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**Front Cover Photo August 2017 Issue 546:**  
47847 at Bristol Temple Meads on 22/08/14.

**[Mike Crew]**

**Rear Cover Photo August 2017 Issue 546:**

**[Mike Crew]**

D9009 working 1Z29 Derby-Kingswear seen at Bristol Temple Meads on 04/07/15.

## FUTURE EVENTS

<b>Trip 529</b>	<b>HOME COUNTIES MINIATURES</b>	<b>Saturday 12/08/17</b>
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<b>Proposed Trip Fare</b> = £32	Fare with Day Membership = £35	
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**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

<b>Trip 530</b>	<b>MIDLAND RAILWAY CENTRE</b>	<b>Saturday 16/09/17</b>
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<b>Proposed Trip Fare</b> = £33	Fare with Day Membership = £36	
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**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

### **Bookings**

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. 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)

### **NOTICES**

#### **Photographs for Magazine Cover and Web Site**

There remains an urgent need for members to submit photographs for the magazine cover. Photographs should ideally be from within our area and preferably digital, although any photographs of interest will be considered for publication. Please send via e-mail to Kevin Davies at the e-mail address at the front of the magazine. Any photographs submitted which don't make it onto the front cover will be considered for publication on the Society web site photo gallery alongside the photos normally taken on Society trips, unless a request is made not to publish them.

## 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.

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## 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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:cardiffandavonside-suscribe@yahoogroups.com)

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

### **Society FaceBook Group**

The Society has a Facebook Group. If you have a Facebook account you can find us by searching for "Cardiff and Avonside Railway Society" or by clicking on the link on the home page on the Society website.

We will use the site to publish information about forthcoming trips and obviously for members to share and information and photographs.

If anyone has any other ideas as to how we can use Facebook, please get in touch with either Kevin or Roy.

### **Dennis Collins, Kanturk, Ireland**

Members on the Easter Ireland trip this year enjoyed a warm welcome at this location. Following on from this visit Dennis joined the Society has now invited Society members who might be interested to become involved in his railway, either by adding to it or contributing any other ideas. Dennis has plenty of land and equipment and has offered free accommodation in restored railway cottages and chalets. If any member would be interested in taking up this offer then please contact Dennis at the following address making reference to the Society.

Dennis Collins  
Newmarket Road  
Kanturk  
County Cork  
Ireland

### **Annual Advertisement for Society Clothing**

If you wish to purchase some Society clothing do not ignore this notice, otherwise you will not get another opportunity for a year.

The clothing is available in any colour (except Hi-Viz vests) and must be ordered by sending your remittance to John DICKS. (address on front page). Cheques should be made payable to John and please state what you want, the colour and the size (small, medium, large, XXL etc). The order book will be open for one month after this advertisement appears in the Magazine.

Items currently available are: -

Fleece	£25.00	Hi-viz vest	£9.00
Rugby shirt	£25.00	Hi-viz jacket (motorway	
Sweat shirt	£17.00	style with lining)	£25.00
Polo shirt	£14.00	Hi-viz jacket (quality with	
T shirt	£9.00	quilt lining)	£39.00
Baseball cap	£8.00		

## NOTES & NEWS

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

**19/05** 66512 passed Pilning at 0707 working 4010 0644 Stoke Gifford - Onllwyn coal empties. Two circular IEP unit test workings believed over part of the Great Western mainline, saw the second using 800003 + 800004 and running as 5X85 2019 Stoke Gifford - Stoke Gifford (0238) leave Temple Meads north at 2210.

**20/05** Test unit 950001 passed Yate at 1221 and Pilning 1237 (21 early) on a 2Q08 0937 Derby RTC - Cardiff Canton sidings (1413) working.

**24/06** Return Sunday engineering train reports included; 66524 - 6Y58 0930 Leominster - Westbury (1453) passing Lawrence Hill at 1404, 66518 - 6Y59 1018 Leominster - Westbury (1525) passing Lawrence Hill at 1459 and 66528 (with 66952 removed) - 6Y65 1100 Ystrad Mynach - Westbury passing Caldicot at 1443 and Filton Abbey Wood 1622 (13 late).

**25/06** The 'Mazey Day Cornishman' rail tour stock returned as 5Z37 0920 Worcester (Hereford siding) - Eastleigh Arlington works (1253) behind 66426 with 37059 attached to the rear passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1049 (10 late), Avoncliff 1137 and Dean (Hampshire) 1235. Failed 37069 was left at Worcester, but collected on the 27th May by 66426 + 37059 returning north running as 0Z38 Eastleigh - Crewe light via Basingstoke, Didcot, Swindon and Kemble (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news).

**30/06** 66528 + 66955 passed Hullavington at 0718 working a 4V50 0455 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog container service.

**01/07** 66088 passed Pilning at 1225 running 0012 1055 Margam - Eastleigh light-engine.

**02/07** Following last months test working to Yate Middle a view of Tytherington quarry found no work had been carried out on the head shunt at Grovesend although the sleeper protecting this section of track had been removed. A large number of bagged ballast sacks were in the over head loading gantry area and three new large silos were lying on their side in one of the car parks. Work on levelling and relaying the head shunt should have been completed in January this year!

**08/07** SWTs 158882 was noted passing Parkway at 0746 'on hire' to GW for the days Cheltenham - Swindon workings. Later, 66416 was reported stabled in the 'downside' with 66564 moving around light, believed allocated a 0Y40 1520 Stoke Gifford - Oxford Hinksey yard (1651) move.

**10/07** Two morning South Wales empty coal train departures were; 66416 - 4C46 0818 Stoke Gifford - Margam (also see Cardiff notes & news) and 66547 - 4010 0614 Stoke Gifford - Onllwyn which passed Pilning at 0646.

**11/07** Newly released to traffic IEP set 800015 worked 5X10 1215 North Pole Iep - Stoke Gifford (1433) passing Swindon at 1347 (4 early).

**12/07** Paddington station was closed during the evening and not reopened to the following day due to an electrical fire.

**15/07** 66416 returned coal empties from South Wales as 4C83 1037 Margam - Stoke Gifford (via Chipping Sodbury) passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1309 and Parkway up at 1322.

A planned station and line closure for electrification work is to take place from Saturday 19th August - Sunday 17th September (platform extension work taking place between Saturday 2nd - Sunday 17th September).



Road bus links will operate to and from the station from Patchway, Filton Abbey Wood and Gloucester during the closure period.

Locos recorded on Westerleigh fuel tank duty have included;  
60019/020/059/092.

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

**19/06** Damaged overhead line equipment affected services out of Paddington during the afternoon.

**20/06** 70814 passed Bath at 1346 as a 0F84 1310 Westbury - Cardiff Canton light-engine move. An engineering train record was; 66420 + 66514 top n' tailing - 6X04 1749 Taunton Fairwater - Marshfield (2147) track replacement train which passed Taunton station at 1750 (4 early) and Narroways Hill junction 1844 (29 early). The booked following morning return working was 6X04 0434 Ebbw junction - Taunton Fairwater.

**21/06** 68001 + 68023 were paired on the 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks passing Bristol West at 0542 and recorded departing at 1209 on the 6M63 return north.

Later, 2-car GW green 158766 in ex. works condition carried out a 5Z74 0940 Barton Hill - St.Phillips Marsh 'test' move via Highbridge loop passing Uphill junction on the return at 1026 and 67015 + blue livery 67003 top n' tailed a 1V80 0943 Victoria -Bath VSOE which passed Woking at 1032 (5 late), departed Westbury at 1238 (-) and arrived Bath at 1308 (1 late). The 1092 return was reported in trouble with the failure of 67003 at Westbury the train blocking a number of lines but with 67015 moved to the front of the train the working was able to continue back to London after only a short delay.

Also recorded during the day was turbo set 165132 on the Reading - Bristol and return training run.

During what became the hottest June day since 1976 precautions were in place regarding rail checks and line speeds due to the temperature exceeding 30 C.

**23/06** 37025 was recorded passing Keynsham at 0642 (-) on the rear of a 3Q38 2236 (Thur) Westbury Down yard - Temple Meads (via Ludgershall) test train formed with dept c/stock 96608, 99666, 72630, 62384, 9714. The train was later booked to return north as a 3Q21 2153 move to Derby RTC.

Another test train was formed with unit 950001 returning north from West Country duties as 2Q08 0246 Laira - Derby RTC (1423) via Looe, departing Temple Meads at 0901 (31 early).

56094 + 70814 formed a 0Z70 0952 Cardiff Canton sidings - Kingsland Road (1114) light-engine move which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1056 (2 late) to collect an MPV set DR98909 + DR98959 and form a 6Z70 1145 working to Coleham sidings Shrewsbury (1713) which passed Lawrence Hill at 1305 (-) and Pilning West 1321 (-) headed by the Class 56 only. The Class 70 was allocated 0Z84 1207 Temple Meads - Cardiff Canton (1308) but was believed to have been diverted to Stourton (Leeds) to collect sand empties (also see Cardiff notes & news).

Another morning report involved the 4E18 Taunton Fairwater - Doncaster Wood yard used sleeper train which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1114 (2 late) headed with 66420 + 66514.

**24/06** Having worked the 6V73 / 6M56 CEGB Berkeley nuclear flask trip from Crewe four days previous, Cornwall may well have been a destination too far for DRS veterans 37059 + 37069 working Pathfinder Tour's 'Mazey

Day Cornishman' 1237 0540 Worcester Shrub Hill - Penzance (1303) and 1245 1607 return to Worcester SH (2320). Before the train had even set out, 37069 was a failure and removed at Worcester, 37059 continuing with the 10 coach train solo with 'control' organizing a second loco 66525 from Stoke Gifford (which had worked 4V50 Southampton - Wentloog containers earlier) to be added at Temple Meads. The outward was then double headed with a 'rare' DRS + FL combo, the return being in a top n' tail formation as far as Bristol TM where DRS 66426 had arrived light from Crewe to take the train forward with 37059 still at the rear. Having departed at 0653 (73 late), the outward passed Worcester Foregate Street at 0655 (74 late), departed Malvern Link at 0748 (116 late), passed Malvern Wells at 0809 (127 late), arrived Hereford at 0842 (112 late), departed at 0903 (130 late), passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1038 (125 late), Parsons Street 1119 (144 late), Cogload junction 1205 (158 late), Taunton 1211 (169 late), Dawlish 1250 (165 late) and departed Plymouth at 1338 (142 late). With the return departure time revised the return was at 1720 (73 late), with the departure from Plymouth being at 1914 (62 late), passing times of Totnes at 1940 (60 late), Exeter St.Davids 2012 (32 late), Taunton 2039 (29 late), Bridgwater 2050 (31 late), Uphill junction 2100 (29 late), Nailsea & Backwell 2110 (30 late), departing Temple Meads at 2137 (40 late) with 66426 in charge, passing Severn Tunnel junction at 2206 (38 late) and arriving back in Worcester at 0005 (45 late). The train's c/stock formation was recorded as; 5366, 4998, 4991, 1813, 21272, 3147, 3119, 1671, 3097, 3098.

A second rail tour for the day was 57314 + 47237 top n' tailing the Railway Touring Company 'Dartmouth Express' 1240 0635 Woking - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1340) as far as Temple Meads with c/stock; 13320, 3058, 99712, 99348, 99121, 5339, 1861, 4940, 99725 for steam 46100 Royal Scot (with support coach 35317) to take over from the Class 57, the outward having departed Westbury at 0920 (-), passed Bathampton junction at 0940 and then Parsons Street at 1031 (5 late), Bridgwater 1101 (3 late) and Dawlish at 1232. The 1241 1730 return to Woking (2330) via Castle Cary was steam hauled as far as Taunton for 47237 to take over and continue the working onwards the steam loco then moving on to the West Somerset Railway. 46100 had in fact arrived in Bristol earlier in the day as a 5Z39 0440 Southall Wcr - Temple Meads (1010) loco and support coach move. Also during the day, GW HST power cars 43155 + 43164 were used on the 'Weymouth Wizzard' 1072 Temple Meads - Weymouth and 1V72 return Summer Saturday 'relief' service and 66088 passed Lawrence Hill at 1306 forming the days 0012 Margam - Eastleigh Saturdays only light-loco move.

**25/06** GW operated the usual number of 'extra' HST and local services to support the crowd of around 200,000 people attending this years Glastonbury pop festival.

**28/06** The 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flask (formed with FNA 550049) was headed by 68001 + 68030 (the current highest numbered Class member in service) and reported passing Uphill junction at 0555 and the return 6M63 departing at 1203, passing Uphill junction at 1218 and Temple Meads at 1312.

GW continue to use HST sets to cover a dmu shortage and one such working the 2U28 1808 Taunton - Cardiff Central (2018) 'local' service was recorded departing Lawrence Hill at 1948 (24 late) formed with 43029, 41018, 40801, 42025, 42356, 42362, 42024, 42026, 44008, 43070. The service was apparently delayed in Temple Meads and the 6X04 1817 Taunton Fairwater

- Magor (2145) track replacement train top n' tailed with 66518 + 66511 was allowed to pass the HST this working being recorded at Lawrence Hill at 1940 (35 late)!

**29/06** A second Devon & Cornwall Railways departmental rail-grinder move (DR79301-DR79304 ZWAs) to the Dartmoor Railway for testing was moved by 50008 Thunderer as 4Z01 1245 Chaddeston - Okehampton (1943), having run 0Z01 1051 Washwood Heath - Chaddeston light the move departed Derby at 1303 (7 late), arrived Stoke Works loop at 1447 (2 early) and departed at 1508 (2 late), passed Westerleigh junction at 1641 (-), Lawrence Hill 1707 (14 late), arrived Yatton loop 1727, passed Bridgwater at 1753 (13 late) and departed Exeter St.Davids at 1927 (30 late) following a loco run round in platform 6. The loco then returned 0Z50 Okehampton - Exeter St.Davids Premier Transport (2108) light for overnight stabling.

**30/06** The annual Saltburn Railtours West of England outing titled the 'The Saltburn Pilgrim' 1Z44 0911 Saltburn - Plymouth (1811) was top n' tailed with 57313 + 57315 and recorded passing Parkway at 1539, Bridgwater 1646, Taunton 1654 and Dawlish 1730 with c/stock; 3326, 3395, 3392, 99678 Ullswater, 99680 (17102), 99025, 3350, 99679 Windermere, 3352, 3313. With the ecs and locos stabled at Penzance over the weekend, the return north ran on the 3rd July as 1Z47 1000 Plymouth - Saltburn which passed Taunton at 1145. Having delivered the rail grinder to the Dartmoor Railway for testing the previous day, 50008 ran 0Z50 0930 Exeter St.Davids - Barton Hill (1139) light-engine for stabling passing Bridgwater at 1028 (14 early) and Worle junction 1046 (18 early).

Two test trains reported in Temple Meads during the evening period were; Colas 67023 + 67027 top n' tailing - 1Q18 1546 Paignton - Taunton (1847) via Bristol which passed Bridgwater at 1709 (6 late), Yatton 1733 (-), departed Temple Meads at 1800 (3 early) and passed Bridgwater again at 1837 (-) on the return with departmental c/stock; 977969, 977997, 72631, 975091 and 37608 stabled with stock; 96604, 977986, 977985, 999602, 9708. The Class 67s were standing in for the NRMT HST set and had earlier in the day run 1Q18 0425 Reading Triangle - Paignton (1536) via Penzance via the Berks & Hants route passing Taunton outward at 0743 (17 early) and Taunton 1659 (4 late) on the return to Bristol and later working the 1Q19 1857 Taunton - Paddington (2139) which passed Castle Cary at 1918 (2 late). An engineering train record was 66511 + 66518 top n' tailing - 6X04 0430 Llanwern West junction - Taunton Fairwater (0637) track replacement train which passed Nailsea & Backwell at 0602 and Taunton station 0641.

**01/07** A morning points failure at Bristol East junction and a Signalling failure which affected 12 platforms caused a number of serious delays in the area with around 8 services reported held at signals between Temple Meads and Parkway! Some road bus substitutions were operated in the meantime with rail services reported as running back to normal by early afternoon. Later, 153380 was returned from Long Marston in new GW colours as a 5D81 0807 departure to St.Phillips Marsh (1122) being reported passing Evesham at 0900.

An engineering train record was; 66518 + 66511 top n' tailing - 6X04 1953 Taunton Fairwater - Magor (2145) track replacement train which passed Nailsea & Backwell at 2036 and Filton Abbey Wood 2116.

**02/07** More disappointment for 'Torbay Express' travellers with the use of a diesel DBC 66177 throughout due to the failure of the booked steam loco 60163 Tornado on St.Phillips Marsh depot. The Class 66 hauled 1Z27 0800 Temple Meads - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1228) and 1Z28 1650 return on

the outward passed Keynsham at 0849 (41 late), departed Bath at 0900 (38 late), Westbury 1000 (32 late) and Taunton 1040 (-) and the return (which was affected by a Signalling failure north of Exeter) arrived Newton Abbot at 1815 and departed at 1934 (122 late!). The train's c/stock formation was recorded as; 21272, 3098, 3119, 1671, 3147, 3121, 3066, 3123, 3068, 1813, 4998.

A major Signalling blackout between Exeter and Tiverton saw all services stopped around 1630. A number of GW HST services were diverted using the former LSWR route via Honiton and Yeovil to Castle Cary whilst Arriva XC services were arriving at Exeter and Taunton and being turned back for example the 1V56 0908 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth service formed with power cars 43378 + 43301 arrived at the latter location at 1615 and was later returned north as a 1Z67 1751 Taunton - Leeds service. Eventually two trains each way every hour were allowed passage at 20 mph with BT Police manning the road crossings at Hele & Bradnich and Stoke Canon. The days engineering train records included; 66518 + 66511 top n' tailing - 6X04 0800 Llanwern West junction - Taunton Fairwater (1114) track replacement train which passed Uphill junction at 1029 and 66572 + 66528 top n' tailing - 6Y50 0715 Kemble - Westbury (1107) which passed Patchway at 1054 and Bath 1033.

**04/07** 66539 + 66952 top n' tailed a 10 wagon 6X08 1006 Parkeston Sorting sidings - Taunton Fairwater yard (2000) series 2 track replacement train which passed Hinckley 1523 (6 late), Cheltenham 1713 (3 late), Lawrence Hill 1842 (3 early), Temple Meads 1846 (5 early) and Taunton station 1938 (17 early).

**05/07** Arriva XC HST power car allocations were as follows; 43378 XC01 43301 - 1V44 0600 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S51 1225 Plymouth - Glasgow Central and 43285 XC05 43321 - 1V50 0606 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth / 1E63 1525 Plymouth - Leeds.

**06/07** 50008 Thunderer worked west for the following days return rail grinder move to Derby as 0Z01 1400 Barton Hill depot - Exeter Tmd (Premier Transport) sidings being reported passing Bridgwater at 1448, Tiverton 1518 and arriving Exeter at 1540.

**07/07** The Dartmoor Railway rail-grinder returned as 4Z01 Okehampton - Chaddeston sidings (1640) behind 50008 Thunderer (which had run 0Z01 0753 Exeter Tmd - Okehampton light) and was reported as departing at 0919 (19 late), passing Yeoford at 0940, arriving Exeter St.Davids for a loco run-round at 1003 (7 early) and departing at 1028 (3 early), passing Taunton at 1101 (7 early), Uphill junction 1122 (30 early), Yatton 1129, departing Temple Meads at 1203 (61 early) and passing Yate at 1225 (57 early).

**08/07** A Pathfinder Tours 1Z50 0630 Burton-on-Trent - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1330) and return trip was postponed to the 16th September as the two 'allocated' Class 50 Alliance locos, 50007 + 50049 had suffered a number of 'minor' faults whilst hauling the two Class 20s to and from the West Somerset Railway diesel gala in June.

**09/07** Electrification work between Chippenham and Swindon until the 16th July saw the operation of a revised timetable with some road bus substitutions. Further closures were planned for August.

An engineering train loco allocation and report was; 66539 + 66952 top n' tailing - 6X04 0900 Ebbw junction - Taunton Fairwater track replacement train which passed Yatton at 1029.

**10/07** The 4L31 0903 Bristol West Railport - Felixstowe containers with 66568 was one of the affected freight services being diverted via Parkway

and reported passing Stapleton Road at 0942 having earlier passed Parsons Street at 0856. Later, 37254 + 97301 top n' tailed a 3Q56 1754 Derby RTC - Landore (0430) test train via Bristol East, Parkway and Severn Beach a down reporting time to Bristol East (for the first of two reverse moves) being reported at 2149 (15 late).

The first Class 143 Pacer unit to receive the new GW green livery, 143620 was reported on Barton Hill depot having arrived here on 3rd July.

Also, Arriva XC Voyager set 221136 has been operating for sometime as a four car (instead of 5) formation.

**11/07** A second year of GBRf operation for the round Britain 'Royal Scotsman' land cruise saw the train double-headed with 66746 + 66744 (in GBRf blue/orange livery) arriving in the area during the previous day as a 1Z78 1745 Bangor - Gloucester (2357) move via Chepstow.

The days 1Z79 0432 Gloucester - Bath (via Newton Abbot and Westbury) was reported passing Flax Bourton at 0528 (1 late), Uphill junction 0540 (1 late), departing Newton Abbot on the return at 0730 (7 late), passing Teignmouth at 0735 (4 late), Exeter St.Davids 0800 (-), Taunton 0834 (8 early) and arriving Bath at 1017 (4 early).

A 5Z79 1028 Bath - St.Phillips Marsh (1132) ecs move followed which passed Keynsham at 1033 (3 early) and again the same location at 1310 (7 late) on the 5Z80 1225 return to Bath (1311) which having departed early recessed in Bristol East depot loop for a period.

The final area working was 1Z80 1320 Bath - Banbury (1840) which was routed via the Avon Valley (due to the engineering blockade north of Chippenham) passing Trowbridge at 1414 (5 late) and Salisbury 1458 (3 early). The trains c/stock formation was listed as; 99969 Service Car, 99968 State Car 5, 99964 State Car 4, 99963 State Car 3, 99962 State Car 2, 99961 State Car 1, 99337 Spa Stateroom, 99960 Dining Car 2, 99967 Dining Car 1, 99965 Observation Car. Coach 99337 was making its 'Royal Scotsman' debut in the area formally being 1960 built Pullman car 337.

**12/07** The Colas Class 67s, 67023 + 67027 were back in the area on a 1Z22 0814 Tyseley Lmd - Bristol TM high level siding (2101) via Oxford, Reading West curve, Newbury and Weymouth test train formed of dept c/stock; 96604, 978091, 72631, 977997 passing Pewsey at 1422 (16 late), Dorchester West 1635 (15 late) and Bathampton junction 1846 (4 late). A return move following a reverse at Bristol East back through Bath to Heywood junction and back to Bristol was cancelled the actual arrival in Temple Meads being not long after 1900.

**13/07** A bridge strike at Claverham Drove, just north of Yatton saw the Bristol - Taunton mainline closed around 0830 as debris was scattered on the track. NR initially said clearance work and checks work would be completed and the line reopened around 1030, but structural damage saw a 1530 route reopening with diversions around Westbury via Bath and Castle Cary taking place. Some of the diverted Arriva XC services were; 221120 - 1S41 0725 Plymouth - Edinburgh Waverley (1551) noted departing Taunton at 0851 and passing Somerton at 0905, 221134 - 1V41 0642 Birmingham NS - Paignton (0947) departing Taunton at 0900, 221139 - 1V54 0632 Dundee - Plymouth (1648) passing Fairwood junction at 1522, 43304 + 43303 - 1S53 1325 Plymouth - Edinburgh Waverley (2215) and 221131 - 1S55 1425 Plymouth - Edinburgh Waverley (2303) passing Fairwood junction at 1522 and 1636 respectively. Also the return 6C36 1138 Moorswater - Aberthaw Cement works formed of 14 empty PCAs was routed this way behind 70805 and reported passing Fairwood junction at 1551.

The Colas test train departed the area late and not to its booked path due to the Chippenham - Wootton Bassett section being under an engineering occupation. The Class 67 top n' tailed formation left out a visit to Severn Tunnel junction and ran direct passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1200 (128 late) and Hullavington 1232 (134 late).

A freight record for the day was 60019 working a revised 6A11 tank service running as 0854 Margam - Theale (1612) which passed Ebbw junction at 1012 (1 early), Bath 1220 (3 late) and Avoncliff 1331 (5 late). Another record for the day was the arrival of 143603 at Barton Hill as a 5Z32 0700 move from Exeter Depot for what was assumed to be a GW green repaint following the completion of 143620. Also present here is Tyne & Wear Newcastle Metro unit 4022 for attention.

**14/07** Morning observations at Filton Abbey Wood recorded two freight diversions; 66162 - 6A85 0225 Moreton-on-Lugg - Hayes loaded stone at 0519 (32 late) and 60019 - 6B33 Theale - Robeston fuel tank empties which passed at 0527 (256 late). Later, Arriva Trains 143602 + 143616 passed on a 5C43 0800 Cardiff Central - Temple Meads move at 0852.

**15/07** An engineering train record and reports was; 66528 + 66952 top n' tailing - 6X04 1610 Taunton Fairwater yard - Ruscombe (2103) via Parkway track replacement train which passed Bridgwater at 1625 (5 early) and Lawrence Hill 1732 (5 late).

**16/07** An afternoon view of St.Phillips Marsh recorded the following of interest; Arriva Wales 143602 + 143616 receiving attention in the wheel lathe with GW green 143620 stabled nearby. Alongside the Marsh Junction shed was steam 60163 Tornado and support coach with blue livery 08663 also visible.

Two engineering train records were; 70809 - 6C97 0820 Carmarthen junction - Eastleigh East yard (1353) formed in part with cwr wagons passed Lawrence Hill at 1845 (427 late) and Westbury 1944 and 66044 - 6W02 0755 Shelwick junction - Oxford Hinksey yard (1142) which passed Patchway at 1025 (8 late) and Swindon 1111 (17 late).

**17/07** 60047 headed 70816 + 70803 + 70807 + 70808 on a 0F84 1321 Westbury - Cardiff Canton light-engine move which passed Bath at 1356 and Filton Abbey Wood 1428 (12 late). Earlier, the two Arriva Trains Class 143 units returned to South Wales as a 5B16 0935 St, Phillips Marsh - Cardiff Canton (via Bristol West and Temple Meads) move which was noted held at Dr.Days junction at 1007 to allow MPV set DR98908 + DR98958 to pass running as a 6Z05 1010 Barton Hill - Reading Triangle sidings (1213) working.

66515 powered a 4C46 0818 Stoke Gifford - Margam empty coal working formed of 21 HXAs which passed Pilning at 0900. The loco and train then formed; 4C95 1257 Margam - Cwmbargoed coal empties and 6C95 1845 Cwmbargoed DP - Port Talbot Grange sidings loaded coal during the following day.

**18/07** 158886 took the 'long way' round on the 5M99 Salisbury - Loughborough (1814) via Exeter and Bristol 'refurbishment' run which departed Gillingham at 1027 (-), passed Worle junction at 1254 (4 early) and Yate 1352 (2 early).

GW has given notice for bicycle owners to make sure they collect their bikes from the racks on platform 3 at Temple Meads. A number have been left for some time and now have tags attached with 10 days notice of removal which ends on the 24th July. Signage is also in position detailing the procedure of removal and that of a further 20 days of off site storage prior to the donation to a local charity if not collected. GW, NR and the

BT Police were involved in the clearance operation.

### **Bristol West Railport**

Locos recorded here on container duty have included;

66418/505/511/526/532/537/538/542/555/560/563/568/569/571/589/591/952/955

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

**19/06** 66550 moved the last used rake of HHA coal empties away from the Avonmouth BBht as 4Z40 1131 to East Usk yard for store passing Brentry at 1113 and Severn Tunnel junction 1253.

**25/06** The Clitheroe cement tank empties with loco attached were stabled in the 'old' lpg sidings as a rake of former coal HTA wagons again with an unidentified Class 66 being loaded with stone nearby at 0815.

**03/07** With the GW Managing director Mark Hopwood, Managing Director of NR Mark Langman and the West of England Combined Authority Mayor Tim Bowles all present GW launched the inaugural Turbo DMU set passenger working over the Severn Beach branch line. Three 3-car Class 166 sets (although advertised 'new' with air-conditioning and wifi and up to 100 more seats were each now in their 24th year of operation!) were available and actually used during the day; 166205 working the first train the 2K04 0630 Bristol TM - Severn Beach (0707) noted arriving Avonmouth at 0702 (6 late) and departing at 0704 (7 late) and 2K05 0715 Severn Beach - Bristol TM (0813) return which departed Avonmouth at 0730 (5 late). Other working records for this set during the day were; 2K24 1316 Bristol TM - Severn Beach (1351) noted near St. Andrews Junction signal box at 1352 and 2K25 1356 Severn Beach - Bristol TM (1430). 166208 which suffered a fault having worked the 2K06 0703 Temple Meads - Severn Beach (0755) departing Avonmouth at 0744 (18 late) and 2K07 0751 Severn Beach - Bristol TM (0832) only, the set then running empty to St. Phillips Marsh depot for attention and 166212 on the 2K13 1003 Bristol TM - Avonmouth (1029), 2K15 1034 Avonmouth - Bristol TM (1108) return, 2K18 1116 Bristol TM - Severn Beach (1149), 2K19 1154 Severn Beach - Bristol TM (1230) return noted departing Shirehampton at 1217 (10 late), 2K30 1516 Bristol TM - Severn Beach (1549) and 2K31 1554 Severn Beach - Bristol TM (1610) return which was noted passing Seabank (near Severn Beach) at 1605.

As well as the generally late running during the day, there were several service cancellations including the 2K16 1034 departure from Temple Meads - Severn Beach (1221) which was terminated and restarted at Clifton Down as a 2K17 1130 departure back to Temple Meads (1148).

Regarding other dmu set activity over the branch line only 150219 working the 2K00 0513 Bristol TM - Severn Beach (0550) and 2K01 0600 Severn Beach - Bristol TM (0641) services was reported.

It is interesting to record, September 2017 marks the 25th Anniversary of the end of 'Heritage' DMU sets over the branch with Class 143 (until December 2011), 150 (including the 150/1 and 150/9 variations), 153 and 158 (including the 158/9 variation) units working the route since.

**04/07** 166205 and 166212 were on 'Beach line' duties during the day with the former also being recorded active during the following day.

**06/07** Transport Secretary Chris Grayling visited Temple Meads and reviewed the new 'smart' bus/rail ticket system (most Severn Beach line stations now having had or are in the process of having installed new swipe card terminals) to become active next year and also the 'new' Turbo units now working the Severn Beach line on which he visited the cab of one

set and was explained its driving operation. Two more sets are expected to be released to the area in October for some services north out of Bristol.  
**08/07** Twelve services were cancelled up until mid afternoon with further Sunday cancellations and bus substitutions during the following day these being listed as down to a train crew shortage.

Locos recorded on stone duty have included;  
59102/201/205. 66061/088/095/096/114/125/126/169/177.  
Locos recorded on cement duty have included; 66113/129/161/185/176/198.  
Locos recorded on refuse container duty have included;  
66006/104/109/114/149/171.

### **Portbury Branchline**

**13/07** Having departed Newport at 0742 and passed Filton Abbey Wood at 0856 with only two empty car flats, 66056 later returned 0V62 1140 Portbury - Newport ADJ light passing Pilning at 1231.

Locos recorded on car duty have included; 66056/068/183.

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

4E18 0947 Taunton Fairwater - Doncaster Wood yard used sleepers (FL)  
19/04 66413. 21/04 66419. 26/04 66518.

4L31 0903 Bristol West Railport - Felixstowe containers (FL)  
03/04 66534. 04/04 66568. 10/04 66552. 12/04 66532.  
13/04 66542. 19/04 66567. 20/04 66587. 21/04 66570.  
24/04 66590.

4L32 1100 Bristol West Railport - London Gateway containers (FL)  
04/04 66505. 05/04 66414. 10/04 66568. 11/04 66534.  
12/04 66542. 13/04 66556. 20/04 66570. 21/04 66590.

4051 / 4070\* (4V51) Wentloog - Southampton containers (FL)  
03/04 70010. 04/04 70010. 10/04\* 70011. 24/04\* 66593.  
Note; This service is now a MO operation.

4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (FL)  
07/04 66954. 10/04 66420. 11/04 66416. 13/04 66505.  
18/04 66414. 20/04 66501. 21/04 66568. 24/04 66501.  
27/04 66540. 28/04 70014.  
Note; This service is now a SX operation.

4V31 0752 London Gateway - Bristol West Railport containers (FL)  
26/04 66558. 27/04 66542. 28/04 66542.

6A83 Avonmouth Bennetts - West Drayton / \* Theale loaded stone (DBC)  
05/04 59002. 10/04\* 66126. 12/04 59102. 19/04 59206.  
21/04 59205. 24/04\* 66158. 26/04 59206. 28/04 59103.

6B33 Theale - Robeston (Margam SO) fuel tank empties (DB)  
07/04 60100. 11/04 60100. 12/04 60091. 20/04 60020.  
21/04 60100. 27/04 60066. 28/04 60066.



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

04/04\* 66031. 11/04 66031. 11/04\* 66096. 12/04 66056.  
20/04 66096. 23/04\* 66154. 24/04 66182. 27/04 66096.

Note;

Trains on 20/04 (4B35) and 23/04 (6B35) ran from Hayes and Southall respectively.

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

10/04 66167. 21/04 66066. 24/04 66094. 28/04 66138.

Note; Trains on 10/04 and 24/04 ran in an early path as 6B51 / 6B52.

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

03/04 66027. 05/04 66176. 10/04 66129. 21/04 66095.  
24/04 66185. 28/04 66124.

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

03/04\* 66017. 04/04\* 66051. 05/04\* 66051. 11/04\* 66177.  
16/04 66024. 23/04 66097. 30/04 66182.

6C36 (ThO) Moorswater - Aberthaw Cement works cement empties (Colas)

06/04 70802. 13/04 70806. 20/04 70802. 27/04 70806.

6C36 (TFO) Westbury - Aberthaw Cement works cement empties (Colas)

04/04 70805.

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

01/04 59205. 08/04 59203. 29/04 66158.

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

04/04 66139. 11/04 66103. 18/04 66125. 25/04 66060.

6M60 (FO) Exeter (Riverside) - Bescot china clay freight (DB)

07/04 66139. 14/04 66103. 21/04 66125. 28/04 66060.

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

03/04 66105. 05/04 66105. 07/04 66105. 12/04 66105.  
19/04 66187. 24/04 66143. 26/04 66187. 28/04 66041.

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

03/04 66084. 10/04 66197. 20/04 66095. 24/04 66181.  
27/04 66124.

6V51 0303 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carriers (TThO) (DB)

01/04 66129. 04/04 66014. 13/04 66199. 20/04 66086.  
25/04 66086. 27/04 66041.

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

04/04 37609 + 37218. 11/04 37602 + 37716. 20/04 37259 + 37602.  
27/04 68021 + 68022.

6X52 1733 Portbury - Mossend loaded cars and vans (TThO) (DB)  
01/04 66129. 04/04 66014. 13/04 66199. 20/04 66086.  
25/04 66086. 27/04 66041.

6\*(4)Z47 Wembley - Cardiff Docks 'Ryans' empty stone (DB)  
04/04 66061. 11/04\* 66115. 13/04 66023. 18/04 66035.  
25/04\* 66183. 27/04 66156.

Note;

Train on 13/04 started at Acton.

### **Lawrence Hill sightings**

**24/06** 1044 37059 1Z37 Worcester Shrub Hill-Penzance; 1054 66525 0Z37  
Bristol Parkway-Bristol Temple Meads; 1304 DR73805 6J94 Bristol Kingsland  
Road-Seven Tunnel Junction Sidings; 1306 66088 0012 Margam-Westbury;  
**25/06** 1404 66524 6Y58 Leominster-Westbury; 1459 66518 6Y59 Leominster-  
Westbury;  
**04/07** 1842 66952 66539 6X08 Parkstone-Fairwater Yard;  
**07/07** 1200 70817 70806 0F75 Cardiff Canton-Westbury; 1209 50008 4Z01  
Oakhampton-Chaddesden;  
**12/07** 1111 66162 6A85 Moreton-on-lugg-Hayes Tarmac; 1119 66520 4E18  
Fairwater-Doncaster Wood Yard;  
**14/07** 1138 60092 6B41 Westerleigh-Robeston; 1217 60020 6B13 Robeston-  
Westerleigh;

### **Exeter**

**28/06** An evening Signalling 'blackout' between Exeter and Taunton saw  
several GW diversions via Honiton, Yeovil and Castle Cary.  
Re-routed HST reports included; 43063 + 43091 - 1A96 1955 Exeter St.Davids  
- Paddington which departed Exeter St.Davids at 2018 and 43191 + 43035 -  
1C94 1835 Paddington - Exeter St.Davids which passed Chard junction at  
2100  
**29/06** Colas 67023 + 67027 covered the former LSWR route via Yeovil and  
Honiton in place of the NRMT HST set top n' tailing departmental c/stock;  
977969, 977997, 72631, 975091 as 1Q23 0546 Reading Triangle - Salisbury  
(1505) via Exeter. The outward was recorded passing Salisbury at 0711 (10  
late), Axminster 0847 (3 late) and Pinhoe 0909 (7 early)

### **Westbury**

**21/06** 66096 passed Castle Cary at 0652 on a return 6W98 0410 Saltash -  
Westbury rail train formed of 12 YZAs and 1 YEA.  
**26/06** Turbo units were confirmed as again being used for this years  
Glastonbury Pop Festival 'relief' services, 166205 + 165126 being noted  
arriving Westbury at 1350 on a 1Z41 1324 Castle Cary - Paddington working.  
**02/07** A loco line up for the area at 0900 recorded the following;  
Merehead Quarry - 59001, 59102, 59202, 59203, 59206. Whatley Quarry -  
59201, 66106. Westbury - 59004, 59005, 59101, 59103, 66044, 66088, 70810,  
70811, 70813, 70815.  
**08/07** Locos reported in the area at 1450 was listed as follows; down  
yard 59203. up yard 59206, 66044, 66850. up yard (short siding) 70807,  
70817. re-cycling siding 70803, 70810, 70811, 70613, 70816. outside DB  
office 66100. next to platform 3 70814.  
**09/07** Engineering trains operating for the first day of the Chippenham -  
Swindon blockade included; 66850 - 6C29 1027 Wootton Bassett - Westbury

which passed Didcot East junction at 1030, 66088 - 6W15 0810 Wootton Bassett junction - Westbury which passed Newbury at 1026 formed of 23 coalfish wagons and 66044 - 6W16 0915 Wootton Bassett junction - Westbury which passed Southcote junction at 1023 formed of 25 MRA falcons and 4 MXA lobsters.

Other train reports further along the Great Western mainline were; 70814 + 70810 top n' tailing - 6C24 1601 Twyford - Westbury which passed Newbury at 1708, 70816 + 70806 top n' tailing - 7C25 1128 Ruscombe - Westbury (1442) which passed Reading at 1244 (64 late) and Bedwyn 1335 (7 late) conveying crane DR78215 (YJB) as part of it's consist and 70817 + 70811 (allocated) top n' tailing - 6C26 1820 Ladbrooke Grove - Westbury (2248).

**10/07** For a naming ceremony at Plymouth Devonport dockyard during the following day, GBRf 66775 in ex. works condition with white buffers and a F231 side number, worked west as 0Z31 1130 Westbury - Keyham Devonport Royal dockyard (1540) passing Fairwood junction at 1121 (12 early), Cogload junction 1206 (13 early), Taunton 1213 (11 early) and Totnes 1351 (1 early).

**11/07** 66775 returned light named HMS Argyll (also carrying the ships crest emblem on each side) following an earlier naming ceremony at Plymouth Devonport as 0Z31 1530 Devonport Royal dockyard - Saltash (1548) and 0Z32 1552 Saltash - Eastleigh Tmd (2100) via Westbury passing Exeter St.Davids at 1730 and Taunton 1758.

**15/07** 60047 was reported in the area as a driver route training loco. The down side recycling area siding contained; 70803, 70805, 70807, 70808, 70810, 70815, 70816, 70817.

**16/07** On the final day of the 9 day engineering train blockade between Chippenham and Wootton Bassett which saw the track lowered at two bridges near Dauntsey and the installation of overhead line masts the following engineering trains (and other workings) were recorded;

70817 - 6C20 1317 Ruscombe - Westbury (1446) formed of salmon wagons carrying track panels which passed Bedwyn at 1414, 70807 + 70808 top n' tailing - 6C21 1046 Ruscombe - Westbury (1339) which passed Bedwyn at 1219, 70810 - 6C22 1331 Ruscombe - Westbury (1540), 66097 - 6W40 1058 Wootton Bassett - Westbury (1408) which passed Bedwyn at 1322 and 66034 - 6W41 1200 Wootton Bassett - Westbury (1513) which passed Bedwyn at 1418.

Locos recorded on the Cliff Hill / Stud Farm ballast workings have included; 66719/735.

Locos recorded on Westbury cement duty have included; 70801/805/807.

Locos recorded on Moorswater cement duty have included; 70801/805/807/810/817.

## **Newport**

**23/06** 70814 was allocated 6V49 1505 Stourton (Leeds) - Briton Ferry (2325) sand empties formed of former Freightliner HXA coal wagons.

**27/06** 37608 passed Newport at 0655 working a 3Z22 2328 (Tues) Temple Meads - Cardiff Central (via Exeter) test train formed with departmental c/stock; 96604, 977986, 977985, 999602, 9708. Later, the 4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime container service was treble headed with 66510 + 66597 + 66595 (the last two being 'dit' ex. store at Wentloog) being noted passing East Usk at 1350 and Swindon Highworth 1518.

**03/07** Track work in East Usk yard continues (roads 5, 7 and 11 having been lifted, along with 6 some years ago) with relaying in the east end

for Freightliner stabling believed linked to a move from Stoke Gifford so new platform work at Parkway station can commence. Stabled in this area has been a rake of Freightliner HHA wagons which had arrived from Avonmouth on the 19th June and at one time during the day were split by 66528 (which later returned light to Stoke Gifford) and moved to Lliswerry siding (once used for wagon repair purposes) and a single DBC loaded HTA coal wagon 310024 (now on the re-laid road 11). Whilst this work was taking place access to the Uskmouth (Birdport) branch was restricted and the normal propelling lead guardsvan vehicle cannot be attached to the train so a top n' tail loco formations was the order of the day. 66082 + 66186 used road 1 on the 6H35 (6H36) Birdport steel trip. 66528 had been noted in Pilning loop at 1110 on the 6Y52 1110 Westbury - East Usk ballast formed of MLAs arriving at 1215.

A DBC 6Z42 1858 Newport ADJ - Eastleigh (0016) freight unusually operated the hauling power was believed to have been 66059. This train conveyed wagons from Barry for Southampton which would normally have gone forward on the 6A29 working to Didcot.

**04/07** The 6H45 (6H46) Llanwern - Birdport trip was headed by 66105 and later 66014 + 60092 were noted top n' tailing the 6H35 (6H36) Margam - Birdport working. Other reports for the day included, 70807 passing East Usk at 1036 running 0F84 0925 Westbury - Cardiff Canton (1112) light and later 70808 passing the same location in the opposite direction at 1252 as a 0F85 Cardiff Canton - Westbury light-loco move.

67029 was noted at 1716 with the Arriva 1W96 Cardiff Central - Holyhead 'Wag Express' with c/stock; 12181, 12182, 12179, 10249, 82307. The same loco was also noted at 0941 at the same location during the following day on the outward 1V91 Holyhead - Cardiff Central.

**10/07** 60020 + 66125 top n' tailed the 6H35 0734 Margam - East Usk Birdport branch steel trip.

**12/07** It has been reported Spanish train builder CAF are interested in constructing a new plant for constructing rolling stock at the old 'heavy' end of Llanwern Steelworks. Up to 300 jobs could be created at the facility which would have direct rail access to the exchange sidings.

**15/07** 66160 + 66125 passed Newport station at 1207 running 0012 Margam - Eastleigh light-engines. The pair was later recorded arriving at Westbury at 1426.

A Retro Tours 'Retro Welsh Dragon 2' 1Z07 0630 Huddersfield - Swansea (1227) and 1Z08 1520 return to Huddersfield (2155) via Hereford was powered by 37602 + 37606 top n' tailing 57306 with c/stock; 9526, 5998, 5929, 5985, 5950, 1200, 3333, 3364, 80042, 3390 and reported on the return passing Aberthaw at 1631 (3 late) and Newport 1722 (3 late).

**16/07** Freightliner have taken over Marches steel traffic to North Wales from DBC, 66517 being reported working the 6M30 1055 Margam - Dee Marsh service which passed Newport ADJ at 1207.

**17/07** An engineering train record was; 66539 - 6Y52 1124 Westbury - East Usk yard formed of mainly JNA box wagons and reported passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1306.

## **Cardiff**

**24/06** Valley engineering train records included; 66847 - 6C20 1818 Westbury - Tir-Phil (2340) via Margam formed of 12 MXA lobster wagons passing Llanbradach (near Caerphilly) at 2337 (13 late) and 66528 + 66952 top n' tailing - 6Y65 2054 Westbury - Gilfach Fargoed (0007) via Cardiff

Central formed with 20 JNA / MLA box wagons and recorded passing the same location northbound at 2359 (4 late).

**25/06** Two return engineering train records were; 66095 + 66096 top n' tailing - 6W11 1632 Newport ADJ - Ystrad Mynach (1800) formed of 10 loaded HQA autoballasters and noted northbound passing Llanbradach (near Caerphilly) at 1741 (14 early) and 66528 + 66952 top n' tailing - 6Y65 1100 Ystrad Mynach - Westbury (1704) via Margam formed of 20 JNA/MLA wagons and recorded passing Lisvane & Thornhill (near Cardiff) at 1128 (15 late).

**29/06** A further engineering train record was; 66096 + 66044 top n' tailing - 6W97 0630 Clarbeston Road - Westbury which passed Bridgend at 0927. The same locos were reported passing this location again during the following day on a 6W98 0630 Clarbeston Road - Westbury working at 0926.

**02/07** A view of the Celsa steel works sidings at 0800 recorded; 08904, 66774, Celsa 2 (08630) shunting wagons.

**07/07** New traffic for Freightliner, 66547 passed Llanbradach (near Caerphilly) at 1959 (46 early) with 21 HXAs forming 6M77 1543 Cwmbargoed DP - Hope (Earles sidings) loaded coal previously a DBC turn. The inward empties had arrived during the previous day as 4C01 0417 Stoke Gifford - Cwmbargoed DP which had passed Aber (near Caerphilly) at 1129 (-). Both workings were routed via Cogan, the Vale of Glamorgan, Margam (loco run round) and the South Wales mainline. This was the first Freightliner working in this area since 15th March.

**10/07** Aberthaw PS coal resumed with 66416 heading a 6C95 1853 working from Cwmbargoed DP formed of 20 HXAs and noted near Caerphilly at 2127 (-), the outward workings for this train being; 4C46 0818 Stoke Gifford - Margam which passed Pilning at 0941 (75 late) and 4C95 1257 Margam - Cwmbargoed DP which passed Barry at 1409.

**12/07** 66528 was on 4C01 0334 Stoke Gifford - Cwmbargoed DP (via the South Wales mainline, Margam and Aberthaw) coal empties formed of 21 HXA passing Llanbradach (near Caerphilly) at 0721 (2 early) and 66416 worked 6C95 1845 Cwmbargoed DP - Port Talbot Grange sidings loaded coal formed of 21 HXAs passing the same location at 2124 (3 early).

**13/07** 66416 powered a 4C95 1257 Margam - Cwmbargoed DP train of coal empties passing near Caerphilly at 1541 (9 late).

**17/07** 66517 passed Pontyclun at 1231 working a 6M86 1029 Margam - Dee Marsh steel service. The same loco was again noted on this train during the following day passing Bridgend at 1222. The second overnight Dee Marsh service has not operated since the FL takeover of these trains from DBC.

Locos recorded on the 4V36 / 4M38 Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service have included; 66303 (29/06, 30/06, 02/07), 66421 (20/06, 21/06, 22/06, 09/07, 10/07, 13/07, 14/07, 19/07) 66426 (03/07, 04/07) and on a newly introduced 4Z44 1047 Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container working; 66421 (17/07).

Locos recorded on Aberthaw PS coal duty has included; 66416.

Locos recorded on Port Talbot coal duty has included; 66015/070/160/175. 66515.

Locos recorded on Earles (Hope) cement sidings coal duty has included; 66019/188. 66547.

Locos recorded on Port Clarence tank duty has included; 66772.

## PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

### Dartmoor Railway

**16/07** GW 150123 was working the Exeter St. James halt - Okehampton summer Saturday shuttles during the day. DEMU set 1132 was providing a connection to Meldon Quarry where 08937 was stabled.

### Mainline Preservation

**25/06** Having arrived on a rail tour steam 46100 Royal Scot returned from Bishops Lydeard to Southall (via Westbury) with support coach departing Taunton station at 2048.

**08/07** Marking the 50th Anniversary of the end of steam on the Southern Region two steam hauled rail tours operated; 34052 Lord Dowding (34046 Braunton) worked the Railway Touring Company 'End of SR Steam' 1Z67 0910 Clapham junction - Yeovil junction (1316) which passed Addlestone at 1006 (8 late), support diesel 33207 which was attached to the rear of outward working hauled 1Z68 1408 Yeovil junction - Weymouth (1539) which passed Chetnole at 1450 and was at the rear again of the 1Z69 1736 Weymouth - Waterloo (2147) on departure again with steam in charge. 34052 made the journey to Weymouth from Yeovil following turning and servicing as a 0Z69 1510 movement (via Yeovil Pen Mill) most of which being tender first.

**09/07** A second end of steam on the Southern outing taking place on the actual last day saw 35028 Clan Line back in mainline action working UK Rail tours 'Waterloo Sunset' 1Z67 1041 Waterloo - Yeovil junction (1430) and 1Z68 1740 return to Waterloo (2245), the outward passing Vauxhall at 1101. No support diesel was involved with this working only on the ecs movements to and from Waterloo.

**18/07** Steam 60009 Union of South Africa worked Steam Dreams 'Cathedrals Express' 1Z82 0843 Victoria - Salisbury (1228) and 1Z84 return to Victoria (1547) in a top n' tail formation with 47237. The outward passed Aldermaston at 1038, departed Newbury Racecourse at 1108 (8 late) following a water stop and departed Salisbury at 1252 (-) on the return. The trains c/stock formation was recorded as; 35486 (loco support), 5171, 9104, 13440, 99121, 99352, 99351, 1666, 5236, 5249.

### Swanage Railway

**24/06** GBRf named 66756 'Royal Corps of Signals' at 1245 in Swanage station. The loco later doubled-up with steam 80104 (which still carries the number 80146) on a passenger working to Norden, 33111 being attached to the other end of the train. On arrival at Norden the Class 66 was detached and returned light to Eastleigh.

**18/07** 37518 + 33025 were noted in a top n' tail formation working the Swanage - Wareham 'shuttles'. The stock was believed to have been formed with the London Transport 4TC set.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Devon & Cornwall Railways

**27/06** 56303 + 31452 top n' tailed a return 1335 Abbotswood junction - Chaddeston sidings (via Gloucester) rail grinder move being reported passing Ashchurch outward at 1236 and again at the same location at 1423 on the return north.

## **Good Samaritans**

It has been reported that rail related suicide deaths have been reduced by 18% thanks to a specialist training course given to around 15,000 rail employees and BT Transport police by the Samaritans organization. How to talk to anyone appearing vulnerable alongside the trackside has been effectively covered with up to 4 persons a day on average being spoken to during 2016.

## **Great Western**

**19/06** 158950 was noted carrying GW green whilst working the 2M67 1852 Paignton - Bristol TM service.

**22/06** IEP sets 800003 + 800004 (both in GW green) broke new West Country ground as 5X90 0502 North Pole Iep - Penzance via Paddington and return to North Pole Iep (2005) test workings the outward passing Langport at 0726, Taunton 0734 (-), Starcross 0808 (9 early), departing Totnes at 0837 (5 early), arriving Plymouth at 0902 and departing at 0910 (-), departing Liskeard at 0937 (2 late), passing Camborne 1054 (14 late) and arriving Penzance at 1112 (11 late) and on the return departing as 5X92 at 1247 (-) passing Camborne at 1320 (8 late), departing Truro at 1334 (20 late), departing Dawlish Warren loop at 1623 (4 late), passing Tiverton loops at 1654 (7 late) and departing Taunton at 1740 (3 early) and on wards via Castle Cary.

**24/06** 57605 was on the GW Summer Saturday loco hauled service the 2E75 1335 Plymouth - Totnes part of the diagram departing Totnes at 1409 and Plymouth on the return at 1907 as 2C51 1750 Exeter St.Davids - Penzance.

**25/06** The last power car of the four to carry the Bristol 2015 Green Capital livery 43126 was reported as now carrying a plain First GW blue livery.

**26/06** 57602 + 57603 brought the evening 5C99 sleeper ecs into Paddington in a top 'n tail formation for the 1C99 2345 service to Penzance.

**27/06** IEP set 800004 formed a 5X30 1403 Paddington - Tiverton loop and 5X31 1726 return working (each way via Westbury and the Berks & Hants) being noted on the outward passing Taunton at 1636 (-).

**28/06** 57310 passed Slough at 1033 hauling GW EMU sets 387134 + 387136 as a 5R87 West Ealing EMU sidings - Reading depot move and later IEP set 800001 passed Acton Mainline at 1507 working a Reading - North Pole Iep return test run.

**01/07** 57602 worked the West of England 'local' passenger service, the 2P70 St.Erth - Plymouth part being reported as departing at 1028 and the 2E75 later passing Hemerden at 1345 from Plymouth - Exeter St.Davids. The 2C51 1750 return to Penzance was recorded departing Totnes at 1838 where the trains c/stock formation was noted as; 17175, 12142, 10219.

**02/07** A back to back HST power car movement running as 0Z77 1235 Laira - Laira (via Newton Abbot) was noted passing Totnes northbound at 1303 formed with 43018 (in ex. works condition) + 43035.

**03/07** The 1C99 2345 (Sun) Paddington - Penzance sleeper service was noted passing Lostwithiel at 0730 top n' tailed with 57605 + 57603.

**08/07** 57602 was on the GW Summer Saturday local the 2E75 1335 Plymouth - Exeter St.Davids passing Teignmouth at 1427 and the 2C51 return departing Exeter St.Davids at 1756 (6 late).

**09/07** The 1C99 sleeper service was again reported at Paddington in platform 4 behind 57605 and formed with c/stock; 17173, 12161, 10232, 10534, 10563, 10590, 10616. A second loco 57603 was at the buffers having

brought the ecs (5C99) in to the station from Old Oak Common with only coach 10232 not carrying the new GW green colour scheme.

**13/07** The 1A77 0541 Penzance - Paddington service was noted departing Totnes at 0816 formed with First blue power cars 43197 + 43141 with GW green intermediate coaches LA15.

**14/07** 57603 worked the Saturdays only 'relief' service, the 2C51 1750 return from Exeter St.Davids - Penzance being reported departing Dawlish Warren at 1808 and Newton Abbot 1829.

**17/07** IEP set 800001 worked a 5X90 0817 North Pole Iep - Plymouth (1217) and 5X91 1306 return to North Pole Iep (1806) test run and was reported passing Southall at 0844 (1 early), Taunton 1025 (8 early) and Totnes 1122 (26 early) on the outward and the same location at 1306 on the return and later near Westbury on the avoiding line at 1615.

**18/07** IEP 800001 did a repeat performance on the 5X90 / 5X91 North Pole Iep - Plymouth and return test run which passed Cogload junction at 1027 and arrived at Plymouth platform 5 at 1151 and passed Fairwood junction (near Westbury) at 1616 (4 late) on the return.

### **South-West Trains**

The company has confirmed a new £895 million contract for 90 new 'Aventra' units to be introduced from 2019 - 2020 and constructed at Bombardier Transportation in Derby. Stagecoach the current franchise operator is to be replaced by First Group and MTR in August.

### **Taunton**

**11/07** 2.5 years overdue and £10 million over budget, a new northern distributor road was opened using part of the former station goods avoiding line track bed along with a refurbished former steel sided rail bridge.

### **Waterloo**

Planned engineering work for here during August will see some platform extension work as well as the re-instatement of the former Euro-terminal back into use for 'normal' service trains.

A reduction of up to 30% on services could take place on certain dates whilst the work is underway. An investigation is to be undertaken involving First Group who will be operating both routes to Exeter having acquired in a recent franchise change (due to start in August) the Salisbury and Yeovil line from South-West Trains. First Group under the name GWR already run a HST service from London Paddington to the West Country via Exeter.

### **TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS**

**19/06** Hawkridge junction (Westbury) - MPV DR98908 + DR98958 passing at 1247 working 6Z10 Westbury - Kings Norton Ole depot.

**20/06** Totnes - DR73805 departing at 1502 on a 6J94 1049 Cardiff Taff Vale sidings - Plymouth Tavistock yard move.

**26/06** Cardiff Taff Vale sidings - DR75407 later departing on a 6J84 1850 move to Ystrad Mynach being noted near Caerphilly at 1917.

**02/07** Severn Tunnel junction - DR77909 which later departed as a 6Q56 move to Crewe via Bristol. Cardiff Taff Vale sidings - DR73907 which later



departed as a 6J89 2131 move to Gilfach Fargoed. Patchway - rrvs 4416 (940281-7), 5425 RX51YLS (940113-5), 6124 (911112-9), E1320 (911302-6), E1322 (911323-2), E1333 (940458-1). trailers RT287 (010480-0), RT290 (010483-4), E1347 (010362-0), T1002 (010971-8), T1007 (010976-7), 711014 (040045-5), 711015 (040046-3).

**04/07** Patchway - rrv 3739 (940222), E1320 (911302), E1333 (940458) Q293SBD, 711014 (040045-5), 711015 (040046-3), trailer RT287 (010480-5), RT290 (010483-4). Severn Tunnel junction - DR73120 (allocated a 6Q53 move to Willesden Euroterminal), DR77327, rrv 762 (910018-4), East Usk (Newport) - MLP rrv 17. Newport station - 4725 (911063).

**05/07** Avonmouth TXM - rrv 6495 (911011-3), 7019 (940715-4), V71KOV (940302-1), trailer RT224.

**10/07** Westbury - Crane DRF81601 (ZOA) with runners VR97402 + VR97401 (KFAs) and allocated to formed 6041 1014 departmental move to Eastleigh with loco 66044.

**12/07** Worle junction (Weston-super-Mare) - DR73114 passing at 1038 on a Severn Tunnel junction - Severn Tunnel junction move.

**14/07** West Ealing Plasser - DR77901 allocated a 6J88 1026 move to Ashchurch.

**15/07** Westbury - DR73924.

## TRIP REPORTS

**TRIP 527**

**BEDFORDSHIRE & CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

### **Bristol Parkway**

HST's ; 43078/098.

Road-railer ; Quattro Plant : 468/940324-5.

### **Cauldwell Walk Depot Sidings - Bedford (VIEW)**

DEMU ; 222009.

EMU's ; 319459/377516/700114.

On-Track Plant ; 73940/79267/79277.

### **Bedford Station**

DMU ; 153354.

EMU's ; 377510/516/700025/106.

It was at this point that the party split with some people opting for the Bedford station flyer option and the rest going on to a couple of locations. Firstly I will deal with the visit sightings and then list the Bedford station sightings at the end.

### **Springfield Agricultural Railway, Easton (VISIT)**

Locos ; (2' 0" gauge) ; CE SP 203 - B0176A/1974 (ex-Pg 25 17EL), Moes No.10 - 4wDM/????, Moes 12 - 4wDM/????, Spoor 112/1952, WR 3557/1946. (600mm gauge ; 2 - Diema 1553/1953.

Wagons ; (2' 0" gauge) ; 09, 10, 12 ['V' skip tipping wagons], 11, 55 [4wh flat wagons], 13 [three plank open wagon], 17 [tool van] - under construction inside the shed.

Note

17EL incorrectly lists B0176A as SP202. The loco seen at Springfield was

B0176A (confirmed from the worksplate) & EL got the SP numbers wrong (again confirmed by SP203 was done in weld on the loco). Note both the plate and SP number were on the body of the loco and not on the battery box, so therefore the identity is correct.

Thanks go to Steve Tomason for organising and hosting our visit.

#### **Bannolds Garden Landscaping & Services Ltd, Fen Drayton (VISIT)**

BR Coaches ; 3065 Louis, 15626 Oliver, 24458 Lancelot.

GER Grounded Coach Bodies ; 38 or 138 6wh 4 Compartment Luggage Composite/c1890 (carrying LNER number 63947) - Ex North Lopham in Norfolk. The number needs verifying, it was carrying the number 38 C stamped on one end of the solebar, but it was uncertain if there was the figure 1 in front of it, UI 4wh 5 Compartment Suburban 2nd of 1899 (carries plate on one end on metal solebar) - there are two chains of thought regarding this vehicle Preserved Railway Stocklist has it coming from Stowbridge Builders yard and yet according to the owner it came from Frinton-on-Sea in Essex, where it was used as a bungalow.

BR Grounded Wagon Body ; B774759.

There is also a UI Marshall portable engine on static display in the greenhouses area of the site.

Thanks go to Michael Attle for organising and hosting our visit.

#### **Ray Maslen & Friends, Arlesey**

A chance meeting with another society member at the Springfield Agricultural Railway, resulted in the party getting directions to this location as well as the information that they are friendly and approachable. So armed with this information it was decided by the party to drop a few places from the itinerary at this point and go to this location instead.

However despite the directions (which were a little bit vague I must admit), the party found themselves driving around and asking local people for over an hour, only to sadly come away having not managed to find it.

A little bit of work from the events secretary after the trip managed to pinpoint its exact location (the party had annoyingly and unwittingly driven past it about half a dozen times on the day without realising it), the society member that we met at the Springfield railway has also since the trip provided the events secretary with a contact phone number - so he will be looking at trying to arrange a visit there in the future.

#### **Stockwood Discovery Centre, Luton (VISIT)**

Tram ; Luton Corporation Tramways No.6/1908 - this is the restored lower deck body of an Open Topped Double Decker, the trucks are from Oporto 161 - it is on display under its own canopy in the garden area.

There are also a couple of Aveling & Porter steam road rollers on display here as well as cars and the Mossman Collection of Horse Drawn vehicles (which includes the Replica Wells Fargo carriage that was used in the carry on film 'Carry on Cowboy') - which starred Jim Dale as the Sherriff and Sid James as the Rumpole Kid.

**Fancott Arms Miniature Railway, Toddington (VISIT)**

Locos ; (7.1/4" gauge) ; D7031 Dark Star - 4w-4DH Mardyke/1989, Herbie - 4w-4DH SL 1023/1984, {re-built RVM Engineering 10/2016}, No.3 The Phoenix - 0-6-0PH (Ex Tregoss - from Lancashire).

Carriages ; (7.1/4" gauge") ; 1, 2, 3, 4 - all sit astride, 5 - ride in.

Due to time getting on (having spent so much time trying to locate the Ray Maslen location) - the party then re-joined the others at Bedford station.

Below are the sightings from the people who spent the day at this location and when the party re-joined them for the last hour and a half of the day.

**Bedford Station (Approx 10.30 - 18.30)**

Loco ; 66144.

HST's ; 43012/045/046/048/049/050/059/061/064/066/076/081/089/156.

DMU' ; 150109, 222001/003/004/005/006/008/010/011/012/013/015/017/018/019/020/022/023/101/102/103.

EMU's ; 319215, 377511/513/515/519/521/522, 700002/006/007/009/014/015/021/030/039/046/103/104/108/112.

Coaching Stock ; 40700/728/741/749/754, 41046/064/069/070/077/079/111/113/117, 42100/120/121/124/135/136/151/152/153/155/156/157/163/164/165/220/384, 44044/047/054/071/085.

Wagons ; 310036/085/099/148/196/202/222/271/319/338/375/435/536/627/643/653/804/982, 311052/077/149/385.

**Patchway Station**

DMU ; 158952.

Road-railers ; Keltbray Rail : E1321/911303-4, E1322/911323-3, E1323/911324-0, E1324/940818-6, E1333/940458-3. Total Rail Solutions : TRS 705/940636-2. TXM Plant : 7120/940844-2.

Trailers ; Keltbray Rail : E1347/010362-0, T1008/010977-5, T1009/010978-3.

Amalgamated Construction : 711014/040045-5, 711015/040046-3.

**27/05/17 & 24/06/17**

**VISITS TO RICHARD DIXON**

**John DICKS, Dave FORSE, Dennis GRAHAM, Peter NICHOLSON, Chris WEEKS**

**27/05/17**

**Oxford Bus Museum**

Oxford 1 - horse drawn tram.

(This is in fact utilising the body of a Gloucester Horse drawn tram).

**Hanborough Station**

Loco 43179 Pride of Laira

**Cutteslowe Park Miniature Railway**

7.25" locos CPMR No1 Abbey National 4wPH Hill Top Loco Works A. T.

Bayliss/Saville Bradbury/John Matthews 1992: 12 Florence 4w - 4PH Dave Puggi 2005

#### Notes

1. There were also two 5" gauge locos on site.
2. On running days there are 15/16 locos in use.
3. We received a very friendly reception, provided with tea/coffee and were shown round by the Chairman, Dennis Mulford.

#### **Richard Dixon. Private Site, Bicester area. 2' 0" gauge**

Locos CE 5196C/1972 (Ex P93): HE 9053/81 (frame only - Ex P92): L  
54181/1964 (In use - Ex P298): LMM 1066/1950 (frame & wheels - Ex P93):  
Doris RH 462365/1960 (in use - Ex P256).

#### Notes

1. Notables present at this mini open day function were Bryan Lawson, Rob Needham and Gareth Rees.
2. Richard & Kate provided light refreshments
3. Alex & Richard please note that I had trouble with the identity of the Lister because it does not appear in the index to 17EL.
4. The Tamar Class 0-4-2T (Ex Cameroon) had not yet arrived from Kent.
5. Richard has just started building a WB Sipat type 0-4-0ST. The frames do not yet exist.

#### **AY Aylesbury Depot (Viewed)**

Locos 01509 Lesley RH 468043/1963 (P344): 68011  
Dmu Sets 121020/034 165006/022/027 168107 172103

#### **Aylesbury Station**

Dmu Sets 165032/033/036/039 168003/005

#### **Aylesbury South Yard**

Dmu Sets 165014/032/038 172101

#### **Fancott Miniature Railway 7.25" gauge (The oldest pub railway in the UK)**

Locos D7031 Dark Star 4w - 4w PH Mardyke 1989: Herbie 4w - 4w PH SL  
1023/1984, rbt Radcliffe Valentine 10/2016: No3 Phoenix (Ex Tregoss from  
Lancashire) 0-6-0 PH 2006

#### Notes

1. The visit was hosted by the owner, Ron Stanbridge
2. Hot refreshments were provided
3. Herbie was one of locos caught in the disastrous fire of about 3 years ago. It has been rebuilt and our very own Peter Nicholson became a star of the local media when he was called upon to unveil its nameplate in a re-dedication ceremony.
4. Rides were taken behind Dark Star and Herbie.

#### **Leighton Buzzard Railway, Stonehenge Works (Viewed)**

Gauge 2' 6"

Steam Nutty S 7701/1929: Petrol Wkm 3282/1943

Gauge 2' 0"

Steam Penlee Freud 73/1901, rbt ARC c1983: OK 2544/1907 OOU (assumed)  
Diesel 81 Peter Wood HE 9347/1994: AMW No 165 Fire RH 194784/1939:

Arkle MR 7108/1936: Damredub MR 7036/1936: MR 11003/1956: 21 & 10  
Hadyn Taylor MR 7956/1945: 26 Anna MR 8720/41: 27 RH 408430/1957: 28  
RH 200516/1940: 30 MR 8695/1941: Red Rum MR 7105/1936: 36 Caravan MR  
7129/1936: 43 Trotter MR 10409/1954: 44 MR 7933/1941: 48 MacNamara  
HE 4351/1952: MR (frame only - U/I): RH 218016/1943 (Dsm - assumed)

Up the Hill The following locos are beside the old running line parallel  
to the public road. They are on short lengths of track next to the old  
running line and are therefore isolated.

Gauge 2' 0" Diesel LBNGRS 1/1989 (loco never completed): ?OS.317 (Faded  
paint inside cab) MR 60S317/1966 OOU:

Gauge 600mm

Steam (2023) Krauss 7455/1918 (Ex France)

## 26/06/17

### **Richard Dixon. Private Site, Bicester area**

Locos Steam CDC No3 HE 3758/: Diesel HE 9053/1981 (frame only Ex  
P92): LB 54181/1964 (Ex P298): Doris RH 462365/1960 (Ex P256): Battery  
Electric CE 5196C/1972 (Ex P93): LMM 1066/50 (frame & wheels only (Ex  
P92)

Note

The cylinders and some bearings were present for a new build WB "Sipat"  
loco.

### **Rushden Historical Transport Society**

Locos Steam Industrial Edmundsons AB2168/1943: AB 2323/1952: (Blue  
Circle) AP 9449/1926: (Cherwell) WB 2654/1962: Diesel BR (03179)  
Industrial Diesel WD70048 AB 363/1962: Les Forster S 10159/1963:  
Yard No 10433 VF/DC 5258/2177 of 1945, rbt YEC L121/1993: Dmu 55029  
(ADB977968) Coaches BR 3918 5166 (Clan MacKenzie) 35073 LNER  
(24279) Buffet Car Julia: NPCC BR 80334 80413 (35004)/457 92363  
(81294-84294): 94102 (86762-93762- 95102) Departmental ADB975496  
(34004): (DE321073 - on u/f wagon 250919) On Track Plant Geismar  
RTU6897 90141-2 EGO 4 ST/01/34 of 2001: Trailer RTU7500 011391-8:  
Robel Wagon 059 with Robel attachment 54.13-RW82/1975 (Ex Croydon  
Tramlink): 712 Grafton Steam Crane 2733

Note

Half a pint of Hop Black Brewery "Entire Stout"

### **Finedon Road Sidings, Wellingborough (Viewed)**

Locos 66732/750 Bristol Panel Box

Wagons 81 70 5500 054/229/230/231/232/ 235/236/237/238/242/245/250/252

### **Wicksteed Park Lakeside Railway (Gauge 2' 0")**

Locos Merlin AK 86/2010: 2042 Lady of the Lake Bg 2042/1931: 2043

King Arthur Bg 2043/1931: Cheyenne MR 22224/1966

Note

Haulage was enjoyed behind Merlin in coach AK 135.

### **Northampton Steam Railway**

Locos BR Steam (3862): (5967 Bickmarsh Hall): Industrial Steam AB 776/1899 (frame & wheels only Ex P178): (Westminster) P 1378/1914 (frame only): P 2104/1950: BR Diesel 47205 (Also 47395): Industrial Diesel JF 4210018/1950, rbt TH 146C/1964: Lil JF 4210094/1954, rbt JF 1966: RH 275886/1949: (No53 Sir Alfred Wood) RH 319286/1953: RH 319294/1953: Coaches BR 1647 3919 (DB977624): 5132/174 9102 (9383) 21187 GWR (297-ZDW150354): LMS (5622-35062-DM395492): NPCC BR 84031 (81031): 94062 (86803-93803)/071 (86544-93544): 889301\* LMS 37326: On Track Plant 2w-2BER Bance: 901013-1 Lesmac LMS008/2006: steam crane base 12394: Salmon wagon B996995 was fitted with a crane: Cable drum carrier on unmotorised 2w-2 base

#### Note

Bullion van 889301 is shown on the Vintage Carriage Trust web site as ex 99201-35021 but in the P5 pocket book 99201 is ex 34995. 99204 is ex 35021.

### **Northampton Castle Yard**

Loco 66752 The Hosier State  
On Track Plant 73923 Merlin/930 80302/303 Readypower FR638 940128-0  
Rexquote Gigarailker 168M301562/: FR1346 942055-3 Rexquote/Genie 260/34  
300 Accessrailer 8902/: Trailer FR735 010010-5 Rexquote T4 2117/2017:  
Wagons 3403/420/422/432/446/459/460/ 480/481/485/488/496/504/505/507/516

#### Note

A wagon with bolsters was hidden in the undergrowth. It was thought to be 950183.

### **Northampton Station**

Locos 66413 66758  
Emu Sets 350108/113/118/120/129/130 350250/255/262/374/377  
Wagons 43 87 4333 021-2/030-2/042-7/045-0/074-0 23 87 4375 012-3/020-6/045-3/048-7 23 87 4376 004-9/005-6/010-6 23 87 4384 031-2 33 87 4908 634-8

### **Bristol Lawrence Hill Station**

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