

CARDIFF & AVONSIDE RAILWAY SOCIETY

Established 1971
www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk



MAGAZINE

Issue 617

July 2023

THE COMMITTEE

Dave Forse

68 Long Road
Mangotsfield
Bristol
BS16 9HP

bookings@cardiffandavonside.org.uk
events@cardiffandavonside.org.uk

Simon Reeve

27 The Mill House
Ferry Street
Bristol
BS1 6HH
07761 580382

membership@cardiffandavonside.org.uk

Kevin Davies

72 Conway Road
Newport
NP19 8NW
01633 274892

photos@cardiffandavonside.org.uk

John Dicks

Enderley
5 Station Close
Backwell
North Somerset
BS48 1TJ

Paul Harley

Newport

Committee Posts & Responsibilities

Kevin	Treasurer Webmaster General Secretary
Dave	Events Secretary Bookings Secretary
Simon	Membership Secretary Disclosure Officer
Paul	Assistant
John	Assistant
Vacant	Publicity Officer
On Hold	Society Archivist

Non-Committee help provided by:

Simon Chainey

magazine@cardiffandavonside.org.uk

Magazine

Printing & Distribution

Society Mobile (Trip Days only): 07511 156583

Front Cover Photo July 2023 Issue 617:

[M. Crew]

756006 working a mileage accumulation 3Q38 Newport - Swindon at Bristol Parkway on 23/05/23.

Rear Cover Photo July 2023 Issue 617:

[M. Crew]

08202 at Avon Valley Railway (Avon Riverside) on 01/04/23.

FUTURE EVENTS

Trip 592

W.H.DAVIES

Saturday 26/08/23

A visit to the W.H.Davies wagons workshop at Shirebrook.

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

An additional £10 cash will be required on the day to give to the visit guide to put towards their charity

Proposed Itinerary: W.H.Davies Shirebrook; Worksop; Peak Rail Shunters Trust

Permits: W.H.Davies Shirebrook

Departure Time from 68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0530 am
Other pick-up points may be arranged with Dave FORSE.

Please note the early departure time. This is due to a required visit start time of 0900 at W.H.Davies

Return Time to Mangotsfield area = approx 2130 pm

Book By Date = 19/08/23

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: Safety shoes; Orange Hi-Viz jacket; Hard Hat

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.

SOCIETY NOTICEBOARD

Committee Changes

There has been a committee change during the last month with John Dicks re-joining the committee.

Media Content

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

Please send via e-mail to 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

22/05 The diverted 1040 Westbury - Bescot Up Engineers sidings (1634) departmental operated with a 6X50 head-code and headed by 70803 + 66848 with rail-vac machine 709515004-8 as part of the train consist and passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1143 (6 late) and Yate 1210 (24 late).

23/05 Transport for Wales 'Stadler' DEMU set 756006 passed Parkway up at 1150 on a 3Q38 Newport - Swindon mileage accumulation turn. 66558 was recorded at Stoke Gifford.

Freight records for the day included; 66619 was noted at Filton Abbey Wood working 6C68 Avonmouth - Whatley whilst 66569 was noted working 6A83 Avonmouth - West Drayton. 66585 was noted at Bristol Parkway working 4L33 Wentloog - London Gateway whilst 66088 was noted working 6C03 Northolt - Severnside, 66509 was noted working 6Z86 West Drayton - East Usk, 66755 was noted working 6V32 Tilbury - Trostre, 60040 was noted working 6B33 Theale - Robeston, and 66594 was noted working 6C58 Oxford Banbury Road - East Usk.

26/05 Morning observations at Pilning recorded the Colas NRMT HST set with power cars 43277 + 43274 passing at 1205 (1 early) as 1Q18 0440 Paddington - Derby RTC (1615) via Swansea (booked 0922 - 1035) and Yate and 'Stadler' DEMU set 756007 on mileage accumulation turns as 3Q32 1101 Swindon - Newport at 1156 and return 3Q33 1247 Newport - Swindon running early at 1308.

31/05 New 'Stadler' DEMUs 756006 + 756007 passed Patchway at 1411 running early as a 3Q40 1455 Newport - Swindon (1600) mileage accumulation run.

03/06 An afternoon arrival was; 66520 + 66598 + 66553 + 66547 + 66566 + 66585 + 66593 + 66415 (not in the running order as listed) as a light-loco move from Crewe Basford Hall yard.

04/06 66414 + 66598 + 66553 departed around 1540 as a 0A01 light-engine

move to Westbury.

70001 remained stabled here having arrived light during the previous day from Portbury Auto-terminal (0C35).

07/06 The second area 'Centenary Year' appearance for 60103 Flying Scotsman whilst working Railway Touring Company 'The Cardiff Express' 1Z52 0750 Paddington - Cardiff Central (1324) and 1Z54 1650 return to Paddington (2207) with c/stock; 35486 (loco support). 3120. 99128. 99712. 99371. 3093/8. 3143. 99311. 5032. 4854. 99723, and 47802 attached to the rear, the outward passing Pangbourne at 0909 (5 late), Swindon 1047 (4 late), Westerleigh junction 1113 (2 late), Patchway 1124 (4 late), departing Pilning loop at 1158 (1 late) and passing Pilning station on the return at 1740 (1 late).

Another record for the day was 'Stadler' DEMUs 756006 + 756003 passing Patchway at 1149 running 3Q32 1059 Swindon - Newport, as part of the days mileage running in turns.

10/06 Engineering trains operated in support of Severn Tunnel up line track work was; 66172 - 6F06 2102 Westbury - Patchway (2230) which passed Bath at 2130 (1 early) and Lawrence Hill 2150 (-) with a consist of 3 IEA / 12 JNA / 5 MLA box wagons and 66185 - 6F08 2201 Westbury - Patchway (2330) which passed Bath at 2236 (6 late) and Filton Abbey Wood 2317 (23 late) with 16 JNA / 3 MLA / 1 IEA wagons.

Locos recorded on Westerleigh fuel tank duty have included; 60013/015/017/024/040.

Locos recorded on Tytherington stone duty have included; 60029/055. 66040/056/086/093/103/115/136/158/170/173/182/183.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

20/05 Yet another area appearance for 'Jubilee' steam 45596 Bahamas working Railway Touring Company 'The Atlantic Coast Express' 1Z20 0714 Waterloo - Exeter St.Davids (1330) via Yeovil and Honiton and 1Z22 1630 return to Waterloo (2233) via Bristol, Bath and Salisbury the outward departing Woking at 0751 (1 late), Andover 0916 (-), passing Sherborne at 1110 (1 late), Exeter Central 1327 (1 late) and Taunton 1703 (1 early), Uphill junction 1724 (4 early), Keynsham 1844 (4 late) and Trowbridge 1901 (3 early) on the return. The trains c/stock formation was listed as; 14060 (loco support). 99128. 99371. 99712. 3120. 3143. 3098. 99311. 5032. 99723.

22/05 Network-Rail unit 153311 formed 2Q15 1010 Derby RTC - Eastleigh East yard (1731) test run passing Burton-on-Trent at 1050 (14 late), Yate 1347 (2 late) and Bath 1446 (4 early).

23/05 Following a confirmed power unit swap Colas HST power car 43272 returned north, again solo as 0Z17 0955 Laira Trsmd - Derby RTC (1759) passing Totnes at 1040 (15 late), Exeter St.Davids 1111 (11 late), Yatton 1203 (2 early) and Yate 1312 (33 early).

A departmental record was; 66848 + 66849 top n' tailing - 6C40 2019 (Mon) Westbury - Westbury (via Worcester, Honeybourne and Worcester) passing Bath at 0749 on the return.

24/05 Steam Dreams 1Z92 0834 Victoria - Bath (1304) and 1Z94 1658 return to Victoria (2139) was worked by steam 34046 Braunton (with BR blue livery 47614 attached to the rear) which passed Westbury at 1300 (26 late), Bradford-on-Avon 1312 (24 late) and Freshford 1710 on the return.

The ecs moves were; 5Z93 1308 to Bristol East yard (1414) passing Keynsham at 1345 (17 late) and 5Z94 return to Bath, noted departing Temple Meads at

1645 having reversed at Lawrence Hill.

25/05 68009 + 68033 departed Bridgwater at 1330 with FNAs 70922901-9 + 70922900-1 and steam 45596 Bahamas was a Bristol arrival for rail-tour duty as 5Z38 0947 Southall Wcr - St.Philips Marsh (1330) loco and support coach (14060) arriving Swindon at 1148, departing 1159 (1 late) and passing Bath at 1236 (6 early).

27/05 Two rail-tours passing through the area were; Steam 45596 Bahamas with Railway Touring Company 'South Devon Explorer' 1Z39 0623 Woking - Plymouth (1324) and 1Z42 1709 return to Woking (return via Westbury) the outward departing Newbury at 0754 (-), passing Trowbridge at 0856 (2 early), Worle 1026 (5 late), Dawlish 1217 (13 early) and Dawlish 1803 (3 late), Stoke Canon 1901 (6 late), departing Taunton at 2007 (3 late) and Westbury 2120 (21 late) on the return and Hanson & Hall (HH) 50008 + DB 67028 (in place of a second non available GBRf 50) double-heading Retro Tours 'Retro Devon Belle II' 1Z68 0548 Huddersfield - Paignton (1236) and 1Z70 1623 return to Huddersfield (2319) the outward departing Rickerscote at 0804 (1 early), Ashchurch 0959 (2 late), Cheltenham 1039 (35 late) - reported as having lost time due to an area level crossing problem and dragging brakes on a coach! - Lawrence Hill 1128 (44 late), Worle junction 1151 (43 late), Dawlish 1255 (45 late) and return departing Newton Abbot at 1657 (1 early), passing Dawlish at 1706 (2 early), Stoke Canon 1738 (3 late), Taunton 1759 (-), Worle junction 1823 (1 early) and Yate 1921 (14 late).

The 'South Devon Explorer' was worked to Bristol by West Coast 47802 + 47812 which ran 0Z39 0940 Temple Meads - Taunton signal 483 passing Worle at 1038 (3 early) the locos returning the train via the Berks & Hants route from Taunton, steam 45596 heading back to Bristol as 5Z43 2003 Taunton Fairwater yard - St.Philips Marsh (2124) with support coach via Bristol West passing Worle junction at 2038 (3 late).

The days rail-tour c/stock records were; 1Z39 - 14060 (loco support), 99723, 5032, 3143, 3098, 3093, 99712, 99371, 99128 and 1Z70 - 'The Real Charter Train Co.' (white livery) 11092, 11093, 11099, 11101, 10406, 12154, 12125.

Also during the day, 66192 passed Lawrence Hill at 1336 running 0012 1106 Margam Lip - Eastleigh light-engine.

28/05 Steam 45596 Bahamas departed the area as 5Z46 1325 St.Philips Marsh - Southall Wcr (1655) via Temple Meads passing Keynsham at 1353 (1 late) and Swindon 1452 (1 early).

29/05 Cromptons 33029 & 33025 worked Pathfinder's 'Crompton Torbay Explorer' 1Z25 0700 Burton-on-Trent - Paignton (1251) and 1Z29 1630 return to Burton-on-Trent (2350) with c/stock; 6042. 5929 (both in ex. Anglian blue/white livery). 5921. 1200. 3390. 3391. 1657. 3345. 3325. 17105. (all in blue/grey), departing Stourbridge junction at 0821 (1 late), passing Standish junction at 1004 (1 early), Yate 1029 (-), Lawrence Hill 1057 (8 late), Flax Bourton 1110 (13 late), Bridgwater 1136 (16 late), Wellington (Somerset) 1200 (20 late) and Dawlish Warren 1229 (8 late), the return passing Newton Abbot at 1649 (1 late), Dawlish 1657 (-), Castle Cary 1824 (-), Trowbridge 1850 (3 early) and Yate 2007 (-).

Also, 66791 worked a diverted 3F03 1440 Kineton - MoD Marchwood (2232) MoD move with a consist of two VGA vans either side of 4 containers passing Cheltenham at 1809 (32 early) and Lawrence Hill 1934 (1 early).

31/05 68002 + 68007 passed Highbridge & Burnham at 0711 working 6V74 0200 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks.

01/06 Class 69 debut over the Bristol - Taunton mainline and in Temple Meads with 69004 (ex. 56069) + 69003 (ex. 56018) arriving in platform 10 at 0049 (58 early) as 3Q00 2325 (Wed) Exeter Riverside - Exeter Riverside (0516) via Temple Meads weed-killing train. The return west was at 0242 (13 early), the trains consist being listed as KFAs TIPH93486. VGT95378. TIPH93470.

02/06 A second Bristol visit for the GBRf weed-killing train operating as 3Q00 2255 Exeter Riverside - Exeter Riverside (0624) via Okehampton which arrived Temple Meads platform 15 at 0321 (9 early) and departed at 0327 (48 early), later traversing the Weston-super-Mare loop being held at signals south of the station from 0359 (49 early) until 0452 (6 early). Despite it being an industrial action strike day the NRMT HST set covered the normal monthly Friday runs as 1Q18 0544 Reading Triangle sidings - Paignton (via Penzance) passing Totnes at 1423 (5 early) on the return which was terminated at Exeter St.Davids leaving out the Dawlish Warren reverse for Paignton. The set then continued as a revised Exeter - Taunton working via Bristol East passing Worle junction up at 1728 (24 late) and Bridgwater 1754 (18 early) on the return, 43274 + 43272 being the two hauling power cars in use.

03/06 Saturday industrial action day, the only workings over the Bristol - Taunton line being 'Historic Truro at Leisure' Northern Belle 1Z47 0630 Swansea - Truro (1338) and 1Z49 1645 return to Swansea (2221) top n' tailed by Pullman livery 57313 + West Coast maroon 47813 with c/stock; 326 (Pullman). 3174. 3273. 1953. 3267. 3275. 3247. 325. 17167. 10734. 10703, which outward passed Filton Abbey Wood at 0820 (10 early), Totnes 1024 (6 early) and on the return Saltash at 1753 (1 early), Exeter St.Davids 1909 (2 late), Worle junction 2003 (2 late) and Patchway 2035 (5 late).

A 0C17 2248 (Fri) Taunton Fairwater yard - Stoke Gifford light-engine had in fact operated early so it would not be running on the strike day.

05/06 68001 + 68016 arrived Bridgwater at 0639 with FNA wagons 709229039-6 + 709229021-4.

Possibly the stand-out 'working of the year' saw 'ROG' 20901 hire in (also see Gloucester notes & news) former GBRf (now Harry Needle Railway Company owned) work a single wagon 5Q81 1807 Didcot Fuelling Point - Kingsland Road (2119) via East Depot loop, move which departed Challow loop at 1930 (-), pass Swindon at 1947 (3 early), Westerleigh junction at 2041 (5 early) and Filton Abbey Wood 2051 (-). The wagon SIM14 (Switch Inspection Measurement Wagon) with operations Euro-fleet number 99840362006-0 (and a TOPS code YXA), was delivered to Didcot by road and was to see use over the coming mornings at the north end of Temple Meads in the platform 11 area on pointwork checks.

Also during the day, 'Castle' HST set 43042 GW12 43029 covered what was assumed DMU duties; 2E67 1439 Temple Meads - Worcester Foregate Street, 2T49 1655 return to Temple Meads then 2E74 1908 Temple Meads - Gloucester and 2T63 2010 return which arrived Filton Abbey Wood at 2047 (-) and departed 2049 (1 late).

07/06 The first Chiltern Trains Turbo for what is believed upgraded train protection equipment work 165023 departed (having arrived on 12th April) as 5M65 1315 Barton Hill - Wembley Lmd(1712) passing Lawrence Hill at 1329 (3 late) and Swindon 1407 (1 late), meanwhile second set 165015 had worked 5V65 0836 Wembley Lmd (1144) the other way passing Wantage Road at 1022 (1 early), Parkway 1126 (-) arriving Temple Meads platform 3 at

1139 (3 late) prior to the reverse move for Barton Hill.

The moves were operated by Hanson & Hall (HH), not Rail-Adventure as originally expected. 'ROG' 37510 with barrier coach 6330 worked west as 5V84 1001 Derby RTC - Laira Trsmd (1700) move (for a following day stock storage move), passing Yate at 1313 (29 early), Yatton 1347 (35 early) and Taunton 1430 (30 early).

The rectangular blue background, silver lettering 'Rail Operations Group' head-board was noted as being back in use and carried.

Later, Deltic 55009 (a replacement for HH 50008) was the 'special' guest loco for this years West Somerset Railway diesel gala working south solo as 0Z55 1241 Barrow Hill Lip - Bishops Lydeard Wsr (1919) passing Elford at 1428 (2 late), Burton-on-Trent 1419 (-), Cheltenham 1638 (30 early), Filton Abbey Wood 1736 (20 early), Yatton 1804 (15 early) and Worle junction 1811 (14 early) this being a West Coast operated move.

Also earlier, the diverted 6M50 1040 Westbury - Bescot Up engineers sidings (1634) was double-headed with 70807 + 66848 passing Bath at 1125 (11 late) and Yate 1205 (19 late), MPV set DR98905 + DR98955 forming part of the trains consist at the rear.

08/06 68005 + 68009 were paired on 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks passing Lawrence Hill at 0806 with a 2 FNA (709229027-1 + 709229028-9) consist and 'ROG' 37510 returned a 5L46 0957 Laira Trsmd - Ely Papworth sidings (2038) HST stock move formed; 49107. 48125. 48115. 43170, the coaches all off lease from Angel Trains. It was still carrying GWR branding although the power car 'Chepstow Castle' had lost its nameplates, passing Marsh Mills (Plymouth) at 0955, Totnes 1019, Dawlish 1048 and Parsons Street junction 1217.

Also earlier, 66850 + 66415 + 66547 had passed Bath at 1115 working the diverted 6M50 1040 Westbury - Bescot Up Engineer sidings departmental formed with 5 HQA / 5 JJA auto-ballasters.

09/06 It was an early return for 20901 with its unusual wagon companion departing at 0144 as 5Q74 0530 Kingsland Road - Didcot FP (0714) running via Temple Meads (departing at 0153) and Bath (not Parkway as booked) being reported as arriving at its destination at 0326.

10/06 Two 'Heritage Traction' rail-tours saw appearances from both Class 40 and 73 locos through the area.

73963 + 73965 worked this years GBRf staff charter as 1Z69 0807 Ashford International - Weston-super-Mare (1338) and 1Z61 1726 return to Ashford International (2235), (73961 + 73964 working the companies 2016 outing on 18th June of that year to the same destination) with c/stock (all blue/grey livery except *choc/cream); 3340. 3278, 1657. 3390. 3397. 1651*. 3345. 17105, the outward passing Kensington Olympia at 0948 (7 early), departing Reading 1124 (2 early), Swindon 1212 (13 early), passing Oldfield Park (Bath) at 1249 (14 early) and Flax Bourton 1312 (12 early) and the return passing Yatton at 1739 (5 late), Keynsham 1811 (13 late), departing Bath at 1819 (11 late) and Swindon 1851 (15 late).

The train ecs was worked as 5Z61 1341 Weston-super-Mare - Exeter Riverside yard (1435) which passed Taunton at 1403 (2 early) and 5Z61 1605 return to Weston (1706) which passed Tiverton Parkway at 1617 (6 early), Exeter being used in place of the West Somerset Railway which was holding its 2023 diesel gala on this date.

Class 40 345 (40145) with 47815 attached to the rear, returned Pathfinder Tours 'Golden Anniversary' special (also see Gloucester notes & news) via Bristol as 1Z41 1636 Weymouth - Burton-on-Trent (2248) which passed Upwey

(near Weymouth) at 1642 (1 late), Trowbridge 1835 (11 late), Bathampton junction 1853 (2 early), Keynsham 1902 (4 early) and Yate 1946 (8 late). It was noticed that one of the 'old' F&W (Fielding & Watts - the operators original name) Vulture head-boards was also being carried by the loco on a lamp bracket below the main train board although it was unconfirmed whether it was Victor, Vernon or Veronica!

12/06 'Deltic' 55009 returned from West Somerset Railway gala duty as 0Z55 1113 Bishops Lydeard (Wsr) - Barrow Hill Lip (1744) light-engine passing Bridgwater at 1146 (4 late), Highbridge & Burnham 1153 (4 late), Uphill junction 1200 (4 late) and Yate 1253 (9 late). 68002 + 68007 powered 6V74 0158 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater single FNA nuclear flask (709229021-4) and 6M67 return the outward passing Worle junction at 0621 (5 late) and arriving at 0641, the return later departing Bridgwater station at 1407 and the 4E18 0947 Taunton Fairwater yard - Doncaster Belmont yard via Bristol Parkway, Swindon and Oxford used sleeper service was treble-headed with 66602 + 66598 + 66509 hauling a consist of 5 IFA / 4 YXA wagons passing Taunton station at 1104 (71 late), Uphill junction 1131 (68 late) and Parkway 1215 (39 late). All three locos had earlier run as a 0Z17 0825 light-engine move from Westbury Cement Works via Castle Cary.

14/06 The 2E91 1118 Temple Meads - Worcester Foregate Street service was reported worked by 'Castle' HST 43156 GW09 43155 in place of a DMU set. The monthly 'high speed' test train was back in the hands of locos (with a Colas HST set last appearing) 37254 + 37612 top n' tailing 1Q18 0759 Derby RTC - Kingsland Road via Evesham, Oxford, Swindon, Melksham and Weymouth with dept c/stock; 5995. 975091 'Mentor'. 72631. 977974, passing Tamworth at 0932, Trowbridge 1431 (21 late), Thornford 1542, departing Yeovil Pen Mill at 1740 (41 late) on the return from Weymouth and later departing Dr.Days junction at 2114 heading towards Parkway for a reverse to Hallen Marsh, prior to journey end at Kingsland Road.

16/06 With rumours NR are interested in converting further Class 153 single car sets into departmental use, the second unit so far converted 153311 worked south as 2Q40 1047 Derby RTC - Eastleigh yard (2306) passing Duffield at 1100 (5 late), Yate 2018 (7 early) and Lawrence Hill 2032 (5 early), the other unit 153385 having already made the journey south.

17/06 Special 'environment green' livery part repaint Colas 56051 and a 'star' at the recent SVR diesel gala moved a single IWA log wagon (8435230456) as 6Z61 1323 Baglan Bay - St.Philips Marsh depot (1833) via Temple Meads, passing Yate at 1631 (59 late) and Horfield junction 1714 (25 late).

18/06 56051 returned the single log wagon as 6Z61 1600 St.Philips Marsh - Baglan Bay (1951) passing Horfield junction at 1618 (2 late), arriving Charfield loop at 1639 (2 early) and departing at 1905 (4 early) and passing Caldicot at 1816 (11 late).

Ashley Hill, Bristol

Recorded 'fast track' station progress for this new (re-opened) Bristol station included;

03/06 New track on the 'relief' lines had been laid and was re-ballasted over the weekend, these two lines being closed between Narrowways Hill and Horfield junctions under an engineers occupation.

05/06 With suitable membrane and sand in place, the first platform sections were being placed into position.

12/06 The halfway point for the 'relief line' occupation with the lines now re-laid and realigned, further platform work was continuing.

16/06 By this date the island platform with rear fencing was nearing completion.

Bristol West Railport

With stone traffic all but finished, the site is reported to be under consideration for a new DRS freight flow although full details remain unknown.

Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line

22/05 GWR launched a new 'Severn & Solent Railway' train link, a direct 2016 1701 Severn Beach - Salisbury (via Temple Meads) operating for the first time with Turbo set 166221, the trains inward working being 2K42 1510 ex. Weston-super-Mare.

26/05 New Colas/NR livery 43277 reached Severn Beach at 0053 (-) with 43274 and intermediate departmental test train coaches; 975974. 977997. 72639. 975091. 9481, as 1Q18 1733 (Thur) Derby RTC - Paddington (0423), the set later passing Avonmouth station at 0115 (-) back towards Bristol with 43274 now leading.

Locos recorded on stone duty have included;

59206. 66503/509. 66546/553. 66566/569/597/603/618/619. 66767.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included;

66740/760/798.

Locos recorded on refuse container duty have included;

66019/024/056/067/068/070/088/111/115/182.

Portbury Branchline

03/06 Thought to be making an individual loco debut over the branch (and a Class first on the 2022 introduced branch container flow) 70001 (which had been swapped with a Class 66 enroute, possibly at Acton yard) worked 4V35 0815 (SO) London Gateway - Portbury Auto-terminal containers passing Swindon at 1216 (35 early), Filton Abbey Wood 1254 (44 early) and Parsons Street 1305(59 early), but was later held in the Avon Gorge for between 3 to 4 hours (and visible from the Clifton Suspension Bridge) reason unknown, a fallen tree having not been ruled out.

The loco would have been operating for inter-modal when Freightliner were using Class 70 locos on coal duty over the line back in the early 2000s.

10/06 66506 working 4V34 1115 (SO) Southampton Maritime - Portbury Auto-terminal loaded containers which passed Westbury at 1236 and Ashton Vale Road crossing 1417, where at the latter location there followed a barrier failure delaying some local road traffic!

15/06 With the last monthly test train in the hands of HST power cars, Class 37s were back with 37612 + 37254 top n' tailing the 1Q18 0752 Kingsland Road - Tyseley Tmd (1758) working which passed Parsons Street at 0806 (4 early) and Clifton Bridge 0830 inward, departed Ashton junction signal BL2192 at 0940 (36 late) and passed Bath at 1013 (26 late) on the return, the working later running to Derby RTC (off route) from Birmingham Landor Street (instead of Tyseley as booked).

Locos recorded on container duty have included;

66506/558/593. 70001.

Lawrence Hill workings

29/05 The following freight workings were noted through Lawrence Hill.
66596 6F06 East Usk - Westbury (1032) with consist: 12915 12913 12917
12978 12940 12912 12963 12949 12939 12965 12936 12922 12920 12994 12902
12931 12951 12955 12947 12991;
66415 & 66536 4E18 Fairwater Yard - Doncaster Wood Yard (1112) with
consist: 7046290225 7046290100 7046290506 7046290498 92617;
70807 6M50 Westbury - Bescot (1133) with consist: 7059920080 7059921112
7045240295 7045240220 7045240212 7045240824 7045240345 7045240451

Bristol area workings during March

4B77 Colnbrook - Avonmouth Bennetts empty and 6C77 return loaded stone to
Cardiff Pengam (GBRf)
25/03 66795.

4C90 (* 6C90) Acton yard - Tytherington Quarry stone empties (DB)
01/03 66182. 02/03* 66019. 08/03 66083. 27/03 66194.

4(*6)E18 0947 Taunton Fairwater - Doncaster Wood yard used sleepers (G&W)
06/03* 66505. 08/03 66505. 29/03 66556.

4L32 Wentloog - London Gateway containers (G&W)
02/03 66542. 03/03 66588. 06/03 66591. 10/03 66555. 20/03 66555.
21/03 66555. 27/03 66514. 29/03 66522. 30/03 66546.

4L36 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers (G&W)
02/03 66510. 03/03 66585. 06/03 66533. 10/03 66505. 20/03 66585.
21/03 66522. 23/03 66544. 29/03 66420. 31/03 66546.

4O51 (SO) Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers (G&W)
04/03 66555. 11/03 66555. 25/03 66555.

4(*6)V18 Doncaster Wood yard - Taunton Fairwater yard departmental (G&W)
07/03 66505. 28/03* 59103 + 66556. 31/03 66542.

4(*6)V42 Acton - Tytherington Quarry stone empties (DB)
20/03 66013. 22/03* 66206.

6A12 Tytherington - Didcot yard/* Westbury loaded stone
04/03 66019. 21/03* 66030.

6A27 (*6A85 Moreton-on-Lugg) East Usk yard loaded stone (G&W)
02/03* 66623. 03/03 66533. 14/03 66614. 21/03 66614.
Note; Train on 03/03 saw a loco swap enroute at Stoke Gifford, 66515
having starting out on the working.

6A83 (* 6Z57 Theale MO) Avonmouth Bennetts - West Drayton loaded stone
(G&W)
07/03 66592. 16/03 66504. 23/03 66618. 29/03 66501. 30/03 66537.
Note; Train on 29/03 was terminated loaded as 6C85 at Stoke Gifford.

6B11 Hayes - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)
02/03 66623. 23/03 66614. 29/03 66614.

6B33 Theale - Robeston (Margam SO) empty fuel tanks (DB)
02/03 60015. 09/03 60015. 11/03 60044. 23/03 60011. 31/03 60010.

6B51 / 6B52 Llanwern Exchange sidings - Swindon Stores loaded and return
empty steel (DB)
06/03 66100. 20/03 66207.

6B80 (* 6C48 Appleford) Stoke Gifford - Machen Quarry stone empties (G&W)
11/03* 66618.

6B90 (* 6M90 Clitheroe) Avonmouth Hansons - Gloucester New Yard cement
empties (GBRf)
11/03 66725. 18/03* 66725. 21/03* 66725.

6B91 (* 6Z92)Theale - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)
04/03 66623. 25/03* 66589.

6C03 Northolt Sidings - Severnside Sita loaded and return empty (* 6A03 to
Brentford) refuse containers (DB)
01/03 66097. 02-04/03 66040. 06/03 66097. 07/03 66179. 08/03 66179.
09/03 66097. 10/03 66097. 11/03 66190. 18/03 66206. 21-23/03 66001.
24/03 66194. 29/03 66155. 30/03 66194. 31/03 66194.

6C58 Oxford Banbury Road - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)
06/03 66560. 09/03 66560. 10/03 66560. 21/03 66416. 22/03 66416.
29-31/03 66415.

6C67/6C68 Westbury - Avonmouth West Wharf loaded & return empty stone (G&W)
21/03 66618. 29/03 66618. 30/03 66618.

6M42 Avonmouth Hansons - Penyffordd cement empties (GBRf)
01/03 66798. 03/03 66797. 08/03 66798. 22/03 66798. 27/03 66798.
29/03 66798. 31/03 66798.

6M78 Tytherington - Quainton rail-head loaded stone (DB)
02/03 66143. 03/03 66182. 09/03 66025. 20/03 66098. 21/03 66179.
29/03 66194. 30/03 66087. 31/03 66009.

6V32 Tilbury - Trostre steel (GBRf)
21/03 66304. 24/03 66304. 31/03 66752.

6V35 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (G&W)
10/03 66725.

6V41 Penyffordd - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)
24/03 66798. 28/03 66798.

6V71 (MO) Cliffe Vale - Exeter Riverside china clay empties (DB)
06/03 66139. 13/03 66074. 20/03 66035. 27/03 66080.

6V74 / 6M63 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater empty and return loaded nuclear flasks (DRS)

07/03 68003 + 68009. 10/03 68003 + 68009. 17/03 68001 + 68018.
21/03 68001 + 68018. 24/03 68018 + 88005. 28/03 68003 + 68009.
31/03 68003 + 68009.

6V84 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)

01/03 66734. 20/03 66725. 22/03 66725. 27/03 66725.

6Z21 / 6Z22 Appleford* / Bristol East yard - Tytherington Quarry and return loaded stone (DC Rail)

02/03 60028. 03/03 60028. 09/03 60055. 20/03 60055. 21/03 60055.
23/03 60055. 29-31/03 60055.

Note; Train on 21/03 operated loaded from Machen to Appleford.

6Z26 Tytherington Quarry - West Drayton loaded stone (DC Rail)

06/03 60028.

Note; Inward empties ran from Appleford.

6Z86 West Drayton - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)

02/03 66572. 21/03 66560. 24/03 66416. 29/03 66597. 31/03 66589.

Gloucester

20/05 Area weekend engineering train records included;

70808 - 6C20 0612 Westbury - Gloucester Yard junction passing Standish junction at 0730 formed with 8 MLA / 11 JNA / 1 IEA box wagons and 66847 + 70803 top n' tailing - 6C21 1144 Westbury - Gloucester Yard junction (1400) formed with 7 JNA / 2 MLA / 1 IEA boxes / 3 FEA / 2 KFA / 1 YWA flats / 1 OCA 'bass', which departed 30 minutes late, passed Lawrence Hill at 1303 (2 late) and Yate 1325 (6 early).

21/05 Further engineering train records included;

70803 - 6C21 0824 Gloucester Yard junction - Westbury (0946) via Newport ADj which passed Lawrence Hill at 1157 (5 late) and 66088 - 6W97 0800 Standish junction - Westbury (1236) rail-train (via Gloucester Yard junction) which passed Tuffley junction north at 0806 (1 late).

05/06 20901 (with 20905 de-allocated) on 'hire' to 'ROG' worked 0V74 0802 Derby RTC - Didcot yard (1211) light-loco passing Ashchurch at 1219 (138 late).

Later Colas 37116 propelled 3Q06 1428 Derby RTC - Exeter Riverside (0256) via Reading Triangle sidings test train with dept c/stock; 96609. 6117. 999605. 9801. 9708, departing Derby at 1458 (2 late), passing Cheltenham at 1805 (2 early) and departing Swindon at 1943 (1 early).

06/06 69008, formerly 56038 (in grey undercoat, with small yellow end warning panels, small cab-side numbers and data panels) was released to traffic and worked south as 0060 0815 Longport FD - Eastleigh Works (1513) light-engine passing Cheltenham at 1238 (52 late) and Standish junction 1254 (48 late) heading for the Stroud Valley.

Also the monthly 1Q15 0648 Derby RTC - Swansea HST test train formed with power cars 43272 + 43274 was noted running via Chepstow early having not worked from Gloucester to Swindon via Kemble and back as booked.

10/06 Rail-tour operator Pathfinder Tours (which started as F&W tours back in 1973 with a Class 47 hauled trip from Gloucester to the Cambrian

Coast) celebrated their 50 year of operation using BR green livery Class 40 no. 345 (40145) and BR green 47815 (attached to the rear as Weymouth shunt loco) with their 'Pathfinder Rail-tours 50 Years' 1Z40 0701 Burton-on-Trent - Weymouth (1336) and 1Z41 1636 return to Burton-on-Trent (2248) via Bristol with c/stock (maroon livery unless stated); 5009 (choc/cream). 4994. 99328. 1860. 3121 (choc/cream). 3097 (choc/cream). 3123 (choc/cream). 99316. 3146 /1 (both choc/cream). 99304, the outward passing Stoke Works junction at 0831 (3 early), Standish junction 0918 (4 early), departing Swindon at 1017 (4 late), passing Basingstoke at 1127 (4 late) and Wool 1321 (6 late), (Also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news). Later, IET 802018 working 2G21 1629 Swindon - Cheltenham failed near Stonehouse, prior to the arrival of the 1Z99 rescue 800019 working 1G23 1632 Paddington - Gloucester was diverted via Badminton and a reverse at Bristol Parkway.

The failed train was eventually terminated Gloucester at 1952 (158 late). A freight diversion was 66565 passing Newport at 0947 working 4051 (SO) 0941 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime containers.

Engineering train records from relay work in the Severn Tunnel (via Newport East Usk yard) included;

70810 - 6F02 0525 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (0949) passing Gloucester at 0735 (5 late) and Lawrence Hill 0856 (7 late) with a 7 MLA / 11 JNA / 2 IEA wagon consist, 70807 - 6F03 0800 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury passing Magor up at 0936 with a 9 JNA / 11 MLA wagon consist, 70808 - 6F04 1057 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (1438) which passed Lydney at 1324 (47 late), Lawrence Hill 1500 (71 late) and Bath 1524 (78 late) and 70814 - 6F05 2051 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (0038) passing Lawrence Hill at 2333 (having brought in concrete sleepers).

12/06 Diverted container train records due to the Tunnel track work included; 66504 - 4V51 0313 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog passing Newport at 0747, 66565 - 4V50 0433 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog passing at 0736, 66546 - 4L36 0759 Wentloog - Felixstowe passing Newport at 0753 and 66504 - 4L33 1000 Wentloog - London Gateway passing Newport at 1040. Later 66799 worked a 6F10 1250 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (1747) engineers which passed Gloucester at 1515 (15 late) and Lawrence Hill 1631 (7 early).

13/06 Freight divert records included; 66560 - 6C58 1228 Oxford Banbury Road - East Usk yard (1614) stone empties passing at 1515 (9 late) and 66755 - 6V32 1012 Tilbury - Trostre steel vans (1947) reported Challow at 1433 (5 early) and Gloucester 1549 (16 early).

A departmental record was 66032 passing Magor down at 1435 (26 late) and Gloucester up at 1643 (42 late) working 6F14 1405 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (1829) via Newport.

15/06 Further Severn Tunnel freight diversions included; 66594 - 4V30 2329 (Wed) London Gateway - Wentloog passing Newport at 0753 (161 late) and the same loco with 4L32 1000 Wentloog - London Gateway containers passing Chepstow at 1132 (57 late), 66565 - 4V47 0241 Tilbury - Wentloog containers passing Standish junction at 0800, 66525 - 4L36 0759 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers passing the same location at 0955, 66560 - 6C58 1228 Oxford Banbury Road - East Usk yard stone empties passing Didcot North junction at 1153 and 66618 - 6B11 1221 Hayes - East Usk yard passing Southall at 1328.

Engineering train records included; 66849 - 6F21 0757 Severn Tunnel

junction - Westbury with a 7 MLA / 11 JNA / 2 IEA box wagon consist passing Standish junction at 1037 and Yate 1106 and 66598 - 6F22 1227 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (1658) passing Magor down at 1217 (13 early), Gloucester 1504 (4 late) and Lawrence Hill 1622 (7 late) with a 13 JNA / 7 MLA box wagon consist.

16/06 A massive power failure in the Gloucester station area caused chaos as the Severn Tunnel was closed with 66594 working the diverted and already late 4V30 2329 (Thur) London Gateway - Wentloog containers being held at Standish junction from 0625 having earlier passed Brimscombe St.Marys crossing at 0612 (134 late), this service eventually passing Gloucester at 1106.

There was also late running and cancellation records, with north bound Midland bound services seemingly unaffected as 66760 with 6M42 0920 Avonmouth Hansons - Penyffordd cement empties passed Cheltenham at 0958 (82 early!).

Other diversion records for later in the day were;

66570 - 4L36 1040 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1146, 66560 - 6C58 1246 Oxford Banbury Road - East Usk yard stone empties (recorded Didcot North junction at 1305) and 66755 - 6V32 1012 Tilbury - Trostre steel vans (reported Reading at 1346).

17/06 Further diversions included 66594 passing Marshfield at 0945 (-), Gloucester 1105 (1 late) and departing Swindon at 1205 (15 late) working 4051 0941 (SO) Wentloog - Southampton (1531) containers with a 27 KTA / 4 FSA wagon consist.

Departmental trains included; 66747 - 6F23 1206 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (1641) via Newport ADj departing here at 1340 (8 late) and passing Lydney at 1410 (29 late) and Lawrence Hill 1547 (2 early) with a 7 MLA / 8 JNA box wagon consist.

Nunehead Bridge - Divert Records;

6001 Scunthorpe Trent yard - Eastleigh East yard departmental (GBRf)

26/05 66726 (with single YWA flat DB996427). 29/05 66718.

30/05 and 31/05 66792 (as 0001 light-engine).

05/06 66792 + 66301 (as 1100 ex. Doncaster Decoy yard).

07/06 66792. 08/06 66303.

6E11 1107 Appleford - Milford West sidings Fly-ash empties (DB)

24/05 66088. 01/06 66142.

Class 701 EMU 5Q66 Willesden-Long Marston storage movements during the review period were;

01/06 701033 (47749). 02/06 701041 (47749).

Note; Trains on 01/06 originated from Eastleigh (5Q64).

The line reopened on 9th June with bridge repairs completed 14 days earlier than planned.

Swindon

Locos recorded on 6V15/6M53 Boston Sleaford sidings loaded and return empty import automotive steel (DB);

60066 (01/06, 08/06). 60074 (15/06).

Locos recorded on 6V70 Liverpool EMR/* Doncaster - Swindon Cocklebury yard empty and return loaded scrap (GBRf);

66765 (31/05*, 16/06).

Westbury

- 20/05** 59103 made a 0Z68 0600 Westbury - Westbury Cement Works light-engine move via Taunton passing East Somerset junction down at 0708.
- 22/05** 66766 departed at 1430 (2 early) working 6V44 1218 Marchwood - Bicester (1845) via Salisbury, Slough and High Wycombe MoD stores with a 2 FYA consist.
- 26/05** 59206 was used on 6C27 0535 Westbury - Exeter Riverside (0742) loaded stone passing Taunton at 0650 (3 late), the return 6C28 1557 empties to Whatley passing the same location at 1705, the consist being noted as 22 JNAs.
- 28/05** Two return engineering train records were; 66192 + 66158 top n' tailing - 6W01 0703 Ladbroke Grove - Westbury (1024) passing Chippenham at 0943 (13 early) and 66136 - 6W02 0855 Bruton - Westbury (1255) via Taunton Fairwater yard passing Castle Cary up at 0936 (176 early) with a 5 JJA wagon consist.
- 30/05** 69003 + 69004 arrived Westbury at 1702 (15 late) having passed Salisbury at 1627 (22 late) with a 3Q00 Woking Up Reception - Exeter Riverside Network yard (1841) modular weed-killing train transit move formed with KFAs TIPH 93486 + VTG 95378 + TIPH 93470. Other records for this area Class 69 loco debut run were departing Westbury at 1715, passing Taunton at 1808 (2 late) and Stoke Canon 1837 (3 late). 69004 was originally allocated but had been replaced by 69003.
- 05/06** 66732 returned a 6G98 0400 Llantwit Major - Westbury engineers passing Bradford junction at 0732.

Locos recorded on Exeter stone duty have included;
59206. 66507/509/602/605/614/618/619.

Taunton

- 28/05** 66556 + 66510 passed Taunton station at 0932 top n' tailing 6X04 0929 Theale loop - Fairwater yard trt train.
- 05/06** 69004 + 69003 passed at 2143 (12 early) as 3Q00 2120 Exeter Riverside - Exeter Riverside (0356) weed-killing train via reverses at Westbury and Yeovil Junction being reported passing Castle Cary down at 0016 (1 early) taking the Yeovil line having made the Westbury visit.
- 11/06** 66510 + 66556 returned the trt top n' tailing 6X04 0808 Theale - Fairwater yard departing Woodborough at 0907 (68 early) and passing Castle Cary at 0951 (69 early).
- 12/06** 66618 powered a 6053 0706 Westbury Cement Works - Southampton Up yard wagon move passing Warminster at 0743.

Exeter

- 02/06** The weed-killing train worked west as 3Q00 2212 Exeter Riverside - Exeter Riverside (via Penzance) passing Totnes down at 2243 (13 early). The formation had returned from Bristol during the early morning having also covered the Okehampton branch (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news).
- 03/06** Having made a Class debut in Cornwall, 69004 + 69003 passed Totnes at 0520 (50 early) and Dawlish 0539 (54 early) top n' tailing 3Q00 2212 (Thur) Exeter Riverside North yard - Exeter Riverside Network yard weed-killing train.
- 06/06** 69003 + 69004 top n' tailed 3Q00 2251 Exeter Riverside - Exeter

Riverside (0508) via Lostwithiel passing Dawlish at 2300 (8 late) with KEA wagons TIPH 93470. VTG 95378. TIPH 95486.

07/06 69004 + 69003 top n' tailed 3Q00 2305 Exeter Riverside - Exeter Riverside (0155) via Paignton passing Dawlish outward at 2355 (-).

08/06 The weed-killing train was booked 3Q00 2355 Exeter Riverside - Exeter Riverside (0547) via Westbury and Dorchester West.

09/06 The days booked weed-killing run was 3Q00 2348 Exeter Riverside - Exeter Riverside (0447) via Barnstaple and Exmouth which passed Cowley Bridge junction at 2336 (13 early).

Colas 37116 returned a 3Q13 2028 Riverside yard - Reading Triangle sidings (0300) via Castle Cary, Reading West and Theale loop, test train with dept c/stock; 96609. 6117. 999605. 9801. 9708, passing Taunton at 2050 (17 early).

10/06 The weed-killing train was returned off area as 3Q00 0705 Exeter Riverside Network yard - Eastleigh East yard (1037) with 69004 leading and 69003 on the rear passing Cowley Bridge junction at 0645 (22 early), Taunton 0734 (9 early), Castle Cary 0802 (13 early) and Warminster 0847 (13 early).

17/06 Originally destined for Weymouth, 73962 + 73964 headed UK Rail-tours 'Magic Carpet' 1Z61 0714 Waterloo - Exeter St.Davids (1230) and 1Z62 1533 return to Waterloo (2148) with c/stock; 17105. 3390. 3345. 1651. 3278. 3340. 1200. 5929. 6042, and 66768 attached to the rear as the 'shunt' loco, the outward passing Overton at 0838 (4 late), departing Basingstoke at 0827 (2 late), departing Honiton at 1204 (10 late), passing Cranbrook at 1214 (8 late) and on the return passing St.James Halt (Exeter) 1614 (32 late), Pinhoe 1617 (27 late), Feniton 1626 (26 late) and Sherborne 1744 (2 late).

Newport

20/05 66614 passed Severn Tunnel junction at 0729 with a 6Z93 0340 Wembley yard - East Usk yard wagon move and later 66121 passed at 1226 (and noted Westbury at 1445) as a 0012 1106 Margam Lip - Eastleigh weekend departmental work light-loco.

23/05 Used to move DMU sets south, the 1V99 2309 (Tues) Shrewsbury - Cardiff Central Transport for Wales service (0123) was noted departing Cwmbran at 0050 (-) formed 153318 + 153906 + 153327 + 150208 (with 153926 + 153329 de-allocated!).

29/05 'ROG' 37884 hauled former 'MerseyRail' EMUs 507008 + 507027 for scrapping as 5Q71 2255 (Sun) Birkenhead North EMU depot - Newport Docks (1129) which arrived Hereford at 0534 (to recess) and pass Newport at 1024 (54 early).

The return light-loco move was 0M57 1228 Newport Docks - Derby RTC (1704) passing the same location at 1238 (2 late).

A return engineers saw 66596 pass Llanwern West junction at 0955 (13 late) and Lawrence Hill 1032 (1 late) with 6F06 0930 East Usk yard - Westbury and a 20 JJA auto-ballaster consist.

31/05 LSL large-logo blue 47593 + BR green 47805 double-headed Statesman Rail 1Z38 0600 Newport - Scarborough (1320) 'Yorkshire Coast Statesman' which departed Hereford at 0703 (1 late) and arrived Crewe at 0957 (14 late) and departed 1037 (49 late) following the replacement of 47593 (with an unspecified problem) with Inter-City livery 47828.

The inward ecs was 5Z38 0217 Crewe HS - Newport (0538).

07/06 A return engineering train was; 66560 - 6A06 0723 Abercynon -

Westbury (1016) passing Ninian Park at 0752 (1 late) and Newport 0831 (19 late) with a consist of 7 MLA / 2 IEA / 6 MLA wagons.

10/06 Vintage Trains 'Welsh Marches Express' 1Z30 0836 Birmingham NS - Hereford (1150), 1Z31 1359 Hereford - Gloucester (1536) and 1Z32 1705 Gloucester - Birmingham NS (1823) was double headed with GWR Castles 5043 'Earl of Mount Edgecumbe' + 7029 'Clun Castle' with the 1Z31 passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1514 (1 late) and 1Z32 recorded Cheltenham 1715 (3 late). 47773 was the assisting train loco on the rear.

11/06 Sunday return Severn Tunnel junction engineering train records (again routed via Newport for a loco run-round) included;
66172 - 6F06 1200 to Westbury (1540) passing at 1259 (7 late) and Lawrence Hill 1501 (10 late) with a 3 IEA / 11 JNA / 5 MLA box wagon consist,
66546 - 6F07 1400 to Westbury (1754) which passed Yate at 2019 (225 late) and 66185 - 6F08 1630 to Westbury (2133) which arrived Alexandra Dock junction at 1430 (140 early) and later passed Lawrence Hill at 1948 (54 late) with a further 16 JNA / 1 IEA / 3 MLA box wagon consist.

13/06 Evening delays and several cancellations were encountered for trains into south Wales with the failure of 60017 between Chepstow and Caldicot on 6B47 1905 Westerleigh Puma - Robeston (0151) fuel tank empties which having passed Chepstow at 2039 (17 late) passed Severn Tunnel junction with an unidentified assisting loco at 2349 (196 late!) and terminated at Margam at 0121 (190 late!).

The 2L71 1946 Cheltenham - Maesteg service formed with DMU sets 150213 + 150245 was terminated Lydney at 2033 (15 late) but IET 800311 trapped behind the failed train with 1B32 1914 Paddington - Swansea eventually reached its destination at 0143 (190 late!).

17/06 66010 passed at 1211 running 0012 1106 Margam Lip - Eastleigh Trsmd light-engine.

Following the recent Severn Tunnel closure and the relaying of the up line, the redundant track has been reported as stored at Severn Tunnel junction on the former steam shed waste land site awaiting disposal.

Cardiff

19/05 Not previously reported was the switching on of some of the Valley 'Core Line' overhead wires in late April / early May, signal boxes at Abercynon and Radyr also being closed.

Also a Class 398 'tram-train' has moved under its own power in the confines of the new depot area at Taffs Well.

20/05 Saturday loco and stock Transport for Wales (TfW) diagrams were covered as follows;

67013 (coaching set HD02) - 1V34 0627 Manchester Piccadilly - Cardiff Central, 1W57 return to Manchester, 1V46 1430 return to Cardiff, 1W55 1855 return to Manchester and 1J78 2235 return to Crewe and 67025 (HD04) - 1W11 0435 Cardiff Central - Manchester Piccadilly (which was actually terminated at Crewe with a 'smoke' issue linked to the loco, resulting in 1V37 0830 return to Cardiff and the diagram onwards being assumed cancelled or covered by DMUs).

23/05 Colas 56051 returned 0Z56 0854 Kidderminster Svr - Baglan Bay light-engine for log train duty following Severn Valley Railway diesel gala use passing Hartlebury at 0936.

27/05 Area engineering train records included;

70803 - 6F01 0609 Westbury - Aberthaw which departed Newport at 0728 with 11 JNA / 9 MLA box wagons, 70807 - 6F02 0827 Westbury - Aberthaw (1107)

passing Trowbridge at 0832 (7 early) and Lawrence Hill 0920 (3 early) formed with 12 JNA / 7 MLA / 1 IEA wagons and 70808 - 6F03 1230 Westbury - Aberthaw which passed Lawrence Hill at 1317 with a 7 JNA / 13 MLA wagon consist.

28/05 67025 was on a Sunday loco and stock (HD04) diagram working 1W00 0832 Crewe - Manchester Piccadilly, 1V70 0930 return to Swansea and 1W60 1455 return to Manchester.

Engineering train activity, all routed via Margam included;

70803 - 6F01 0850 Bridgend - Westbury (1314) passing Margam Moors junction at 0900 (3 late) and Central station 1232 (94 late) with 11 JNA / 9 MLA / wagons, 70807 - 6F02 0903 Bridgend - Westbury (1351) passing Pyle at 1006 (58 late) and Central station 1201 (20 late) with 12 JNA / 7 MLA / 1 IEA wagons, 70808 - 6F03 1000 Bridgend - Westbury (1413) passing Central station at 1252 (69 late) with 7 JNA / 13 MLA box wagons, 66712 - 6F04 1100 Bridgend - Westbury (1437) formed with 9 FGA / 1 YWA / 1 OCA wagons passing Newport at 1348 (54 late) and 66596 - 6F06 0808 Westbury - Aberthaw passing Central station down at 0957 with a 20 JJA auto-ballaster consist.

29/05 Bank Holiday Monday, Transport for Wales cover on loco and stock services were; 150213 working 1V33 0626 Manchester Piccadilly - Cardiff Central, 1W19 1249 return to Cardiff Central and 1V50 1630 return to Manchester.

30/05 A second delivery of new TfW 4-car 'Stadler' sets saw 66002 haul 756102 + 756101 + 756104 (to join 756103 delivered earlier in 2023) as 5Q99 0252 Ripple Lane - Cardiff Canton which departed Central station at 0733.

Later, a 3Z97 0611 Carmarthen - Chester DMU stock move saw 197014 + 197019 + 197016 depart Central station at 0901 (the third set having been added at Cardiff). 197020 + 197042 + 197110 worked the other way later as 3Z98 1000 Chester - Carmarthen passing Newport at 1358.

TfW loco and stock cover saw 150278 work 1V31 0454 Crewe - Cardiff Central only with 153367 covering this turn during the following day.

04/06 67017 worked a Sunday loco and coaches (HD01) diagram as 1W00 0832 Crewe - Manchester Piccadilly, 1V70 0930 return to Swansea and 1W60 1455 return to Manchester Piccadilly.

05/06 The Ebbw Vale branch continued to be covered by road bus services from and to Cardiff Central due to engineering work.

07/06 TfW loco and stock DMU cover was; 150240 (1W11), 153323 + 153362 (1V31) and 175106 (1W96 only).

Having arrived and omitted the normal inward route from Derby (also see Gloucester notes & news), the NRMT HST set formed; 43272. 977984. 977994/4. 975984. 43274, running 1Q16 0333 Swansea - Derby RTC (2024) via Fishguard was terminated Llanelli at 1143 (24 early) with a train crew issue.

The set later worked forward as a 5Z16 1139 Llanelli - Derby RTC (1702) empty 'transit' move passing Newport at 1301 (28 late) and departing Cheltenham at 1411 (89 early).

08/06 TfW loco and stock DMU cover was; 150217 (1W11) and 175102 (1V91).

12/06 DMU 158834 covered the 1V33/1W19/1V50 parts of a 'booked' loco-hauled diagram.

15/06 Transport for Wales loco-hauled DMU cover was; 150258 (1V91) and 153926 + 153333 (1W57).

16/06 DMU sets 153323 + 153914 covered a TfW loco and stock diagram

commencing with 1W11.

17/06 A Saturday Tfw loco and stock diagram was worked by 67008 (HD01) as 1V31 0454 Crewe - Cardiff Central, 1W55 0849 return to Manchester Piccadilly, 1B42 1230 return to Cardiff Central, 1W63 1650 return to Manchester Piccadilly and 5K53 1025 return ecs to Crewe CS.

18/06 Over-running engineering work between Aberdare and Mountain Ash saw the road bus substitutions continue into the morning period. Following the return of 56051 on the St.Philips Marsh wagon move (also see Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news), two Class 56 locos were recorded at Baglan Bay, the second being 56078 having worked in 6Z54 log empties from Chirk Kronospan.

19/06 66304 + 66776 arrived in south Wales with a 3Q98 Toton - Margam modular weed-killing train set for further work.

Also 'Class 50 Alliance' 50007 was a rare visitor arriving 0Z50 0500 Kidderminster Svr - Canton sidings (0715) light-engine having passed Gloucester at 0551 (16 late).

The loco collected Tfw DEMU set 756003 departing as 5Z50 0925 Canton sidings - Long Marston (1351) passing Newport at 0946 (12 early), Gloucester 1041 (12 early) and Cheltenham 1103 (1 early) the unit being for display at the forthcoming 2023 Long Marston Rail Live Event.

Transport for Wales loco Loggings

67008	-	1V31 (HD01)	16/06.				
67010	-	1V33 (HD04)	15/06.				
67012	-	1V33 (HD05)	22/05.	1W11 (HD05)	23/05.	1V91 (HD05)	29/05.
		1W11 (HD05)	30/05.	1V91 (HD05)	31/05.	1V91 (HD06)	07/06.
		1V31 (HD06)	08/06.	1W11 (HD06)	15/06.	1V91 (HD05)	05/06.
		1V31 (HD06)	12/06.	1V91 (HD06)	16/06.		
67013	-	1V31 (HD02)	22/05.	1V33 (HD02)	24/05.	1V33 (HD05)	08/06.
67017	-	1W55 (HD01)	24/05.	1W11 (HD01)	29/05.	1V91 (HD01)	30/05.
		1V33 (HD01)	07/06.				
67025	-	1V31 (HD04)	23/05.	1W55 (HD04)	29/05.	1V33 (HD04)	31/05.
		1W13 (HD01)	08/06.				
67029	-	1V91 (HD06)	22/05.	1V33 (HD06)	23/05.	1V31 (HD02)	30/05.
		1W11 (HD02)	31/05.				

Loco diagrams;

1V31 0454 Crewe - Cardiff Central, 1W55 0849 return to Manchester Piccadilly, 1V42 1220 return to Cardiff, 1W23 1649 return to Manchester, 1K66 2030 return to Cardiff.

1V33 0626 Manchester Piccadilly - Cardiff Central, 1W93 1125 return to Holyhead, 1V98 1634 return to Cardiff.

1V91 0533 Holyhead - Cardiff Central, 1W57 1052 return to Manchester Piccadilly, 1V46 1430 return to Cardiff, 1W65 return to Manchester.

1W11 0435 Cardiff Central - Manchester Piccadilly, 1V37 0830 return to Cardiff.

1W91 0648 Cardiff Central - Holyhead, 1V96 1133 return to Cardiff, 1W96 1714 return to Holyhead.

Coaching stock formations

HD01 - 12225. 12315. 10325. 11323. 82226.
HD02 - 12219. 10328. 11324. 12304. 82229.
HD04 - 12211. 12310. 10318. 11319. 82201.
HD05 - 12224. 12326. 10321. 11320. 82200.
HD06 - 12222. 12323. 10330. 11321. 82227.

Locos recorded on Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container duty have included;
66031 'on loan' from DB (22/05, 24/05), 66421 (02/06), 66424 (01/06).
66430 (10/06). 66431 (07/06), 66434 (27/05, 29/05, 31/05).

Locos recorded on Baglan Bay log duty have included;

56051 (23/05 6Z54 loaded return only, 24/05, 07/06, 08/06, 15/06).

Locos recorded on Margam/Port Talbot (from Cwmbargoed DP) coal duty have included; 66077/158.

Locos recorded on Corby Steel duty have included;

66059/097/111/151/158.

Locos recorded on Dee Marsh steel duty have included;

66755/790.

Locos recorded on Round Oak steel duty have included;

66030/040/067/111/119/158/169/171/172/185.

Locos recorded on Barry Dock container duty have included;

66524/544/546/558/585.

Locos recorded on Machen stone duty have included;

66509/594/598.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Dart Valley Railways

19/05 The Buckfastleigh now known as the South Devon Railway (and the latterly associated Paignton & Dartmouth/ Torbay Steam Railway) celebrated a 50th anniversary of operations on this date with a gathering of around 20 former staff, managers and families including founders Rowena Houghton and Bob Saunders along with former Director Barry Coger on a special train working between Paignton and Dartmouth.

Both lines are still successfully running passenger trains and currently reported to be in a good financial position following recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic years.

Mainline Preservation

03/06 Steam 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley took over the Saphos Trains 'English Riviera Express' 1Z27 0740 Slough - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1309) from 47853/47614 and 1Z28 1635 return to Slough (2215)which passed Dawlish Warren at 1754 (1 early) departed Taunton at 1926 (1 late), ScotRail livery 47712 assisting at the rear of the formation west of Taunton. The trains c/stock formation was listed as; 35465 (steam loco support). 3231. 3330. 3107. 1863. 3125. 3148. 3100. 80044. 3122. 3044. 17159.

North Yorkshire Moors Railway

12/06 The railway celebrating its 50th year as a preservation project had a special visitor on this date when King Charles III travelled over the line from Grosmont to Pickering enroute to Scarborough with A3 60103

Flying Scotsman as the trains hauling loco.

As well as visiting the loco footplate, the King unveiled a plaque at the station marking the official re-opening of the railway to passenger trains back in 1973.

The King, then as the Prince of Wales had also visited Pickering in October 2000 to open a £400,000 station restoration project, this time arriving by rail behind A4 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley.

Road Movements

06/06 Loco Support Services ex. BR 08752 passing M5 Michaelwood services at 0600 and later on the A30 at 1045 heading towards Okehampton, the final destination being the china clay works at Goonbarrow, Cornwall.

Severn Valley Railway

This years diesel gala had an exceptionally strong line up with the following seeing passenger train use(*) or appearing (for display purposes) over 19th-21st May;

D821*. D1015*. D1062*. 20048*. 20189*. 31270*. 33108*. 37263*. 40106*. 47712* + Scottish 'Push-Pull' stock set, 47830*. 56051*. 57307. 60062*. 73951. 73952. 88004. HST 43186 GW14 43186*. 43468 + 43484*.

South Devon Railway

R.W.GILES

30/05 An out and back trip from Buckfastleigh - Totnes Riverside recorded the following;

In use;

Ex. GWR 5526 with unnumbered auto-coach, assumed W233W? (London Transport) 5786 (now BR black-boiler certificate to expire on 31st May) with c/stock; 4496. 1917. 4962. 276 (ex. GWR parcels van). 4785. 35326.

Ex. BR diesel 33002 with 'vintage' ex. GWR c/stock; 2434. 1645. 1295.

Staverton;

DMU coach (59740) in use as a buffet. c/stock; (35327 courier coach conversion-assumed). Fruit D 92075 (heavily stripped). Industrial; stored MFP 4 (JF 4210141/58). track machines; 73274. DR98210A+B. rrv excavator 940599-2. unidentified; Wickham trolley (with trailer?).

Totnes Riverside;

C/stock; 15644. 34945. ferry vans (889009). (889015). ex. GWR parcels 594 (display and sales coach). GWR hand-crane no. 610.

Buckfastleigh loco shed area (view);

Ex. GWR 1369. 3205 (loco tender detached). ex. BR diesel D2246. (D2271). (D3721/09010). D7535. DMU (51352). (51376). 55000. 59493 (stored centre car). Industrial steam; Lee Moor No.2 (P784/1899) located in isolated shed. (Lady Angela) P1690/26 (cab removed). Industrial diesel; 2745 (YE2745/60). c/stock; 16071. CCT 94556. 94852 (both CCTs in use as 'loco' stores coaches). GWR Siphon G (1316) assumed.

Inside Museum/Goods shed;

Industrial steam (1) Ashley (P2031/42). broad-gauge; Tiny (of 1868). coach 484A.

Goods/Cafe shed yard;

Industrial steam; Glendower (HE3810/54). c/stock; sleeper (10680), one side still in Caledonian Livery, FD 92096. milk tanks 2016. 3037. grounded body (alongside approach road); ex SR PMV (2106).

Note; The Buckfastleigh sheds and works area are no longer as accessible

as in past years.

West Somerset Railway

For this years Diesel Gala from 8th-10th June the following were in use; D6566 (33048), D6575 (33057), D7659 (from East Lancs Railway), D9526, D9551 (Severn Valley Railway), 33002 (South Devon Railway) and 55009 (Barrow Hill).

MISCELLANEOUS

Arriva XC

Latest company HST mainline operating day has been quoted as Monday 18th September with a Leeds - Swanage (via Southampton) 'farewell' tour to run on the following Tuesday 26th September.

This is around a month earlier than previously stated dates.

Bridgwater

The former ROF Puriton site, closed by BAE Systems in 2008, now known as Gravity Park was in the news again with the Government and representatives from TaTa, Jaguar Landrover interested in developing the land for a GIGA battery production plant. However as with the electric car factory proposed for here under consideration towards the end 2021 (which was believed to have been awarded to Spain), other European sites including one in Germany form opposition. 8,000 new Somerset jobs could be created (with more in associated and linked roles), if the all clear is given the location having a complete but lifted railway track bed link (which crosses the M5 motorway) with the Bristol - Taunton mainline once having a junction near Huntspill, north of Bridgwater which could be reinstated.

Cornwall

The 4-wheel CDA china clay wagons which number around 120 are expected to be withdrawn from 11th August and replaced by 30 JIA bogie wagons previously used on North-East potash/rock salt traffic. The CDAs were brought in at the end of the 1980s for Cornish internal clay traffic to replace the then life expired wooden bodied 4-wheel clay 'hoods' (OOU's). It is however unknown how the off loading CDA traverser (which will be assumed modified?) will cope at the Fowey River export terminal with the new wagon type, which have recently been tested over the branch to the main line at Lostwithiel.

DBS

Loco 66023 was released in a special King's Coronation blue livery complete with the Royal Motif and Union Jack flag during June.

DRS

01/06 68017 + 68034 top n' tailed a further 8 PFA wagon 6Z95 1551 Winfrith sidings - Crewe Coal sidings return low-level radioactive waste sludge train.

End of Line for e-Scooters

GWR have announced a ban on the transportation of electric scooters on their trains due to ongoing safety reports regarding an increase in electrical battery fires. South-Western Railways soon followed suit with

similar action and a ban also on their trains.

Class 58

31/05 A further report from Alizay Depot, France recorded locos; 58004/5/6. 58011/3. 58026. 58040/9, all still present with 58005 next in line for scrapping. Also it has come to light that 58044 is also still located in France but at a different location. Three class members are currently preserved in Britain these being; 58016, 58023 and 58048.

GBRf

Further 'retro livery' repaints saw 73119 released in early June carrying a 'Dutch' departmental yellow/grey livery. 73202 is to follow in an as yet undisclosed 'vintage' colour scheme.

Great Western Railway

22/05 With the new timetable change during the previous day, a new 30 minute train frequency now operates between Bristol and Gloucester with a now hourly onwards connection between here and Worcester.

Extra trains are now operating to Weston-super-Mare with the extension of some Paddington services to an every two hour frequency, three trains an hour to Westbury from Bristol and direct links to Weymouth from Swindon and Salisbury from Severn Beach - 'Severn & Solent' trains.

The West of England Combined Authority (WOCA) provided £57 million financial support towards the changes which has also seen more trains running between Manchester and Plymouth operated by Arriva XC.

Also in West Wales there are now six GWR departures from Carmarthen instead of just one previously.

23/05 'Castle' HST set 43186 GW13 43188 worked 3Z91 1305 Worcester Shrub Hill - Laira Trsmd (1740) passing Yate at 1444 (17 late) and Uphill junction 1526 (20 late) following an appearance at the Severn Valley Railway (SVR) Diesel Gala (see MISCELLANEOUS Preservation notes & news). It is also interesting to record the set was operated over the SVR with a 'volunteer' GWR train crew.

24/05 DMU 150234 was in collision with a car at Coombe road crossing whilst working 2L87 1550 Liskeard - Looe. Although this crossing is manually gated, the two open crossing on the line at Lodge Farm and Terras are set to receive 'train approach' operated barriers in the not too distance future.

05/06 'Castle' HST set 43029 GW12 43042 worked a series of 'English Riviera Air-show' reliefs listed as 5T51 St.Philips Marsh - Paignton, 2A51 1626 Paignton - Newton Abbot, 5A52 1651 return empty to Paignton, 2A52 1717 return to Newton Abbot, 5E53 1733 return empty to Goodrington CS, 2E53 1829 Paignton - Exeter St.Davids and 5C53 1922 empty stock to St.Philips Marsh.

Having taken part in the show the Red Arrows air display team were noted returning to RAF Scampton at North Petherton, near Bridgwater in a split formation around 1900.

16/06 DMU set 150247 worked 1A37 1935 Exeter St.Davids - Paddington service as far as Taunton for IET set 802111 to take over.

18/06 Turbo 166210 in use on 2T21 1457 Exmouth - Paignton 'Devon Metro' local service was swapped at Exeter St.Davids with IET 800303 which completed the move.

19/06 Due to late running IET set 800309 was terminated Plymouth with

1C74 0904 Paddington - Newquay service, 'Castle' HST set 43162 GW03 43097 continuing the working west passing Luxulyan at 1336 then returning as booked with 1A94 1455 Newquay - Paddington as far as Plymouth where IET 802111 continued the train back to the Capital.

At the end of the review period it has been officially confirmed that 'Castle' HST sets will be fully stood down at the 2024 Summer Timetable change during May although how many will still be operating by this date is unknown.

Industrial Action

31/05 An ASLEF drivers strike affected routes differently with trains to Bristol from Paddington still operating at a reduced frequency, although the Severn Beach line saw no trains.

01/06 Work to rule was the order of the day with the full stoppage action taking place over the following two days (the 3rd being the 30th stoppage day so far), with 14 operating company staff which included guards and station staff.

It was reported that 40% of services were still able to run on affected day as NR staff including signallers had accepted a new pay deal. Of particular disruption was the FA Cup final between Manchester City and Manchester United (moved from the normal May weekend to 3rd June due to the winter Qatar World Cup competition).

The weekend also saw a Beyonce music concert and the Epsom Derby take place in London.

19/06 Industrial action was set to continue with an overtime ban announced for the end of June.

Isle of Wight

Closed for the last nine months, rebuilding and refurbishment of Ryde Pier, including the railway and station (which has been in use for the past 60 years) was now expected to be completed on 10th July.

Work on the 143 year old structure was due to be completed in April this year but poor weather hindered work access and damaged scaffolding which had to be replaced.

For this years Isle of Wight Music festival a mini bus service was organised from the Pier head ferry landing point to Esplanade station for the onward open rail section to Shanklin.

Trans-Pennine Express

28/05 This rail-franchise became the sixth to come back under Government control from this date due to train cancellation and poor customer service records.

Ticket Office Public Consultation

As the magazine was going to press it was announced that Train operators have proposed changes to the majority of rail station ticket offices in England.

Train operators are required to consult Transport Focus and the following web site provides passengers with the opportunity to have their say.

TicketOffice.GWR@transportfocus.org.uk

All feedback must be received by Wednesday 26 July 2023.

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

22/05 Bristol Kingsland Road - DR80210 (allox. 1900 to Liskeard GF).
23/05 Totnes - DR73920 passing at 1127 running 6J39 0852 Castle Cary - Plymouth Tavistock junction.
30/05 Theale - DR73121 passing at 1027 as a 6Q54 1012 Reading Triangle sidings - Newton Abbot Hackney yard move.
05/06 Ashchurch - DR75406 (later allox. a 6J83 move to Swindon).
06/06 Bristol Kingsland Road - DR79263 + DR79273.
08/06 Taunton Fairwater yard (part view) - DR73120. DR77909. DR76750. DR76703.

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 589

PETERBOROUGH

13th - 14th April 2023

DAY 1 - Thursday 13th April 2023

Peterborough

Locos 57012 66035 66090 66099 66104 66116 66142 66305 66719 66726 66731
66732 66736 66741 66756 66763 66769 66772 66776 66779 66782 66788 66797
66799 66951 91105 91106 91107 91109 91110
DMU sets 158770 158777 158799 158810 158846 158854 158857 158862 158865
170103 170104 170105 170108 170109 170397 170530 170532 170534 170535
170618 170620 170637 170638 180101 180102 180104 180105 180106 180107
DEMU sets 755325 755336 755420*
EMU sets 387112 387118 387121 387123 387125 387128 387302 700102 700110
700118 700131 700137 700138 700140 700151 800101 800105 800106 800108
800201 800204 800207 800208 800210 801101 801102 801105 801106 801107
801108 801111 801112 801202 801203 801204 801207 801209 801213 801214
801218 801219 801220 801221 801222 801223 801224 801225 801227 801228
801229 801230 802301 802302 802303 802305 803003 803004 803005
DVTs 82212 82213 82214 82222 82225

Freight workings

1034 66736 4L98 Masborough - London Gateway
7045202962 7045210841 7045202970 7045203390 7045211054 7045203382
7045202681 7045210700 7045202699 640684 640688 630040 630039 93475
6849094501 7045201428 7045210072 7045201436 7046630650 7046630668
7046630676 7046630684 6849091507 6849430804 704502756 7045210734
7045202749 630031 630032 7045200016 7045210007 7045200008 650011 650012

1045 66305 4L28 Doncaster Iport - Felixstowe
640913 640655 640908 630042 630041 6849091580 6849090616 8049090111
7045203648 7045211187 7045203655 6849093727 640613 640614 650045 650046
7045201881 7045210304 7045201899 8049090293 6849094337 650040 650039
650019 650020 8049091168

1055-1233 66099 6L42 Mountsorrel - Barham
7069570387 7069570486 7069570007 7069570304 7069570395 7069570148
7069570213 7069570312 7069570072 7069570023 7069570221 7069570155
7069570452 7069570254

1109-1110 66116 4M79 Felixstowe - East Midlands Gateway
610363 610364 7049080580 7049080721 7049080655 610055 610056 7049080093
7049080879 7049080002 7049080226 7049081497 7049080416 7049080101
7049081026 7049080739 7049081216 7049080614

1120-1123 66788 4E34 Southampton Western Docks - Doncaster Iport
6849095664 6849094931 7045201865 7045210296 7045201873 640922 8749085035
8049092125 6849098650 6849096506 6849099039 640678 640663 8049090038
8049091655 6849095565 8049091259 7045203226 7045210973 7045203234
8749086629

1137-1159 66776 6M60 Whitemoor Yard - Mountsorell
7059921146 7059920262 7059921021 7059920023 7059920221 7059920031
7059920882 7059920429 7059920312 7059920130 7059920528 7059920106
7059920270 7059920734 7059920676 7059921062 7059921047 7059920213
7059920197 7059920684 7059921013 7059920940

1219-1223 66763 6E86 Middleton Towers - Monk Bretton
7006590266 7006590274 7006590415 7006590308 7006590340 7006590092
7006590373 7006590019 7006590191 7006590225 7006490381 7006590126
7006590134 7006590050 7006590399

1313 66731 4M29 Felixstowe - Birch Coppice
93360 640910 640909 93384 6849091515 93358 7045203093 7045210908
7045203085 7045201766 7045210247 7045201774 7046630247 7046630239
7046630387 7046630379 7045203614 7045211161 7045203606 8749083055
8749085076 640915 7045202418 7045210569 7045202400 650032 650031
7046630262 7046630254 93467 7045202798 7045210759 7045202780

1319 66090 4L45 Wakefield Europort - Felixstowe
7049380544 7049381526 7049081323 7049381641 7049080150 7049080978
7049383108 7049381427 7049081356 7049385335 7049080713 7049381104
7049081489 7049383175 7049080556

1655 66741 4E39 Tilbury - Wakefield Europort
6849097215 8049090392 6849096605 6849094675 8049090202 6849096001
6849094915 8049091341 6849094246 6949097835 8049092166 8049092018
8049092075 6849096738 6849094105 8049090459 6849090277

1817 66726 4L04 Birch Coppice - Felixstowe
7045202939 7045210825 7045202921 7046630494 7046630502 7046630171
7046630189 7046630163 7046630155 7046630130 7046630148 640654 640921
7045201394 7045210056 7045201386 640683 640637 640635 650050 650049 640649
8749084806 7045202616 7045210668 7045202608 7045201576 7045210148
7045201568 7045202301 7045210510 7045202319

1834 66142 4L08 Wakefield Europort - London Gateway
610233 610234 7049080796 7049381609 610246 610245 7049081141 7049080267
7049080374 7049387240 7049381443 7049381088 7049081224 7049382136
7049387226

1843 66951 4E56 Felixstowe - Doncaster

7045201188 7045201196 7045201022 7045201030 7045200115 7045200107 640064
640063 640495 640496 7045200867 7045200875 7045201253 7045201246
7045200842 7045200859 7045200149 7045200156 7045200826 7045200834 640337
640338 7048460809 7048460791 7048462284 7048462219 7048461773 7048461906
608287 608276 608340 608410 608433 608448 7048460163 7048460254

1845 66779 4L07 Birch Coppice - Felixstowe
643020 643019 640628 640627 640911 650009 650010 650006 650005
7045202954 7045210833 7045202947 7045202160 7045210445 7045202178
6849093008 6849096019 6849094998 640691 640664 7045201931 7045210320
7045201923 7045201410 7045210064 7045201402 7045201733 7045210221
7045201725 7045201949 7045210338 7045201956

1853 66772 66719 4L57 Peterborough - Whitemoor Yard
640650 643004 643003

1907-1933 66782 4E43 Felixstowe - Doncaster Iport
6849096100 93335 8749084376 6849091168 93425 7045202343 7045210536
7045202350 6849094774 6849093461 8049091903 6849094170 8049090020
6849093760 8049091606 6849099625 8049093537 8749084947 7045201634
7045210171 7045201626

1914 66756 4L14 Doncaster Iport - Felixstowe
7046630775 7046630783 7046630791 7046630809 7046630635 7046630643
6849094188 93436 6849093966 8749084905 6849095888 640620 640619
8749083592 93416 640609 640610 93423 7045202632 7045210676 7045202624
7045202871 7045210791 7045202863 640682 640681 640647

1945 66769 6L15 Toton - Whitemoor Yard
112063 112028 112013 112262 112055 112010 7059323847 7059323748 7059323763
7059323755 7059323730 7059323722

2310 66772 6036 Whitemoor Yard - Hoo Junction
503523 29364 7059323276 503518 29138 29529 610153 610154 7046290456
7046290480 92643 7046290423 7046290381 7046290274 7046290282 92654

2324 66799 6L84 Doncaster Decoy - Whitemoor Yard
7045240196 7045240964 996963 93755 93750 93752 93756 93757 93753 9376x
93754 93603 93600 93744 93327 979507

March

Locos 66006 66096 66509 66560 66591 66596 66716 66747 66758 66772 66781
66786 66787 66797

DMUs 158846 158854 158865 158889 170101 170103 170104 170107 170109*
170397

DEMU 755336

Freight workings

1418 66096 4L38 East Midlands Gateway - Felixstowe
7049081372 7049080705 7049080838 7049081091 7049080440 7049080143
7049080192 7049080275 7049081018 7049081042 7049080010 7049080804
7049080135

1423 66747 4E21 Felixstowe - Tinsley
8049090772 7045203291 7045211005 7045203283 7045202012 7045210361
7045202004 7046630486 7046630478 640686 7045202772 7045210742 7045202764
7046630569 7046630551 7046630544 7046630536 7046630528 7046630510 640645
6849091556 8049091150 7045203036 7045210874 7045203028 640919 630028
630027 7045201345 7045210031 7045201352 7045203259 7045210981 7045203242

1440 66591 4L85 Tinsley - Felixstowe
45201006 7045201014 7045200818 7045200800 7048461823 7048461633
7048461484 7048461278 7048460460 7048460452 7048461476 7048461443
7048461088 7048461039 7048462276 7048462243 7048460775 7048460783
7048461401 7048461393 7048461328 7048461336 7045201261 7045201279
7048461765 7048461930 7045200495 7045200487 7048460874 7048461021
7045200198 7045200180 7048461229 7048461237 7048461922 7048461690
7048462185 7048462110

1528 66772 66797 6L37 Hoo Junction - Whitemoor Yard
503127 29226 503133 7059324357 29067 29129 29119 29148 29339 503600
7059322401 7058920339 29382 503520 29485 7058920313 503593

1540 66787 4L13 Hams Hall - Felixstowe
7045202814 7045210767 7045202806 7045202038 7045210379 7045202020
7045203333 7045211021 7045203325 93337 640623 640624 630010 630009
8749085019 640687 6849091887 650052 650051 640639 640905 650029 650030
7045203549 7045211138 7045203556 7046630734 7046630742 6849097439

1548 66596 4L87 Leeds - Felixstowe
640016 640015 6849430796 6849095128 6849091234 6849094477 640486 640485
8049090699 640493 640494 6849093826 608296 608050 640141 640142 6849430960
640160 640159 640306 640305

1605 66781 4E20 Felixstowe - Masborough
7046630601 7046630593 7046630585 7046630577 7046630460 7046630452 640652
640636 640648 7045203002 7045210866 7045203010 7045202897 7045210809
7045202889 7045203127 7045210924 7045203135 640634 7045202707 7045210718
7045202715 7045203366 7045211047 7045203374 7045202244 7045210486
7045202251 630026 630025 6849099500 640641 7046630429 7046630411

1621 66006 4Z56 Chesterton - Toton
7055004482 7055000977 7055004417 7055003831 7055001603 7055001405
7055004300 7055004458 7055004169 7055001348 7055004045 7055003997
7055000795 7055001611 7055003807 7055001199 7055000886 7055004177
7055004383 7055001413

1621 66758 4L11 Masborough - Felixstowe
6849095078 640667 7045202095 7045200403 7045202087 640901 7045202194
7045210452 7045202186 7045202376 7045210544 7045202368 640633 7045203341
7045211039 7045203358 7045202277 7045210494 7045202269 7046630619
7046630627 7046630692 7046630700 6849091903 643015 643016 650013 650014
640666 640670 7045202467 7045210593 7045202475 640912

Nene Carriage Sidings

EMUs 387172 387174

Miscellaneous Wagons 310073 310077 310099 310134 310222 310222 310234
310430 310459 310537 310649 7006590217 7006590290 7059321452 7069570031

DAY 2 - Friday 14th April 2023

David Lane Tram Stop, Nottingham

DMU 170419

Toton

Locos 60001 60002 60004 60014 60018 60019 60039 60045 60047 60049 60062
60065 60066 60079 60082 60092 60100 66009 66018 66023 66026 66040 66060
66077 66094 66096 66106 66112 66117 66128 66133 66137 66138 66162 66174
66205 66207 66515 66570 66709 66719 66723 66769 66773 66799 66847 67003
67006 67019

DVT 82146

OTP DR75402

Freight workings

1035 66515 6G65 Hope - Walsall

10788 10792 10799 10868 10897 10826 10900 10778 10828 10811 10875 10880
10775 10782 11074 11100 11046 11116 11035 11041 11102 11144 11056 11050
11030 11062 11096

1052 66709 4H73 Washwood Heath - Tunstead

7067910911 7067910903 7067910853 7067910879 7067910275 7067910028
7067910192 7067910671 7067910085 7067910234 7067910499 7067910887
7067910465 7067910622 7067910176 7067910291 7067910663 7067910846
7067910226 7067910697 7067910572

1215 66723 6M01 Tinsley - Bardon Hill

27102 27122 27115 27107 27113 27106 27111 27108 27117 27118 27105 27101
27121 27119 27109 27104 27116 27110 27103 27112

1215 66769 0xxx Beeston - Toton

1250 60062 6E02 Toton - Boston

964019 966235 966228 964028 966182 966024 966184 966240 966208 966203
966016 966222 966092 964030 966242 966195 966218 966014 964023 966139

1302 66719 4E87 Ratcliffe - Barnetby

7069553274 7069553449 7069553241 7069553514 7069553498 7069553332
7069553506 7069553175 7069553464 7069552323 7069553118 7069553084
7069553258 7069553100 7069553407 7069553076 7069553456 7069553167
7069553365 7069553225 7069553050 7069553183 7069553324 7069553472

1310 66570 6M73 Doncaster Decoy - Toton

996294 996298 996314 996227 996289

1320 66773 6H10 Bletchley - Peak Forest
371105 7067910093 371110 7067910614 371102 7067910713 371104 7067910309
371087 371099 371082 371108 371106 371100 371122 7067910739 371085 371116

Derby

DMU 222021 222023

Etches Park

DMU 222019

Derby RTC

Locos 08871 37607 37610 37612 43014 43062 43251 43277 73952

DMUs 153311 153376

Coaches 6261 9702 9810 999605 999606

Litchurch Lane

EMUs 701021 701502 710270 710374 720510 720516 720612 730034

Miscellaneous Wagons 12898 12938 29002 29045 29088 29231 29269 29270

29329 29370 29417 29431 29452 29476 85937 85943 97121 112210 112300

112320 112700 320027 380001 380102 380103 380301 394363 501005 501021

501065 501081 501133 501134 501137 501181 501182 501183 501324 503008

503021 503031 503091 503093 503100 503193 503501 503529 503546 503549

503597 610364 964013 964038 966037 966151 966412 967608 7055000795

7055000886 7055000977 7055001017 7055001066 7055001199 7055001249

7055001314 7055001405 7055001413 7055001488 7055001603 7055001611

7055003807 7055003831 7055003997 7055004045 7055004169 7055004177

7055004300 7055004383 7055004417 7055004458 7058310746 7058310761

7058310779 7058310787 7058310795 7058920107 7058920305 7059322260

7059322591 7059322708 7059323003 7059323532 7059323797 7059324282

7059324399 7067230165 8743750479 8743926632

Nottingham Express Transit

Wilkinson Street Depot yard held 217/219/224 and 238, these didn't move all day.

Inside depot and not seen (established by speaking via the information intercom on Wilkinson Street platform) were 225 and 233.

All the lines were covered and all the remaining trams were seen during travels.

Only other thing noted was 170630 at Nottingham Station.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS MAGAZINE:

R.W.GILES, M.CREW, K.DAVIES, D.FORSE, ALAN, JTC, R.G.GILES, C.WEEKS, TRAINLOGGER, C.WOODLAND, N.HOSKINS, P.YOUNG, Swrg, Wag, Bristol Post.

Also thanks to the following whose information has been used in the organisation of trips to industrial and coaching stock locations

INDUSTRIAL RAILWAY SOCIETY.

