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**Front Cover Photo May 2020 Issue 579:** **[N.Hoskins]**  
66413 at Standish Junction working 4051 Wentloog - Southampton MCT on  
25/04/20.

**Rear Cover Photo May 2020 Issue 579:** **[N.Hoskins]**  
66730 hauling 11082 11066 11072 10404 from Norwich Crown Point to Barry  
Tourist Railway passing through Gloucester on 14/04/20.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**\*\* In the light of the current coronavirus outbreak the Future Events programme has been severely affected. The status of each event is noted below.**

**Trip 564      DONCASTER AND SCUNTHORPE STEEL      Fri 29/05/20 - Sat 30/05/20**

**\*\* TRIP CANCELLED \*\***

A two day flyer trip to Doncaster to do as you wish on the Friday and Saturday morning. On Saturday afternoon there will be a visit to Scunthorpe Steel Works for trips around the rail complex. The overnight accommodation will be in Ten Pound Walk, Doncaster.

**NOTE** - the previously advertised trip to Kent has been postponed as unable to confirm permissions and thereby set a fixed date for the trip. In its place this two day trip to Doncaster has been organised.

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £57      Fare with Day Membership = £63

**NOTE** that a deposit of £18 is required for accommodation when booking this trip. The accommodation cost does not include breakfast.

**Proposed Itinerary:**

Doncaster Station; Scunthorpe Steel Works for tours around the rail complex in DMU and in brake van.

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

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

**Book By Date** = 15th May 2020

**Safety Equipment:** None

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday 06/06/20**

**\*\* VERY LIKELY TO BE POSTPONED \*\***

This year's Annual General Meeting will take place at the Pen & Wig public house, Stow Hill, NEWPORT NP20 1JD commencing at 12.00 sharp. A buffet will be provided at 14.00 hrs. Directions are to cross the road outside Newport Station and turn left. Continue until turning right onto a pedestrianised street. Stow Hill is diagonally right from the end of this street.

**Trip 565**

**LEICESTERSHIRE**

**Saturday 27/06/20**

**\*\* TRIP CANCELLED \*\***

A one day trip visiting locations in Leicestershire.

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

**Proposed Itinerary:** Battlefield Line; Station House Shackleton; Barron Hill Aggregates, Montsorrell Railway (GCR); Tarmac plc Barrow upon Soar; Old Dalby; Ashfordby; Leicester Station & Depot; Abby Pumping Station; Croft Quarry

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

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

**Book By Date** = 10th June 2020

**Safety Equipment:** Steel toe cap shoes; Hi viz jackets

**A restart date for future trips is uncertain at the moment.**

## **NOTICES**

### **Committee Help**

Help is required in producing the monthly magazine. If anyone is willing to assist with the magazine editor role, or printing and distribution role, then please contact any member of the committee.

### **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 Dave Forse 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.

## NOTES & NEWS

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

**20/03** 66539 + 66416 + 66516 + 66591 + 66413 passed Patchway at 1354 as a 0V07 0845 Crewe Basford Hall yard - Stoke Gifford sidings light-engine move whilst later 66598 passed Severn Tunnel junction at 1527 in the opposite direction on a single VTG JGA (19215) 6Z48 1444 Stoke Gifford - East Usk yard wagon working.

**21/03** 66129 passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1329 and Bath 1346 as a 'solo' 0012 1051 (SO) Margam Lip - Eastleigh week-end departmental loco light-

engine. Later 66562 + 66598 + 66413 + 66416 + 66516 + 66539 forming a 0Y66 1144 Oxford Hinksey yard - Stoke Gifford (1423) light-loco move passed Kennington junction at 1149 (1 late), Swindon Highworth junction 1228 (1 late) and Bath 1316 (-).

**22/03** Sunday South Wales freight diversions via Swindon and Oxford included; 66040 + 66009 - 6E30 1620 Margam - Hartlepool (0748) which passed Pontyclun at 1647 (9 early) and Parkway 1929 (31 early) and 66128 - 6Z44 1246 Margam - Middlesbrough Dawsons which passed Pontyclun at 1311 and Newport 1609 formed of 7 FKAs.

**26/03** 66571 passed Brentry at 1330 with 6Z83 Avonmouth Bennetts - Westbury loaded stone which was routed via Parkway and Hullavington.

**28/03** Two diversions via Badminton and Swindon were; 66024 + 66084 + 66119 + 66154 which passed Severn Tunnel junction at 1230 as 0012 1051 Margam - Eastleigh Trsmd light-engines and 60044 - 6B33 1142 Theale - Margam fuel tank empties which passed Hullavington at 1313 (108 early) formed with 18 (9 TEA, 6 TDA and 3 TIA) tank wagons.

**31/03** An interesting GBRf move saw former withdrawn Northern Rail 'Pacer' sets 142089 + 142023 + 142058 head south as 5Z43 0707 Gascoigne Wood - Eastleigh Works (1542) via Cheltenham, Bath and Salisbury being reported passing Chesterfield at 0825 (17 early), departing Parkway at 1257 (5 early) and passing Trowbridge at 1335 (15 early).

**02/04** Initially thought to be a loco storage move destined for MoD Marchwood, 56096 + 56090 + 56087 + 70812 forming 0Y69 0715 Barnetby sidings - Eastleigh East yard (1446) passed Parkway at 1236 (2 early), Bath 1255 (1 early) and Trowbridge 1315. However what appeared to be a change of plan saw the working terminated at Westbury to form 0Z32 1400 light-engines to Bristol TM (1441) although Kingsland Road was the actual destination with 70803 (which had arrived as a 0Z70 1130 light-engine from Eastleigh yard which had passed Romsey at 1114) leading a passing time of Hawkridge junction at 1412 (7 late) and Bath 1449 (20 late) being recorded. The 56s were reported as being 'surplus' to requirements with the recent transfer of the Lindsey - Preston Docks oil tank traffic from Colas to DB.

**08/04** The planned Easter closure of the mainline close to Patchway junction for the installation of a new 'Metro Bus' road bridge was cancelled due to safety issues associated with the 150 personal needed on site to complete the work and the Corona Virus (CV-19). However passenger trains were still to start and terminate at Parkway and Temple Meads with road bus connections to and from Newport whilst freight was diverted via Gloucester and mostly through the Stroud Valley however no Paddington - Swansea passenger diversions were routed this way.

A local 'shuttle' bus was also operated by Network Rail for road passengers each side of the bridge work. The £57 million scheme will see a wider and lowered road connection with bus and cycle lanes and a pedestrian walkway, the new structures main span having been constructed on land ready for movement into position nearby.

**13/04** A further ex. Northern Rail 'Pacer' move saw 142003 head south as 5Z43 0727 Gascoigne Wood - Eastleigh Arlington Works (1553) which passed Yate at 1258 (4 late) and Salisbury 1426 (44 early) this being the sixth 142 to be delivered to the works and it is believed a number are destined for preservation on the Mid Hants and Swanage Railways.

**14/04** 66850 + 66849 formed a 0Z41 1200 Westbury - Crewe light-loco move passing Yate at 1234 (30 early) and Gloucester yard 1259.

**15/04** Test unit 950001 worked a 2Q08 1014 Derby RTC - Bristol TM high level (1936) test working via Long Marston which passed Yate at 1728 and onto the Westerleigh Puma oil terminal branch departing here at 1751. The Tytherington Quarry branch was then expected to be covered although this was unconfirmed (and also whether the set covered the 'newly' reinstated head-shunt re-opened in January at Grovesend) but the move was later held at Westerleigh junction 'wrong line' until 1917 to allow the 2C30 1842 Gloucester - Temple Meads local service to pass at 1916 on the down suggesting the quarry branch had been visited as booked.

Locos recorded on Westerleigh fuel tank duty included; 60044/054/063/092.  
Locos recorded on Tytherington stone duty has included; 66509/564/615/619.

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

**21/03** A 5Q20 0814 Barton Hill - Wembley Lmd (1141) Chiltern Trains DVT move (with DC Rail 56103 allocated) was cancelled.

**22/03** Still remaining the only Class 1 passenger duty for a HST set - 1C04 0726 (SuO) Bristol TM - Penzance (1154) was today formed with 43093 GW04 43016 and reported departing Yatton at 0746 (8 late) and Totnes 0926.

**23/03** The GBRf Class 50 duo 50049 + 50007 were back in the West Country top n' tailing a 5Z40 0916 Long Marston - Laira Trsmd (1532) move which conveyed sleeper set Mk III 12161 (acting as a barrier) + power car 43091 which passed Abbotswood junction at 1037 (13 early), Yatton 1149 (101 early), Bridgwater 1204 (103 early) and Totnes 1325 (96 early). The working had gained time partly due to the omission of booked loop stops at Ashchurch (40 minutes), Parkway (5 minutes) and Temple Meads (10 minutes) possibly due to an otherwise reduced passenger service over their route due to the Corona Virus (CV-19) and the new 'essential travel' only policy (see Miscellaneous notes & news).

Earlier, the 6C84 Taunton Fairwater - Westbury departmental formed of 1 YSA and 11 YDAs headed by 66598 was noted passing Taunton station at 0926 and diverted via Bristol and Bath being reported passing over the Weston-super-Mare station loop at 0956 (off route). The loco had previously run 0C84 0606 Stoke Gifford - Fairwater yard light-engine.

On the freight side 68017 + 88007 worked the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flasks formed of two wagons (7092290313 + 709229123) and was reported passing Yatton at 1229 (the 6V74 0158 Crewe departure down train having passed here at 0514), and Parkway 1254 having departed Bridgwater at 1206.

**24/03** 50049 + 50007 returned north as 5Z50 0900 Laira Trsmd - Long Marston (1503) top n' tailing Mk III (barrier) 12161 + power car 43086 which passed Hemerdon at 0904, Taunton 1022 and Yate 1122.

**25/03** 67023 + 67027 were an evening arrival on 1Z22 test train from Tyseley via Oxford, Weymouth and Avonmouth, the Brentry (Henbury loop) times being recorded inward at 2014 and on the return at 2032 the reverse (as usual) taking place in the Hallen Marsh area.

**26/03** 68001 + 88005 worked a single FNA wagon 6V74 0555 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater flask working which passed Penkridge at 0503 (82 late). Later a return test train movement saw; 67027 + 67023 (with dept c/stock; 96608, 6262, 999606, 9810, 9702) top n' tail 1Z23 0708 Temple Meads - Tyseley Lmd via reverses at Newport and Temple Meads pass Patchway at 0919 (10 late) returning from South Wales and Bath 0948 (4 early) heading towards Swindon, Oxford and Evesham.

**27/03** The two currently remaining Arriva XC HST diagram set allocations were allocated; 43303 XC01 43304 - 1V44 0611 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S51 1227 Plymouth - Edinburgh Waverley and 43378 XC03 43207 - 1V50 0606 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth / 1E63 1527 Plymouth - Leeds.

**28/03** DC Rail 56103 returned a Chiltern Trains DVT as 5Q20 Barton Hill - Wembley Lmd (1136) which passed Hullavington at 0833 (8 early), having departed at 0807 (7 early) and passed Filton Abbey Wood at 0814 (11 early).

Later a TOC change took place at Bristol East yard with 66050 having worked the final DB stone departure during the previous day, heading the 4V96 1216 Banbury Reservoir sidings - Westbury (not Bristol East) formed of 21 JNAs empties which passed Oxford at 1245 and Trowbridge 1500 and FL 66619 arrive with 22 JNA empties as 6V95 0405 ex. Mountsorrell which passed Uffingham 0753 (60 early).

**30/03** 68002 + 88008 were paired on a late running 6Z74 0555 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flask trip passing Ashchurch at 0820 and Uphill junction 1009 and the 6M63 return (with the Class 88 leading) passing the same location at 1315 the 2 FNA wagon consist being recorded as; 7092290123 + 709220362.

**01/04** With their 'Farewell Rail tour' organized for 28th March cancelled (see Last months Magazine) 150001 + 150002 left the area and GW use as 5M31 0857 St.Philips Marsh - Newton Heath (1413) passing Parkway at 1002 (47 late) and Charfield 1013 (39 late). At one time 17 Class 150/1 2-car sets were being used by GW the first having arrived in the area back in 2010 for local branch and mainline use the final two (150125 and 150126) being taken off lease at the end of 2018. Several 'temporary' three car sets (150/9) were also formed and used during their use.

**04/04** 66116 ran as 0012 1051 (SO) Margam - Eastleigh yard (1654) solo passing Trowbridge at 1301 and earlier 66509 + 66596 + 66522 + 66532 had passed the same location at 1214 on a 1109 Stoke Gifford - Westbury light-loco move.

**05/04** 158817 was an arrival in Bristol for attention as a 5V84 1037 Heaton - Barton Hill move which passed Yate at 1555.

**06/04** 68017+ 88005 powered the 6Z74 0555 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater single wagon nuclear flask service which passed Yate at 0854 and Worle junction 0933 the 6M63 return later departing for Crewe at 1219 with the Class 88 leading. Later two more former Northern Rail 'Pacer' sets 142056 + 142007 were worked south by GBRf as 5Z43 0727 Gascoigne Wood - Eastleigh Arlington works (1519) passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1251 (15 early) and Trowbridge at 1332 (11 late).

**07/04** A 6M63 Bridgwater flask working formed of two wagons was in the hands of 68002 + 88008 which departed again at 1219 the 6Z74 inward train earlier having passed Uphill junction at 0929. Later 70809 moved empty log wagons west for 'storage' as a 6B61 1036 Baglan Bay - Exeter Riverside yard (1436) working which passed Cardiff Central station at 1150 (3 early), Filton Abbey Wood 1258 (1 late), Uphill junction 1331 (-) and Tiverton 1424 (11 late).

On arrival train was then split and moved as 6B62 1549 and 6B63 1910 respectively to Newton Abbot Hackney yard (1644 and 2001), 70809 then running 0B63 2035 light-engine to Cardiff Canton sidings (2336).

Also during the day DC Rail 60055 returned as 0Z55 Barton Hill - Norwich Crown Point light-engine passing Swindon at 0958. The loco had brought in a 5Q21 stock move from Wembley on 4th April, a booked 0Z60 1030 light-



engine move to Cardiff Canton sidings on that day having been cancelled.

**10/04** A slight variation on the monthly area Friday NRMT HST diagram saw the set formed with power cars 43014 + 43062 work down from Paddington to Paignton (via Penzance) then 1Z18 1540 Paignton - Taunton (via Bristol East) and later 1Z18 2230 Bristol Parkway - Derby RTC (via Yate) where an arrival time was recorded at 0045.

**11/04** 158956 and 158957 were working two hourly spaced separate 'shuttles' between Taunton and Bristol TM throughout the day, the former; 0555 (2Z31), 0955 (2Z25), 1355 (2Z29), 1755 (2Z33) to Taunton and 0717 (2Z22), 1117 (2Z26), 1517 (2Z30), 1917 (2Z34) returns with a final 2Z37 2155 to Exeter St.Davids and the latter; 0755 (2Z23), 1155 (2Z27), 1555 (2Z31), 1955 (2Z35) and 0917 (2Z24), 1317 (2Z28), 1717 (2Z32) and 2126 (2Z36) returns.

**16/04** Having arrived on a 6Z74 0555 nuclear flask service from Crewe Coal sidings 88007 + 68002 returned the 6M63 north departing Bridgwater at 1206.

### **Bristol West Railport**

Locos recorded on container duty have included; 66513/561.

### **Bristol East depot**

Locos recorded on HS2 stone workings included; 66050/078/097/129 66607/619

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

**21/02** (Additional Information - April Magazine) - The 4V54 Southampton - Avonmouth container service diverted via Reading West was worked by 66546 (this number being missed off the report).

**26/03** With the driver's route knowledge checked by 'control' and a now reduced passenger services by GW over the Severn Beach line, the 6C03 0933 Northolt sidings - Severnside Sita (1538) refuse containers was diverted via Clifton Down behind 66002 being reported passing Narroways Hill junction at 1422 (7 late) and Holesmouth junction 1454 (14 early).

The same loco worked this service again this way during the following day, but a problem arose with the wagons arriving at the Sita (Suez) handling terminal with the containers doors facing the wrong way for the road lorry loading and transit move to the Energy Recovery plant for processing!

**28/03** 66056 with the 6C03 1033 Northolt - Severnside containers was back to its normal route passing Reading at 1218, Uffingham 1305 and Brentry (on the Henbury loop) 1435 formed with 26 (4 FYA and 22 FCA) wagons.

**06/04** The return 6A03 2234 Severnside Sita empty containers passed Brentry at 2249 for Brentford terminal (0253) via Hullavington in a top n' tail formation with 66080 + 66083.

**09/04** The 6C03 0933 Northolt sidings - Severnside Sita refuse containers passed Slough at 1107, Bedwyn 1227 and Shirehampton 1442 (off route) top n' tailed with Maritime blue 66005 + 66080 the train having reversed at Westbury so the diversion via Clifton Down would see the containers facing the correct way for off loading at the handling terminal and keeping the train customer re-cycling company Suez happy!

**18/04** 66722 was held in Gloucester New yard from 0817 - 1405 on a 6M42 Avonmouth - Penyffordd empty cement tank working.

Locos recorded on stone duty have included;  
59201. 66418/420/504/516/542/543/571/955.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included; 66708/721/722/747.

Locos recorded on ash duty have included; 66078/142.

Locos recorded on refuse container duty have included;

66002/005/054/056/080/083/087/142/148/154/200/207.

Locos recorded on container duty have included; 66416/419/507.

### **Portbury Branchline**

**29/03** A rail drop on the branch was top n' tailed with 70801 + 70809 as 6C99 0837 Westbury - Ashton junction (0937) formed of 1 YEA and 12 JZA wagons passing Temple Meads at 0913.

The booked return was at 1700 to Westbury (1748) which passed Temple Meads at 1625 (44 early).

### **Bristol area workings during January**

4B37 (MO) 0605 Bristol West Railport - Wentloog container 'transfer' (G&W)  
06/01 66526. 13/01 66562. 20/01 66503.

4L32 1000 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers (G&W)

02/01 66503. 03/01 66572. 06/01 66526. 09/01 66525.  
10/01 66956. 17/01 66416. 20/01 66503. 22/01 66561.  
23/01 66955. 29/01 66526. 30/01 66955.

4L36 0745 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers (G&W)

02/01 66526. 03/01 66517. 06/01 66513. 10/01 66562.  
13/01 66509. 14/01 66553. 15/01 66507. 20/01 66556.  
21/01 66502. 22/01 66592. 23/01 66501. 30/01 66514.  
31/01 66546.

4054 (SO) Avonmouth West Wharf - Southampton Maritime containers (G&W)

04/01 66414. 18/01 66415.

4057 1329 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers (G&W)

02/01 66540. 03/01 66606. 06/01 66524 + 66955. 07/01 70020.  
09/01 66502. 10/01 70020. 13/01 66593. 14/01 66415.  
15/01 66546. 21/01 70007. 22/01 66541 + 66605. 23/01 66414.  
28/01 66568 + 66548. 29/01 66568. 30/01 70020. 31/01 66596.

4070 (MO) Wentloog - Southampton containers (G&W)

06/01 66414. 13/01 66503. 20/01 70003.

4V13 Tonbridge yard - Cardiff Docks stone empties (GBRf)

02/01 66772. 09/01 66749. 20/01 66749. 30/01 66787.

Note; Train on 20/01 ran as 4Z13.

4V37 (SO) Felixstowe North FLT - Bristol West Railport loaded containers (G&W)

04/01 66526. 18/01 66528.

4V47 Tilbury - Wentloog (and 4B48 to Barry Docks) containers (G&W)

03/01 66593. 14/01 66510. 23/01 66590.

4V54 (FO) Southampton Maritime - Avonmouth West Wharf containers (G&W)

03/01 66414. 17/01 66415. 24/01 66516.

4V96 Banbury Reservoir Sidings - Bristol East yard stone empties (DB)  
14/01 66034. 22/01 66172. 24/01 66172. 30/01 66020.

6A26 East Usk - Hayes loaded stone (G&W)  
06/01 66605. 23/01 66613.

6A83 Avonmouth Bennetts - West Drayton (\* Theale MO DB) loaded stone (G&W)  
10/01 66557. 15/01 66557. 16/01 66552 tnt 66557. 17/01 66511.  
22/01 66555. 24/01 66953. 27/01\* 66030.

Note; Train on 27/01 ran as 6A81.

6A85 Moreton-on-Lugg - Hayes loaded stone (G&W)  
18/01 66605.

6B11 Hayes - Stoke Gifford (\* East Usk) stone empties (G&W)  
06/01 66552. 13/01 66613. 14/01\* 66605. 23/01 66557.  
29/01 \* 66613.

6B33 Theale - Robeston empty fuel tanks (DB)  
02/01 60044. 03/01 60020. 04/01 60066. 07/01 66198.  
09/01 66040. 11/01 60024. 14/01 60024. 17/01 60024.  
29/01 60066. 31/01 60024.

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

03/01 66070. 06/01\* 66020. 10/01 66221. 13/01\* 66121.  
20/01\* 66169. 31/01 66162.

Note; Train on 06/01 returned as 6Z52.

6B91 (SO) Hayes - East Usk stone empties (G&W)  
04/01 66605. 18/01 66613.

6C02 / 6A02 (TO) Cardiff Docks - Avonmouth loaded ash and return empties  
to Acton (DB)

07/01 66107. 21/01 66018.

6C03 (6A03\* return Brentford empties) Northolt sidings - Severnside Sita  
refuse containers (DB)

01/01 66102. 02/01 55102. 03/01 66199. 04/01 66063.  
06/01 66063. 07/01 66102. 08/01 66102. 09/01 66107.  
10/01 66107. 11/01 66025. 13/01 66025 tnt 66018.  
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16/01 66025 tnt 66107. 17/01 66025 tnt 66107 / \* 66107 tnt 66025.  
18/01 66025. 20-22/01 66025. 23/01 66018. 24/01 66018.  
25/01 66034. 27/01 66034. 28/01 66147. 29/01 66147.  
30/01 66154. 31/01 66154.

6C36 (MFO) Westbury - Aberthaw Cement works cement empties (Colas)  
06/01 70807.

Note; Train ran as 6Z36.

6C48 (\* 6C49) Appleford - Tytherington Quarry stone empties (G&W)  
05/01\* 66613. 10/01\* 66613. 18/01 66604.

6C67 / 6C68 Whatley Quarry - Avonmouth West Wharf loaded and return empty stone (G&W)

08/01 66598. 09/01 66529. 10/01 66529. 11/01 66566.  
13/01 66534. 14/01 66571. 16/01 66559. 17/01 66571.  
22/01 66529. 28/01 66957. 29/01 66547. 30/01 66623.  
31/01 66570.

Notes; Trains on 11/01 and 14/01 returned as 6Z68.

6M42 Avonmouth Hansons - Penyffordd empty cement (GBRf)

15/01 66771. 20/01 66771. 22/01 66771. 24/01 66771.  
29/01 66771.

Note; Train on 24/01 ran as 6Y42 empty to Gloucester New Yard only.

6V30 Grain - Margam steel (GBRf)

10/01 66755. 22/01 66750.

6V32 Tilbury - Trostre steel (GBRf)

13/01 66755. 30/01 66749.

6V41 Penyffordd - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)

14/01 66771. 31/01 66744.

Note; Working on 14/01 was the first for this new flow.

6V84 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)

03/01 66771. 06/01 66771. 08/01 66771. 10/01 66771.

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

07/01 66090. 14/01 66027. 21/01 66104. 28/01 66076.

## **Gloucester**

**14/04** Patchway bridge and Severn Tunnel engineering work (also see Bristol Parkway, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh notes & news) saw train diversions including the following through Gloucester (with passing time recorded in brackets);

66730 - 0Z66 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Eastleigh East yard light-engine (0857), 66555 - 4L36 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers (1101), 'track machine' DR73935 - 6J42 Taunton - Severn Tunnel junction West loop (1245), 66951 - 4Z57 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (1343), 66728 - 6V30 Grain - Margam steel (1531), 66515 - 4071 Wentloog - Maritime containers (1742) and 66607 - 6C62 East Usk yard - Whatley Quarry stone empties (1805).

**15/04** Wednesday diversion records included;

66515 - 4V51 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog containers (0626), 66541 - 4V50 Southampton - Wentloog containers (0736), 66539 - 4L32 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers (1100), 'track machine' DR73907 - Westbury - Newport Maindee depot (1144), 66515 - 4Z57 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (1345), 60054 - 6B33 1146 Theale - Robeston empty fuel tanks (1633) and 66541 - 4L50 Wentloog - Tilbury containers (1743),

**16/04** Thursday freight train diversions included;

66506 - 4V51 Southampton - Wentloog containers (0610), 66604 - 6A26 East

Usk - Hayes & Harlington loaded stone (held from 0616 - 0621), 66541 - 4V47 Tilbury - Wentloog containers (0738), 66565 - 4L32 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers (1057), 66520 - 0C50 Stoke Gifford - Wentloog light-engine (1149), 66506 - 4Z57 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (1355), 66728 - 6V32 Tilbury - Trostre steel (1541) and 66525 - 4071 Wentloog - Southampton containers (passing Stonehouse at 1915).

**17/04** Friday diversions included;

66520 - 4V51 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog containers (0606), 66519 - 4L32 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers (1058), 66520 + 66541 - 4Z57 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (1341) and 'stone-blower' DR80301 - 6U40 Romford - Cardiff Taff Vale sidings (1341), 70811 - 6C37 Westbury - Aberthaw Cement works (reported held Haresfield loop from 1349 - 1627) and 66604 - 6B11 Hayes & Harlington - East Usk yard stone empties (passing Haresfield at 1621).

**18/04** The Saturday diversion report listed the following;

66525 - 4V36 Felixstowe - Wentloog containers (0507), 66594 - 4V51 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog containers (0605), 66525 - 0C51 Wentloog - Stoke Gifford light-engine (0752), empty IET 800311 - 5Z80 Royal Oak sidings - Swansea Malliphant (0837), 66594 - 4051 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (1058), 66176 + 66074 + 66221 + 66124 - 0012 1051 Margam Lip - Eastleigh light-engines (1248 and later Trowbridge 1433 having been routed via Kemble and a Swindon 'reverse'), 60063 - 6B33 Theale - Margam empty fuel tanks (1318 - 1330), empty IETs 800026 + 800021 - 5Z74 Swansea Malliphant - Stoke Gifford (1237), empty IET 800321 - 5B79 North Pole - Swansea Malliphant (1437) and 66136 - 6V26 Dollands Moor - Margam steel (passing Stonehouse at 1710).

## **Westbury**

**20/03** 59206 worked 6012 0453 Merehead Quarry - Woking Down yard formed of 17 new 'Touax' branded JNA box wagons (and one older wagon) stone empties passing Salisbury at 0700.

Two engineering train reports were; 70801 - 6T26 1000 Westbury - St.Blazey (1659) via Bath formed of 10 auto-ballasters which passed Worle junction at 1205 (1 early) and departed Taunton at 1253 (5 early) and 66564 + 66513 top n' tailing - 6T44 1150 Westbury - St.Blazey (1854) via Bristol formed of another 10 auto-ballasters and reported passing Bath at 1232 (1 late), Worle junction 1333 (6 late), Taunton 1406 (7 early) and departing Totnes at 1605 (22 early) having arrived at 1552 (35 early).

**21/03** An area motive power line up at 1420 recorded the following; down yard 59004, 66738. down reception 66129 (running 0012 Margam - Eastleigh yard light-engine), up yard 66035. Colas siding 70809.

Engineering train records included;

66097 - 6W30 Westbury - Landore junction formed of 35 wagons (5 lobsters + 35 coalfish) which departed at 0950 (6 early) and Colas 70809 + DB 66035 top n' tailing - 6Z25 0200 St.Blazey - Westbury (via Bristol) which passed Bradford junction at 0633 formed of 10 FEA + 1 YJA wagons.

**22/03** An engineering train report and a loco allocation was; 70801 - 6C26 1355 Par - Westbury (via Bath) which passed Lostwithiel at 1435, Totnes 1622 and Worle junction 1826 (88 early) formed of 10 auto-ballasters (all still ballast loaded) and 66513 + 66568 allocated - 6Y44 1845 St.Blazey - Westbury (via Bath).

**23/03** DC Rail 56091 + 56103 brought in 18 empty JNA boxes forming 6Z18 0546 Willesden - Westbury passing Newbury at 0712.

Later in the day 66511 delivered 36 new brown livery 'Touax branded' JNA box wagons as 6V53 1611 Wembley yard - Westbury (2116) passing Reading at 1728 (7 early) and Newbury 1748 (77 early).

**24/03** 56091 + 56103 worked 4Z92 0749 Southampton Up yard - Westbury stone empties passing Salisbury at 0855 formed with empty 18 JNAs.

**25/03** 56103 + 56091 were again used on the 4Z92 0749 Southampton Up yard - Westbury (0940) stone empties passing Dean at 0758.

Freightliner (G & W) also still continue to serve this location, Genesee & Wyoming livery 66623 passing Warminster at 0715 (120 late) on the 7053 0314 loaded departure the booked return being 7V62 1321 empties to Westbury which passed Salisbury at 1456.

This train had also run during the previous day departing at 0833 (182 late).

**26/03** 56091 + 56103 worked 6Z93 1521 Westbury - Willesden (1810) stone empties which passed Newbury at 1604 (37 early).

Having arrived as 3Q60 2242 (Wed) 2242 Reading Triangle sidings - Westbury via Cardiff Central earlier in the day, a further test train area working involving 37612 with dept c/stock; 6397, 6392, 999602, 9803, 9708 was 3Q14 1025 Westbury - Westbury (1800) via Weymouth where a departure time of 1323 (12 early) was recorded and a reverse at Thingley junction with a return passing time of 1725 (21 late) being noted at Trowbridge.

**27/03** Road buses still continued to operate between Salisbury and Southampton following the landslip at Dean but rail services resumed during the following day.

**01/04** A Class 60 returned to Westbury in the shape of DC Rail 60028 working 18 JNA box wagons as a 6Z93 0546 working from Willesden which passed Heywood Road junction at 0753 (112 early). The loco and train later formed 6Z91 1538 Westbury - Southampton Up yard (1719) loaded stone which passed Warminster at 1545 (10 early).

Freightliner (G&Y) was also noted in the Southampton terminal with loco 66955 returning a 7V62 1321 empty departure to Whatley Quarry which passing Romsey at 1310.

A return engineering train report was; 70801 - 6C98 0409 Burnham - Westbury which passed Heywood Road junction at 0642.

**04/04** An engineering train record was; 66522 + 66532 top n' tailing - 6Y97 1330 Westbury - Lostwithiel (via Ponsodane) cwr train which passed Taunton at 1426 and Totnes 1542.

**05/04** Returning engineering train records (via Bristol) included; 70813 - 6C20 0800 Yeovil Pen Mill - Westbury which passed Exmouth junction at 0834 and Uphill junction 0944 with loaded track panels and 70807 - 6C21 1000 Yeovil Pen Mill - Westbury which passed Taunton at 1306.

**06/04** Two return engineering train (via Taunton, Bridgwater and Bath) records were;

70812 - 6C23 0500 Castle Cary - Westbury (0758) which passed Temple Meads at 0650 and 66509 + 66596 top n' tailing - 6Y42 0615 Castle Cary - Westbury (1051) which passed Uphill junction at 0726.

**11/04** Engineering train reports included;

56096 - 6C25 0600 Twyford West - Westbury formed of 12 JNA / 1 IEA / 1 MLA box wagons and recorded passing Lavington at 0720, 66748 + 66767 top n' tailing - 6G97 2231 Westbury - Gloucester cwr train formed of 12 JZA and 1 YEA wagons which arrived at Gloucester platform 4 at 2342 and 66084 + 66004 top n' tailing - 6W01 0831 Westbury - Burngullow (1405) which passed Taunton at 0923 (4 early) and Totnes 1132 (-) formed of 10 MRA wagons.

**12/04** A return engineering train working was;  
66004 + 66084 top n' tailing - 6W01 Burngullow junction - Westbury which passed Taunton at 1849.

**14/04** An engineering train record was; 66596 - 6Y60 0532 Westbury - Severn Tunnel junction (0909) which passed Gloucester at 0720 (7 early).

**17/04** 70816 + 70815 + 66849 having passed Ashchurch 1335 (34 early) and Trowbridge 1507 formed a 0F75 1040 light-engine arrival from Crewe Basford Hall yard having been routed via the Stroud Valley and a reverse at Swindon.

66082 passed Taunton at 1521 (3 late) and Exeter St. David's 1600 (114 early!) on a 6X54 1425 Westbury - Burngullow (2200) 'rail-vac' machine move.

Locos recorded on Exeter Riverside stone included; 59102/201/204. 66622.

### **Taunton**

**01/04** 70807 ran 0Z83 0830 Cardiff Canton - Newton Abbot Hackney yard (1435) light-engine to collect a defective PCA cement tank 10683 and form a return 6Z83 1210 working to Westbury Cement works (1435) which passed Taunton at 1314 (-). The loco then returned 0F84 to Cardiff Canton sidings light-engine via Bath.

### **Newport**

**19/03** Loco Services BR green livery duo 37667 + 37521 powered a 5Z15 1111 Crewe HS - Newport Docks Sims (1409) condemned HST stock move formed; 6311 (barrier), 42125, 42335, 42123, 41154, 41062, 35463 (passenger BSK acting as barrier) which passed Hereford at 1300 (1 late), Cwmbarn 1336 (8 early) and departed Newport station at 1358 (3 early).

Earlier further Class 37 activity saw 37612 (with dept c/stock; 96608, 6262, 999606, 9810, 9702) work a 3Q64 1210 Cardiff Canton sidings return circular (1834) via Gloucester and Swindon which passed Newport station outward at 1034 (17 early), Gloucester 1551 (2 early) and Newport again at 1718 (26 early) on the return.

The train was later allocated 3Q84 2332 Canton sidings - Crewe LNWR (0812).

**24/03** Analysis of recent Birdport branch steel activity for the Alpha Steel plant reports that slab continues to arrive from Scunthorpe alongside coil traffic from both Margam and Llanwern which has now recommenced.

The propelling movement brake-van had been removed on the 12th March to Cardiff Tidal sidings, assumed for maintenance and the restarting South Wales steel traffic movements.

66149 worked today's Llanwern 'trip' and also this train during the following day whilst 60054 + 66012 was used on the Margam working on the 26th March. The trains normally arrive late morning and return early afternoon to their starting locations.

**27/03** The NRMT HST with power cars 43014 + 43062 ran 1Q20 0750 Crewe CS - Derby RTC (1715) via Newport where arrival was recorded at 1013 (28 early) along with a return passing time of 1136 (5 early) at Abergavenny.

**28/03** 66158 + 66124 were on the 6H35 0852 Margam - East Usk Birdport branch steel trip which departed late at 1038.

**30/03** A freight record was; 66753 - 4Z13 0210 Tonbridge Yard - Pengam stone empties which passed Newport at 0633 being later allocated 6B42 0839

empties to Neath Abbey Wharf.

**02/04** GBRf 66728 passed Marshfield at 1034 on a 6Z34 0930 Newport Docks - Trostre works steel service, 66149 passed the same location at 1330 with 4Z67 1225 Margam - Tees yard HTAs and 67012 passed Newport at 1355 as a 0V14 1100 Crewe DED - Cardiff Canton sidings light-loco movement.

**09/04** 66116 + 66110 top n' tailed the 6V44 1503 Scunthorpe - East Usk Birdport (via Cardiff Tidal sidings) steel trip which passed Newport station up at 1006. The train was formed of 4 BAA / 20 BBA coil carriers. Later more HST stock for scrapping in South Wales saw GBRf 66773 + 66775 top n' tail - 5Z45 1113 Leeds Neville Hill - Newport Docks Sims Metals (1810) which departed Leeds at 1204 (44 late), passed Cheltenham at 1542 (32 early) and East Usk 1645 (57 early) the trains consist being listed as; 6394 (barrier coach), 40754, 41111, 41070, 42339, 42135, 42136, 42137, 40746, 41041 (set NL07 minus the TGS and 2 coaches from NL06), 6393 (barrier coach)

**11/04** 66035 passed Newport station at 1214 forming the 0012 1055 (SO) Margam Lip - Eastleigh yard light-loco move.

**13/04** 66773 was on a 5066 1030 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Eastleigh Arlington Works (1428) via Gloucester barrier coach move and was reported passing East Usk at 1110 (6 early) and Filton Abbey Wood 1237 (2 late) with 6394 + 6393 in tow whilst later 66730 was on a 5Z37 0903 Norwich - Barry Tourist Railway (1702) stock storage move formed of Anglian Railways 11082, 11066, 11072, 10404 and reported passing Uffington SB (Lincs) at 1247 (111 late), Gloucester 1529 (20 late), Newport 1618 (7 late) and departing Cardiff Central 1633 (5 early).

**14/04** The NRMT HST was a South Wales arrival formed with power cars 43014 + 43062 as a 1Q15 0650 Derby RTC - Swansea (1958) via Swindon working which passed Kidderminster at 0917 (9 early), arriving Gloucester station at 1227 (2 early) and departing at 1234 (11 early), following a reverse and again passing here at 1434 (25 early) on the return and later Newport station at 1533 (43 early).

**15/04** The NRMT HST returned as 1Q16 0333 Swansea - Derby RTC (2024) via Fishguard Harbour and West Wales departing Milford Haven at 1000 (6 early) and passing Gloucester at 1436 (27 early).

**17/04** Single-car 153369 passed Gloucester at 1335 and East Usk 1415 in an 'ex. works' Transport for Wales livery (ex. First 'blue') as a 5W78 1136 Long Marston - Cardiff Canton sidings (1535) move.

## **Cardiff**

**21/03** Returning engineering train records from the Swansea area included; 70805 - 6C20 1350 Landore - Oxford Hinksey yard (2058) formed of 20 JNA / MLA box wagons reported passing Newport at 1558 (7 early) and Westerleigh junction 1738 (7 early), 70807 + 70808 top n' tailing - 6C21 0312 Westbury - Landore junction which departed Port Talbot Parkway at 0625 formed of 22 wagons including crane DRK81626 (ZOA) and 66420 - 6Y40 1302 Landore junction - Oxford Hinksey yard (1701) which passed Port Talbot Parkway at 1127 (113 early) and Parkway 1450 (42 early) formed of 20 MLA / JNA/ IEA box wagons.

**23/03** Having worked the evening 'peak time' loco-hauled Valley Lines service for the final time on 6th March, 37418 with c/stock; 9520, 6024, 6042, 6158 ran to Swansea for 'warm' storage as 5Z37 Canton sidings - Landore Tmd (1445) via Pengam sidings and Barry and was reported as departing at 1322 (19 late).



**29/03** Sunday evening freight loco allocations and a report were; 66117 - 6E22 18409 Margam - Scunthorpe BSC (0958) via Swindon and Oxford formed of 21 HTAs, 66124 - 6E30 1810 Margam - Hartlepool BSC (0748) via Swindon and Oxford, 66019 - 6E47 1345 Margam - Middlesbrough Dawsons via Llanwern and Hereford which passed Bridgend at 1349 and 66126 - 4M36 1654 Wentloog - Daventry TESCO containers (via Hereford) which passed Newport at 1706.

**03/04** 56090 + 56096 + 56087 + 70803 had continued as 0Z32 Bristol Kingsland Road - Canton sidings and later 66849 + 70803 were noted passing East Usk at 0925 as a 0900 light-loco move to Doncaster Roberts Road (1320) from Canton.

Later 70807 + 56096 followed as 1845 light-locos to Westbury (2045) for week-end engineering train work the Class 56 was actually reported as being stored!(also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news).

**08/04** 66124 passed Marshfield at 1338 working a 6Z27 1246 Trostre - Newport docks steel service.

**09/04** 66541 passed Central station at 0924 working 4B48 0934 Wentloog - Barry Docks containers, the same loco having powered this train during the previous day departing at 0916.

**16/04** Having passed Gloucester at 1159 test unit 950001 was a Cardiff Canton sidings arrival from Bristol TM high-level on a 2Q08 working routed via Kemble following a Swindon reverse.

Booked coverage of the Newport - Uskmouth branch failed to take place but the line to Machen Quarry was visited scheduled.

Locos recorded on the Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service have included;

66031 'on loan' to DRS (21/03, 14 -18/04), 66108 'on loan' to DRS (23/03, 24/03, 01/04, 02/04, 09/04), 66126 'on loan' to DRS (28 - 31/03), 66305 (08/04), 66430 (19/03).

Locos record on Margam / Port Talbot (from Cwmbargoed) coal duty has included; 66012/044/050/094/097/102/105/106/116/119/128/154.

Locos recorded on Dee Marsh steel has included; 66050/054/105/124/128.

Locos recorded on Hope / Earles Cement coal duty included; 66102/117/158.

Locos recorded on Round Oak steel duty has included;

66019/020/021/044/074/079/100/106/110/116/117/125/128/129/158/176.

Locos recorded on Corby steel duty included;

66012/019/059/095/105/129/147

## **PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS**

### **Gala Cancellations**

**21/03** Events at both the Avon Valley and East Somerset Railway were called off due to the spread of the Corona-virus (CV-19) the former line was hoping to provide funds towards the overhaul and return to traffic of 1944 built Robert Stephenson and Hawthorn 0-6-0T 7151 whilst the latter was a 2-day loco gathering including the bringing together of both Torbay Steam Railway locos 5239 Goliath (following an overhaul at Cranmore) and 4555.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Bromsgrove**

**24/03** DB 66057 was de-railed running into the 'shunt neck' as 0B01 2105 ex. Bescot 'Lickey banking loco' light-engine and was struck by Arriva XC 170107 working the 1M87 2105 Cardiff Central - Birmingham NS service. The DMU set received side damage but remained on track with no injuries reported to a low number of traveling passengers and two train crew on board. A HSE investigation into the incident is reported as underway.

### **Class 230**

**11/04** Former Viva-rail Underground train conversion set 230006 began testing and mileage accumulation running between Moreton-in-Marsh and Evesham from its base at Long Marston carrying a silver and red Transport for Wales livery the unit being expected to be Wrexham based covering 'Borderland' area routes including Hawarden and Bidston.

### **Corona Virus Pandemic (CV-19)**

**23/03** Social distancing of at least 2 metres was one of the measures brought in by the Government to combat the virus spread along with the gathering ban of more than two people from separate households at any locations. All people are instructed to stay and work from at home (if possible) and only leave for an hour daily exercise, shopping for essentials or medical reasons. Travel was still allowed for persons to travel to and from work if carrying out certain 'essential' services and can not work from home.

The rail operating companies have to report direct to the Government until further notice during the pandemic to ensure they can still provide transport for 'key / essential' workers so they are able to travel to and from their work places.

**25/03** With an emergency network timetable having been brought into use two days previous a reduced passenger services was in use and Transport for London reported a 35% decrease of use on the City's tube lines. An additional 500 BT Police were now patrolling the network to help carry out checks enforcing Government recommendations particularly regarding 'non essential' travel.

**30/03** Passenger rail usage was reported as overall down by 95% following the Government instructions with persons now working from home along with unnecessary journeys now not being taken to slow the spread of the virus.

**07/04** Network Rail requested recently retired Signalling staff nationwide to reconsider a return to work to cover for staff shortages due to those self isolating or affected by the Corona virus so trains can keep running for 'essential' worker travel.

**12/04** The pandemic by Easter Sunday had sadly recorded around 10,000 deaths throughout Britain part of a near 100,000 total world wide. Initially London was the Country epi-centre with around a third of all nationwide infection cases the boroughs of Chelsea and Kensington suffering with particularly high numbers.

### **Dawlish**

**21/03** The seawall was closed to Arriva XC Voyager services from 1430 -

1730 due to a high tide and unexpected strong winds.

Booked tickets were made available for affected passengers to travel on GW services instead.

### **Genesee & Wyoming (Freightliner)**

Having arrived at Toton 59206 is set to become the first sub-class member to carry the new company orange/yellow livery. This loco was in fact the first to receive the then new DB-Schenker (DB branded) red livery back in January 2009 which was part de-branded last year following a take over by the new 'Mendip Rail' area stone operation by G & W and the acquisition of this six loco sub-class to the firms operating fleet.

The loco was expected to be released back into traffic at the end of April.

### **Great Western Railway**

**20/03** HST power car 43192 was reported as carrying newly applied Trematon Castle nameplates.

**22/03** GBRf 50049 + 50007 collected Mk III 12161 from Reading Triangle sidings forming a 5Z50 1245 return working to Kidderminster SVR (1546) via Long Marston which passed Oxford at 1322 (2 late) and Coventry 1418 (-). The locos and coach formation were used on a power car swap move from Long Marston to Laira over the following two days (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news).

**11/04** Pacer 143617 was used to convey staff (to assist with safer restricted Corona Virus movements with surplus stock being available) as 5Z42 0500 Exeter St.Davids - Taunton and 5Z39 0812 return to Exeter Tmd.

**13/04** Pacer set 143620 was on staff 'taxi' duties working 5Z94 0450 Exeter Tmd - Taunton and 5Z95 2225 Taunton - Exeter Tmd during the day with 143620 again appearing on 15th April and 143617 covering this duty on both 17th and 18th April.

**14/04** A sleeper ecs 'swap' move took place with 57603 on 5Z60 0720 Penzance Trsmd - Reading Triangle sidings which passed Tiverton Parkway at 1051 and Fairwood junction 1137 formed with c/stock; 10534, 10532, 10584, 10596, 10612, 10219, 12142, 17175 and 57604 working 5Z79 0915 Reading Triangle sidings - Penzance Trsmd move which passed Totnes at 1224 formed with c/stock; 17173, 12161, 10594, 10563, 10589, 10590.

### **HS2**

**15/04** Final Government permission was given to construction companies to start work on this over due and budgeted rail project between London and Birmingham with special attention to the Corona Virus 'social distancing' safety rule being implemented.

### **Northern Rail**

**18/04** A source indicates that 2 more EMU sets and three coaches are expected through Royal Portbury dock to complete the current CAF Spanish order. Units 331030 and 331031 with DMU Class 195/1 centre coaches 102131, 102132 and 102133 (to cover sets for use over the Windermere branch) are still outstanding and may have been delayed due to the current worldwide Corona Virus pandemic.

Newly delivered unit 331029 was reported to have been working 3Z10 - 3Z15 test and mileage accumulation runs between Lancaster, Carnforth and Preston during the previous week.

### **South Western Trains**

**29/02** Correction (April Magazine); 159008 + 159107 remained stabled in the bay platform at Exeter Central from 0700 that day and not over the whole line closure period (due to flooding at Axminster) as stated.

### **TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS**

**19/03** Patchway Tunnel - DR73908 reported as a failure running 6J90 Taff Vale sidings - Par.

**01/04** Bristol TM - DR73121 passing at 1505 on a 6Q54 1400 Taunton Fairwater - Gloucester move. Newport - 7091230109 passing at 1118 on a 6Q58 1015 Westerleigh - Port Talbot working.

**03/04** Pinhoe (near Exeter) - DR80210 passing at 1133 on a 6U30 Westbury - Eastleigh move.

**09/04** Totnes - DR73935 departing at 1300 on a 6J42 1133 move to Newport Maindee.

**17/04** Gloucester - DR75406 noted Gloucester from 1233 - 1245 running as 6J83 Rugby - Bristol Kingsland Road.

### **TRIP REPORTS**

**TRIP 561**

**LEEDS FLYER**

**29<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

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#### **Woodlesford Station**

Dmu Sets 144016 158901 195007

#### **Leeds Midland Road Depot (Viewed) and passing the Yard**

Locos 66506/507/518/522/554/567/590/603/617/618 66951

70004/008/006/009/013/014/017/018/019/020

Wagons 92322 92540 368167 (withdrawn) 370529/552/556/557/587/596

83 70 4520 013-1/032-1/033-9/109-7

#### **Passing Leeds Holbeck OTPD**

OTP 75401 80203 Passing Dmu 170458

#### **Leeds West Junction**

Road Rail All Pod Track Platform Baskets RR14 Evo PTL134 942156-9

PB8380/2012; PTL786 912104-5 PB8852/-; PTL787 912105-2 PB8692/-;

PTL3214 912335-8 PB9953/2017.

#### **Leeds City Station**

Locos 66742 Port of Immingham 68019 Brutus/020 Reliance/021 Tireless/023

Achilles 91105/118 The Fusiliers

Dmu Sets 144016 150137/147/149 150211/273 153316 John "Longitude  
Harrison, Inventor of the Marine Chronometer/324/346 155346 158752/753/  
754/755/757/759/817/855/859/ 869/871 158901/902/904/905/908/910  
170456/458/476 185102/105/108/110/112/115/119/120/121/125/126/127/131/  
133/135/136/137/139/141/144/145/146/148/150 195001/002/004/005/006/007/  
011/012/013/014/015/016 195102/103/110/112/117/118/121/124/126  
Demu Sets 220004/028/031/032 221131/ 132  
Emu Sets 322481/483/485 331101/104/106 Proud to be Northern/108  
333001/002/003/006/007/008/010/012/013/015/016  
Bi-Mode Sets 800106/108/110/112 800205 801106/107/110/112 801205  
802201/202/207/208/209/210/211/213/214/216  
MkV Coaches 11507/508/509/512 12719/720/721/722/723/724/726/727/728/  
734/735/736 12807/808/809/812  
DLVs 82220/224  
Road/Rail All Pod Track Platform Basket RR14 EVO PTL880 912100-3  
PB9000/2014; PTL 881 912101-1 PB9001/2014; PTL1058 912102-9  
PB9002/2015; PTL 3549 912434-6 PB10329/-.  
Wagons 371001/003/005/029/034/036/037/038/053/054/055/056/058/060/061/  
062/064/065/066/068/069/070/071 83 70 6957 003-9/006-2/013-8/014-1/024-  
5/039-3/064-1/070-8/076-1/077-3/078-1/082-3

#### **Woodlesford Station**

Dmu Sets 144016 185133 195005

#### **Side Trip taken by Some Members**

#### **Woodlesford Station**

Dmu Set 158851

#### **Kirkstall Forge**

4 wheeled Hand Rail Crane 4255/1865

#### **Kirkstall Forge Station**

Emu Sets 322483 333012/013/015/016

#### **Near Huddersfield Station**

Road/Rail Story 0810 940569-5 PX05 HEU Liebherr A900ZW 972 24091;  
Trailer 1242 010462-8 Chieftain

#### **Huddersfield Station**

Dmu Sets 144006 153363 185121 Bi-Mode Set 802213

#### **Dewsbury Station**

Dmu Sets 158752/754 185121 Bi-Mode Sets 802201/208

#### **Batley Station**

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