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**[K.Davies]**

43185 at Swansea prior to working the 1L48 0929 to Paddington on the last day of scheduled HST workings to and from Paddington on 18/05/19.

### Rear Cover Photo June 2019 Issue 568:

**[K.Davies]**

43188 stands at Paddington waiting to work its penultimate service, the 1300 to Bristol, before returning and then departing on the 1803 to Plymouth on 18/05/19.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Trip 554**                      **ISLE OF WIGHT STEAM RAILWAY**                      **Saturday 29/06/19**

A one day trip visiting the Isle of Wight Steam Railway and Mainline (some grounded bodies as well time permitting).

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £70                      Fare with Day Membership = £73

This includes the ferry crossing to and from the Island, but not the fare for the Steam Railway

**Proposed Itinerary:** Isle of Wight Steam Railway and Mainline

**NOTE** - Trip participants will have to pay their own fare for travelling on the steam railway & mainline (time permitting).

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = TBA

Will be looking to catch the 0840 am ferry from Lymington (Journey Time is 40 minutes).

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

**Book By Date** = 26th May 2019

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

**Trip 555**                      **THE IRELAND GRAND FINALE**                      **Sunday 21/07/19 - Sunday 28/07/19**

A six day trip visiting Ireland (South & North), concentrating on Bord Na Mona, Mainline and a couple of preservation & grounded bodies locations.

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £220                      Fare with Day Membership = £238

This includes the outward and return ferry crossings, but not the accommodation. Trip participants will have to pay for their own accommodation.

**NOTE** - participants must provide the Bookings Secretary with proof of travel insurance for the period 12th to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Proposed Itinerary:** TBA

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = late evening on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> / early morning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> in order to catch the 0230 am approx sailing from Pembroke Dock on the morning of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Return Time** to Bristol area = will be returning on the 2030 pm approx sailing from Rosslare on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> so drop-off/set-downs will be early hours of Sunday morning 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Book By Date** = 30th June 2019

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

**Trip 556**

**THE RAILWAYS OF KENT**

**Saturday 17/08/19**

A one day trip visiting various railways and other locations in Kent.

**NOTE** that this trip destination has been changed (previously the Mid-Hants Railway)

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £42      Fare with Day Membership = £45

**NOTE** that there is an additional £10 entry to the Richmond Light Railway Charity Open Day. Please let the Events or Bookings Secretary know as soon as possible of your interest as tickets are limited and will be purchased in advance.

**Proposed Itinerary:** Bredgar & Wormshill Light Railway; Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway; Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway; Ken Jackson, Eynsford; Richmond Light Railway Charity Open Day

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = approx 0600 am

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

**Book By Date** = 3rd August 2019

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

**Trip 557    NORFOLK & SUFFOLK WEEKEND    Saturday 21/09/19 - Sunday 22/09/19**

A two day trip visiting locations in Norfolk & Suffolk.

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

This does not include the cost of accommodation. Trip participants will have to pay for their own accommodation.

**Proposed Itinerary:** TBA

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = approx 0630 am on Saturday 21st

**Return Time** to Bristol area = approx 2130 pm on Sunday 22nd

**Book By Date** = 24th August 2019

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

**Trip 558**

**BLACKPOOL & RIBBLE STEAM RAILWAY**

**Saturday 05/10/19**

A one day trip visiting Blackpool and the Ribble Steam Railway (includes a ride and a full visit to all areas).

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £40      Fare with Day Membership = £43

**Proposed Itinerary:** TBA

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = approx 0600 am

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

**Book By Date** = 21st September 2019

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

**Trip 559**

**HOME COUNTIES PLANT**

**Saturday 09/11/19**

A one day trip visiting plant and road/railer locations in Berkshire, Hampshire, Middlesex, Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire.

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £40      Fare with Day Membership = £43

**Proposed Itinerary:**

TXM, Newbury Depot; Total Rail Solutions, Basingstoke Depot; Network Rail, Basingstoke Depot; Readypower, Winnersh Depot; Readypower, Bracknell Depot; Keltbray Rail, Ashford (Middlesex) Depot; Aspin, Hemel Hempstead Depot; Holyrail, Hemel Hempstead Depot; Quattro, Essendon Depot; Network Rail, Broxbourne Depot; Network Rail, Cheshunt Depot; Leagrave Tamper Siding; McCulloch Rail, Toddington

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

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

**Book By Date** = 26th October 2019

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: Hi-Viz & Safety Shoes. Possibly more TBA

**Trip 560**

**LONDON FLYER**

**Saturday 07/12/19**

A one day trip visiting the capitol to do as you please.

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

**Proposed Itinerary:** TBA

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

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

**Book By Date** = 23rd November 2019

**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.

### **Card Payment Facility**

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

\*\* However can trip participants please ensure they also have an alternative method of payment as the card reader can sometimes be unreliable.

## **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**

### **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 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.

### **Magazine Articles**

If you have an area of railway knowledge which might be of interest to other Society members then why not consider submitting a short article for possible inclusion in the magazine? Contributions by email to the Magazine Editor are always welcome.

### **Railway Stock Information**

Members are reminded that links to web sites giving various information about railway stock locations, and other railway related web sites that may be of interest, can be found on the Society web site [www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk](http://www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk)

### **NOTES & NEWS**

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

**23/04** 59203 arrived Parkway at 1943 with 6C48 Appleford - Tytherington quarry (via Bath) stone empties the booked loaded return during the following day being 6A15 0712 to Appleford (0943).

**24/04** DRS veteran 37059 headed a 5V39 1102 Norwich Crown Point - Cardiff Canton sidings (1814) move conveying Greater Anglian DVT 82139 for 'attention' the working being reported passing Swindon at 1543 (23 late) and Patchway 1644 (14 early).

**25/04** 66621 worked 6Z82 0950 Whatley Quarry - East Usk loaded stone formed of 24 HIAs and was reported passing Lawrence Hill at 1116 and Severn Tunnel junction 1142, the loco later returning light-engine to Stoke Gifford. South Western set 159004 returned south as 5088 1007 Derby Etches Park - Salisbury (1632) passing Parkway at 1326 (36 early) and Westbury 1412 (100 early). Also 37059 returned DVT 82114 as 5Z38 0917 Cardiff Canton - Norwich Crown Point (1830) passing Patchway at 1010 (6 early).

**26/04** 66413 in new Genesee & Wyoming orange livery passed Patchway at 1416 (1 late) working the 4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime (1834) loaded containers and later Colas 56302 was noted at 1929 working a 6Z30 Dagenham Dock - Ford Bridgend car parts train, this Class of loco appears now to be the mainstay of power on this service in place of the Class 70.

**28/04** 66618 headed a diverted via Gloucester 6B82 1105 Stoke Gifford - Port Talbot Grange sidings (1600) rake of stone empties formed with 16 JGA and 5 HIA wagons which passed Yate at 1200 (2 early). Engineering train records were; 66849 + 66850 top n' tailing - 6C20 0900 Bynea - Westbury (1446) via Gloucester which passed Morlais junction at 0855 (5 early), Newport 1056 (16 early), Bathampton junction 1351 (12 early) and Bradford junction 1316 (36 early), 70804 - 6C22 1100 Westerleigh junction - Westbury (1247) formed of 13 YWA /1 IEA / 3 MLA and 3 JNA wagons which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1103 (6 early) and Bath 1145 (3 early), 70806 - 6C23 1400 Westerleigh junction - Westbury (1516) formed of 27 JNA/MLA

and 1EA box wagons and reported passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1635 (146 late) and Bath 1658 (150 late) and 66847 - 6C24 1600 Westerleigh junction - Westbury which passed Dr.Days junction at 1735 (77 late).

**29/04** 56302 powered the 6L12 0500 Bridgend Ford sidings - Dagenham Dock car parts train formed of 25 IVAs passing Hullavington at 0759, 66610 headed 6A10 0836 East Usk yard - Hayes Tarmac loaded stone (via Bath and Swindon) which passed Pilning at 0922 formed of 24 HIAs, 70811 + 70816 top n' tailed a 22 wagon 6C25 0900 Parkway - Westbury departmental which passed North Somerset junction at 0913, the pair later returning to South Wales on a 6C36 1220 Westbury Cement works - Aberthaw Cement works empty cement train which passed Bath at 1247 and 66413 carrying the new Genesse & Wyoming orange livery passed Pilning at 1408 (2 late) again working the 4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime (1834) loaded containers. This loco is now the third 'Freightliner' fleet member to carry this livery variation following on from 66419 and 66623.

**30/04** 66005 carrying the new DB Inter-modal blue livery was on the 6C48 Appleford - Tytherington stone empties which arrived Yate Middle at 2002.

**02/05** Two stone train records were; FL 66618 - 6A10 0558 Moreton-on-Lugg - Hayes 26 loaded HIAs which passed Parkway at 0923 and GBRf 66751 working 4V03 0938 Tonbridge Yard - Cardiff docks 17 empty IIAs which passed Swindon at 1344.

**03/05** Having worked the 6L39 2128 (Thur) Ford Bridgend sidings - Dagenham Dock car engine parts train diverted via Gloucester passing at 0050 and Kemble, 56302 returned as a 6Z30 empty working to Ford Bridgend which arrived Parkway at 1933 and departed at 1945.

**04/05** At 1240 Stoke Gifford 'downside' held the following; 66504, 66534, 66568, 66590, 66614.

**18/05** GBRf 66723 + 66779 (in BR green) top n' tailed UK Railtours 'Red Dragon' 1Z15 0731 Stevenage - Cardiff Central (1231) and 1Z16 1708 return to Stevenage (2210) the outward passing Westerleigh junction at 1128 (2 early) and the return arriving Swindon at 1915 (1 early) and departing at 1917 (-) having been routed as booked via Gloucester and the Stroud Valley. Also during the day 66004 + 66003 ran 0012 1055 (SO) Margam - Eastleigh light-engines passing Keynsham at 1410 (2 late), 66414 passed Didcot East junction at 1158 working 6B91 1048 Hayes Tarmac - Stoke Gifford stone empties and 66614 passed Didcot Parkway at 1719 on 6C66 1617 Hayes Tarmac - Stoke Gifford empties. An engineering train record was; 70807 - 6C26 1603 Abbotswood junction - Westbury formed of 18 YKA flats which passed Cheltenham at 1030, Gloucester Tuffley junction 1034 and Lawrence Hill 1204. The same loco was later allocated 6C99 2146 Westbury yard - Awre rail train formed of 1 YEA and 12 JZA wagons. At Patchway the walkway on the new station footbridge was lifted into position over 20th - 21st April during the Easter area blockade alongside the newly installed platform disabled lift towers.

Locos recorded on Westerleigh fuel tank duty has included; 60015/024/091.

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

**19/04** A 5Z73 0835 Laira Trsmd - St.Phillips Marsh off lease 'de-branded' HST stock move was reported passing Flax Bourton at 1044 formed; 43079, 41189, 42518, 44074, 42235, 42353, 42381, 42305, 42303, 43159. Meanwhile later a 0V84 Doncaster Works Webtac - St.Phillips Marsh (1822) back to

back HST power car move formed with 43097 + 43122 departed at 1239 (99 late) and was later diverted via Worcester due to a points failure at Abbotswood junction and later held in Gloucester station having arrived at 1553.

**21/04** HST power cars 43079 + 43159 moved coaches; 42303, 42305, 42381, 42353, 42233, 44074, 42518, 41189 north for storage as a 5Z43 1004 St. Phillips Marsh - Long Marston (1251) move which passed Lawrence Hill at 1021 (9 late), Yate 1030 (3 late) and Cheltenham 1052 (2 early). GW HST records for the day included; 43188 + 43063 - 1A10 0815 Weston-super-Mare - Paddington and diversions via Bristol (due to an engineering blockade between Castle Cary and Westbury, which also took place over part of the following Sunday 28th April), 43071 OC38 43098 - 1A14 0835 Plymouth - Paddington / 1C86 1427 Paddington - Penzance and 43155 OC35 43170 - 1A90 1300 Penzance - Paddington and 43172 OC45 43162 - 1A85 1101 Penzance - Paddington / 1C92 1727 Paddington - Penzance. Arriva XC HST set allocations for the day were as follows; 43321 XC03 43378 - 1V48 0600 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S53 1425 Plymouth - Edinburgh Waverley, 43285 XC04 43207 - 1V56 0908 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth, 43366 XC05 43357 - 1V50 0900 Leeds - Plymouth / 1E63 1524 Plymouth - Leeds and 43384 + 43304 - 1S51 1224 Plymouth - Edinburgh Waverley (replacing the booked Voyager set on this service).

**23/04** A service which has not operated for sometime, the Freightliner worked Westbury cement ran headed by 66607 as 6M36 1220 Westbury - Tunstead formed of bogie JGAs and reported passing Freshford at 1249, Filton Abbey Wood 1338 and East Usk 1420. The train ran again a week later powered by 66601.

**24/04** 67021 + 67024 top n' tailed a 1V80 0934 Victoria - Bath (1305) and 1092 1555 return to Reading (1945) British Pullman VSOE formed; 99545, Vera, Lucille, Audrey, Minerva, Cygnus, Gwen, Ione, Zena, 9502 and was reported on the inward passing Basingstoke at 1103 (3 early) and Trowbridge 1242 (4 early). The train was booked to be serviced at Bristol East yard during the day with 5C80 1311 outward and 5092 1539 return ecs moves. More Class 67 top n' tail activity later saw Colas 67027 + 67023 arrive on the monthly 1Z22 0814 Tyseley Tmd - Temple Meads (via Oxford and Weymouth) high speed test train which passed Swindon at 1345 (2 late), Bradford junction 1413 (1 late) outward, departed Weymouth at 1609 (-) and passed Trowbridge at 1945 (-) on the return. On the freight side 68008 + 68033 arrived Bridgwater at 0812 on the 6V74 single nuclear flask FNA D 7092290305 and returned as 6Z63 departing at 1209 and was booked to be diverted via Walsall en route.

**25/04** 47813 + 47815 headed a 'ROG' 5V84 1026 Leicester Lip - Laira Trsm (1656) barrier coach move for a HST stock storage move north during the following day passing Bordersley junction (Birmingham) at 1120 (1 early), Lawrence Hill 1323 (30 early) and Tiverton Parkway 1432 (46 early). Also 67027 + 67023 returned the 1Z23 0716 Bristol TM - Tyseley Tmd (1915) test train which passed Patchway down at 0824 (4 early), Filton Abbey Wood at 0915 (1 late) and Lawrence Hill at 0923 (1 early) on the return from Severn Tunnel junction and Bath 0949 (2 late) following the booked second reverse move in Temple Meads. The trains c/stock formation was listed as; 9481, 977997, 72631, 975091. Colas 37254 was also on test train duty with dept c/stock; 96609, 977986, 977985, 999602, 9708 arriving at 0959 (6 late) on an overnight 3Q31 2345 (Wed) ex. Westbury (via Ludgershall). The train had arrived at Westbury earlier in the day at 0700 as a 3Q60 2255

(Mon) ex. Reading Triangle sidings overnight working. Also a 5E19 0925 St. Phillips Marsh - Hull station (1835) HST 'off lease' stock move formed 43023, 44002, 42347, 42506, 40900, 41166 (OC31), 43030 destined for use by Hull Trains passed Filton Abbey Wood at 0943 (31 early) and Yate 0953 (30 early). A departmental train record was; 66558 tnt 66593 - 6Y07 1116 Taunton Fairwater yard - Crewe Basford Hall yard HOBC (1728) via Bromsgrove which was formed of 27 YDA and 1 YSA wagon and reported passing Lawrence Hill at 1220 (-) and Yate 1237 (1 late).

**26/04** Having worked west during the previous day, 47813 + 47815 returned a 'ROG' HST stock storage move as 5L46 0813 Laira Trsmd - Ely Papworth sidings which passed Totnes at 0847, Bridgwater 0952, Uphill junction 1004 formed with barrier vans 6344 and 6340 at either end as; 44093, 42043 (both in First blue), 42356 (GW green), 41106, 40231, 42098 (all First blue), 42512 (GW green), 40722 (First blue). GW HST records for the day saw the final 1A12 0748 Newton Abbot - Paddington service worked by 43098 OC38 43071 and was reported departing Weston-super-Mare at 0931 (2 late) and Temple Meads 1004 (4 late). Also power cars 43071 + 43098 and set replaced the booked IET on the 1C22 1636 Paddington - Taunton service which was terminated at Temple Meads at 1820.

**27/04** Steam 6233 Duchess of Sutherland powered the first three days of this years Steam Dreams 'Great Britain XII' starting with the 1Z20 0805 Paddington - Plymouth (1530) which passed Swindon at 1020 (2 late), departed East depot loop following a water stop at 1131 (5 late), passed Temple Meads at 1200 (-), Bridgwater 1248 (3 late), departed Taunton at 1327 (6 late), passed Starcross at 1431 (2 early), Dawlish 1435 (2 early) and Totnes 1453 (7 early). West Coast 47746 was the 0Z20 1300 Temple Meads - Plymouth Tavistock yard diesel support light-engine which passed Bridgwater at 1354 and departed Taunton at 1404 and passed Totnes at 1522 later working the tour stock ecs back from Plymouth - Newton Abbot Hackney yard for over night stabling.

**28/04** A 'Castle' 2+4 HST formation for conversion set formed; 43155, 42042, 42008, 42044, 44014, 43154 ran 5E23 0903 Laira Trsmd - Doncaster Works Web-tac move passed Totnes at 0920 and Charfield 1110 (47 early). Steam 6233 Duchess of Sutherland worked day 2 of the 'Great Britain XII' as 1Z12 0945 Plymouth - Minehead Wsr (1800) passing Dawlish at 1042 (5 late), Wellington 1207 (3 late), Taunton 1212 (-), Uphill junction at 1239 (-), departing Weston-super-Mare platform 1 (with IETS 800003 + 800014 alongside in platform 2 with the 1A20 1315 to Paddington) following a water stop using a Fire Brigade road tanker at 1308 (-), passing Temple Meads at 1354 (10 early) and Westbury 1423 (7 early). The trains c/stock was recorded as; 99041 (loco support), 13320, 99122, 1961, 3136, 99371, 3958, 99121, 99127, 99723 and moved (except 99041) by 47746 as 5Z24 0836 Newton Abbot Hackney yard - Plymouth passing Totnes at 0846 to start the days tour, the Class 47 then running 0Z25 1031 Plymouth - Bishops Lydeard Wsr light-engine being reported again at the same location at 1031. This was believed to be the first appearance of any of the 'Great Britain' rail tour series so far over the Weston-super-Mare loop.

**29/04** Test unit 950001 arrived back in the area as 2Q08 0443 Derby RTC - Temple Meads move which also covered the Sharpness Branch and passed Standish junction at 0951 (183 early). Later HST power cars 43162 + 43194 moved HST coaches (OC54) 44043, 42126, 42081, 42074, 42503, 40103, 46015, 41056, 42253 for 'off lease' prepping as 5Z86 1254 St. Phillips Marsh - Laira Trsmd passing Bristol West junction at 1306. Day 3 of this year's

Steam Dreams 'Great Britain XII' with steam 6233 Duchess of Sutherland operated as 1Z84 0820 Taunton - Preston and was reported passing Bridgwater at 0833 (3 early), Filton Abbey Wood 0942 (3 early) and Abergavenny 1140 (2 late). The support diesel loco 47746 had worked the stock as 5Z84 Bishops Lydeard (Wsr) - Taunton ecs and then ran 0Z85 0841 Taunton - Preston light-engine passing Bridgwater at 0838.

**30/04** GW HST power cars 43153 + 43154 unusually worked a 1400 Doncaster Works Webtac - Laira Trsmd HST stock move formed of Arriva XC coaches including 45001 forming XC01 and noted passing Lawrence Hill at 1809 and Taunton 1853 the coaches having received sliding door modifications.

**01/05** 68003 + 68018 worked the 6V74 and 6M63 return Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flask service (formed with FNA Ds 9229039 + 9229034) which departed at 1204, passed Yatton at 1229 and Lawrence Hill 1250. Later a 5Z83 1254 St.Phillips Marsh - Laira Trsmd (1523) HST positioning move formed; 43098, 41138, 42284, 42505, 42003, 42202, 42556, 44036 (OC38) 43071 was noted passing Yatton at 1302 and into the down loop.

**02/05** A 5E19 0956 St.Phillips Marsh - Hull (1835) HST stock move was formed; 43020, 44034, 42026, 42024, 40902, 41167, 43010 and passed Lawrence Hill at 1030 (15 late), Parkway 1036 (16 late) and Yate 1042 (15 late). Test unit 950001 passed Totnes at 0828 and departed Taunton at 1043 returning north from West of England duties running as 2Q08 0501 Truro - Derby RTC.

**03/05** Power cars 43161 + 43160 worked a 5Z74 1600 Laira Trsmd - St.Phillips Marsh HST stock storage move formed with 41149, 40103, 42519, 44060, 40111, 41161, 42178, 42195 passing Parsons Street at 1827. The high level sidings held 37254 on a test train with driving van 9714 during the day.

**04/05** Standing in for steam 6233 Duchess of Sutherland (out of service due to a wheel profiling issue and no other 'in gauge' loco being available) West Coast 47245 + 47746 top n' tailed a Steam Dreams excursion 1Z54 0709 Paddington - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1312) and 1Z55 1620 return to Slough (2240) via Westbury and Swindon with c/stock; 5216, 5200, 9104, 13440, 99125, 99348, 1666, 5237, 5236, 5249 the outward departing Reading at 0802 (3 late), passing Parkway at 0955 (4 early), Lawrence Hill 1000 (6 early) and Bridgwater 1037 (1 late). Loco 47774 along with two of the coaches was reported to have suffered a graffiti attack whilst stabled overnight at Southall depot. Later 66130 + 60019 + 60001 passed Lawrence Hill at 1324 and arrived Westbury at 1425 on the 0012 (SO) Newport ADJ - Westbury light-engine move the Class 60s are reported for Class 59/2 replacement. 3-car Turbo set 165107 was reported visible on St.Phillips Marsh depot during the day.

**06/05** A Bank Holiday Monday HST record (Bristol had apparently come off long distance GW HST diagrams from 26th April) saw celebrity power cars 43172 Harry Patch + 43185 Great Western (with coaching set OC55) work 1C12 1130 Paddington - Temple Meads passing Newton-st-Loe near Bath at 1305, 1A20 1400 Temple Meads - Paddington passing Keynsham at 1408 and later (as booked) 1C93 1649 Paddington - Penzance which passed Exminster (west of Exeter) at 1945.

**07/05** 66716 ran 0Z84 0930 Tonbridge - Reading Traincare depot (1253) light-engine for a 5Z84 1400 Reading Traincare depot - Laira Trsmd barrier coach move (6348 + 6336) which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1625 and was terminated at St.Phillips Marsh. 'Castle' 2+4 HST staff training moves restarted using HST set W43002 LA22 43153 which worked 3Z80 0641 Exeter

St. David's - Temple Meads (0817) which passed Bedminster at 0811 (2 early), then 3Z81 0835 Temple Meads - Exeter St.Davids (1018) which arrived Yatton loop at 0855 (4 late) departing at 0901 (2 early) however the following 3Z82 1115 Exeter St.Davids - Temple Meads (1258) 3Z83 1312 return to Exeter (1452), 3Z84 1500 to Temple Meads (1629), 3Z85 1636 return to Exeter (1806), 3Z86 1814 back to Temple Meads (2002), 3Z87 2010 return to Exeter (2151) and 5Z87 2156 ecs to Exeter New yard (2158) were all cancelled. Other HST moves of interest during the day saw; Arriva XC 43207 + 43285 work a 0Z43 1400 Doncaster Works Webtac - Laira Trsmd (2320) back to back working (having delivered Arriva set XC04 to the works from Craigentenny for door modifications) which passed Chesterfield at 1501 (15 early), Yate 1836 (2 early), Worle junction 1930 (36 early) and Taunton 2003 (36 early) and 43056 + 43160 running as 0Z77 1825 St.Phillips Marsh - Laira Trsmd (2156) which arrived North Somerset junction 1720 (75 early), departed at 1814 (20 early), passed Flax Bourton at 1843 (11 early) and Taunton 1833 (1 early). Also an earlier move saw 43154 41166 43027 work 5Z74 1405 Laira Trsmd - St.Phillips Marsh.

**08/05** 68003 + 68016 arrived at Bridgwater on the 6V74 nuclear flask service from Crewe and later departed at 1207 on the return north. Later 50007 + 31163 (97201 - carrying a departmental livery colour scheme) + 50026 formed a 0Z50 0632 Kidderminster (SVR) - Swanage (1537) diesel gala move which passed Charfield at 0925 (38 early), Lawrence Hill 1028 (5 early) and Bath 1045 (8 early), 'Peak' 44004 was however not included in the trains consist as expected and 47813 + 57303 top n' tailed a departmental 2-car DMU 960301 - 977987 (51371) + 977988 (51413) as a 5Q86 1215 Long Marston - Eastleigh Arlingtons (1754) move which passed Yate at 1445 (22 early), Lawrence Hill 1459 (32 early) and Bathampton junction 1544 (12 early). The dmu cars were thought to have been purchased by the Swanage Railway and following overhaul will work the delayed through passenger service from Wareham and the mainline to the Swanage Railway. 66716 continued on 'off lease' stock movement duties conveying coaches 41149, 40103, 42519, 44060, 40111, 41161, 42178, 42195 (with barriers at each end) as 5Z85 1202 St.Phillips Marsh - Long Marston (1520) which passed Lawrence Hill 1231 (2 early) and Yate 1254 (2 late). The loco then returned the barrier vans as a 5Z86 1621 Long Marston - Reading Traincare depot working via Kemble and Swindon. Also a GW 'Castle' 2+4 HST move formed 43016, 49112, 48104, 48102, 48106 (GW05), 43040 returned west as 5V84 1100 Doncaster Works Webtac - Laira Trsmd during the afternoon.

**09/05** W43002 LA22 43153 continued on 'Castle' 2+4 driver training duty having arrived in Bristol as a 3Z80 0641 departure from Exeter St.Davids prior to returning west as a 3Z81 move which departed Temple Meads at 0835 (-) back to Exeter.

**10/05** The NRMT HST set visited Bristol on the monthly Old Oak Common - Paignton (via Penzance) - Taunton - Bristol - Taunton - Paddington test train diagram which was noted passing Nailsea & Backwell at 1818 west bound returning from the Temple Meads reverse move.

**12/05** HST 43009 OC55 Inter-City 43185 arrived Weston-super-Mare at 0802 (5 late) on the 5A10 empty stock working from St.Phillips Marsh to form the final Sunday 2 + 8 HST service from here the 1A15 departure to Paddington which left at 0815 (-) and later departed Yatton at 0829 (-) the set also during the day being noted passing Pilning West at 1314 on the 'as booked' 1B28 1133 Paddington - Carmarthen service. Later 47815 worked a 'ROG' 5V81 1037 Leicester LIP - St.Phillips Marsh (1554) barrier

coach (6340 + 6344) move which passed Standish junction at 1406 (1 early), Parkway 1431 (17 early) and Narrowways Hill junction 1437 (16 early).

**13/05** 'ROG' 47815 returned north with a 5L46 1036 St. Phillips Marsh - Ely Papworth sidings (1756) 'off lease' HST stock working formed; 44043, 42126, 42081, 42074, 42503, 46015, 41056 in between barrier coaches 6340 + 6344 and was reported passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1033 (22 early), Yate 1043 (21 early) and Birmingham Landor Street 1256 (24 early). Later, carrying a large logo BR blue livery, 47593 ran 0Z10 0930 Crewe HS - Goodrington Sands (1630) light engine Loco Services driver route learner in preparation for Bristol - Kingswear steam hauled excursions later this year. The move was reported passing Standish junction at 1244 (2 late), Filton Abbey Wood 1312 (15 early) and Worle junction 1335 (27 early) heading along the mainline off route and not traversing the Weston-super-Mare loop line 'as booked'. Also during the day, 43056 + 43160 formed a 0Z77 1148 St. Phillips Marsh - Laira Trsmd back to back HST power car move which passed Taunton at 1258 (1 early).

**14/05** Bristol firefighter Fleur Lombard who was only 21 and lost her life in 1996 whilst dealing with a deliberately started fire in a Leo's supermarket in Staple Hill (north Bristol) was honoured with the naming of IET set 800023 by her family in the presence of 'Blue Watch' fire brigade members and civic leaders at platform 10. The other driving coach from this set 815023 had been named Kathryn Osmond again as part of the '100 Great Westerners' in Temple Meads on 18th April by her wife Sara Osmond. Kathryn was a paramedic for 16 years and carried out many hours of charity work promoting the signs and effects of skin cancer of which she died of at the age of 41.

**14/05** Loco Services 47593 0Z11 ran 0925 Goodrington - Barton Hill (1321) and 0Z12 1406 return to Saltash (1816) each way via Castle Cary, Westbury and Bath and 0Z13 1821 Saltash - Goodrington Sands (2003) return driver training trips being reported passing Taunton at 1058 outward. Later 'ROG' 47815 hauled two barrier coaches (6344 + 6340) west as 5V84 0925 Ely Papworth sidings (2102) which passed Parkway at 1611 (86 early) and Uphill junction 1705 (128 early)

**15/05** Two morning Class 47 locos returning north were; 'ROG' 47815 - 5L46 0935 Laira Trsmd - Ely Papworth sidings (1848) HST stock storage move which passed Worle junction at 1147 (10 early), Yatton 1154 (7 early), Temple Meads 1214 (23 early), Yate 1233 (24 early) and Gloucester Yard junction 1256 (26 early) with coaches; 42049, 40721, 42083, 42071, 42514, 46005, 40715, with barriers 6344 + 6340 on each end and BR large logo blue 47593 - 0Z14 0915 Goodrington Sands - Crewe HS (1644) driver route learner light-engine which passed Uphill junction at 1154 (2 early) and then via the Weston-super-Mare loop, arrived Yatton loop at 1212 (4 late) and departed at 1216 (2 late) and passed Parkway at 1243 (4 early). Also during the day 60034 + 68004 passed Yatton at 1232 with a single FNA wagon 550034 on the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe coal sidings working, steam 35028 Clan Line worked a Belmont British Pullman VSOE 1Z91 0845 Victoria - Bristol TM (1330) and 1Z93 1711 return to Victoria (2136) via the Great Western mainline passing Chippenham at 1250 (-) on the outward and Keynsham at 1720 (1 late) and departing Swindon at 1816 (1 early) on the return, DRS large logo blue 37409 propelled saloon coach Caroline 975025 as a 5Z02 1115 Derby RTC - Exeter St. Davids positioning move which passed Yate at 1403 (4 early), departed Temple Meads at 1428 (3 early), passed Yatton at 1450 (10 early) and Highbridge & Burnham at 1502 (13 early)

having left out a booked Yatton loop stop and GBRf 50007 + 31163 (97201) headed for the week-end Severn Valley Diesel gala as 0M26 1420 Eastleigh Works - Kidderminster SVR (1931) light-locos passing Bath at 1613 (2 late), being noted in East Depot loop at 1637 and passing Yate at 1731 (2 late). An East Midlands 2-car Class 158 set was present stabled outside Barton Hill depot during the day. Over at Bath a portable airport style security gate was temporary installed during the day carrying out random on passengers (with permission). The increased trafficking of drugs by rail and weapons such as knives being carried is continued to be monitored by BT Police using the equipment which had also seen use in Temple Meads recently.

**16/05** Following the 'off lease' loco hauled HST stock storage move to Ely yesterday, 43091 + 43078 moved coaches 41162, 40901, 40903, 41059, 42383, 40118 north as a 5Z43 0943 Laira Trsmd - Long Marston (1519) second 'storage' move which passed Exeter St. David's at 1117 (34 late), Taunton 1138 (7 late) and Yate 1250 (1 early).

**18/05** The final day of long distance 2 + 8 HSTs for Great Western saw the following four diagrams in use with operating reports where recorded; W43002 + 43198 - 1A76 0657 Plymouth - Paddington departing Taunton at 0825 (-), 1B25 1045 Paddington - Swansea passing Hayes & Harlington at 1102 (8 late), 1L71 1429 Swansea - Paddington departing Swindon at 1639 (8 late), 1C26 1830 Paddington - Taunton departing Swindon at 1947 (-), Chippenham 2001 (-), passing Flax Bourton at 2040 (4 late), arriving Weston-super-Mare at 2051 (3 late) and departing at 2101 (-), 1Z43 2132 Taunton - Exeter St. David's arriving at 2159 (1 early), 43093 + 43188 - 1A78 0650 Penzance - Paddington departing Taunton at 1039 (15 late), 1C15 1300 Paddington - Temple Meads departing Bath at 1426 (1 early) and exiting Twerton Tunnel (West end) at 1430, 1A23 1530 Temple Meads - Paddington passing Keynsham at 1535 (-), departing Bath at 1543 (-) and Swindon 1611 (-), 1C92 1803 Paddington - Plymouth departing Taunton at 1953 (7 late) and arriving Plymouth 2117 (4 late) and departing at 2214 empty for Laira Depot via the carriage wash - this being the final West of England long distance HST working, 43185 + 43009 - 1B03 0645 Temple Meads - Swansea via Parkway arriving Filton Abbey Wood at 0852 (-) and departing at 0654 (-) and passing Patchway at 0712 (1 early), 1L48 0929 Swansea - Paddington, 1C16 1330 Paddington - Temple Meads passing Keynsham at 1511 (3 late), 1A24 1600 Temple Meads - Paddington passing North Somerset junction at 1602 (-), departing Bath at 1613 (-) and Swindon 1643 (1 late) - this being the final Bristol departure for the Capital from platform 13 (over the pioneering first HST route used on 4th October 1976 for the first time) having stood alongside the 1A23 HST (in platform 15) for a short period and the surrounding crowds of on lookers!, 1W08 1822 Paddington - Hereford arriving at 2133 (2 early) this being the final timetabled arrival - a Society committee member claiming that he was the last one off the service on arrival meaning he was the last passenger to ever be conveyed on a long distance timetabled GW HST!, 43172 + 43162 - 1A10 0729 Exeter St. David's - Paddington via Bristol departing Taunton at 0759 (-), arriving Weston-super-Mare at 0826 (-) and departing at 0832 (2 late), departing Bath at 0920 (-) and Swindon 0949 (7 late), 1W29 1122 Paddington - Great Malvern, 1P61 1425 Great Malvern - Paddington, 1G60 1815 Paddington - Cheltenham departing Swindon at 1918 (2 late). 43198 + W43002 with the 1C26 service forming the 'last train' which carried the HST 125 designer 89 year old Sir Kenneth Grange (whose name is carried on W43002)



on board who was allowed to travel in the lead cab (43198) for part of the journey which was believed to have reached 127 mph at one point and unusually ran 'wrong line' between Thingley and Bathampton junction. Prior to departure the 1C92 (Plymouth - platform 1), 1G60 (Cheltenham - platform 2), 1W08 (Hereford - platform 3) and 1C26 (Taunton - platform 4) were all lined up on the buffers at Paddington, four sets together at the terminus for the final time. On the last run a GW staff member travelled in each vestibule to ensure no one was leaning out any of the windows taking photographs or filming the train during its journey and the money taken for food sold during the day from the buffet car went straight to charity as well as money received for selling souvenir goody bags, window stickers and posters, the green window 'Last HST Working' stickers were however the 'free' higher value collectors item which were soon removed by those on board! Acting as a 'relief' for the final service IET 802107 worked 1Z26 1832 Paddington - Taunton to assist with passenger numbers being recorded arriving Weston-super-Mare at 2040 (3 late) and departing at 2044 (5 late).

Following a clearance test for Class 170 'Tubostar' DMUs towards the end of last year, Arriva XC were due to start a 1L98 0613 Temple Meads - Stansted (1141) direct link from the Monday 20th May timetable change.

Locos recorded on East Depot Tarmac stone have included; 66618.

### **Bristol West Railport**

Locos recorded here on container duty have included; 66504/534.

An announcement was made towards the end of the review period that with the loss of two contracts the container terminal here is due to close on 30th July. Work is to be transferred to Wentloog the Avonmouth Accolade Wines (Constellation Europe) container contract would now not be subjected to Severn Bridge crossing fees. The depot was reopened by Freightliner during July 2010 (initially mainly dealing with imported wine traffic from the East Coast ports) having been closed by BR in 1992.

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

**12/05** The diverted 6C03 1314 Southall - Severnside Sita (1937) refuse container service (formed with 26 flats loaded with 35 containers) top n' tailed with 66174 + 66075 was held for over 120 minutes at Hallen Marsh junction and carried out its reverse move at St. Andrews Road station (alongside the Bulk Handling terminal) arriving at 1907 (135 late) instead of in the docks area as has been the normal practice in the past. The train later passed Hallen Marsh junction at 1921 onto the Severn Beach branch.

Locos recorded on stone duty has included;

66012/015/027/077/112/126/162/181.

Locos recorded on cement duty has included; 66718/731/772/789.

Locos recorded on refuse container duty has included;

66002/041/075/127/150/151/169/174.

Locos recorded on ash duty has included; 66098.

### **Portbury Branchline**

**23/04** Six CAF coach imports were present in the auto terminal being

assumed to be two further Class 195/1 sets.

**24/04** CAF coaches 102119 and 103119 from Northern Rail dmu set 195119 were noted crossing the M5 River Avon over bridge at 1510 on Allelys lorry road low loaders.

**01/05** Four CAF coach imports were located in the auto terminal area late morning (with two already loaded on to Allelys road lorry trailers) these being later identified as from Northern Rail set 331109.

**03/05** CAF import emu coaches 466205 and 466305 departed the auto terminal together during the morning with the third coach 466405 following later these all being from Northern Rail EMU set 331005. This was believed to be only the second three-car Class 331 to arrive via the port.

**16/05** Four further CAF coach imports were present in the auto terminal during the morning period.

### **Sharpness Branchline**

Class 68 loco combinations as reported working the Crewe - CEGB Berkeley low level radioactive waste containers has included;

23/04 68003 + 68016, 30/04 68003 + 68018, 07/05 68005 + 68018 and 14/05 68003 + 68016.

### **Bristol area workings during February**

4C09 East Usk - Portbury (\* Avonmouth) coal empties (FL)

07/02 66545. 11/02\* 66546. 12/02\* 66546. 13/02\* 66546.

15/02 66549.

4L36 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers (FL)

04/02 66557. 05/02 66556. 06/02 66549. 07/02 66529.

18/02 66554. 28/02 66414.

4O57 Wentloog - Southampton containers (FL)

05/02 66598. 06/02 66554. 07/02 66554. 25/02 66519.

4O70 (MO) Wentloog - Southampton containers (FL)

04/02 66508. 25/02 70005.

4O71 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (FL)

11/02 66513. 28/02 66556.

4V31 (4Z31\*) London Gateway - Bristol West Railport containers (FL)

05/02 66522. 06/02 66522. 09/02\* 66598.

4V52 Crawley - Cardiff Docks empty stone (GBRf)

01/02 66765.

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

06/02 59205. 08/02 66017. 09/02 59203. 13/02 59005.

15/02 59101. 27/02 59202.

Notes; Train on 09/02 ran as 6Z68 to Westbury.

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

05/02 60063. 15/02 60092.

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

04/02 66101. 05/02 66136. 07/02 66126. 19/02 66050.

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

04/02 66156. 25/02 66116.

Notes; Train on 04/02 ran in the earlier (MO) 6B51 outward and 6B52 return paths.

6C02 / 6C04 Cardiff Docks - Avonmouth (TO) loaded ash and return empties (DB)

05/02 66012. 12/02 66037.

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

03/02 66187. 17/02 66188. 18/02\* 66188. 24/02 66085.

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

07/02 70815. 14/02 66846. 21/02 70817. 28/02 70811.

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

05/02 70815. 12/02 66846. 25/02 70811.

6C58 1711 Appleford - Tytherington Quarry stone empties (DB)

07/02 59202.

6C96 Banbury Reservoir sidings - Bristol East Depot stone empties (FL)

06/02 66621.

6L39 Ford Bridgend sidings - Dagenham dock engine parts (Colas)

04/02 70812. 25/02 70812.

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

01/02 66137.

6V32 (MThSO) Tilbury - Trostre steel (GBRf)

04/02 66707. 13/02 66707. 25/02 66707.

6V35 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)

04/02 66749. 08/02 66749. 11/02 66725 + 66749. 15/02 66725.

6V74 / 6M63 Crewe Copal sidings - Bridgwater & return nuclear flasks (DRS)

04/02 68034 + 68018. 08/02 68002 + 68004. 11/02 68016 + 68017.

18/02 68016 + 68017.

6V99 (TO) Bescot - St.Blazey freight (DB)

05/02 66137. 12/02 66104. 19/02 66083. 26/02 66194.

6Z67 Westbury - Avonmouth loaded stone (DB)

14/02 66009.

## **Gloucester**

**23/04** GBRf 66784 passed Lydney at 2047 and Gloucester 2108 on 6E31

Cardiff Docks - Port Clarence empty fuel tanks the loco having arrived on

the inward 4V01 service with 66789 during the previous morning.

**11/05** Workings associated with the major two day blockade at Oddingley (between Abbotswood and Stoke Works junctions); 70813 - 6C22 1427 Westbury - Gloucester yard (1558). 70802 - 6C21 2323 (Fri) Oxford Hinksey yard - Spetchley, 66562 - 6Y40 0539 Westbury - Abbotswood junction (0955), 66618 - 6Y42 0716 Westbury - Abbotswood junction (1038), 70807 - 6C23 0631 Westbury - Abbotswood junction (1100), 70813 - 6C22 0809 Gloucester yard - Abbotswood junction, 70805 - 6C24 1017 Westbury - Abbotswood junction (1350) which called at Newbury from 1107 - 1110, 66716 - 6C25 1109 Westbury - Abbotswood junction (1453), 70811 - 6C26 0920 Westbury - Abbotswood junction (1705) which passed Newbury at 1045, 66089 tnt 66117 - 6W02 1320 Westbury - Abbotswood junction, 66121 tnt 66136 - 6W03 1407 Westbury - Abbotswood junction (2136) and 66060 tnt 66005 - 6W05 1721 Oxford Hinksey yard - Abbotswood junction (2154), 66763 - 6G70 1953 Oxford Hinksey yard - Abbotswood junction (2234).

**12/05** 66711 - 6G71 0825 Oxford Hinksey yard - Abbotswood junction (1055) and 66545 - 6Y46 1019 Oxford Hinksey yard - Abbotswood junction (1300). It was interesting to record that all trains were routed via the Stroud Valley with those originating from Westbury also over the Berks & Hants route via Newbury and Didcot. Also there were no return workings from the possession area (some trains remaining at Bescot to the following weekend) and over the two days a reduced Arriva.XC passenger service was operated and diverted along with booked freights via Worcester Shrub Hill.

**13/05** 66169 + 66005 (carrying the new Maritime blue livery) + 66089 + 66117 formed a 0W05 Bescot - Margam light-engine move passing Gloucester at 1150.

### **Swindon**

**21/04** NR yellow EDs 73951 + 73952 ran 0Z73 1018 Derby RTC - Ashford Up Yard (1720) light locos via the Birmingham - Bristol mainline, Stroud Valley and the Great Western mainline and was reported passing Cheltenham at 1259 (39 late), Standish junction 1316 (44 late), St. Marsy's crossing box (Chalford) 1335 (53 late) and Didcot 1418 (37 late).

**22/04** 68033 returned Pathfinder Tours 'Easter Highlander' rail tour as 1Z29 0910 Aviemore - Eastleigh arriving Swindon platform 3 at 2242. 37402 and 37409 had provided power in Scotland for the main part of the tour.

**14/05** 60062 worked the recently introduced 'additional' 6V15 2018 (Fri) steel service from Boston Sleaford sidings - Swindon Stores loaded steel BYAs which passed Stroud at 0639 (having been running early but delayed by a points failure at Standish junction). The return was 6M53 1620 empties to Toton yard.

### **Westbury**

**21/04** Returning engineering train records included; 66086 + 66119 top n' tailing - 6W01 0700 Dolphin junction - Westbury auto-ballasters which passed Lavington at 1042, 66534 + 66593 top n' tailing - 6Y40 1330 Blachbridge junction - Westbury which passed Fairwood junction at 1319 with crane DRK81612 (ZOA) part of the trains consist mainly made up of YKA and MLAs, 66558 - 6Y97 0900 Theale - Westbury which passed Bradford junction at 1115 and 66951 + 66606 top n' tailing - 6Y99 1810 Worcester Foregate street - Westbury rail train formed of 12 JZAs and 1 YEA and reported passing Bradford junction at 1028

**23/04** 66850 + 66849 top n' tailed a 6C41 1831 Westbury - Newquay auto-

ballaster which passed Taunton at 1931 (7 late) and Exeter St. Thomas 2003 (6 late).

**26/04** 37254 departed Westbury at 0741 working the overnight 3Q28 2345 (Thur) Westbury - Bristol TM test train via Ludgershall.

**27/04** 70804 + 70806 + 70811 + 70816 passed Challow at 1157 running 0A28 1053 Westbury - Oxford Hinksey yard light locos. A departmental loco allocation was; 66849 + 66850 top n' tailing - 6C20 Westbury - Brynea formed of 20 auto-ballaster wagons.

**28/04** An engineering train loco allocation and report was; 66532 - 6Y97 0831 Foxhall junction - Westbury rail train formed with 10 JZA and 1 YEA wagon which passed Bradford junction at 0858 (30 early).

**30/04** An engineering train record was; 66534 - 6Y43 1706 Newton Abbot Hackney yard - Westbury which departed Taunton at 2002.

**04/05** A motive power line up for the area recorded the following locos during the day; down yard 59102, 59201. 66136. up yard 66077, 66221. up yard (short siding) 59003. re-cycling siding 70816.

**07/05** An engineering train record was; 66536 + 66542 top n' tailing - 6Y40 1732 Westbury - Parkindillack (0041) ballast train formed of 5 HQA wagons which passed Taunton at 1827 (3 late) and Exeter St.Davids 1931. This train returned during the following day as 6Y40 0654 Parkindillack - Westbury (1149) passing Totnes at 0901 and Taunton 1031.

**08/05** 66850 worked a 6C97 1932 Westbury - Lostwithiel (0010) cwr train which passed Taunton at 2024.

**09/05** Two returning engineering trains were; 66847 - 6C17 0450 Pinhoe - Westbury which passed Fairwood junction at 0616 and 66850 - 6C97 0426 Liskeard - Westbury which passed Totnes at 0630.

**11/05** An area loco line up recorded the following at 1450; down yard 59002, 59103, 59104, 59205. 60001. next to platform 3 66015 + 66113 + 66192 + 66089 which had arrived as 0012 0720 Margam Lip - Westbury light-locos and had passed Newbury at 1122.

**14/05** 60001 was used as a 1Z99 rescue loco to assist the failed 7A09 Merehead - Acton loaded stone loco and train forward from Savernake. The 6C28 1344 Exeter Riverside - Whatley Quarry stone empties was reported as double-headed unusually with 66221 + 66181.

**15/05** DB 66130 was conveyed as part of the 6M50 0755 Westbury - Bescot departmental service headed by Colas 70806 passing Trowbridge at 0806.

Locos recorded on Exeter stone has included;

59001/002/003/101/103/201/205. 66181/221.

Locos recorded on Burngullow sand has included;

66040/041/086/091/104/121/127/130/169.

## **Newport**

**19/04** Road buses were operating between Newport, Chepstow and Bristol Parkway whilst electrification work took place on the mainline in the Severn Tunnel junction area over the weekend.

**25/04** 66130 tnt 60024 passed Bridgend at 1324 working the 6H46 1020 East Usk Birdport branch - Margam steel trip and later 57308 assisted 66423 on the 4V44 Daventry - Wentloog TESCO containers following the failure of the Class 66 in the Birmingham area having been reported 98 late at Barnt Green and later passing Newport at 1814 (193 late) the Class 57 had also suffered an unspecified problem!

**27/04** 66165 + 66187 running 0012 1055 Margam Lip - Eastleigh yard (1816) was diverted via Gloucester passing here at 1346, GBRf 66789 was also diverted via the Stroud Valley and Gloucester working the 6V32 Tilbury - Trostre steel vans formed of 17 KVA and 1IWA wagon which departed Swindon at 1443 (5 late), passed Stroud at 1512 (5 late) and Gloucester 1530 (3 late) as well as 60091 on 6B33 Theale - Robeston empty fuel tanks which passed Swindon at 1350. Also DRS 66427 passed Lydney at 1146 working 4Z37 0900 Wentloog - Daventry TESCO container service via Pengam.

**29/04** The 6H35 0805 Margam - East Usk Birdport steel trip passed Newport station at 0956 top n' tailed by 60024 + 66098.

**28/04** 66556 + 66517 + 66563 were allocated 4E40 East Usk yard - York South yard box empties formed of 15 MWA wagons and was reported passing Chepstow at 1959 (10 early).

**03/05** 67022 departed Newport at 1733 on the 1W96 1713 Cardiff Central - Holyhead 'Wag Express'

**04/05** Steam 34052 Lord Dowding (34046 Braunton) worked a Saphos Tours 1Z20 0825 Crewe - Cardiff Central (1242) outing which passed Newport at 1212 (4 early) with c/stock; 35465 (loco support), 6311, 3125, 3148, 9993, 3100, 17159, 3426, 3330, 1203, 5991.

**07/05** 66069 was allocated a 6V15 Boston Sleaford sidings - Newport Docks steel move although no further records were received during the day the train was actually reported as a runner. .

**09/05** 66718 headed a 6Z31 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Long Marston HHA wagon move formed of 370283, 370301, 370276, 370287 which passed Gloucester at 1209.

**12/05** The mainline was closed between Abergavenny and Pontypool around 1100 and a number of services cancelled following the crash of a light aircraft on the A40 dual-carriageway road which was believed to have struck power lines and burst into flames alongside the railway where a Cardiff Central - Manchester Class 175 operated service was briefly held having been very close to the scene alongside the road. The three family related passengers on board the plane only suffered minor injuries and were helped from the wreckage by motorists who had stopped nearby on the road which was also closed due to the incident between Raglan and Abergavenny.

**14/05** The 4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton container service was reported double-headed with 66548 + 70015 when noted passing East Usk at 1340 and Swindon 1453.

**16/05** Exeter St.David's out-based 143621 made a rare foray into South Wales working the 2U12 0925 Exeter St. James halt - Cardiff Central (1219) service being noted departing Weston-super-Mare at 1044 (1 late) and passing East Usk at 1155 (2 late).

**17/05** 50050 ran 0Z50 0833 Nottingham Eastcroft - Cardiff Canton sidings (1340) light to collect 70808 passing Barnt Green at 2051 (20 early) and Severn Tunnel junction 1243 (-). The locos returned as 0Z51 back to Nottingham East croft passing Newport at 1444.

## **Cardiff**

**26/04** Following operator changes (also see last months Magazine), 66517 worked the final Freightliner 6C93 1039 Cwmbargoed DP - Port Talbot Grange sidings loaded coal formed of 18 HHA + 5 HXA wagons and reported passing Aber at 1458 (2 early). The inward 4C93 0525 empties had earlier passed Llanbradach (near Caerphilly) at 0719 (7 early) having been routed from

Margam via the Vale of Glamorgan line. Freightliner had taken over the operation of these trains from DB 3 years ago).

**27/04** DB 66065 powered 4C93 0456 Margam - Cwmbargoed DP empty coals which passed Llanbradach at 0729 (3 late) which had been in the hands of Freightliner during the previous week. Later 66517 + 66563 worked 4041 1415 Port Talbot Grange sidings - East Usk yard coal empties which passed Bridgend at 1206 (184 early).

**29/04** DB 66015 passed Pontyclun at 1058 and East Usk at 1330 (having called as booked at Llanwern) working 6M86 1029 Margam - Dee Marsh loaded steel. This train was also another DB gain from Freightliner.

**01/05** 66061 was noted at Llanbradach at 1912 (1 early) working 6E09 1545 Cwmbargoed DP - Scunthorpe BSC (via the Margam and the Vale of Glamorgan) loaded coal HTAs

**03/05** 66015 passed Llanbradach at 0720 (6 early) working 4C93 0525 Margam - Cwmbargoed DP coal empties.

**09/05** 37418 was reported on driver training runs working a four coach 3Z37 1839 Cardiff Canton sidings - Rhymney ecs move which passed Llanbradach at 1914 and a 3Z38 2018 Rhymney - Cardiff Canton sidings return which passed the same location at 2057 (8 late).

**13/05** 37421 + 37418 top n' tailed a four coach 3Z36 1547 Rhymney - Cardiff Canton sidings (1722) staff training turn which departed Energlyn & Churchill Park station (near Caerphilly) at 1643 (2 late) and later returned on 3Z37 1839 Cardiff Canton sidings - Rhymney (1954) which departed Llanbradach at 1913 (1 early). The four Burton Wetmore based blue/grey coaches in use were reported to be; M9504, M3340, M3278, M1212.

**14/05** Driver training records during the day with 37421 + 37418 were recorded as; 3Z36 1547 Rhymney sidings - Cardiff Canton sidings which departed Lisvane & Thornhill station at 1652 (1 late), 3Z37 1839 Cardiff Canton sidings - Rhymney sidings which departed Llanbradach at 2051 (2 late) and 3Z39 2245 Cardiff Canton sidings -Rhymney which departed Llanbradach at 2309 (10 early)

**16/05** A view of Canton Depot during the day recorded; Colas 37219, 37418, 37421, 66847, 70808 and West Coast 37516 as present.

**17/05** 37418 + 37421 were still active on Valley Line training turns, the 3Z36 1547 Rhymney sidings - Cardiff Canton 4 coach train being reported as departing Llanbradach at 1639 (1 late). As the Magazine was going to press the original 20th May start date was now unlikely with early June now more realistic. A possible second set could also see use if resources including coaching stock are available and an extension into 2020 which could be as late as May if further replacement dmus (5 Class 153s from GW having already arrived) for the 30 Class 142 and 143 Pacer sets (due to finish in December this year) do not arrive these including Class 170s from Greater Anglia, converted former underground Class 230 'Vivarail' units and eight 'bi-mode' conversion Class 769s (one of which has arrived although not in traffic).

Locos recorded on Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container duty has included; 66305 (03/05), 66423 (21/04, 24/04, 25/04) and 66425 (28/04, 29/04).

Locos recorded on Port Talbot coal duty has included; 66517/532.

Locos recorded on Port Clarence fuel tank duty has included; 66784/789.

Locos recorded on Hope Cement coal duty has included; 66027

Locos recorded on Dee Marsh steel duty has included; 66183. 66556/568.

Locos recorded on Round Oak steel duty has included;

66005/087/094/113/118/165/182/183/187.

Locos recorded on Corby steel duty has included; 66005/094/113/183/187.

Locos recorded on Baglan Bay log duty has included; 70803.

Locos recorded on Bridgend Ford Engine parts have included; 56302.

## **PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS**

### **Avon Valley Railway**

**19 - 22/04** Highlight of the lines Easter Gala weekend was the return of the former Fry's Somerdale loco to service, the 4w VBT Sentinel (7492/28) carrying a 'Chocolate Train' head board operating brake van trips along the second platform at Bitton over the week-end. Former Somerdale employee and historian Eric Miles located the 'lost' loco believed scrapped which worked at the nearby Keynsham Chocolate factory 60 years ago, in Suffolk in 2009 and it was displayed briefly outside the chocolate factory in early September 2010 (prior to its complete closure during the following year by new owner Kraft Foods) on the return journey back to the area at Bitton where full restoration has now been completed 10 years on.

### **Dartmoor Railway, Okehampton**

**20/04** The lines service train was noted in use top n' tailed with 08947 + 31452 and formed with c/stock; test coach 977335, 3387, 3411, 3353, 1213, 80225, 70723, 6002.

### **Great Britain XII - Final Day Problems**

**05/05** With steam 60103 Flying Scotsman covering for the originally allocate 35018 British India Line Day 9 of 9 of the annual round Britain steam extravaganza was eventful. The first leg of the day, the 1Z30 0905 Scarborough - York was reported trouble free but the 1Z31 1004 York - Paddington suffered delays at several locations with trackside trespass the train being stopped at Walton-on-Trent, Derbyshire where a number of people were in a dangerous position on the running lines which also affected other train services in the area. Reading was eventually reached via Oxford at 2034 (180 late) where the tour was terminated and participants were able to travel back to the Capital by service trains. Since this trip it has been reported that Network Rail will recommend that 60103 be fitted with cameras and carry BT Police on random occasions in the support coach to monitor the on going trespass problem associated with this loco on its mainline duties.

### **Severn Valley Railway**

For this years diesel gala from 16th - 19th May DRS 88006 was amongst the visiting locos.

### **TaTa Steel Europe, TaTa steel strip products UK, Port Talbot Works**

**25/04** A 'torpedo' wagon exploded destroying part of a short internal train as a molten metal leak from the wagon was thought to have come in contact with water. The sound of the explosion and a large cloud formation emitted disturbed a large number of local residents in the vicinity of the



works. Two works employees received minor injuries as a result of the incident.

### **Torbay Express 2019**

Four steam hauled trains are planned for the summer period these being dated as;

11th and 18th August via Yatton, Weston-super-Mare and Taunton and 28th July and 8th September via Bath, Trowbridge, Westbury and Taunton.

### **Vintage Trains**

**18/05** Ex GWR 7029 Clun Castle was back in mainline action working a 1Z71 0745 Dorridge - Oxford and return rail-tour (with 47773 attached to the rear) passing Kidderminster outward at 0910.

### **West Somerset Railway**

**20/04** This was the first day for passenger train operation over the full length of the line which had following an ORR (Office of Road and Rail) visit opened late this year due to a number of permanent way safety issues and staff training being high lighted for attention.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Brecknell Willis, Chard, Somerset**

**13/05** The company which specialize in fibre glass repair work took delivery of Scot-rail HST power cabs during the day these being identified as being from former GW 43131 and 43137. The firm is believed to have also dealt with First Group power car cabs from Laira depot in the past.

### **Great Western Railway**

**21/04** Sprinter set 158961 was recorded as operating in a two car formation on this date formed; 52767 + 57767.

**22/04** Four long distance HST week-day diagrams remained at the beginning of this week these being; Working 1 - 5T04 0529 Laira Tmd - Newton Abbot ecs, 2T04 0706 Newton Abbot - Paignton, 1A12 0748 Paignton - Paddington, 1C81 1233 Paddington - Taunton, 1A89 1533 Taunton - Paddington, 1C93 1833 Paddington - Plymouth, 5C93 2238 Plymouth - Laira Tmd ecs. Working 2 - 5A81 0710 Penzance sidings - Penzance, 1A81 0741 Penzance - Paddington, 1B42 1415 Paddington - Cardiff Central, 1L82 1656 Cardiff Central - Paddington, 1C28 1930 Paddington - Weston-super-Mare, 5C28 2210 Weston-super-Mare - St.Phillips Marsh depot ecs. Working 3 - 5A79 0552 Penzance sidings - Penzance ecs, 1A79 0647 Penzance - Paddington, 1C82 1303 Paddington - Plymouth, 1A96 1657 Plymouth - Paddington, 1C98 2103 Paddington - Plymouth, 5C98 0124 Plymouth Laira Tmd ecs. Working 4 - 5A71 0415 Laira Tmd - Plymouth ecs, 1A71 0451 Plymouth - Paddington, 1C74 0903 Paddington - Plymouth, 1A87 1255 Plymouth - Paddington, 1C90 1703 Paddington - Penzance, 5C90 2315 Penzance - Penzance sidings ecs.

**26/04** 43185 OC55 43091 were allocated 1A82 0900 Penzance - Paddington and 1C86 1503 Paddington - Penzance additionally to the diagrams listed above and 43098 OC38 43071 worked the final 1A12/1C81/1A89/1C93 (see above

and also Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news) which changed to an IET operation from Monday 29th April.

**05/05** Celebrity HST power cars 43185 Great Western + 43172 Harry Patch (with intermediate coaching set OC55) worked 1G52 1630 Paddington - Cheltenham and 1L94 1946 return. Also during the day, IET set 802114 working a return 5C05 1225 Newton Abbot - Laira move which arrived Totnes at 1247 failed, an unidentified rescue unit being sent from Laira as a 1Z99 1530 move which arrived at 1603 (5 late) to take the failed set, the final member of the current GW IET order west for attention. The final full HST 8+2 formation passenger arrival at Paignton was believed to be 43063 + 43162 which during the day worked 1Z83 1000 Penzance - Paignton, 1C22 1630 Paddington - Paignton and 2E57 2044 Paignton - Exeter St.Davids.

**06/05** Stand-in 'Castle' 2+4 HST set W43002 LA22 43153 formed a 5Z76 1040 Plymouth - Exeter New yard move which arrived around 1300, the set being lined up for further staff training to take place between Bristol and Plymouth over the next few days.

**11/05** 43198 + 43063 worked the final Paignton branch 2 + 8 HST departure the 1A15 0918 to Paddington (via Bristol) which passed Flax Bourton at 1120. Another of the days 8 + 2 records were 43009 + 43185 passing Newbury at 1113 and in the Exeter area at 1239 on the 1C77 1003 Paddington - Penzance service (having earlier worked the 1A75 0540 Plymouth - Paddington). Meanwhile a 5Z77 1230 Exeter New Yard - Laira 2 + 4 ecs move with power cars W43002 + 43153 (and coaching set LA22) was noted leaving Exeter near Marsh Barton at 1300.

**12/05** Long distance HST records for the day included; 43162 + 43071 - 1A85 1101 Penzance - Paddington and 43193 + 43063 - 1A83 0947 Penzance - Paddington (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news).

**13/05** For the start of the final week for long distance GW 8 + 2 HST formations; 43162 + 43177 departed Taunton at 1031 (3 late) on the 1A79 0647 Penzance - Paddington service, Inter-City livery 43185 OC55 43009 departed the same location at 1054 (4 late) on the 1C79 0903 Paddington - Penzance which on the return to the Capital with the 1A87 1255 from Plymouth was terminated in Paddington platform 2 the train having activated an axle fault detector at Waltham due to what was suspected to be a wheel flat. IET set 802112 which had meanwhile arrived on the 1L66 from Swansea replaced the defective HST set in working it's next book duty, the 1C90 1703 to Penzance.

**14/05** 57603 failed at Long Rock Depot on the sleeper ecs, so IET set 802110 became the first of the type to 'stand in' on the 1A40 2345 Penzance - Paddington service which had been covered by HSTs on numerous occasions over the years in the past due to loco failures. The sleeper stock; 10563, 10590, 10596, 10601, 10219, 12142, 17175 was moved for positioning purposes as 5A40 0915 Penzance - Reading Train care depot via Melksham and Swindon in a top n' tail formation with 57604 + failed 57603 which passed Dawlish at 1225 (5 late), Taunton 1305 (5 late), Bruton 1328 (2 late) and Swindon 1434 (11 early). Also during the day the HST set with power cars 43162 + 43071 allocated 1A96 1657 Plymouth - Paddington was stopped at Plymouth with a defective speedometer so the working onward from Plymouth was covered by IET 802112 taken off the 1C84 1403 Paddington - Penzance service which with passengers transferred the HST (which was turned on the Laira 'triangle') was able to take forward onwards from Plymouth. Other HST records included; 43093 OC45 43171 - 1A71 0451

Plymouth - Paddington which passed Lavington at 0712 and later 1A87 1255  
Plymouth - Paddington passing near Stoke Cannon at 1355 and 1C90 1703  
Paddington - Penzance which departed Taunton at 1856 (1 late) and 43162 +  
43071 - 1A79 0647 Penzance - Paddington which departed Taunton at 1028 (-)  
**15/05** Planned early hours Turbo tests runs (with a set running empty  
from St.Phillips Marsh) to Barnstaple and Exmouth were cancelled. Taunton  
HST records included; 43093 + 43188 - 1A79 0647 Penzance - Paddington  
departing at 0938 (2 late), 43093 + 43188 - 1A79 0647 Penzance -  
Paddington departing at 1028 (-) and later 1A96 1657 Plymouth - Paddington  
departing at 1836 (5 late), 43009 + 43185 - 1C84 1403 Paddington -  
Penzance departing at 1555 (5 late) and 43196 + 43071 - 1C90 1703  
Paddington - Penzance departing at 1855 (-).

**16/05** The Class 57 fleet were found as follows during the morning; 57306  
( ' loan from DRS' ) - 1C99 2345 Paddington - Penzance sleeper, 57603 and  
57604 - Reading Traincare depot, 57602 tnt 57605 - 5A40 0715 Paddington -  
Reading Traincare depot sleeper ecs. GW 8+2 HST records at Taunton for the  
day included; 43188 + 43093 - 1C74 0930 Paddington - Plymouth departing at  
1055 (5 late) and 1C90 1703 Paddington - Penzance later departing at 1908  
(8 late), 43185 + 43009 - 1A81 0741 Penzance - Paddington departing at  
1127 (2 late) and 43162 + 43171 - 1A96 1657 Plymouth - Paddington  
departing at 1834 (3 late).

#### **Stoke Edith Station, Tarrington, Herefordshire (18EL p102)**

**C.Weeks**

After a visit by CARS members a couple of years ago, Chris Davies, son of  
Michael Davies has been in touch. They are looking for donations to help  
with the restoration of the original station building, which will  
eventually form holiday lets.

Details of the appeal along with historic and contemporary photos are on  
this website;

<https://www.gofundme.com/help-bring-local-history-back-to-life>

Work on the trackbed and line by the family has already commenced, and it  
is hoped to get the Wickham, 4171 of 1948, running again. An "open day" is  
planned for when the track and Wickham are ready, with the Wickham giving  
rides, and Ruston 463150 of 1961 running.

Stock at the site is former Bulmers Mk1 35158 and GUV 86650. The GUV will  
be familiar to many as its later departmental number 061206 which was  
based at Bristol Kingsland Road.

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

**24/04** Patchway - Total Rail Solutions RRVS - TRS130 (912446-0) trailers  
TRS304 (010371-1), TRS305 (010372-9). TRS916 (912234-0), TRS917 (912235-  
7), TRS919 (912274-6), (940789-9). Holy Rail rrv HR01 (912167-2), HR03  
(912169-5), HR10 (912199-5), HR14 (912170-6).

**28/04** Weston-super-Mare - DR75407 (which departed on a move to Kingsland Road), DR73908 (which departed as a 6J90 move to Newton Abbot Hackney yard passing Uphill junction at 1237), Quattro rrv 799 (940191-8), trailer 596.  
**29/04** St.Blazey - MPV DR98906 + DR98956 which had arrived as a 3Z15 0941 move from Reading Triangle sidings which had passed Taunton at 1224.  
**30/04** Ystrad Mynach - DR75407 which later departed as a 6J84 0540 move to Cardiff Canton.  
**01/05** Cardiff Central Taff Vale sidings - DR75407, DR80211.  
**03/05** TXM Avonmouth - rrvs 2764 (943005-5), 3780 (914048-2), 3858 9940186-8), 4725, 5443 (911437-5), 6801, 6804 (911213-5), 7121.  
**12/05** Pilning - Pod Tek - rrvs PTL 134, PTL 786 (912104-5), PTL 3215 (912336-5),  
Holy Rail rrv HR01 (912167-2) - incomplete list.  
**18/05** Kingsland Road sidings - DR75406, DR75407. Patchway - Total Rail Solutions rrvs TRS1024 / ET04YYK (910060-1), TRS717 (940637-0), TRS1025 (910087-4) trailers TRS307, TRS329 (010706-8). Holy Rail rrv HR01 (912167-2), HR03 (912168-3), HR05 (912185-4), HR10 (912199-5). Pod-tek rrv PTL134 (942156-9), PTL135 (942157-7), RR14 (912131-8).

## TRIP REPORTS

**TRIP 548**

**LONDON FLYER**

**8<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

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Some locations were visited by both but at different times.

### **Ealing Broadway Station**

Emu Sets 360205 345010/031 387131/134/143/168 Bi-mode Sets 800003  
Queen Victoria/Queen Elizabeth II/005/015/018 Central Line 2-car Sets  
91047/095/239/283/305 92047/095/124/239/258/283/305/414 93124/258/414  
S7 Tube Set 21555/556 22555/ 556 23556 24555/556 S7 Tube Emus 21313  
22313 24313 25315

Note

All class 345s seen on the GWR and GE lines were 7-car except 345031 which was 9-car.

### **Acton Yard**

Locos 66013/030/161/169/171

### **Passing North Pole Depot**

Bi-Mode Sets 800318 802014 802103

### **Paddington Approaches**

Road/Rail TXM 7140 910073-4 UNAC Caterpillar 22TRR 250 Excavator  
EY200 150/2017

**Paddington Station**

Bi-mode Sets 800003 Queen Victoria/Queen Elizabeth 11/004 Isambard Kingdom  
Brunel/Sir Daniel Gooch/005/006/007 800303 S7 Tube Set 21519/520  
22519/520 23520 24519/520

**Edgware Road Station**

S7 Tube Sets 21423/424/475/476 22423/424/475/476 23424/476  
24423/424/475/476 S7 Tube Emus 21303/304 22303/304 24302/304  
25304/311

**Great Portland Street Station**

S8 Tube Set 21023/024 22023/024 23023 24023/024 25024

**Euston Square Station**

S7 Tube Set 21447/448 22447/448 23448 24447/448

**King's Cross Station**

Locos 43082 Railway Children Fighting for Street Children/206/208  
Lincolnshire Echo/313/320 67029 Royal Diamond 91109 Sir Bobby Robson/110  
Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfire, Hurricane, Lancaster,  
Dakota/111 For the Fallen/130 Lord Mayor of Newcastle Dmu Set 180114  
Kirkgate Calling Emu Sets 387123/125 DLVs 82208/212/215/224/231

**St. Pancras Station**

Loco 66169 Emu Sets 395003 Sir Steve Redgrave/004 Sir Chris Hoy/005 Dame  
Tanni Grey-Thompson/006 Daley Thompson/010 Duncan Goodhew/013/017  
Passchendaele/ 020 Jason Kenny/023 Ellie Simmonds/027 Hannah Cockroft/028  
Laura Trott 700005/008/009/010/ 013/  
020/025/028/030/031/035/036/041/043/044/053/056 700105/106/111/114/125/  
127/130/130/135/137/ 140/152 Eurostars 3211/212/219/220  
4001/002/019/020/  
021/022/025/027/028/033/ 034

**King's Cross Station**

Locos 43296/311/367 Deltic 50 1955 - 2005 67029 Rpyal Diamond 90039  
91102 City of York/108/110 Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfire,  
Hurricane, Lancaster, Dakota/119 Bounds Green Intercity Depot 1977 -  
2016/124 Dmu Set 180103 Emu Set 387101/114/120/122/124/128 700022/026  
DLVs 82207/214/226 S7 Tube Set 21399/400 22399/400 23400 24399/400

**Waterloo Station**

Emu Sets 707010/016/028

**Moorgate Station**

S8 Tube Set 21031/032 22031/032 23031 24031/032 25032

**Liverpool Street Station**

Loco 90008 The East Anglian Emu Sets 315809 321356 345008 379021

**Bethnal Green Station**

Locos 90002 1870 - 2010 Eastern Daily Press - Serving Norfolk for 140  
years/004 City of Chelmsford/009/010/011 East Anglian Daily Times Emu  
Sets 315801/803/804/807/809/ 812/815/821/830/834/842/851/854

317503/504/511/515/649/656/660/662/666/723/881  
321309/310/308/311/315/325/336 Geoffrey Freeman  
Allen/337/338/339/340/342/343 RSA - Railway Study  
Association/345/346/347/349/351 London Southend Airport/354/355/358/  
363/365/405/406/407/410/415/417/419/422/425/427/429/444 Essex  
Lifeboats/447 345003/006/008/009/011/012/017/022 357002 Arthur Lewis  
Stride 1841 - 1922/040/044/ 210/315/325/325/326 360105/110/114/116/118  
379004/006/007/009/011 Ely Cathedral/ 012/  
013/014/016/017/018/019/020/021/022/023/024/026/027/028/029 DLVs 82105/  
118/133/139

#### **Liverpool Street Station**

S8 Tube Set 21071/072 22071/072 23071/072 24071/072 S7 Tube Set  
21425/426 22425/426 23426 24425/426

#### **Moorgate Station**

S7 Tube Set 21445/446 22445/446 23446 24445/446

#### **Edgware Road Station**

S7 Tube Set 21555/556 22555/556 23556 24555/556

#### **Paddington Station**

Loco 43194 Emu Sets 332012 345010/013 360205 387148/149/161/169 Bi-  
mode Sets 800003 Queen Victoria/Queen Elizabeth II/011/016/018

#### **Ealing Broadway Station**

Emu Sets 345010/013 360202 387140/141/151/164/165/166 Bi-mode Sets  
800034 800317 802015/018 Central Line 2-car Sets  
91017/033/085/109/137/170/175/177/237/ 241/251/273/343  
92017/032/033/082/085/109/148/170/172/175/177/200/241/242/248/  
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