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### Front Cover Photo August 2018 Issue 558:

50049 50007 20188 and 20059 0Z50 Kidderminster SVR - Bishops Lydeard passing Lawrence Hill on 07/06/17.

**[Mike Crew]**

### Rear Cover Photo August 2018 Issue 558:

66230 at Bristol Parkway top and tailing a railtour with 60001 on 13/01/18.

**[Chris Weeks]**

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Trip 544**

**ESSEX MINIATURES**

**Saturday 18/08/18**

A one day trip visiting miniature railways in and around the Essex area.

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

**Proposed Itinerary:** Paradise Wildlife Park, Broxbourne; Royal Gunpowder Mills, Waltham Abbey; Barking Park Light Railway, Barking; Romford Model Engineering Club, Hornchurch; Barnards Miniature Railway, West Horndon; Canvey Miniature Railway, Canvey Island; Hockley (grounded City & South London Body); Southend Pier Museum, Southend-on-Sea; Ashington Road, Rochford (grounded GER body); Langford & Beeleigh Railway, Museum of Power, Maldon; Poplar Nurseries Miniature Railway, Marks Tey; Wimbish Light Railway, Wimbish;

**Permits:** Permissions being sought for all locations

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

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

**Book By Date** = 4th August 2018

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

**Trip 545**

**STATFOLD BARN ENTHUSIASTS DAY**

**Saturday 08/09/18**

A one day trip visiting the Statfold Barn Railway.

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £28      Fare with Day Membership = £31

**NOTE** that the trip fare excludes the admission price to Statfold Barn which must be paid as a non-refundable deposit in advance (usually about £10.00)

**Proposed Itinerary:** Nemesis Rail, Burton-on-Trent; LH Group, Barton-under-Needwood; Statfold Barn Railway, Tamworth; Quattro Plant, Brownhills

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

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

**Book By Date** = 25th August 2018

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

**Trip 546****YORKSHIRE WEEKEND****Saturday 06/10/18 - Sunday 07/10/18**

A two day trip visiting locations in East & the lower part of North Yorkshire.

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

**Proposed Itinerary:** Plasmor Ltd, Great Heck; Potter Group, Selby; Skipwith Station Holidays, North Duffield; North Cave, nr Hull; South Cave Tractors, Brough; The Zachariah Pearson, Kingston-Upon Hull; Streetlife Museum, Kingston-upon Hull; Fort Paull, Kingston-upon-Hull; Hornsea; Cliff Top, Skipsea; Wansford Trout Farm, Driffield; Yorkshire Wolds RRP, Wetwang; Tim Ackerley, Leavening; Skirpenbeck; Holgate Works, York; Holgate Allotments, York; Railway Institute Bowling Club, York; Poppleton Road Allotments, York; Earswick; Dawnay Arms, Newton-on-Ouse; Low Wood Caravan Park, Pateley Bridge; Tarmac Plc, Swinden Quarry, Skipton; Almshouses, Beamsley; Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway;

**Permits:** Permissions being sought for several locations

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = approx 0300-0400 am on Saturday 06/10

**Return Time** to Bristol area = approx 2130 pm on Sunday 07/10

**Book By Date** = 8th September 2018

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: Hi-Viz Vest & Safety Shoes

**NOTES**

(1) The Trip Fare excludes the cost of B&B. Participants will have to pay for this - price is £40.00 for single & £60.00 for a twin (£30.00 per person). All rooms are en-suite with a cooked breakfast.

(2) Due to accommodation restrictions this trip will be for a maximum of 12 participants - based on a first come first served basis - with a reserve list in place.

(3) Accommodation will be an overnight stay in Selby. This is the only place available having tried over 80 places in York, Harrogate & Selby

**Trip 547****DIDCOT/SWINDON FLYER****Saturday 17/11/18**

A one day flyer trip to the Didcot/Swindon areas to do as you wish.

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £18      Fare with Day Membership = £21

**Proposed Itinerary:** None

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

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

**Book By Date** = 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

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

**Trip 548**

**LONDON FLYER**

**Saturday 08/12/18**

A one day trip to the Capitol to do as you wish.

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

**Proposed Itinerary:** None

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

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

**Book By Date** = 24th November 2018

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

### **Trip Departure Times**

Please note that the advertised departure times for trips is about 06.30am from the Bristol area. However there are occasions when this time will have to be moved to a more earlier time slot, depending on the trip destination or other circumstances that are outside of the control of the Society. Participants will be notified of any of these changes in departure time, where possible at the earliest opportunity.

### **Important Notice for Trip Participants**

Members are reminded that to ensure the smooth running of a trip that participants must follow the direction and instructions given by the leader of the trip on the day.

### **Bookings**

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

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

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

Members are also reminded to keep the Bookings Secretary informed of their intentions regarding their participation on trips.

## NOTICES

### Committee Changes

There has been a committee change during the last month with Sarah Forse standing down due to work commitments. We would like to thank Sarah for the work she has done during her time on the committee.

### 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 style with lining)	£30.00
Sweat shirt	£17.00	Hi-viz jacket ("bomber" style, quilt lining - elastic waist)	£28.00
Polo shirt	£13.00		
T shirt	£9.00		
Baseball cap	£8.00		

### Card Payment Facility

Members are reminded that the Society now has the facility for debit and credit card payments to be taken on trips.

### 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.

## 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.

### **Introduce a Friend**

Society members who introduce a friend to the Society are entitled to a £4 credit amount when that person joins the Society. This can be put towards the cost of a future trip or future membership renewal. Membership forms are available on the Society web site, or from the Membership Secretary.

### **NOTES & NEWS**

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

**19/06** An engineering train record was; 66846 + 66849 top n' tailing a train of ballast wagons in Patchway station at 1300.

**20/06** Returning the London Transport 4-TC set from the Severn Valley Railway diesel gala saw surprise hauling power in the form of 73963 + 73962 being reported passing Yate at 1835 (1 early), Filton Abbey Wood 1843 (8 early) and Bath 1913 (1 early) with train 5Z74 1740 Worcester - Eastleigh Arlington's (2104).

**22/06** An engineering train report was; 70813 - 6F25 Oxford Hinksey yard - Bristol Parkway reported as at its destination at 2142.

**23/06** 66130 + 66059 worked a 4012 1204 Newport ADj - Eastleigh yard wagon move (in place of the usual light loco run) being noted passing Twerton tunnel near Bath at 1445.

**28/06** An engineering train report was; 70815 - 6C48 1548 Chipping Sodbury - Westbury (via Swindon Cocklebury yard and Melksham) which passed Swindon station up at 1501 formed of 15 MXA lobster wagons.

**29/06** Two engineering train records were; 70805 - 6C49 0545 Westbury - Westerleigh junction formed of 15 lobster wagons which departed Parkway at 0712 and 70810 - 6F26 0556 Parkway sig B1569 - Westbury which passed Stapleton Road at 0716.

**30/06** The Saturdays Only departmental light-loco move ran as 0012 1248 Llanwern - Eastleigh yard and was diverted via Gloucester passing Standish junction at 1346 formed with 66160 + 66076.

**02/07** Returning stock movements from the previous days 'English Riviera Express' rail tour (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news) saw BR green livery 47501/D1944 work 5Z46 1110 Temple Meads - Crewe HS (1712) carmine and cream ecs which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1116 (4 early) and Yate 1125 (6 early) and a second BR green loco 47805 /D1935 + Steam 34052 Lord Dowding (34046) running 5Z47 1200 St.Phillips Marsh - Southall Wcr (1611) loco and support coach (35451) which passed Parkway at 1244 (35 early). An engineering train record was; 70808 - 6C45 1548 Chipping Sodbury - Westbury (via Swindon) which passed Hullavington at 1342 (141 early) formed of 27 coalfish wagons. The same loco was allocated to work this train over the following two days.

**04/07** IET set 800302 worked a 5Z05 0826 Stoke Gifford - Goodrington CS (1232) move which called at most stations on route including Temple Meads



departing at 0922 (6 late). Reported as only the second IET (and first 800/3 over the Paignton branch) the return was 5Z06 1315 Goodrington CS - Stoke Gifford (1648) which departed Bridgwater at 1519 (5 late) and Temple Meads 1617 (3 early). The 6C35 0515 Aberthaw Cement works - Moorswater loaded cement formed with 24 PCAs was diverted via Gloucester and headed by 70810 passing Caldicot at 1017, Parkway 1148, Temple Meads 1159, Newton Abbot 1443 and Plymouth 1525.

**05/07** As the engineering works blockade was coming to an end, the 'old' footbridge at Patchway station was noted as removed by this date. Meanwhile at Stapleton Road the new rail bridge (which replaced the 1888 built steel girder structure removed during last years summer) was in position by 3rd July, two lifting cranes having been noted in the area towards the end of the previous week.

**06/07** Having departed the Westerleigh Puma oil terminal at 1755 (19 early) with the 6B47 empty fuel tanks for Robeston (0219) 60044 failed close to the junction at Yate Middle. The 1Z99 light-engine rescue loco GBRf 66766 eventually arriving from Cardiff Tidal to move the train back along the branch and again into the terminal arriving at 2041 An engineering train record was; 66850 - 6C49 0545 Westbury - Westerleigh junction which departed Parkway at 0712 (5 early). With the diversion and late arrival two days previous the 6C36 0800 Moorswater - Aberthaw Cement works (1521) empty PCA cement tanks were cancelled on the normal Thursday path and operated today (Friday) with 70810 and reported arriving Yatton loop at 1213 and passing the nearby station at 1222 (26 late) and passing Gloucester at 1330 (28 late).

**07/07** 66021 + 66165 + 66113 + 66053 + 66199 formed the 0X12 1055 Margam Lip - Eastleigh East yard Saturdays only light-loco move (diverted via Swindon and Melksham) which passed Hullavington at 1356 and Heywood Road junction (Westbury) 1530. Also 60007 ran 0B13 0820 Margam - Westerleigh light passing Yate at 1101 to collect the previous days tank train failure (6B47) headed by 60044. The 6B47 was later in the day noted traversing the branch double-headed at 1810 en route to West Wales.

**10/07** 66127 ran light-loco from Newport ADJ to Yate to rescue another tank train failure 60007 working the 6Z47 0530 Westerleigh - Robeston empty fuel tanks which were later recorded passing Newport at 0713. 66728 worked 6Z82 0500 Cardiff Pengam sidings - Warminster empty flats departing Westbury at 0715 and later returned moving army vehicles in desert sand livery as 6Z82 1521 Warminster MoD - Cardiff Pengam sidings (2110) via Reading West which was noted passing Basingstoke at 1646 (8 early), Chipping Sodbury 1951 (1 early) and Pilning 2031 (13 late).

**12/07** IET 9-car set 800305 was noted passing Pilning at 1147 working the 1B22 1015 Paddington - Cardiff Central service.

**13/07** 66050 powered a 6Z25 Eastleigh Arlingtons - Llanwern wagon move formed of 13 converted JSAs and was reported arriving Westbury at 1333.

**16/07** An unusual assumed diverted from the Oxford line stock working was former Colas 47727 (now working for GBRf in a Highland Stag, Caledonian sleeper blue livery) with green livery insulator/barrier coaches 64664 Liwet + 64707 Labezerin (both from former Class 508 emu set 508207) as a 5Z47 0931 Doncaster Works Webtac - Eastleigh Arlingtons (1754) move which passed Barrow Hill South junction at 1147 (94 late), arrived Bristol Parkway at 1435 (71 late) and departed at 1450 (1 late), passed Bradford junction at 1648 (65 late) and Warminster 1700 (40 late).

The 6Y15 HOBC made several visits to the Yate area during the week via a

reverse at Gloucester Yard junction, the day's service being reported passing Taunton station at 1624 top n' tailed with 66592 + 66593. An unconfirmed sighting reported the train as stabled in Westerleigh yard during the evening the worksite being at Yate South.

**17/07** IET set 802005 arrived Parkway at 0741 (1 early) and departed at 0742 (-) working a 5Z41 0739 Stoke Gifford - Royal Oak sidings (0921) test and mileage accumulation run.

**18/07** Another previously unreported train diversion via Bristol due to the Oxford line engineering closure was the morning Westbury - Bescot departmental, which on this date running behind 70804 as 6X50 0826 Westbury - Bescot (via the Severn Tunnel and Hereford) was formed of 15 wagons (including point slingers) and passed Stapleton Road at 0826.

Locos recorded on Westerleigh fuel tank duty has included;  
60001/007/044. 66127. 66770/766/776.

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

**19/06** Steam 34046 Braunton (running as 34052 Lord Dowding) departed the area following rail tour duty as a St. Phillips Marsh - Stewarts Lane loco an support coach (35451) move which passed Bath at 1029 (1 early) and Swindon 1059 (5 early).

**20/06** Dedicated Pullman livery 67024 + 67021 top n' tailed a 1V80 0945 Victoria - Bath VSOE working which departed Westbury at 1233 (2 early) arrived Bath at 1303 (2 early) and departed at 1310 (1 early) ecs for Bristol. Later, the 1092 return to Victoria (1945) was reported as departing Bath at 1602 (7 late).

**22/06** A rail tour stock positioning move was formed with BR green livery 47805/D1935 + steam 34052 Lord Dowding (34046 Braunton) as a 5Z23 0655 Crewe HS - St. Phillips Marsh (1626) move which passed Penkrige at 0835 (1 early), Westerleigh junction 1505 (20 late) and Filton Abbey Wood 1519 (1 late).

**23/06** Two rail tours in the area were; BR large logo 50049 Defiance (carrying 50011 Centurion on one side) and BR blue 50007 Hercules (carrying 50006 Neptune on one side) provided by the 'Class 50 Alliance' working Pathfinder Tours 'Mazey Day Cornishman' 1Z50 0540 Tame Bridge Parkway - Penzance (1303) carrying a 'Slim 1964 - 2018' headboard and 1Z52 1607 return to Tame Bridge Parkway (0016) with a red 'Hoover' headboard. With the Class 50s coming on at Worcester SH the train was reported as passing Lawrence Hill at 0858 (13 late), Bridgwater 0938 (14 late) and Dawlish 1023 (18 late) and the return passing Nailsea & Backwell at 2031 (9 early) and departing Parkway at 2111 (7 early) and 57313 + 57314 top n' tailing a Northern Belle dining trip as 1Z46 0725 Norwich - Temple Meads (1309) which passed Swindon at 1226 (5 late) and departed Bath at 1259 (4 late) and the return 1Z48 1734 departure to Norwich (2320) which departed Bath at 1753 (2 late).

The two train c/stock formations were listed as; 1Z50/1Z52 - 17105, 3345, 3356, 1657, 3304, 3364, 3397, 1200, 5998, 6051, 5961, 6024, 6054 and 1Z46/1Z48 - 10729 Crewe, 10734 Balmoral, car no.17167, 325 Duart, 3247 Chatsworth, 3275 Harlech, 3182 Warwick, 3267 Belvoir, car no. 1566, 3273 Alnwick, 3174 Glamis.

9-car IET sets entered service over the Great Western mainline, 800305 being allocated 1C02 0630 Paddington - Bristol TM and 1A13 1030 return to Paddington and 800304 allocated 1C08 0930 Paddington - Bristol TM and 5Z08

1144 Temple Meads - Stoke Gifford empty coaching stock.

**24/06** The first local area 'Icons of Steam' series 'English Riviera Express' organized by Saphos Tours was headed by steam 34052 Lord Dowding (renamed and renumbered from 34046 Braunton) top n' tailing BR green livery 47805/D1935 (attached to operate the MkII stock 'air cons'!) with the 1Z27 0800 Temple Meads - Kingswear (1228) for Dartmouth (and 1Z28 1650 return) via Westbury which departed Bath at 0831 (9 late), passed Somerton at 0944 (2 early) and departed Taunton at 1040 (-) with c/stock; 35451 (loco support), 3125, 99993, 3148, 13227, 3100, 17159, 3426, 1203, 5991.

**26/06** 68001 + 68004 were paired on the Bridgwater nuclear flask trip the 6V74 outward passing Temple Meads at 0725 and the 6M63 single FNA wagon return to Crewe departing Bridgwater at 1245. Another record for the day was IET set 802002 running 5Z86 0738 Temple Meads - Laira (0948) passing Bridgwater at 0817 (1 late) for West of England staff training duties. NR was carefully monitoring rail head temperatures at certain locations due to the ongoing heat wave conditions.

**27/06** IET set 800307 new to service was recorded on the 1C04 1730 Paddington - Taunton and 1A37 2128 return to Paddington.

**29/06** 153318 + 158766 working the 2C85 1740 Parkway - Taunton service failed at Nailsea & Backwell station with unspecified problems at 1848, the following 2Y28 1816 Filton Abbey Wood - Weston-super-Mare service formed with 150233 was used as a 'rescue' unit and assisted the working forward departing at 1949 (68 late). Later, the 2M72 2149 Exeter St. David's - Bristol TM service was formed of 153377 + 153372, 153383 + 150248 the first two Class 153 units being 'de-branded' and were making their final journey for GW prior to coming 'off lease'. An interesting loco move was BR green 47501/D1944 hauling a single additional rail tour coach 3330 as 5Z23 0735 Crewe HS - Barton Hill (1524) via Oxford which passed Swindon at 1341 (10 early) and Westerleigh junction 1407 (22 early). The NRMT HST diagram was covered throughout by Colas 67023 + 67027 top n' tailing departmental c/stock; 975091, 72631, 977997, 9481 the train starting the day as 1Q18 0606 Reading Triangle sidings - Paignton (via Penzance), then 1Z18 1546 Paignton - Taunton (1847) via Bristol TM (booked 1749 - 1803) which passed Yatton down at 1812 (8 early), 1Q19 1857 Taunton - Paddington and 1Q21 2225 Paddington - Derby RTC. On the freight side, the Fridays only 6M60 china clay freight to the Midlands was retimed as 0855 Exeter Riverside yard - Bescot behind 66040 and reported passing Nailsea & Backwell at 1040 (5 early) and Filton Abbey Wood 1138 (3 early). The move was however reported 'off route' at Severn Tunnel junction and was eventually terminated at Newport ADJ at 1338. A move north was later booked to take place as 2138 to Bescot still as the 6M60.

**30/06** Three rail tours through the area during the day were; 66140 + 66133 top n' tailing - 1Z25 0515 Westbury - Hull Hedon Road sidings (1535) and 1Z27 1655 return to Westbury (0001) Pathfinder Tours 'Trent Ouse Docker' the outward departing Parkway at 0612 (-) and Cheltenham 0655 (-), 47832 + 47826 top n' tailing - 1Z78 0505 Crewe - Minehead (1237) and 1Z79 1508 return - Crewe (2331) Statesman Rail 'Exmoor Coast Statesman' which departed Hereford at 0729 (1 early), passed Yate at 0938 (4 late), departed Weston-super-Mare at 1042 (6 late) and passed Bridgwater at 1100 (9 late) and departed Weston-super-Mare at 1724 (1 late) and passed Yate at 1827 (1 late) on the return and 57314 + 57313 top n' tailing - 1Z20 0709 Manchester Victoria - Bristol TM (1224) via Oxford and 1Z21 1735 return to Manchester Piccadilly (2240) Northern Belle which outward passed

Swindon at 1144 (2 late), departed Bath at 1216 (6 late) and passed Keynsham at 1743 (1 late) and Bathampton junction 1800 (3 late) on the return. The train's c/stock formations were reported as; 1Z25 / 1Z27 - 21269, 3068, 3066, 3123, 3110, 1671, 1813, 4959, 4946, 4998 and 1Z78 / 1Z79 - car no 5912, 3384, 3344, 3348, car no 1211, 3312 Helvellyn, 3438 Ben Lomond, 80043, 3229 Snowdon, 3231 Ben Cruchan, 9479 and 1Z20 /1Z21 see the Northern Belle entry for earlier in the month on 23rd June. IET set 800306 was allocated 1A07 0714 Parkway - Paddington and 1C09 1000 return this being believed to be the sets first passenger workings. Also 'off lease' 153318 + 153368 + 153380 + 153382 formed a 5Z53 0807 Stoke Gifford - Derby Etches Park (1123) move which passed Lawrence Hill at 0820 (1 late), Parkway 0826 (1 late), Charfield 0838 (1 late) and Cheltenham 0903 (1 early) and 'de-branded' 153370 + 153377 followed running as 5E17 0857 St. Phillips Marsh - Neville Hill (1628) passing Filton Abbey Wood at 0914 (6 early) and Cheltenham 1005 (42 early)

**01/07** Saphos Rail tours ( Icons of Steam) ' The English Riviera Express' 1Z27 0906 Bristol TM - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1228) and 1Z28 1650 return to Temple Meads was double-headed with steam 34052 Lord Dowding + 47805/D1935 (placed between the steam loco and stock to assist as needed due to fire risk) which passed Parsons Street at 0911 (2 late) and departed Yatton at 0924 (1 late) and Bridgwater 0959 ( -), the trains c/stock formation being reported as; 35451 (loco support), car no 5991, 1203, 3330, 3426, 17159, 3100, 13227, 3148, 99993, 3125 all in a carmine / cream livery.

**03/07** 68002 + 68005 powered the return 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flask train which passed Temple Meads around 1215 where the two wagon FNA consist 550033 + 550030 were noted. A departmental record for the day was; 66592 top n' tailing 66593 - 6Y15 1905 Taunton Fairwater - Goring & Streatly (2221) via Bath and Swindon which passed Taunton station at 1901 (8 early) and Yatton 1938 (10 early).

**05/07** Rainbow livery IET 800008 + 800025 were reported working the 1A09 0712 Taunton - Paddington (1014) service departing Weston-super-Mare at 0748 (5 late).

**07/07** Further Turbo arrivals during the day were; 165118 + 165123 + 166218 forming a 3C91 0937 Reading Depot - Bristol TM 'transit' move which departed Didcot Parkway at 0954. A light-weight unidentified Quattro rrv was seen active on the newly laid track on Filton Bank during the morning.

**08/07** An engineering train record was; 66130 - 6X30 1217 North Somerset junction - Westbury which passed Bathampton junction at 1523 (153 late) with a 12 wagon consist including point slingers.

**10/07** 68001 + 68016 were paired on the Bridgwater flask trip, the 6M63 return to Crewe formed of FNA wagons 550044 + 550046 passing Westerleigh junction at 1327 (5 early). For 2018, the full cost of this years Royal Scotsman round Britain Class 66 hauled 'rail cruise' was £10,909 (compared with £9,200 per person in 2015!), this being the third year of GBRf operation with dedicated locos 66743 + 66746 top n' tailing c/stock; 99965 Observation Car, 99967 Dining Car, 99960 Dining Car, 99337, 99961, 99962, 99963, 99964, 99968 (Sleeping Car), 99969 (Sleeping Car). Having run 1Z79 1745 Bangor - Gloucester (2357) during the previous day, the train used the now normal day 8 path from Gloucester - Bath via the Dawlish sea wall (twice), Newton Abbot, Castle Cary and Trowbridge. Running as 1Z80 0420 Gloucester - Newton Abbot (0659) and 1Z81 0723 return to Bath (1016) the double-headed move passed Filton Abbey Wood at 0500 (10 early), Uphill

junction 0531 (6 early) and Taunton 0554 (11 early), Dawlish up at 0744 (11 late), Taunton 0830 (10 early) and Castle Cary 0859 (18 early). The ecs movements were; 5Z81 1022 Bath - St. Phillips Marsh (1140) which passed Keynsham at 1053 (6 late) and 5Z82 1220 return to Bath (1324) passing the same location at 1335 (19 late) for a 1Z82 departure to Didcot Parkway (1641) via Southampton which departed at 1356 (26 late) passing Bradford-on-Avon at 1409 (15 late) and Westbury 1421 (7 late). A diverted freight record (due to the Oxford line blockade) was; 66050 - 6001 0607 Scunthorpe Trent yard - Eastleigh yard (1931) rail train formed of 5 YEA wagons and reported passing Standish junction at 1255 and Stapleton Road 1342.

**11/07** Colas 67023 + 67027 arrived on the usual test train formation on an amended route as 1Z22 0815 Tyseley Tmd - Bristol TM high level sidings (via Weymouth) being reported running via the Golden Valley (due to the Oxford line blockade) passing Stroud at 1121 (1 early) and passing Trowbridge at 1823 (5 early) in the up direction later in the day.

**12/07** Having arrived during the previous evening, the Colas Class 67 test train with locos 67023 + 67027 (with dept c/stock; 9523, 1256, 999550, 6261) was reported departing Temple Meads at 0715 on the 1Z23 return (via Bath, Swindon and assumed the Stroud Valley again) and using the 'normal' booked local route with reverses at Bristol East, Bedminster, Severn Tunnel junction and back in Temple Meads again.

**13/07** IET sets 802001 + 802002 returned from West of England test and training turns as 5Z83 0939 Laira - Paddington (1420) and was reported passing Taunton at 1210 (29 late), departing Temple Meads at 1308 (50 late) and Swindon 1356 (33 late). Later following an unidentified train failure on Filton Bank there were delays and cancellations. Turbo set 166216 was affected being noted departing Nailsea & Backwell at 1623 (17 late) on the 2C81 1500 Cardiff Central - Taunton (1716) service with IET set 800306 closely following in a matter of minutes on the 1C18 1430 Paddington - Weston-super-Mare (1650) service departing at 1629 (-). Meanwhile 166220 departed northbound at 1629 (-) on the 2D22 1610 Weston-super-Mare - Bristol Parkway (1703) service which was terminated at Temple Meads meaning the return 2Y26 1712 Parkway - Weston-super-Mare was cancelled due to the Filton bank incident.

**14/07** 57314 + 47832 top n' tailed a 'Eden Project & Padstow' 1Z57 0624 Cardiff Central - Par (1158) and 1Z58 1715 Par - Cardiff Central (2255) Northern Belle dining trip via a reverse at Swindon the outward passing Bath at 0855 (34 late), departing Temple Meads at 0914 (24 late) and passing Taunton at 0949 (23 late) and the return passing Totnes at 1850 (14 late) and Bridgwater 2003 (12 late). The trains c/stock formation was reported as; 10729 Crewe, 10734 Balmoral, 17167 Mowcop, 325 Duart, 3247 Chatsworth, 3275 Harlech, 3182 Warwick, 3267 Belvoir, car no 1566, 3273 Alnwick, 3174 Glamis. The ecs was stabled in Barry prior to the trip and was serviced at Penzance during the layover at Par. Later steam 60009 Union of South Africa and support coach was topped by 66106 as a 5Z09 1105 Southall Loco Services Ltd - St. Phillips Marsh (1440) rail tour loco positioning move which passed Swindon at 1307 (11 early) and Bath 1339 (13 early). 66004 brought in the following days rail tour ecs as 5Z25 Eastleigh - Temple Meads which had passed Westbury at 1700. Engineering train records for the day included; 66199 - 6W07 Dr. Day's junction - Westbury which passed Bath at 1450 and 6W08 Westbury - North Somerset junction which passed the same location at 1445.

**15/07** Steam 60009 + 66106 (to assist the steam loco and reduce fire risk) worked the 'Torbay Express' 1Z27 Temple Meads - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1228) and 1Z28 1650 return to Temple Meads (2054) the outward departing Bath at 0822 (-), passing Bruton at 0918 (5 early) and departing Taunton at 1040 (-) with c/stock; 35486 (loco support coach), 4949, 4927, 1651, 3146, 3149, 3123, 1671, 3066, 3068, 21269. The return passed Starcross at 1750 (5 late), Trowbridge 2012 (2 early) and departed Bath at 2034 (5 early). The Northern Belle dining train was again back in the area using the same locos and stock as that listed for the previous day. Having again stabled at Barry the train ran 5Z65 to Swindon for a 1Z65 working to Weymouth (1243) via Temple Meads and 1Z66 1725 return to Swindon the outward passing Avoncliff at 1115 (14 late) and Thornford 1812 (2 late), Castle Cary 1840 (1 early) and Trowbridge 1911 (2 early) on the return. GW operated an 'emergency Sunday timetable' during the day (booked tickets were also being available for use during the following day) one of the reasons given were lack of volunteer Sunday staff due to England's good progress in this year's football World Cup final which in the end was won by France beating Croatia 2-0!

**16/07** IET sets 802001 + 802002 passed Worle junction at 0643 (-) with a 5Z80 0606 Stoke Gifford - Plymouth (0900) driver West of England training and mileage accumulation run. Steam 60009 Union of South Africa and support coach 35486 returned as a 1523 Barton Hill - Southall Loco Services Ltd (2129) move which passed Bath at 1641 (13 late).

**17/07** 68001 + 68016 worked the 6V74 / 6M63 Bridgwater nuclear flask trip formed with FNA wagons 550045 + 550046. Also during the day; IET sets 800016 + 800019 were noted arriving in Temple Meads at 0850 on the 1C03 0700 ex. Paddington service and then being 'split' and allocated 800019 - 1A10 0900 Temple Meads - Paddington and 800016 - 1A11 0930 Temple Meads - Paddington. A further IET report was that of 800308 (believed to be on its first day of operation) on the 1C23 1700 Paddington - Bristol Temple Meads service which arrived in platform 13 at 1842 (4 early). The booked return was 1A31 1930 Temple Meads - Paddington (2112).

### **Bristol West Railport**

Locos recorded here on container duty have included;

66511/528/549/550/560/561/562/566/567/588/594/599/951/953/956/957.

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

**04/07** 66750 powered a 22 PCA cement empties 6G50 1302 Avonmouth Hansons - Cardiff Pengam sidings move which passed Filton West junction at 1312 and Gloucester 1409.

**07/07** An engineering train record was; 66093 - 6W07 1558 Westbury - Filton Abbey Wood (1945) via Avonmouth BBHt being reported passing Brentry down at 1838 and at 1914 in the up direction.

**15/07** The 6C03 1318 Southall - Severnside Sita (1832) loaded refuse containers were top n' tailed with 66095 + 66111 and diverted being reported departing Parkway at 1551 (108 early) and reversing near Shirehampton station later passing Hallen Marsh Jct at 1656 (57 early).

**17/07** A further Hinkley Point C construction stone working took place behind 66041 as 6C67 0417 Whatley Quarry - Avonmouth Hansons and 6C68 1225 return to Whatley Quarry which passed Brentry running late at 1423.

Locos recorded on stone duty have included; 59004. 66034/041/057/076/129.



Locos recorded on cement duty have included; 66750/766.

Locos recorded on refuse container duty have included; 66095/111.

### **Portbury Branchline**

**25/06** CAF built Northern Rail 950001 was an arrival in two parts on trailers at Royal Portbury dock by sea and forwarded as a road move to Allerton depot on 29th June. This was the first of a series of expected unit movements also to use the regular European Ro-Ro vessel service alongside the Trans-Pennine Express (TPE) Mk5a shipments. 98 coaches are under construction and will be formed into two-car (195/0) sets with a three car (195/1) variation also to be delivered. A new Class 331 emu type is also reported as to be arriving this way sometime in the future.

**16/07** For the third (of an expected 6) TPE Mk 5a import stock move, 47812 + 47813 worked 5V81 Leicester Lip - Portbury Auto terminal (1036) formed with all blue livery barrier coaches; ADB975875, ADB977087, 6340, 6344, 6338, 6330 which eventually departed at 0736 (66 late) and was heavily delayed in the Nuneaton area later passing Barnt Green 1015 (143 late), Cheltenham at 1051 (135 late), departing Parkway at 1140 (112 late), passing Parsons Street at 1208 (123 late) and in the Avon Gorge passing under the Clifton Suspension bridge at 1225.

**17/07** Having arrived during the previous day, 47813 + 47812 powered away the 5Q32 Portbury Auto terminal - Manchester International terminal (1458) TPE stock move via Yate which departed at 0901 (1 late), departed Temple Meads at 0959 (15 late) and passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1007 (28 late). The train's c/stock formation was reported (with 'continental' numbers also listed and carried); 11504 (96-70-0011-504-8), 12710 (96-70-0012-710-0), 12711 (96-70-0012-711-8), 12712 (96-70-0012-712-6) and 12804 (96-70-0012-804-1) with the previously inward barrier coaches listed for the previous day bringing up the rear.

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

4E18 Taunton Fairwater - Doncaster Wood yard used concrete sleepers (FL)

04/04 66534. 11/04 66556. 18/04 66501. 25/04 66533.

4E42 Margam - York Yard South coal empties (FL)

04/04 66565.

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

04/04 66506. 09/04 66594. 12/04 66567. 16/04 66562.

18/04 66524. 19/04 66953. 20/04 66524. 23/04 66562.

24/04 66556. 25/04 66560. 26/04 66518. 30/04 66540.

4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime loaded containers (FL)

03/04 66956. 04/04 66557. 05/04 66517. 06/04 66563.

09/04 66420. 11/04 66560. 12/04 66504. 13/04 66536.

16/04 66519. 19/04 66556. 20/04 66591. 23/04 66587.

24/06 66505. 25/04 66587. 30/04 66553.

4070 (MO) Wentloog - Southampton containers (FL)

09/04 70005. 16/04 66536. 23/04 66568. 30/04 66951.

4V31 London Gateway - Bristol West Railport containers (FL)

05-07/04 66420. 12-14/04 66562. 20/04 66505. 25/04 66516.

26/04 66516.

4V50 (TThO) Tilbury - Wentloog containers (FL)  
05/04 66543. 24/04 66572.

4071 (MWO) Southampton Maritime - Wentloog containers (FL)  
09/04 66550. 16/04 66552.

6A83 Avonmouth Bennetts - West Drayton / \* Theale (MO) loaded stone (DB)  
04/04 59205. 06/04 59102. 09/04\* 66158. 11/04 59101.  
18/04 66095 + 66009. 20/04 59202. 23/04\* 66200. 25/04 59203.

6B33 Theale - Robeston (Margam SO) fuel tank empties (DB)  
03/04 60091. 05/04 60100. 06/04 60040. 13/04 60091.  
24/04 60100.

6(4)B35 Hayes (\* Southall) - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties (DB)  
05/04 66108. 08/04\* 66122. 11/04 66183. 15/04\* 66108.  
24/04 66076. 25/04 66021. 30/04 66186.

Note; Trains on 25/04 and 30/04 both started from Acton the latter being head-coded 6B85.

6B49 / 6B50 Llanwern - Swindon steel and return empties (DB)  
06/04 66100. 09/04 66021. 13/04 66060. 20/04 66104.  
23/04 66003. 30/04 66044.

Notes; Trains on 09/04, 23/04 & 30/04 ran in the early 6B51/6B52(MO) paths

6B36 (ThO) Moorswater - Aberthaw Cement works cement empties (Colas)  
05/04 70817. 12/04 70817. 19/04 70802. 26/04 70804.

6B36 (TFO) Westbury - Aberthaw Cement works cement empties (Colas)  
06/04 70808. 10/04 70817. 13/04 70802. 24/04 70804.

Note; Train on 13/04 was worked outwards by 70817 and returned with 70802.

6C03 Brentford (Southall SuO) - Severnside Sita and return (6A03\* 0514) refuse containers (DB)  
08/04 66108 tnt 66091. 23/04\* 66095. 24/04\* 66095. 29/04 66095.

6C80 / 6B80 Westbury - Machen empty and return loaded stone (DB)  
07/04 66098. 14/04 59203.

6M60 (FO) Exeter Riverside - Bescot china clay freight (DB)  
06/04 66172. 20/04 66137.

6V32 Tilbury - Trostre steel (GBRf)  
09/04 66760. 12/04 66760. 14/04 66760. 16/04 66760.  
23/04 66760. 28/04 66760.

6V35 (MFO) Bescot (downside) - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement 6M90 (TThSO) return empties to Clitheroe (DB)  
06/04 66172. 09/04 66082. 11/04 66044. 13/04 66044.  
16/04 66019. 19/04 66017. 25/04 66121. 30/04 66055.  
Note; Train on 19/04 (Thur) was an additional working.

6V74 / 6M63 Crewe Cola sidings-Bridgwater and return nuclear flasks (DRS)  
04/04 68001 + 68005. 11/04 68001 + 68023. 18/04 68001 + 68023.  
25/04 68002 + 68026.

6V78 Tilbury - Trostre steel (GBRf)  
04/04 66760. 06/04 66760. 11/04 66760.

6V99 (TO) Bescot - St.Blazey freight (DB)  
03/04 66172. 10/04 66075. 25/04 66017.

6/4(Z)47 (\*4/6V03) Wembley - Cardiff Docks stone empties (DB)  
06/04 66011. 12/04 66108. 13/04 66108. 19/04 66115.  
24/04 66122. 26/04 66158.

Notes; Train on 12/04 started from Crawley as 4Z47 whilst train on 19/04 started from Acton as 6V03 and from Southall on 24/04 also as 6V03.

### **Sharpness Branchline**

Class 68 combinations reported working the Berkeley CEGB low level container waste service have included; 68002 + 68018 (21/06), 68034 + 68016 (28/06) which passed Cheltenham at 1328 with the 6M56 return formed with wagons 92733 + 92801, 68002 + 68005 (05/07) and 68002 + 68005 (12/07).

### **Swindon**

**04/07** Afternoon Stroud Valley line freight diversion records included; 66510 - 4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers at 1530 having passed Kemble at 1511, 60044 - 6B33 1343 Theale - Robeston empty fuel tanks which passed at 1555 and 66719 - 6V79 Angerstein Wharf - Cardiff Pengam stone empties which departed at 1729 and passed Stone house at 1801.

**07/07** With the Severn Tunnel reopened the Stroud Valley route still continued a diversionary route roll for the weekend for Arriva XC with the closure of Filton Bank for track work and the first day closure of the Oxford line for work expected to last around two weeks.

Diverted service records for the day included; 221123 - 1S45 0630 Penzance - Aberdeen passing Downfield (Stroud) at 1205, 43366 + 43285 - 1V50 0606 Edinburgh Waverley - Paignton passing Downfield at 1216, 66183 - 6030 1412 Castle Bromwich - Southampton Eastern dock (1847) loaded cars which passed Thrupp (near Stroud) at 1547, 221127 - 1S53 1235 Paignton - Edinburgh Waverley held east of Stroud station from 1557 - 1605, 220031 + 220024 - 1V58 0900 Glasgow Central - Penzance passing at 1612 and 43301 + 43384 - 1S55 1325 Plymouth - Edinburgh Waverley passing Stroud station at 1653. Also the Belmond Pullman VSOE passed each way as a 1Z95 0901 Victoria - Worcester Shrub Hill and 1635 return to Victoria top n' tailed with dedicated locos 67021 + 67024 and noted passing Downfield at 1214 (having earlier departed Challow loop at 1131) outward and Stroud station 1752 on the return and IET sets 802005 + 802006 appeared on a 5Z30 1317 North Pole Iep depot - Swindon (1633) via Gloucester which passed Stroud at 1602 on the return.

Another record was recently released IET set 800308 which passed Downfield at 1154 on the 1G21 1015 Paddington - Cheltenham service.

**09/07** DB red 66131 worked the diverted 6030 1311 Castle Bromwich -

Southampton South-Eastern dock loaded cars via the Stroud Valley having been reported passing Ashchurch at 1508. 66037 was reported on this train three days later and recorded passing the same location at 1548. 66024 powered this train during the following day.

**13/07** 66206 worked 6001 Doncaster Decoy yard - Eastleigh yard rail train which passed Swindon at 1605 having been routed via the Stroud Valley.

**16/07** 66705 was on the 6V71 0245 Swindon empty scrap wagon move which passed Swindon station in the up direction at 0753. 66037 worked the 6030 Castle Bromwich car train today and again during the following day (being noted at Swindon at 1630).

**17/07** 66061 headed the diverted Scunthorpe - Eastleigh rail train.

### **Westbury**

**26/06** Colas 70814 was used on the 7C27 Exeter Riverside loaded stone and 7C28 return empties.

**30/06** 70803 + 70802 + 70804 + 66849 + 66850 formed a 0A28 1358 Westbury - Oxford Hinksey yard (1527) light-engine move which passed Chippenham at 1432 (2 late).

**02/07** Having started the review period on this duty (on 19th June), GBRf 59003 was still active on the 6M40 1156 Westbury - Stud Farm / Cliff Hill empty IOAs which passed Swindon at 1407 (77 late). This train continues to operate most week days.

**05/07** Following a train visit earlier in the year 66754 passed Swindon at 1006 (2 early) with a 6V07 0738 Bicester - Warminster MoD sidings train formed of empty war-flats, war-wells and a VGA van (210550) the wagons being for loading. The loco then ran 0V07 1226 light-engine to Eastleigh.

**07/07** At 1440 loco records for the area included; down yard 66094 up yard 66102, 66130 outside DB offices 66093 re-cycling sidings 70817.

**08/07** Having arrived as a 0Z80 1228 Eastleigh yard - Warminster (1535) light-loco move, 66754 powered a 6Z80 1412 Warminster - Donnington MoD (0730 on 9th July following a recess at Coton Hill) army vehicle move formed of a single VGA van, 16 loaded war-flats (KFA) and 19 loaded war-wells which passed Basingstoke at 1759 (6 late), Swindon loco yard 2007 (6 late), Gloucester 2049 (5 late) and Cwmbran 2202 (3 late). A return engineering train record was; 66415 - 6Y97 0815 Plymouth Lipson junction - Westbury (1247) rail train formed of 13 wagons and reported passing Totnes at 0836 and Taunton 0944.

**09/07** For the first day of diversions via Trowbridge, Melksham and Swindon due to a Berks & Hants electrification blockade between Reading and Newbury 59203 was noted passing Chippenham at 0800 working 6C29 0527 Acton Yard - Westbury stone empties. Other records routed this way for the day were; 59204 - 7A09 0627 Merehead - Acton yard loaded stone, 59202 - 6C31 0949 Theale - Westbury stone empties, 66034 - 6M20 0923 Westbury - St. Pancras church yard sidings loaded stone, 59104 - 6A17 1059 Westbury - Acton loaded stone and 59201 6C76 1439 Acton yard - Whatley Quarry stone empties. GBRf 59003 was also noted on it's now regular 6M40 Westbury - Cliff Hill / Stud Farm ballast empties, having arrived 0V40 light-engine from Eastleigh.

**14/07** UK Railtours 'The Sunny South Express' 1Z40 0730 Stevenage - Weymouth and 1Z41 1735 return to Stevenage (2254) via Southampton was worked throughout by 73961 + 73963 the outward passing Westbury at 1102 (7 early) and departing Yeovil Pen Mill at 1231 (19 late).

**16/07** DBC 60007 was active in the yards at Westbury and was reported to be 'on loan' to GBRf as a driver trainer following the company's acquisition of this type of loco (also see last months Magazine under Miscellaneous - Loco Ownership Change). It is not however unusual to see GBRf drivers here at Westbury as they are often used to cover DBC driver duties due to a company shortage.

Locos recorded on Exeter stone duty has included;  
59004/102/103. 70803/804/814.

### **Taunton**

**19/06** The track replacement train continued to see West of England use running 6X04 1821 Fairwater yard - Aish Emergency crossing (2025) via Plymouth top n' tailed with 66592 + 66615 and reported passing Dawlish at 1914 (2 early).

**06/07** This date marked the 40th Anniversary of a train fire near Taunton where 12 people sadly lost their lives. 47498 working the 2130 Penzance - Paddington sleeper service was approaching Staplegrove Road over bridge (alongside Fairwater engineers sidings) around 0300 the second coach Mk 1 W2437 being on fire. Investigations found that bed linen had been stacked against heating equipment and ignited inside the coach which had as was standard security policy at the time, locked doors. Emergency services were quickly on the scene, the stock eventually being moved to Taunton loco stabling sidings for examination a second coach W2423 also being damaged. Of the coaching stock; W2423 was returned to service following mainly smoke damage repairs and was noted attached to the rear of the Penzance - Crewe parcels (4M05) headed by 46013 passing Uphill Junction at 1933 on 2nd August 1978 and E80832 + W2437 (sheeted over) with 34453 (not in the original train formation) were recorded passing Yatton at 0711 behind 25216 heading north on 7th September 1978. W2437 was finally believed to have been scrapped at Birds, Long Marston on an unknown date. As a result of this accident, major design changes took place with the forthcoming Mk III coaching stock construction programme.

### **Newport**

**20/06** A freight divert via Gloucester and the Stroud Valley record due to the Severn and Patchway tunnel occupation was; 66502 - 4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1322 (16 early). This train was reported hauled by 70020 + 66569 when noted passing near Swindon at 1517 during the following day.

**22/06** Further diverted freight service reports for the day were; 66114 - 6B49 0646 Llanwern - Swindon stores loaded steel and 66502 - 4057 Southampton containers.

**24/06** A Northern Belle dining trip top n' tailed by 57314 + 57313 worked 1Z37 1300 Swindon - Newport (via Temple Meads and Gloucester) and 1Z38 1604 Newport - Bristol TM. The two associated ecs moves were; 5Z37 0709 Norwich - Swindon and 5Z38 1924 Temple Meads - Carnforth.

**26/06** 66555 passed Severn Tunnel junction working the diverted 4057 Southampton Maritime container service.

**29/06** Some diversionary freight records included; 66021 passing Lydney at 0734 on the 6B49 0710 Llanwern - Swindon stores steel service, 70011 passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1403 on the 4057 Maritime containers and later 661237 passing Over junction near Gloucester at 1954 on 6B85 Acton -

Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties.

**02/07** Further freight diversions via Gloucester and the Stroud valley included; 66021 - 6B49 0448 Llanwern - Swindon Stores yard loaded steel (reported passing Swindon station at 0645), 70807 - 6L39 0600 Bridgend Fords sidings - Dagenham dock formed of 8 IWA car part carriers which passed Standish junction at 0937, 66510 - 4070 0853 (MO) Wentloog - Southampton containers passing Severn Tunnel junction at 0919 and 66546 - 4029 1329 Wentloog - Southampton containers which passed Newport at 1341

**03/07** Container freight diversions via Gloucester for the day included; 66518 + 66563 passing Gloucester at 1437 working 4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton and 66513 passing the same location at 1757 on the 4071 1630 Wentloog - Southampton.

**06/07** 9-car IET set 800308 was believed a new visitor to South Wales whilst working the 1B37 1315 Paddington - Swansea (1704) service passing East Usk at 1605. The booked return was 1L92 1820 Swansea - Paddington (2210).

**10/07** The 6C35 Aberthaw Cement works - Westbury loaded cement service was reported to have failed with an unidentified Class 70 just after 0300. However no further details were received concerning this incident. Later, 66728 passed Newport at 1756 (11 early) on a 6Z81 1528 Donnington - Cardiff Pengam (1822) train of empty MoD flats formed of 8 KWB, 6 KWA and 3 KEA wagons and a single VGA van.

**13/07** The temporary fuelling point set up at East Usk whilst track work was taking place at Wentloog was removed on this date being loaded onto a road lorry for transit.

**16/07** 66750 was stabled in East Usk yard at 2230 with empty HYA stone wagons (assumed destined for Cardiff Docks) along with an HST set on an unidentified empty stock working which had arrived around 1800.

**17/07** 57303 was unusual motive power for the 4V44 Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service which was noted near Over junction (south of Gloucester) at 1331.

**18/07** 66770 passed Newport at 1225 working 6M35 1203 Cardiff Pengam - Clitheroe cement empties (via Hereford).

## **Cardiff**

**30/06** GW 158957 was 'hired in' by Arriva Trains Wales to work the 1W57 0908 Milford Haven - Manchester Piccadilly and 1V52 1531 return to Pembroke Dock.

**11/07** Having worked 6Z81 1528 Donnington - Pengam sidings during the previous day, 66728 headed a 6Z82 0500 Pengam - Warminster MOD working of empty flats and a single VGA van. The trains consist was listed as 8 KWB, 6 KWA and 3 KFA wagons

Locos recorded on Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container duty have included; 57303 (17/07), 66305 (24/05, 28/06, 29/06, 02/07, 03/07, 04/07, 09/07, 10/07, 11/07)

Locos recorded on Port Talbot coal duty has included; 66506.

Locos recorded on Hope cement coal duty has included; 66076.

Locos recorded on Dee Marsh steel duty has included; 66506/539.

Locos recorded on Port Clarence tank duty has included; 66743/760/770.

Locos recorded on Baglan Bay log duty has included; 70815.

Locos recorded on Bridgend Ford Engine Works duty has included; 70807/810.



## PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

### **Bath Riverside (Crest Nicholson Housing development)**

**R.W.GILES**

**08/07** Crane; Stohert & Pitt 4w steam crane no. 312 (grey livery), mounted on a fence surrounded short section of track close to Victoria Bridge over the River Avon.

### **Keithley & Worth Valley Railway**

**29/06** The line commenced an eight day period of celebrations marking the running of their first public train in preservation conveying 400 passengers on this date between Keighley and Oxenhope on 29th June 1968. It was possible to use the same loco steam 41241 along with a number of the original coaches used on the very first working which cost 4 shillings (20p) to travel on the day. Several passengers from 1968 were invited and present on the anniversary trip including the Keighley station masters who flagged the train away 50 years ago. Modern day operator GBRf was also present naming one of their locos 66783 (formerly DBC 66081) 'Keighley & Worth Valley Railway 1968 - 2018'.

### **Mainline Preservation**

**28/06** Steam 60009 Union of South Africa with 47580 (positioned inside to assist the steam loco to reduce fire risk) worked Steam Dreams 'Cathedrals Express' 1Z82 0741 West Brompton - Worcester Shrub Hill (1312) and 1Z84 1601 return to West Brompton (2214) with c/stock; 35486 (loco support), 5171, 5200, 9104, 13440, 13320, 99121. 99127, 1666, 5237, 5249.

### **Stroud Society of Model Engineers, Miniature Railway in the Park, Stratford Park, Stroud (Gloucestershire) 3.5 or 5.25 inch gauge R.W.GILES**

**07/07** In use steam; (5.25) - Talisan 0-6-0T (LBSC 'Simplex' replica) and 'visiting' diesel 37201 / D6901 Saint Margaret (Class 37 replica in BR green with illuminated marker lights and engine sounds!), stabled in the 'firing' area steam; (5.25) 1500 0-6-0T (black GWR Hawksworth tank replica)

Further opening dates for this line during 2018 are listed as; 29th July, 26th August, 30th September, 28th October and 16th December (Santa Specials). All operating days are subject to suitable weather conditions.

### **Tarka Valley Railway, Torrington Station**

**R.W.GILES**

**17/07** Industrials; (No 1 Progress) JF 400001/45 in an overall green livery, 544998 (Torrington Cavalier) (RH 544998/69) in part light blue / green repainted livery (and window sticker listed as a 2017 arrival from the Chasewater Light Railway and the last Ruston / Hornsby diesel loco to be built). c/stock; S3924 (in SR green), freight stock; B743169 (china clay 'hood'), (B954681) brake van - assumed along with an unidentified tank wagon and grounded 12ton van body.

Notes; Rails and sleepers were stacked at the north end of the site where the former loading docks have been cleared and the stone work restored.

### **Torbay Steam Railway**

**13/07** Blue livery King 6023 King Edward II was reported in use on passenger work during the day. The loco is on a seasonal 'loan' from the GWS at Didcot.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### GBRf

Correction (July Magazine) - GBRf have been reported as purchasing 16 Class 56 locos from UK Rail leasing and not the Class 70s from Freightliner as stated.

### Great Western Railway

**19/06** Following their passenger introduction during the previous day, the two IET stopping diagrams were covered by 9-car 800305 - 1G11 0736 Paddington - Cheltenham and 1L50 1036 Cheltenham - Paddington and 800306 - 1G29 1136 Paddington - Cheltenham and 1L67 1436 Cheltenham - Paddington. Other IET records on Swansea - Paddington diverts between 0850 and 1330 were listed as; 800035, 800007 + 800012, 800031, 800036 + 800017, 800011 + 800020 and 800019 + 80008.

**21/06** An observation on the final IET (excluding the test sets 800001 - 800004) Class 800/0 to enter service 800007 is that a set number is not carried on one of its ends. A further report suggests 'test' sets 800001 + 800002 have actually been 'temporary' disbanded to provide coaches for 9-car sets 800311 and 800312.

**22/06** An IET 'dual' naming ceremony involving set 800019 took place during the day at Temple Meads - George Johnny Johnson MBE DFM, a RAF former dam buster Lancaster bomber squadron leader and Joy Lofthouse (who sadly passed away last year) a former RAF Spitfire pilot who flew planes as part of the Air Transport Auxiliary between different locations in this country prior to their use overseas. Further IET set news was 800307 on a 5Z30 1417 North Pole Iep - Swindon (via Gloucester) test run which passed Gloucester Tuffley junction at 1722 (44 late). During the evening 153382 passed Pinhoe at 2057 on a 5Z33 2018 Exeter - Castle Cary GW driver diversionary route refresher.

**23/06** 57604 with c/stock; 17174, 12142, 10225 were used on the West of England Riviera sleeper stock local service - 2E75 1026 St.Erth - Exeter St.Davids which passed Teignmouth at 1321 and 2C51 1751 return to Penzance noted Starcross at 1757.

**25/06** IETs 802001 + 802002 departed Newton Abbot at 0655 working 5Z86 0454 Laira - Paddington and were later noted departing Exeter St.Davids at 1332 on the return 5Z47 1047 to Plymouth.

**29/06** Turbo set 166209 was failed and stabled at Gloucester station with an air conditioning fault from the previous day.

**30/06** 57604 was on the West of England loco hauled diagram with c/stock; 10225, 12142, 12100, 17174.

**01/07** 153325 was on the Exeter - Okehampton Summer Sunday Dartmoor 'shuttles'.

**02/07** 150265 in ex works GW green was noted working passenger services in the Exeter area during the day including the 2T23 1643 St. James halt - Paignton local. IET sets 802001 + 802002 ran 5Z47 1047 Paddington - Penzance (1653) being reported passing Reading at 1112 (7 early) and departing Taunton at 1302 (3 late).

**03/07** Newly delivered 800308 was on the 5Z30 1421 North Pole Iep - Swindon via Gloucester test and mileage accumulation run which passed near Swindon outward at 1559 and Gloucester Tuffley junction 1637 and on the return the latter location again at 1707 having been delayed by a late

running 800009 + 800010 which passed at 1703 (33 late) working the diverted 1L74 1420 Swansea - Paddington service. The whole fleet of Old Oak Common allocated HST power cars numbering 35 were r transferred to Laira at the beginning of July.

**04/07** Night Riviera loco 57602 moved a HST set with power cars 43147 + 43004 as a 5Z77 1105 Penzance - Laira depot move which passed Camborne at 1149 (13 late) and Lipson junction 1333. The loco later returned 0Z77 1432 Laira - Penzance light.

**07/07** The Saturdays Only 'Day Riviera' loco and coaching stock passenger move was cancelled and again on the 14th July the reason on this date given was a lack of train crew.

**09/07** Pacer set 143612 was on the days Summer Sunday Exeter - Okehampton services. 31452 was operating a two coach (with brake van) connection to and from Meldon Quarry following the failure of 'booked' loco 08937. Correcting previous Magazine entries regarding the use of 150126 as being the final GW Class 150/1 active it appears 150125 is also in use and has not as yet been transferred north.

**10/07** IET set 800029 was working West of England training runs during the day between Exeter, Penzance and Plymouth. The set was on similar duties again during the following day. An announcement by GW stated that amendments will be undertaken to the proposed new January 2019 timetable with the 4 planned trains an hour to and from the Capital to remain at 2 from both Temple Meads and South Wales and Bristol Parkway. The reason given was linked to the introduction and expected availability of new IET train stock at that time.

**12/07** 57605 working the 1A40 2145 Penzance - Paddington service was reported a failure at Plymouth with an air loss. HST set 43097 OC48 43098 conveyed the train passengers onwards (passing Southall at 0532) the ecs being later moved as a 5C99 1001 Laira - Reading Depot (1337) working which passed Laira junction at 1001 (3 early), Totnes 1041 (12 late), departing Temple Meads at 1227 (4 late) and passing Parkway at 1243 (8 late). The trains c/stock formation was recorded as; 17175, 12161 (both GW green), 10232 (FGW blue), 10596, 10534, 10532, 10589 (all GW green), 6348 (barrier coach - blue).

**15/07** 150246 worked the Exeter - Okehampton Sunday service, with 31452 and stock providing a connection for passengers to Meldon Quarry.

**17/07** Turbo set 166216 was reported stabled in platform 6 at Exeter St.Davids at 0720 ready to return a 5Z74 0727 test move to Temple Meads.

**18/07** IET sets in use on West of England training duties during the day were recorded as; 800007, 802003 and 802005.

### **London Victoria**

**05/07** The station was closed for most of the day due to a major power failure at 2230 during the previous evening at South Streatham. Road buses were used to replace some of the cancelled services on some routes.

### **West Coast Railways**

The company surprisingly took over the running of the Lake District's Windermere branch from Northern Rail following their summer timetable implementation problems in the middle of June (see last months Magazine under Miscellaneous). Top n' tail Class 33, 37 and 47s were used on three coach trains not only pleasing commuters and holidaying passengers but also the rail photographer and loco haulage fans alike.

## TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

- 22/06** Yate - 77327 passing at 1659 (4 early) working a 7Z09 0821 Chester - Plymouth Tavistock junction move.
- 29/06** Tavistock Yard (Plymouth) - DR73117 + DR77907 which later departed as a 6U48 1030 move to Bristol Kingsland Road which passed Ivybridge at 1053 (4 late). Liskeard - DR77327 which later departed as a 7Z09 1136 move to Taunton which was noted departing Totnes at 1330.
- 02/07** TXM Avonmouth - rrvs 2764, 4752, 4206, 5016, 5425, 6494, 6560, 7079
- 07/07** Exeter Old Waggonersway yard - MPV DB98908 + DB98958 which later departed as a 0734 move to Kings Norton Ole depot passing Tiverton Parkway at 0802.
- 15/07** Lawrence Hill - Quattro rrvs 144, 537.
- 18/07** Taunton Fairwater yard - Snowploughs (ZZV) ADB96209, ADB965231.

## TRIP REPORTS

**TRIP 539**

**MY HOME ON THE SOUTH COAST**

**19<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

### **Three Bridges Depot (VIEW) :**

EMU's ; 700003, 700049, 700102, 700137, 700140, 700150.

### **Three Bridges Station (VIEW) :**

EMU's ; 377421, 377450, 700105.

Internal User ; BR GUV 94494 (083602) - Located in disused bay platform, the party were unable to determine whether this was body only or a full vehicle on its bogies.

### **Tates Garden Centre, South Downs Heritage Centre, Hassocks (VISIT) :**

Gauge 2ft 8.5 inches : Southend Pier Car 9, 4wRER built by Brush Electrical Engineering in 1898 - This is located in the corner of a yard (adjacent to the staff car park), it is completely covered with a tarpaulin, however we were granted permission to view & photograph it, on the condition that we help re-cover the tarpaulin afterwards. The tarpaulin was removed about halfway down the vehicle to facilitate photographs to be taken.

Thanks go to the owner Jonathan for granting permission for our visit, Susie for tracking him down on the site and to Simon Jones who hosted and removed the tarpaulin (with help from the party).

### **Old Fort Road, Shoreham-by-Sea (VIEW) :**

Two properties were viewed which contained carriage bodies.

No.97 ; UI LBSCR Five Compartment 3rd (x 2) - bodies only.

No.49 ['Cinderella'] ; LBSCR 304, Five Compartment 3rd built 1890 - body only.

No.49 ['Cinderella'] ; LBSCR 364, Four Compartment 1st/3rd Composite built 1881 (was originally a 1st/2nd) - body only.

These were the only remaining properties out of 90 that were built using railway carriages, where the carriages are still in situ, the area was

known as 'bungalow town'.

Thanks go to the one of the owners who was home and allowed us to take photographs from the outside.

**Great Barn Farm, Wiston (VISIT) :**

Trams ; Brighton Corporation Open Top Electric 53 built 1937 - body only undergoing complete restoration.

Graz (Austria) Enclosed Single Decker 225 built 1950 - stored outside (Ex-Summerlee Heritage Centre, Coatbridge), will possibly go for scrap.

The Brighton car is being fully restored and Brighton Council are keen to get an operational tourist attraction running in the town and are fully behind the project.

Also on site were two sets of trucks both awaiting restoration, to go beneath 53.

Thanks go to Guy Hall (Chairman of the Brighton 53 Project), for hosting our ad-hoc impromptu visit, the party were lucky to find him on site on the day and he made us feel very welcome. The party gave a donation towards restoration.

**The Gardeners Arms Public House, Sompting (VISIT) :**

Carriage ; BR MkII 13514 built 1968 - located at the rear of the pub, being used as a storage shed.

Again the party were unable to determine whether this was body only or a full vehicle on its bogies, however the visual evidence seems to point to it being body only.

**Anction Close, Middleton-on-Sea (VISIT) :**

The party were expecting to find one (possibly two) LNWR bodies at this location, however upon arrival at the address a brand new house was being built on site (but sadly there was nobody around) enquiries made with a neighbour were sketchy, so it is hoped that enquiries will be made to the owners, to try and find out what the fate of the body/bodies was.

**Sea Road, Felpham (VIEW) :**

Three/Four properties were viewed which contained carriage bodies.

'Myshanti' ; LNWR 2023A, Four Wheel Invalid Saloon built 1907 - body only.

'Vilhoet' ; LNWR 5068, Cove Roof Club Car built 1905 - body only split into two at right angles to each other.

'Vilhoet' ; LNWR 5028, Invalid Saloon built 1907 - body only split into two at right angles to each other.

'Vilhoet' ; UI LBSCR Three Compartment Lavatory {assumed} - body only.

'Rocklands' ; LNWR 2004A, Family Saloon built 1896 - body only.

'Limpet' ; LSWR 815, Five Compartment 3rd built 1886 - body only, this is fully enclosed within the first floor of a building, and nothing can be seen of it from the outside.

**Pagham, West Sussex (VISIT) :**

Many numerous properties were viewed (and a fair number were visited)

which contained or were made up carriage bodies.

Note : All the following are body only, and are listed in numerical order by road in the order that the party did them in. The majority of these are believed to be of LBSCR origin (with a couple of exceptions which are noted accordingly).

The party spent 5 and a half hours covering this very extensive spread out area, and it is probably fair to say that this is the most comprehensive list of grounded bodies of this area (certainly more so than VCT), and it also updates the listings on Preserved Railway Stocklist.

Thanks go to the numerous owners/holiday letters who invited us inside the properties or gave us information regarding the carriage bodies.

#### **East Front Road.**

House No/Name	Number of bodies	Other details/Id's where known
2	2	UI unknown types.
6	2	UI Four Compartment Firsts.
10	2	UI Five Compartment Third. UI Four Compartment 1st/3rd Composite.
12	2	UI Four Compartments Firsts.
14 'Seaspray'	1	UI Four Compartment First.
16 'Byfield'	2	UI Three Compartment Brake Third. UI unknown type.
18	2	UI Four Compartment First. UI Five Compartment Third.
20	2	UI unknown types.
26	2	LBSCR 272 Four Comp't Lav Compo built 1882. UI Five Compartment Third.
36/38	1	UI unknown type.
42	2	UI unknown types.
46	2	UI Three Compartment Brake Third. UI unknown type.
48	2	UI unknown types.
50	2	UI unknown types.
52	2	UI Four Compartment Firsts.
54	2	UI unknown types.
58 'Porpoises'	2	UI unknown types.
70 'Venture'	2	LBSCR 361 Three Comp't Third built 1886. UI unknown type.
72	1	UI 4wh Covered Carriage Truck.
78	1	UI Four Compartment First.
80	1	UI Four Compartment First.

#### **West Front Road.**

House No/Name	Number of bodies	Other details/Id's where known
1 [Yacht Club]	1	UI 6wh Five Compartment Third.
7	1	SECR 837 Three Compartment Brake/Luggage Third
9 'Ocean Swell'	1	UI unknown type.
11A	2	UI unknown types.
17	1	UI unknown type.
21	1	UI Three Compartment Brake Third.



23	1	UI Five Compartment Third.
25	1	UI unknown type.
29	2	LBSCR 176 Three Compartment Second Brake built 1892 UI Five Compartment Third.
33	2	UI unknown types.
35/37 'Seasidings'	2	LBSCR 510 Three Comp't Royal Saloon built 1877. UI Five Compartment Third.
39	1	UI unknown type.
41 'Moonshine'	1	UI Five Compartment Third.
43	1	UI Five Compartment Third.
55 'The Foremost'	2	UI Four Compartment Firsts.
57	2	UI Five Compartment Third. UI unknown type.
63 'Doric'	2	UI Five Compartment Third. UI unknown type.
75 ['Sleepers']	2	UI unknown types.
77	2	UI Five Compartment Thirds.
79 'Tacet'	2	UI Three Compartment Brake Third. UI unknown type.
83	2	UI Six Compartment First. UI unknown type.
85	2	UI unknown types.
87 'Four Winds'	2	UI Five Compartment Third. UI Four Compartment 1st/2nd Composite.
89	2	UI Four Compartment Firsts.
93	2	UI Four Compartment Firsts.
97	1	UI unknown type.
101	2	UI Five Compartment Thirds.
105	1	UI unknown type.
107 'Solymar'	1	UI unknown type.

### Harbour Road.

House No/Name	Number of bodies	Other details/Id's where known
10 'Pebble Ridge'	2	UI unknown types.
26	1	UI unknown type.
32	1	UI unknown type.
34	2/3	UI unknown types.
36 'Bluebell'	1	UI unknown type.
38	1	UI unknown type.
42	1	UI unknown type.
48	1	UI unknown type.
52	2	UI unknown types.
53	1	UI unknown type.
55 'Evergreen'	1	UI unknown types.
65	1	UI unknown type.
66	1	UI unknown type.
67	1	UI unknown type.
73	3	UI LBSCR Three Compartment Brake Third. UI SECR Five Compartment Thirds (x2).
76	1	UI unknown type.
78	2	UI unknown types.
86 'Seagoon'	1	UI unknown type.

88	1	UI unknown type.
90	1	UI unknown type.
92 'Anchor Lights'	1	UI unknown type.

**Lagoon Road.**

House No/Name	Number of bodies	Other details/Id's where known
7/9	1	UI unknown type.
14	1	UI unknown type.
15	2	UI Four Compartment 1st/2nd Composites.
25	1	UI unknown type.
26	1	UI unknown type.
28	1	UI unknown type.
29	1	UI unknown type.
44	1	UI unknown type.

**Well Road.**

House No/Name	Number of bodies	Other details/Id's where known
1 'Elmfield'	2	MR 901 Four Compartment 1st/3rd Luggage Composite built 1885. MR 921 Four Compartment 1st/3rd Luggage Composite built 1885.
3	1	UI unknown type.
10 'Pagham Junction'	3	UI SECR Five Compartment Third. UI Five Compartment Third. UI unknown type.

**NOTES :**

The following are corrections to locations where carriage bodies have been previously been listed elsewhere as being there, but information gained by the party on the day from residents/owners clarifies the situation.

14 'Seaspray' East Front Road = Reported as being 2 bodies - although is only 1 body as indicated above;

20 East Front Road = Reported as being 1 body - is in fact 2 bodies as indicated above;

22 East Front Road = 2 x UI Five Compartment Thirds - the building has re-built and the bodies have been scrapped;

28 East Front Road = 2 x UI unknown types - the building was re-built in 2009 and the bodies were scrapped;

36/38 East Front Road = Reported as being 1.5 bodies - although is only 1 body as indicated above;

42 East Front Road = Reported as being 1 body - is in fact 2 bodies as indicated above;

82 East Front Road = This number does not exist, the highest number is 80, after that there is nothing but beach;

7 West Front Road = Reported as being 1 body - is in fact 2 bodies as indicated above;

11 West Front Road = This is shown on Preserved Railway Stocklist - this building was demolished and re-built and heavily modified and subsequently re-numbered to 11A, as indicated above;

13 West Front Road = This is shown on Preserved Railway Stocklist - this building was demolished and been re-built and heavily modified and subsequently re-numbered to 11A, as indicated above;

17 West Front Road = Reported as being 2 bodies - although is only 1 body as indicated above;

19 'Beach Crown' West Front Road = Reported as being 2 bodies - although the party were informed there were never any bodies there at all;

21 West Front Road = Reported as being 2 bodies - although is only 1 body as indicated above;

23 West Front Road = Reported as being 2 bodies - although is only 1 body as indicated above;

31 West Front Road = Reported as being 2 bodies - although the party were informed there have never been any bodies there at all, at least not in the last five years;

33 West Front Road = This is listed on Preserved Railway Stocklist as being number 31 (with photo), the correct number is 33;

35/37 West Front Road = This was reported as being two properties (No's 35 & 37), with each containing 2 bodies, in fact it was two separate plots that have been re-classified as one single plot and only containing 2 bodies as indicated above;

39 West Front Road = Reported as being 2 bodies - although is only 1 body as indicated above;

75 West Front Road = This building was demolished and re-built as a more modern one, however the 2 bodies inside were taken away and refurbished, prior to coming back and having the new home built around them. Therefore the picture shown on Preserved Railway Stocklist requires updating to show the new building;

105 West Front Road = Reported as being 1 body - although the party were informed there was never a body there at all;

107 West Front Road = Reported as being 2 bodies - although is only 1 body as indicated above;

123 West Front Road = 2x UI unknown types - this is shown on Preserved Railway Stocklist as being 1 body however, the building has been re-built and the bodies have been scrapped;

3 Harbour Road = Reported as being 1 body - although looking at the evidence the party believe it is no longer there;

29 Harbour Road = Reported as being 1 body - although looking at the evidence the party believe it is no longer there;

34 Harbour Road = Reported as being 3 bodies - although it was difficult for the party to confirm this, due to the high hedgerow surrounding the property, however 2 bodies were definitely confirmed from the front of the property;

43 Harbour Road = Reported as being 1 body - although looking at the evidence the party believe it is no longer there;

45 Harbour Road = Reported as being 1 body - although looking at the evidence the party believe it is no longer there;

50 Harbour Road = Reported as being 1 body - although looking at the evidence the party believe it is no longer there;

57 Harbour Road = Reported as being 1 body - although the party were informed by the owner that this body was removed and taken to the Bluebell Railway some years ago;

61 Harbour Road = Reported as being 2 bodies - although looking at the

evidence the party believe they are no longer there;  
64 Harbour Road = Reported as being 1 body - although looking at the evidence the party believe it is no longer there;  
73 Harbour Road = Reported as being 2 bodies - is in fact 3 bodies as indicated above;  
74 Harbour Road = Reported as being 1 body - although looking at the evidence the party believe it is no longer there;  
80 Harbour Road = Reported as being 1 body - although the party were informed by the owner that this body was removed and taken to the Bluebell Railway some years ago;  
94 'Fairwater' Harbour Road = Reported as being 1 body - the building has been completely rebuilt and the body has been scrapped;

4 Lagoon Road = Reported as being 1 body - although the party were informed by the owners that there was never a body there at all;  
7/9 Lagoon Road = This was only reported as being number 7, but is in fact both 7 & 9 together, sharing the 1 body, divided in half between them;  
18 Lagoon Road = Reported as being 1 body - although looking at the evidence the party believe it is no longer there;  
21 Lagoon Road = 2x UI unknown types - the building has been re-built and the bodies have been scrapped;  
25 Lagoon Road = Reported as being 1 body - although looking at the evidence the party believe it is no longer there;  
31 Lagoon Road = Reported as being 1 body - although looking at the evidence the party believe it is no longer there;  
36 Lagoon Road = Reported as being 1 body - although looking at the evidence the party believe it is no longer there;  
46 Lagoon Road = Reported as being 1 body - the party were informed by a neighbour that the building has been re-built and the body has been scrapped;

5 Well Road = Reported as being 1 body - the property has been re-built and re-numbered to 3A, and looking at the evidence the party believe the body is no longer there;  
10 'Pagham Junction' Well Road = This location is not recorded on VCT or on Preserved Railway Stocklist;

Also worth noting is that 2 SER bodies were removed from 3 Sandy Lane/Road by the Bluebell Railway for restoration a couple of months previous to our visit.

Sandy Lane/Road was not however visited by the party on this occasion, so maybe further bodies still exist there, & can be visited on another trip.

#### **Northcommon Farm, Selsey (VISIT) :**

Due to the time getting on, the party decided to visit this location (as it is on its own and nowhere near the main bulk of bodies in Selsey). They were expecting to find a LNWR body that was being used as a shower block on a campsite, however upon arrival no trace of it could be found. One of the residents of the farm cottages on site, informed the party that the farm owner had removed the body to his residence a couple of miles away to Sidlesham, where he was going to restore it and use it as a summer house. The party went past Sidlesham on their way home, but it was not visited as there was no positive location given to the party by the resident.

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