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70803 sits at Westbury with 70804 and 70805 in the background on 08/03/14.
[Chris Weeks]

FUTURE EVENTS

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 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: 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 = 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 - 19th July	:	Crewe DRS Open Day / Crewe Flyer
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.

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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.

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NOTES & NEWS

Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh

14/02 Additional Information (March Magazine) - 170102 + 170117 worked the 1M60 0945 Cardiff Central - Nottingham Arriva XC service via Parkway due to flooding at Over near Gloucester.

19/02 66601 + 66610 top n' tailed the return 6Y11 0505 Llanwern West Junction - Taunton Fairwater yard (0846) HOBC routed via Bath and

Westbury. Having arrived 0Z61 light, 56094 powered the recently introduced 6V62 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings steel service being reported passing Swindon at 1526.

21/02 GBRf 66728 worked 0Z85 0450 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Hoo Junction Up yard (1207), light via Swindon passing Patchway at 0547 (7 late). Later, the 6B49 Llanwern - Swindon stores yard loaded steel service was noted with 60100 passing Patchway at 0913 (4 early). Again standing in (as during the previous day) for the NRMT HST and initially cancelled as 1Z20 0500 Hanwell Bridge loop - Derby RTC (1545) via a reverse at Swansea (0936 - 1010) with 67015 top n' tailing 67020, the working was reinstated and operated from Old Oak Common in a similar path being recorded on the return from South Wales close to time through Pilning around 1230.

22/02 The Saturdays Only light-loco convoy operated as 0012 1244 Newport ADJ - Westbury / Eastleigh (1643) formed; 66019 + 66016 + 66087 + 66007 + 66186 and was reported passing Keynsham at 1414 (23 late), Bath 1420 (21 late), Trowbridge 1438 and arriving Westbury at 1447 (21 late). At 2045 Stoke Gifford 'downside' held 66515, 66551, 66553, 66544, 66955.

24/02 56078 + 56113 were noted in Stoke Gifford loop at 1046 working the 6Z08 (MO) 0939 Llanwern Exchange sidings - Washwood Heath (via Oxford) steel service, the load is believed destined for car building.

On 'hire' to the British American Rail Services (BARS) from GBRf, 20142 (in BR blue) + 20189 (London Transport red) worked 0Z47 1050 Barrow Hill - Okehampton to collect locos 31459, 47375, 47769 all having been involved in Polar Express pre-Christmas passenger duties over the Dartmoor Railway between Okehampton - Meldon and Bow. The Class 20s, as expected received much attention with the following reports; Burton-on-Trent 1327 (2 early), Cheltenham 1538 (-), Yate South 1610 (9 early), Keynsham 1640 (5 early), Trowbridge 1702 (10 early) and Castle Cary 1742 (3 early). The locos were however terminated at Taunton at 1809 (2 early) to complete the working during the following day.

25/02 20142 + 20189 ran 0600 Taunton - Okehampton light to collect 47375 (BR blue) + 31459 (unbranded Fragonset black) + 47769 (Virgin red) returning as 0Z20 0745 Okehampton - Derby Gas tank sidings (1648), departing 19 early, the interesting working was reported passing; Taunton 0958 (3 late), Bath 1151 (2 early), Lawrence Hill 1209 (1 early), Westerleigh junction 1222 (3 early), Yate 1224 (4 early) and Kings Norton (Birmingham 1446 (35 early). The locos were believed destined for Wolsingham where the British, American Rail services fleet is based, although 47769 is now owned by Harry Neadle, ex Riviera Trains. Meanwhile, 56312 passed the working just north of Yate station running as 0Z56 0822 Derby Gas tank sidings - Barton Hill (1330) light for a stock move during the following day, being reported passing Westerleigh junction at 1228 (14 early) and Lawrence Hill 1242 (26 early).

26/02 70801 ran light from Eastleigh to Acton to 'top' 56078 working the 6V62 1105 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings (1722) steel service, this being the first Class 70 working, although assisted, through the Bristol area being reported passing Westerleigh junction at 1621 (9 early). The Class 70 later returned light as 1745 Llanwern - Eastleigh (via Westbury and Salisbury) passing Bath at 1846 (15 early).

27/02 West Coast's 57315 top n' tailed 57314 on 5Z36 0848 Carnforth Steamtown - Bristol TM (1646) ecs for railtour use during the following day. The train was reported passing Little Mill junction 1518 (1 late) and Pilning 1549 (22 early).

28/02 The Statesman Rail 'Winter Highland Statesman' 1Z37 0532 Bristol TM -Fort William (2035) departed Parkway at 0545 (-) top n' tailed with 57314 + 57315 and formed with c/stock; 5912, 3392, 3431, 1211, Helvellyn (3312), Ben Lomond (3438), 1659, Cadair Idris (3188), Ben Cruachan (3231), 17080.

01/03 66002 + 66096 + 66124 + 66230 + 66112 + 66102 formed the days 0X12 Margam - Westbury / Eastleigh light loco move (the latter two having been added at Newport for a booked 1242 departure) which passed Bristol East freight terminal at 1336 arriving Westbury at 1408. Later 66002 + 66096 went onwards at 1533 as 0012 to Eastleigh. 66846 worked the 6V62 1030 (Sat) Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern loaded steel.

At 1540, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66505, 66546, 66548, 66554, 66595, 66602, 66606. Two evening engineering train sightings through Yate were; 66250 - 6W27 2141 Westbury Down yard - Gloucester (0035) at 2305 (7 early) and 6W26 2111 Westbury Down yard - Gloucester Over junction (0005) at 2240 with unknown hauling power. Also recorded here was; 57314 + 57315 top n' tailing the return 'Winter Highland Statesman' 1Z39 0840 Fort William - Bristol TM (2035) being reported as departing at 2255 (23 early). The ecs for this working was returned to Carnforth during the following day.

02/03 With the Gloucester West - Caldicot (Severn Tunnel junction) mainline closed at Over junction for flood damage repairs, several diverted services of note were routed via Bristol including; 66429 on the 4V38 0945 Daventry - Wentloog (1250) Tesco containers passing Yate at 1208 and Pilning 1227 (17 late) and 47790 + 47832 top n' tailing 5Z91 1136 Cardiff Canton - Cheltenham Northern Belle ecs passing Pilning at 1215 (6 early) and Yate 1236 (-). The Northern Belle train later formed a dining circular from Cheltenham via Oxford, Swindon (noted departing here at 1611), Kemble and the Stroud Valley.

Another diversion seen passing Parkway during the afternoon was the 6V86 1438 Gloucester New Yard - Margam, Port Talbot Grange (1709) loaded coke headed by 66523 + 66848, the latter having failed at Portbury on the 28/02 (see Portbury notes & news section). The pair were booked to return the empties as 4G14 2035 Margam Grange sidings - Gloucester New Yard via Parkway (booked 2323).

At 1240, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66524 and 66546 on west facing coal empties, and 66554, 66505, 66594, 66535 and 66595, 66548, 66606, 66602 stabled as listed on two separate lines.

04/03 NR reported the sea wall repairs at Dawlish, Devon will be completed in early April and rail services reinstated on 04/04 which is two weeks earlier than planned. The rebuilding work has involved 300 staff.

05/03 What is to become a regular sight over the coming years, the Windhoff MPV electrification piling train was noted in platform 1 at Parkway, departing at 1427 on a Swindon - Swindon return driver / route learning move. Later, the 6V62 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings steel service was recorded headed by 66848.

07/03 66846 (56113 was de allocated) was on an around 20 wagon 6V61 2125 Margam - Tilbury (Riverside) loaded steel service. It was unconfirmed whether the train returned, as booked from Tilbury (6Z62) during the following day.

08/03 The 0X12 1025 Margam LIP - Westbury light loco convoy was formed; 66172 + 66137 + 66140 + 66079 + 66015 + 66060 + 66021 + 66003 + 66155 (the

latter four being added at Newport ADJ) and noted passing Keynsham at 1341 (9 early) and arriving Westbury at 1413 (38 early). 66021 then went forward solo from Westbury to Eastleigh at 1425 (14 late).

The Windhoff MPV piling train passed through the area as a 0945 from and to Swindon Transfer yard (its operating base) via Bristol, Swindon and Didcot West (reverse). The working formed; 99709 131005-9 / 131004-2 (assumed) / 131003-4 / 131002-6 / 131001-6, being reported passing Parkway at 0943 93 early), Lawrence Hill at 0955 (4 late) and Bath at 1018 (-). A second afternoon path was also found in TOPS for this train during the day but remained unused.

Following a South Wales visit, West Coast 47237 was noted stabled in a north end bay off platform 5 in Temple Meads.

09/03 UK Rail tours 'Tower Gateway' 1Z82 0806 Paddington - Cwmbargoed (1255) was top n' tailed with 66250 + 66021 being recorded passing Westerleigh junction at 1134 (72 late). The return was 1Z64 1650 Tower Colliery - Paddington (2157), with a 1Z63 1315 Cwmbargoed - Tower (1630) link between the two locations. The outward train had departed London 84 late as the ecs (5Z61 0735 Hanwell Bridge loop - Paddington) was reported to have had train crew availability issues. The previous last passenger rail tour to visit Tower Colliery was reported to have run on 06/01/01 top n' tailed with 47376 + 60023 as the 'Power Porter'.

An engineering train report associated with flood damaged track at Over junction near Gloucester was; 66140 top n' tailing 66015 with a 6W27 0818 departure from Westbury. This was in fact the second Sunday of diversions with the Chepstow line closed; the 4V38 0945 Daventry - Wentloog Stobart / Tesco containers with 66304 was a runner passing Westerleigh junction at 1155 (5 early), although the Colas loaded coke train to Port Talbot was cancelled.

At 1210, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66544, 66545, 66549, 70018.

11/03 66599 + 66528 + 66515 were a morning 0Y31 light loco arrival at Stoke Gifford, having departed Westbury at 0801 (6 early). GBRf 66724 was noted in the down loop with 4V94 1012 Ironbridge - Portbury biomass empties at 1500.

13/03 The first recorded revenue earning 'unassisted' Class 70 working through the Bristol area was Colas 70805 having run 0Z27 0718 Eastleigh Trsmd - West Ealing Plasser (0925) to collect four HOBC wagons (YSA DR97702, YDAs DR92293, DR92314, DR92306), then running as a 6Z27 1134 departure to Cardiff Canton (1742), leaving 45 late, and being reported passing Didcot at 1459 (81 late), arriving Swindon 68 late and departing at 1548 (3 late), passing Chipping Sodbury at 1616 and arriving Pilning loop at 1636, departing at 1639 (10 early).

15/03 The Saturdays Only loco convoy running as 0012 1106 Margam - Westbury / Eastleigh (1643) was formed; 66088 + 66054 + 66093 + 66098 + 66207 and reported arriving Westbury at 1419 (6 early) where only 66088 continued onwards to Eastleigh. Later, 66544 ran 0Y12 1802 Stoke Gifford - Westbury light for departmental duties.

16/03 Some returning engineering reports (and consists where known) were as follows;

66207 - 6W05 0950 Cardiff East - Westbury yard (1709) via Barry and Margam, with crane 81612 (ZGA) and runners CN97416-8 (KFA), 6W27 0930 Caldicot - Westbury yard (1208) passing Patchway at 1144 (33 late), 66201 - 6W43 0930 Sutton Bridge junction - Westbury yard (1310) formed with 9 MHA, 2 MTA, 1 OCA, 1 OBA passing Patchway at 1159 (17 late), 66512 top n'

tailing 66617 - 6Y11 0800 Standish junction - Taunton Fairwater yard (1023) HOBC passing Berkeley Road junction at 0753 and Bridgwater 0927, 66544 - 6Y12 0812 Standish junction - Taunton Fairwater yard (1012) passing Westerleigh junction at 0820 (54 early).

17/03 At 1700, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66528, 66544, 66554, 66555, 66953.

18/03 66544 worked a 6Y31 0415 Kemble - Westbury (0704) departmental (via Gloucester New Yard) passing Parkway at 0542 (24 early) and Bath 0621 (7 early) formed of OCA / OBA wagons and 66113 passed Westerleigh junction at 0505 (12 early) on the 6V49 1934 (Mon) Tees New yard - Margam freight service.

Later in the day HST power cars 43174 + 43171 formed an afternoon 0Z86 1555 Old Oak Common - Landore (2053) 'back to back' move passing Patchway at 1856 (6 early), after a brief stop at Parkway.

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

60001/039/040/054/059/091/092/099.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

19/02 Road buses were still operating between Bridgwater and Taunton due to the flooding over the Somerset levels.

D1015 Western Champion returned light from delivering D821 Greyhound to the West Somerset Railway during the previous day (see last Months Magazine) as 0Z52 1216 Bishops Lydeard (WSR) - Tyseley Steam Trust departing Temple Meads platform 1 (off route, reported due to a photo stop here organized by the nearby Bristol Panel signalling centre!) at 1439 (having run via Westbury) passing Narrowways Hill junction at 1445 (1 early) and Yate South at 1455 (11 late).

On the freight side, 57008 + 37608 were an unusual pairing on the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flask, the 6V74 being reported passing Bescot at 0326 and the return departing Bridgwater at 1224 and reported in Temple Meads at 1318.

20/02 66177 passed Keynsham at 0011 with a 6A35 Moreton-on-Lugg - Hayes loaded stone service. Later in the day, 67015 and 67020 top n' tailed a 1Z17 Derby RTC - Hanwell Bridge loop (0332) test train passing Cheltenham at 1853 (26 early), Parkway 2016 (31 early) and arriving Weston-super-Mare at 2209 (4 late) then departing at 2216 (38 early) returning north via Bath, for a further reverse at Swindon, then onwards back via Bath and Parkway.

21/02 The Singapore Airways livery 43163 is still attracting attention and was reported working with 43022 the 1A07 0648 Weston-super-Mare - Paddington 'Bristolian' having earlier worked the 2Y03 0604 Bristol TM - Weston service. A 6Z47 0929 Cardiff Canton - Taunton Fairwater (1227) part HOBC and 6Z27 1425 return to Cardiff HOBC wagon move allocated for 56078 was cancelled.

22/02 Some Arriva XC HST diversion reports were; 43207 + 43378 - 1V44 0534 Leeds - Exeter St.Davids, 43384 + 43357 - 1V52 0700 Edinburgh Waverley - Exeter St.Davids, 43303 + 43285 - 1E56 1324 Exeter St.Davids - York.

A departmental record for the day was, 66606 top n' tailing 66601 with 10 HQAs arriving Bath Goods loop at 1917 (14 early) and passing Patchway at 2144 (2 early) as 6Y18 1856 Westbury down yard - Briton Ferry (0035).

24/02 66186 passed Bath at 0747 (50 late) working 6W01 the return 1907 (Sun) 10 HQA wagons via a run round in Swansea Burrows sidings (booked 0358 - 0428).

26/02 Activity around Day's junction Bristol, recorded; 66155 passing at 0937 with an additional 6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carrier train (believed running due to the registration number change on the 01/03), as 66554 + 66595 + 66548 departed the curve from Feeder Canal junction at 0939 (4 late) as 0Y31 0807 Westbury - Stoke Gifford (0958) light locos.

Later, having been fuelled during the previous afternoon, 56312 passed at 0942 (2 early) with the 5Z56 0940 Barton Hill - Wembley lmd Chiltern Trains stock move formed of 12620 (TSO 12124) and 82309 (DVT 82104) following 'finishing'. Both these coaches had been removed from store at Long Marston, the DVT having a generator fitted at Wabtec Loughborough (Brush) and then moved to Wabtec Doncaster for repainting to join the second coach, both then being forwarded to Bristol arriving on 08/01. 37259 + 37602 were paired on the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe 2 FNA flask move departing at 1132 and passing Worle junction at 1149. The inward 6V74 had arrived in Bridgwater at 0702. Having arrived during the previous evening, 31285 (with DBSO 9708) passed Bath at 1922 with a return Bristol TM - Derby RTC test working.

28/02 37259 + 37611 worked the Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flask, departing Bridgwater at 1120.

01/03 The first steam tour to visit the area of the 2014 season saw Stanier 5 no 44932 (in place of 34067 Tangmere) work Steam Dreams 'St.Davids Day Cathedrals Express' 1Z82 0712 Victoria - Cardiff Central (1333) with 33207 attached to the rear, being recorded passing Trowbridge at 1133 (-), departing Bath at 1205 (10 late), passing North Somerset junction (Bristol) at 1219 (9 late), Severn Tunnel junction 1244 (10 late) and East Usk 1320 (14 late). The Class 33 was reported as under power climbing Filton Bank at Narrowways Hill junction assisting the 10 coach train from the rear, the c/stock of which being reported as; 35518 (loco support), 99121, 99122, 1666, 5249, 5237, 13440, 9104, 4984, 4960. The 1Z84 1710 Cardiff Central - Victoria (2310) return was reported as departing 23 late and passing Patchway at 1826 (1 late), where the climb from the Severn Tunnel, although at a low speed, was Class 33 unassisted. Further train reports were; passing Keynsham at 1850 (9 late) and departing Bath at 1901 (6 late). Arriva Wales 142006 arrived at Barton Hill from Cardiff Canton for attention being reported passing Pilning at 1110. In Cornwall, Penzance station was reported as reopening at 2100.

04/03 The 0Y30 0807 Westbury - Stoke Gifford (0958) light loco move formed with 66546 + 66606 + 66535 was noted 'off route' in the high level stub sidings near Temple Meads at 0900, reason unknown.

05/03 Freight reports for the day included the return running of the Colas log train with 56302 hauling 19 wagons, and diverted (due to the floods at Fordgate) running as 6V54 0540 Chirk Kronospan - Exeter (Riverside) New yard, (as reported in the March Magazine as a new loading point) being recorded passing Craven Arms at 0920 (150 late), East Usk at 1051, Patchway 1120 (147 late), Keynsham 1147, Taunton 1330 (201 late) and arriving Exeter at 1411 (193 late). Also the DRS 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flasks operated with two FNAs 550038 + 550043 headed by 37402 + 37409 being recorded as departing at 1129 and passing Parsons street (Bristol) at 1216 and Barton Hill at 1302

06/03 The return and diverted 6V51 1238 Exeter (Riverside) New yard - Chirk Kronospan (2350) loaded log service headed by 56302 was reported departing at 1404 (81 late) passing Taunton at 1444 (48 late), Bath 1622 (51 late) and Patchway 1700 (38 late). The 6V51 return head code was reported as correct for this working from the former Western to the London Midland region instead of either 6M51 or 6Z61. West Coast 47237 ran 0Z11 Southall - Bristol TM light (noted Swindon at 1623) on what was believed to be part of a route learning outing, set to continue over the following few days. Later, 66545 passed Bristol East junction at 2100, having departed Westbury at 2017 with a 6Y65 train of 20 loaded autoballaster wagons for Bridgwater and use on the rebuilding of the previously flooded mainline to the west of Fordgate.

07/03 West Coast 47237 departed Bristol on a 0Z46 0742 Temple Meads - Cardiff Central (0900) light engine move passing Patchway at 0943 (102 late) and Newport 1008. The loco was to then visit several lines in the South Wales area (including the route to Shrewsbury) prior to a return move to Temple Meads. DRS 37606 + 37602 returned the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flasks, having departed at 1125 and being noted leaving Temple Meads at 1205.

09/03 66606 became the first movement to run between Bridgwater and Taunton for just over a month, when the loco ran out and back 0Y50 light from Stoke Gifford - Bridgwater (passing at 1025) for a route inspection following flood damage repairs, returning later at 1250.

10/03 Although 33 million tonnes of flood water still remained on the Somerset levels (a third of the total that was present at its peak) on this date, passenger services began operating between Taunton and Bridgwater following checks undertaken during the previous day. With a speed restriction in place, making the 10 minute journey time last 30 minutes, Great Western commenced a shuttle service between the two towns all of the workings calling at Highbridge & Burnham this being alongside several Arriva XC trains which also called at this station.

11/03 Having been recorded in a Temple Meads, north end bay for the week-end, West Coast trains 47237 departed the area as 0Z47 1234 Bristol - Southall West Coast passing North Somerset junction at 1305 (2 early). 158887 was reported as 'on hire' to Great Western working between Swindon and Cheltenham during the day.

Another report was FLHH 66617 bringing in a crane as 6Z29 0736 Taunton Fairwater - St.Phillips Marsh (1010) for attention passing Keynsham at 0928 (19 late) having been routed via Westbury.

12/03 The 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flasks were headed by 37425 + 37612 and departed Bridgwater at 1222 and later passing Nailsea & Backwell at 1248.

13/03 Having arrived as 0Z29 Taunton Fairwater - St.Phillips Marsh light (via Westbury), 66617 returned the crane as 6Z29 1400 to Taunton Fairwater (1629) delivered the previous day via Bridgwater (not Westbury as booked) departing at 1237 (83 early) and arriving Taunton station at 1410 (133 early)! This was the first non-passenger train over the reopened, previously flood damaged section of mainline west of Bridgwater since its closure in early February.

14/03 For the Cheltenham Gold Cup National Hunt racing day, the last of this years meeting, a Northern Belle dining trip ran as 1Z77 0716 London Victoria - Cheltenham top n' tailed by DRS 47501 + 47832 passing Bath at 0951 (-), Lawrence Hill 1012 (2 late) and Yate 1027 (1 early). The ecs was

serviced and stabled at Cardiff during the day being recorded passing East Usk at 1200, the return working later running as 1927 Gloucester - Victoria (2305) passing Parkway at 2002 (18 early) and Bath 2050 (2 late). Another DRS working, the return 6M63 1158 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings departed 16 early with a single FNA wagon powered by 37601 + 20304 (unusually running cab end first) being reported passing Yatton at 1206 and Yate at 1254.

Highlight of the day was the first ever Class 70 loco appearance over the Bristol - Taunton line (onwards from Parsons Street), with Colas 70805 working a 6Z47 0929 Cardiff Canton - Taunton Fairwater (1139) 8 part HOBC move, passing Temple Meads at 1139 (65 late), Yatton 1154 and Bridgwater 1218 (64 late). The loco returned 0Z47 1352 Taunton - Westbury (via Castle Cary) light-engine later in the day, passing Taunton Station at 1336, not Eastleigh (1749) as originally booked.

During the afternoon, the NRMT HST made a special out and back trip from the Midlands believed to be checking the recently flood damaged and now repaired and reopened Bridgwater - Cogload junction section of mainline. Formed with power cars 43062 + 43013 the 1Z38 1137 Derby RTC - Derby RTC passed Parkway at 1447 (1 late) and Bridgwater 1530 (2 early), then departed Taunton at 1647 (22 late) and passed Temple Meads at 1733 (19 late) on the return.

15/03 The Bridgwater - Taunton services were reported as operating once every 2 hours during the day with all services also calling at Highbridge & Burnham each way.

During the afternoon, VSOE ecs was noted in Bristol East Depot freight terminal for servicing headed by an unidentified Class 67 loco.

18/03 31105 departed Temple Meads with a 3Q14 0938 High level sidings - Didcot (via Weymouth) test train (with dept c/stock; 9481, 999602, 9714), being noted passing Bath at 0946 (6 early) and arriving Castle Cary for the single line to Yeovil at 1119 (32 late).

Arriva XC HST power car and set allocations for the day were as follows; 43285 XC01 43303 - 1V50 0606 Edinburgh Waverley - Exeter St.Davids / 1S53 1418 Exeter St.Davids - Edinburgh Waverley, 43378 XC02 43321 - 1V44 0600 Leeds - Exeter St.Davids / 1S51 1318 Exeter St.Davids - Glasgow Central, 43301 XC04 43357 - 1V54 0632 Dundee - Exeter St.Davids / 1E63 1618 Exeter St.Davids - Leeds.

Bristol West Railport

Locos recorded here on container duty during the review period have included;

66420/505/517/537/543/564/566/590/592/594.

Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line

19/02 Colas 66848 worked Cardiff Pengam - Avonmouth empty HHAs passing East Usk 1525, for the 6M87 1900 return loaded coal service to Ratcliffe PS.

26/02 66075 working the 1722 Avonmouth - Aberthaw loaded coal service was reported carrying a paper written 7B73 head code stuck in one of the cab windows when noted passing Brentry at 1732!

28/02 The 6Z35 1510 Bescot downside - Avonmouth Hansons loaded Castle Cement service failed during the evening entering Ashchurch loop, 66084 was believed to be the failure being noted in the cripple road at Avonmouth two days later. The rescue loco was reported to have been

sourced from Bromsgrove to move the train forward. 66012 returned the 6Z94 empties to Clitheroe during the following morning passing Yate at 0645.

04/03 66177 was unusually diverted to Avonmouth with its 7Z82 0502 Crawley - Westbury stone empties being reported passing Bath at 0955 (13 late) and arriving in the Bennetts yard loading area at 1207 (24 late). The loaded return ran as 6A63 to Acton passing Brently at 1725.

06/03 66057 worked a two wagon empty HTA trip from Avonmouth - Barton Hill passing Brently at 1347.

11/03 An emergency training exercise involving the Royal Navy MoD Devonport (Plymouth) flask train took place during the following day on the former BP Gas sidings (now in use as a Port of Bristol staff training area since rail moved LPG from Furzbrook, Dorset, ended in July 2005, but used by FLHH for coal loading in more recent years) with the KUA submarine reactor wagons and escort coaches arriving headed by 57009 + 57012. The train ran as 6Z65 0842 Crewe Coal sidings - Avonmouth dock (1311) being recorded passing Washwood Heath at 1020 (16 early), Yate 1243 (2 late) and arriving Hallen Marsh junction at 1308 and departing at 1310 (6 late).

12/03 The 6M87 1900 Avonmouth - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal service was cancelled due to late empties away from Ratcliffe PS being reported passing Long Eaton at 1835 some 540 minutes late!. Observations on the progressing new freight terminal work at the former ICI Severnside sidings saw attention was being made to the connection with the Severn Beach branch, being part cleared of vegetation with survey work also underway.

The overhead ammonia loading gantry and pipe work, along with the yard office had been demolished by the end of February, these had survived from the end of production at the works in 2008, through its demolition and site clearance completed during 2011.

13/03 Following a day of emergency procedures and training and the train crew and shunter having arrived by minibus at 1320, the MoD KUA flask train returned as 6Z67 1509 Avonmouth docks (although silo no 1 appeared on the trains schedule) - Crewe Coal sidings (2003), with the two Class 57s (the escort coaches now behind the locos and the two wagons on the rear) passing Hallen Marsh junction at 1442 (33 late), departing Parkway at 1456 (29 early) after dropping off the Henbury loop line pilot man and Yate 1508 (28 early).

18/03 66956 was present in Bennetts sidings loading stone arriving around 1030 from Pengam with the empties, later running 1507 (39 late) loaded to Stoke Gifford down side via a loco run round at Chipping Sodbury.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included; 66016/019/020/035/037/057/065/075/076/086/102/109/119/122/124/138/140. 66155/162. 66512/515/524/528/535/536/545/546/547/552/553/554/555/559. 66595/601/622/956. 66848.

Locos recorded on stone duty during the review period have included; 59101/204/205/206. 66015/112/177/198. 66956.

Portbury Branchline

24/02 66848 worked 4D30 1635 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury coal empties arriving at 1600 (21 early). The train had arrived in Gloucester as the

0825 departure from Ratcliffe PS.

28/02 66848 failed at Portbury with the 6M87 1900 Ratcliffe loaded coal departure, 66523 (being hired in by Colas) was the rescue loco, the train eventually leaving at 2345 (258 late) and passing Bath at 0032 (Sat - 258 late), Swindon 0109 (247 late) and Oxford 0159 (234 late). Arrival at Ratcliffe PS however was at 0559 (22 early!).

07/03 66547 with the 6M55 0700 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal service failed on Filton bank between Narroways Hill junction having passed at 0745 (1 late) and Abbey Wood station (eventually reaching here at 0859 - 69 late). 66606 was the 1Z99 rescue loco assisting the train from the rear. With 66547 detached on arrival at Stoke Gifford, 66606 shunted the now cancelled train into the yard for stabling.

Some passenger train delays were encountered prior to the line being cleared. Colas 66848 brought in the 6M87 1900 Ratcliffe PS coal empties as 0955 Burton West yard - Portbury, being reported in Temple Meads at 1528 (4 late).

Some other news is the DBS gypsum freight flow to Portbury from Cottam PS, which was trialled in March last year is set to start on a regular basis during the summer.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included; 66076/086/097/138. 66523/547/552/553/554/595. 66848.

Locos recorded on car duty during the review period have included; 66017/037/061/065/138/155/169/197.

Locos recorded on biomass duty during the review period have included; 66724/727.

Bristol area workings during January

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

07/01 66589. 08/01 66558. 21/01 66592. 30/01 66594.

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

08/01 66534. 14/01 66590. 17/01 66420. 22/01 66589.

23/01 66564.

Note; 08/01 Destination was the London Gateway terminal.

4051 (4V51) Southampton - Wentloog and return containers (FL)

09/01 66416 + 66556. 10/01 66556 + 66598. 11/01 66555 + 66598.

14/01 70019. 16/01* 70009 + 66503. 17/01 70001. 20/01 70007.

29/01 70017.

Note; 16/01 The Class 70 rescued the Class 66 on the inward 4V51 working.

4059 (4V50) Millbrook - Wentloog and return containers (SO) (FL)

04/01 70008. 11/01 66596 + 66556. 18/01* 70009. 25/01* 66565.

Notes; 18/01 Loco returned 0059 light to Southampton. 25/01 Loco returned to Stoke Gifford light, then working an additional morning working on 27/01.

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

02/01 66705. 03/01 66705. 06/01 66740. 08/01 66740.

09/01 66740. 10/01 66705. 13/01 66705. 13/01 66705.
20/01 66705. 22-24/01 66707. 27/01 66705. 30/01 66705.

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

02/01 60040. 16-18/01 60062. 21/01 60062. 23/01 60092.
24/01 60092. 25/01 60059. 28/01 60092. 30/01 60100. 31/01 60059.

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

15/01 66183. 20/01 66082. 22/01* 66060.

Note; 22/01 Train ran as 6Z35 from Wembley.

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

03/01 66118. 17/01 66125. 31/01 66110.

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

07/01 66008.

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

17/01 59104. 24/01 59202. 31/01 59004.

6C63 Westbury - Avonmouth Bennetts - Westbury loaded empty and loaded
Return stone (DB)

14/01 66177. 18/01 59002. 21/01 66177. 25/01 59004.

6F65 0455 Portbury - Uskmouth PS loaded coal (DB)

07-09/01 66184. 15/01 66141. 23/01 66141.

6M04 1124 Avonmouth BBHt - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)

02/01 66599. 08/01 66957. 09/01 66526. 13/01 66419.

15/01 66419. 16/01 66523. 17/01 66523. 19/01 66522.

22/01 66549. 23/01 66549. 27/01* 66956.

Notes; 27/01 Train ran as 1050 off Portbury on this date.

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

11/01 66554. 13/01 66607. 16/01 66597. 17/01 66597.

18/01 66419. 21/01 66595, 22/01 66595. 23/01 66595.

28/01 66598.

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

09/01 37609 + 37423. 16/01 37194 + 57003. 21/01 37609 + 37423.

29/01 37610 + 57003.

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

02/01 66522. 03/01 66956. 07/01 66554. 08/01 66526.

09/01 66952. 10/01 66551. 11/01 66511. 13/01 66518.

17/01 66547. 18/01 66547. 21/01 66615. 23/01 66613.

28/01* 66522.

Note; Train retimed to depart at 1022.

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

02/01 66101. 09/01 66118.

6M87 1900 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (Colas)

02/01 66598. 03/01 66598. 08/01 66850. 09/01 66850.
10/01 66847. 13/01 66850. 16/01 66850. 17/01 66850.
19/01* 66850. 22/01* 66850. 24/01* 66850. 28/01* 66850. 31/01* 66850.
Notes; Trains from 19/01 onwards were loaded at Avonmouth the departure
time being unaltered.

This working was incorrectly listed as 6M30 in the March Magazine.

6032 Margam / Llanwern - Dollands Moor steel (DB)
15/01* 66101. 16/01 66101. 19/01 66088. 21/01 66142.
23/01 66142. 28/01 66030.

Note; Train confirmed as starting from Llanwern not Margam.

6042 1131 Ford Halewood - Southampton Eastern dock loaded cars (FO) (DB)
03/01 66068. 17/01 66174.

6V13 Dollands Moor - Llanwern / Margam steel (DB)
09/01* 66148 + 66179. 11/01 66128 + 66014. 25/01 66122.
Note; 09/01 Loco 66179 was en-route to Toton following overseas work in
France.

6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carriers (TThO) (DB)
02/01 66122. 07/01 66085. 16/01 66193. 20/01 66044.
21/01 66011. 23/01 66172. 28/01 66104.
Note; Trains on 02/01 and 20/01 were diverted via Bescot and the
Birmingham Main line to Bristol, believed due to flooding on the Marches
route north of Newport.

6Z35 Bescot (downside) - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (6Z94 return
empties to Clitheroe) (DB)
03/01 66058 (04/01). 06/01 66004 (07/01). 08/01 66003 (09/01).
10/01 66067 (11/01). 15/01 66039 (16/01). 17/01 66194 (18/01).
27/01 66138 (28/01).

Westbury

25/02 70801 ran 0Z31 1416 Eastleigh East yard - Westbury (1500) light,
being reported passing Warminster at 1537 and return at 1729 (6 early).
The light loco move and return was booked to take place each day during
the week assumed for driver training. 56302 worked a 6V31 Eastleigh -
Westbury departmental, initially thought a duty for 70801.

27/02 70805 performed its first duty rescuing 66540 (reported with fire
damage) which was working the 4M58 Southampton Maritime- Hams Hall
container service coming to a stand at Dean at 1444. The Class 70 returned
the train with the failed loco to Southampton where the working was
terminated. A planned visit of 70801 to Exeter did not take place, the
loco returning light to Eastleigh passing Warminster at 1825.

28/02 70804 ran 0Z31 Eastleigh - Westbury light-engine.

03/03 70804 was on the 6M50 Westbury - Bescot departmental passing
Swindon Highworth junction at 0803. Later 70805 worked Eastleigh -
Westbury light passing Warminster at 1344 and returned on the 6Z30 1718
Westbury - Eastleigh East yard departmental.

05/03 70804 failed with power issues, near Oxford Hinksey yard with the

morning 6M50 0755 departmental service to Bescot from Westbury. 70805 + 70803 later arrived light from Eastleigh during the day.

06/03 At 0740, the following were present in the Westbury area; 66037. 66160 with 66523 + 66546 + 66606 ready to run light to Stoke Gifford. 70805 had earlier departed for Bescot with the 6M50 departmental. 70803 later worked its first train to Eastleigh having arrived light from the same location.

08/03 During the afternoon the following were recorded; 08752, 70803, 70804, 70805 stabled.

10/03 70803 was on the morning 6M50 Bescot departmental, returning during the evening with 70802 in the trains consist of the balancing 6V46 departmental to Westbury. 70802 had arrived in the Midlands as a 0Z70 1100 light-engine from Seaforth Container Terminal. Another class report for the day was 70805 which ran Eastleigh - Westbury light during the afternoon.

11/03 70802 + 70805 departed Westbury at 0758 (3 late) with the 6M50 departmental departure to Bescot (via Oxford Hinksey yard), later 70804 brought in the 6V31 departmental from Eastleigh.

13/03 70803 worked 6V31 Eastleigh Yard - Westbury with MHA wagons and a Colas crane (noted passing Southampton at 2036). The Class 70 had hauled 47727 from Westbury - Eastleigh earlier in the day.

14/03 The 6Z30 1718 Westbury - Eastleigh East yard (2006) had interesting hauling power in the form of 70803 + 70804 + 70802 (the latter 'dit' for fuelling). The train was noted passing Salisbury at 1829 (20 late), Romsey at 1853 being then routed via Chandlers Ford to Southampton. 70805 remained at Westbury following arrival from Taunton.

17/03 70801 was noted in the area during the day (having arrived light from Eastleigh with 70805 two days earlier). 70805 worked the morning 6M50 departmental to Bescot.

18/03 70802 + 70804 + 70805 arrived Salisbury at 0950 on a light loco move from Eastleigh - Westbury. Later, the class broke further new ground when 70802 + 70803 top n' tailed a 6Z70 1120 Westbury - Exeter St.Thomas, arriving at 1400 (51 late) and departing 1405 on a 10 wagon departmental with material for use on the Dawlish seawall rebuilding. The train was noted passing Taunton at 1323 (60 late) and later recorded at Dawlish Warren. 70804 also worked the 6Z30 Westbury - Eastleigh departmental during the afternoon.

Gloucester area workings

20/02 0709 6d98 Newport Docks - Handsworth 66168; 1127 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60063; 1216 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66162; 1237 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66009

21/02 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66518; 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66430 2024

22/02 1106 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039; 1825 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66162; 0555 6z94 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66015

23/02 1134 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66304; 1435 6h86 Worcester TC - Margam Grange Sdgs 66848; 1713 6e47 Margam - Middlesbrough Dawsons 66076; 2008 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool 60001; 1952 6v66 Redcar - Margam Grange Sdgs 66009; 0z66 Toton Tmd - Margam LIP 66021-66086-66119 Standish Jn 1851 76 early

24/02 0440 6b17 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039; 1053 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66427; 1203 6b07 Westerleigh - Robeston 60039; 1128 4e66 Margam -

Redcar 66019; 1717 6e12 Cardiff Docks - Lindsey 66732; 1818 6v97 Beeston - Newport Docks 66162; 1958 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 66035; 1245 4v06 Rugeley - Avonmouth 66535; 1420 4d30 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 66848

25/02 1054 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66302; 1500 6v92 Corby - Margam 66092; 2024 6v02 Kingsbury - Cardiff Tidal 66194; 1450 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66553

26/02 1053 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66430; 1410 6z47 Long Marston - Llanwern 47727; 2128 6e12 Cardiff Dock - Lindsey 66732; 2205 6v97 Toton - Newport Dock 66117; 2158 6v66 Redcar - Margam 66087; 1645 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66523; 1903 4v57 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66535

27/02 1118 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66433; 1123 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60059; 1147 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66201; 1200 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 60001; 0807 4v89 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66546; 0950 4v70 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66037; 1059 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66523; 1535 4z47 Basford Hall - Stoke Gifford 66601

28/02 1047 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66301; 1120 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60059; 1200 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66124; 2017 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66433; 0805 4v83 Toton - Portbury 66183; 0905 4v70 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66037; 1156 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66601; 1220 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 1633 6z56 Gloucester New Yard - Canton 56302 370288

01/03 1700 98 early 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66109; 1113 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60059; 0720 4v83 Toton - Avonmouth 66138; 0950 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66037; 1030 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66546; 1355 4v46 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66595

02/03 1151 6w28 Westbury Yard - Gloucester Over Jn 66112 Tnt 66230; 1147 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66429; 1311 5z91 Canton - Cheltenham 47790/47832; 1449 6J84 Oxford Dcs - Gloucester Over Jn Dr 75407; 1411 6v86 Gloucester New Yard - Margam Grange Sdgs 66523/66848

03/03 1051 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66430; 1122 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60099; 1135 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66137; 1438 0z56 Canton - Washwood Heath Met Cammel 56078; 1955 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 60001; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 4v70 Toton - Portbury 66150; 4v06 Rugeley - Avonmouth 66545; 4d30 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 66848; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66536; 6m39 Portbury - Ratcliffe 66084; 6z35 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66012

04/03 1059 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66433; 1122 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60099; 1212 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry previous days working 66430; 4v89 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66545 Standish Jn 0712; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60091; 5z80 Eastleigh Trsmd - Crewe Hs via Kemble 47805; 4v06 Rugeley - Bristol Parkway 66536

05/03 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66433; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60062; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66076; 1114 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60099; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 37402/37409; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66545; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66156 Standish Jn 1909

06/03 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60099 Standish Jn 1115; 6a36 Ashchurch Mod - Didcot Yard 66230 Standish Jn 1217; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66545; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60062; 1052 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66302; 1147 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66086; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66727; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66528

07/03 1254 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66086; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60062; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe Cls 37606/602 550055/550032; 1057 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66545 Standish Jn 1105; 4v94

Ironbridge - Portbury 66727; 4v30 Burton West Yard - Portbury 66848; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66529; 6m39 Portbury - Ratcliffe 66097; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66125 Standish Jn 1822

08/03 6w24 2103 Westbury Yard - Gloucester Over Jn 66137; 6w26 2133 Westbury Yard - Gloucester Over Jn 66003; 6w42 2040 Bescot - Cwmbran via Gloucester 66122; 6z33 1400 Barrow Hill Up Sdgs - Gloucester New Yard 66848; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66549 Standish Jn 1026; 4v46 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66545 Standish Jn 1505; 1939 6v06 Handsworth - Newport Docks 66086

09/03 1014 6w27 0818 Westbury - Gloucester Over Jn via Melksham - Swindon - Stroud 66140 Tnt 66015; 1134 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66304; 1742 6e47 Margam - Middlesbrough Dawsons 66051 Gloucester; 1818 6w27 1805 Gloucester Sig31 - Westbury Yard 66015; 1904 6w26 1958 Gloucester Sig31 - Westbury Yard 66140/66137

10/03 1053 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66301; 1114 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001; 1133 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66108; 1227 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 60099; 1602 6v83 Peterborough - Moreton-On-Lugg 66717; 1940 6v97 Beeston - Tidal Sdgs 66024; 1955 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 60020; 4v06 Rugeley - Avonmouth 66512; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66724; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66518; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66201 Standish Jn 1814

11/03 1107 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305; 1119 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001; 1302 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66108; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60040; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66518 Standish Jn 1113; 6z65 Crewe Cls - Avonmouth Lpg Sdgs 57009/57012 9428-95770-95771-9419 Standish Jn 1223; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66724; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66536

12/03 0525 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 66138; 1103 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66432; 1117 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001; 1944 0m22 Cardiff Dock - Hams Hall 66701; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66512 Standish Jn 1128; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe Cls 37425/612 Standish Jn 1343; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66724; 4v13 Gloucester New Yard - Avonmouth 66848; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66087 Standish Jn 1825; 4v57 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66549 Standish Jn 1945

13/03 1119 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66301; 1119 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001; 1255 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66167; 1247 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 60059; 1834 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 60017; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66120; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66545 Standish Jn 1109; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60044 Standish Jn 1227; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66724; 6z67 Avonmouth Lpg Sdg - Crewe Cls 57002/57012 Standish Jn 1536; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66518 Standish Jn 1657

14/03 1209 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66304; 1132 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001; 1312 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66167; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66515 Standish Jn 1130; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60044 Standish Jn 1209; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe Cls 37601 - 20304 Standish Jn 1338; 1z38 Derby RTC - Taunton 43062/43013 Standish Jn 1420; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66724 Standish Jn 1422; 4v30 Gloucester New Yard - Avonmouth 66848 Standish Jn 1457; 4v70 Toton - Avonmouth 66086 Standish Jn 1644; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66549 Standish Jn 1712; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66082 Standish Jn 1822; 1z77 0716 London Victoria - Gloucester via Bath - Yate Northern Belle 47501/832 Tnt; 5z77 1115 Gloucester - Cardiff Canton 5z78 1745 Canton - Gloucester 1z78 1927 Gloucester - London Victoria

Swindon

06/03 66230 passed through Swindon light at 0813 as 0B36 Didcot - Ashchurch for a MoD return trip working.

Newport

26/02 56113 passed East Usk at 1620 with a newly introduced Newport docks - Llanwern steel service. Earlier, 47727 worked 0Z47 0808 Washwood Heath - Long Marston (1101) light to collect 24 JSA steel hoods (part of around 100 stored at the site) for reinstatement with Colas Railfreight. The following 6Z47 1105 Long Marston - Llanwern Exchange sidings (1506) was noted passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1449 (1 late). This working was scheduled to operate two days earlier but was cancelled.

01/03 60010 was on the 6H24 Llanwern - Margam steel trip.

03/03 56302 passed East Usk at 0950 with 6Z41 Newport docks - Llanwern JSA steel carriers, believed to be one of two rakes (ex-store) now currently in operation. Later at 1340, 56078 passed East Usk on a 0Z56 Cardiff Canton - Washwood Heath light loco move.

04/03 Two morning freight reports were; 66023 with 6G19 0752 Margam - Newport ADJ, a short train of TEA tanks and DRS 66430 working the previous days and delayed 4M36 Wentloog - Daventry Tesco containers service passing East Usk at 1055.

07/03 56113 powered the morning 6Z41 Newport docks - Llanwern steel service, although the 6Z43 1130 return was believed cancelled. 60059 later headed the 6V05 Round Oak - Margam steel.

19/03 Having run light from Cardiff Canton, 56113 extracted 35 JSA hooded steel carriers from store in Long Marston as a 6Z56 1205 move to Llanwern (1558) being recorded passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1742 (126 late) these being further wagons for use on a new Newport docks - Llanwern steel flow.

20/03 More Colas 56 activity with 56078 working a 6Z27 1331 Toton Up Yard - Cardiff Canton (1905) part HOBC move which passed Severn Tunnel junction at 1811 (1 late)

Cardiff

01/03 47832 + 47790 were reported in Central station top n' tailing a Northern Belle formation ready to work a 1Z29 1158 circular dining outing. The ecs had stabled as 5Z29 in Pengam sidings.

07/03 De-branded Shropshire & Wrexham silver 67012 worked the 1V91 0533 Holyhead - Cardiff Central Arriva Trains service.

16/03 08401 and 08934 were viewed in the Celsa steel works yard area at 1625.

18/03 56302 departed Cardiff at 1320 heading to Baglan Bay for Chirk log train duty. 67002 with DVT 82308 was also recorded on a 1238 Canton - Canton (1408) turning move via the Newport Maindee triangle, being reported passing Newport on the return at 1345 (2 late).

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Bristol Harbour Railway

R.W.Giles

24/02 A new 2 road stock shed was noted being constructed, using the

building which had previously been at Wapping Wharf (and known as the 'barn') that was used to house Portbury and Henbury whilst refurbishment took place at the Industrial Museum (M Shed) was taking place alongside the A Bond warehouse, in the Cumberland Basin.

The former Cumberland Sidings, closed and removed in the late 1960s have been part reinstated and former Avonmouth docks 4w de Coles crane Pretty Flamingo (14080) was noted in use on this date with track work which saw the new shed doors also fitted during the day. Track into the shed was noted laid by 16/03.

The nearby Smeaton Road 'over bridge' shed on the former branch to Canon's Marsh is set to be closed later this year work as the new BRT1 (Bristol Rapid Transport 1) guided bus scheme is set to start later this year. The new stock shed is expected to house, the Coles crane, and the derelict Fox Walker steam loco, and any visiting locos, also wagon restoration and repair work will be undertaken with the extra space. Portbury and Henbury will stay at the M Shed when not in use. On 04/03 part of the site was flooded due to a high Spring tide (which peaked in between 0833 - 0854), properties in nearby Avon Crescent (which had not been previously flooded since the 1960s) being protected by a 'pop up' dam which was first used in the area on 03/01/14.

Dartmoor Railway, Okehampton, Devon

Easter running over this line will be provided by DEMU set 205032 (1132) from 18-21/04/14. The trains will run between Meldon - Okehampton - Sampford Courtney - Bow over the operating days.

Road Movements

12/03 Ex GWR loco tender (black with BR lion/wheel emblem) M4 westbound passing Hambrook (north Bristol) at 0840.

14/03 Ex GWR steam; 6435 passing Almondsbury (Bristol) M5 northbound at 0540.

18/03 Ex.GWR steam; 7828 passing Gordano (Avonmouth River bridge) M5 northbound at 1300.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bristol Area News

The Barrow Road branch still remained disconnected, with the rails now rusting when observed on 24/02. The replacement parts appear to be trackside waiting to be fitted.

At Keynsham, Dyfield Construction is progressing well with work on a downside disabled access ramp. Part of the alignment follows an old walkway to the station platform, overgrown, blocked off and not used for many years.

2012 - 2013 passenger usage numbers have been released for the Great Western, North Somerset stations, the figure being followed by the 2011-2012 year totals and a % increase or decrease. Highbridge & Burnham 160,268 (167,196) - 4.14%, Nailsea & Backwell 421,892 (410,062) + 2.88%, Weston Milton Halt 48,008 (46,712) + 2.77, Weston-super-Mare 1,037,172 (1,104,354) - 6.08, Worle 253,590 (241,454) + 5.03, Yatton 398,530 (384,522) + 3.60. The round Britain station average was close to + 3% for the same period.

On 14/03, Gas House lane occupation crossing to the west of Yatton Station was noted re resurfaced with Holdfast rubber grip panels between the tracks as well as the safety pointed trespass protectors in between and on the outside of the running lines fitted. New tarmac on the approach completed the work, although the newly installed telephones were still not in use.

Summer 2014 Extras

Great Western is to operate an 'extra' seaside HST as 1072 0905 Bristol TM - Weymouth (1142) also calling Keynsham 0911-0913 (1859-1901), Oldfield Park 0919-0921 (1851-1853), Bath 0924-0926 (1847-1849), Bradford-on-Avon and Trowbridge, the return being 1V67 1644 Weymouth - Bristol TM (1909). The service is expected to run on each Saturday during the Summer Timetable.

A loco hauled service is planned for Devon and Cornwall on Saturdays from 24/05 - 06/09 using a Class 57 loco and six coaches believed off the overnight sleeper service.

The train's unconfirmed timings are expected to be;

2E75 1125 Par - Exeter (St.Davids), 2C51 1751 Exeter St.Davids - Penzance (2111).

Great Western Stock Changes

3,000 extra second class seats will be made available with the planned conversion of first class coaches (now on average only 70% full whilst in use) by the summer of 2015, the first of which is expected to be in service during June this year.

A standard class coach has 80 seats, 32 more than first class, the current HST operating fleet runs with two first class and five standard or one and a half first class (part being available in a catering coach) and five standard, but each set will be formed with one and a half first class space when the work is completed, which will particularly help capacity on trains involved with morning and evening rush hour workings.

The Department of Transport will fund the standard class seating alterations, whilst Great Western will pay for carriage refurbishment work.

Electrification Contractors Named

Two firms responsible for part of the forthcoming Great Western electrification infrastructure project will be UK Power Networks and ABB. More than 30 new traction power substations will be delivered at a cost of £87 million, from March 2014 (with commissioning of the first taking place in 2015) until 2017 as part of the work. New Hitachi-built IEP trains will run over the route once completed.

Double-Header

03/03 The first rail card for 30 years was launched giving a discount for two people traveling together at a cost of a yearly £30 registration fee.

The card will enable the photographed named people to travel at a 33% reduction on price, although conditions do apply including journeys must start after 0930 on week days.

In the past, cards have only been available to under 26s, over 60s, disabled persons, armed force members and for parents traveling with

children.

New Locos - Colas Class 70

20/02 70803 + 70804 + 70805 were moved as a 0Z70 1500 Seaforth Container terminal - Eastleigh Trsmd move being reported passing Earlestown at 1844 (69 late).

28/02 70802 was off loaded at 2200 from the ACL Container / ro-ro ship MV Atlantic Companion having docked at Seaforth at 0659 during the previous day.

The loco carries the GE Transportation serial number 61859 and builders date November 2013.

10/03 70802 finally moved south as 0Z70 1100 Seaforth CT - Bescot light for movement onwards to Westbury where Colas have been using the Class extensively on departmental and engineering train duties (Also see the Westbury notes & news section).

Road Movements (local area times included if known)

06/03 HST power car 43005 westbound M4, Membury services at 0755.

11/03 HST power car 43151 northbound M5, Taunton junction 25 at 1800.

12/03 HST power car 43079 southbound M5, Gordano junction 19 at 1540, then Taunton Deane services at 1754.

13/03 HST power car; 43133 northbound M5, 43018 eastbound M4. Great Western 'sleeper stock' coach 12161, Taunton Deane services northbound M5 at 1400.

18/03 HST power car 43029 southbound M5, Cribbs Causeway (Bristol) junction 17 at 1420. HST coach 41179 northbound / eastbound M5/M4 Almondsbury junction (north Bristol) at 1658.

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

28/02 Avonmouth (close to St.Andrews Junction signal box); r/r TXM 6893 (WX58 SYR) with trailer (010201-0).

04/03 Weston-super-Mare - 80206.

05/03 Bristol Queen Annes Road NR depot; r/r Iveco KM62 GMY along with another which was unidentified.

07/03 Exeter (Riverside) - 80303 (which later formed an 1109 move to Ashchurch).

08/03 Bristol Kingsland Road - 79200. Newcastle Ferryhill - 73118. 77905.

10/03 Second Severn Crossing - r/r TXM 6852 with trailer 010207-7, M49 westbound on road lorry trailer at 1230.

13/03 Bristol TM (fish dock) - r/r TXM 3739 (940222-1), 6901 (940683-4), trailer; RT130 (011118-5).

17/03 Dawlish Station area - 75406 at 1010.

18/03 Dawlish Station area - 75406.

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 485

CLASS 172 SPECIAL / WEST MIDLANDS

18th January 2014

All sightings are Gauge 4ft 8.5" unless stated.

Smith's of Lye, Lye Cross (view).

Diesel: BG 3590/62 pvd. Small Plant: XOH2218 HCT002 - Perm 002/87 pvd.
Wagons: 2 cauldron style tipping wagons were present.

Tata Steel, Round Oak Rail Terminal, Brierley Hill (visit).

Diesel: Rosie / Round Oak Rosie - AB 491/64 oou, (293V) - TH 293V/80 pvd.
Wagon: Internal use: CAIB 3063 oou.
With Thanks to the staff on site for our visit.

TXM Plant, Dudley (view).

R/R: 4137 943032-1 - Thwaites Dumper 1-96542, 4725 911063-4 - Kobelco SK135 YY03-04989, 5014 940283-3 - Komatsu PW150 Ultimate 250 K35179, 5632 940152-0 - Gigarailer 168M301675, 6925 940701-4 - Liebherr A900 CZW Elite Plus 48473. Trailers: RT140 011127-6 - Philmor 2052/00, RT156 010157-4 - Chieftain RT00474/01, RT158 010164-0 - Chieftain RT00746, RT225 011142-5 - Philmor 2173/02, RT272 011143-3 - Philmor 2148/02.
Note: Other R/R's and trailers were present but unidentified.

L.C.P. Properties Ltd, Pensnett Trading Estate, Shut End (visit).

Diesel: RH 215755/42 pvd.

Black Country Living Museum, Dudley (view).

Steam: (WINSTON CHURCHILL 2025) - MW 2025/23 pvd ex p220.

Willenhall Commercials, Willenhall (visit).

Gauge 600mm. Steam: 4 - OK 9922/22, 5 - OK 10701/24.
Diesel: 2 - VENTILLATA - OK 25996/60, 3 33-106-077-003 - Ruhr 3526/58.
Note: With Thanks to the staff who allowed our visit.
VERACRUZ - OK 11009/25 has been sold and moved "south", destination unknown.

Metro Centre, Wednesbury Tram Depot (view).

Trams: 01*oou, 02*oou, 03 RAY LEWIS *oou, 08 JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN /17*/18.
Passing: Trams: 05 SISTER DORA, 06"ALAN GARNER**", 09"JEFF ASTLE", 13 ANTHONY NOLAN, 14 JIM EAMES.
Note: Tram 19 is reported as being delivered, but was inside the depot and not viewable during our view.

Bescot Stadium Station and Yards (view).

Diesel: 08580/623*/709, 66085/121/164/185 DP WORLD London Gateway/599*.
DMU: 170513. EMU: 323207/208. Departmental NPCCS: 971001/003, 975471. OTM: 78226/235. Wagons: 29048/161/171/179/191/230/297/319/531/541, 501018/174, 503559, 964031, 966009, 967530/618, 31705892024-8, 31705992010-6/012-2 /015-5/022-1/025-4/029-6/053-6/112-0/113-8.

Additional Bescot sightings by M Lear only:

Carriages: Mk2: 5922/24/59, 6036, 6152, 9529/31. Wagons: 29003/235/248/279/287/290/454, 380406/409/506/509/616/617/618/625/626/627, 501016/076/094/166/167/168/220/221/222, 503528/561/599, 31705892037-0, 31705992111-2. R/R: SRS; DX53 CNA - Volvo FL6.

Walsall NR Training Centre (view).

OTM: 73923/929, 80208.

Quattro Plant, Brownhills (visit).**

Battery Electrics: (WALTER) - CE B4427A/06 dsm, (LOU) - CE B4427C/06 dsm, (ANNE) - CE B4427B/06, (KITTY) - CE B4427D/06 dsm. Road/Rail: 062 940305-4, 063 940304-7, 071 940303-9, 107 940408-6, 108 943041-2, 125 943045-3, 135 943042-0, 206 911151-7, 216 (EJZ4139) 943048-7, 217 943049-5, 218 914071-4, 227 911157-4, 426 (940374-0), 431 (940379-9), 483 942017-3, MR26 (484) CJZ5676 942024-9, MR17 (487) 942023-1, 106 (490) 942031-4, 493 942074-4, 523 911161-6, (536 911174-9), 899 912044-3, 937 912048-4, (BCL) 254 500 (R612NMJ). Bance Carts: 789 (LUL4SBAC15306), 790 (LUL4SBAC15406). Bance Trailers: 791 (RLT18206), 792 (RLT18406), 793 (RLT18506). John Deere Gators: 954 975051-2, 955 975056-1, 957 975058-7. Gator Trailers: 016004-2, 016006-7, 016007-5, 016008-3, 016009-1, 016011-7, 016012-5, 016013-3, 016015-8, 016016-6, 016018-2, 016019-0, 016020-8, 016021-6, 016024-0, 016027-3, 016031-5. Trailers: 565 010215-0, 585 010022-0, 636 010245-7. Plus at least 6 of Philmor 2286, Philmor 2287, Philmor 2288, 2289 - Philmor 2289/06, Philmor 2293/06, Philmor 2294/06, Philmor 2295/06, Philmor 2297/06. T12 Trailers: 288 009009-0, 292 009011-6, 953 009043-9. Ballast Brushes: RBB006/007/011.

Chasewater Railway, Brownhills West (visit).

Steam: 15 No.1 GLENFIELD - AB 880/02 ex p193, (No.3) COLIN McANDREW & Coy - AB 1223/11, 4 BRITISH GYPSUM - AB 2343/53, No.3 - HE 3783/53 ex p274, (431) - HC 431/1895, (10) - HC 1822/49, ASBESTOS - HL 2780/09, (ALFRED PAGET) - N 2937/1882, 917 - P 917/02, 1530 - P 1530/19 ex p193, 4 Central Electricity Authority Midlands Division (MEAFORD) - RSHN 7684/51 working, 5 - S 9632/57, (LINDA) - WB 2648/41 dsm ur, 2 The Kent Electricity Power Co. - WB 2842/46 ex p192. Diesel: 08202 (D3272 CHUFFER) - Derby/56 ex p34, D3429 (08359) - Crewe/58, 08598 (D3765 HERCULES) - Derby/59 ex p34, (34) - BBT 3097/56 dsm ur, No.5 - Bg 3027/39, (MARSTON THOMPSON & EVERSLED) - Bg 3410/55, Derbyshire Stone No.2 - FH 1891/34, (53) 4/33 6678 - HE 6678/69 reb HE/82, JF 4100013/48, JF 4220015/62*, (No.21) - KC 1612/29, (MURR 2) - Moyse 1464/79 ex p211 & p212, D2911 - NBQ 27876/59, RH 305306/52*, 544998 - RH 544998/69, (HEM HEATH 3D) - WB 3119/56. DMU: 59444/522/603. Carriages: LNER: (22313 86062) DE320882 u/f/o. LNWR: (7080 22687 7048)*. MC: (11)*. MLSR: (1470 51470)*. MR: (68)*. Mk1: 14024 (17024), 24006. NPCCS: GER: (44)*. LNWR: (DM01836M)*. SR: (2181 DS36 083663)*, (2202 DS169) DM202. BR: 94240 (977138), 94581 061095 (977251). Crane: Steam: (80113 330274 80/015). Hand: MR: UID built 1881 with runner. Small Plant: (RD2002) - BP045, RD2003 - BP047. Permaquip Personnel carrier: (68800) - Perm 001/85. Wickham Trolley: Wkm 6857/54* ex p82, A14W PWM 2786 (TR36) - Wkm 6885/54 ex p198. R/R: (AP Webb 026) 97515 952960-4 - O&K MH4S 314958 working. Trailer: (LG0004) - Permaquip*. Wagons: BR: 230258 (784106), 741161, 759106, 891988, 900045, 983908, 993632, 993736. LMS: reg 120116 u/f/o, 401732. LNER: 544440. LSWR: UID 5 Plank open Lavender & Sons. LYR: 144. MOD: 2 (2310 49011). MR: (1109) IU21. P.O.: 4, 15, (210) 47757. Miscellaneous: 4wl Hand Pump Trolley working. Gauge 2ft: Diesel: HE 9081/84*, RH 174535/36*, (NEATH ABBEY) - RH 476106/64*. Wagons: 63, (TO225)*, 237, 453, N3, NGB4400.

There were also 2 carriages, 2 manriders and various other wagons.

Some wagons at this location were not identified.

There were items of stock at the other end of the line.

Wkm 6857/54* arrived at the railway from Weardale on 16/01/14 and was still on its road transportation trailer.

08202, 08598 and Moyse 1464 are at the railway for repairs only.

Moveright International, Wishaw (visit).

Steam: (9642) - Sdn/46 dsm ur ex p91, 44901 - Crewe/45 cab and u/f/o ex p296. Diesel: 01562 CHUG (MS 6475) - TH 257V/75 reb RMS LWO2918/2006 ex p122, 09015 (D4103) - Hor/61, 09024 (D4112) - Hor/61, 47484 (D1662 Isambard Kingdom Brunel) - Crewe/65. Carriages: SR: 5600 70155 KESR91**, NPCCS: BR: 87801 b/o. Fruit D: 3461 (975177) ex Tyseley. Wagons: BR: 200203, 550359 ex Tanfield, 581948 ex Tanfield, 743773, 904534 ex G/WR. GWR: (2564 DW150141) 070882. SR: 61052 (081808). Mainline Wagon in transit: 33707899031-0.

Note: Other items were present at this site, but not identified as the light was going. These are thought to include Wickham: 4166/48. Carriage: SR: 1346 DS70201 083181.

Tame Bridge Parkway (M Lear only)

DMU; 170512. EMU; 323205/218/241.

Perry Barr (M Lear only)

EMU; 323207/208.

Aston (M Lear only)

EMU; 323210.

Erdington (M Lear only)

EMU; 323206/217.

Birmingham New Street (M Lear only)

Voyagers: 221106/132/143. EMU; 350231.

Birmingham Moor Street (M Lear only)

DMU: 168005/110, 172336/338.

Solihull (M Lear only)

DMU: 172336.

* = assumed.

** = Not seen by all.

12/10/13

EASTLEIGH, NORTHAM, SOUTHAMPTON

J. Dicks, D. Graham, R. Morris, R. Perry & C. Weeks

Bankside Miniature Railway, Brambridge Park Garden Centre, Brambridge

(visit).

815 Carolyn (8.1/4") 2-6-2T of 1924.
2130 (7.1/4") 0-6-0ST J.Reynolds of 1994.
1369 (7.1/4") 0-6-0PT J.Moody/H.Merritt of 2008.
1103 (7.1/4") 0-4-0T of xxxx.
708 (7.1/4") 4wBE Maxitrak of xxxx.

Eastleigh East Yard (view).

Diesel: 08495, 60035, 66846. OTM: 79264/274. Wagons:
29031/079/133/303/359/400/454/516/520, 87166,
93615/616/744/751/752/753/754/757, 95523/75/82, 110762, 112209,
380401/407/601/602/603/610/619/620/621, 394624/28/38, 395030/190/213/97,
460353*, 501027/087/199/200/201/309/365/366/367, 503544, 609008,
643015/16, 980061/82, 31705992028-8/049-4/060-1/069-2.

Eastleigh Depot (view).

Diesel: 08442*, 58002/017/037*. Carriages: Mk1: 1679, 1680, 3119, 3123,
21269. Wagon: B901702. R/R: B155VRV.

Eastleigh Works (view).

Diesel: 07007, 57303/306/310, 323 674-2 - Gmd 4991/57. EMU: 317708 77055,
317710, 317714 62674 + 71590 + 77013, 450015, 508208 64710 only, 508210
64720 only. London Underground: 5523, 5579, 5593, 5599, 5604, 5716.
Carriages: Mk1: 6378*, 6379. Mk2: 9710. MPV: 98914/924. Wagons: 78212,
97748, 608040/065/117/118 b/o/295, 33700899089-3, 23802398554-8/555-5/572-
0.

Mount Pleasant Road Level Crossing, by Northam Depot.

R/R: L&W: RRV117 940679-5, RRV125 940692-5. TXM: 6209 940211-4, 6210
940199-1. Trailers: L&W: RRT3 010335-6 Rex 1692/03, RRT23 010699-5 Rex
2326/13. TXM: RT209 011050-8 Phil 2233/03. Attachment: TXM: 4458.

Northam Depot - visit to Open Day.

Steam: 30053 - 9E/05 visit from Swanage (p71) giving brake van rides in
S56289. Battery: Niteq B193/2002 giving rides to children only. DMU:
158890 which was being used to demonstrate re-railing technique (and
derailing!). EMU: 444001/13/20/42, 450013/029/090/100/104/109/120/543/552.
Miniature: Gauge 7.25": Wensleydale - 0-6-0ST.

There were various things going on, including walking underneath EMU's,
wheel lathes EMMA and KATIE being demonstrated, traction engine driving, a
miniature railway giving rides, model layouts and various stalls to raise
money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. www.mndassociation.org

Southampton Maritime Depot and adjacent container terminal (view).

Diesel: 08530/575/785, 66517/556/954/955, 70020. Wagons: 607067,
608189/190/377/379/380/413/414, 640191.

**The following passed on the mainline whilst viewing the yard, works,
Northam depot and Maritime depot.**

66954 working from Southampton to Eastleigh Yard with wagons:
607040/122, 608102/103/131/132/195/196/257/258/302/303/463/474/509/544,
640181/182/364/723/724 among others.

66087 with 6M48 Southampton Eastern Docks to Halewood car carriers.
66077 with 4M52 Southampton Eastern Docks to Castle Bromwich car carriers
including 85704971026-5.
DMU: 158881/884/953. DEMU: 220006/033. EMU: 377122/123/141/466,
444002/07/09/10/11/16/21/22/24/26/27/28/30/31/33/36/39/43, 450009/072.

Exbury Steam Rly, Exbury Gardens (visit).

All gauge 12.25". ^ = In service / seen working.
Steam: MARILOO - ESR 326/2008, NAOMI - ESR 316/2002, ROSEMARY - ESR
315/2001. Diesel: EDDY - HE/94 reb ESR 9336/2002. Carriages: ANNIE^,
BARBARA, BETTINA, CHARLOTTE, EMMA, GWENDOLINE, JOCELYNE^, KATE, RENEE^,
SUSAN^. Wagon: 2 plank open.

With many thanks to Ian for hosting our visit.
The group enjoyed a ride behind ROSEMARY.

MOD Marchwood (view).

Diesel: PERCY - JF 22503/38*. Carriages: Mk2 ex Gatwick Express stock:
72509/635. Wagons: 7420/53/59, 95244/50/54/55/60/64/81/85,
95508/12/13/36/38/44/78/79/81, 98002/18/23, 112092/133/244/262,
804733021-6/039-1/056-2/113-1.

Note: PERCY is no longer plinthed and was sighted among some wagons.

Totton Yard (view).

Diesel: D5613 31190, 31452. Carriages: Mk1: 1658, 1696*. Mk2: 3255*,
3368*, 5331*, 5386*. Wagons: 3754/58/71/89/92/97. OTM: Swedish Railvac:
99709 515001-4.

Passing: Diesel: 66514* on 6049 Theale to Wool. EMU: 444011/12.

Southampton Millbrook (view).

Diesel: 66543.

Westbury Station and Yards (view).

Diesel: 08633*, 66027/055/129/152/415/601/603/849. Wagons:
3275/279/292/293/318/901/957, 100013/15/22/27/71, 112284,
380012/038/139/205/214/410/510/628/629/630, 394055/319, 400001.

26/08/13

STAPLEFORD MINIATURE RAILWAY OPEN DAY

J. Dicks, P. Carpenter, R. Morris, & C. Weeks.

Iron Moose Express, Twinlakes Family Theme Park, Melton Mowbray. (1' 3" gauge)

1423 Iron Moose Express SL RG 1186 (This is the line's best loco but it
has been OOU all season with a broken wheel); SL 76.3.88 (This is the
line's standby loco which was in use and giving rides)

Stapleford Miniature Railway Open Day, Melton Mowbray. (10 ¼" gauge)

2943 Hampton Court G&SLE/Twining 1939 (Was in use but had to be withdrawn with problems to one side of the motion); 751 John H Gretton D Curwen 1948 (In use); (752) Coleby Simkins 1971 (under repair); 5565 (Victoria) Moore/Allcock/Coleby Simkins 1975 (under repair); 6019 J. Wilks 1998 (In use); 3103 Uganda J. Wilks (In use and hauled by); (Cock of the North) 2-8-2 J. Wilks (Under construction - fitted with Lentz valve gear); (D100) The White Heron Curwen & Newbery 1962 (In use); 4-4-0 Bob Moore (under construction) 20' gauge electrically powered traverser

Notes

1. The open days here are major agricultural shows, with vintage cars, traction engines, food stalls, stationary engines and numerous other attractions. It would be easy to spend a whole day at the event which raises money for a cancer charity.
2. Thanks go to Lady Jenny Gretton, John Wilks, Richard and the rest of the team for allowing visits to the running shed and workshop.

Melton Mowbray Miniature Railway. (10 ¼" gauge)

G. Wilcox 1968 (In use)

Sherwood Forest Miniature Railway, Edwinstowe. (1' 3" gauge)

No. 1 Smokey Joe K. Hardy 1991 (In use and double headed our train with No.2); No. 2 Pet K. Hardy 1998 (In use); E3 Anne K. Hardy 1993 OOU; (4) (Lottie) 1 Colley's of Sherwood 2006; 1 (Pioneer) Rosewell 1947 reb Vanstone 1980 (OOU at the far end of the line amongst the stinging nettles and definitely NOT steam outline)

Notes

1. The loco under construction by the railway was still off site at a private location.
2. Thanks to Coleen Colley for the shed visit.
3. To all intents and purposes Lottie appears to be a Lister. This is because the parts were made from castings taken from a Lister and has the name Lister displayed on the frames and elsewhere. It is a scratch built loco and another (2 Colley's of Sherwood) was made at the same time for a railway in an orchard.

Wheelgate Park Railway, Farnsfield. (7 ¼" gauge)

2 Mickey R. Greatrex 1999 (In use)

Twycross Zoo Miniature Railway. (10 ¼" gauge)

SL 22.2.83 (In use and hauled by)

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