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**Front Cover Photo January 2022 Issue 599:**

**[N.Hoskins]**

66418 and 66416 working 4051 Wentloog - Southampton passing Haresfield on 31/12/2021.

**Rear Cover Photo January 2022 Issue 599:**

**[C.Pidgeon]**

57312 hauling 365514 and 365534 to their demise at Sims at Newport Docks as 5Q76 from Doncaster Belmont.

## FUTURE EVENTS

The trip programme has been changed to accommodate an offer to visit W. H. DAVIES, wagon works, Langwith Junction in February.

The London Flyer trip has been pushed back to early March to facilitate this visit.

### ANNUAL GATHERING

Saturday 19/02/22

**\*\* Please note that this event has been rescheduled from early January due to Covid concerns \*\***

It is planned that this year's Annual Gathering will take place at 15.00 at the Beaufort Arms, Stoke Gifford, Bristol. BS34 8PB.

To reach the Beaufort Arms turn right at the bottom of the approach road to Bristol Parkway station and bear right where the road divides at a mini roundabout. The pub is on the left hand side, less than five minutes walk from the station.

It is hoped to see as many of you as possible.

If this second attempt has to be cancelled then John will send a message to everyone

### Trip 570

PETERBOROUGH

Saturday 29/01/22

A one day trip to view workings on the ECML, plus a visit to the Bletchley area.

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

**Proposed Itinerary:** Peterborough & Bletchley

**Departure Time** from Mangotsfield = 0600 am

Other pick-up points may be available by negotiation with Dave FORSE

**Return Time** to Mangotsfield area = approx 2100 pm

**Book By Date** = 08/01/2022

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: Reflective jacket and strong shoes

**Trip 571**

**W.H.DAVIES**

**Saturday 26/02/22**

A day trip primarily to visit W. H. DAVIES, wagon builders, Langwith Junction. The site still incorporates part of the old Langwith Junction steam shed.

**\*\* Please note that this trip is limited to ten people**

**Proposed Trip Fare = £31          Fare with Day Membership = £34**

**Proposed Itinerary:** W. H. Davies; Toton Depot (view); Old Dalby; Ashfordby; Mountsorrel Museum; Barden Hill (view) and Wishaw.

**Departure Time** from Mangotsfield = 0515 am

Note the early departure in order to reach W. H. Davies on time. Also, the departure time may alter if a pick up at Bristol Parkway is required

**Return Time** to Mangotsfield area = approx 2130 - 2200 pm

**Book By Date** = 05/02/2022

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: Hi-viz jacket, Safety shoes, Face mask

**Trip 572**

**LONDON**

**Saturday 05/03/22**

A day trip to London with a very early start to try and see the Mk5 sleepers at Euston.

**\*\* Please note the change of date for this trip**

**Proposed Trip Fare = £27          Fare with Day Membership = £30**

**Proposed Itinerary:** Approximately 11 hours in London to do as you please

**Departure Time** from 68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0500 am  
Other pick-up points may be available on request.

**Return Time** to Mangotsfield area = approx 2130 - 2200 pm

**Book By Date** = 06/02/2022

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: Hi-Viz vest, Stout shoes, Face mask

**Trip 573**

**MIDLANDS**

**Saturday 26/03/22**

A day trip to the Midlands visiting various locations of interest.

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £30

**Fare with Day Membership** = £33

**Proposed Itinerary:** Donnington Freight Terminal; Chacewater Railway; LH Group; Doveside Caravan Park; Castle Donnington rft; Old Dalby test centre; Ashfordby Training Centre; Tyseley (view).

**Departure Time** from 68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0600 am  
Other pick-up points may be available on request.

**Return Time** to Mangotsfield area = approx 2130 - 2200 pm

**Book By Date** = 06/03/2022

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: Hi-Viz vest, Stout shoes, Face mask

**Trip 574**

**EAST ANGLIA**

**Thurs-Mon 14-18/04/22**

A five day trip to East Anglian locations, with one night's accommodation in Ipswich and three nights in Norwich.

**\*\* Please note that this trip is likely to be limited to ten people**

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £230

**Fare with Day Membership** = £245

**Proposed Itinerary:** Shenfield Station; Mangapps Farm Railway; Ipswich Station; Colne Valley Railway; East Anglian Railway Museum; Colchester Station; Norwich Station; Crown Point Depot (permission applied for); Mid Norfolk Railway; Cambridge Station; Irchester Narrow Gauge Railway; Northampton Steam Railway and Northampton Ironstone Railway.  
There is also a proposed evening visit to Great Yarmouth Carriage Sidings.

**Departure Time** TBA

**Return Time** Approximately 2130 pm (Mon 18/04) to the Bristol area

**Book By and Deposit Date** = £136 by 08/04/2022 (Hotel fees)

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: Hi-Viz vest, Stout shoes, Face mask

**Trip 575**

**CHANNEL TUNNEL**

**Saturday 14/05/22**

A day trip to view the trains at Cheriton.

**Proposed Trip Fare** = £31      **Fare with Day Membership** = £34

**Proposed Itinerary:** Dollands Moor; Cheriton; Ashford Station.

**Departure Time** from 68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0600 am  
Other pick-up points may be available on request.

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

**Book By Date** = 25/04/2022

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: Hi-Viz vest, Stout shoes, Face mask

### **Covid-19 Protocols for Trips**

Trip participants are requested to take a lateral flow test the day before a trip and bring a mask with you. The kits are available free of charge from pharmacies and are easy to perform by following the instructions on the enclosed leaflet. The kits contain enough equipment to perform seven lateral flow tests.

### **Bookings**

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

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

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

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

## **Important Notice for Trip Participants**

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

Members are also reminded that where an individual leaves an in-progress trip to pursue their own interest then it is the responsibility of that individual to rejoin the trip at the pre-agreed time and location.

## **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.

## NOTICES

### 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](http://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](http://www.twitter.com/carsrailways)

### Introduce a Friend

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

## NOTES & NEWS

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

**27/11** Some afternoon freight diversions included; 66001 departing Pilning loop at 1418 working 6V05 0920 Round Oak - Margam steel and 66128 on 6V93 1039 Corby Steel works - Margam which passed Westerleigh junction at 1518 having earlier been noted Abbotswood junction at 1409 formed 1 JSA / 6 BLA / 3 BCA / 4 BZA / 7 JSA wagons.



**28/11** The Sunday 3S31 1113 Swindon Transfer yard - Worcester SHT rhtt normally routed via Kemble and the Stroud Valley was booked and recorded departing Parkway at 1230 having arrived via Hullavington and noted passing Wickwar (north of Yate) off the normal route at 1243 top n' tailed by 67027 + 67023, the train having visited St.Philips Marsh earlier in the day (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news). Two departmental train records were; 66066 + 56090 top n' tailing - 6C24 1800 Llanelli - Westbury (2149) which passed Patchway at 2322 (141 late) and Lawrence Hill 2331 (142 late) and 66589 - 6Z40 1510 East Usk yard - Westbury which passed North Somerset junction at 1535 formed with NLU JNA box wagons 29291 + 29443.

**29/11** 'Electro-stars' 387149 + 387155 passed Patchway at 1034 (1 early) on the 3Z28 0942 Swindon - Cardiff Central driver training turn.

**30/11** An engineering train record saw 70815 heading a 6C40 0530 Lydney - Westbury (0845) via Severn Tunnel (loco run-round) being reported passing Pilning at 0806 (35 late) and Bath 0840 (32 late).

**02/12** Test unit 950001 worked west as 2Z08 1002 Derby RTC - Exeter Riverside yard (1431) passing Yate at 1251 and Yatton 1330.

**03/12** 'ROG' 37800 moved single 'Networker' EMU set 365538 (not 365505 + 365504 as originally booked) as 5Q76 0533 Doncaster Belmont yard - Newport Docks (1246) Sims Metals for scrapping and was reported passing Welwyn Garden City at 0800, arriving Reading at 1018 (8 early) and passing Patchway at 1157 (3 late). This was reported to be the first 'even numbered' Class 365 member to reach south Wales!

**07/12** 'ROG' 57312 conveyed 'Networker' EMU set 365532 as 5Q76 0532 Doncaster Belmont yard - Newport Docks (1236) Sims Metals move for scrapping passing Stevenage at 0755 and Parkway non-stop at 1140.

**08/12** Colas 56096 passed Pilning at 1009 and Trowbridge 1140 running 0Z56 Shrewsbury Coleham - Westbury light-engine and later 66792 passed on a Cardiff Tidal - Westbury light-loco move which was earlier noted Trowbridge at 1340. An 0813 Swindon Transfer yard - Shrewsbury Coleham yard (1450) rhtt wagon move was cancelled.

**09/12** 66610 returned the new Machen HS2 stone empty flow (also see Newport notes & news) as 6V68 0933 Lawley Street - Whatley Quarry (1440) passing Landor Street at 1039 (27 late), Longbridge 1055 (26 late), recorded Gloucester Yard up and down loop at 1144 and passing Bathampton junction at 1313 (39 late).

**11/12** The Saturdays Only south Wales light-loco departmental positioning move ran as 6O12 Margam Lip - Eastleigh headed by 66003 + 66023 and noted Patchway at 1425 with a consist of rhtt wagons.

**13/12** 66952 + 66544 + 66414 + 66593 + 66556 passed Wantage Road at 0722 forming 0Y62 0801 Oxford Hinksey yard - Stoke Gifford light-loco move.

**16/12** A further 'Networker' EMU set for scrap, 365508 passed Southall at 0943, Swindon 1120 and Patchway 1154 hauled by 'ROG' 37884 as a 5Q76 0531 Doncaster Belmont yard - Newport Docks (1246) Sims Metals move.

Turbo 166203 was on 'Castle' HST cover working 2C63 0703 Temple Meads - Taunton, 2U08 0819 return to Cardiff Central and 2C73 1100 return to Exeter St.Davids which was noted passing near Patchway at 1135.

**18/12** 'Electro-stars' 387148 + 387167 were reported on the 9B14 1213 Paddington - Cardiff Central (1415) which departed Parkway at 1343 and 9L23 1441 return to Paddington (1644) which departed Parkway at 1517. This was believed to be the first passenger turns for the Class through the Severn Tunnel and into south Wales, both sets having earlier covered 9U06

0813 Paddington - Parkway (0938) & 9L13 1030 return to Paddington (1156). There were no Class 387 records for Parkway during the preceding days, the first week of the new Winter timetable change.

Another record for the day was 66019 passing Pilning at 1239 running 0012 1053 (SO) Margam Lip - Eastleigh light-loco.

**19/12** The south Wales Class 387 passenger diagram operated 'possibly' for a first Sunday, but it was unclear whether the units actually covered 9B43 1413 Paddington - Cardiff Central (1613) and 9L76 1650 return to Paddington (1850) with 9U22 1013 Paddington - Parkway and 9L52 1224 return to Paddington earlier in the day.

Any appearances on the previous Sunday 13th December, the first day for the new Winter timetable change were unknown.

Locos recorded on Westerleigh tank duty have included;  
60010/011/017/019/039/054.

Locos recorded on Tytherington stone duty have included; 66150/169.

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

**24/11** 88002 + 68005 arrived Bridgwater at 0630 with 6V74 0200 from Crewe Coal siding formed with FNA 709229003-2. Later a 3Z80 0913 Paddington - Bristol Parkway (via Newbury) empty IET move, formed 800028 + 800005 was unusually Bristol East Depot 'looped' from 1128 (2 early) - 1147 (18 early) and a 5V84 1535 Doncaster Wab-tec - Laira Trsmd (2200) working passed Uphill junction at 2006 (3 early) having been looped at Yatton, formed 43171, 49111, 48131/32/33 43009.

Turbo 166219 was on 'Castle' HST cover duties working 3U04 0445 St.Philips Marsh - Taunton empty, 2U04 0611 return to Cardiff Central, 2C69 0900 return to Taunton, 2U14 1112 return to Cardiff Central - diagram.

**25/11** 66591 + 66516 top n' tailed the return 6Y15 0255 Maidenhead - Taunton Fairwater yard via Chippenham and Bath being reported passing Temple Meads at 0651 and Turbo 165129 was on the 2F05 0525 Temple Meads - Exmouth service, normally a three car Class 166/2 turn.

A 'Castle' HST part cover working saw 158950 on 2U24 1225 Temple Meads - Cardiff Central, 2C79 1401 return to Taunton, 2U24 1610 return to Cardiff Central, 2C89 1900 return to Taunton, 2U34 2130 return to Cardiff Central and 5U34 2342 return empty to St.Philips Marsh having taken over from 43088 GW13 43154 which had worked 2U04 0611 Taunton - Cardiff Central, 2C69 0900 return to Taunton and 2U14 1112 Taunton - Cardiff Central, as far as Temple Meads only.

**26/11** 158950 covered the same diagram as on the previous day taking over from 'Castle' HST 43194 GW15 43098 again on the 2U14 as the 1225 departure from Temple Meads to Cardiff Central.

**27/11** BR blue 47614 + Inter-City 47828 double-headed Statesman Rail 'Bath Christmas Statesman' 1Z71 0617 Chesterfield - Bath (1341) and 1Z72 1655 return to Chesterfield (2337) via Luton, Slough, Basingstoke and Westbury the outward being reported departing Salisbury at 1256 (6 late), passing Warminster at 1319 (10 late) and Trowbridge 1334 (9 late) and the return passing Westbury at 1736 (17 late). The train's ecs running 5Z71 1346 to Bristol East yard (1432) via Temple Meads was noted passing Saltford near Keynsham at 1400 (8 late) formed with c/stock; 5912, 3344, 3426, 3348, 1211, 3312, 3438, 80043, 3188, 3229, 17056, the later 5Z72 return move departing at 1614 and arriving Bath at 1710 (20 late).

Two other light-loco records from Saltford were; DB 66087 passing at 1342

as 0012 Margam Lip - Westbury light-engine and Colas 56090 noted 1410 (and Bath 1415 - 118 late) running 0Z24 1022 Port Talbot Parkway - Westbury light-engine which had earlier passed Bridgend at 1126 (41 late).

There was Arriva XC disruption with HST train crew issues preventing their 'normal' diagram use with 43239 XC04 43285 being active during the day working 1V34 0611 Leeds - Plymouth as far as Wakefield (220002 then continuing the service as 1Z44 0812 onwards from Birmingham NS) due to weather related problems and 43207 XC05 43378 on the 1V50 0911 Leeds - Plymouth. Voyager sets were in use as cover during the day, but HST use continued to be restricted up until the end of the review period.

'Castle' HST set 43162 GW07 43027 worked 2Y02 0649 Temple Meads - Weston-super-Mare, 2U06 0742 return to Cardiff, 2C71 1000 return to Taunton (as far as Temple Meads only) with Turbo 166218 taking over as 1055 to Taunton, 2U16 1218 return to Cardiff Central, 2C81 1500 return to Taunton, 2U26 1718 return to Cardiff Central and 2C91 1954 return to Temple Meads.

**28/11** Having arrived as a 3S32 2146 Swindon Transfer - St.Philips Marsh (0919) rhtt move at 0843 during the previous day, 67023 + 67027 (with wagons 642046 + 642025) departed at 0911 heading back to the Swindon Transfer yard base at 0911 via a reverse in Temple Meads. Turbo 166206 was on 'Castle' HST set cover working; 2C75 1242 Temple Meads - Taunton, 2U20 1412 return to Cardiff Central, 2C85 1700 return to Taunton and 2M69 1910 return to Temple Meads.

**29/11** Turbo set 166206 was again on 'Castle' HST workings; 2C75 1242 Temple Meads - Taunton, 2U20 1142 return to Cardiff Central, 2C85 1700 return to Taunton and 2M69 1910 return to Temple Meads.

**30/11** Steam 44871 worked the Railway Touring Company 'Bath at Christmas' 1Z56 0845 Victoria - Bath (1304) and 1Z59 1655 return to Victoria (2208) with 47802 attached to the rear, the outward passing Basingstoke at 1127 (39 late) and departing Salisbury at 1224 (32 late) whilst the return arrived Bathampton loop at 1703 (2 late), departed at 1723 (11 late) and passed Westbury at 1754 (13 late). The ecs was serviced in Bristol via a 5Z57 1308 move to East Yard (1323) which passed Oldfield Park at 1350 and a later 5Z59 1635 return to Bath (1649).

**01/12** Pullman dedicated 67021 was in charge of the 'Belmond' VSOE 1V80 0949 Victoria - Bath (1301) and 1092 1556 return to Victoria (1945) the outward passing Basingstoke at 1110 and Freshford 1250, the train being serviced in Bristol as 5V80 1310 to East yard (1323) and 5092 1537 return to Bath (1550) ecs moves.

On the freight side, 68003 + 88009 worked 6V74 Bridgwater nuclear service formed with a single FNA 70922903-0 and 6M67 return (passing Temple Meads at 1450) and 37254 + 37116 top n' tailed dept c/stock; 975091, 72631, 6263, 9801, were an evening arrival (in place of the NRMT HST) as 1Z22 0951 Derby RTC - Kingsland Road (2259) via Evesham, Swindon, Westbury, Yeovil Pen Mill (reverse, booked 1820 - 1822) and Avonmouth (reverse) and was reported passing Oxford at 1216 (8 early) and Hawkridge junction down at 1615 (4 late). The train was not allowed beyond Yeovil to Weymouth, which would have normally been covered due to an engineering blockade.

**02/12** The previous day's Class 37 test train arrival returned as 1Z23 0650 Kingsland Road - Derby RTC (1913) via Portbury, Newport, Temple Meads, Swindon and Oxford and was reported passing Filton Abbey Wood down at 0831 (20 late) and Keynsham up at 1020 (33 late) following a reverse in Temple Meads (also see Portbury notes & news).

158798 replaced 'Castle' HST set 43098 GW15 43194 on 2C07 0647 Temple

Meads - Penzance, 2P13 1150 return to Plymouth, 2U32 1650 return Cardiff Central as far as Exeter St.Davids where 150261 took over.

**03/12** With 'Castle' HST set 43029 GW03 43041 allocated, Turbo 165129 was unusually used instead on 2C65 0655 Gloucester - Penzance (as far as Plymouth) being reported departing Totnes at 1006 and returning 5C65 1038 Plymouth - Exeter Tmd, with 43004 GW08 43160 taking over for the run to the Cornish terminus. The Turbo set was later reported active on local Devon work replacing a failed 158956 on the 2F17 1154 Paignton - Exmouth service. Test unit 950001 also worked through the area during the day following West of England work as 2Z08 0205 Exeter Riverside - Derby RTC, departing Derby station at 0632 the set having visited Okehampton and Barnstaple earlier in the day.

**04/12** 66128 ran 0012 1052 (SO) Margam Lip - Eastleigh light-engine passing Bradford junction at 1407.

**05/12** Arriva XC HSTs were back in use with 43285 XC04 43239 on the 1V48 0811 Leeds (but started at Wakefield Westgate) - Plymouth (1358) which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1144 and Yatton 1222 (14 late) and 43357 XC01 43301 working the 1V56 0908 Edinburgh - Plymouth which passed Somerset Bridge, just west of Bridgwater station at 1637.

Turbo 166214 covered 'Castle' HST booked 2C89 1955 Temple Meads - Taunton and 2M78 2128 return to Temple Meads services during the evening period.

**06/12** 68018 was sent light-engine as 0V67 0815 Crewe Gresty Bridge - Bridgwater yard (1254) passing Bromsgrove at 1020 (12 early) and Worle junction 1201 (22 late) as 68034 which had earlier arrived with 68001 on the 6V74 nuclear flask service from Crewe had been declared a failure with a serious 'hot axle box' and replaced, the new pairing (which saw 68034 left locked in the loading compound) then working the 6M63 1200 return north passing Yatton at 1305 (27 early) and Yate 1335 (9 late).

'Castle' HST cover saw Turbo 165129 work 2U06 0636 Exeter St.Davids - Cardiff Central and 2C71 1000 return to Temple Meads for 158959 to continue and work forward to Taunton, 2U16 1219 return to Cardiff Central, 2C81 1500 return to Taunton, 2U26 return to Cardiff Central, 2C91 2000 return to Taunton and 2M76 2245 return to Temple Meads.

**07/12** The Railway Touring Company 'Bath & Bristol Christmas Express' 1Z56 0846 Victoria - Temple Meads (1323) and 1Z59 1636 return to Victoria (2212) was worked throughout by another steam appearance for 44871 (in place of the unavailable 60163 Tornado) the inward working being delayed by a fallen tree in the Westbury area and held at Salisbury having arrived at 1203 (28 late) and allowed to depart at 1258 (66 late) and later recorded passing Oldfield Park, Bath at 1410 (63 late). After arrival in Bristol the stock ran 5Z57 1333 to East yard (1342) and 5Z59 1617 return to Temple Meads (1623), the loco being booked a 5Z58 1355 Bristol East - Bristol East (1423) turning move, which was actually believed to have been cancelled on the day.

'Castle' HST cover saw 158959 working 2U04 0611 Taunton - Cardiff Central, 2C69 0900 return to Taunton, 2U14 1112 return to Cardiff Central, 2C79 1400 return to Taunton - diagram and 166210 on 2Z12 1120 Temple Meads - Cardiff Central, 2C77 return to Temple Meads, 2C85 1753 return to Taunton, 2U30 1907 return to Cardiff Central and 2C95 2200 return to Temple Meads.

**08/12** Although no local records were received, 68034 + 88005 + 68005 worked the 6M63 1500 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flask service formed with FNAs 70922901-9 + 70992290-1, the leading loco having been declared a failure after arrival at Bridgwater two days previous.

Turbo set 166203 covered the 2C07 0647 Temple Meads - Penzance service as far as Exeter St.Davids in place of a 'Castle' HST set. Further 'cover' was in the form of 166207 - 2U06 0636 Exeter St.Davids - Cardiff Central, 2C71 1000 return to Taunton, 2U16 1219 return to Cardiff Central, 2C81 1500 return to Taunton, 2U26 1710 return to Cardiff Central, 2C91 2000 return to Taunton and 2M76 2145 return to Temple Meads and 166217 - 2U04 0611 Taunton - Cardiff Central, 2C69 0900 return to Taunton, 2U14 1112 return to Cardiff Central, 2C79 1401 return to Taunton - diagram.

**11/12** The final area steam rail-tour of the year saw ex. GWR 7029 Clun Castle work Vintage Trains 'Merchant Venturer' 1Z50 0835 Solihull - Temple Meads (1305) and 1Z51 1703 return to Solihull (2203) with c/stock; W96100, 35470, Pullmans 99349, 99361, 99971 Eagle, 17018, 5198, 5212, 5191, 5157, 9101 (with 47773 / D1755 attached to the rear) and was reported passing Chippenham at 1229 (6 late), arriving Bath platform 1 at 1249 (5 late) and departing at 1301 (14 late) later passing Newton-st-Loe at 1307 and Keynsham 1311 (14 late) with the latter location at 1714 (3 late) on the return. It was interesting to record that the steam special was held in Bath station outward to allow IET set 802102 to call with the 1C12 1132 Paddington - Weston-super-Mare service using the bi-directional platform 2 arriving at 1253 and departing at 1254 (2 late).

For the record the Bristol ecs servicing moves were; 1315 to Bristol East yard and 1606 return the Class 47 taking the stock back into Temple Meads as Clun Castle was turned using Days curve and a reverse at Lawrence Hill. Also during the day 66849 + 70809 passed Lawrence Hill at 1400 running 0F78 Doncaster - Westbury light-engines.

**12/12** The days Arriva XC HST diagrams were covered by; 43357 XC02 43301 - 1V48 0811 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S55 1427 Plymouth - Edinburgh and 43239 XC04 43285 - 1V56 0908 Edinburgh - Plymouth / 1E75 1827 Plymouth - Leeds.

**13/12** With commencement of the new Winter Timetable Temple Meads is now served by a new more frequent service between here and Gloucester and Westbury, with a new 30 minute 'Cross City' Bristol timetable in operation from Weston-super-Mare on to the Severn Beach branch for Avonmouth or Severn Beach. Turbos 166201, 166203 and 166204 all saw use as 'Castle' HST cover on separate diagrams during the day.

**14/12** 'Castle' HST cover was worked by 158760, 158957, 166212 and 165129 on the 2U30 2021 Temple Meads - Cardiff Central and 2C95 2200 return only.

**15/12** Having passed Westerleigh junction at 0641 with the inward 6V74 Crewe - Bridgwater nuclear flask service, 68001 + 68018 powered the return with single FNA 709229024-8.

Turbo 166210 worked 1C71 0700 Gloucester - Temple Meads, 2U06 0821 return to Cardiff Central, 2C71 1000 return to Taunton, 2U18 1309 return to Cardiff Central, 2C83 1600 return to Taunton, 2U28 1810 return to Cardiff Central & 2C93 1600 return to Temple Meads in place of a 'Castle' HST set.

**16/12** Having run 0Z70 0815 Westbury - Newton Abbot passing Taunton at 0923 (1 late) and Exeter St.Davids at 0957 (5 late) light-engine, 66849 powered a 10 stored KSA empty log wagon rake as a 6Z32 1138 Hackney Yard - Baglan Bay (1711) move arriving Exeter St.Davids at 1234 (2 late), passing Taunton at 1327 (3 late), Yatton 1406 (2 late) and Patchway 1435 (4 late).

**17/12** Turbo 165137 covered the 1C71 0700 Gloucester - Penzance 'Castle' HST service as far as Plymouth then working empty back to Exeter. The NRMT HST was back in the area formed with power cars 43290 + 43257 and working 1Q18 1302 Reading Triangle sidings - Exeter St.Davids passing Stoke Canon at 1523, 1Z18 1548 Exeter St.Davids - Taunton (1822) via

Bristol East yard passing Uphill junction up at 1625 (37 early), 1Q19 1857 Taunton - Paddington (2135) and 1Q21 2205 Paddington - Derby RTC (0157).

**18/12** A single area Arriva XC HST record was 43207 XC01 43366 on the 1E63 1526 Plymouth - York service whilst Turbo 166211 was on part 'Castle' HST set duty covering 2U00 0628 Temple Meads - Cardiff Central and 2C67 0800 return to Temple Meads.

**19/12** Snowplough test locos 66426 + 66421 (also see Taunton notes & news) passed through the area with a 6Z90 1050 Taunton Fairwater yard - Taunton Fairwater yard (1332) HOBC wagon turning move (outward via Westbury) formed DR92703 (YSA), DR92475/76/73/74 (YDA) passing Athelney at 1101, Keynsham 1220 and Uphill junction 1248.

The only Sunday Arriva XC HST record was 43239 XC04 43285 working 5V52 1212 Paignton - Laira Trsmd (1546) which passed Uphill junction at 1504 (66 early) and Totnes 1622 (63 early). Turbos 165132 & 166203 (separately) were covering some Temple Meads - Worcester SH 'Castle' HST work.

Locos recorded on Bristol West Freightliner stone duty included; 60028.

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

**04/12** 70811 powered a 6C20 1428 Westbury - Hallen Marsh (1615) engineers formed of 4 MLA / 6 JNA box wagons which passed Bath at 1458, Clifton Down 1551 and departed Avonmouth station at 1606 (3 early).

**11/12** The 6C03 1033 Northolt sidings - Severnside Sita refuse containers were routed via Sea Mills and Avonmouth passing Clifton Down at 1551 (7 late) headed by 66135.

**12/12** As part of the new Winter timetable changes a new 'Cross City' Bristol 30 minute frequency service was introduced between Weston-super-Mare and Avonmouth or Severn Beach (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news). The first trains 'booked' (and to have actually been included in the new Working Timetable!) to call at the new Portway Park & Ride station, Shirehampton was 166202 on the 2K16 0854 Temple Meads - Severn Beach and 2K17 0935 return (from 0917-0918 and 0948-0949 respectively) but as the station was unbuilt passed at 0916 outward and 0947 on the return!

**14/12** 66544 + 66414 + 66556 powered a 4Z36 1230 Avonmouth West Wharf - Southampton Maritime container service via Salisbury passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1419 and Stapleton Road 1426.

Locos recorded on stone duty have included;  
66414/502/506/562/604/606/617/952. 66715/717.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included;  
66745/761/770/778/780.

Locos recorded on ash duty have included; 66120/207.

Locos recorded on refuse container duty have included;  
66051/066/077/106/135/207.

Locos recorded on container duty have included;  
66414/502/524/529/544/556/593/957.

### **Portbury Branchline**

**02/12** Thought to be the final loco hauled appearance on this train (previously Colas Class 67 worked and Tyseley based) the return 1Z23 0650 Kingsland Road - Derby RTC (1913) top n' tailed by 37254 + 37175 with dept c/stock; 975091, 72631, 6262, 9801 passed Temple Meads down at 0651 (5

early), under the Clifton Suspension Bridge 0714 and Parsons Street junction again at 0816 (19 late), the working being booked Portbury from 0714 - 0724 (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill & Kingsland Road notes & news).

### **Bristol area workings during September**

4E18 Taunton Fairwater - Doncaster Wood yard loaded used sleepers (G&W)  
01/09 66560. 06/09 66515.

4L30 (FO) Avonmouth West Wharf - London Gateway containers (G&W)  
03/09 66551.

4L35 (MO) Avonmouth West Wharf - London Gateway containers (G&W)  
27/09 66537.

4L36 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers (G&W)  
01/09 66545. 06/09 66571. 07/09 66420. 08/09 66529.  
09/09 66536. 15/09 66516. 17/09 66596. 17/09 66596.  
27/09 66557. 30/09 66571.

4L50 (MWO) Wentloog - Tilbury containers (G&W)  
20/09 66585.

4O36 (MO) Avonmouth West Wharf - Southampton Maritime containers (G&W)  
06/09 66554.

4O57 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (G&W)  
01/09 66518. 06/09 70002. 07/09 66414. 08/09 66508.  
09/09 66543. 14/09 66505. 15/09 66564. 17/09 66585.  
24/09 66585. 27/09 70011. 30/09 66533.

4V35 (SO) London Gateway - Avonmouth West Wharf containers (G&W)  
04/09 66413 + 66510. 18/09 66561.

4V64 Calvert - Tytherington Quarry stone empties (DB)  
07/09 66014. 10/09 66168. 15/09 66176. 16/09 66014.

6A27 East Usk yard - Hayes loaded stone (G&W)  
16/09 66622.

6A83(\*6C85 Stoke Gifford) Avonmouth Bennetts - West Drayton loaded stone (G&W)  
02/09 66582. 15/09\* 66572. 16/09 66502.

6B11 Hayes - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)  
08/09 66622. 16/09 66621. 30/09 66622.

6B33 Theale - Robeston (Margam SO) fuel tank empties (DB)  
02/09 60001. 06/09 60010. 08/09 60039. 09/09 60010.  
14/09 60001. 15/09 60001. 17/09 60001. 18/09 60011.  
27/09 60001.

6B49 / 6B50 Llanwern - Swindon stores loaded and return empty steel (DB)  
01/09 66044. 27/09 66019.

Note; Train on 27/09 ran in the earlier 6B51 / 6B52 path.

6B58 / 6A59 Colnbrook/Acton (\* Tonbridge yard) - Portbury empty and return  
loaded stone (GBRf)

06/09\* 66763. 07/09 66763. 13/09 66735.

6B77 / 6C77 Avonmouth - Cardiff Pengam loaded stone (GBRf)

23/09 66726.

6B80 / 6C80 Stoke Gifford - Machen empty and return loaded stone (G&W)

04/09 66542.

6B91Hayes - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)

18/09 66622.

6C02 / 6A02 (TO) Cardiff Dock Ryans - Avonmouth Bennetts loaded and return  
(Southall or Acton) ash empties (DB)

07/09 66019.

6C03 Northolt - Severnside Sita loaded and return (\* 6A03) empty refuse  
containers to Brentford (DB)

01/09	66136.	02/09	66040.	04/09	66041.	06/09	66041.
07/09	66176.	08/09	66176.	09/09	66083.	11/09	66051.
12/09*	66051.	15/09	66051.	17/09	66176.	18/09	66051.
20/09	66051.	22/09	66051.	24/09	66125.	25/09	66051.
27/09	66051.	30/09	66012.				

6C42 (\* 6Z92) Theale - East Usk stone empties (G&W)

08/09 66617. 18/09\* 66621.

6C48 Banbury Reservoir sidings - Bristol West Freightliner stone empties  
(G&W)

20/09 66591. 27/09 66415. 29/09 66415. 30/09 66415.

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

02/09	66621.	06/09	66604.	07/09	66604.	08/09	66604.
10/09	66604.	15/09	66604.	24/09	66604.	29/09	66601.
30/09	66601.						

6M15 0707 Tytherington Quarry - Calvert loaded stone (DB)

01/09	66118.	06/09	66168.	07/09	66051.	09/09	66168.
10/09	66078.	15/09	66130.	16/09	66053.	17/09	66078.
24/09	66051.	27/09	66014.	29/09	66120.	30/09	66134.

6M42 Avonmouth Hansons - Penyffordd cement empties (GBRf)

01/09	66774.	08/09	66774.	10/09	66719.	13/09	66719.
15/09	66719.	17/09	D1015 + 66719.	27/09	66719.		
29/09	66719.						

Note; Train on 17/09 was a loaded 'test' run for Severn Valley Railway  
based D1015 Western Champion as far as Gloucester yard.



6V32 Tilbury - Trostre loaded steel (GBRf)  
04/09 66744. 08/09 66744. 22/09 66724. 24/09 66724.

6V35 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)  
24/09 66744.

6V41 Penyffordd - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)  
02/09 66774. 05/09 66774. 12/09 66719.

6V74 / 6M63 Crewe - Bridgwater and return nuclear flasks (DRS)  
08/09 68002 + 68003. 09/09 68007 + 68009. 15/09 68016 + 68017.  
16/09 68002 + 68004. 22/09 68007 + 88010.  
29/09 68005 + 88006.

6V84 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)  
01/09 66761. 06/09 66761. 15/09 66724. 22/09 66744.

6V99 (TO) Bescot - St.Blazey freight (DB)  
07/09 66125. 21/09 66093. 28/09 66093.

6Z32 Acton (\* Didcot) - Tytherington Quarry stone empties (DB)  
03/09\* 66176. 21/09 66012.

6Z72 / 6Z73 Willesden - Tytherington Quarry empty and return loaded stone  
(DC Rail)  
14/09 60046. 16/09 60046. 18/09 60046. 21/09 60028.  
23/09 60028. 28/09 60028. 30/09 60028.

6Z57 (MO) Avonmouth Bennetts - Theale loaded stone (G&W)  
13/09 66617.

6Z74 / 6Z75 Willesden - Tytherington Quarry empty and return loaded stone  
(DC Rail)  
11/09 60028. 18/09 60046.  
Note; Inward empties on 17/09 (for 18/09) started from Calvert.

## Gloucester

**23/11** The Railway Touring Company 'The Gloucester Christmas Market & Cardiff' 1Z30 0702 Victoria - Cardiff Central (1319) and 1Z32 1637 return to Victoria (2238) was worked throughout by steam 6233 Duchess of Sutherland and was reported outward passing Standish junction at 1152 and Severn Tunnel junction 1254. On arrival the ecs was booked 5Z31 1323 Cardiff Central - Pengam sidings (1331) and 5Z32 1622 return to Cardiff Central (1630).

The NRMT HST was also recorded in the area with power cars 43290 + 43274 running as 1Q15 0648 Derby RTC - Landore Trsmd (2014) via Hereford, Swindon and Gloucester passing Ledbury at 1025 (5 late) and 1135 (1 late) on the return and Standish junction down at 1332 (35 late).

**24/11** The NRMT 'Colas' HST returned from West Wales work as 1Q16 0318 Landore Tmd - Derby RTC via Fishguard Harbour and was reported passing Whitland at 0649 (-), Cardiff Central 1335 (13 early) and departing Gloucester and passing Horton Road crossing at 1455 (9 early) formed 43274 (former special 'EMR' purple livery), 977995/94/93, 975814, 975984, 43290.

**27/11** 66782 was diverted via Worcester due a trampoline being blown onto the mainline at Oddingley whilst working the 6M90 Gloucester yard - Clitheroe cement empties, the loco having earlier arrived Gloucester light-engine from Cardiff Tidal sidings.

Later with at least two services diverted (see Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh notes & news) 66161 passed at 1902 (37 early) having earlier been recorded Toton Centre at 1411 with 39 MEAs forming 6V81 1330 Masborough FD - Cardiff Tidal sidings loaded scrap.

**01/12** 'ROG' 37510 hauled former 'Heathrow Connect' EMU set 360201 as a 5Q76 1043 Kineton MoD - Lydney Up loop (1318) move which passed Swindon at 1236 (22 late), Stroud 1301 (21 late) and Gloucester 1322 (25 late). The working was initially thought to be a part 'recessed' move for the EMU to Newport Sims for scrapping (although the set is actually owned by the Rail Operations Group!), but it was later confirmed the unit was to see use on a filming contract over the Dean Forest Railway (also see PRESERVATION - Dean Forest Railway notes & news).

**02/12** 68001 + 68034 were on 6V73 0433 Crewe Coal sidings - Berkeley CEGB low level radioactive container service passing Standish junction at 0719 formed with DRSL PFA wagons 92723 + 92766, with 68001 again appearing, this time with 68018 on this working a week later.

**13/12** 56090 headed to West Wales for log duty passing light at 1226 (6 early) as 0F85 1000 Nottingham Eastcroft - Port Talbot Parkway (1452).

### Swindon

**20/11** 67013 worked Pathfinder Tours 'Northern Star' rail tour 0600 Eastleigh - Leeds (1354) and 1539 return to Eastleigh (0003) which on the outward departed Westbury at 0722 and Swindon 0823.

**24/11** Returning Transfer Yard rhtt details were; 67023 + 67027 - 3S33 1107 Lansdown Loop junction - Swindon (formed with wagons 642046/025) arriving at 1324 and 66849 + 66846 - 3S59 2103 (Tues) Swindon - Swindon (with wagons 642012/32) arriving at 1306.

**02/12** 59002 passed Bradford junction at 1452 working a diverted 6L21 1323 Westbury - Dagenham Dock loaded stone.

**06/12** Following their final duty for Colas on rhtt use, 67023 + 67027 were reported to have seen use on driver route refresher 0Z09 Oxford Hinksey yard - Hinksey yard via Honeybourne light-loco runs up until 9th December then being booked to run to Toton in preparation for use by new owner GBRf during the following day.

Locos recorded on EMR Liverpool / Cocklebury yard scrap metal duty have included; 66050 (26/11).

### Westbury

**22/11** The 6C48 Appleford - Whatley Quarry stone empties were headed by 66566 + 66616 + 66955 when noted passing Chippenham at 1500.

**24/11** 70816 worked a 0C07 0715 Westbury - Truro and 0C08 1316 return to Taunton RILA alignment survey light-engine working with the specialist equipment mounted on the west end, the loco passed Blachbridge junction at 0742, Totnes 0924 and on the return noted Plymouth at 1325 then departing at 1350 and passing Totnes at 1415.

**25/11** An engineering train record was; 70816 - 6C97 1534 Westbury - Camborne (0030) via Ponsodane which passed Taunton at 1625 (8 early) formed 1 YEA / 12 JZA wagons.

**27/11** Two engineering train reports were; 66511 + 66523 top n' tailing - 1700 Yeovil Pen Mill - Westbury (1745) which passed Castle Cary at 1659 (17 early), the Weymouth line west of Yeovil to Dorchester having been closed for major engineering work for a number of weeks leading up to this date and 66516 + 66591 top n' tailing - 6Y15 1833 Taunton Fairwater - Appleford HOBC which passed Fairwood junction at 20AL14 (38 early) formed 20 YDA / 1 YOA / 2 ZWA / 1 YOA / 10 YDA / 1 IFA.

Afternoon arrival 56090 was allocated 6C24 1625 Westbury - Llanelli.

**28/11** 66798 + 66725 top n' tailed a return 6G97 0741 Southall East junction - Westbury engineers passing Lavington at 0917.

**29/11** Engineering train records included; 66850 - 1923 Eastleigh East yard - Yeovil Pen Mill which arrived Yeovil at 2332 and moved into the possession at 2323 and 70813 + 66847 top n' tailing - 6C04 1700 Yeovil Pen Mill - Eastleigh East yard (2126) which arrived Westbury at 1700 (41 early) and departed 1927 (44 late) formed with 14 FEAs and crane DR78702 (YJA) with a KRA runner.

**02/12** 37612 with departmental c/stock; 96604, 977986, 977985, 9803, 999602, 9708 worked a 3Q14 1037 circular test train via Weymouth, Melksham and a reverse at Thingley junction but was turned back at East Somerset junction departing at 1153 (17 late), the Yeovil - Weymouth line was still believed closed for track work on this date.

**04/12** An area loco line up at 1420 recorded; down yard 66120, 66150, 66169, 66565, 66701. up yard 66128 (arrived 0012 light-engine to Eastleigh from Margam), 66585, 70811 (shunting). up yard (short siding) 56090.

**06/12** 70815 powered a 6C98 1426 Westbury - Camborne (0030) departmental which passed Taunton at 1520 (13 early) and Truro 2201 (10 early).

**07/12** 70815 returned the 6C98 as 0440 Truro - Westbury engineers passing Exeter St.Davids at 0815.

**08/12** Colas HST set 43251, 96606, 6260, 9808, 977974, 43274 worked 3Z22 2301 (Tues) Westbury - Cardiff Canton sidings (1738) and arrived Exeter St.Davids at 0258 for a reverse move.

**10/12** A return engineering train record was; 70815 - 6C99 0500 St.Austell - Westbury which passed Dawlish Warren at 0851 (22 early), Exeter St.Davids 0922 and Taunton 0957.

**12/12** Cornish engineering train records included; 70801 - 6C20 1845 Westbury - Redruth (2343) formed 14 bass wagons ( most of which being loaded with steel sleepers) passing Taunton at 1948 (10 late), 66849 - 6C21 1927 Westbury - Baldhu (2353) formed 6 JNA/3 MLA box wagons and reported passing Taunton art 2120 (57 late), 70811 + 70815 top n' tailing - 6C22 2041 Westbury - Penwithiers junction which passed Truro at 0136, 70811 + 70815 top n' tailing 6C25 0740 Exeter St.Thomas - Westbury arriving Exeter St.Davids platform 4 at 0710 and passing Fairwood junction at 0855 (having not visited Exeter Riverside yard as booked) formed with 16 JNA / 4 MLA box wagons (the previous days outward being 6C25 2221 Westbury - Starcross), 66594 - 6Y46 1953 Westbury - Penwithiers junction which passed Truro at 0111.

**14/12** Engineering train records included; 66849 + 70801 top n' tailing - 6C20 1123 Truro - Westbury (1612) passing Plymouth at 1435 and Totnes 1502 (14 early) with a consist of 14 bass wagons, 66594 - 6C21 0235 Truro - Westbury which passed Fairwood junction at 0609, 70811 - 6C22 1707 Truro - Westbury passing Fairwood junction at 2341, 70811 + 70815 top n' tailing - 6C23 0538 Westbury - Truro passing Tiverton Parkway at 0653 and Totnes 0749 formed with 20 auto-ballasters (loaded to 1758 tonnes) and 70815 -

6Y46 2210 (Mon) Truro - Westbury which arrived Westbury at 0300.  
The Cornish worksite was reported in the Redruth (Drump Road / Treleigh Bridge) area.

**15/12** Engineering train records included; 70815 + 70811 top n' tailing - 6C23 2310 Truro - Westbury which arrived at 0331 and 66847 - 6C24 0237 Westbury - Truro which passed Par down at 0703 formed with 5HQA / 5 JJA auto-ballaster wagons.

**17/12** DRS duo 66421 + 66426 brought in a 6X89 1129 West Ealing Plasser - Westbury (1638) part HOBC wagon (which included DR76802) move which had passed Acton Wells junction at 1147 (1 early), Swindon 1531 (13 early), Trowbridge 1606 (22 early) and Westbury station at 1618. The locos then headed to Taunton (via Bath and Bristol) departing at 1720 and were booked to test the Taunton Fairwater yard based drift (ZZA) snowploughs during the following day (see Taunton notes & news).

**18/12** An afternoon area loco line recorded the following; down yard 66003, 66019, 66044, 66087, 66148, 66725. up yard (short siding) 66846. Colas siding 66849.

Locos on Exeter stone duty have included; 66604/622.

### **Taunton**

**24/11** 66591 was on the 6C75 1025 Norton Fitzwarren (listed as Bishops Lydeard - West Somerset Railway) used ballast spoil waste trip passing Norton Fitzwarren at 1036 and 6C76 1249 return which arrived Fairwater at 1306. The same loco with 66516 had earlier returned the 6Y15 HOBC as a 0255 move from Maidenhead which passed Taunton station at 0740.

**28/11** 66516 + 66591 top n' tailed the return 6Y15 0927 Oxford Hinksey yard - Fairwater yard HOBC passing Theale at 1051.

**02/12** 66516 + 66591 passed Taunton station at 0647 working a return 6Y15 0300 HOBC from Kennett Bridge junction the former loco then powering a 6C75 1035 Fairwater yard - Bishops Lydeard (Norton Fitzwarren triangle) used ballast trip and 6C76 1249 return which arrived back at 1221.

**12/12** 66516 + 66591 returned a 33 wagon HOBC in the usual top n' tail formation as 6Y15 0853 Exeter St.Thomas - Fairwater yard passing Exeter St.Davids at 0814 (41 early) and Whiteball (near Wellington) at 0837. The trains outward working was 6Y15 2221 Taunton Fairwater - Dawlish Warren during the previous day.

**15/12** 66591 + 66516 passed Taunton station at 0628 working the return 6Y15 0300 Didcot East junction - Fairwater yard HOBC. The previous evenings outward working was 6Y15 1605 Fairwater yard - Goring & Streatley.

**18/12** Although the equivalent test run with the Fairwater based drift snowploughs (ZZAs) took place in July last year, 66421 + 66426 carried out this years duty as 7Z98 1104 Taunton Fairwater yard - Taunton Fairwater yard (1317) again via a Weston-super-Mare turn round with ADB965223 (leading) and ADB965235 (rear) during the day and was reported outward passing Taunton station at 1106, arriving Highbridge loop 1135 and departing at 1155 to allow IET set 802107 to pass on 1A20 1132 Taunton - Paddington service at 1149, arriving Weston-super-Mare at 1215 (5 early), departing 1228 (2 early) for the return passing Brent Knoll at 1236 following 43162 GW07 43098 working 2C73 1100 Cardiff Central - Penzance service, passing Bridgwater 1247 and Taunton station 1305 (6 early).

**19/12** 66591 + 66516 top n' tailed the return 35 wagon HOBC as 6Y15 0853

Exeter St.Thomas - Fairwater yard passing Stoke Canon at 0854 and Whiteball (Wellington) 0914.

### **Exeter**

**16/12** With the Prince of Wales reported to be on board, the Royal Train passed westbound top n' tailed by 67006 + 67005 at 0953 and later Newton Abbot 1019 enroute to Totnes, formed with c/stock; 2920/15/17/16/23/22/21. The train was later noted again departing at 1430 eastbound.

### **Newport**

**23/11** 'ROG' 37884 was on a further scrap EMU move conveying Networker set 365509 as a 5Q76 0829 Crewe North yard - Newport Docks (1415) Sims Metals move passing Walsall at 1059 (65 late), Cheltenham 1233 (24 late) and Severn Tunnel junction 1329 (3 early).

**28/11** 66562 + 66589 passed Severn Tunnel junction at 1325 running 0Z40 1312 Stoke Gifford - East Usk yard light-engines.

**29/11** A Doncaster Belmont - Newport Docks (Sims Metals) Class 365 EMU scrap move was cancelled.

**08/12** 66610 worked the inaugural 6Z67 2130 Machen Quarry - Birmingham Lawley Street loaded stone service in 21 box wagons, the outward being booked to run via Bristol Parkway, Foxhall junction, Banbury and the return via Bromsgrove, Parkway and Bath (also see Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh notes & news).

This new HS2 stone service is to commence fully during January 2022.

**13/12** 66756 was on DB cover working 6B28 1346 Trostre Works - Newport Docks steel passing Morlais junction at 1357.

### **Cardiff**

**21/11** There were a number of Transport for Wales train cancellations during the day due to staff shortages.

**27/11** 66117 was reported to have struck a fallen tree and received cab damage north of Hereford whilst working 6V71 (Fri) Hardendale - Margam (0257) stone empties the train being stopped, but able to continue but held again north of Little Mill following an examination eventually passing Newport at 0415 (147 late).

Another tree fall also blocked the West Wales mainline at Southerdown Road, 60017 having been initially held working 6B17 Robeston - Westerleigh Puma loaded fuel tanks was then diverted via Aberthaw and Barry running 375 late (also see MISCELLANEOUS Storm Arwen).

**28/11** Sunday freight train records included; 66619 - 6B81 East Usk yard - Port Talbot Grange sidings passing Bridgend at 1038, 66952 - 6B82 1513 East Usk yard - Port Talbot Grange sidings passing the same location at 1654 and 66040 allox. 6E30 1906 Margam - Hartlepool BSC.

**30/11** Newly delivered Class 231 units were mainline tested between Cardiff and Severn Tunnel junction for the first time working with four booked return trips with timings lasting into the following morning (0100).

**04/12** Pathfinder Tours 'The Christmas White Rose Express' 1Z49 0550 Cardiff Central - Newcastle (1306) and 1Z50 1453 return to Cardiff Central (2343) set out with 66751 as far as Gloucester for 'Class 50 Alliance' locos (which had earlier run 0Z49 0608 Kidderminster SVR to Gloucester passing Cheltenham at 0659) 50007 + 50049 to take over, the train later passing Standish junction at 0717 (3 late), departing Birmingham NS at

0643 (-) and departing York at 1330 (102 late) having lost time at Derby and due to an unknown reason north of Doncaster.

The trains c/stock formation being listed as; 35469, 3110, 3141, 80042, 3146, 3147, 3123, 3121, 3119, 1813, 5009, 4991, 4998.

**07/12** An unidentified Transport for Wales Class 231 unit passed Marshfield at 2216 as a 3G00 2215 Central station - Gloucester test working, the booked return being 3G01 2345 to Cardiff.

It is understood that both these workings took place to gauge station platforms between the two locations.

**12/12** Sunday freight records included; 66616 - 6B81 0850 East Usk yard - Port Talbot Grange sidings empty stone which passed Bridgend at 1026 and later formed 6M39 1536 loaded return to Crewe Basford Hall yard (via Hereford) passing Newport at 1712 and 66606 - 6B82 1513 East Usk yard - Port Talbot Grange sidings empty stone.

An engineering train record was; 66023 + 66003 top n' tailing - 6W98 1730 Westbury - Caerphilly (via Margam) which passed Lawrence Hill at 1806 (6 early) formed 1 YEA / 12 JZA wagons.

**13/12** A return engineering train record was 66003 - 6W90 0535 Caerphilly - Westbury which passed Marshfield at 0848.

**15/12** 67010 with c/stock; 12219, 10328, 11324, 12447, 82229 (HD02) formed a 5Z84 1330 Chester - Cardiff Canton ecs move which passed Newport at 2013 (6 early).

**18/12** The first records of Class 387 EMUs into south Wales on passenger work were with the appearance of 387148 + 387167 on the 9U06 1213 from Paddington arriving 2 late at 1417 (also see Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh notes & news).

Locos recorded on the Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service has included; 66302 (14/12, 15/12). 66424 (03/12, 18/12, 19/12). 66425 (24/11). 66427 (25-28/11, 02/12, 04/12, 12/12, 13/12).

Locos recorded on Baglan Bay log duty have included; 56090 (24/11, 26/11, 18/12), 66846 (02/12, 03/12, 04/12 empties, 14/12).

Locos recorded on Margam / Port Talbot (from Cwmbargoed) coal duty has included; 66024/075/087/095/097/102/116/140.

Locos on Hope / Earles cement duty has included; 66171.

Locos recorded on Corby steel duty has included; 66006/019/040/079/086/128/154/192.

Locos recorded on Dee Marsh steel duty has included; 66006/079/107/149/161/170/192.

Locos recorded on Round Oak steel has included;

60010. 66001/003/023/040/049/079/080/086/128/161/170/174/192/200.

Locos recorded on Barry Dock container duty has included; 66507/532/539/561/593.

## **PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS**

### **Avon Valley Railway**

**06/12** A fourth ex. BR shunter is now present on the line with the arrival of D4118 (green livery) from the Kent & East Sussex Railway being recorded on this date.

The other three are; 08202/359 (both blue) and 09015 (EWS).

### **Bodmin & Wenford Railway**

**12/12** Class 47 47306 + ex. GWR steam 4612 were top n' tailing 'Santa Special' trips over the line with industrial steam 75178 (WB 2766/44) static but in steam attached to 3 coaches at Bodmin General the middle coach ex. GWR (former inspection saloon) 9044 (dating from 1881) being in use as a Santa Grotto with Father Christmas in attendance.

### **Dean Forest Railway**

**03/12** 'Heathrow link' EMU set 36201 was noted passing Whitecroft at 1330 being propelled by 37510 later returning at 1430 towards Lydney junction.

**05/12** Having visited Parkend (renamed Copbury for BBC filming) EMU set 360201 + 37510 were both present at Lydney junction station, a return move to MoD Bicester (1000 from the up goods loop) during the previous day having being cancelled.

**08/12** 37510 returned north light-engine as 0Z37 1428 Lydney junction - Derby RTC (1738) passing Gloucester at 1501 (4 early).

### **GWR Steam Export**

**16/12** Loco 4920 Dumbleton Hall has been reported sold in non working condition for display in a Harry Potter Theme Park, near Tokyo, Japan. The loco saw use on the West Somerset Railway and in June 1997 featured formed part of the line's 21st year of operation celebrations as well as passenger work on the Gloucester & Warwick Railway. Although too big for the line, the loco remained on the South Devon Railway at Buckfastleigh for some years in store for a possible overhaul which did not take place.

### **South Devon Railway**

**05/12** Steam 7820 Dinmore Manor + 5542 were in use top n' tailing the line's seasonal 'Polar Express' workings from Buckfastleigh during the day

### **Torbay and Dartmouth Steam Railway**

**24/11** Ex. BR steam 75029 + USA S160 2253 were in use on the 'train of light' seasonal illuminated spectacular specials in a top n' tail formation, the coaches using 1.5 miles of rope type illuminated tubing and 120 coach mounted spotlights (also see West Somerset Railway report below)

### **West Somerset Railway**

**R.W.GILES**

**04/12** Having commenced on using ex. GWR steam 7828 Odney Manor with a Class 33 at the rear (on 27th November), steam 9351 was in charge of the day's 1630 Bishops Lydeard - Crowcombe Heathfield 'Winter lights in Somerset' 6 Mk I and SR PMV (generator van) illuminated passenger service with Class 33 D6566 on the rear, arriving at its destination at 1706. With a departure of 1712, the train arrived back at Bishops Lydeard at 1735 (for the 1830 repeat departure) where the c/stock was recorded as; (S1464S) in a red livery, W9227, W4875, W5025, W4909, W5024, W4911 carrying attached flexible coloured fluorescent tubing creating interesting shapes with coach sole bar fitted coloured spotlights. Lineside illuminated Christmas grottos were also positioned near Combe Florey, Trebles Holford and at the Minehead end of Crowcombe station where the train slowed for those on board to view the scenes. This was the first year of operation for this type of train over any part of the West Somerset Railway with two departures (1630 and 1830) due to operate on a number of mainly week-end dates up until New Year.

Also noted during the evening at Bishops Lydeard were; 47077 North Star stabled in the platform bay with c/stock; W1804, W3108, W1909, W35408 and D4107 and coach W3668 present in the shed area.

Other line news on the diesel side has been reported that Class 52 D1010 Western Campaigner is expected to be released in the new year in a full overall maroon livery with no yellow ends.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Arriva XC

**24/11** Power car overhauls 43321 + 43208 formed a 0Z43 0930 Laira Trsmd - Laira Trsmd out and back test working passing Totnes at 1043 east bound. Both were in 'ex works' repaint condition and running back to back, 43321 having been out of traffic for 12 months and was finally released back for mainline use again 5 days later.

### Bristol Model Railway Show

Following a two year gap this premier layout and trade stand event at Thornbury (South Gloucestershire) is set to return during 2022 from Friday April 29th through to Sunday 1st May.

Three large halls are now in use to house the displays within the Sports Complex, close to the A38 from the Alveston junction.

### Class 153

**22/11** A second unit besides 155311 is now in use by Network Rail for track inspection and filming duties. 153385 still retaining East Midland Trains colour was noted on a 2Q11 0413 Eastleigh Arlington - Derby RTC (1123) via Oxford move passing Hatton at 1240 (164 late).

### Covid-19

**28/11** The latest variant of the thirty recorded so far and named Omicron (which was first discovered in South Africa) has advised a return to use of face masks again on public transport in England - Scotland and Wales having not previously lifted this restriction.

**13/12** Omicron having been found to be more transmissible than the Delta variant saw the reintroduction in England of a number of protective measures (Plan B) including compulsory mask wearing and working from home where possible. Network Rail reported a 20% reduction in rail use in London, Birmingham and Manchester during the day with some areas of Britain recording a 14-40% decline in road and rail public transport use.

### GBRf

**17/12** Due to a track defect, newly imported 66734 was stranded in Immingham Dock but eventually moved to Doncaster as a 0G67 light-loco move during the day behind 66730.

### Great Western Railway

**20/11** Due to train crew issues both overnight sleeper services were in the hands of IET sets, 802104 - 1A50 2145 (Fri) Penzance - Paddington and 800319 - 1C50 2345 (Fri) Paddington - Penzance.

**25/11** 150221 + 150233 were on the fifth day of the new Okehampton service commencing with the 2K01 0629 working from Exeter St.Davids.



**07/12** 150232 worked the 2P51 0725 Exeter St.Davids - Plymouth service in place of a Class 800 IET set.

With a hightide and rough seas as a result of the arrival of Atlantic Storm Barra, GWR withdrew their IET 800 units from the sea wall at Dawlish with 802101 held at Dawlish station suffering a power loss on the 1A77 0835 Plymouth - Paddington service having arrived at 0933 and 802104 stopped alongside the River Teign on the 1C70 0704 Paddington - Paignton service being eventually was terminated at Newton Abbot - 217 late! A 1Z99 rescue IET set 802101 was also reported in trouble having been struck by a wave!

This section of line was also devoid of Arriva XC Voyager sets during the 'risk' period which had been rated level 2 with single line operation in force & movements subject to a 50 mph speed restriction as part of the one brought in from Taunton - Penzance from 0900 - 1500 due to wind speeds.

**09/12** IET 80010 worked 2P51 0725 Exeter St.Davids - Plymouth in place of a 'Castle' set whilst Turbo 166217 was on the 2C05 Bristol TM - Penzance service as far as Exeter St.Davids for HST set with power cars 43009 GW10 43041 to take over and 150246 + 158769 were paired on the 2C07 0647 Temple Meads - Plymouth, another 'Castle' HST turn returning as 2E07 1050 to Exeter St.Davids.

**11/12** The weekend saw the first instances of IET Class 800 and 802 formation combinations to help with capacity problems (due to out of service sets) with 802009 + 800036 working 1C84 1404 Paddington - Penzance and returning during the following day passing Totnes at 1248 on the 1A83 1018 Penzance - Paddington service.

**13/12** With the mainline closed west of Penwithiers junction (Falmouth branch junction) the 1C50 2345 (Sun) sleeper service from Paddington operated in a top n' tail formation using 57603 + 57605 with c/stock; 17173, 12142, 10219, 10609, 10563, 10596, 10589 which departed Par at 0650, the trains ecs move then being 5C50 0730 Truro - Laira Trsmd. During the following day 57604 + DRS 'hire' 57306 departed Par at 0651 on this service with c/stock; 17174, 12100, 10217, 10612, 10534, 10594, 10584, with 57603 + 57605 appearing again on 15th December departing St.Austell at 0653.

**14/12** Only 2 days into the new timetable and 150207, 150216 and 150249 were active on the three 'Devon Metro' Turbo diagrams! Only 166210 had been reported in the Exeter area during the previous evening.

**15/12** At 1130, the 'Castle' HST allocation with set formations were as follows; 43156 GW01 48103/02/01, 49101 43097 - 2U14 0937 Plymouth - Cardiff Central, 43010 GW03 48109/08/07, 49103 43154 - 2C27 1418 Plymouth - Truro, 43093 GW06 48118/17/16, 49106 43122 - 2C69 0900 Cardiff Central - Plymouth, 43098 GW07 48121/20/19, 49107 43162 - 2U16 1050 Plymouth - Cardiff Central, 43009 GW10 48130/29/28, 49110 43041 - 2U12 0850 Plymouth - Cardiff Central, 43027 GW15 48150/44/43, 49115 43194 - 2C73 1100 Cardiff Central - Plymouth and 43022 GW16 48148/47/46, 49116 43172 - stabled Exeter New Yard sidings.

**18/12** The sleeper service was worked by 57604 solo as 1C50 2345 (Fri) Paddington - Penzance departing St.Austell at 0647.

#### **Gravity Campus, Puriton (near Bridgwater)**

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Interest in the former ROF Puriton (latterly BAE Systems owned) branch line track bed has seen some clearance work under taken in the vicinity of the M5 road overbridge close to the exchange sidings and the Bristol -

Taunton mainline near Huntspill by early December 2021.

The former rail connection was closed at the end of December 1990 (with the track being lifted by the mid-90s) but now forms part of a new 635 acre Gravity Campus Science & Technology Park which has come under the scrutiny in recent months of US electric car giant Rivian (part owned by Amazon) who are interested in opening a £1 billion construction plant on the site. Following a site visit in September the location now has an SDO, special developments order, in place meaning following a decision construction work could start straight away instead of a mandatory planning wait which could be up to a further year.

The rail link that was put forward for reopening as part of the Government's recent 'Restore Our Railway' funding is estimated to cost up to £50 million to reopen with plans that could see a passenger station along side a freight operation centred on traffic to and from Royal Portbury or Avonmouth Docks.

The final two standard gauge locos (the location also at one time had a narrow gauge system) used at the site, Andrew Barclays 572 & 578 (both of 1972) ROF No 1 & 2 are now preserved on the West Somerset Railway, having only been released from their 'loan' period from BAE Systems in 2019!

### **Leaf Busting 2021 (part 3)**

Margam - 3S61/3S62 - 66174 + 66183.

St.Blazey - 3J11/3J12/3J13 - 66098 + 66116 (both replaced), 66087 +66044 (noted 30/11). 66087 + 66150 (from 03/12).

Swindon Transfer yard - 3S31/32/33 67023 + 67027, 3S59 66846 + 66848 (replaced by 66849 noted 25/11).

### **Least Used Stations Annual Report 2020-21 - The Results are In!**

The Office of Rail & Road Transport have listed the following as seeing 'nil' passenger use during the Covid-19 pandemic affected year;

1. Abererch (Wales);
2. Beasdale (Scotland);
3. Llanbedr (Wales);
4. Sugar Loaf (Wales);
5. Stanlow & Thornton (England);
6. Sampford Courtney (England)

At the other end of the scale London Waterloo lost it's top spot after 17 years, no doubt due to the 'pandemic' work from home Government instructions with Stratford (East London) seeing the most use dealing with 14 million passengers.

### **Loco Services Ltd, Crewe**

The company have been reported to have acquired 2 Class 20s and 2 Class 57/3s from the recent DRS fleet 'reduction' sale and more interestingly 89001 which is subject to a final return to operation funding push.

The latter which has had an extensive rebuild during recent years and currently located at Barrow Hill, is still owned by the Electric Traction Group but will be Crewe based and available to LSL for mainline charter use. It has also been learnt that Severn Valley Railway based 40106 is expected to visit the Loco Services paint shop for a livery change from BR green to BR blue sometime in 2022 and 37667 now carries the 'official' name 'Flopsie'!

### **New Shunt 'loco' Trial**

Following on from the November - Issue 597 report at Westbury, a second Zephir 30.520 'Loco Tractor' rrv had arrived at Oxford Hinksey yard by

early December. It is reported Network Rail have 7 of this type of vehicle now located around the Country for yard wagon shunting evaluation. One requirement for operation is the driver would need a current HGV license.

### **Okehampton**

**20/11** After 49 years, the Devon town was reconnected to the rail network with 150233 (in a special 'Dartmoor Line' promotional livery and carrying 'The Dartmoor Line' head board) + 150221 doing the honours arriving at 0710 with the 2K01 0632 service from Exeter St.Davids which on arrival was greeted by a brass band and town officials. The sets then formed the 2E70 return to Exeter St.Davids (0809) which departed at 0730, 2K03 0841 return to Okehampton and 2E72 0933 return to Exeter St.Davids and hourly during the day. Goody bags were also handed out along with a specially branded chocolate bar to mark the occasion. Although an initial two hourly service is planned, 150232 + 150261 were drafted in to assist with high first day passenger numbers working 5Z02 0723 Exeter Tmd - Okehampton (0825) empty, 2Z71 0830 return to Exeter St.Davids (0913), 2Z04 0948 return to Okehampton (1027) which departed Crediton at 1000 and hourly until 2Z10 1547 Exeter St.Davids - Okehampton (1625) which 150261 worked solo then also covering five return trips later in the day.

**21/11** 150233 + 150221 worked the first 'official' Sunday service with 7 return trips during the day commencing with 2K03 0840 Exeter St.Davids - Okehampton (0921) and 2E04 0943 return to Exeter St.Davids (1024) up until 2K15 2102 Exeter St.Davids - Okehampton (2140) and 2E16 2155 return to Exeter St.Davids (2233) which departed at 2215.

A Devon Council / Tourist board Sunday service has operated in the past during the Summer period commencing in 1997 with a Rover ticket being available including a vintage bus connection over Dartmoor to Gunnislake and the branch line into Plymouth.

**22/11** On the first week day series of workings, 150233 + 150221 were again in use during the day.

As the Magazine was closing for press, new plans were already underway to build a new £12 million park & ride car park at Hameldown Road close to the A30 road dual-carriageway on land already purchased with an opening date set for sometime in 2023.

Regarding other stations, Sampford Courtney, Bow, North Tawton and Yeoford (although open for Tarka Linetrains) would need additional work, the former which has seen Dartmoor Railway preservation passenger train use would need platform resurfacing whilst at North Tawton the running line here has now been raised higher than the original platforms so a nearby road bridge could be replaced some years ago.

Regarding a connection to Meldon Quarry, the down platforms (1 and 2) at Okehampton are reported disconnected with the removal of the ground frame, but a service possibly for tourists, could be extended sometime in the future as again a preservation platform exists in the quarry area close to Meldon Viaduct.

### **Storm 'Arwen'**

**27/11** The latest 'named' North Atlantic weather front brought high winds and rain to a number of areas of the country with LNER advising passengers not to travel between England and Scotland and the Tyne & Wear Metro being closed.

55,000 homes in the North of England were without power which lasted for several days and along with snow fall a wind gust of 98 mph was recorded on the Northumberland Coast. Another named storm 'Barra' was soon to follow again causing problems during early December.

### **Ticket Increase**

Rail travel was set to rise by 3.8% in January (based on the July recorded Retail Price Index, which interestingly reached 7.1% in November!) but due to the past year and the pandemic passengers renewing their season tickets will have up to March 2022 to do so at the 2021 price.

### **West Thurrock**

**14/12** Freightliner loco 66605 received side cab damage at one end on one side following a collision with eight wagons (reported off a Tunstead working) one of which de-railed around 0600, the incident being reported as having taken place in yard sidings not under Network Rail control.

## **TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS**

**25/11** Swindon Transfer yard - DR75011 allocated; 6Q59 1140 - Oxford Engineers sidings, Taunton - DR73920 arrived at 1720 on a move from Laira.

**26/11** Totnes - DR73907 passing at 1005 as a 6J89 1005 Tavistock yard - Bristol Kingsland Road move.

**10/12** Gloucester - DR79104 + DR79105 calling at 1047 on a 6Q01 0830 Lichfield TV Ce sidings - Severn Tunnel junction working. Newton Abbot - DR77010 + DR73122 arriving at 1249 (having passed Stoke Canon at 1219) as a 6Q55 0855 Reading Triangle sidings - Newton Abbot Hackney yard move.

**14/12** Stoke Canon (near Exeter) - DR73920 passing at 1327 as a Cardiff - Exeter move.

**16/12** Newton Abbot - DR79273 + DR79263 passing at 1212 running as 6U03 1105 Taunton - Tavistock junction.

**17/12** Stoke Canon (near Exeter) - DR77010 + DR73122 passing at 1247 on a Taunton - Newton Abbot Hackney yard working.

**19/12** Stoke Canon - DR73122 + DR77010 passing at 0859 as a Dawlish Warren - Taunton working. Bristol Temple Meads - DR98008 which later departed as a 3Z07 1130 move to Rugby DED (1525) passing Yate at 1150.

## **TRIP REPORTS**

**TRIP 562**

**LEEDS**

**26<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

### **Woodlesford Station**

Dmu Sets 158868 158901 195015

### **En Route**

Dmu Sets 158754/768 (reformed back into 2 car set) 195010

Emu Set 331107

### **Passing Leeds, Midland Road**

Locos 66504/594/599 70005/013/018

## Passing Leeds, Holbeck

On Track Plant 80202/203/214

### Leeds Station

Locos 43046 Geoff Drury/055 66701 68025 Superb 70807 91119 Bounds  
Green Intercity Depot 1977-2016/130 Lord Mayor of Newcastle  
Dmu Sets 150104/136 150218/270 153358/363 158752/753/755/757/758/  
780/784 Barbara Castle/786/787/790/792/794/797 Jane Tomlinson/840/848/  
851/853/860 Ian Dewhurst/868/870 158901/903/904/906/907/908  
170453/455/459/475 185101/102/108/110/115/117/121/122/123/124/130/135/  
137/139/140/141/143/146/148/149/150 195002/005/006/008/009/010/012/014/  
015/018/020/021/023/025 195103/104 Deva Victrix/109/110/111 Key  
Worker/113/115/118/124/127/128 Calder Champion/129  
Demu Sets 220003/007/012/016/023/027/029 221124/126/127/129/131/132  
Emu Sets 331009 331102/104/105/106 Proud to be Northern/107/110 Proud to  
be Northern/112 333003/004/005/006/008/009/010/011/012/ 014/016  
IET Sets 800109/110 800205/206/208 801103/108 801213/227  
802201/202/203/206/210/211/216/219  
Coaches 10230 10311 11284/295 11312/326 11426 11509 12212/220  
12325/330 12404/414/426/429/431/436/465 12725/726/727 12809 40801/802  
41059/108/162/169/176/182 44078 DLV 82212/223  
Wagons Noted on Passing Freights 12420/421/422/432/439; 371005/008/024/  
029/032/038/050/051/057/059/060/062/065/066/067/068/072; 83 70 6957 003-  
9/005-4/006-2/024-5/036-9/059-1/065-8/072-4/074-0/079-7; 81 70 9316 019-  
7/070-8

Note: The HST was the blue Pullman set

## Passing Leeds, Holbeck

Track Machine 80213

## Passing Leeds, Midland Road

Locos 66511/517/548/594/599 66955/957 70005/013/018

### Freight Yard, opposite Midland Road

Wagons 93367/380 92518/541/573/626 370574 371005/008/024/029/037/  
038/050/051/057/062/065/067/068/072 606145/146 607047/089/118 608109/  
163/275/289/290/297 640241/243/244/302/321/478/479 33 68 4909 065-5/378-  
4/865-0/869-2; 83 70 4520 064-4/112-1/113-9

### Stourton Area

Story Road/Rail

1209 940799-8 Liebherr A900CZW 1384 60360/2013  
1212 940802-0 Liebherr A900CZW 1384 68363/2013

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