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On 26/04/22 DB 66001 passes Patchway, Bristol with Stadler 231001 + 231003 (with graffiti) 5Q99 0256 Ripple Lane - Cardiff Canton. The 2nd delivery train for these new Transport for Wales units.

Rear Cover Photo August 2022 Issue 606:

[R.W.Giles]

Colas 43274 leads 1Q18 0634 Kingsland Rd - Derby RTC test train away from Royal Portbury Dock (with 43272 out of view on other end) on 24/03/22.

FUTURE EVENTS

Trip 580

MANCHESTER FLYER

DATE TBC

**** Please note that this trip originally planned for 13/08/2022 has been impacted by Covid-19 and will be rescheduled for October**

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 = TBC

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

Trip 581

EASTLEIGH ARLINGTON WORKS

Saturday 08/10/22

**** Please note that this trip originally planned for 20/08/2022 has been rescheduled for October due to the rail strike on the original trip date.**

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 from 68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0600 am; Bristol Parkway = 0630 am.

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

Return Time to Mangotsfield area = approx 2130 pm

Book By Date = TBC

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.

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

WATERCRESS LINE OPEN DAY

Saturday 10/09/22

A one day trip to the open day at the Watercress Line in Hampshire.

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

This does not include the cost of entrance to the Watercress Line.

Proposed Itinerary: Approximately 6 hours to do as you wish on the heritage railway. It is the open weekend where there are shed tours, unlimited travel all day, miniature railway running.

Departure Time from 68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0700 am
Other pick-up points may be arranged with Dave FORSE

Return Time to Mangotsfield area = approx 1900 pm

Book By Date = 01/09/2022

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

Trip 584

YORK HOLGATE NETWORK RAIL DEPOT

Friday 16/09/22

A one day trip to the Network Rail depot at York Holgate.

**** Please note that this trip is limited to ten people. A reserve list will be maintained should anyone drop out.**

Proposed Trip Fare = £40 Fare with Day Membership = £45

Proposed Itinerary: 3-4 hrs to visit the depot then free time in York to do as you wish (museum/station/etc)

Departure Time from 68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0500 am
Other pick-up points may be arranged with Dave FORSE

Return Time to Mangotsfield area = approx 2100 pm

Book By Date = 01/09/2022

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: FULL PPE: Hats, Goggles, Steel toe footwear, **ORANGE** hi viz vest/jacket and **ORANGE TROUSERS** are all a must

Trip 585

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.

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/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.

NOTES & NEWS

Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh

22/06 66565 passed Pilning at 1555 (3 late) with 20 MWA wagons as 6Z86 1106 West Drayton - Machen stone empties and 66617 was an evening arrival working 6V54 1251 Radlett - East Usk yard (via Parkway) stone empties having passed Abbotswood junction at 1813 (60 late) delayed due to an earlier points failure at Lifford East junction.

Only 60% of train services were operating during the day due to the 'knock on' effect of industrial action.

23/06 Second strike day freight records included; 66622 - 6A27 East Usk - Hayes (1323) via Chippenham loaded stone passing Filton Abbey Wood at 0944 (8 late) and Keynsham 1003 (8 late) and 66524 - 4Z49 0810 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog (1136) containers passing Swindon at 1017 (3 late) the loco later working 4Z50 1456 return to Southampton Maritime (1829) passing Patchway at 1546 (2 early) and Swindon Highworth junction 1630 (3 early).

25/06 With only a fifth of trains operating due to the third day of industrial action, 66593 was a light-engine arrival at Stoke Gifford as a 0C59 0945 working from Wentloog which had passed Marshfield at 0647.

27/06 A return engineering train record was 66847 + 66849 departing Pilning loop at 0714 top n' tailing 6C98 0515 Abercynon - Westbury.

28/06 66763 conveyed EMU sets 455813 + 455842 as 5Q55 1038 Stewarts Lane Trsmd - Newport Docks (1535) for scrapping departing Reading at 1257 (8 early) and passing Patchway at 1429 (1 early). The loco was later recorded passing Swindon at 1833 (11 early) as 5Z56 returning barriers 64664 + 64707 from Newport Docks - Tonbridge West yard.

30/06 66784 moved former SR EMUs 455826 + 455843 (with Eastleigh Arlington based barriers 64664 + 64707 either side) as a further 5Q55 1038 Stewarts Lane Trsmd - Newport Docks (1535) Sims Metals working passing Swindon Rushey Platt at 1453.

01/07 Engineering train records included; 70809 - 6F03 1824 Westbury -

Patchway (1930) formed with 11 JNA / 3 IEA / 6 MLA wagons.

06/07 A Severn Tunnel freight diversion record via Gloucester and Bath was 66529 with 4L50 1724 Wentloog - Tilbury containers passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1913 (9 late).

10/07 70816 + 70817 top n' tailed a return 6C26 1128 Patchway - Westbury departmental (1440) via Swindon passing Westerleigh junction at 1036 (63 early) and Thingley junction 1348 (29 early) formed with 3 KFA / 1 ZOA DRK81612 / 5 HQA auto-ballasters / 2 JNA / 5 MLA / 8 YWA flat wagons. Relay work had taken place with a new point being installed at Filton No. 2 junction during the previous day.

12/07 66788 hauled former Southern EMU sets 455822 + 455814 to Sims Metals for scrapping as 5Q55 1038 Stewarts Lane - Newport Docks (1528) departing Reading at 1300, passing Swindon at 1350 and Patchway 1429 with the usual barrier coaches 64707 + 64664 at each end of the main consist.

14/07 66764 moved withdrawn EMU sets 455844 + 455823 as 5Q55 1038 Stewarts Lane Trsmtd - Newport Docks (1528) Sims Metals passing Parkway at 1423 (3 early).

17/07 The Severn Tunnel was again closed during the day with a number of diversions via Gloucester operating including; 66850 + 66848 top n' tailing - 6C20 1341 Westbury - Pontypridd (1800) which passed Yate at 1458 (16 early) and Charfield 1504 (17 early).

18/07 Having completed the Mk IV stock delivery (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news) 'ROG' duo 37800 + 37901 returned 0M57 0900 Landore Tmd - Wembley yard (1339) light-locos passing Neath at 0938 (25 late), Cardiff Central 1022 (21 late) and Patchway 1059 (1 late).

66848 + 66850 also returned the previous days diverted departmental 6C20 0515 Pontypridd - Westbury (via Bath) passing Standish junction at 0710. Diversions commenced at 0630 with the start of River Severn hillside stabilization with material removal and shoring up between Lydney and Gloucester, Arriva XC suspending their through passenger operation from Nottingham into South Wales until 2nd September with a road bus connection between Gloucester and Severn Tunnel junction (calling Lydney, Chepstow and Caldicot) in operation (also see Magazine issue 602 April 2022 - under Gloucester notes & news).

Freight records included; 66105 - 6V92 1034 Corby Works - Margam steel which passed Stoke Works junction at 1339 and Yate 1547 (61 early), 66421 - 4V44 1045 Daventry - Wentloog (1434) TESCO containers which passed Cheltenham at 1332 and Yate 1437 (156 late), where Voyager set 220017 working 1V52 0701 Edinburgh - Bristol TM (1331) was allowed to pass at 1456 (108 late) 'wrong line', 66063 - 6M41 1121 Margam - Round Oak steel which passed Margam Moors junction at 1128 and Yate 1547 (17 late) and 66421 - 4M36 return 1915 Wentloog - Daventry (2352) TESCO containers passing Patchway at 2008 (3 early).

Another diversion was GWR IET 800033 working 1G17 1428 Paddington - Cheltenham which due to a points failure in the Swindon area was routed via Wootton Bassett, Badminton and a reverse at Parkway passing Yate at 1534 (off route) and Standish junction 1556 (50 late).

19/07 A 5Q55 Stewarts Lane Trsmtd - Newport Docks (Sims Metals) scrap stock move was cancelled. Diversion records included; 66011 - 6V05 0915 Round Oak - Margam passing Droitwich at 1010 and Standish junction 1146 formed with 8 IHA / 4 BYA wagons, 66424 - 4V44 1045 Daventry - Wentloog TESCO containers passing Longbridge at 1211 and Patchway 1510 (78 late),

66119 - 6M41 1121 Margam - Round Oak steel passing Yate at 1528 (16 early) formed 16 IHA / 9 BYAs, 66140 - 6V92 1034 Corby Works - Margam (2037) steel formed 13 JEA / 8 BZA / 1 BLA / 1 BCA wagons passing Yate at 1611 (37 early) and Patchway 1627 (31 early) and 66221 - 6V50 1239 Burton yard - Cardiff Tidal (1821) passing Yate at 1918 (169 late) formed 2 BEA / 3 BDA / 20 VGA wagons.

Locos recorded on Westerleigh fuel tank duty have included; 60007/019/040.
Locos recorded on Tytherington stone duty have included;
66025/053/074/152/171/187/200/221.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

20/06 'SR Class 33' BR green livery 69005 (formerly 56007) became the very first Class member to pass through the Bristol area as 0Z21 0930 Eastleigh Works GBRf - Gloucester New yard (1230) light-engine passing Horfield junction at 1212 (25 late) and Yate 1228 (24 late).

On arrival at Gloucester the loco joined 69002 working a 5Z21 move conveying EMU conversion 321344 from Doncaster - Long Marston to display at this years 2022 'Rail Live Exhibition' (also see Swindon notes & news).

21/06 For the first rail-strike in around 30 years, the passenger numbers through Temple Meads station during the day were down by 71.6%. No trains were running to Severn Beach, through Gloucestershire or to Salisbury with only two Arriva XC departures westbound to Plymouth. GWR were reported to be operating around 1500 of their planned 4500 trains during the day.

24/06 The Fridays Only loaded china clays operated in a later path as 6M60 0700 Exeter Riverside - Bescot Downside (1239) and passed Taunton at 0743 (3 early), Yatton 0815 (10 early) and Yate 0916 (14 early) formed with 11 JIAs headed by 66155.

26/06 66416 was on route-learning light-loco refresher duty as 0C59 0914 Westbury Cement works - Exeter St.Davids (1126) and 0C60 1133 return to Westbury (1621) via Bristol, Reading West curve and Newbury passing Uphill junction at 1156 (38 early) and Bath 1333 (4 early).

DMU 158745 worked 3V31 1220 Temple Meads - Castle Cary empty, then 2V31 1340 return, 3V32 1509 empty and 2V32 1608 return Glastonbury Festival 'shuttles' with IET 800304 also seeing 'Berks & Hants' shuttle' use having run 3C80 0958 Stoke Gifford - Castle Cary then 1A60 1138 to Paddington joining 800318 which was running in the opposite direction starting as 3C61 1137 Paddington - Castle Cary empty then 1A61 1320 Castle Cary - Paddington. An outward engineers with 66847 + 66849 passed Bath at 1542 (1 early) and Lawrence Hill 1601 (4 late) top n' tailing 6C98 1518 Westbury - Abercynon (2010) via Margam formed 12 JZA/1 YEA wagons.

27/06 Return Glastonbury Festival IET empty and additional moves included; 800302 - 3C55 0315 Stoke Gifford - Castle Cary / 1A55 0506 to Paddington, 800036 - 3V50 0420 Stoke Gifford - Castle Cary / 2V30 0544 Castle Cary - Temple Meads, 802105 - 5A56 0438 Temple Meads - Castle Cary / 1A56 0557 to Paddington, 800036 - 3C31 0713 Temple Meads - Castle Cary / 2V31 0827 Castle Cary - Temple Meads and hourly until 3C35 Temple Meads - Westbury for 2Z35 1321 to Taunton then 2V35 1427 Taunton - Temple Meads, 800007 taking over as 3C36 1515 Temple Meads - Castle Cary empty for 1654 (2V36) and later 2V37 1916 returns to Temple Meads.

Also during the day 800024 + 800033 were on a 3C57 0520 Paddington - Castle Cary empty / 1A57 0703 return to Paddington 'relief'.

30/06 66716 ran 0Z77 0630 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Marchwood light-engine passing Romsey at 1126 to collect 15 stored IHA wagons (moved here on 23rd March from Llanwern) returning as 6M47 1218 Marchwood MoD - Llanwern (1650) passing Romsey at 1358 (26 late) and Lawrence Hill 1549 (5 late). Flash flooding between Exeter and Tiverton Parkway saw the implementation of a 40 mph speed restriction which affected timetable keeping.

02/07 The Railway Touring Company 'Atlantic Coast Express' 1Z82 0752 Waterloo - Exeter St.Davids (1330) and 1Z84 1640 return to Waterloo (2210) was worked throughout by steam 35028 Clan Line (with no diesel support) the outward departing Basingstoke at 0912, passing Sherborne at 1106 and departing Honiton at 1257 and passing Taunton at 1714, Yatton 1740 (7 early) and Bathampton junction 1855 (1 late) on the return the c/stock being listed as; 17096 (loco support - choc/cream livery). 3058. 99125. 99712. 13320. 99121. 3093. 1860. 4905. 99304 (all in maroon).

It is interesting to also record that 55 years ago to the day, the same loco departed Waterloo with the official 'Farewell to Southern Region Steam number 2' special and during the locos performance today the train was reported to have covered the 75.3 miles from Exeter - Bristol West junction in 70 minutes!

Also during the day, Turbo 165133 was returned following 'mods' as 5Q81 1109 ex. Wolverton Works - St.Philips Marsh (1502) via Bristol Parkway passing Tring at 1124, Swindon 1350 and Lawrence Hill 1430 (18 early).

06/07 The latest HST power car repaint 43184 (43384) '253051' in the former Inter-City 125 'yellow livery' with XC02 43303 worked the 1S51 1227 Plymouth - Edinburgh XC service departing Exeter St.Davids at 1405 (38 late), passing Uphill junction at 1453 (43 late) and Westerleigh junction at 1527 (38 late).

Further DRS route-learning light-engine turns saw the appearance of 57305 as 0Z49 0643 Crewe Gresty Bridge - Temple Meads which passed Yate at 1034 (27 early) the loco later being booked 0Z50 1214 return to Worcester SH (1347) and 0Z52 1407 return to Taunton (1707).

07/07 57305 was back on light-loco driver route refresher runs as 0Z52 0930 Taunton - Bescot (1356), 0Z52 1458 return to Taunton (1858) the outward being noted passing Uphill junction at 0958 (3 early), arriving Weston-super-Mare station at 1001 (4 early), departing at 1023 (2 late) to allow 2C69 0956 Bristol TM - Penzance (formed 43192 GW13 43198) to pass and departing Cheltenham at 1204 (1 late) and the return passing Lawrence Hill at 1745 (3 late) and Yatton 1819 (2 late).

'253051' 43184 with XC02 43303 returned south on the rear of 1V50 0606 Edinburgh - Plymouth which departed Cheltenham at 1156 and Temple Meads 1246 (1 late) the set later being allocated 1E63 1527 Plymouth - Leeds.

08/07 57305 returned north as 0Z54 Taunton - Bromsgrove (1440) route learner passing Worle junction at 1100 (3 late) and was eventually terminated at Landor Street. Following the previous days double loco failure (also see Newport notes & news, replacements West Coast 47826 + 47804 top n' tailed the 1Z57 1130 Bristol TM - Par (1458) and 1Z58 1527 return to Bristol TM (1902) the outward passing Yatton at 1144 (8 early), Worle junction 1128 (12 early), departing Taunton at 1226 (-), passing Newton Abbot at 1321 (6 late) and Liskeard 1435 (4 late), using c/stock; 10729. 10734. 17167. 325. 3247. 3275/3. 3267. 1566. 3273. 3174. 99025.

10/07 A return engineers was; 66613 + 66621 top n' tailing - 6Y97 0731 Gowerton - Westbury passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1108 formed with 12 JZA / 1 YEA wagons.

11/07 Arriva XC HST power cars 43301 + 43207 formed a back to back 0Z43 0820 Laira Trsmd - Laira Trsmd (via Westbury and Bedminster, Bristol) driver training run being reported passing Hemerdon at 0828 (3 early), Totnes 0907 (17 late), Stoke Canon 0945 (18 late), Westbury 1048 (11 early) and Bath 1116 (10 early) outward, the return being reported as terminated at Westbury, reason unknown.

Following south Wales weed-killing duties MPV DR98912 + DR98952 ran 3Z16 1200 Margam - St.Blazey (2016) passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1429 (1 early) and Yatton 1515 (6 early).

12/07 A second day for Arriva XC driver training runs using the same power cars as the previous day as 0Z43 0820 Laira Trsmd - Laira Trsmd (via Westbury Bedminster) the outward passing Totnes at 0933.

13/07 Saphos Trains 'Golden Hind' 1Z50 0744 Slough - Plymouth (1401) and 1Z52 1631 return to Slough (2238) top n' tailed by BR green duo 47805 / D1935 + 47501 / D1944 passed Bathampton junction at 1020 (2 late), Worle junction 1059 (2 late), Tiverton loops 1215 (6 late), Dawlish 1243 (4 late), Totnes 1330 (1 early) and Yatton 1931 (8 early) on the return with c/stock; 9479. 5991. 1863. 3148. 3100. 80044. 3107, 3122. 3045 (coaching set CD00).

The train being double-steam headed by 70000 Britannia + 34046 Braunton (joining as 5Z62 from Bishops Lydeard Wsr with support coach) onwards and back to Taunton Fairwater yard.

Also during the day 'ROG' 56091 ran 0Z57 1138 Oxford Banbury Road - Bristol Parkway (1254) passing Westerleigh junction at 1309 (21 late) then 0Z58 1312 return to Oxford (1433), 0Z59 1436 return to Temple Meads (1655) noted Lawrence Hill at 1704 (14 late) route refresher light-engine and later the Colas HST test train formed 43257 6263. 72631. 975091. 72612. 43272 was an evening arrival on the normally monthly 1Q18 0719 Derby RTC - Kingsland Road (2246) test train via Evesham, Oxford, Swindon, Weymouth, Westbury, Bath and Avonmouth the outward passing Westbury at 1417 (1 late) and later passing Brentry (on the Henbury loop) down at 2141 and 2206 on the return from Hallen Marsh (Avonmouth).

A return engineers saw 66537 + 66566 top n' tail 6Y42 0510 Pontypridd - Westbury which passed Bath at 0719.

14/07 The Colas HST test train returned in the normal 1Q18 0619 Kingsland Road - Derby RTC (1906) path via Portbury, Newport, Temple Meads, Swindon and Evesham being reported passing Parsons Street for the Portbury branch at 0628 (31 early), beneath the Bristol Suspension bridge at 0638, passing Filton Abbey Wood 0808 (3 early) enroute to Newport and Bath 0947 (6 early) following the third Temple Meads visit of the day and the booked 'reverse' move.

15/07 Colas 37099 with dept c/stock; 96609. 977985/6. 9803. 999602. 9708 worked 3Q21 2118 Westbury - Derby RTC (0904) via Bristol East (reverse), Swindon, Bristol Parkway, Swindon and Oxford passing Bath up at 2159 (3 early) for East Depot loop.

16/07 LSL 47614 (47853) + 47805 / D1935 top n' tailed Saphos Trains 'English Riviera Express' 1Z61 0600 Cardiff Central - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1315) via Westbury and 1Z63 1635 return to Cardiff Central (2215) with c/stock; 9479. 5991. 1863. 3107. 3125. 3100. 80044. 3122. 3045. being reported outward departing Newport at 0652 (1 early), Filton Abbey Wood 0748 (8 late), passing Bathampton junction at 0816 (6 late), Trowbridge 0835 (2 late), departing Taunton at 1009 (5 late) to nearby attach steam 70000 Britannia (with support coach 35461) leaving 47805

still on the rear and on the return calling Dawlish Warren from 1800 - 1802 as a booked operating stop and passing Heywood Road junction (Westbury) at 2006 (11 early).

Also late in the day, 'ROG' 37901 (first area visit following a return to traffic) + 37800 top n' tailed two Mk IV coaching stock rakes as a 5Q79 1826 Eastleigh Arlington Works - Landore Tmd (2259) move which passed East Grimstead at 1846 (10 early) was in trouble with 37901's horn being defective and 'stuck in the on position' near Trowbridge at 1942 (1 late) a 20mph operating restriction being then implemented, the working then passing Bath at 2005 (3 late) but with a hot axle box being detected near St. Annes Bristol the train was terminated at Dr. Day's junction at 2118 (57 late)!

With 37800 now leading the working moved back into Temple Meads where 37901 was detached (0Q79) and left in the north-end up loco spur, the stock (listed as; Grand Central livery 12211. 12434. 12310. 10318. 11319. 82201 and LNER livery 82220. 12315. 10305. 12304. 12324. 12215) moving to Bristol East loop.

18/07 Following the previous days problems, 'ROG' 37800 + 37901 were able to continue the Mk IV stock storage move as 5Q79 0435 Dr. Day's junction (although the train was recessed in Bristol East Depot loop!) - Landore Tmd (0630) passing Filton Abbey Wood at 0429 (11 early) and Briton Ferry 0609 (10 early).

19/07 Back working for Colas 'Regional Railways' livery 37425 was recorded departing Temple Meads at 0558 on a 3Z20 2122 (Mon) Derby RTC - Kingsland Road test train formed with dept c/stock; 96606. 99666. 72630. 9806. 62384. 9714. A later 3Z22 2345 move to Cardiff Taff Vale sidings (via Exeter) was however cancelled.

Also DMU 150221 covered 2U12 0640 Penzance - Cardiff Central and 2C77 1300 return to Penzance in the place of a 'Castle' HST set the outward being recorded departing Weston-super-Mare at 1102 (15 late).

Bristol West Freightliner

22/06 The 6Z33 0723 Willesden DCR sidings - Bristol West (1110) Freightliner stone empties with 6Z34 1640 loaded return to Willesden (2227) was cancelled as the train was terminated in the London area with no signalman manning Acton Wells signal box due to industrial action! A later planned retimed 1200 departure was also a non-runner! There was a train arrival however, 66529 working 4Z54 1015 empty flats for storage which passed Romsey at 1107 and Bath 1230 (27 late), the arrival time at Bristol West being 1302 (37 late) formed with 16 (FFA / FSA/ FTA / FEA / FKA) wagons.

06/07 60029 powered a 6Z34 0600 loaded stone service to Willesden DC Rail sidings (1148) passing Bath at 0638 (4 early) and Heywood Road junction (en route to Westbury yard - off route) at 0738. The inward empties had arrived as 6Z33 0715 ex. Willesden on 5th July.

07/07 60046 powered what was believed to be the final DC Rail train of the contract from this location, running 6Z34 1457 to Willesden DC Rail sidings (1951) which departed 9 early and passed Keynsham at 1516 (13 early).

Locos recorded on stone duty have included;
60028/029/046.

Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line

25/06 66001 worked a revised 6Z30 0739 Brentford - Severnside SITA (1244) train of refuse containers (20 FCA/4 FYA wagons) passing Tilehurst at 0828 (11 early), Westerleigh junction 1054 (6 early) and Brentry on the Henbury loop at 1106.

05/07 The 6C02 Cardiff Docks Ryans - Avonmouth Bennetts sidings Tuesdays Only loaded ash, which would have been diverted via Gloucester was cancelled due an emergency overnight engineering occupation at Gloucester which saw the inward now GBRf 4V02 empties for the service from Tonbridge cancelled at Swindon Transfer yard.

11/07 Former French Euro 'hire' 66028 now in an unbranded EWS livery powered 6C03 0933 Northolt - Severnside Sita refuse containers (1539) being reported as departing South Ruislip at 0945 (2 late), passing Brentry (on the Henbury loop) at 1430 and noted in the Bulk Handling terminal running around the train at 1455. Interestingly the following mornings return empties appeared to be cancelled.

A local correspondent reported that the last appearance for 66028 at Avonmouth was in August 2005. The same loco was again recorded on this train two days later as a 0903 departure from Northolt sidings being reported Holesmouth junction at 1519 (9 late).

66709 worked the third GBRf operated 6C02 0951 Cardiff Dock Ryans - Avonmouth Bennetts incinerator ash loaded in 17 JNA box wagons, the 4002 1802 empties being delayed and reported passing Brentry at 1929 around an hour late.

14/07 66702 passed Brentry at 2021 on a 6C82 Avonmouth Bennetts - Cardiff Pengam sidings loaded stone.

17/07 66084 worked 0C03 1430 Didcot - Severnside Sita light-engine to collect the refuse container empties, passing Wantage Road at 1417 and Brentry 1520.

Locos recorded on stone duty have included;

66416/531/613/621. 66702/721.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included; 66704/717/735/779/785.

Locos recorded on ash duty have included; 66709.

Locos recorded on refuse container duty have included;

66001/025/028/034/084/087/200.

Locos recorded on container duty have included; 66544/565/591.

Portbury Branchline

27/06 Following the road delivery Spanish Valencia built Stadler 'Transport for Wales' Tram-Train set 398001 to Ashfordby Test Centre towards the end of May, set 398002, 999252A with centre coach loaded on an extended trailer Allelys road lorry and 999252B following on a second lorry close behind, departed the port just before 1500 for the M5, their destination however being unknown, although Donnington RFT was a possibility.

12/07 A series of Stoke Gifford / Bristol TM - Portbury Auto Terminal light-engine moves during the day were cancelled.

15/07 Although any new traffic was not known on this date, 66414 was used on a 0C40 1008 Stoke Gifford - Portbury Auto Terminal (1057) light-engine run departing Ashton junction at 1115 (45 late) and 1056 return to Temple Meads (1130).

Other booked moves during the day were; 1249 Temple Meads - Portbury Auto

terminal (1318), 1320 return to Temple Meads (1353), 1359 back to Portbury Auto terminal (1429) and 1435 return to Stoke Gifford (1509) along with a 1135 Temple Meads - Portbury working, these all being cancelled.

Bristol area workings during April

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

14/04 66744. 21/04 66748. 28/04 66795.

4L36 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers (G&W)

05/04 66529. 06/04 66508. 07/04 66532. 08/04 66532.

13/04 66526. 14/04 66525. 20/04 66533. 21/04 66522.

26/04 66559. 27/04 66514.

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

04/04 66504. 05/04 66504. 06/04 66504. 07/04 66504.

11/04 70020. 13/04 66545. 14/04 66545. 20/04 66512.

21/04 66512. 25/04 70004 + 66616. 29/04 66507.

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

15/04 66536. 23/04 66501.

4Z86 (* 6Z86 still part loaded) 0505 Little Kimble - Tytherington stone empties 6Z86 return (DB)

04/04* 66030 + 66149. 05/04* 66030 + 66149. 06/04 66129 + 66221.

07/04 66129 + 66221. 11/04 66012 + 66084. 13/04 66021 + 66169.

14/04 66084 + 66106. 20/04 66075 + 66082. 22/04 66075 + 66082.

Notes; Train on 22/04 ran 4Z85 empty from Westbury.

6A08 (SO) Tytherington - Westbury loaded stone (DB)

09/04 66129 + 66221.

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

07/04 66616. 13/04 66955. 22/04 66616.

6A53 Tytherington - Appleford loaded stone (DB)

05-07/04 66105 + 66139. 13/04 66105 + 66139. 14/04 66105 + 66139.

21/04 66134 + 66221.

6A83 Avonmouth Bennetts - West Drayton loaded stone (G&W)

05/04 66569. 26/04 66549.

6B11 Hayes - East Usk stone empties (G&W)

14/04 66618. 15/04 66618.

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

02/04 60010. 04/04 60010. 05/04 60010. 07/04 60010.

08/04 60010. 11/04 60062. 14/04 60020. 16/04 60020.

20/04 60039. 21/04 60039. 23/04 60039.

6B90 Avonmouth Hansons - Gloucester New Yard cement empties (GBRf)

14/04 66798. 30/04 66767.

6C02 (TO) Cardiff Dock Ryans - Avonmouth Bennetts loaded and return empty
(Acton) ash (DB)
12/04 66169.

6C03 Northolt sidings - Severnside Sita loaded and return empty refuse
containers (DB)

01/04	66104.	02/04	66050.	04/04	66050.
05/04	66012.	06/04	66012.	07/04	66169.
13/04	66106.	14/04	66061.	15/04	66169.
18/04	66169.	21/04	66106.	22/04	66106.
23/04	66104.	26/04	66006.	27/04	66207.
28/04	66104.				

6C42 Theale - Stoke Gifford stone empties (G&W)
06/04 66415 + 66544.

6C48 Appleford - Machen empty and return (Stoke Gifford) stone (G&W)
02/04 66618. 23/04 66617.

6C58 Oxford Banbury Road - Stoke Gifford stone empties (G&W)
02/04 66547.

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

07/01	66615.	13/04	66615.	14/01	66617.	21/04	66615.
27/04	66617.	28/04	66617.	29/04	66617.		

6M36 Westbury - Tunstead cement empties (G&W)
21/04 66601.

6M42 Avonmouth Hansons - Penyffordd cement empties (GBRf)

04/04	66757.	15/04	66757.	18/04	66757.	22/04	66757.
27/04	66757.						

6V32 Tilbury - Trostre steel (GBRf)

08/04	66761.	15/04	66761.	22/04	66761.
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6V35 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)

22/04	66787.
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6V41 Penyffordd - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)

17/04	66757.	20/04	66757.
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6V84 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)

06/04	66798.	13/04	66798.	25/04	66767.
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6V99 (TO) Bescot - St.Blazey freight (DB)

05/04	66198.	12/04	66015.	19/04	66152.
26/04	66100.				

6Z33/6Z34 Willesden DCR sidings - Bristol West Freightliner (DC-Rail)

04/04	60028.
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6Z50 Willesden DC Rail sidings * / 6Z52 Oxford Banbury Road - Machen
Quarry stone empties
05/04* 60028. 06/04 60028. 07/04 60028. 13/04 60028.
14/04 60028. 20/04 60028. 26/04* 60028.

Gloucester

23/05 Additional Information - not previously reported - has been the opening of the new Stroudwater Navigation - Brimscombe Port Canal rail bridge (also see Gloucester notes & news - issue 600 February 2022) near Stonehouse named 'Ocean Jubilee Bridge' by Sir Peter Hendy CBE (Chairman of Network Rail) and Karen Morgan OBE/DL Lord Lieutenant for Gloucester.

21/06 No train services operated in Gloucestershire over the first planned strike day.

24/06 A return 5Z22 0922 Long Marston - Doncaster Royal Mail platform (2238) 'Swift' EMU 321334 conversion positioning move expected to be Class 69 hauled was cancelled.

26/06 66077 passed Gloucester at 2132 (10 early) working 6Z68 1405 Scunthorpe BSC - Margam (0020) steel formed with 9 BBA / 15 BAA wagons.

28/06 A 1Z96 0915 Derby RTC - Cardiff Taff Vale sidings (1512) via Gloucester and Radyr passed Cheltenham at 1246 (18 late) top n' tailed by 37612 + 37610.

30/06 37612 + 37610 returned passing Marshfield at 0650 (8 early) and Gloucester at 0754 (48 early) working 1Z37 0641 Cardiff Central - Derby RTC (1158) with dept c/stock; 9481. 72639. 977997.
Following a further delivery of Class 455 EMU sets for scrap (also see Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh notes & news) 66784 returned the two barriers as 5Z57 1644 Newport Docks - Doncaster Roberts Road (2357) passing Cheltenham at 1940 (57 late).

01/07 Diversion records for the 10 day Severn Tunnel works closure included; 66508 - 4V36 2245 (Thur) Felixstowe - Wentloog which passed Chepstow at 0728 (98 late), 66566 - 4L36 0718 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers passing Newport at 0928, 66508 - 4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers passing Gloucester at 1442, 66610 - 6B11 Hayes - East Usk yard stone empties passing Swindon at 1508 and 60007 - 6B33 1335 Theale - Robeston empty fuel tanks passing Bath at 1618 (59 late) and Westerleigh junction 1736 (62 late) formed with 16 TEA / 3 TIA / 5 TDA wagons.

02/07 An interesting railtour operation during the day was Pathfinder Tour's 'Chopper Topper Returns' using the name carried by at least one Midlands to the West Country Class 20 hauled passenger special run back in the 1980s, today's operation seeing 20189 (BR blue) + 20205 (BR blue) with 20142 (LT red) + 20007 (BR green) top n' tailing 1Z40 0640 Burton-on-Trent - Gloucester (0854), 1Z41 0902 Gloucester - Shrewsbury (1540), 1Z42 1648 Shrewsbury - Gloucester Horton Road junction (2056) and 1Z43 2130 Horton Road - Burton-on-Trent (2349), the 1Z40 passing Cheltenham at 0842 (1 late) having used the nearby High Street loop, arriving Gloucester to time and departing as 1Z41 4 late, arriving Shrewsbury to time and departing also to time. The trains c/stock formation was listed as; 9526. 4998. 4927. 4991. 5009. 1651. 3119. 3141/6. and the 1Z43 was reported to have had all four locos at the front!
Train diversions during the day included; 60007 - 6A11 2322 (Fri) Robeston - Theale (1004) loaded fuel tanks which passed Lydney at 0646 (143 late),

Bath 0852 (137 late) and Swindon 0935 (125 late) and 6B33 1442 Theale - Robeston (2047) return empties.

Return engineering train records (via Newport ADj and Bath) included; 70803 - 6F02 0300 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury which passed Charfield at 0645 (44 late), Lawrence Hill 0718 (29 late) and Bath 0757 (50 late), 70809 - 6F03 0535 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury which passed Gloucester at 1355 (356 late) formed with 6 MLA / 10 JNA / 3 IEA box wagons and 66565 - 6Y60 0826 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (1252) which passed Caldicot up at 1359 (246 late) and Lawrence Hill 1530 (216 late) formed with 5 MLA / 11 JNA / 4 IEA box wagons.

03/07 A return Severn Tunnel engineers recorded 70809 passing Chepstow at 1726 (226 late) working 6F09 1149 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury.

04/07 Working of the day saw GBRf colourful duo 69002 + 69005 return 'Swift Express Freight' EMU conversion 321334 from the 2022 Rail Live event at Porterbrook's Long Marston site as a 5Z22 0940 departure to Doncaster Royal Mail Platform terminal (2100) via Kemble, Willesden, Finsbury Park and Stevenage which departed 30 early, was held Norton junction (allowing IET 800012 to pass 20 minutes late with 1059 Great Malvern - Paddington), then passing Ashchurch at 1149 (24 late), St.Marys crossing box (Brimscombe) 1239 (37 late), Swindon 1302 (18 late) and into Statton Green loop and passing Reading at 1438 (5 late).

The trains consist also included barrier coaches 975978 Perpetiel + 975974 Paschar at either end of the EMU set.

Severn Tunnel diversion records included; 66529 - 4V50 0427 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog empty container flats passing Stonehouse at 0720, 66598 - 4L36 0749 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers formed of 35 wagons (with one empty) passing Marshfield at 0948 (1 late) and Stroud 1031, 66734 'Platinum Jubilee' - 6V32 1022 Tilbury - Trostre steel vans passing Kensal Green Rise at 1218, Swindon 1449 (2 early) and Standish junction 1526 (7 early) and 66415 - 4057 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime (1823) formed with 30 mainly empty flats passing Standish junction at 1558 (151 late) and Swindon Rodbourne junction 1634 (32 late).

Departmental train records included; 70803 - 6F10 1410 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (1826) which arrived Pengam junction at 1351, passed Standish junction at 1631 (18 late) and Stapleton Road at 1738 (-) and 66082 - 6W02 1457 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (1942)

05/07 Diversion records included; GBRf 'trainload petroleum livery' 66794 - 5Q55 0857 Stewarts Lane Trsmd - Newport Docks (1605) conveying Southern EMU sets 455840 + 455815 for scrap departing Reading at 1133, passing Swindon at 1221 (32 early) and Standish junction 1329 (2 early), whilst departmental reports included; 70803 - 6F14 1405 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury passing Caldicot at 1543, 66537 - 6Y46 1802 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury passing Lydney at 2127 (70 late) both assumed routed via East Usk yard for a loco run-round and 66565 - 6Z40 0740 Stoke Gifford - East Usk yard (1001) passing Gloucester at 0930 (27 late).

07/07 Diversionary records included; 66724 - 5Q55 0857 Stewarts Lane Trsmd - Newport Docks (1605) Sims Metals conveying former Southern Class 455 EMUs 455830 + 455837 passing Swindon at 1245 (8 early) and departing Gloucester at 1401 (4 early), 70814 - 4Z57 1329 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime (1738) containers via Bristol Parkway and Bath which departed 72 minutes late, passing Newport at 1455 (75 late) and departing Gloucester at 1601 (64 late), 66605 - 6B11 1228 Hayes - East Usk stone empties passing Gloucester station at 1646 (6 late), 66529 - 4071 1615 Wentloog -

Southampton Maritime (2135) containers passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1700, and arriving Gloucester 1748 (14 early) and departing 1757 (23 late), 60007 - 6B33 1335 Theale - Robeston (2155) empty fuel tanks which passed Parkway at 1702 and Gloucester station 1752 (32 late) and 66724 - 5Z57 1615 Newport Docks - Doncaster Roberts Road shed (2311) return barrier coach move which passed Horton Road at 1802 (10 early).

09/07 Diversion reports included; 66099 hauling 9 TDA fuel tank empties as 6012 Margam - Eastleigh (via Bristol) passing Standish junction at 1307 and arriving Westbury at 1441 and 60007 working 6B33 1306 Theale - Margam (1914) fuel tank empties passing Kemble at 1615 (9 late).

10/07 Two final diversion records were 66605 heading a 6Z66 0945 East Usk - Stoke Gifford wagon move passing Charfield at 1121 and 66749 running 0B77 1825 Westbury - Margam light-engine passing Yate at 1922 (13 early). Also during the day, plain blue livery 57305 arrived as 0Z32 1128 light-engine from Crewe Gresty Bridge (booked 1459) passing Gresty Bridge at 1132 (8 early) and Ashchurch 1413 (17 early).

12/07 57305 was allocated 0Z33 1100 (1317) / 0Z34 1447 (1804) out and back light-engine departures via Bristol Parkway (each way) and Severn Tunnel junction diversionary route learning light-engine runs, but both were cancelled.

14/07 66610 passed Abbotswood junction at 1649 on 6V54 1251 Radlett - East Usk yard stone empties.

16/07 57305 was noted stabled in the station bay platform.

Swindon

20/06 For the 'Rail Live Exhibition' at Long Marston, large logo GBRf 69002 hauled 'Swift' EMU trial parcels conversion 321344 (with barriers 975974 + 975978 at each end) as a re-timed 5Z21 1029 Doncaster Down Decoy - Long Marston (2234) via the East Coast and Great Western mainlines and Kemble passing Reading at 1630 (1 early) and Swindon 1752 (8 late). 69005 later arrived from Eastleigh to join the train also for display at the Long Marston event (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news).

21/06 During the first strike day 66558 passed Rushey Platt at 1415 (3 early) and Chippenham 1431 (4 early) with 6C58 1222 Oxford Banbury Road - Whatley (1524) stone empties, 66540 + 66531 passed the same locations at 1439 (2 early) and 1456 (2 early) respectively working 6C48 1350 Appleford - Whatley (1547) empty stone and later 66529 passed Highworth junction at 1636 on a 4Z50 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime intermodal service.

25/06 Although this was the third day of industrial action, 66531 passed Swindon at 1143 (26 early) hauling 6C58 1115 Oxford Banbury Road - Whatley (1321) stone empties formed 13 JNA / 8 KEA wagons.

12/07 A 40 mph speed restriction was in force between Swindon and Didcot Parkway which was assumed 'hot' weather related.

19/07 66557 with the 4L36 0739 Wentloog - Felixstowe (via Chippenham) containers which passed Newport at 0733, was turned back at Uffington due to high temperature affecting rail conditions.

Having returned to the East loop, the train was able to continue at 1252 onwards to its destination with safety checks having been carried out.

Locos recorded on 6V15 / 6M53 Boston - Swindon Stores 'import' automotive steel has included; 'new fire & steel' livery 60062 (to Toton yard) and 66139 onwards (14/07). 60074 (30/06).

Locos recorded on 6V72 Warrington Arpley (* Liverpool Euro-metals) - Swindon Cocklebury yard scrap metal empties have included; 66116 (01/07*, 11/07). 66150 (15/07).

Westbury

20/06 70815 + 70809 + 70810 passed Hawkridge junction at 0805 working the 6M50 Westbury - Bescot departmental formed of a short auto-ballaster wagon rake.

22/06 The first Glastonbury Festival for three years (cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic) with headliners Billy Eilish, Diana Ross and Sir Paul McCartney (80 the eldest to ever perform on the 'Pyramid Stage') headline saw the usual number of additional 'extra' passenger workings to help convey the expected 200,000 visitors, those on this date including; IET 800312 - 1Z08 0937 Paddington - Castle Cary (1133) via Swindon, 802004 + 802016 - 1Z05 0802 Paddington - Castle Cary (1010) then reported as 3A05 empty to Paddington, 800321 'the Mask' - 1Z11 1102 Paddington - Castle Cary (1252) and 800312 - 1Z20 1518 Paddington - Castle Cary (1708) via Swindon. On the freight side 66751 departed Westbury at 1429 and passed Swindon at 1528 on a 6V44 1218 Marchwood MoD - Bicester (1748) 4 FYA wagon move.

23/06 A second strike day but GWR were able to support additional services for the Glastonbury Festival. Extra workings were listed as; IETs 802107 - 1Z05 0744 Paddington - Castle Cary (1Z17 1023 return), 1Z15 1302 Paddington - Castle Cary (1Z27 1533 return), 802109 - 1Z08 0900 Paddington - Castle Cary (1Z19 1130 return), 802113 - 1Z09 1007 Paddington - Castle Cary (1Z21 1228 return) and 800030 + 800018 - 1Z11 1102 Paddington - Castle Cary (1Z23 1335 return). A freight record was 59103 working 6C48 1350 Appleford - Whatley via Swindon passing Didcot North junction at 1202 (114 early) formed with 17 HOA / 3 IIA wagons. Due to the industrial action of the eight trains booked via the Berks & Hants to call at Castle Cary or pass during the day 5 were Glastonbury 'extras'!

24/06 Glastonbury Festival 'reliefs' included; IET 800316 - 1Z08 0937 Paddington - Castle Cary and 1C16 1140 return to Reading and 158957 + 158767 - 2Z70 1418 Exeter St.Davids - Westbury.

28/06 59203 worked 0Z28 0531 Westbury - Exeter Riverside light-engine passing Taunton at 0632 to collect stored wagons as a 7Z28 return move to Merehead.

30/06 The 7C77 Wembley - Merehead 'jumbo' train stone empties operated with locos on both portions with 66555 (front) and 59203 (middle) and was noted Acton yard at 1335.

02/07 LSL large-logo 47593 + BR green 47810 (D1924) worked Saphos Trains 'English Riviera Express' 1Z60 0635 Poole - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1315) and 1Z61 1635 return to Poole (2257) with c/stock; 3045. 3122. 80044. 3107. 3148. 3125. 3107. 1863. 5991. 17159. departing Bournemouth at 0650 (1 early), passing Salisbury at 0902 (-), Clink Road junction (Frome) 0954 (4 late), departing Taunton at 1032 (4 late) and passing Exeter St.Davids 1138 (3 late) with steam 70000 Britannia now in charge (with 47593 at the rear) having taken over at Norton Fitzwarren. At 1420 the following locos were recorded in the area; down yard 66011. 66134. 66171. 66751. DB offices 70803. cement works sidings (1700) 59202. 59203. 66622. 66953.

08/07 Following West of England branch line duties including St.Ives and Newquay, 37175 returned a test train with c/stock; 96608. 6262. 9810.

999606. 9702 leading 3Q13 2028 Exeter Riverside - Reading Triangle sidings (0518) passing Tiverton loops at 2048 (3 early) and Castle Cary 2156 96 early).

09/07 LSL duo 47593 + D1924 (47810) were again on railtour duty top n' tailing a further Saphos Trains 'English Riviera Express' 1Z60 040 High Wycombe - Kingswear (for Dartmouth) and 1Z61 1635 return to High Wycombe the outward passing Thingley junction at 0920, Trowbridge 0937, Dawlish 1206 and Trowbridge at 2025 on the return, steam 70000 Britannia working the train onwards from and return to Taunton Fairwater yard (with D1924 attached to the rear).

11/07 70815 + 70808 top n' tailed 20 coal-fish wagons loaded with used ballast as 6C26 0815 Crediton - Westbury passing Stoke Canon at 0903, Taunton 0932 and Fairwood junction 1047, the previous evenings outward 2050 Westbury - Crediton (2323) working having passed Taunton at 2149 (2 early). These trains operated in association with preparation work for a new park & ride station at Okehampton (also see Magazine Issue 599 January 2022). A 6Y98 2107 Westbury - Moreton-on-Marsh via Oxford rail train allocated 66565 was cancelled.

14/07 The 7A09 Merehead - Acton yard 'jumbo' stone service was noted treble headed by 66531 + 66572 + 59004 when passing Fairwood junction at 0836 heading off the mainline and towards Westbury station.

16/07 66085 arrived at 1415 running 0012 (SO) Margam - Eastleigh light-loco. An afternoon area loco line up report recorded; down yard 59004. 66087. 66187. 66589. 70801. up yard 66621. up yard (short siding) 66848. 66850. Colas siding 70809. 70817.

19/07 66848 + 66850 passed Bradford junction at 0722 returning 6C40 0510 Stormstown loop - Westbury engineers.

Newport

22/06 66140 + 66002 were on 6H36 1458 East Usk Birdport branch - Margam steel duty

23/06 During the second strike day 66106 passed Newport station at 1343 working 6Z07 1401 Llanwern - Newport docks steel being then allocated 6Z08 1720 return.

26/06 What was reported to be the second weed control 'sweep' 3Z16 2010 (Sat) Margam - Margam (1759) saw MPV DR98912 + DR98962 depart Newport at 1236 for Ebbw Vale Town and Machen Quarry as part of the overnight schedule.

29/06 'ROG' 37601 + 37608 with barriers (6344 + 6346) top n' tailed 5Q78 0959 Crewe South yard - Newport Docks (1516) Sims Metals move conveying the second train of Class 91 locos for South Wales scrapping (the first having arrived early last year) these being 91128 (still carrying a 'Inter-City 50' nameplate on one side at least) + 91122 passing Stafford at 1120 (44 late), departing Nuneaton at 1223 (53 late), passing Cheltenham at 1406 (28 late) and departing Newport station following a brief stop at 1533 (41 late).

06/07 Return engineering train records (via East Usk) included; 70803 - 6F20 2100 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury yard which passed Severn Tunnel junction at 2217 following the Newport visit, 66750 - 6G56 1256 Severn Tunnel junction- Westbury which passed Llanwern West junction at 1554 formed with 20 box wagons, 66082 - 6W03 1635 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury which passed Magor up at 1940 and 66565 - 6Y61 1509 Pengam sidings - Westbury (which had been held in South Wales since 2nd July).

07/07 The 5Z57 2245 (Wed) Carnforth Steamtown - Cardiff Central Northern Belle ecs using 47815 + 57314 in a top n' tail formation suffered a double loco failure south of Dorrington the train eventually being assisted forward from a loco off an engineers train to Craven Arms loop arriving at 0731 (253 late!).

Return engineering train records included; 70810 - 6F22 0900 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (via Newport ADj) passing Bishton down at 0848 and noted in East Usk yard at 0936 (off route).

15/07 Colas HST test train with power cars 43251 + 43290 was recorded at Hereford at 0955 with a 1Q20 0750 Crewe CS - Derby RTC (via Newport) working. Also Northern Rail 150269 + 150270 worked south for a Transport for Wales 'hire' period as 5V78 0959 Worksop Down yard - Cardiff Canton sidings (1509) passing Cheltenham at 1353 (42 late) and Newport 1451 (10 late), they will be replacing the two recently fire damaged Craven Arms sets (also see Magazine Issue 605 July 2022 under MISCELLANEOUS).

16/07 Celebrity 66734 assisted 66735 forward following problems with 6V75 0924 Dee Marsh - Margam steel passing Newport at 1412, 66734 later worked 0V77 1843 Margam - Westbury (2123) light-engine passing Hawkrigge junction (Westbury) at 2024 (53 early).

17/07 56113 worked a rare Sunday 6Z54 1235 Chirk Kronospan - Baglan Bay log empties formed with 8 KSA / 1 IWA / 1KFA wagons passing Gobowen at 1315 and Newport 1536, however the working only reached Cardiff Pengam sidings and went forward to Baglan Bay (1101) as a 6Z55 0920 departure during the following day passing Cardiff Central at 1022 (21 late).

Cardiff

21/06 Although this was the first official strike day, five routes were still operating in South Wales as Transport for Wales drivers were not involved in industrial action. West Wales saw no services as RMT Union Network Rail staff would have been on signal box duty. It was reported that 3% of workers were commuting to work by rail in Wales with 80% using road transport or working from home.

04/07 Having arrived over the weekend, NR Class 37s 97303 + 97304 made a most unusual (and noisy!) sight top n' tailing a single former DRS livery Mk II coach as 5Z10 0933 Canton sidings - Derby RTC (1401) passing Marshfield at 0948, Chepstow at 1022 and Ashchurch at 1114 (5 late)

06/07 Colas HST set with power cars 43257 + 43272 were on West Wales test train duty being reported as departing Fishguard at 0802 (4 early) as 1Q18 0317 Landore Tmd - Derby RTC (2024) but the Pembroke Dock branch was omitted from the days booked schedule. Also LSL 47614 (47853) + 47593 top n' tailed a Statesman Rail 'Yorkshire Coast Statesman' 1Z19 0615 Cardiff Central - Scarborough (1331) and 1Z20 1549 return to Cardiff Central (2223) the outward departing Lydney at 0735 and Cheltenham 0828 (-).

11/07 GBRf 'Platinum Jubilee' livery 66734 was on 6B28 1346 Trostre works - Newport docks steel passing Bridgend at 1405.

12/07 57315 + 47826 top n' tailed a 'Cardiff at Leisure' 1Z60 0609 Leeds - Cardiff Central (1225) and 1Z61 1732 return to Leeds (2310) Northern Belle the outward passing Abergavenny at 1137 (2 late) with c/stock; 10734. 10729. 17167. 325. 3247. 3275. 3267. 1566. 3273. 3174. 99025, the ecs running 5Z60 1230 to Landore Tmd for servicing and 5Z61 1615 return. Having run 0B28 Tidal sidings - Trostre light-engine passing Pontyclun at 1120, 66734 again powered 6B28 1346 Trostre works - Newport docks steel passing Margam Moors junction at 1428.

13/07 66749 failed with the 6V75 0924 Dee Marsh - Margam steel and was assisted forward by 'celebrity' 66734 passing Shrewsbury at 1349 (183 late).

14/07 DMU 175002 was booked to cover the 1V91 0533 Holyhead - Cardiff Central diagram in place of the Class 67 and stock.

17/07 The previous days Cardiff - Kingswear railtour stock (also see Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh notes & news) was returned as 5Z65 1301 Pengam - Crewe HS (1652) via Hereford passing Cardiff Rhymney River Bridge junction at 1311 (7 late) and Newport 1320 (2 late) double-headed by 47614 (47853) + 47805 / D1935. Sunday freight train records included; 66610 - 6B81 0850 East Usk yard - Port Talbot Grange sidings passing Bridgend at 1031 and 6M39 1536 loaded return to Crewe Basford Hall yard which passed Margam Moors junction at 1539.

Transport for Wales Loco loggings

67008 - 1V91 HD03 (27/06). 1W91 HD03 (30/06). 1V91 HD03 (01/07).

67013 - 1W93 HD01 (24/06). 1W91 HD01 (27/06). 1V91 HD01 (30/06).

1W91 HD01 (01/07). 1W91 HDO2 (12/07).

67015 - 1V96 HD02 (24/06).

67025 - 1W91 HD02 (11/07). 1V91 HD02 (12/07). 1W91 (HD02).

Stock formations;

HD01 - 12225. 10325. 11323. 12454. 82226.

HD02 - 12219. 10328. 11324. 12447. 82229.

HD03 - 12217. 10312. 11325. 12446. 82216.

Diagrams;

1W91 0645 Cardiff - Holyhead / 1V96 1133 Holyhead - Cardiff / 1W96 1716 Cardiff - Holyhead.

1V91 0533 Holyhead - Cardiff / 1W93 1122 Cardiff - Holyhead / 1V98 1636 Holyhead - Cardiff.

Locos recorded on the Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service has included; 66301 (27/06), 66421 (01/07, 04/07, 06/07, 10/07, 16-18/07).

66424 (19/07), 66429 (30/06, 11/07), 66433 (07/07), 66434 (12/07, 13/07).

Locos recorded on Baglan Bay log duty has included; 56113 (27/06, 30/06, 01/07 6Z54 empties only, 12/07, 13/07).

Locos recorded on Margam / Port Talbot (from Cwmbargoed) coal duty have included; 66011/021/067/099/103/104/106/115/140/150/164.

Locos recorded on Hope / Earles cement coal duty have included; 66096/150.

Locos recorded on Corby steel duty have included; 66011/067/119/164.

Locos recorded on Dee Marsh steel duty have included; 66734/735/749.

Locos recorded on Round Oak steel duty have included;

60019/040. 66002/027/060/063/067/106/107/113/119/140/150/164/167.

Locos recorded on Barry Dock container duty have included; 66515/547/957.

Locos recorded on Machen Quarry stone duty included; 60029/046. 66504/565.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Nottingham Heritage Railway

'Train-load coal sector' grey black/yellow diamond livery 56097 has been offered for sale at the lines Ruddington centre.

The loco withdrawn from main-line use in 2002 saw a 'fast track' professional team overhaul and was operating again this time in

preservation six years later and currently only has 500 engine hours of use.

Plym Valley Railway

06/07 Former Mk III HST coach 40900 was noted here on this date carrying the First Group 'dynamic-lines' blue livery.

Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway

With a red 'extreme' heat alert and the expectation of record high temperatures for the Midlands and North-East Britain all services were cancelled over Monday and Tuesday 19th and 20th July due to safety concerns. This also applied to trains operating on the Severn Valley Railway again over those two days.

Mainline Preservation

Due to the canopy and station refurbishment work in Bristol Temple Meads, LSL / Saphos Trains have again been using Norton Fitzwarren (Fairwater yard) as a diesel / steam change over point for their 2022 series of 'English Riviera Express' trains with their locos being West Somerset Railway out-based. For the record linked movements are 5Z62 0945 Bishop's Lydeard - Norton Fitzwarren (1039), 5Z63 1857 Norton Fitzwarren - Bishop's Lydeard (1950) steam loco(s) and support coach with the lead diesel loco running 0Z61 0940 Norton Fitzwarren - Taunton Goods reception and 0Z63 1903 return to Norton Fitzwarren light-engine.

Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust, Midsomer Norton

17/07 Shunters D4095 (08881) + Class 03 2022 (on loan from the Swindon & Cricklade Railway) were in use top n' tailing passenger 'shuttle' workings during the day.

South Devon Railway

17/07 37275 was used in place of steam traction due to fire risk.

Torbay Steam Railway

06/07 Ex GWR 4277 and 5239 (double-heading) with USA loco 2253 Omaha were in use on passenger workings during the day.

Vintage Trains

17/07 Due to the ongoing dry weather conditions steam 7029 Clun Castle was unusually replaced by a single BR blue livery Class 20 20189 to work the day's 'Shakespeare Express' services; 1T50 1000 Birmingham Snow Hill - Stratford-on-Avon (1101) noted passing Wilmcote at 1054 (1 early) with the 20 running bonnet first! 1T51 1252 Stratford-on-Avon - Birmingham Snow Hill (1346), 1T52 1407 Birmingham Snow Hill - Stratford-on-Avon and 1T53 1613 Stratford-on-Avon - Birmingham Snow Hill.

MISCELLANEOUS

Arriva XC

05/07 HST power cars 43303 + 43384 now in a 'retro' Inter-City 125 yellow livery carrying end set number '253051' formed a back to back 0Z43 1043 Laira Trsmd - Laira Trsmd (via Exeter) 'test' run passing Newton

Abbot at 1120 outward and Dawlish down at 1242 on the return.

DB Cargo

12/07 60062 was released in a striking new 'Steel on Steel' branded fire and flames livery whilst not previously reported was the repaint of the company's 67007 in a new 'Platinum Jubilee' of a lighter shade of purple (similar to that applied to GBRf 66734) Royal Train colour scheme being returned to traffic by mid- June.

Doncaster

05/07 Emergency services were called to a location near Loverall Carr junction at 0626 following the collision of the stationary 4E80 0036 Felixstowe - Tinsley container struck by 66729 with the 4E11 0046 Felixstowe - Masborough container service from behind, the loco mounting the rear wagon FLA 605027 on the Tinsley train headed by 66420. No injuries were reported but the single line junction connection off the Retford mainline was closed for the investigation and clearing up operation. The initial RAIB investigations is looking at the possible passing of a signal at red.

DRS

27/06 A 6K73 1702 (Mon) Sellafield BNF - Crewe Coal sidings move arrived Crewe at 2245 (78 late) 37401 the train loco having failed near Acton Bridge. However a further 6Z28 1023 Crewe Coal sidings - Eastleigh Arlington Works PFA wagon move during the following day saw 68016 + 37401 pass Hatton at 1237 (7 early).

Also the company have confirmed 37218. 37401/2/7. 37419. 37422/3/4/5 and 37716 will all be offered for sale with lease prior to this years 'leaf fall' season with 'off lease' 37069. 37602 and 57002 also expected to make the list.

GBRf

The company are expected to commence operation of a new North Wales freight-flow starting in early August to convey slate sourced at Glan Conwy, loaded at Llandudno Junction and destined for Wellingborough. Also the final two company Class 56 locos are set to do a UK Railtours 'Class 56 Farewell' outing to Barrow Hill Open Day over the August Bank Holiday week-end. 56081 and 56098 are final two which had often seen 'hire' to other operators as GBRf other 56s have either been converted to Class 69s or are in store pending further conversion additions to this project. On the loco livery side one of the companies special livery 'pioneers' 66720 (rainbow day/night colours) was released at the end of June in a 'new' Wascosa livery in recognition of GBRfs association with the premier European stock leasing company who have recently been involved with the provision of newly built wagons for engineering train use and rumours that 69006 and 69007 are to be painted into the 'prototype' LMS/BR diesel-electric trial locos 10000 and 10001 black and silver lined livery!

Great Western Railway

22/06 GWR were operating a 50-60% normal service due to industrial action. HST power car 43162 was noted carrying Caerhays Castle nameplates whilst working the 2U10 0746 Plymouth - Cardiff Central service with set GW09 and 43158 during the day.

28/06 Turbo 166219 on the 2C73 1100 Cardiff Central - Penzance 'Castle' HST service worked as far as Exeter St.Davids for 43160 GW03 43122 to take forward (the Turbo then taking up 'Devon Metro' Exmouth - Paignton duties) the HST having earlier arrived in the area on the 2U20 1050 Penzance - Cardiff Central, which was taken over by another Turbo set 166208 working the train forward from Newton Abbot.

04/07 HST power car 43022 was noted carrying Nether Stowey Castle on this date. This location in fact never had a Castle constructed with stone, merely a modified hill side and top defensive fortification.

05/07 57604 working 1C50 2345 (Mon) Paddington - Penzance sleeper suffered low power between Theale and Newbury running at only 20mph and was failed, 57603 being sent to assist being later recorded departing Taunton at 0525 and passing Wellington (Somerset) at 0535 with c/stock; 17173. 12161. 10219. 10601. 10584. 10532. 10534. 10594.

Meanwhile the balancing 1A50 2145 (Mon) Penzance - Paddington was reported as in the London terminus at 0600 with c/stock; 10563. 10589. 10590. 10612. 10217. 12100. 17174 with 57605.

06/07 57604 + 57603 double-headed the return 1A50 2145 (Tues) Penzance - Paddington sleeper service.

09/07 More sleeper problems with 57605 failed with an AWS fault whilst working the 1C50 2345 (Fri) Paddington - Penzance service the train arriving in Plymouth double-headed with 57306 leading nearly 120 minutes late. Later the 1C77 Paddington - Paignton (1347) and 1A89 1456 return operated with Castle HST set 43093 GW09 43156 (which had earlier run 1110 empty from St.Philips Marsh, Bristol) from and back to Taunton only due to a train crew issue.

10/07 The 1A50 sleeper service was noted departing Penzance to time at 2115 for Paddington using 57306 + 57605 in a top n' tail formation.

11/07 HST power car 43156 was noted carrying Maen Castle nameplates when leading the 2U14 0740 Penzance - Cardiff Central service departing Totnes at 1013 formed with GW09 and 43093.

18/07 With a lower line speed brought in due to the 'red' high temperature alert a reduced service was brought in and the company were asking passengers to travel only if necessary and bring plenty of drinking water. NR brought in a blanket 60mph speed restriction north and east of Taunton due to high temperatures, this coming into affect again at 1000 during the following day.

19/07 A lightning strike at St.Erth saw a signalling blackout around 0815.

Heatwave Records and Procedures

11/07 NR were reported as painting rails in some areas white to reflect heat and prevent buckling with the expected all time British temperature recorded as 38.7C in Cambridge three years ago set to be topped. An 'amber' warning was put into place from this date, locally a high of 30.2C was recorded in Winchcombe, Gloucestershire during the day.

18/07 LNER operated a reduced service over the East Coast mainline due to the exceptionally high temperatures with Lumo running no trains south of Newcastle and an emergency revised timetable being implemented by GWR (with numerous cancellations) as line speeds were reduced for safety. Bristol recorded a temperature of 35.3C (breaking the 2006 record of 34.6C), with Cheltenham reaching 37C and Wales recording a record high of 37.1C at Hawarden during the day.

Freight traffic was also affected and subject to a number of cancellations.

19/07 Heat related problems continued with LNER closing Kings Cross station advising passengers not to travel. Overhead lines were affected with the hot temperatures causing disruption to services in and out of Euston and Birmingham New Street. A trackside fire also closing the main line for a period near Milton Keynes.

Avanti West Coast, East Midland and West Midland Trains were also all having to cancel services and operate emergency timetables with the Blackpool, Sheffield and Manchester light rail tram systems all reported to have closed during part of the day as affected by faulty overhead line equipment.

A spokesman for Network Rail said the infrastructure on the East Coast main line was designed to operate at around 35C but a rail temperature of 62C was recorded whilst the line was closed during the day!

Britain's highest ever recorded temperature was broken twice with 40.2C being recorded at Heathrow and 40.3C (105F) later in Coningsby, Lincolnshire at around 1600, this being at the time the hottest place in Europe!

Meldon Quarry

Aggregate Industries are investigating the possibility of reopening this Devon location near Okehampton to extract and load HS2 stone. However with the start of the recently introduced hourly GWR passenger service, a single train a day would be the only operating possibility with inward and outward trains running either side of the day's passenger service.

More Cambrian Freight

15/07 'Large logo blue' 37418 + NR 'yellow' Class 37 97302 were allocated 6C54 0205 Chirk Kronospan - Aberystwyth (0506) empty and 6C55 1555 return to Chirk (2355) loaded logs, although as before a Class 56 was booked to move the wagons to and from Sutton Bridge, Shrewsbury. 37418 was confirmed as working the loaded return train from here solo!

Rail Operations Group

The first of the new Stadler Valencia built Class 93 built locos with a 110mph top speed and 6250 tractive effort along with various environmental modifications is expected to arrive in Britain in March 2023.

Road Movements

Two unidentified Class 456 EMU coaches on separate road trailer were seen heading south bound at 0630 passing M5 Michaelwood services near Thornbury at 0630 on 5th July with coaches from 456003 passing the same location at 0530 on 19th July and from 456015 being reported just over on the Welsh side of the Prince of Wales Severn crossing at 1430 later the same day.

'Solent Searcher'

16/07 This UK Railtours tour was top n' tailed throughout by GBRf 69004 (carrying a 'retro' Derby Research centre red/blue livery) + 66799 and operated as 1Z30 0814 Waterloo - ESSO Fawley (1042), 1Z31 1050 return from Marchwood to Southampton Central (1114), 5Z31 1139 Southampton Central - Eastleigh Trsmd ecs (1220), 5Z32 1350 Eastleigh Trsmd - Southampton Central, 1Z32 1442 Southampton Central - Ludgershall MoD (1710) and 1Z33

1720 Ludgershall - Waterloo (2142).

Operating with c/stock; W3146. W3110. W1651. W3119. W3141. W4998 (unconfirmed). W1813. W5009. W4927. W4991. M17105. the train was terminated at Marchwood (instead of Fawley) having passed Totton at 1016 the track beyond here being currently 'out of use', but at MoD Ludgershall permission from the MoD, DES Bicester, Kuhne & Nagel and GBRf meant the tour could pass the Network Rail boundary and run as far as the rail-head.

South-Western Trains

All platform and train staff are to carry body cameras for protection following an increase in recorded aggression towards them from passengers in recent times.

Weymouth

09/07 No less than three loco-hauled 'excursion' type specials with late return running returns being the order of the day visited the Dorset Coast resort;

1 - LSL 47853 (47614) + 47805 / D1935 top n' tailing - Statesman Rail 'Dorset Coast Statesman' 1Z80 0609 from Norwich (booked arrival 1336) reported passing Winchfield at 1119, Wareham 1306 and Upwey 1333 and 1Z81 1636 return to Norwich (0017) reported passing Upwey at 1723 (42 late).

2 - Steam 35028 Clan Line top n' tailing 47813 - Railway Touring Company 'The End of Southern Steam' 1Z27 0843 Victoria - Yeovil junction (noted departing Winchfield at 1039 following a water stop) / 1Z28 1400 Yeovil junction - Weymouth (1524) with 47813 in charge which departed Yeovil Pen Mill at 1510 (42 late) and 1Z29 1709 return to Waterloo (2142) recorded Dorchester South at 1814 (51 late) again with Clan Line in charge.

3 - West Coast 47826 + 57315 top n' tailing 1Z47 0823 Birmingham International - Weymouth (1241) and 1Z49 1836 return to Birmingham International (2300) Northern Belle which passed Upwey on the return at 1842 (1 late).

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

22/06 Westbury - DR76911 + DR76913 passing at 1028 as a 6Q08 Swindon Transfer yard out and back circular via Taunton.

24/06 Rugby Depot - DR75010 (7091230109) allox. 6Q58 0826 move to Chipping Sodbury (via Oxford).

27/06 Swindon Transfer yard - DR76911 + DR76913.

01/07 Bristol Barton Hill - DR75010 (7091230109) which arrived at 0933 as a 6Q58 0915 Chipping Sodbury - Exeter (Riverside) working. Kemble - DR79301-DR79304 passing at 1058 as a 4Q01 0920 Reading Triangle sidings - Port Talbot Grange sidings (1535) move.

03/07 Port Talbot Parkway - 79301-79304 allocated a 4Q01 2000 move to Reading Triangle sidings.

04/07 Taunton - DR75407 (station). DR73120 + DR77909 (both Fairwater yard).

11/07 Taunton - DR79401 - DR79404 which was allocated 4Q02 1955 to Honeybourne.

17/07 Westbury - DR79401-DR79404 which was allocated 4Q02 2041 to Ivybridge.

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 575

CHANNEL TUNNEL

15th May 2022

Cheriton

Eurotunnel Locos 0031 0040 0041 0042

Eurotunnel Sets

Rake	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Lead Loco	9015	9037	9707	9702	9711	9804	9827	9704	9814	9719	9812
	5004	1003	5003	5906	4065	1006	1001	7111	1010	7019	1009
	5013	1025	5006	7031	4066	1008	1013	7112	1015	7034	1011
	5017	1032	5008	7065	4067	1022	1014	7115	1018	7040	1021
	5112	1034	5009	7074	4068	1023	1019	7118	1036	7044	1207
	5115	1202	5122	7077	4069	1205	1201	7126	1212	7045	1214
	5119	1224	5123	7079	4070	1216	1211	7127	1234	7049	1221
	5126	1230	5125	7081	4071	1220	1215	7129	1235	7050	1407
	5132	1232	5202	7083	4072	1222	1218	7130	1236	7058	1413
	5201	1403	5204	7084	4073	1406	1401	7143	1408	7133	1417
	5225	1423	5215	7085	4074	1414	1409	7144	1410	7134	1815
	5229	1430	5216	7093	4075	1421	1411	7148	1435	7135	1817
	5230	1432	5222	7094	4076	1422	1418	7151	1436	7136	3018
	5232	1809	5316	7095	4077	1816	1805	7152	1806	7137	3019
	5306	1811	5323	7096	4078	1819	1812	7160	1810	7138	3022
	5311	3001	5325	7098	4079	3002	3010	7161	3014	7140	3024
	5312	3009	5326	7099	4080	3004	3015	7164	3025	7141	3036
	5314	3017	5330	7158	4081	3006	3021	7172	3032	7146	3220
	5319	3020	5403	7165	4082	3011	3201	7199	3208	7147	3222
	5321	3207	5421	7179	4083	3035	3203	7202	3209	7149	3234
	5332	3216	5423	7181	4084	3202	3205	7204	3213	7150	3419
	5413	3218	5502	7182	4085	3235	3214	7205	3223	7155	3422
	5414	3235	5503	7186	4086	3236	3219	7206	3230	7156	3423
	5419	3407	5512	7188	4087	3402	3404	7207	3408	7169	3435
	5427	3417	5601	7194	4088	3403	3405	7211	3414	7170	3807
	5428	3420	5602	7224	4089	3411	3415	7222	3424	7189	3817
	5430	3436	5608	7263	4090	3434	3421	7223	3431	7190	
	5519	3802	5613	7269	4091	3804	3810	7226	3808	7191	
	5614	3805	5631	7270	4092	3811	3819	7228	3815	7192	
	5627		5708	7273	4093			7234		7195	
	5628		5710	7274	4094			7238		7196	
	5718		5712	7275	4095			7248		7203	
	5719		5716	7282	4096			7249		7218	
	5805		58xx	7287	4807			7804		7801	
	5851		5832	7805	4853			7818		7802	
	7904		5853	7811	5909			7860		7855	
			7906	7858				7908		7902	
Rear Loco	9713	9831	9820	9803	9721	9036	9033	9816	9806	9703	9026

Dollands Moor

Locos 66155 92011 92015 92019 92041 92042

Saltwood Jn

Emu Sets 375304 375611 375828 375918 395007

Hoo Junction

Locos 66134 Emu Sets 395014 395029

Wagons 95613 95615 95619 95621 95623 95624 95626 95627 95628 95629 95638

Higham

Emu Sets 700033 700040

Singlewell Depot

Eurostar Sets 4019/4020 4033/4034 Emu Sets 395008 395015 395017

OTP DR97011 DR97012 DR97013 DR97014

Tonbridge

Locos 73961 73964 Emu Sets 375309 375603 375612 375617 375618 375628

375705 375819 375822 375826 465923 Coaches 6260 5891 977983 977868

Tonbridge West Yard

Locos 66703 66758 66785 66793 66795 69001 69002 69003 69004 69005

73107 73109 73119 73128 73136 73141 73201 73212 73213 73962 73963 73965

OTP DR79604 DR79603 DR79602 DR97802 DR97602 DR97502

Barrier Coaches 64664 64707

Wagons 371002 371006 371012 371013 371017 371019 371022 371027 371028

371032 371036 371041 371043 371044 600012 600015 600019 7055002569

7055002585 7055002692 7055002718 7055002726 7055004524 7055004565

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Tonbridge Jubilee Sidings

Emu sets 465165 466008 466034

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