near Stapledon Road affected a number of services with Great Western cancellations, along with Arriva XC, the latter company terminating two already late running services; 1M83 1825 Plymouth - Birmingham NS in Temple Meads at 2116 (92 late) having departed 23 late and 1V65 1705 Manchester Piccadilly - Cardiff Central (2102) via Bristol, at Filton Abbey Wood at 2200 (98 late) on the return from Temple Meads. This service was the one believed to have been involved in the incident. Another Arriva XC service cancellation was the 1V66 1408 Edinburgh Waverley (not Glasgow Central as booked) - Plymouth being terminated in Temple Meads at 2230 (108 late) due to late running and non-available train crew.

30/12 The morning container train departures from Bristol Railport both departed in a top n' tail formation and operated via Bath for a reverse at Chippenham. Locos involved were; 66541 / 66591 - 4L31 0900 - Felixstowe and 66537 / 66564 - 4L32 1100 - Tilbury. The train route was then via Melksham and Westbury, although the actual track work location affecting these services remained unconfirmed. 37604 + 37612 departed Bridgwater at 1207 with the return 6M63 1158 nuclear flask move to Crewe Coal sidings being later reported passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1301 and Yate South 1325.

31/12 Colas 56113 was an unexpected sight again in Bristol on a 6Z28 0820 Westbury - Newton Abbot (Hackney Yard) empty rail train passing Keynsham at 0906, departing Temple Meads at 0921 (1 early), passing Yatton at 0939 (2 early) for a loop stop (departing at 0956 - 2 early) and later passing Bridgwater at 1030 (2 early). The loco later returned light to Westbury via Castle Cary. Instead of remaining in Bristol over the New Year period, container locos 66537 + 66564 returned as 0803 Bristol West Railport - Southampton Maritime (1041) passing Bath at 0826 (2 late). SWTs 'hire' unit 158884 worked the afternoon 5E01 1249 Bristol TM - Exeter St.Davids empty stock move later covering the Paignton branch before returning to Taunton empty for the 2M69 2030 service to Bristol TM and the

1086 2223 departure back to Salisbury and home ground!

01/01 Only one Arriva XC West Country diagram operated over New Year's Day this being; 43366 XC05 43384 - 1V52 0700 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth / 1E67 1625 Plymouth - Edinburgh Waverley.

02/01 An average 3.1% ticket price increase came into effect for passengers, the lowest annual increase for the past four years, but still three times above average pay rises. The Government stated that price rises for 2014 did have to stay in line with inflation. Locally an annual season ticket between Bath and Bristol TM was expected to rise from £1,460 to £1,504, an increase of £44.00.

A good start for the year for heritage traction with 56302 + 56094 working a 6Z47 0959 Burton Wetmore - Taunton Fairwater departmental with part of the high output track replacement train vehicle 78831 being reported passing Yate at 1336 (4 early), Lawrence Hill 1422 (27 late), Uphill junction 1502 (29 late) and Bridgwater 1521 (33 late). The locos returned as 0Z56 1553 Taunton Fairwater - Cardiff Canton passing Uphill junction at 1621 (10 early). Another report for the day, was the second instance of Colas hiring a FLHH loco using 66598 on the 4V30 1438 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury coal empties formed of 20 HHAs (370280 and 370283 both carrying Colas Rail stickers) returning as 6M87 1900 to Ratcliffe PS, the inward being recorded passing Lawrence Hill at 1558 (33 early). The loco had earlier worked Stoke Gifford - Gloucester NY light engine, passing Yate at 1250.

06/01 More Class 56 action! 56094 + 56302 ran 0Z56 0825 Cardiff Canton - Taunton Fairwater (1032) light (reported Worle junction at 1004) to collect a 6Z56 1127 Taunton Fairwater - Cardiff Canton (1402), 4 HOBC wagon and a generator vehicle move which was reported passing Bridgwater at 1144 (-), Parsons Street 1218 (3 late) and Patchway 1318 (3 late). A booked 6Z57 1500 return and 0Z57 1815 light loco move back to Cardiff however, did not take place. Meanwhile, 56113 was also in the West Country working a 6Z28 1335 Westbury - Exeter (Riverside) ballast train formed of 16 JNAs and 0Z28 light-engine return (both out and back via Castle Cary).

08/01 66534 was reported to have worked a further Bristol Railport - London Gateway part loaded and empty container service during the morning (reported Bath at 1118) in the 1100 departure time slot. The head code of this working, when it operates, remains unconfirmed. Chiltern Trains 67010 with Mk IIIs 12620 + DVT 82309 arrived in Bristol as a 5V67 1300 Doncaster Works Webtac - Barton Hill (1916) being reported passing Kings Norton (Birmingham) at 1644 (2 late) and Westerleigh junction 1908 (11 late). The loco then ran 0M67 2000 Barton Hill - Banbury (0010) light-engine via Parkway and Charfield, with a reverse move taking place at Worcester. The DVT had been reported leading the train on part of its journey south at Tamworth.

09/01 37609 + 37423 worked the 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks which passed Parkway inward at 0604 and arrived Bridgwater at 0719, departing here with 2 FNAs at 1203 and passing Barton Hill at 1246. Later, 66091 was noted in Temple Meads running round a 6Z91 2130 Barton Hill - Westbury water cannon wagon move (FEAs 642017 + 642002). The wagons finally started their return journey to York, after several past cancellations.

Another evening sighting was the NRMT HST with power cars 43013 + 43014 on the up through at 2015 working 1Z17 1754 Derby RTC - Old Oak Common (0132 Fri) via Taunton, Bath, Parkway and Swindon, the set being later noted

passing Uphill junction at 2150 heading back from Taunton to Bristol.

10/01 First/GW hired in 57313 from West Coast Railways to work the 1C99 2345 Paddington - Penzance sleeper service (with c/stock set PZ88) being routed via the Berks & Hants, Trowbridge, Bath passing at 0249 (53 late) and Temple Meads 0300 (51 late). The loco had suffered an engine problem prior to departure!

31190 was an interesting sight on a 6Z41 0745 Taunton Goods Reception - Ladybank (Mossend) rail vac move (postponed from the previous day), which departed at 0544 (121 early) and arrived Bristol Parkway at 0852 (42 early) in the up loop, then departing at 1120 (4 late) for Patchway, the Severn Tunnel and the Marches route north from Newport. The machine had been in use overnight in the Honiton area on the former LSWR route, with DCR green 31452 (which remained at Taunton) also assisting.

13/01 56113 returned a failed 56078 (see Taunton notes & news) north as 0Z15 1451 Exeter (Riverside) - Washwood Heath being reported passing Bridgwater at 1538 (33 early), departing Temple Meads at 1701 (1 early) and Yate 1753 (30 early). 66850 was the replacement loco at Westbury to take over from the failed Class 56 for departmental duties.

16/01 37194 + 57003 were an unusual combination on the 6V73 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater flasks, being reported passing Temple Meads at 0742, arriving Bridgwater at 0832 and the 6M63 return, with two FNAs departing at 1204, leaving Temple Meads at 1306 (4 early), passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1316 and Yate South 1333. This 37 + 57 pairing was again used during the following day on the now MWFO, CEGB Berkeley flask trip (6M56). A 0Z25 1210 Crewe Basford Hall - Exeter (Riverside) light loco move (via Stoke Gifford) was formed 66607 + 66528 + 66610 (the latter being removed at Taunton Fairwater en route) passing Patchway at 1513 (3 early) and Bridgwater at 1652 (5 early).

17/01 A view of Barton Hill depot recorded 66847 and Chiltern Trains DVT 82309 as visible. West Coast 57313 came 'off hire' to Great Western having completed the morning 1A40 Penzance - Paddington service. A test working with 31233 was booked to depart as 3Q01 2258 Bristol Kingsland Road - Derby RTC (0747), the train having arrived during the morning as a 3Z01 1957 (Thur) departure from Didcot. The c/stock was unconfirmed as; 977985, 99666, 62384, 9708.

18/01 This was the first day of the Whiteball Tunnel PW blockade on the Somerset / Devon border (see December 2013 Magazine). Great Western ran diverted services via Castle Cary, Yeovil, Honiton to/from Exeter. A revised Arriva XC service was put in place, the HST diagrams being as follows; Weekdays, set 1 - 1V44 0600 Leeds - Taunton / 1T45 1048 Taunton - Bristol TM / 5T50 1131 Bristol TM - Bristol TM (via Bedminster) / 1T50 1250 Bristol TM - Taunton / 1S51 1352 Taunton - Glasgow Central.

Weekdays, set 2 - 1V52 0601 Glasgow Central - Taunton / 1T53 1448 Taunton - Bristol TM / 1T56 1550 Bristol TM - Taunton / 1E63 1652 Taunton - Leeds. Saturday - 1V44 0600 Leeds - Taunton / 1T45 1048 Taunton - Bristol TM / 5T50 1135 Bristol TM - Bristol TM (via Bedminster) / 1T50 1250 Bristol TM - Taunton / 1S51 1352 Taunton - Glasgow Central. Sunday - 1V56 0908 Edinburgh Waverley - Taunton / 1T64 1652 Taunton - Bristol TM / 1T84 1744 Bristol TM - Taunton / 1E73 1849 Taunton - Leeds.

Reports of interest during the day were; 67005 - 1Z12 0931 Victoria - Bath VSOE and 1701 return (both ways via the GWML and Swindon) arriving at 1240 (2 early) and running 1255 ecs to Bristol East (reported passing Keynsham at 1257), for a 1640 ecs to Bath (noted Keynsham at 1640) and 66149

running a solo 0012 1106 Margam LIP - Eastleigh light loco move passing Patchway at 1244 (38 early) and Bath 1346 (13 early).
Great Western 'hired in' SWTs 158881 during the day.

Bristol West Railport

The following locos have been reported here on container duty during the review period;

66414/420/501/534/537/541/558/564/566/569/588/589/590/591/955.

Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line

19/12 DBS HTA wagon 310937 had discharged its coal, shortly after loading in the bulk terminal sometime during the morning. The wagon was noted still in the same position moved back away from the spilt load on 22/12 when a clean-up operation was under way loading the material with a digger into a dumper and transferred it away from the sidings. A Colas HHA wagon steel remains in the terminal awaiting collection following removal from a train.

28/12 Track removal work started at the former ICI Severnside works sidings, to part reinstate some for the new Sita UK Resources Recovery Centre. Up to 300,000 tonnes of household rubbish from the London area is due to start arriving here in 2016 for processing (also the June 2013 Magazine).

30/12 66161 carrying 'rhtt grime' livery departed Avonmouth as a 0F85 light loco move passing Pilning at 1008.

08/01 66957 arrived with empties for the 6M04 1124 loaded services for Rugeley PS, but eventually returned light engine to Stoke Gifford, reason unknown.

15/01 The former sorting sidings at ICI Severnside had been lifted by this date. A new Scottish Power, power station will be part built on land where they once stood. Not previously reported has been the use of temporary flood lights at this location for track work during the late afternoon work period.

Westbury-based Great Western conductors now have duties over the Severn Beach line for the first time, covering two daily turns from the December 2013 timetable change.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included;
66007/008/014/023/037/054/060/081/083/084/085/088/110/124/126/141/142.
66184. 66419/522/523/524/526/528/554/597/599/607/957.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included;
59002/102/104. 66177.

Locos recorded on cement duty during the review period have included;
66067/068.

Portbury Branchline

02/01 66122 with the 6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carriers was routed via Bescot and Charfield, passing Parsons Street late at 1220. Interestingly there were a number of steel coil carriers at the rear, suggesting these were the wagons which are normally detached at Newport ADJ on the outward and were assumed returned to their destination via the 6X52 return service in the early evening.

14/01 66847 was reported de-railed as it departed Gloucester New Yard with the 4V30 coal empties. The train was cancelled, later DBS 66021 moved

the train's HHA wagons (except one still attached to the loco), to Cheltenham High Street loop. The Gloucester avoiding line was reported part blocked during part of the afternoon.

16/01 66847 was re railed in Gloucester yard around 1300 and uncoupled from the single HHA wagon and running under its own power at 1310. Meanwhile, 66850 passed the scene light from Westbury - Cheltenham Alstone loop to collect the other HHAs for a 1415 return empty move (via a run round at Worcester) to Portbury arriving at 1830 (1 early). The 6M87 loaded return to Ratcliffe PS departed at 2045 (105 late) and passed Bath at 2143 (89 late).

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included; 66003/057/088/101/129/139/141/143/184/221. 66511/518/522/524/526/547. 66551/554/598*/952*/956. 66847/850.

Note; * FLHH locos reported as 'on hire' and used by Colas Rail freight during the review period.

Locos recorded on car duty during the review period have included; 66085/105/111/122/128/193.

Locos recorded on biomass duty during the review period have included; 66701/704/705/740/742.

Bristol area workings during November

4L31 0901 Bristol West Railport - Felixstowe containers (FL)

07/11 66592. 08/11 66588. 11/11 66593. 12/11 66533.

14/11 66543. 18/11 66589. 19/11 66593. 27/11 66504.

4L32 1100 Bristol West Railport - Tilbury (4024* Grain) containers (FL)

06/11 66592. 07/11 66588. 08/11 66558. 11/11* 66533.

12/11 66572 + 66594. 13/11 66543. 14/11 66572.

18/11 66593. 19/11 66590. 20/11 66543. 21/11 66589.

26/11 66504.

Notes; 07/11 - although empty, this was the first departure to the new London Gateway terminal. 08/11 - the train ran to Southampton Maritime, the head codes remaining unconfirmed on each of these train variations.

4O51 (4V51) Southampton - Wentloog and return containers (FL)

07/11 66540. 08/11 70017. 11/11 70017. 13/11 70017 + 66504.

14/11 70017. 18/11 66504. 19/11 66537. 20/11 66502.

21/11 70001. 26/11 70017. 27/11 70001. 29/11 70007.

4O59 (4V50) Millbrook - Wentloog and return containers (SO) (FL)

16/11 66537. 23/11 70017. 30/11 70017.

4V94 / 6M95 1012 Ironbridge - Portbury and return loaded biomass (GBRf)

04/11 66743. 05/11 66743. 06/11 66729. 08/11 66735.

11/11 66725. 12/11 66725. 13/11 66729. 14/11 66725.

15/11 66725. 18/11 66729. 19/11 66708. 27/11 66729.

29/11 66708.

6A21 Pengam - Theale (SO) loaded stone (FLHH)

30/11 66513.

6B33 Theale - Robeston (Margam SO) fuel tank empties (DB)
02/11 60074. 05/11 60049. 09/11 60062. 09/11 60062.
12/11 60062. 14/11 60065. 16/11 60040. 20/11 66174 + 60062.
26/11 60049. 30/11 60049.

4(6)B35 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg empty stone (DB)
13/11 66055. 20/11 66100. 25/11 66100. 29/11 66098.

6B49 / 6B50 Llanwern - Swindon stores yard (TFO) and return steel (DB)
01/11 66041. 08/11 66128. 15/11 66169. 22/11 60063.

6C39 1150 St.Blazey - Newport ADJ freight (FO) (DB)
01/11 66110. 08/11 66075. 15/11 66151. 22/11 66156.
29/11 66081.

6A63 Avonmouth Bennett's - Acton / 6C63* Westbury loaded stone (DB)
02/11* 59004. 05/11 59204. 09/11* 59205. 15/11* 59202.
19/11* 59004. 23/11* 59205. 30/11 59201.

6A83 Machen - West Drayton / 6C63* Westbury loaded stone (DB)
04/11 59004. 11/11 66075. 18/11 59101. 25/11 59004.

6F65 0455 Portbury - Uskmouth PS loaded coal (DB)
09/11 66024. 11/11 66024. 30/11 66056.

6M02 2045 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (4C09 1758 Stoke Gifford -
Portbury empties) (FLHH)
05/11 66519. 07/11 66952. 20/11 66507. 27/11 66617.

6M04 1050 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)
05-07/11 66957. 11/11 66560. 14/11 66957. 27/11 66596.

6M30 1900 Portbury (Avonmouth*) - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (Colas)
01/11 66848. 04/11* 66848. 05/11* 66848. 11/11 66848.
12/11 66848. 14/11 66848. 15/11 66848. 18/11 66848.
19/11 66848. 25/11 66848. 28/11 66848.

Note; 18/11 - the inward empties were terminated at Temple Meads and
returned to Gloucester due to loco traction problems.

6M39 1305 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)
01/11 66058. 05/11 66039. 06/11 66058. 08/11 66175.

6M55 0755 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)
18/11 66560. 21/11 66956. 24/11 70003.

Note; 24/11 - the working ran as 0708 Portbury - Fiddlers Ferry with an
unconfirmed head code.

6M61 0825 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)
08/11 66559 tnt 66952.

Note; 08/11 - train routed via Parkway and Charfield.

6M63 (6V74) Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flasks (DRS)
05/11 37218 + 37688. 12/11 37259 + 37605. 19/11 37261 + 37419.

26/11 37409 + 37611. 28/11 37409 + 37611.

6M64 0825 Portbury - Fiddlers Ferry PS loaded coal (FLHH)
11/11 66525. 13/11 66531. 15/11 66507. 18/11 66515.

6M69 1500 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)
15/11 66238. 20/11 66043. 27/11 66169.

6O32 Margam / Llanwern - Dollands Moor steel (DB)
03/11 66005. 04/11 66041. 05/11 66041. 11/11 66165.
13/11 66165. 17/11 66070. 24/11 66204. 28/11 66185.
Notes; 17/11 and 24/11 - on these dates the train was diverted via Bath.

6O42 1131 Ford Halewood - Southampton Eastern Dock loaded cars (FO) (DB)
01/11 66149. 22/11 66020. 29/11 66094.

6V13 Dollands Moor - Llanwern / Margam steel (DB)
02/11 66115 + 66191. 07/11 66041. 09/11 66152. 16/11 66068.
28/11 66004 + 66210.

6V47 Tilbury - Trostre loaded steel (MThO) (DB)
25/11 66002.

6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carriers (TThO) (DB)
07/11 66125. 14/11 66182. 19/11 66135. 21/11 66057.
26/11 66011. 28/11 66069.

0V62 Eastleigh - St.Phillips Marsh light-engine / 6C62 Plymouth Tavistock
yard empty fuel tanks (TO) (DB)
05/11 66143.
Note; - this was the final working associated with the West of England
depot fuel contract.

6X52 1733 Portbury - Mossend loaded automotive (TThO) (DB)
05/11 66192.

6Z35 Bescot (downside) - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (6Z94 return
empties to Clitheroe) (DB)
04/11 66077 (05/11). 08/11 66065. 20/11 66025 (21/11).
27/11 66074 (28/11). 30/11 66194.

6Z52 / 6Z53 Chirk - Teigngrace empty and return loaded logs (Colas).
27/11 56094 (28/11).

Taunton

13/01 At 0800, the following were present in Taunton Fairwater yard;
66524, 66554, 66596, 66605, 66617, 66619.
66617 later in the day rescued Colas 56078 on a 6Z26 Westbury - Exeter
engineers formed of 15 MRAs at Whiteball, near Wellington arriving at its
destination at 1316.

Gloucester area workings

20/12 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 60040 Gloucester 1241; 6v67 Redcar - Margam

66051 Gloucester 1249; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66434 Gloucester 1257; 6v07 Round Oak - Margam 60039 Gloucester 1655; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe CIs 37405/37194 Fna 550051 Standish Jn 1338; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66704 Standish Jn 1414; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66506 Standish Jn 1457; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66847 Standish Jn 1505; 6042 Halewood - Southampton Eastern Docks 66171; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66088; 4v18 Washwood Heath - Fairwater 66952

21/12 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60062 Gloucester 1102; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66006 Gloucester 1834; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Gloucester New Yard arr 1850 66847; 4v56 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66506; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66524; 4v46 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66528; 6v19 Scunthorpe - Llanwern 66204 Gloucester 1930; 6e66 Llanwern - Scunthorpe 60065 Gloucester 1257

22/12 6e71 1208 Llanwern - Scunthorpe 66207 Gloucester 1337; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66426 Gloucester 1156; 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool 66066 Gloucester 2023; 6v19 1507 Scunthorpe - Llanwern 66175 Gloucester 2153 25 late; 5z40 1330 Pengam Sdgs - Crewe Drs 37604/37423 Tnt 37412 Gloucester 1413; 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66426 Gloucester 1815

23/12 6z47 1018 Fairwater - Burton Wetmore 47727 Yja-78831 Standish Jn 1226; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe CIs 57008/57002 Fna-550043 Standish Jn 1332; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66068 Standish Jn 1819; 6v97 Beeston - Newport Dks 66003 Standish Jn 1823; 4v30 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 66847; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66304 Gloucester 1156; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60040 Gloucester 1116; 6b25 Westerleigh - Robeston 60062 Gloucester 1203; 6v67 Redcar - Margam Grange sdgs 66039 Gloucester 1304; 6e71 Llanwern - Scunthorpe 66175 Gloucester 1257

24/12 6z94 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66068; 6v83 Toton North Yard - Portbury 66038; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66143; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Gloucester New Yard 66847; 0z56 Canton - Washwood Heath Met Cammell 56302/56087 via Yate

27/12 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66429 Gloucester 1112; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gloucester 1116; 4v22 1005 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66552 Standish Jn 1309; 4v94 1036 Ironbridge - Portbury 66701 Standish Jn 1527

28/12 6v01 Lindsey - Cardiff Dock 66702 Gloucester 0212; 6d98 Newport Dks - Handsworth 66121 Gloucester 0240; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gloucester 1113; 6e71 Llanwern - Scunthorpe 66105 Gloucester 1303; 6z94 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66148; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60054 Standish Jn 1113; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66550; 4v46 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66524 Haresfield Loop 1452-1503

29/12 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66433 Gloucester 1145

30/12 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66304 Gloucester 1154; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 66183 Gloucester 2005; 0v30 Stoke Gifford - Gloucester New Yard 66952; 6m04 1124 Avonmouth - Rugeley 66524 Tnt 66522 Standish Jn 1320; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe cls 37612/37604 Fna-550050-550056 Standish Jn 1345; 4v30 1416 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury Colas 66952 Standish Jn 1424; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66704 Standish Jn 1414; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66067

31/12 4v30 1030 Ratcliffe - Gloucester New Yard 66952 Cheltenham 1523 91 late; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60091; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66525; 6v67 Redcar - Margam Grange sdgs 66014 Gloucester 1248; 6z94 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66067; 0z30 Gloucester New Yard - Stoke Gifford 66952

02/01 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66424 Gloucester 1048; 6b13 Robeston -

Westerleigh 60099 Gloucester 1109; 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool 60062/60039 Gloucester 2117; 6e12 Cardiff Dock - Lindsey 66702 Gloucester 2142; 6v51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury Auto 66122 Standish Jn 1119 64 late; 6z47 Burton Wetmore - Fairwater 56302/56094 Yja 78831; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66708; 4v30 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury Colas 66598 Haresfield Loop 1443-1513

03/01 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 57003/37194 Fna-550022/550029; 6m96 Margam - Corby 66126 Gloucester 0947; Daventry - Wentloog 66421 Gloucester 1050; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66111; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60054; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66850; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66705; 6042 Halewood - Southampton Eastern Dks 66068; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66058

04/01 6v49 Tees Yard - Margam 60039 Gloucester 0206; 6v01 Lindsey - Cardiff Dock 66702 Gloucester 0210; 6v02 Hartlepool - Llanwern 66183 Gloucester 2150; 6v86 Redcar - Pengam Sdgs 66850 Gloucester 2253

05/01 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66428 Gloucester 1309 03 late; 0z66 Basford Hall - Margam 66128/66018 Gloucester 1656 6 early; 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool 66066 Gloucester 2026

06/01 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66424 Gloucester 1055; 0v60 Rotherham Masborough - Newport Ad Jn 66129/66136 Gloucester 1448; 6v97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal 66007 Gloucester 1901; 6m58 Westbury Lafarge - Tunstead 66622; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66740; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66957; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66004; 4v18 Washwood Heath - Fairwater 66595

07/01 6v69 Bescot - Newport Ad Jn 66008 Gloucester 2006; 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66422 Gloucester 2020; 6e12 Cardiff Dock - Lindsey 66704 Gloucester 2136

08/01 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66429 Gloucester 1052; 6v97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal 66128 Gloucester 1903; 6v66 Redcar - Margam Grange Sdgs 66014 Gloucester 2155; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66740; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60054; 5v67 1300 Doncaster Wabtec - Barton Hill 67010 Dvt 82309 Standish Jn 1814 10 early; 6w97 2144 Westbury Yard - Westerleigh Jn 59202

09/01 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66432 Gloucester 1052; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66063 Gloucester 1145; 6w97 Charfield - Westbury Yard via Gloucester New Yard 59202 Standish Jn 0642 en-route to Wsb; 6z94 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66003; 4v83 Toton North Yard - Avonmouth 66110/66081; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60054; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe Cls 37609/37423; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66740; 6w44 Newport Ad Jn - Bescot 66161 Gloucester 0544; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66956; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66518

10/01 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66429 Gloucester 1100; 6v67 Redcar - Margam Grange Sdgs 66063 Gloucester 1248; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 57008/37601; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 0z30 Barton Hill - Gloucester New Yard 66847; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66847 from Gloucester Yard; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66554; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66705; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66067; 4z18 Washwood Heath - Eastleigh East Yard 66550

11/01 6z94 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66067; 4v83 Toton North Yard - Avonmouth 66141; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60059; 4v46 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66551; 0x66 Newport Ad Jn - Bescot 66096/078/185/094/136/065 Gloucester 1500; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66007 Gloucester 1828

12/01 Daventry - Wentloog 66430 Gloucester 1312; 6e47 Llanwern - Middlesbrough Goods 66025 Gloucester 1705; 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66430

Gloucester 1908; 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool 60071/60066 Gloucester 2030; 6v86 Worcester TC - Margam Grange Sdgs 66847 Standish Jn 1624; 6z14 Bescot - Stoke Gifford 66524 20xiia Standish Jn 1853

13/01 4v04 Basford Hall - Portbury 66419 Standish Jn 0645; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66527; 0p01 Bescot - Newport Ad Jn 66008 Gloucester 0620; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66421 Gloucester 1150; 5z60 Cardiff Canton - Gloucester Plat 3 Dvt+67029 arrived 1106 63 late 5z62 return 67 leading; 6w47 Newport Ad Jn - Bescot Engineers Yard 66200 Gloucester 1150; 4e66 Margam Grange sdgs - Redcar 66131 Gloucester 1138; 6v97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal 66007/60100/66133 Gloucester 1815; 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool 60099/66106 Gloucester 2023; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66705; 4v30 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 66847; 0z75 Exeter Riverside Yard - Washwood Heath 56113/56078; 4v57 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66607; 4z18 Washwood Heath - Eastleigh East Yard 66554

14/01 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66432 Gloucester 1050; 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66131 Gloucester 1250; 6v69 Bescot - Newport Ad Jn 66125 Gloucester 2042; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66956

15/01 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60054; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66956; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66039; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66527; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 60092; 6v66 Redcar - Margam Grange sdgs 66018; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66429 Gloucester 1051

16/01 Newport Ad Jn - Worcester TC 66121 0v98; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66421 Gloucester 1052; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66018 Gloucester 1205; 6v98 Lindsey - Westerleigh 66121/60054 Standish Jn 1014; 6z94 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66039; 0z66 Stoke Gifford - Long Marston 66551; 6z66 Long Marston - Westbury Lafarge 66551; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe cls 57008/37194 Fna-550029-550048; 4v30 Alstone Loop - Portbury via Worcester 66850

17/01 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 37194/57003 Fna-550049/550032; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60044; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66956; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66850; 6042 Halewood - Southampton Eastern Dks 66174; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66425 Gloucester 1102; 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66018 Gloucester 1309

18/01 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60092 Gloucester 1113; 0x98 Margam - Bescot 66151/021/056/138/023/080/018 Gloucester 1358; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66003 Gloucester 1729; 6z94 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66194; 4v83 Toton - Avonmouth 66037; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66956; 4v46 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66527; 6x33 Westbury - Whitemoor 66605/66619 via Swindon West Loop reverse Hullavington Bristol Parkway reverse Standish Jn 1441

19/01 6v86 Worcester tc - Margam Grange Sdgs Charfield 1255 66850; 6w97 Awre Jn - Bescot via East Usk 66221 Gloucester 1039 empty rail set; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66428 Gloucester 1138

Westbury

28/12 At 1345 the following locos were in the area; 08633, 56113, 59202, 59205, 66017, 66030, 66074, 66086. 59205 + 66017 + 66030 + 66074 + 66086 had all arrived earlier on a light-engine move from Eastleigh.

04/01 A morning 7C29 Westbury - Merehead 32 stone wagon trip working was hauled by; 59002 + 59201 + 59004 + 59005. The former Foster Yeoman Class 59/0 locos were reunited, 59001 being in the quarry workshops out of service during the day.

Later in the day, following locos were present in the Westbury yards and

station area; 08633, 56113, 66074, 66095, 66135, 66141, 66232.

09/01 33029 was an unusual visitor arriving light from Southall light and departing on a 6Z47 1046 crane move to Woking yard (1331). Also active was Colas 56113 on Exeter departmental moves the loco being joined by 56078 on these duties during the following day.

18/01 08752 had replaced 08633 (moved to South Wales) at this location by this date.

Newport

11/01 A light loco convoy passed Newport Maindee West junction at 1353, as 0X66 1355 Newport ADJ - Bescot formed; 66096 + 66078 + 66185 + 66094 + 66136 + 66065.

15/01 Two newly refurbished Class 60s (the first and last numerically!) were recorded; 60001 - 6V75 Dee Marsh - Margam steel, via Llanwern (noted passing East Usk at 1354, and 1537 on the return) and 60100 - 6H24 Llanwern - Margam return steel trip (noted passing East Usk at 1058). 60100 had arrived in South Wales on an empty scrap service from Beeston, between 66007 and 66133 during the previous morning.

18/01 The 0X98 (SO) Newport ADJ - Bescot light loco convoy was reported formed; 66151 + 66021 + 66056 + 66138 + 66023 + 66080 + 66018 passing East Usk at 1248.

Cardiff

26/12 Pellet Street rail footbridge, a popular local photographic location, to the east of Central station was removed just after mid-day for a replacement to be built in the future.

03/01 Flooding between Newport and Cardiff saw Arriva Trains and Great Western services replaced by road buses.

11/01 Further flooding between Llanelli and Carmarthen saw the mainline closed with bus substitutions. Fuel oil traffic was also cancelled to Westerleigh and Theale. An additional train from Lindsey - Westerleigh was reported as a runner, although not on this date, to help cover for the short fall.

With West of England depot fuel traffic ended from Eastleigh (except to St. Blazey), Arriva Trains still receives its 4-wheel TTAs from Fawley via the 6V38 Eastleigh - Didcot MoD wagonload freight, 6B14 Didcot - Newport ADJ 'wagonload' freight and a 6B99 'as required' Newport ADJ - Cardiff Canton 'trip'.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Mainline Preservation

Additional Information - January Magazine; Pathfinder Tours 'Maybach Meanderer'

Full train details, for the record, were as follows; 1Z52 0701 Crewe - Quainton Road (1345) and 1Z15 1451 return, via Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Acton, Wembley, Bletchley and the West Coast mainline.

09/01 Steam 5029 Nunney Castle left the West Somerset Railway as a 5Z29 0920 Bishop's Lydeard - Southall (WCR) loco and support coach (W35461) move via Castle Cary and Reading being reported passing Lavington at 1203 (1 early).

Bristol Harbour Railway

12/12 Henbury (P 19450/37) was moved to the Somerset & Dorset site Trust at Midsomer Norton successfully covering Santa Special duties over 14, 15, 21, 22 December using BHR drivers to operate the services formed with a single Mk I coach and guards van. This was the first steam hauled trains at this location for seven years.

Avon Valley Railway

The 2013 Santa Specials which commenced on November 23 attracted a record number of passengers numbering over 13,000 for the first time, continuing the 10% increase trend which began in 2011.

Class 56 Group

A short rake of HAA four wheel MGR wagons are an additional target for the group via fund raising. Once a common sight, many have now been cut up but it is felt that preserving three or four of this wagon type will be of historical important and be useful for photographic freight charters. A recent report from a South Wales correspondent states two of these wagons, still loaded with coal remain at the rear of East Usk yard, complete with vegetation growing from their insides!

MISCELLANEOUS

Magazine 503 - January 2014

Highbridge & Burnham Correction - The destination and fate of the concrete footbridge at Highbridge & Burnham, Somerset which was dismantled and the sections taken away on 1st December 2013 is unknown (rather than known as previously stated).

Magazine 499 - September 2013

Information Updates - The DBS coaches moved from Fawley to Bescot yard for possible re use remain at the Midland location, being reported still here in late November.

Bristol Area News

Concern over car parking spaces for people attending the new 12,000 seat concert venue once open on the former Bath Road depot site, have suggested NR amend their proposed car park / retail / office plan for the former Cattle Market Road Royal Mail Sorting Office making it into just a single multi storey car park.

Only 250 car parking spaces have been allocated for the current concert venue scheme (850 were to be provided on the original plans), a question is being made as to the suitability of park and ride or rail travel to and from the location.

An underground entrance to Temple Meads could also link the car park, this being a second main entrance to that proposed into the Old Station building from the riverside area linking in with the forthcoming GWML electrification scheme.

A compulsory purchase order may take place regarding the former Royal Mail offices.

Plans have been changed by Network Rail regarding reopening of Ashley Hill station, as part of the Metro West local rail scheme. A curved platform

edge on a gradient has now ruled this location, the former station site, closed in the 1960s, out of contention.

Work on the new park and ride station on Severn Beach line at Portway (Shirehampton) has still not commenced, expectations being a summer 2013 opening! An unconfirmed report suggests the actual reserved land site is on a slope and a second area in another part of the car park is now being looked at for the new single platform station.

At Parkway, 100 extra parking spaces have been provided by a temporary car park at Hunts Ground as the new multi storey extension takes place. The entrance is directly opposite the South Gloucestershire Council's North car park.

A Transport Minister Steve Hammond MP, visited the car park work site on 07/01 to view the £13 million building work which when finished will provide 710 spaces.

Permanent 'Walk' Way

Some remaining sections of the Weston, Clevedon & Portishead Railway track bed, between Clevedon and Weston-super-Mare could become part of the proposed Round Britain Coastal Path and could be opened for use in 2015. Work could start early this year on an off road route from Wick Lane, Wick St. Lawrence to Yeo Bank Lane, Kingston Seymour which will use the tidal sluices on the Congresbury Yeo and Oldbridge rivers.

The path will also in part run alongside an already constructed and in use track built by the Environmental Agency to access their flood defence works in the area which protects the mainly private agricultural land.

Another West Country Rare Track Special

The latest Branch Line Society / Locomotive & Carriage Institution trip, the 'Great Western Tracker 3' on 29/03 will start (and finish) at Exeter St.Davids approx. 0700 (as opposed to Bristol TM as in the previous two years) and will visit;

Exeter and Laira (including the embankment sidings) depots, Plymouth Friary, St. Austell (up sidings), Penzance, Long Rock depot, Penzance (motorail bay) approx 1400 - break, Truro goods yard and the Bodmin & Wenford / NR exchange siding close to Parkway station as well as several unusual mainline loops.

Prices are at £77.00 (members) and £89.00 (non-members) and motive power is expected to be two Great Western Class 150/2 units.

New Loco News - Colas Class 70

Locos 70802 (works number 61860/30) and 70803 (61862/30) both arrived on English soil on road trailers at Seaforth Terminal, Liverpool both being off-loaded from the vessel Atlantic Concert around 1330.

A third loco, 70804 was expected to arrive by the end of January.

New Loco News - DRS Class 68

18/01 68002 arrived by sea at Southampton during the late afternoon / evening and was moved under wraps to Carlisle Kingmoor by road overnight. 68003 and 68004 were also expected via the same delivery point by the end of January.

Unreported Rail tour Coaching Stock

The following January 2014 Magazine formations have now been identified;

28/11 Steam 44871 (Poole - Bristol TM) - 35317 (loco support), 99304, 4973, 99311, 99348, 99350, 99121, 99122, 99316, 99125, 99127.
30/11 37261 + 37405 (Whitchurch - Eastleigh), 17105, 3100, 1671, 3149, 3147, 3122, 1813, 4998, 4949, 4946.
05/12 Steam 44871 + 45407 (Victoria - Bath), 35517 (loco support), 3096, 3115, 3150, 1666, 5239, 4856, 4831, 21241, 13230, 4836, 1859.
07/12 Steam 44871 + 45407 (Three Bridges - Bristol TM), 35517 (loco support), 99304, 4973, 99311, 99348, 99350, 99121, 99122, 99316, 99125, 99127.

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

19/12 Plymouth Tavistock yard; DR75407 (later departing as 6J84 1100 to Newport Maindee), DR77901. Exeter (Riverside) yard; test unit; 950001.
21/12 Westbury - stone blower; 80211, crane; 81613.
24/12 Bristol - Queen Anne's Road NR depot; Iveco r/r vans; KX62GMY, KX62HXF.
Barton Hill depot - snowploughs; ADB965209, ADB965231. Kingsland Road - 77327.
26/12 Taunton - DR73805 (later working 1130 to Newton Abbot).
27/12 Newton Abbot (Hackney Yard) - DR77901. DR73805. Chippenham (passing) - DR75407.
28/12 Bristol TM (cattle dock); r/r TXM 3858 with trailer; 011148. Swindon HOOB - 98007. Didcot (Foxhall junction) - Quattro Rail r/r; 445, 465.with trailer; 649. Severnside (former ICI rail sidings) - Readypower r/r excavator; RR134.
31/12 East Usk (Newport) - DR73805 passing at 1301 on a Newton Abbot - Cardiff Taff Vale sidings move.
03/01 Crediton - DR73931 having arrived from Westbury, via a reverse at Exeter.
04/01 Taunton - DR77903 + DR73111 northbound through Taunton at 1424.
05/01 Newton Abbot (Hackney Yard) - 79200 (rail grinder), later departing on a move to Cravens Arms.
06/01 Bristol Kingsland Road - DR73935, which later departed as 1100 move to Exeter St.Davids. Exeter (Premier Transport siding) - 75406 an arrival earlier on a 0752 working from Stockley Bridge reported passing Parsons Street at 1056).
Crediton - DR73931 - 6J86 1550 Crediton - Rugby (noted Exeter 1605).
07/01 Bath, Oldfield Park - DR73907 passing at 1322.
14/01 Track machines - DR73905, 73906, 73911, 73912, 73920, 73921, 73922 were all been transferred from Amey to Colas who now have the most tamper and ballast regulators in Wales and the Valleys along with South-West contract areas.

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 483

EAST LANCASHIRE RAILWAY

23rd November 2013

The report for Trip 483 which was carried in the January 2014 magazine was incomplete. Here are the additional sightings to complete that Trip Report

Note: All items are gauge 4ft 8.5".

Bristol Parkway and Stoke Gifford Yard (view).**

Diesel: 43179 Pride of Laira, 43193, 66956. Carriages: HST: 40107, 42382/505.

Bescot Yard & TMD (View from M6).**

Diesel: 66059/117, 67013*/015*/026*.

East Lancashire Railway (full visit).

Steam: (3855) - Sdn/42, 34073 (249 SQUADRON) - Bton/48 p148, (35009 SHAW SAVILL) - Elh/42 p148 dsm, (35022 HOLLAND AMERICA LINE) - Elh/48 ex p144 dsm, (35027 PORT LINE) - Elh/48 ex p144 dsm, 13065 (2765 42765) - Crewe 5757/27 with tender 4139 ur, 44871 (SOVEREIGN) - Crewe/45 with Tender 10496, 5212 (45212) - AW 1253/34 IR ex p244 ur, 45407 THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIER - AW 1462/37 with Tender 9643 ex p235, 46428 - Crewe/48, 47298 - HE 1463/24 IR ex p273, 47584 (47324) - NBH 23403/26, 49395 (9395) - Crewe 5662/21 with Tender 381 ex p235, 103 / 502 (4472 60103) (FLYING SCOTSMAN) - Don 1564/23 IR ex p233 ur, 61994 THE GREAT MARQUESS - Dar (1761?)/38 with Tender 7670 ex p37, 7564 (564 65462) - Str/12 IR ex p158 ur, 80080 - Bton/54 ex p57 in service, (80097) - Bton/54 ur, Nol - AB 1927/27, 1 (32 GOTHENBURG) - HC 680/03, WD 132 SAPPER - HE 3163/44 reb HE 3885/64 in service, (MAY) - P 1370/15.

Diesel: 45135 (D99 3rd CARABINIER) - Crewe/61, D335 (40135 97406) - EE 3081/61 VF D631/61, (D) 345 (40145 EAST LANCASHIRE RAILWAY) - EE 3091/61 VF D641/61 ex p54, 50015 (D415) VALIANT - EE 3785/67 EEV D1156/67 in service, (D1041 WESTERN PRINCE) - Crewe/62, D1501 (47402 GATESHEAD) - BT 343/62, D2062 (03062) - Don/59, (01003 D2956) - AB 398/56, 07013 (D2997) - RH 480698/62 ex p60, D3232 (08164) - Dar/56, 13594 (D3594 08479) - Hor/58, 08700 (D3867) - Hor/60, 08944 (D4174) - Dar/62 also listed p147, D5054 (24054) PHIL SOUTHERN - Crewe/59, 33109 (D6525) Captain Bill Smith RNR - BRCW DEL 117/60, (D) 6536 (33117) ETHEL 4 - BRCW DEL 128/60 ur, (D6564 33046) - BRCW DEL 156/61 ex p58 for spares only, (D6799 37099) 37324 Clydebridge - EE 3228/62 VF D753/62 ex p91, 37109 (D6809) - EE 3238/63 VF D763/63, (D6971 37271 37418 PECTINIDAE) - EE 3531/65 EEV D960/65, D7076 - BPH 7980/63, 20087 (D8087) Saltley L.I.P. HERCULES - EE 2993/61 RSHD 8245/61, (D8233) - BTH 1131/59 ur, D9016 (55016) GORDON HIGHLANDER - EE 2921/60 VF D573/60, D9531 ERNEST - Sdn/65, D9537 - Sdn/65 ex p133 ur, (BENZOLE) - FH 3438/50, MSC 4002 - HC D1076/59, MR 9009/48.

DMU: W51339 - PSteel/60 ex p91, W51382 - PSteel/60 ex p91, (51485) - Cravens/59, M51562 - DerbyC&W/59, (51922) - DerbyC&W/60, W55001 L101 (TDB975023 Thunderbird 1) - GRC&W/58, (E56121) - Cravens/56, W56289 (W54289) - PSteel/60, 59506 - PSteel/59 ex West Somerset Railway via Tyseley.

DEMU: 8099 - DerbyC&W/78 oou, S60130 1305 - Afd/Elh/62, S60904 1305 - Afd/Elh/62, 70549*. EMU: SR: (10032 2026 3026 3049 DB975510) u/f/o as a marlin wagon. BR: M65451 - Wolverton/59, (M77172) - Wolverton/59.

Carriages: GWR: (9580) 150266^. LMS: (15412 1023 395205), 16400 (5291 395767 024792)*.L&Y: 975154 see notes.

Mk1: 1689*, 1833, 1837, 1848^, 1871 Howson Bar^, 1875, 3771, 4199*, 4232, 4350, 4371 BOROUGH OF BURY, 4647, 4767^, 4784 BOROUGH OF RAWTENSTALL, 4799*, 4866, 4880, 4885, 4895, 4917, 4928, 4933, 4937, 4992, 5031, (7928) 15928, 9356, 16153, 25385^, 34786 (975489), 35070, 35314, 35452, 35455^, (35478) 99152.

Mk2: 5241, 5254*, 5277, 5279^, 5316^, 5333*, 5337^, 5392, 5396, 5439*, 5685, 9418, 9431*, (14063 17063) 35513, 14073 (17073)^, (14088 17088) 35517, (14128 17128) 35508.

Mk3: 10573.

NPCCS: BR: CCT: 94442*, 94705 (024721). LMS: 31217, 31387 (977034)*, 32978.

Mk1: (80788) 024743, 80933, 80993 BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE, (81123 92033) 92933, (81341 95229), 86283 (93283), 86654 (93654 061173), 86702 93702*, 86869 93869*, 86918 (93918).

SR: PMV: 1360 ex West Somerset Rly, (1391), 1747 (975276 083523), 2223 (70025) 041614.

Wagons: BR: 200000, 200669, 201004, 201008, (306xxx) 5871, 310582, 388667, 457543, (460530), (460675) 024514, 461516, 470820, 494334, 555659 u/f/o, (558643) 041985, 569575, 732607, 732837*, 750081, 758509, 761490, 762392 BUTTERCUP*, 772143, 773727, (775102) Marigold, (780668 024436) b/o, 780991, 781900, 783097, 783410, 784520*, 784720 (ROF25), (784770 WGB4198), 785327*, 889011, 900100, 900911, 901601, 904502, 904532, 904668, 924203, 950136, (950606) BlueBell, 950835, 953942 u/f/o, 954406, 954762, 955127, 982390, 982540*, 992396, 993476, 993477, 993708, 994750.

GWR: 17448, 36280.

LMS: 149196, 298070 u/f/o, 471345, 472364, 474048, 478278, 690379, 701080, 720937, 722101.

LNER: 278508.

LNWR: 54003, (RNAD 277).

MOD: WGF8108, 95572.

P.O.: PCY10, PCY12, RNAD 87, 113*, 125, RNAD 167, RNAD 201, 1945, 2184*, (2232) Reg 158342, 2564*, 3187, 9369*, (500912) 23707190206-6.

SR: 55170, 56283, 62073*.

Cranes: Manual: 331400 902135 with match wagon 915390. Steam: (95205) with 3 match wagons including 299852. Diesel: (96503) HAP 6877/78 mounted on wagon 924203, 96707 with match wagon (998538).

Road/Rail: R135NAU (976014-9) 105639 - Landrover.

Trams: Blackpool: 239 702. Manchester: Horse Tram: L53.

Notes:

Huge thanks go to John Tate for arranging and hosting our visit, along with Steve Gregory who also hosted.

IR - Items marked IR were in the Ian Riley engineering facility. Visits are not currently permitted here, however we were able to view from the

perimeter. Running number details taken from 16EL / last CARS sightings, however all loco's were being worked on, and some were frame only. Parts from Steam 7229 - Sdn/35 were noted, the frames are believed to be on site but not distinguished amid other items on this occasion. In January 01003 carried a works plate of AB 397 on at least 1 side. The opposite side was inspected this time and that plate reads AB 398. The body of D5705 is wrapped in tarpaulin in Buckley Wells yard, and its bogies are in Castlecroft shed being worked on. DEMU 8099 was re-gauged from 5ft 3", and is now used for storage. L&Y Carriage 975154; This is listed on some sites as 2333 1856? 24C 13245 6513, however there is strong opinion that the vehicle is 604 (12160 6533 DB975154). Quote from John Hall, as supplied by Peter Hall. "975152/975153 and 975154 were part of an exhibition train that was running around in the late 1960's formed of four coaches W1315W later 975152, W2771W later 975153, M6513M and M6533M. One of the latter two became 975154. I am of the opinion that 975154 is actually M6533M previously an L&Y coach built in 1910 to diagram 105 as L&Y 604 and later LMS 12160 before being renumbered M6533M. My reason for this is that I have received some paperwork that states Exhibition coach M6513M was sold for scrap, believed from Springs Branch, to C.C.Crump Ltd Connahs Quay and delivered on 07/09/1971." Wagon W 36280 carries a fictitious number as its original identity isn't known. There is also some confusion as to whether its ROF number was 260 or 269. Locomotive tender: There was a complete Southern Region tender, which may possibly belong to 35027 but that is unconfirmed.

Currently away: Steam: 34067 was on mainline duties, 45231 at Bluebell Rly, 45337 at North Norfolk Rly, 62005 at Carnforth WCRC, 71000 at Crewe Heritage Centre. Diesel: 37901 at Mid-Hants Rly. 55022 Hired to GBRF for mainline EMU stock movements around Glasgow.

No longer at ELR: Steam: 6201 to Tyseley, 8572 to North Norfolk Rly. Diesel: 08704 sold by HNRC to Riviera Trains at Crewe Diesel Depot. 37518 sold by Ian Riley to WCRC at Carnforth. TH V327 was scrapped on site c2010.

No longer at Ian Riley: Steam 48518. The boiler and cylinders are at Llangollen for use in the 'County' Class new build project. The cab is also at Llangollen. Reports on the internet suggested that what's left of the frames were to move to the Gloucester Warwickshire Railway.

Bury Tram Station.**

Tram: 3021.

Stoke Gifford Yard (view).**

Diesel: 66613.

* = Assumed.

^ = In service.

** = Not seen by entire party.

dsm = dismantled

ur = Undergoing extensive restoration / repairs (where known).

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20/10/13

OKTOBERFEST

P.Carpenter, J.Dicks, J.Hill, R.Morris, P.Nicholson, R.Perry.

Basingstoke Station.

Loco. 66083 Dmus. 159014/016 159102/104 165119 221124 Emus.
444002/017 450001/016/028/097/102/107 450543
Wagons noted from passing infrastructure train. 29093/213/314/450/522

Great Cockcrow Railway, Lyne. (7.25" gauge)

(R1 class) (1239) Baldwin Bros 1913 (In workshop being rebuilt):
(1947) Eureka L Shaw 1926 Dsm: 1803 River Itchen (formerly Maid of Kent)
A Schwab/J Davis 1939 (originally a Henry Greenly loco): (Class S15) 837
D Curwen 1947: (Class WD) 73755 Longmoor J Liversage 1948: (Duchess
class) 46245 City of London W Miller 1950: (Hall class) 7915 Mere Hall
Rowe 1952: (LNER K3) 1935 Hugh Saunders 1974: (No. 1 Lulubelle) 1978/
Rebuilt Matthew Scrutton 2013 (nearing completion): 1401 R Sills 1980:
(Black 5 class) 5000 Sister Dora A Glaze 1981: (SR Atlantic H2) 2422
North Foreland J Lester 1983: (Class LN) 850 Lord Nelson D Scarrott
1985 (This was originally built as a Royal Scot class. It has received
minor modifications and been painted green): 1249 Hecate R Sills 1986:
10 (Buttercup) Stobbs 1987: (NE) 206 D Simmons/Simpson 1956: (Royal
Scot class) 6115 Scots Guardsman P. Almond 1988: (GNR Atlantic) 1442
Parkinson/Hammon/Nigel Trower 1988: (A3 class) (2744) Grand Parade R
Warren 1990: (Black 5 class) 5145 Axon/ N Sleet 1991: (Class MN) (21C11
General Steam Navigation) Lester/N Sleet 2003 (Dsm in workshop - long
term rebuild project): (8F class) 8374 A Glaze/Hancock & York 1993:
(Black 5 class) 45157 The Glasgow Highlander D Grant 1997: (Q class)
30541 John Butt 2000: (Black 5 class) 45440 J Clarke/N Sleet 2003:
(135) Livvy Matthew Scrutton 2008: Wensleydale Addlestone Loco Works
684/R. & S Trower 2012 (Having returned from Northam Depot Open Day was in
the workshop having vacuum brakes fitted): (Class 08) Faraday (Winifred)
W Jennings/Marsden 1958 (A B MacLeod had very little input) rebuilt
Matthew Scrutton 2013: (Deltic class) Pinza Mardyke c1979: (Rusty) BE
(made from spare parts): (Class T9 Greyhound) 730 John Butt 2013:
(LSWR H16 class) (513) R Sills 2014 (Hymek class) (D7028) A B MacLeod
A Glaze 114/ 01.04.1982:

Notes.

- Also in the workshop were the frames of an ex Royal Scot loco believed built by John Marshall. They are to be used to build a Patriot class loco.
- Other frames in the workshop were for long term new build locos of classes P2 and A2.
- There were about half a dozen locos in steam and the party were given a ride behind Black 5, 5145.
- Thanks to Matthew Scrutton and Steve Trower for hosting our visit.

Pinewood Railway, Pinewood Studios. (7.25 gauge)

(Romulus class) Sylvia D Curtis c2006 (In steam): (Modified F class) 23
Stoomphy Roanoke: (Class 20) Dick Woodruff Model Engineering Supplies
kit: (Planet Loco) Kibworth Castle: BE (built from spare parts): (Titan

7 class) Gulf Phoenix kit - built by junior members; (Denver & Rio Grande C19 class) 415 Moose Jaw J Stubbs 1998 (In steam and party rode behind it): (Bagnall Stafford class) Gentoo Station Road Steam/C Frost (In steam and two members of the party had a sceond ride behind it on a shorter route): Marchlyn (In steam - ex a railway in Hertfordshire - Panshanger?)

Oktoberfest, Mizen's Railway, Knaphill.

4' 8.25" gauge.

Emu 76887 (Set 3568) Tender 041249 New build cab of loco numbered variously as 61662 or 61942

3' 6" gauge.

196 D 3819/1899

Sculpture.

(Rusty) replica of Bagnall loco

7.25" gauge.

Marquis G Chandler 1984: Richard Bonsey A Chandler c1984 rebuilt by Bob Scrivener to PH: (Hazel) Jack Rowland 1985 Dsm: (Little John) P Beale 1990: Sgt Murphy M Marshall 1990 (In steam and hauled party - Ex Eastleigh Lakeside Railway):7 Earl of Maybury A Chandler 1991: 8 Dickwillydan Mallerby 1996: Sir Thomas Mike Smith 1996 (In steam): Yeo D Bradbury c2011 (In steam): 1504 (Paddington) S Conway 1995: 6 Sophie Martin Rickers 1995: Brooklands Tom Smith 1985 rebuilt Geoff Shirlif 2012: Busy Bee Martin Rickers 1996: Sonya J Rough 1996: Bourne Again D Bradbury/G Dare 1996: (Class 08) Compass House 2003/04?: (Class 08) Compass House 2003/04?: Digby 2005? (Arrived a month ago from a railway in Essex): 5 Marion Mick ? 2007? (In steam - ex Coate Water Miniature Railway, Swindon): (GWR railcar) No.18 G Dare 2008: Ronny Rascal Knightley (R Greatrex) 2001: 391 Thunder Hoof J Baker 2000 (In steam - originally named Old Glory and Ex Pinewood railway): Chestnut R Scrivener 2008: 60097 Pillar N Sleet (Listed under Great Cockcrow Railway): 912 Goliath D Bradbury 2004: Lemon Roanoke 2008: Phil Chambers John Cornell/Pat Wilks (Ex ?): (Oye) Ian Rough 2013:

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3M Site, Bracknell.

H.S.T. Coach. 40502 (Isolated)

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