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**Front Cover Photo July 2017 Issue 545:**

D1015 1Z48 Crewe-Bishops Lydeard passing Lawrence Hill on 06/09/14.

**[Mike Crew]**

**Rear Cover Photo July 2017 Issue 545:**

70001 4070 Wentloog-Southampton at Swindon on 12/06/15.

**[Mike Crew]**

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Trip 528**

**SHROPSHIRE**

**Saturday 15/07/17**

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £35      Fare with Day Membership = £38

**Proposed Itinerary:** Cambrian Railways Society, Oswestry; Hadley Learning Community, Telford; Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (3 sites); David Lewis, Whitchurch; Oswestry & District NG Group, Weston Wharf; T.O.Tomlins, Halfway House; Tanat Valley Light Railway, Nantmawr; The Old Post House, Blakemere;

**Permits:** TBA

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = TBA

**Return Time** to Bristol area = TBA

**Book By Date** = 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017

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

**Trip 529**

**HOME COUNTIES MINIATURES**

**Saturday 12/08/17**

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £32      Fare with Day Membership = £35

**Proposed Itinerary:** John-Hall Craggs, Newbury; Watford MR, Watford; Vanstone Woodland Railway, Codicote; Beale Park Railway, Pangbourne; Bekonscot Light Railway, Beaconsfield; Dinosaur Woodland Railway, Broxbourne; East Herts MR, Great Amwell; Harrow & Wembley SOME, Harrow; Ruislip Lido Railway, Hillingdon; Amnerfield MR, Reading; Reading MR, Reading;

**Permits:** TBA

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = TBA

**Return Time** to Bristol area = TBA

**Book By Date** = 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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

**Trip 530**

**MIDLAND RAILWAY CENTRE**

**Saturday 16/09/17**

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £33      Fare with Day Membership = £36

**Proposed Itinerary:** Midland Railway Centre, Butterley/Swanwick Junction;  
Golden Valley Light Railway, Butterley;

**Permits:** TBA

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = TBA

**Return Time** to Bristol area = TBA

**Book By Date** = 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

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

**Trip 531      LINCOLNSHIRE & YORKSHIRE WEEKEND      Sat 14/10/17 - Sun 15/10/17**

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £80      Fare with Day Membership = £86

**Proposed Itinerary:** Trolleybus Museum, Sandtoft; Skipsea; Hornsea;  
Withernsea; Hull City Museum, Kingston-upon-Hull; Belton Light Railway,  
Belton; Grimsby & Cleethorpes MES, Waltham; Postland MR, Crowland; Omya  
UK, North Ferriby; William Blyth, Barton-upon-Number; Flixborough Wharf  
Ltd, Flixborough; Simon Storage, Immingham; Total UK, North Killingholme;  
Pleasure Island Theme Park, Cleethorpes; Museum of Lincolnshire Life,  
Lincoln; Fulstow Steam Centre, Louth; Mablethorpe MR, Mablethorpe; Sutton-  
on-Sea; Station Road Steam, Metheringham; Cave Hill Tractors, Kingston-  
upon-Hull; Yorkshire Wolds Railway Restoration Project, Wetwang;  
Lincolnshire Coast Light Railway, Skegness; Evergreens MR, Stickney;  
Kirkby Green Light Railway, Scopwick; Lincolnshire Wolds Railway,  
Ludborough; Colin Copcutt, Old Leake;

**Permits:** TBA

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = TBA

**Return Time** to Bristol area = TBA

**Book By Date** = 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

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

**Trip 532**                                  **DONCASTER FLYER**                                  **Saturday 11/11/17**

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £30                  Fare with Day Membership = £33

**Proposed Itinerary:**    Nunnery Supertram Depot, Sheffield; Doncaster;

**Permits:** TBA

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = TBA

**Return Time** to Bristol area = TBA

**Book By Date** = 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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

**Trip 533**                                  **LONDON FLYER**                                  **Saturday 09/12/17**

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £25                  Fare with Day Membership = £28

**Proposed Itinerary:**    None

**Permits:** TBA

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = TBA

**Return Time** to Bristol area = TBA

**Book By Date** = 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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

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

## NOTICES

### Committee Changes

There have been a number of committee changes during the last month.

Publicity Officer Chris Weeks did not stand for re-election to the committee at the recent Annual General Meeting, and Red Perry stood down from his position as Society Archivist in advance of the Annual General Meeting. We would like to thank both Chris and Red for their effort and commitment during their time on the committee.

We are pleased to announce that Dave Forse was proposed and elected to the committee at the Annual General Meeting. Dave returns to the committee following an absence of many years.

In addition, Paul Carpenter has relinquished his General Secretary role but will remain on the committee as Assistant Secretary.

## 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.  
DAY MEMBERSHIP (TRIP MEMBER) - AS ABOVE + £3 per trip day  
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 Day Membership 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.

## NOTES & NEWS

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

**20/05** A 5X81 0150 Newport - Stoke Gifford (0528) South Wales area test run arrived Parkway at 0511 formed with IEP sets 800003 + 800004.

**21/05** Engineering train records included; 66513 - 6Y68 1116 Westbury - Radyr (2000) via Swindon which passed Swindon station at 1324 and Chipping Sodbury 1355 and 66551 - 6Y66 1038 Waungron Park station - Westbury (1520) which arrived Swindon at 1235 and departed 1245.

**22/05** Special livery 66719 worked 6V30 1217 Neasden junction - Pengam sidings stone empties which passed Swindon at 1521.

**23/05** 70811 moved the 19 former HHA Freightliner coal wagons (which have seen use on sand traffic) as 6Z70 1045 Briton Ferry - Gloucester New yard (1356) passing Cardiff Central at 1144 (3 early), Pilning 1237 (10

early), Yate South 1309 (4 late) and Standish junction 1337 (3 early). Engineering train records included; 70813 + 70805 top n' tailing - 6C20 0600 Carmarthen junction - Westbury (1149), which arrived Pilning loop at 0947 and departed at 1009.

**27/05** The 0012 Margam - Eastleigh Saturdays Only light-engine move was formed with 66044 + 66059 + 66186 + 66103 + 66165 and reported passing Lawrence Hill at 1327, Bath 1346 (9 early) and arriving Westbury at 1428. The mainline was closed in the Swindon / Wootton Bassett areas for engineering work until the 30th May.

**28/05** A new IEP set arrival in the area was 800010 which due to the Swindon blockade worked 5X35 1645 Southall - Taunton (1924) and 1941 Taunton - Stoke Gifford (2028) with early running being the order of the day the set passed Langley at 1559 (52 early), Fairwood junction 1706 (109 early) outward and departed Taunton at 1741 (120 early), passing Bridgwater at 1750 (119 early) and Uphill junction 1758 (119 early).

**31/05** Euro phoenix livery 37884 ran 0Z73 1300 Gloucester loco spur - Old Oak Common (1708) light (to collect 6 GW coaches for C6 overhaul by Loram), the move passing Yate at 1330 and later Didcot Parkway 1523 (14 late) the loco having reversed at Parkway.

**01/06** With 70815 already returning the 11 PCA Moorswater cement tanks to Aberthaw Cement works, a second 6Z70 1005 Cardiff Canton sidings - Westbury move with 70817 took place conveying 4 PCA empties (11054, 10989, 10692, 10671) being reported passing Magor at 1037 and Filton Abbey Wood 1127.

**02/06** A working believed linked with the Champions League play-off final at the Cardiff Principality stadium during the following day was; 67003 + 67005 top n' tailing a Belmond British Pullman 1Z73 1350 Paddington - Cardiff Central (1707) VSOE which passed Maidenhead at 1428 (1 late) and Parkway 1622 (8 late), the train returning as 5Z74 1713 Cardiff Central - Stewarts Lane (2321) passing Parkway at 1846 (5 early) formed with coaches; car no 6313, Zena, Ione, Gwen, Cygnus, Perseus, Minerva, Audrey, Ibis, Lucille, Vera.

**03/06** Two further football special workings were; 47237 + 57315 top n' tailing - 1Z63 1500 Victoria - Cardiff Central (1831) and 1Z65 2354 return to Paddington (0239) the outward passing Swindon at 1656 (2 late) and Parkway 1728 (1 early) and 68018 + 68017 top n' tailing a 1Z69 1530 Paddington - Cardiff Central (1733) and 1Z72 2324 return to Paddington (0138) Northern Belle the outward passing Swindon at 1646 (-) and arriving Parkway at 1717 (4 late). The two train's c/stock formations were noted as 1Z63 - 5229, 3136, 99316, 326 Emerald, 99675 Ennerdale Water, 99671 Grasmere and 1Z69 - 10729 Crewe, 10734 Balmoral, 17167 Mow Cop, 325 Duart, 3247 Chatsworth, 3275 Harlech, 3182 Warwick, 3267 Belvoir, 1566, 3273 Alnwick, 3174 Glamis. It was interesting to record that both sets of stock were to stable in the Barry area during the lay-over period with 5Z64 1858 Cardiff - Barry / 5Z65 2325 return and 5Z69 1806 Cardiff - Barry / 5Z72 2324 return moves respectively. 66174 + 66015 formed the Saturdays Only 0012 Margam - Eastleigh light-engine move which passed Patchway at 1243 (39 early) and Stapleton Road 1253.

**04/06** Normally a common sight on the Berks & Hants through Newbury, DBC operated a 'jumbo' two portion stone working through the Bristol area top n' tailed with 59206 + 59202 (dead at the rear of the train) running as 7Z90 0833 Merehead Quarry - Tytherington Quarry (1348) formed of 42 loaded bogie box wagons (28 JYAs and 14 JNAs) reported as grossing 4800 tonnes! The working was used to test the curved quarry branch departure lines with a loaded train and did not visit the quarry, a circular route from Westbury, via Melksham, Swindon (reverse), Parkway (reverse), Yate Middle

(reverse), Parkway, Dr.Day's junction, Bath and Chippenham meant also the mainline in the Bristol area could be load and length tested as this type of train had not previously been recorded in this area. The successful test working was subject to late running during the day with over running PW work between East Somerset and Fairwood junction the train departing East Somerset junction at 1110 (128 late), passing Thingley East junction at 1258 (140 late), Swindon (platform 3) at 1334 (118 late), Westerleigh junction 1459 (139 late), arriving Parkway at 1507 (140 late), departing at 1543 (134 late) and arriving Yate Middle at 1606 (142 late). The booked return departure which left to time was 7Z92 2109 (Tytherington Quarry) Yate Middle - Acton (0256), a portion for Harlow Mill being confirmed as part of the train formation. Stone traffic over the Tytherington branch is expected to restart later this year following the completion of level crossing gate repairs and infrastructure work and track relaying at the quarry notably the reinstatement of the former now much overgrown 'head shunt' which ends just short of the A38 road at Grovesend.

**05/06** 66507 worked 4010 0645 Stoke Gifford - Onllwyn coal empties passing Severn Tunnel junction at 0701. Following on from the recent appearance of 800010, 800013 became the latest 'newcomer' to the area working 5X71 1017 North Pole Iep - Stoke Gifford (1202) being reported passing Didcot Parkway at 1151. Meanwhile, 800003 + 800004 were working 5X40 0955 Stoke Gifford - Swansea (1151) passing Pilning at 1029.

**08/06** 66131 passed Pilning at 0739 working the 6B14 0530 Didcot yard - Newport ADJ freight service.

**10/06** The mainline was closed between Swindon and Didcot over the weekend with engineering trains working from the site running via the Stroud Valley, Gloucester New yard, Parkway, Bath and the Berks & Hants. Train and loco allocation reports included; 70814 - 6C22 1155 Swindon - Oxford Hinksey yard (1755) formed with 8 flats, which passed Yate at 1332 (7 early) and Bath 1410 (4 early), 70805 - 6C23 1355 Swindon - Oxford Hinksey yard (0021), 70813 - 6C25 1754 Swindon - Westbury (2147) and 70810 - 6C26 1600 Swindon - Oxford Hinksey yard (0059) formed of 20 coalfish wagons.

**14/06** GBRf 66753 powered a 6V30 1154 Neasden - Pengam sidings (1745) empty stone working which passed Swindon at 1446 (6 early) and Patchway 1539 (45 early) formed of 20 JGAs.

**18/06** Not a very good start for this years West of England summer steam specials with following what was believed a trackside fire incident on the East Coast mainline with 60009 Union of South Africa (currently in its final year of its 10 year boiler certificate) on a special working during the previous day a blanket NR steam ban came into force at midnight due to the on going dry weather conditions. 60163 Tornado was piloted by DBC diesel 66102 (assumed to have been on the inward ecs stock move from Eastleigh) on the outward Torbay Express Ltd 'Torbay Express' 1Z27 0800 Bristol TM - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1228) the train departing Bath at 0822 (-), passing Castle Cary at 0921 (7 early), arriving Taunton for water at 0957 (7 early) and departing at 1057 (3 early). The return 1Z28 1650 Kingswear - Temple Meads (2056) however had Tornado leading the Class 66 and was reported departing Taunton at 1847 (6 late) and Bath 2054 (14 late) where the trains c/stock formation was recorded as; 21249 (loco support), 4946, 4927, 1832, 3149, 3121, 3123, 3068, 1691, 3066, 3120, 21269.

Engineering train records included; 70817 - 6C20 0730 Leckwith North junction - Westbury (1433) which passed Pontyclun at 1053 (5 early) and Bath 1253 (3 early) formed of 14 Lobster MXA wagons, 70809 - 6C21 1254 Leckwith North junction - Westbury (1708) via Margam which passed



Pontyclun down at 1114 (112 early) and Cardiff Central at 1524 (11 late) and Pilning 1716 (74 late) on the return, 70805 - 6C22 1104 Westbury - Cardiff Canton (1404) which passed Bradford junction at 1118 (2 late), Filton Abbey Wood 1225 (2 early) and Newport 1313 (28 early) formed of 10 Lobster MXA wagons, 70812 - 6C48 1100 Leominster - Oxford Hinksey yard (1545) which passed Hereford at 1441 (203 late), Severn Tunnel junction 1607 (178 late) and Westerleigh junction 1629 (176 late) formed of 20 MRA Falcons, 1 FEA and 3 YWA flats and 66512 - 6Y51 1127 Leominster - Oxford Hinksey yard (1447) which passed Hereford at 1357 (181 late) and Parkway 1648 (214 late) having detached 5 of the 23 wagon (mainly JNAs) train at East Usk on route.

Locos recorded on Westerleigh fuel tank duty have included;  
60007/019/020/074.

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

**19/05** A 4E18 Taunton Fairwater - Doncaster Wood yard via Parkway used sleeper train was double-headed with 66956 + 66512 and noted passing Taunton station at 1007, Yatton 1048 and Chipping Sodbury 1123. Another report for the day was 70814 + 70817 passing Patchway at 1046 on a Cardiff Canton - Westbury light-engine move. An engineering train record was; 66526 + 66599 top n' tailing - 6X04 0516 Cardiff Rumney River Bridge junction - Taunton Fairwater (0804) which passed Worle at 0724 (-).

**20/05** A view of St. Phillips Marsh depot noted steam 60103 Flying Scotsman with support coach 99953 stabled alongside the Marsh junction shed. Turbo set 166212 was also recorded.

**21/05** A Sunday Northern Belle dining circular was top n' tailed with 68017 + 68002 running as 1Z68 1235 Swindon - Swindon (1950) via Plymouth (booked 1549 - 1602) the outward departing at 1235 (-), departing Bath at 1259 (9 early), passing Keynsham at 1306 (9 early), departing Temple Meads at 1327 (-), passing Uphill junction 1344 (2 early) and Taunton 1408 (-) and the return passing Taunton at 1802 (6 early), Bridgwater 1811 (7 early), Yatton 1834 (5 early), departing Temple Meads at 1904 (-) and Bath 1917 (5 early). The 5Z58 return Swindon - Kidderminster SVR (2221) ecs departed Swindon at 2004 (4 late) for the Stroud Valley route and passed Cheltenham at 2048 (31 early). For the record the outward ecs ran as 5Z68 1035 Kidderminster SVR - Swindon (1228).

**23/05** Steam 60103 Flying Scotsman continued the area Steam Dreams 'Cathedrals Express' programme with a 1Z60 0944 Temple Meads - Gloucester (1215) via Newport and 1Z61 1237 return to Temple Meads (1339) the outward passing Dr. Days junction at 0956 (9 late), East Usk junction 1119 (3 late) and Cam & Dursley 1257 (6 late) and Yate South 1311 (4 late) on the return. A later evening trip, 1Z63 1630 Temple Meads - Minehead (1935) and 1Z64 2025 return to Temple Meads (2249) followed with 60163 working the outward only (as far as Bishops Lydeard) and reported passing Uphill junction at 1714 (4 late), Brent Knoll 1718 (4 late) and Bridgwater 1728 (4 late). Having worked the ecs west earlier as 5Z44 0513 Bristol Kingsland Road - Bishops Lydeard (0630), 47746 was on the return trip to Bristol where the days train c/stock formation was recorded as; 5200, 5216, 5171, 9104, 13440, Amethyst, 99347, 13320, 1666, 5236, 5249. The steam locos support coach was the usual 99953. The last time steam 60163 Flying Scotsman worked west from Bristol by rail was during 1973 (as LNER 4472) for an appearance on the Torbay Steam Railway during August running loco and support coach in each direction to and from Paignton. The loco appeared on this preserved line again in the early 1990s being moved to and from Devon by road. An engineering train record was; 66513 + 66952 top

n' tailing - 6X04 1751 Taunton Fairwater - Leckwith North junction (2123) which was terminated at Parsons Street, Bristol and returned at 2000 back to Taunton - reason unknown.

**24/05** With the service now believed booked for the Class, 68002 + 68027 headed the 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks (formed with FNAs 550057 + 550030) which passed Nailsea & Backwell at 0516 and arrived at 0626. The 6M63 1158 return to Crewe departed at 1139 (28 early), passed Yatton at 1203 (32 early), arrived Temple Meads at 1219 and passed Yate at 1326 (9 early). An engineering train report was; 66848 + 66850 top n' tailing - 6C22 1632 Westbury - Whitland (2212) autoballasters (10) which passed Lawrence Hill at 1746.

**26/05** A second Bridgwater nuclear flask train for the week again with Class 68s operated, 68023 + 68025 being reported as departing Bridgwater at 1142 (21 early) and passing Yatton at 1205, Lawrence Hill 1310 and Yate 1330 on the return. The final two 'sold out' Flying Scotsman area trips ran (a total of 10,000 tickets were reported as sold covering all the trips!), West Coast 47746 moving the stock for the first as 5Z44 0513 Bristol Kingsland Road - Bishops Lydeard WSR (0630) which passed Bridgwater at 0614 (18 late). 60103 Flying Scotsman then worked a 1Z42 1000 Bishops Lydeard - Bishops Lydeard (1345) via Westbury which passed Highbridge & Burnham at 1053 (15 late), Yatton 1106 (11 late), Bath 1205 (15 late), Westbury 1238 (12 late) and arrived Taunton at 1328 (5 late) and later a 1Z72 1845 Bishops Lydeard - Bishops Lydeard (2240) via Westbury which passed Uphill junction at 1935 (6 late), Yatton 1945 (7 late) and Bath 2058 (9 late). Both of the train's c/stock formations were reported as being the same as used on the 23rd May. Colas Class 70 light-loco movement records included, 70812 + 70811 + 70810 which passed Lawrence Hill at 1829 on a Cardiff Canton sidings - Westbury move and 70816 passing the same location at 1803 (16 late) and Bath 1828 (1 late) having passed Cam & Dursley earlier at 1713 (2 early) on a 0Z70 Barnetby - Westbury (1912) working.

**27/05** The first 'Weymouth Wizzard' 1072 0858 Bristol TM - Weymouth and 1V72 return of the year was worked by a full GW green HST set 43187 LA15 43093. Diversions via the Avon Valley and Bath due to the Swindon - Didcot blockade included; 60019 - 6B33 Theale - Margam empty fuel tanks which passed Bath at 1435, Lawrence Hill 1516 and Filton Abbey Wood 1523 and 66187 - 6V62 Tilbury - Trostre steel which passed Bath at 1612 (13 late) and Lawrence Hill 1638. Another observation for the day was GW green 153373 passing Lawrence Hill at 1855 returning as a 5D81 'repaint' move from Long Marston - St. Phillips Marsh. Engineering train records included; 70801 - 6C20 1156 Swindon - Westbury (1546) via Gloucester New yard which passed Yate at 1355 (16 late) and Bath 1513 (1 early), 70810 - 6C21 1324 Swindon - Westbury (1715) via Gloucester New yard (1715) which passed Swindon station at 1538 (134 late), Lawrence Hill 1757 and Bath 1815 (117 late), 70816 - 6C22 1524 Swindon - Oxford Hinksey yard (2302) via Gloucester New yard and Newbury which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1958 (128 late), Lawrence Hill 2004 and Bath 2024 (126 late), 70817 - 6C23 1724 Swindon - Oxford Hinksey yard (0021) via Gloucester New yard and Newbury which passed Bath at 2222 (124 late), 59002 + 66056 Top n' tailing - 6W05 1300 Wootton Bassett - Westbury (1450) which passed Parkway at 1343 (13 late), Lawrence Hill 1353 and Bath 1413 (3 late) and 66520 + 66502 top n' tailing - 6Y15 1800 Wootton Bassett - Taunton Fairwater (2012) HOBC which passed Lawrence Hill at 1851 and Bridgwater 1940.

**28/05** Sunday engineering train records included; 70801 + 70814 top n' tail - 6C24 1602 Swindon - Oxford Hinksey yard (2249) via Gloucester New yard and Newbury which departed Swindon at 1803 (121 late), arrived

Parkway down loop at 2112 and departed at 2127 (145 late) and passed Bath at 2202 (150 late), 70811 - 6C25 1902 Swindon - Westbury (2225) via Gloucester New yard which passed Yate at 2202, 66034 - 6W06 2000 Wootton Bassett - Westbury (2126) which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 2030 (1 late), 66059 - 6W97 1423 Westbury - Abergavenny (2240) rail train which passed Bradford-on-Avon at 1453, Lawrence Hill 1540 and Filton Abbey Wood 1547 (30 late) and 66542 - 6Y54 1832 Westbury - Bridgend (0256) which passed Bradford-on-Avon at 1853 (-) and Filton Abbey Wood 1931 (-) formed of 10 HQA autoballasters.

**29/05** Engineering train records (including some workings from the final Swindon blockade day) included; 66169 - 6C27 0300 Swindon - Westbury (0656) via Gloucester New yard which passed Yate at 0654 (122 late) and Bathampton junction 0805, 70810 + 70807 top n' tailing - 6C28 1234 Gloucester Signal G339 - Oxford Hinksey yard (1250) via Bath and Newbury which passed Yate at 1316 and North Somerset junction 1400, 66542 - 6Y54 0256 Bridgend - Westbury (0825) which passed Newport at 0634 and North Somerset junction 0802 and 66056 + 66059 top' tailing - 6W50 1723 Westbury - Pembrey & Burry Port (0452) which passed Avoncliff at 1751 and Oldfield Park (Bath) 1806.

**30/05** Despite being reported as returned to Reading in the last Magazine, 150002 was on the 2C42 0524 Bristol TM - Penzance GW service and reported departing Totnes at 0742.

**31/05** Further Class 68 activity on the 6V74 / 6M63 Bridgwater flasks saw 68005 + 68020 pass Parkway at 0518 and Temple Meads 0528 and the return depart for Crewe at 1205 and pass Yate at 1322 formed with two wagons. Steam 60103 Flying Scotsman left the area as a 5Z72 0515 Bishops Lydeard (WSR) - Salisbury East yard (0810) via Bristol move with support coach which passed Bridgwater at 0543 (4 early) and Bath 0639 (1 early). The loco worked two 'Hampshire circulars' from Salisbury during the day departing at 0855 (1Z80) and 1406 (1Z82), a 1943 (1Z85) working to Victoria via Andover completed the day this train being diesel hauled back to Salisbury. An engineering train record was; 66027 - 6W60 1724 Westbury - Port Talbot (0555) which passed Lawrence Hill at 1815 and Duffryn (near Newport) at 1951 formed of 10 HQA autoballasters.

**02/06** Further Class 68 power for the 6V74 / 6M63 Bridgwater nuclear flask service saw 68005 + 68017 pass Dr.Days junction at 0514 and arrive Bridgwater at 0623 on the inward and passing Barton Hill at 1310 and Parkway 1320 on the return conveying a single FNA D 7092290024. Later, 57307 + 57306 were an arrival top n' tailing a 1Z57 0545 Liverpool Lime street - Bristol Northern Belle dining trip, the return being 1Z22 1737 to Lime Street (0018), which on the outward passed Oxford at 1120 (1 late), Swindon 1210 (1 late) departed Bath at 1259 (9 late) and arrived Temple Meads at 1313 (4 late) formed with c/stock; 3273 Alnwick, 1566, 3267 Belvoir, 3182 Warwick, 3275 Harlech, 3247 Chatsworth, 325 Duart, car no 17167, 10734 Balmoral, 10729 Crewe and 57313 + 57316 top n' tailing a 5Z20 0838 Carnforth Steamtown - Bristol Kingsland Road (1652) ecs move for a charter during the following day. This train routed via the Marches departed Hereford at 1449 (4 early), passed Severn Tunnel junction at 1558 (-) and Lawrence Hill 1631 (2 late) and was formed with the following c/stock; 9479, 3231 Ben Cruchan, 3188 Cadair Idris, 99678 Ullswater, 3438 Ben Lomond, 3312 Helvellyn, car no 1211, car no 3360, 3362, car no 5991, car no 5912. Having worked 1Q18 0525 Old Oak Common - Paignton via Penzance, the NRMT HST set formed with 43013, 977974, 975814, 975993, 975994, 975984, 43014 continued the usual six week Fridays only diagram as 1546 Paignton - Taunton (1847) via Bristol being recorded arriving Temple Meads at 1755 and departing at 1803 (-).

An engineering train record was; 66027 + 66031 top n' tailing - 6W65 0418 Kidwelly-Westbury which passed Marshfield at 0714 and Stapleton Road 0924.

**03/06** Loco hauled activity included; 57313 + 57316 top n' tailing Statesman Rail's 'Yorkshire Coast Statesman' 1Z20 0531 Bristol TM - Scarborough (1258) and 1Z21 1609 return to Temple Meads (2237) the outward departing Parkway at 0547 (1 late) and Cheltenham at 0639 (2 late) and DB red 67010 working what became the third Weymouth loco-hauled 'relief' since the 'final' one actually ran with 37414 in 1999! running as 1072 0906 Temple Meads - Weymouth (1144) and 1V72 1728 return to Temple Meads (2028) the outward departing Bath at 0932 (5 late) and Castle Cary 1039 (2 late) and the return departing Bath at 2008 (1 late). The train's ecs had earlier arrived as a 5Z46 0418 Burton Wetmore sidings - Temple Meads (0903) move via Bristol West which passed Charfield at 0713 and Lawrence Hill 0731 (6 early) formed with; 3390, 3345, 3397, 1200, 6054, 5950, 5998, 5929, 5985, 5964, 9526. 67030 had arrived as a 0Z67 1710 Wembley - Temple Meads (2044) light engine move passing Bath at 1938 (10 early) to top n' tail with 67010 a further football 'relief' service - 1Z58 0005 (Sun) Cardiff Central - Bristol TM (0114) via Parkway (booked 0048 - 0103), the outward ecs move being 5Z58 2106 Temple Meads - Cardiff Central (2356). Two SWTs Class 158 sets were 'on hire' to GW during the day one being identified as 158885. It was interesting to record that Temple Meads station remained open throughout the night dealing with football fans returning from the Cardiff game.

**04/06** The West Coast rail tour stock from the previous days outing top n' tailed with 57316 + 57313 passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1225 (3 late) and Severn Tunnel junction 1237 (3 late) as 5Z22 1135 Kingsland Road - Carnforth Steamtown (1955) via Hereford.

Engineering train records included; 66847 + 66848 top n' tailing - 6C22 1924 Westbury - Court Sarn junction (2205) which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 2007 formed of 10 autoballasters, 66094 - 6W02 1648 Westbury - Penarth Curve South junction (0528) via Margam which passed Bath at 1659 (17 early) and Filton Abbey Wood 1742 (6 early) and 66206 - 6W07 0730 Holesmouth junction - Westbury autoballasters which passed Bradford junction at 0759.

**05/06** 66549 + 66514 were in Temple Meads station at 2054 (6 early) top n' tailing a 6X04 1951 Taunton Fairwater - Lydney (2220) via Pilning track replacement train. An engineering train report was; 66094 - 6W02 0528 Penarth Curve South - Westbury (0730) which passed Bath at 0707.

**06/06** The days Arriva XC HST power car and set allocations were as follows; 43366 XC02 43207 - 1V44 0600 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S51 1225 Plymouth - Glasgow Central and 43285 XC05 43384 - 1V50 0606 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth / 1E63 1525 Plymouth - Leeds. On the day the 1V44 was in fact terminated at Sheffield due to door locking problems which saw the set return empty to Craigentenny.

**07/06** 68001 + 68023 with a single FNA passed Filton at 0516 working 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater, the 6M63 return north departing at 1148 and passing Lawrence Hill at 1307. Later 70806 + 66850 passed Lawrence Hill at 1409 running as a 0F84 Westbury - Cardiff Canton light-engine move. The 3U77 Reading - St. Phillips Marsh Turbo run was formed with a 2-car set 165122 passing Lawrence Hill at 1218 and later DRS 37219 was an evening arrival running light as 0Z37 1200 Reading Triangle - Bristol TM (1807) via Basingstoke (reverse) and the Berks & Hants route to Westbury (although a booked Frome and East Somerset junction visit did not take place), reports for this move were departing Basingstoke platform 5 at 1422 (3 late), passing Westbury at 1651 (4 early) and Bath at 1740 (15 early). Highlight of the day was the West Somerset Railway diesel gala

movement formed with 50049 (large logo livery) + 50007 (blue) + D8188 (20188) + D8059 (20059) both in BR green which ran as 0Z50 0924 Kidderminster SVR - Bishops Lydeard WSR (1345) which passed Hartlebury at 0938 (3 late), Yate 1140 (2 early), Lawrence Hill 1155 (12 early), departing Weston-super-Mare station at 1254 (1 early) and passing Bridgwater 1319 (1 late).

**09/06** The 4V50 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog container service was noted double-headed with 66420 + 66954 at 0732 passing Westerleigh junction. Daylight IEP Class 800 testing commenced (having been cancelled two days previous) west of Bristol with 800003 working 5X41 0949 Temple Meads - Swindon (1205) via Taunton being recorded passing Yatton at 1013 (14 late), arriving Taunton at 1044 (20 late) and departing at 1047 (13 late) and passing Uphill junction at 1102 (10 late) and Yatton again on the return at 1108 (4 early). A 5X40 0901 Stoke Gifford - Stoke Gifford (1252) via Reading, IEP test train was recorded departing Temple Meads at 0951 (8 late) towards Bath with an unidentified Class 800 set. Stops were made at most of the stations enroute from Bristol. DRS 37219 which arrived during the previous day was booked to return north as 0Z37 1000 Temple Meads - Derby RTC (via Yate). Later, 43016 which has become the latest GW power car to receive the new green livery was noted departing Swindon at 1429 on the 1L62 Swansea - Paddington service and later arriving Weston-super-Mare at 1949 on the 1C24 1730 Paddington - Taunton service with 43171 on the other end. An engineering train record was; 66549 + 66514 top n' tailing - 6X04 0620 Awre - Taunton Fairwater via Gloucester which passed Yate at 0654.

**10/06** 43131 (First blue livery) + 43016 (GW green) with First blue set OC48 formed the days 'Weymouth Wizzard' relief - 1072 0906 Temple Meads - Weymouth and 1V72 1728 return to Temple Meads. An engineering train record was; 66182 - 6W01 1734 Westbury - Ninian Park (2330) which passed Bath at 1749 (2 early),

**11/06** Returning engineering trains from the Stratton occupation near Swindon, via Kemble and Gloucester New Yard included; 70810 - 6C26 1950 (Sat) Swindon - Oxford Hinksey yard (1308) which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1024, 70811 - 6C27 0900 Swindon - Oxford Hinksey yard (1202) which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1225 (90 late) and 66850 + 70815 top n' tailing - 6C28 1000 Swindon - Westbury (1302) which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1534 (208 late). Other records included; 66004 - 6W03 0935 Westbury - Ninian Park (1400) which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1027 and 66186 - 6W02 1255 Cardiff West - Westbury (1539) which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1425.

**12/06** SWTs continue to forward their units for refurbishment 'the long way round' as 5M99 0852 Salisbury Tsmc - Brush Loughborough (1814) via Yeovil and Exeter, 158885 being recorded heading north through Taunton at 1233 (5 early), Worle junction 1253 (5 early) and Cheltenham 1417 (63 early), the unit was believed to have worked off route via Bath, Swindon (reverse) and the Stroud Valley. An engineering train record was; 66549 + 66514 top n' tailing - 6X04 1758 Taunton Fairwater - Miskin (2148) track replacement train which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1914 (13 early).

**13/06** Another track replacement train record was; 66549 + 66514 - 6X04 0435 Neath - Taunton Fairwater passing Taunton at 0358 (233 early!).

14/06 50049 + 50007 + D8059 + D8188 returned from the West Somerset Railway gala as 0Z50 0856 Bishop's Lydeard - Butterley MRC (1530) departing Taunton station at 0913 (1 late), passing Yatton at 0948 (-), Filton Abbey Wood 1017 (-) and Yate 1027 (-).

**14/06** Euro-Phoenix livery 37608 (named Andromeda) + 37611 (named Pegasus) stood in for the monthly more recently Colas Class 67 worked

Midlands - Bristol test train via Oxford, Swindon, Westbury, Yeovil, Weymouth and Bath. The 1Z22 0814 Tyseley Tmd - Bristol TM (2302) was formed with dept c/stock; 6261, 999550, 1256, 9523 and reported passing Bradford junction at 1416 (8 late), departing Weymouth at 1612 (8 late), Yeovil Pen Mill 1712 (-), Castle Cary 1730 (4 late), passing Bath at 1841 (4 early) heading for a reverse at Bristol East and Keynsham 1913 on the return back towards Bath for a further reverse at Heywood Road junction (near Westbury) for the final return back to Bristol. Turbo set 165137 was an arrival on the 3U77 1030 Reading - St.Phillips Marsh training run via Parkway (which passed Didcot at 1046) during the day.

**15/06** The Colas Class 67 stand in locos 37608 + 37611 returned the previous days inward test train over its normal 'booked' route running as 1Z23 0714 Bristol TM - Tyseley Tmd via reverses at Bedminster, Severn Tunnel junction, Temple Meads and onwards via Bath, Swindon and Oxford. Train reports included passing through Temple Meads at 0815 from Bristol West, passing Filton Abbey Wood outward at 0827 (1 late) and 0955 (35 late) on the return and later departing Swindon towards Cocklebury yard at 1102. Further daylight IEP testing took place over the Bristol - Taunton line during the morning period. A 5X19 0734 North Pole Iep depot - Taunton working formed with sets 800003 + 800004 on arrival at Swindon was spilt the former then working 5X19 1009 Swindon - Taunton (via Bath) which passed Bridgwater down at 1119 and 1143 on the return north to Temple Meads and the latter which ran 5X42 Swindon - Taunton departing at 1020 (74 late) and passing Bridgwater down at 1126 and 1151 on the return again to Temple Meads.

**16/06** Further IEP testing/driver training runs took place between Bristol and Taunton during the morning period. 800003 ran 5X20 0923 Swindon - Taunton (1041) via Bath which passed Temple Meads down at 1003 (3 late), Bridgwater 1037 (4 late) and the same location back up at 1058 (2 late) and departed Weston-super-Mare station (a first Class visit here) at 1128 (6 late) as 5X32 1047 Taunton - Temple Meads (1148) and 800004 which was the rear set on the 5X19 0734 North Pole Iep - Taunton (1111) which passed Parkway at 1013 (13 late), departed Temple Meads platform 9 at 1029 (16 late) and passed Bridgwater down at 1055 (5 late) and the same location up at 1140 (2 late) as 5X42 1130 Taunton - Bristol TM (1220) prior to a joint set return working 5X43 1303 Temple Meads - Stoke Gifford (1340). Both units had arrived together from North Pole Iep and were separated at Swindon as had occurred in the past.

**17/06** Steam 46233 Duchess of Sutherland was used on Vintage Trains 'Whistling Ghost V' 1Z24 0656 Solihull - Bishops Lydeard (1245) and 1Z25 1830 return to Solihull (0006) with c/stock; 96100, 99041, 9101, 5191, 5157, 5212, 5198, 99349, 99361, 99353, 17018 which passed Oxford Hinksey yard at 0924 (1 late), Wantage Road 0948 (7 late), Uffingham 1054 (63 late), arriving Swindon platform 1 at 1106 (61 late), passing Chipping Sodbury at 1135 (65 late) and Worle junction 1243 (69 late). The return departed Taunton at 1858 (1 late) and passed Nailsea & Backwell at 1932 (1 early). The train which was routed via Banbury, Oxford and Swindon due to clearance issues at an over bridge in Cheltenham was seriously delayed in the Swindon area due to a HST power car fire involving 43004 in platform 4 at the station with emergency services in attendance (their water pipes being laid over the main running lines from fire appliances parked in the west car park) the service being the 1L34 0729 Swansea - Paddington (1028) which having arrived at 0929 (-) was terminated. There were other GW HST service delays and diversions including the 1A12 1000 Temple Meads - Paddington (1138) and 1C09 1000 Paddington - Temple Meads which had departed Reading at 1015 (17 late) and arrived Temple Meads at 1138 (24

late) both diverted via the Berks & Hants route whilst the 1B15 0845 Paddington - Pembroke Dock (1412) which eventually arrived Swindon at 1022 (44 late) was later terminated at Bristol Parkway at 1059 (54 late) and the 1C11 1100 Paddington - Temple Meads (1239) which was cancelled. The 1106 Margam - Eastleigh (1658) light-loco move conveyed MPV set DR98959 + DR98909 and operated as 6012 headed by 66095 + 66110 and was reported passing North Somerset junction at 1348 (5 late) and arrived Westbury at 1420. SWTs 158890 'on hire' to GW ran 5Z10 Swindon - Temple Meads empty departing at 0911 (11 early) and passing Filton Abbey Wood at 0939 (21 early). Steam 60163 Tornado was an afternoon arrival as 5Z63 1100 Stewarts Lane - St. Phillips Marsh (1539) with support coach 21249 the move having earlier departed Didcot Parkway at 1353 (-). An engineering train record was; 66514 + 66420 passing near Nailsea & Backwell at 2015 top n' tailing a 6X04 1915 Taunton Fairwater - Llanwern West junction (2145) track replacement train which returned during the following day as 6X04 0750 Maindee East junction - Taunton Fairwater (0954) passing Pilning at 0918 (46 late).

### **Bristol West Railport**

Locos recorded here on container duty have included;  
66418/420/502/529/531/532/534/558/559/567/585/592/593/594.

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

**03/06** The branch was closed for track work onwards from Clifton Down with road bus connections. 66013 + 66023 top n' tailed the 6A03 0437 Severnside Sita - Brentford Waste terminal (0905) refuse container empties which passed Hallen Marsh junction at 0542 (25 late), Lawrence Hill 0609 (36 late) and Lavington 0712 (48 late). The reverse move was assumed to have taken place in the docks area off the Severn Beach branch as usual. 66206 worked a 6W07 1515 Westbury - Narroways Hill junction (1612) 10 wagon autoballaster which passed Lawrence Hill at 1605 (4 early) and then later on to the branch.

**08/06** The first record of a Turbo unit over the Severn Beach line for clearance tests was reported as 165124 which worked 5Z71 2358 (Wed) Temple Meads - Severn Beach (0114) and 5Z72 0120 return to Temple Meads (0236) the outward arriving Avonmouth at 0125 (31 late) and departing at 0136 (37 late) and on the return arrived at the same location at 0226 (53 late) and departed at 0234 (56 late). Due to the late running a second run a 5Z73 0314 Temple Meads - Severn Beach (0420) was terminated at Avonmouth and returned at 0444 (4 late) as 5Z74 to Temple Meads (0534). It is interesting to note Turbo set 165124 was the unit involved in a derailment near Paddington station towards the end of 2016, coach 58885 being sent to Wolverton works for repair and 58939 (the second coach) arriving in Bristol for store at St. Phillips Marsh depot in February this year. It is also thought these workings may well have been a test run for this set if reformation has now taken place.

**16/06** Following the appearance of a Class 165 Turbo set a week previous, it was the turn of the three car Class 166 for clearance tests, 166208 being the unit involved calling Clifton Down station at from 0036 (6 late) to 0044 (9 late) as 5Z71 2358 (Thur) Temple Meads - Severn Beach (0115). Around 6 NR and GW staff was observed taking platform gap measurements during the stop which averaged 8 minutes at each platform visited. The set returned as 5Z72 0120 Severn Beach - Bristol TM (0236) departing Avonmouth at 0202 (24 late). A further 5Z73 0314 Temple Meads - Severn Beach (0420) and 5Z74 0424 return to Temple Meads (0534) workings were cancelled.

Locos recorded on stone duty have included;

59104/201/202/203/206. 66128/169.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included;

66075/194.

Locos recorded on refuse container duty have included;

66007/013/023/034/109/185/230.

### **Portbury Branchline**

**01/06** Having arrived in Alexandra Dock yard, Newport behind 66061, 66085 took over the late running 6V51 0303 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carriers which were reported as passing Magor at 1050 (217 late) and Pilning 1120 (184 late). The reason for the late running remained unconfirmed.

Locos recorded on car train duty have included; 66059/085/125/155.

### **Bristol area workings during March**

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

02/03 66954. 07/03 66534. 08/03 66540. 09/03 66503.

13/03 66568+66569. 20/03 66503. 23/03 66570. 24/03 66589.

27/03 66537. 30/03 66555. 31/03 66556.

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

01/03 66954. 07/03 66540. 08/03 66503. 09/03 66955.

20/03 66420. 21/03 66548. 23/03 66589. 27/03 66416.

30/03 66556. 31/03 66568.

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

01/03 70006. 02/03 70005. 03/03 70005+66418. 07/03 66418.

08/03 70011. 10/03 70005. 17/03 66534. 20/03 70007.

21/03 66560. 23/03 66503. 24/03 66532. 27/03 70006.

30/03 66503. 31/03 66557.

4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (FL)

20/03 66517. 27/03 66552.

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

01/03 59101. 03/03 59201. 06/03\* 66200. 07/03 66145.

08/03 59104. 10/03 66149. 17/03 59001. 20/03\* 66015.

21/03 66015. 24/03 59101. 31/03 66134.

Note; Trains on 07/03 and 14/03 ran as 6Z84 to Westbury.

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

02/03 60001. 03/03 60091. 12/03 60001. 23/03 60020.

30/03 60100. 31/03 60020.

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

02/03\* 66017. 03/03 66151. 07/03\* 66009. 09/03\* 66164.

15/03 66200. 20/03 66097. 23/03\* 66013. 24/03 66181.

30/03 66034. 30/03\* 66149. 31/03 66074.

Note; Trains on 02/03, 07/03, 23/03 and 30/03 ran as 4B38.

On 20/03 the train started from Wembley.

6B49 / 6B50 (6B51 / 6B52\*) Llanwern - Swindon Stores steel and return empties (DB)

17/03 66194. 20/03 66040 24/03 66150. 27/03\* 66041. 31/03\* 66158.



Note; The train head code changes on both 27/03 and 31/03 were due to an earlier booked departure time from Llanwern.

6B68 0925 Avonmouth BBHt - Aberthaw PS loaded coal (FL)  
02/03 66519. 06/03 66515. 08/03 66519. 09/03 66519.  
13/03 66511. 27/03 66511. 30/03 66511. 31/03 66511.

Note; Train on the 31/03 was believed to be the final working of the current contract.

6B71 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Swindon Cocklebury scrap empties (DB)  
24/03 66118. 31/03 66156.

6B77 1701 Avonmouth BBHt - Aberthaw PS loaded coal (FL)  
08-10/03 66511. 27/03 66524. 30/03 66506.

6C03 Brentford (Southall SuO) - Severnside Sita loaded and return (6A03\*)  
empty refuse containers (DB)

02/03\* 66125. 05/03 66145. 07/03\* 66024. 09/03\* 66151.  
12/03 66154. 19/03 66034. 22/03 66077. 23/03\* 66077.

6C36 1009 (ThO) Moorswater - Aberthaw Cement works cement empties (Colas)  
02/03 70810. 16/03 70807. 23/03 70808. 30/03 70805.

6C36 1220 (TFO) Westbury - Aberthaw Cement works cement empties (Colas)  
03/03 70802. 07/03 70802. 08/03 70802. 10/03 70807.  
14/03 70807. 20/03 70801. 21/03 70808. 24/03 70803.  
28/03 70806. 31/03 70805.

6C80 / 6B80 Westbury - Machen Quarry empty and return loaded stone (DB)  
04/03 66020.

6C99 2147 (TO) Newport ADJ - St.Blazey freight (DB)  
07/03 66199. 14/03 66068. 21/03 66120. 28/03 66115.

6M60 (FO) Exeter (Riverside) - Bescot china clay freight (DB)  
03/03 66154. 10/03 66199. 17/03 66068. 24/03 66120. 31/03 66115

6V35 (MFO) Bescot (downside) - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement 6M90  
(TThSO) return to Clitheroe (DB)  
03/03 66070. 06/03 66221. 08/03 66221. 13/03 66101.

6V47 (MThO) Tilbury - Trostre steel (DB)  
02/03 66106. 20/03 66129. 23/03 66074. 27/03 66144. 30/03 66142

6V51 0303 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carriers (TThO) (DB)  
02/03 66087. 04/03 66135. 07/03 66019. 14/03 66094.  
18/03 66165. 23/03 66012. 25/03 66019. 28/03 66041.

6V74 / 6M63 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater and return nuclear flasks  
(DRS)  
07/03 37218 + 37609. 14/03 37603 + 37259. 28/03 37716 + 37038.

6X52 1733 Portbury - Mossend loaded cars and vans (TThSO) (DB)  
02/03 66087. 04/03 66135. 07/03 66019. 14/03 66094.  
18/03 66165. 23/03 66012. 25/03 66019. 28/03 66041.

6Z47 Wembley - Cardiff Docks Ryans empty stone (DB)  
07/03 66025. 17/03 66170. 23/03 66170. 31/03 66031.  
Note; Train operated as 4Z47 on 31/03.

### **Lawrence Hill sightings**

**20/04** 0856 66086 6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury; 0937 66587 4L31 Bristol FLT - Felixstowe; 0945 & 1017 67023 67027 1Z23 Bristol High Level Siding - Tyseley LMD; 1054 66525 66596 0Y40 Westbury - Stoke Gifford; 1201 66570 4L32 Bristol FLT - London Gateway; 1207 166201 3U77 Reading Depot - St Philips Marsh; 1218 950001 2Q08 Bristol Temple Meads - Cardiff Canton; 1228 37259 37602 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe; 1710 70802 6C36 Moorswater - Aberthaw; 1812 66086 6X52 Portbury - Mossend; 1911 66536 66547 6X04 Fairwater - Bridgend;

**27/04** 1026 66847 6C28 Whitland - Westbury; 1052 70802 6C29 Whitland - Westbury; 1136 66849 66512 6Y56 Whitland - Westbury; 1308 68021 68022 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe;

**05/05** 1358 59204 6A83 Avonmouth - West Drayton; 1419 70811 6C36 Westbury - Aberthaw; 1629 47746 0Z49 Crewe - Bristol Temple Meads; 1713 45699 1Z49 Grange-over-Sands - Bristol Temple Meads;

**24/05** 1308 68002 68027 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe;

**26/05** 1310 68025 68023 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe; 1334 70815 6C36 Westbury - Aberthaw; 1403 59203 6A83 Avonmouth - West Drayton;

**27/05** 1327 66044 66059 66186 66103 66165 0012 Margam - Eastleigh; 1353 59002 66056 6W05 Wootton Bassett - Westbury; 1429 70801 6C20 Swindon - Westbury; 1516 60019 6B33 Theale - Margam; 1638 66187 6V62 Tilbury - Margam; 1757 70810 6C21 Swindon - Westbury; 1851 66520 66502 6Y15 Wootton Bassett - Fairwater; 1855 153373 5D81 Long Marston - St Philips Marsh; 2004 70816 6C22 Swindon - Hinksey;

**01/06** 1136 70817 6Z70 Cardiff Canton - Westbury Lafarge; 1145 66085 6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury;

**02/06** 1312 68005 68017 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe;

**03/06** 1605 66206 6W07 Westbury - Narroways Hill Jn;

**06/06** 1308 37219 0Z37 Derby RTC - Reading Triangle Sidings;

**07/06** 1155 50049 50007 20188 20059 0Z50 Kidderminster SVR - Bishops Lydeard; 1218 165122 3U77 Reading - St Philips Marsh; 1307 68023 68001 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe; 1400 59206 6A83 Avonmouth - West Drayton; 1409 70806 66850 0F84 Westbury - Cardiff Canton;

**10/06** 1356 70814 6C22 Swindon - Hinksey;

**17/06** 1213 46233 1Z24 Solihull - Bishops Lydeard;

### **Gloucester area workings**

**01/05** 4v38 0820 Daventry - Wentloog 66302 Gloucester 1045;

**03/05** 4e14 1518 Margam Grange Sdgs - York Yard South 66526 Gloucester 1827; 0z45 0920 Kidderminster Svr - Swanage 66741 D1842 D8059 D8188 45041; 6v35 1451 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66001; 4z45 2000 Washwood Heath - Pengam Sdgs 70809 Standish Jn 2141;

**04/05** 4v38 0820 Daventry - Wentloog 66302 Gloucester 1050; 6v05 0915 Round Oak - Margam 60066 Gloucester 1101; 0z56 Cardiff Canton - Washwood Heath Colas 56078/56087; 6m63 1158 Bridgwater - Crewe 37218/37059;

**05/05** 6m60 0305 FO Exeter Riverside Yard - Bescot Downside 66003; 4Z02 1234 Derby Loram - Okehampton 31452; 6B41 1135 Westerleigh - Robeston 60091; 6B13 0500 Robeston - Westerleigh 60074;

**08/05** 6v35 1451 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66065; 4v18 1400 Doncaster Woodyard - Fairwater Yard 66526; 4v38 0820 Daventry - Wentloog 66421;

**10/05** 6v35 1451 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66169; 0z32 1600 Washwood Heath - Barton Hill 31452; 4v18 1400 Doncaster Woodyard - Fairwater 66544; 4V45 1000 Leeds Stourton - Pengam Sdgs 70807 Gloucester 1621; 6e31 1758 Cardiff Docks - Port Clarence 66744;

**12/05** 6v35 1451 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66169; 6w07 2040 Bescot - Llanharan 66129 Standish Jn 2232;

**13/05** 4Z02 1145 Okehampton - Derby 31452; 6w09 1422 Bescot Engineers Sdgs - Llanharan 66174 Standish Jn 1703; 6v05 0920 Round Oak - Margam 66087 Gloucester 1125; 6b13 0420 Robeston - Westerleigh 60074 Gloucester 1133; 6v93 1046 Corby - Margam 66005 Gloucester 1436;

**15/05** 5z67 1000 Derby Loram - Cardiff Canton 67027 Gloucester 1248; 4z68 Canton - Derby 67027 Gloucester 1700; 5z02 1223 Derby Loram - Salisbury T&RsmD 37409 975025 Standish Jn 1511 92 early; 4v18 1400 Doncaster Wood Yard - Fairwater Yard 66551; 6v35 1451 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66057;

**16/05** 6v73 0433 Crewe - Berkeley 6m56 1341 return 37606/37602 92779; 4v12 1357 Barnetby Down Reception - Stoke Gifford 66513;

**17/05** 3z35 1150 Derby Loram - Exeter Riverside Yard 37099 9510 92616 6262 9605 9703;

**18/05** 0757 Exeter Riverside Yard - Crewe 37099;

**19/05** 6b17 1135 Westerleigh - Robeston 60019; 1z70 1853 Newport - Newport Gloucester 2009-2035 60103; 6v35 1451 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66037;

**20/05** 6w06 0556 Bescot - Leckwith North Jn 66119 Gloucester 0813; 6v05 0920 Round Oak - Llanwern 66165 Gloucester 1127; 4v38 0934 Daventry - Wentloog 66421 Gloucester 1221; 6v93 1046 Corby - Margam 66005 Gloucester 1445; 4m36 1658 Wentloog - Daventry 66421 Gloucester 1804;

**21/05** 6C56 0730 Worcester Shrub Hill - Westbury 70807 Tnt 70805 Standish 0935; 6w07 0955 Bridgend - Bescot 66171 Gloucester 1408;

**22/05** 4v38 0820 Daventry - Wentloog 68001 Gloucester 1050; 4m36 1858 Wentloog - Daventry 68001 Gloucester 2026; 6v35 1451 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66140; 4v18 1400 Doncaster Wood Yard - Fairwater Yard 66952;

**23/05** 1Z60 0944 Bristol Temple Meads - Gloucester arr 1212 60103; 1Z61 1237 Gloucester - Bristol Temple Meads 60103; 6Z70 1050 Briton Ferry Yard - Gloucester New Yard 70811; 0F84 1420 Gloucester New Yard - Cardiff Canton 70811; 4V12 1357 Barnetby - Stoke Gifford 66957; 5V42 1800 Doncaster Works - St.Phillips Marsh 150126;

**24/05** 6m03 60019 Gloucester 0409 2229 Robeston - Bedworth; 6v55 1608 Bedworth - Robeston 60019 Gloucester 1955; 6b13 0500 Robeston - Westerleigh 60007 Gloucester 1628 313 mins late; 6m63 1158 Bridgwater - Crewe 68002/68027;

**25/05** 4v18 1400 Doncaster Wood Yard - Fairwater 66952;

**26/05** 6v74 0200 Crewe - Bridgwater & 6m63 1158 Bridgwater - Crewe 68025/68023; 6m60 0305FO Exeter Riverside Yard - Bescot Downside 66001;

**27/05** 0v05 0920 Round Oak - Margam Light 66021 Gloucester 1024; 6v93 1046 Corby - Margam 66079 Gloucester 1445; 6c20 1156 Swindon - Westbury Yard run-round Gloucester New Yard 70801; 6c21 1324 Swindon - Westbury Yard run-round Gloucester New Yard 70810; 6c22 1524 Swindon - Hinksey Yard run-round Gloucester New Yard 70816; 6c23 1724 Swindon - Hinksey Yard run-round Gloucester New Yard 70817; 5D81 1600 Long Marston - St.Phillips Marsh 153373;

**28/05** 0z70 Westbury - Bourton Gloucester Platform 1 1041/44 70801; 6w97 1423 Westbury - Abergavenny 66059 Cam & Dursley 1633 50 late; 6c24 1602 Swindon - Hinksey Yard 70801 + 70814; 6c25 1902 Swindon - Westbury 70811;

6c26 2156 Swindon - Westbury 70816;

**29/05** 6c27 0300 Swindon - Westbury 66169; 6c28 0830 Swindon - Hinksey Sdgs 70817 Tnt 70810; 6v35 1535 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66194;

**30/05** 0v68 1000 Leicester - Gloucester Loco Spur arr 1209 37884; 0z44 0528 Cardiff Canton - Gloucester New Yard 56094; 4z44 0654 Gloucester New Yard - Neath Abbey Wharf 56094 Standish Jn 0746;

**31/05** 6v74 0200 Crewe - Bridgwater & 6m63 1158 Bridgwater - Crewe 68005/68020 550059/550035; 4v12 1357 Barnetby - Stoke Gifford 66549; 4z45 2000 Washwood Heath - Briton Ferry Yard 70817; 4v38 0820 Daventry - Wentloog 37609/37602 Gloucester 1548; 0z73 1300 Gloucester Loco Spur - Old Oak Common 37884; 6e31 1758 Cardiff Docks - Port Clarence 66779 Gloucester 2130;

### **Westbury**

**20/05** 70801 was on a 6C97 1348 Westbury - St.Austell rail train which passed Castle Cary at 1329 (6 early), the return being over the next day passing Taunton at 1117 as 6C97 0850 Par - Westbury. Later, 66047 + 66041 + 66063 arrived Westbury at 1402 on the 0012 Margam - Eastleigh Saturdays only light-engine move.

**21/05** 70805 + 70807 were a late morning arrival top n' tailing a 6C56 0730 Worcester Shrub Hill - Westbury (1138) via Swindon engineers which had earlier passed Stroud at 0942 formed of coalfish wagons.

**24/05** The return 7C28 1344 Exeter Riverside - Westbury stone empties was noted headed by 70809 + 70814 when passing Taunton at 1435. The train included the previous days loco and wagons which had suffered a brake problem prior to departure.

**25/05** A further 6M46 Marchwood - Bicester MoD empty wagon move was reported behind 66755 and noted passing Swindon late 1854 (171 late).

**27/05** At 1545 the following were located in the area; down yard 08799, 59202. short up yard siding 70809. re-cycling siding 70812. up reception 70811.

**03/06** At 1500 the following were recorded in the area; down yard 59103, 66015, 66094, 66174. up yard 66027. short siding (top yard) 66847, 66848. re-cycling siding 70801, 70809, 70810, 70811.

**05/06** Following the previous days Tytherington branch test working, 59206 + 59202 returned west working the 7C77 1240 Acton - Merehead stone empties passing Bedwyn at 1440.

**09/06** 70809 + 70805 + 70810 + 70813 passed Chippenham at 0902 running as 0A28 0755 Westbury - Oxford Hinksey yard light-locos.

**10/06** The following were in the area at 1430; down yard 59101, up yard 66004, 66186 (both arrived as 0012 ex Margam), up reception 66182 (allocated 6W01 to Ninian Park), up yard short siding; 66850.

SWTs unit 158887 was also stabled near the station and 66502 + 66529 were both due to arrive on a 0Y40 light-engine move.

**13/06** An 0F75 1150 Oxford Hinksey yard - Westbury via Swindon light loco move was formed with 70814 + 70805 + 70809 and passed Didcot North junction at 1201.

**14/06** 70805 moved 4 KVA and 3 TWA cargowagons as a 6C34 1322 Eastleigh Works - Westbury Cement works move which passed Warminster at 1426. The wagons are to be used to convey bagged cement on the Cornish flow to Moorswater.

**17/06** At 1440 the following were found in the area; down yard 59001, 59102. up yard 66169, 66177. next to the DB offices 59203. re-cycling siding 70801, 70809, 70801. next to the station (platform 3) 70810.

**18/06** 70810 was a late morning arrival on a return 6C97 0910 Saltash - Westbury rail train which earlier had passed Totnes at 1016 and Taunton 1129.

Locos recorded on Exeter stone duties have included; 59004/005. 70809/811/814/815.

Locos recorded on 6M40 Cliff Hill / Stud Farm ballast duty have included; 66767/771/772.

Locos recorded on Westbury cement duty have included; 70815/817.

Locos recorded on Moorswater cement duty have included; 70812/815/817.

## **Newport**

**19/05** Having arrived in the area earlier in the day on a 1Z60 1200 Shrewsbury to Cardiff Central (1457) via the Marches route special (West Coast diesel 47746 having worked the outward 1Z58 0801 Cardiff Central - Shrewsbury leg), steam 60103 Flying Scotsman continued on a Steam Dreams 'Cathedrals Express' 1Z72 1853 Newport - Newport (2223) 'Severn Estuary Circular' via Gloucester which passed East Usk at 1900 (-) but on reaching the Standish junction area suffered delays an arrival at Cam & Dursley 2105 (13 late) being recorded as an unscheduled stop due to trespassers numbering around 50 being recorded. BT Police were called the train eventually continuing at 2124 (32 late) and later passing Westerleigh junction at 2203 (51 late). The trip eventually departed Bristol Parkway diesel hauled (as booked) behind 47746 at 2306 (74 late), 60103 retiring with support coach to St. Phillips Marsh depot. The Class 47 then returned the ecs which ran late being booked as 5Z70 2308 Newport - Southall Wcr (0149) and formed; 5200, 5216, 5171, 9104, 13440, 99352, 99347, 13320, 1666, 5236, 5249.

**21/05** Engineering train records (via Gloucester), included; 66119 - 6W06 0945 Margam - Bescot (1257) and 66171 - 6W07 0955 Bridgend - Bescot (1558) which passed Barnwood junction at 1409.

**22/05** Observations at Newport station from 0700 - 0730 recorded; IEP set 800004 running as a 5X20 0620 Stoke Gifford - Swansea Malliphant CS (0712) test run and 66957 on 4010 0645 Stoke Gifford - Onllwyn Washery (1024) empty coal wagons. Later 68001 made a surprise Class debut appearance on the 4V38 0820 Daventry - Wentloog (1202) TESCO container service which passed Nuneaton at 0849 (-), Stoke Works junction 1006 (-), Gloucester 1049 (-) and Newport 1149 (-). The same loco powered the 4M36 return working which departed at 1853 (3 early).

**01/06** NR Class 37 97303 powered a 5Z04 0905 Derby RTC - Cardiff Canton sidings departmental stock move conveying generator coach 6262 only. The working passed Cheltenham at 1148 and Undy 1244. The loco was booked to return with 6262 and a former motor-rail van as 5Z98 0942 Cardiff Canton - Derby RTC during the following day. An engineering train record was; 66027 - 6W60 0606 Port Talbot Parkway - Westbury (1138) which passed Severn Tunnel junction at 0931 (110 late) formed of autoballaster wagons.

**02/06** 66513 + 66526 + 66549 passed Abergavenny at 1055 running as a 0M07 0952 Stoke Gifford - Crewe Basford Hall yard light loco move.

**08/06** Colas 70814 was allocated 4Z45 1047 Stourton (Leeds) - Briton Ferry sand empties.

**17/06** 70805 + 70814 + 70813 + 70812 + 70803 formed a 0Z98 0730 Cardiff Canton sidings - Bescot light loco move passing Newport at 0744 (9 early) and Lydney 0829 (16 early). Later, Deltic D9009 Alycidon became the second Class 55 to traverse the Central Wales line (running in place of the unavailable Class 52 D1015 Western Champion) on Pathfinder Tours 'Welsh

Central Liner' 1Z52 0518 Burton-on-Trent - Shrewsbury (1557) which departed Cheltenham at 0820 (1 late), Newport at 0940 (-) and passed Pontyclun at 1017 (1 early). The train's c/stock formation use was recorded as; 5366, 4998, 4991, 21272, 3147, 3119, 1671, 3097, 3098. The return was 1Z54 1725 Shrewsbury - Burton-on-Trent via Birmingham, Gloucester and Birmingham.

## **Cardiff**

**24/05** The 6B13 0500 Robeston - Westerleigh loaded fuel tanks were reported in trouble and recorded passing Pyle at 1433 and Marshfield 1523 double-headed with 66187 + 60074.

**31/05** More varied traction for the 4V38 Wentloog TESCO containers (following the recent Class 68 appearance) was 37602 + 37609 replacing a failed 66433 at St. Andrews (Birmingham) and reported passing Bordersley junction at 1421 (286 late) and Duffryn 1643 (287 late). The 4M36 return departed at 1939 (41 late) due to problems with one of the locos, passed Caldicot at 2009 (26 late) and Gloucester 2046.

The morning 1Z99 Class 37 rescue loco move from Crewe in fact involved three locos the other, 37218 collected the failed Class 66 for the return back to Crewe.

Having ran 0Z44 0528 Cardiff Canton - Gloucester New yard (0700) light and returned as 4Z44 0654 Gloucester New yard - Neath Abbey wharf (1016), 70817 headed a further 6Z44 0740 Neath Abbey Wharf - Washwood Heath RMC (1725) sand move which passed Marshfield at 1044.

The booked return empties were 4Z45 2000 Washwood Heath - Briton Ferry (2351) which passed St. Andrews junction (Birmingham) at 2014 (3 late). Another report for the day was the visit of GBRf 'BR' green livery 66779 returning the 6E81 Cardiff Docks - Port Clarence fuel tank empties passing Marshfield at 2009 (10 early). The loco had worked in on the overnight 6V01 loaded service from Port Clarence.

**03/06** The biggest sporting event to be held in Cardiff at the Principality (formerly Millennium) stadium for many years attracted around 200,000 supporters many from mainland Europe to see Real Madrid beat Juventus 4-1 in the Champions League football Cup final. This was in fact the smallest ground ever for this game to take place in which is played in a different European country each year! GW enhanced their timetable to accommodate extra HST services from the Capital alongside increased local area services operated by Arriva Trains Wales and further a field from the Midlands, Arriva XC. The Bristol - Weymouth Saturday HST service was run with a 'hire in' loco and coaches to allow a further HST set to become available for the day (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news).

**09/06** 70806 worked the 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Baglan Bay log empties reported passing Leominster at 0704. With the train loco low on fuel following the previous days 4V36 TESCO container arrival and the evening return cancelled, the working returned north as 4Z36 Wentloog - Daventry with 66430 departing at 0840 (20 early). A light-engine movement was 70814 + 66850 passing Marshfield as 1239 running as 0F75 1250 Cardiff Canton - Westbury.

**12/06** Valley coal still continues (although no longer to power stations) with 66154 passing Llanbradach (near Caerphilly) at 1921 (9 late) hauling 18 loaded HTAs as 6M77 1753 Cwmbargoed DP - Hope sidings and 66085 later passing the same location at 2257 (5 early) working 21 HXAs as 6C95 1845 Cwmbargoed DP - Port Talbot.

**14/06** 70816 headed a further 6Z44 0800 Neath Abbey Wharf - Washwood Heath (via Hereford) sand working formed of 20 HHAs and reported passing

Pontyclun at 1003. Sand has been confirmed as the commodity being conveyed not stone or grit stone as listed in previous magazines.

Locos recorded on 4V38 / 4M36 Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service have included; 66421 (13/06, 18/06), 66428 (10/06, 12/06), 66430 (01/06, 03/06, 04/06, 05/06, 08/06 - evening train cancelled, 09/06 - 'special' morning working), 66433 (14/06) and 68001 (22/05).

Locos recorded on Port Talbot coal duties have included; 66085/154/186/206

Locos recorded on Port Clarence fuel tank duties have included; 66771/779.

Locos recorded on Hope Cement coal duties have included; 66103/154.

## **PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS**

**British Waterways Canal & River Trust Museum, Gloucester docks** **D.Forse**

**04/06** The 0-4-0F loco (AB 2126/42) here has been moved to the Ellesmere Waterways Museum reported to be for a 'loan' period.

**East Somerset Railway, Cranmore**

**C.Forse**

**04/06** Now fully restored in a BR black livery 41313 was recorded in steam and under test.

### **Mainline Preservation**

**29/05** UK Railtours 'Cornishman' 1Z63 0803 Paddington - Penzance (1448) was worked throughout by steam 60163 Tornado believed to be a first appearance for this loco in Cornwall. The outward was reported departing Newbury at 0916 (2 early), passing Taunton at 1037 (9 early), arriving Exeter Riverside yard at 1120 and departing at 1139 (following the detachment of support coach 21269). Interesting return hauling power in place of the unavailable preserved Class 52 no D1015 Western Champion was 59202 (thought to be another Class first for Cornwall?) the loco running 0Z64 0841 Westbury - Exeter (Riverside) yard to collect the support coach and work forward as 5Z60 1150 to Penzance passing Aller junction (Newton Abbot) at 0922. The Class 59 hauled the 1Z65 1715 Penzance - Paddington return and was reported departing Plymouth at 1907, passing Dawlish at 1951 and Taunton 2033, the full trains c/stock formation being reported as; 3120, 3066, 1691, 3097, 3068, 3123, 1832, 4927, 4946, 21249. Tornado later returned with support coach to Bodmin Parkway and a guest appearance on the Bodmin & Wenford Railway.

**10/06** Following what was a popular stay on the Bodmin & Wenford Railway, steam 60163 Tornado returned to base for Clan Line VSOE 'stand in' duties as 5Z60 0725 Bodmin Parkway - Stewarts Lane running tender first with support coach 21249 and reported passing Plymouth at 0845 (28 late), Newton Abbot at 1019 (8 early), Taunton 1126 (8 early) and departing Westbury at 1312 (-).

### **Swanage Railway**

**13/06** A new through service operated by West Coast railways commenced operation between Swanage and Wareham. Trains (TWThSO) were timed to depart Swanage at 1023 (2Z18), 1223 (2Z20), 1423 (2Z22) and 1623 (2Z24) and Wareham on the return at 1119 (2Z19), 1319 (2Z21), 1519 (2Z23) and 1719 (2Z25). Although rumours suggested hauling power would be 'in house' locos, 37518 + 33025 were used with c/stock; 5035, 99722, 4973, 9493 all of which arrived as a 5Z24 1135 Carnforth Steamtown - Swanage (2210) via Birmingham, Oxford and Reading West curve working which passed Lancaster

at 1221 ( -), Preston 1304 (6 early) and Tilehurst 1852 (4 late). With the last BR passenger train running on the 1st January 1972, preservationists moved onto the then lifted line in 1976 with permission from the local council and started restoring the station buildings and platform at Swanage and relaying track towards Corfe Castle. Sections were progressively reopened initially to Herston Halt, then Harman's Cross and eventually Corfe Castle which was connected with a passenger rail service in 1995.

West Coast is believed to have signed a two year contract to provide locos and stock for the workings which will operate on a 'trial' bases over the first four weeks.

**14/06** Passenger train records for the day were; D6515 (33012) + 37518 noted top n' tailing the 2Z20 1223 Swanage - Wareham service whilst steam 80104 (carrying the number 80146) was on the 1200 Norden - Swanage working.

### **West Somerset Railway**

**09-11/06** GW DMU shuttles between Taunton and Bishop's Lydeard for this year's Diesel Gala were cancelled due to operating problems. D8059 (20059) + D8188 (20188) both in BR green were this years visiting locos, the two hauling Class 50s, 50007 + 50049 remained at Bishop's Lydeard over the three day event.

**12/06** Spend ballast continues to be moved onto the line with 66549 + 66514 top n' tailing a 6C76 0940 Taunton Fairwater - Bishops Lydeard and 1240 return which passed Norton Fitzwarren outward at 1015.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Ashchurch (for Tewkesbury)**

**28/05** To mark the 20th anniversary of the station opening here (on the 1st June 1997) which currently sees around 900,000 customers a year, GW offered a special £5.00 return fare for the day to stations at Bristol (Temple Meads), Bath, Swindon (via Stroud) and Great Malvern. The tickets which went on sale the day before had to be ordered in advance either 'on line' or via a special telephone line.

### **Class 88**

**20/05** Pathfinder Tour's 'Settle & Carlisle Pioneer' 1Z39 0635 Didcot - Appleby and 1Z40 1645 return to Didcot (2340) was worked to and from Crewe by 68027 where 68025 + 88002 took over (not the two Class 88s as expected) departing at 1021 (2 late). This was to become the first passenger working for the Class with a second outing planned for 12th August from Newport - Appleby, again taking over the train at Crewe.

### **Great Western**

**26/05** Great Western Railway and the Bristol Post have launched a competition for readers to nominate their '100 inspirational Great Westerners' from the West Country with the names of 50 to be carried on the new Hitachi IEP Class 800 units. A draw will take place and two lucky winners will be able to travel on the very first public run of the new trains in service.

**27/05** The first loco-hauled Summer Saturday 'relief' service was hauled by 57603 off the 1C99 2345 Paddington - Penzance sleeper service. The full 2017 diagram is listed as; 5P70 1015 Penzance - St.Erth, 2P70 1028 St.



Erth - Plymouth, 2E75 1335 Plymouth - Exeter St.Davids and 2C51 1750 Exeter St.Davids - Penzance. The return working was noted passing Dawlish at 1815.

**28/05** For the League Division 2 football play off between Exeter City and Blackpool a HST set with power cars 43010 + 43181 was 'hired' and ran as 1Z30 0919 Exeter St.Davids - Paddington (1142). On the day Blackpool were to come out winners 2-1. Unit 150232 was on the GW Summer Sunday only the first of the day's workings being 2K02 0901 Exeter St.James Park - Okehampton (0952) and 2J03 0955 return to Exeter St.James Park (1041). These workings are now in their 20th year of operation. Dartmoor Rail provided a recently repaired DEMU 1132 as a connection to and from Meldon over the weekend. The GW service was cancelled over the following Sunday due to a 25 mph speed restriction put in place on the Dartmoor Railway operated section.

**03/06** 57605 was on the second GW loco hauled 'relief' of the year, the 2E75 1335 Plymouth - Exeter St.Davids part of the days diagram being noted departing Newton Abbot at 1421 (-) and passing Starcross at 1440. The 2C51 return to Penzance departed Exeter St.Davids at 1750 (-).

**04/06** The 1C86 1457 Paddington - Penzance HST service was noted departing Totnes at 1756 formed; 43146 First blue, 44086 First blue, 42250 GW green, 42347, 42129 both First blue, 42581, 42145, 40743, 41158, 43194 all GW green.

**10/06** The third of this years GW Summer Saturday loco hauled 'relief' trains was headed by sleeper loco 57605 with c/stock 10219, 12142, 17175 which departed Exeter St.Davids at 1750 (-) on the 2C51 return to Penzance.

**12/06** IEP East Coast 'Azuma' set 800101 was noted departing Swindon at 1446 on a 5X35 return move to Reading. The same set also departed at 1458 on the same working during the following day.

**16/06** Power cars 43034 (in ex-works) condition + 43098 formed a back to back 0Z77 1434 Laira - Laira test run via Newton Abbot and were noted returning through Totnes at 1537.

**17/06** 57602 was on the West of England Summer Saturdays loco hauled diagram with c/stock; 10219, 12142, 17175 the 2E75 Plymouth - Exeter St.Davids departing Totnes at 1407.

**18/06** The first GW Japanese built Hitachi Class 800 coach (labelled coach 1 of set 1) arrived by sea from Japan at Southampton Docks along with others. Movement by road to Newton Aycliffe followed for final fitting and commissioning to form the first of the 36 dual electric / diesel sets ordered for Paddington - Wales and West of England services which will progressively be introduced into service over the next year. Unit changes - continuing on from last months report; 150916 is now formed 52216 + 57212 + 57216 (ex 150216) being noted on the 25th May and 150926 (150126) is now formed with 52126 + 57126 being recorded on 29th May.

### **Road Movements**

**30/05** Northern Belle Coach - Belvoir (3267) on the M5 south-bound near junction 9 (Ashchurch & Tewkesbury) at 1825.

### **Royal Hitachi**

**13/06** GW marked the 175th anniversary of Queen Victoria using a train for Royal travel for the first time (at a speed of 45 mph) with IEP 800003 working a 1Z75 1205 Slough - Paddington (1225) with HRH Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip on board. The name Queen Elizabeth II was unveiled on one of the power cars (815003) after arrival at Paddington by the Queen.

IK Brunel's great, great grand son Isambard Thomas was also on board the train which now carries an overall GW green livery and had earlier run 5X71 1117 Reading - Slough ecs arriving at 1142 (4 late).

### **Slade Green**

South-Eastern train's is holding an open day at this depot on Saturday 15th July from 1000 - 1630 with public viewing allowed from 1230 onwards.

### **TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS**

**19/05** Avonmouth (near West Town Road level crossing) - rrv FR677. Westbury - DR80205 which later departed on a move to East Somerset junction.

**24/05** Cardiff Taff Vale sidings - DR73935 which later ran 6J42 1030 to Newbury yard (1506) passing Bishton, near Magor at 1148.

**02/06** Bristol Parkway - 77908 + 73120 departing in the down direction at 1303. 80205 which departed at 1414 also in the down direction towards South Wales. TXM Avonmouth - V71KOV (940302-1), 4752, 6528, trailer RT140.

**13/06** Cheltenham - MPV DR98909 + DR98959 passing at 1205 on a 6Z10 1056 Kings Norton - Margam move.

**14/06** TXM Avonmouth (additions to 02/06 list) (940715-4), trailer RT151.

### **TRIP REPORTS**

**TRIP 526**

**LONDON FLYER**

**13<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Not everything listed was seen by all. The trip started and ended at Ealing Broadway station. All locations are view only, unless stated otherwise. Most names carried by Loco's and Multiple Units omitted. All items Standard Gauge.

\* = Assumed.

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

Diesel: 43017/022/031/033/091/129/130/131/134/147/150/151  
43169/170/172/177/183/188/196.

DMU: 165102/04/06/07/19, 166202/04/13/18.

EMU: 332005/06/08/12, 360201/02/03.

#### **Acton Yard.**

Diesel: 66013/113/115.

Wagons: 14793/98, 300410, 310945, 320002/10/23/27/34/38/39/40/43/48/56,  
7069550743/0853/0895/0925/1085, 8029290877.

Note: 66115 worked from Acton to St Pancras stone terminal where it was seen again, and then back to Acton.

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

Morning: Diesel: 08483/836\*, 43185, 57603.

Afternoon: Diesel: 08483, 57310 Pride of Cumbria.

#### **North Pole Depot.**

EMU: 387140/142/144/145/147.

#### **Ladbroke Grove.**

Readypower RRV: 940123 - FR633

**Westbourne Park.**

APWebb RRV: 917027 - RL010 (MV64RDZ) TXM RRV: 940287 - 5223

**Westbourne Park - Crossrail**

Loco: Schoma 6844\* with the Concrete Shuttle train.

Crossrail RRVs: TSO494, Unimogs: 2, 8. Readypower RRV: 940135 - FR612

Wagons: 92558 93343 93376 93423 93436, 33 8741360046, SLP12.

**On the approach to London Paddington**

TXM RRVs: 912117 - 7080, 912126 - 7089, 912127 - 7090,

912177 - 7106.

**Waterloo Station**

Dmu Set 159101.

Emu Sets 444005/036/040, 450024/082/093/123/553, 5733, 5862, 5908.

**Vauxhall Station**

Emu Sets 444030, 450549, 5717, 5918.

**Queenstown Road Station**

Emu Sets 377405/455/475

**Clapham Junction Station**

Loco 47848

Dmu Sets 159004 *Basingstoke & Dean/102/106*

Emu Sets 377103/04/08/09/10/13/17/18/21/22/23/25/27/29/31/32/33/34/36/  
39/41/42/45/47/48/50/51/55/64, 377203/05, 377402/06/08/13/15/18/19/22/  
24/28/30/32/36/37/39/50/53/64/65, 377601/02/03/05/07/09/10/12/13/15/16/  
17/18/19/20/23/24/25/26, 377701/05/06/07/08, 378141/42/47/49/50/52,  
378206/07/14/18/31, 387203/04/05/06/07/08/11/14/16/18/19/20/22/27/29,  
444008/13/16/17/21/26/30/31, 450006/13/14/16/17/20/23/30/32/36/39/72/74/  
80/81/85/86/93/94, 450095, 450100/06/07/12/13/16/17/27, 450540/47/49/51/  
64/65, 5706/07/08/11/12/15/17/19/26/37/41/50, 455807/10/15/17/22/23/26/  
28/31/34/37/40/42/43, 5849/51/55/59/62/65/71, 5903/14/15/17/18/19,  
458503/05/15/21/31/36, 707004/06.

OTM: U/I Balfour Beatty Tramm.

**East Croydon Station (Not recorded at Clapham or London Bridge).**

Dmu Sets 171401/805. Emu Sets 700005/016/027/105/109.

OTM: 73913. Trams: 2531/34/35/37/42/44/48/60/61

**Selhurst Area**

Dmu Set 171802 Emu Set 377703

**New Cross Gate Station**

Emu Sets 378139/217/251.

**New Cross Depot**

Emu Set 378137.

**London Bridge Station**

Dmu Set 171402.

Emu Sets 319001/02/06, 375605/08/11/13/21/25, 375703/10,  
375804/09/10/11/12/18, 375914/22/24, 376001/02/04/06/07/10/21/23/25/  
27/30/31/35, 377128/38, 377460/463, 377604/617, 377703, 455801/04/09/21/  
29/32/41/46, 465004/05/06/09/20/21/24/29/32/36/39/41/42/44/47/50,  
465151/54/55/58/63/64/66/68/71/72/76/78/85/87/88/97,

465235/44/45/46/47, 465901/09/11/18/31, 700114.

### **Kings Cross Station**

Loco 43295 Dmu Set 180112 Emu Sets 365505/538 387119  
Coach 82215

### **St. Pancras Station**

Locos 43046/048 *TCB Miller OBE/060/076 Help for Heroes.*  
Demu Sets 222002/04/08/10/14/16/18, 222101.  
Emu Sets 319010/220, 377510/16/17/19, 395001/03/05/07/08/11/13/14/15/  
16/18/19/20/21/22/25/27/28/29, 700023/45/46.  
Eurostar 3001/02/09/10, 3209/10/19/20/23/24,  
4001/02/03/04/05/06/11/12/19/20/21/22/23/24/25/26

### **Stratford.**

Steam: ROBERT - pvd outside station.  
Electric: 90005  
Carriages: Mk3: 10414. DVT: 82107.  
EMU: 315820/30/44/56, 317510, 321327, 357010/12.

### **Plumstead Crossrail works.**

Diesel: 66754/759.  
Industrial Diesels: 3 UID Blue Jung locos out of 4 on site.  
Red Loco - OK 26880\* (The only one on site).  
Claytons: 1 - CE B4618.1, 2 - CE B4618.2, 3 - CE B4618.3,  
5 - CE B4618.5, 6 - CE B4618.6, (Out of the 7 on site).  
Wagons: 92556 M+E06, 93344 M+E07, 93390 WEL02,  
338046470294, 338046470492, 238741380006, 238741380022, 238741380030 WEL8,  
338747290272 LOG02, 338749093732 WEL24,  
AGT08/10/11/12/13/14/15/16/17/18/19, E-RS6-02, M+E02, SLP08/16/17, WEL18.  
Crossrail RRVs: 912213, 912297, 912298, 912299, TSO495.  
UNIMOGs: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7.  
Quattro RRVs: 940331 - 349, 940380 - 430.

### **Prince Regent - Crossrail**

Pod-Trak RRV: 912101 - PTL881.  
Quattro RRVs: 940406 - 106, 912293 - 1068, 911138 - 203, 912046 - 935,  
912047 - 936, 912050 - 939, 912052 - 941.  
Quattro trailers: 099 (010241 6), 572 (010222 6),  
574 (010224 2), 647 (010256 4), 653 (010284 6),  
1075 (009276 5), 1077 (009278 1).  
Readypower RRV: 912145 - FR1377.

### **DLR**

In Service: 06/13/22/25/26/35/36/37/38/40/42/50/51/54/59/60/69/70/71/79/  
88/95, 101/102/104/106/108/110/111/113/117/118/119/122/123/124/125/126/  
127/128/131/133/138/140/141/143/144/145/149/150/151/153/154

**Beckton Depot:** 08/11/14/23/41/44/47/53/61/65/76/78/84/97.

**Poplar Depot:** 68/82/98.

Loco: 994 Kevin Kearney  
Wickham 11622.  
Wagons: 2 UID green flat wagons.  
Serco DLR RRV: 991

### **Pudding Mill Lane**

Readypower RRVs: 912081 - FR1363, 912082 - FR1364, 940110 - FR613.

### **Stratford - Quattro Depot (visit).**

Quattro RRVs 940425 - 147, 911137 - 202, 911139 - 204, 911179 - 244, 940396 - 339, 940370 - 417, 940377 - 428, 940387 - 438, 942016 - 482, 911203 - 513, 940525 - 692, 977007 - 780, 912048 - 937, 912051 - 940.  
Trailers: 102 (010604 5), 113 (010610 2), 208 (010613 6), 560 (010210 1), 565 (010215 0), 577 (010227 5), 607 (010598 9), 609 (010623 5), 620 (010265 5), 635 (010244 0), 693 (010418 0), 784 (011563 2), 944 (009056 1).

Ballast Brushes: RBB001 (000045 3), RBB026 / 673 (000065 1)

VroomBros RRV: 2 (BX-ZB-33)

### **Tube Sightings:**

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

### **Bakerloo.**

4 car sets: 3237/50/61. 3 car Sets: 3437/48.

### **Central.**

2 car sets: 91009/049/055/075/095/109/111/129/157/193/207  
91211/237/249/255/261/271/279/285/301/309/315,  
92018/020/024/105/114/136/160/180/186/190/236/406/408/452.

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

7 car sets: 21319/321/331/349/357/367/403/435/469/475  
21517/533/541/557/563.

### **Jubilee.**

4 car sets: 96007/053/061/063/065/075/093/103/111.  
3 car sets: 96034/048/054/056/058/060/064/078/100.

### **Metropolitan.**

8 car set: 21063.

### **Northern Line.**

3 car set: 51518.

### **Notes:**

There were no services between London Bridge and St. Pancras. Thameslink trains were turning round at those stations. The result was fewer than expected Class 700s were seen.

No trains ran between Plumstead and Abbey Wood, so the Crossrail yard was viewed from nearby roads and pathways.

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