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Front Cover Photo April 2023 Issue 614:

950001 working 2Q08 Derby - Bristol Temple Meads at Lawrence Hill on 31/10/22.

[M. Crew]

Rear Cover Photo April 2023 Issue 614:

20189 with 37403 (out of view) calls at Bristol Parkway with Vintage Trains 'South Wales Explorer' return from Cwmbargoed - Dorridge on 11/03/23.

[R.W. Giles]

FUTURE EVENTS

Trip 590

LONDON FLYER

Saturday 25/05/23

A one day trip to London to do as you wish.

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

Proposed Itinerary: None

Permits: None

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 2130 pm

Book By Date = 18/05/23

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: None

Trip 591

CHANNEL TUNNEL

Saturday 03/06/23

A one day trip to view the Channel Tunnel trains at Cheriton.

Proposed Trip Fare = £33 **Fare with Day Membership** = £36

Proposed Itinerary: Dollands Moor; Cheriton; Tonbridge sidings

Permits: None

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 = 27/05/23

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

22/02 'ROG' 37884 hauled withdrawn former Greater Anglia EMU sets 317339 + 317340 as 5Q76 0859 Ely Papworth sidings - Newport Docks (1632) Sims Metals for scrapping departing Cambridge at 0923 (5 early), later Didcot at 1328 (-) and passing East Usk at 1620.

23/02 A track problem near Winterbourne saw the up line blocked with GWR and Arriva XC services being diverted via Box and Bath and Chepstow respectively. The 1S41 0725 Plymouth - Edinburgh formed with 220009 + 221122 passed Lydney at 1130 (off route) and 220015 the same location at 1136 (off route) on 1S43 1036 Bristol TM - Glasgow whilst 221127 passed Bath at 1148 with 1S27 0927 Plymouth - Edinburgh being routed via a reverse at Swindon and then onwards through the Stroud Valley.

On the freight side, 66516 working 4L36 0739 Wentloog - Felixstowe loaded containers saw a loco run round at Parkway with an 1159 departure time towards Filton Abbey Wood and Bath being recorded.

01/03 'ROG' 37884 conveyed EMU sets 317507 + 317510 for scrap as 5Q76 1102 Ely Papworth sidings - Newport Docks (1744) Sims Metals passing Tottenham Hale at 1102 (9 late), Swindon 1502 (10 late) and departing Pilning loop at 1616 (3 early).

06/03 DC Rail 60028 worked 6Z21 0642 Appleford - Tytherington (via Chipping Sodbury) stone empties reported Challow at 0702, the 1102 return which departed Hullavington loop at 1414 with a 22 JNA consist, was believed for a first time destined for West Drayton with a 6Z26 head-code.

08/03 'ROG' 37800 moved a further scrap train as 5Q76 0800 Ely Papworth sidings - Newport Docks (1846) Sims Metals with EMUs 317508 + 317343 passing Finsbury Park at 1107 (63 late) departing Parkway at 1554 (3 late) and calling Pilning loop arriving at 1609 (6 late).

11/03 37403 + 20189 top n' tailed the return Vintage Trains 'South Wales Explorer' 1Z40 1635 Cwmbargoed DP - Dorridge (2203) calling Parkway (as booked) from 1855 (3 late) to 1911 (-), (also see Cardiff notes & news).

13/03 New Transport for Wales (late 2022 delivered) DEMU set 756001 was on driver training/mileage accumulation runs being noted passing Patchway at 1150 (5 early) with the return 5Z32 1049 Swindon - Newport (1206) working. The outward was 5Z31 0859 Newport - Swindon (1043), an earlier out and back move from Cardiff Canton sidings to Newport (via a Bristol Parkway reverse) also having earlier taken place.

14/03 The 6M40 Westbury - Stud Farm Cliff Hill virtue quarry ballast empties were diverted via Bath and Filton, 70811 and train being noted passing Yate running early at 1335.

15/03 'ROG' 37800 moved withdrawn EMU sets 317337 + 317338 as 5Q76 Ely Papworth sidings - Newport Docks (1710) Sims Metals for scrapping passing Welwyn Garden City at 0932 (1 late) and Pilning 1559 (21 early).

Locos recorded on Westerleigh fuel tank duty have included;
60010/011/015/024/044.

Locos recorded on Tytherington stone duty have included;
60028/029/055. 66009/019/025/083/097/143/172/175/182/197/200.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

21/02 68009 + 68018 powered 6V74 0200 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater (0643) nuclear flasks (FNAs 709229008-1 + 709229039-6 + 709229014-9) which departed Temple Meads at 0546 (8 early).

22/02 The monthly 'high speed' test train now seemingly a regular top n' tailed loco working was diverted leaving out the North Cotswold line and Weymouth visits and reaching the area direct via Cheltenham having arrived Birmingham Landor Street at 0900 (13 early), then passing Yate at 1243 (16 early), Filton Abbey Wood 1303 (6 early), Lawrence Hill 1306 (7 early) reaching Kingsland Road at 1328 with 37421 + 37610 and dept c/stock; 977969. 999550. 1256. 6260, as 1Z20 0748 Derby RTC - Kingsland Road (2248).

There was a report that no NR staff technicians were present at Swindon to take the train forward over the booked route.

23/02 66055 worked a B&H diverted 6Z98 0945 Westbury - Acton yard loaded (stone via Bristol Parkway) passing Bath at 1015 arriving Bristol East yard and departing at 1507 (277 late!) having been turned back due to a track defect near Bristol Parkway (also see Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh notes & news) passing Bathampton junction (off route) again at 1614 for Westbury!

24/02 68018 + 68009 were the 6V74 0200 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater single FNA nuclear flask (709229022-2) locos. 'B&H' engineers through the area via Parkway included; 66572 - 6F24 1550 Bedwyn - Oxford Hinksey yard (1925) with a consist of 2 MLA / 8 JNA boxes / 3 OCA and 5 YWA / 1 YSA flats passing Lawrence Hill at 1941 (142 late) and 66848 - 6F30 Westbury - Theale (1511) which departed at 1149 (19 late) passing Lawrence Hill at 1249 (36 late) and Swindon 1352 (30 late) with a consist of 12 JNA / 7 MLA / 1 IEA box wagons.

26/02 Engineering trains with further 'B&H' records via Bristol included; 66741 - 6G70 1157 Penarth Curve South junction - Westbury (1411) passing Newport at 1226 (5 late) and Lawrence Hill 1322 (2 early), 70803 - 6X25 1245 Bedwyn - Oxford Hinksey yard (1548) passing Lawrence Hill at 1551 (122 late) arriving Swindon Highworth junction at 1648 (119 late) with a consist of 1 OBA bass / 7 IFA point carriers / 1 YRA / 1 YSA / 1 YWA flats and 70811 - 6X26 0800 Bedwyn - Oxford Hinksey yard (1149) passing Lavington at 1143 (199 late), Lawrence Hill 1321 (240 late) and Swindon 1423 (198 late) with a consist of 3 YWA flats / 1 OCA bass / 3 IFA point carriers / 1 YRA / 6 IFA point carriers / 1 KFA / crane DRK81613 ZOA / 3 KFA / crane DRK81612 ZOA / 2 KFA.

27/02 Arriva XC HST power cars 43208 + 43285 worked what was to be the final driver trainer/route learner 0Z43 0820 ex. Laira via Westbury which had passed Totnes at 0851. On arrival in Temple Meads the pair reversed and continued onwards north to Neville Hill, Leeds via Yate (also see MISCELLANEOUS Arriva XC).

Also IET 800019 which had unusually set out on 1F11 0928 Cardiff Central - Portsmouth Harbour service was replaced in Temple Meads by DMU 158958 which took the working forward.

A 'B&H' freight diversion recorded 66097 passing Dr.Days junction at 1101 on 6M47 0945 Westbury Cement works - Acton yard loaded stone which was later followed by 70811 with 6M40 1134 Westbury - Stud Farm Cliff Hill stone empties passing Bathampton junction at 1159 (off route) and Yate 1241 (off route).

28/02 37610 with dept c/stock; 96606. 6261. 9810. 999606. 9702, was noted departing Temple Meads at 0501 with 3Z20 2053 (Mon) Derby RTC - Kingsland Road test train. Also 68001 + 68004 passed Charfield at 0445 working 6V74 0200 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater 2 FNA (709229016-4 + 709229015-6) flask service which arrived at 0624, the 6M67 return passing Uphill junction at 1345 (51 early).

A second test train had joined 37610 in Kingsland Road by the end of the day, 37099 with dept c/stock; 6117. 6001. 72631. 6262. 9703, had arrived as a 1Z97 1230 move from Cheltenham (which had passed Water Orton at 1020) having originally set out as 1Z96 0918 Derby RTC - Cardiff Taff Vale Railway sidings. 37610 and train was later allocated 3Z22 2348 Kingsland Road - Cardiff Canton sidings (via Exeter).

02/03 Two departmental records saw 66192 pass Bath at 0748 working 6C49 2135 (Wed) Westbury - Westbury (via Gloucester New yard) and 66415 + 66549 top n' tailing NLU JNAs 29221 + 29490 as 6Y04 0510 Theale loop - Taunton Fairwater yard passing Uphill junction at 0716 (141 early).

04/03 66100 + 66050 + 66001 + 66017 passed Bath at 1316 running 0012 1106 Margam Lip - Eastleigh weekend departmental work light-engines.

07/03 68003 + 68009 headed a single FNA 709229006-5 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flask train, the return operating in the later 6M67 1408 departure path passing Cheltenham at 1526.

08/03 Following the failure of the up sleeper service (also see MISCELLANEOUS Great Western Railway) 57305 hauled the ecs (with 57605) as 5R50 1038 Plymouth - Reading Triangle sidings (1504) via Bristol, Bath and Swindon passing Totnes at 1146 (38 late), Uphill junction 1307 (11 late), Yatton 1314 and Bathampton junction 1349 (9 early).

10/03 68009 + 68003 were paired on 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flask (FNA 709229028-9) which arrived at 0633.

Turbos 165101 + 165102 were unusually used on 2F05 0525 Temple Meads -

Exmouth service which departed Yatton at 0552 (1 late), the former being removed at Exeter St.Davids for 2B72 0708 to Barnstaple, whilst the latter continued on 'Devon Metro' Exmouth/Paignton duties.

12/03 'Castle' HST set 43155 GW07 43162 with the 2C75 1200 Cardiff Central - Exeter St.Davids service was replaced in Temple Meads and taken forward by Turbo 166203 departing at 1255 (1 late).

South-Western Trains 159011 was an unusual Bristol visitor arriving three days earlier from Salisbury and noted passing Keynsham at 1620 on the return having received wheel-lathe attention as 5098 1630 St.Philips Marsh - Salisbury Trsmd. Once a familiar sight in Bristol, South-Western Trains withdrew their Salisbury (Waterloo) - Bristol service on Sunday 12th December 2021, the regulator finally stating the route was being duplicated by GWR workings to/from Southampton/Portsmouth.

16/03 A Steam Dreams, Loco-Services, Crewe operated Paddington - Bath rail-tour was cancelled, assumed RMT Union industrial action affected.

17/03 68018 + 68001 powered the 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater single FNA nuclear flask which was noted north of Yate late at 0827 and later the 6M67 return passing Dr.Days junction at 1445.

Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line

Locos recorded on stone duty have included;

66504/544/561/592/603/605/618/623/778.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included; 66725/734/797/798.

Locos recorded on refuse container duty have included;

66005/040/097/098/179/190/200/206.

Portbury Branchline

26/01 (Correction) March Magazine issue 613 - The Portbury Dock Tram Train road departure has been confirmed as 398006 (not 398004 as reported), this set joining 398001-003 already present at the NR 'Rail of Excellence' test track between Old Dalby/Ashfordby and Melton Mowbray.

23/02 37421 + 37610 with dept c/stock; 977969. 999550. 1256. 6260, top n 'tailed the return 1Z23 0645 Kingsland Road - Derby RTC (1927) via Portbury, Newport, Temple Meads, Swindon (reverse), Kemble and Leicester test train which passed Parsons Street down at 0649 (10 early) and 0754 (3 late) on the return and later departing Pilning loop at 0826 (7 early) for Newport and Temple Meads 1024 (42 late) on the return for Bath.

25/02 66568 worked 4V34 1102 Southampton Maritime - Portbury Auto-terminal (1537) via Didcot loaded containers formed with 30 bogie flats (16 FEA, 12 FSA, 2 FTA wagons) conveying 40 mainly Hapag Lloyd boxes (normally destined for wine production at Accolade Wines, Kingsweston Lane), which departed Eastleigh at 1123, passed Swindon at 1407, Filton Abbey Wood 1446 and departed Ashton junction (on the branch) at 1514.

26/02 Signs of full reopening to passengers, although the final planning consent has still to be given, are appearing with track machine DR73907 active in the Avon Gorge noted close to Clifton Bridge no. 2 tunnel at 1415, having arrived 6J89 0849 ex. Kingsland Road and on completion was booked a 1700 return back to Kingsland Road. Also at Ham Green a static power generator (with security fencing not in place on this date but stacked nearby) was in position close to the Bristol side tunnel mouth.

Locos recorded on container duty have included; 66568.

Bristol area workings during December

4C12 Westbury (* 4C90 and ** 4V45 Acton) - Tytherington Quarry stone empties (DB)

05/12* 66113. 07/12** 66169. 10/12 66021. 21/12* 66099.

4E18 (* 6E18) 0947 Taunton Fairwater - Doncaster Wood yard used sleepers (G&W)

05/12* 66566. 07/12 66550. 12/12 66553.

4L32 Wentloog - London Gateway loaded containers (G&W)

05/12 66523. 07/12 66523. 08/12 66955. 15/12 66539. 19/12 66531.

21/12 66563. 23/12 66520. 29/12 66520. 30/12 66520.

4L35 London Gateway (* 4V34 Southampton Maritime) - Portbury Auto-Terminal loaded containers (G&W)

03/12 66564. 10/12* 66570.

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

05/12 66951. 06/12 66533. 07/12 66549. 08/12 66547. 15/12 66585.

19/12 66539 + 66561 + 66566. 22/12 66420. 23/12 66568.

4O51 (SO) Wentloog - Southampton Maritime loaded containers (G&W)

10/12 66539. 24/12 66520 + 66563. 31/12 66520.

4V18 (* 6V18) Doncaster Wood yard - Taunton Fairwater yard departmental and sleeper wagon empties (G&W)

06/12* 66550. 15/12 66507 + 66506.

6A83 (* 6Z57 Theale MO) Avonmouth Bennetts - West Drayton loaded stone (G&W)

01/12 66520. 05/12* 66607. 08/12 66414.

Notes; Train on 05/12 empties started from East Usk yard whilst on 08/12 the loaded working ran as 6C61 to Stoke Gifford only.

6A85 0932 East Usk yard - Park Royal (*6A86 **6A87 West Drayton) loaded stone (G&W)

07/12 66553. 15/12* 66414. 29/12** 66604.

6B11 Hayes - Stoke Gifford stone empties (G&W)

05/12 66610. 06/12 66603. 15/12 66607.

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

06/12 60017. 08/12 60017. 22/12 60024. 23/12 60024. 29/12 60010.

6B51/6B52 Llanwern Exchange sidings - Swindon Stores and return empty steel (DB)

05/12 66140.

6C03 Northolt sidings - Severnside Sita loaded and return empty (* 6A02 Brentford) refuse containers (DB)

01/12 66169. 02/12 66169. 03/12 66221. 05/12 66169. 06/12 66021.

07/12 66021. 08/12 66221. 09/12 66221. 12-14/12 66168.

15/12 66021. 16/12 66021. 19/12 66021. 21/12 66188. 22/12 66021.

23/12 66021. 24/12 66099. 28/12 66099 tnt 66179. 29/12 66001 tnt 66112.
30/12 66001 tnt 66112. 31/12 66190.
Notes; Train on 13/12 ran as 6Z30 ex. Brentford and as 6Z03 Severnside
Sita - Northolt in an earlier departure path on 14/12.

6C58 Oxford Banbury Road - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)
07/12 66509.

6C67/6C68 Westbury - Avonmouth West Wharf loaded & return empty stone (G&W)
01/12 66604. 15/12 66523. 19/12 66607. 20/12 66607. 22/12 66621.
23/12 66515.
Notes; Empties on 15/12 returned to Stoke Gifford whilst on 19/12 the
loaded inward started from Stoke Gifford.

6M42 Avonmouth Hansons - Penyffordd cement empties (GBRF)
02/12 66737. 05/12 66737. 07/12 66737.

6M78 Tytherington Quarry - Quainton Rail-head (* 6Z78 Westbury) loaded
stone (DB)
05/12 66142. 07/12 66221. 08/12 66168. 18/12* 66105. 19/12 66011.
22/12 66179.

6V32 Tilbury - Trostre steel (GBRf)
15/12 66759.

6V35 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)
01/12 66707.

6V41 Penyffordd - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRF)
11/12 66737.

6V71 (MO) Cliffe Vale - Exeter Riverside freight (DB)
05/12 66170. 12/12 66131.

6V74/6M63 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater empty and return loaded nuclear
flasks (DRS)
02/12 68007 + 68008. 07/12 88002 + 88009. 09/12 68003 + 68007.
19/12 68007 + 88009. 21/12 68007 + 88009.

6V84 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)
07/12 66796. 12/12 66796. 19/12 66796. 28/12 66766. 30/12 66766.

6Z22 Tytherington Quarry (* 6Z24 Bristol East yard) - Appleford loaded
stone (DC Rail)
05-08/12 60055. 12/12 60029. 14-16/12 60029. 19/12* 60029.
21/12 60029. 23/12 60029.
Notes; Trains have normally started empty from Bristol East yard (6Z21)
but on both 14/12 and 16/12 were confirmed as commencing as 6Z20 empty
from Appleford.

6Z27 East Usk yard - Hayes loaded stone (G&W)
14/12 66607.

6Z86 West Drayton - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)
05/12 66414. 06/12 66509. 07/12 66544. 29/12 66604. 30/12 66604.

Gloucester

20/02 LSL Crewe based BR blue 47853/(47614) was on OZ37 1032 Crewe HS - Didcot (1553) via Kemble and OZ38 1639 return to Horton Road route learning light-loco runs. A repeat OZ37 0944 Horton Road - Horton Road via Didcot took place during the following day, the outward passing Swindon at 1218 (on the return) and the OZ38 1401 departure on the return later calling at the same location from 1448-1510.

22/02 47853/(47614) continued on driver refresher route learners as OZ37 0944 Horton Road - Gloucester loco spur (1306) and OZ38 1401 Loco spur - Horton Road (1817) both out and back via Didcot the OZ37 outward passing Standish junction at 1005 (11 early).

23/02 68005 + 68017 powered 6V73 0433 Crewe Coal sidings - Berkeley CEGB low level radioactive waste containers passing Ashchurch at 0649 with a three DRSL PFA (92740 + 92768 + 92856) consist.

47853/(47614) was again active on OZ37 0953 out and back to Gloucester loco spur (1306) via Didcot light-loco route refreshers which passed Standish junction at 1006 (9 early), a OZ38 1442 return to Crewe HS (1834) then followed.

02/03 68016 + 68008 passed Standish junction at 0722 with 6V73 0433 Crewe Coal sidings - CEGB Berkeley containerised radioactive waste empties with a consist of DRSL PFAs 92740 + 92768.

07/03 'ROG' 37601 (on 'hire' to Colas) worked a 0V69 1401 Kings Norton Overhead line plant depot - Gloucester and 0M57 1448 return route refresher light-engine, passing Cheltenham down at 1423 and the same location at 1448 (112 early) on the return.

Certainly what must rank as 'working of the year' (so far!) was 37418 (on 'hire' to Loram Rail) heading a 6Z42 0945 Gascoigne Wood - Lydney Up Goods loop (1740) train of 11 green livery 4-wheel TTA tanks for preservation on the Dean Forest Railway. The move which was reported as departing 3 minutes early, passed Stourbridge junction at 1436 and Cheltenham 1623 with wagons; 60666. 60594. 60763. 60591. 60797. 60878. 60683. 60875. 60769. 60598. 60768, making up the consist to join several others also owned by the National Wagon Preservation Group already located on the railway.

09/03 68005 + 68018 were paired on 6V73 0433 Crewe Coal sidings - Berkeley CEGB (0929) low level radioactive container waste duty passing Standish junction at 0735 (49 early) with a consist of DRSL PFA wagons 92740 + 92768, as used on the last previous run.

16/03 Day 3 of this years Cheltenham Race Festival was affected by an RMT Union stoppage. Extra trains had been operating on other days mainly from the Capital, but on this date the last train to the South-West and Paddington was due to leave Cheltenham at 1952.

Swindon

20/02 Major track work and complete closure of the Berks & Hants route in the Newbury and Racecourse station area saw all freight traffic and some of the work supporting engineers trains routed via Swindon. Records for the day saw 66605 pass Cocklebury yard at 1630 working 6C76 Acton - Whatley Quarry stone empties, 66784 on a 6F13 1106 Eastleigh - Theale (1742) via Bristol engineers which passed Lawrence Hill at 1447 and

departed Cocklebury yard at 1631 and 66303 powering 6F14 1201 Eastleigh East yard - Theale (via Melksham) passing at 1834.

21/02 Freight diversion records during the day included (with passing/calling times in brackets);

66506 - 7V53 Bow - Merehead stone empties (0840), 59206 - 7C29 Willesden South-West sidings - Merehead stone empties (0913), 66182 - 6M78 0622 Tytherington Quarry - Quainton rail-head loaded stone (0948-0952), 59203 - 6A60 0832 Whatley - Oxford Banbury Road loaded stone (1101-1109), 66144 - 6Z98 1023 Westbury - Cricklewood loaded stone (1129-1151), 59202 - 6Z16 1018 Whatley - Appleford loaded stone (1223-1228), 66532 - 7C60 Brentford - Merehead stone empties (1511), 59205 - 6C77 Wembley - Merehead stone empties (1541) and 66605 - 6V18 Allington - Whatley stone empties (1608). A B&H engineers train record (not routed via Swindon) was 66849 on 6F11 0445 Oxford Hinksey yard - Theale (0530).

22/02 Engineering train activity included; 66790 - 6F21 0430 Westbury - Bedwyn (1135) which passed Romsey at 0931 (280 late!) and departed Westbury at 1013 formed with 11 JNA / 9 MLA wagons and 66301 - 6F22 Eastleigh - Theale (via Bristol) which departed Westbury at 1040

24/02 Freight diversions passing Highworth junction included; 59201 - 7A17 Merehead - Colnbrook loaded stone at 1423 and 66544 - 7C77 Acton - Merehead stone empties at 1518.

28/02 More freight diversions included; 59204 - 7V53 0415 Bow depot - Merehead stone empties passing Swindon at 0739.

02/03 Further freights diverts included; 66544 - 7V53 0415 Bow Depot - Merehead stone empties passing Chippenham at 0747, 66143 - 6M78 0622 Tytherington Quarry - Quainton Rail-head loaded stone passing at 0940, 59205 - 7A77 1105 Merehead - Theale loaded stone passing at 1331, 66610 + 59103 - 6L21 1243 Whatley - Dagenham loaded stone passing at 1431, 66605 - 6V18 Allington - Whatley stone empties passing Acton Wells junction at 1352 and Swindon 1712, 59206 + 66508 (mid-train) - 7C77 Wembley - Merehead stone empties passing Maidenhead at 1329 and Highworth junction (on the up main line) at 1503, 59101 - 6C76 Wembley - Whatley stone empties passing at 1659 and 66504 + 59204 - 6V64 Wembley - Merehead stone empties passing at 1736.

Locos recorded on 6V70/6M71 return (via Oxford) Liverpool EMR scrap duty have included; 66788 (22/02, 24/02, 03/03), 66797 (06/03).

Notes; On 06/03 the train started from Small Heath (Caledonia yard).

Locos recorded on 6V15 Boston (Sleaford sidings) - Swindon Stores imported 'automotive' steel have included; 60062 (02/03).

Westbury

22/02 Engineering train records for the Berks & Hants blockade included; 66790 - 6F21 Westbury - Bedwyn which departed at 1013, 66301 - 6F22 0430 Eastleigh yard - Theale (1135) via Bristol passing Romsey at 0931 (280 late), Westbury 1038 (285 late) and Filton Abbey Wood 1212 (243 late) with an 11 JNA / 9 MLA box wagon consist, 66508 - 6F23 Westbury - Bedwyn departing at 1458 and 66572 - 6F24 1029 Eastleigh yard - Theale (1530) via Bristol which departed at 1120 (51 late), passed Westbury at 1238 (17 late) Lawrence Hill at 1342 (18 late) formed with 2 MLA / 8 JNA box wagons / 1 OCA bass / 5 YWA / 1 YSA flats / 2 OCA bass wagon consist.

23/02 Further B&H related departmentals, some recording very late running times due to actual works site access issues included;

66784 - 6F13 2050 (Wed) Bedwyn - Oxford Hinksey yard (2302) via Melksham passing Bradford junction at 0832 (665 late!) with a 12 MLA / 7 JNA box wagon consist, 66302 - 6F14 0530 Bedwyn - Westbury (0618) with 13 JNA / 5 MLA / 2 IEA box wagons passing Lavington at 1446 (519 late), 66524 - 6F28 0541 Westbury - Theale (0937) passing Swindon at 1856 (640 late!), 66419 6F29 0610 Westbury - Theale (1032) via Bristol with 12 JNA / 8 MLA boxes, passing Lawrence Hill at 1802 (666 late!) and Swindon 1917 (634 late!).

25/02 Having arrived as 0012 Margam Lip - Eastleigh light-engine, 66055 was swapped with 66100 to continue onwards being routed via Swindon.

Area engineering train records included; 66849 - 6C04 1422 Warminster - Eastleigh East yard (1924) via Melksham, Didcot and Basingstoke formed with 9 MLA / 6 JNA boxes passing Bradford junction at 1700 (105 late) and Swindon 1753 (118 late) and 66589 - 6Y84 1222 Warminster - Eastleigh yard (1524) via Melksham and Didcot which passed Trowbridge at 1255 (10 early) and Swindon 1357 (9 late) formed with 9 YKA / 2 FCA flats.

26/02 Further area engineering train reports, routed via Swindon, Didcot and Basingstoke included; 66846 - 6C05 0820 Warminster - Eastleigh East yard (1126) via Didcot passing Dilton Marsh at 0932 (88 late) and Swindon 1102 (125 late) formed with 2 OCA bass / 1 FEA / 5 YWA / 2 YSA flats, 66301 - 6G13 1500 Warminster - Eastleigh yard (1823) passing Westbury at 1523 (15 late), arriving Swindon Stratton loop at 1617 and departing at 1628 (1 late) with 6 MLA / 3 IEA / 7 JNA boxes and 66512 - 6Y85 0930 Warminster - Eastleigh East yard (1023) passing Melksham at 0928 (96 late) and Swindon 1009 (111 late) with a consist of 4 MLA / 9 JNA boxes and 6 MXA lobster wagons.

28/02 Two engineering trains were; Colas 70811 + DB 66192 top n' tailing - 6C08 1655 Westbury - Yeovil Pen Mill formed with 15 HQA auto-ballasters and 66592 + 66537 top n' tailing - 6Y87 1635 Yeovil Pen Mill - Westbury (1745) which passed Castle Cary at 1659 (7 late) formed with 10 HQA / 10 JJA auto-ballasters.

01/03 Freight diverss included; 59103 + 59005 departing at 1324 working 6L21 1243 Whatley - Dagenham loaded stone (66610 + 59005 being recorded on this service during the previous day) and 59203 with 6C76 Wembley - Whatley stone empties passing Rushey Platt, Swindon at 1630.

Also Colas 56113 departed Westbury at 0826 as 0Z72 light-loco to Eastleigh, returning as 0Z98 hauling 70802 destined for Bescot passing Westbury at 1203 and later Filton Abbey Wood 1250.

DB 66192 + Colas 70811 top n' tailed a return 6C08 0815 Yeovil Pen Mill - Westbury (0917) departmental formed with 15 HQA auto-ballasters passing Castle Cary at 0825 (6 early).

02/03 A return engineers was 66846 + 66848 top n' tailing 6C46 0510 Abercynon - Westbury arriving at 0750.

03/03 DC Rail operated their first Mendip Quarry stone as 6Z60 2356 (Thur) Willesden DCR sidings - Merehead (0313) and 6Z61 0600 return to Willesden (0937) via Newbury which departed Westbury at 0649 (2 late). It was assumed this was a 'one off' trial working for DC Rail as the load destination (and hauling loco) remained unknown, the company being also reported to have had only 2 serviceable locos available on this date! The Berks & Hants route was fully reopened with 66182 noted Newbury at 1027 with 6M78 0621 Tytherington Quarry - Quainton Rail-head loaded stone, 66190 on 6M47 1023 Westbury - Acton yard loaded stone passing Lavington at 1030 and 59202 being recorded Newbury at 1055 working 6C31 1008 Theale - Whatley stone empties.

A return engineers saw Colas 66848 + DB 66192 pass Bradford junction at 0725 top n' tailing 6C47 0510 Abercynon - Westbury.

04/03 66192 was on 0Z10 0511 Westbury - Plymouth and 0Z11 0859 return 'route refresher' light-engine passing Totnes down at 0715 and 0924 up on the return.

A late afternoon loco line up recorded the following; down yard 66537 (allox. 6Y97 2053 departmental to Ivybridge with 66592). 66592 (allox. 6Y97 2053 departmental with 66537). 66192. 66302. outside 'Colas Elephant House' 70809. up yard 66080 (allox. 6W01 1040 Sun. departmental to Frome North junction with 66143). 66143 (allox. 6W01 1040 Sun. departmental with 66080) Colas siding 66848. up yard (short siding) 66547. next to DB offices 66087. next to station platform 3 66100 + 66050 + 66001 + 66017 as 0012 1106 Margam Lip - Eastleigh light-locos.

Further departmental train records and allocations included; 66846 allox. 6C02 1510 Warminster - Westbury formed with 8 MLA / 10 JNA box wagons, 66766 allox. 6G11 1817 Warminster - Westbury and 66547 - 6Y84 Warminster - Westbury which departed at 1312 (2 late) formed with 11 YKA / 2 FCA flats.

05/03 Engineering train activity included; 70804 - 6C03 0823 Warminster - Westbury which arrived at 0855 formed with 6 MLA / 1 OCA / 5 YWA flats / 1 OCA wagons, 66080 + 66192 top n' tailing - 6W01 1900 Frome North junction - Westbury formed with 5 JJA auto-ballasters which passed Fairwood junction at 1453 (254 early!), 66100 + 66143 top n' tailing - 6W02 0820 Uffington - Westbury passing Trowbridge at 0938 formed with 10 HQA auto-ballasters and 66537 + 66592 top n' tailing - 6Y97 0805 Ivybridge - Westbury (1252) via Bristol with a 1 YEA / 10 JZA wagon consist passing Totnes at 0927 (10 late), Dawlish 0947 (6 late), Stoke Canon 1031 (24 late), departing Taunton at 1114 (12 late), passing Uphill junction at 1139 (3 late) and Bath 1220 (-).

09/03 66846 + 66849 passed Bradford junction at 0729 top n' tailing a 6C42 0520 Cross Keys - Westbury engineers. Operating with a 6C43 head-code, the same locos with the same train passed the same location at 0726 also during the following day.

11/03 66175 + 66083 were reported as in the Up yard ready to run 0012 1512 light-engines to Eastleigh, via Melksham, Swindon and Basingstoke, this being the second of two '0012' weekend departmental light-engine moves for the day (also see Newport notes & news).

18/03 At 1420 only; 66098 (down yard), 66136 (down reception), 66597 and 66702 (up yard) were present in the area.

19/03 A return engineers was 66749 passing Bradford junction at 0935 with 6G97 0815 Cheltenham - Westbury formed with 12 JZA / 1 YEA wagons.

Locos recorded on Exeter stone duty have included; 59004/101/202. 66546/605/618.

Taunton

20/02 66549 + 66623 passed Uphill junction at 1654 top n' tailing 6X04 1604 Fairwater yard - Theale track replacement train (via Bristol Parkway).

26/02 66415 + 66549 top n' tailed 6X04 0805 Ivybridge - Fairwater yard (0955) track replacement train (trt) which passed Totnes at 0846, arrived Newton Abbot at 0859 (17 early) and passed Exeter St.Davids at 1134 (42 late) the consist being 9 YXA / 4 IFA / 4 YJA / 1 ZXA / 2 YDA / 1 YSA / 2 JJA / 2 JBA / 1 MLA wagons at a length of 1,901 feet and 1,870 tonnes.

05/03 66415 + 66549 passed Stoke Canon at 0857 and Whiteball (Wellington) 0915 top n' tailing the return 6X04 0805 Totnes - Fairwater yard trt. The previous evenings outward run was 2118 Fairwater - Hemerdon (2335) via Laira junction passing Exeter St.Davids at 2202 (1 early).
12/03 66549 + 66415 top n' tailed a return 6Y04 0805 Totnes - Fairwater yard (0952) engineers being reported passing Stoke Canon at 0822.
19/03 66416 + 66585 top n' tailed return 6X04 0645 Heyford - Fairwater yard (1217) trt formed with 5 JJA auto-ballasters /1 YSA / 2 YDA / 1 ZWA / 4 YJA / 5 YKA / 7 IFA / 1 YXA wagons passing Theale at 1021 (33 early), Bruton 1232 (51 late) and Taunton station 1307 (54 late).

Exeter

10/03 The 1L49 1225 St.Davids - Waterloo South-Western Trains service was unusually formed with 159018 + 159007 + 159004 as a result of the earlier 1L28 0725 departure having been cancelled.
14/03 Having brought down the 6V71 china clay empties from Cliffe Vale (Stoke) during the previous afternoon/evening, train loco 66074 failed, 66131 running 0Z66 0930 Goonbarrow - Riverside yard (1325) to assist passing St.Davids station light at 1256 (25 early). The 6C99 1103 to St.Blazey then continued double-headed passing St.Davids station at 1317 (131 late) and Newton Abbot 1338 (99 late) with a 12 JIA consist.
16/03 DMU 158956 saw use during the morning period on St.Davids station area driver training 'shunt' moves, visiting St.Thomas station and also the Alplington Road branch from where the set returned from around 1015.

Newport

20/02 'ROG' 37510 moved the fourth train of former LNER Class 91 electric locos 91118 (de-branded, but still carrying 'The Fusiliers' nameplates). 91116. 91121 (de-branded), into south Wales for scrapping as 7Q76 0440 Belmont Down yard (Doncaster) - Newport Docks (1502) Sims Metals, reported Elford at 0814 (21 early) and departing at 0903 (3 early), passing Barnt Green at 1027 (4 early), departing Cheltenham station at 1117 (4 early), arriving nearby Lansdown loop at 1118 and departing at 1140 and passing Gloucester station at 1218 (21 early).
22/02 66100 passed East Usk at 1123 as a 1Z99 light-loco from either Margam or Alexandra Dock junction to assist 6V05 0915 Round Oak - Margam steel forward from Lydney loop where it had been present since around 1040.
05/03 Two engineering train reports were; DB 66050 + GBRf 66302 top n' tailing 6G97 0655 Cogan junction - Westbury (1233) passing Cardiff Central at 0952 (55 early) and Lawrence Hill 1117 (36 early) and 66603 - 6Y45 0900 Gaer junction - Westbury (1110) formed with 6 FEA / 25 coal-fish wagons arriving Pilning loop at 0852 and departing at 1005 (5 early) and passing Lawrence Hill at 1025 (3 early).
11/03 66142 + 66149 passed Severn Tunnel junction at 1211 running 0012 1106 Margam Lip - Eastleigh (1725) 'direct' via Filton, Bath and Westbury, this being the first of two '0012' moves today (also see Westbury notes & news).
14/03 New TfW DEMU set 756001 was again out on driver training mileage accumulation runs and was noted departing at 1206 (39 early) for Swindon (1343), later passing Bristol Parkway at 1311 (1 early).
19/03 Return engineer trains included; 66532 + 66597 top n' tailing - 6A40 1500 Abergavenny - Westbury (2029) via Margam with a 15 coal-fish

wagon consist passing Newport up at 1851 (13 early) and Lawrence Hill 1951 (-), 66415 - 6A41 1400 Abergavenny - Westbury (1912) via Margam also formed with 15 coal-fish wagons passing Newport at 1746 (5 early) and Lawrence Hill 1823 (1 early), 70811 - 6C23 0700 Shrewsbury Abbey Foregate - Westbury (1324) formed with 17 JNA / 3 MLA box wagons passing Hereford at 1015 (49 early) and Lawrence Hill 1218 (25 early) and 66849 - 6C24 2000 Shrewsbury Abbey Foregate - Westbury (2337) departing Hereford at 2032 (30 early) and Lawrence Hill 2201 (49 early).

Cardiff

22/02 DMUs 150241 commencing with 1V31 0454 Crewe - Holyhead and 150235 on 1W55 0849 Cardiff Central - Holyhead were used on loco and stock diagrams.

Two locos on 'hire' to GBRf on this date were 66423 (DRS) running 0B30 1329 Westbury - Cardiff Tidal sidings passing Pilning at 1434 light-engine and 66207 (DB) on 6B28 1345 Trostre works - Newport docks steel passing Landore junction up at 1428.

23/02 DMUs 153382 + 153910 covered a loco and stock diagram starting with 1V31 0454 Crewe - Cardiff Central.

Also during the day DEMU 231006 failed at Queen Street on 2D60 1646 Cardiff Central - Bargoed working at 1651 (1 late) blocking platform 4. In the meantime 769003 was held at Central station with 2R20 1648 Penarth - Rhymney eventually leaving at 1706 (5 late) and departing Queen Street at 1713 (8 late) and 150255 on 2H46 1626 Barry Island - Merthyr Tydfil later departing Queen Street at 1708 (8 late).

24/02 Two TfW loco and stock diagrams were covered by 150278 commencing with 1V91 0533 Holyhead - Cardiff and 153317 + 153325 with 1W91 0648 Cardiff - Holyhead services.

25/02 For the Wales v England Guinness Six Nations Rugby International (England coming out as the winners 20-10) at the Principality Stadium, Northern Belle operated a 1Z37 1115 Paddington - Cardiff Central (1447) and 1Z39 1932 return to Paddington (2252) dining train top n' tailed by 57313 (Pullman livery) + 47812 (BR green livery) with c/stock; 92904. 10734. 17167. 325. 3247. 3174. 3267. 1953. 3273. 3275. Pullman 326, which departed Bristol Parkway at 1352 (1 early) and Newport 1414 (1 early) the ecs then running 5Z38 1500 to Bristol East yard (1612) and 5Z39 1815 return Cardiff (1922) the outward passing Patchway at 1559 (-). Also three Saturday TfW loco and stock diagrams ran, no doubt linked in to the Six Nations with 67013 (HD05) on 1W11 0435 Cardiff - Manchester Piccadilly, 1V37 0830 return to Cardiff, 1W59 1252 return to Manchester and 1V54 1630 return to Cardiff and 67029 (HD01) working 1V31 0454 Crewe - Cardiff, 1W55 0849 return to Manchester Piccadilly, 1B42 1230 return to Crewe, 1W63 1650 return to Manchester and 5K33 2025 ecs to Crewe CS, the third loco being unidentified with stock (HD02) diagram as 1V34 0627 Manchester Piccadilly - Cardiff, 1W57 1052 return to Manchester, 1V46 1430 return to Cardiff, 1W65 1855 return to Manchester and 5K65 2236 ecs to Crewe CS.

The what now seems to be the usual 'Electro-star' EMU shuttles between Cardiff and Newport were in the hands of 387166 + 387149 arriving as 5Q09 1722 from Bristol Parkway to Central station (1835) and 387153 + 387162 as 5Q33 1703 Swindon Cocklebury yard - Central station (1901), the first pair starting 2Q09 1840 to Newport and the second sets 2010 1910 to Newport, all returns as at previous events cover, ran empty back from Newport.

27/02 Loco and stock train DMU cover saw 150262 commence with the 1V31 0454 Crewe - Cardiff Central diagram and 175113 appear starting with the 1V91 0533 Holyhead - Cardiff Central, these two trains workings also being covered by DMUs 150241 and 150264 during the following day.

28/02 Stadler 4-car 'Tri-mode' 756103 (of an order of 17) hauled by 66001 as 5Q99 Ripple Lane - Cardiff Canton sidings (1019), was delayed having been held on the London side of Slough (from around 0830) where 'Electro-stars' 387158 + 387143 were involved in a fatality at 0747 whilst working 3R03 0734 Paddington - Reading Depot empty stock.

Having passed Acton Wells junction at 0657 (50 late), the working eventually restarted passing Slough at 0910 (151 late), Swindon 1128 (189 late) and Patchway 1216 (183 late).

The first of the three car DMU variation, 756001 (of an order of 7) was delivered towards the end of last year.

01/03 Saphos Tours 'St.Davids Day Welsh Marches Express' 1Z45 0605 Holyhead - Cardiff Central (1241) and 1Z47 1505 return to Holyhead (2322) was top n' tailed by Class 40 D213 + D1935 (47805) departing Chester at 0811 (-), as far as Hereford leaving at 1115 (3 late) with steam 46100 Royal Scot now in charge the train then continuing onward passing Newport at 1221 (2 early) having run via the Maindee junction North to East curve and into East Usk yard to reverse so the steam would be facing the correct way for the return which later departed Newport at 1550 (10 late) where the c/stock formation; 9479. 3045. 3122. 80044. 3100. 3148. 3125. 1863. 3107. 3330, was recorded.

02/03 37099 and test train with dept c/stock; 6117. 6001. 72631. 6262. 9703, returned as 1Q59 0644 Cardiff Central - Derby RTC (1048) passing Marshfield at 0639 (13 early) and Cheltenham 0808 (2 late).

A second test train with 37610 was allocated a 3Z33 2359 move to Bristol Kingsland Road (0707) via Swansea, an overnight test working 3Q49 2145 out and back to Canton sidings (0625) departing on 1st March via Penarth, Barry Island, Ebbw Vale and Machen was believed to have been cancelled.

04/03 67014 with c/stock set HD06 worked a Saturdays Tfw 1V34 0627 Manchester Piccadilly - Cardiff Central, 1W57 1052 return, 1V46 1430 return, 1W65 1855 return and 1J78 2233 return to Crewe diagram during the day.

06/03 DMUs covered both (or at least part) of the 1V31 and 1V33 commencing loco and stock passenger diagrams, 150256 being allocated to the former.

09/03 DMU 150259 covered one of the loco and stock diagrams starting with 1V31 and return 1W55 workings.

10/03 DMU sets covering loco and stock diagrams were 175112 commencing with 1W55 0849 Cardiff Central - Manchester Piccadilly, 1V42 1230 return to Cardiff, 1W23 1649 return to Manchester and 1K66 2030 return to Cardiff and 153362 + 153906 used on 1V31 0454 Crewe - Cardiff Central.

11/03 One of two Saturday Tfw loco and stock working saw 67015 with c/stock set; HD06 on diagram 1W11 0432 Cardiff Central - Manchester Piccadilly, 1V07 0836 return to Cardiff, 1W59 1252 return to Manchester and 1V54 1630 return to Cardiff.

The Vintage Trains 'South Wales Explorer' 1Z37 0747 Dorridge - Cardiff Central (1157) via Chepstow and Newport Park junction (reverse), 1Z39 1508 to Cwmbargoed DP (1615) and 1Z40 1625 return to Dorridge (2203) via Ninian Park, Bristol Parkway and Yate was top n' tailed by 37403 + 20189 throughout with c/stock; W5157. W5191. W5212. W5198. W9101. Pullmans

99349. 99361. EAGLE 99971. W17018, the outward departing Stourbridge junction at 0842 (3 late), Cheltenham 1005 (-), Newport (for a Park junction reverse) at 1114 (15 early) and passing Caerphilly at 1528 (1 late) as 1Z39 outward for Cwmbargoed DP.

For the record, the ecs following arrival in Central station ran 5Z38 1211 to Pengam sidings (1219) and 5Z39 1445 return to Central (1459).

It is also interesting to record that with the original planned use of Vintage Train's 37240 (due to a bearings issue) being curtailed (the original tour date being on 11th February), 'large logo' blue 37403 was sourced from the Bo'ness & Kinnell Railway being moved as 0H66 1010 Bo'ness Railway junction exchange sidings - Tyseley Steam Trust (2000) light-engine on 7th March and BR blue 20189 appearing in place of the planned Tyseley based 47773/D1755.

19/03 Freight records included; 66614 - 6Z39 1536 Port Talbot Grange sidings - Elstow (0935) loaded stone via Swindon and Banbury passing Bridgend at 1633 (14 early) and departing Bristol Parkway at 2025 (4 late) formed with 23 HHA wagons and 60044 - 6E47 1524 Margam - Middleborough Dawson Ayrton (0629) formed with 9 IHA /4 BYA wagons when passing Pontyclun at 1628 (30 early) and Newport 1704 (14 late).

Transport for Wales - Loco Loggings

67013 - 1V33 (HD05) 24/02.
67014 - 1V33 (HD05) 16/03. 1W91 (HD05) 17/03.
67015 - 1W91 (HD06) 22/02. 1V91 (HD06) 23/02. 1V33 (HD06) 07/03.
1V91 (HD06) 09/03. 1W91 (HD06) 10/03. 1V33 (HD06) 17/03.
67017 - 1V33 (HD02) 22/02. 1V33 (HD02) 27/02. 1W57 (HD04) 07/03.
67020 - 1V33 (HD02) 10/03. 1V33 (HD02) 15/03.
67022 - 1V33 (HD04) 28/02.
67029 - 1V91 (HD01) 22/02.

Locos diagrams - see March Magazine Issue 613.

Coaching stock formations;

HD01 - 12225. 10325. 11323. 12454. 82226.
HD02 - 12219. 10328. 11324. 12304. 82229.
HD03 - 12227. 10312. 11325. 12446. 82216.
HD04 - 12211. 12310. 10318. 11319. 82201.
HD05 - 12224. 12477. 12326. 10321. 11320. 82200.
HD06 - 12222. 12461. 12323. 10330. 11321. 82227.

Note; HD02-12304 had replaced 12447. HD05-12477 had been removed by 25/02. HD06-12461 had been removed by the end of February.

Locos recorded on Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service included; 66422 (20/02). 66427 (22/02, 25/02). 66429 (07/03).

Locos recorded on Baglan Bay log duty have included; 56049 (23/02, 24/02, 28/02, 02/03).

Locos recorded on Margam/Port Talbot (from Cwmbargoed) coal duty have included; 66044/143/181/192.

Locos recorded on Hope/Earles cement coal duty have included; 66095/169/181.

Locos recorded on Corby steel duty have included; 66050/080.

Locos recorded on Dee Marsh steel duty have included; 66304.

Locos recorded on Round Oak steel duty have included;
60010/024. 66003/044/050/063/074/100/103/149/181/183/207.
Locos recorded on Barry Dock container duty have included; 66596.
Locos recorded on Machen Quarry stone duty have included; 66560/618.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Flying Scotsman Centenary

23/02 Marking the loco 100th anniversary since entering service in 1923, 4472 (60103) travelling with support coach ran from the East Lancs Railway - Edinburgh Waverley for a ceremony (via Carlisle) to mark the start of the round Britain 2023 celebration tour, which will see the loco based at Bristol St.Philips Marsh for a period this Summer. The iconic 'A3' loco which cost £8,000 to build was the first to reach 100 mph and has toured the world with visits to the United States and Australia.

Related financial issues were a problem by the end of the last century, but with a major overhaul started in 2006 having taken place at the NRM York the locos future was now once again secure. What is often overlooked is that the 'Flying Scotsman' was originally the name given to an actual train, the non stop London North-Eastern Railway 1000 Kings Cross - Edinburgh Waverley service.

GWS Didcot 'Four Castles' Event

04/03 Not only the Flying Scotsman was celebrating its Centenary during 2023, but it was 100 years ago that the Great Western Railway introduced one of its most successful mainline passenger designs, the Castle Class loco.

Vintage Trains provided both 5043 The Earl of Mount Edgecumbe + 7027 Clun Castle for a four Class member line up display in front of the loco shed during part of the afternoon.

5043 + 7029 powered a 1Z29 0818 Birmingham Snow Hill - Didcot (1010) and 1Z43 1501 return to Birmingham Snow Hill (1742) private charter which passed Dorridge at 0845 (1 late) and Oxford 0948 (3 early) outward. Although the weather was dull on the day, this did not deter an overall very high turn out with 2,000 advance tickets for the event being sold as the two visiting locos following 0Z29 1049 Didcot - Didcot (1112) via an east, north and west 'triangle' turning move were joined by 4079 Pendennis Castle and 5051 Drysllwyn Castle alongside to complete the line up as a fitting anniversary tribute.

South Devon Railway

20/02 Colas HST power car 43277 was released from the works at Buckfastleigh following overhaul and a repaint in company orange/yellow colours, with the large diamond name branding the road move being on a 'sheeted' over lorry trailer. Five further test train power cars are also set to receive the same colour scheme over the coming months.

Swanage Railway

A through Swanage - Wareham DMU service is set to commence on 4th April, a 'trial' 4-coach West Coast loco and stock series of passenger workings between these locations back in the Summer of 2017 suffering an £80,000 operating loss!

Tetbury Goods Shed, Gloucestershire

R.W.GILES

11/03 The 'out of gauge' coach from Finland SUOM YR22311 'Mary Jan' (in a brown/cream livery) located behind the goods shed has now been joined by a small replica signal box and semaphore signal.

MISCELLANEOUS

Adverse Weather

Heavy snowfall and low temperatures caused disruption towards the end of the first full week of March with snow overnight affecting most of the country on 8th with a travel warning in place until 0900 during the following day.

On 10th, the Manchester - Sheffield mainline was closed due to a number of fallen trees.

Arriva XC

No sooner had last month's Magazine gone to press regarding an extra working for the remaining HST fleet and a new 2 year maintenance contract at Plymouth Laira Depot, a further announcement has stated that due to a new Department for Transport directive (as with the GWR 'Castles' linked with operation cost and emissions) the type will now be taken out of service during October 2023.

Despite in excess of £25 million being spent on recent refurbishment including door modifications and a number of coaches currently present in Doncaster Wabtec for attention and recent staff training/familiarisation runs using back to back power cars out and back on a near daily run from Laira depot (Plymouth) to Bristol (via Westbury in each direction), having taken place.

A farewell trip is planned to take place on Sunday 15th October.

Big Four (Correction)

In last month's Magazine under MISCELLANEOUS, the Southern Region (SR) should have read LSWR - London South-Western Region.

Caledonian Sleeper Changes

This operation is to be returned to public ownership for the first time in 25 years following a number of ongoing service quality issues and financial losses resulting in Serco ending their contract 7 years earlier than planned in June this year.

The franchise, which will become Scot-rail operated was worth £800 million had it been run fully from 2015-2030.

A rail sleeper service in various forms has run since 1873 between London and Scotland currently as the 'Lowlander' to Glasgow/Edinburgh, whilst a 'Highlander' to Aberdeen, Inverness and Fort William is also in operation.

Basic travelling fares for March 2023 from London Euston to Scotland were from £50.00 a seat and £205 for a shared room, bicycles being conveyed for free.

Class 175

A number of units had gathered at Holyhead by mid-March, assumed displaced by newly introduced 197 sets. There have been engine issues with the class in recent years including at least one fire.

Cornish Closure

The mainline between Par and Liskeard was set to be closed from 27th-31st March 2023 for engineering work believed associated with forthcoming signalling updates.

Road buses were to operate between the two locations, also calling Lostwithiel and Bodmin Parkway during the closure period.

Evesham

17/03 As in 2022, the final Cheltenham Race Festival 'Gold Cup' day saw West Coast operate a Northern Belle dining trip outing to Evesham where passengers could transfer to a road coach for a steam hauled trip on the Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway from Toddington to Cheltenham Race Course and return for the event.

This years operation, again the only loco and stock working for the event, varied as the coaching stock was not stabled and serviced at Worcester, but ran 5Z16 1110 Evesham - Long Marston (1148) and 5Z17 1638 return to Evesham (2035) with Pullman livery 57313 top n' tailing BR green 47812. The main train details were 1Z15 0833 ex. Paddington, arriving at 1130 (25 late) and 1Z17 2046 return to Paddington (2329) which was reported as terminated Reading short of its destination at 2215 (5 late) due to an unspecified track problem.

Fare Increases

06/03 Ticket prices went up by 5.9% from this date the biggest increase for 11 years but less than the July retail price inflation index on which it is based.

Around 50% of ticket pricing through England and Wales has been affected, Scotland was not included whilst Northern Ireland has seen a 7% increase. Season ticket sales have increased but are still running at a third less than pre Covid-19 Pandemic levels.

GBRf

20/03 66303 (formerly a DRS loco) hauled ex. European 'newbie' 66306 as 0001 Doncaster Hexthorpe yard - Eastleigh, confirming the company will be continuing the 663xx number series for the latest acquisitions, following exhaustion of the 667xx series on reaching 66799.

Further HS2 Changes

The Government are set to 'pause' the Birmingham - Crewe and Manchester 'phase 2' links of the High Speed route from the Capital to the North. Changes part listed due to increased material costs would see the 'extension' work fully resumed by 2033 with a planned completion now in 2041.

The development of a new main London terminus away from Euston which was

again cost related were listed in last Months Magazine.
GBRf are currently moving HS2 stone to Ham Halls (from the Peak District) supporting the project in the Midlands with a large new materials receiving site at Whitacre (near Water Orton) now available but as yet unused.

Govia Thameslink

10/03 'ROG' 37800 moved EMU sets 313202 + 313214 + 313217 as a 5Q86 1024 Brighton Lovers Walk - Eastleigh Arlingtons (1428) via Kensington Olympia, Hounslow and Basingstoke scrap stock move passing Clapham junction at 1333 (131 late).

Great Western Railway

08/03 57605 working 1A50 2145 (Tues) Penzance - Paddington sleeper service (with c/stock; PZ88 - 10534/2. 10590. 10616. 10219. 12100. 17174) failed near Par an unidentified 'Castle' HST set being used as the 'rescue loco' taking the train forward and clear of the mainline as Arriva XC Voyager 220033 was close behind on the 2C30 2208 Penzance - Plymouth service which eventually arrived Par at 2345 and departed at 0103 (110 late!).

The sleeper was recorded as arriving Par at 2307 and departing at 0258 (242 late!) for Plymouth where 57305 which had been moved as part of the 1C50 down sleeper to work the failed train forward later as ecs back to Reading (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news).

11/03 At least two IET units were reported to have suffered graffiti attacks during early March including the special livery 'Key Workers NHS' set 802020.

19/03 DMU set 150248 took over from IET 802113 at Bristol on 1C20 1530 Paddington - Taunton and worked the return 1A52 1858 to Paddington back as far as Bristol Temple Meads.

Heathrow Express

This rail operation will reach its 25th anniversary in June 2023 with more than 100 million passengers having made the 15 minute journey from London Paddington to Heathrow Airports Terminals 2 and 3 with an extra 6 minutes to Terminal 5 and a free transfer to Terminal 4.

An average of 17,000 customers are currently carried on the 150 train movements booked to operate during the day, the service also having been the pioneer to use a new e-ticketing fare system via a 'dedicated' phone app with Paddington becoming the first station in the country to have air-flight information display screens also.

This private operation originally had 19 dedicated 'Heathrow Express' Class 332 EMUs, numbered 001-014, alongside 5 'Heathrow Connect' Class 360/2 EMUs (201-205), the latter operating a 'local' stopping service for Transport for London.

Both types were replaced from 2019-2020 with internally modified GWR Class 387 'Electro-stars' EMUs a type which regularly operate out of Paddington on local and longer distance work.

A series of short films have been produced to mark the land mark occasion named 'The Luggage Diaries' covering diverse accompanying passenger belongings including a surf board and cello!

Industrial Action

London Underground Drivers stopped work on 15th March, whilst during the following day 40-50% of services operated on the main rail network due to a further RMT Union strike which saw action from members of 18 companies, who walked out again on Saturday 18th March.

A further stoppage was planned to take place on 30th March.

Loco Services Limited

16/03 The Crewe based mainline operator outshopped 57311 in a new LSL black lined 'LMS' type livery, with full yellow ends.

The ugly looking 'Dellner' couplers and cabling (present from the locos Virgin 'Thunderbird' rescue operating days) have been removed at both ends giving a more pleasing overall appearance.

More Timber from Mid-Wales

17/03 Colas used NR Class 37 97303 + 37405 on 6C54 0202 Chirk Kronospan - Aberystwyth Run-round loop (0506) log empties and 6C55 1550 loaded return to Chirk (0008) the outward passing Dovey junction at 0434 (7 late).

This was reported as being the first of five once weekly workings to operate as a new contract over the next five weeks.

Summer Engineering Work

The Severn Tunnel is to close from 9th-18th and 25th June as the down west bound line is relayed, with the mainline between Newport and Cardiff being closed from Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th June whilst the 'new' re-doubling of the Ebbw Vale branch is commissioned, the occupation times commencing at 0105 on 10th and ending at 0500 on 12th.

Also during the Severn Tunnel blockade listed above and beyond, all lines will be closed for work between the Severn Tunnel and Patchway from 0050 (9th) - 0350 (19th) and 2335 (24th) - 0350 (26th June).

Trans Pennine Express

Already under scrutiny, this northern train operator has been projected to cancel 23,000 trains during 2023 following a recent survey study.

Area local councils and officials are keen to see more Government involvement as passenger dissatisfaction through complaints continue to rise.

Analysis by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority revealed 23,153 trains will be cancelled by the company by the end of this year if recent trends continue, more recently, 1,781 services were recorded as withdrawn during week ending 4th February alone.

UKRL

The UK Rail Leasing company are set to invest £1.5 million into a new maintenance building which will open in 2024 and create 15 jobs.

The operator which has just completed 10 years based in Leicester will see the new 'purpose built' facility here provide better maintenance and servicing conditions as well which will increase capacity regarding fleet availability.

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

20/02 Kemble (Cirencester Branch bay) - DR73936 (allox. 6J02 to Honeybourne), which was reported Swindon (off route) to reverse at 1048. Swindon Transfer yard - DR73907 (allox. 6J89 to Bristol Kingsland Road).
07/03 Taunton Station sidings - DR73120. DR77909.
11/03 Bristol Parkway station car park - rrvs TXM platform lift 7130 (912265-4). 7135 (910068-4). trailers UMT 2 (019012-3). UMT 4 (019015-5). TRS 928 (912429-6).

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LONDON

5th March 2022

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Where a location was visited at different times the notes have been amalgamated under one entry. Locations are in alphabetical order.

Acton Yard

Locos 66015/074/089/133 66558/592

Baker Street

S7 underground Set 21313/314 22313/314 24313/314 25314

Barbican

S7 underground Set 21415/416 22415/416 23416 24415/416

Barking Station

Emu Sets 357002/007/018/019/022/023/025/046 357202/205 710258/263

S7 underground Sets

21317	22317	24317	24318	25318	22318	21318
21465	22465	24465	24466	23466	22466	21466
21386	22386	23386	24386	24385	22385	21385
21437	22437	24437	24438	23438	33438	21438
21515	22515	24515	24516	23516	22516	21516
21369	22369	24369	24370	25370	22570	21370
21538	22538	23538	24538	24537	22537	21537
21311	22311	24311	24312	25312	22312	21312
21339	22339	24339	24340	25340	22340	21340
21361	22361	24361	24362	25362	22632	21362
21390	22390	23390	24390	24389	22389	21389

Bethnal Green

Emu Sets 321303/315/319/320/321/322/325/328/330 322484

345003/021/027/030/039/040/044/045/048/053/055/057/063/066 357007/008/
015/016/018/038/041/045/201/204/205/211/322/323/328 710101/102/104/110/
112/116/117/118/119/122/125/129/130 720522/525/531/535/536/538/540/543/
546/549/550/554/556/558/559/561/564/567/569/572/573/578/579/581/586
745001/002/004/006/007/008/009 745104/109

Blackfriars Station

Emu Sets 700006/010/012/022/024/025/028/032/049
700105/106/110/111/125/132/145

Blackfriars to Tower Hill

S7 underground Sets 21319/320/557/558 22319/320/557/558 23558
24319/320/557/558 25320

Camden Sidings

Emu Sets 319005 319426/429

Drayton Park Station

Emu Set 717006

Ealing Broadway

Steam Loco 60103 Flying Scotsman

Emu Sets 345009/015//030/035 387144/159/170

IET Set 800015/029

Coaches 1861 1961 3058 Florence/093 Florence/136 Diana 4940/994 35486
(99405) 99122 (3106)/127 (3117) Christina/304 (21256)/350 (350) Tanzanite

S7 underground Set 21311/312 22311/312 24311/312 25312

Central Line underground Sets 91009/055/131/247/259/313/347 92009/055/
110/131/242/247/259/313/347/410/416/418/458 93110/242/410/416/418/458

S7 underground Set 21464/466 22465/466 23466 24465/466

Note; 60103 and stock formed the 0715 1Z52 London Paddington - Worcester
Shrub Hill

East Ham Depot

Emu Sets 357033 357206 357313

Edgware Road

S7 underground Set 21357/358 22357/358 24357/358 25358

Euston

Locos 92010/028/033

Emu Sets 350101/103/107/109/111/118 350231/233/ 245/248/253/262/273

350372/373 350403/407 378204 390002 Stephen Sutton/008 Charles Rennie

Mackintosh/009 Treaty of Union/040/039 Lady Godiva/046 390103/112/124/131

City of Liverpool/136 City of Coventry/157 Chad Varah 710259/268

710377/378

MkV sleeper Coaches 15002/005/006/011 15102/103/106/107 15201/204/205/
206/207/213 15301/304/306/310/312/323/328/329/330/332/334/337/338/339

Northern Line 3 car Sets 51521 52521 53521

Euston Square

S7 underground Set 21535/536 22535/536 23536 24535/536

Farringdon Station

Emu Set 700006/037/039/040/042 700114/122/123/134/136/152

S7 underground Sets 21313/314/427/428/437/438/547/548 22313/314/427/428/
437/438/547/548 23428/438/548 24313/314/427/428/437/438/547/548 25314

Fenchurch Street Station

Emu Sets 357022 357211 357319/321

Ferme Park Sidings

IET Sets 803003/004

Finsbury Park Station

EMU Sets 700051 700121

IET Set 801205

Great Portland Street

S8 underground Set 21025/026 22025/026 23025 24025/026 25026

Gospel Oak Station

Loco 66773 Pride of GB Railfreight

Emu Sets 378201/212/214/217/232/257 710256/258/263/265/271/273

Wagons 93390/397/432/473 630010 640382/479/601/602/625/626/638/649/
683/905/921 83 70 4520 194-9/195-6/283-0/287-1/290-5/291-3/296-2/297-0/
314-3/315-0/328-3/329-1 83 70 4521 033-8/079-1/081-7/084-1/093-2/100-5

Note; 66773 4L98 Masborough - London Gateway

Harringay Station

Emu Set 717001

Harrow & Wealdstone

Locos 66424/434 57002 68010

Emu Sets 350101/107/108/109/110/112/121/ 125/128 350232/242/251

350368/370/378 350402/404/405 390016/035/039/040

390118/126/128/132/136/137 710257/266 710259/266/267 710373/378

Bakerloo line 3 and 4 car Sets 3243/245/254/354 3343/345/435/445/535/545
4243/245/254/343/345/354/535/545

Notes;

66434 66424 57002 68010 0A68 Crewe Gresty Bridge - Wembley LMD

Hornsey Depot

Emu Sets 700038/044 700109 717008/010/022/025

Hornsey Station

Emu Sets 700120/148 717014/017

Kensal Green

Loco 66721 Harry Beck

Emu Set 350105 350241 390104/132 710378

Bakerloo Line 3 & 4 car Sets 3240/242/244/340/342/344/437/438/537/538

4240/242/244/340/342/344/537/538

Wagons 39 70 4901 051-5 33 68 4909 906-2 23 80 2829 215-5 23 80 2929
033-1/074-5/134-7/136-2

Kentish Town

Dmu Set 180113

Kings Cross

Loco 91106

Emu Sets 387101/102/103/104/110/118/128 387201/203/204/206/208

IET Sets 700015/036/044 800202/203 801106 801205/206/212/216/220/
223/226/228

Coaches 10311 11295 11426 12220 12325/326 125465/474

DVT 82205 Flying Scotswoman

S7 underground Set 21389/390 223889/390 23390 24389/390

Ladbroke Grove

Loco 47804

IET Set 800008

Note; 47804 0Z50 London Paddington - Southall WCR

Limehouse Station

Emu Sets 357025 357203

Liverpool Street

Emu Sets 345031/053/048/059 357325 710101/104/112/122/130

720525/531/537/543/556/558/560/561/581/586 745002/004/006

S8 underground Set 21045/046 22045/046 23045 24045/046 25046

Liverpool Street Station to Royal Oak StationS7 underground Sets 21371/372/439/440/481/482 22371/372/439/440/481/482
23440/482 24371/372/439/440/481/482 25372S8 underground Sets 21045/046/055/056/097/098 22045/046/055/056/097/098
23045/055/097/098 24045/046/055/056/097/098 25046/056**Moorgate Station**

Emu Set 717016

North Pole Depot

IET Sets 800020/025/034 800304/312/321 802007/014/019 802304

Paddington

Locos 57604 Pendennis Castle/605 Totnes Castle

Emu Sets 345009/015/023/026/033 387137/142/145/148/149/150

IET Sets 800008/036 800307 802005/019/022 802101 Nancy Astor/ 107

S7 underground Sets 21363/364/378/388/427/428 22363/364/387/388/427/428
23388/428 24363/364/387/388/427/428 25364

Note; 57605 57604 5A50 London Paddington - Reading Traincare Depot

Royal Oak Station

Emu Sets 345033/042/056 387131/132/133/134/137/139/146/147/149

800005/015/ 024/033 800306/318 802003/004/006

S7 underground Sets

21392 22392 23392 24392 24391 22391 21391

21546 22546 23546 24546 24545 22545 21545

21314 22314 25314 24314 24313 22313 21313

21502 22502 23502 24502 24501 22501 21501

21566 22566 23566 24566 24565 22565 21565

21338	22338	25338	24338	24337	22337	21337
21370	22370	25370	24370	24369	22369	21369
21387	22387	24387	24388	23388	22388	21388
21551	22551	24551	24552	23552	22552	21552
21511	22511	24511	24512	23512	22512	21512
21317	22317	24317	24318	25318	22318	21318
21560	22560	23560	24560	24559	22599	21559

St. Pancras

Eurostar Sets 4009/010/011/012/109/020

Emu Sets 700001/003/004/005/006/011/014/016/017/019/020/022/024/027/029/
032/037/039/040/041/042/045/048/049/055/058 700101/106/107/109/111 (Thank
you NHS logos)/119/121/123/125/127/128/130/133/134/135/136/138/141/143/
144/146/147/149/152/153/155 (Driving ends in rainbow livery)

South Kenton

Loco 66426

Emu Sets 350108/111/118/121/128 350245/253/254/262 350370 350406
378204 390006/011 390127/135 710268 710377

Note; 66426 4Z48 Daventry - Tilbury

Wembley

Locos 08396 66007

Bakerloo Line 3 & 4 car Sets 3261/361/441/541 4262/362/541

Wembley Yard

Locos 37510 66129/192/221 66951 90042/048 92006/044

Wagons 97739 607068 640209/308/346/429/499/630 81 70 4846 124-5/142-7/
143-5/144-3

Note;

66951 4L52 Garston - London Gateway

90048 90042 90003 90006 4L95 Garston - Wembley

66221 6M45 Dollands Moor - Daventry

66129 4M47 Ripple Lane - Wembley

West Hampstead Thameslink

Dmu Set 180113

Emu Sets 700005/020/058 700119/136

Willesden Depot

Loco 09007

Emu Sets 378202/210/213/230/231 710272

Willesden Euro Terminal DCR Sidings & Alstom Depot

Loco 08696/703 56312 60046

Emus Set 390130

Wagons 81 70 5500 663-6/695-8/706-3/713-9/714-7/720-4/722-0/736-0/964-8/
973-9/976-2

Willesden PRDC

Emu Set 325009

Willesden Junction Station

Emu Set 378201/217/257 710259

Train Consist List

60103 1Z52 London Paddington - Worcester Shrub Hill
35486 3093 3136 1961 3058 99350 99127 99122 1861 4940 4994 99304

57605 57604 5A50 London Paddington - Reading Traincare Depot
None Taken

66951 4L52 Garston - London Gateway
608279 607135 607071 608430 608291 608292 7048461484 7048461278 640138
640137 606174 606173 608222 608002 640163 640164 7048461476 7048461443
97711 93300 608427 608428 608352 608341 640345 640346 607054 607073 608387
640207 640208 640430 640429 640500 640499 97709

90048 90042 90003 90006 4L95 Garston - Wembley
640385 640386 640119 640120 608421 607002 608429 608136 607106 607027
608135 7048460544 7048460619 608156 608155 608063 608020 640199 640200
608336 608342 608230 608229 608015 608016 608559 607056 607140 608560
640484 640483

66221 6M45 Dollands Moor - Daventry
8028292387 8029291123 8028292353 8028292189 8028292239 8029290224
8028292544 8029291008 8029291172 8029291701 8029291073 8029290497
8029290737 8029291388 8028292213 8029290406 8029290323 8029291453
8029291644 8028292528 8028292395 8029290265 8029291552

66773 4L98 Masborough - London Gateway
640625 640626 93473 630013 630014 640679 7045201949 7045210338 7045201956
640683 640649 640672 640637 640921 7045203150 7045210932 7045203143
7045202905 7045210817 7045202913 7045202962 7045210841 7045202970
7045202863 7045210791 7045202871 640602 640601 640905 93397 7045203291
7045211005 7045203283 93432 93390

66129 4M47 Ripple Lane - Wembley
7055004060 7055004441 7055003781 7055001595 7055004037 7055001090
7055004243 7055000969 7055004052 7055000936 7055001462 7055004342
7055004219 7055003799 7055003989 7055004250 7055004318

66221 6067 Daventry - Wembley
8028292270 8029290547 8028292908 8028292288 8028292825 8028292023
8029290174 8029290604 8028292403 8029291347 8028292296 8028292767
8028292361 8028292973 8029290612 8028292494 8029290745 8029290836
8029291081 8029290331

66426 4Z48 Daventry - Tilbury
6849430853 7049010374 7049010093 7049010150 7049010267 7049010499
7049010119 7049010101 6849099062

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Bescot (From M6)

Locos 08670 D4157(08927) 60074 66057 66707 Sir Sam Fay Great Central Railway/752 The Hoosier State/759 Chippy

Donnington Depot (Viewed)

Dmu Sets 197002/006/007/008/009 197103
Wagons 23 87 4375 010-7/045-3 23 87 4384 005-6

Chacewater

Locos BBT 3097/1956; No5 Bg 3027/1939; Marston Thompson Evershed Bg 3410/1955; Bg 3590/1962; CE B4618?/2016 Former Crossrail Clayton, I/D unknown); GEC 5414/1976; ShellMex HC D615/1938; HC 1822/1949; Hastings HE 469/1888 (ex P246, 18EL); Holly Bank No3 HE 3783/1948; NCB Staffordshire Area HE 6678/1948 rbt HE in 1982; Asbestos HL 2780/1909; JF 4100013/1948; 21 Worthington KC 1612/1929; N 2937/1882 (red frames only); NBQ 27656/1957 (mostly under tarpaulin); Teddy P 2012/1941; RH 305306/1952 Dsm; Myfanwy RSHD/WB 8366/3211 of 1962; 2 S 9632/ 1957; TH 103C a rebuild of S 9390/1949 (Ex P65); The Cleveland Bridge & Engineering Co TH 111C 1961, a rbd of S; TH 133C a rbd of S (Ex P90, 18EL); 2 WB 2842/1946 (Ex P200, 18EL); 900331 Wkm 496/1932 (on top of U/I 4w wagon); PWM2773 Wkm 497/1932 (Ex P204, 18EL - stored off track); Wkm 6857/1954;
Dmus 55570/571(142030) 55621 59444 59603
Coaches Ex BR 14024 (Swindon 1963); 53160/43349 (York 1953); 94240/ (Earlestown 1959); 94851(Earlestown 1960); Crossrail Manrider CE B4618? U/I; Ex GER No 44:(Stratford 1885); Ex LNWR 7080/7048 /22687 (Wolverton 1917); Ex MR : 68/ 198717(Derby 1880); Ex M&CR 11(Birmingham RCW Co 1875; Ex MS&LR 1470/ 51470(Ashbury Carriage Co 1898) Ex SR 1350/DS1385 (BRIC A BRAC) (Ashford 1939); 2202/DS169/DM202(Ashford 1934);
Road/Rail Octel - U/I
Wagons Ex BR 110443 200063/631 (WGB4306) 7XXXXX (366) in black G/Body car park/XXX G/Body in black (by signal box) 741161 Pipe Wagon 749678 Water Tank 759106 12t Vent Van 760335 (WGB4099) 12t Vent Van 772351 (B760335 070865) 12t Vent Van 777434 G/body (at rear of workshops) 784106 (230258) 12t Vent Van 891988 Cattle Truck 953827 Brake Van 983908 steel hopper 993736 Shark Brake Van Ex BSC 4w side tipping slag ladle no 6 Ex GWR Toad Brake Van 35831 (NCB No2) Ex LMS 120116 4 wheel frame only 401732 5 plank open Ex LNER Engineering Brake van No DE544440 Ex LSWR 4 plank open Worthington No 69 Ex LYR Cadbury van No 144 Ex MoS non vent van Worthington No ARMY 47650 / RNAD 396 Ex MR 10T Van Bass Brewery No 21 Ex NER 10T Van No 100684 (183) Ex Private Owner fuel tank No 498 Ex SR 4w Brake Van No WD11022 (NCB2310)

LH Group, Barton under Needwood

Locos 08296 (D3955) Derby 1960 - swapped I/D with 08787 (ex P287, 18 EL);
08530 (D3692) Dar 1961 (Ex Freightliner, Southampton); 08891 (D4121) Hor
1961 (Ex P196, 18EL); 08947 (D4177) Dar 1962 (Ex P189, 18EL);
Industrial Locos Forth AB 649/1980 (Ex P254, 18EL); 07 BT/WB 95/3140
of 1957 (Ex P289, 18EL); 923 Aurora CNES 004/2011-HE 9378/2012 (Ex
P289, 18EL); Philips 66 DH60C HE 9372/2010 (Ex P131, 18EL)

Passing 60062 Stainless Pioneer 66075 43304/378 170103/107/522/637

Note;

60062 6M57 Lindsey - Kingsbury

870329 870223 870217 870250 870269 88031 870232 870341 870248 870286

870342 870216 870326 870262 870251 82210 88032 870280 870261 870316 870272

870271 870210 870300 870336 870253 870229 870204 85962 85945

66075 4H12 Walsall - Dowlow

7055006388 7055006412 7055006420 7055006495 7055006438 7055006537

7055006370 7055006446 7055006487 7055006362 7055006404 7055006347

7055006396 7055006511 7055006354 7055006529 7055006461 7055006503

7055006453 7055006479

Dovesite Business Park, Melbourne

Loco (01562) Chug TH 257V/1961 reb RMS LWO2918/2006 (Ex P123, 18EL)

Bardon Hill Quarry (Viewed)

Locos 66724 Drax Power Station/738 Huddersfield Town/788 Locomotion 15
Industrial Locos Duke of Edinburgh RR 10273/1968; Bardon Duchess TH
297V 1981;

Wagons 27106/110 37 70 6955 201-8/202-6/204-2/207-5/208-3/210-9/211-7/
212-5/217-34/221-6/222-4/247-1/251-3/252-1/255-4/258-8/278-6/279-4

83 70 6955 293-8/294-6/301-9/303-5

Railway Support Services, Wishaw

Locos 08411 (D3526) Derby 1958; 08568 (D3735) St Rollox Crewe 1961;

08593 (D3760) Crewe 1959; 08652 (D3819-66) Hor 1959; 08709 (D3876)

Crewe 1960; 08738 (D3906) Crewe 1960; 08921/(D4151) Pongo Hor 1962:

08922 D4152) Hor 1962 Ex P175, 18EL); 37679 (D6823, 37123) EE/EES

3268/8383 OF 1965 (Ex P155, 18EL); D1662 (47484) (Isambard Kingdom

Brunel) Crewe 1965; 54 D9553 Swindon 1965 (ex P96, 18EL); Wkm 4166/1948

(inside curtain sided trailer);

Industrial Locos TP50DE FWDX0002 Curry Services 2015, rbt Canadian

Pacific (785) from EMD 73695-11 1974 (Ex Canada); EEV 3870/1969 (Ex P242,

18EL); K 5470/1933 (rolling frames only); "Toby" RH 235513/1945 rbt

Shackerstone 2000; Hamble-le-Rice TGH 294V/1981;

Dmu Set 55658 + 55669 (143603)

Emu Set 122 + 225 483002 (Ex IoW)

Tyseley Depot (Viewed)

Locos 08503/(616) 3783 Tyseley 100 Derby 1959/730

Dmu Sets 172104 172343 196004/005/006/010/012 196105

On Track Plant RW 30/50 Windhoff 101007142 /2009;

Trailer 020036-8 Chieftain (in large car park)

Tyseley Station

Loco 68013

Dmu Sets 168214 168322 172004 172212/216 172334/335

DVT 82304

On Track TXM Plant 6495 911011-3 Komatsu PC110 5010446; 6527 911027-0

Komatsu PC110 5010477

Bescot (Viewed from the riverside walk & train from Tame Bridge Parkway)

Locos 08670/D4157 (08927); 66066 Geoff Spencer/074 66517/538

66703/768/775 F231 HMS Argyll

On Track Plant 78216/219/221/222

Wagons 12907/973/995 29011/020/027/043/053/058/057/117/141/157/194/
235/240/271/277/292/297/308/309/310/318/338/392/398/404/419/443/451/452/
492/501/510 98917 112145/164/305 210495 380001/030/101/102/187/189
396103 500335/342/346/349 501021/022/184/185/188/220/221 503037/038/
049/059/061/074/094/095/097/098/128/501/521/524/579 610124/237/340
951171 37 68 4909 150-7 33 70 4739 053-5 81 70 5500 509-1/510-9/
511-7/514-1/516-6/523-2/524-0/527-3/528-1/539-8/540-6/552-1/570-3/571-1/
578-6/581-0/585-1/591-9/593-5/594-3 81 70 5932 176-7/177-5/178-3/191-6/
193-2/196-5 37 70 6791 019-2/022-6/056-4/066-3/084-6/088-5
81 70 5500 514-1/524-0 33 87 4906 012-9/029-3/040-0/131-7

Passing 350240 350412

Tame Bridge Parkway

Emu Set 350103

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