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07010 from the Avon Valley Railway is seen on St. Phillips Marsh for wheel turning on 08/06/14.

[Richard Giles]

FUTURE EVENTS

Trip 496

LONDON FLYER

Saturday 13/12/14

Approximately 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 = 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol = 2100 pm

Proposed Itinerary: None

Book By Date = 29th November 2014

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Saturday 03/01/15

Come and join us early in the New Year for the Annual C&ARS Christmas Social. This will again be held at the Beaufort Arms pub, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, commencing at 1500.

This is the same venue as last year. The pub is close to Bristol Parkway station.

Trip 497

MANCHESTER FLYER

Saturday 10/01/15

Approximately 10 hours free time to do as you wish in Manchester

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

Departure Time from Bristol area = approx. 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol area = approx. 2130 pm

Proposed Itinerary: None

Permits to be applied for: None

Book By Date = 31st December 2014

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: None

Trip 498 **NOTTINGHAM TRAMS & EAST MIDLANDS** **Saturday 07/02/15**

A one day trip to catch up with the new Nottingham Trams plus free time wherever you choose

Trip Fare = £30.00 Reduced Fare for Society Members = £27.00

Departure Time from Bristol area = approx. 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol area = approx. 2130 pm

Proposed Itinerary: Nottingham Express Transit; Derby; Toton; plus wherever in the East Midlands area

Permits to be applied for: None

Book By Date = 24th January 2015

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: None

Trip 499 **DONCASTER FLYER** **Saturday 07/03/15**

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

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

Departure Time from Bristol area = approx. 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol area = approx. 2130 pm

Proposed Itinerary: None

Permits to be applied for: None

Book By Date = 21st February 2015

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: None

Trip 500

THE EMERALD ISLE RE-VISITED

Friday 03/04/15 - Wednesday 08/04/15 inclusive

A six day 500th Commemorative trip visiting locations in Southern & Northern Ireland

Trip Fare

Approx. £270.00 Reduced Fare for Society Members = Approx. £250.00

NOTE all prices are still to be confirmed

Depart from Bristol = approx. midnight Thur/Fri - **To be confirmed**

Depart from Fishguard = approx. 0300 am Friday - **To be confirmed**

Return from Rosslare = approx. 1900 pm Wednesday - **To be confirmed**

Proposed Itinerary: To Be Advised

Permits to be applied for: All

Book By Date = 7th February 2015

**** Please note that the book-by date has been brought forward from the previously advertised date**

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: To Be Advised

Trip 501

LONDON FLYER

Saturday 09/05/15

Approximately 10 hours free time to do as you wish in the capital

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

Departure Time from Bristol area = approx. 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol area = approx. 2130 pm

Proposed Itinerary: None

Permits to be applied for: None

Book By Date = 25th April 2015

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: None

Trip 502

CORNWALL

Saturday 06/06/15

A one day trip visiting the Bodmin & Wenford Railway and various locations with grounded coach bodies

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

Departure Time from Bristol area = approx. 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol area = approx. 2130 pm

Proposed Itinerary: Bodmin & Wenford Railway; St. Germans Station; plus other coach body locations

Permits to be applied for: Bodmin & Wenford Railway; Railholidays Ltd; St.Germans Station

Book By Date = 16th May 2015

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: To Be Advised

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

IMPORTANT – BOOKINGS

Trip bookings will now only be accepted on a Trip Booking Form. Completed Trip Booking Forms should be returned to the Bookings Secretary prior to the Book-By Date. To secure participation on a trip it is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that their completed Trip Booking Form is submitted in advance of the Book-By Date. Booking requests received on a Trip Booking Form after the Book-By Date will be filled on a first come first served basis regardless of whether they are a member or non-member.

Please also note that any "provisional" booking which has not been confirmed by a Trip Booking Form will not secure participation on the trip and will not be chased by the Bookings Secretary after the Book-By Date has passed.

Forms should be submitted either on a trip, or by post 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 **07751 246365** will be switched on throughout the duration of society trips. Please do not use it outside these times for time critical communications as voice mails and texts may not be picked up immediately.
8. Participants who confirm their booking on a Trip Booking Form prior to the "book by" date will have priority regardless of whether they are a member or non-member. Booking requests received on a Trip Booking Form after the "book by" date will be filled on a first come first served basis regardless of whether they are a member or non-member.

Society Yahoo! News Group

There is a Yahoo! news group available which you can subscribe to allow you to get e-mail alerts for any workings or reports posted by other group members. We also use this to provide you with any updates on Society events. To join you can use the link on the Home page of the Society web site www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk or send an e-mail to

Cardiffandavonside-suscribe@yahoogroups.com

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

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 these listings of new publications are not intended to be reviews or recommendations in any way and are provided for information only. In most cases these have not yet been seen by me.

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Locomotion Books

Peelwalls Farmhouse, Ayton, Berwickshire TD14 5RL

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Steam Locomotives of Great Britain Standard Gauge Ex-Mainline Standard Gauge

Steam Locomotives of Great Britain Standard Gauge Ex-Industrial and WD Standard Gauge

Steam Locomotives of Great Britain, Northern Ireland and Isle of Man Non-Standard Gauge

Published last year as Numerical List of Locations Steam Locomotives of Great Britain Standard Gauge Ex Mainline, WD and Industrial, this has been split into two books, as above.

In addition, new this year, is the non-standard gauge book. This unusually mixes narrow and broad gauge locos with gauges quoted in metric measurement only. There is no conversion table, just the advice to divide the mm by 25.4 to arrive at the gauge in inches.

The A6-size books each contain 64 pages and are priced at £6.99 each plus £1.50 p&p per order.

Platform 5 Publishing Ltd

52 Broadfield Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire S8 0XJ

Tel: 0114 255 8000 - 24hr order line Fax: 0114 255 2471

Orders direct from Platform 5 for four or more pocket books are post free before 31/12/14. Per their ad., it is £1 for one book, £1.02 for two books or £1.53 for three books.

British Railways Pocket Books 2015

No. 1 Locomotives

No. 2 Coaching Stock including HST formations and Network Rail service stock

No. 3 DMUs including light rail systems and On-Track Machines

No. 4 EMUs including EMUs in industrial service

These well-known and much-used books are available now at £5.10 each. There has been discussion in the past as to whether the individual books are the same as the combined volume for the same year. Platform 5 has confirmed the individual books are correct to 6 October 2014 and the combined volume 2015 will be updated to 31 December.

William Snook

Email: xxx

The UK Railway Datafile 2015

Contains mainline stock, preserved stock, industrial and wagons
The industrial loco sections detail both works number and running number.
The author says he has tried to add as much info on preserved wagons as possible.

Available in two formats: A4-size book at £25 plus £4 postage, and A5-size at £20 plus £4 postage. To order direct from author/publisher, email as above. Also available from Ian Allan bookstores.

Specialist Transport Publications

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

Website: www.stpublications.co.uk Tel. 07760 284494

UK Combined 2015

£13.00 post free; published November

All locos, units and track machines and coaching stock registered to operate in the UK and Ireland. Also includes trams, light rail and underground systems in the UK.

NOTES & NEWS

Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh

20/10 At 1720, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66509, 66604, 70006.

24/10 70010 was present stabled in the 'downside' during the afternoon.

25/10 The Patchway - Severn Tunnel Junction line was closed over the week end with diversions via Yate. The Saturdays Only 0012 1106 Margam - Eastleigh (1934) loco convoy was routed via Gloucester and formed; 66192 + 66207 + 66006 + 66142 + 66005 being recorded passing Yate at 1435 (5 late), departing Parkway at 1510 (3 early), passing Lawrence Hill at 1520 and Bath 1540 (8 early). Earlier, 66957 + 66952 were an arrival at Parkway down goods loop at 1108 with a 6V74 0701 Crewe Basford Hall Yard - Stoke Gifford (1204) two empty stone HIA wagon move and 66956 + 66569 were an 0C36 light loco arrival from Bristol West Railport at 1040. Reported afternoon freight diversions via Gloucester included; 66513 - 6V33 1142 Neasden Charringtons - Cardiff Pengam (1837) empty stone passing Bath at 1545 (5 late), Lawrence Hill 1615 (14 late), Yate 1627 (5 late), the loco then returning 0C60 1858 light to Stoke Gifford (2117), 60087 - 6V62 1120 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange Sidings (1745) passing Swindon at 1510 (-), Bath 1551 (17 late), North Somerset Junction 1612 (12 early) and Parkway 1622 (10 late), 60044 - 6B33 1226 Theale - Margam (1920) empty fuel tanks passing Bath at 1557 (5 late), Lawrence Hill 1626 and Yate 1703 (35 late). Another Saturday 'regular' the 6V13 0812 Dollands Moor - Margam (1855) steel ran via Swindon and Kemble being reported passing Standish

Junction at 1709 (79 late). Engineering train again routed via Gloucester, loco allocations and reports for the day included; 66016 - 6W05 1024 Westbury - Severn Tunnel Junction (1430), passing Lawrence Hill at 1127 (17 late), 66151 - 6W06 1124 Westbury - Severn Tunnel Junction (1530) passing Bath at 1210 (17 late) and Lawrence Hill 1230 (22 late), 66137 - 6W07 1435 Westbury - Severn Tunnel Junction (2020), passing Bath at 1458 (12 late), Lawrence Hill 1514 (23 early) and Parkway arriving at 1526 and departing 1541 (5 early), 66005 top n' tail 66169 - 6W08 1819 Westbury - Severn Tunnel Junction (2142), passing Lawrence Hill at 1914 (3 late), 66142 - 6W09 2114 Westbury - Severn Tunnel Junction (2359).

27/10 At 1200, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66513, 66956 with 66509 and 70006 stabled on west facing coal empties. 60001 and 60017 were reported on the Pilning side of the Severn Tunnel on engineering train duties.

29/10 At 1500, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 70006, with 66509 stabled on west facing coal empties.

01/11 The 0012 Margam - Eastleigh light loco move was formed with 66139 + 66006 + 66100 and noted passing East Usk at 1250 and Filton Abbey Wood 1334 (2 late).

02/11 At 1130, Stoke Gifford held; 66512, 66541, 66955, 70006 with 66536 on the move shunting coal wagons. On the mainline curve between Parkway and Patchway, 66509 + 66526 were recorded stopped top n' tailing an unidentified engineers train.

04/11 A special freight working passing Parkway at 1324 (2 late) was headed by 66065 on a 6Z32 0911 Swansea Burrows Sidings - Wembley Euro Ops Yard (1813) formed of 22 empty MEA wagons ex store, but in a '4051 spot hire' pool (return to Margam). The wagons had left Onllwyn as a 6071 move during the previous day, being part of around 50 based here for use on Gwaun-cae-Gurwen coal movements, their previous use having only been on occasional cement works traffic. A second rake was present at Didcot (believed 'pool 3257' normally used in Scotland between Earlseat - Hunterston), it is understood both sets are to be used working off Southampton Western Dock to move road rock salt destined for Rugby. For the record, this new twice weekly freight flow commenced on the 12th November as a 6Z68 move with 66089 formed of 38 loaded MEAs. being reported passing Southampton Central at 1957.

05/11 66704 passed Patchway at 1928 (8 late) working a 6Z86 1415 Stewarts Lane - Cardiff Tidal (2030) train of part loaded (with grit stone) JNAs, these wagons are later normally load at Moreton-on-Lugg for Harlow Mill or Bury St. Edmunds. The working had earlier passed Reading at 1706 (1 late).

06/11 66186 powered a 6V37 0856 Mountsorrell - Moreton-on-Lugg (1658) stone empties (assumed formed of 4 wheel PGA wagons) passed Gloucester Yard Junction at 1235 and Patchway 1425 (3 late).

08/11 The Saturdays Only light loco move ran as 6Z12 1106 Margam LIP - Westbury yard and conveyed two wagons, empty coal HTA 330381 and steel coil BYA (barrier) 966217 the working being reported passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1334 (3 late), Bath 1358 (2 late) and arriving Westbury at 1423 (6 early). Later, 66536 + 66956 + 66957 passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1505 (-) running as 0Y50 1502 Stoke Gifford - Westbury light-engines which arrived at its destination at 1549.

10/11 Some First/GW Swansea and Cardiff HST services to the Capital saw delays due to over running engineering work.

14/11 56113 passed Patchway at 1847 (33 early) running as 1818 Cardiff Canton - Exeter (Riverside) New Yard (2040) light loco for an engineering duty to Cornwall during the following day.

16/11 With the closure of the mainline between Patchway and Severn Tunnel Junction, the following locos were reported as in the 'occupation' during the early afternoon; 66051, 66093, 66132, 66512, 66513, 66597. Over at Stoke Gifford 'downside' the following were found stabled; 66509, 66556, 66589, 66956, 70006, with 66526 + 66957 later arriving as a 0Y09 light loco move from Westbury. Later, 66526 + 66603 + 66587 (the latter both further light engine arrivals from this time from Taunton Fairwater) formed a 0M80 1330 light-engine move to Crewe Basford Hall Yard via Gloucester.

Locos recorded at Westerleigh on fuel tank duty have included; 60017/024/044/059.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

11/10 Additional Information (November Magazine) - 43028 + 44100 + 42566 + 42572 + 43129) passed Parkway at 1317 from St. Phillips Marsh - Reading to stand in for an unavailable Thames Turbo set. The mini HST formation then worked the 2P60 1437 Oxford - Paddington First/GW service!

18/10 Additional Information (November Magazine) - 47790 + 57302 having arrived on a 5Z44 0630 Cardiff Pengam Sidings - Temple Meads (0740) Belmont Northern Belle ecs in a top n' tailed formation, worked 1Z45 0810 Bristol TM - Victoria (1200), not Kensington Olympia as originally advertised and 1Z46 1807 return to Temple Meads (2202). The dining set had been used in South Wales during the previous day taking in Chester, Cardiff and Swansea with c/stock; 10729 Crewe, 10734 Balmoral, Car No 17167, 325 Duart, 3247 Chatsworth, 3275 Harlech, 3182 Warwick, Kitchen Car1566, 3273 Alnwick, 3174 Glamis.

19/10 47790 + 57302 returned the Northern Belle ecs as a 5Z48 move to Crewe (via the Severn Tunnel and the Marches), from the 'down through' at Temple Meads, departing at 1203 and passing Patchway at 1212 (1 early).

20/10 37611 + 37607 were noted passing Lawrence Hill at 1823, top n' tailing a 1Q05 Temple Meads - South Wales test train formed of dept c/stock; 72612, 72639, 977994.

21/10 37610 + 37606 were paired on the 6M67 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flasks which departed at 1158, passed Worle Junction at 1220 and Narrowways Hill Junction 1310.

22/10 67016 worked the 1V80 0945 Victoria - Bristol TM VSOE service being reported passing Westbury at 1229 (9 early) and arriving Bath at 1255 (12 early). The stock then ran 1307 to Bristol Temple Meads ecs, returning to Bath for the 1092 1555 to Victoria which departed at 1558 (3 late) and passed Westbury at 1622 (3 late).

23/10 A second flask working for the week was headed by 37259 + 37603, the inward 6V74 Crewe - Bridgwater (with a single FNA) was reported passing Yate at 0725 and Temple Meads at 0742. The 6M63 return to Crewe Coal Sidings later departed at 1224 and passed Lawrence Hill at 1307, the single FNA wagon being identified as 550031.

26/10 Some engineering train loco allocations for the day included; 66085 - 6W03 1912 Filton Abbey Wood - Westbury (2005) reported passing Lawrence Hill at 1912 (2 early), 66110 - 6W04 1950 Filton Abbey Wood - Westbury (2044), passing Lawrence Hill 1951 (1 late), 66016 - 6W05 2038

Filton Abbey Wood - Westbury (2154), passing Lawrence Hill 2049 (9 late). 66125 - 6W11 1547 Filton Abbey Wood - Crewe Basford Hall Yard (2136), passing Lawrence Hill at 1553 and Bath 1614 (7 late) formed of MHA wagons. 66615 top n' tailing 66603 - 6Y07 0745 North Somerset Junction - Taunton Fairwater (0903) HOBC, reported passing Bridgwater at 1034 (117 late), 66953 - 6Y08 0715 North Somerset Junction - Taunton Fairwater (1000), reported passing Bridgwater at 0923 (11 early).

28/10 37259 + 37603 working the 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks were reported passing Gloucester at 0604, Dr. Days Junction 0654 and arriving Bridgwater at 0744. The return 6M63 departed for Crewe at 1106. Also during the morning period, DCR 31452 worked a further 5Z34 1013 Barton Hill - Wembley Lmd Chiltern Coach move formed with 12623 and noted passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1008 (16 early) and Swindon 1049 (27 early).

29/10 The mainline was closed during the morning between Bath and Bristol with up to 60 minute delays, following an 'incident' at Keynsham, involving a man being fatality struck by a train resulting in road bus substitutions before the line reopened at 0900. The service involved was believed to have been the Voyager set working 5S35 0507 Barton Hill - Bath empty stock (which eventually departed Keynsham 122 minutes late), the return 1S35 0609 Bath - Manchester Piccadilly service was started at Temple Meads departing at 0656 (29 late). Meanwhile, both the 2B01 0558 Westbury - Cardiff Central, 2C06 0648 Temple Meads - Westbury First/GW services were cancelled with the 1A03 0600, 1A04 0635 Temple Meads - Paddington and 1C01 0519 Paddington - Swansea First/GW HSTs all diverted via Parkway and the Badminton route. The 6C63 0525 Westbury - Avonmouth Bennetts (0648) empty stone service, headed by 59202, was held in Bath Oldfield Park up and down goods loop until 0647 (53 late). Colas 56113 departed Temple Meads at 0919 (1 late) working 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace (1614) log empties which arrived at its destination having left out an Exeter (Riverside) Yard stop, at 1232 (222 early!).

30/10 37603 + 37259 worked the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flask service, which departed at 1207 and later, 56113 returned the loaded Colas log train as 6M51 0856 Teigngrace - Chirk (Kronospan) which was reported passing Taunton at 1310 (18 early), arriving Temple Meads at 1425 (26 early) and departing at 1512 (2 late), and later departing Pilning loop at 1556 (1 late).

31/10 This was the final day of SWTs Class 159 (or 158) 'hire' to First/GW for use on their 2E17 Warminster - Great Malvern, 1V96 Great Malvern - Brighton and 1V96 Brighton - Bristol TM diagram. 159012 was in use on these workings during the day, with the a second unit 158882 covering the days Westbury - Cheltenham - Swindon workings which will still remain a 'hire' duty for the present

01/11 The normally Saturdays Only 6M60 St.Blazey - Bescot (downside) mainly china clay freight still continues to run in a later path as today, 6V53 1151 Exeter (Riverside) - Newport ADJ, headed by 66047 and recorded passing Bridgwater at 1225 (50 early) and Filton Abbey Wood 1341 (96 early). Evening observations at Lawrence Hill recorded the following; 66057 - 6W01 1853 Westbury - Severn Tunnel West (2340) at 2016 (8 early), 66006 + 66139 top n' tailing - 7W02 1953 Westbury - Magor (2359) at 2113 (5 late) with crane 78219 included in the trains formation, 66044 + 66008 top n' tailing - 6Z71 2104 St.Phillips Marsh - Didcot (2312) railhead treatment train (from a wheel turning visit), at 2104 (31 early) and later

Swindon 2154 (40 early). Over at Temple Meads, 70802 was noted working a 6C97 1726 Westbury - Truro (0001) rail train formed of JZA wagons which was recorded earlier passing Bath at 1742 (12 early), through Temple Meads platforms 5/6 at 1813 (5 late) and reported in Yatton loop at 1834, eventually departing here at 1900 (2 early).

03/11 70808 + 70801 formed a 1315 Westbury - Cardiff Canton (1527) light loco move which was recorded passing Dr.Days Junction at 1412 (2 late) and East Usk 1445 (3 late). Still routed via Bristol as a Mondays only working is 6C73 1200 Westbury - Taunton Fairwater (1409) departmental which runs each week day and often conveys HOBC parts. Today's working was headed by 66953 and noted passing Temple Meads at 1322 (25 late). One of the Windhoff MPV Great Western Mainline electrification trains was recorded passing through the area as 6H05 1332 Swindon Transfer Yard - Swindon Transfer Yard (via a reverse at Taunton Fairwater) being formed with DR76913 + DR76911 (with unrecorded intermediate vehicles) and reported passing Bath at 1411 (4 late), Bridgwater 1504 (5 late), Temple Meads on the return at 1646 (17 early) and Bath 1703 (17 early).

04/11 The 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal Sidings single nuclear flask working (with FNA 550043) headed by 37601 + 37606 departed at 1202 and was noted in Temple Meads at 1304. Another Windhoff MPV electrification train was noted, the full formation being reported as 7091310067, JNA NLU 29024, 7091310083, 7091310091, 7093130109 (DR76910) and again running as 6H05 1332 Swindon Transfer Yard - Swindon Transfer Yard (via a reverse at Taunton Fairwater). The set was recorded departing Temple Meads at 1456 (35 late) and on the return departing the same location at 1713 (2 late) and passing Bath at 1734 (4 late). Another report from Temple Meads was the 3S59 2107 (Mon) Barton Hill - Barton Hill RHTT which departed at 1150 for Weston-super-Mare, with locos 66106 + 66135 top n' tailing wagons 642032 + 642012.

08/11 Flooding west of Dean (between Romsey and Salisbury) disrupted First/GW services, with 158950 working the 1F18 1223 Portsmouth Harbour - Cardiff Central (1543) terminated at Temple Meads at 1608 (80 late) having departed Salisbury at 1501 (81 late). The following 1F20 1323 departure from Portsmouth was terminated at Southampton Central at 1412 (4 late), whilst the 1F24 1423 departure (due Cardiff at 1744) was cancelled. A 1Z25 1530 Cardiff Central - Portsmouth Harbour was also affected, being reported as departing Salisbury at 1611 (30 late).

09/11 For the Remembrance Day weekend (which also commemorated the 100TH anniversary of the start of the First World War), First/GW applied a poppy vinyl to the side of a number of power cars which was located between the cab door and the company's body side lettering. The following were reported as so treated; 43016, 43079, 43122, 43125, 43138, 43143. An engineering train allocation was; 66587 - 6Y08 0745 North Somerset Junction - Taunton Fairwater Yard (0914) being reported passing Worle Junction at 0807 (6 early).

10/11 Two Colas light loco moves following engineering work in Cornwall were; 66848 - 1158 Exeter (Riverside) New Yard - Gloucester New Yard (1410), passing Worle Junction at 1221 (35 late) and Yate 1322 (12 late) and 70806 - 0F74 1158 Exeter (Riverside) New Yard - Bristol Barton Hill Depot (1320) noted passing through Temple Meads at 1348 (33 late). It is interesting to record the same booked departure times off Exeter for both workings!!

11/11 37605 + 37609 were paired on the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal

sidings nuclear flasks, being reported as departing at 1203, passing Yatton at 1227, Parsons Street 1241 and Filton Abbey Wood 1313. Later in the afternoon, 37668 was noted stabled in Temple Meads on a test train.

12/11 Colas 56113 worked a further train of 20 empty log carriers, as 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace being reported passing Gobowen at 0636 (52 late), Pilning 0940 (66 late) and Worle Junction 1026 (46 late).

13/11 Problems on the sea wall at Dawlish with high winds saw several Voyager (with on roof electrics prone to problems when in contact with sea water) worked Arriva XC service amendments, the 1S47 1025 Plymouth - Glasgow Central being terminated at Newton Abbot and the 1S49 1125 Plymouth Dundee being started from Temple Meads at 1331. There had also been problems reported in the area three days earlier with the 1V67 1805 Manchester Piccadilly - Plymouth Voyager set, stopped west of Teignmouth, a 'wave strike' on the sea wall affecting the electrical equipment. Other services on both days were however recorded running near enough to time, with XC tickets being made available for use on First/GW services. A second 6V74 Crewe Coal Sidings - Bridgwater flask working arrived at its destination at 0629 (1 early) behind 37605 + 37609, which later passed through Temple Meads on the 6M63 return at 1301 (9 early). 56113 returned the 6M51 Teigngrace - Chirk Kronospan (2359) via Exeter (Riverside) New Yard departing Newton Abbot at 1008, Riverside Yard 1202 (29 early), passing Temple Meads at 1409 (61 early) and East Usk 1630 (33 early). The Class 56 was later reported in trouble with 60021 being used to assist and complete the train's journey. This was believed to be the final log train for loading on the Heathfield Branch, Exeter will continue to load trains in the future with stockpiled logs already present here awaiting movement.

15/11 Afternoon observations at Lawrence Hill recorded the following; 66185 + 66051 - 0012 1106 Margam LIP - Eastleigh light locos (1338), 66037 - 6Z53 1200 Exeter (Riverside) New Yard - Newport ADJ freight (via Gloucester), formed of 22 JIA china clay wagons and three empty TTA fuel tanks (1507), 66848 - 0F75 Gloucester New Yard - Westbury light-engine (1526). Later, rail vac (2), KFA 7095150022 passed through the area head by 56103 (unbranded 'Fertis' grey) + 56303 (DCR green) as 6Y85 1350 Chaddeston Sidings (Derby) - Lostwithiel Clay sidings (2300) being reported passing Yate 1716 (25 early), Filton Abbey Wood 1727 (25 early), Yatton Station 1753 (31 early) slowing for the loop and later departing Taunton at 1840 (63 early).

16/11 Two return engineering train reports were; 66953 + 66603 top n' tailing - 6Y07 0735 North Somerset Junction - Taunton Fairwater (0915) HOBC recorded passing Bridgwater at 0831 (39 late) and 66589 - 6Y08 0715 North Somerset Junction - Taunton Fairwater (0812) noted passing Bridgwater at 0736 (16 early).

Later, 43189 + 43005 formed a 0Z74 1803 Landore - St. Phillips Marsh (2202) back to back HST power car move, being recorded passing Filton Abbey Wood at 2133 (20 late) having been diverted via Gloucester.

17/11 The rail-vac returned from Cornish duties as 6Y85 0450 Lostwithiel Clay sidings - Chaddeston (1420) with 56303 + 56103 being reported passing Lostwithiel at 0503 (13 late), following a loco run round at Par, then passing Bridgwater at 0837 (16 early), Yatton 0900 (29 early), Lawrence Hill 1005 (7 early) and Yate 1028 (2 early).

18/11 37603 + 37667 were paired on the 6M63 1158 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flasks (FNAs 550025 + 550043) being reported as departing at 1205 and passing Flax Bourton at 1238 and Filton Abbey Wood 1300.

Bristol West Railport

Locos recorded on container duty have included;
66418/541/566/569/590/954/955/956.

Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line

23/10 Evening activity over the branch line saw three loco hauled movements;

37611 top n' tailing 37607 - 1Q05 2230 Bristol TM - Derby RTC (0900) ultrasonic test train (with dept c/stock; 72612, 72639, 977974) which was reported as arriving Clifton Down at 2250 (6 early) and departing at 2315 (3 early), later returning through non-stop at 0015 (24 early) having earlier arrived Severn Beach at 2336 (4 early) and departed at 2350 (22 early). 66106 + 66136 - 3S59 2107 Barton Hill - Barton Hill RHTT passing Clifton Down at 2354 (-).

27/10 66135 + 66106 (with its number heavily defaced with grim!) passed near Shirehampton at 0951 heading for Clifton Down working the overnight 3S59 1530 (Sun) St. Phillips Marsh - Barton Hill RHTT. This is again a regular Monday's only daylight passage over the branch as in previous years, the train also makes a slightly later pass along the line around 1130 on a Saturday from Hallen Marsh to Narrowways Hill Junction.

13/11 31233 with dept c/stock; 977986, 977985, 62384, 9708 visited the branch with an overnight 3Z37 2034 (Wed) Exeter Riverside New Yard - Bristol TM High Level sidings working (via Westbury). The working passed Bath at 0013 (10 early), departed Temple Meads following a reverse at 0032 (52 early), then Severn Beach at 0119 (56 early) and Parkway at 0200 (85 early) to run back via the Henbury 'loop' and Clifton Down passing Avonmouth at 0220 (83 early).

Locos recorded on coal duty have included; 66005/006/083/076/086/088/100.
66104/129/132/143/148/150/162/204/213. 66509/528.

Locos recorded on stone duty have included; 59005/202/204.
66053/079/138/230. 66604.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included; 66034/111.

Portbury Branchline

24/10 70006 was working the overnight increased tonnage coal service to Rugeley PS loaded to 21 instead of 19 HXA / HHA wagons.

27/10 Due to a freight train failure at Craven Arms on the Marches route (also see Newport notes & news), the 6V51 0305 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carriers with 66092 was seriously delayed.

Problems have been reported during the review period of rain affected wet gypsum which is difficult to unload and handle. This material is normally moved in containers on other similar freight flows in other parts of the country. Siniat, the receiving company at Portbury is reported to be investing in a £250,000 laboratory on site and is developing thermal plasterboard a new product, using the rail delivered material.

Locos recorded on coal duty have included;
66130. 66509/512/546/598/953/956. 66848. 70006.

Locos recorded on car duty have included; 66092/152.

Locos recorded on gypsum duty have included; 66714/724/726.

Bristol area workings during September

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

02/09 66509. 22/09 66591.

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

04/09 66533 + 66594. 05/09 66594 + 66595. 08/09 66556.
10/09 66955. 15/09 66592. 17/09 66533. 18/09 66418.
22/09 66587. 30/09 66594.

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

04/09 70001. 05/09 66540 + 66534. 08/09 70018. 11/09 70017.
29/09 70014. 29/09 70014. 30/09 66572.

Note; 30/09 Train reported running as 4Z51.

4O59 (4V50) (SO) Southampton - Wentloog containers (FL)

06/09 70013. 13/09 70017. 27/09 70007.

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

04/09 60017. 06/09 60020. 09/09 60017. 11/09 60020.
12/09 60039. 13/09 60039. 18/09 60039. 23/09 60007.
25/09 60100. 26/09 60100.

6A63 Avonmouth Bennetts - Acton (TO) loaded stone (DB)

02/09 66016. 23/09 59202.

6A83 Avonmouth Bennetts - West Dayton / 6C63* Westbury loaded stone (DB)

01/09 59104. 05/09 59205. 08/09 59205. 10/09 59204. 12/09 59204.
13/09 59001*. 15/09 59201. 17/09 66114. 24/09 59004.

6B35 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties (DB)

02/09 66080. 03/09 66067. 19/09 66213. 22/09 66150.
29/09 66075.

6B49/6B50 Llanwern-Swindon Stores sidings loaded & return empty steel (DB)

05/09 66133. 12/09 66069.

6C49 / 6B59 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Exeter (Alphington Road) empty and
return loaded scrap metal (DB)

04/09 66139. 11/09 66143.

6C99 2147 (TO) Newport ADJ - St.Blazey freight (DB)

02/09 66080. 09/09 66102 + 66188. 16/09 66181.
23/09 66099 + 66012. 30/09 66176.

6M07 2249 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)

16-18/09 70006. 19/09 70010.

6M14 1628 Avonmouth - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)

22/09 66551. 25/09 66539. 29/09 66953.

6M39 1300 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)

16/09 66089. 17/09 66089. 22/09 66100. 26/09 66200.

6M61 0825 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)
05/09 66539.

6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flasks (DRS)
03/09 37402 + 37610. 10/09 37605 + 37610. 17/09 20309 + 20312.
19/09 37602 + 37606. 24/09 37608 + 37609. 26/09 20309 + 20312.
30/09 20309 + 20312.

6M64 0825 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)
08/09 66555.

6M69 1700 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)
22/09 66200. 24/09 66037.

6M87 1900 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (Colas)
10/09 66846. 17/09 66846. 19/09 66846. 24/09 66846.

6O32 Margam / Dollands Moor steel (DB)
23/09 66175.

6V13 Dollands Moor - Llanwern / Margam steel (DB)
03/09 66085 + 66211 + 66218 + 66225 + 66242. 10/09 66075.
27/09 66135.

Note; 03/09 The four trailing locos were en route to Toton for attention from France moved via the Channel Tunnel.

6V47 (TThO) Tilbury - Trostre loaded steel (DB)
04/09 66096.

6V51 Warrington Arpley-Portbury (via Newport ADJ) empty car carriers (DB)
11/09 66030. 23/09 66003.

6V54 (6M51) Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace empty & return loaded logs (Colas)
10/09 56302 (11/09). 24/09 56113 (25/09).
Note; Train was terminated at East Usk due to late running.

6V62 (WSO) Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings steel (Colas)
03/09 60087. 06/09 60087. 10/09 60087. 13/09 60087.
17/09 60087. 20/09 60087. 27/09 60087.

6V80 / 6E81 West Burton PS - Portbury loaded gypsum and return empties to Doncaster Hexthorpe Yard (* West Burton) (GBRf)
02/09 66708. 03/09 66708. 09/09 66715. 10/09 66715.
13/09 66715. 16/09 66720. 17/09 66720. 20/09 66726.
27/09* 66707.

6V82 (SuO) Tunstead - Westbury 'la Farge' loaded cement (FLHH)
07/09 66602. 14/09 66613. 21/09 66606.

6V35 (MWFO) Bescot (Downside) - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (6M94 TThSO return empties to Clitheroe) (DB)
01/09 66089. 03/09 66186. 07/09 66089. 10/09 66002.

17/09 66064. 23/09 66181.

6X52 Portbury - Mossend loaded cars and vans (DB)

02/09 66136. 23/09 66003. 25/09 66093. 30/09 66121.

6Z47 Acton - Cardiff Docks Ryans stone empties (DB)

25/09 66122.

Exeter

07/11 Colas locos, 66848, 66850, 70801 and 70808 were all present in Riverside New Yard during the evening period ready for week end engineering work in Cornwall.

16/11 Further Colas locos working in Cornwall off Riverside Yard were recorded as; 56113, 70802, 70806. During the following day, 56113 + 70806 ran 0F75 1603 Exeter (Riverside) New Yard - Westbury light, passing Cogload junction, near Taunton at 1644 (-).

Gloucester area workings

20/10 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305 Gcr 1053; 0z56 Canton - Washwood Heath Gcr 1327 56105/56094; 3s32 Worcester Long Siding - Swindon 37175/219 Gcr 0435/37; 1q05 Derby Rtc - Bristol Tm 37611/37607; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe Cls 37419/37259; 6v35 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66059

21/10 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66714; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66143; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66509; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60044; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60074; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010 Standish Jn 1715; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe Cls 37610-37606; 6m98 Cardiff Tidal - Saltley 66136 Gcr 0654; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66429 Gcr 1121

22/10 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 37609-37218; 4v83 Toton - Avonmouth 66221; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66143; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60019; 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66714

23/10 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh Gcr 1115 60044; 4z38 Daventry - Wentloog Gcr 1150 66305; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66509; 6v37 Tho Moutsorrel - Moreton-On-Lugg 66102; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe Cls 37259/37603; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010 Standish Jn 1559

24/10 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth Gcr 0358 60100; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh Gcr 1113 60059; 6m96 Margam - Corby Gcr 0900 66006; 3s33 Swindon - Kings Norton 37219/37175 Standish Jn 0607; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 37606/37610; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66509

25/10 Standish Jn: 0405 3s32 Worcester Shrub Hill Long Siding - Swindon 37175/37219; 0415 6a11 Robeston - Theale 60044; 0505 6m07 Portbury - Fiddlers Ferry 70006, on rear 70010; 0537 3s33 Swindon - Kings Norton 37175/37219; 0810 4v83 Toton North Yard - Avonmouth 66221; 0843 6w04 Hinksey Yard - Severn Tunnel Jn 66110; 1040 6v74 Basford Hall - Stoke Gifford 66957-66952 Hia-369004/369053; 1053 6m64 Portbury - Fiddlers Ferry 66598; 1215 6w05 Westbury Yard - Severn Tunnel Jn 66016; 1142 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh Oil Terminal 60059; 1324 6w06 Westbury Yard - Severn Tunnel Jn 66151; 1608 4v22 Fiddlers Ferry - Stoke Gifford 66595; 1655 6v62 Tilbury - Llanwern 60087; 1621 3s59 Newport - St Phillips Marsh 66106/66135; 1647 6v33 Neasden - Pengam Sdg 66513; 1708 6v13 Dollands Moor - Margam 66088; 1718 6w07 Westbury Yard - Severn Tunnel Jn 66137; 1742 6b33 Theale - Margam Tc 60044; 1847 6b47 Westerleigh Oil Terminal - Margam Tc 60059; 1925 4v56 Fiddlers Ferry - Stoke Gifford 70006; 2152 6w09

Westbury Yard - Severn Tunnel Jn 66142; Gloucester 0213 6m76 Margam - Dee Marsh 66023

26/10 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66302 Gcr 1133; 3s59 St Phillips Marsh - Barton Hill 66106/66135 Gcr 1840; 6m75 Margam - Carlisle Yard 6m75 66148 Gcr 1828

27/10 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70006; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe Cls 37603/37259; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60044; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66098; 4v30 Gloucester New Yard - Avonmouth Silo 66848; 6m76 Margam - Dee Marsh 60059 Gcr 0217; 3s32 Worcester Shrub Hill Long Siding - Swindon 37175/37219; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66422 Gcr 1104

28/10 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe Cls 37603-37259; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66302 Gcr 1152

29/10 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66726

30/10 6v04 Kingsbury - Cardiff Tidal 66125 Gcr 2237; 6v37 Moutsorrel - Moreton-On-Lugg 66131; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe Cls 37609/37259; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66847; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010

31/10 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66133; 6m39 Avonmouth - Ratcliffe 66009; 6m69 Avonmouth - Ratcliffe 66221

01/11 3s59 Barton Hill - Barton Hill 66106/66135 Gcr 0754-0802; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60059 Gcr 1058; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66172; 3s32 Worcester Shrub Hill Long Sdg - Swindon 37175/37219 Gcr 0345-0400; 4v20 Basford Hall - Stoke Gifford 66526/66509; 4v14 Ratcliffe - Gloucester New Yard 66847

02/11 6w07 Hinksey - Magor 66187 Gcr 1211; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66422 Gcr 1154; 6y52 Cardiff Queen Street - Basford Hall 66527 Tnt 66956 Gcr 1025; 0032 Margam - Dollands Moor Lhs 66094 Gcr 1400; 6z60 Newport Ad Jn - Bescot Downside 66016/66172 Gcr 1514; 3s59 Barton Hill - Barton Hill 66106/66135 Gcr 1835; 0v93 Vst Corby - Llanwern 66003

05/11 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60024; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60010; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 60044 Gcr 2001

06/11 6m90 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66122; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66536; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60024 Gcr 1117; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70006; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66429 Gcr 1106

07/11 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 37218/37602 550045/55016 7092290024; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66536; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60024 Gcr 1114; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60039; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70006; 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66724 Standish Jn 2245; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66304 Gcr 1107; 6m96 Margam - Corby 66206 Gcr 0907

08/11 3s59 Barton Hill - Barton Hill Gcr 0706-0719 66106/66135; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh Gcr 1100 60024; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66055 Gcr 1834; 6v02 Hartlepool - Llanwern 66156 Gcr 2057; 6v29 Lincoln Terrace - Cardiff Tidal 66165 Gcr 2245; 6m90 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66161 Standish Jn 0348

09/11 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66425 Gcr 1133; 6e40 Cardiff Tidal - Doncaster Down Decoy 66704 Gcr 1254; 3s59 Barton Hill - Barton Hill 66106/66135 Gcr 1832; 6m75 Margam - Carlisle Yard 66175 Gcr 2129; 6v82 Tunstead - Westbury Lafarge 66623 Standish Jn 1913

10/11 6l42 Trostre - Tilbury 66206 Gcr 0132; 6m74 Cardiff Tidal - Beeston 66152 Gcr 0141; 6m94 Margam - Corby 60024 Gcr 0147; 6v94 Lindsey - Aberthaw 60039 Gcr 0236; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60100 Gcr 1117; 6v07 Round Oak - Margam 60079 Gcr 1602; 6e94 Aberthaw - Lindsey 60039 Gcr 2014; 6e12 Cardiff Dock - Lindsey 66718 Gcr 2142; 6v97 Beeston - Newport Docks 66152 Gcr 2230; 4v04 Basford Hall - Portbury 66546 Gloucester Barnwood Jn

0622; 6e81 Portbury - Hexthrope Yard 66724 Standish Jn 0808; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 37607/37611; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66509; 0f80 Exeter Riverside Yard - Gloucester New Yard 66848; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66080

11/11 6m77 Cwmbargoed - Earles Sdgs 66165 Standish Jn 0315; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66509; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60040; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 37605/37609; 6m11 Margam - Round Oak 60001 Gcr 0439

12/11 6m74 Newport Docks - Beeston 66012 Gcr 0117; 6v01 Lindsey - Cardiff Docks 66718 Gcr 0227; 6m96 Margam - Corby 66107 Gcr 0857; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305 Gcr 1048; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66512; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 37607/37611; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66161

14/11 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66304 Gcr 1200; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 37218/37611; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66585; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66111; 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66722

15/11 3s59 Barton Hill - Barton Hill 66106/66135 Gcr 0730-0813; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60100 Gcr 1050; 6y85 Chaddesden Sdgs - Lostwithel 56103/56303 Haresfield Loop 1647-1652; 6e89 Portbury - Peterborough Vq 66722; 0f75 Gloucester New Yard - Westbury Yard 66848

16/11 Gloucester: 1044 6w15 Cardiff East - Mountsorrel 66050; 1224-1236 6032 Margam - Dollands Moor 66116; 1443 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66304; 1446 0m80 Stoke Gifford - Basford Hall 66526-66603-66585; 1503 6z60 Newport Ad Jn - Bescot Downside 66037; 1720 6e47 Margam - Middlesbrough Dawsons 60024; 1830 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool 66193; 1832 3s59 Barton Hill - Barton Hill 66106/66135; 2018 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66304; 2111 6v82 Tunstead - Westbury Lafarge 66617; 1955 6e11 Cardiff Dock - Lindsey 66718; 2027 0z74 Landore Tmd - St Phillips Marsh 43189-43005

17/11 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66432 Gcr 1212; 6v70 Lindsey - Colnbrook 60015 Standish Jn 0107

Westbury

19/10 At 1100, the following locos were found in the station and yard areas; 08799, 59004, 59202, 66014, 66023, 66047, 66059, 66076, 66087, 66089, 70802, 70807, 70809.

Later, 66106 + 66135 top n' tailing the 3S59 Barton Hill RHTT reversed at Westbury departing at 1815, having arrived two minutes earlier. The train had earlier been reported in Temple Meads at 1700.

20/10 66757 worked the 6M40 Stud Farm (Cliffe Hill) ballast service doing a repeat performance over the following day.

27/10 60001 was unusually employed on the 6C54 Banbury, Oxford Road stone service.

70808 + 70809 later arrived as a 0Z75 light loco move from Oxford Hinksey Yard having passed Swindon at 1329 and 66757 was again on the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast turn.

30/10 60001 was still active in the area working the 7035 stone empties to Fareham ARC sidings and the 7V16 1247 loaded return to Westbury Yard (1456). 66757 was still employed on the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast.

31/10 60001 was on the 6A18 Westbury - Appleford stone service. Earlier in the day, 59001, 59201 and 60001 were all recorded side by side in Whatley Quarry!

01/11 At 1440, the following were recorded in the area; Down yard - 08799, 59001, 59101, 59206, 66053, 66100. Up yard - 66057, 66139, 66006. Re-cycling siding - 70802, 70801, 70806. Up side 'stub' siding - 70809.

03/11 66746 was again on the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast, covering the same

duty during the following day.

04/11 70801 worked a 25 wagon 6C00 1247 Westbury - Exeter Riverside (1426) departmental, passing Cogload Junction (near Taunton) at 1500 (85 late).

07/11 Two Class 60s were active in the area; 60049 being used on the 6041 1014 Westbury - Eastleigh East Yard and 6V41 return (which departed at 1550) departmental and 60001 on the morning 7V82 Crawley - Merehead stone empties. The loco was later reported at the Colnbrook stone terminal during the evening.

08/11 The following were found in the station and yards area during the afternoon; 08799, 59101, 59201, 59202, 60049, 66053.

09/11 60001 was present at Merehead Quarry with the 7A91 2128 loaded stone departure to Acton.

10/11 66746 was still active on 6M40 Stud Farm (Cliffe Hill) ballast. Later, a 0C02 1232 Exeter (Riverside) - Westbury down yard light engine move formed with 70808 + 66847 + 66850 passed Taunton at 1242 (19 early) and arrived at its destination at 1333 (25 early). The locos had been used on engineering trains in Cornwall, between Probus and Truro over the weekend.

15/11 60049 failed whilst working the 7A16 Westbury - Acton loaded stone formed of 36 wagons. The rescue loco was 66148, which later hauled the Class 60 to Doncaster Belmont Yard as a 1753 light-engine move from Acton. Whether the reason for the failure was a faulty end marker light remained unclear, however the loco was reported in use with 60054 at Drax during the following day. Colas locos 70801, 70802 and 70808 were all reported at Westbury during the early afternoon.

17/11 A new week and another of the recently delivered GBRf Class 66 locos, in the shape of 66759 on the 6M40 Westbury - Stud Farm (Cliffe Hill) ballast, being reported passing Swindon Highworth junction at 1254.

18/11 66850 + 70806 ran 0Z66 1119 Westbury Down yard - Eastleigh Arlington. What was assumed to be a driver training 0906 Westbury - Westbury light loco working via Southampton Central and Chandler's Ford was cancelled.

Newport

22/10 A 1Q05 2214 Newport ADJ - Bristol TM track inspection coach working top n' tailed by 37607 + 37611 was reported suffering problems with a fuel pump problem on the former loco, a visit over the Machen branch taking 5 instead of 1 hour to complete!

The trains booked section over the Marches route to and from Abergavenny was then cancelled as a result to recover some of the lost time.

25/10 Running to a revised schedule due to engineering work in the Severn Tunnel, 66106 + 66135 top n' tailing the overnight return 3S59 Barton Hill - St. Phillips Marsh RHTT passed Newport at 1655 heading for Bristol.

28/10 The 6V22 New Cummock - Aberthaw PS coal service failed at Craven Arms, 60059 being the rescue loco taking the train on to East Usk Yard, having been removed from the 6M86 Margam - Dee Marsh steel service. There were a number of delays as a result of the train's failure the 6V51 0305 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carriers headed by 66092, which departed Shrewsbury at 0421 (3 late), later passed Dorrington at 0748 (191 late)! Another service, the 4V59 0129 Crewe Basford Hall - Portbury Coal empties which passed Patchway at 1248 (471 late), was diverted to Parkway

and terminated.

31/10 Colas 60021, 'on hire' to DBS worked a 6H35 Margam - Birdport steel service being noted arriving in East Usk Yard at 0955 and still awaiting the arrival of the shunter at 1040 to attach the brake van to the front of the train for the move down the Uskmouth branch.

01/11 66106 + 66135 arrived Newport at 0909 and departed at 0936 with the 3S59 Barton Hill - Barton Hill overnight RHTT. Later, 60021 passed the station at 1745 running light from Llanwern Exchange sidings - Cardiff Canton having brought in the 6V62 steel service from Tilbury (Riverside).

05/11 Two freight trains passed East Usk at 1138; 60059 - 6M86 Margam - Dee Marsh (via Llanwern) steel and 66304 - 4V38 Daventry - Wentloog TESCO containers were the trains involved. Earlier, 66741 had been noted passing Caldicot at 1024 running light from Cardiff Tidal sidings - Ham Halls.

07/11 A 6V54 Chirk Kronospan - Baglan Bay empty log service was noted in Newport at 0822, with 56113 being the 'unconfirmed' hauling power.

10/11 66956 + 66952 + 66536 with three empty coal wagons passed East Usk at 1135 (23 late), having departed Stoke Gifford at 1050 (30 late) for Crewe Basford Hall Yard (1411). A correspondent reported seven Class 60s active in South Wales during the day, the highest number counted for many years. The day's record was as follows;

60001 - 0X12 1932 (Sun) Eastleigh - Margam (via Bristol and Gloucester) light loco move with 66107 + 66111 + 66116 + 66165 being reported as arriving East Usk at 2245 (125 early) and Margam at 0645 (206 late). The loco was then allocated 0H48; 60024 - 6M94 Margam - Corby and 6V92 return steel services; 60039 - 6V94 Lindsey Oil Refinery - Aberthaw PS and 6E94 return fuel oil tanks; 60044 - 6H23 / 6H27 Margam - Llanwern steel slab and 6H24 / 6H28 return empties; 60059 - 6M76 Margam - Dee Marsh steel coil and 6V75 return, then 6B07 Margam - Robeston; 60079 - 6M81 Margam - Round Oak steel coil and 6V07 return; 60100 - 6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh loaded fuel tanks and 6B47 return empties.

14/11 60021 + 56113 headed the 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Baglan Bay log empties, the locos later returning light to Cardiff Canton, where the Class 56 was revived and later able to run light to Exeter (also see Bristol Parkway, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh notes & news).

15/11 66592 + 70014 were recorded on the 4059 1057 (SO) Wentloog - Southampton Maritime (1556) container service, passing the station at 1214 (66 late). Later, for the Wales v Fiji Rugby International, Arriva Trains operated a 1V95 0822 Holyhead - Cardiff Central (1314) 'relief' headed by WSMR silver 67013 which called at 1256 (1 early) and departed at 1258 (1 early).

16/11 The 6E47 1239 Margam - Middlesbrough Dawsons freight service was top n' tailed when recorded passing Magor at 1432 with 60024 + 66087 prior to a reverse at Severn Tunnel Junction. Engineering work meant the reverse move was needed to access Llanwern Exchange sidings from the east, the Class 60 later working the train onward solo via Chepstow, passing at 1646 (5 late) and Gloucester as booked

Cardiff

28/10 08401, 66713 and industrial DH50-2 were viewed in the weighbridge area at the Celsa Steel Works.

Avon Valley Railway

A second Class 31 loco, 31101 in BR blue livery has arrived from the Battlefield Line, to join 31130.

East Somerset Railway

26/10 Following a 99 week overhaul programme, Ivatt Mogul 46447 was returned to service after a ceremony working the 1030 departure to Mendip Vale, having last been last steamed in 1966. Representatives from the Isle of Wight Steam Railway who had carried out restoration work on the ex. Woodham Bros, Barry scrap yard loco, were also present at the event, this being the locos last home prior to the move to Cranmore for the completion of its restoration.

Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway, Toddington

29/10 Ex. GWR 4270 returned by road low loader during the early afternoon from the Avon Valley Railway's 'End of Season Gala Event'.

Old Oak Common Depot

R. Perry

21/10 A maroon livery Warship Class loco was viewed from a passing train outside one of the sheds, this being later identified as D821 Greyhound.

West Somerset Railway

29/10 Ex S&DR 53808 (88) arrived at Minehead Station with the 'Exmoor Flag Express' during the day, displaying a new flag produced from a competition to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the nearby National Park. The 260 entries were whittled down to five, by a panel of judges which included local wildlife expert Johnny Kingdom. The winning design, which received 900 votes (49%), was by Jenny Stevens who lives in London, but has been a regular visitor to this area of Devon since an early age. The four runners up were all presented with a supply of Exmoor Ale!!

MISCELLANEOUS

Bristol Area News

The Eastside Roots Community Garden which occupied the mainline track bed at Stapledon Road Station, was closed during September to make way for the £33 million reinstatement work of the two 1984 removed tracks over Filton Bank due to start in December. The remaining stock and produce was sold at a reduced price with any unsold goods given away free of charge. Pathfinder Tour's 'Mendip Mariner' from Eastleigh on Saturday 19th January 2015 will visit track in Avonmouth Dock (following the refusal of permission to cover track at both Eggborough and Ferrybridge Power Stations due to a recent trespass and track blocking, incident by an environmental demonstration delaying a coal service at a power station, believed to be Cottam, using a polar bear!), becoming the first passenger train to visit this location since the final boat train operated in August 1964. The tour, which will also cover the Henbury Loop and visit Severn Beach, returns via Clifton Down to Westbury, where the Whatley Quarry branch will also be covered. Motive power for the trip will be a DBS Class 66 with a Class 59 assisting from the rear in a top n' tail formation outward from Westbury. Provisionally, a Colas Class 70 may feature for the

Whatley line should there be a loco available on the day at Westbury.

High Speed Moves

Property experts suggests area house prices in an area stretching from Monmouth to Shepton Mallet (including Bristol, Bath and Weston-super-Mare) could increase by around 10% on completion of the Great Western Mainline electrification project in 2017. With an average season ticket price between Bristol and London now costing £10,732, commuters could be attracted with relocation to the Bristol area where a property in Cotham could cost £625,000 against £1 million or over for a similar location development in Balham or Earlsfield, in the Capital. The travel time between the two locations will be reduced from 100 to 78 minutes and it is believed rail commuters will not mind traveling up to 40 minutes by car or other public transport to their nearest railway station to board a train.

Electrification Is Coming - 5!

Not only is it the permanent way, including bridges, tunnels and trackside vegetation which is or will be receiving attention, other structures will be affected as at Hambrook east of Parkway Station and close to the M4 motorway. Here, Western Power Distribution is set to remove eight pylons and replace them with 4 terminal towers, with two 132kv power lines being moved underground passing under the M4 motorway as opposed to crossing the railway, prior to the installation of overhead wires in this area.

On the other side of the world in Japan, Hitachi unveiled part of the first new IEP unit during November which will be used over the Great Western mainline at a ceremony outside the manufacturing plant located in the south of the country. 900 carriages are to be built between 2015 and 2017 as part of the project the first set being expected to arrive in Britain during March 2015.

Testing could take place on the West or East Coast mainlines after delivery, prior to use on the Great Western mainline where the new passenger service will be introduced in 2017.

The 'Orange Army' Honoured

The engineers who worked on repairing the washed away railway and seawall at Dawlish, Devon in February this year, have been awarded the Brunel Medal an 'Oscar' in the engineering business, by the Institution of Civil Engineers. The award which takes the name of the master engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, whose line that he constructed in 1846 was rebuilt, recognizes outstanding teamwork, organization and working practices within the industry. The reinstatement of the 4.5 miles of mainline between Exeter and Newton Abbot was completed, before the Easter holiday period - two weeks ahead of schedule.

Newton Abbot - Correction - November Magazine;

The 'Santa Special', First/GW DMU return trips over the freight-only Heathfield Branch line on 21st December, will commence running at 0945 and then on the hour until 1555. The final working will be an enthusiast special. Sales and refreshment stands will be present on Newton Abbot Station during the day supporting the event.

West Wales Fuel Closure

04/11 Despite a planned, but failed rescue by the Swiss group Klesch,

the oil terminal, which has been for sale for the past four years at Robeston will now be part decommissioned and used for storage and distribution only, sadly with a workforce reduction from 400 to only 60. The site will however still import and load rail services as only the refinery side is to close. The Suez crisis of the 1950s saw the construction of a deep water port at Milford Haven purely to deal with crude oil imports and from 1960 - 1973, US companies ESSO, Texaco, Gulf and Amoco all set up plants in the area with BP opening a facility in Llandarcy near Swansea. Rail has played a major part in distribution from the area over the years, nowadays however, Robeston is the only rail served location currently in use having survived the cut backs and closures.

New Year - New Track!

04/01/15 The 1C05 0800 Paddington - Penzance (1416) First/GW HST service is reported to be the first train 'booked' to cross the new fly-over at Reading Station which forms part of the upgrade and rebuilding programme here.

Franchise News

The Dutch rail operator Abellio is to take over the running of Scot Rail (as reported in the November Magazine) from First Group in April 2015. The company is reported to receiving 27 HST sets, following electrification of the Great Western Mainline, from First/GW.

First/GW HST 1ST - 2nd Conversion 'In Service Report'

42570 (21/10), 42568 (17/11).

Correction; 42559 should be deleted from the list printed in the September Magazine.

Coaching Stock - Updates

Some previously unreported train formations have been identified as;

October Magazine:

13/09 'Cathedrals Express', with 47237 / steam 70013 Oliver Cromwell - 5171, 9104, 13440, 5237, 5249, 5236, 1666, 99350, 99371, 99121 with 14099 (loco support).

14/09 'Torbay Express', with steam 4464 Bittern - 35451 (loco support), 4949, 4998, 4946, 1813, 3122, 3112, 3147, 1671, 3100, 3098.

November Magazine:

02/10 56301 - 5Z34 Barton Hill - Wembley Chiltern Trains stock move - 12625.

19/10 31105 - Derby RTC test train - 6264, 977983, 9703.

Terminal Change

105 rail served freight sites changed ownership from September 1st. Network Rail will oversee the facilities previously in the ownership of DBS (87), Freightliner (15) and GBRf (3), thus opening up further rail freight growth which currently contributes £900 million to the economy, to other operators. The locations had been passed on to the 'private' freight sector from 1995 following the privatization of BR, but contracts had been exchanged in March 2014 towards the process of bringing them back under Government and NR control.

DBS Shunters - Reprieved!

The company's serviceable Class 08/09 loco fleet had reached seven by the end of October, having been down to only two, 08623 and 09106 which had both been stored, the latter only very briefly, by the end of the summer. A reinstatement in September was 08703, with 08623, 08752, 08879 and 08904 following. 08799 returned to service at Westbury during October. Whether, like the company's Class 60s, major 'life extension' overhauls will be carried out on these locos remains to be seen.

DB - Stickered

Further locos reported to have lost their EWS identity have included; 66081, 66112, 66176.

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

19/10 Westbury - 77901.
25/10 Westbury - 73905.
01/11 Lawrence Hill (Bristol) - crane 78219 passing at 2016 as part of 6W01 1853 Westbury - Severn Tunnel West departmental.
05/11 East Usk - 77901 passing at 1128 working 1117 Maindee - Westbury.
07/11 Westbury - 77901.
09/11 Avonmouth (near St.Andrews Junction signal box) - TXM r/r 6822 (940702-2), 6926 (940702-2), trailers; RT201 (010203-6), RT249 (010207-7).
18/11 Yate - 79261 + 79271 (rail grinder) passing at 1129 working 6U01 Westbury - York Holgate.

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 488 (continued)

EASTER KENT

18th to 21st April 2014

Notes: All items are gauge 4ft 8.5" unless stated.

* = assumed; dsm = dismantled; ur = under repair / restoration

As some people could only make parts of the trip, many sightings can be considered "not seen by all" but are not individually marked as such.

DAY 3 of 4 - Sunday 20th April

Maidstone East Station.

EMU: 375701 Kent Air Ambulance Explorer/907.

The Bredgar & Wormshill Light Railway, Bredgar (visit).

Gauge 750mm: Steam: No 105 SIAM - Hen 29582/56.

Gauge 2ft: Steam:

No. 7 VICTORY - Dec 246/1897^, (No. 1) LADY JOAN - HE 1429/22,

10 ZAMBEZI - JF 13573/12, 9 LIMPOPO - JF 18800/30^,

2 KATIE - Jung 3872/31, 6 EIGIAU - OK 5668/13, 8 HELGA - OK 12722/36,

1 BRONHILDE - Schw 9124/27, 4 ARMISTICE - WB 2088/19.

Diesel: NG 50 - AB 719/87 reb HAB/96 ex p336, NG 53 - AB 764/88 reb HAB/96 ex p336, NG 54 - AB 765/88 reb HAB/95 ex p336^, 5 BREDGAR - BD 3775/83,

11 WORMSHILL (OLD HAIRY) - HC DM1366/65 reb STRPS/97 reb Bredgar/2009,
12 BICKNOR - MR 9689/53.
Carriages: 1, 4, 5, 6^, 7^.
Wagons: 2 (skip), 2 (box van), 3, 4, 6 (skip), 6 (4 plank open), 7, 8, 10,
13, 37, unnumbered 4 plank open "CROWN BALLAST".
Crane: 4wl hand crane - unknown builder c1890 reb Bredgar/c2000.
Gauge 1ft 3": Steam: JACK - LemonB/c56.

Miniature Locos:

Gauge 7.5": NG104 ZULU - 4-4-0 = B.Allen/1900,
6110 GRENADIER GUARDSMAN - 4-6-0 = Hargreaves/c1980,
DHOLPUR - 2-8-4PT = D.English/1980.
Gauge 10.25": 2 J.B. EARLE - 2-6-4T = D.Blackhurst/1979,
6109 Royal Engineer - 4-6-0 = Howard & Salt/1976,
2003 Princess - 4-6-2 = Motor Gear/1947, re-gauged from 9.5" gauge.

^ = working

With Thanks to Bill Best for organising and hosting our visit, including
an early departure behind VICTORY for the members to enjoy.

Note: EL records the build year of OK 5668 as 1912 but the plate carried
says 1913. NG 50, 53 and 54 are 600mm gauge.

The Elham Valley Museum, Peene Yard, Peene (visit).

Replica non-working steam loco: (32521) - EVM.

Wagon: 4wl Gangers trolley.

Gauge 900mm: Diesel: RR10 - HE 9283/88 ex p110, TU 20 56404 - builder tbc
possibly a Moes ex p110.

Manrider: RU013 - Schoma 5079/90.

Gauge 4ft 10": CHARLIE CHAPLIN - an original 1890 built car from Leas
Cliff Railway that was previously displayed at Grand Hotel, Folkestone.

Miniature Locos:

Gauge 7.5": 5631 Santa Fe - 6w-6wPH = {?????} Ex-Summerfields Miniature
Railway, Haynes, Bedfordshire.

DB Liveried AC Loco - 6w-6BE {?????} Ex-Summerfields Miniature Railway,
Haynes, Bedfordshire.

7 Pen-y-Bryn - 2-4-0T = built by a blacksmith in Sandwich c1954.

Miniature Carriages: Gauge 7.5": At least 3 ride on coaches were present.

World Naval Base, The Historic dockyard, Chatham (visit).

Steam: (No. 8 INVICTA) - AB 2220/46 dsm ur, SYDENHAM - AP 3567/1895,
HL 2918/12, P 1903/36^, YARD No. 361 AJAX - RSHN 7042/41.

Diesel: WD42 OVERLORD - AB 357/41, YARD No. 562 ROCHESTER CASTLE - FH
3738/55^, (R39 THALIA) - RSHN 7816 DC 2503/54.

Carriage: Ex-Sudan, but built by MetCam in 1885: KITCHENER COACH.

Wagons: GNR: (173).

GWR: (608).

LBSCR: unnumbered 4wl van^.

LNER: (164690)*.

LNWR: 510 (LNWR number unknown)^.

MSLR: 22081.

PO: NS01, NS02, 140^, 566^, 8324^.

SNSO: 611 ex Mangapps Farm.

Origin unknown: Un-numbered 4wl flat.

Cranes: Steam: (17? Grafton 2547/40), 482 (Grafton 2528/38), 558 (Grafton 2641/41), (582 Grafton 2675/43)*.
Gauge 600mm: Diesel: REMU02 (LOD 758148) - RH 226276/44.
Wagons: Rocker Shovel EIMCO 12B, un-numbered skip frame.
Unknown narrow gauge: Wagons: 4wl flat, 4 wl flat, 4 wl flat.
Unknown wide Gauge(s) (11ft?): Cranes: Electric: 498 - Arrol 2695/29, Yard No. 590 - S&P/44, 743 - S&P/44, Yard No 4412 - S&P.

^ = working

SWANLEY NEW BARN RAILWAY (visit).

Gauge 7.5": Locos: 4468 Mallard - 4-6-2 = Mardyke/2000.
(414) Montezuma - 2-8-0 = J.Stubbs/1994.
(Mrs. Darling) - 2-4-0 = F/o P.Jackson/Under Construction.
Owd Rosie - 2-6-2T = J.Stubbs/1992.
Prince Sheian - 2-4-0 = P.Jackson/2010.
3 Romulus - 0-4-0T+T = P.Beale/1988.
(1) Sir Goss - 2-4-0 = J.Goss/1981.
Siusaidh - 2-4-4T = P.Beevers/2008.
(1) Lady Sara/Furbero - 0-4-0T+T = J.Drury/1984.
D7612 Steptoe - 4w-4wPH = E.Ward/1988.
(D7076) - 4w-4wDH = Mardyke/1989.
(47609) - 6w-6wDH = Mardyke/2014.
(47845) County of Kent - 6w-6wDH = Mardyke/1992.
D1000 Western Enterprise - 6w-6wDH = Mardyke/2012.
D9015 Tulyar - 6w-6wDH = Mardyke/1987.
(HS4000 Kestrel) - 6w-6wDH = Mardyke/1999 (Chassis/Frame only).
HS4000 Kestrel - 6w-6wDH = Mardyke/2014 (New build chassis/frame with the 1999 built body on it).
CC40101 (The Frenchman) - 6w-6wDH = Mardyke/1987.
Frank (formerly Red Rum) - 4w-4BE = Pfeifferbahn/1986.
Nipa - 4wDH = P.Jackson & N.Dove/2012.
Skipper -4wDH = P.Beevers/2011.
Tegan - 4wDH = J.Deans/2000.
Yellow Peril - 2w-2BE = E.Ward/1998.
Also noted was one bogie set which is the start of a DH DMU vehicle.
Coaches: 10, 11, 17, 19, 20, 21.
Wagon: S271001.

Some of the party had a ride behind Tegan.

With Thanks to Peter Jackson for organising and hosting our visit.

Singlewell Depot (view).

OTM: 73916, (97)001, 97011/012 Geoff Bell/013/014.
International OTM: 99819 123002-3, 99819 225001-2.
Wagons: GERS: 93352/355*/359*/365/377/420/464.
Passing: Eurostar: 3011/12.

DAY 4 of 4 - Monday 21 April 2014.

Contracted Lands Ltd, Maidstone (visit).

Road/Rail: DK02ORX - Landrover SALLDKA871A609746/2002,
976031-3 BD03LVH - Harsco/Landrover SALLDKH573A656671/2003.

Trailer: 071001-1 - Indepension Ltd F 35146 062923.

4 w1 Trailers: FLO 36403, FLO 36918.

Note: K678KHK was written off in a fire and T216UGE was sold to Ireland.
With Thanks to David Conroy for organising and hosting our visit.

Maidstone East Station.

EMU: 375821.

Southend Pier (visit).

Gauge 3ft: Diesel: Alpha A SIR JOHN BETJEMAN - SL SE4/86 in service with
carriages A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6.

Bravo B SIR WILLIAM HEYGATE - SL SE4/86 in service with carriages B1, B2,
B3, B4, B5, B6.

Battery: 1835 - unknown builder/96 stabled at sea end of pier.

The party enjoyed rides with SIR JOHN BETJEMAN and SIR WILLIAM HEYGATE.

Southend Cliff Lift (view).

Gauge 4ft 6": Counterweighted Funicular: Un-numbered car - Waygood &
Company built 1912 reb 1930, 1959, 1990 & 2009/10.

Note: The counterweight runs on 1ft 9" gauge track.

Additional info from: <http://www.hows.org.uk/personal/rail/south.htm>

Lynn Tait Gallery, Leigh-on-Sea (visit).

Gauge 3ft 6": Tram: 21 - ACCars/49.

Located inside the shop.

Barleylands Miniature Railway (visit).

Gauge 7.5": Locos: 6100 Royal Scot - 4-6-0 = {?????}/1985.

70000 Britannia - 4-6-2 = J.Clarke/1981.

92203 Black Prince - 2-10-0 = J.Clarke/1981.

Gowrie - 0-6-4T = H.Dyson/1990.

Maid of Benfleet - 4-4-2T = J.Clarke/1970.

Vulcan - 2-6-0 = J.Clarke/1972.

Dereck - 0-4-0PH = Roanoke/2006.

With Thanks to Dave for hosting our visit.

The party had a ride behind Dereck.

Pitsea Station (view from minibus).

Road/Rail: SRS:

C9SRS 919014-9 - Volvo FL6 18 Tonne LRB 8-21 with Access Platform,

G128SJO 912027-8 - Volvo FL6 18 Tonne LRB 7-2 with Access Platform.

Wat Tyler Country Park Railway (visit).

Gauge 10.25": THE GOYLE (31327) - 4w-4PM = Ford/???? in service with
several carriages.

Quince Tree House, Stockendon (visit).

Carriage: GE: 394 (767) b/o.

Note: The number 394 was found stamped in the wood.

With Thanks to the owner for hosting our visit and providing information.

Audley End Railway (visit).

Wagon: UID 12t van b/o visible from the train near Gamages Summit.

Gauge 10.25": Locos.

489 SARA LUCY - 2-8-2 = D.Curwen/1977.

3548 LORD BRAYBROOKE - 2-6-2 = D.Curwen/1948.

4433 - 4-4-2 = D.Curwen & A.Newbery/1965.

BARBARA CURWEN - 2-4-2ST+T = D.Curwen/1997.

682 DORIS - 0-6-0PM = D.Curwen/1982 in service.

691 HENRIETTA JANE - 0-4-0+0-4-0DH = A.Crowhurst/1991.

Coaches: Articulated: 1 & 2 & 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10 & 11 & 12, 13 & 14 & 15 & 16. All in service.

Enclosed Bogie Carriages: 1, un-numbered invalid saloon.

Wagons: All un-numbered: bogie open, bogie flat, 4wl skip wagon.

The party had a ride behind 489 Sara Lucy.

With Thanks to Nick Emberson for organising and hosting our visit.

Saffron Walden & District Society of Model Engineers, within the Grounds of Audley End Railway (visit).

Gauge 7.5": Locos:

0-4-0ST - Station Road Steam/?????

Bridget - 0-4-2T = K.Swains & Meridian School/c1973.

Doris - 4wPH = J.Dickinson/2008.

Elektra - SWDSME c2004/5.

4wP - {?????}.

Wagon: 674701-3 bogie open type.

Gauge 5": Locos:

Southern 670 - 0-4-2T = {?????}.

4245 Home Guard - 2-6-0 = {?????}.

11200 - 4wDM = {?????}.

With Thanks to the Chairman for hosting our visit.

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