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Front Cover Photo March 2015 Issue 517:

Northern Chief waits to take over a Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway service at New Romney on 18/04/14.

[Chris Weeks]

FUTURE EVENTS

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: Various locations (many in and around Northern Ireland), plus any Bord Na Mona and other preserved/industrial locations in Southern Ireland that can be fitted in the duration of the trip.

Permits to be applied for: All

Book By Date = 7th February 2015

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 plus grounded coach bodies at St. Germans Station and others within the surrounding areas.

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

Trip 503

CUMBRIA WEEKEND

Saturday-Sunday 18-19/07/15

A two day trip visiting Cumbria including the DRS Open Day at Carlisle

Proposed Trip Fare = £110.00 Reduced Fare for Society Members = £90.00

NOTE: All prices are still to be confirmed. Participants will be required to pay for their own accommodation which will be additional and separate from the Trip Fare

Proposed Departure Time from Bristol area = approx. 0400 am

Proposed Return Time to Bristol area = approx. 2100 pm

Proposed Itinerary: DRS, Carlisle; Stobart Rail, Carlisle; Story Rail, Carlisle; Workington Heritage Transport Trust, Carlisle; Ayle Colliery Co Ltd, Alston; F.G.Shepherd, Alston; South Tynedale RPS, Alston; Prince of Wales Dock, Workington; Egremont Mining Co, Egremont; Buttermere & Westmorland Green Slate Co, Borrowdale; Blennerhasset Watermill, Aspatria; Eden Valley Railway Trust, Warcop; The Eskdale Trust, Ravenglass; Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway, Ravenglass; Haig Colliery Mining Museum, Whitehaven; Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway, Haverthwaite; Natural England, Wigton; H.Potts, Appleby; Heritage Centre, Appleby; Stainmore Railway Company, Kirkby Stephen; William Sinclair Horticulture, Hethersgill; Threlkeld Quarry & Mining Museum, Keswick; Little Hoddy Railway, New Millom; Pot Place Garden Centre Railway, Penrith; Safari Railway, Dalton-in-Furness; Miniature Railway, Silloth; Braystones; Outhgill; Fornside;

Book By Date = 6th June 2015

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: To Be Advised

Trip 504

CHESHIRE & NORTH DERBYSHIRE MINIATURES

Saturday 15/08/15

Proposed Trip Fare = £38.00 Reduced Fare for Society Members = £35.00

NOTE: all prices are still to be confirmed

Departure Time from Bristol area = approx. 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol area = approx. 2100 pm

Proposed Itinerary: All-in-One Miniature Railway, Knutsford; High Legh Railway, Halliwell's Brow; Brookside Miniature Railway, Poynton; Manor Park Miniature Railway, Glossop; Pavilion Gardens Miniature Railway, Buxton; Queens Park Miniature Railway, Chesterfield; Hall Leys Miniature Railway, Matlock;

Book By Date = 25th July 2015

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: To Be Advised

Trip 505

STATFOLD BARN & FOXFIELD

Saturday 12/09/15

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

NOTE: all prices are still to be confirmed

Departure Time from Bristol area = approx. 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol area = approx. 2100 pm

Proposed Itinerary: L.H.Group Services Ltd, Barton-under-Needwood;
Statfold Barn Railway, Tamworth; Foxfield Railway, Blythe Bridge; Lawrence
Hodgkinson, Little Haywood;

Book By Date = 22nd August 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.

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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Nostalgia Road Publications

Crecy Publishing Ltd, Unit 1a Ringway Trading Estate, Shadowmoss Road, Manchester M22 5LH

London Rail 2015

A guide to TfL's depots and stabling points by Paul Jordan & Paul Smith
£7.95 plus 'shipping' (i.e. postage) £3.99 ISBN: 9781908347350
Paperback, 210 x 148mm, 112 pages; more than 200 photos and illustrations
Includes a description and photograph of each facility, location map, addresses with postcode, directions from the nearest station, nearest bus routes, NG and OS co-ordinates and stock lists.

Platform 5 Publishing Ltd

52 Broadfield Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire S8 0XJ
Tel: 0114 255 8000 - 24hr order line

British Railways Locomotives & Coaching Stock 2015

£19.95, post free until 30 April, thereafter add £1.99
Now in its 31st year, this 'combined volume' features the rolling stock of Britain's mainline railway operators and light rail systems. Includes owner and operator information, livery details, 64 pages of colour illustrations, list of depots and workshops etc. 384 pages, hardback.

Videoscene

Mail order to: 'Freeport Videoscene' - no stamp or postcode required!
or from The Blackpool Tram Shop, Front North Pier, Blackpool FY1 INE
Tel. 01253 738336 Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm);
Website www.videoscene.co.uk

UK Light Rail and Tram Museum Guide 2015

£9.95 incl. p&p Published 3 April

A pocket-size hardback book (A6) with 128 pages detailing eight light rail and tramway systems and for the first time including Docklands Light Railway and Tyne & Wear Metro. Features the six modern light rail systems along with five traditional tram systems and eight museum tram lines. Route maps, operational dates and times, histories and fleet lists.

London Underground Guide 2015

£9.95 incl. p&p Published 28 March

The second edition of this pocket-size hardback book (A6) with 128 pages describes all eleven lines of the LU network, with fleet lists and sections on works trains, preserved and museum stock.

NOTES & NEWS

Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh

19/01 56087 worked a 6Z71 1552 Oxford Hinksey Yard - Cardiff Canton (1923) train of two empty log wagons passing Parkway at 1854 (39 late). The wagons had earlier been moved to Oxford from Eastleigh by the same loco and were destined for use on the Baglan Bay (or Exeter) log service to cover for the trapped ones at Teigngrace due to flooding.

20/01 Already late running due to loading problems at Avonmouth (see Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line notes & news section), 66063 working the 6B70 loaded coal service to Aberthaw PS failed in the Severn Tunnel, being later reported passing Severn Tunnel Junction at 1230 (207 late) and East Usk at 1255 (219 late) with assisting loco 66080 at the front. The second loco had been taken off a Cardiff Tidal steel service in the area to help the train forward.

23/01 The NRMT HST set was back in the area working 1Q20 Old Oak Common - Derby RTC (via Swansea) the outward passing Parkway at 0742 (2 early) and the return Patchway 1152 (1 late). Over at Westerleigh, the 6V98 loaded fuel tanks headed by 60062 were terminated at Landor Street, Birmingham and returned to Lindsey. Late running may have been the reason for the turn around.

30/01 A further Windhoff electrification MPV train appearance in the area (although stock numbers were not reported) saw a 6H04 1000 Swindon Transfer Yard - Swindon Transfer Yard (1348) move pass Westerleigh Junction at 1119 (10 early) and depart Parkway up loop at 1142 (2 early) on the return working.

31/01 66031 + 66100 formed the Saturdays Only 0012 Margam - Eastleigh light loco move which was reported passing Bath at 1316 (43 early).

01/02 59004 + 59102 following attention formed a 0F59 1714 Cardiff Canton Pullman - Westbury (1925) light loco move passing Pilning at 1805 (1 late).

02/02 A 0V75 1515 Bescot Up engineers - Westbury (2048) light loco move formed with 70801 + 70809 arrived Parkway at 1921, departed at 1927 (-)

and passed Bath at 1954 (20 early). Another Class 70 light move was also reported during the day when 70803 ran 0Z30 Gloucester New Yard - Westbury having earlier brought in 4C30 coal empties from Aberthaw PS.

04/02 66729 returned stone empties passing Parkway at 1640 (22 early) as 6B11 1220 Colnbrook La Farge - Pengam Reception sidings (1744).

06/02 For the Wales v England Rugby 6 Nations International, two additional top n' tailed loco hauled trains operated; 67005 + 66076 - 1Z82 1431 Victoria - Cardiff Central (1836) VSOE and 1Z84 2209 return to Victoria (0156), the outward being reported passing Parkway at 1743 (7 late) and 57305 + 57312 - 1Z43 1350 Paddington - Cardiff Central (1801) Northern Belle and 1Z45 2232 to Paddington (0142) return, the outward passing Swindon at 1549 (1 early) for the Kemble, Stroud Valley and Gloucester route. The return for both workings was via the Bristol area, the 1Z84 passing Patchway at 2300 (8 early) and the 1Z45 the same location at 2330 (16 late). Both of the train's ecs stabled at Cardiff Pengam sidings during the lay over period. It is interesting to note, since 1881 Wales have played England 125 times, England winning 57, Wales 56 and 12 draws. England increased their victories on the day winning the game 21 - 16! Another report for the day was GBRf 66719 passing Patchway at 1803 (48 early) and Llanwern West Junction 1940 (-) working 6V43 1156 Angerstein Wharf - Pengam stone empties.

07/02 66093 + 66015 + 66197 + 66068 + 66027 + 66065 + 66001 + 66126 passed Lawrence Hill at 1252 working 0X12 1025 Margam - Eastleigh light engines. A single Class 66 loco was reported to have continued onwards from Westbury following the formations arrival here at 1346.

08/02 At 1230, the following locos were reported as stabled in Stoke Gifford 'downside'; 66414, 66419, 66566, 66567, 70004, 70010 with 70006 active shunting coal wagons.

11/02 66724 passed Parkway at 1457 (16 early) working 6E82 1247 Moreton-on-Lugg - Whitemoor loaded JNA box wagons. A Windhoff electrification MPV was recorded here during the early afternoon, 99709-131023 being one of the vehicles in its formation.

14/02 66154 + 66200 + 66132 + 66053 + 66198 + 66148 + 66005 + 66100 passed Pilning at 1412 (53 late) and Lawrence Hill 1440 (62 late) as 0X12 1025 Margam - Westbury light locos. A planned move of wagons on the days working failed to take place. Three locos later continued onwards to Eastleigh.

15/02 66549 + 66415 + 66515 passed Pilning at 1551 (33 early) running as 0M07 Stoke Gifford - Crewe Basford Hall Yard light locos. At 1700, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66540, 66568, 70006, 70010, 70020, with 70011 stabled on empty coal wagons.

16/02 66756 passed Parkway at 1500 on a 6E82 Moreton-on-Lugg - Peterborough stone working.

18/02 Two Colas loco failures were recorded; 56087 working the 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace log empties was in trouble south of Woofferton and eventually failed, delaying several passenger workings. 66957 passed Severn Tunnel Junction at 0845 as a 1Z99 rescue loco from Stoke Gifford, the train eventually going forward unusually as a Freightliner / Colas combination being reported passing Leominster Station at 1122 (254 late), Pontrillas 1242 (301 late), Cwmbran 1312 (305 late), East Usk 1335 (315 late) and Filton Abbey Wood 1426 (324 late), the working then going on to Bristol East loop and terminated. 70806 later arrived light from Westbury to take the wagons forward as a 1503 move to Baglan Bay (1714) being reported passing Pilning at 1530 (2 late). The second failure involved 60085, which did not in fact reach the Bristol

area working the overnight 6L63 2125 (Fri) Margam - Tilbury steel service which failed at Pencoed having lost 102 minutes between Margam and Bridgend. 70809 was sent from Gloucester to Tremains and then to Pencoed to assist and move the train onwards to Llanwern. 70809 + 60085 then continued light onwards to Bristol East to collect 56087 left here earlier off the Chirk log train empties.

Locos recorded at Westerleigh on fuel tank duty have included; 60001/019/039/059.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

21/01 37218 + 37667 were paired on the 6V74 0312 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks being reported passing Worle Junction at 0615 and recorded departing Bridgwater at 1127 on the 6M63 return north.

22/01 70804 worked a 6C51 0913 Westbury - Goodrington CS rail vac working with machine 003-0 (KFA 7095150030), originally routed via Castle Cary, but in the end the move operated through Bristol being reported passing Bradford-on-Avon at 1001 (37 late), Bath 1017 (36 late) and Bridgwater 1128 (42 late). The return working was during the following day, a Castle Cary passing time of 1600 being reported.

23/01 57002 + 57008 were paired on late running 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks passing Gloucester Barnwood Junction at 0633 (101 late), Yatton 0739 and arriving Bridgwater at 0825, where the return departed at 1140. The reason for the late inward working remained unknown.

24/01 Two afternoon reports through the area were; 66144 + 66065 + 66199 + 66207 running as 0X12 1106 Margam LIP - Eastleigh light-engines being reported passing Lawrence Hill at 1338 (-) and arriving Westbury at 1415 (9 early) and 60054 working a diverted 6B33 1127 Theale - Margam empty fuel tanks being recorded passing Twerton (Bath) at 1339 (6 early) and Lawrence Hill 1353 (3 early). Later, 43012 + 43069 formed a 0Z70 1550 Temple Meads - Laira back to back power car move which passed Worle Junction at 1607 (1 late) and Taunton 1629 (6 early).

25/01 70805 was a morning light loco arrival at Barton Hill Depot as a 1006 move from Westbury being reported passing Bath at 1032 (15 early).

26/01 DRS Northern Belle livery 57312, the latest loco to be 'hired' by First/GW headed the 1A40 2115 (Sun) Penzance - Paddington (0508) sleeper service being reported passing Temple Meads at 0218 (21 early), Bath 0233 (18 early) and departing Swindon following a crew change at 0322 (-). The trains coaching stock formation was; 10534, 10601, 10590, 10616, 10612, 10225, 12161, 17175 (PZ89). 57603 was reported as working the balancing 1C99 2345 (Sun) Paddington - Penzance service. For the record, 57312 had arrived in Cornwall with the 1C99 service from Paddington (via Westbury) on 24th January.

27/01 31465 + Class 37 97302 top n' tailed a 1530 Derby RTC - Bristol TM High Level siding (2317) test train formed with dept c/stock; 6162, 62287, 977968. The working was noted passing Yate at 1836 (2 early), Lawrence Hill 1855 (2 early) and later Keynsham at 1913 (3 early) on a return trip to Swindon departing here at 2104 (47 early) and passing back through Keynsham at 2234 (32 early). A 0Z31 1100 Washwood Heath - Taunton (1503) light-engine move, the first of an on ward movement to collect the 'Polar Express' locos (33103 and 47701) from the Dartmoor Railway was cancelled reason unknown. This was the second attempt to operate this working!

28/01 Two freight double-heads were recorded; 37602 + 37259 paired on the 6V74 0312 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks which arrived at 0718 (13 early) and the 6M63 return and 56087 + 56078 together on a 12

wagon 6V54 0535 Crewe Kronospan - Teigngrace (1613) reported passing Pontrillas at 0741 (1 late), Bristol West Junction 0931 (10 late), Worle Junction 0948 (6 late), Bridgwater 1005 (6 late) and Tiverton Parkway 1030 (7 early). The working was on the day terminated at Exeter (Riverside), the Class 56s then going forward light to collect 8 now loaded wagons at Teigngrace which had been stranded due to flooding. With 5 wagons already at Exeter, 23 wagons were loaded for the following day's departure, this was assumed to be the reason why two locos were provided for the train on this date.

29/01 The loaded log service returned as 6M51 1231 Exeter (Riverside) New Yard - Chirk Kronospan (2247) with the two Class 56 locos being reported passing Taunton at 1327 (1 early) and Filton Abbey Wood 1517 (8 early). Other reports for the day were; DCR 31601 running as a 0V31 1100 Washwood Heath - Barton Hill (1419) light loco move being reported passing Cheltenham at 1250 (3 early) and Lawrence Hill 1348 (6 early), 66529 on a 4Z32 1238 St Phillips Marsh - Crewe Basford Hall (1855) via Yate, 6 sleeper wagon move which passed Lawrence Hill at 1308 (4 early), the loco having run 0Z32 1148 Stoke Gifford - St. Phillips Marsh (1217) light earlier and HST power cars 43162 + 43127 on a back to back 0Z86 1400 Laira - Landore (1937) working which passed Worle Junction at 1542 (42 early) and Patchway 1726 (6 late). Another HST movement of interest was the appearance of new the 'Building a Great Western' livery 43146 (with 43033 + OC31) which worked 5A02 0444 St. Phillips Marsh - Bristol TM ecs, 1A02 0529 Bristol TM - Paddington (0715), then 1G11 0736 Paddington - Cheltenham (0952) conveying the Transport Secretary, First/GW managers and press officials, believed to be viewing the Reading rebuilding work.

30/01 31601 worked a 5Z34 1013 Barton Hill - Wembley Lmd Chiltern Trains stock move with an unrecorded coach, although the return 5Z35 1600 return working to Barton Hill (2016) was cancelled.

31/01 Diversion reports during the afternoon period saw; 60063 pass Bath at 1348 (6 late) and Lawrence Hill 1412 (1 early) with the 6B33 1127 Theale - Margam (1649) empty fuel tanks formed of 24 wagons and 31601 working a 5Z35 1155 Wembley Lmd - Barton Hill (1739) Chiltern Trains 12614 coach move which departed Newbury at 1416 (39 early), passed Hawkrigde Junction (Westbury) at 1515 (34 early) and Bath 1541 (37 early). Later, the Class 31 continued onwards westward as 0Z31 1936 Barton Hill - Taunton (2033) forming the first stage of the third attempt to collect the 'Polar Express' locos, 33103 + 47701 from the Dartmoor Railway. The loco passed Worle Junction at 1703 (182 early!).

01/02 It was another weekend of Arriva XC diversions via Westbury and Castle Cary with the closure of the Bristol - Taunton mainline, with road buses in use between the intermediate stations. A report was 43301 + 43303 on the 1V48 0810 Leeds - Plymouth (1452) via a reverse in Temple Meads which departed at 1205 (-) and passed Bath at 1215 (1 late), the arrival time in Taunton being at 1308 (6 early) and departure at 1325 (1 late).

02/02 70803 returned coal empties to Gloucester New Yard (1153) as 4C30 0908 from Aberthaw PS being reported passing Pilning at 1108 (-) and Yate 1125 (2 early).

03/02 31601 + 33103 + 47701 having stabled overnight at Taunton continued onwards as a 0Z47 0700 move to Burton Wetmore Sidings (1353) passing Bridgwater at 0711 (31 early), Worle Junction 0736 (43 early) and Yate 0825 (60 early).

04/02 37218 + 37604 worked the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flasks being reported as departing at 1143 and passing Parkway at 1313.

08/02 An engineering train report was; 70807 - 6C23 0800 Bridgwater South - Westbury Yard (0928) which was recorded passing Bridgwater at 0718

(42 early) and Bath 0833 (20 early).

09/02 With the mainline closed at Harbury due to a landslide, two departmental services were diverted. The Colas 6M50 Westbury - Bescot (via Oxford Hinksey Yard) via Evesham and the GBRf 6M25 0914 Westbury Up yard - Cliff Hill Stud Farm (1601) via Bristol. The latter was hauled by 66711 and recorded passing Lawrence Hill at 1013 (2 early), Parkway 1022 (1 early) and arriving Charfield Loop at 1044 (2 late) and departing at 1115 (22 late) formed with empty IOA ballast wagons. The balancing inward loaded working was also routed via Bristol as 6V14 (2233 Sun) Cliff Hill Stud Farm - Westbury up yard (0403). The Leamington Spa - Banbury line may well remain closed to Easter due to the incident, the land slip still being reported as moving on this date!

10/02 66738 worked the diverted 6M25 Westbury Up yard - Stud Farm ballast empties passing Parkway at 1020 (3 early).

11/02 56078 powered a further Colas 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace empty log train and was reported passing Craven Arms at 0720, Lawrence Hill 0927, Bristol West Junction 0933, Bridgwater 1021 and Taunton 1035. Four wagons were dropped off in Exeter Riverside New Yard en route. Another report for the day was 66711 again working the diverted 6M25 Westbury - Cliff Hill (Stud Farm) departmental passing Lawrence Hill at 1010 and arriving in Charfield loop at 1030.

12/02 The Colas loaded log service returned with 20 wagons behind 56078 as 6M51 0856 Teigngrace - Chirk Kronospan (2247) being reported late leaving Exeter (Riverside) New Yard, then passing Taunton at 1444 (76 late), Bridgwater 1457 (77 late), Yatton 1530 (60 late) and Patchway 1606 (39 late).

First/GW HST power car 43144 carrying the new 'Building a Great Western' livery (but a land version variation, different to 43146) was noted departing Weston-super-Mare with the 1A29 1808 service to Paddington (2014). The second power car was believed to have been 43097.

13/02 Mainline preserved, blue livery 50007 ran 0Z50 0938 Gloucester New Yard - Yeovil Junction (1246) to collect 50050 for a return to mainline use as part of business man / enthusiasts Neal Boden's loco fleet (which also includes 50017 which was expected to assist, but was not used on the day). 50007 had earlier worked a 4Z50 0708 Washwood Heath - Gloucester train of two coal wagons and was later reported running 0Z50 and passing Worle Junction at 1039 (26 early) and Bridgwater 1052 (31 early). The route each way was of interest with a reverse (or run round on the return) required at Taunton and Castle Cary each way.

The 0Z50 1320 return to Washwood Heath (1848) was recorded passing Yeovil Pen Mill at 1328 (4 late), Bridgwater 1515 (1 late), Lawrence Hill 1610 (1 early), Parkway 1621 (2 late) and Westerleigh Junction 1626 (1 late). 50050 was reported as carrying small cab side numbers with remnants of its old large logo livery including at least one yellow cab door. The locos Fearless nameplates were as expected removed.

14/02 The Bristol - Taunton mainline was closed in the Bridgwater area with First/GW operating services to and from Highbridge & Burnham over the weekend. Arriva XC operated via the usual Westbury and Castle Cary diversionary route. 70802, 70808 and 70809 were all reported north of Bridgwater in the Huntworth area on engineering trains during the afternoon. An afternoon freight diversion was 60019 working a 24 wagon 6B33 1127 Theale - Margam (1649) empty fuel tanks via the Berks & Hants route Westbury and Bath passing the latter location at 1345 (3 late) for Day's curve, Lawrence Hill passing at 1416 (3 late) and Filton Bank. SWTs 158890 was noted 'on hire' to First/GW during the day on a Great Malvern service.

15/02 Returning engineering train reports from the previous days Bridgwater occupation were as follows;
70804 - 6C23 0845 Highbridge & Burnham - Westbury (1206) which departed Bridgwater at 0711, passed Bedminster at 0904 (10 early) and through Temple Meads platforms 9/10 at 0913 (3 early) formed of 12 JNA wagons loaded with ballast.
70806 - 6C22 0945 Highbridge & Burnham - Westbury (1103), which departed Bridgwater at 0947, passed Worle Junction at 1024 (22 late), Bedminster 1039 (15 late) Temple Meads (down through) 1041 (15 late) and Keynsham 1050 (18 late) formed of 15 Mermaid wagons.
70809 - 6C21 1045 Highbridge & Burnham - Westbury (1206), which departed Bridgwater at 1024, passed Worle Junction at 1055 (-), Parsons Street 1111 (8 early). Temple Meads (down through) 1115 (10 early) and Keynsham 1132 (1 early) formed of 40 MHA Coalfish wagons.
70808 top n' tail 70808 - 6C20 1114 Highbridge & Burnham - Westbury (1314), which departed Bridgwater at 1105 and passed through Temple Meads platforms 5/6 at 1233 (3 late) hauling another 40 Coalfish wagons.
16/02 43169 was used on an out and return back to back HST power car move, hauling 43160 as 0Z74 1008 Laira - St. Phillips Marsh (1327) passing Worle Junction at 1247 (1 late) and 0Z77 1406 return to Laira (1701) with 43009 which passed Worle Junction at 1514 (10 late) and Taunton 1539 (11 late).
17/02 Departmental unit 950001 passed Lawrence Hill at 1218 (18 early) on a 2Z08 0915 Derby RTC - Plymouth (1544) working for West Country test train duties. This was unusual as the set normally carries out some area branch line work on route. Earlier, following a long stay in Bristol, steam 5029 Nunney Castle with support coach departed Barton Hill depot as a 5Z29 0802 move to Crewe HS passing Filton Abbey Wood at 0825 (2 early) for Pilning, the Severn Tunnel and the Marches route.
18/02 37402 + 37409 were paired on the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flask working which departed at 1206. Later, 31601 was an afternoon 0Z31 light engine arrival from Washwood Heath for a Chilterns Trains coaching stock move planned for a later date.

Bristol West Railport

66516/540/568/955.

Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line

07/12 & 14/12 Additional Information (January 2015 Magazine) - Not previously reported was the operation of 'Santa Specials' over the Severn Beach branch by First/GW using volunteer staff. Money raised went to the Clevedon based Springboard Opportunity Group which helps more than 90 children with additional needs up to 5 years of age. This revived a practice last seen during the early 1990s, when again rail staff raised money for local charities over two Sundays during December, for example over £1000 was raised over the 4th and 11th of this month in 1994. First/GW also raised money for this charity in November 2013 when they operated Class 08 hauled trips around the St. Phillips Marsh HST depot site, taken up by 170 haulage and rare track enthusiasts. This event, organized also in part with the Preserved Locomotives Enthusiasts Group and Railways Illustrated Magazine raised £6,200, First/GW making the final total up to £10,000.

19/01 The 6M39 1354 Ratcliffe loaded coal service was noted passing Brentry, on the Henbury loop at 1450 with 66069 leading and 66089 idling attached to the rear.

20/01 There was morning problems with the loading silos and at 1200 a large quantity of spilt coal was observed being removed by an excavator beneath the towers! The 6B70 0807 loaded coal departure to Aberthaw PS (1052) with 66043 was noted passing Breentry at 1107 having departed at 1058 (171 late). Later, 70005 passed at 1035 with the 6M04 1025 departure to Rugeley PS, although the actual inward empties were destined for the 6M55 0755 Rugeley departure which was cancelled. 70011 which brought in the 6M04 empties which was later booked to return as a 1330 empty move back to Stoke Gifford. GBRfs second stone departure (the inward working being 6C38 0625 ex Pengam) of the newly taken over flow from Freightliner, from Bennetts sidings (although the out of use West Wharf area was listed as the trains starting point) was a 6A49 1105 move to Pengam Sidings with a special white livery 66721. This train departed at 1123 (18 late) and passed Breentry at 1138 formed with 17 JGA and 1 JRA wagon. Also noted was 59102 with inward empty stone boxes for a 6A63 Acton service (with wagons destined for Crawley) and later unusually a third working, involving 59002 with empty Hanson hoppers from Acton - Avonmouth reported passing Lawrence Hill at 1823.

22/01 66721 did a repeat performance on the Pengam stone with a same train wagon formation as on the 20th. This train goes forward as an overnight move to Colnbrook for offloading.

01/02 A third weekend of Sunday coal loading took place in the Bulk Handling terminal, 66099 being noted with one of the days departures, the 6B72 1453 departure to Aberthaw PS being later reported passing Hallen Marsh junction at 1457 (2 early).

03/02 66729 was on the morning loaded 6A39 stone trip to Cardiff Pengam passing Breentry at 1101. The wagons had arrived at Pengam during the previous day as a 6V43 1156 move from Angerstein Wharf.

06/02 70801 ran 1020 Westbury - Gloucester New Yard (1205) light to collect the Colas empty coal wagon rake and run 4C30 1434 to Avonmouth which was recorded passing Westerleigh Junction at 1521 (4 late) and Breentry at 1531. However, the train believed only part loaded (and running as a Class 6) then departed at 1807 (23 early) to Portbury arriving at 1920 (26 early) for part or full loading (which remained unconfirmed) prior to departing as 6B87 2100 to Aberthaw PS (0146).

10/02 66148 worked a four empty HTA wagon trip to Cardiff Tidal sidings, instead of Barton Hill passing Breentry at 1447.

15/02 Another South Wales, Sunday coal programme operated, the following being reported during the day;

66056 - 6B70 1049 Avonmouth BBHt - Aberthaw PS (1314) / 4C71 1444 Aberthaw PS - Avonmouth BBHt (1650).

66040 - 6B72 1453 Avonmouth BBHt - Aberthaw PS (1713) / 4C73 1858 Aberthaw PS - Avonmouth BBHt (2058).

66204 - 6B74 1700 Avonmouth BBHt - Aberthaw PS (1916) / 4C75 2046 Aberthaw PS - Avonmouth BBHt (2251).

16/02 The GBRf stone service ran to a different schedule as 1300 Pengam - Avonmouth (1410) empty and 1925 loaded return to Pengam (2052) with loco 66757.

Locos recorded on coal duty have included; 66003/008/014/017/019/040/061/063/069/085/089/099/109/114/150/155/177/199/200/213. 70003/005/011. 70801. Locos recorded on stone duty have included; 59002/102/103/202/206. 66130. 66710/719/721/729/757.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included; 66019/081.

Portbury Branchline

29/01 With the Colas Ratcliffe coal operation having run for the last time on Friday 23rd January, 70808 worked a 4V13 1434 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury train of coal empties to form a 6B87 1900 loaded return to Aberthaw PS, which departed at 1835 (25 early), then a 4C30 0500 return empty working to Gloucester New Yard.

30/01 With 70808 having run light to Oxford Hinksey Yard, 70803 worked 0F80 1213 Westbury - Gloucester New Yard light to work a second 4C30 1434 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury (1620) empty coal service which was reported passing Parsons Street at 1550 (10 late). The loaded train ran as 6B87 1900 Portbury - Pengam (2127) sidings, departing at 1805 (55 early). The train was then booked to go forward as a 1200 move to Aberthaw PS and return as a 4C30 1600 return empty move to Gloucester the following day.

01/02 Rail-grinding set DR79251 - DR79257 (being operated by Balfour Beatty) ran as 6Z03 1809 Bristol East Terminal EWS - Bristol East Terminal EWS via the Portbury branch stop board, the set arriving at Ashton Junction at 1823 and departed at 1931 (60 late). The delay was possibly down to the token release at Portbury not being activated quickly following the arrival of the preceding 4C09 1740 Stoke Gifford - Portbury empty coal service with 70004 which had departed Ashton Junction earlier at 1816. The machine made a spectacular sight in action on the opposite side of the Avon near the Suspension Bridge attracting attention from persons cycling or jogging along the pavement of the Portway A4 on the opposite side of the river. The return working was reported passing Parsons Street at 2111 (81 late).

05/02 New paths for Colas - 0100 Uskmouth -Portbury (0305) and 0505 Portbury - Uskmouth (0729) loaded return and 1020 Uskmouth PS - Portbury (1222) and 1438 Portbury - Uskmouth (1659) loaded return were all cancelled. It is believed the power station may well be revived in private hands in the future if needed with the help of Government funding.

Locos recorded on coal duty have included;

66003/085/125/128/188. 70004. 70803

Locos recorded on car duty have included; 66125.

Locos recorded on gypsum duty have included; 66731/733/752.

Bristol area workings during December

4L31 0901 Bristol West Railport - Felixstowe containers (FL)
16/12 66420. 17/12 66541. 22/12 66572. 29/12 66534.

4L32 1100 Bristol West Railport-Tilbury (*London Gateway, Thamesport) (FL)
22/12* 66954.

4051 (4V51) Southampton - Wentloog and return containers (FL)
02/12 70001. 18/12 70007 19/12 66590. 24/12 66542.
29/12 70007. 31/12 66503.

Note; A head code change took place from 4051 to 4070 during the month. Workings on 29/12 and 31/12 were reported as running as so, with the train on 18/12 as 4Z51.

4059 (4V50) (SO) (MO* return only instead of Saturday) Southampton - Wentloog and return containers (FL)
20/12 70007 29/12* 70019.

6A63 Avonmouth Bennetts - Acton (TO) loaded stone (DB)
03/12 59101.

6B33 Theale - Robeston (Margam SO) fuel tank empties (DB)
06/12 60024. 09/12 60100. 10/12 60059. 13/12 60044.
19/12 60040. 20/12 60024. 23/12 60011. 24/12 60040.
30/12 60062. 31/12 60059.

6(4)B35 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties (DB)
10/12 66080.

6C49 / 6B59 Cardiff Tidal - Exeter (Alphington Road) empty and loaded
scrap metal (DB)
11/12 66090. 18/12 66017.

6M04 1050 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)
09/12 70003. 17/12 70006. 19/12 70006. 22/12 66539.
31/12 70010.

6M39 1300 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (FLHH)
24/12 66207.

6M55 0700 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)
22/12 70010. 24/12 66539 tnt 66618. 29/12 66539 tnt 70010.
Notes; The top n' tail workings were both routed via Parkway and
Charfield.

6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flasks (DRS)
02/12 66302 + 66305. 09/12 37259 + 37609. 17/12 37609 + 37688.
23/12 20304 + 20305. 29/12 37609 + 37688.

6M69 1700 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)
22/12 66172.

6M87 1900 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (Colas)
05/12 66848. 19/12 70803. 22/12 70803. 23/12 70803.
29/12 70804.

6O32 Margam / Llanwern - Dollands Moor steel (DB)
03/12 66080.

6V13 Dollands Moor - Llanwern / Margam steel (DB)
13/12 66053. 24/12 66250.

6V47 (TThO) Tilbury - Trostre loaded steel (DB)
22/12 66136.

6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carriers (TThO) DB)
29/12 66150.

6V54 (6M51) Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace empty & return loaded logs
(Colas)
14/12 56087 (05/12). 10/12 56078 + 56087 (11/12).

6V62 (WSO) Tilbury (Riverside) - Lanwern Exchange sidings steel (Colas)
06/12 56078 + 56096. 10/12 60021. 13/12 60021. 24/12 60021.
31/12 60021.

6V80 / 6E89 West Burton PS - Portbury Coal Terminal loaded and return empty gypsum (GBRf)

02/12 66726. 03/12 66726. 06/12 66727. 13/12 66726.

16/12 66726. 20/12 66715. 23/12 66715.

Note: A head code change for the return empties from 6E81 to 6E89 has taken place.

6V35 (MFO) Bescot (downside) - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (6M90) TThSO return empties to Clitheroe (DB)

05/12 66128 (06/12). 12/12 66128 (13/12). 19/12 66008 (20/12).

29/12 66089 (30/12).

6V82 Tunstead - Westbury 'la Farge' loaded cement (SuO) (FLHH)

21/12 66615. 28/12 66596.

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

16/12 66030.

Exeter

02/02 57603 was a morning sleeper train failure in the Westbury area, being rescued by 57602. Later, 57602 + 57312 worked a 5A40 1430 Penzance - Old Oak Common sleeper ecs move which passed Whiteball (near Taunton) at 1420.

04/02 The 1A40 Penzance - Paddington First/GW sleeper service was covered by an HST set. Later, 57312 top n' tailed 57602 on a 3A40 1350 Old Oak Common - Plymouth sleeper ecs move formed with c/stock; 17175, 12161, 10225, 10612, 10616, 10590, 10601, 10534 which departed 299 late and passed Newbury at 2043 (324 late). The return 1A40 was started at Plymouth instead of Penzance, at platform 8, the ecs having arrived here at 2331!

05/02 The morning First/GW sleeper services were both in top n' tail formations; 57604 + 57303 - 1A40 2145 Penzance - Paddington and 57602 + 57306 - 1C99 2315 Paddington - Penzance.

07/02 The 1A40 Penzance - Paddington sleeper departed Exeter at 0150 top n' tailed with 57303 + 57604.

Gloucester area workings

21/01 6B11 Robeston - Westerleigh Gcr 0534 60054; 6B25 Return Eptys 60054 Gcr 1200; 6m96 Margam - Corby Gcr 66065; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305; 6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1114; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66001 Gcr 1205; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston Gcr 2001 66003; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66170; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70003; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 37667/218; 4v13 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 70808; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66081

22/01 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66430 Gcr 1150; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1114; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66003 Gcr 1156; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66031 Gcr 1202; 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 6e81 Return 66733; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70003; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 6m56 Return 37609/20305; 6v37 Toton - Moreton-On-Lugg 66150; 4v13 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 70808; 6m39 Avonmouth - Ratcliffe 66109

23/01 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66109; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70003; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 57008/57002; 4v13 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 70808; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66117; 6v00 Port Clarence - Cardiff Dock 66756 Gcr 0334; 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 66050 Gcr 0415; 6m96 Margam - Corby 66093 Gcr 0908; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66425 Gcr 1048; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1101; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam

66152 Gcr 1208; 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66003 Gcr 1309

24/01 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1058; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66185 Gcr 1830; 6v29 Lincoln Terrace - Cardiff Tidal 66031 Gcr 2149; 6v02 Hartlepool - Llanwern 66128 Gcr 2220; 6e89 Portbury - West Burton 66733

25/01 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66434 Gcr 1135; 6e47 Margam - Middlesbrough Dawsons 66001 Gcr 1700; 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66434 Gcr 1801; 6v83 Peterborough - Moreton-On-Lugg 66714 Gcr 1905; 6v82 Tunstead - Westbury Lafarge 66621; 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66733

26/01 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66430 Gcr 1048; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1101; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 6m56 Return 57002/008; 4v70 Toton - Avonmouth 66213; 4C30 Aberthaw - Gloucester New Yard 70808; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70006; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66016

27/01 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 6m56 Return 37612/606; 4v83 Toton - Portbury 66128; 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66733; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70004; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60059; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70005; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305 Gcr 1048; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1114

28/01 6m96 Margam - Corby 66056 Gcr 0912; 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66733; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66088; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70004; 6b35 Westerleigh - Robeston 60054 Gcr 1223; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1102; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 37259/37602; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70005; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66019

29/01 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66434 Gcr 1048; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1120; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66021 Gcr 1248; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 6m56 Return 57002/57008; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66099; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70004; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60059; 0V31 Washwood Heath Met Cammel - Barton Hill 31601; 4Z32 St Phillips Marsh - Basford Hall 66529 Standish Jn 1350; 4v13 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 70808; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70005

30/01 6m96 Margam - Corby 66094 Gcr 0906; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66427 Gcr 1120; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1113; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66003 Gcr 1209; 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66161 Gcr 1252; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 66080 Gcr 2000; 6v92 Corby - Margam 66136 Gcr 2349; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70004; 0F80 Westbury - Gloucester New Yard 70803; 1Q14 Derby RTC - Swindon 67012/67027; 0A28 Gloucester New Yard - Hinksey 70808; 4v13 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 70803; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70005; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66016

31/01 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1058; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66092 Gcr 1807; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70004; 4v46 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70005

01/02 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66431 Gcr 1127; 6w09 Mountsorrel - Didcot East Jn 66606 1124 Stroud

02/02 4c30 Aberthaw - Gloucester New Yard 70803; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60059; 6J89 Slough - Rugby Dr 73907; 0z73 Eastleigh Works - Derby Rtc 73138; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70004; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 37612/605; 0z30 Gloucester New Yard - Westbury 70803; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66019; 0v75 Bescot - Westbury 70801/70809; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1301; 6v83 Bury St Edmunds - Cardiff Tidal 66756

03/02 6v73/6m56 Crewe - Berkeley 57002/57008; 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66731 6e81 Return; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70006; 6m28 Hinksey - Bescot 66527 Stroud 2135; 0F80 Washwood Heath - Canton 37219 Gloucester 1516; 0z37 Canton - Washwood Heath 37219/56087 Gloucester 1826; 6v69 Bescot - Newport Ad Jn 66143 Gloucester 1937

04/02 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 66050 Gloucester 0445; 6v80 West Burton -

Portbury 66731; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 37218/604; 6e03 Appleford - Milford West Sdgs 66181 Stroud 2038

05/02 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66094 Gloucester 1201; 3q64 Didcot - Swindon 37402 Gloucester 2234; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70004; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60059 Gloucester 1111; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 57002/57008 Standish Jn 1137

06/02 6v85 Bescot - Appleford 66181 Stroud 0708; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66200; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70004; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70006; 1z43 London Paddington - Cardiff Central 57305/312 Gloucester 1647

07/02 4v46 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70006; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60054 Gcr 1100; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66135; 6v29 Lincoln Terrace - Cardiff Tidal 66204 Gcr 2149; 6v02 Hartlepool - Llanwern 66165 Gcr 2213

08/02 6w11 Mountsorrel - Didcot Parkway 66006 Stroud 1428; 6v82 Tunstead - Westbury Lafarge 66523; 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66752; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66432 Gcr 1132; 6e47 Llanwern - Middlesbrough Dawsons 66105 Gcr 1711

09/02 6e81 Portbury - Hexthrope Yard 66752; 6v73/6m56 Crewe - Berkeley 37609/218; 6m25 Westbury - Stud Farm 66711; 4c30 Aberthaw - Gloucester New Yard 70801; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60091; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010; 0F75 Gloucester New Yard - Westbury 70801; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66076; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66434 Gcr 1048; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1300; 6v83 Peterborough VQ - Moreton-On-Lugg 66753 Gcr 2018; 6z35 Cardiff Tidal - Stockton 56103 Gcr 2158

10/02 6v00 Port Clarence - Cardiff Docks 66757 Gcr 0240; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog Gcr 1047 66301; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh Gcr 1104 60039; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66012 Gcr 1200; 6v69 Bescot - Newport Ad Jn 66186 Gcr 1938; 6v73/6m56 Crewe - Berkeley 37609/37218; 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66752; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66040; 6m25 Westbury - Stud Farm 66738; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60015

11/02 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66752; 6m25 Westbury - Stud Farm 66711; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60091; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70011; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66164; 6e03 Appleford - Milford West Sdgs 66075 Stroud 1837; 6z36 Stockton - Cardiff Tidal 56103 Gcr 0125; 6v83 Peterborough VQ - Cardiff Tidal 66728 Gcr 0308; 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 66197 Gcr 0406; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305 Gcr 1048; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1112; 6z35 Cardiff Tidal - Stockton 56103 Gcr 2001

12/02 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66303 Gcr 1048; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60019 Gcr 1057; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 60054 Gcr 1245; 6v25 Bescot - Hinksey 66527; 6v73/6m56 Crewe - Berkeley 57002/57008; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66177; 6m25 Westbury - Stud Farm 66738; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60091; 6v37 Toton Yard - Moreton-On-Lugg 66185

13/02 4z50 Washwood Heath - Gloucester New Yard 50007; 0z50 Gloucester New Yard - Yeovil Jn 50007; 0z51 Yeovil Jn - Washwood Heath 50007/50050; 6m25 Westbury - Stud Farm 66711; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010; 1q15 Derby Rtc - Swindon 67027/67012; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60015; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70011; 6e03 Appleford - Milford West Sdgs 66126 Stroud 1853; 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 66143 Gcr 0357; 6m96 Margam - Corby 66093 Gcr 0910; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66434 Gcr 1048; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1115; 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66128 Gcr 1248

14/02 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66155 Gcr 1802; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1100

15/02 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66752; 0F80 Westbury - Gloucester New Yard 70809; 0z85 Toton - Margam 66091/164/238/085/007 Gcr 1740; 6v83 Peterborough VQ - Cardiff Tidal 66756 Gcr 1850

16/02 6v85 Milford West Sdgs - Appleford 66151 Stroud 0813; 6v73/6m56 Crewe - Berkeley 37610/37611; 6m25 Westbury - Stud Farm 66711; 4c30 Aberthaw - Gloucester New Yard 70809; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60015; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70004; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1304

17/02 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305 Gcr 1048; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60001 Gcr 1114; 6z35 Cardiff Tidal - Stockton 56103 Gcr 1207

18/02 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 66135; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010; 0z31 Washwood Heath - Barton Hill 31601; 6v74/6m63 Crewe - Bridgwater 37402/37409; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70004; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66145; 6e03 Appleford - Milford West Sdgs 66005 Stroud 2052; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66427 Gcr 1048; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1114; 0z63 Gloucester New Yard - Tremains 70809 Gcr 1215-1231

19/02 6m25 Westbury - Stud Farm 66711; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60063 Gcr 1102; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60017; 0F80 Canton - Gloucester New Yard 70809; 4v13 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 70809; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70004; 2Q08 Plymouth - Derby RTC 950001; 6m39 Portbury - Ratcliffe 66019; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66434 Gcr 1049; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60063 Gcr 1101; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 60039

Swindon

23/01 66738 failed on the 6V14 Cliff Hill (Stud Farm) - Westbury ballast in the Swindon area, 66766 was sent from Westbury to assist the train forward departing here at 1024.

The pair later passed Warminster at 1221, as a 0Z14 1215 Westbury - Eastleigh light-engine move.

02/02 73138 was an unusual sight here on a diverted 0Z73 1026 Eastleigh Arlington Works - Derby RTC (1559) light loco move reported passing at 1410 (121 late) and later Standish Junction 1440 (119 late).

A landslide at Harbury Tunnel, near Leamington Spa which blocked the mainline was the reason for the detour and the rare Class appearance over the Stroud Valley line.

15/02 57312 + 57305 top n' tailed a return 1Z38 Swindon - Coventry Northern Belle dining special being reported passing Stroud at 1506.

Westbury

19/01 66738 worked the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast and again on the following dates; 20/01, 21/01, 22/01, 26/01 and 28/01.

24/01 The following were recorded during the early afternoon in the area; down yard 08799, 59004, 66143. up yard 66130. up reception 66086. recycling siding 70801, 70804, 70805.

31/01 Two freight diversion reports were; 66418 with a late running 4007 2018 (Fri) Leeds - Southampton MCT (via Warminster) container service and 70008 on 4054 0527 Leeds - Southampton containers which passed Melksham at 1338 and Westbury 1410.

Locos reported in the station and yards area during the afternoon included; 08799, 59005, 70805, 70807, 70810.

12/02 The NRMT HST set was recorded at Warminster during the day working a 1Q23 0456 Old Oak Common - Salisbury (via Exeter), the trains formation being reported as 43013, 975984, 975814, 977993, 977994, 977984, 43014.

Newport

20/01 Afternoon and early evening problems were recorded on the Maindee Triangle assumed linked to signalling. 66018 was noted 'off route' with a single steel wagon working the 6V75 Dee Marsh - Margam service at East Usk at 1710 and earlier, the Acton - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties were diverted to Newport ADJ yard where the loco ran round and returned north.

30/01 Prior to working the overnight 6L63 2125 (Fri) Margam - Tilbury (Riverside) steel service overnight, 60085 was active on 6Z41 0755 Llanwern - Newport Docks and 6Z42 1200 return steel services during the day. Further Colas loco activity saw 56078 + 56087 paired on 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Baglan Bay log empties.

03/02 Colas 37219 passed East Usk at 1600 (3 early) running light as 0F84 1345 Washwood Heath - Cardiff Canton (1648).

09/02 66758 was an early hours arrival in the area working 6Z33 2110 Coton Hill - Pengam sidings (0025) being reported passing Sutton Bridge Junction (near Shrewsbury) at 2125 (4 late).

10/02 66750 passed East Usk at 1715 working 6B11 Colnbrook - Pengam empty stone.

13/02 68005 worked a Pathfinder Tours Wales v Scotland 6 Nations 'ruggex' special as 1Z68 0710 Carmarthen - Edinburgh Waverley (1752) using c/stock; 3390, 3333, 3325, 3344, 1212,, 6042, 5964, 5998, 6137, 6183, 6310 which departed Cardiff Central at 0905 (-) and passed Newport Maindee North junction at 0940 (2 late). For the record, the same Class 68 loco hauled the trips ecs as 5Z68 0127 Crewe HS - Carmarthen (0607) via the Marches and departed Newport at 0347 (17 early).

16/02 60001 was noted on the 6H35 0730 Margam - Birdport Uskmouth branch (1152) steel trip which unusually conveyed BAAs loaded with slab, rather than the more normal BYA / IHA / JSA coil wagons. The working was recorded passing East Usk at 1035 (57 early). 67029 with DVT 82307 departed at 1732 on the 1W96 Cardiff Central - Holyhead 'Wag express' and later 68005 left at 1803 (3 early) with the return Pathfinder Tours 1Z69 0948 Edinburgh Waverley - Carmarthen (2016) 'ruggex'. 68002 had powered the train between Edinburgh and Carlisle, the train arriving here at 1221 (1 late) and departing at 1256 (3 late).

17/02 Having stabled on Barton Hill, Bristol over the weekend, and worked over as a 0Z03 light-engine move, DCR 56103 powered a 6Z35 1134 Cardiff Tidal Sidings - Stockton Thompson (DC) empty scrap working passing East Usk early at 1106.

Cardiff

25/01 66736 was reported stabled in Pengam sidings with stone wagons during the morning. 66710 appeared here stabled two days later.

29/01 A view of the Cardiff Celsa sidings at 1515 recorded 08401 stabled with 66750 departing light-engine for the docks to work the 6E35 Port Clarence tanks.

01/02 70803 was noted on Cardiff Canton during the day.

02/02 66422 worked the 4V38 0820 Daventry - Wentloog TESCO containers and 4M36 1858 return. Other loco reports on this train during the review period have included; 66425 (03/02), 66305 (04/02), 66434 (05/02), 66434 (09/02), 66301 (10/02), 66305 (11/02), 66303 (12/02), 66434 (13/02), 66422 (15/02) and 66427 (18/02). 66739 stabled at Cardiff Pengam sidings, later worked 6B42 0835 stone empties to Neath Abbey Wharf for loading, to eventually form an Angerstein Wharf working.

07/02 Coal trains (and returning empties) serving Aberthaw PS during the day included;

70801 - 6B77 ex 2100 (06/02) Portbury empties stabled.
66114 - 6B72 ex 2132 (06/02) Avonmouth, empties departed as 4C42 0320 to Tower.
66003 - 6B81 ex 0050 Avonmouth, empties departed as 4F83 0450 to Avonmouth.
66132 - 6B96 ex 0149 Avonmouth, empties departed as 4C95 0612 to Cwmbargoed.
66142 - 6B78 ex 0410 Avonmouth, empties departed as 4C35 0908 to East Usk Yard.
66177 - 6B66 ex 0557 Avonmouth, empties departed as 4C83 1050 to Avonmouth.
66003 - 6B68 ex 0920 Avonmouth, empties departed as 4054 1407 to Margam.
66114 - 6C45 ex 1054 Tower, empties departed as 4C45 to East Usk Yard.
66132 - 6C93 ex 1039 Cwmbargoed, empties as 4C45 to East Usk Yard.
09/02 The Mondays Only 4059 0703 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime container service departed 18 early headed by 66566 + 66414, the latter being reported as 'dit'.
11/02 66757 was present in Pengam sidings later working 6B42 stone empties to Neath Abbey Wharf. 66719 arrived on 6B11 1220 stone empties from Colnbrook la Farge having been reported passing Swindon at 1527.

A non-railway, but related news item during January was the closure of the Ian Allan Transport Bookshop in the Royal Arcade, Cardiff on Friday 9th January, believed to have taken place due to a surprise double increase in rent. Whether a new shop location is being investigated somewhere else in the city remains unknown.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

West Somerset Railway

The early June 2015 Mixed Traffic Gala will have visiting locos from the GBRf fleet including 59003 (recently repatriated from Germany) and a refurbished Class 73/9.

GWS Didcot

The location is set to become the new home for the Swindon panel internal signal box equipment when the facility is decommissioned and the work transferred to the new Thames Valley centre at Didcot in May this year, following 48 years of use. Around 200 miles of track is currently controlled from this signalling centre which became into full operation during 1968. The equipment plays an important part in the history of rail signalling operating from the end of the semaphore and levers through to the introduction of new computer operated Visual Display unit (VDU) technology. The Swindon Panel Railway society, set up with the aim of preserving the equipment will oversee the move as well as installation and maintenance once in position at Didcot.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bristol Area News

It has been reported, the new Shirehampton Portway Park & ride station planned for opening in May 2013 has been put back due to additional signal funding being required.

It has been realized that the new platform, which is to be assembled in an unused area of the car park and then craned into position will be too near a level crossing at West Town Road, beneath the M5 road over bridge and would need additional light signals as part of the work to protect the crossing.

The Bristol Port Authority are meeting Network Rail regarding the frequency of the planned increased passenger service over the Severn Beach line once the 'Henbury loop' from Filton - Hallen Marsh junction comes in to use as a circular passenger route around Bristol in 2023 as part of the city's forthcoming Metro West rail improvements. The port is concerned with the effect of traffic building up at the two road level crossings which vehicles use to access the port. The new rail service proposals could see 3 out of every 15 minute (with trains running in each direction) road closures on the level crossings causing delays and road tail backs in the Avonmouth Village area. A road over bridge does exist at the north end of the dock and is used on the occasions the St. Andrews Road crossing is closed for maintenance, but is believed not big enough to handle extra docks traffic should the proposed deep water container port project take place.

The Port of Bristol at one time subsidized the Henbury freight loop with up to £90,000 a year following the double track and upgrade work which was carried out in the early 1990s for increased import coal traffic through Avonmouth and Portbury docks.

Electrification Is Coming - 9

By early January, several overhead line side electrification mast foundation base tubes were in various stages of installation at various locations line side between Wootton Bassett and Swindon. A number of new signals, all of the modern lightweight design have been erected and await commissioning, but it has been reported that nearby trackside vegetation would need to be cut back further to provide adequate viewing space for high speed services. A large overhead gantry is now in position at the west end of Swindon Station and dwarfs the older 1960s signalling nearby which it is to replace. At Thingley Junction near Chippenham, a 25kv switching station is to be built on the former MoD sidings yard to convert the incoming National Grid supply to 25kv, this being one of three such installations to be built along the Great Western Mainline for the electrification project. A 1950s NG substation is already located in a field area nearby and power line pylons will be built to link the two locations together.

At Stoke Gifford, the Hitachi / Rail Europe IEP (Class 800 and 801) servicing depot was reported as complete external building wise by 28th January. This £80 million project was started during August 2013 the interior fitting work is now expected to be completed by the end of this year by Volker Fitzpatrick the main contractor who have also worked with the nearby surrounding community organizing school and location visits for children. Local companies have also been involved in supplying some of the materials used on the project and several apprenticeship schemes have been set up using local employees. The site consists of a maintenance building, office block, staff accommodation, standing and servicing sidings and a carriage washing plant.

North Somerset Passenger Increase

Over the last 12 months, from 2013 - 2014, 1.85 million rail journeys were recorded in the area, a 4.5% increase on the corresponding same period from 2012 - 2013. This new figure is three times more than those which

took place 20 years ago. This result is higher than the average for the South-West area.

First/GW HST Stock

19/01 A view of embankment sidings at Laira Depot recorded the following; 41149, 42504, 41006, 42553, 40105, 44035, 42202, 42555, 44002.

27/01 Power Car 43146 was viewed on Laira Depot carrying a new 'Building Greater West' vinyl wrap with waves in the background.

03/02 08645 assisted a failed 1A85 Plymouth - Paddington service (with power cars 43025 + 43135) which had not departed following problems, as a 5A85 1330 ecs to Laira!

17/02 Newly renumbered 1st - 2nd class coach conversion 46015 was reported as present on Laira depot. A media and press launch was planned to take place at Paddington on an unspecified date.

18/02 New conversion 46015 was reported as in service forming part of the First/GW HST formation working the 1C09 1000 Paignton - Paddington, 1A87 1413 Paignton - Paddington and 1B76 1815 Paddington - Swansea services. For the record the trains formation was recorded as; 43188, 44029, 42257, 42255, 42572, 42256, 40739, 41124, 46015, 43053.

Mis-formed DMU sets

The following were noted during the review period;

158959 - 52778 + 57778.

159010 - 57882 + 58727 + 52808 (158889)

2015 Steam Tour Dates

The Torbay Express (operated by Torbay Express Ltd)

Sundays - June 14, July 26, August 02, 23 all routed via Weston-super-Mare and Bridgwater.

May 24, July 12, September 13, 20 all routed via Bath, Westbury and Castle Cary.

Loco pool expected to be from; 60009 Union of South Africa, 60185 Tornado or 70000 Britannia.

VSOE (operated by Belmond British Pullman)

Victoria - Bath/Bristol

13/05, 22/07, 23/09. Loco pool expected to be from; 35028 Clan Line or 60163 Tornado.

Cathedrals Express (operated by Steam Dreams)

Various starting locations

14/05, 28/05, 04/06, 24/09. Loco pool unconfirmed.

A series of Paddington - Bishops Lydeard (for the West Somerset Railway) trips are also planned routed both ways out and back via Newbury, Westbury and Castle Cary.

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

21/01 Kingsland Road (Bristol) - 73111 passing Lawrence Hill at 1318 (8 late) working a 6U17 1000 Kingsland Road - Kingsland Road working (1322) via Swindon, Kemble, the Stroud Valley and Gloucester.

23/01 Taunton - DR73805 passing down 1140.

27/01 Tavistock Yard (Plymouth) - DR73805 having arrived as a 6J94 1205

move off St.Erth.

01/02 Bristol East Freight depot - rail-grinder DR79251 - DR79257.

02/02 St. Andrews Road (near signal box), Avonmouth - TXM r/r 6883 (940703-0), 6984. Standish Junction - DR73907 passing running as a 6J89 Slough UGL - Rugby (Colas) move.

15/02 Bridgwater - 73905.

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 492

NORTH WEST MINIATURES

9th August 2014

CORRECTION to Trip Report in the January 2015 magazine:

Dragon Miniature Railway, Marple, Nr Stockport

Report contained the following - DAVID ARTHUR = 0-4-0 - Alwyn Kay/???? (Ex-Manor Park Railway, Glossop)

Please note that the name of this loco should actually read; DANIEL ARTHUR

TRIP 494

COUNTY DURHAM

18th & 19th October 2014

All sightings are Gauge 4ft 8.5" unless stated.

S&D refers to Stockton and Darlington, as opposed to Somerset & Dorset.

Some sightings are "Not seen by all" but these aren't individually noted.

ur = under repair / restoration.

DAY 1 OF 2 - Saturday 18th October 2014

Manor House Farm, Stapleton (view).

Carriage: NER: UID 6wl 5 compartment Third b/o.

Roundabout near Darlington Station (view).

Non-working miniature replicas of 60163 TORNADO and S&D locomotive LOCOMOTION.

Darlington Station.

Electric: 91119. DMU: 142090.

Carriages: Mk4: 11201/314/414, 10332, 12229/312/410/423/526.

DVT: 82206.

Darlington Railway Preservation Society, Station Road (visit).

Steam: No. 39 - RSHD 6947, PATONS - WB 2898.

Diesel: 185 DAVID PAYNE - JF 4110006, JF 4200018, RH 279591, RSHN 7925 DC 2592.

Electric: 1 - GEC/28.

Crane: Diesel: 86419 - 12 Ton Coles either 17585 or 19302*, 5 Ton Coles - 14113*.

Small Plant: Permaclipper: MPP12771 -Perm 91634. Wickham Trolleys: (DB 965096) - Wkm 7611, (DX 68003 68/007 DB 965951 MPP0007) - Wkm 10647 ur.

Wagons: Undefined: 28, 2374, 2662*. LNER: 166497 u/f/o. PO: PF 117 / APCM 8717, LA 201 / APCM 8501, 617 / LMS 103469, 9386, 12101.

Gauge 1ft 8": Diesel: DL 354013 - RH 354013 oou, RH 375360 oou,

LBT 476124 - RH 476124 oou. Wagon: A chassis only of a skip wagon was present.

Gauge Unconfirmed: Wagons: Three unidentified underframes were present, one was un-numbered, the others carried 21 and 55 respectively.

Gauge 7.5": A black BE diesel outline loco and ride on carriage both built by Richard Snowdon/2008.

With Thanks to Paul Bailey, Barry Lamb, Richard Snowdon & David for our visit.

Steam 78018 - Dar/54 was away at the Great Central Railway, but its tender was on site.

Passing

DMU: 142078/093.

Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum, North Road station (visit).

Steam: (63460) 901 - Dar/19, 1463 - Dar/1885, 25 DERWENT - Kitching/1845, LOCOMOTION - RS 1.

Carriage: NER: 4wl 4 compartment Third b/o.

Wagon: S&D (wooden replica?): 189.

Gauge 1ft 8": Wagon: 3196 - red cage trolley was on display.

A full size non-working replica of S&D locomotive LOCOMOTION was outside the museum, and a 1ft gauge 0-6-0 Internal cylinder loco built c1848 by Leatham & co was on display inside along with other models.

With Thanks to Leona White-Hannant and Barry Lamb for our visit.

Hopetown Carriage Works, Darlington.

2 groups are based here, plus there were 3 wagons outside which are believed to be owned by the DRPS. 2 further wagons were also present, thought to be used by the NELPG for carrying boilers when needed.

DRPS owned Wagons: BR: (953364). GWR ?: UID bogie flat. PO: A5133 / LMS reg 164130. Wagons used by NELPG: BR: 998032. Unnumbered bogie well wagon.

North East Locomotive Preservation Group, (visit).

Steam: (65894 2392) - Dar/23 dsm ur.

Diesel: RH 312988 from the neighbouring DRPS site.

Collapsible Trolleys: RTU5011, RTU6117, RTU6608, RTU7011.

The K1 62005 was in Scotland working Jacobite services, The Q6 63395 is on the NYMR and J72 JOEM 69023 is at Wensleydale Railway.

The NELPG is always happy to hear from people able to help it maintain its 4 engines. www.nelpg.org.uk

With Thanks to Chris Lawson, Bob Grey, Norman and Neville for our visit.

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust (visit).

The frames of the new build P2 "2007 Prince of Wales" currently under construction were seen.

With Thanks to Charles Tresecor for our visit.

The Sidings, Piercebridge (view).

NPCCS: SR: UID PMV b/o.

Thorpe Light Railway, Whorlton, Barnard Castle (visit).

Gauge 1ft 3": Diesel: 2w-2DM Eddy Knowell/2002 converted dumper truck ex p225 working.

Carriages: 3 unnumbered, plus a b/o Whorlton Lido carriage were on site.

With Thanks to Anthony Coulls, Phil Champion, Alex, and Ray for our visit. Another carriage is under construction off site and will utilise

Rail Restorations North East Ltd, Unit 8a, Hackworth Industrial Park, Shildon, Co.Durham (visit).

Present were : Gauge 5ft 3in: Steam: 171 (SLIEVE GULLION) 4-4-0 IC BP 5629 reb Dundalk 42 ex p300 29/1/2014 dsm ur.

Standard Gauge: Steam: "1759" 0-4-4T IC GNS/RRNE (under construction). The frame is complete, boiler and cab separate, and wheels are away at South Devon Rly for tyres.

Diesel: 20166 - EE 3637 EEV D1036 ex p236.

It wasn't confirmed if (DX 68003 DB 965331) - Wkm 10179 was still on site. Carriages: BR BSK 35072 Sold to Aln Valley has been moved, as has LMS Ambulance Coach 8761/3515/ADM 395470 back to KWVR.

With Thanks to Mike Wood for our visit.

NRM Locomotion, Shildon (Visit of main building only)

Locos Steam Imperial No1 AB 2373/56: 2253 BLW 69496/44 (Ex P235): Sans Pareil BRE(S) 1980: 28 Cdf 306/1897 (Taff Vale 01 class)(Ex P273): 3020 Cornwall Crewe 1858: 790 Hardwicke Crewe 3286/1892 (Ex P 233): (4)5000 Crewe 216/34 (Ex P233): No1 Don 50/1870: No251 Don 991/02 (Ex P155): No1621 Ghd 1893: 65033 Ghd 1889: Juno HE 3850/58: 563 9E 380/1893: 2 Stoke 1923: 2818 Sdn 2122/05: 5775 Sdn 1929: 20 SS 1448/63 reb 1998 (In steam and giving rides) Diesel D2090 (03090) Don 1960 (In use shunting stock): 13079 (D3079-08064) Dar 1954 (ex P233): H001 S 10003/59: Electric No1 (26500) BE/05: 75S Siemens/HC 6/? of 1898: Emus 10656 + 12123 (Set 2090): 11179 from set 3131 Gas Turbine APT-E PC2/TC1/TC2/(PC1) Derby 1972: Petrol MR 4217/31: Wkm 899/33: Gauge 3' 6" Steam 390 SS 4150/1896 (Ex P221): Gauge 3' 0" Diesel HC DM1274/61: Gauge 2' 6" Steam SLR85 HE 3815/54: Gauge 1' 3" Steam Locomotion Dar 1875: Coaches GWR 820 (820-6820-9962) (clerestory): Siphon G 2775 (4509-2775-DW150028): SR PMVG 2464 (Used to carry Churchill's coffin) (Ex Los Angeles): Cattle van 3733: WCJS 200 (200-5200-10400-76): LNWR 5155 (310-5625-10071-5155-95401) (Royal Escort Coach): 800 Queen Adelaide's saloon: MR 2234 (45010): NLR Director's Saloon: 32 (32-1032-45003) Director's Saloon: 801 Queen Alexandra's Saloon: Stockton & Darlington 31: 59: ECJS 12 (41805): 109 (82-109): Wagon Lits 3792: BR 21274 (Mk1): Horsebox S96369: On Track Plant DX50002 Matisa 570/51: 74/007 Matisa 48573: Snowplough NER No12: Cranes GNR hand crane mounted on wagon 942052: Crane runner 942114: C621 Smith's (Ex LUL): Wagon Tool van E470818: Wagons at rear of building - seen through a window GNR 1 (TIC 1352) - flat wagon: H26 (B345872 - B410288) - limestone hopper: (BLI 19154) -limestone hopper: U/I fuel tank wagon (PP85209??): Wagons U/I Chas Roberts tipping wagon S50: GWR Mogo (KDW 126438): 108246: W161042 - Warflat converted to a concrete beam carrier: SR Queen Mary Brake Van 56287: MR Brake van Angela M730202: NER coal hopper 4551: U/I double veranda brake van (953602): Shell Tank 1 & 3171 on wagon 8152: National Benzene tank 2022: Tank 15412 (512): Hopper 1 & Hop 21: Flatrol B900402 & (NMRY) 95400: Cement hopper B873368: Loco Sand Wagon (TDE14974): HAA 350000: HEA 361000: U/I HDA: ADB965232: DB983896 - Seacow

Taff Vale 28 arrived on 8/10/14 "for the winter".

Shildon Station

DMU: 142017.

Darlington Bank Top Station

Electric: 91120 DMU: 142093, 221124.

Carriages: Mk4: 10302, 11299/302/402, 12232/302/402/450/468. DVT: 82202.

Bowes Railway, Springwell (visit).

Steam: No. 22 (No. 85) - AB 2274, W.S.T. - AB 2361.

Diesel: 101 - FH 3922, HE 6263, RH 476140 reb Wilton/82.

Crane: A Smith & Rodley 18773/1948 steam crane converted to diesel ex Hartlepool Steelworks.

Wagons: LMS: 2 (1872), (3 295622).

LNER: 944.

NER: 1104, 1107, 1111, 1160, 1212, 1220, 1254, 1255, 1289.

PO: (Seaham flat 1), A18, B1, B3, B24 (The Queen Mother's bogie), B33,

B39, B42, B49, B53,

G4,

(NCB 13), 80, 122, 197, 210, 256, 289, 308, 364, 406, 511, 525, 572, 573, 605, 717, 775, 782, 788, 939, 971, 1183, 1424, 1611, 1615, (6005), 6067, (6196), (6610), 6977.

Unnumbered: 4w Open, 4w1 Reel wagon, Replica Dandy wagon, PWD tool van.

Gauge 3ft: Diesel: (No.9 20/125/101 MTR) - HE 9227.

Gauge 2ft 6": Diesel: B03 - HE 8515 AB 651.

Battery: NO 8 - CE B1840.

Gauge 2ft: Diesel: HC DM842.

Battery: (20.123.945 SER No.2476 PLANT No2207/456) - EE 2476 RSHN 7980.

Wagons of gauges 2ft, 2ft 6" or 3ft: 10, 66*, 67*, 115, 209, 297*, 366, 398*, 555, 1602, 2445, 2546, 2970, 3045, plus 15 unnumbered of various types, RB Bolton bogie manrider 4/40/90, an unnumbered manrider, and Eimco Rockershovel LD 2163

The stationary engine for rope / wire haulage was also viewed.

With Thanks to Neville and Ted for our visit.

After the tour of the site, the party was entertained with a hot drink and a DVD of the Bowes Railway in operation in the 1970's, which is available commercially.

Gauge 3ft: Battery: CE 5921 & CE B3060 were on site inside the former stables outbuilding, but not viewed by the party.

Washington "F" Pit Museum, Washington New Town (view).

Gauge 2ft: Diesel: RH 392157 pvd.

Durham Station.

Diesel: 43208 Lincolnshire Echo /296/300 Craigentenny /302/305/311/313/315

Electric: 91107 Skyfall /115 Blaydon Races /118/124/127.

DMU: 142079, 185101/107/122/139/142/143.

DEMU: 220007/011/029, 221121/132/141.

Carriages: Mk3: 40720/737, 41044/090/118/170, 42063/064/065/127/190/241/242/243/244/340/363, 44045/080/098.

Mk4: 10313/328, 11285/293/294/298/299/301/313/324/325/330/401/413/424/425/430 12219/228/311/319/430/469. DVT: 82203/213/216/229.

OTM: 73804 James Watt, 77001.

The following freights were seen, in consist order (except ^).

17.15 hrs 6D43 Jarrow to Lindsey

60092

870201/258/321/233/226/328/217, 85967, 870282/323/259/297/290/281/274,
85962, 870215, 871006, 870241/209/275/257/227/337/273.

17.37 hrs 6Y11 Tyne Yard to Shaftholme ^

66552 Maltby Raider & 66951 TnT

OTM: 76502. Wagons: 92331/332/335/347/350/372/373/374/375 and others.

18.29 hrs 6Y13 Tyne Yd to Shaftholme

66554

380324 380172 380171 380170 380025 12950 12902 12967 12926 12941

Thanks to Bradders for his post to confirm this one.

19.06 hrs 6Y12 Tyne Yd to Knottingly Sth Jcn

66506

29438 29516 29361 503579 and 16 others.

21.18 hrs 6Y20 Tyne Yd to Tursdale Jcn

With Thanks to Frank for help with the ones marked *.

66511

29212/131*/005*, 503559*, 7058920255*/0164*, 29389, 503512*,

29329/292*/240,

503137*, 29248, 503523, 29444/044*/367/058*, 503535/102.

21.37 hrs 6Y19 the 19.28 Tyne Yd to Tursdale Jcn

66535 & 66548 TnT

979118 92271 92275 92276 922xx 76323 92283 92281 92270 92278 92265 92268

92272 92269 92279 92274 92277 92273 92267 380032 380193 380199 380194

380332

Note: 76323 is an OTM.

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