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**Front Cover Photo March 2014 Issue 505:**

5043 Earl of Mount Edgcumbe passes Standish Junction on 19/10/13.

**[Nigel Hoskins]**

## FUTURE EVENTS

**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** = 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 = 0500 (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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** = 29<sup>th</sup> 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** = 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: TBA

**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** = 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

<b>Trip 491 - 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Crewe Flyer and DRS Open Day</b>
<b>Trip 492 - 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>North West Miniatures</b>
<b>Trip 493 - 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Statfold Barn Open Day</b>
<b>Trip 494 - 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>West Yorkshire</b>
<b>Trip 495 - 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Plant Trip (area to be decided)</b>
<b>Trip 496 - 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>London Flyer</b>

### **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](http://Cardiffandavonside.org.uk) and e-mailing the completed form to: [bookings@Cardiffandavonside.org.uk](mailto: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.

### **Introduce a Friend**

Society members who introduce a friend to the Society are entitled to a credit amount when that person joins the Society. This can be put towards the cost of a future trip or future membership renewal, and this introductory credit amount has recently been increased to £4. Membership forms are available on the Society web site, or from the Membership Secretary

### **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;

#### **Ian Allan Publishing**

Mail order: 0844 245 6944

Online from: [www.ianallanpublishing.com](http://www.ianallanpublishing.com)

abc Rail Guide 2014 (Published March)

£20.00

Compiled by Colin J. Marsden, this is a comprehensive annual now in its fifth year. Details the locos and multiple units along with the main line companies, passenger and freight, found on the national network. Includes new train orders, ex-main line preserved motive power, ex-BR industrial locos, light rail systems, and off-lease rolling stock, etc.

#### **Inter City Railway Society**

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

[www.intercityrailwaysociety.org](http://www.intercityrailwaysociety.org)

UK Rail Series No. 1 UK Pocket Book 2014 (Published end of March; updated to 6 January)

£9.99 post free

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

UK Rail Series No. 3 UK Wagons 2014 Edition (Published late March; updated to 1 February)

£12.99 post free

Includes all Network Rail-registered, privately owned, air-braked, international RIV, engineers and internal user wagons, plus track machines, Channel Tunnel Shuttle wagons and London Underground, Docklands Light Railway, Tyne & Wear Metro, and engineers stock.

### **Key Publishing**

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The Modern Railway 2014 The definitive guide to the UK's railway industry. Hardback with directory of railway companies £25 (25% discount for Modern Railways and Railways Illustrated subscribers.)

Bookazine format, without the directory, £6.99 (£4.99 for Modern Railways and Railways Illustrated subscribers. All post free.

### **Videoscene**

Mail order to: 'Freepost Videoscene' - no stamp or postcode required!

or from The Blackpool Tram Shop, Front North Pier, Blackpool FY1 INE

Tel. 01253 738336; website [www.videoscene.co.uk](http://www.videoscene.co.uk)

*UK Light Rail and Tram Museum Guide 2014*

£9.95 incl. p&p Published 1 April

Doesn't time fly. One of two books that inspired this feature is now in its second edition.

A pocket-size book detailing eight light rail and tramway systems (excluding Docklands and Tyne & Wear Metro), five traditional tram systems and eight museum tram lines. Histories and fleet lists.

*London Underground Guide 2014*

£9.95 incl. p&p Published 1 March

This new pocket book is a companion to the *UK Light Rail and Tram Museum Guide*. Describes all the lines, with fleet lists and sections on works trains, preserved and museum stock.

## **NOTES & NEWS**

### **Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh**

**19/01** At 1230, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66419, 66527, 66551, 66571, 66592, 66956, 66610, 66617. Later, 66850 was noted exiting Wickwar Tunnel, near Yate with the 6V86 1215 Worcester - Port Talbot (Grange sidings) loaded coke which later passed Pilning at 1326 (24 early).

**20/01** 66619 + 66605 top n' tailed a 6X33 0510 Whitemoor Yard GBRf - Eastleigh East yard (1520) departmental reported passing Longbridge (Birmingham) at 1045 (88 late), Yate 1250 (129 late) and Westerleigh junction at 1328 (127 late) following a reverse at Parkway. At Swindon a further reverse took place for Chippenham, Melksham and Westbury. Later, a 3Q11 1754 Derby RTC - Bristol TM high level sidings (0312) test train was reported passing Yate at 2340 (17 late) being propelled by NR yellow livery Class 37, 97301. The train was later recorded during the early hours of the following day reversing at Taunton and departing at 0120 (18 early), passing Weston station on the loop line at 0214 (73 early) and arriving Temple Meads at 0257 (15 early).

**23/01** 66617 + 66623 departed Stoke Gifford at 0943 with the week daily 0M40 light loco move to Westbury, leaving 66507, 66518, 66596, 66610 remaining stabled in the yard. Blue livery 66623 later worked a 6Z30 Westbury - Eastleigh departmental.

**24/01** Following a late (and off route run earlier in the day - the 6A11 loaded train being reported at Swindon at 0930!), the return 6B33 was retimed to depart Theale for Robeston at 1622 and was later reported departing Parkway at 1959 (3 late) headed by 60092.

**25/01** Due to the Whiteball Tunnel blockade, the Saturday's only 6M60 freight ran as 0314 Exeter (Riverside) - Bescot Down side via the former LSWR route through Honiton to Yeovil, Castle Cary, Westbury and Bath rejoining its normal route at Dr.Day's junction, Bristol, 66138 being the train loco, the Tuesdays only balancing down working was also booked this way on 21/01. The Saturday's Only, 0012 1106 Margam LIP - Eastleigh light loco move was formed with; 66221 + 66126 + 66086 + 66043 + 66076 being reported passing Patchway at 1511 (109 late), Bath 1539 (100 late) and near Westbury at 1605.

**26/01** At 1120, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66522, 66549, 66556, 66563, 66565, 66589, 66610, 66618.

**27/01** GBRf 66713 worked a 6B85 1400 West Drayton - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties were recorded passing Patchway at 1858 (6 late) having made an earlier near 60 minute stop at Parkway.

**29/01** The 1L66 1327 Swansea - Paddington Great Western service was noted departing Parkway at 1502 (-) with 43163 carrying a new Singapore Airways 'Rail-Fly' livery The power car had first been reported 7 days earlier working with 43177 (and coaching set LA15) on the 1A77 0541 Penzance - Paddington (diverted via Honiton and Yeovil due to the Whiteball Tunnel blockade) and 1C87 1448 return both out and back via Castle Cary.

**01/02** The 0012 1106 Margam LIP - Eastleigh light-loco move was formed with a single 66193, passing Patchway at 1316 and arriving Westbury at 1412, departing at 1425 with 66091 also attached. At 1445, locos stabled on the 'downside' at Stoke Gifford were recorded as; 66524, 66564, 66589, 66591, 66599, 66602, 66607, 66610, 66613, 66956.

The Great Western HST power car latest 'vinyls' repaint, 43163 was formed as part of the 1B20 0936 Paddington - Swansea and 1L66 1327 Swansea - Paddington being reported as departing Parkway at 1507 (4 late). The set was then booked to work the 1C24 1722 Paddington - Weston-super-Mare and 1A33 2010 return. On the freight side; Colas 66848 was noted departing the Parkway down loop at 1515 with the 6Z62 Tilbury - Llanwern Exchange sidings loaded steel service.

**02/02** At 1130, 66563 had joined the previous days stabled loco line up in Stoke Gifford 'downside'.

**03/02** Colas 56094 ran 0Z08 Cardiff Canton - Llanwern light-engine to power a 6Z08 0939 Llanwern - Washwood Heath (1519) working reported formed of covered steel carriers (believed to have been IHAs) passing Parkway at 1025 (2 late) and routed via Chipping Sodbury and Oxford. 66850 had been de-allocated from this working.

**06/02** Flooding at Chipping Sodbury during the early afternoon saw at least the 1L51 1055 Cardiff Central - Paddington HST service diverted via Bath and Box. Arriva XC announced that its services will be terminated at Taunton until the Dawlish seawall has been repaired. The days HST diagrams were covered as follows; 43303 XC01 43357 - 1V52 0601 Glasgow Central - Taunton / 1T53 1448 Taunton - Bristol TM / 1T56 1550 Bristol TM - Taunton



/ 1E63 1652 Taunton - Leeds and 43285 XC05 43301 - 1V44 0600 Leeds - Taunton / 1T45 1048 Taunton - Bristol TM / 1T50 1250 Bristol TM - Taunton / 1S51 1352 Taunton - Glasgow Central.

**07/12** A 0Z86 1045 Old Oak Common - Landore back to back HST power car move was formed with 43193 + 43164 and recorded passing Patchway at 1446 (54 late). Later, the NRMT formed 43014, 975984, 975994, 975993, 975814, 977984, 43062, running as 0555 Old Oak Common - Derby RTC (via a reverse at Clarbeston Road, not Swansea as usual) being recorded on the return passing Patchway at 1613 (2 late) and Yate 1625 (2 late).

**08/12** At 1350 Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66569, 66587, 66594, 66607, 66623. The first three locos on the list later departed as a 0Y15 1621 light-engine move to Westbury for week-end engineering work. Problems north of Westerleigh junction, assumed possible flooding, saw the Arriva XC 1V52 0601 Glasgow Central - Taunton service unusually diverted via Oxford and Foxhall junction, being later noted passing Chipping Sodbury at 1430 formed with Voyager sets 220012 + 221124. Other services were terminated in Birmingham, the 1V50 0608 Edinburgh Waverley - Bristol TM (at New Street) and 1V49 0907 Manchester Piccadilly - Bristol TM (at Bordesley junction) being two of the affected workings reported. By the afternoon, the mainline west of Highbridge still remained closed due to flooding in the Fordgate area, although the Cogload junction to Castle Cary line was open.

**09/02** Great Western Passengers from the Capital to Exeter, Plymouth and beyond were advised to travel via South Wales services to Parkway for a connecting road bus service as the diversionary route over the former LSWR route via Yeovil and Honiton was closed due to a landslide near Crewkerne into the early evening. 150248 had been working a Great Western, Exeter - Axminster 'shuttle' service during part of the morning when the line was closed.

**10/02** 56113 + 56094 were an interesting pairing on a 6Z08 0939 Llanwern Exchange sidings - Washwood Heath loaded steel coil service, being reported passing Pilning at 1013 (1 late), Westerleigh junction 1030 and Swindon 1115, the load being 16 IHAs. This is reported to be a new MO service for Colas being routed via Didcot Foxhall curve and Oxford. The return was 6Z07 2210 Washwood Heath - Llanwern (0055) which was reported passing Yate at 0017 (11 late) with the same two locos.

**11/02** At 1500, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66415, 66512, 66561, 66956 with 66413 stabled on a west facing rake of coal empties.

**12/02** 66956 + 66415 + 66523 passed Filton Abbey Wood at 0948 running light from Westbury - Stoke Gifford. A Colas 6Z62 1025 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern steel service, allocated for 56113 was cancelled.

**13/02** At 1455, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66415, 66599, 66602, 66623, 66956 along with 66561 shunting wagons.

**14/02** With flooding at Over viaduct on the outskirts of Gloucester, a number of services were diverted via the Severn Tunnel, Parkway and Charfield during the day. Of interest was DRS 66432 passing Parkway at 1653 on the 4V38 Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container working.

**15/02** With the Severn Tunnel junction - Gloucester mainline still flooded at Over, the morning 6B13 0824 Margam - Westerleigh loaded fuel tanks were diverted via the Severn Tunnel top n' tailed by 60059 + 60039 being reported passing East Usk at 0955, Parkway 1043 (-) and Yate 1244 (40 early) the latter location report was on the return from a reverse at Gloucester. Highlight of the day, was 56113 + 56094 paired on the 6V62

1100 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings steel empties, the pair having delivered the 6L61 loaded steel from Margam earlier in the morning. Reports for the 6V62 were passing Didcot at 1431 (24 early), Swindon 1525 (22 early), Patchway 1611 (28 early) and Pilning 1615 (46 early). The locos then returned as a light-engine move to Westbury passing Keynsham at 1745, Avoncliff 1758 and arriving Westbury at 1820. At 1600, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66413, 66501, 66524, 66551, 66561, 66567, 66599, 66602.

**16/02** Due to the line closure due to flooding at Over near Gloucester, several Sunday freight services operated via the Bristol area. 66302 headed a lightly loaded 4V38 0945 Daventry - Wentloog (1317) TESCO container service (with six empty flats) passing Yate at 1201 (3 late) and Pilning 1238 (9 late), 66848 worked a 6V86 1400 Worcester - Port Talbot (Grange) loaded coke (departing 91 early!) which passed Yate at 1404 (69 early) and Pilning 1420 (75 early) and an unidentified EWS livery Class 66 with the 6E47 1345 Margam - Middlesbrough Dawsons freight service at 1630, which unusually conveyed several BTA pipe carrying wagons being returned empty to Scunthorpe.

**17/02** 66544 was an afternoon arrival on coal empties in Stoke Gifford via the Marches and the Severn Tunnel, as a 4Z42 1149 working from Crewe Basford Hall.

**18/02** Due to engineering track work in the Washwood Heath (Birmingham) area several returning afternoon coal services to Parkway were diverted via Hereford, the Marches and the Severn Tunnel; 66551 - 4V06 0848 Rugeley PS - Stoke Gifford (1343) passing Pilning at 1311 (22 late), 66546 - 4V47 1107 Rugeley PS - Stoke Gifford (1552), Pilning at 1508 (6 late) along with Colas 66848 - retimed 4V30 1230 (from 0825) Ratcliffe PS - Avonmouth coal empties (1712), which in the end was terminated at Cardiff Pengam, having been booked to call in Pilning up loop from 1926 - 1959. This was the first time this train had been routed this way. Another freight report for the afternoon, saw GBRf 66731 working 6B85 1400 West Drayton - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties which passed Patchway at 1845 (4 early). Some other FLHH reports were; 66544 + 66554 + 66619 departing Parkway as a 0Y30 1850 Stoke Gifford - Westbury light loco move and 66610 + 66601 top n' tailing the 6Y11 1844 Taunton Fairwater - Llanwern West Junction HOBC passing Pilning at 2057 (22 early) having been routed via Westbury and Bath (reported 2022 - 9 late) due to flooding between Bridgwater and Taunton.

Locos recorded on tank duty at Westerleigh during the review period have included; 60001/039/054/059/062/063/099.

### **Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road**

**26/12** Correction (January Magazine) - the line at Cowley Bridge, Exeter was not actually closed to flooding, but was blocked due to the placing of a not needed protective plastic dam over the running lines to prevent nearby river water levels from reaching the track along with electrical line side equipment.

**19/01** Although it was sunny weather wise, rising water levels on the already heavily flooded Somerset levels near Athelney between Cogload junction and Castle Cary, saw some Great Western diversions via Bristol during the afternoon. Oath, alongside the mainline became the latest of a large number of villages cut off due to the floods.

**20/01** A view of Barton Hill depot at 1200 recorded; 08516, 66847 and DVT coach 82309 (ex 82104).

**21/01** Having arrived from Derby RTC during the previous day (also see Bristol Parkway, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh notes & news), 97301 returned as 3Z01 0934 Bristol TM high level - Derby RTC (1356), departing Temple Meads at 0931. More Class 37 action saw 37423 + 37609 paired on the 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater single nuclear flask being reported Westerleigh junction at 0639. The 6M63 return, departed at 1144 passed Worle at 1150 and Temple Meads 1234 (36 early). A single FNA flask 550032 was reported as being conveyed.

**29/01** 37610 + 57003 were paired on the return 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flasks passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1242 having departed at 1119. The inward 6V73 was reported; departing Temple Meads at 0539, passing Yatton at 0554 and arriving Bridgwater at 0649.

**05/02** 37604 + 37612 powered the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flasks (FNAs 550032 + 550056) passing Worle junction at 1222 and Lawrence Hill 1313. During the afternoon, some Great Western HST services were diverted via Bristol due to flooding of the Cogload junction to Castle Cary mainline near Athelney.

**07/02** Flood problems were reported at Chipping Sodbury which saw diversions for Great Western services via Dr.Days curve, Bath and Box and in the Bridgwater area where raising water levels saw electrical equipment eventually covered each side of the town (the Fordgate area being the first just west of the town) and trains then being terminated at Highbridge. 43179 + 43156 departed Weston-super-Mare at 1046 (10 late) working 1Z15 1015 Bridgwater - Bristol TM (not Paddington) and later 153380 was recorded leaving Weston at 1024 working the 2C69 0900 Cardiff Central - Taunton service which was terminated at Highbridge. Later, the 2C75 1200 Cardiff Central - Taunton did make it through eventually during the afternoon under a temporary 'block signalling' arrangement. Services suffered up to 45 minute delays during the day.

Colas 66846 was noted near Bristol East at 1620 light-engine, believed to have been returning to Westbury following a Barton Hill depot fuel visit.

**08/02** 66116 passed Lawrence Hill at 1252 running 0012 Margam - Westbury / Eastleigh light-engine.

**09/02** A visit to Fordgate during the afternoon viewed the submerged track beyond an unlit signal DM154. The track and electrical equipment was part or completely underwater from here to a point close to the village of Bankland. At nearby Huntworth, not affected by flooding signal B1 was illuminated. This is the boundary area for the Bristol and Exeter Panel signal boxes. It is believed this area and section of mainline has never been flooded in the past. Other reports for the day included; 43069 + 43036 working a 0Z70 1332 St. Phillips Marsh - Old Oak Common 'back to back' HST power car move being reported passing Bath at 1417 (1 early) and a 'misformed' 1060 1604 Bristol TM - Salisbury SWTs service formed with 52879 + 58724 (159007) + 57893 (159021).

**10/02** Arriva XC were operating services to Bristol TMs only due to line closures beyond.

**11/02** Problems with signalling (resulting in some hand signals) in the Paddington area and flooding at Maidenhead affecting trackside electrical equipment, saw only four trains departures instead of 25 every hour from the London terminus. Great Western advised customers to travel only if really necessary due to the weather conditions.

**12/02** Great Western offered a 25% discount on some of its tickets to customers as compensation for the weather related operating problems. High winds were causing havoc, both the 'spine road' which crosses the Bristol TM - Parkway and Bath mainlines between Barton Hill and Brislington and the Clifton Suspension Bridge were closed for a period during the day. It was a first ever closure for the Suspension bridge which celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> opening anniversary on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

A freight report for the day was; 37607 + 37611 paired on the 6V74 / 6M63 Bridgwater flasks (formed with FNAs 550030 + 550041), the inward passing Stapledon Road at 0719 and arriving at 0819, the return passing Parkway at 1243 and Cheltenham 1322.

The Castle Cary route to Taunton was again flooded near Athelney and the line closed.

**13/02** The Castle Cary - Taunton line was reopened late morning and a number of diverted via Bath and Westbury Arriva XC services reached beyond Taunton for the first time since the start of the Whiteball Tunnel engineering blockade. Two reported HST workings were; 43378 + 43207 - 1V50 0606 Edinburgh Waverley - Exeter St.Davids and 43357 + 43303 - 1S51 1223 Exeter St.Davids - Glasgow Central. The Bridgwater - Taunton line however still remained closed at Fordgate. A 5Z74 1745 St.Phillips Marsh - Exeter Premier Transport stock move formed of 143611 was diverted via Westbury and Castle Cary, being reported passing Bath at 1811 (19 early). Another report for the morning at Bath was down passenger services using the goods loop at Oldfield Park, due to a signalling fault.

A 1744 Derby RTC - Old Oak Common test train (0238) via Taunton formed of 5 departmental coaches top n' tailed with 67020 + 67015 was reported having reversed in Swindon and passing Bath at 2205 (15 early), for the second time and later Worle junction at 2245 where a reverse was believed to have taken place due to flooding west of Bridgwater. Further reports were passing Temple Meads at 2306 (48 early) and Parkway 2316 (62 early), before running on to Old Oak Common as booked via Swindon. The train visited Exeter (and back to Derby, not Paddington via Trowbridge) during the following day as a 1Q18 move from Old Oak Common via Westbury.

**14/02** 66850 + 70801, the latter now in gleaming Colas Railfreight colours, ran as 0Z66 1610 Cardiff Canton - Eastleigh Alstom FL passing East Usk at 1630 (11 early), Lawrence Hill 1730 (5 late), Bath 1753 (3 late) and Trowbridge 1818. The planned move to the East Somerset Railway at Cranmore for driver training would seem now in doubt.

Major weather related problems throughout the day saw 60 mph wind speeds recorded during the day with much debris on the track. A 50 mph line speed was introduced west of Taunton (initially planned only to last until 15/02) and by the evening only the Didcot - Bristol TM section of the GWML was open, with no substitute road buses being available, Great Western recommended customers not to travel!. Out of the area in Cornwall, only the St.Ives branch was open fully during the day!

**15/02** Portsmouth Harbour - Cardiff Central services were non-runners for most of the day, between Westbury and Portsmouth with 158950 (believed to have been working the 1F06 0802 Portsmouth Harbour - Cardiff Central) suffering front end damage in the Dean area having appeared to have struck a fallen tree. The 0X12 1025 Margam LIP - Westbury yard light-loco move started with 66109 + 66162 with 66197 + 66221 + 66007 + 66112 all being added at Newport ADJ, the move then being reported passing Patchway at 1321 (6 early), Bath 1348 (11 early) arriving Westbury at 1414.

Some Arriva XC HST diversion reports, due to the flooding at Fordgate, were as follows; 43303 + 43357 - 1V46 0630 Leeds - Exeter St.Davids, 43207 + 43378 - 1V52 0700 Edinburgh Waverley - Exeter St.Davids / 1E67 1623 Exeter St.Davids - Leeds. All services reversed in Temple Meads during the day on their journeys.

**16/02** Sunday Arriva XC HST diversion reports via Bath, Westbury and Castle Cary for the day included; 43378 XC02 43207 - 1V48 0810 Leeds - Exeter St.Davids / 1E60 1424 Exeter St.Davids - York, 43303 XC01 43357 - 1V52 0933 York - Exeter St.Davids / 1E90 1625 Exeter St.Davids - Leeds.

**17/02** 70801 was back in the Bristol area having arrived hauling 56094 + 56113 on a 0Z56 1316 Westbury - Barton Hill move at 1500 (50 late), having passed Bath at 1429 (47 late). The Class 56s had worked 6Z29 departmental train of MRA wagons from Exeter - Westbury during the morning, whilst 70801 had hauled 56302 as a 0Z70 1012 light loco working from Eastleigh ready for the Bristol move. The Class 70 then ran 0Z70 Barton Hill - Eastleigh Works Alstom FL (1656) light departing at 1531 (43 late) passing Bath at 1609 (53 late). Following fuelling, the two Class 56s then left as 0Z56 1549 Barton Hill - Cardiff Canton (1732) being reported passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1637 (4 early) and East Usk 1645.

**18/02** A popular 'end of review period' working was the appearance of mainline preserved Class 52 D1015 Western Champion hauling Class 42 D821 Greyhound as a 0Z42 1549 Kidderminster (SVR) - Bishops Lydeard WSR (2043) move being reported passing Cheltenham at 1700 (7 early), Yate 1731 (9 early), Parkway 1739 (8 early), Keynsham 1810, Trowbridge 1848 and Castle Cary 1944 (21 early). The Warship was to receive maintenance at Williton in time for the West Somerset Railway's June diesel-hydraulic gala which will also feature Western Champion but on this occasion was due to return to Tyseley light during the following day. For the record and to complete the days movement, D1015 ran 0Z52 1332 Tyseley Steam Centre to Kidderminster SVR (1434) arriving at 1428 (6 early) to collect D821.

The reporting period ended with the news that this winter has been the wettest since 1910! Road buses still remained in place between Bridgwater and Taunton due to flooding. Further west, NR announced that the main line at Dawlish, would not be reopened in the planned six week period due to further storm damage with a projected date now set for some time in April. The shipping containers brought in to protect the worksite had not been as successful as expected.

### **Bristol West Railport**

The following have been reported during the review period; 66420/501/564/567/587/589/591/592/594.

### **Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line**

**20/01** FLHH Shanks livery 66522 loaded the 6M04 1124 coal departure to Rugeley PS but left late as a 1330 move to Stoke Gifford only instead (reported passing Brentry at 1350). Another morning report was 66044 on a 6B51 0919 2 empty HTA wagon move to East Usk. This working however departed late at 1127. The loco had arrived at Avonmouth on an empty HTA rake from Warrington Arpley sidings.

**30/01** 66221 failed at Patchway with the 6B70 0807 Avonmouth - Aberthaw loaded coal, an unidentified rescue loco being dispatched from Avonmouth (reported passing Filton West junction at 0937), the top n' tail formation

being later noted passing Brentry at 1021 heading back to the starting point, the service then being cancelled.

**31/01** 66119 departed with the failed 66221 at 0938 (9 early) on a light - engine move to Newport ADJ. The hauling loco had arrived at 0900 in a top n' tail formation on the 4V83 0428 Toton - Avonmouth coal empties with 66005 earlier in the day.

Results of the annual passenger count saw 252 journeys along the Severn Beach line on one day during November 2013 - an increase of 25.4% since 2011. Promotional work from the campaign group, the Severnside Community Rail Partnership is thought to have helped with the encouraging passenger usage over the line.

**04/02** The 4V83 Toton - Avonmouth coal empties arrived top n' tailed with 66139 + 66096, the latter taking the return loaded service to Ratcliffe PS

**05/02** Having arrived in Gloucester the previous day, 66848 worked the empties forward as 1610 Gloucester New Yard - Bristol East Freight terminal arriving at 1746 (1 early).

**06/02** 66848 departed Bristol East depot at 1633 (2 early) with coal empties for loading at Avonmouth where arrival was recorded at 1712 (-). This service again operated the following day, with the empties running 4V30 from Gloucester New yard as normal.

**17/02** 66848 brought in 4C30 1253 empty HHAs from Briton Ferry yard arriving at 1512 (106 early) having run via the Severn Tunnel and not Gloucester as booked due to flooding near Gloucester.

Forthcoming expected freight changes will see Ratcliffe PS served by the operator EONs own import coal loading terminal at Liverpool docks and this will mean the end for loading at Avonmouth and Portbury as well as the recently introduced Sunday's Only coke service from Redcar - Port Talbot (Grange sidings). DBS loading will also end for Ratcliffe at both Bristol locations, but the ports are expected to gain additional coal traffic to load for Fiddlers Ferry PS.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included; 66004/011/014/016/021/027/047/066/091/096/113/118/139/148/171/221. 66848/850.

Locos recorded on stone duty during the review period have included; 66177. 59004/202/203/206.

Locos recorded on cement duty during the review period have included; 66192.

### **Portbury Branchline**

**20/01** 66522 was booked to run direct to Portbury from Rugeley PS on what was assumed to have been the 4V06 empties, being due in at 1418. However, this days working was terminated at Stoke Gifford, as usual.

**27/01** The 4V94 1036 Ironbridge 'G' PS - Portbury, powered by 66705 departed Parkway at 1515 (1 late) and later Temple Meads at 1541 (4 early) with loaded container wagons behind the loco as well as the normal biomass empties.

**03/02** 66850 arrived at Portbury dock gate at 1653 with empties from Port Talbot for the 1900 loaded coal departure to Ratcliffe PS.

**04/02** Loaded containers were noted at the rear of the morning 6V51 empty car carriers from Warrington Arpley behind 66132 when viewed near the dock gate after arrival at 0930.

**07/02** A fire reported at Ironbridge PS saw the cancellation of biomass

workings to this location from 03-07/02. On this day, 66738 worked 4V93 0519 Doncaster Down decoy (GBRf) - Portbury (1127) empties passing Yate at 1026 (-), departing Temple Meads at 1046 (2 early) and passing Parsons Street at 1050 (5 early). The return ran as 6H50 1733 Portbury - Drax (AES) which departed at 1716 (17 early), passing Temple Meads at 1802 (10 early) and Bath 1833 (3 late) for Swindon via Box.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included; 66141. 66413/512/522/524/549/561/563/595/598/599/613/615/956/957.

Locos recorded on car duty during the review period have included; 66011/104/132/138/172.

Locos recorded on biomass duty during the review period have included; 66702/705/707/738.

### **Bristol area workings during December**

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

03/12 66565. 13/12 66564. 17/12 66588. 20/12 66501.  
30/12 66541 tnt 66591.

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

03/12 66571. 06/12\* 66571. 09/12 66591. 20/12\* 66414.  
30/12 66537 tnt 66564.

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

02/12 70001. 05/12 70017. 06/12 70017. 16/12 70009.  
27/12 66569 tnt 66505. 30/12 66569 tnt 66564. 31/12 66503.

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

28/12 66537 tnt 66564.

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

03/12 66708. 04/12 66717. 05/12 66708. 06/12 66729.  
09/12 66740. 10/12 66717. 12/12 66717. 17/12 66725.  
18/12 66725. 19/12 66704. 20/12 66704. 27/12 66701.  
30/12 66704.

Note - 30/12, a loco swap took place in Temple Meads with 66742 replacing 66704 on the inward empties.

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

05/12 60040. 07/12 60040. 12/12 60074. 17/12 60066.  
19/12 60099. 27/12 60062. 28/12 60040.

Note - 27/12 the train was diverted via Bath.

4(6) B35 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg empty stone (DB)

18/12 66007.

6B49 / 6B50 Llanwern - Swindon stores yard (TFO) and return steel (DB)

06/12 66174.

6C39 1150 St.Blazey - Newport ADJ freight (FO) (DB)

06/12 66139. 13/12 66199. 20/12 66161.

6C49 / 6B59 Exeter Alphington Road scrap - Cardiff Tidal sdgs (DB)

05/12 66096. 12/12 66023. 19/12 66175.

6C99 Newport ADJ - St.Blazey freight (TO) (DB)

03/12 66139. 10/12 66109. 17/12 66161. 31/12 66037.

6A83 Avonmouth Bennett's - West Drayton loaded stone (DB)

16/12 66164. 18/12 66238. 20/12 59102.

6A83 Machen - West Drayton loaded stone (DB)

04/12 59205. 06/12 59102. 09/12 59004.

6M02 2045 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (4C09 1758 Stoke Gifford - Portbury empties) (FLHH)

09/12 66506.

6M04 1126 Avonmouth BBHt - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)

05/12 66957. 09/12 66549. 11/12 66513. 12/12 66529.

16/12 66531. 17/12 66953. 18/12 66515. 19/12 66528.

23/12 66599. 27/12 66599. 30/12 66522 tnt 66524.

Notes - 23/12 the train was terminated at Stoke Gifford. 30/12 the train ran via Parkway and Charfield to the north.

6M30 1900 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (Colas)

02/12 66848. 03/12 66848. 05/12 66848. 11/12 66848.

12/12 66848. 16/12 66847. 18 - 20/12 66847. 27/12 66847.

30/12 66952. 31/12 66952.

Notes - 30 and 31/12 the FLHH loco was 'hired in' by Colas.

6M39 1305 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)

02/12 66139. 03/12 66139. 19/12 66088. 20/12 66057.

24/12 66088. 30/12 66003. 31/12 66139.

6M55 0726 Avonmouth BBHt - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)

05/12 66953. 09/12 66953. 28/12 66599.

6M61 0825 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)

03/12 70003.

6M63 (6V74) Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flasks (DRS)

03/12 37611 + 37688. 05/12 37604 + 37609. 17/12 37194 + 37425.

30/12 37604 + 37612.

6M64 0825 Portbury - Fiddlers Ferry PS loaded coal (FLHH)

09/12 66523. 12/12 66513. 20/12 66518. 28/12 66518.

30/12 66956.

6M69 1500 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)

12/12 66105. 18/12 66017. 27/12 66221.

6O32 Margam / Llanwern - Dollands Moor steel (DB)

01/12 66132. 08/12 66101. 15/12 66068. 16/12 66023. 29/12 66046.

Notes - On 01 and 08/12 the workings diverted via Bath, whilst on 15/12 the train ran via Gloucester and Kemble.



6042 1131 Ford Halewood - Southampton Eastern Dock loaded cars (FO) (DB)  
06/12 66171. 13/12 66074. 27/12 66171.

6V13 Dollands Moor - Llanwern / Margam steel (DB)  
10/12 66090. 21/12 66081.

6V47 Tilbury - Trostre loaded steel (MThO) (DB)  
19/12 66090.

6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carriers (TThO) (DB)  
03/12 66122. 19/12 66128.

6X52 1733 Portbury - Mossend loaded automotive (TThO) (DB)  
10/12 66074.

6Z35 Bescot (downside) - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (6Z94 return empties to Clitheroe) (DB)

02/12 66155 (03/12). 04/12 66070 (05/12). 07/12 66155 (08/12).  
09/12 66177 (10/12). 13/12 66074 (14/12). 16/12 66132 (17/12).  
18/12 66145 (19/12). 20/12 66088 (21/12). 23/12 66068 (24/12).  
27/12 66148 (28/12). 30/12 66067 (31/12).

6Z52 / 6Z53 Chirk - Teigngrace empty and return loaded logs (Colas)  
16/12 66848 (17/12)

Note - This working was the last of the current contract from this location.

### **Westbury**

**11/02** 150124 was unusually used to cover the Great Western 1A77 0848 Exeter St.Davids - Paddington HST working as far as Reading. At 0800, the following mainline locos were in the area; 56302 66206/415/606/846.

### **Exeter**

**02/02** The following were stabled in the Riverside yard area at 1130 on trains or light-engine, associated with the Whiteball Tunnel blockade; 66002, 66034, 66075, 66078, 66089, 66206, 66617.

### **Gloucester area workings**

**20/01** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305 Gloucester 1208; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60092 Gloucester 1107; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66094 Gloucester 1131; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 60100 Gloucester 1244; 0a53 Mountsorrel - Newport Ad Jn 66151 Gloucester 1407; 6v83 Peterborough VQ - Moreton-On-Lugg 66722 Gloucester 1640; 6v51 Arpley Sdgs - Portbury Auto Term 66044 Standish Jn 0909; 6v73 Crewe Cls - Berkeley 37605/194 Standish Jn 0904; 6X33 Whitemoor LDC - Eastleigh East Yard 66619/605 Standish Jn 1222; 4v70 Toton North Yd - Avonmouth Silo 66118 Standish Jn 0912; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66549 Standish Jn 1244; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury biomass emptys 66705 Standish Jn 1550

**21/01** 6y97 Westbury - Kemble via Bristol Parkway Gloucester New Yard 2215-2256 66610

**22/01** 6m58 Margam - Wolverhampton Steel Term Gloucester 0355 60100; 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth Gloucester 0627 66014; 6m96 Margam - Corby Gloucester

1134 66129; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog Gloucester 1045 66425; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh Gloucester 1115 60062; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam Gloucester 1233 60092; 6v73 Crewe Cls - Berkeley 37609/423; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60063; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury biomass emptys 66707

**23/01** 6v49 Tees Yard - Margam Gloucester 0415 60024; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60063 Gloucester 1122; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 60100 Gloucester 1144; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66130 Gloucester 1837; 6v04 Kingsbury - Cardiff Tidal 66076 Gloucester 2158; 5v42 Doncaster Wabtec - Cardiff Canton 158819 Gloucester 2204; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60063; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury biomass emptys 66707

**24/01** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66434 Gloucester 1052; 0m22 Cardiff Dk - Hams Hall 66707 Gloucester 1053; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60062 Gloucester 1125; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury biomass emptys 66707 Standish Jn 1420

**25/01** Rare working for a Saturday 6m11/6v05: 6m11 Margam - Round Oak 66124 Gloucester 0424; 6v05 Round Oak - Llanwern 66124 Gloucester 1125; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60062 Gloucester 1117; 0x66 Margam - Bescot 66158/081/158/ Gloucester 1554; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66197 Gloucester 1834; 6v29 Lincoln Terrace Sdg - Cardiff Tidal 66021; 6v02 Hartlepool - Llanwern 66165; 6v14 Cliffe Hill Stud Farm - Westbury 66617 Standish Jn 0214; 6z94 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66037; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66522; 4v46 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66563

**26/01** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 62424 Gloucester 1109

**27/01** 6m81 Margam - Round Oak Gloucester 0815 60100; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog Gloucester 1145 66302; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh Gloucester 1129 60001; 4e66 Margam - Redcar Gloucester 1200 66081; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe Cls 37194/607 Standish Jn 1321; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury biomass emptys 66705 Standish Jn 1418; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66598 Standish Jn 1455; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66138 Standish Jn 1809

**28/01** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66434 Gloucester 1240; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 60059 Gloucester 1249; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001 Gloucester 1150; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60019 Gloucester Yard Jn 1149; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe Cls 37602/610 Standish Jn 1305; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66850 Standish Jn 1619

**05/02** 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66070 Standish Jn 1813; 6v97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal 66120 Gloucester 2123; 6v52 Wolverhampton Steel Term - Margam 60024 Gloucester 2020; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66430 Gloucester 1205; 6v66 Redcar - Margam Grange Sdgs 66008; 4z30 Gloucester New Yard 1610 - Bristol East Depot 66848

**06/02** 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001 Gloucester 1125; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60091; 6v49 Tees Yard - Margam 60040 Standish Jn 0327; 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool 60092 Gloucester 60092; 4v30 1122 Scunthorpe - Avonmouth 66113; 6e12 0831 Cardiff Tidal - Peterborough VQ 66743 Gloucester 1058; 4e66 Margam Grange Sdg - Tees Yard 66106 Gloucester 1138; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 60059 Gloucester 1229

**07/02** 6m81 Margam - Round Oak 60059 Gloucester 0838; 6m96 Margam - Corby 66026 Gloucester 0917; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66429 Gloucester 1203; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001 Gloucester 1252; 6m41 Margam - Round Oak 60100 Gloucester 1600; 6v07 Round Oak - Margam 60059 Gloucester 1700; 6v52 Wolverhampton Steel Term - Margam 60040 Gloucester 2049; 4v93 Doncaster Down Decoy - Portbury biomass emptys 66738 Standish Jn 1000; 6042 Halewood - Southampton Eastern Dks 66139 Standish Jn 1725; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66065 Standish Jn 1815; 6u19 Gloucester Horton Rd - Port Talbot

Dr73111 Gloucester 1012/1015

**08/02** 6z94 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe Standish Jn 0543 66065; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001 Gloucester 1105; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford failed at Eckington blocking the down main 1549 Standish Jn 66602/66549; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66530 Standish Jn 1554; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal Gloucester 1838 66232; 6v29 Lincoln Terrace Sdg - Cardiff Tidal 66027 Gloucester 2148

**09/02** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66427 Gloucester 1150; 6h86 Worcester - Margam Grange Sdgs 66848 Gloucester 1445; 6v66 Tees Yard - Margam Grange Sdgs 66106 Gloucester 2033

**10/02** 6v94 Lindsey - Aberthaw 60062 Gloucester 0325; 6b17 MO Robeston - Westerleigh 60059 Gloucester 0439; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001 Gloucester 1129; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66140 Gloucester 1143; 6b07 MO Westerleigh - Robeston 60059 Gloucester 1154; 4c30 Briton Ferry - Avonmouth 66848 Gloucester 1510; 6m58 Westbury Lafarge - Tunstead 66506; 6v73 Crewe Cls - Berkeley 37602/605; 6m50 Westbury - Bescot 56302 Standish Jn 1340; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66413; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66067

**11/02** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66422 Gloucester 1050; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001 Gloucester 1120; 6v67 Redcar - Margam Grange Sdgs 66140 Horton Road Jn 1240; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 60040 Gloucester 1202; 6v73 Crewe Cls - Berkeley 37259/423 Standish Jn 1014; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60099; 4v94 Drax - Portbury biomass emptys 66702 Standish Jn 1408

**12/02** 4e67 Margam - Redcar 66140 Gloucester 0010; 6m81 Margam - Round Oak 60100 Gloucester 0835; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66429 Gloucester 1051; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001 Gloucester 1124; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe Cls 37611/602 Standish Jn 1309; 4v94 Drax - Portbury biomass emptys 66730 Standish Jn 1437; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66054

**13/02** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66422 Gloucester 1054; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001 Gloucester 1107; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66197 Gloucester 1130; 6v07 Round Oak - Margam 60066 Gloucester 1555; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60054

**14/02** 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 60100 Gloucester 0418 Gloucester - Lydney closed just after 0900 am water level high at over bridge just outside Gloucester; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60054; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66610; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66551; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66848; 6m41 Margam - Round Oak 60059/66162 Standish Jn 1715; 4z36 Wentloog - Daventry 66432 Standish Jn 2023; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66088 dep Haresfield Down Loop 1257; 6v67 Redcar - Margam Grange Sdg dep Haresfield Down Loop 1347; 6v52 Wolverhampton Steel Term - Margam 66164 Standish Jn 2110; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog Recess Lansdown Loop dvr no route knowledge via Yate

**15/02** 6z94 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66020; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039/059 via Severn Tunnel Gloucester New Yard 1126-1210

**16/02** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66302 Standish Jn 1140; 6h86 Worcester - Margam Grange Sdgs 66848 Standish Jn 1340; 6e47 Margam - Middlesbrough Dawsons 66164 Standish Jn 1713; 6v66 Redcar - Margam Grange Sdgs 66066 Standish Jn 2107

**17/02** 6m81 Margam - Round Oak 66088 Standish Jn 0840; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Standish Jn 1155 via Gloucester New Yard Standish Jn 1348; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66019 Standish Jn 1209; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66192; 6b07 Westerleigh - Robeston Gloucester New Yard 1159-1223 600xx over bridge re-opened this afternoon

**18/02** 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 37402/603; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60063; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039

### **Swindon**

**21/01** 66003 passed Swindon at 0817 with a well loaded army vehicle, which were mainly land rovers (some carrying the desert sand livery) 6B36 Didcot - Ashchurch MoD trip. The loco later returned as 0A36 light to Didcot passing Cheltenham at 1245.

**08/02** The completion of the £45 million re-doubling of the 11 mile Kemble - Swindon mainline, planned for the Easter period this year, has been put back to the Summer due to weather conditions, flooding and damage due an engineering train derailment. The work force will also have to attend to other allocated jobs from Easter and return to the re-doubling during the August. This work which was started during 2013, once completed will form an important diversionary route for services affected by the forthcoming £ multimillion Great Western Mainline electrification project.

### **Newport**

**25/01** 66158 + 66120 + 66094 + 66015 passed Maindee Junction at 1441 on a 0X98 Margam - Bescot light-engine move. The 0012 Eastleigh loco move had passed the same location six minutes earlier (see Bristol Parkway, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh notes and news). Another report for the day was; 60024 passing Maindee at 1501 with 6H27 Margam - Llanwern steel. 66094 and 66081 were both stabled in East Usk yard at mid-day.

**26/01** Colas 66850 was reported as passing through the area with the 6H86 Worcester - Port Talbot Grange sidings loaded coke, having run via Chepstow, not Parkway as the working did on the previous Sunday. A misformed Arriva Class 158 was reported on the lead up to the end of January, the set being formed with 57823 (158823) + 52829 (158829). The first coach had been part of the set recently repaired at Barton Hill depot following collision damage.

**31/01** The 4V38 Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service was noted passing East Usk late at 1350 headed by 66305 + 66425.

**10/02** 60040 ran 0M76 Margam - Dee Marsh light to collect the 6V75 return steel service.

**13/02** Biomass silver 60066 was on the morning 6M81 Margam - Round Oak steel service whilst 60039 worked 6M76 Margam - Dee Marsh steel. Another report for the day was Colas 56094 running 0Z51 Washwood Heath - Baglan Bay light-engine passing Caldicot at 1156.

**14/02** With rising water levels at Over viaduct, the 6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh fuel tanks were terminated at East Usk and departed at 1155 westbound, behind 60001 which ran round and returned the train back to Margam for overnight stabling and a forward movement during the following day (also see Bristol Parkway, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh notes).

**15/02** 60039 was on the morning Llanwern steel trip.

**17/02** 66303 with the 4V38 Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service ran via Hereford and the Marches this train normally taking this route on the return only.

**18/02** The Lydney - Gloucester mainline reopened during the morning.

### **Cardiff**

**20/01** 60100 was recorded passing Long Dyke junction at 1508 on 6V05 Round Oak - Margam steel, covering the same duty during the following day.

**21/01** 66727 worked the 6V01 Lindsey - Cardiff Tidal sidings fuel tanks. A morning view of Canton recorded the following; 08499 56094 56302 66551.

**25/01** 66124 + 60001 passed Marshfield at 1311 with 6H26 Llanwern - Margam steel service.

**02/02** At 1610, the following locos were stabled in the Celsa steel works weighbridge area; 08401, 08934, 66743, the latter had arrived as a 0V12 Eastleigh East yard - Cardiff Docks Green energy (GBRf) light-engine move being reported as passing Lawrence Hill, Bristol at 1205.

**11/02** As well as in the West Country, the South Wales area was now showing signs of weather disruption. Late during the morning this was the situation; Holyhead / Manchester Piccadilly - Cardiff; Flooding near Abergavenny, services cancelled between Newport and Hereford, with trains from the north terminating and restarting at Hereford. Treherbert - Cardiff Central; Flooding at Trehafod, trains delayed by up to 30 minutes between Porth and Pontypool. Aberdare - Barry Island; Flooding at Cwmbach, services cancelled between Aberdare and Fernhill with journey times extended by 30 minutes with road buses connecting these two locations. A working, weather affected during the day was a 1Q(Z)14 test train with NR Class 37 97301, the train was however confirmed as working 1530 Cardiff Central - Craven Arms passing Little Mill junction at 1442 (14 early)

## **PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS**

### **West Somerset Railway**

The 2014 'Mixed Traffic Weekend' from 06-08/06/14 will be of a diesel-hydraulic theme with D821 Greyhound and D1015 Western Champion visiting. The former will also see engine repairs at Williton during its stay. The lines home fleet of a Class 14, 35, 42, and 52 should also be in use over the weekend.

Somerset County Council is to sale its freehold of the line subject to conditions, in a bid to reduce its property portfolio and make financial savings along with reducing liabilities. The West Somerset Railway Association is expected to take on the freehold from the Council who admit they are not in the railway business and feel the line will be transferred into better hands to continue its operation successfully for years to come.

### **Road Movements**

**21/01** Ex GW coach W238 Chaffinch - northbound M5 junction 12 (Gloucester) at 0830.

**05/02** Great Western HST coach 44020, M5 northbound on Allelys road low loader, Junction 19 (Gordano) at 1255.

**14/02** Great Western HST power car, 43026, M5 northbound Junction 20 (Clevedon) at 1430. The move was later in the day seen traveling along the M4, eastbound.

Further M5 HST power car moves, with no local timings were; 43129 (south bound) on 14/02, 43040 (south bound) and 43094 (north bound) both on 15/02, 43035 (south bound) on 16/02. 43129 (north bound) and 43071 (south bound) both on 18/02. These movements were assumed to have taken place due to the damaged and severed mainline track at Dawlish.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Bristol Area News**

With the building of 2,500 houses (part of the 7,500 to be built in the area!) planned for the former 365 acre, Filton Airfield site (closed in December 2012), three passenger station sites have been suggested for the Henbury loop to serve the development. Platforms at Filton North and Henbury still exist, although the latter is on a curve and the surrounding area privately owned, these being two of the possible sites, the other being a new location on the Avonmouth side of Fishpool Hill road bridge, Brentry. The reopening of the Henbury loop is however not currently planned until 2023 with the reinstatement of four tracks on Filton Bank and the reopening of the Portishead branch (now expected in 2019) taking priority. An annual November 2013 passenger count at certain South Gloucestershire area stations recorded; Filton Abbeywood - 4,412, an increase of 21.3% since 2012, Patchway - 408 an increase of 12.1% and Bristol Parkway - 10,396 an increase of 7.8%. However, Yate showed a decrease down to 1,193 passengers (-3.1%). Meanwhile, Yatton, on the Bristol - Taunton mainline is expected to be one of the 44 Great Western stations earmarked for an electric car charging point as part of a £315,000 Government funded grant, part of the £19 million being made available for this new project nationwide.

### **Whiteball Tunnel - Report**

**P.Nicholson**

A specially arranged visit to the area and view the £20 million work inside the 160 year old structure during the two week blockade period recorded the following;

Taunton Fairwater Yard; 66610, 66613, 66623. Wagon; 3170 (4629047-2). Road-railers; Quattro; 207 (911150-9), 428 (940377-3), 799 (940191-8). Near Silk Mills; 66601 on a ballast working. 66524 on the end of a train heading towards the WSR's Norton Fitzwarren triangle. Road-railers; 374 (up line), 515 (between tracks).

Whiteball Tunnel - East Portal; Total Rail Solutions; TRS752 (up line), TRS701 (down line) with trailer (040044-6), Gator R7V900 type; 975026-4 (TRS940, has also been reported as TRS938 in certain publication listings) with trailer (018015-6). The Gator was used by our correspondent to travel on a specially arranged trip to the West End Tunnel Portal and back. Inside West End Portal; TRS703 in use propelling a cement-spraying train, formed - 711013 with spraying unit, 711007 with generator. Three other unidentified road-rail vehicles could also be seen in the distance from this end of the tunnel.

Although some work was still continuing, the tunnel reopened on 09/02, 66601 running through as 0Y21 Taunton Fairwater - Exeter (Riverside) and return light.

In the same area, it has also been reported that FLHH will no longer move the Taunton Fairwater out based HOBC and track replacement train wagons for turning via Bridgwater, Bristol, Bath, Westbury and Castle Cary, a familiar sight over the past few years, with several paths available (6Z85 and 6Z86 being the regularly used head codes for these workings) but use the much nearer West Somerset Railway's, Norton Fitzwarren triangle instead. This will be cost effective for Freightliner due to the distance involved and the WSR will benefit with the ongoing delivery of used ballast material being off loaded on site for their use.

## **Mainline Trains ( and Track! ) Suspended in Devon**

**03/02** High tides and winds saw major problems in the Dawlish area, initially with a breach near Kennaway Tunnel and platform damage at the station, closing the line from here to Newton Abbot (expected until 2359 on 07/02). 150124 was terminated just short of the damaged down platform at 0848 with the 2Z43 0655 Exeter St.Davids - Penzance which eventually returned 'wrong line' following a reverse at Dawlish Warren and returned as the 2Z17 0952 to Exmouth service departing at 0956. Shuttles then ran between Dawlish Warren and Exeter during the day, with road bus connections to Dawlish, Teignmouth and Newton Abbot, although these were subject to delays due to road flooding. The last HST working through the area was; power cars 43150 + 43031 with the 1A77 0541 Penzance - Paddington Great Western service passing Dawlish at 0838. The Great Western 2F09 0711 Paignton - Exmouth formed with 143619 had earlier called around 0750 (-) having additionally stopped for train staff to clear wood and debris off the track from the damaged station platform.

**04/02** More serious events were to follow with a further late morning high tide backed with strong winds. A 30 foot section of the railway retaining wall just north of Dawlish station was washed away along with ballast, the track being left hanging above a large gap, residential properties in Sea Lawn Terrace, above the railway were also affected with flooding and the road way being washed away in part in front. Network Rail initially stated this section of line would be closed for a six week period whilst repairs and rebuilding took place. A limited rail service was to operate from Teignmouth - Paignton during part of the day, although this was eventually stopped due to debris on the line, the shuttle units 153361 + 153370 being unusually stabled in Teignmouth station. Also the road coaches failed to serve Dawlish later on due to a fallen tree blocking one of the main roads. Final early afternoon train reports were; 150122 - 5Z76 1240 Plymouth - Exeter St.Davids empty stock, 150131 - 2Z69 1135 Exeter St.Davids - Plymouth and 150219 - 5C46 Exeter - Plymouth (following the 2Z69).

Locos, HSTs and units reported isolated due to the damaged (and eventually removed) track at Dawlish were as follows; 57602 (with Great Western sleeper stock). 66006. 220014. 221134. HST power cars; 43005/018/042/093/094/127/177/183 with intermediate coaches; OC30/47/54. LA73. DMU sets; 150125/129/130/131/202/219. 153305/329/369/372/377. The Great Western Sleeper service from Penzance - Paddington was reported as cancelled until 18/03/14, although a 1A40 has operated as far as Plymouth only using a HST set.

## **Ticket to Ride - Down Under**

People traveling to Brisbane, Australia from Bristol can now organize their rail and air flight tickets under one booking, thanks to a new partnership between Great Western, Heathrow Express and Singapore Airlines. Savings of up to £140 (13 %) can be made on an economy Saver Express fare whilst Business Express will save around £190 (5 %) on this new arrangement, the first of its kind to be set up in this country. Flight times from Heathrow airport and connecting trains can be viewed on the new rail-fly.com website as well as return air and rail links. Great Western HST power car 43163 has been painted in a special Singapore Airways livery to support this new venture.

## **Engineering Block**

The mainline between Standish and Westerleigh junctions will be closed for three weekends from 30/03 for major track work.

## **New Locos - Class 68**

04/02 DRS 68002 was towed with coaching stock from Carlisle - Crewe and back by 90020. The transfer move from Kingmoor depot - Carlisle was worked by a Class 47.

## **New Locos - Class 70**

**30/01** Colas 70804 arrived on the MV Atlantic Compass in the docks at Seaforth, Liverpool at 1021. A GE transportation serial number 61861 Nov 2013 is carried on its works plate.

**17/02** 70801 (ex. 70099), which was delivered via Newport Docks in October 2012, ran under its own power for the first time between Eastleigh Works and the nearby East yard during the morning hauling 56302. The Class 70 then hauled this loco to Westbury (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news). A first revenue earning service, the 6V31 2013 Eastleigh - Westbury (2153) departmental failed to take place, this being 56302 hauled.

**18/02** The Class 70 remained at Eastleigh during the day unallocated, its possible use on a 6Y41 departmental trip to Hoo junction being covered by 66847.

Further new locos 70803, 70804 and 70805 were all due to arrive via Seaforth dock, Liverpool on 20/02.

## **TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS**

**22/01** Andover - 73113 (departing on a move to Westbury during the day passing Warminster at 1030). Bath, Oldfield Park - DR73912 passing at 1525 running from Rugby - Cardiff.

**27/01** Parsons Street, Bristol - DR73111 passing at 1127 (15 late) on a 6U17 1045 Weston-super-Mare - Westbury move.

**30/01** Exeter (Riverside) yard - 75406. 75407.

**08/02** New Severn Crossing - eastbound road lorry trailer at 1330 - r/r excavator; 24 with trailer; 010698 - 7.

**11/02** Westbury - DR73111.

**12/02** Yate - r/r TXM 6924 (940700-6). Filton Abbey Wood - super railer TXM 3739 (940222-1), trailer (041011-6). Exeter (Cowley Bridge) passing down at 1724 - 73935.

## **FREIGHT**

West Country log traffic is set to resume sometime in early March, the final Heathfield train of the contract, as reported in the January Magazine having operated. Projected timings are as follows from 21/01/14 - 15/05/14 (TWThO) 'as required';

6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan Colas Rail - Exeter (Riverside) New Yard (1117) - Abergavenny 0754, East Usk junction 0858, Pilning 0919, Patchway 0924, Bristol TM 0942 - 0946, Bridgwater 1031, Taunton 1042.

6V51 1231 Exeter (Riverside) New Yard - Chirk Kronospan (2350) Colas Rail - Taunton 1328, Bridgwater 1340, Bristol TM 1451 - 1511, Patchway 1527,



Pilning loop 1535 - 1556, East Usk junction 1621 - 1703, Abergavenny 1739. The WO working is booked to a slightly earlier running schedule (but still departing at 0535), the Bristol Temple Meads calling time being 0928-0938. Proposed low level nuclear waste transportation from the decommissioning of Oldbury Power Station to Hinkley Point Power Station for storage will be moved by road not rail. The former Berkeley Power Station site, in a well advanced stage of decommissioning could also be used as a storage location. 70 - 100 lorry movements are expected to take place.

## TRIP REPORTS

**TRIP 484**

**LONDON FLYER**

**14th December 2013**

This trip report varies from the traditional format. Where things are stated at locations, they are stabled or stored there. All other sightings are grouped into the basic routes or services. Not everything listed was seen by all.

The trip started and ended at Slough station. Some names carried by Mainline Loco's and Multiple Units omitted. All items Standard Gauge unless specified. All locations are view only, often from passing trains.  
\* = Assumed.

### **Bristol Temple Meads**

Diesel: 37682. Carriages: 9523, 9714, 999602.

### **Working services out of Paddington.**

Diesel: 43002/004/018/028/034/056 The Royal British Legion/063/070/078/088/097 Environment Agency/124/131/134/135/137/140 "Depo Diesel Glandwr 1963 Dathiu 50 Mlynedd 2013"/145/147/150/154/174/177/180/190. DMU: 165101/102 165104/110/113/114/129/130/131/133/136/137, 166201/203/211/213/217/219. EMU: 332004/006, 360204.

Note: 43140 carries the name "Landore Diesel Depot 1963 Celebrating 50 years 2013" in English on the other side.

### **Slough.**

OTM: 73935. RRV: Quattro 921 - 940721-2.

### **Southall.**

Carriage: Mk3: 10593\*.

### **Plasser, West Ealing.**

OTM: 73905/931, 76304/318, 99709 128001-3.

### **Longfield Avenue RRAP.**

RRV: Quattro 127 - 940417-7.

### **Acton Yard.**

Diesel: 59206 John F Yeoman Rail Pioneer\*, 66004/007/103/142/149. RRV: Quattro 516 - 911144-2. Trac SV137 - 912033-6. Wagons: 3100, 17219/235 17913, 19841/846/847/897, 320012/016/020/024/026/040/041/043/060/067.

### **Old Oak Common Depot.**

Diesel: 08483, 57602 Restormel Castle. EMU: 360201.

**Westbourne Park.**

RRV: Amey 105894 - 912021-1 R269EJO\*, Readypower FR1312 - 943021-4, Readypower FR1339 - 942092-6.

**Westbourne Park and West Portal Site of Crossrail.**

Working a spoil train: Diesel: 66739 Bluebell Railway. Wagon: 3401 and others UID. Gauge 900mm: Industrial Diesels: All 10 were seen, numbered from 1 to 10, which are Schoma 6622 - 6631 in order. Wagons: Several manriders (8,9 and two without numbers) and a variety of other types of un-numbered wagon were seen.

Loco's 1,2,3 & 4 were stabled at the west end of the site.

Loco's 5,7,8 & 9 were seen working trains in and/or out of the tunnel.

Of the remaining loco's, 6\* and 10\*, one was in the maintenance tent and was driven a short distance outside of the tent prior to being worked on. The other was stabled near the tent.

**Working services into or out of Marylebone.**

Diesel: 67018. DMU: 165003/008/009/011/013/016/026/030/036/037/038, 168002/107/214, 172103/104. Carriages: Mk3: 10274, 12616/617/618/619. DVT: 82303.

**Wembley Depot (Chiltern).**

Diesel: Scaz (01585) - RH 459518/61, 67014/023. DMU: 165019/023/024, 172102. Carriages: Mk3: 12610/613/614. DVT: 82305/306.

**Working services out of Euston.**

Diesel: 57304 Pride of Cheshire. DEMU: 221110/115 Polmadie Depot.

EMU: 350106/112/120/241/245/255, 378206/220, 390013/130/132/137/151/155.

Note: 57304 was stabled at Euston.

**Working services out of St Pancras International.**

Diesel: 43064/076. DEMU: 222015/017/018/019. EMU: 395006/008/014/015/029. Eurostar: 3207/18/32.

Notes: 3207 and 3232 were paired.

Thameslink services listed at London Bridge.

**Working services out of Kings Cross.**

Diesel: 33029, 43302/313, 67028. Electric: 91101/112. DEMU: 180101/110.

EMU: 313035/036/046, 365512/515/521/522/536/541. Carriages: HST: 42154, 44094. Mk4: 10307/318, 11290/298/301/319/401/419,

12200/211/307/310/400/414/415/417/434/470. DVT: 82201/207.

Note: 33029 and 67028 were both stabled.

**Working services through or out of London Bridge.**

DMU: 171804. EMU: 319003/004/012/214/216/218/220/369/384/427/431/432/433/434/438/440/442/443/445/447/459/460, 375606/609/614/617/619/622/624/625/810/811/825/826/827/904/905/907/914/918/927, 376002/006/011/013/015/017/023, 377115/129/157/162/421/432/470/503/513/515/519/520/521, 455803/810/812/816/817/819/820/824/829/830/835/838/845, 465001/004/007/008/009/010/015/018/019/020/021/022/024/026/030/031/033/036/037/039/041/042/044/045/047/151/156/158/159/163/165/167/168/169/170/171/174/177/178/179/181/186/187/189/191/194/195/196/235/236/237/240/241/243/244/907/927/931/933,

466001/006/009/012/014/024/029/040.

**Working services out of Victoria.**

EMU: 375611 Dr William Harvey/710/713/801/815/901/910, 377102/105/111/112/113/114/116/117/121/124/128/130/131/133/135/148/150/152/156/158/159/160/164/205/213/307/309/311/401/402/403/404/408/409/412/413/414/415/416/417/423/428/436/438/440/443/445/447/452/460/461/462/468/469/472/605/607/608/614/621/622/624/625, 442401/05/07/08/15/18/20, 455802/805/806/807/810/811/812/821/832/833/834/836/838/841/843, 465012/028/035/050/164/172/176/182/192/239/250/912/913/921/926, 466037.

**Working services out of Waterloo.**

DMU: 159003/005/008/014/017/018/105. EMU: 444009/012/014/016/024/026/027/029/030/034/035/040/043, 450003/004/015/016/020/024/025/026/029/073/075/077/085/087/092/100/110/111/112/116/117/119/122/547/549/553/556/558/559/561/564/568/569, 5701/02/04/06/12/16/17/18/21/23/26/33/41/42/50, 5849/50/59/60/65/66/70/72, 5904/06/07/09/12/16/18/19, 456013/20, 8005/17/25/27/28.

**Working services through Clapham Junction (not covered elsewhere).**

EMU: 377201/202/209, 378152/219/231/234,

**Working services through East Croydon (not covered elsewhere).**

377104/122.

**East Croydon.**

OTM: 98217. NR Mini 4-4 Trolley: 901161-8 - M44/111\*.

**Streatham Hill Depot.**

EMU: 377611/619.

**Tube Sightings:**

Only the lowest numbered vehicle seen in each set is given.

**Circle / Hammersmith and City / District.**

2-car sets: 5517/31/38/52/57/65/70/80/91/98, 5601, 5703/05/07/20/21/28.

3-car sets: 7013/22/24/26/39/40/46/47/61/63/87/95/98, 7512.

7 car sets: 21305/309/312/335/337/339/349/351/363/371/377/380.

**Bakerloo.**

4 car sets: 3232/63. 3 car Sets: 3431/43.

**Jubilee.**

7 car sets: 96011/018/033/073/212.

**Central.**

2-car sets: 91007/013/071/145/151/201/289, 92060/084/148/402/428, 93174.

**Metropolitan.**

8 car sets: 21003/009/011/029/047/049/059/083/087/091/097,

21101/103/105/107/111/113/115.

**Northern.**

3 car sets: 51547/548/614.

21/09/13

ALAN KEEF OPEN DAY & TYSELEY

J.Dicks & C.Weeks

**M5 heading North between Dursley & Stroud.**

R/R: TXM: 6898 - 940680-0 on a lorry with 2 UID trailers.

**Gloucester Horton Road (view).**

OTM: 73115, 77903 Frank Jones. R/R: TXM: 6893 - 940674-3, 7011 - 940714-7.  
Trailers: TXM: RT201, RT278.

**Alan KEEF, Lea Line (visit).**

Gauge 1000mm: Steam: RUR - Hen 5276/1899 ex Germany, 5 - Krauss 3142 or 3192/1894 reb AK/2012 in steam (worksplate states 3142), Krauss 5742/08 reb AK/2013 in steam.

Gauge 900mm: Diesel: RR009 - HE 9282/88: RS106 MARY - RFSD L106/89.

Gauge 2' 6": Diesel: (6) - BD 3764/83 ex p281. Battery: (ND3308) - GB 3547/48 (Dsm).

Gauge 2' 0": Steam: 9 JACK - AB 1871/25 (in steam Ex P28): TAFFY - AK 30/94: Peter Pan KS 4256/22 (In steam Ex P25): BARBER - TG 441/08 ex p49, (WOTO) - WB 2133/24: Diesel: MR 8875/44 (Frame only): MR 8882/44: MR 40SD502/75: Battery: BATTY WR 1393/36 Rbt AK 2006:

Gauge 1' 11.5": Steam: (No.1 RUSSELL) - HE 901/06 ex p284.

Gauge 1' 11.25": Steam: BLW 44699/17 (Frame only Ex P277):

Monorail: Diesel: AK MOO2/89: AK MOO3/89

Under Construction: (FALCON) - AK 91 for Corris, AK 94 gauge 1ft 3".

Carriages: Gauge 2ft: H&WBLR Car 5.

Wagons: Gauge 4ft 8.5": LMS: (194459) b/o. Gauge 2ft: LO12, DH 363, DH 410. Gauge 1000mm: OEG: 860, 864.

Notes: A number of other wagons and frames of wagons were present.

Krauss 3192 had already returned to Germany, but came back specifically for the open day. It will now return to Germany along with Krauss 5742.

SKIPPY - AK 2/76 went on hire to Bicton on 20/9/13.

**Tyseley Locomotive Works (view)**

Steam: (No.1 CADBURY) - AE1977/25\*. Diesel: (37263)\*, 40118 (D318 97408) - EE 2853/61 RSHD 8148/61, 50021 (D421) RODNEY - EE 3791/68 EEV D1162/68\*, 50033 (D433) GLORIOUS - EE 3803/68 EEV D1174/68\*, No.800 - Bg 800/20\*, 13 - RH 299099/50\*, RH 347747/57\*. DMU: 960010 977858 (55024)\*, 960011 977859 (55025) PANDORA\*, 121032 55032\*. Carriages: Mk2: 5221, 5300 b/o\*, 9711 (9532)\*.

Where a loco has been assumed, number carried details taken from 16EL.

**Tyseley DMU Depot and Carriage Sidings (view).**

Diesel: D3783 (08616) "TYSELEY 100". DMU: 150216, 153356, 170502/517/636, 172222/344. Battery: Windhoff 101007142/2009.

**Tyseley Station.**

Diesel: 31105, 67012, 70009. DMU: 165027, 168002/003/005/107/109, 172211/13/14/15/16/19/21, 172331/33/34/36/37/38/40/41/42/43/45. DEMU: 220006/15/33, 221141. Carriages: Mk3: 10274, 12604/16/17/18/19. DVT: 82303. Departmental: 6264, 9702, 999605. Wagons: 92616, 93356, 608057/180/181/182/372/488, 640231/232.

Rode on 172221 to Dorridge.

**Dorridge Station.**

DMU: 168001/002/112, 172213.  
Rode on 168002 to Leamington Spa.

**Leamington Spa Station.**

In Service: DMU: 168113/214. Stabled: DMU: 172332.  
Rode on 168214 to Moor St.

**Bordesley Caledonia Yard.**

Wagons: 7042870042, 7042880090.

**Birmingham Moor Street Station and Stabling Sidings.**

DMU: 168004/106, 172331.  
Rode on 172331 to Tyseley.

**Worcester Shrub Hill Station and Station Yard.**

Diesel: 43032/136. DMU: 166208, 172216/340. Carriage: HST: 40809.  
Wagon: 394247.

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

DMU: 170504.

**Ashchurch Engineers Siding (view).**

Nothing was present at this time.

**Bradshaws, Tewkesbury (view).**

R/R: 65, 66, 83, 84, 111. Trailers: 97, 103, 104.

\* assumed

Footnote: It was later established that 172217 & 172218 together were on the following diagram;

5M07 Worcbrd 1540 WorcsSH 1549

1M07 WorcsSH 1554 BhamNwS 1645

1V21 BhamNwS 1649 Herefrd 1816

2C71 Herefrd 1911 Doridge 2124

2V58 Doridge 2128 GtMlvrn 2314

5V58 GtMlvrn 2319 WorcsCS 2347

172335 and possibly 172339 were thought to be on Tyseley Depot.

**16/09/13**

**LEGOLAND ADVENTURE**

**R.Morris, J.Dicks, S.Reeve, C.Weeks**

**Legoland, Windsor (visit):**

SL 664/8/95 (Right Hand 3 car Funicular). SL 664/8/95 (Left Hand 3 car Funicular). SL 663/95 - In Service. MR 7902/39 'AMEY' - Stored Off Track.  
With Thanks to the following;

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**Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway (view):**

Steam: 1369 - Ex Pg 68 (16EL).

Diesel: D3018. (08825) - Ex Pg 123 (16EL). D5581. [37116]. D8568.

RH 459515 'IRIS'.

DMU: W55023.

EMU: [61736 -1198] - Ex Pg 295(16EL). [70573 -1198] - Ex Pg 295(16EL).  
[61737 -1198] -Ex Pg 295(16EL).

Small Plant: Wkm 7090/55.

Carriages: Cambrian Railway (247) - Grounded on Platform. LNWR: 7340. BR  
Mk1: [1845]. [4584]. [4902]. [34671]. [35337]. NPCCS: 80501.

Wagons: 60174 (Tank Wagon). 67439 (Tank Wagon). M 518975 (12t Van Next to  
D5581). WGB 4041 (Pallet Van). B 786980 (Ferry Van). S 56153 (Brake Van).  
B 730305 (Tube Wagon). E 278505 (Lowmac). B 904666 - Internal User 064847  
(Lowmac). B 850250 (Plywood Van). W 17424 (Brake Van).

NOTES: Carriages 15931 and LMS 45036 u/f/o were out of sight in the  
storage siding.

**Cholsey & Wallingford Railway (view):**

Steam: [P 1555/20] - Tarpaulined Over.

Diesel: Alco 77777/50 - Adjacent to the housing estate in the left  
background. FH 3270/48 'CARPENTER'.

Carriages: Cambrian Railway 250 - Grounded Body. BR: W 2225 - On the  
inside line of stock.[3736]. [4508]. [35129]. NPCCS: W 3436 (Fruit 'D').

Wagons: Saxa Salt 45. Army 47433 - behind the white road van of the left  
hand side. WGF 4082 - On the inside line of stock with a large metal  
container on it.

NOTE: P 2142/53, which was here (IRS 16EL Amendment List No.4), has  
returned to Darlington (Pg 77 16EL).

**Didcot Station, Yard & Railway Centre (view):**

**Station;**

43027/034/087/139/147/152/172/175/180/186.

60049. 66025/027/066/143/192/741

DMU: 165107/112/120.

DEMU: 180103, 220018

HST Carriages: 40112/115/119/808, 42385/512.

**Railway Centre;**

Diesel: 08604 'Phantom'.

Gas Turbine: 18000.

Carriages: BR Mk2: 5495 - rear end of seen to right of steam crane from  
platform. Mk3: 10509 assumed.

Steam Crane: [Smith 23059].

Small Plant: [Wkm 7506/56].

Wagons: 68684, 101720, 117993, 145428.

**Yard;**

Steam: 1 - [HE 3781/52].

Diesel: 08752, 66099.

OTM: DR 73905.

Wagons: 19221. 210460. 210468. 210472. 210487. 210546. 610005. 610006.

610049. 610050. 610157. 610158. 610279. 610280. 85/70/4971 017-4.

23/87/4375 012-3.

**Plus the following on passing freights;**

3253. 3255. 3407. 3410 3414. 3415. 3423. 3429. 3431. 3436. 3445. 3446.

3447. 3448. 3461. 3471. 3475. 3508. 85/70/4971 002-6 85/70/4971 019-0.

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