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### **Front Cover Photo July 2016 Issue 533:**

**[Mike Crew]**

60103 (4472) 'Flying Scotsman' working 1Z60 London Paddington-Salisbury  
"The Cathedrals Express" at Westbury 28/05/16.

### **Rear Cover Photo July 2016 Issue 533:**

**[Chris Weeks]**

D213 ANDANIA was immaculate when seen on display at the St. Phillip's Marsh  
Open Day on 02/05/16.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Trip 515**

**MERSEYSIDE**

**Saturday 09/07/16**

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £31.00      Reduced Fare for Society Members = £28.00

**Proposed Itinerary:** Emergency Services Training Centre, Wirral; Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service, Bootle; James Street Station, Liverpool; Knowsley Safari Park, Prescot; Lakeside Miniature Railway, Southport; A.E. Lewis, Simonswood; Merseyside Development Corporation, Bootle; Museum of Liverpool, Liverpool; Museum of Liverpool Vehicle Workshop, Bootle; Primary School, Newton-Le-Willows; Pier Railway, Southport; Tramway & Transport Museum, Birkenhead; Croxteth Park Railway, Liverpool; Royden Park Miniature Railway, Wirral; Albert Dock Merseyside Maritime Museum, Liverpool.

This trip also includes a 'flyer' option for those people wishing to concentrate on Merseyrail Units/Mainline in Liverpool.

**Permits:** To be applied for.

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = 0630 am

**Return Time** to Bristol area = approx 2130 pm

**Book By Date** = 25th June 2016

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: To Be Advised

**Trip 516**

**WEST YORKSHIRE MINIATURES**

**Saturday 13/08/16**

Visiting the various miniature railways that are located in the county

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

**Proposed Itinerary:** All-in-one Miniature Railway, Knutsford; Hemsworth Water Park Miniature Railway, Pontefract; Huddersfield Society of Model Engineers, Huddersfield; Kirklees Light Railway, Clayton West; Pugneys Light Railway, Wakefield; Rio Grande Miniature Railway, Leeds; Shibden Miniature Railway, Halifax; Thornes Park Railway, Wakefield; West Riding Small Loco Society, Wakefield; Lions Mane Model Engineers Miniature Railway, Leeds; Eddercliffe Miniature Railway, Cleckheaton; Bradford Miniature Railway, Shipley; Outgang Micro Brewery, Kinsley.

**Permits:** To be applied for.

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = 0630 am

**Return Time** to Bristol area = approx 2130 pm

**Book By Date** = 30th July 2016

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: To Be Advised

**Trip 517**                      **STATFOLD BARN & CHASEWATER RAILWAY**                      **Saturday 10/09/16**

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

**Please Note:** A deposit of £10 is payable prior to the Book By Date to purchase the Statfold Barn Open Day Ticket.

**Proposed Itinerary:** LH Group Ltd, Barton-under-Needwood; Statfold Barn Railway, Tamworth; Chasewater Light Railway, Brownhills; Quattro Plant, Brownhills.

**Permits:** To be applied for.

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = 0630 am

**Return Time** to Bristol area = approx 2130 pm

**Book By Date** = 27th August 2016

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: To Be Advised

**Trip 518**                      **BLUEBELL RAILWAY & HOLLYCOMBE COLLECTION**                      **Sunday 09/10/16**

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £24.00                      Reduced Fare for Society Members = £21.00

**Proposed Itinerary:** Bluebell Railway, All Locations; Hollycombe Steam Collection, Liphook.

**Permits:** To be applied for.

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = 0630 am

**Return Time** to Bristol area = approx 2130 pm

**Book By Date** = 24th September 2016

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: To Be Advised

**Trip 519**                      **DONCASTER FLYER**                      **Saturday 19/11/16**

Approximately 8 hours free time to do as you wish.

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £28.00                      Reduced Fare for Society Members = £25.00

**Proposed Itinerary:** None

**Permits:** None

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = 0630 am

**Return Time** to Bristol area = approx 2130 pm

**Book By Date** = 5th November 2016

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: None

**Trip 520**

**LONDON FLYER**

**Saturday 17/12/16**

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

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £26.00      Reduced Fare for Society Members = £23.00

**Proposed Itinerary:**    None

**Permits:** None

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = 0630 am

**Return Time** to Bristol area = approx 2130 pm

**Book By Date** = 3rd December 2016

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required:    None

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.

## **NOTICES**

### **Trip Interest Survey**

The Society web site now allows members the opportunity to register their interests and preferences for possible future trips. The Trip Interest Survey is hosted by surveymonkey and can be completed by clicking on the Future Trips link on the Home page of the Society web site [www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk](http://www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk) Pop-ups will need to be allowed on your browser to gain access to the survey screen.

### **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.

### **Bookings**

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

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

Forms should be submitted either on a trip, or by post to John Dicks, or by downloading from the Society web site [Cardiffandavonside.org.uk](http://Cardiffandavonside.org.uk) and e-mailing the completed form to: [bookings@Cardiffandavonside.org.uk](mailto:bookings@Cardiffandavonside.org.uk)

### **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](http://www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk) or send an e-mail to [cardiffandavonside-suscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:cardiffandavonside-suscribe@yahogroups.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.

## NOTES & NEWS

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

**21/05** The following were visible in Stoke Gifford 'downside' during the morning; 66540, 66564, 66602, 66951. A further Class 68 working through the area saw 68016 + 68017 top n' tail a UK Railtour's 'Red Dragon' 1Z27 0709 Paddington - Carmarthen (1212) and 1Z28 1650 return to Paddington (2139) Northern Belle dining trip using c/stock; 10729 Crewe, 10734 Balmoral, 17167 Mow Cop, 325 Duart, 3247 Chatsworth, 3275 Harlech, 3182 Warwick, 3267 Belvoir, 1566 Caerdydd, 3275 Harlech, 3174 Glamis. The outward passed Southall at 0724 (2 late), Swindon 0845 (3 early), Parkway 0915 (-), Newport 0936 (9 early) and departed Cardiff Central at 1008 (2 late) and the return passed Llandeilo junction at 1650 (5 early), Parkway 1917 (-) and Swindon 1945 (3 early).

**22/05** Several interesting freight diversions via the Severn Tunnel, Patchway, Filton, Dr.Days junction, Bath, Box, Swindon and Oxford were recorded during the evening period notably; 66766 - 6E35 1737 Cardiff Docks - Port Clarence (0625) formed of 22 green energy fuel tanks which passed Pengam junction at 1907 (10 late), Pilning 2003 (27 late), Lawrence Hill 2028 (43 late) and Bathampton junction 2046 (45 late) and 66041 - 6E30 Margam - Hartlepool Mill BSC (0552) which passed Pilning at 2012 (10 late), Filton Abbey Wood 2027 (10 late) and Bathampton junction at 2059 (13 late) formed of 21 loaded coil wagons.

**23/05** The popular 37025 ('on loan' to Colas from the Scottish Class 37 Preservation Group) was back in the area working a 3Z08 1754 Derby RTC - Exeter Riverside (0215) test train formed with dept c/stock; 9516, 72616, 6264, 62384, 9703 which passed Bromford Bridge (Birmingham) at 1910 (1 early), Yate 2108 (6 early) and departed Temple Meads at 2201 (17 early). The train then worked 3Q54 2248 Exeter - Exeter (via Lostwithiel) overnight passing Dawlish at 0537 on the return on 25th May.

**24/05** 66524 passed Patchway at 1330 working 4O11 1350 Stoke Gifford - Onllwyn coal empties. 70016 powered an additional South Wales container service as 4Z50 1013 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog (1537) which passed Salisbury at 1110 and Stapleton Road 1231 and 4Z51 1645 return which passed Lawrence Hill at 1645. Both workings were routed via the Avon Valley and Trowbridge.

**25/05** A DRS saloon move using 975025 Caroline was worked by 37425 as 2Z02 0748 Paddington - Newport (1508) via Newbury and Oxford passing Reading at 0854 (7 early) for Newbury, then with loco leading, Reading West curve at 0954 (10 early), towards Didcot and Oxford later passing Wantage Road at 1220 (-) and Wootton Bassett 1330 (12 late) heading towards Hullavington (off route), then passing Parkway at 1353 (off route). The working then reversed in Bristol East freight terminal loop and departed Temple Meads at 1411 (1 late) for Newport. A 5Z02 1602 ecs move followed to Cardiff Canton sidings (1646) for overnight stabling.

**26/05** 37425 + saloon coach 975025 Caroline returned to the Capital as 5Z02 0925 Cardiff Canton - Pontyclun (0935), 2Z02 0940 Pontyclun - Ealing Broadway (1802) via Swansea, being reported passing Port Talbot down at 1004 (5 late), departing Swansea at 1030 (4 early), passing Port Talbot up at 1053 (1 early), departing Cardiff Central at 1207 (9 early), passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1239 (26 early), Pilning 1245 (46 early), and Badminton 1300 (60 early).

**27/05** A further Chiltern Trains stock move saw 31452 work 5Z34 0657 Barton Hill - Wembley Lmd (1010) which passed Parkway at 0650 (-) and

Swindon 0719 (-) and return 5Z35 1130 Wembley - Barton Hill (1451) which passed Parkway at 1414 (23 early) with what was assumed to be blue/grey coach 12054 which was noted alongside the Voyager shed during the following day. More heritage loco action saw 37025 depart the area with a 3Z01 0820 Temple Meads - Derby RTC (1404) test train via Oxford which was reported passing Parkway at 0839 (4 late), Swindon 0916 (33 early) and Heyford 1033 (38 early).

**30/05** An afternoon view of the mainline north of Yate station found the following engineers trains parked up facing north on the down line as far as just short of Wickwar tunnel, in the order as listed (with worksite arrival workings, where known); 70808 top n' tail 66056 (6C21 0034 Westbury - Standish junction), 70806 - (6C23 0446 Westbury - Standish junction), 70801 (6C22 0540 Oxford Hinksey yard - Standish junction), 66075 (6W07 0454 Oxford Hinksey yard - Standish junction), 70806 (6C23 0446 Westbury - Standish junction), 70807 (6C24 0824 Oxford Hinksey yard - Standish junction), 66124 (6W08 0540 Westbury - Standish junction), 70810 (6C25 0952 Bescot - Standish junction), 66124 (6W10 0540 Westbury - Standish junction), 70805 (6C26 1642 Bescot - Standish junction), 70804 - 6C27 1733 Bescot - Standish junction.

**31/05** A Signalling failure in the Westerleigh junction area around 0900 saw at least two diversions via Bath, the 1L34 0728 Swansea - Paddington (1031) GW HST service which reversed in Parkway and departed at 0916 (14 late) and the 6B49 0646 Llanwern - Swindon stores steel service with 20 wagons headed by 66197 which had passed Severn Tunnel junction at 0903 (115 late) and later Filton Abbey Wood at 0923 (off route).

**01/06** A return engineering train working from the previous weekends Charfield occupation was headed by 70806 as 6C22 1216 Gloucester signal G339 - Westbury down yard (1523) formed of 25 wagons and reported passing Yate at 1243 (22 early) and Bath 1353 (29 early).

**04/06** 66198 + 66137 were paired on the 0012 Margam - Eastleigh Saturdays light-loco move being reported passing Patchway at 1316.

**08/06** Highlight of the review period was the first appearance of steam 60103 Flying Scotsman through the area since its mainline return following an extensive and costly overhaul with a return, Steam Dreams 1Z72 0940 Holyhead - Paddington (2213) 'Cambrian Coast Express' (which was day 4 of 4, the train also having visited Pwllheli having set out from Paddington on the 5th June). The working had reached Holyhead via Crewe behind steam 46115 Scots Guardsman (not 45699 Galatea as originally allocated) during the previous day. However due to the dry conditions, the support diesel 47580 on the rear of the train was noted assisting on several occasions notably over the Marches and away from the Severn Tunnel. Around 30 people were present and not all photographers, on the road over bridge at Pilning West, the bank NR storage area gate having been opened for additional car parking spaces! At Patchway station there were from 70 - 100 people present under the control of a single NR employee. Some train time records were; departing Hereford at 1722 (26 late), passing Pilning at 1849 (35 late), departing Parkway at 1913 (-) and passing Didcot at 2050 (2 early). Two late afternoon freight records were; 66152 - 6E53 1555 Cardiff Tidal - Tees New yard (0137) steel which passed Severn Tunnel junction at 1703 (2 late), Pilning 1713 (1 late) and Yate 1728 (1 early) and 66951 - 4Z90 1555 Fifoots (Uskmouth) PS - Stoke Gifford coal empties (which had been held overnight at Uskmouth) passing Pilning at 1739 (64 early).

**11/06** The first IEP Class 800 unit to visit the area, 800002 slipped away under the cover of darkness as 5X80 0220 Stoke Gifford - Old Dalby (1039) via Oxford and Hatton bank the only report received was passing Swindon at 0244 (14 early). News regarding these new trains is that the 21



electric only units will all now receive additional diesel engines funded by the Government and become 'bi-mode' matching the specifications of the other 36 sets on order enabling their planned introduction during the Summer of 2017 to still take place. Other reports for the day included; 66197 + 66044 forming the days 0012 1106 Margam - Eastleigh light-loco move which passed Newport at 1241 and arrived Westbury at 1424 and earlier 31452 which had run 0Z31 1003 Barton Hill - Wembley Euroterminal passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1003 to collect 56303, the pair later returning as 0Z32 1430 Willesden Euroterminal - Washwood Heath (1930) which passed Slough at 1448 (46 early), Reading 1512 (45 early), arriving Parkway at 1637 (55 early) and later passing Yate at 1754 (15 early) following a reverse move. Three engineering train loco allocations were; 66002 + 66124 top n' tailing 6W30 2200 Westbury - Westbury (via Cardiff Rumney River bridge junction) which passed Bradford junction at 0648, 66168 - 6W33 0228 Westbury - Newport Maindee East junction formed of 7 flats, 2 bass and 33 coalfish wagons, which passed Severn Tunnel junction at 0345 and 66536 + 66419 - 6Y19 1922 Taunton Fairwater - Cardiff Rumney River Bridge junction (2212) which passed Taunton station at 1922.

**13/06** 66112 was an interesting sight approaching Parkway at 2108 heading a 6V06 1510 Handsworth Queenshead - Newport Docks Sims train of MBAs loaded with scrap metal which had been routed via Banbury, Oxford and Swindon. Further investigations found the booked working of this train on Saturday 11th June had been cancelled.

**15/06** The 1B79 1845 Paddington - Swansea (2150) GW HST service struck building material bags loaded with stone deliberately placed on the track just west of Chipping Sodbury. The service was held until safety checks had been carried out and the track cleared, the set being able to continue arriving Parkway at 2229 and departing at 2242 (153 late). Some of the following services were diverted via Bath because of the incident, the 1B81 1915 Paddington - Swansea (2220) service HST was reported departing Parkway after a reverse move at 2200 (77 late) and the following 1B88 2015 Paddington - Swansea (2322) departed at 2207 (25 late) having been routed the same way. BT Police are now investigating the incident.

**18/06** 66080 + 66079 formed the 0012 1242 Newport ADJ - Eastleigh yard light-engine move which passed Newport at 1230.

Locos recorded at Westerleigh on fuel tank duty have included; 60020/039/044/066/091.

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

**02/05** Additional Information (June Magazine) - On the day of St. Phillips Marsh Open Day, the following were visible on Barton Hill depot; 08516, 31452. c/stock; 12036 (in 'old' Virgin red livery), 12609 (in new Chiltern Trains 'mainline' livery). Also regarding the open day, a member has pointed out that the additional stock was listed in the event's programme, but not present (this is additional to the notes section for the report published in the June Magazine) - 47773 D1755 (Tyseley based, the move from here being cancelled), GW DMU 150232 (150247 also in the new GW green livery was displayed instead of this set), 20205 (non-attendance reason unknown), steam 34067 Tangmere (crewing issues for the planned movement to the event).

**19/05** Colas 37219 powered a 5Z10 1008 Temple Meads - Temple Meads test train (formed with dept c/stock; 9516, 72616, 6264, 62384, 9703) via Plymouth (and the Laira triangle) from the rear, being recorded passing Bathampton junction at 1128 (63 late), Taunton 1234 (125 early) and Dawlish 1315 (165 early) outward and on the return passing Bridgwater at

1606 (186 early) and Temple Meads 1646 (184 early).

**20/05** 37219 with test train departed the area as 3Z10 1009 Bristol high-level sidings Dollands Moor (1658) being recorded passing North Somerset junction at 1011 (1 early) and Chippenham 1104 (8 early).

**22/05** Sunday engineering train loco allocations and reports included; 70801 - 6C24 1826 Cheltenham Alstone crossing - Westbury (2018) which passed Gloucester yard at 1700 (95 early) and North Somerset junction 1808 formed with 7 flats and crane DRK81612 with runners CN97416 + CN97417, 70804 + 66849 top n' tailing - 6C26 Cheltenham - Westbury (1218) which departed at 0948 910 early) passed Stapleton road at 1028 (64 early) formed of 13 wagons, 66039 + 66013 top n' tailing 6W40 1551 Carmarthen Bridge - Westbury which passed Lawrence Hill at 2047 formed of 42 coalfish wagons, 66152 + 66172 top n' tailing - 6W97 0847 Maindee East junction - Westbury (1038) which passed Bradford junction at 1018 and 66953 + 66957 top n' tailing - 6Y19 0815 Magor - Taunton Fairwater which passed Taunton station at 0946 (82 early).

**23/05** Having arrived in Bristol on 27th April with the 'Great Britain IX' from Penzance, Steam 46100 Royal Scot departed the area as 5Z41 0745 St.Phillips Marsh - Crewe HS (1536) with support coach 35317 being noted in Temple Meads on the up through at 0805 and passing Patchway at 0827.

**25/05** 37603 + 37606 were paired on the 6V74 / 6M63 Bridgwater nuclear flask service the inward passing Parsons street at 0540 and the return departing Bridgwater at 1105 and passing Temple Meads at 1145. A 0Z74 1430 Old Oak Common - St.Phillips Marsh back to back HST power car move, formed with 43092 + 43193 was noted arriving in Temple Meads at 1752 for a reverse move to St.Phillips Marsh.

**26/05** 37025 continued on test train duty as 3Z14 0954 Bristol Barton Hill - BTM high level sidings (1722) via Weymouth and Chippenham passing Bathampton junction at 1027 (1 early), departing Weymouth at 1336 (9 early) passing Trowbridge on the return at 1553 (6 early) for Chippenham and passing Bath at 1647 (-). DCR de-branded green 31452 arrived light during the afternoon as a 0Z52 1018 light-engine move to Barton Hill (1504) which passed Longbridge (Birmingham) 1209 (1 late). Another light-engine report was 68017 on a 0Z68 1530 Crewe Gresty Bridge - Exeter St.Davids (2038) West of England driver route refresher which passed Sutton Bridge junction at 1630 (7 early), Pilning 1839 (9 early), Lawrence Hill 1854 (13 early), Worle 1924 (22 early) and Bridgwater 1937 (23 early). This was the first Class member to reach Exeter.

**28/05** Having worked 0Z68 1022 Exeter St.Davids - Penzance and 0Z69 1427 return to Exeter (1812) light during the previous day being reported as passing Dawlish at 1026 (18 early) arriving Penzance at 1250 (42 early) and departing 1412 (15 early), 68017 returned north as 0Z68 1000 Exeter St.Davids - Crewe Gresty Bridge (1609) via Oxford which was reported passing Taunton at 1030 (-), Worle 1053 (5 early), Yatton 1057 (21 early) having left out a booked loop stop, Keynsham 1113 (41 early), Chippenham 1132 (41 early) and Swindon 1149 (39 early). Bank Holiday weekend engineering work saw several area line blockades from 0030 (28th May) through to 0430 (1st June). The routes affected were; Stoke Gifford no. 1 - Dr.Day's junction, Filton no. 2 - Hallen Marsh junction, Narroways Hill junction - Severn Beach and Wootton Bassett - Pilning. Track relaying in the Charfield area also saw this line closed from Westerleigh junction - Standish junction a large number of engineering trains arriving at the works site from and back to the north, GW and Arriva XC passenger services were diverted via the Stroud Valley line and Gloucester, Arriva also operated a road bus connection between Temple Meads, Parkway and Cheltenham. Buses also covered the Severn Beach line where closure notices

were in position at each station also listing the August Bank Holiday as another future closure weekend for this line. A double deck First Bristol bus was seen at Severn Beach as a substitution in the mid-afternoon, believed unusual for this route! Work also continued on Filton bank with preparation activity taking place on stage two of Signalling renewals and the removal of Easton Road Bridge near Lawrence Hill. Early afternoon observations here saw a Mammoet 53-ton heavy lift road crane parked on the former mainline track bed, lift the first dismantled steel section (believed to have weighed between 30 and 35 tonnes) away at 1420. The temporary scaffold and wood constructed footbridge was closed whilst the work continued. The crane is believed to have reached the location via the down side approach road at Stapleton Road station. Other engineering activity was noted near the Severn Tunnel East portal and just east of Parkway station (near Hambrook) where a new road over bridge was being installed, again a large road crane was assisting with the work here. Another record for the day was preserved 'Thumper' DEMU set 1118 present close to the wheel lathe during, the afternoon assumed ready for a return to the West Somerset Railway following further wheel lathe attention. The unit had only received wheel profiling along with 1132 at this location in October last year.

**30/05** GW 'hired' in 158886 from SWTs for the Bank Holiday, the set being recorded on the 1C45 1319 Bristol TM - Exeter St.Davids (1433) service passing Uphill junction at 1336 (-) and departing Taunton at 1404 (4 late). The unit later returned as 2M67 1849 Paignton - Bristol TM (2054).

**31/05** Two test train reports for the day were; 37254 - 3Z06 2154 (Mon) Derby RTC - Bristol TM (0457) which passed Yate at 0514 (50 late) and Filton Abbey Wood 0526 (45 late) formed with dept c/stock; 977969, 99606, 9701 and 37116 propelling - 3Z09 0930 0930 Derby RTC - Exeter Riverside formed of dept c/stock 97997, 977986, 977985, 999602, 9708 and reported passing Ashchurch at 1438 (128 late), Yate 1540 (90 late), Filton Abbey Wood 1551 (60 late), Taunton 1646 (42 late) and arriving Exeter at 1717 (40 late). Returning engineering train reports from the weekend work at Charfield included; 66124 top n' tailing 70804 - 6C23 0400 Worcester yard - Westbury formed of 25 wagons and 66075 - 6Z21 0600 Newport ADJ - Westbury which passed North Somerset junction at 0718. Also, 70801 + 70805 + 66849 returned as a 0F75 1505 Bescot - Westbury light loco move which passed Cheltenham at 1643 (77 late) and Bath 1913 (63 late).

**01/06** 37605 + 37612 worked the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flasks (formed of FNAs 550042 + 550046) which was reported as departing at 1137, the 6V74 inward having passed Cheltenham at 0707 (56 late) and Filton Abbey Wood 0800.

**03/06** 37116 returned from West of England test train duties as 3Z91 2244 (Thur) Penzance - Bristol TM via St. Ives, Falmouth and Parkindillack departing Exeter St.Davids at 0554 (-), passing Bridgwater at 0709 (2 early) and Weston-super-Mare 0734 (2 late). The train's dept c/stock formation was reported as; 977997, 977986, 977985, 999602, 9708 (UTU 3). Another test working, and away from its normal 'diagram' was the NRMT HST set formed with power cars 43013 + 43014 working 1Q18 0525 Old Oak Common - Paignton (via Falmouth), then 1Z18 1546 Paignton - Taunton (1847) via Temple Meads, being reported passing Bridgwater at 1706 (2 late), departing Temple Meads at 1807 (4 late) and again passing Bridgwater at 1837 (-). On arrival back at Taunton the set formed a 1Q19 1857 move back to Old Oak Common (via Newbury).

**04/06** The Saturdays Only, GW HST 'Weymouth Wizzard' 1072 0906 Bristol TM - Weymouth was formed with power cars 43124 + 43179. Having arrived in South Wales during the previous day and worked Cardiff - Chester (see

Cardiff notes & news) 68016 + 68017 worked 5Z30 0530 Pengam - Swindon (0648) to work 1Z31 0705 Swindon - Par (1115) and 1Z34 1712 Par - Swindon (2146), the outward being reported departing Swindon at 0705 (-), passing Wootton Bassett junction at 0712 (1 early), Bathampton junction 0732 (4 early), Parsons street 0810 (4 early), Uphill junction 0832 (2 early), Taunton 0850 (7 early) and Dawlish 0930 (3 early) and the return passing Dawlish at 1850 (5 early), Taunton 1929 (3 early), arriving Yatton loop at 1956 (4 early), departing at 1957 (26 early), departing Temple Meads at 2037 (20 early) and passing Chippenham at 2105 (26 early). To complete the day's workings, the ecs was returned as 5Z35 2201 Swindon - Cardiff Pengam sidings (2310), whilst earlier in Cornwall the trains empty stock moves were, 5Z32 1120 Par - Penzance, platform 1 (1213) for servicing, returning as 5Z33 1609 Penzance - Par (1707). The cost of the day's traveling package per head for this train was £340.00!

**08/06** 37605 + 37612 were paired on the 6V74 / 6M63 Bridgwater flasks (FNAs 550035 + 550040) which passed Uphill junction at 0608, later arriving at its destination at 0635 and returning north at 1130. One of two 'guest' locos for this year's June West Somerset Mixed Traffic weekend was provided by GBRf, 66757 which carries the preserved railways name worked 0Z57 0858 Doncaster Roberts Road depot - Bishops Lydeard (1520) light passing Stoke Works junction at 1118 (54 early), Yate 1236 (38 early), departing Temple Meads at 1257 (83 early) and passing Taunton station at 1429 (33 early). Earlier, another light loco record was; 47749 - 0Z49 1045 Westbury - Washwood Heath (1348) which passed Bath at 1112 (-) and Yate 1153 (1 early).

**09/06** Colas provided a second loco for the forthcoming West Somerset Railway Gala weekend in the form of 56302 which ran 0V40 1318 Washwood Heath Metro Cammell - Bishops Lydeard (1737) light which passed Yate at 1515 (2 late) and Bridgwater 1658 (5 late). An engineering train record and loco allocation was; 70801 - 6C25 0527 Charfield - Westbury which passed Yate at 0602 (52 early) and Bath 0649 (60 early).

**11/06** The days 'Weymouth Wizzard' (1072 0906 Bristol TM - Weymouth) GW Saturdays only HST 'relief' was formed with HST power cars; 43129 (OC47) 43161. The mainline between Wootton Bassett junction and Bathampton junction and the Melksham branch were all closed during the day for track work. Road bus connections ran between Bath, Chippenham and Swindon throughout the day.

**12/06** 66757 returned from West Somerset Railway gala weekend duties as 0Z57 1600 Bishops Lydeard (WSR) - Bescot Engineers sidings (2038) light which passed Uphill junction at 1647 (5 late) and Yate 1726 (6 early). The newly named and re-liveried power car 43027 Queens 90th Birthday (along with 43162 and coaching set OC44) was allocated; 1A91 1542 Plymouth - Paddington, 1C29 2007 Paddington - Bath and 1Z79 2232 Bath - Bristol TM. An engineering train loco allocation was; 66419 + 66536 - 6Y19 0800 Newport Ebbw junction - Taunton Fairwater (1225) which passed Bristol West junction at 1120 (6 early).

**13/06** The second West Somerset Railway weekend visitor, Colas 56302 returned as 0M40 0830 Taunton Fairwater - Washwood Heath Metro Cammell (1333) which was reported as departing Taunton station at 1001 (-) and passing Highbridge & Burnham at 1019 and Yate. The loco was named 'Peco the Railway Modeller' over the week end celebrating 70 years of model railway products. Earlier, 66536 passed Taunton station at 0857 running 0Z40 0850 Taunton Fairwater - St.Phillips Marsh light for a 6Z40 1026 departmental move to West Ealing Plasser works (via Badminton) which passed Stapleton Road at 1148.

**14/06** 70810 was on what was assumed 'gauging tests' running as 0Q00 0927

Westbury - Westbury (1947) via Bristol (each way) and Plymouth being reported passing Yatton at 1021 (72 early) outward and Parsons street at 1642 (135 early) on the return, arriving in Westbury at 1728 (139 early). 37421 was another morning record arriving on a 3Z05 0956 test working from Cardiff Canton - Bristol TM (1238) which had passed Magor at 1026 (8 early) and Filton Abbey Wood 1054 (1 late). The train later ran 3Z71 2010 to Tyseley (0525) via Slough which was reported passing Keynsham at 1955 (22 early). The days Arriva XC HST power car allocations were as follows; 43301 + 43366 - 1V44 0600 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S51 1225 Plymouth - Glasgow Central and 43304 + 43384 - 1V50 0606 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth / 1E63 1525 Plymouth - Leeds.

**15/06** 37606 + 66423 were an unusual pairing on the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flasks which departed at 1138 and passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1241. 37706 ran 0Z37 0930 Southall - Taunton (via Castle Cary) to collect 47245 left from the previous weekend rail tour duty, arriving at 1250 (41 early). The pair then departed as 0Z38 1431 Taunton - Carnforth Steam town (2344) via the Severn Tunnel and Hereford and were reported passing Bridgwater at 1443 (10 early) and Patchway 1600 (24 early). 70810 worked another 0Q00 Westbury - Westbury via Plymouth light-engine survey working which passed Bridgwater down at 1118. However, the working was terminated at Taunton, departing at 1216 back towards Bristol. Colas duo 37116 + 37219 were an evening arrival in Temple Meads on a 1Z78 0837 Derby RTC - Bristol (2102) test train in top n' tail formation having been routed via Oxford, Swindon, Melksham, Westbury, Castle Cary, Yeovil and Weymouth! The train had also reversed at Bristol East goods loop and returned back to Heywood Road junction (Westbury) and back to Bristol arriving around 30 late, as part of its diagram.

**16/06** 37116 + 37219 departed the area as 1Z78 0714 Temple Meads - Tyseley (1915) via Severn Tunnel junction, Bath, Swindon and Oxford, local area reports being passing Pilning at 0836 (5 late), departing Temple Meads on the return at 1034 (57 late) and passing Bath at 1047 (58 late). The train's departmental c/stock formation was reported as; 6263, 5981, 977868, 99666, 72630. Another Colas loco record for the day was 70809 + 70806 passing Lawrence Hill at 1324 running 0F75 1309 Barry - Westbury light engine.

**17/06** 66550 formed a 0Z50 Taunton Fairwater - St.Phillips Marsh light-engine move which departed at 0910 (20 late) to collect MBOC machine part DR76324, the 6Z50 1115 return move later passing Bedminster at 1118 and Worle junction 1212. Later, Colas 60047 ran 0Z76 1820 Oxford Hinksey yard - Exeter Riverside (2158) light being reported passing Swindon at 1901 (10 early), departing Temple Meads at 1947 (16 early), passing Weston-super-Mare station at 2012 (off route) and Bridgwater 2029 (22 early). Earlier, the 6C73 1212 Westbury - Taunton Fairwater departmental (via Bristol) with 66419 and formed of MBOC parts was also routed over the Weston-super-Mare loop being held at a signal just south of the station from 1335 to 1339 before heading to Uphill junction and the mainline.

**18/06** Heritage traction was the order of the day with no less than six older diesels involved with three trains formed of passenger stock one using Class 73 locos almost certainly a passenger first for the Bristol and Somerset areas. Train details were as follows; 47773 (BR green) + 47237 (West Coast maroon) - Vintage Trains 'The Whistling Ghost IV' 1Z73 0804 Tyseley Steam Trust - Bishops Lydeard and 1Z74 1840 return to Tyseley (2250), in place of steam 46233 Duchess of Sutherland, formed with c/stock; 9101, 5212, 5198, 99349, 99361, 99353, 17018, 35470. The outward was reported passing Cheltenham at 0958 (14 late), Filton Abbey Wood 1102 (16 late), departing Temple Meads at 1122 (4 late), passing Yatton at 1134

(4 late) and Bridgwater 1211 (11 late) and on the return passing Uphill junction at 1921 (4 early) and Yate 2021 (3 early). 73964 + 73961 - GBRf carrying a 'Tonbridge Trailblazer' headboard (private charter) 1Z61 0718 Ashford International - Weston-super-Mare (1226) and 1Z64 1725 return to Tonbridge (2317) formed with c/stock; 21269, 3121, 1651, 3147, 3149, 3097, 1691, 3120. The outward departed Reading at 1005 (8 late), passed Trowbridge at 1124 (3 late), Bathampton junction 1141 (4 late), departed Bath 1150 (7 late), passed Temple Meads on the up through line at 1205 (6 late), Yatton at 1222 (1 late) - then into and out of the down loop non-stop and arrived Weston-super-Mare at 1237 (11 late). The ecs moves to the West Somerset Railway for servicing then followed as; 5Z62 Weston-super-Mare - Bishops Lydeard (1316) which departed at 1246 (16 late), passed Uphill junction at 1249 (16 late) and Bridgwater 1300 (11 late) and the 5Z63 1628 return to Weston-super-Mare (1720) which departed Taunton station at 1647 (6 early) and passed Bridgwater at 1700 (4 early). The 1Z63 Weston-super-Mare - Ashford International (2317) departed at 1728 (3 late) and passed Yatton at 1738 (5 early) - leaving out a booked loop stop here, departed Temple Meads at 1800 (1 late), passed Bathampton junction at 1823 (-) and Trowbridge 1841 (6 late). It was interesting to note a rare Class 73 + 66 combo was booked for another GBRf tour 'The Crystal Maze part 1' 1Z65 1104 Tonbridge - Southampton Central (1613) using the same set of coaching stock during the following day (locos 73962 + 66763 being allocated as the magazine went to press). 47848 + 47812 - 5V47 0515 Kilmarnock Barclays (2155) worked by the Rail Operations Group and formed with refurbished HST c/stock (carrying the GW green colour scheme); 6348 (barrier coach), 41158, 40743, 42245, 42581, 42129, 42200, 42250, 44086, 6338 (barrier coach), 6336 (barrier coach) which passed Barnt Green 1514 (5 early), Haresfield loop 1614 (63 early), Filton Abbey Wood 1640 (68 early), Temple Meads 1651 (66 early), Bridgwater 1718 (117 early), Taunton 1729 (117 early) and Dawlish 1813 (166 early). This would appear to be the final HST stock move regarding refurbishment as the locos were booked to return north light via West Ealing and Long Marston, also all the GW barrier coaches were now present at Laira. Another report for the day was the GW 'Weymouth Wizzard' 1072 0906 Bristol TM - Weymouth, Saturday 'relief' which was formed with power cars 43161 + 43129. Another GW sighting of interest during the day was dmu coach 57768 (part of 158956) on Barton Hill depot now carrying the new green house colours.

### **Bristol West Railport**

Locos recorded here on container duty have included;  
66414/418/420/505/536/541/546/570/571/572/587/588/589/592/954/955/957.

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

**06/06** A planned test working for the new Sita Severnside energy recovery site at Seabank appeared to have not taken place. Another date of 20th June has now been set with an inward 0028 arrival time and 0445 empty departure working from and back to Brentford. Daily workings are now not expected to start until September as rail work continues around the site. The project timeline so far is as follows; 1992 - the ICI, Terras Nitrous Fertilizer plant sidings are 'mothballed' following passage of the last train (the Severn Beach branch line connection being removed around 10 years later), 2010 - the original planning application by a consortium led by SITA for the energy recovery plant is refused by South Gloucestershire Council, 2011 - (September) following an appeal, the decision is overturned by the Government after a public inquiry, 2013 - (December)

work starts on vegetation clearance and track lifting at the site, Balfour Beatty being the rail work contractor. 2016 - (February / March) the new energy recovery plant alongside the gas powered Seabank electricity power station is completed and commissioned, (April) the branch line rail link is reinstated, (May) with track laying completed, the first train enters the site as a test working on the 9th, (June) a full 'trial' working from Brentford is expected to take place, (September) a full six days a week rail operation is planned to commence.

**09/06** DB 'sticker livery' 66108 was stabled in the old LPG sidings overnight with the silver Hansons bogie cement tanks late morning. The return empty working had been cancelled.

Locos on coal duty included; 66419/509/524/550/560/595/598/602/623/951.  
Locos recorded on stone duty have included; 59002. 66039/074/124/188.  
Locos recorded on cement duty have included; 66108/140.

### **Portbury Branchline**

**21/05** The 6V51 Newport ADJ - Portbury empty car carriers operated unusually with a single wagon (8743750222) and passed Newport station at 0731 (20 early). 66199 was unconfirmed hauling power, which was booked to return light back to Newport later in the day.

**26/05** 37025 visited the branch in the early hours working a 3Z26 Exeter - Barton Hill (0305) test train (via a reverse at Lawrence Hill) which departed at 2145 (-), being reported as passing Bristol West at 0046 (47 early) and on the return Parsons Street 0151 (47 early). The booked Portbury stop board times being 0204 - 0214).

Locos recorded on gypsum duty have included; 66704/707/711/731/748/751.  
Locos recorded on car duty has included; 66060/112.

### **Bristol area workings during April**

4L31 0903 Bristol West Railport - Felixstowe containers (FL)

04/04	66572.	11/04	66594.	15/04	66566.	18/04	66418.
19/04	66955.	20/04	66570.	25/04	66504.	26/04	66954.
27/04	66587.						

4L32 1100 Bristol West Railport - Tilbury (\* London Gateway) containers FL

04/04	66534.	05/04	66954.	11/04	66534.	12/04	66502.
13/04	66414.	15/04	66418.	19/04	66570.	20/04	66955.
22/04	66504.	25/04	66501.	26/04	66587.	27/04	66516.
28/04	66593.						

4M18 0947 Taunton Fairwater Yard - Washwood Heath RMC (via Parkway) loaded used sleepers (FLHH)

01/04	66518.	04/04	66546.
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4O25 1625 Bristol West Railport - Southampton Maritime containers (FL)

06/04	66568.	18/04	66955.
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Note; Container services were diverted during part of the month via Parkway and Badminton whilst a further engineering blockade took place from 04 - 10/04 between Bristol and Bath.

4O57 1329 / 1529 (MO TO\*) Wentloog - Southampton containers (FL)

04/04	66542.	11/04	66418.	18/04	66954.	25/04	66541.
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4O70 (4V51) Wentloog - Southampton containers (4O59 SO) (FL)

01/04	66588.	02/04	66542.	04/04	70019.	07/04	66504.
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11/04 70001. 13/04 66420. 14/04 66597. 15/04 66568.  
18/04 66568. 19/04 66534. 20/04 66590. 21/04 70008.  
23/04 66541. 26/04 66416. 27/04 66569. 28/04 66501.  
30/04 66416.

Note; Train ran as 4051 from 26-28/04 inclusive.

6A29 Wentloog - Didcot 'intermodal' freight (DB)

01/04 66177. 15/04 66117. 19/04 66060. 28/04 66144.

6A83 Avonmouth Bennetts - West Drayton / \* Theale (MO) loaded stone (DB)

01/04 66055. 06/04 66080. 08/04 66148. 13/04 66061.

18/04\* 66152. 20/04 66109. 25/04\* 66037. 26/04 66037.

27/04 59201.

Notes; 26/04 Train ran as 6Z84 to Westbury.

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

01/04 60019. 02/04 60019. 06-08/04 60091. 09/04 60092.

13/04 66176. 14/04 60039. 15/04 60091. 16/04 60039.

19/04 60039. 23/04 60039. 26/04 60091. 27/04 60066.

28/04 60039. 29/04 60091. 30/04 60039.

Note; 30/04 Train diverted via Bath.

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

04/04 66061. 08/04 66034. 11/04 66147. 13/04 66164.

15/04 66151. 19/04 66090. 21/04 66177. 27/04 66198.

6B49 / 6B50 Llanwern - Swindon Stores steel and return empties (DB)

01/04 66119. 04/04 66065. 11/04 66110. 15/04 66147.

18/04 66106. 25/04 66174.

6B68 0925 Avonmouth BBHt - Aberthaw PS loaded coal (FLHH)

01/04 66548. 08/04 66526. 11/04 66508. 13/04 66555.

14/04 66555. 15/04 66555. 18/04 66560. 19/04 66564.

20/04 66954. 21/04 66564. 26/04 66512. 27/04 66551.

28/04 66550. 29/04 66512.

6B71 0303 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Swindon Cocklebury scrap empties (DB)

15/04 66176. 18/04 66175.

6B80/6C83 Westbury - Machen Quarry stone empties and loaded return (SO) DB

09/04 66079. 16/04 66106. 23/04 66109.

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

19/04 66136. 26/04 66077.

6F90 1125 Avonmouth BBHt - Uskmouth (Fifoots) PS loaded coal (FLHH)

15/04 66512 + 66564. 25/04 66548. 26/04 66957. 27/04 66524.

28/04 66553. 29/04 66553.

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

01/04 66046. 04/04 66117. 06/04 66136. 08/04 66061.

20/04 66170. 22/04 66078.

6V47 Tilbury (Riverside) - Trostre steel (DB)

07/04 66089. 11/04 66176.



6V51 0303 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carriers (TThO) (DB)  
09/04 66151. 14/04 66131. 19/04 66128. 21/04 66175.  
26/04 66106.

6V54 (6M51) Chirk Kronospan - Exeter (Riverside) yard empty and return  
loaded logs (Colas)  
20/04 70808.

6V74/6M63 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater and return nuclear flasks (DRS)  
07/04 37069 + 37610. 12/04 37059 + 37610. 14/04 37604 + 57306.  
21/04 57003 + 57306. 28/04 37069 + 37605.

6V80 / 6E81 (6E89 SO) West Burton PS / \* Gascoigne Wood - Portbury Coal  
terminal loaded and return empty gypsum (GBRf)  
01/04\* 66726. 05/04 66726. 07/04\* 66726. 11/04 66726.  
13/04 66726. 15/04 66720. 18/04 66720. 19/04 66750.  
21/04 66720. 25/04\* 66720.  
Note; 21/04 Train started at Doncaster.

6X52 Portbury - Warrington / Mossend loaded cars and vans (DB)  
09/04 66129.

6Z47 (4Z47\*) Wembley - Cardiff Docks Ryan's empty stone (DB)  
12/04 66177. 14/04 66188. 15/04\* 66188. 19/04 66052.  
21/04 66063. 26/04 66069. 28/04\* 66160.

### **Gloucester area workings**

**20/05** 6m81 Margam - Round Oak 60066 Gcr 0833; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog  
66434 Gcr 1104; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60091 Gcr 1109; 6v05 Round Oak  
- Margam 66176 Gcr 1127; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 66250 Gcr 2049; 6m60  
Exeter Riverside - Bescot 66066;

**21/05** 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1044; 4v38 Daventry -  
Wentloog 66304 Gcr 1115;

**22/05** 6c26 0958 Cheltenham - Westbury 70804/66849 Standish Jn 0842 110  
early; 6c24 1826 Alstone Level Crossing - Westbury 70801 Standish Jn 1708  
93 early; 6c25 2030 Cheltenham - Westbury 70809 Standish Jn 1931 73 early;  
6j44 Taunton - Horton Road Dr73935 Gcr 1400;

**23/05** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66304 Gcr 1250; 6v80 Gascoigne Wood -  
Portbury 66704; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60091; 3z08 1754 Derby Rtc -  
Exeter Riverside Yard 9703-62384-66264-7216-9516-37025;

**24/05** 6b41 Westerleigh - Robeston 60039 Gcr 1225; 0z63 Kidderminster Svr  
- Didcot Gws 66763 46045; 0z64 Didcot Gws - Gloucester 66763 Gcr 1555;  
6b47 Westerleigh - Robeston 60044 Gcr 1905;

**25/05** 0z63 0815 Gloucester - Kidderminster Svr 66763; 6m81 Margam - Round  
Oak 60039 Gcr 0834; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66430 Gcr 1049; 6v55 Bedworth  
- Robeston 66041 Gcr 2023; 6v74/6m63 Crewe - Bridgwater 37606/37603; 4v89  
0117 York Yard South - Stoke Gifford 66623; 5z63 1053 Kidderminster Svr -  
West Ruislip 66763-76297-71163-70823-76324;

**26/05** 6z66 1420 Long Marston - Wellingborough 66757 Stonehouse 1711; 4v38  
Daventry - Wentloog 66422 Gcr 1050; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60066 Gcr  
1105; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66118 Gcr 1101;

**27/05** 6v80 Gascoigne Wood - Portbury 66731; 6w06 2030 Bescot - Charfield  
66065; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66430 Gcr 1049; 6b13 Robeston -  
Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1115; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66077 Gcr 1102; 6v55

Bedworth - Robeston 66044 Gcr 2000; 6z35 Shipley - Cardiff Tidal 56312 Gcr 2148;

**28/05** 6v06 Handsworth - Newport Docks 66043 Gcr 1924 47 late; 6v29 Lincoln Terrace - Cardiff Tidal 66197 Gcr 2224 Standish Jn; 0211 6c20 2324 ex Hinksey 70808; 0202 60o3 2232 Cardiff Docks - Acton 66169; 0209 6b14 0048 Didcot - Newport Ad Jn 66113; 0300 6c21 0034 ex Westbury 70802; 0354 6a11 2249 Robeston - Theale 60091; 0620 1z25 0540 Swindon - Holyhead 66009; 0755 6w07 0454 ex Hinksey 66075; 0816 6c22 0540 ex Hinksey 70801; 0946 6c23 0446 ex Westbury 70806; 1035 6w08 0540 ex Westbury 66124; 1133 6c24 0824 ex Hinksey 70807; 1247 6c25 0952 ex Bescot 70810; 1424 6b33 1125 Theale - Robeston 60091; 1500 6w10 1240 ex Bescot 66200; 2043 6c27 1733 ex Bescot 70804; 2002 6c26 1642 ex Bescot 70805; 2300 6w11 2028 ex Bescot 66056; 2329 1z27 1625 Holyhead - Swindon 66009;

**29/05** 6y66 1043 Bescot - Standish Jn 1315 66595/66140; 6j42 1827 Ashchurch - Standish Jn 1853 Dr 73935; 6c29 1648 Bescot - Standish Jn 1925 66849;

**30/05** Sightings at Gloucester Yard Jn: 1511 6w14 Standish Jn - Bescot 66595; 1547 6c29 Standish Jn - Bescot 66002; 1611 6w11 Standish Jn - Bescot 66849; 1637 6c27 Standish Jn - Hinksey 66056; 1706 6c26 Standish Jn - Hinksey 70804; 1720 6w10 Standish Jn - Bescot 70805; 1744 6c25 Standish Jn - Newport Ad Jn 66200; 1759 6c24 Standish Jn - Pengam Sdgs 70810; 1825 6w08 Standish Jn - Bescot 70807; 1852 6c23 Standish Jn - Worcester Yard 66124; 1945 6c22 Standish Jn - Gloucester Yard 70806; 2025 6a29 Newport Ad Jn - Didcot 66030; 4e53 Aberthaw - York Yard South 66563 Gcr 1458;

**31/05** 6m90 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66165; 6v80 Gascoigne Wood - Portbury 66731; 3z09 Derby Rtc - Exeter Riverside Yard 37116; 6a11 Robeston - Theale Gcr 0345 60039; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66424 Gcr 1202; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60044 Gcr 1113; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66238 Gcr 1102; 6b41 Westerleigh - Robeston 60091 Gcr 1228; 0z70 Hams Hall - Gloucester 1357 66708; 6z44 Aberthaw - Lindsey 66230 Gcr 1919;

**01/06** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66424 Gcr 1102; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1101; 6z34 Cardiff Tidal - Leicester 56312 Gcr 1154; 0z70 Gloucester - Didcot Gws Departed Gcr 0901 66708; 6c22 1216 Gloucester New Yard - Westbury 70806; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 37605/37612; 0z70 Didcot Gws - Kidderminster Svr 66708-46045;

**02/06** 6e35 Cardiff Docks - Port Clarence 66752 Gcr 2119; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66430 Gcr 1050;

**03/06** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66424 Gcr 1055; 6v35 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66129; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 66197 Gcr 2050;

**04/06** 6v06 Handsworth - Newport Docks 66117;

**06/06** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66426 Gcr 1050; 6e81 Portbury - Hexthorpe Yard Charfield Loop 1717-1953 66751;

**07/06** 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1112; 6b41 Westerleigh - Robeston 60091; 6z62 1304 Croft Quarry - Pengam Sdgs 66713 Gcr 1638; 6b17 2100 06th Robeston - Westerleigh 60091 Gcr 0339-0432; 6z94 Aberthaw - Lindsey 60017 Gcr 2049;

**08/06** 6v58 Hartlepool - Cardiff Tidal Gcr 0018 66152 new scrap working; 6m74 Cardiff Tidal - Beeston Gcr 0020 66104; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66426 Gcr 1050; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1111; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 66160 Gcr 2052; 0z57 Doncaster Roberts Road - Bishops Lydeard 66757; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 37612/37605; 6e53 Cardiff Tidal - Tees Yard 66152 Standish Jn 1747; 6v35 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66108; 6e81 Portbury - Hexthorpe Yard Charfield Loop 1845-1956 66731;

**09/06** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66424 Gcr 1050; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1112; 6c25 Charfield - Westbury 70801; 0v40 Washwood

Heath - Bishops Lydeard 56302;

**10/06** 6m96 Margam - Corby 66100 Gcr 0905; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66426 Gcr 1050; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039 Gcr 1112; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66194 Gcr 1131; 6e35 Cardiff Dock - Port Clarence 66723 Gcr 2131; 6m60 Exeter Riverside Yard - Bescot Downside 66140;

**11/06** 0v06 Handsworth - Newport Ad Jn 66104; 0z32 Willesden - Washwood Heath 31452-56303;

**12/06** 0z57 Bishops Lydeard - Bescot 66757; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66424 Gcr 1114; 6e47 Margam - Middlesbrough 66199 Gcr 1659; 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool 66149 Gcr 2003;

## **Westbury**

**19/05** During the afternoon period, the following locos were found in the area; outside panel box; 59202. down yard; 08799, 60007. up yard; 59204, 66051. short siding; 70809. re-cycling siding; 47739 (allocated 6X51 2051 to Hemerdon via Plymouth rail-vac move), 66849, 70807.

**20/05** 57605 working the 1A40 2145 (Thur) Penzance - Paddington GW sleeper service failed in the Bruton area, 66175 the 1Z99 rescue loco being dispatched light from Westbury and returned the train to here at 0558 where it was terminated. Later, 57303 arrived light to take the train forward as a 5A40 ecs departure (with failed 57605) to Old Oak Common via Newbury, departing at 0713 (43 early). For the record 57604 was the night's other sleeper loco on a 1C99 2345 (Thur) Paddington - Penzance trouble free run.

**22/05** Colas 47749 returned rail-vac 4 (KFA 7095150048) as 6X54 0835 Aish cross-over - Westbury which was reported passing Dawlish at 0901, Exeter St.Davids 0914 and Taunton 0947. The outward move during the previous evening was 6X54 2051 Westbury - Hemerdon (2350) via Plymouth, running each way via Castle Cary.

**28/05** At 1500 the following were in the area; 08799, 59005, 60007 and 70809. The latter later worked a 6X54 2055 Westbury - Hemerdon (2355) rail-vac move (FFA 7095150046) which passed Castle Cary at 2055 (16 early) returning the vehicle as 6X51 0835 Aish Emergency cross-over - Westbury during the following day which was delayed due to no driver onwards from Plymouth being available.

**31/05** 60100 returned 7V16 1303 Fareham ARC - Merehead quarry (1639) stone empties arriving Westbury at 1450 and departing at 1544 (20 early).

**01/06** RILA gauging duties continued from the Southampton area using Coals 66848 as 0Q01 0508 Eastleigh - Eastleigh via Yeovil and Exeter the specialist equipment being mounted on the London end of the loco. Reports included departing Westbury at 0707 (33 late), passing Yeovil junction down at 0824 (37 late) and Axminster 0848 and arriving Castle Cary at 1158 on the return prior to moving from platforms 1 to 3 here and then departing at 1218 back towards Yeovil. A similar operation (0Q01) again using 66848 ran during the following day with the recording equipment fixed on the other end of the loco.

**02/06** The NRMT HST with power cars 43013 + 43014 (with intermediate dept coaches; 977995, 975814, 977993, 977994, 975984) worked 1Q23 0456 Old Oak Common - Old Oak Common via Exeter St.Davids being noted on the outward passing Salisbury at 0701 and Exeter Central 0915 and Warminster on the return at 1610. 60100 powered the 6C48 1330 Appleford - Whatley quarry (1608) stone empties.

**03/06** 60100 continued working area stone traffic heading the 6C27 Exeter loaded stone passing Taunton at 1234 and on the return 6C28 empties through the same location early at 1229.

**07/06** 60100 powered the 7043 2112 Westbury - Eastleigh Stone terminal train which passed Dilton Marsh at 2120.  
**10/06** 70801 + 70807 + 70810 formed a 0A28 0802 Westbury - Oxford Hinksey yard light loco move which passed Chippenham at 0820.  
**11/06** At 1415, the following locos were found in the area; down yard 08799, 59203, 60100. outside DB office; 59201. up yard; 60007, 66002. re-cycling siding; 70802 (allocated OC49 light-engine to Exeter Riverside to collect a rail-vac machine), 70806.  
**12/06** 66124 + 66168 + 66031 + 66096 + 66117 passed Lavington at 1425 as a 0Z14 1400 Didcot - Westbury light loco movement. Later, 60100 worked 7044 2120 Westbury - Botley loaded stone which passed Dilton Marsh at 2126

## **Newport**

**19/05** The NRMT HST with power cars 43014 + 43062 worked 1Q20 0750 Crewe HS - Derby RTC (1647) each way via the Marches being reported departing Hereford at 0949 (6 late) and Newport on the return at 1118 (1 early). Another working of interest during the day was 70801 running 0Z94 1002 Cardiff Canton sidings - Pontypool & New Inn engineers siding (via Little Mill booked 1049 - 1054 to reverse) light to collect a failed track machine DR73805. The return 6Z94 1130 movement to Rugby DED (1533) was reported passing Magor at 1149 (10 early) and Chepstow 1220 (4 early).  
**21/05** Light loco moves during the morning were; 66021 + 66238 + 66019 + 66130 - 0W30 0840 Newport ADJ - Didcot yard (1043) which passed Severn Tunnel junction at 0918 and 66176 + 66152 + 66039 + 66013 - 0012 Margam - Eastleigh East yard  
Which departed at 1050 (16 early), passed Severn Tunnel junction at 1259 and arrived Westbury at 1415.  
**22/05** 66250 working the Sundays 6E47 0932 Margam - Middlesbrough Dawsons freight service was diverted via the Marches and Hereford. The service, which was retimed for the day passed Cardiff Central at 1025. Two other Sunday evening freight services were also diverted via Bristol, Bath, Swindon and Oxford (see Bristol Parkway, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh Notes & News).  
**24/05** MPV DR98910 + DR98960 passed Chepstow at 1112 running as a 6Z10 0850 Kings Norton Overhead line depot - Margam.  
**25/05** 67022 was recorded departing Newport station at 0944 working the 1V91 0533 Holyhead - Cardiff Central 'Wag Express'. A loco change saw 67013 on the 1W96 1716 return working from Cardiff which passed Long Dyke junction (Cardiff) at 1718.  
**26/05** 67013 continued on the 'Wag Express' being noted departing Newport at 0937 with the 1V91 for Cardiff Central, also being reported working this service on 2nd June, and 13th June.  
**30/05** 66563 returned a FLHH empty coal rake north for 'storage' as 4E53 1153 Aberthaw PS - York yard being reported passing Grangetown at 1304 and Chepstow 1422.  
**31/05** 70810 passed Newport at 1444 with a 20 wagon 6C24 1410 Pengam - Bescot (via Hereford) engineers from the weekend Charfield blockade.  
**01/06** 66051 was recorded passing Abergavenny at 0857 working a 6Z87 0630 Warrington Arpley - Newport ADJ train of 18 MBA box wagons. Another morning record was 56312 passing Newport at 1009 and Severn Tunnel junction 1043 (1 early) heading 6Z34 0946 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Leicester LIP (1705) empty wagons.  
**02/06** 70806 worked the 6M51 Baglan Bay - Chirk Kronospan loaded logs which passed near Marshfield at 1921.  
**03/06** The Northern Belle arrived in the area to run several dining

excursions, 68016 + 68017 providing interesting motive power in a top n' tail formation with c/stock; 10729 Crewe, 10734 Balmoral, 17167 Mow Cop, 325 Duart, 3247 Chatsworth, 3275 Harlech, 3182 Warwick, 3267 Belvoir, 1953, 3273 Alnwick, 3174 Glamis. The ecs ran Crewe - Pengam sidings for stabling, being reported departing Panteg loop at 0648 and passing Marshfield at 0658. The train later worked a 1Z33 Cardiff Central - Chester and return special.

**08/06** 70806 passed Cwmbran at 0801 powering 6V54 Chirk Kronospan - Baglan Bay log empties.

**13/06** 66595 headed a 6Y97 1455 Newport ADJ - Westbury departmental which passed Newport at 1403 and Severn Tunnel junction 1431.

**16/06** 66705 passed Newport at 2015 (13 early) working 6E35 1758 Cardiff Docks - Port Clarence (0541) green energy tanks (via Chepstow).

**17/06** The NRMT HST with power cars 43013 + 43014 worked 1Q20 0750 Crewe LNWR - Derby RTC (1647) via Hereford and the Marches, being reported outward passing Cwmbran at 1024 (1 late) and departing Newport at 1119 (-) on the return.

### Cardiff

**28/05** 66152 + 66165 + 66051 + 66130 + 60100 formed the 0012 1106 Margam - Eastleigh light loco move which passed Margam Moors junction at 1124 and was diverted via Gloucester and Kemble.

**01/06** MPV DR98910 + DR98960 passed Central station at 1115 (2 late) and Hereford 1247 (14 early) working a 6Z10 1022 Margam - Margam (1903) weed killing circular via Craven Arms and the Central Wales line.

**05/06** 68016 + 68017 continued on Northern Belle dining duties this time to West Wales top n' tailing a 1Z41 1244 Cardiff Central - Fishguard (1511) and 1Z42 1531 return to Cardiff (1801) the outward passing Pontyclun at 1256 (-) and Pembrey & Burry Port at 1357 (10 late) and Pontyclun on the return at 1749 (1 late).

**07/06** The Royal Train brought the Queen and various other Royal family members to Central station for the opening of the fifth Welsh Assembly in Cardiff Bay and a new brain research imaging centre at Cardiff University during the day. The 9 coach train arrived as a 1Z20 working from Bristol East freight terminal in a top n' tailed formation with Royal train 'dedicated' locos 67005 + 67006. A 21-gun salute from Cardiff Castle welcomed the party on arrival at Central station.

**10/06** 70806 passed Port Talbot parkway at 1142 running 0F75 1100 Baglan Bay - Westbury light ready for weekend engineering train duties.

**13/06** 37421 was an early afternoon arrival on the rear of a 3Z10 0855 Derby RTC - Cardiff Canton sidings (1550) test train form with dept c/stock; 977969, 999606, 9703 which had earlier passed Cheltenham at 1148 (121 early) and Newport 1306 (130 early). The 6V05 0916 Round Oak - Margam (1636) steel service was reported in trouble near Lydney with 66152. The train was able to reach the down loop where 66051 arrived light at 1312 as a 1Z99 rescue loco from Newport ADJ. The working was on its way again at 1330 (65 late) passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1354 (70 late) and Newport at 1443 (8 early) having recovered some time at the booked Llanwern exchange sidings stop.

37421 was recorded in Central station departing at 2232 (36 late) on a 3Z34 2143 Cardiff Canton - Cardiff Canton (0535) via Swansea, Carmarthen, Milford Haven and Haverford west test train formed with dept c/stock 977969, 999606, 9703.

**16/06** Following a gap of 76 days since their last train and loss of traffic to FLHH in the Welsh Valleys, DBC returned having taken over coal

to Hope Cement works, Derbyshire. 66172 powered the inward 4V01 empties that arrived at Newport ADJ at 0538 and then ran 6Z77 to Tower Colliery formed of 17 HTAs. Following loading, the same loco headed a 6C49 2230 Tower Colliery - Newport ADJ service being reported passing Taff Wells (north of Cardiff at 0002 (8 late) during the following morning.

Locos recorded on the 4V36 / 4M38 Daventry - Wentloog TESCO containers have included; 66304 (21/05, 23/05, 25/05), 66422 (29/05, 30/05, 05/06, 07/06), 66424 (31/05, 01/06, 03/06, 12/06, 14/06, 16/06), 66426 (10/06, 13/06, 15/06, 17/06), 66430 (27/05, 02/06), 66434 (20/05, 24/05),  
Locos recorded on Aberthaw coal duty have included; 66419/509/524/545/550. 66595/951.

## **PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS**

### **Bristol Harbour Railway**

**21/06** 'Judy' (Bagnall 2572/37) left the railway by road presumably back to the Bodmin & Wenford Railway. The loco had worked a freight photo charter on the harbour side outside the M Shed on 27th May. The Wapping Wharf branch alongside Cumberland Road has seen passenger use as far as Vauxhall footbridge in recent weeks, beyond here the Metro Bus work is under way with the construction of a new station here. Another station is to be built close to the Create warehouse, where nearby a new £775,000 flood defence wall barrier has been built which also protects housing from high river tides. This part of the work has been funded by Bristol City Council and the Environment Agency, the new wall having a 23 cm thick core of reinforced concrete covered by 70 cm of pennant stone cladding. The water level was recorded here as 8.6 metres in 1981 and 8.4 metres in 2014

### **Dartmoor Railway**

**05/06** The lines 08937 was working the Okehampton - Meldon Quarry 'shuttles', whilst 153369 was in use on the first Summer Sundays only, GW passenger service for the year running from and to Exeter St. James halt.

### **GWS Didcot**

**02/04** (Additional information) - The former Swindon panel from the recently closed Signalling centre (as reported in a recent magazine) was moved by road to Didcot west sidings then loaded into a wagon and moved to the preservation centre via East junction hauled by DCS loco 66176. It is hoped to restore the 1967 installed equipment to working order at the steam centre.

### **Mainline Preservation**

**21/05** Having suffered an ejector problem, steam 60103 Flying Scotsman was returned to traffic in time to work a 1Z60 0837 Paddington - Salisbury (1157) and 1Z62 1828 return outing with c/stock; 99953 (loco support), 5222, 5171, 5200, 9104, 13440, 99352, 99371, 13320, 1666, 5236, 5249. The working, with 47580 attached to the rear was noted passing Southall at 0903 (7 late), departing the Newbury water stop at 1027 (1 late) and Westbury at 1120 (5 late). A circular 1Z62 1502 Salisbury - Salisbury (1735) via Redbridge, Eastleigh and Chandlers Ford followed which passed Southampton Central at 1554 (4 late).

**24/05** 66763 headed a 0Z63 1053 Kidderminster SVR - Didcot GWS (1354) preserved loco move for the forthcoming Didcot Diesel day. The train conveyed 33035 + D182 (46045) and was reported passing Droitwich at 1119

(7 late), Stonehouse 1225 (5 early), Minety crossing 1244 (8 early) and Swindon 1256 (8 early). The train loco later returned 0Z64 1506 Didcot - Gloucester (1641) light passing Kemble at 1527 (36 early).

**25/05** Following use at the Severn Valley Railway diesel gala, the London Underground 4 TC set (76297, 71163, 70823, 76324) was returned as 5Z63 1053 Kidderminster SVR - West Ruislip (1612) passing at Stroud 1213 (23 early). The loco had worked 0Z63 0815 Gloucester - Kidderminster light-engine following the previous days move.

**28/05** Sadly, due to the Charfield and lines north of Bristol engineering blockade the visit of 60103 Flying Scotsman on a trip from London to Minehead (via Bath and Bristol) was re-routed and terminated at Salisbury. The 1Z60 0834 Paddington - Salisbury (1157) was reported passing Southall at 0853 (-) with c/stock; 99953 (loco support), 5222, 5171, 5200, 9104, 13440, 99352, 99371, 13320, 1666, 5236, 5249 (with 47580 again attached to the rear, as when the train also ran to this destination earlier in the month). A circular trip (1Z82) via Southampton again operated, the train being reported passing Eastleigh at 1604 heading for Chandlers Ford. The return working to the capital was 1Z62 1828 Salisbury - Paddington (2139).

**11/06** Steam 34046 Braunton running as 34052 Lord Dowding worked the Railway Touring Company 'Dartmouth Express' 1Z82 0635 Woking - Kingswear (1315) and 1Z84 1731 Paignton - Woking (2354) onwards from Taunton and on the return to Westbury. West Coast locos 47245 + 47760 top n' tailed the train (formed with c/stock; 99304, 5032, 1860, 99350, 99121, 99127, 99125, 99712, 99128) passing Woodborough at 0850 (5 early) to Taunton where 47245 was replaced by 34052 Lord Dowding, which had arrived as a 5Z46 0534 move from Southall with support coach 35451 and had earlier departed Frome at 0846. The 1Z82 departed Taunton at 1110 (14 late) and on the return arrived here at 2003 (1 late) and departed at 2017 (4 late) and later Westbury at 2138 (1 late). A local rail historian reported that the correctly numbered 34052 Lord Dowding had in fact worked what was thought to be the areas final Southern - Western Region inter-regional freight service on Sunday 09/07/67 from Weymouth - Westbury believed to have been conveying perishables including Channel Island tomatoes. The loco returned to the Southern light-engine following the duty. Meanwhile, 50007 / D407 + 50050 / D400 were paired on Pathfinder tours 'Purbeck & Bournemouth Explorer' 1Z50 0448 Derby - Swanage (1320) manned by GBRf drivers and routed via Nuneaton, Oxford and Reading West, the outward passing Andover at 1008 (2 late). The return working was 1Z52 1605 Swanage - Derby (2344).

## Road Movements

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**20/05** Industrial RTU2 Henry was noted near Clevedon (junction 20) M5 westbound at 0630 returning from Claytons Works, Derbyshire following refurbishment to the Royal Naval dockyard at Devonport, Plymouth.

**01/06** Steam 92214 passing junction 18 (Tormarton) M4 eastbound at 1845\*.

**06/06** Steam 7820 Dinmore Manor, Bridgwater M5 westbound at 1645 to the Torbay Steam Railway.

**09/06** DEMU coach S60117, Membury services M4 eastbound at 1520.

## Severn Valley Railway

**20-22/05** This years diesel gala was billed as the most successful so far with a record 4,690 traveling passengers using the variety of traction on offer for haulage. However there was a report of theft involving the works plate from 68025 whilst it was stabled overnight at Bewdley. The locos operating company DRS have threatened to remove their locos from any future planned preserved line visits and booked rail tours until the

reinforced plastic plate has been returned.

### **Swindon & Cricklade Railway**

**21/05** DEMU 2-car unit 1302 (207002) was destroyed by what was believed an arson attack whilst stabled at Haze Knowle on the line along with three 12 ton vans acting as stores wagons carrying electrical parts. The unit painted in a green undercoat livery had only recently been returned to service. It is thought around £100,000 worth of damage was caused by the fire, but the driving coach could possibly be saved.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Great Western Railway**

**29/05** GW helped assist Arriva XC in Cornwall during the day! 43378 XC05 43366 working the 1S55 1132 Newquay - Edinburgh Waverley was turned back not long after departure with low coolant on the lead power car. 57605 was the 1Z99 1415 rescue light engine from Long Rock (Penzance) the train now running as 1T55 1625 Newquay - Plymouth (1807) only which was reported departing Par at 1813 (56 late) and passing Saltash onto the Royal Albert bridge at 1852 (53 late). The Class 57 eventually returned as 0Z79 1840 Plymouth - Penzance (2044) light, prior to taking forward the 1A40 Paddington sleeper service, which was delayed departing at 2145 (30 late) following the re-fuelling of the loco. The XC working had however been restarted at Bristol TM as booked running as 1Z55 1530 to Edinburgh Waverley but formed with a Voyager set.

**30/05** HST coach 42583 was noted in service (in intermediate coaching set OC49) on this date renumbered from re-furbished 42385 as part of the 1C77 1000 Paddington - Penzance service passing Totnes at 1241. GW has introduced a new travel rule which will see passengers having to book up to 2 hours in advance on certain services if bringing their bikes on board. This has met with protest and a 9,000 signature petition had been being passed on to GW by 17th June regarding the decision.

**07/06** A second HST is to be formed with 43005 + 43041 in GW green livery with the coaches at Kilmarnock (Barclays) and power cars at Derby. 43005 was released on 17th June and noted in Taunton Deane services (M5) on a road low-loader during the early evening heading west bound.

**11/06** For the Queens 90th birthday celebrations, GW named 43027 in her honour with a wrap round Royal colours / union jack livery. Formed with 43162 (and intermediate coaches OC41) the set worked - 1C70 0818 Plymouth - Penzance and 1A85 1100 Penzance - Paddington. This power car was previously named Glorious Devon. Green livery 57604 worked the third Summer Saturday West of England 'relief', 2P70 1125 Par - Plymouth, 2E75 1335 Plymouth - Exeter St.Davids and 2C51 1750 Exeter St.Davids - Penzance, 57603 having headed this service over the previous two Saturdays, stock on 4th June being recorded as; 10225, 12161, 17173. On the unit front, 150002 was working Exmouth and Paignton services during the day having being 'on hire' to the West of England' area for the summer. The set finally left the area as 5Z71 empty to Reading departing Exeter St.Davids at 1234 on 14th June.

**13/06** The companies Class 57 loco fleet was found as follows during the early hours;  
Old Oak Common - 57602, 57603. En-route; 57604 - 1A40 2115 Penzance - Paddington (0503), sleeper reported Honiton 0126 (10 late) and Castle Cary 0221 (9 late) and 57605 - 1C99 2345 Paddington - Penzance (0855), sleeper reported Clink Road junction (near Frome) 0133 (3 early) and Yeovil



junction 0248 (9 late), both trains being diverted via Yeovil and Honiton. DRS 'hire' - Old Oak Common - 57303 (expected to be replaced by 57306). The 1C77 1006 Paddington - Penzance HST service struck a tree at 1130 near Somerton formed with 43097 + 43163 (with intermediate coaching set LA13). The train was able to call and was terminated at Castle Cary, prior to running 5Z77 1700 Castle Cary - Laira (2032) for attention to the leading power car which suffered nose cone damage.

**16/06** An evening derailment of an empty two car Turbo set 165124 outside Paddington station on catch points caused problems with damaged Signalling and overhead wires. The inward 5C99 ecs for the 1C99 2345 Paddington - Penzance service was cancelled, but later reinstated formed with a HST set with power cars 43028 + 43191 (with coaching set OC57) and later reported passing Acton West 100 minutes late diverted between Reading and Taunton to call at Didcot, Swindon, Chippenham, Bath and Bristol TM. No Heathrow Express services were operating during following the day with a 50% reduction of trains using the station and by the evening only two instead of four trains an hour were leaving from the Bristol area and South Wales for the Capital with a revised time table in operation due to the loss of platform capacity. Both evening sleeper services were formed of HST stock, the 1C99 2345 Paddington - Penzance again also calling at Didcot, Swindon, Chippenham, Bath and Bristol TM.

**18/06** The 1A40 2145 Penzance - Paddington sleeper service was formed with a HST set with power cars 43191 + 43028 (with coaching set OC57). Normal service was expected to resume at Paddington by the morning of the 20th June.

#### **St. Modwens, Long Marston**

**26/05** London Transport dmu conversion 230001 was seen running round under its own power. The set has been running up to 40 mph around the site and is expected to see main line night time testing on the North Cotswold line over the coming weeks. Initially it was reported the unit would see use in the Bristol area on the Severn Beach branch, but the Plymouth - Gunnislake branch is now expected be the passenger test line. Also, having arrived as a 0Z66 0830 light-engine move from Toton, 66757 departed with a 6Z66 1420 rake of wagons for Wellingborough (2214) believed for stone use being reported passing Kemble at 1728 (7 early).

#### **European News**

**01/06** The new twin bore Gottard Tunnel beneath the Swiss Alps was completed and opened, the work taking 20 years to complete. At 35 miles in length it has become the longest railway tunnel in the world linking the Netherlands and Italy. A tortuous winding, but scenic route through the Alps will now be replaced with a substantial saving made on train times between the countries.

#### **TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS**

**21/05** Patchway - TRS r/r TRS911 (912138), TRS916 (912234). Keltby r/r E1065 (940479), E1327 (940821), E1335 (940492) Q291SDD. Aspin r/r 26 (940850). Trailers; Keltbry (010377), (010733). Aspin (010801), (010803), (010804). Amco 711007 (040048-9), 711015 (040046-3). Newport - MPV DR98910 + DR98960 passing Newport at 0725 (3 early) running as 6Z10 0630 Margam - Kings Norton OLE depot (1025).

**22/05** Pilning - r/r TRS386 (912129-2). Patchway - Aspin r/r 10 (940750) was an addition to the previous days list for here. TRS911 and TRS916 had

both gone.

**27/05** Plymouth Tavistock yard - DR77901, which had arrived as a 6J88 1000 move from Cardiff Taff Vale sidings during the day having passed Newton Abbot at 1412.

**01/06** Bruton (Somerset) - DR75406 passing towards Westbury in the up direction at 1119.

**07/06** Patchway - Keltbray r/r 1333, 1334, trailer E1334.

**11/06** Taunton - DR77901.

**13/06** Taunton - MPV DR98908 + DR98958 working 6Z05 1240 Reading Triangle - St.Blazey passing at 1515 (7 early).

**14/06** Westbury - DR73931 which departed as a 6J86 move to Exeter St.Davids at 1123 (18 late).

**15/06** Avonmouth TXM, Yara Estate - TXM r/r 6876.

**17/06** Bristol TM 'old fish dock' - DR98008.

**18/06** Patchway - Keltbray r/r E1333 (940458). Pilning - TXM new r/r excavator (940844-2)

## TRIP REPORTS

**TRIP 513**

**MANCHESTER FLYER**

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

This report is an amalgamation of various people's sightings.

### **Bescot (Viewed from the M6)**

Loco 08623/907 66106

### **EMD, Longport (Viewed)**

Loco 08220 Loco Body Shell 66048 Loco Cabs 66734 Passing Units Dmu  
Set 156410 Emu Sets 350110 350231

### **Guide Bridge Network Rail Depot**

On Track Plant 73906 Panther 77002 Stabled Wagons 396003/007/010//012/  
018/021/023/028/035/040/048/053/059/060/068/075/077/081/086/089/091/095/  
098/105/106/109/110/111/115/119/121 613016

### **Guide Bridge Station**

Dmu Sets 142034/042 185110/113/115/116/124/128/134/149

### **Fairfield Station**

Dmu Set 142041

### **Gorton Station**

Dmu Set 185136

### **Ardwick Junction**

Dmu Sets 142060 150144 175113 185125/134 Demu Set 220026 Emu Sets  
319375 323232 390040 Virgin Radio Star

### **Piccadilly Station**

Locos 66716 70020 Dmu Sets 142011/013/014/028/034/041/042/043/048//060  
150115/119/142/146 150228/268/271/273 156425/459 Benny Rothman - The  
Manchester Rambler 158812/852/856/857 170306/308 175001/002/113  
185102/105/106/109/113/118/124/126/133/134/138/139/140/143/145/149/150/151

Demu Sets 220001/026 221122/138 Emu Sets 319367/375/378  
323223/227/228/231/232/ 233/234/235 350402/407 390010 A Decade of  
Progress/040 Virgin Pathfinder/045 101 Squadron 390129 City of Stoke-on-  
Trent/155 X-men. Days of Future Past Wagons in consist order 66716 + 83 70  
4520 161-8 83 70 4521 016-3 83 70 4520 160-0/159-2 83 70 4521 015-5 83 70  
4520 158-4 650015/016 640674/613/614/601/602/655 630010/009 650022/021  
640624/623/628/627 650024/025/028/027 630037/038 65030/029 630030/029:  
70020 + 608097/098/443/444 640368/367 608347 607031/020 608338 93314  
608173 607099 608176/177/178/165/167 640319/320 93297 93345:

**Piccadilly Metrolink Station**

Trams 3003/014/050/075/080/091

**Abraham Moss Station**

Trams 3031/038

**Bowker Vale Station**

Trams 3041/051

**Heaton Park Station**

Trams 3006/033/035/041/043/051

**Whitefield Station**

Trams 3020/031/039

**Bury Interchange Station**

Trams 3010/028/029/038/043/048

**East Lancashire Railway, Bury (Flying visit to see three particular items)**

Steam Locos 7229 Sdn/26: 13065 Crewe 5757/27: 45212 AW 1253/35:  
12322 Hor 420/1896 (Ex P234, 17EL): 80080 Bton/54: 1 HC 680/03: P  
1370/15: BCGD No1 AB 1927/27: WD132 Sapper HE 3163/44: Diesel Locos  
07013 RH 480698/62: 13594 Hor of 1958: 08944 Dar of 1962: 09024 Hor  
of 1961: D335 EE/VF 3081/D632 of 1961: 6536 Ethel 4 BRCW DEL128/60:  
37109 EE/VF 3238/D763 of 1963: D9531 Sdn of 1965: D9537 Sdn of 1965:  
MSC 4002 HC D1076/59: Dmus 51339 55001 59701 Demu 8099 Derby C&W  
1976 Coaches Ex LMS 15412 Ex BR 3124 4767 4880/917 5241  
5279/316/337 14073 25385 NPCC 86654 94705 Departmental Tool &  
Generator Van ADB975489 (34786): On Track Plant Crane LNER 4w 6ton  
Hand Crane Road/Rail R 135 NAU 976014-9 Landrover 130 Internal User  
024323

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**Oxford Road Station**

Dmu Sets 150201 156421 175002 185102/109/148

**Deansgate Station**

Dmu Sets 142051 150149/270 156461/487 185106/126/133/150 Emu Sets  
350408/409

**Deansgate/Castlefield Station**

Trams 3045/050/052/053

**Cornbrook Station**

Dmu Set 142031 Trams 3003/005/042/062/067/071

**Old Trafford Station**

Tram 3036

**Trafford Park Tram Depot (Viewed)**

Trams 1020/023 Mike Mabey 2001  
3013/036/053/054/055/063/072/073/081/083/ 086

**Old Trafford Station**

Trams 3002/036/037/040

**Trafford Bar Station**

Trams 3010/029/056

**Cornbrook Station**

Dmu Sets 142004 150118 150201 156421/429/440 George Bradshaw/461/487  
158774/777/780/847/852/854/856/863/864/866 185119/132/147  
Trams 3002/003/ 004/005/006/009 1960 50th Anniversary of Coronation  
Street 2010/010/012/014/017/018/019/020/021/022/023/024/026/027/028/  
029/030/031/032/033/034/036/037/040/041/042/044/045/046/047/048/049/  
051/052/053/056/057/060/061/062/063/065/066/067/068/069/071/077/078/  
080/082/084/089/091/092/096/097/099/100

**Deansgate/Castlefield Station**

Trams 3041/051/053

**St. Peter's Square (Station undergoing rebuild - single line working to Piccadilly Gardens)**

Trams 3067/071

**Piccadilly Gardens**

Trams 3004/005/011/044/047/049/050/056/066/082/087/101

**Market Street Station**

Trams 3002/010/020/029/031/035/037/065/077/107

**Shudehill Station**

Trams 3011/059

**Victoria Station**

Dmu Set 158757 Trams 3006/033/075/090/102/114

**Queen's Road Tram Depot (Viewed)**

Road/Rail L253 HKK VW/Permaquip of 1994  
Trams 3008/015/016/064/094/ 095/103/104/115

Note - the delivery dates for the remaining trams are: -  
3116 04/06/2016; 3117 25/06/2016; 3118 16/07/2016;  
3119 13/08/2016; 3120 10/09/2016

**Museum of Transport, Manchester**

Trams South Lancashire Tramways 65 Brush 1906 (Lower deck only): 1000  
The Larry Sullivan Officine Casertane Caserta (Italy): Prototype body of  
T68 tram 1990:

### **Heaton Park Tramway**

Trams In service Blackpool Replica Vanguard 619:  
Workshop end of Line Manchester 765 of 1914: Hull 96 (Leeds 6) of 1901:  
Stockport 5 of 1901: Rawtenstall (23) Dsm - under tarpaulin:  
Running Shed end of Line Blackpool 1 (752) a 1920s works car: Blackpool  
623 (286) Brush 1937: Blackpool 702 (239) "Balloon" car of 1934:  
Manchester 173 of 1901: Oldham 43 of 1902 (Body only): Road Rail R610  
NMJ - AUSA 300-RMG Access Platform 553.11044: Wagon (Tilly) a 4w  
collapsible trolley:

Thanks to Alex GREY for arranging and hosting this visit.

### **Queen's Road Station**

Trams 3011/024/026/038/049

### **Victoria Station**

Loco 66162 Dmu Sets 142019/031/032/056 150117/135/136/139/150  
150203/206/210/ 225 153358 155343/347 156423/428/441/486 158754 (3-car  
with 58708)/859 Emu Sets 319362/368/376 Trams 3005/006/010/011/012/020  
Lancashire Fusilier/022/024/026/028/029/031/032/033/035/038/039/041/043/  
045/046/048/049/050/051/052/059/070/072/075/079/085/087/088/090/093/098/  
101/102/105/106/107/108/109/110/111/112/113/114  
Wagons in consist order 66162 + 310582/380/800/391/196/036/633/235/128/  
366/439/797/198/778/791/726/382/405/053/755/781/811

### **Piccadilly Gardens Station**

Trams 3002/109

### **Piccadilly Metro Station**

Trams 3068/099

### **Piccadilly Main Line Station**

Dmu Sets 142013/014/034/041/042/048/060 150115/137/143/144 150224/234/  
268/271 156425 175007 175106/109/113/115 185111/113/116/122/124/126/  
129/134/139/140/143/145/146 Demu Sets 220031 221125 Emu Sets 319375/  
378 323224/226/228/230/232/233/234/239 350408/409 390010 The Cumbrian  
Spirit/045 101 Squadron 390129 City of Stoke on Trent/132 City of  
Birmingham/152 Virgin Knight/155 X-men. Days of Future Past

### **Manchester Piccadilly NR Depot (Viewed from train)**

Small Plant U/I mini 4-4 trolley

### **Ardwick Junction**

Dmu Sets 150224/228 156489 Emu Set 390045 101 Squadron

### **Ashbury's Station & Yard**

Locos 66035/069 (top & tailing a train of new bright red wagons - see  
Guide Bridge below) Dmu Set 142041

### **Guide Bridge Station**

Locos 66035/069 Dmu Sets 142034/060 150228  
185101/104/106/110/113/115/ 128/138 Emu Sets 323231/234 Wagons in  
consist order 70 5500 082-9/084-5/ 091-0/088-6/086-0/087-8/076-1/081-  
1/078-7/075-3/077-9/074-6/094-4/095-1

Note

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3001/007/025/058/074/076

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