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Front Cover Photo February 2021 Issue 588:

68002 and 68004 pass Dr Days Junction with 6Z74 Crewe Coal Sidings-
Bridgwater F.D. on 08/06/20.

[M. Crew]

Rear Cover Photo February 2021 Issue 588:

On 01/09/20 66130 is seen at Tytherington Quarry with the first of a near
daily series of Westbury based DB driver training runs for a new Calvert
or Cricklewood HS service.

[R.W.Giles]

FUTURE EVENTS

You will be aware that future trips are suspended owing to the restrictions imposed in the fight against the Covid crisis.

The Committee had planned some special events because 2021 is the 50th anniversary of the formation of our Society.

A plan for a trip lasting several days covering 50 locations was not taken up on the grounds of expense and its lengthy duration. In its place the idea was broken up into three trips, each of several days covering different parts of the country. The first was to be an Easter visit to Scotland. It was then proposed that if someone took part in the second trip and had already taken part in the first a discount should be applied. Following the same principle, a greater discount should be applied for the third.

All of this must be tempered against any progress which is made against the Covid virus.

Payment Facility

Please note that it is also possible to pay for membership renewals by bank transfer (BACS) directly into the Society's bank, sort code 09-01-51, account 97698301. Please let Kevin Davies and John Dicks know when you make such a transaction.

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.

Media Content

Members are welcome to submit photographs and videos for the magazine cover, website and social media platforms. Content should ideally be from within our area and preferably digital, although any content of interest will be considered for publication.

Please send via e-mail to Mike Crew & Kevin Davies at the e-mail addresses at the front of the magazine. Any photographs submitted which don't make it onto the magazine front cover will be considered for publication on the Society web site and social media platforms alongside the photos normally taken on Society trips, unless a request is made not to publish them.

Society GEN News Group

There is a Gen Group on groups.io 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

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 Kevin Davies.

Society Twitter Account

There is now a Society Twitter account with the Twitter handle @CarsRailways and full url www.twitter.com/carsrailways

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

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.

NOTES & NEWS

Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh

20/12 66088 departed Westbury at 1620 (8 early) with 22 empty JNA box wagons working 6Z31 to Tytherington Quarry. The loaded return was 6Z32 2323 to Cricklewood.

21/12 66623 working 6V54 1255 Radlett - Stoke Gifford (1949) stone empties passed Kettering at 1409 (7 early), Castle Bromwich junction 1559 (-) and Yate 1832 (39 early).

66088 returned 6Z33 1248 Cricklewood - Tytherington stone empties passing Didcot Parkway at 1446, the loco was then again booked to return a 2323 loaded departure to Cricklewood.

05/01 The first stone departure from Tytherington quarry for the year was headed by 66107 as a 6M15 0707 departure to Calvert (1610) formed with 22 JNAs and reported passing Westerleigh junction at 0734 (11 early), Bath 0822 (1 early) and Newbury 1027 (19 early).

Another set of JNA wagons was expected to arrive at Westbury from Peak Forest for the second stone service to Cricklewood which was due to restart conveying a different grade of stone.

G&W Class 70 activity on South Wales inter-modal work seems to be on the increase with 66591 + 70020 being recorded passing Patchway at 1411 working the 4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime container service.

08/01 66601 departed Parkway at 2052 working 6Z51 1710 Appelford - Tytherington (2136) stone empties.

Despite the rumoured transfer to Whatley for this train the working was also loaded at Tytherington on 16th January.

09/01 The first Saturday Tytherington stone working departure for many years operated as 6Z32 0707 from Westbury to the quarry (0850) and 6Z33 1250 loaded return to Westbury (1458) the DB hauling loco being unidentified.

12/01 The Tytherington stone loaded to 2,299 tonnes with 66200 ran as 6Z15 1141 to Westbury yard (1329), the inward empties (formed with 22 JNAs) having arrived as 6Z63 0506 Westbury to Tytherington (0702) at 648 tonnes.

The loaded train then went forward to Calvert as a 6M15 0910 departure during the following day with the same loco.

Later 66704 + 66724 top n' tailed the third consignment of Class 332 Heathrow Express units to South Wales for scrap as 6X32 Old Oak Common - Newport Docks (1525) Sims which passed Reading at 1026 (3 early), Swindon 1210 (7 early) and Westerleigh junction 1320 (-) the two sets involved being 332010 + 332008, this being the debut appearance of this EMU type through Bristol.

37099 + 37254 top n' tailing a 1Q59 0950 Derby RTC - Exeter Riverside (1434) test train formed with dept c/stock; 975091, 72631, 6262, 9523 via Yatton was delayed South of Berkeley Road junction, passing Charfield at 1242 (13 early) and Yate 1314 (14 late) due to a points failure at Yate South and the 6B13 0500 Robeston - Westerleigh loaded fuel tanks being too

long to loop at Charfield and allow it to pass!

Two other affected services were the 2C14 1242 Gloucester - Frome local and 1V52 0701 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth XC service (formed with Voyager sets 220016 + 220020).

A second stone service saw an evening arrival for 66623 at Tytherington on 6C51 1710 empties from Appleford.

Locos recorded on Westerleigh fuel tank duty has included;
60011/019/020/024. 60040/062/092.

Locos recorded on Tytherington stone duty has included;
66088/107/175/200. 66601/623.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

21/12 Preserved DMU coaches 52044 + 50632 both visited St.Philips Marsh over the next two days for wheel profiling (also see PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS).

A return engineering train record was; 66085 + 66150 top n' tailing - 6W98 0636 St.Erth - Westbury return cwr working which passed Totnes at 1054 and Uphill junction 1054.

25/12 Christmas period engineering activity included work sites around Lawrence Hill and Yatton. The Severn Beach line was also closed for work. Departmental train movements included; 70802 - 6C27 1230 Yatton - Westbury (1440) which arrived Taunton station at 1158 for a reverse and 70815 + 70802 - 6C29 1753 Westbury - Yatton (2000) via Taunton passing Bridgwater up at 1730.

26/12 An engineering train record was; 70802 + 70815 top n' tailing - 6C29 1300 Yatton - Westbury (1502) via Taunton arriving at 1211 for a reverse move.

28/12 As a result of flooding north of Exeter, 158950 started the 2U06 0633 Exeter St.Davids - Cardiff Central service from Taunton.

The booked 'Castle' HST set for this turn, 43042 GW06 43004 started 2C05 0526 Temple Meads - Penzance onwards from Exeter, which would have been operated by the Class 158 set.

Turbo 166214 was also covering a 'Castle' HST duty during the day commencing with the 2U04 0609 Taunton - Cardiff Central and 2C69 0900 return to Taunton.

A loco record was 70802 + 70806 passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1051 light-locos as 0Z70 1010 Westbury - Doncaster CHS.

Afternoon engineering work saw road buses running between Westbury and Bath as well as in place of services to Severn Beach the line being closed for track work.

29/12 66110 worked 0Z66 1041 Westbury - Westbury (1626) driver route refresher / training light-engine via Temple Meads, Taunton (booked 1240 - 1259) and Parkway although the latter location was not visited during the day and the return was believed to have been via Castle Cary.

30/12 Pacers 143603 + 143618 + 143617 with 150207 also attached formed a 5D81 1219 Exeter Tmd - St.Philips Marsh (1448) storage move, bringing West Country Pacer activity which started in 2011 (when Bristol's 143 fleet were transferred west to replace former Northern Rail Class 142s) to a close.

The 'ROG' move routed via a reverse at Exeter St.Thomas, departed Exeter

St.Davids at 1146 (53 early), passed Cowley Bridge junction at 1148 (55 early), Taunton 1213 (72 early), Worle junction 1236 (83 early) and Yatton 1238 leaving out a booked loop stop here.

The lead set 143603 is destined for preservation on the Vale of Berkeley Railway at Sharpness and join 143612 already preserved and stored for use on the line.

31/12 Turbo 166211 was covering a Castle HST duty during the day commencing with, 2C63 0705 Temple Meads - Taunton and 2U08 0818 Taunton - Cardiff Central return.

A travelling correspondent observed Taunton - Cardiff local services were operating to and from Temple Meads only. No local trains appeared to be starting and terminating at Weston-super-Mare from the Bristol area.

02/01 66107 passed Stapleton Road at 1327 running 0012 1102 (SO) Margam Lip - Eastleigh light-engine and Northern Rail 158853 was a Bristol 'repaint' arrival as 5V81 1027 Neville Hill - Barton Hill (1539) which arrived Moorthorpe at 1107 (20 early) and departed at 1128 (1 late) and passed Westerleigh junction at 1447 (16 early).

03/01 59104 + 59103 returned south as 0F59 1231 Midland Road - Merehead (1906) via Derby and Cheltenham light-locos passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1712 (4 late) and Bath 1737 (9 late).

A view of Barton Hill depot recorded; 08516 and DMU 158853 and over at St.Philips Marsh; 143603, 143617,143618, 158747, 165133, 166206 and 166217 were all visible.

Sadly at 1221, Turbo set 165137 was involved in a fatality involving a woman near Worle station whilst working the 2Z73 1143 Temple Meads - Taunton local emergency services attending the scene being noted parked nearby in Aspen Road.

04/01 The passenger walking space on platforms 3 and 5 has been reduced at Temple Meads as contractors commenced refurbishment work on the overall roof. Scaffolding to erect access towers and walk-ways was stored and awaiting assembly.

A works office, staff messing facilities and stores had been noted set up in the 'old' fish dock platform area as well as in a secure material store near the new bike park. Taziker is the main contractor.

05/01 Harry Needle owned, Colas 'hire' 37610 passed Filton Abbey Wood at 0433 (27 early) on a 3Z20 2122 Derby RTC - Temple Meads (0600) test train and 66503 + 66557 top n' tailed the return 6Y15 0300 Aberthaw - Taunton Fairwater HOBC formed with 35 wagons passing Bridgwater at 0734.

The test trains next allocation was 3Z22 2331 Bristol TM high level siding - Cardiff Canton sidings via an Exeter reverse (booked 0232 - 0242).

06/01 The return HOBC passed Yatton 0707 running with 66503 + 66557 top n' tailing - 6Y15 0300 Aberthaw - Taunton Fairwater yard.

07/01 A return engineering train record was; 66503 + 66557 top n' tailing - 6Y15 0300 Aberthaw - Taunton Fairwater HOBC which passed Uphill junction at 0714.

08/01 66110 was on a 0Z66 Westbury - Westbury light-engine driver route refresher / trainer passing Uphill junction down at 1230, 66175 being reported on this duty 5 days later departing Westbury at 1038 (3 early) and 66098 on 14th passing Bradford junction at 1049 and Uphill junction at 1328 having travelled 'off route' via the station loop.

A 5Q74 1304 Barton Hill - Bicester MoD move allocated ROG 37601 was cancelled, the inward light-engine which also did not take place was 1026 Wembley - Barton Hill (1339).

37610 departed the area as 3Z21 2209 Temple Meads - Derby RTC (0545) via Cheltenham passing Filton Abbey Wood at 2231 (8 early), the trains dept c/stock being recorded as; 96604, 6392, 6260, 62267, 9703.

10/01 66414 + 66956 passed Dr.Days junction at 1613 running 0Y40 Westbury - Stoke Gifford light-locos having earlier passed Chippenham at 1407 (155 late) on a return 6Y40 1110 Bourton - Westbury (1159) engineers. A view of Barton Hill recorded 08516 along with a Class 170 coach. The six centre coaches from West Midlands 170630 - 170635 are all to be re-furbished and modernized then placed in sets 170518 - 170523 and transferred to East Midland Railways to replace Class 153 and 156 dmu. These units are to work south and collect their new respective centre coaches once work has been completed on each.

13/01 37254 + 37099 returned their test working (also see Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Westerleigh and Yate notes & news) as 1Q78 0154 Exeter Riverside yard - Derby RTC (1329) via two visits to Okehampton (booked 0316 - 0326 and 0652 - 0705 with an in between reverse at Exeter) passing Taunton at 0817 (44 early), Uphill junction 0836 (47 early) and Yate 0906 (65 early).

A departmental record was; 66957 + 66525 top n' tailing - 6Y97 1725 Westbury - Abercynon (2030) which passed Bath at 1801 (6 early).

14/01 Following previous RILA alignment monitoring light-engine work to and from Hallen Marsh during the previous day (also see Avonmouth and the Severn Beach line notes & news) 66552 continued on the duty throughout the day as 0Y08 0712 Stoke Gifford - Taunton, 0Y08 0931 return to Temple Meads, 0Y09 1050 return to Taunton, 0Y10 1136 return to Temple Meads, 0Y11 1401 return to Taunton which passed Uphill junction early at 1329, 0Y12 1506 return to Temple Meads, 0Y13 1618 return to Highbridge loop and 0Y14 1711 return to Temple Meads.

Departmental records included; 70811 + 70807 top n' tailing - 6C47 0614 Westbury - Kingsland Road which passed Bath at 0635 and 6C47 1505 Kingsland Road - Westbury return which passed the same location 1240 (160 early) formed with 10 MXA lobster wagons.

16/01 With the planned move during the previous day (the loco having seen light-engine use between Guildford and Wokingham) cancelled, 37610 returned north as 0F01 1232 Woking - Derby RTC (2000) via Andover passing Bath at 1455 (10 early), Dr.Day's junction 1515 and Yate 1527 (5 early). A view of Barton Hill recorded Turbo set 170111 which had arrived as a 5Z70 move from Tyseley and the three Class 170 centre coaches in for refurbishment.

A number of small buildings located alongside the fuel roads were noted being demolished.

17/01 Turbo two-car duo 165130 + 165128 was unusually paired on the 2U12 0940 Exeter St.Davids - Cardiff Central (1201) service which arrived Taunton at 1008.

19/01 Following the planned East Junction track work due to take place in the summer, Temple Meads could see two further platforms (as 'additional' projects). Platform 0 using the high level siding stub and platform 5a replacing both 'up' loco and dmu stabling bays. A platform 16 could also be added once the new University campus has been completed on the old Royal Mail sorting office site.

Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line

24/12 Work on the new Portway station next to the A4 Road Park & ride at Shirehampton has started with 'reserved' land next to railway cleared of vegetation. The near £3.5 million scheme was supported by the Government's 'new station fund' with £1.67 million to increase the new single platform to a five instead of three coach length had been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The park opened in 2002 (with land left for a station which was eventually considered regarding planning for the first time in 2009) with 300 spaces which have now increased nearly three fold since. A mid-2021 opening is now expected some 4 months later than planned, becoming the first new area station opening since Filton Abbey Wood in 1996.

09/01 Sidings 5,6,7 and 8 have now all been taken out of use in the Bulk Handling terminal as part of the new Maritime depot work. The former fuel road (4) has had its buffer stop removed.

13/01 66552 was on RILA alignment filming light-loco work running as 0705 Stoke Gifford - Temple Meads (0739) via Hallen Marsh junction and 1043 return to Stoke Gifford (1121) again via Hallen Marsh junction this run being reported passing Brentry down at 0934 and 0948 on the return.

19/01 Colas duo 37175 + 37099 top n' tailing a 3Q56 1848 (Mon) Derby RTC - Margam (0507) test working via Bristol East, Avonmouth, Parkway and Severn Tunnel junction was recorded passing Cheltenham at 2205 (21 early) and was reported as reversing at Severn Beach around 0100.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included;
66716/741/760/770/781.

Locos recorded on refuse container duty has included;
66014/050/060/083/098/120/142. 66198.

Locos recorded on ash duty have included;
66013.

Locos recorded on container duty have included;
66413/529/534

Portbury Branchline

24/12 At least 9 new Spanish CAF imports were visible in the auto-terminal during the day four of which were driving ends.

05/01 Six CAF Class 196/0 import sets for the West Midlands were still present on internal road low loaders in the auto-terminal. Two body shells (for Llanwern) carried 196101 and 196102 (but assumed to be 196001 and 196002, as the two 196/1s have already been delivered) and a complete coach from 196107 believed to be part of the final 'import' set build for this sub-class the remainder, 196108 - 196114 being expected to be fitted out and completed at Llanwern using imported body shells.

06/01 37610 worked 0F85 0916 Cardiff Canton sidings - Temple Meads (1852) and was booked to make several light-engine runs to Portbury and Bristol East during the day, then returning 0F86 1900 Cardiff Canton sidings (2013). However the working was believed to have reached Parsons Street around 1130 on the second booked Portbury run of the day and was terminated and assumed returned to Cardiff early, reason unknown.

11/01 MV 'Yeoman Buntrup' arrived with 55,000 tonnes of high grade aggregate from Glensandra, Scotland reported for GBRf rail movement to Acton.

13/01 A new 13 week contract for GBRf was confirmed with two trains a

week, 66741 working a 0L66 0928 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Portbury Biomass (1111) driver refresher run which was reported passing Parsons Street down at 1103. The booked return was 0L67 1230 to Cardiff Tidal sidings (1427).

15/01 The GBRf out and back route learning trip from Cardiff Tidal sidings was cancelled.

19/01 The first GBRf aggregate working, using 'Aggregates livery' 66711 running as 6B58 1045 Colnbrook 'la Farge' - Portbury Auto terminal (1630) via Swindon and Hullavington arrived Parkway at 1355 (106 early) and Temple Meads at 1405 and was terminated due to a fallen tree between Parson's Street junction and Portbury. Following a loco run round the train departed as 6B58 1600 Temple Meads - Cardiff docks (1927) passing Patchway at 1645 (10 early). The booked loaded return was to have been; 6A58 2225 Portbury Auto terminal - Acton yard (0450) via Bath (2331) and Chippenham. The service was booked to have operated again over the following day in the same paths.

Bristol area workings during October

Note; There were a number of diversions (which have been listed) towards the end of the month due to replacement bridge work at Patchway, Bristol.

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

05/10	66538.	09/10	66515.	12/10	66416.	15/10	66956.
16/10	66562.	19/10	66553.	20/10	66514.	26/10	66517.
27/10	66556.	28/10	66531.	29/10	66551.		

Notes; Trains from 26-29/10 were all diverted via Gloucester and the Stroud Valley.

4L35 0545 (MO) Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (G&W)

12/10	66593.	26/10	66952.
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4L36 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime (G&W)

05/10	66528.	08/10	66420.	09/10	66567.	15/10	66520.
16/10	66570.	20/10	66569.	21/10	66543.		

4051 (SO) Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (G&W)

10/10	66511.	17/10	66553.	24/10	66505.	31/10	66515.
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Notes; Train on 31/10 was diverted via Gloucester.

4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (G&W)

05/10	66569.	08/10	70007.	09/10	70007.	12/10	66565 + 66518.
13/10	70001.	15/10	66559.	16/10	66531.	19/10	66531.
20/10	70001.	21/10	66539.	27/10	66547.	29/10	70007.
30/10	66539.						

Notes; Trains on 27/10, 29/10 and 30/10 were diverted via Gloucester and the Stroud Valley.

4071 (TThO) Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (G&W)

15/10	66531.
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4V35 (SO) London Gateway - Avonmouth West Wharf containers (G&W)

03/10	66544.	10/10	66534.	17/10	66516.	24/10	66952.
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4V54 (FO) Southampton Maritime - Avonmouth West Wharf containers (G&W)
02/10 66557. 09/10 66557. 30/10 66560.

6A31 Tytherington - Appleford loaded stone (G&W)
10/10 66621. 12/10 66621. 21/10 66619. 26/10 66619.
Note; Train on 21/10 ran as 6A25.

6A27 East Usk - Hayes loaded stone (G&W)
08/10 66607. 15/10 66603. 21/10 66614. 28/10 66606.
29/10 66614.
Notes; Trains on 28/10 and 29/10 were diverted via Gloucester.

6A83 Avonmouth Bennetts-West Drayton (* Theale MO - DB) loaded stone (G&W)
07/10 66558. 08/10 66524. 12/10 66540. 13/10 66540.
15/10 66544. 20/10 66524. 24/10 66544. 27/10 66415.
29/10 66524.
Note; Train on 07/10 ran loaded to Stoke Gifford and on 24/10 to Westbury only.

6A86 (SO) Moreton-on-Lugg - Hayes loaded stone (G&W)
17/10 66606.

6B11 Hayes - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)
09/10 66619. 12/10 66607. 16/10 66414. 26/10 66614.
28/10 66623.
Notes; Trains on 26/10 and 28/10 were diverted via the Stroud Valley and Gloucester.

6B33 Theale - Robeston fuel tank empties (DB)
05/10 60010. 10/10 60062. 12/10 60019. 15/10 60010.
17/10 60062. 19/10 60010. 21/10 66066 + 60062. 24/10 60074.
27/10 60020.
Notes; Trains on 27/10 and 31/10 were diverted via the Stroud Valley and Gloucester.

6B91 (SO) Hayes - East Usk stone empties (G&W)
17/10- 66603.

6C02 / 6A02 (TO) Cardiff Docks Ryan's - Avonmouth Bennetts loaded ash and return empties to Southall (DB)
06/10 66107. 13/10 66006. 20/10 66110. 27/10 66094.
Note; Train on 27/10 ran via Gloucester.

6C03 Northolt - Severnside Sita loaded refuse containers (* 6A03 return empties to Brentford (DB)
02/10 66139. 03/10 66139. 04/10* 66139. 05/10 66139.
07/10 66171. 08/10 66171. 10/10 66085 tnt 66171.
12/10 66085 tnt 66171. 13/10 66085 tnt 66171. 15/10 66061 tnt 66077.
16/10 66061 tnt 66077. 19/10 66085 tnt 66136. 20/10 66085 tnt 66136.
22/10 66101 tnt 66185. 26/10 66077. 27/10 66101. 28/10 66101.
29/10 66139. 30/10 66139.

6C19 Stoke Gifford - Whatley stone wagon empties (G&W)

12/10 66560. 19/10 66558. 26/10 66606.

6C36 (ThO) Moorswater - Aberthaw Cement works cement empties (Colas)
08/10 70815. 15/10 70815. 22/10 70811.

6C37 (TFO) Westbury - Aberthaw Cement works cement empties (Colas)
09/10 70815. 16/10 70815. 20/10 70811 + 70802. 29/10 70802.
Note; Train on 20/10 suffered a loco failure, thought to have occurred
between Bristol and Bath whilst train on 29/10 was diverted via Gloucester
and operated on a Thursday.

6C80 / 6B80 (SO) Stoke Gifford - Machen Quarry empty and return loaded
stone (G&W)
17/10 66414.

6F90 Avonmouth - Gloucester New Yard loaded cement (GBRf)
10/10 66754.

6M42 Avonmouth Hansons - Penyffordd cement empties (GBRf)
08/10 66778. 09/10 66704. 12/10 66704. 16/10 66704.
19/10 66704. 21/10 66704. 26/10 66781. 30/10 66781.

6M60 (FO) Exeter (Riverside) - Bescot china clay freight (DB)
09/10 66130. 16/10 66188. 23/10 66188. 30/10 66093.

6M90 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe cement empties (GBRf)
29/10 66776.

6V32 Tilbury - Trostre steel (GBRf)
05/10 66720 tnt 66755. 09/10 66720 tnt 66755. 12/10 66720 tnt 66755.
16/10 66720 tnt 66755. 19/10 66755 tnt 66779. 27/10 66755 tnt 66779.
Note; Train on 27/10 was diverted via the Stroud Valley and Gloucester.

6V35 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)
02/10 66774.

6V41 Penyffordd - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)
11/10 66704. 25/10 66781.

6V63 Colnbrook - Pengam stone empties (GBRf)
20/10 66782.

6V84 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)
07/10 66754. 09/10 66754. 16/10 66776. 19/10 66776.
26/10 66776. 28/10 66776.

6V99 (TO) Bescot - St.Blazey freight (DB)
06/10 66130. 13/10 66188. 20/10 66188. 27/10 66093.

Gloucester

21/12 66094 passed Kemble at 0703 working 6V72 0025 Liverpool EMR -
Swindon Cocklebury yard empty scrap wagons formed with 15 MBA boxes.

Later the line between Swindon and Standish junction was closed around 0940 due to a fatality, with passenger trains being replaced by a road bus service until 1400.

22/12 68002 + 68016 were allocated 6V73 / 6M56 Crewe Coal sidings - Berkeley CEBG low level radioactive waste container trip.

23/12 Abbotswood junction was closed around 2100 due to flooding from heavy rainfall.

There were also problems on the Chepstow line with two freight and a departmental diversion being reported; 66176 - 6V65 Saltley - Cardiff Tidal loaded scrap passing Gloucester Yard junction at 1943, 66039 + 66171 - 6Z46 2011 Margam - Middlesbrough Dawsons recorded Cam & Dursley at 1955 and 66737 - 6G71 Beeston - Dyneover junction engineers which was looped at Haresfield from 1904 - 1958.

04/01 66093 passed Cheltenham at 0657 hauling 17 MBA wagons as 6V72 0025 Liverpool Euro metals - Swindon Cocklebury yard.

05/01 60001 passed Standish junction at 1720 (13 early) working 6M53 1554 Swindon Stores - Toton Up sidings (2311) formed with 17 empty BYA steel carriers.

16/01 Two early evening freight records were; 66040 - 6V65 1557 Saltley Emr - Cardiff Tidal (2010) loaded scrap passing Gloucester at 1741 (43 early) and 66116 - 6V81 1330 Mexborough FD - Cardiff Tidal (2048) wagon move formed with 35 MEAs reported passing Toton Centre at 1413 (20 early) and Gloucester 1745 (80 early).

An engineering train record was; 'One' pink livery 66587 + 66957 top n' tailing - 6Y97 0545 Heath junction - Westbury (1139) via Margam and Gloucester passing Margam Moors junction up at 0717, Standish junction 1008 and Parkway 1046 (9 late) formed with 1 YEA / 12 JZA wagons.

Westbury

20/12 Engineering train departures and arrivals included; 66846 + 66850 top n' tailing - 6C23 1200 Tilehurst - Westbury passing Southcote junction at 1319 formed with 15 MRA/3 YWA flats/ 1 OCA wagons, 66849 - 6C97 0835 Devonport - Westbury formed of 1 YEA/12 JZA wagons passing Taunton at 0946 and Castle Cary 1025, 66150 + 66085 top n' tailing - 6W98 1535 Westbury - St.Erth (2300) via Penzance which passed Taunton at 1623 (5 early) and Exeter St.Davids 1733 (11 early), 66533 + 66556 top n' tailing - 6Y15 1200 Didcot East junction - Taunton Fairwater yard (1325) 38 wagon HOBC via Swindon and Westbury passing Castle Cary at 1318 (31 late), 66516 + 66508 top n' tailing - 6Y16 1028 Didcot North junction - Westbury (1230) passing Newbury at 1205 (60 late), 66957 - 6Y17 0928 Didcot North junction - Westbury which passed Reading West junction at 1021 formed with MLA/JNA/IEA box wagons and 70805 + 70803 top n' tailing - 7C24 0900 Tilehurst - Westbury formed with 2 YJB cranes 78216 + 78235 with JNA/MLA box wagons reported Lavington at 0934.

24/12 G&Y 59104 + 59103 were sent north for maintenance requirements via a different path (in stead of Bristol and Cheltenham) as 0F59 0647 Westbury - Leeds Midland (Balm) Road (1542) routed Slough and Bedford and were reported passing Challow at 0746 (5 late) and Reading 0834 (3 early).

28/12 GBRf 'Biffa' livery 66783 passed Millbrook at 1457 and Salisbury 1559 (-) working 6V41 1448 Eastleigh - Westbury (1644) departmental.

29/12 An area report at 0940 recorded the following; down yard 66002, 66783 (allox 0041 1014 light-engine to Eastleigh), up yard 66088, 66149.

Colas siding 70805, 70811, 70812, 70815.

Later 66956 + 66557 + 66957 + 66516 all arrived as a light-loco move from Stoke Gifford yard having passed Trowbridge at 1833.

01/01 A New Year's Day loco line up recorded the following; down yard 66149, 66783. up yard 66088. up yard (short siding) 70803. Colas siding 66002, 70811. outside DB office 66110.

05/01 The loaded 6M20 1038 Whatley - St.Pancras Churchyard sidings stone was top n' tailed with 66619 + 66542 when noted passing Fairwood junction at 1121.

07/01 66605 was reported running round (and held) on 6V36 1851 (Wed) Tunstead - Westbury loaded cement in 24 JGA wagons from 0439 - 0751 before later returning 6M36 1300 empties to Tunstead (2119) which passed Bath at 1422 (52 late) and Pilning 1455 (60 late). Later 66723 passed Salisbury at 1218 formed with 14 FYAs as 6V44 1218 Marchwood - Bicester MoD via Swindon. Also Colas 37175 was present with dept c/stock; 96606, 9806, 999605, 9702 and allocated to lead a 3Q36 2340 out and back test working via reverses at Southampton Central and Bristol East yard.

11/01 An engineering train record was; 66125 + 66050 top n' tailing - 6W50 1159 Westbury - St.Erth (2010) via Ponsodane which having passed Exeter St.Davids at 1409 was terminated in Newton Abbot Hackney yard having activated a 'hot box' detector at Exminster.

12/01 An engineering train record for the day was; 66167 + 66020 top n' tailing - 6W55 1159 Westbury - St.Erth which passed Dawlish at 1435 formed of 10 auto-ballasters.

13/01 The return engineering train from the previous day saw 66020 + 66167 - 6W55 0741 St.Erth (originating at Carbis Bay) - Westbury which arrived Plymouth station at 0933, passed Lipson junction at 1026 and Totnes at 1050. Another outward Cornish bound departmental was 66059 + 66107 top n' tailing - 6W60 Westbury - St.Erth which departed at 1159 (-).

14/01 Engineering train records included; 66107 + 66059 top n' tailing - 6W60 0741 St.Erth - Westbury formed of 10 auto-ballasters passing Camborne at 0805, Totnes 1046 and Taunton 1204 and 66125 + 66020 top n' tailing - 6W65 1159 Westbury - St.Erth which passed Taunton at 1302 and Totnes 1639 formed of 10 auto-ballasters.

It has been reported that the St.Erth ballast trains are destined for use on the closed St.Ives branch which has been lifted and replaced and is not to re-open until February.

Carbis Bay is set to be used to stage a G7 International Climate Change Summit during June 2021, St.Ives and Falmouth being also expected to see increased activity in use for Summit support and for visiting World Press and TV organizations.

16/01 A return engineering train record was; 'Biffa' livery 66783 - 6G71 1500 Uffingham - Westbury formed of 25 MLA/JNA box wagons which passed Swindon at 1424 (137 early).

17/01 Engineering train records included; 66748 + 66783 - 6G72 1500 Bourton - Westbury formed with 9 JNA / 6 MLA box wagons, passing Swindon at 1742 and 66077 + 66185 top n' tailing - 6W98 0821 Moreton Colliery - Westbury passing Lavington at 1009 formed with 1 YEA / 12 JZA wagons.

Taunton

05/01 66503 departed Fairwater at 1101 (36 late) working 6C75 departure HOBC wagons with waste ballast for the West Somerset Railway, Norton

Fitzwarren triangle area. The same loco performed the same duty two days later departing Fairwater at 1031 (6 late).

14/01 66503 + 66557 top n' tailed a 6C75 Fairwater yard - Norton Fitzwarren triangle spent ballast move which departed at 1049 (24 late).

17/01 Two return engineering train records were; 66623 (on loan to Colas from G&W) - 6C97 0845 Burngullow - Westbury rail train passing Taunton at 1222 (the previous evenings down working having arrived Plymouth at 1908) and 66503 + 66557 top n' tailing 6Y15 0640 Oxford - Fairwater yard 35 wagon HOBC train which passed Heywood Road junction at 1031, Fairwood junction 1114 and arriving Fairwater at 1220, the whole train having been turned on the Westbury triangle en-route.

Exeter

20/12 No South Western train services operated from Waterloo - Exeter during the day.

14/01 With the outward passing St.James Park down at 0926, 67027 + 67023 passed Pinhoe at 1035 working the return 1Q23 0541 Reading Triangle sidings - Salisbury test train (via reverses at Exeter and Yeovil Pen Mill, on the return) passing Pinhoe at 1035 and Sherborne 1256. The trains next booked moves were; 1X23 1513 Salisbury - Salisbury (via Southampton Up goods loop) and 1Q23 1704 Salisbury - Reading Triangle sidings.

Newport

21/12 Two freight records were; 60092 - 6Z27 1230 Trostre works - Newport docks loaded steel arriving Margam at 1358 formed with 13 KVA/5 IWA wagons and 66148 6Z57 1258 Margam - Doncaster Belmont which passed Newport at 1352 formed with 17 MBA wagons.

23/12 Flooding between Newport and Hereford at Little Mill saw road buses in operation with train cancellations and diversions. There were also water level problems reported in Hillfield Tunnel near Newport.

28/12 66186 ran 0Z79 1021 Bescot - Bescot (1915) via Newport ADj (booked 1358 - 1454) route refresher / driver training light-engine run passing Cheltenham down at 1214 and Gloucester 1620 on the return.

66188 covered this duty during the following day passing Walsall outward at 1029.

30/12 Three freight records of interest were; 66596 + 70020 - 4V53 0325 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog which passed Newport at 0617, 66039 + 60040 - 6V49 2207 (Tues) Tees yard - Margam which passed Bridgend at 0739 and 70020 - 4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers passing Newport station at 1338.

02/01 A morning freight record was; 66059 + 66094 - 6V71 2355 (Fri) Carlisle yard - Margam which passed Pontrilas at 0822.

Two return engineering train reports were; 66503 - 6C21 0736 Cardiff Central - Westbury which passed Severn Tunnel junction at 0658 formed with 5 MLA and 15 JNA box wagons and 70803 - 6C22 0815 Cardiff - Westbury which passed Marshfield at 1101 (36 early) and Bathampton junction 1318 (13 early) formed with JNA/MLA/IEA boxes.

05/01 Former GW single car units 153318 + 153374 formed a 5V78 0723 Ely Papworth sidings - Landore Tmd (1340) storage move passing Nuneaton at 0956 (24 late) and Gloucester 1133 (2 early).

Earlier 66617 had worked a 24 HIA wagon move as 6L56 0846 East Usk yard - Tilbury (1500) passing Llanwern West junction at 0913 (17 early) and Bristol Parkway 0936 (15 early).

06/01 66139 + 66148 passed Newport station up at 1100 top n' tailing - 6V66 15-09 (Tues) Scunthorpe - East Usk Birdport branch steel and later 66112 was an area arrival on a further driver route-refresher 0Z79 0920 Bescot - Bescot via Newport ADj light-loco passing Cheltenham outward at 1101, 66009 covering this duty 7 days later being reported passing Gloucester on the inward at 1140 and covering the duty again over the following day.

07/01 An engineering train record was; 66956 - 6Y40 0705 Radyr - Westbury which passed Newport station at 1041 (131 late) formed with 5 HQA auto-ballasters and 18 coalfish wagons.

14/01 66127 hauled 3 HTA wagons (310412, 311043, 311064) as 6B43 1206 Alexandra Dock junction - Cardiff Tidal sidings passing Marshfield at 1229. Later GBRf 47739 + 47727 top n' tailed a 5Z48 0830 Gascoigne Wood - Newport Docks (1402) Sims condemned HST stock move formed with; 41090, 41044, 40737, 42127, 42063, 42064, 42065, 44045 (with barrier coaches 6393 + 6394 on each end) which passed Gloucester at 1257 (6 late).

16/01 66135 + 66185 passed Newport station at 1219 running as 0012 1102 (SO) Margam Lip - Eastleigh light-engines.

17/01 A Sunday freight record was; 66009 - 6B35 1542 East Usk yard - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties which passed Maindee North junction at 1537.

18/01 66723 passed Llanwern at 1050 (1 early) working a 6M84 Bicester MoD - Donnington MoD working and 66705 + 66750 later appeared top n' tailing a 5Z98 1040 Gascoigne Wood sidings - Newport Docks (1718) Sims scrap stock move which had passed Burton-on-Trent at 1307 (29 late) and Gloucester 1532 (14 early) the trains consist being former HST coaches; 42384, 44041, 42152, 42157, 42156, 42155, 40700, 41069, 41079 with barriers 6393 + 6394 on either end.

Cardiff

20/12 Sunday area freight activity included; 66148 - 6M30 1117 Margam - Dee Marsh passing Bridgend at 1157, 66623 - 6M39 1536 Port Talbot Grange sidings - Crewe Basford Hall yard wagon move (via Hereford) passing the same location at 1422 (117 early) and 66079 - 6F08 1505 Newport docks - Margam steel reported Marshfield at 1654 formed with 22 IWAs

22/12 37025 + 37254 top n' tailed a 1Q15 0650 Derby RTC - Swansea (1958) test train (via Swindon) passing Gloucester outward (towards Swindon) at 1249 (1 late) and Newport 1543 (23 early).

23/12 37025 + 37254 were in action again top n' tailing the return South Wales test train as 1Q16 Swansea - Derby RTC (2024) via Tenby, Pembroke dock, Milford Haven and Fishguard and was reported departing Fishguard Harbour at 0901 (1 early), passing Central station at 1338 (10 early) and Chepstow 1416 (23 early).

24/12 66168 + 66068 + 66074 passed Central station at 1455 as a 0N03 1455 Margam - Eastleigh yard (via Westbury) light-engine move.

30/12 Two area engineering train records were; 66957 - 6Y61 0514 Westbury - Long Dyke junction which passed Severn Tunnel junction at 0725 formed with 15 JNA/5 MLA wagons and 66516 - 6Y62 0948 Westbury - Long Dyke junction which passed Bradford junction at 0954 formed with 16 JNA/3 MLA/1 IEA wagons.

31/12 Valley lines were closed over the New Year period for engineering work.

04/01 70020 powered the 4V50 0433 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog container service passing Severn Tunnel junction at 0659, the loco then working the 4B48 0931 container trip to Barry which passed Central station at 0945 and was reported to be a loco Class debut over the dock's branch from Cadoxton.

05/01 A further movement to Landore Tmd (following the two Class 153 see Newport notes & news) were 'stood down' Transport for Wales Pacers 142075 + 142080 + 142085 on a 5F20 1000 Canton sidings which passed Neath at 1200.

07/01 66002 passed Margam Moors junction at 1549 working 6Z48 1551 Margam - Middlesbrough freight.

13/01 A 3J41 1055 Canton sidings - Wrexham General test working passed Cwmbran at 1135 formed with Mk IV coaches 82229, (HD02) 10328, 11324, 12447, 12219 and an unidentified loco which was thought to have been 67015.

14/01 A return engineering train record was; 66027 - 6W21 0948 Bynea - Oxford Hinksey yard which passed Port Talbot Parkway at 1222 with a 20 wagon consist.

16/01 Engineering train records included; 70814 - 6C20 0924 Westbury - Penarth Curve South junction (1200) which passed Freshford at 0939 and Patchway 1018 (2 early) formed with MLA/JNA/IEA box wagons and 70807 allocated 6C21 1700 Penarth Curve South junction - Westbury formed with 37 coalfish wagons.

The Vale of Glamorgan line was closed for track work over the weekend.

17/01 The Colas out-based Class 37 based at Rhymney to recover Class 769 unit failures was due to be swapped with large-logo 37025 which set out as 0Z37 1000 Doncaster CHS - Canton sidings (1522) via Bristol Parkway passing Mexborough at 1013 but was terminated around Cheltenham - reason unknown.

Meanwhile 37418 booked 0Z37 1612 Rhymney sidings - Canton sidings was turned back from Ystrad Mynach loop having arrived here light-engine at 1558 (65 early) to continue Valley 'thunderbird' duties.

A 0Z38 1900 move from Canton - Rhymney for 37025 was cancelled.

Sunday freight records included; 66009 - 6B04 1240 Llanwern - Margam reported Bridgend at 1353, 60092 - 6B05 1836 Llanwern - Margam which passed Newport at 1639, 66606 - 6B82 1513 East Usk yard - Port Talbot Grange sidings recorded Newport at 1522, 66039 - 6H26 1530 Llanwern - Margam steel which passed Newport at 1426, 66001 - 6H25 1015 Margam - Llanwern steel which passed Pontyclun at 1050 and 66021 - 6H29 1816 Margam - Llanwern steel reported Margam Moors junction at 1813.

The 6E47 1615 Margam - Middlesbrough Dawsons freight formed with 13 IHA and 4 BYA wagons was allocated 66070 + 66188.

Departmental train records included; 70811 - 6C20 0900 Penarth Curve South - Westbury which passed Bath at 1038 formed of 37 coalfish and 70805 - 6C20 0915 Westbury - Penarth Curve South junction which departed Central station at 1048, formed of 15 HQA auto-ballasters.

18/01 Trains north of Radyr to Treherbert, Aberdare and Merthyr were replaced by a road bus service due to engineering work lasting through the week.

19/01 37418 was able to complete the booked light-loco move cancelled from 17th as 0Z36 0805 Rhymney - Canton sidings passing Caerphilly at 0849

(15 early), a 1525 Canton sidings - Rhymney return move being also booked to have run.

Locos recorded on Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service included: 66091 ('on loan' to DRS from DB) 28/12, 66425 (20/12, 21/12, 24/12, 29/12, 30/12, 02-04/01, 06/01, 13/01, 14/01, 16/01, 17/01), 66432 (07/01).

Locos recorded on Margam /Port Talbot/Cwmbargoed coal duty has included; 66059/185.

Locos recorded on Hope Cement works coal duty included; 66078/171.

Locos recorded on Dee Marsh steel duty has included; 60092. 66020/094/148/149. 66171/186.

Locos recorded on Round Oak steel duty has included; 66002/020/059/070/082/112/113. 66116/148/149/156/188/197.

Locos recorded on Corby steel duty has included; 66001/059/112/113/119/124/185/188.

Locos recorded on Barry container duty has included; 66513/516/536. 70020.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Avon Fire and Rescue (station 28), Training Centre, Nova Way, Avonmouth

R.W.GILES

24/12 The new Network Rail/Avon Fire & Rescue Mitsubishi 'Fuso' Canter r/r CK70CJF (978028-7 / RRC459) was noted parked near the road entrance gate.

The vehicle continues to be kept here as the normal nearby operational base at St.Andrews Road Fire station under goes rebuilding modernization due to be completed this year.

There was no sign of the previous vehicle based here, Renault N842HFB (979098-9) of 1995 which over the years has been seen at Westerleigh, Wapping Wharf, Bristol, Yate Fire station and Avonmouth Old docks.

Avon Valley Railway

17/01 08202 was noted in use on a rail train with crane at Avon Riverside Halt, Saltford during the day.

The loco had also seen use over the line during the previous day with a 'tree felling' recovery train.

Dean Forest Railway

21/12 Class 108 DMU car 52044 departed the Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway by road for St.Philips Marsh and wheel profiling and a new home on the Dean Forest Railway departing Bristol during the following day.

A second car 50632 had been brought in and followed once completed on a SA Smith road haulier trailer departing the depot at 1205 to Lydney on 23rd December.

Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway

The line has reported a 77% decrease in passenger numbers during 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and has used some of the 'reserve' funding towards operations.

The Government has provided around £300,000 as part of its 'Culture Recovery Fund' for Heritage locations to assist with lost revenue.

Railway Support Services, Wishaw, Warwicks

09/01 An incomplete report on this date listed; preserved Class 14 D9954. Pacer 143612 (both cars), along with stored locos; 08568, 08650, 08652, 37679 and 47484.

MISCELLANEOUS

Class 66

13/01 66797 arrived from mainland Europe and moved to Longport for modifications.

14 further locos are expected over the next year for GBRf and will be numbered 66797 - 66799 and 66351 - 66360.

One loco will take the place and number of 66734 (formerly 66402) which was scrapped following a derailment in Scotland.

Class 69

Pioneer conversion 69001 was due to be released for testing by GBRf on the Severn Valley Railway from EMD Longport during February.

It will still be initially registered as 56031 on TOPS, the loco it was modified from.

Other locos 56311 (69002) and 56018 (69003) are the next two locos to take up new Class numbers following refurbishment.

Class 86

06/01 The remaining G&Y locos has all gone into 'reserve store', with Class 90s no longer needed by Greater Anglia covering all their duties.

Class 93

The Rail Operations Group UK Ltd has confirmed a 30 Stadler tri-mode loco order with the first 10 for delivery in 2023 supporting UK planned environmental emission requirement targets.

Class 196

Delivery of the new West Midland CAF built DMU sets is underway with 3-car 196101/102/103 (part of the 14 ordered) already at Tyseley and in use on up to 2 daily test trips between Birmingham and Crewe.

Also 2-car 196005 has arrived as part of the 12 sets ordered in this sub class.

Great Western Railway

20/12 Due to IET availability issues, 'Castle' HST set 43005 GW05 43198 worked the 1A87 1218 Penzance - Paddington service as far as Exeter St.Davids where IET set 802110 was available to take the train forward. DMU area records for the day were; 150221, 158760 and 158959 working separate Barnstaple diagrams and 150247 + 150249, 150265, 150202 + 150233, 150232 + 150261 on Exmouth - Exeter - Paignton local diagrams along with Pacer 143618 + 150244 which was noted with the 2F05 1012 Exeter St.Davids - Exmouth (and 2T15 1057 return to Paignton) and assumed in use as a

pairing for the rest of the day.

21/12 The same 143 + 150 combination in use during the previous day was noted with the 2F10 0815 and 2F17 1154 departures from Paignton - Exmouth and 143617 was back in use paired with 150221 on the 2T18 1223 Exmouth - Paignton service.

22/12 Pacer sets 143617 (+ 150221) and 143618 (+ 158760) were on local passenger duty, the former starting with 2F10 0815 Paignton - Exmouth and the latter 2T08 0724 Exmouth - Paignton.

23/12 Pacer 143617 paired with 150246 and 143618 + 158760 were again active on local Devon diagrams (starting with the 2T08 0724 Exmouth - Paignton and 2F09 0739 Paignton - Exmouth workings respectively) during the day.

24/12 Flooding following heavy rain fall between Cowley Bridge junction and Stoke Canon affected the mainline and Barnstaple branch with road bus replacements in operation.

A number of IET services were diverted over the former LSWR route via Honiton and Yeovil, these included; 802017 - 1A73 0458 Penzance - Paddington which departed Pinhoe at 0811, 802105 - 1A73 0604 Penzance - Paddington reported Exeter Central at 0924, 802012 - 1C74 0904 Paddington - Plymouth noted Pinhoe at 1210 and 1802005 - 1A83 0913 Penzance - Paddington reported passing the same location at 1233.

Some of the diverted services were actually started at Reading instead of Paddington during the day.

Pacer records included; 143617 + 150247 starting the day on 2T08 0724 Exmouth - Paignton and 143618 + 150244 working 2F05 0739 Paignton - Exmouth.

27/12 158769 + 143617 were seen together on local passenger train work which included the 2T16 1218 Exmouth - Paignton service departing Exeter St.Davids at 1254.

Flood diversions via the former LSWR route included; 802112 - 1A87 1218 Penzance - Paddington which departed Exeter St.Davids at 1521, 802114 - 1C84 1403 Paddington - Penzance which arrived Exeter St.Davids at 1722 and departed at 1727, 800321 'The Mask' - 1A18 1418 Penzance - Paddington which departed Pinhoe at 1745, having arrived Exeter St.Davids formed with 802012 + 802021.

'The Mask' had earlier worked 1C79 1103 Paddington - Plymouth as far as Exeter.

28/12 Despite what turned out to be an incorrect service end date of the mid-December 'revised' time table change for the remaining West of England Class 143 sets, this day saw the last set in use, 143617 operating with 158769 during the day, starting with 2T06 0606 Exmouth - Paignton, the booked finale being 2E37 2136 Paignton - Exeter St.Davids.

Diversions continued due to flooding at Stafford's Bridge between Hele & Bradnich and Cowley Bridge, a record being; 802111 - 1A92 1415 Penzance - Paddington which passed Pinhoe at 1735.

Road buses were operating between Exeter and Taunton whilst the mainline was closed.

29/12 The mainline remained closed west of Tiverton for most of the day with services diverted via Honiton and Yeovil.

Re-routed train records included; 802019 + 802008 - 1A73 0458 Penzance - Paddington and 802110 - 1A92 1415 Penzance - Paddington (reported Pinhoe at 1732).

However by the end of the evening, 'Castle' HST set 43155 GW10 43186

having departed Taunton at 2258 was able to pass through the area working the 2C93 2100 Cardiff Central - Exeter St.Davids (2323) service.

01/01 Staff shortages affected New Years day passenger operations.

11/01 The company introduced a revised and reduced service by 80% from this date reflecting in the down turn of passenger use with another full lockdown back in place.

Two Turbos were active in the Exeter area, 166207 working 5Z51 St.Davids - Paignton and Goodrington (not via Pinhoe) departing at 0914 (20 late) on driver trainers which continued during the day and 166203 on the regular local diagram being noted departing Torre at 0818 working 2T07 0655 Exmouth - Paignton service, 166207 covering the latter during the following day.

13/01 Turbo 165128 and 166206 were active in Devon, the former on the 5Z51 0828 Exeter Tmd - Goodrington CS and return driver familiarization runs during the day and the latter on the now regular local passenger diagram.

The two-coach 165 visit was short as it was returned on the 2M72 2111 Exeter St.Davids - Bristol TM service.

15/01 166214 was in use on the 5Z51 Exeter - Paignton - Goodrington CS driver training turns throughout the day whilst 166210 was on the day's local passenger Turbo diagram.

17/01 Evening sleeper train loco allocations and c/stock were listed as; 57604 - 1A50 2115 Penzance - Paddington with c/stock; 10563, 10594, 10612, 10225, 12142, 17173 and 57605 - 1C50 2350 Paddington - Penzance with c/stock; 17174, 12161, 10219, 10601, 10596, 10589.

19/01 The service reduction in Devon and Cornwall has seen Paddington - Penzance IETs running with a single, not double Class 802 formation and single Class 150 sets have been operating Exmouth - Paignton 'locals' alongside the so far single Turbo Class 165/166 passenger diagram.

January 2021 - GWR Local Class 255 'Castle' HST DIAGRAMS

Week-days

5U06 0330 LA - EXD, 2U06 0633 EXD-CF, 2C71 1000 CF-TTN, 2U16 1218 TTN - CF, 2C81 1500 CF - TTN, 2U26 1710 TTN - CF, 2C91 2110 CF - TTN, 2M76 2243 TTN - BTM.

2C05 0526 BTM - PZ, 2U20 1050 PZ - CF, 2C85 1700 CF - TTN, 2U30 1907 TTN - CF, 2C95 2200 CF - BTM.

2E01 0540 PZ - EXD, 2C24 1125 EXD - PZ, 2P20 1515 PZ - PLYM, 2E22 1750 PLYM - EXD, 2M73 2152 EXD - BTM.

2U12 0640 PZ - CF, 2C77 1300 GF - PZ, 2E28 1915 PZ - EXD, 5P28 2256 EXD - LA.

3U04 0445 SPM - TTN, 2U04 0609 TTN - CF, 2C69 0900 CF - TTN, 2U14 1112 TTN - CF, 2C79 1401 CF - TTN, 2U24 1612 TTN - CF, 2C89 1900 CF - TTN, 2U34 2130 TTN - CF, 5U34 2342 CF - SPM.

2C63 0725 BTM - TTN, 2U08 0818 TTN - CF, 2C73 1100 CF - TTN, 2U18 TTN - CF, 2C83 1600 CF - TTN, 2U28 1809 TTN - CF, 2C93 2100 CF - EXD.

5C65 0538 SPM - GLO, 2C65 0659 GLO-TTN, 2U10 0920 TTN - CF, 2C75 1200 CF - TTN, 2U22 1516 TTN - CF, 2C87 1800 CF - PZ.

Sundays

2C75 1243 BTM - TTN, 2U20 1412 TTN - CF, 2C85 1700 CF - TTN, 2M69 1910 TTN - CF.

2E38 1146 BTM - WFG, 2T39 1345 WFG - BTM, 2T45 1752 WFS - BTM.

2U14 1215 BTM - CF, 2C79 1400 CF - TTN, 2U24 1610 TTN - CF, 2C89 1900 CF - TTN, 2M72 2109 TTN - BTM.

Location Key;

BTM Bristol Temple Meads, CF Cardiff Central, GLO Gloucester, LA Laira Trsmd, PZ Penzance, SPM St.Philips Marsh HST depot, TTN Taunton, WFS Worcester Foregate Street.

Isle of Wight

04/01 This was the final day of veteran 1938 'tube stock operation, only one set being available for the last passenger services trains. The line is to now closed prior to the introduction of new Class 484 'underground' train conversions (also see December 2020 Magazine) for track and station platform maintenance work.

Trans Pennine Express

Residents at Scarborough are unhappy and have made a number of complaints concerning engine noise from Class 68 locos stabled between passenger duties in the station area.

The service which uses new Spanish CAF built Mk5a stock has also suffered coach door issues with 11 recent incidents where wrong doors within the sets have incorrectly opened.

Weymouth

11/01 Work continues on the removal of the tramway with track alongside the Custom Quay being the latest section to be taken up.

EMU 4422419 was present stabled in the electrical test compound located in the Jubilee/Jersey carriage sidings area on this date.

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

22/12 Exeter Old Waggonsway yard - DR80301 + DR80303 having earlier passed Stoke Canon at 1451 on a move from Kings Norton Overhead Plant depot.

27/12 Norton Fitzwarren (Taunton) - DR80301 + DR80303 passing at 1047 as a 6U40 Exeter Old yard - Kings Norton Overhead Plant depot move. Both machines had seen use in the Exeter New yard and Red Cow road

crossing areas at Exeter over the Christmas period.

28/12 Westbury - crane DRK81601 ZOA with runners 97401 + 97404 (KIAs).

30/12 Chipping Sodbury - DR75406 which later ran as a 6J83 move to Exeter Old yard.

31/12 Newport Maindee junction - DR75407 which later departed on a move to Exeter Riverside.

05/01 Newton Abbot Hackney yard - DR75407 which later departed as a 6J84 1015 working to Westbury.

06/01 Westbury - DR73121 which later passed Hawkridge junction at 1015 as a 6Q54 1000 move to Oxford.

10/01 Kingsland Road (Bristol) - DR75406.

19/01 Swindon Transfer yard - DR79241 - DR79247 (rail-grinding set).

TRIP REPORTS

Another historic trip reports from the Society archives.

TRIP 233

GLASGOW FLYER

20th - 21st October 1990

20/10/1990

CL Carlisle Upperby (Refused)

Locos 45596 (Bahamas) + support coach 35451; 26025; 97252 (25314);

Coach 3096

Departmentals ADM975739 (E35145 OHLM staff & office coach)/901 (E15847 OHLM cable drum carrier);

On Track Plant 73239 77335 Snowplough 965580

Carlisle Currock

Premises secure

Carlisle S.P.

Locos 31242 31416 47339/368 Neritidae

Snowploughs 965216/581

Carlisle Station

Locos 08690/912 37077/245 47454 86101 Sir William A. Stanier FRS
86229 Sir John Betjemin/256 Pebble Mill 87005 City of London/027 Wolf of
Badenoch 90040

Dmu Sets 143614/622

Coaches 6061/153/183 6706/708 9522 10502/504/510/513/523/547/557/584
10647/648/675/683/685/689/710/716/731/732

NPCC 80670/768 84159/286/447/519 92023/028/031/345 93078/138/207/
390/506/677 94062 95321 96104/130/ 164/192

CK Corkerhill, Glasgow

Dmu Sets 156437/439/509/510/512/513

Emu Sets 303001/003/004/013/016/020/024/033 (new formation 75595 + 61860

+ 75817)/038/040/090 318256/257

Yoker Depot

Emu Sets 303010/019/028/048/054/058/063/065/080/087 311098/104/105/108
314201/202/203/205/206/208/210/214 320301/302/305/306/315/317/318/319/
320/321/322
Passing Loco 37404

Partick Yard

Departmentals ADB975557 (E35322 OHLM pantograph coach)/558 (E35263 OHLM
stores & generator coach)/559 (E35211 OHLM staff & office coach)/680
(E35160 OHLM pantograph coach)/683 (E35252)/684 (E35140) (Both OHLM stores
coaches)

Partick Station

Loco 37402 Oor Willie
Dmu Sets 156445/499
Emu Sets 303006/008/012/014/023/027/034/043/045/048/056/091
314201/203/205/209/211/216 320303/304/307/310/311/312/313/314/316/
318/320
On Track Plant 73268

GW Shields Road, Glasgow

Locos 47114 47636 Sir John de Graeme 86603 90050
Emu Sets 303021/047/052/061/062/077/083/085 311099/102/103 314212/215
318250/252/254/255/256/259 320308/309
Withdrawn Emus 61495 + 75570 (303005); 75598 + 75633 (303037: 75781
(303071);
Coaches 1205/219 5272/330 5662 5753/784 6510 9463
Departmental ADB975918 (E4225 cable drum carrier)
Small Plant IT/1 (PL015)
Passing Trains Dmu Set 156506 Emu Sets 303001/024 318220/251/260

Museum of Transport, Kelvin Hall, Glasgow

Gauge 4' 8.5 Locos SSEB Dalmarnock Power Station No1 AB1571/1917;
Alexander Chaplin & Co. Chaplin 2368/1885 (plate reads 1888); 256
(62469) Glen Douglas Cowlairs 1913; 123 N 3553/1886; G&SWR No9 NB
21521/1917; 49 (62277) NB 22563/1920; 103 SS 4022/1894; Coach 798
(King George VI's armoured saloon - unique); Gauge 4' 0" JF 16559/1925 &
WR 583/1927; No1 Corporation Transport Oldbury 1896; Subway Coaches No4
(sectioned); No39T; Gauge 1' ish 769 Cardean

Kelvin Hall Station

4' 0" Gauge Subway cars 101/109/115/130

Cowcaddens Station

4' 0" Gauge Subway cars 113/133

St. Enoch Station

4' 0" Gauge Subway cars 104/105/108

Glasgow Central Station

Locos 86259 Peter Pan 86419 Poste Haste 90044

Dmu Sets 107044 (52005 + 59804 + 52031);/045 (52006 + 59801 + 52015);
156501/502/504/506/510/512/514
Emu Sets 303003/009/032/055/070/073/079 318254/262/263/264/267/268/269
Coaches 10260 11072/081/086 12021/101/118/158 DVT 82111
NPCC 80768 93138/390/506 95321

Glasgow Queen Street Station

Locos 37401 Mary Queen of Scots 47706 (no name)
Dmu Sets 107034 (51994 + 59791 + 52011); 156436/450/453/456/476/503/505
158703/704/709/711/712/715/717/718/720/721/722/724/727/728/729/730/731
Coaches 5133/149/156 5234 5277/341/368 9101 9475 17128

Glasgow Central Station

Locos 86229 Sir John Betjemin 86622 90011 The Institute of
Transport/020
Dmu Sets 156432/433/434/439/504/506/510/512/513
Emu Sets 303001/009/033/055/073/079/088 318231/262/264/266/268
Coaches 1201 3278/352 5626 5751/780/793/826 5931/934/953
6015/021/043 9292 10229 NPCC 92099

Glasgow Queen Street Station

Locos 43087/153
Dmu Sets 156450/503 158712/721
Coaches 40505 40756 41041/075/076 42148/149 44050

21/10/1990

HA Haymarket, Edinburgh

Locos 08571/693/720/730/731/793
Dmu Sets 532 (53658 + 53699 mobile stores); 107026 (51986 + 52018 -
59803 was missing); 107027 (51987 + 52020 - 59793 was missing); 107030
(51803 + 59802 + 51990); 107040 (52001 + 59785 + 52024); 107047 (52008 +
59792 + 52029); 150228/245/250/256/257/259/260/284 156458/499/500
158705/708/ 710/711/719/720/726/727/728/729/731/732
Withdrawn Dmus 59104 59304
Departmentals ADB975456 (E35088 BTU staff & tool van)/457 (E35085 BTU
tool van)/483 (E35104 BTU tool & generator van);
On Track Crane ADRC96711
Passing Dmu Sets 150456 156503 158723

Haymarket Electrification Depot

On Track Small Plant IT/2 (PL050; PL070;

Edinburgh Haymarket Station

Loco 47973 Derby Evening Telegraph
Dmu Set 150264
Coaches 5124/139/145/179 17099
On Track Plant 98402 (DX79001 rail changer)

Edinburgh Waverley Station

Locos 08755 43036/070 47828
Dmu Sets 107035/036/037/046 (52033 + 59806 + 52037); 150244/248/258

156465 158713/724/730/733
Coaches 1203 5755/770/790/802/833/906 40702 41083/084
42102/163/164/165 44054
NPCC 92182/203/304 93521 94016 95200

EC Craigentenny, Edinburgh (Refused)

Locos 08791 91011/016
Coaches 1215 6601/619 9449 10501/532/354/616 10674/707 44061
NPCC 92006/026/029/034

Leith South Yard, Edinburgh

Car Ramp B745855

Portobello Yard, Edinburgh (Viewed)

Coaches 4809 5393/427 5477 6514 19548
NPCC 80321/889 92138/235/256/339

Niddrie, Edinburgh

Loco 26046
Departmentals LDB395390 (M1222M M&EE workshop coach)/397 (M1247M M&EE
workshop & generator coach)/658 (M3749M M&EE pantograph coach)/709 (M1433M
M&EE staff & office coach)

Bristol Temple Meads

Loco 43150 Bristol Evening Post
NPCC 84390/421 93388/922 96133/139

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