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197008/006/012/015 approach Cardiff Central on 25/07/23 with 3Z98 1015 Chester CAF - Carmarthen ECS working. Two units were detached at Central for crew training at Canton, the other two went forward to Carmarthen for training there.

Rear Cover Photo August 2023 Issue 618:

[M. Crew]

66761 (66733 on the rear) 6G72 Westbury - Gloucester Yard Junction at Lawrence Hill on 01/07/23.

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 = N/A

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

Trip 593

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PRESERVATION

Saturday 16/09/23

A one day visit to preservation sites in Northamptonshire.

Proposed Trip Fare = £28 **Fare with Day Membership** = £31

The trip fare does not include the cost of entry to any of these locations

Proposed Itinerary: Daventry freight depot view; Ironstone museum; Northampton industrial museum; 4 Northampton steam railway Broughton

Permits: N/A

Departure Time from 68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0700 am

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

Return Time to Mangotsfield area = approx 2130 pm

Book By Date = N/A

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: N/A

Trip 594

CHESTER FLYER

Saturday 21/10/23

A one day flyer visit to Chester with the option to go Liverpool.

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

Proposed Itinerary: None

Permits: N/A

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

Return Time to Mangotsfield area = approx 2130 pm

Book By Date = N/A

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: N/A

Trip 595

DONCASTER FLYER

Saturday 25/11/23

A one day flyer visit to Doncaster to do as you wish.

Proposed Trip Fare = £28 **Fare with Day Membership** = £31

Proposed Itinerary: None

Permits: N/A

Departure Time from 68 Long Road, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HP = 0630 am
Other pick-up points may be arranged with Dave FORSE.

Return Time to Mangotsfield area = approx 2130 pm

Book By Date = N/A

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: N/A

Trip 596

LONDON FLYER

Saturday 09/12/23

A one day flyer visit to London to do as you wish.

Proposed Trip Fare = £26 **Fare with Day Membership** = £29

Proposed Itinerary: None

Permits: N/A

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 = N/A

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: N/A

Trip 597

BLACK COUNTRY FLYER

Saturday 13/01/24

A one day flyer visit to the Black Country to do as you wish.

Proposed Trip Fare = £20 **Fare with Day Membership** = £23

Proposed Itinerary: None

Permits: N/A

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

Return Time to Mangotsfield area = approx 2130 pm

Book By Date = N/A

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: N/A

Bookings

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

Trip bookings will only be accepted on a Trip Booking Form. Completed Trip Booking Forms should be returned to the Bookings Secretary prior to the Book-By Date.

To secure participation on a trip it is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that their completed Trip Booking Form is submitted in advance of the Book-By Date. Booking requests received on a Trip

Booking Form after the Book-By Date will be filled on a first come first served basis where possible regardless of whether they are a member or non-member.

Forms should be submitted either on a trip, or by post to Dave Forse, or by downloading from the Society web site cardiffandavonside.org.uk and e-mailing the completed form to: bookings@cardiffandavonside.org.uk Members are also reminded to keep the Bookings Secretary informed of their intentions regarding their participation on trips.

Trip Departure Times

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

Important Notice for Trip Participants

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

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

General Trip Information

1. Although trip timings and costs advertised are based on Bristol area departures, fuel/train fare to an advertised departure point from Cardiff and Newport will be paid by the Society upon agreement with the Events Organiser. If you live outside the areas served by these points but on route for a trip please contact Dave Forse to arrange a pick up point that is mutually convenient.
2. The fare structure for Society members is as follows
ADULT - FULL FARE.
CHILD - QUARTER FARE.
DAY MEMBERSHIP (TRIP MEMBER) - AS ABOVE + £3 per trip day
A child is a person who has not yet reached their seventeenth birthday and is still in full time education. People who are not Society members or family members will have their fares increased by the Day Membership rate (£3 per day).
3. The discounts highlighted above for family members refer to travel costs only. Accommodation, 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

OBITUARY

It is sad to report that long-standing member Brian Beal died peacefully in his sleep on July 20th 2023 in a Care Home in Frome.

Brian was 76 years old and had been suffering from dementia but it was a pulmonary embolism which caused his death.

Brian was a member of the Society for about 46 years and was an active trip participant. He also undertook the Newsheet Editor role between January 1982 and March 1984.

Brian was a tall and well built man and it was a standing joke that if you stepped out of line Brian would be asked to give you a mangling.

His widow, Janice, will be arranging a celebration of his life at a future date.

NOTES & NEWS

Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh

26/06 66598 + 66589 + 66540 were an afternoon arrival as 0V68 0634 light-engines ex Hoo junction which had passed Wantage Road at 1104.

28/06 Former Greater Anglia EMU sets 321409 + 321432 were moved as 5Q76 2142 (Tues) Worksop Up reception - Newport Docks (0730) Sims Metals (via Finsbury Park and Reading) for scrap passing Swindon at 0348 (57 early), arriving Bristol Parkway at 0426 (105 early) and departing 0606 (7 early) and passing Newport station at 0650 (13 early) 'ROG' 37884 being the hauling loco. Later, a fatality reported near Cam & Dursley saw the 1M65 1800 Bristol TM - Birmingham NS service formed with Voyager set 220022 turned back at Yate having arrived here at 1819 (3 late).

30/06 'ROG' 37884 hauled a further EMU set 321406 as 5Q76 2142 (Thur) Worksop Up reception - Newport Docks Sims Metals passing Swindon at 0436 (9 early), departing Parkway at 0546 (37 early) and arriving at its destination at 0658 (32 early).

01/07 A blockade from Westerleigh junction - Standish junction with a worksite north of Wickwar footbridge (just south of the tunnel) saw road buses in operation between Parkway and Gloucester.

Associated engineering train records included; 70814 - 6C20 2311 (Fri) Westbury - Yate (0030) which passed Wickwar at 0815 north with loaded

track panels, 66848 - 6C21 2351 (Fri) Westbury - Yate (0104) heading north later with loaded spent ballast, 70808 - 6C22 0648 Westbury - Yate (0832) which passed Parkway at 0800 and Rangeworthy (north of Yate) at 0827 with 12 JNA / 8 MLA boxes (falcons), 70801 - 6C23 1427 Westbury - Yate (1541) passing Stapleton Road at 1516 with 8 MLA / 12 JNA box wagons, 70811 + 70810 top n' tailing - 6C24 1625 Westbury - Yate passing Lawrence Hill at 1718 and 66504 - 6Y46 1028 Westbury - Yate (1156) which passed Lawrence Hill at 1119 (2 early) with a 3 JNA / 2 IEA / 12 MXA wagon consist.

02/07 Sunday engineering trains from the Westerleigh - Standish junction blockade included; 70811 - 6C23 1900 Yate - Westbury (2015) which passed Lawrence Hill at 1928 with 8 MLA / 12 JNA box wagons, 70810 - 6C24 1800 Yate - Westbury (1916) passing Westerleigh junction at 1805 (8 late) and Lawrence Hill 1818 (9 early) with 6 FEA / 2 KFA flats / 1 IEA / 6 JNA / 3 MLA box wagon consist and 66560 + 66598 top n' tailing - 6Y47 1700 Yate - Oxford Hinksey yard (1908) via Chippenham passing Lawrence Hill at 1728 (10 late) and Swindon 1824 (3 early) with a 7 MLA / 11 JNA / 2 IEA box wagon consist, the train having departed the work site at Rangeworthy at 1651.

04/07 66504 + 66544 ran 0A01 0600 Stoke Gifford - Westbury light-engines passing Bradford junction at 0647. The locos returned a south Wales bound engineers (see Cardiff notes & news).

An incident at Westerleigh junction saw IET SET 800030 working 2T03 0731 Gloucester - Bristol TM service damage point work which affected up trains. A number of services were amended including DC Rail 60029 working 6Z25 0505 West Drayton - Tytherington Quarry stone empties which arrived Bath Goods loop at 0815 (1 late) and departed 0950 (47 late) initially to Bristol West Freightliner, where the train saw a loco run round prior to returning to East yard, the days stone loading at the quarry being cancelled.

06/07 'Stadler' 756005 + 756007 were on the mileage accumulation turns being noted working the afternoon 3Q36 Cardiff Canton sidings - Swindon and 3Q37 return runs.

08/07 A Pathfinder's 'Hartlepool Tall Ships' tour from Parkway - Newcastle booked for two West Coast Class 37 locos was cancelled due to engineering works at several planned route locations including north of Westerleigh junction. Engineering train workings operated in association with this blockade included; 70810 + 70811 top n' tailing - 6C20 1014 Oxford Hinksey yard - Standish junction (with 21 wagons), 66727 - 6G70 2230 (Fri) Westbury - Yate moving loaded spoil when noted departing its destination at 0950 and later stopped near Hall End (north of Yate), 66028 - 6Y42 0450 Westbury - Standish junction with 17 wagons and reported passing its destination at 0925 and 66040 - 6W03 0917 Westbury - Standish junction (20 box wagons).

11/07 'ROG' 37611 worked south as 0V81 0845 Derby RTC-Stoke Gifford (1344) passing Cheltenham at 1142 (21 early) to collect the failed 37884 (also see Newport notes & news) later returning as 0Z57 1433 to Derby RTC (1704) passing Charfield at 1444 (2 early) and Cheltenham 1523 (4 late). 66510 was a 0748 Parkway arrival with 6V82 0310 Lawley Street - East Usk yard stone empties.

14/07 'ROG' 37884 arrived Parkway DGL(2) with withdrawn EMU sets 321424 + 321436 as 5Q76 2142 (Thur) Worksop Up yard - Newport Docks Sims Metals (0724) via Finsbury Park and Reading which passed Peterborough at 0015 (7 late) and arrived at 0747 (89 late) having been delayed in the Westerleigh area. The loco was then, surprisingly sent light-engine on a 'thunderbird'

mission to assist Freightliner 66614 forward with the 21 wagon (2,116 tonne) 6C67 0427 Westbury Cement Works - Avonmouth West Wharf loaded stone which had failed on Filton bank at 0530, the train eventually passing Filton Abbey Wood at 0749 (136 late) double-headed, the 37 having reached the failed train running via a reverse at Filton West junction.

With the failed train terminated at Stoke Gifford, 37884 resumed its booked duty taking 5Q76 forward at 0934 (195 late) and passing Severn Tunnel junction at 0945.

Later, 37884 returned light-engine as 0Z37 1121 Newport Docks Sims Metals (0724) - Derby RTC (1554) not Soho Lmd (1451) as originally booked, passing Parkway at 1229 (-) and Cheltenham 1308 (3 late).

18/07 Recent DB loco 'Royal' blue repaint 66023 worked 6M78 0621 Tytherington Quarry - Quainton Rail-head loaded stone (via Newbury) passing Parkway at 0751 (2 early).

Locos recorded on Westerleigh fuel tank duty have included;
60015/017/059.

Locos recorded on Tytherington stone duty have included;
60029/055. 66012/013/019/023/028/056/086/103/111/148/158/170/182.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

20/06 The special Switch Inspection wagon YXA, which had appeared in Bristol behind 20901 solo on 5th June (see last months Magazine) was back this time arriving in between 20901 + 20905 as a 3Q80 1907 Didcot FP - Kingsland Road (2141) move via Bath passing Swindon at 2024 (2 early) and Bathampton junction 2104 (2 late) passing the latter location on the up line.

21/06 68034 + 68033 were paired on 6V74 0433 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks with a FNA consist of 709229029-7 + 709229015-0 passing Gloucester Barnwood junction at 0711 (16 early), Lawrence Hill 0801 (12 early) and Worle junction 0904 (2 early).

Later the Midland Blue HST Pullman formed 43046. 44078. 41183. 40801. 41169. 41059. 41176. 40802. 41108. 41182. 43059, worked an 'English Riviera Pullman' 1Z53 0735 Chester - Paignton (1354) and 1Z54 1655 return to Chester (2347) the outward passing Yate at 1158 (4 late), Parsons Street 1223 (8 late), Yatton 1230 (7 late), Taunton 1250 (6 late), departing Torquay at 1346 (1 early) and passing Dawlish at 1720 (1 early) and Worle junction 1847 (22 late) on the return.

A departmental record saw 66503 + 66559 depart Lawrence Hill at 0659 (3 late) with a 14 wagon 6A01 0610 Westbury - Trehafod (0921) working.

23/06 20905 + 20901 top n' tailed the special survey wagon as 5Q74 0530 to Didcot (0730) departing Temple Meads early at 0310!

24/06 A busy Saturday with three West of England rail-tours through the area (there was also a fourth heading West via the Berks & Hants route and Castle Cary - see Taunton notes & news) these being listed as;
37521 + 37688 top n' tailing 47828 - Saphos Trains 'English Riviera Express' 1Z27 0550 Shrewsbury - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1309) and 1Z28 1635 return to Shrewsbury (2336) which outward departed Patchway at 0935, passed Filton Abbey Wood at 0938 (6 late), Uphill junction 1006 (1 early) and Dawlish Warren 1200 (-) now with steam 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley in charge (having taken over at Taunton from the Class 37s, 47828 still remaining on the rear), the return later passing Dawlish Warren at 1755 (3 late) and Yatton 1959 (5 late) again diesel hauled formed as outward.

69005 + 69006 (newly named 'Pathfinder Tours') - Pathfinder Tours 'Mazey Day Cornishman' 1Z69 0544 Tame Bridge Parkway - Penzance (1400) and 1Z70 1628 return to Tame Bridge Parkway (0021) the outward passing Filton Abbey Wood at 0845 (1 early), Lawrence Hill 0849 (4 early), Uphill junction 0929 (2 early) and Totnes 1202 (50 late), this working along with 1Z64 (also see Taunton notes & news) being delayed by a points failure at Laira junction, Plymouth and stopped at Newton Abbot, 1Z69 being held in platform 1 from 1127 (29 late) until 1139 (41 late) and 1Z64 held platform 2 from 1046 (-) to 1114 (28 late).

The Class 69 1Z70 return was later recorded passing Taunton at 2020 (30 early), Yatton 2054 (25 early) and Yate 2145 (12 early).

Steam 7029 Clun Castle - Vintage Trains 'Whistling Ghost' 1Z10 0608 Birmingham Snow Hill - Bishops Lydeard Wsr (1206) and 1Z20 1748 return to Birmingham Snow Hill (2332) the outward passing Swindon at 0948 (2 early), Bristol Parkway 1022 (6 early), Uphill junction 1104 (7 early) and return Yatton 1842 (6 early), departing Temple Meads at 1911 (6 early), passing Bristol Parkway at 1922 (6 early) and departing Swindon at 2016 (7 early), the working being later terminated at Birmingham Moor Street instead of Snow Hill as booked.

On the West Somerset Railway, more ex. GWR traction with 7828 Odney Manor + 7812 Erlestoke Manor double-heading the working for the run to and from Minehead. Train c/stock formations were listed as;

1Z10 - 96100 (maroon-water tank GUV). 35470 (loco support). 17018. 99349. 99971. 99349. 5198. 5212. 9101. 5177 (all in choc/cream colours).

1Z28 - 17013. 3045. 3122. 80044. 3100. 3148. 3125. 1863. 3107. 3231. 3330. 35461.

1Z69 - 5921. 6042 (both in former Anglian blue/white livery). 5929. 1200. 3364. 3325. 3340. 3278 (all blue/grey). 1651 (choc/cream). 3345. 3390. 17105 (all blue/grey).

Also during the day a XC HST stock move saw IC 125 livery 43184 + XC 43285 move two centre coaches 41035 + 44017 as a 5E23 1036 Laira Trsmd - Doncaster Web-tac (1729) passing Dawlish at 1134 (14 late), Highbridge & Burnham 1242 (17 late) and Bristol Parkway 1314 (13 late).

25/06 The 6V74 0158 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks with a 3 FNA consist of 709229035-4 + 709229016-4 + 709229029-7 was powered by 68004 + 68017 which arrived at 0638 and the 6M67 return departing 1417.

01/07 70811 + 70801 + 70810 passed Gloucester at 0933 (11 early) and Lawrence Hill 1057 (36 early) as 0Z23 0704 Bescot - Westbury light-locos (1230) routed via a Severn Tunnel junction reverse.

03/07 The 6V74 0158 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater and 6M67 return to Crewe single FNA nuclear flask was in the hands of 68003 + 68002, the outward arriving at 0633 and the return departing at 1358 (10 early) and passing Yatton at 1429 (16 early).

05/07 The second West of England weed-killing sweep (normally an MPV) was in the hands of another GBRf 'modular' loco and wagon set this being 66701 KFAs TIPH93382 + TIPH95379 + TIPH93394 66776 operating as 3Q98 1233 Margam - Exeter Riverside (1634) which passed Cardiff Central at 1322 (5 early), Patchway 1408 (27 early), Uphill junction 1503 (13 early) and Stoke Canon 1627 (1 early).

06/07 88006 (the first Class member since 21st December 2022) + 68002 passed Charfield at 0736 and Uphill junction 0846 working a late running 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater 2 FNA (709229040-4 + 709229003-2) flask working.

07/07 A 5V84 0938 Doncaster Works Wab-tac - Laira Trsmtd (1656) Arriva XC HST stock move was formed; 43285. 41026. 42379. 42053. 42097. 42051. 44012. Inter-City livery 43184, passing Barrow Hill North junction at 1020 (20 late), Westerleigh junction 1351 (32 early) and Uphill junction 1426 (38 early).

08/07 Scot-rail livery 47712 + Inter-City colours 47828 top n' tailed Saphos Trains 'English Riviera Express' 1Z27 0500 Wolverhampton - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1309) and 1Z28 return to Wolverhampton (0009) (diverted each way via Newport) as far as Taunton (for steam 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley to continue onwards and back, with 47828 still at the rear) departing Newport at 0822, passing Lawrence Hill at 0854 (33 early), Yatton 1003 (3 late), Uphill junction 1008 (2 late), Dawlish 1204 outward and Patchway 2035 (4 late), again with 47712 leading on the return.

10/07 A Chiltern Railways Turbo 'ATP mods' swap took place during the day with 165027 running 5C65 0855 Banbury Depot - Barton Hill (1148) passing Swindon at 1044 (2 early) and Narrowways Hill junction 1125 (6 early) and 165015 returning as 5M65 1309 to Wembley Lmd (1642) which was terminated at London Marylebone on the day passing Dr.Days junction at 1317 (2 early) and Swindon 1408 (5 early).

Another empty stock move was Arriva XC 170620 passing Dr.Days junction at 1320 (11 early) as 5Z06 1240 Cardiff Central - Barton Hill (1346).

Later, 66568 + 66550 passed Yatton at 1848 (12 late) working 6X37 1750 Taunton Fairwater - Tilehurst East junction HOBC loaded to around 40 wagons, the 6X37 0330 Moreton Cutting - Fairwater return being reported during the following day as passing Taunton station at 0754.

12/07 Royal Train dedicated 67006 worked 1V80 0947 Victoria - Bath (1303) and 1092 1556 return to Victoria (1946) VSOE the outward passing Basingstoke at 1108 (2 early), Trowbridge 1240 (3 early) and on the return Bathampton junction at 1600 (-).

The train was serviced as is the norm at Bristol East yard with 5C80 1308 ex. Bath and 5092 1537 return ecs moves, the c/stock being recorded as; 6313. 99536/5. 99546. 99539/0/2. 99543. 99537. 99541/5.

Later the monthly 'high speed' test train was again in the hands of locos running 1Z22 0757 Derby RTC - Kingsland Road (2241) via Evesham, Oxford, Swindon, Weymouth, Bristol Parkway and Hallen Marsh formed with 37610 + 37612 top n' tailing dept c/stock; 6263. 72631. 975091. 5995, the move passing Tamworth at 0843 (14 early), Melksham 1410 (7 late), Thornford 1655 (3 late), Bruton 1723 (12 late), Keynsham 1839 (39 early) heading up to Heywood Road junction and Brentry (on the Henbury loop) at 2040 down and 2055 up on the return.

13/07 37610 + 37612 returned the 1Z23 0645 Kingsland Road - Derby RTC (2304) test train via Portbury, Newport, Temple Meads, Swindon, Oxford and Evesham the outward passing Parsons Street down at 0734 (35 late) and departing the same location at 0844 (47 late) on the return, departing Newport at 0929 and passing Bathampton junction at 1039 (45 late).

Later, Saphos Trains 'Welsh Marches Express' 1Z49 0624 Slough - Shrewsbury (1237) was worked throughout by BR green livery 47805/D1935 solo with steam 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley not being available to take over at Temple Meads (due to a failed inside motion bearing) the train passing Goring & Streatley at 0708 (1 late), departing Swindon at 0804 (1 early) and Bath 0841 (2 late) with c/stock; 3330. 3231. 3107. 1863. 3125. 3148. 3100. 80044. 3122. 3045. 17013.

The return was however steam hauled with 46100 Royal Scot (which had

earlier run 5Z53 Crewe - Shrewsbury Coton Hill with support coach) with 47805 (at the rear) running as 1Z52 1655 Shrewsbury - Slough (2245), passing Patchway at 1903 (2 late).

46100 was booked later to run 0Z53 1930 Temple Meads - Bishops Lydeard (Wsr) to join 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley already 'out based' and stabled there.

15/07 59004 ran 0T59 0528 Merehead - Merehead (via St.Philips Marsh) light-engine arriving Temple Meads (to reverse) inward at 1142.

The Midland blue-Pullman HST set formed 43059. 41149. 41108. 40802. 41176. 41059. 41169. 40801. 41183. 44078. 43046, passed through the area with the second 'English Riviera Pullman' (of the review period) 1Z43 0541 Ulveston - Paignton (1334) and 1Z44 1637 return to Ulveston (2342) outward departing Crewe at 0832, passing Shrewsbury at 0920 (4 early), Severn Tunnel junction 1132 (13 late), Filton junction 1147 (12 late), Parsons Street 1157 (5 late), Taunton 1221 (1 early), Stoke Canon 1247 (1 early), Marsh Barton 1257 and on the return Dawlish Warren 1710 (1 late), Uphill junction 1822 (4 late), Yatton 1833 (6 late) and Patchway 1903 (11 early). Also, 66850 was present on St.Philips Marsh and allocated a 0Z50 1736 light-engine return to Westbury.

A departmental record was 66768 passing Castle Cary at 2112 (7 early) and Uphill junction 2255 (11 early) with a 6G97 2054 Westbury - Worle junction (2310) via Taunton cwr train.

16/07 'Turbo-star' 170398 unusually worked 1S41 0850 Temple Meads - Edinburgh (1602) via a Severn Tunnel junction reverse passing Lawrence Hill at 0851 (1 early). Voyager set 220019 took the train onwards from Birmingham New Street.

Earlier, 66768 had returned 6G97 0735 Worle junction - Westbury (0908) rail-train passing Parsons street at 0627 (80 early) and Bath 0647 (108 early).

17/07 LSL BR green 37521 ran 0Z37 0942 Crewe HS - Bishops Lydeard (1415) light-engine passing Pilning at 1225 (13 early) and Uphill junction 1304 (27 early) for a St.Philips Marsh stock move.

18/07 Loram 'hire in' complete with 'Loram Rail' headboard arrived in Temple Meads at 1252 (113 early) leading saloon 975025 Caroline as 5Z01 0945 Derby RTC - Temple Meads having earlier passed Cheltenham at 1135 (121 early) propelling the saloon into south Wales. The working continued as 5Z01 1448 Temple Meads - Penzance (1931) passing Uphill junction at 1506 (-), Dawlish 1606 (2 late) and Newton Abbot 1621 (6 late).

Although no reports were received, Colas 70801 worked an early hours 4Z57 Longport - Burngullow train of empty box wagons through the area for a new aggregates freight-flow.

19/07 The inaugural loaded run for Colas returned with 70801 powering a 20 JNA sand 'land in fill' working 6Z59 0500 Exeter Riverside - Longport (1156) which passed Highbridge & Burnham at 0554 (1 late), Yatton 0608 (1 early) and Patchway 0636 (12 early).

Later, steam loco 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley headed an out and back test (following repair) run via Bristol as 5Z37 1011 Bishops Lydeard - St.Philips Marsh and 5Z38 1337 return to Bishops Lydeard (1514) leading support coach E21096 + BR green livery 37521 (the loco part acting as load and for support if a problem arose) the outward arriving Highbridge UDL at 1050 (-) and leaving at 1113 (7 early) following checks and passing Uphill junction at 1122 (9 early) and Temple Meads 1208 (15 late) being routed via North Somerset junction.

With a further and what appeared to be successful check at St.Philips Marsh having taken place, the move departed at 1310 and passed Uphill junction at 1405 (6 early).

60007 was unable to work a Slough - Shrewsbury 'Welsh Marches' train on 13th July due to the inside motion bearing fault (which was repaired on the West Somerset Railway), the trip being diesel powered throughout, but steam 46100 Royal Scot was used on the return leg to Bristol.

Also during the day, 37418 + 975025 Caroline returned as 2Z01 0925 Penzance - Cardiff Central (1557) passing Teignmouth at 1231 (3 early), Uphill junction 1339 (5 early) and Patchway 1511 (2 early).

The train then ran 5Z03 1604 to Cardiff Taff Vale Railway sidings (1658) to stable. The GBRf modular weed-killing train returned from West of England work as 3Q98 2001 Exeter Riverside - Kings Norton Overhead Line maintenance depot (0059) the move passing Stoke Cannon at 2011 (9 early), Yatton 2153 (2 early) and Yate 2231 (1 early) formed with locos 66711 + 66701 top n' tailing KFAs TIPH93394 + VGT95379 + TIPH93382.

Bristol Temple Meads work

Following a planning application in February, work is under way at the former Pumpkin Cafe Shop between platforms 10 and 12 with the stripping out and internal demolition of some walls for the installation of a new Cafe Local retail unit and shop.

As well as new internally applied window graphics a replacement illuminated sign is to be installed forming part of the work.

Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line

07/07 The 6M42 0920 Avonmouth Hansons - Penyffordd cement empties were double-headed with 66756 + 66797 passing Brentry at 0934, the former having run 0V41 2309 (Thur) light-engine from Westbury.

Locos recorded on stone duty included; 66418/503/566/603/604/614/619/952.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included; 66303/756/759/773/790/797.

Locos recorded on refuse container duty have included;

66013/019/024/040/044/056/099/148/182/198.

Lawrence Hill

01/07 The following workings were noted during the day: 66504 6Y46 Westbury - Yate (1119); 70801 6C23 Westbury - Yate (1514); 66761 66733 6G72 Westbury - Gloucester Yard Jn (1551); 70811 70810 6C24 Westbury - Yate (1718); 66028 66095 6W01 Westbury - Gloucester Yard Jn (1725)

Portbury Branchline

28/06 History in the making with the first 'tri-mode' loco for Great Britain appearance with the arrival of 'ROG' 93001 on board Bristol Channel regular MV Autosun from Santander (Spain), the ship having called Avonmouth Dock to off load other cargo prior to the Portbury visit. The Stadler built loco was finally visible in the auto-terminal area at 1140 on an internal port road trailer move, being offloaded actually onto auto-terminal rail track by 1200.

A 'Transport for Wales' tram train Class 398 set alongside a single coach was also present in the Gordano Quay area on this date being later identified as 398010, which arrived by road at the Transport for Wales Taff Wells Depot on 8th July.

30/06 With 'ROG' management concerned the new arrival 93001 could be graffiti 'tagged' over the weekend, a Stoke-on-Trent based Reid Freight road lorry tractor and trailer arrived in the port auto-terminal around 1040 (having crossed the M5 motorway river overbridge at 1027). Departure was finally around 1415 with the outside port perimeter gate being passed at 1429 (and into the public domain) reaching the M5 at 1432 for the journey north to the Harry Needle Rail-Road Company facility at Worksop.

The second loco of the 10 (or 30 which has also been quoted) 93002 is currently located in Romania at the Faurei rail-test centre and is expected to eventually enter Britain via the Channel Tunnel.

07/07 What is thought to be the first Friday container operation saw an unidentified Class 66 arrive with 4V31 0753 ex. London Gateway which passed Parsons Street at 1336 (11 late) and arrived in the auto terminal at 1415 (16 late).

08/07 Two Saturday container train workings (again with unidentified hauling power); 4L35 0800 to London Gateway which passed Parsons Street at 0922 (50 late) and the 'normal' 4V35 0815 ex London Gateway to Portbury (1436) which departed Ashton Junction at 1420 (12 late).

13/07 66504 was on 0C45 1025 Stoke Gifford - Temple Meads (1201) via Portbury route refresher/driving training run passing Clifton Bridge down at 1109 and arriving Ashton junction signal BL2192 at 1151 (1 early) and departing 1159 (5 late) on the return. The working was booked to have operated daily from 10-14th July, but was cancelled on 12th and 14th July and the locos on the days of operation being unknown.

A second run 0C49 1213 to and back to Portbury from Temple Meads did not run on each operating day, with the loco returning to Stoke Gifford (actually booked 1335) direct from Temple Meads.

On the first day, 10th the unidentified loco passed Parsons Street down at 1053 (-) and 1202 (4 late) on the return.

Locos recorded on container duty have included; 66525/542/592/594.

Bristol area workings during April

4B77 Colnbrook - Avonmouth stone empties (GBRf)

18/04 66711. 20/04 66754.

Note; Train on 18/04 returned loaded as 6002 to Crawley.

4C12 (*4Z12 Didcot) Westbury - Tytherington stone empties (DB)

15/04 66155 22/04* 66078.

Note; Booked loaded returns were 6A12 loaded to Acton.

4C90 (*4V45) Acton - Tytherington stone empties (DB)

12/04* 66078. 17/04 66084. 18/04 66152. 19/04 66107. 20/04 66005.

24/04 66013. 25/04 66188.

4E18 (*0E18 light-engine) 0947 Taunton Fairwater yard - Doncaster Wood yard used sleepers (G&W)

03/04 66589 + 66597. 12/04 66529. 17/04* 66594. 19/04 66506.

26/04 66501.

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

03/04 66507. 11/04 66588. 12/04 66503. 17-19/04 66507.
24-26/04 66503. 27/04 66562.

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

17/04 66420. 19/04 66543. 24/04 66540. 26/04 66554. 27/04 66547.
28/04 66559.

4L50 Wentloog - Tilbury containers (G&W)

26/04 66561.

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

01/04 66546. 22/04 66503.

4V35 Portbury Auto terminal - London Gateway containers (G&W)

29/04 66536.

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

06/04 66542. 28/04 66549.

6A83 (* 6Z58 Theale) Avonmouth Bennetts - West Drayton loaded stone (G&W)

06/04 66501. 11/04* 66614. 18/04 66614. 26/04 66619. 27/04 66414.

Note; Train on 26/04 returned as 6C85 loaded to Stoke Gifford only.

6A85 Moreton-on-Lugg (* 6A86 East Usk yard) - Hayes loaded stone (G&W)

01/04* 66614. 01/04 66623.

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

19/04 66623. 24/04 66623.

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

03/04 66061. 24/04 66041 + 66151.

Note; Train on 24/04 suffered a loco failure near Magor (south Wales).

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

04/04 60010. 06/04 60020. 18/04 60020. 25/04 60024.

6B82 Stoke Gifford - Port Talbot Grange sidings stone empties (G&W)

16/04 66542.

6B91 (SO) Hayes - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)

01/04 66603.

6C03 Northolt - Severnside SITA loaded and return (* 6A03 Brentford)
refuse containers (DB)

03/04 66115. 07/04 66025. 16/04* 66044. 17/04 66044. 19/04 66044.

24/04 66005. 25/04 66158. 26/04 66158. 27/04 66021. 27/04* 66021.

29/04 66078.

6C48 Appleford - Machen stone empties (G&W)

01/04 66605. 29/04 66605.

6C58 Oxford Banbury Road - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)

19/04 66501. 25/04 66539. 27/04 66415.

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

06/04 66592. 11/04 66592. 20/04 59101. 25/04 66572. 26/04 66603.
27/04 66603. 28/04 66619.

6M40 1140 Westbury - Stud Farm/Cliff Hill ballast empties - Booked Diversion (Colas)

12/04 70808. 18/04 70807. 19/04 70807. 24/04 70808. 25/04 70807.
27/04 70807. 28/04 70807.

6M42 Avonmouth Hansons - Penyffordd (*6B90 to Gloucester New Yard) cement empties (GBRf)

05/04 66706. 07/04 66706. 12/04 66706. 17/04 66706. 19/04 66706.
26/04 66756. 27/04* 66766. 28/04 66756.

6M50 (*6X50) 1040 Westbury - Bescot departmental - Booked Diversion (Colas)

06/04 70808. 11/04* 66104. 12/04 66849. 13/04 70809.
17/04 70808 + 70803. 18/04 70808. 19/04 70808 + 70811.
20/04 70808 + 70812 + 70809. 24/04 70807 + 70808. 25/04 70808.
27/04 70808. 28/04 70808 + 66849 + 66846.

Note; Train on saw 66104 as a Colas 'hire in' from DBC, whilst on 20/04 working ran as 0M50 light-engines only.

6M58*/6M78 Tytherington - Quainton Rail-head loaded stone (DB)

05/04 66025. 05/04* 66115. 06/04 66001. 12/04 66107. 18/04 66107.
22/04* 66098. 24/04 66098. 25/04 66044. 27/04 66044.

6M60 (MO) Exeter Riverside - Bescot loaded china clays (DB)

10/04 66028.

6V32 Tilbury - Trostre steel (GBRf)

19/04 66755.

6V71 (MO) Stoke Cliffe Vale - Exeter Riverside china clay empties (DB)

17/04 66060.

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

06/04 68003 + 68009. 12/04 68016 + 68017. 18/04 68001 + 68018.
21/04 68005 + 68016. 27/04 68009 + 68016.

6V84 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons cement empties (GBRf)

03/04 66725. 12/04 66762. 19/04 66766. 24/04 66766.

6Z21/6Z22 Bristol East yard - Tytherington empty and return loaded stone to Appelford (DC Rail)

04/04 60055. 06/04 60055. 12/04 60055. 18/04 60055. 19/04 60055.
26/04 60055. 27/04 60055.

6Z25/6Z26 West Drayton - Tytherington and return loaded stone (DC Rail)

17/04 60055. 24/04 60055.

6Z86 West Drayton - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)
04/04 66415. 18/04 66415. 19/04 66415. 21/04 66501. 24/04 66539.
25/04 66501. 26/04 66539. 27/04 66542.

6Z92 Theale - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)
22/04 66623. 29/04 66542.

Gloucester

23/06 Blue livery 69006 was named 'Pathfinder Tours' in a platform 3 ceremony with operator director Pete Watts, his family, some staff members and railway management in attendance.

Having arrived as 0Z67 0628 ex Doncaster Roberts Road - Gloucester (1005) passing Cheltenham at 0954 (8 late), following the ceremony the loco ran 0Z69 1330 light-engine to Burton Wetmore sidings (2015) via Bescot passing Cheltenham at 1335 (15 early) to join 69005 for rail-tour duty to the West Country during the following day (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news).

A Class 60 60019 had previously carried 'Pathfinder Tours 30 Years of Rail-touring 1973-2003' nameplates.

Also during the day, GBRf 50007 returned the Transport for Wales 'Stadler' DEMU set 756003 from the Rail Live 2023 event as 5Z50 1030 Long Marston - Cardiff Canton sidings (1416) passing Cheltenham at 1352 (71 late).

The outward move between the same locations had taken place on 19th June (see last months Magazine).

27/06 IET set 800024 was involved in a fatality near Standish junction at 0630 whilst running 3C65 0602 Stoke Gifford - Gloucester empty.

At least one up and two down trains were diverted via Bristol Parkway whilst an investigation took place, a return to near normal service being recorded around 1000.

01/07 Inward weekend engineering train arrivals (via Newport East Usk yard) were; 66761 + 66733 top n' tailing - 6G72 1446 Westbury - Gloucester New yard junction (1838) passing Lawrence Hill at 1551 (7 early) with 12 JNA / 7 MLA / 1 IEA box wagons and 66028 + 66095 top n' tailing - 6W01 1528 Westbury - Gloucester yard junction (2012) passing Trowbridge at 1523 (13 early) and Lawrence Hill 1725 (2 late) formed 10 JJA auto-ballasters.

02/07 Sunday engineering train activity linked with work on the Bristol mainline to Westerleigh junction (all routed via a Newport East Usk yard reverse) were; 66768 + 66717 top n' tailing - 6G70 1935 Horton Road - Westbury (2252) passing Lawrence Hill at 2154 with 18 YKA flats, 66756 - 6G71 1810 Horton Road - Westbury (2146) passing Chepstow down at 1904 (21 late) and Lawrence Hill 2131 (37 late) with 7 MLA / 8 JNA boxes and 66761 + 66733 top n' tailing - 6G72 1730 Horton Road - Westbury (2044) passed Magor down at 1851 (28 late) with 12 JNA / 7 MLA / 1 IEA box wagons.

09/07 'Stadler' 231007 ran 3Z33 1546 Cardiff Canton sidings - Cheltenham (1720) and 3Z34 1733 return to Canton sidings (1913) the return departing Chepstow at 1815 (1 early), the move having not called Caldicot, Lydney and Gloucester outward.

Set 231009 was initially allocated this test run which took this type of unit to Cheltenham for the first time where Alstone Carriage siding was used for the 5Z33 and 5Z34 return platform 1 to platform 2 turning move.

12/07 88006 + 68002 passed Standish junction at 0721 with a single wagon

DRSL PFA 92740 as 6V73 0433 Crewe Coal sidings - Berkeley CEGB low level nuclear waste service. This was thought to be the first Class 88 appearance here since 88009 (with 68002) on 18th November 2021.

A major signalling failure around 1420 at Cam & Dursley saw a number of cancellations and late running which included; 220008 - 1S49 1127 Plymouth - Edinburgh which was diverted from Parkway via Swindon and Kemble being terminated Birmingham NS at 1632 (97 late) and later returned west with 220021 forming 1V58 1003 Edinburgh - Plymouth, 158745 - 2T45 1253 Worcester Foregate Street - Bristol TM which was terminated Gloucester at 1400 (28 late), 166208 - 2E62 1202 Westbury - Gloucester (held north of Charfield) which passed Berkeley Road junction at 1442 (62 late), 68002 + 88006 - 6M56 Berkeley CEGB - Crewe Coal sidings low level waste (held Berkeley Road junction, on Sharpness branch) later passing Cam & Dursley at 1456 (68 late) and 221124 - 1V53 1103 Manchester Piccadilly - Bristol TM (held near Standish junction) passing Yate at 1503 (72 late) and arriving Bristol Parkway at 1512 (74 late) where the train was terminated.

13/07 66005 returned a 6W98 0559 Gloucester - Westbury departmental via Newport ADj passing Newport down at 0644 and later Bradford junction up at 1136.

15/07 Engineering train workings operating for a blockade south of Standish junction included; 66848 - 6C21 0449 Bescot - Standish junction which passed Cheltenham at 0702 with 4 JNA / 5 MXA / 1 IEA wagons, 70801 + 70803 - 6C22 1333 Bescot - Standish junction passing Longbridge at 1051 (53 early) and Cheltenham 1639 (2 early) with a 2 FCA / 1 FEA flats and 13 MLA / 5 JNA box wagons, 70808 + 70814 top n' tailing - 6C24 1232 Westbury - Westerleigh junction (1347) reported passing Bath at 1329 (24 late) and Lawrence Hill 1350 (31 late) with an 8 JNA / 6 MLA / 5 FEA / 1 KFA wagon consist, 66504 - 6Y42 0642 Westbury - Westerleigh junction passing Filton Abbey Wood at 0727 with 7 MLA / 8 JNA box wagons and 66589 - 6Y43 0722 Westbury - Westerleigh junction passing Bathampton junction at 0738 with 6 MXA / 4 MLA / 7 JNA / 1 IEA wagons.

Swindon

05/07 The Midland Blue Pullman HST set formed 43059. 41182. 41108. 40802. 41176. 41059. 41169. 40801. 41183. 44078. 43046, passed through the area with 'The Settle & Carlisle Pullman' 1Z46 0645 Southampton Airport Parkway - Carlisle (1519) via Melksham and Cheltenham departing Romsey at 0714 (1 early), Westbury 0822 (1 early), Swindon 0917 (5 late) following a reverse and passing Standish junction at 0953 (3 late).

Locos recorded on 6V15 Boston Sleaford sidings - Swindon Stores imported automotive steel and 6M56 return empties to Toton have included; 60062 (22/06).

Locos recorded on 6V70 Liverpool EMR - Swindon empty and return loaded scrap have included; 66765 (23/06, 05/07, 12/07). 66775 (28/06).

Westbury

20/06 66620 passed Fairwood junction with a return 6Y60 0615 Castle Cary - Westbury departmental.

27/06 66717 powered 3F03 1218 Marchwood - Kineton (1720) MoD trip (via Swindon) formed with a 1 VKA / 6 FYA / 1 VGA wagon consist which departed Eastleigh at 1323 and passed Westbury at 1937 (5 late).

30/06 59205 powered 7B12 1123 Merehead - Wootton Bassett, whilst 66503

worked 6C31 1008 Theale - Whatley. The following were also present; Down sidings 66095; Up Yard 66028, 66848, 70814, Stoneblower DR80210.

03/07 66952 working 6M20 1045 Whatley Quarry - St.Pancras Churchyard sidings loaded stone was diverted via Swindon and the Great Western mainline passing Bradford junction at 1243 having departed Whatley 63 minutes late.

The return day four of four, Saltburn Railway Group 'Bournemouth' 1Z79 1045 Bournemouth - Saltburn (2130) via Westbury, Bath and Cheltenham top n' tailed by 57601 + 47804 (with c/stock; 99677. 99347. 99350. 99316. 99352/1. 99680. 99348. 3136. 99678. 99122) departed Weymouth following a reverse at 1202 (12 late), but was turned back at Dorchester West with the line to Yeovil blocked by a fallen tree.

Following the 1306 (57 late) reverse departure, the move was reported again passing Bournemouth at 1410 (off route) and Kennington junction 1631 (off route) having run via Basingstoke and Banbury eventually regaining the booked route at Bordersley junction (Birmingham) at 1744 (68 late).

09/07 Colas 37175 with dept c/stock; 96604. 6122. 9808. 62287. 9714, worked a delayed 3Q14 1517 Westbury - Westbury (via Weymouth) test train which departed Castle Cary at 1759 (127 late) and returned passing the same location at 2148 (78 late).

12/07 Return engineering train records were; DB 66012 + Colas 66846 top n' tailing - 6Y97 0510 ex. Gaer junction arriving at 0647 and 70801 + 66848 - 6C41 2154 (Tues) ex. Westbury (via Hullavington) arriving at 0738.

Locos recorded on Exeter stone duty have included; 66614/619.

Taunton

24/06 The fourth rail-tour to pass through the station (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news) was BR green 47805/D1935 + BR blue 47614 (47853) double-heading Statesman Rail 'Cornish Mazey Day statesman' 1Z64 0557 Solihull - Penzance and 1Z65 1602 return to Solihull (0007) the outward departing Oxford at 0710 (-), Swindon 0807 (-), passing Castle Cary at 0913 (-), Dawlish 1035 (1 late), Totnes 1153 (57 late) and return passing Dawlish Warren at 1755 (3 late), Taunton 1944 (23 early), Trowbridge 2053 (3 early) and departing Oxford at 2241 (9 late), the c/stock in use being recorded as; 3384. 3344. 3426. 3348. 1211. 3312. 3229. 80043. 3188. 3438. 17056.

03/07 66550 + 66568 worked outward 6X37 1604 Fairwater - Ascott-under-Wychwood (via Newbury) HOBC passing Castle Cary at 1659 (17 late).

05/07 66550 + 66568 passed Castle Cary at 1720 (38 late) working 6X37 1604 Fairwater yard - Ashcott-under-Wychwood (2045) HOBC.

11/07 66550 + 66568 passed Taunton station at 0754 with return 6X37 0330 Moreton Cutting - Fairwater yard HOBC.

12/07 66550 + 66568 again top n' tailed the return 6X37 0330 Moreton Cutting - Fairwater yard HOBC passing Bridgwater at 0734 with a 35 wagon (1 YSA / 30 YDA / 2 ZWA / 2 YOA) consist.

Exeter

03/07 Mark Harper MP the Transport Secretary led an opening ceremony for the £16 million Marsh Barton Station (id Code MBT) attended by GWR management and guests using the 2T13 0957 Exmouth - Paignton service formed with DMU sets 150261 + 150263 which arrived at 1039 (4 late). The station had an original planned opening date of December 2016, this

latterly being amended to June then July 2022, the construction work actually having started in February 2021!

The main contractor was Graham Construction & Engineering with Devon County Council, Network Rail and GWR providing most of the funding.

04/07 The first public passenger train to call at the new Marsh Barton Station was 150246 + 150239 with 2T02 0534 Exeter St.Davids - Paignton which arrived at 0537 and departed 0538 (-).

13/07 A loco swap took place with the GBRf modular weed-killing train (KEAs TIPH 93382 + VTG 95379 + TIPH93394) with Aggregates livery 66711 (running 0Z66 1116 ex. Eastleigh yard, via Westbury passing Taunton at 1420 - 29 late) replacing 66776 (0Z70 1558 to Eastleigh via Westbury which departed Taunton at 1646 - 5 late).

The train later worked 3Q98 2350 to St.Blazey Lip (0551) via Penzance passing St.Davids station at 2357 (2 late).

16/07 Having visited both Penzance and St.Ives during the early hours of the previous day, 66711 led the return 3Q98 St.Blazey - Exeter Riverside train which passed Golant at 1930 down on the Fowey branch line and through Plymouth non-stop at 2053.

Newport

21/06 The 6Z51 1601 Baglan Bay-Chirk Kronospan loaded log train, which had already departed close to 60 late, passed Pontrilas at 1900 (3 late) but was stopped close to Tram Inn crossing box, sparks from one of the wagons igniting part of the load.

With the local fire brigade in attendance, the move was eventually allowed to proceed departing 122 minutes late at low speed, reaching Hereford at 2139 (171 late), the journey being completed during the following day.

23/06 Having brought in two withdrawn EMU sets (also see Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh notes & news) 'ROG' 37884 returned 0M57 1121 Newport Docks - Derby RTC (1530) via Yate passing Newport station at 1125 (19 early).

01/07 66013 + 66175 formed the Saturdays Only 0012 1106 Margam Lip - Eastleigh light-loco move passing Newport at 1155.

Also during the day two TESCO container trains operated; 66421 passing Chepstow at 1517 with 4V38 1210 Daventry - Wentloog and 66427 later on an 'extra' 4Z39 1529 Wentloog - Daventry return.

04/07 66089 working 6Z96 0801 East Usk yard - Mountsorel (1518) passed Llanwern West junction at 0826 (23 late) and Cheltenham 0942 (26 late) the trains consist being 17 JGA wagons of RMC or FL origin.

08/07 The new 'Stadler' Class 197 DMUs were noted in service, suggesting a possible Summer Timetable change introduction onto south Wales mainline duties, sets 197001 + 197009 being noted calling from 1116-1118 with 0631 Holyhead - Cardiff Central service (1V93). The Class had been noted at Gloucester and Cheltenham on previously non reported driver training turns during April.

Also, West Coast Pullman livery duo, 57313 + 57601 departed platform 4 at 1115 (4 late) working 1Z85 1029 Cardiff Central - Crewe dining trip with c/stock; Car no 10703. 10734 (Balmoral). Mowcop (17267). Duart (325). Chatsworth (3247). Harlech (3275). Belvoir (3267). Kitchen 1953. Alnwick (3273). Glamis (3174). Amber (Pullman 325). The return was 1Z86 1431 Crewe - Cardiff (1803), the train then being booked 5Z86 1811 ecs return to Bristol East yard (1943).

10/07 'ROG' 37884 continued the former MerseyRail 507012 + 508115 EMU

disposal move as 5Q78 0750 Craven Arms - Newport Docks (Sims Metals) passing Newport station at 1036 (43 early) and reaching its destination at 1052 (37 early). However there were later problems with the loco whilst running 0M57 light back to Derby RTC with a failure at Bishton.

The loco's next report was during the following morning as stabled in the head-shunt at Bristol Parkway (also see Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Westerleigh and Yate notes & news).

12/07 66513 + 66544 passed Severn Tunnel junction at 1420 (3 late) with 6A43 1300 Pontypridd - Westbury (1642) conveying a 10 JNA / 2 IEA / 3 MLA consist.

Later the 6E47 Margam - Middlesbrough Ayrton freight service was double-headed with 60015 + 60017 passing Newport station at 1708.

13/07 66510 worked 6B80 East Usk yard - Machen Quarry stone empties passing at 0842. The loco then powered a loaded 6Z81 1319 Machen - Lawley Street (2152) via Swindon and Oxford passing Patchway at 1435 (1 early) and Swindon 1628 (-) with a consist of 21 MWAs.

14/07 66510 passed Severn Tunnel junction at 0530 with 6V82 0310 Lawley Street - East Usk yard stone empties.

15/07 66025 passed at 1211 as 0012 (SO) 1106 Margam Lip - Eastleigh weekend departmental use light-loco.

Cardiff

24/06 66095 + 66151 passed Central station at 1211 and later Bath 1351 as 0012 Margam Lip - Eastleigh light-engines.

25/06 DMU set 175113 covered the loco and stock diagram commencing with 1V91. A freight record was 66160 passing Bridgend at 1320 (4 late) and Gloucester 1505 (2 early) with a consist of 18 FCA wagons working 6M85 1259 Margam - Carlisle yard (0903).

27/06 DMU set 150285 covered both 1W11 and 1V37 and 175103 1W55, and 1V42 onwards Transport for Wales loco and stock diagrams.

Colas 37099 was allocated a 1Z86 0918 Derby RTC - Taff Vale Rail sidings test train working.

28/06 Loco and stock DMU cover was worked by: 150217 (1W11 and 1V37) and 158831 (1V33, 1W93 and 1V98).

An engineering train report was; 66594 + 66542 - 6A01 Westbury - Pontypridd (1054) with a consist of 10 JJA auto-ballasters departing at 0805 (2 early) and passing Lawrence Hill at 0857 (5 late).

01/07 An amended (but otherwise full) Transport for Wales Saturday operation for loco and coaches saw;

67029 (HD02) - 1W13 0530 Swansea - Crewe, 1V39 1035 return to Cardiff Central, 1W61 1453 return to Crewe, 1V62 1831 return to Cardiff Central, 67017 (HD06) 1V31 0454 Crewe - Cardiff Central, 1W55 0859 return to Crewe, 1V42 1235 return to Cardiff Central, 1W63 1650 return to Crewe, 1V66 2036 return to Cardiff Central, 67010 (HD04) - 1V34 0641 Crewe - Cardiff Central, 1W57 1052 return to Crewe, 1V46 1435 return to Cardiff Central, 1W65 1855 return to Crewe.

04/07 67029 worked 5Z82 0720 Cardiff Central - Hereford and 5Z83 0820 return ecs moves with an unidentified MkIV coaching set.

An engineering train record was; 66544 + 66504 top n' tailing - 6A01 0808 Westbury - Pontypridd (1048) which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1003 (63 early) formed with 15 HQA auto-ballasters.

Stabled at Cardiff Celsa were 66701 and 66776.

05/07 The Colas test HST set was in West Wales formed 43272. 5995.

975091. 72631. 6263. 43251, being reported Whitland at 0816 as a return 1Q18 0317 Landore Tmd - Derby RTC (via Fishguard Harbour).

06/07 66504 + 66584 top n' tailed a return 6A02 0257 Pontypridd - Westbury engineers which passed North Somerset junction at 0746. 66304 was stabled at Cardiff Celsa whilst there was a busy scene at Pengam sidings with 66790 laying over with the 6V75 0931 Dee Marsh - Margam and 66773 having arrived earlier in the day on the 6C90 0552 Avonmouth - Pengam.

07/07 57313 + 57601 top n' tailed a 1Z59 0708 Northern Belle dining trip to Windsor & Eton (1202) which departed Bath at 0851 (-) and Swindon 0931 (7 late) the return being 1Z62 1735 to Cardiff Central (2209). The train having been stabled in Bristol arrived inward ecs as 5Z59 0536 East yard - Central station (0657).

13/07 66513 + 66544 passed Marshfield at 1240 (64 early) and Lawrence Hill 1341 (129 early) as 6A44 1300 Pontypridd - Westbury (1642) with a 9 JNA /6 MLA wagon consist.

14/07 66542 + 66548 passed Central station at 1338 (4 late) and Lawrence Hill 1553 (3 late) working 6A45 1300 Pontypridd - Westbury (1642) engineers with a 1 IEA / 10 MLAQ / 4 JNA box wagon consist.

15/07 A full Transport for Wales Saturday loco and stock service operated as follows;

67008 (HD02) 1V31 0454 Crewe - Cardiff Central, 1W55 0849 return to Manchester Piccadilly, 1B42 1230 return to Cardiff, 1W63 1650 return to Manchester, 5K63 2025 return ECS TO Crewe. 67010 (HD04) 1V34 0627 Manchester Piccadilly - Cardiff Central, 1W57 1052 return to Manchester, 1V46 1430 return to Cardiff, 1W65 1555 return to Manchester, 1J78 2233 return to Crewe. 67017 (HD05) 1W11 0435 Cardiff Central - Manchester Piccadilly, 1V37 0830 return to Cardiff, 1W59 1252 return to Manchester, 1V54 1630 return to Cardiff and 67020 (HD07) 1W13 0530 Swansea - Manchester Piccadilly, 1V39 1030 return to Cardiff Central, 1W61 1453 return to Manchester, 1V62 1830 return to Cardiff.

19/07 66207 was allocated a 6Z23 1551 Margam - Immingham Sorting sidings 10 TEA tank empty wagon move with consist 870341. 870334. 870241. 870331. 870314. 870243. 870315. 870240. 870296. 870290.

Transport for Wales Loco Loggings

67008 - 1V33 (HD02) 04/07. 1V33 (HD02) 06/07. 1V91 (HD02) 13/07. 1V31 (HD02) 14/07.
67010 - 1W91 (HD04) 27/06, 1V31 (HD04) 28/06, 1W11 (HD04) 13/07. 1V91 (HD04) 14/07.
67012 - 1W11 (HD06) 14/07.
67014 - 1V31 (HD01) 12/07. 1V91 (HD01) 13/07. 1V31 (HD01) 13/07.
67017 - 1V31 (HD01) 26/06. 1V91 (HD07) 27/06, 1W11 (HD06) 03/07. 1V33 (HD05) 14/07.
67020 - 1W11 (HD07) 12/07.
67025 - 1V33 (HD06) 27/06, 1W91 (HD06) 28/06, 1V33 (HD05) 03/07. 1V31 (HD05) 04/07. 1V31 (HD05) 05/07. 1V91 (HD05) 06/07. 1V91 (HD05) 12/07.

Coaching Stock Formations; (also see July Magazine Issue 617).

HD07 - 12210. 12316. 10301. 11322. 82230.

Note; The first day in traffic for this 'black livery' former Grand Central set was reported as on 12/07.

Train Diagrams; see July Magazine Issue 617.

Locos recorded on Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service included; 66421 (01/07), 66426 (14/07).

Locos recorded on Baglan Bay log duty have included; 56049 (12/07, 13/07). 56078 (28/06, 04/07, 05/07, 06/07, 11/07).

Locos recorded on Margam/Port Talbot (from Cwmbargoed coal duty) have included; 66171.

Locos recorded on Corby steel duty have included; 66041/077/169.

Locos recorded on Round Oak steel duty have included; 66014/030/040/041/047/054/095/158/175.

Locos recorded on Barry Dock container duty have included; 66543/597.

Locos recorded on Machen Quarry stone duty included; 66510/546/560/589/952

Locos recorded on Dee Marsh steel duty have included; 66790/791.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Mainline Preservation

27/06 Steam 34046 Braunton top n' tailing BR blue livery 47614 (47853) worked Steam Dreams 'Weymouth' 1Z70 0830 Victoria - Yeovil Junction Heritage platform (1324) which passed Clapham junction at 0843 (1 late) and Sherborne 1316 (1 late) with c/stock; 35479 (loco support). 3231. 3107. 1863. 3125. 3148. 3100. 80044. 3122. 3045. 17013, the train then going forward as 1Z71 1417 to Weymouth (1533) with the Class 47 which followed undertaking a loco run-round at Yeovil Pen Mill passed Yetminster 1448 (3 early).

The steam loco after being turned on the preservation site turntable followed 0Z71 1633 Yeovil Junction - Weymouth Jersey sidings (1737) light-engine passing Thornford at 1633 (-).

The booked steam hauled return to the Capital was 1Z72 1836 Weymouth - Victoria (2336) which passed New Milton at 1944 (1 early).

08/07 Hastings DEMU Limited ran their 'Jurassic Coast Explorer' 1Z70 0651 Hastings - Weymouth (1243) and 1Z72 1538 return to Hastings (2206) the outward passing Dorchester junction down at 1234 (2 late) and the return departing Dorchester South at 1555 (2 late).

Of note was the unit now running as a seven-car set for the first time with 60119 now included in the formation and toilet retention tanks now fitted throughout the unit these having first seen use on a tour at the beginning of this year.

09/07 Steam 35018 British India Line + 47802 top n' tailed the Railway Touring Company 'End of Southern Steam' 1Z82 0855 London Victoria - Yeovil Heritage platform siding (1323) which departed Salisbury at 1211 (1 late). With the steam loco turned on the preservation site turntable, 47802 proceeded solo with the 1Z83 1344 Yeovil Junction - Weymouth (1512) leg with a loco run-round at Pen Mill station then passing Yetminster at 1441 (21 late), this being later followed by 35018 passing the same location at 1551 (8 late) as 0Z84 1523 Yeovil junction - Weymouth Jersey sidings (1654) light-loco.

The pair were then reunited again for the diesel (leading) top n' tail 1Z84 1724 Weymouth - Victoria (2158), which reversed at Southampton Central for the steam to take forward.

19/07 The planned 'English Riviera Express' to run on 23rd July has been

cancelled due to strike action. Thought to be involving steam 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley a new date is planned for October this year.

Road Movements

11/07 Class 14 D9551 heading to the Mid Hants, Alresford for the diesel gala from the West Somerset Railway passing Almondsbury (Bristol) and on to the M4 around 2100.

Seaton Tramway

R.W.GILES

25/06 The following were noted in use during the day;

8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16*.

Note *; Tram in use on 'driver experience' courses.

Tyseley Steam Trust, Birmingham

17/06 Following on to the 4 'Castle' 100 anniversary steam gathering at the GWS Didcot centre during March (see April 2023 Magazine - issue 614) a similar 2-day event also took place at this preservation site.

With 4079 Pendennis Castle 'on tour', the loco was joined by 5043 Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, 7029 Clun Castle and 5080 Defiant on the turntable along with 4965 Rood Ashton Hall this loco historically being only discovered when 4983 Albert Hall was stripped down with a view to mainline operation (which has been successfully completed) but found to have many parts stamped with 4965 not 4983! On the subject of re builds, 'new' 6880 Betton Grange was progressing well under cover in one of the works buildings, being made up of some parts from other 'Hall' class locos.

Avon Valley Railway

BARTLEY

30/06 The following were noted on a flying visit to Avon Valley Railway (Bitton):

Locos 07010, 08202, 08663, D4157, 09015, 31130

Industrial Steam HE3839 MW2018 RSHN7151 S7492

Industrial non-Steam AB/HAB WD 70043 Industrial Cranes 23724, 24080

Coaches 25040, 9208, 4058, 13231, 1933, 4035, Rose, 25972, 99153, 3991, 3749, 25735.

MISCELLANEOUS

Arriva XC

01/07 HST set XC03 was noted operating as a five car set with power cars 43301 + 43304 on 1V44 0609 Leeds - Plymouth and 1S55 1527 Plymouth - Edinburgh both workings being diverted via the Severn Tunnel, Newport and Chepstow due to a Westerleigh junction - Standish junction engineering blockade.

11/07 HST set 43321. 42379. 42053. 42097. 42051. 43184, formed 5Z21 1437 Laira Trsmd - Laira Trsmd (via Newton Abbot) test run passing Totnes up at 1512 and 1545 down on the return.

19/07 By the end of the review period the operator announced that further fleet power cars 43207 (Inter-City 'swallow' livery) and 43208 (blue/grey and re-numbered back to 43008) are set to receive 'retro' repaints to join 43184 currently carrying Inter-City 125 colours.

Bridgend

Part of the former Ford Engine Works Bridgend A48 road crossing at Waterton on the freight-only link has been tarmaced over, this being the part now in use as a recently installed cycle path and pedestrian walkway.

This line which joins the Bridgend - Barry 'Vale of Glamorgan' line at Cowbridge Road junction was opened on 15th January 1980 to serve the then also new Ford car parts production plant a near daily service to Dagenham then operating, the works closing in 2020.

The lines future remains uncertain and with this report would suggest is facing lifting.

The Monmouthshire Railway Society 'Kenfig-Crawler' (0900 Bristol Tm - Bristol TM over a number of south Wales freight lines and secondary routes) covered the route as far as the crossing on 18th October 1980 with DMU sets B462 (51304+59477+51319) + B465 (51307+59474+51322) becoming the first passenger train to do so arriving at the location at 1209 and departing 1216 (6 late) following the reverse.

The branch line had a local area operations rule book entry as 'to only operate at night' restriction so not to affect A48 road traffic during daylight hours.

(This would seem to be a 'loose' operations rule given the number of times I was held up on the way to work on weekday mornings by Class 70 workings entering the car plant towards the end of its life - Ed.)

Class 58

The ETF French 'hire' Class 58 locos located at Alizay, which have been the subject of recent MISCELLANEOUS Magazine items had sadly been all reported as scrapped by mid-July. Only 58044 now remains in France and located at Metz (Woippy yard), close to the Luxembourg border.

Cornwall

A new Colas aggregates flow (also see Bristol both Temple Meads and Parkway area notes & news) has commenced in the Duchy with the movement of sand, for use in land infill building work in the Midlands.

The train diagram is listed as follows;

Overnight 4Z57 2240 Longport - Burngullow (0651) with a 20 empty JNA box wagon consist, 6Z57 1125 loaded portion to Exeter Riverside (1402) only 10 JNAs permitted over the Devon Banks, 0Z57 1455 light-engine return to Burngullow, 6Z58 1800 Burngullow - Exeter Riverside (2010) for a 6Z59 0500 loaded 20 JNA wagon return to Longport during the following morning.

DRS

29/06 Another Winfrith radioactive waste containerised sludge train to Crewe operated using 68002 + 68003 with only two wagons, in the usual top n' tail formation. This may well be the final working for this freight-flow.

Encirc - New Rail Traffic

21/06 The manufacturer of 1 in 3 of all glass bottles in the UK having successfully operated 3 trains from their rail-head at Elton (previously used for fertilizer traffic), Cheshire which does also receives inward sand traffic by rail from Middleton Towers (near Kings Lynn) for a customer in Scotland. W.H.Malcolm (DRS), MDS Transmodal and Cheshire West Council have been responsible for developing this new rail flow with

another terminal, possibly at Bristol West being under consideration.

GBRf

22/06 Two former Euro Class 66 loco workings recorded at Didcot North junction were; 66705 + 66308 + 66307 at 1742 with a 4Z67 Eastleigh yard - Doncaster Roberts Road wagon move and 66792 + 66309 passing at 1801 running 0001 Doncaster Decoy yard - Eastleigh light-locos.

24/06 The company are set to take on operation of the Caledonian Sleeper service with a 7 year term following a recent in-house Government take over from previous operator Serco following poor performance figures. The service involves running seven trains a night over six days a week.

Great Western Railway

20/06 Turbo 166209 saw frontline IET passenger work covering 1A81 1055 Paignton - Paddington (1416), departing Taunton at 1209 (2 late) and 1C85 1436 return to Paignton, as far as Exeter St.Davids where there was an IET set waiting, 800009 to finish the working removed from 2C79 1400 Cardiff Central - Penzance, which was taken over by 'Castle' HST set 43186 GW08 43016 (which had arrived as 5C79 1504 empty stock from Laira Trsmd).

22/06 The company operated additional service either side of this years Glastonbury Music festival with trains from the Capital and links to and from Bristol as in previous years.

The Arctic Monkeys, Foo Fighters and Elton John (performing his last ever British concert date) were the 2023 highlight acts.

23/06 Former Nirvana member now lead singer of the Foo Fighters, Dave Grohl, band members and around 40 support staff used the 1C11 1100 Paddington - Bristol TM IET service as far as Bath for a mini-bus connection to the Glastonbury Festival site at Pilton. They had been billed as 'The Churn Ups' the mystery band listed on this years line up.

26/06 The 1A50 2145 (Sun) Penzance - Paddington sleeper service headed by 57605 failed at Taunton, 57603 being sent 1Z99 0238 light from Reading to assist arriving at 0418, the train then continuing onwards departing at 0527 (227 late) later being terminated Reading at 0716 (201 late).

02/07 GWR staff industrial action saw no sleeper service operate from today until 7th July.

04/07 IET set 802005 newly named 'Aneurin Bevan NHS 1948-2023' worked a 1Z97 1025 Newport - Paddington special to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the National Health Service, departing platform 1 to time. The health service started in south Wales by Welshman Aneurin Bevan in his role as Minister for Health in the Labour government of Clement Attlee being based on an idea already running in Swindon (where the train also called en route to the Capital) involving Great Western Railway employees putting part of their wages into a hospital medical treatment plan, the town which already had a well established sewerage and drainage system in place alongside a hospital, which was located where the Health Hydro Centre stands today. A full ceremony in recognition of the organisation took place in Westminster Abbey during the following day.

10/07 'Castle' HST set 43154 GW07 43094 was used on 2T29 1756 Exmouth - Paignton from Exeter St.Davids and 2F33 1944 return to Exmouth (2118) again as far as Exeter (for DMU 150266 to continue) of note was the call at the newly opened Marsh Barton station (Exeter) arriving at 2028 (1 late) and departing 2030 (-). The HST later returned empty to Laira Trsmd.

11/07 More 'Castle' HST cover saw set 43016 GW12 43153 work 2E57 1038

Bristol TM - Worcester Foregate Street and 2T45 1253 return to Temple Meads in place of a DMU set.

Also during the day the 1C89 1635 Paddington - Plymouth service formed with IET sets 800029 + 800007 struck a fallen tree near Lavington resulting in some delays and the following 1C90 1704 Paddington - Penzance (2224) formed with IET 800301 being turned back on the Woodborough crossover and routed 'west' via Reading West curve, Didcot, Swindon and Melksham eventually reaching its destination at 0143!

For the record, the 1C89 was terminated short of its destination at Westbury at 2023 (148 late).

16/07 No 'Night Riviera' sleeper services were planned to operate again from this date until 23rd July due to ASLEF driver industrial action.

Rail Live Event-2023

This years Long Marston latest equipment and tech extravaganza saw 'hydro-flex' unit 799201 (ex. 319382) operate passenger shuttles to and from the site from Honeybourne station.

Ticket Office Closures

Certainly some big news for the rail traveller was the announcement at the beginning of July of the end of physical staff fare collection and ticket issuing at all stations, each train operating company appearing to have a different plan of how this will be implemented.

In 1995 85% of all travel tickets were sold at the station, but in 2023 now well into the digital age this figure has dropped to only 12%.

With a Government 21 day consultation plan in place the Transport Focus Group have set up a help line on advising how written objections can be forwarded detailing the needed protest content against the planned action no doubt the biggest proposed change in passenger rail travel for many years (also see last months Magazine under MISCELLANEOUS).

West Coast Railways

The company operated 'Jacobite' steam service from Fort William - Mallaig which had restarted in April were cancelled from 15th July into August by the ORR due to concerns that the Mk1 coaching stock in use had not had the now necessary required door locking and drop light window modifications. Heath & Safety legislation no longer permits passengers to look out from train windows and if coaches have not been so modified, a steward is required for each coach monitoring passenger activity within.

No comments had been made from West Coast management regarding the outstanding modification and stewarding issue by the end of the review period suggesting the cancellation of services could continue beyond the given 9th August restart date.

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

03/07 Patchway (Bristol) - DR73121 passing at 1125 (3 late) running 1104 Severn Tunnel junction - Severn Tunnel junction (1706) via Exeter St.Davids.

10/07 Bristol Kingsland Road - DR75011.

13/07 DR73122 + DR77010 arriving Westbury at 1130 as a 6Q55 1032 move from Swindon.

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 576

DONCASTER & SCUNTHORPE STEEL

10th - 11th June 2022

Report compiled from notes taken by John Dicks, Dave Forse, Red Perry and Mike Crew courtesy of wwrail.net and <https://freightmasterinteractive.uk>

Day 1 - 10/06/2022

Mexborough Station

Locos 66504/563 66747 Made in Sheffield/776 Joanne/780 The Cemex Express/788 Locomotion 15/794 Steve Hannam 68020 Reliance
Dmu Sets 150122/228 158906 170456/457 185110/118/128/136/148/149
Demu Set 220028 Coaches 11501 12701/702/703 12801
Small Plant Network Rail 901224-4 Geismar trolley M42/0013/2015

Freight workings

66747 6M61 Immingham - Ratcliffe
7069553258 7069553498 7069553332 7069553084 7069553100 7069553274
7069553167 7069552323 7069553464 7069553365 7069553324 7069553175
7069553076 7069553050 7069553472 7069553449 7069553456 7069552331
7069553225 7069553514 7069553241 7069553118
66788 4E79 Ratcliffe - Doncaster Decoy
310390 310656 310347 310844 310638 310538 310132 310537 310598 310134
310662 310028 310245 310272 310681 310369 310012 310251 310185 310227
310696 310162 310787
66780 4E53 Felixstowe - Tinsley
8749093963 650033 650034 650042 650041 8749084905 8749093831 8749093880
7045202327 7045210528 7045202335 7045202087 7045210403 7045202095 650030
650029 7045201998 7045210353 7045201980 7045202517 7045210619 7045202509
6849098619 7045203069 7045210890 7045203077 640668 7045201337 7045210023
7045201329 7045200016 7045210007 7045200008
66504 6M73 Doncaster Decoy - Toton
112128 112090
66563 4L85 Tinsley - Felixstowe
640455 640456 641064 608250 608249 641043 7048461245 7048461195 7045200776
7045200768 7045201287 7045201295 608307 608308 608207 608208 93401 608387
607073 607074 608426 641021 608187 608186 640307 640308 92647 608007/033
66776 4L11 Masborough - Felixstowe
8049091655 7045203317 7045211013 7045203309 92290 7045203374 7045211047
7045203366 7045203333 7045211021 7045203325 7045203358 7045211039
7045203341 6849094147 93477 93390 630041 630042 93370 640628 640628
6849094345 640909 643008 643007 630038 630037 93436 93337 650054 650053

Whitley Bridge Station

Locos 66010/023/056 Alain Thauvette 66796/798

Freights workings

66023 6H63 Immingham - Drax
7006980317 7006981380 7006980986 7006980218 7006980143 7006980192
7006980523 7006980168 7006981562 7006980028 7006981513 7006981000
7006980408 7006981158 7006980838 7006980580 7006981372 7006980085
7006981190 7006980366 7006981729 7006981463 7006980374 7006980184
66798 66796 6M36 Drax - Liverpool Bulk Terminal

7006981075 7006981273 7006980069 7006981034 7006981109 7006980804
7006980689 7006981281 7006980853 7006981208 7006981133 7006980895
7006980176 7006981398 7006981455 7006982040 7006982206 7006980465
7006981216 7006980127 7006980341 7006981042 7006981448 7006980721
66010 4R51 Drax - Immingham
7006980390 7006980119 7006981059 7006981638 7006981752 7006981695
7006981588 7006980606 7006981125 7006980648 7006981265 7006981224
7006980093 7006981547 7006981067 7006980937 7006980283 7006980556
7006980101 7006981703 7006981737 7006981554 7006980507 7006981489
7006981083
60056 6E09 Liverpool Bulk Terminal - Drax
7006981745 7006980234 7006981091 7006981794 7006981877 7006981687
7006980952 7006981919 7006980960 7006980655 7006981414 7006981331
7006980994 7006980473 7006980622 7006980887 7006981836 7006980564
7006981935 7006980812 7006982180 7006982099 7006980697 7006980598
7006981828

Church Fenton Station

Locos 60002 Graham Farish 50th anniversary 1970 - 2020 66006
Dmu Sets 155343 158902 185103/111/117/140/141 195012/013 195102/109
Pride of Cumbria/121/133 Demu Sets 220006/020 221108/128/139
IET Sets 802204/206/208/212/219

Freight workings

66006 6E97 New Biggin - Tees Dock
7067900825 7067900619 7067900460 7067900593 7067900627 7067900437
7067900445 7067900866 7067900411 7067900395 7067900361 7067900304
7067900031 7067900148
60002 6H70 Tyne Dock - Drax
7069552620 7069553209 7069552729 7069552265 7069552240 7069552737
7069552802 7069552828 7069552414 7069553431 7069552869 7069552455
7069552810 7069552836 7069552646 7069552380 7069552406 7069552885
7069552844 7069552489 7069552871 7069553381

Cross Gates Station

Loco 68032 Destroyer Coaches 11511 12731/732/733 12811

Hunslet Sidings (Opposite Neville Hill Depot)

Wagons 310866/898/915/934/938/946/948/951/957/958/964/973/979/985/993/998
311001/009/018/021/031/036/039/059/067/086/091/093/104/147/158/159
33 70 4739 016-5; 82 70 6723 629-?/649-3

Leeds Station

Loco 68028 Lord President Dmu Sets 195005/019/022 195109/132
Coaches 11503 12707/708/709 12803

Neville Hill Depot

Coaches 6360 6361

Doncaster Station

Locos 66221 66433 66538 66741 Swanage Railway/753 EMD Roberts Road
68028 Lord President/032 Destroyer 91111 For the Fallen/130 Lord Mayor of
Newcastle Dmu Sets 156403 158906 170473/474 180101/103(mixed)
185128/136 Demu Set 220028 Emu Sets 331102

IET Sets 800111 800203 801110/111/113 801204/207/209/212/216/217/
226/227 802301/304 DVTs 82205 Flying Scouseman/223
Coaches 11504 12710 12711 12712 12804 11503 12707 12708 12709 12803
Freight workings

66221 4E25 Bow - Heck
5428 4694 4683 4680 4685 5287 5280 4690 5435 5438 5276 5273
4679 4673 5442 5275 5290 4687 5272 4689 5424 5283 5439 4691
66753 6E88 Middleton Towers - Goole
7006590167 7006590258 7006590209 7006590233 7006590225 7006590266
7006590142 7006590126 7006590324 7006590357 7006590290 700659065
7006590415 7006590175 7006590316

Doncaster West Sidings/Wabtec

Locos 08669 Wabtec Rail Services 67028 Emu Set 33106 Proud to be
Northern Coaches 44004/024/056 Snowploughs 965578 966099
Wagons 925075224/532/583/585/587 97303 Withdrawn Wagon 92300
Road/Rail TRS1015 910036-1 Doosan DX170-5 Ultimate 270 UHL 5005344/2014
Note - Unidentified green and Virgin coaches

Day 2 - 11/06/2022

Doncaster Wood Yard

Loco 66012 Wagons 29214/235/255/266/368/413/507 61068 93429
97123/125 100048 110233/459/800 112219/299 380001/021/037/101/102/
103/164/165/166/211/212/213/321/338/421 394287/788/823 460547 501035/050/
101/110/112/223/224/241/242/243/268/269/270/306/308/326/356/358/357/364
503021/030/086/109/585 61067/068 996326 3170 5992 075-9 Road/Rail DBCargo
979113-6 Zephir Lok 30-520 shunter 2926/2021; Railcare RAUK 2 515002-2
Railcare RA7 - UK Railvac; 552020-8 Railcare Ballast Feeder UK

Doncaster Depot

IET Set 801206

View from Mallard Bridge, Doncaster

Locos 66012/021 66714 Cromer Lifeboat/723 Chinook (ZA723)/751
Inspiration Delivered Hitachi Rail Europe/757 West Somerset Railway/766
Gail Richardson/774/775 F231 HMS Argyll/794 Steve Hannam 70802 73107
Emu Set 321334 IET Set 801205 On Track Plant 73109 77802
DR79602/603/604 Wagons 4419 371025/106 380003/013/029/104/105/106/
130/135/136/158/161/163/185/186/213/301/314/502/505/612/614/615 394204
502018/031/032/038/041/055056 81 70 4524 137-6/140-0; 81 70 5932 107-2/
115-5/116-3/125-4; 31 70 6791 034-1

Appleby/Frodingham Steelworks, Scunthorpe

Tour Train Formation Locos Cranford AE 1919/1924; YE 2877/1965 green;
Brakevans 7606 brown; 295516 grey; B955010 grey
Locos 66137/151 Wagons 26001/016/017/019/020/021/033/034/043/047/050/
052/053/054/070/071/072/075/077/081/082/091/102/105 300401/402/404/405/
406/407/408/409/410/412/413/414/415/416/417/418/419/420 310386/431/436/
457/502/522/550/571/585/609/675/691/768/781/802/866/912/915/917/923/950/
982/984/991 311000/025/026/100/108/127 460635/881 470015/022/029/034/
042/067/075/077/082/083/088/097/140/150/158/162/164/178 500011/072/085/

111/113/118/123/134/135/139/150/177 79063 90010/012/020/024/025/026/
034/047/049/063/081/082/083/124/125/126/127/137/146/152/154/161/162/170/
176/182/189/231/248/282/292/302 910002/008/012/049/050/064/068/079/088/
089/091/100/108/110/111/113/117/161/181/185/191/192/203/204/218/267/284/
298/301/308/321/325/331/341/343/369/391/399/410/412/445/472/495/498/506
950049/158/226/340/363/417/489/568/605/645/670/683/895/969 95172/181/215
966165/252 979063/086/088/105/131 81 70 4832 001-9/005-0/015-9/016-7/
017-5; 31 70 4938 061-9/126-0/144-3/202-9/224-3/509-7 33 80 4647 009-6/
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016-3/021-3/025-4/034-6/041-1; 83 80 4736 102-0/108-7/109-5/110-3/111-1/
118-6/123-6/127-7/129-3/130-1/144-2/145-9

Withdrawn Wagon 391416

Internal Locos 29 YE 2938/1964; 30 Fusion CNES of 2013; 51 YE 2709/1959;
71 HE 7282/1972; 73 HE 7284/1972; 74 HE 7285/1972; 75 HE 7286/1972;
76 HE 7287/1973; 81 (20056,D8056) EE/RHSD 2962/8214 of 1961; 93 YE
2902/1963; 8701 Mak 1600.001/1996; 8702 Mak 1600.002/1996; 8703 Mak
1600.003 1969; 8704 Mak 1600.004/1996; 8712 Mak 1600.012/ 1996; 8716
Mak 1600.016/1996; 8717 Mak 1600.017/1996; 8718 Mak 1600.018/1996;
8719 Mak 1600.019/1996; 820 Mak 1600.020/1996;

Highline Locos HL1 BD/GECT 3734/5434 of 1977; No.3 BD/GECT 3736/5436
of 1977; No5 BD/GECT 3738/5438 of 1977; 6 BD/GECT 3739/5439 of 1977

Internal Wagons Anchor Cast Car

16/197/204/205/209/215/219/223/224/228/229/231/232/234/235 Billet Bolster
5405/425/426/427/910/912 100t Billet Flat 6104/105/107/109/151/156/181/
183/184/185/188/189/190/191/193/194 Bolster 6203/204/208/210/213/215

Bogie Bolster 3/9/10/12 5502/503 Bogie Flat 5703/704/705/706/707/708/
709/710/712/713/714/715/716/717/718/719/721/723/724/730/731 6604

Bogie Hi-Line Hopper C5; 03 Bogie Plate Wagons 5023 7503

Breeze Wagon 8204 Flat 202 12t Ore Tippler 8032/039/062/064/065/090/
101/116 Panzer 03/05/08 Plate Wagon 6301/302/303 6603 7501/502/503/
504/505/507/508/509 7440 4w Scrap Open 2081/202/203/204/208/210/211/
218/287/288 Slab Flat 5501/504/507/508/509/511/513/516/519/520 6702/711

Torpedo 41/45/48/52/54/55/57/61//62/63/64/67/69/70/99

Type Unknown 01/02/05/17/18/23 106 817/820 2051/069 3062/138 4022
5002/007/008/024/025/028 5430/475 5702/715/720 6207 6610 7136 7506
8089/170 8601 8701/702/703/704/712/716/719

Wagon 5601/602/603/605/607/609/610 Warflat 8031/059

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Locos 8 AB 2369/1955; Hutnik Chrz 3138/1954; 58 HE 7409/1976; 1151
P 1438/1916; Arnold Machin YE2661/1958; Dmus (54207); (59245);
Dmu Set 144016 Coaches Ex BR 40309/314 44059 (975329,4668); 2 X U/I
Mkls. one in GWR livery
Departmental ADB975329 (042206 ,88038,6005); Ex LMS 30106 (DM395280);

Coke Ovens

Locos 6 Schalke 10-310-0055/1973 (blue-assumed);
Another blue loco was seen but identification could not be guessed.

Scunthorpe Yard

Wagons 310946/946/955 311140 500014/020/119/141/146/159/200

Report compiled from the notes supplied by John Dicks, Pete Dix, Dave Forse and Mike Godfrey.

Dollands Moor (Viewed)

Locos 37116 92011/019 Wagner/032 ImechE Railway Division/041 Vaughan Williams/042/044 Couperin

Cheriton Terminal (Viewed)

Locos 008/009 9005 Jessye Norman/013/018/022/024 Gotthard
 1882/026/037/038 Montserrat Cabelle 9704/713/714/715/720 9804/806 Regine
 Crespin/816/821/823/ 825/831/832/935 Nicolai Gedda/838 Hildegard Behrens

SPARE	SET 1	SET 2	SET 3	SET 4	SET 5	SET 6	SET 7	SET 8	SET 9	SET 10	SET 11
9821	9033	9832	9831	9714	9013	9704	9838	9715	9024	9825	9713
7906	3813	5901	3807	4808	3804	5903	3818	4801	3803	3809	4803
7816	3016	xxxx	3225	4107	3224	7814	3024	4095	3033	3203	4033
7106	3017	7040	3426	4105	3425	7183	3423	4094	3432	3405	4034
7139	3417	7034	3027	4106	3026	7154	3222	4096	3231	3010	4050
7012	3216	7044	3217	4122	3212	7234	3022	4092	3008	3214	4049
7221	3207	7045	3418	4111	3413	7223	3422	4091	3406	3415	4051
7103	3407	7049	3204	4110	3013	7226	3220	4071	3210	3015	4062
7108	3009	7050	3226	4114	3211	7202	3018	4073	3206	3205	4063
7107	3020	7058	3427	4116	3412	7220	3419	4072	3410	3404	4064
7056	3420	7019	3028	4115	3012	7222	3019	4066	3003	3201	4056
7240	3218	7082	3227	4117	3030	7247	3234	4065	3007	3219	4059
7241	3001	7080	3428	4108	3429	7237	3435	4083	3409	3421	4058
7239	3436	7128	3029	4118	3228	7250	3036	4080	3005	3021	4057
7243	3235	7227	3815	4113	3814	7216	3811	4085	3801	3816	4052
7229	3802	7131	1808	4120	1813	7257	1817	4084	1807	1805	4047
	1819	7132	1030	4121	1027	7242	1214	4087	1225	1201	4048
	1202	7029	1428	4119	1426	7232	1413	4093	1416	1401	4053
	1403	7265	1228	4855	1217	7233	1011	4851	1028	1001	4853
	1003	7850	1035	4109	1226	7853	1220	4081	1204	1218	4061
	1230	7079	1434	4112	1419	7185	1421	4082	1405	1418	4060
	1430	7158	1007	4123	1024	7180	1022	4078	1005	1019	4038
	1032	7098	1020	4125	1033	7177	1207	4079	1017	1215	4037
	1034	7099	1412	4124	1431	7173	1407	4069	1402	1411	4036
	1432	7077	1219	4127	1231	7175	1009	4075	1213	1013	4041
	1232	7065	1031	4126	1233	7179	1021	4074	1227	1211	4040
	1224	7083	1429	4128	1433	7178	1417	4067	1427	1409	4039
	1423	7074	1229	4129	1026	7258	1221	4068	1029	1014	4055
	1025	7225	1816	4130	1803	7037	1815	4078	1811	1812	4054
	1801	7209	9816	4132	9804	7235	9037	4076	9806	9026	4046
	9022	7217		4131		7262		4077			4044
		7210		4133		7267		4086			4045
		7197		4134		7264		4089			4043
		7198		4135		7268		4090			4042
		7200		4136		7272		4806			4035
		7283		4809		7266		9018			4804
		7804		9720		7810					9823
		9005				9835					

Note

A Road/Rail lorry could be seen in the distance coupled to a black internal user wagon.

On Track Plant listed an Iveco lorry but that had been in store at Fitzgeralds, Cwmbran since 2019.

Therefore, the vehicle seen remains unidentified.

Tonbridge West Yard (Viewed)

Locos 66702 Blue Lightning/710 Phil Packer BRIT/1933(66721) Harry Beck/
732 GBRf The First decade 1999 - 2009 John Smith MD/751 Inspiration
Delivered Hitachi Rail Europe/768/770 73128 OVS Bullied C.B.E. 73213
Rhodalyn
Emu Sets 375310 375628 377307/308 465035/046/157/164/197 465920
466009
Wagons 371006/012/013/014/019/022/025/027/31/039/ 044/048; 81 70 5500
253-6/254-4/256-9/257-7/258-5/260-1/263-5/266-8/268-4/269-2/270-0/272-6/
273-4/282-5/288-2/291-6/358-3/456-5/464-9/465-6/ 471-4/474-8/478-9/485-4/
486-2/487-0/503-4/759-2/755-0/759-2/761-8/764-2/767-5/770-9/771-7;
37 70 6955 200-0/207-5/217-4/218-2/219-0/252-1/258-8/ 275-2;
83 70 6955 292-0/295-3/297-9/298-7; 99 70 9319 003-8;
37 80 7898 043-0/045-5/050-5/055-4/057-0/074-5/118-0;
33 87 4908 305-5/ 343-6/430-1/497-0/682-7/742-9
MPV 98002/006 Snowplough ADB965237
Road/Rail Quattro 686 911034-5 Koblenco E135 YY04 081110

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