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46233 1Z46 Cardiff Central-Exeter St Davids "The Great Britain XIV" at Dr Days Jn 28/04/22.

Rear Cover Photo July 2022 Issue 605:

[K.Mumford]

66011 passing through Swindon.

Committee Changes

There have been several committee changes during the last month with Mike Crew standing down from the committee. Mike's role as Bookings Officer will now be taken up by Dave Forse, whilst the Publicity Officer role will now be vacant. Trip bookings should therefore now be sent to Dave.

This resulted in the Society being run by only two committee members, a situation which was clearly untenable. In light of this situation Paul Harley agreed at the recent Annual General Meeting to re-join the committee (after an interval of 39 years!) in order to assist with the governance of the Society.

There clearly remains a need for further help. If anyone is willing to assist with the running of the Society, either in a formal committee role or on an informal non-committee basis, then please contact any member of the committee.

FUTURE EVENTS

Trip 578

DRS CREWE OPEN DAY

Saturday 16/07/22

A one day trip to the DRS Crewe Open Day.

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

This fare does not include entry to the Open Day. Trip participants will be required to purchase their own ticket.

Due to a huge increase in demand DRS has taken the decision to make their open day a ticket-only event. All tickets must be pre-ordered from the DRS website www.directrailservices.com and cost £5 for adults, with under 16s free, who will also need a ticket.

Proposed Itinerary: DRS Crewe Open Day; locations around Crewe; Chester Station; Telford FLT

Departure Time from 68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0600 am
Other pick-up points may be arranged with Dave FORSE

Return Time to Mangotsfield area = approx 2100 pm

Book By Date = 01/07/2022

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: None

Trip 579

ALDWARKE STEEL

Friday 29/07/22

A one day trip to visit the Steelworks at Rotherham. Other venues may be visited if time allows.

Proposed Trip Fare = £32

Fare with Day Membership = £35

Proposed Itinerary:

Confirmed visits to both Aldwarke Steel Works Rotherham and Liberty Steel Stocksbridge

Departure Time from 68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0600 am
Other pick-up points may be arranged with Dave FORSE

Return Time to Mangotsfield area = approx 2130 pm

Book By Date = 08/07/2022

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: Hi-Viz vest, Stout shoes, Hard hat

Trip 580

MANCHESTER FLYER

Saturday 13/08/22

A one day trip to Manchester looking for new units and trams.

Proposed Trip Fare = £30

Fare with Day Membership = £33

Proposed Itinerary:

Drop off at Navigation Road allowing people freedom to pursue their own visits

Departure Time from 68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0600 am
Other pick-up points may be arranged with Dave FORSE

Return Time to Mangotsfield area = approx 2130 pm

Book By Date = 22/07/2022

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

Trip 581

EASTLEIGH ARLINGTON WORKS

Saturday 20/08/22

A one day trip to Eastleigh to visit Arlington Works.

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

There is also a charge to enter Arlington Works of £10 per person payable in cash to the trip organiser at the meeting point.

Proposed Itinerary:

Eastleigh Arlington Works; Eastleigh station; Eastleigh depot and yards will be viewed; Southampton FLT; Bournemouth depot view

If you wish to join the bus and do the full trip please make your interest known as places are limited.

If you are making your own way there then please make this clear to the Bookings Secretary. To enter the works and be covered by the Society's insurance you will be required to pay £3 to the Society and fill in the Day Membership form.

For all options we will meet on Eastleigh station platform at 0900 am before we walk to the works as there is no parking on site.

Departure Time

68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0600 am;

Bristol Parkway = 0630 am.

Other pick-up points may be arranged with Dave FORSE.

Return Time

Mangotsfield area = approx 2130 pm

Book By Date = 20/07/2022

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

Trip 582

SCUNTHORPE STEEL WORKS

Saturday 03/09/22

A one day visit organised in conjunction with the Freightmaster Society.

**** Please note that only four places are available on the steel works tour. The trip is already fully booked but a reserve list will be maintained should anyone drop out or more spaces become available to us**

Proposed Trip Fare = £34 Fare with Day Membership = £37

An additional fee will be required for the rail tour around the works.

Proposed Itinerary: The visit will last around four hours and includes a visit to the Appleby - Frodingham Railway Society Sheds for a break and refreshments. Other locations may be added depending on the time available

Departure Time from 68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0600 am
Other pick-up points may be arranged with Dave FORSE

Return Time to Mangotsfield area = approx 2130 pm

Book By Date = 12/08/2022

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: Hi-Viz vest, Stout shoes, Hard hat

Trip 583

KENT & EAST SUSSEX PLANT

Saturday 12/11/22

A one day trip visiting Road/Rail locations in Kent, Sussex, Berkshire & Hampshire.

Proposed Trip Fare = £29 Fare with Day Membership = £32

Proposed Itinerary: TXM Newbury; Total Rail Solutions Newbury; Readypower Bracknell; Tonbridge West Yard; Paddock Wood Keyland Sidings; TXM Sittingbourne; Avondale Environmental Services Chatham; Quattro Rochester; Readypower St.Mary Hoo; Horsham Yard & Signal Box compound; Pro Rail Services Rudgwick; L&W Contractors Billinghamurst and Coombs Rail Petersfield.

Departure Time from the Bristol area = 0600 am
Pick up points may be available on request from Martin LEAR.

Return Time to the Bristol area = approx 2130 pm

Book By Date = 21/10/2022

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: Hi-Viz vest, Safety shoes

Bookings

Please note that the current practice of members putting their name forward as a "provisional" booking will no longer continue. Only confirmed bookings will be taken by the Bookings Secretary.

Trip bookings will 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 where possible regardless of whether they are a member or non-member.

Forms should be submitted either on a trip, or by post to Dave Forse, or by downloading from the Society web site cardiffandavonside.org.uk and e-mailing the completed form to: bookings@cardiffandavonside.org.uk

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

Trip Departure Times

Please note that the advertised departure times for trips is about 0630am from the Bristol area. However there are occasions when this time will have to be moved to an earlier time slot, depending on the trip destination or other circumstances that are outside of the control of the Society.

Participants will be notified of any of these changes in departure time at the earliest opportunity.

Payment Facility

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

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

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

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 Dave Forse 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 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.

Society Twitter Account

There is now a Society Twitter account with the Twitter handle @CarsRailways and full url 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

20/05 'ROG' 37800 conveyed EMU sets 317348 + 317513 to South Wales for scrap as 5Q76 0951 Ely Papworth sidings - Newport Docks (1551) passing Didcot Parkway at 1316 (2 early) and Patchway 1447 (1 early) and 70803 + 70814 top n' tailed a 6C47 Westbury - Yate working which departed at 1014 (13 late) formed of 5 HQA auto-ballasters arriving at 1130 and was later reported dropping ballast at Iron Acton, reaching Latteridge at 1245. This was believed to be only the second Class 70 working over the branch.

21/05 66434 on the 4V38 1045 Daventry - Wentloog (1639) TESCO containers was diverted via Watford junction, Slough and Swindon and was reported passing Swindon Highworth junction at 1443 and Westerleigh junction 1514 (22 early) formed with 15 IKA wagons.

24/05 'Green Energy' livery 66004 + 66021 worked 4Z86 0716 Acton - Tytherington stone empties the 6Z86 1543 loaded return moving the millionth tonne for the HS2 project. The appearance of 66004 was short lived as the loco worked 0M54 0904 Acton - Toton light engine during the following day!

Later 66765 hauled former Southern EMU sets 455828 + 455846 to South Wales for scrapping as 5Q55 1033 Stewarts Lane Trsmd - Newport Docks (1556) Sims

Metals arriving Reading at 1255 (5 early), departing at 1258 (7 early), passing Swindon Highworth junction at 1347 (2 early) and Patchway 1433 (3 late).

26/05 Having worked 5Z54 0430 Tonbridge West Yard - Stewarts Lane Trsmd with barrier coaches, 66765 again headed 5Q55 1033 Stewarts Lane Trsmd - Newport Docks (1556) Sims Metals moving former Southern EMU sets 455811 + 455824 for scrapping departing Reading at 1255 (10 early), passing Swindon at 1356 (6 late) and Westerleigh junction 1422 (1 late), using regular barriers 64664 + 64707.

27/05 'ROG' 37800 hauled EMU sets 317342 + 317515 as 5Q76 0951 Ely Papworth sidings - Newport Docks (1551) Sims Metals for scrapping passing Acton Mainline at 1216, and Patchway 1445 (1 early).

30/05 66744 moved former SR EMU sets 455845 + 455821 as 5Q55 1038 Stewarts Lane Trsmd - Newport Docks (1553) Sims Metals passing Swindon at 1351 (1 late) and Pilning 1431 (2 early) with barriers 64707 and 64664 in use at either end.

01/06 Former SR EMU sets 455832 + 455818 were moved again by 66744 as 5Q55 1038 Stewarts Lane Trsmd - Newport Docks (1553) Sims Metals for scrapping passing Westerleigh junction at 1413 (8 early).

07/06 New DMU Stadler 'imports' 231007 + 231008 became the latest Transport for Wales arrivals behind 66002 as 5Q99 0256 Ripple Lane - Cardiff Canton passing Wootton Bassett junction at 0658 and East Usk 0810.

Later 66798 conveyed more former Southern EMU sets 455805 + 455808 (with usual barriers 64707 + 64664) to South Wales for scrap running as 5Q55 1039 Stewarts Lane Trsmd - Newport Docks (1531) Sims Metals departing Reading at 1302 (3 early), passing Swindon at 1350, Parkway 1414 (3 early) and East Usk 1455 (3 early), the 5Z56 Newport - Tonbridge barrier return being later noted arriving Swindon platform 1 at 1840.

08/06 DRS 57307 was again on route refresher moves as 0Z52 1055 Temple Meads - Bescot (1358) passing Yate at 1114 and a booked 0Z53 1525 return to Taunton (1958) which ended up as cancelled.

09/06 66798 hauled former Southern EMU sets 455802 + 455829 for scrap as 5Q55 1039 Stewarts Lane Trsmd - Newport Docks (1531) Sims Metals passing Kensington Olympia at 1138 (4 late), Swindon 1351 (1 late) and Westerleigh junction 1417 (4 late). The usual barriers 64707 + 64664 were also in the train consist.

11/06 Steam 7029 Clun Castle (with 47773 on the rear) worked Vintage Trains 'Return to Steam Celebration' 1Z60 0803 Birmingham Snow Hill - Cardiff Central (1315) and 1Z30 1719 return to Birmingham Snow Hill (2235) via Oxford the outward passing Swindon at 1151 (40 late), Pilning 1234 (37 late) and the same location at 1816 (9 late), Westerleigh junction 1830 (10 late) and Swindon 1859 (7 late) on the return the c/stock being listed as; 96100 (water tank wagon). 35470 (loco support). 99971. 99361. 99349. 5198. 5212. 5191. 5157. 9101.

Engineering train workings into the area were; 70815 - 6C21 1816 Westbury - Chipping Sodbury (2150) via Swindon passing Swindon station at 1951 (12 early) and departing Hullavington loop at 2130 (7 early) formed with 23 MXAs, 66565 - 6Y40 1851 Westbury - Parkway (2330) passing Lawrence Hill at 2305 (4 late) and 66618 - 6Y41 1932 Westbury - Parkway (2335) which passed Bath at 1947 (13 early) and Lawrence Hill 2321 (1 early) formed with 12 coal-fish/9 JNA/ 1 IEA / 4 MLA wagons.

12/06 Return engineering train activity for a worksite in the

Westerleigh area included; 70808 - 6C20 1027 Parkway - Westbury (1441) via East Usk yard passing Patchway down at 1125 (56 late) and Lawrence Hill up at 1321 (25 late) the outward being 6C20 2012 (Sat) Westbury - Chipping Sodbury (via Swindon), 70815 - 6C21 1210 Parkway - Westbury (1646) via East Usk yard which passed Severn Tunnel junction down at 1232 (4 late) and Lawrence Hill up at 1448 (7 early) formed with 25 MXA lobster wagons, 70809 - 6C22 1545 Parkway - Westbury (2018) via East Usk yard passing Lawrence Hill up at 1841 (2 early) formed with 15 JNA / 1 IEA / wagons the outward being 6C22 2042 (Sat) Westbury - Chipping Sodbury via Swindon, 66712 - 6G71 1205 Dr.Day's junction - Westbury (1334) passing Bath at 1139 (47 early) formed 12 JNA/1 IEA/8 MLA wagons and 66761 - 6Y40 1507 Dr.Day's junction - Westbury (1611) which passed Bath at 1203 (201 early) formed with 12 JNA/5 MLA wagons.

16/06 A police incident at a house in the vicinity of the railway saw the mainline and Yate station closed around 0700 for 20 minutes as armed officers investigated the sighting of a person with a firearm. Delayed service reports included; Voyagers 220008 + 221132 held at Parkway departing here at 0714 (21 late) and passing Yate at 0741 (32 late) with 1S35 0634 Bristol TM - Edinburgh, Turbo 165101 stopped Cam & Dursley working 2T05 0614 Cheltenham - Bristol TM departing here at 0715 (36 late) and later Yate 0729 (37 late) and 'Castle' HST set 43156 GW15 43092 forming 1C71 0700 Gloucester - Penzance with a 15 minute delayed departure (from Gloucester), later departing Yate at 0740 (15 late).

Further Southern EMU sets for scrap running as 5Q55 1033 Stewarts Lane Trsmd - Newport Docks (1531) Sims Metals was headed by 'retro' Trainload livery 66793 (making a second appearance on this train) formed 64664 (barrier coach) + 455803 + 455806 + 64707 (barrier coach) passing Southall at 1212 (6 early), Swindon 1421 (31 late) and Parkway 1511 (44 late).

17/06 Due to high temperatures during the day passenger services were subject to 60mph and freight 30mph restrictions between Didcot Foxhall junction and Pilning as a safety precaution.

18/06 'ROG' 37510 hauled a 5Q79 1919 Eastleigh Trsmd - Landore Trsmd (2324) stock move which passed Westbury at 2018 (18 early), Keynsham 2049 (20 early) and Patchway 2119 (2 early) formed with c/stock; 12222. 12461. 12323. 10330. 11321. 82227.

19/06 Engineering work in the Parkway area closed the mainline between Bristol and Gloucester with a road bus substitute in operation and IET diversions via Bath.

Locos recorded on Westerleigh tank duty have included; 60039/040. 66002/107/115.

Locos recorded on Tytherington stone duty have included; 66004/011/021/025/034/053/054/121/152.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

20/05 Standing in for an unavailable Class 67 loco, 66034 powered Pathfinder Tours 'Cambrian Coast Express' 1Z12 0424 Temple Meads - Shrewsbury (0831) for NR Class 37s 97302 + 97303 to take forward to Pwllheli, departing Bristol on time and Cheltenham at 0527 (1 early) and passing King's Norton at 0630, the c/stock being listed as; 9526. 3141. 3119. 1651. 3146. 3123. 1813. 5009. 4991.

66050 had worked this train (part of a series) again in place of the Class 67 over the previous Friday with a starting point of Oxford.

21/05 The 'Blue Pullman HST' was back in the area formed; 43046. 44078. 41162. 40801. 41169. 41176. 40802. 41183. 41108. 43049 (IC livery) working 'Torbay Riviera Pullman' 1Z15 0518 Barrow-in-Furnace - Paignton (1334) and 1Z16 1637 return to Barrow-in-Furnace (0005) which outward passed Stafford at 0857 (4 early), Yate 1118 (2 early), Parson's Street 1144, Flax Bourton 1147 (1 early), Taunton 1214 and on the return Newton Abbot 1658 (1 early), Taunton 1758 and Yate 1910 (3 late).

Welsh bound engineering train details included; 66847 + 66849 top n' tailing - 6C20 1716 Westbury - Prees (0035) passing Lawrence Hill at 1746 (2 late) formed with 4 YWA/1 OCA/6 MLA/8 JNA/1 IEA wagons, 66730 - 6G70 1743 Westbury - Prees (0050) passing Bath at 1828 (3 early) and Lawrence Hill 1903 (5 late) formed with 5 MLA/5 JNA ballast loaded wagons, 66053 + 66011 top n' tailing - 6W01 1924 Westbury - Westbury (1009) via Briton Ferry passing Bath 1945 (19 early) and Lawrence Hill 2017 (1 early) outward with 5HQA/5 JJA auto-ballasters and 66618 - 6Y43 1645 Westbury - Prees (0035) formed with 13 JNA/8 MLA/1 IEA wagons.

22/05 Loco Services Ltd operated another high mileage Director's private charter (as in early 2021) using BR green livery 37521 + Trainload construction livery grey 37688 from 19th-24th May running;

Day 1 - 1Z60 1214 Crewe - Llandudno, 1Z61 1120 return to Blaenau Ffestiniog, 1Z62 1607 return - Llandudno, 1Z63 1500 return - Crewe, 1Z64 1759 return to Llandrindod (2017).

Day 2 - 1Z65 1134 Llandrindod - Weymouth Jersey sidings (2143).

Day 3 - 1Z66 0955 return to Weymouth (0959), 5Z67 1014 ecs return to Weymouth (1640), 1Z67 1055 return to Weymouth Jersey sidings (1658).

Day 4 - 1Z68 0726 Weymouth Jersey sidings - Crewe (via Dorchester South, Poole, Southampton and Didcot), the 1Z65 leg being reported as departing 4 late, passing Aberthaw at 1444 (15 early), Narroways Hill junction 1621, Keynsham 1640 (-), Bathampton junction 1650 (1 early), Trowbridge 1705 (2 early), arriving Yeovil Pen Mill at 1751 (6 early) and departing at 1849 (6 late) with c/stock; 6311. 17159. 10520. 6708 Mount Helicon, 46014 (Special Directors saloon converted from HST TF 41168). 310 Pegasus (Pullman). 99993. 6706 Mount Mgahinga, 6705 Ardnamurchan.

24/05 Colas 37099 was a morning arrival with a 3Z20 2122 (Mon) Derby RTC - Kingsland Road test train reported Temple Meads at 0420.

25/05 66790 + 66752 returned the new weed control train from West of England duties top n' tailing 3Q99 0657 Exeter Riverside - Kings Norton Overhead line depot (1154) passing Taunton at 0803 (1 late), Yatton 0837 (6 early), Filton Abbey Wood 0909 (15 early) and Yate 0920 (16 early). The train was reported formed with KFA wagons TIPH93450. VTG95380. TIPH93371.

Later a second KFA wagon set formed TIPH93382. VTG95379. TIPH93394 top n' tailed by 66751 + 66719 passed through the area using the same head code 3Q99 as 1145 Westbury - Margam (1533) passing Bathampton junction at 1218 (5 late) and Pilning 1256 (60 early).

This set had been in that area since 22nd May having arrived as 3Q99 2252 (Sat) Ferme Park - Westbury (0643) via Merehead and was recorded passing Fairwood junction down at 0625 (2 late).

26/05 Two steam loco workings into Bristol during the day saw 61306 Mayflower work 'Steam Dreams' 1Z30 0648 Shoeburyness - Bath (1303) and 1Z33 1655 return to Shoeburyness (the loco having taken over at Hanwell Bridge loop from 47746 + 47772) the outward departing Swindon at 1239 (7 late), passing Bathampton junction at 1306 (7 late) and the same location

again at 1701 (2 late) on the return, with the 5Z31 1309 ecs to Bristol East loop (1422) passing Keynsham at 1346 (25 late), the working reversing at Lawrence Hill using the unconfirmed West Coast Class 47 loco of the two listed on the rear then later a 5Z32 1636 Bristol East - Bath (1649) return and the second arrival 6233 Duchess of Sutherland with support coach 99041 having passed Reading at 1321 forming a 5Z33 1229 Southall - St.Philips Marsh for a following days rail-tour positioning move.

28/05 The Railway Touring Company 'The South Devon Explorer' 1Z34 0623 Wolverhampton - Plymouth (1328) via Newbury, Westbury and Bath and 1Z35 1709 return to Wolverhampton (2244) via Westbury and Cheltenham was worked to and from Temple Meads by 47746 + 47772 having passed Lavington at 0829 (3 late), Trowbridge 0856 (2 early) and Keynsham 0924 (-), with steam 6233 Duchess of Sutherland taking over the outward departing at 1003 (3 late), passing Parsons Street at 1007 (3 late), Yatton 1018 (2 late), Uphill junction 1030 (2 early), Wellington (Somerset) 1108 (2 late), departing Dawlish Warren at 1233 (1 late), passing Dawlish at 1236 (-) and the return passing Dawlish Warren at 1825 (23 late), Stoke Canon 1917 and Castle Cary 2040 (28 late).

29/05 DMUs 150232 + 150207 were unusually used to work 2U16 1048 Plymouth - Cardiff Central (being started Plymouth instead of Penzance) and were noted departing Weston-super-Mare at 1301 (14 late). Meanwhile the 1V48 0811 Leeds - Plymouth XC HST formed 43321 XC04 43366 struck a fallen tree between Stretton and Ambelgate jcn, a Voyager continuation from Birmingham NS was believed to have not taken place. A Colas / GBRf light-loco combination move saw 66846 + 66754 + 66777 + 70813 pass Bordersley junction (Birmingham) at 1229 (14 early), Yate 1349 (13 early) and Bath 1423 (13 early) as 0Z70 1205 Bescot - Westbury (1506).

30/05 'ROG' 56081 made a welcome appearance on a 5V56 1004 Leicester Lip - Laira Trsmd move with barrier 6393 passing Cheltenham at 1202 (1 early), Worle junction 1305 (17 early) and Taunton 1329 (28 early), the eventual destination arrival being at 1500 (101 early!).

The Mondays Only 6C73 Westbury - Taunton Fairwater normally HOBC wagon transfer with 66507 was again routed via Bristol (in front of the Class 56 move) and later 66139 was on the new revised West of England china clay empties move running as 6G71 1522 Cliffe Vale (Stoke) - Exeter Riverside (2044) which passed Uphill junction at 1942 (2 late), the working going forward as 6V99 to St.Blazey during the following morning.

31/05 'ROG' 56081 returned with barrier van 6393 hauling withdrawn HST power cars 43197, 43193, 43069 as 5U56 Laira Trsmd - Newport Docks (1533) Sims Metals departing at 1053 (4 early), passing Newton Abbot at 1130 (15 early), Taunton 1216 (46 early), Highbridge & Burnham 1230 (48 early), Yatton 1243 (52 early) and Dr.Day's junction 1308 (69 early).

The power cars were reported as having been present at Laira for around 3 years as a source of spares.

Also DRS 'hire' in Colas 37425 ran 0Z51 1433 Worcester SH - Taunton route refresher light-engine and 66777 passed Lawrence Hill at 2024 (8 early) as a 6G71 1930 Westbury - Westbury (0344) via Cardiff Central 10 auto-ballaster working.

01/06 West Coast 47812 + 57314 top n' tailed a 1Z43 1735 Oxford - Cardiff Central (2146) believed private charter working (booked Bath 2000 - 2002) which passed Trowbridge at 1942.

'Hire' 37425 was back on route refresher light-engine duty during the day passing Weston-super-Mare station up at 1001 as 0Z54 0925 Taunton

(platform 1) - Bescot (up/down goods loop) later returning south passing Uphill junction at 1907 back to Taunton.

02/06 The Thursday additional Platinum Jubilee day and 37425 was continuing driver route refresher duties as 0Z54 0925 Taunton - Bromsgrove passing Cogload junction at 0930 (5 early), Yatton 0956 (9 early) and Yate 1027 (11 early), but in the end was terminated at Birmingham Landor junction (not Bromsgrove) at 1212 (81 early).

03/06 Latest GBRf celebrity loco repaint 66734 turned out in a special 'Platinum Jubilee' livery (also see MISCELLANEOUS notes & news) moved as 0Z34 0930 Eastleigh Arlington works - Cardiff Tidal sidings (1301) light-engine to take up steel duty passing Trowbridge at 1040 (14 early), Bathampton junction 1101 (9 early), Lawrence Hill (platform 1) 1121 (22 early) and stopped Patchway from 1129 - 1142 (11 early) instead of Pilning loop.

Also during the day, the LSL Midland Pullman HST formed 43049 (IC livery). 41160 ('staycation' green). 41108. 41183. 40802. 41176. 41169. 40801. 41162. 44078. 43046 (all Pullman blue) ran 5Z69 0812 Crewe HS - Plymouth Friary (1353) empty stock for rail-tour duty during the following day, passing Dr.Day's junction at 1117 (1 early), Flax Bourton 1126 (1 early), Wellington (Somerset) 1202 (1 early), Exeter St.Davids 1247 (4 early) and Newton Abbot 1253 (6 late).

Another HST record was the Colas test train set formed 43290. 975984. 977994/3. 975814. 975814. 977995. 43299 which had undertaken a revised schedule during the previous day and worked north as 5Z18 0831 Exeter - Derby RTC (1252) passing Cowley Bridge junction at 0833 and Worle junction 0919 (2 early). The set had also worked a previous days amended diagram, commencing as 1Q23 0556 Reading Triangle sidings - Salisbury (via Exeter) which had passed Exeter Central at 1033, then ending up later at Exeter and not covering the usual monthly Reading - Paignton (via Penzance) and Paignton - Taunton (via Bristol East) parts of the Friday diagram.

04/06 The Blue Pullman HST set returned north working the 'Settle & Carlisle Pullman' 1Z70 0500 Plymouth - Carlisle (1411) and then 1Z71 1625 return to Plymouth (2317) the outward departing Newton Abbot at 0543, passing Stoke Canon at 0610 (1 late), departing Tiverton Parkway at 0623 (-), passing Yatton at 0703 (-), departing Temple Meads at 0731 (1 late), passing Yate at 0744 (-), with the return passing Preston at 1734 (3 early), Wolverhampton 1917 (1 late), Cheltenham 2025 (1 late), Westerleigh junction 2053 (5 late) and departing Temple Meads at 2112 (7 late).

05/06 The Midland blue HST with yet another appearance returned as 5Z73 1421 Plymouth Friary - Crewe HS (2040) passing, having been delayed north of Newton Abbot, Starcross at 1636 (49 late), Uphill junction 1729 (38 late) and Patchway 1800 (27 late).

06/06 The Cornish bound china clay empties continue in a revised path as 6G71 1522 Cliffe Vale - Exeter (Riverside) yard (2044) passing Worle junction at 1937 and Taunton 2004 (5 early) with 11 JIAs, the train going forward as 6V99 at 1000 during the following morning, 66139 being the hauling power.

An engineering train record through the area included; 66702 + 66753 top n' tailing - 6G97 0534 Port Talbot signal 3462 - Eastleigh East yard (0944) passing Dr.Day's junction at 0723 (8 early), the previous evening outward service running 6G97 Oxford Hinksey yard - Port Talbot having passed Swindon Highworth junction at 1910.

07/06 DRS route learning continued using 57307 which worked 0Z49 0643

Crewe Gresty bridge - Temple Meads (1127) passing Cheltenham at 1030 (9 early), a 0Z50 1214 return to Worcester SH followed which passed Yate at 1107 (27 late), but 0Z51 1433 return south to Taunton was terminated in Temple Meads having passed Lawrence Hill at 1546 (2 late), due to a train crew issue.

An engineering train record saw 66847 + 66849 passing Bath at 1754 (1 late) and Lawrence Hill 1805 (2 late) top n' tailing 6C41 1717 Westbury - Abercynon (2105) formed 5 MLA / 1 IEA / 4 JNA wagons.

08/06 With a similar arrangement to last year Saphos Trains operated steam hauled 'Welsh Marches Whistler' 1Z41 0848 Preston - Bristol TM (1327) and 1Z45 1652 return to Preston (2340) with loco 70000 Britannia taking over from D213 / 40013 at Crewe then passing Wooferton at 1027 (3 early), Severn Tunnel junction 1259 (-), Filton Abbey Wood 1319 (4 late) and Lawrence Hill 1324 (2 late) with D213 earlier running 0Z40 0819 Crewe - Bristol West junction (1235) which had passed Shrewsbury at 0859 (3 early) and Patchway 1131 (3 late).

The Class 40 then returned the train north via the Severn Tunnel, Hereford and Crewe passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1659 (12 early) and Pilning 1716 (11 early) with a full carmine/cream c/stock; 6311. 17159. 1863. 3330. 3125/48/00. 80044. 3122. 3045.

Following a visit to St.Philips Marsh depot (booked 1400 - 1525) Britannia worked west as 5Z43 1350 Bristol West junction - Bishops Lydeard Wsr (1720) with support coach 35461 (part of the inward working) passing Parsons Street at 1535 (5 early) and Uphill junction 1606 (5 early) not using the Weston-super-Mare station loop as booked.

Also earlier in the day a return departmental saw 66849 + 66847 top n' tail a 6C41 0525 Abercynon - Westbury passing Filton Abbey Wood at 0718.

09/06 66507 + 66587 top n' tailed a 6X37 Taunton Fairwater - Crewe Basford Hall yard HOBC working which passed Uphill junction at 1110 the train being expected to be in use out of the area for 13 weeks.

11/06 South Wales bound engineering trains included; 66044 + 66034 top n' tailing - 6W01 1633 Westbury - Briton Ferry (2343) via Taunton Fairwater passing Uphill junction at 2108 (3 early) and Lawrence Hill 2137 (2 early) formed with 10 JJA/5 HQA auto-ballasters and 66025 + 66104 top n' tailing -6W97 1743 Westbury - Skewen (0025) rail train formed 1 YEA/12 JZA wagons passing Lawrence Hill at 1908 (9 early).

14/06 A return engineering train working saw 66846 + 66850 pass North Somerset junction at 0621 top n' tailing 6C40 0525 Abercynon - Westbury.

15/06 Royal Train dedicated 67005 was on Belmond Pullman VSOE 1V80 0947 Victoria - Bath and 1092 1556 return to Victoria (1945) duty passing Trowbridge at 1239 (4 early) and arriving Bath at 1301 (4 early).

The stock was serviced at Bristol East yard with 5C80 1310 and 5092 1537 return ecs moves.

Colas HST test train with power cars 43251 + 43257 were an evening arrival on the normally monthly 1Z22 Derby RTC - Kingsland Road test train via Evesham, Oxford, Swindon, Westbury, Yeovil, Weymouth and return via Yeovil, Westbury, Bath and Avonmouth the set having been delayed between Frome North junction and Clink Road junction not long after 1800 due to a brake problem on 43257 which was attended to by a fitter who travelled from Westbury. Having eventually departed here at 2114, the second run back from Bristol East loop - Heywood Road junction and the visit to Hallen Marsh junction via Parkway were both cancelled due to late running.

16/06 The Colas HST with intermediate dept c/stock; 72612. 6117. 72631

(with 43251 leading) returned as 1Z23 0612 Kingsland Road - Derby RTC (1901) via Portbury, Newport (booked 0837 - 0846), Temple Meads, Oxford, Evesham and Leicester passing Parsons Street down at 0657 (2 early) and departing the same location at 0802 (5 early) on the return, passing Lawrence Hill up at 0809 (3 late) and Bathampton junction 0957 (3 late) heading towards Chippenham.

Later 37419 worked a different DRS route refresher diagram as 0Z35 1000 Gloucester - Plymouth (1323) and 0Z36 1435 return to Gloucester (1834) the outward passing Westerleigh junction at 1033, Uphill junction 1111 and Tones 1300 and on the return passing this same location at 1500 (5 early). A further departmental record saw 66846 + 66850 pass Bath at 0623 working 6C42 0525 Abercynon - Westbury.

17/06 Steam 34046 Braunton worked west for 'English Riviera Express' railtour duty (following the failure of the booked loco 70000 Britannia) during the following day as 0Z46 0952 Crewe HS - Bishops Lydeard Wsr (1627) unusually with no support coach passing Cheltenham at 1334 (26 late) and Uphill junction 1558 (19 late).

18/06 An engineering train record was; 66610 - 6Y42 2138 Westbury - Parsons Street (2258) and 2315 return to Westbury (0940) via Taunton Fairwater which departed at 0005 (Sun) which made ballast drop stops between Nailsea & Backwell departing at 0052 (10 late) and Worle and around Bridgwater.

19/06 37421 returned a test train which had seen West of England use as 5Z63 1125 Kingsland Road - Derby RTC (1613) via Chippenham, Oxford and Tyseley passing Bath at 1156 (3 late), departing Swindon at 1325 (11 late) and Derby station 1553 (6 early).

Temple Meads Work Progress

26/05 The Digby Wyatt canopy fabric refurbishment was expected to have commenced by this date. The work is to include, as well as the main train shed, the Bonaparte Buffet Alley and the roofing in the station entrance and forecourt areas.

Bristol West Railport

Tarmac have applied to extend the limestone quarrying at Durnford (Failand) due to finish in December this year until the end of 2023, this being the second supply point for the mainly HS2 loaded train contract from this location.

The company currently quarry 300,000 tonnes of limestone here a year with 500,000 tonnes of used material brought in either for reprocessing or 'infill'. This quarry is believed to already have had a 10 year use extension.

Locos recorded on stone have included; 60055.

Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line

21/05 66107 powered a 6W02 2146 Westbury - Filton West junction (2348) via Clifton Down passing Bath at 2207 (6 early), Lawrence Hill 2230 (2 early), arriving Clifton Down 2251 (1 early) and departing 2319 (4 early) and passing Brentry (on the Henbury loop) at 0040 formed with 8 MLA/5 JNA/1 IEA wagons.

02/06 Trackwork between Fishpool Hill and Passage Road on the Henbury loop brought in a number of engineering train workings, this location

being what is expected to be the new Henbury station site.

Workings reported were; 70814 + 70810 top n' tailing - 6F20 1503 Westbury - Hallen Marsh junction (1600) which passed Keynsham at 1545 (7 late) and Brentry 1706, 70815 - 6F22 1442 Westbury - Hallen Marsh junction (1554) passing Keynsham at 1509 (6 early) and 70809 - 6F22 1350 Westbury - Hallen Marsh junction (1548) passing Keynsham at 1505 (27 late) the booked Filton West junction - Westbury moves during the following morning being at 0430, 0530 and 0700 with booked Westbury arrival times following at 1000, 1152 and 1410.

Further records during the day were; 66565 removing used ballast at 0925 and 70813 arriving at 1150 with loaded ballast.

Three trains from Oxford Hinksey yard were also booked to have operated.

03/06 Two other 'site' records were 70803 arriving with ballast at 1500 followed by 66559 with new sleepers at 1650.

04/06 Engineering work continued near Brentry with; 70814 - new ballast drop at 0936 and track machine DR73924 arriving at 1147 (later working 2204 to Swindon Transfer yard).

Return records from Filton West junction - Oxford Hinksey yard with a Swindon Highworth junction passing time were; 70810 (1633) and 70814 (1601) the latter train having been diverted and routed via Bath.

06/06 Severn Beach station celebrated its centenary opening on Whit Monday 6th June 1922 opening up the village as a major tourist destination with visitors using rail. Various celebration events to mark the occasion were planned throughout the village during June and July.

07/06 A change of operator for the Incinerator ash traffic with GBRf 66706 powering the 6C02 0951 (TO) Cardiff Docks Ryans - Avonmouth Bennetts service which passed Brentry at 1257, the 6A02 1827 return empties to Ferme Park being later recorded passing the same location at 1818 and Lawrence Hill 1839 with a crew change being reported at Trowbridge station (also see Magazine issue 559 September 2018). 66769 was recorded on this service a week later.

13/06 66591 working the 4L35 Avonmouth West Wharf - London Gateway containers was in trouble in the Bristol area and stopped eventually going forward as 4Z35 1408 Bristol East yard - Wembley yard with 66567 leading 66591 and train which departed Swindon at 1518 formed with 14 FSA / 4 FTA / 4 FFA / 6 FEA / 2 FWA wagons.

Locos recorded on stone duty have included;

66537/540/545/549/562/571/594/613/614/617.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included; 66717/730/771/785.

Locos recorded on ash duty have included; 66116. 66706/769.

Locos recorded on refuse container duty included; 66001/011/035/116/121.

Locos recorded on container duty have included;

66420/531/537/567/589/591/951/955.

Portbury Branchline

05/06 Four further new CAF of Stadler (Valencia) Spanish DMU imports were visible in the Auto Terminal and appeared to be carrying a silver/red possibly Transport for Wales livery.

15/06 The first of two test train visits (also see Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news) saw 37421 work 3Q53 2018 Kingsland Road - Exeter Riverside (2042) via Portbury stop board (booked 2052 - 2112) and Goodrington departing Ashton junction at 2052 (3 late),

passing Parsons Street junction on the return at 2221 (17 late), departing Temple Meads at 2235 (3 late), arriving Weston-super-Mare at 2305 and departing at 2312 (4 late) crossing the 2M76 2244 Taunton - Bristol TM service formed with 'Castle' HST 43156 GW15 43092 here.

This test train had arrived in Bristol earlier in the day as 3Q87 1944 (Tues) Derby RTC - Kingsland Road (0710).

16/06 The second test train working was the Colas HST (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news) running 1Z23 0612 Kingsland Road - Derby RTC (1901) with power cars 43251 + 43257 with dept c/stock; 72612. 6117. 72631 being booked Portbury stop board from 0718 - 0724.

A sum of £15.58 million has been identified as the current financial shortfall for funding to reopen the Portishead branch fully for a passenger service. As previously reported, North Somerset Council have until 30th November to raise the required amount for this ongoing project. A protest gathering from local rail action groups re the latest scheme cancellation and delays for reopening took place at Pill on 18th June.

Bristol area workings during March

4B77 (*6B77) Colnbrook - Avonmouth West Wharf empty and return 6C77 loaded to Cardiff Tidal sidings (GBRf)

03/03* 66785. 24/03 66724. 31/03 66788.

Note; Head-code 6B77 indicated train partly still loaded.

4L35 (MO) Avonmouth West Wharf - London Gateway containers (G&W)

28/03 66529.

4L36 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers (G&W)

09/03 66505. 10/03 66510. 11/03 66541. 14/03 66532.

16/03 66544. 17/03 66516. 18/03 66598. 24/03 66563.

25/03 66570. 29/03 66537. 30/03 66564.

4O57 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (G&W)

10/03 70017. 11/03 66415 tnt 66502. 14/03 70011.

16/03 70007. 18/03 70008. 21/03 70006. 24/03 66952.

25/03 66952. 29/03 66951. 30/03 70008.

4V35 (SO) London Gateway - Avonmouth West Wharf containers (G&W)

26/03 66560.

4Z86 / 6Z86 Little Kimble - Tytherington Quarry empty and return loaded stone (DB)

03/03 66021 + 66089. 07/03 66015 + 66089. 09/03 66006 + 66187.

16/03 66023 + 66127. 17/03 66023 + 66127. 21/03 66084 + 66169.

24/03 66084 + 66169. 30/03 66030 + 66169.

Note; Inward train on 07/03 ran 6Z86 as still part loaded.

6A53 Tytherington Quarry - Appleford loaded stone (DB)

09/03 66040 + 66127. 16/03 66030 + 66040. 17/03 66030 + 66040.

21/03 66040 + 66155. 29/03 66068 + 66139. 30/03 66068 + 66139.

6A27 East Usk Yard - Hayes loaded stone (G&W)

09/03 66622. 10/03 66606. 16/03 66622. 17/03 66506.
28/03 66616.

6A83 Avonmouth WestWharf-West Drayton (*6Z57 MO Theale) loaded stone (G&W)
01/03 66592. 03/03 66561. 15/03 66956.

6A86 Moreton-on-Lugg - Hayes loaded stone (G&W)
19/03 66506.

6B33 Theale - Robeston (* SO Margam) empty fuel tanks (DB)
09-11/03 60017. 12/03 60019. 17/03 60039. 18/03 60019.
19/03 60019. 24/03 60010. 25/03 60010. 28/03 60019.
29/03 60019.

6B51/6B52 Llanwern - Swindon Stores loaded and return empty steel (DB)
28/03 66117.

6B90 Avonmouth Hansons - Gloucester New Yard Cement empties (GBRf)
17/03 66751.

6B91 (SO) Hayes - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)
12/03 66620. 26/03 66620.

6C02 (TO) Cardiff Dock Ryan's - Avonmouth Bennetts loaded and return empty
(Acton) ash (DB)
01/03 66089. 15/03 66127.

6C03 Northolt sidings - Severnside Sita loaded and return empty refuse
containers (DB)
01-03/03 66074. 07/03 66121. 09-11/03 66015. 14/03 66187.
15/03 66006. 19/03 66012. 21/03 66012. 24/03 66116.
25/03 66116. 29-31/03 66104.

6C08 (* 6A08 Acton) Tytherington Quarry - Westbury (SO) loaded stone (DB)
19/03 66023 + 66127. 26/03* 66084 + 66169.

6C42 Theale - Stoke Gifford stone empties (G&W)
30/03 66616.

6C48 Appleford - Machen Quarry stone empties (G&W)
12/03 66617. 26/03 66616.

6C67/6C68 Westbury - Avonmouth West Wharf loaded and return empty stone
(G&W)
01/03 66617. 03/03 66617. 15/03 66617. 16/03 66618.
17/03 66617. 24/03 66618. 30/03 66617. 31/03 66618.

6M42 Avonmouth Hansons - Penyffordd cement empties (GBRf)
02/03 66719. 07/03 66719. 09/03 66719. 11/03 66719.
21/03 66757. 25/03 66757. 30/03 66757.

Note; On 30/03 the train ran as 4M42.

6V32 Tilbury - Trostre steel (GBRf)

23/03 66761. 30/03 66761.

6V41 Penyffordd - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)
11/03 66719. 17/03 66757. 20/03 66757. 31/03 66791.

6V84 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)
16/03 66751. 21/03 66751. 30/03 66791.

6V99 (TO) Bescot - St.Blazey freight (DB)
01/03 66105. 08/03 66105 + 66176. 15/03 66165.
22/03 66168.

6Z33/6Z34 Willesden DCR sidings - Bristol West Freightliner empty and
return loaded stone (DC Rail)
14/03 60055.

6Z50 Willesden (* Oxford Banbury Road) - Machen Quarry empty and return
6Z52 Oxford Banbury Road loaded stone (DC Rail)
09/03 60046. 10/03* 60046. 15/03 60055. 16/03* 60055.
23/03 60028. 29/03 60028.

Gloucester

21/05 66088 heading 6V81 1330 Masborough FD - Cardiff Tidal sidings
(2145) loaded scrap in 36 MEAs passed Alfreton at 1339 & Gloucester 1928.

23/05 Following the Christmas / New Year shut down to install a new £5
million railway bridge (also see February 2022 Magazine issue 600), the
Stroud-water - Brimscombe Port / Mill Canal which it crosses at Ocean near
Stonehouse was reopened for boat and towpath foot passage in a ceremony in
the presence of Sir Peter Hendy CBE (Chairman of Network Rail) and Karen
Morgan OBE/DL (Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire).

The bridge has been named the 'Ocean Jubilee Bridge' in recognition of the
Queen's 70th anniversary celebrations.

11/06 66087 hauling 37 scrap loaded MEA wagons passed Gloucester at 1822
(77 early) as 6V81 1325 Masborough FD - Cardiff Tidal sidings (2122).

12/06 37419 ran 0Z30 1215 Crewe Gresty Bridge - Gloucester light-engine
passing Cheltenham at 1603 (23 early).

13/06 37419 worked two 'diversionary' route circular light-engine moves
during the day running 0Z33 1100 Gloucester - Gloucester (1758) via Yate
and Severn Tunnel junction (booked 1159 - 1204) which passed Pilning at
1227 (2 late) and Standish junction 1301 (6 late) on the return and on a
second 0Z34 1449 out and back to Gloucester (1758) which departed Severn
Tunnel junction at 1600 (2 early) and passed Yate at 1654 (1 early).

14/06 37419 was back on the same out and back light-engine turns as
yesterday, 0Z33 1100 and 0Z34 1447 Gloucester - Gloucester (via Parkway
and Severn Tunnel junction).

Swindon

Locos recorded on 6V15/6M53 Boston - Swindon Stores steel and return
empties has included; 60011 (09/06).

Locos recorded on 6V72 Warrington Arpley (* Bank Quay) - Swindon empty
scrap MBAs has included; 66019 (23/05). 66088 (06/06). 66149 (* 13/06).

Westbury

20/05 Two return engineering train records were; 66849 + 66847 top n' tailing 6C43 2225 (Thur) Westbury - Westbury (via Ebbw Vale Parkway) passing Bath at 0500 and 66560 + 66511 top n' tailing 6Y40 0525 Abercynon - Westbury passing Bradford junction at 0732.

21/05 UK Railtours 'The Eden Project or Bodmin & Wenford Railway' 1C52 0713 Paddington - Penzance and 1A98 1605 return to Paddington (2237) was worked by Royal Train dedicated 67006 throughout the outward passing Lavington at 0913 (4 early) and Totnes 1130 with c/stock; 17105. 3333. 3397. 1657. 3314. 3340. 3278. 1212. 6067.

Engineering train records included; 70803 - 6C21 2052 Westbury - Crediton (2325) formed with 38 coal-fish wagons passing Taunton at 2143 (7 early) and 70808 + 70809 top n' tailing - 6C22 2126 Westbury - Crediton (2355) noted Taunton at 2231 (2 early) with 34 coal-fish wagons.

22/05 Return engineering train records included; 70808 - 6C22 0745 Cowley Bridge junction - Westbury (via Exeter Riverside arriving here at 0710) passing Cowley Bridge junction north bound at 0745 (63 early) and Fairwood junction 1001 formed with 30 coal-fish wagons, 70809 + 70803 top n' tailing 6C21 0815 Crediton - Westbury which departed Taunton at 1035, 70814 - 6C98 0800 Llanwern West junction - Westbury noted Bradford junction at 1022, 66011 + 66053 top n' tailing - 6W01 1924 (Sat) Westbury - Westbury (via Briton Ferry) which passed Bradford junction at 0955 and 66618 - 6Y43 0820 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury passing North Somerset junction at 1017 (158 early).

24/05 An engineering working record was; 70808 + 70811 top n' tailing - 6C41 2255 Westbury - Westbury (0838) via Exeter Riverside the outward passing Taunton at 0013 (24 early). This train was also believed to have operated during the following day.

28/05 At 1455 the following were recorded in the area; down yard 66011. 66053. 66207. down reception 66177. up yard 66150. 66712. Colas siding 70809.

02/06 The newly released 'Platinum Jubilee' special livery 66734 worked a 1812 Eastleigh - Westbury departmental arriving at 1928.

04/06 An area loco line up recorded; down yard 66150. 66712. up yard 66082. up yard (short siding) 70808. Colas sidings 70809. 70815. By 1500, 66034 was reported to be a down yard addition.

08/06 70808 passed Challow at 0719 (265 late) working 6V14 2210 (Tues) Stud Farm Cliffe Hill - Westbury loaded ballast.

Engineering train activity included; 66565 + 66549 top n' tailing - 6Y45 2030 Westbury - Westbury (08440 via Bere Alston (0203 - 0233) passing Taunton at 2116 and Stoke Cannon 2149 (21 early) on the outward.

11/06 LSL 47805/D1935 + 47810/D1924 top n' tailed Saphos 'English Riviera Express' 1Z60 0618 Dorridge - Kingswear (for Dartmouth) and 1Z61 1635 return to Solihull with steam 70000 Britannia taking over (and 47810 at the rear) and returning the train to Norton Fitzwarren, the outward passing Heywood Road junction at 0925 and the return Tiverton Parkway at 1830, Whiteball 1833 (9 early) and Taunton station (with the steam removed) at 1915, the train's c/stock formation being listed as; 35461 (steam loco support only). 17159. 3330. 1863. 3107. 3125. 3148. 3100. 80044. 3122. 3045. The original departure point of Solihull was not used due to cabling theft in this area affecting the signalling.

13/06 59004 + 59005 passed Rushey Platt (Swindon) at 1435 working 6B12 1123 Merehead - Wootton Bassett loaded stone. This was believed to be the latter locos first working for sometime, 59004 being present in case of

any issues.

Also during the day MPV DR98907 + DR98957 arrived at 1109 (3 late) as a 3Z15 0815 Didcot fuelling point - St.Blazey (1631) 'transit' working.

16/06 66770 passed Salisbury at 1358 working 6M47 1218 Marchwood - Kington MoD formed 8 FYA/2 FAA/1 VKA/1 VGA wagons.

18/06 Two West of England rail-tours (also see Exeter notes & news for return details) saw 50007 work UK Railtours 'Devon Pullman' 1Z50 0800 Victoria - Exeter St.Davids (1156) passing Southall at 0844 (1 late), departing Westbury platform 1 at 1042 (1 early) and passing Castle Cary at 1103, Taunton 1128 (1 late) with VSOE stock and LSL 47810/D1924 + 47805/D1935 top n' tailing Saphos Tour's 'English Riviera Express' 1Z60 0748 Slough - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1306) passing Twyford at 0811 (7 late), departing Westbury at 0935, passing Castle Cary at 1000 (1 late) and Stoke Canon 1128 (1 early) with steam 34046 Braunton now in charge here having taken over at Norton Fitzwarren (with 47805/D1935 still attached at the rear).

An area loco line up for the day included; down yard 66104. 66171. 66194. 66618. 70801. down reception 66025 + 66011 6A08 0811 Tytherington - Acton loaded stone train. up yard 66712. 66723. 66772. 70803. Colas siding 70809. 70810.

Locos recorded on Exeter stone duty have included; 66618/620.

Taunton

20/05 'ONE' livery 66587 + 66507 top n' tailed the return 6X37 0410 Kennett Bridge junction - Fairwater yard HOBC passing Woodborough at 0820.

24/05 The same combination as on 20th May worked the 6X37 1604 Fairwater yard - Twyford HOBC formed with 35 wagons and called Taunton station from 1710 - 1719.

Exeter

18/06 Single Class 50 50007 continued the UK Railtours 'Devon Pullman' onwards (also see Westbury notes & news) as 1Z52 1537 Exeter St.Davids - Victoria (2036) departing Exeter Central at 1546 (12 late), Pinhoe 1601 (1 late), passing Honiton at 1628 (12 late) and Sherborne 1728 (9 late) and steam 34046 Braunton (with 47805/D1924 rear) returned with Saphos 'English Riviera Express' 1Z61 1635 Kingswear for Dartmouth - Slough (2140) passing St.Davids station at 1816 (1 early), Castle Cary 1942 (-) and departing Westbury 2009 (5 late).

Newport

20/05 GBRf 66732 powered the 6V75 0924 Dee Marsh - Margam steel passing Newport at 1332 (142 early).

21/05 66169 + 66107 passed Severn Tunnel junction at 1207 running 0012 1106 (SO) Margam - Eastleigh weekend engineering train light-engines.

22/05 Two Sunday freight records were; 66594 passing at 1708 on 6M39 1536 Port Talbot Grange sidings - East Usk yard loaded stone and 66434 heading the 4M36 1659 Wentloog - Daventry TESCO containers passing at 1712.

08/06 GBRf celebrity 'Platinum Jubilee' livery 66734 passed Llanwern West junction at 1335 with 6V75 0924 Dee Marsh - Margam (via Llanwern) steel.

11/06 66125 + 66059 + 66105+ 66171 + 60020 passed Marshfield at 1208 on

the 0012 1106 (SO) Margam - Eastleigh light-engine move the Class 60 being removed at Alexandra Dock junction. On the freight side celebrity 66734 passed Llanwern West junction at 1339 having departed Hereford at 1220 with 6V75 0924 Dee Marsh - Margam (via Llanwern) steel.

Cardiff

26/05 Music legend Ed Sheeran who had 9 of the Top 10 singles at one time in the weekly chart during 2017 and his song 'Shape of You' is the most down loaded track so far ever released started his run of three sell out Principality Stadium concerts, GWR operating a number of additional services including Bristol Parkway or Temple Meads which were acting as connection points to a numerous list of stations particularly in the West Country. This evenings 'extras' included; 'Electro-stars' 387147 + 387158 - 9L17 2300 Cardiff Central - Bristol Parkway and IET 803001 - 1Z03 0005 Cardiff Central - Bristol Parkway the inward ecs arriving from Parkway.

27/05 The second 'Ed X' evening 'reliefs' saw; 'Electro-stars' 387164 + 387167 - 3L15 2056 Swindon - Cardiff Central (having arrived 9L15 2302 ex. Bristol Parkway), 387147 + 387158 - 9L15 2306 Cardiff Central - Bristol Parkway, 387153 + 387166 - 9L17 2349 Cardiff Central - Bristol Parkway and IET 802110 - 1Z03 0005 (Sat) Cardiff Central - Bristol Parkway.

28/05 The final concert evening 'reliefs' included; IET 800314 - 1Z10 2322 Cardiff Central - Bristol TM (0014), 800321 - 1Z11 2328 Cardiff Central - Bristol TM (0026), 800307 - 1Z12 2340 Cardiff Central - Bristol TM (0033) ecs inward from Swindon, 800319 - 1Z13 2345 Cardiff Central - Bristol TM (0040) ecs inward from Bristol Parkway.

29/05 Sunday freight records included; 66111 - 6B11 Margam - Trostre steel which departed at 0808 and 66615 - 6B81 0850 East Usk yard - Port Talbot Grange sidings stone empties passing Bridgend at 1026.

02/06 A brief spell at Caerphilly recorded 153320 + 153921 (in former EMR blue/orange livery) passing at 1913 working 1F01 1853 Ystrad Mynach - Cardiff Central followed by 769452 on the 2F78 1849 Bargoed - Cardiff Central which called from 1921-1922. The Class 153/9 sub-class have been renumbered as such to identify they can only be used working with another set and not on their own.

03/06 Road bus replacements were operating between Pontypridd and Merthyr Tydfil due to engineering work whilst a reduced service was operating between Newport and Cross Keys due to staffing resources.

06/06 DMU 150258 worked 1V96 1133 Holyhead - Cardiff Central and 1W96 1716 return to Holyhead in place of a Class 67 and stock.

07/06 With 56113 returned north light-engine as 0F55 1200 Port Talbot Parkway - Nottingham Eastcroft (1729) passing Central station at 1242 (2 late), 70803 took up log duty passing Port Talbot Parkway at 0637 with 6Z54 0232 Chirk Kronospan - Baglan Bay empties.

NR Class 37 97303 arrived in West Wales for test train work as 3Q58 1846 (Mon) Derby RTC - Landore Tmd and later worked 3Q78 2315 Landore Tmd - Landore Tmd (0411) via Port Talbot East, Swansea Burrows sidings, Onllwyn passing Briton Ferry outward at 2353 (4 late) for Port Talbot.

08/06 Class 37 97303 with dept c/stock; 96608. 99666. 72630. 9806. 62384. 9714 worked 3Q34 2152 Landore Tmd - Landore Tmd (0523) via Milford Haven passing Gowerton outward at 2245 (19 late).

09/06 97303 worked a further test train; 3Q35 2152 Landore Tmd - Landore Tmd (0610) via Fishguard Harbour & Pembroke Dock passing Llanelli at 2230.

12/06 Sunday freight records included 66622 working 6B81 0850 East Usk

yard - Port Talbot Grange sidings stone empties which passed Bridgend at 0938 and 6Z39 1536 return to East Usk yard and three engineering train records (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news) were 66549 + 66537 top n' tailing 6A40 0730 Westbury - Pontypridd passing Severn Tunnel junction down at 0857 formed with 5 HQA auto-ballasters, 66044 + 66034 top n' tailing 6W01 0737 Briton Ferry - Westbury (via Taunton Fairwater) reported arriving Taunton station down at 1055 and back up for Bristol at 1113 and 66104 + 66025 top n' tailing with 6W97 0710 Briton Ferry - Westbury departing Margam at 1245 (10 early) and passing Pontyclun at 1311 (12 early).

19/06 Cardiff Bay services were suspended for part of the day due to an operation problem. Following a chemical leak in this area residents were informed to stay in doors and keep their windows closed and stay indoors for part of the day, whether this was the reason remains unconfirmed.

Transport for Wales - Loco Loggings

67008 1V91 (24/05), 1V91 07/06 (HD03). 1W91 08/06 (HD03). 1V91 13/06 (HD03).

67010 1V91 20/05 (HD01). 1V91 06/06. 1W91 07/06 (HD01). 1V91 08/06 (HD01).

67014 1W91 20/05 (HD02). 1V91 16/06 (HD02).

Diagrams; 1V91 0533 Holyhead - Cardiff Central, 1W93 1122 Cardiff Central - Holyhead, 1V98 1636 Holyhead - Cardiff Central.

1W91 0645 Holyhead - Cardiff Central, 1V96 1133 Holyhead - Cardiff Central, 1W96 1716 Cardiff Central - Holyhead.

C/stock formations;

HD01 - 12225. 10325. 11323. 12454. 82226. HD02 - 12219. 10328. 11324. 12447. 82229. HD03 - 12217. 10321. 11325. 12446. 82216.

Locos recorded on the Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service has included; 66426 (20/05), 66433 (06-08/06, 13/06, 14/06). 66434 (21/05, 22/05, 11/06, 12/06, 16/06).

Locos recorded on Baglan Bay log duty has included; 56113 (20/05, 21/05, 24/05, 31/05, 13/06 6Z51 only, 16/06). 70803 (07/06, 08/06, 10/06).

Locos recorded on Margam / Port Talbot (from Cwmbargoed) coal duty have included; 66025/034/087/105/158/187/194.

Locos recorded on Hope / Earles cement coal duty included; 66014/059.

Locos recorded on Corby steel duty have included; 66059/065/087/187/194.

Locos recorded on Dee Marsh steel duty have included; 66732/734.

Locos recorded on Round Oak steel duty have included;

66027/051/057/087/107/115/134/150/194.

Locos recorded on Barry Dock container duty have included; 66504/548.

Locos recorded on Machen Quarry stone duty included; 60055. 66548/565.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Barrow Hill Roundhouse

The location is to hold an open weekend over the August Bank Holiday 27th - 29th. This event was originally planned for 2020 to mark the 150th anniversary of the site but was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions.

Class 40

The Class 40 Loco Preservation Society 40145 is expected to be 'hired in' by West Coast Trains for certain June and July dates. The loco had been previously Crewe based and in use by Loco Services Ltd.

Mainline Preservation

18/06 Steam 45596 Bahamas stood in for 60163 Tornado on the RTC 'Cotswold Explorer' 1Z96 0654 Paddington - Worcester SH (1130) passing Kemble at 1000 (9 late) and 1Z97 1635 return to Paddington (2101) passing Cheltenham at 1722 (14 late) and Stroud 1807 (27 late).

Plym Valley Railway

30/05 'Pacer' set 143618 was a road move arrival from Bristol St.Philips Marsh depot for preservation.

Road Movements

08/06 Class 17 D8568 passed Highbridge & Burnham M5 Jcn 22 at 1500 on road lorry trailer en-route to the West Somerset Railway from the Severn Valley Railway.

Severn Valley Railway

For the Spring Diesel Gala from 19th - 22nd May no less than 15 locos were in use over the period these being listed as; D4, D172, D1010 Western Campaigner (running as D1040 Western Queen), D1062, D6515, D8568, D9551, 31466, 33012, 40106, 50007, 68003, 69005, 73107, 73136.

Another expected arrival at a later date will be BR blue livery 20048 owned by Michael Owen of Class 20189 Ltd on a loan spell until October 2022 to supplement the resident diesel fleet operation.

Swanage Railway

R.W.GILES

12/06 An out and back journey from Swanage to Corfe Castle produced the following by no means complete list;

In use; steam 31806 with c/stock; S4842. S4899. S9015. S4981/3. 33111 with 'Wessex Belle' dining c/stock; S1937. S4083 Restaurant Car. S3090 Restaurant Car. S4055 Lounge Car.

Loco shed; steam 30120. Upside 'shed' sidings; D3591. c/stock; Mk III (10619). ex SR parcels S1234S. continental van; DB889000. with a green livery loco tender also present.

Station area; next to coach park (front goods shed); steam 34072. bay platform (end) 08436/D3551. Spur (end); In-sul Fish van; E87929. goods shed (workshop); S35464 ('Wessex Belle' coach - under overhaul). outside SR brake van S56400 (recent overhaul).

Herston Halt; c/stock; M81410. ex SR S5761S. parcels (S4594).

Harman's Cross; ex. 4TC/EMU stock; S70824. S76275. S76322 with sheeted over coaches reported as (69332). (70855). (76298). c/stock; 24127. ex SR S4365S. parcels S13S.

Corfe Castle; new sidings DMU W51356. W51388 W55028. W59488. c/stock; ex SR (78 S1346S). (S4366S/ Army 5200) both assumed. parcels S385. goods shed area; industrial (no.2 May) JF 4210132/57. station platform S4349. S4416. S4945. S35059. ex SR S1361S. goods shed area; S1947 Station Buffet. ex SR parcels S232 (DB977065) in use as museum 'extension' coach. S256.

Inside goods shed/museum; narrow gauge (Secundus) 0-6-0WT 825/1874.

West Somerset Railway 1960s Diesel Gala

R.W.GILES

11/06 A visit on this date lineside between Doniford and Blue Anchor recorded the following on the last of this three day event which saw 12 return trips over the line (with 5 Norton Fitzwarren working visits) during the day;
In use; D6575 (working planned D6566 diagram) with c/stock; W4909. W5025. W4346. W4875. W9227. W25308. (train A). D6566 (working planned D6575 diagram) with c/stock; W35257. W4876. W4987. W4956. W4660. (train B). Steam 7828 Odney Manor (replacing D7017 which failed on 9th June) with c/stock; W4435. W4884. W9278 (train C). D8568 (from Chinnor and Princess Risborough Railway) with c/stock; W4419. W25323. W21174. (train D). D7612 (from South Devon Railway) including Quantock Belle dining c/stock; W5024. W4449. W1804. W3108. W1909. W35408. (train E).
On this date D7018 used train C to work a 1Z46 1245 Bishops Lydeard - Minehead a Beatles commemorative music anniversary special departing Blue Anchor at 1423 (19 late).
Other observations were; industrial RH 210479/42 (green livery) stabled in Washford yard with brown repainted CCT M37103. former Royal S&D coach no. 4 was reported as inside the shed.
At Blue Anchor camping coaches; 79 (25730, 81 (3980), 82 (3885/3385) were present in choc/cream livery the centre coach carrying the wording 'British Rail holidays.co.uk.'.
During the following day the Clayton Class 17 diesel D8568 which as with this class had never worked over this line before covered the new Sunday diesel diagram; 1000 Minehead - Bishop's Lydeard, 1230 return to Minehead, 1430 return to Bishop's Lydeard, 1635 return to Minehead.

MISCELLANEOUS

Craven Arms

22/05 A serious incident as DMU sets 150242 + 150279 + 150208 working the 1V78 2043 Crewe - Cardiff Central 'Transport for Wales' service struck an unmanned road digger left in an unsafe position in the area which resulted in two of the sets receiving fire damage.
Locos 66557 + 66540 which were stopped very close to the accident in a loop either end of 6 JNA wagons were undamaged.

DC Rail

As reported in a previous Magazine, 60013, 60022, 60075, 60098 and 60099 had all now arrived at Brush Loughborough Works by mid June for overhaul and an expected reinstatement to traffic.
A sixth loco, 60090 is also under consideration for overhaul although not yet moved whilst 60057 has gone to Longport, Stoke for evaluation.

DB Cargo

01/06 91 Class 66 locos were reported in use during the day with 53 out of service at Toton and 12 awaiting transfer in from various depots around the country for attention.

DRS

26/05 A second Dorset 'radioactive sludge' removal train for this new monthly 3 year DRS contract operated as 6Z62 0103 Crewe Coal sidings - Moreton (0957) for Winfrith sidings (1008) and 6Z95 1604 Moreton - Crewe

Coal sidings (0054) via Dorchester South (reverse) where a departure time of 1618 (2 early) was recorded then passing Poole at 1644 (3 early) the train being formed as before with 10 PFA wagons this time top n' tailed with 68016 + 68018 (also see Magazine issue 603 May 2022).

Elizabeth Line

24/05 As planned the new cross London route was open and recorded its millionth passenger after 5 days of operation.

GBRf

01/06 The company released their latest Class 66 loco repaint 66734 from Eastleigh Works, named 'Platinum Jubilee' in a special pink, grey and white Queen's Jubilee anniversary livery with Union Jacks mid-side on each side. The loco also carries a cab side GBRf 100th loco 'shield' on one side at alternate ends as well as a large data panel with historical detail stating 'This locomotive is the 100th Class 66 Locomotive for GB Railfreight. It replaces the original GBRf 66734 which was written off in a landslide 28th June 2012 at Loch Triage, Scotland', 66734 being originally 66402 once a DRS 'lease' loco.

It is believed a proper 'Platinum Jubilee' nameplates are to be cast and fitted at a later date.

Great Western Railway

29/05 158766 worked the 2K04 0932 Exeter Central - Okehampton service.

01/06 It has been reported that the six c2c EMU sets were due to come 'off hire' at the end of June and the company are interested in 30 currently stored Class 379 4-car EMU sets for use to replace Class 387 sets which will be transferred to Southern Railways to replace the Class 455 units, the transition expected to be fully completed by May 2028. All Cardiff - Paddington services are expected to be covered by Class 387 (then eventually 379) units from the December 2022 timetable change.

02/06 158747 struck a herd of cows on the line between Crediton and Yeoford whilst working 2K03 0834 Exeter Central - Okehampton (0915) 150246 being used as 1Z99 'thunderbird' from Exeter to return the Class 158 back to Crediton.

09/06 165128 + 166202 were on a 3Z60 1057 St.Philips Marsh - Exeter Tmd and 3Z61 1302 return staff training turns.

11/06 Turbo set 166201 saw 'Class 1' duty working 1C81 1235 Paddington - Paignton (having taken over from IET 800304) and 1A34 1705 return to Paddington (via Bristol) as far as Temple Meads being recorded as departing Taunton at 1832.

14/06 'Castle' HST power car 43040 with GW10 and 43088 worked 1G77 1550 Penzance - Gloucester (2055) carries a 'Falklands 40th Anniversary' livery with three silhouetted circular design Falkland Island scenes from the war with Argentina in 1982.

The power car was also named 'Berry Pomeroy Castle' the names of which were also unveiled during the ceremony held at Plymouth.

An IET set, believed to be 802006 has also received a special 'Falklands Anniversary' livery the full details of which was not known as the Magazine went to press.

17/06 Sleeper train details were; 57604 - 1A50 2145 (Thur) Penzance - Paddington which arrived at 0503 formed with c/stock; 10596. 10563. 10589. 10590. 10612. 10225. 12100. 17174. and 57605 - 1C50 2345 (Thur) Paddington

- Penzance which arrived Plymouth at 0513 and passed Moorswater (near Liskeard) at 0615 formed with c/stock; 17173. 12161. 10219. 10601. 10584. 10532. 10534.

The company have been given onwards to 2025 to run the franchise with a further three year option. Plans are in hand to attract customers back to the railway following the Covid-19 pandemic with an improved service operation.

HS2

31/05 Work has commenced in the Colne Valley, near London to build a 3.4km long rail bridge with a 'specialist' 700 tonne construction machine named 'Dominic'.

One thousand, 155 metre concrete sections these being unique with strengthening steel wire already inside will be moved and positioned into place by the machine will take 2 years to complete the work which once finished will become the longest bridge along the route.

LNER

The company are to repaint most of their stock into a 'retro' Inter-City livery with LNER branding, loco 91127 being the first to be so treated.

London Underground

06/06 4,000 RMT members undertook a 24 hour walkout the day after the Platinum Jubilee extended holiday weekend, over job security and pension concerns. ASLEF drivers at Hull Trains, Greater Anglian and Croydon Tram-link have also now indicated that 7 days of strike action is under consideration.

Rail Operations Group

13/06 56098 (working with 56081) received cab hand-rail damage due to entangled trackside vegetation whilst working a 5Q16 1408 Shirebrook - Derby Litchurch Lane (1645) stock move and was stopped at Sutton Park Parkway at 1547 (56 late) cutting equipment having to be used to remove an embedded tree branch.

Railtour Changes

22/06 The 'Welsh Marches Express' from Birmingham - Shrewsbury (via Bristol) booked for 70000 Britannia on this date has been moved to 10th August 2022 due to strike action.

16 other rail-tours nationwide are expected to be postponed or cancelled in line with the proposed strike dates the Vintage Trains 'Weston Air-day' trip from Birmingham - Weston-super-Mare on 25th June with Class 20s being another one of the affected number and will not be re-dated.

Scot-Rail

The Summer Timetable introduction has actually seen a reduction in services by around a third with 700 trains removed area wise this being quoted as to being a 'temporary' timetable as new drivers are trained to cover the current company shortfall.

Late evening services from Edinburgh and Glasgow will now have earlier departure times for the time being until the staff situation improves.

Swindon

The former London Road carriage workshops are set to see a £11 million investment towards the regeneration of this area of the town. Closed in 1986 the University of Bath have made a commercial application to open a Sustainable Energy Innovation Academy dealing with and developing new material recycling methods.

The original former GWR workshops designed and built by Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Daniel Gooch at one time had around 14,000 employees initially building locomotives, carriages and wagons and then continuing with their maintenance.

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

20/05 Gloucester - DR73122 which passed at 1104 (31 late) on a 6Q55 0830 Nuneaton - Lydney Up Goods loop working. Swindon - DR80205 passing at 1055 on a 0941 Didcot Fuelling Point - Gloucester Horton Road working. Taunton - DR73121 + DR77909 having arrived at 1210 as 6Q53 0855 ex. Reading Triangle sidings which passed Bedwyn at 1008.

22/05 Exeter Riverside (New yard) - DR80301 allocated 6U40 1030 move to Eastleigh East yard.

06/06 Severn Tunnel Junction sidings - DR73121 later passing Lawrence Hill at 1025 outward on a 6Q55 0955 out and back 'circular' working via Exeter.

08/06 Taunton - DR73121 + DR77909 allocated 6Q53 1059 to Reading Triangle sidings.

13/06 Gloucester Horton Road - DR75010 (7091230109) allocated 6Q58 1000 to Taunton Station yard.

16/06 Swindon Transfer yard - DR76911 + DR76913 allocated an out and back 6Q08 1031 circular. Reading Triangle sidings - DR73907 allocated 6J89 0913 to Taunton.

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