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[M. Crew]

70004 working 4049 Crewe Basford Hall - Southampton Maritime at Reading on 03/08/23.

Rear Cover Photo October 2023 Issue 620:

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43357 and 43285 working 1V50 Edinburgh - Plymouth passing Yate on 23/05/23.

FUTURE EVENTS

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.

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

OBITUARY

It is sad to report that Rosemary DARVILL has passed away. Whilst not a member of the Society she will be known to quite a few of our members by her helping out with the Industrial Railway Society sales stands at Alan Keef and Statfold Barn open days.

Rosemary was the widow of Bob Darvill and helped him with IRS business. After Bob died in December 2019 Rosemary was still keen to play an active role in the IRS. She was involved in the distribution of Bulletins and helped on the Sales Stand until Covid restrictions and failing health made it too difficult for her to continue. Our condolences go to her sons and the rest of her family and friends

Society Clothing

If you wish to purchase some Society-branded clothing do not ignore this notice, otherwise you will not get further opportunity for another year.

The embroidered clothing is available in any colour (except Hi-Viz vests) and your order must be sent to John Dicks, stating what you want, the colour and the size (small, medium, large, XXL etc).

Please send your remittance by BACS to the Society account 09-01-51 97698301, and please ensure that Kevin Davies and John Dicks are made aware of the bank transfer. Alternatively cheques should be made payable to 'Cardiff and Avonside Railway Society' and sent to Kevin Davies.

The order book will be open for one month after this advertisement appears in the Magazine. Payment to be made with order.

Items currently available are: -

Rugby shirt (Front Row)	£32.00
Fleece jacket (Pro RTX)	£25.00
Sweatshirt (Fruit of the Loom)	£21.00
Sweatshirt (Gildan)	£19.00
Polo shirt (ETL)	£16.00
"T" shirt (ETL)	£13.00
5 Panel Baseball cap (BIS)	£10.00
Hi-Viz Hoodie (YOKO)	£35.00
Hi-Viz waistcoat (YOKO)	£10.00

The makers are in brackets after each item.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF PAYMENT AND ORDERING.
ALSO NOTE THAT THE 50TH. ANNIVERSARY LOGO IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

Society GEN News Group

There is a Gen Group on groups.io which you can subscribe to allow you to get e-mail alerts for any workings or reports posted by other group members. We also use this to provide you with any updates on Society events. To join you can use the link on the Home page of the Society web site www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk

The more members who join and contribute will help all members of the society.

Society FaceBook Group

The Society has a Facebook Group. If you have a Facebook account you can find us by searching for "Cardiff and Avonside Railway Society" or by clicking on the link on the home page on the Society website. We will use the site to publish information about forthcoming trips and obviously for members to share and information and photographs.

Society Twitter Account

There is now a Society Twitter account with the Twitter handle @CarsRailways and full url www.twitter.com/carsrailways

Introduce a Friend

Society members who introduce a friend to the Society are entitled to a £4 credit amount when that person joins the Society. This can be put towards the cost of a future trip or future membership renewal. Membership forms are available on the Society web site, or from the Membership Secretary.

NOTES & NEWS

Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh

20/08 Return departmental workings included; 66549 - 6Y41 0900 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (1032) passing Lawrence Hill at 1013 (40 early) with a 4 MLA / 12 JNA wagon consist and 66525 - 6Y42 1100 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (1215) passing Lawrence Hill at 1208 (48 late) with 7 JNA / 5 MLA box wagons and 3 KFA / 1 FEA flats, this working having operated as 1901 Westbury - Maindee West junction (2321) during the previous evening.

21/08 Test DMU set 950001 worked west as 2Q08 0351 Derby RTC - Plymouth (1325) via Bridgwater (not Yeovil and Honiton as has been the previous route) passing Rowley Regis at 0639 (2 early), Yate 0937 (5 early) and Uphill junction 1037 (3 early).

22/08 57601 + 57313 (both in Pullman colours) top n' tailed Northern Belle 1Z30 0746 Birmingham International - Paignton (1217) and 1Z32 1730 return to Birmingham International (2231) with c/stock; 92904. 10734. 17167. 325. 3247. 3275. 3267. 1953. 3273. 3174. 99325, dining special passing Standish junction at 0940 (7 late), Uphill junction 1031 (8 early) and Taunton 1106 (7 late).

The line between Parkway and Standish junction was later closed for a safety inspection with some diversions and cancellations taking place. Road buses were used for Yate and Cam & Dursley station connections.

'ROG' 37884 hauling Greater Anglia EMU sets 321340 + 321343 as 5Q76 Wolverton - Newport Docks (Sims Metals) was reported at Northampton (off route), where the train ended up terminating with an unspecified problem in the reception sidings - the loco having run round.

24/08 'ROG' 37884 continued the 21st August Northampton 'off route' unit 321340 + 321343 move (which was reported as returned to Wolverton) as 5Q76 1123 Wembley 1-7 reception - Newport Docks (1532) Sims Metals which passed Swindon at 1342 (8 early) and departed Parkway at 1446 (1 late).

27/08 Return engineering train records were; 70811 - 6C21 0900 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (1029) passing Patchway at 0928 (1 late) and Lawrence Hill 0942 (8 late) with 7 MLA / 7 JNA / 1 IEA box wagons and 70809 - 6C22 1058 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury (1212) with 6 JNA / 4 MLA / 4 IEA boxes passing Lawrence Hill at 1024 (56 early).

29/08 'Stadler' 756105 + 756101 were noted Parkway at 1206 running as a 3Q38 Newport - Swindon mileage accumulation run. The same sets were also noted during the following day departing at 1332 on the 3Q39 return to Newport.

01/09 66550 passed Patchway at 1457 (16 early) with 6M81 1319 Machen - Lawley Street (2252) via Oxford loaded stone with a 23 MWA wagon consist conveying 2,232 tonnes. This train having recently been restarted previously being DB operated.

02/09 66531 + 66504 + 66561 passed Pilning at 0717 as 0C51 0732 Wentloog - Stoke Gifford light-engines.

03/09 First Blue livery 166203 was diverted via Parkway (reason unknown) working 2G10 1630 Swindon - Cheltenham (1727) service passing Westerleigh junction 1712 (off route) and back up at 1726 (off route) later passing Standish junction at 1741 (34 late).

Sunday 'Electro-star' activity included 387156 + 387168 working 1L76 1650 Cardiff Central - Paddington service followed by 387158 + 387170 + 387142 passing Westerleigh junction at 1752 as a 5Z90 1700 Reading Train-care

Depot - Parkway empty move.

04/09 66548 + 66511 top n' tailed 6X37 1604 Taunton Fairwater yard - Tilehurst HOBC via Bristol passing Uphill junction at 1630 (6 early), Parkway 1907 (6 late)- following a booked recess at Bedminster - and Swindon 1950 (2 late).

05/09 A recent new GBRf freight service sees a 6E89 1346 Trostre Works - Middlesbrough Dawsons (0448) freight now routed via Bristol, Swindon and Oxford, 66714 being the days loco with the working passing Cardiff Central at 1629 (35 late) hauling a 7 IWA / 9 KVA wagon consist and later arriving Pilning loop at 1810 (7 late) and departing 1847 (4 early).

07/09 'Stadler' sets 756104 + 756105 were on running-in turns during the day being noted on a 3Q37 Swindon - Newport working.

09/09 66601 returned empty cement tanks as 6Z36 1217 Westbury Cement works - Tunstead via Hereford, passing Bradford junction at 1247 (18 late) and Severn Tunnel junction 1353 (18 late), the inward having operated on 6th September.

Later, DC Rail 60028 ran 0Z60 1050 Leicester Lip - Bristol East yard (1423) light-engine passing Yate at 1338 (12 early). It was assumed the Tytherington Quarry wagons were collected as the branch was to be closed for track-work from 11th September for two weeks. The wagons had earlier arrived with 60055 as 6Z25 1209 from Appleford passing Swindon at 1247.

10/09 Colas special livery 67027 worked a 0Z67 1002 Westbury - Worcester yard (1230) loco class refresher light-engine run which arrived Parkway at 1047 and departed 1053 (24 late) and passed Yate at 1108 (15 early), running a further out and back 0Z40 0905 light move (from Worcester) during the following day via Hereford arriving at 1045 and departing 1125 (16 late) and Kings Norton.

12/09 67027 returned light-engine as 0Z41 1149 Worcester yard - Westbury (1824) via Evesham, Oxford Hinksey yard, Worcester SH and Hereford driver refresher light-loco passing Yate at 1646 (57 early), Bath 1740 (46 early) and Trowbridge 1813 (76 early).

13/09 66502 worked return 6V82 0508 Birmingham Lawley Street - East Usk yard stone empties passing Charfield at 0735 and 70809 powered a 6Z99 0800 Whitacre Down Arley loop - Westbury (1159) rake of 20 loaded IOA wagons (the previous days overnight 6V46 working) passing Water Orton at 1009 (119 late), arriving Parkway at 1241 (90 late) and departing 1309 (98 late).

15/09 Having visited Severn Beach in the early hours, Colas test HST set 43277 + 43274 (with dept c/stock; 975984. 977994/3. 975814. 977984) worked 1Z20 0448 Paddington - Derby RTC (1446) via Swansea, passing Newport outward at 0649 (39 early) and Yate 1229 (-) on the return.

16/09 Steam 34046 Braunton (with 47593 on the rear) made a rare south Wales foray with Steam Dreams 'Cardiff' 1Z40 0918 Paddington - Cardiff Central (1532) and 1Z42 1617 return to Paddington (2137) with c/stock; 35465 (loco support). 17013. 3945. 3122. 80044. 3100. 3148. 3125. 1863. 3107, outward passing Swindon at 1150 (1 late), departing Parkway at 1232 (2 late) and Severn Tunnel junction 1249 (-), the return being routed via Chepstow, Gloucester and Kemble.

Locos recorded on Westerleigh fuel tank duty have included; 60010/040.

Tytherington Quarry branch line

14/09 66594 + 66561 top n' tailed a 6Y40 1027 Westbury - Yate (1208) engineers with a 1 IEA / 15 JNA / 4 MLA wagon consist passing Dr.Days junction at 1138 (13 late) and arriving Yate 1306 (28 late).

The first two miles of the line, which had been reduced to a 5 mph restriction throughout in November 2022 was to be repaired with normal line speed reinstated, stone services being transferred to Machen during the two week (which had commenced on Monday 11th September) line closure period.

Locos recorded on Tytherington stone duty have included;
60055. 66005/024/054/065/067/181.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

20/08 Steam 46115 Scots Guardsman (making both a Bristol and Bristol - Taunton line debut in the mainline preservation era since 1995) worked the Railway Touring Company 'Royal Duchy' 1Z33 0851 Bristol TM - Par (1356) and 1Z34 1700 return to Temple Meads (2214) with c/stock; 80204 (loco support). 99128. 99316. 3093/8. 3143. 99311. 5032. 99723, the outward passing Worle at 0919 (13 early), departing Taunton at 1002 (1 late), passing Dawlish Warren at 1145 (3 early), Totnes 1205 (5 early) and departed Taunton at 2114 (4 late) and Yatton 2203 (8 late) on the return. Later, 'Celebrity' HST power cars 43007 (Inter-City 125 blue/yellow) + 43184 (Inter-City 'Swallow') with coaches XC02 passed Narrowways Hill junction at 1634 (-) working 1S55 1427 Plymouth - Leeds XC service, the set having earlier worked the 1V44 0612 Leeds - Plymouth (as booked).

21/08 First blue Turbo 166202 ran 5Q70 0700 St.Philips Marsh - Wolverton Centre siding (1202) via the GWML and Watford junction for a GWR green repaint passing Filton Abbey Wood at 0723 (12 early) and Swindon 0832 (11 early).

Also steam 46115 Scots Guardsman return with support coach 80204 as 5Z39 1042 St.Philips Marsh - Carnforth Steamtown (1859) via Hereford passing Patchway at 1114 (-) and the outward HOBC was routed via Bristol Parkway as 6X37 1604 Taunton Fairwater yard - Tilehust East junction (2117) passing Uphill junction at 1655 (19 late) top n' tailed by 66568 + 66511 and booked to recess at Bedminster.

22/08 68007 + 68033 worked 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks with a 3 FNA (709229039-6 + 709229023-0 + 709229022-2), the 6M67 return later passing Worle at 1426 (13 early).

Also 66701 + 66304 top n' tailed the return 'modular' weed-killing train as 3Q98 1115 St.Blazey - Margam (2034) following the second West of England 'sweep' visit, the move passing Lostwithiel at 1142 (1 late), St.Budeaux (Plymouth) 1219 (1 early), departing Taunton at 1459 (2 late), passing Worle junction at 1528 (1 late) and Pilning non-stop at 1717 (44 early).

An incident at Hewish level crossing, near Weston-super-Mare saw the up side barrier stuck in the up position (not long after the Northern Belle had passed up at 2003). Trains were allowed to continue after a Movements Operation Manager arrived but had to stop, sound horn and then proceed. Repairs took place well into the evening although train delays were at a minimal.

The days Arriva XC HST allocations were; 43239 XC03 43303 - 1V44 0612 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S51 1227 Plymouth - Glasgow and 43366 XC05 43378 -

1V50 0606 Edinburgh - Plymouth / 1E63 1527 Plymouth - Leeds.

23/08 Steam 45690 Leander (believed to be standing in for 6233 Duchess of Sutherland) worked Steam Dreams 'Essex Avon Express' 1Z75 0630 Shoeburyness - Bristol TM (1324) and 1Z77 1637 return to Shoeburyness (2256) the outward departing the Willesden South-West sidings loco change from 47802 at 1056 (49 late), Challow loop (water stop) 1202 (48 late), arriving Bath at 1333 and departing 1338 (29 late), passing Keynsham at 1347 (31 late) and the return passing Bathampton junction at 1719 (16 late). 47802 remained on the rear as the diesel loco support throughout.

24/08 Saphos Trains 'Golden Hind' 1Z27 0623 Slough - Plymouth (1300) and 1Z28 1600 return to Slough (2315) via the Berks & Hants was top n' tailed with 47805 + 47593 with c/stock; 35465. 17013. 3045. 3122. 80044. 3100. 3148. 3125. 1863. 3107. 3232. 3330, passing Lavington at 0805 (6 late), departing Bath at 0904 (4 late), arriving Temple Meads at 0921 (7 late), but held until 1017 (60 late) passing Uphill junction at 1037 (56 late) not running via the Weston loop as booked, Stoke Canon 1145 (41 late) with steam 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley in charge, having taken over at Taunton (47593 being on the rear and reported as being switched on over the Devon Banks) and departing Totnes at 1252 (26 late).

The whole train was turned at Plymouth via the Laira triangle and the return was noted passing Uphill junction at 1926 (10 late), Weston-super-Mare station non stop at 1930 (4 late) and departing Bath at 2020 (2 early) again back with the two top n' tailing Class 47s.

The morning Bristol area delay was a track 'kink' defect at 119m 60c (Malago Footbridge, near Bedminster) the down line which had seen Voyager 221134 with 1V42 0610 Derby - Plymouth pass Parsons Street junction at 0852 (5 late), being closed with 2Y11 0846 Avonmouth - Weston-super-Mare cancelled and IET 802017 on 2C67 0800 Cardiff Central - Penzance diverted via Bath and Westbury having arrive Temple Meads at 0852 (1 late) departed at 0948 (52 late).

With the line having been checked, reopening was not long after at 1010. Test unit 950001 from West of England duties having visited Penzance during the previous day arrived as 2Q08 0233 Exeter Riverside - Kingsland Road (1012) via Exmouth and Barnstaple passing Taunton at 0826 (1 early), Weston-super-Mare station 0858 (2 early) and Parsons Street 0922 (19 early).

Freight diversions due to the Stroud Valley blockade (also see Gloucester notes & news) were; 60017 - 6M53 1558 Swindon Stores - Toton Up sidings passing Lawrence Hill at 1724 with a 20 BYA wagon consist and 66721 - 4Z39 1422 Ashchurch MoD - Westbury (1716) formed of 10 FYA wagons passing Westerleigh junction at 1545 (18 early), Lawrence Hill 1629 (2 early) and Bathampton junction 1654 (2 late).

25/08 68007 + 68033 arrived Bridgwater at 0632 with 6V74 0200 ex. Crewe Coal sidings working with a 2 FNA wagon 709229023-0 + 709229031-3 consist. Later, the Blue HST set worked 5Z42 0757 Crewe HS - Mount Gould platform (1429) rail-tour ecs with power cars 43046 + 43059 (IC livery) passing Patchway at 1123 (4 early), Uphill junction 1208 (1 late) and Totnes 1329 (3 early).

Colas 70809 was on area light-engine route refresher work as 0Z50 0930 Westbury - Westbury (1623) via Highbridge loop (reverse), Weston-super-Mare and Avonmouth (reverse) passing Parsons Street down at 1042 (25 late), arriving Weston up at 1211 (7 early), departing 1222 (3 early) passing Hallen Marsh junction down at 1340 (2 early) before the booked

Avonmouth reverse (from 1347-1351) which took place close to St.Andrews Junction box the move then passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1414 (43 early) and Bath 1451 (62 early).

Also, under a revised, possibly new path 66190 working 6V73 1506 Stoke Cliffe Vale - Exeter Riverside yard (2310) china clay empties formed with 18 JIAs passed Filton Abbey Wood at 2028 (33 early) and departed Temple Meads at 2116 (2 late).

The days test train activity recorded; 950001 run 2Q08 0850 Temple Meads - Reading (1602) via Tytherington, reversing Parkway from 1116 - 1128 (145 early), the Tytherington Quarry (booked 0945 - 1020) line having been omitted, then passing Bath at 1147 (1 early) and Swindon 1254 (49 early) and the Colas HST test train formed 43277. 975984. 977994/3. 975814. 977984. 43299, working 1Q18 0545 Reading Triangle sidings - Paignton (via Penzance) passing Totnes down at 0900 (2 late), but due to late running (having been delayed on refuelling at Penzance) was started as 1Z18 1637 Newton Abbot (not Paignton) - Taunton (1821) via Bristol passing Taunton up at 1733 (47 late), Uphill junction 1757 (55 late), then departing Bristol East at 1837 (65 late) and passing Worle junction down at 1912 (70 late).

26/08 The Midland Blue Pullman HST formed 43046. 44081. 41149. 41108. 40802. 41059. 41176. 40802. 41108. 41149. 43059 (IC livery), worked 'North Wales Coast Pullman' 1Z43 0536 Plymouth - Llandudno and 1Z44 1635 return to Plymouth (2301) the outward departing 0620, passing Worle junction at 0738 (1 early) and Pilning 0830 (3 early).

27/08 HST activity saw celebrity XC power cars 43008 + 43007 work 1V48 0811 Leeds - Plymouth passing Yate at 1135 (4 late), Highbridge & Burnham at 1220 (6 late), departing Taunton at 1234 (6 late) and the booked 1S55 1427 return to Leeds (not Edinburgh) which passed Dawlish Warren at 1519 (4 late) and Uphill junction 1614 (6 late) and the 'Blue Pullman' (with 43059 + 43046) returning empty as 5Z45 1419 Mount Gould Platform - Crewe HS (2049) via Newport (reverse) which departed Plymouth station at 1442, passed Totnes at 1505 (11 early), Dawlish Warren 1531 (5 early) and Uphill junction 1646 (7 early).

28/08 43007 XC02 43008 worked 1S51 1227 Plymouth - Glasgow Central XC service. Also 70809 was again on 0Z50 1329 Westbury - Westbury (2050) via Weston-super-Mare, Avonmouth and Parkway route refresher light loco departing Temple Meads at 1442 (26 early), Weston-super-Mare 1543 and passing Hallen Marsh junction at 1732 (49 early) reversing at St.Andrews junction (again not Avonmouth station as booked) returning via Parkway and Temple Meads, later passing Bradford junction at 1848 (105 early).

29/08 The days Arriva XC HST activity saw 43301 + TF 41035 + 43285 running 5V84 0937 Doncaster Webtac - Laira Trsmd (1726) passing Yate at 1348 (33 early), departing Temple Meads at 1405 and Yatton 1424 (36 early) but terminated Exeter St.Davids platform 1 at 1553 (14 early) due to a fatality and line closure near Starcross (also see MISCELLANEOUS Great Western Railway) continuing west as 0750 Exeter Riverside New yard - Laira Trsmd passing near Newton Abbot at 0740 during the following day.

The Starcross incident also affected the 1V50 0606 Edinburgh - Plymouth service having passed Yatton at 1406 with celeb PCs 43008 + 43007 (XC02) was terminated Newton Abbot at 1656 later running onwards as 5Z77 empty to Laira Trsmd instead of starting 1E63 (as originally planned - covering the 1627 Plymouth departure) from here to Leeds.

The other XC HST set operating during the day, 43303 XC03 43357 worked

1V44 0612 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S51 1227 Plymouth - Glasgow as booked.
43301 and 43285 were both withdrawn on arrival at Laira depot, joining
43239 recently stopped here.

30/08 68034 + 68003 passed Uphill junction at 0909 with 3 FNA wagons
(709229028-9 + 709229004-0 + 709229011-5) as a further 6V74 Crewe Coal
sidings - Bridgwater move the 6M67 return later being recorded Parkway at
1515.

A Chiltern Railways DMU swap took place with 165006 (which had arrived on
3rd August) passing Parkway at 1532 running 3M65 1539 Barton Hill depot -
Banbury (1833), 165017 having earlier arrived as 0855 Banbury - Barton
Hill (1143) for the on going 'cab equipment Mk 4 train protection'
contract.

A XC HST working adjustment, saw 43303 XC03 43357 work 1Z60 1745 Bristol
TM - Plymouth, the inward 1E63 1527 Plymouth - Leeds having been
terminated in Temple Meads due to a serious track defect closing the line
north of Cheltenham.

Celebs 43007 XC02 43008 having worked 1V50 0606 Edinburgh - Plymouth were
swapped with 221125 for the booked 1S51 1227 Plymouth - Glasgow return.

31/08 A further Saphos Trains 'Welsh Marches Express' 1Z49 0609 Woking -
Shrewsbury and 1Z52 1548 return to Woking (2245) with c/stock; 35465.
3330. 3231. 3107. 1863. 3125. 3148. 3100. 80044. 3122. 3045. 17013, was
top n' tailed with 47805 + 47593 with steam 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley taking
the train onwards from Bristol West (with 47593 still on the rear) the
outward departing Salisbury at 0736 (8 late), passing Dilton Marsh at 0808
and Horfield Junction 0931 (7 late) with steam now in charge.

Later problems, believed brake linked with 60007 saw the loco moved at low
speed as 0Z52 2004 Coton Hill (Shrewsbury) - Crewe HS (2057) with support
coach which actually departed Shrewsbury station at 2130 (79 late), the
main tour being returned to Bristol with 47593 solo.

To complete the days records, 60007 had arrived Bristol West as 0Z50 0543
from Bishops Lydeard with support coach 21096 having passed Parsons Street
at 0657.

01/09 68034 + 68003 passed Cheltenham at 0647 with 6V74 0433 Crewe Coal
sidings - Bridgwater formed with FNAs 709229002-4 + 709229023-0 +
709229014-9.

04/09 Arriva XC HST allocations; 43007 XC02 43008 - 1V44 0612 Leeds -
Plymouth / 1S51 1527 Plymouth - Glasgow and 43321 XC03 43378 - 1V50 0606
Edinburgh - Plymouth / 1E63 1527 Plymouth - Leeds.

05/09 68016 + 68033 worked 6V74 0239 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater
nuclear flasks and 6M67 1408 return, the outward passing Highbridge &
Burnham at 0729 and Flax Bourton on the return at 1410 with FNAs
709229028-9 + 709220034-7 + 709229031-3.

Following a stock move (also see Great Western MISCELLANEOUS notes & news)
57603 returned 0A50 1300 Laira Trsmd - Reading Traincare depot (1723)
light-engine passing Totnes at 1325 (5 early), Dawlish 1353 (-), Taunton
1457 (1 early) and reported Temple Meads at 1515 (off route).

Arriva XC HST allocations were; 43321 XC05 43378 1V44 0612 Leeds -
Plymouth / 1S51 1227 Plymouth - Edinburgh and 43007 XC02 43008 - 1V50 0606
Edinburgh - Plymouth (only) noted passing Flax Bourton at 1253 arriving
Totnes at 1424 and departing 1425 (4 late) - this being the final 'normal'
passenger working for these two celebrity power car 'retro' repaints prior
to rail-tour use preparation/ 43304 XC03 43303 working the booked 1E63
1527 Plymouth - Leeds return.

06/09 LSL duo 47805/D1935 + 47593 top n' tailed Saphos Trains 'Golden Hind' 1Z27 0631 Worcester Shrub Hill - Plymouth (1300) and 1Z28 return to Worcester SH (2328) via Kemble with c/stock; 35465. 3330. 3231. 3107. 1863. 3125. 3148. 3100. 80044. 3122. 3045. 17013, the outward departing Cheltenham at 0716 (11 late), Swindon at 0828 (3 late) following a reverse, passing Bathampton junction at 0901 (5 late), Parsons Street 0933 (13 late), Yatton 0944 (14 late) and with steam loco 46100 Royal Scot in charge (having taken over at Taunton, plus 47593 still on the rear) calling Totnes 1217 (3 late) - 1230 (4 late).

The return departure was 33 minutes late due to a passenger being taken ill, possibly heat related (the hottest day of the year record was very close to being broken around this date!), being later recorded passing Dawlish Warren at 1804 and Uphill junction 1944 (and not using the station loop as booked).

Arriva XC HST diagrams were worked by; 43304 XC03 43303 - 1V44 and 1S51 and 43321 XC05 43378 - 1V50 and 1E63.

67006 headed the VSOE running as 1V80 0947 Victoria - Bath (1303) and 1092 1556 return to Victoria (1946) with c/stock; 99545/1. 99531/7/4/2/0/9. 99546. 99535/6. 6313, the outward passing Salisbury at 1159 (7 late) and Warminster 1223 (9 late). The Bristol ecs moves were; 5C80 1308 to East Depot yard and 5092 1537 return to Bath.

Later the monthly 'high-speed' test train arrived top n' tailed by 37610 + 37116 as 1Z22 0800 Derby RTC - Kingsland Road (2240) via Evesham, Oxford, Swindon, Westbury, Bath, Parkway and Hallen Marsh junction (being recorded passing Brentry at 2052 down and 2117 up). The working which had early on passed Willington at 0836 (7 early) and Oxford 1225 (1 late), had not visited Weymouth, the train reversing at Yeovil Pen Mill and heading back to Westbury.

07/09 Arriva XC HST diagrams were covered as; 43321 XC05 43378 1V44 / 1S51 and 43304 XC03 43303 - 1V50 / 1E63.

Steam 46100 Royal Scot returned north as 5Z70 Bishops Lydeard Wsr - Carnforth Steamtown (2052) via Hereford with support coach passing Uphill junction at 1404 (20 early) and Horfield junction 1525 (-).

Following the major wagon changes in Cornwall, the first loaded 6M53 2003 Exeter Riverside Network yard - Cliffe Vale (0446) china clay service operated behind 66101 with an 18 wagon consist which actually left only a handful of wagons in Cornwall, 4 being out of use with door defects! Passing time records were; Stoke Canon at 2006 (5 early), Taunton 2038 (11 early), Horfield junction 2206 (8 early) and Yate 2241 (9 late).

The return empties were booked 6V73 1506 Cliffe Vale - Exeter Network Yard (2307) during the following day and 6Z73 1432 Exeter Riverside - St. Blazey on Saturday 10th September.

09/09 Saturday Arriva XC HST diagrams were covered by; 43378 XC05 43321 - 1V44 0609 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S51 1227 Plymouth - Glasgow Central and 43304 XC03 43303 - 1V54 0807 Edinburgh - Plymouth / 1E73 1727 Plymouth - Leeds.

Two rail-tours were; Blue Pullman HST 43047. 41149. 41108. 40802. 41176. 41059. 41183. 40801. 44081. 43046, working 'West Highland Pullman' 1Z43 0546 Paignton - Fort William (2118) which departed Newton Abbot at 0615, passing Uphill junction at 0733 (2 early) and Parsons Street 0800 (1 late) and 47810 + 47712 double-headed Statesman Rail 'Cornish Riviera Statesman' 1Z28 0500 Shrewsbury - Penzance (1329) and 1Z29 1605 return to Shrewsbury (2341) departing Hereford at 0625 (-), passing Magor at 0801 (4 early),

Worle junction 0906 (-), Brent Knoll 0912 (1 late) and Totnes 1029 (3 early) outward with c/stock; 17056. 3438. 3188. 80043. 3229. 3312. 1211. 3348. 3426. 3344. 3384.

Also, 66106 passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1223 as 0012 1106 (SO) Margam Lip - Eastleigh light-loco.

10/09 Sunday Arriva XC HST diagrams were; 43304 XC03 43303 - 1V48 0811 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S55 1427 Plymouth - Edinburgh and 43321 XC05 43378 - 1V56 0908 Edinburgh - Plymouth / 1E75 1827 Plymouth - Leeds.

There were also two 'Castle' HST diagrams during the day these being; 43162 GW16 43098 - 2C69 0955 Bristol TM - Plymouth / 2U20 1244 return to Cardiff Central, 2C85 1650 return to Taunton, 2M69 1926 return to Bristol TM and 43154 GW09 43092 - 2U14 0947 Plymouth - Cardiff Central and 2C79 1400 return to Plymouth.

66548 + 66511 top n' tailed the return 6X37 0705 Didcot Parkway - Taunton Fairwater yard HOBC passing Highbridge & Burnham at 1004.

11/09 88006 + 68016 were used on 6V74 0158 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks departing Temple Meads at 0648 with a two FNA (709229002-4 + 709229028-9) consist.

Later the Blue Pullman HST with power cars 43046 + 43047 returned 'West Highland Pullman' as 1Z43 0918 Fort William - Paignton (0004) passing Yate at 2140 (6 early) and Lawrence Hill 2202 (-).

12/09 Arriva XC HST allocations were; 43304 XC03 43303 - 1V44 / 1S51 and 43321 XC05 43378 - 1V50 / 1E63.

A 5M98 1518 Laira Trsm'd - St.Philips Marsh 'Castle' HST stock storage move saw 43040 GW14 43172 (the whole train now GWR de-branded along with nameplate removal on the power cars, 43040 also having the Falklands Anniversary vinyls removed) departing Plymouth station at 1512, passing Totnes at 1534, Newton Abbot 1545 and Yatton 1651 (61 late).

The Blue Pullman HST also returned north as 5Z47 1513 Paignton - Crewe HS (2231) passing Newton Abbot at 1547 (3 early), Uphill junction 1721 (19 early) and Yate 1806 (19 early).

13/09 Arriva XC HST allocations were; 43321 XC05 43378 - 1V44 / 1S51 and 43303 XC03 43304 - 1V50 / 1E63.

Chiltern Railways DMU set 165017 was present on Barton Hill depot with single-car DMU 153317 inside undergoing trial 'sandite' mods.

'Castle' HST set 43027 GW06 43187 stood in for a DMU set working 2E57 1038 Bristol TM - Worcester / 2T45 1253 return and 2E67 1439 Bristol TM - Worcester / 2T49 1655 return.

14/09 Arriva XC allocations were; 220004 - 1V44 / 1S51 1227 and 43304 XC03 43303 - 1V50 / 1E63 1527 which on the day was terminated at Exeter St.Davids and restarted in the path of the 1E63 service here due to a fatality at Teignmouth station.

15/09 A signalling problem between Bristol West and Dr.Days junction saw 158762 working 2E53 0840 Temple Meads - Worcester Shrub Hill run towards Bath and reverse on the St.Philips Marsh depot curve prior to regaining its normal route where a passing time at Lawrence Hill of 0850 (8 late) was recorded.

Arriva XC HST workings were; 43321 XC05 43378 - 1V50 0606 Edinburgh - Plymouth and 1E63 1551 Plymouth - Leeds passing Uphill junction at 1710 as the last XC HST booked set working between Taunton and Bristol via Bridgwater.

Voyager 221130 worked both 1V44 0612 Leeds - Plymouth and 1S51 1227 return to Glasgow the days other HST diagram.

Also 43366 + 43184 formed a back to back power car positioning move as 5Z46 0718 Laira Trsmd - Leeds Neville Hill (1345) ready to work 1V50 on 18th September - the planned final day of long distance HST operation, the move being recorded passing Teignmouth at 0747 (9 early), Taunton 0842 (1 late), Uphill junction 0900 (3 late) and Yate 0957 (14 late).

Meanwhile, at Laira depot, 43357 (stopped 3rd September), 43301 and 43285 (both stopped 12th September) were all reported as present.

On the freight side; 68001 + 88006 powered 6V74 0342 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater (0826) nuclear flasks passing Worle junction at 0803 (5 late) the consist being 4 FNA wagons.

16/09 One Arriva XC HST service; 43321 XC05 43378 with 1V44 0609 Leeds - Plymouth (1148) passing Uphill junction at 1005 (6 late) then 5V44 1217 Plymouth - Laira Trsmd empty, the working being the final XC HST run over the Bristol-Taunton line (via Bridgwater) due to a PW blockade over the route later in the day, with road bus station connections.

No XC service were booked to operate over the 17th (Sunday).

Engineering trains in the Weston-super-Mare area were; 70814 - 6C20 Westbury - Worle junction, 70809 - 6C21 Westbury - Worle junction (via Weston station), 66197 - 6W01 Westbury - Weston-super-Mare and 66509 - 6Y40 1714 Westbury - Worle junction (2305) via Weston station.

17/09 What turned out to be the final westbound Arriva XC HST service saw 43366 (replacing failed 43304) XC03 43303 work a 1Z52 1212 Birmingham NS - Plymouth (departing 12 minutes late) which was routed via a Gloucester reverse (due to an area points failure) running around 30 minutes late, passing Dr.Days junction at 1357 and North Somerset junction 1410 (following a Temple Meads reverse), Bradford-on-Avon 1427 and departing Taunton at 1517.

The onboard catering staff stated the food service was to finish for the last time at Taunton and the set was to be stood down on arrival at Plymouth (Laira Depot). The HST set had been originally running 5Z43 0923 Leeds Neville Hill - Laira Trsmd (1700) empty but was used to take over from Voyager 220008 on a late running 1V52 0938 York - Plymouth (1649) service which had departed 43 minutes late and eventually arrived Birmingham at 1241 (35 late).

Following a late return to Swindon, for 50007 + 50049 with Pathfinder Tours return 'Pilgrim Hoover' 1Z52 1710 ex. Edinburgh at 0103 (41 late) the booked 5Z50 0047 ecs to Bristol East yard (0127) to stable overnight was not possible as the route was blocked by engineering work (also see Swindon notes & news), the booked Sunday 5Z53 1505 ecs to Burton Wetmore sidings (via Yate) from Bristol East also being also cancelled.

With the Bristol - Taunton mainline closed until 22nd September, engineering train activity in the Weston-super-Mare area (reported to relay the down main line) included; 66509 (6Y40), 70814 (6C20), 70809 (6C21) and 66765 + 66705 (top n' tailing 6G70) all trains originating from Westbury.

18/09 After 41 years to the month on the North-East - South-West 'corridor' the final Arriva XC HST working, with special 'retro' livery power cars 43008 + 43007 (with coaching set XC02 strengthened to 2+8) carrying a 'Cross Country High Speed Train Farewell' headboard on 1E73 1627 Plymouth - Leeds (via Westbury).

The planned operation of the day's outward 1V50 0606 Edinburgh - Plymouth, initially booked for 43184 + 43366 did not take place (due to the failure of power car 43304, 43366 being used as a replacement for the 17th

September move, leaving 43184 at Neville Hill - see above), Voyager set 221130 being used as the stand in on this service. The 1E73 as previously reported was diverted via Westbury and filled with enthusiasts (as well as the normal travelling public!) although surprisingly minimal delays were encountered at calling stations as passengers de-trained to capture a farewell view from each platform! For the record, times received included; departing Totnes at 1654 (1 late), passing Dawlish Warren at 1716 (2 late), arriving Taunton at 1757 (5 late) and departing 1806 (10 late), passing Westbury at 1841 (7 late), Trowbridge 1847 (7 late), Bathampton junction 1900 (7 late), arriving Temple Meads platform 8 at 1915 (5 late), departing at 1941 (6 late) with some power car horn blasting and passing Yate at 2001 (10 late). Two booked return engineering trains off Weston-super-Mare area work, from Bristol West junction - Westbury (arrival time in brackets) were 6C20 0200 (0245) and 6C21 0300 (0458).

Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line

14/09 Having departed Didcot Parkway at 1203, 66170 reached the Avonmouth Bulk Terminal at 1435 (19 late) with 6C03 0933 Northolt sidings - Severnside SITA (1539) refuse containers but was held being still present at 1700, 66065 later being despatched from Didcot as a 1Z99 light-engine move and reported approaching Swindon around 1630. The working was later recorded as departing the Bulk Terminal at 1727 (149 late) to complete its journey.

Locos recorded on stone duty have included;
59005. 66507/548/549/587/589/594/604/610/615/619.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included;
66751/756/769/797.

Locos recorded on refuse container duty have included;
66011/012/041/054/065/089/131/170/181.

Portbury Branchline

07/09 37610 + 37116 top n' tailing departmental c/stock; 977974. 72639. 977997. 9481., worked the return 1Z23 0645 Kingsland Road - Derby RTC (1952) test train via Portbury, Newport, Temple Meads, Swindon and Oxford passing Parsons Street down at 0657 (2 early), Patchway 0815 (-) en-route to Newport, Bathampton junction 0952 (2 early) and Swindon 1016 (3 early).

Locos recorded on container duty have included; 66549/562/598.

Bristol area workings during June

4B77 Colnbrook - Avonmouth stone (* 6C77 loaded return to Cardiff Pengam sidings) empties (GBRf)
08/06 66767.

4C12/6A12 Westbury - Tytherington stone empties (DB)
10/06 66056. 17/06 66086.

4C90 (*4V45) Acton - Tytherington stone empties (DB)
06/06 66170. 07/06 66136. 30/06 66012.

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

05/06 66585. 07/06* 66585. 12/06 66602 + 66598 + 66509.
14/06 66510. 28/06 66514 + 66519.

4L33 Wentloog - London Gateway loaded containers (G&W)

01/06 66511. 05/06 66565. 07/06 66565. 08/06 66565. 26/06 66511.
27/06 66511.

4L35 (MO) Portbury Auto-terminal - London Gateway containers (G&W)

05/06 66593. 26/06 66525.

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

01/06 66545. 05/06 66516. 07/06 66545. 12/06 66546. 15/06 66525.
16/06 66570. 26/06 66587.

4O35 (MO) Portbury Auto-terminal - Southampton Maritime containers (G&W)

12/06 66506.

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

10/06 66565. 17/06 66594.

4V18 (*6V18) Doncaster -Taunton Fairwater yard departmental (G&W)

02/06 66516. 05/06* 66519 + 66413. 06/06 66585. 09/06* 66546.
13/06 66550. 16/06 66568. 20/06 66544.

Notes; Trains on both 16/06 and 20/06 were 0V18 light-engine moves.

4V34 Southampton Maritime - Portbury Auto-terminal containers (G&W)

10/06 66506.

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

03/06 70801. 24/06 66594 + 66542.

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

01/06 66619. 05/06* 66566. 06/06 66597. 07/06 66553. 08/06 66509.
14/06 66546. 27/06 65566.

Note; Trains on 05/06, 14/06 and 27/06 ran 6C85 loaded to Stoke Gifford only.

6B11 Hayes (* Stoke Gifford) - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)

12/06* 66620. 15/06 66618.

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

01/06 66059 + 66040. 09/06 60024.

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

12/06 66198. 26/06 66094.

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

08/06 66740.

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

10/06 66560.

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

01/06	66088.	03/06	66088.	05/06	66068.	06/06	66111.	07/06	66111.
08/06	66024.	10/06	66024.	13/06*	66019.	15/06	66111.	16/06	66111.
19/06*	66067.	23/06	66099.	24/06	66024.	27/06	66040.	28/06	66040.

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

06/06	66614.	07/06	66598.	13/06	66560.	15/06	66560.	16/06	66560.
22/06	66603.	27/06	66546.	28/06	66546				

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

14-16/06	66619.	27/06	66503.	28/06	66503.
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6C90 Avonmouth Hansons - Cardiff Pengam sidings cement empties (GBRf)

29/06	66790.
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6M40 Westbury - Stud Farm Cliff Hill ballast empties DIVERSION (G&W)

05/06	70810.	08/06	70807.	15/06	70808.	26/06	70808.
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6M42 Avonmouth Hansons - Penyffordd cement empties (GBRf)

07/06	66740.	14/06	66740.	16/06	66760.	28/06	66303.
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6M50 Westbury - Bescot Up Engineers engineers DIVERSION (G&W)

01/06	70808.	05/06	70807 + 66848.	07/06	70807 + 66848.
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08/06	66850 + 66415 + 66547.
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Notes; Train operated as 6X50 on 01/06 and 0M50 light-engine on 05/06.

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

01/06	66170.	05/06	66170.	07/06	66170.	08/06	66170.	12/06	66040.
15/06	66040.	16/06	66103.	27/06	66170.				

6M90 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe (GBRf)

13/06	66740.	15/06	66790.
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6V32 Tilbury - Trostre steel (GBRf)

13/06	66755.	27/06	66304.
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6V71 (MO) Stoke Cliffe Vale - Exeter Riverside china clay empties (DB)

12/06	66109.	19/06	66165.	26/06	66165.
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6V74/6M67 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater empty and return loaded nuclear flasks (DRS)

05/06	68001 + 68016.	08/06	68005 + 68009.	12/06	68002 + 68007.
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21/06	68033 + 68034.
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6V84 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)

07/06	66740.	14/06	66790.	25/06	66790.	28/06	66790.
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6Z21/6Z22 Bristol East yard - Tytherington empty stone and return loaded to Appelford (DC Rail)

01/06	60029.	05/06	60029.	07/06	60029.	08/06	60029.	15/06	60029.
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16/06 60029. 22/06 60029. 28/06 60029.

6Z25/6Z26 West Drayton - Tytherington empty and return loaded stone (DC Rail)
12/06 60029.

6Z86 West Drayton - East Usk yard stone empties (G&W)
06/06 66594. 07/06 66594. 08/06 66594. 22/06 66560. 27/06 66560.
28/06 66589.

6Z92 (SO) Theale -Stoke Gifford stone empties (G&W)
10/06 66614.

Gloucester

20/08 By the end of the day the Gloucester - Newport mainline (via Chepstow) alongside the Severn was fully re-opened with a further 30,000 tonnes of bank/cliff face rubble removed and further wire mesh put in place for stability.

Previous work had also taken place in the Purton area (this location being prone to landslides) during the Summer of 2022 again with a line closure.

21/08 A part 'short' blockade at Chalford, in the Stroud Valley was reported to have seen engineering trains (possibly numbering up to 12) running in and out via Gloucester and some using Newport ADj (on the return to reverse).

23/08 The Chepstow mainline was closed again with several cancellations and diversions! TfW 150229 was terminated and departed Lydney at 0917 (not Cheltenham as booked) with the 2L49 return to Maesteg.

Turbo-star 170618 was reported as working the first through service 1V04 0704 Nottingham - Cardiff Central which departed Chepstow at 1010 (17 late). Full details of the problem were not received.

26/08 Steam 45690 Leander (believed standing in for 6233 Duchess of Sutherland) worked Railway Touring Company 'Cotswold Venturer' 1Z90 0819 Paddington - Gloucester (1151) and 1Z91 1503 return to Paddington (1843) with c/stock; 17025. 99371. 99128. 99316. 3093. 3098. 3143. 99311. 5032. 99723, the outward departing Challow at 1044 (2 late) and passing Swindon at 1110 (2 late) and Stroud 1129 (4 early) and return passing Standish junction at at 1522(9 late) and Swindon 1604 (15 late).

The loco was turned on the Gloucester triangle and no supporting diesel was reported as in use.

04/09 66725 passed Standish junction at 1331 (82 early) and Stroud 1414 (76 early) working a 6A36 1422 Ashchurch MoD - Bicester train of 5 empty FYA flats.

11/09 The diverted 6Z54 Chirk Kronospan - Baglan Bay log empties with 56096 passed Walsall at 0828 (4 early), being routed via Cheltenham and Chepstow.

12/09 'ROG' 37884 ran 0D99 1133 Worcester yard - Gloucester loco spur light-loco arriving at 1222 and later returned north as 0M57 1400 to Derby RTC (1610) passing Ashchurch at 1423 (5 early).

13/09 56096 worked the diverted log train as 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Baglan Bay (1415) loaded and 6M51 1440 return the outward passing Wolverhampton at 0752 and Gloucester 1027 (37 early) with a 7 KSA / 1 IWA wagon consist (also see Newport notes & news).

14/09 The diverted Colas 6M51 1440 Baglan Bay - Chirk Kronospan (0028)

log empties with 56096 passed Cardiff Central at 1616 (20 late),
Cheltenham at 1705 (15 late) with a wagon consist of 8 KSA / 2 IWA wagons.

Swindon

16/09 50007 + 50049 worked Pathfinder Tours 'Pilgrim Hoover' 1Z50 0530 Swindon - Edinburgh (1312) via Kemble and Cheltenham carrying two headboards one being the train title and the second a 'Class 50 Alliance Pilgrim Centurion 100th 50 rail-tour'. The stock had been stabled in the Swindon Stores sidings.

17/09 Following the late return of 50007 + 50049 working Pathfinder 'Pilgrim Hoover' ecs stabling arrangements were changed resulting in the coaches remaining at Swindon and going forward as 5Z55 1100 to Barton-under-Needwood RsmD (1326) passing Kemble at 1140 (16 late) and Cheltenham 1217 (4 late) (also see Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news).

19/09 Having run light-engine from Westbury, Colas 67027 moved 6 FEA flats as 6Z42 1322 Oxford Hinksey yard - Swindon Transfer yard passing Wantage Road at 1414.

Locos recorded on 6V15 Boston imported steel duty have included;
60015 (31/08, 07/09, 14/09). 60017 (24/08).

Locos recorded on 6V70 Liverpool, *Small Heath (6V71) scrap metal duty have included;

66727 (*13/09). 66792 (01/09, *04/09).

Westbury

20/08 Engineering trains included; 70811 + 66850 top n' tailing - 6C97 0730 Honeybourne - Westbury rail-train (12 JZA / 1 YEA wagons) passing Swindon at 0919, the outward being 1934 (Sat) Westbury - Honeybourne (0031) and 66041 - 6W98 2014 Westbury - Ivybridge (2350) rail-train which passed Taunton at 2123 (8 late).

21/08 DC Rail 60029 powered 6Z60 0951 Willesden DCR sidings - Merehead (1351) stone empties formed with 20 JNA box wagons passing Newbury at 1114 (63 early).

The booked loaded return was 6Z61 1628 to Willesden.

24/08 60029 worked a further 20 JNA consist 6Z60 0951 Willesden DCR sidings - Merehead (1351) empty stone passing Newbury at 1209 (8 early).

27/08 66553 + 66566 top n' tailed a return 6X54 0725 Merehead Quarry junction - Westbury engineers formed with 5 JNA / 9 MLA box wagons and rail-vac 709515022, passing Clink Road junction (Frome) at 1001 (138 late).

01/09 A return engineers was; 66848 + 66847 top n' tailing - 6C47 1300 Pontypridd - Westbury which arrived at its destination at 1429 (111 early) with a 6 MLA / 9 JNA wagon consist.

02/09 Engineering train activity included; 66849 - 6C30 1300 Henwick - Westbury (1843) via Kemble which passed Standish junction at 1418 (16 early) and Newbury 1658 (48 early) with an 11 YKA / 9 MLA / 2 JNA wagon consist, 66740 + 66750 - 6G97 1551 Eastleigh East yard - Exeter (2202) via Woking Up yard, Salisbury, Westbury and Bristol with 1 YEA / JZA wagons passing Trowbridge at 2000 (16 late) and Bristol TM 2036 (39 early) and 66561 - 6Y54 1334 Westbury - Henwick junction (2130) via Didcot and Kemble passing Lavington at 1336 and Standish junction 2010 with a 10 HQA / 10 JJA wagon consist.

05/09 Three engineering train records were; 70809 - 6C40 1904 (Mon) Westbury - Westbury (via Penzance) which passed Totnes at 0728 and Exeter 0815 on the return with 5 HQA auto-ballasters, 70803 - 6C41 1717 Westbury - Westbury (0923) via Penzance which passed Taunton at 1822 (4 early) and earlier 66740 + 66750 top n' tailing a return 6G97 0747 Exeter St.Davids - Eastleigh East yard rail train.

06/09 DC Rail 60029 powered 6Z60 0951 Willesden DCR sidings - Merehead Quarry (1351) stone empties passing Newbury at 1211 (6 early) and Fairwood junction 1256 (23 early) having used the avoiding line.

08/09 DC Rail 60029 was again in action passing East Somerset junction at 1714 with 6Z61 Merehead Quarry - Willesden DCR sidings loaded stone.

17/09 A return engineers was; 66182 - 6X02 0830 Bodmin Parkway - Westbury (1302) with a 7 wagon consist including rail-vac 2 (7095150022) departing Plymouth at 1017 (3 early), passing Newton Abbot at 1059 and Taunton 1205 (2 late).

18/09 A further engineering train record was; 66797 - 6G72 2055 Westbury - Westbury (0631) via Liskeard passing Taunton outward at 2155 (3 late).

Locos on Exeter stone duty have included; 66602/604/610/615.

Taunton

20/08 66511 + 66568 double-headed the return HOBC passing Newbury at 0947 (1 early) and Taunton station 1136 (24 early) as 6X37 0750 Goring & Streatley - Fairwater yard (1206) with a 34 wagon consist.

29/08 66619 failed between Wellington and Tiverton junction working 6C27 Westbury - Exeter Riverside loaded stone. 66568 was the 1Z99 rescue light-engine assisting from the rear to Tiverton loop, the train later passing Stoke Canon at 1012 (176 late).

02/09 Despite being a strike day 47805 + 47593 top n' tailed Saphos Trains 'Torbay Riviera Express' 1Z27 0539 Bedford - Kingswear (1259) for Dartmouth and 1Z28 1635 return to Bedford (0012) passed Acton Canal Wharf at 0701 (6 late), Reading 0856 (1 late), Castle Cary 1159 (2 late), departed Taunton at 1109 (-) for steam 46100 Royal Scot to take over at Fairwater yard later passing Exminster at 1152 and Dawlish 1159 (2 late) with c/stock; 35465. 17013. 3045. 3122. 80044. 3100. 3148. 3125. 1863. 3107. 3231. 3330. 47593 remained on the rear of the train.

09/09 66511 + 66548 top n' tailed 6X37 1833 Fairwater yard - Goring & Streatley (2258) HOBC with 44 wagons at 3,058 tonnes passing Castle Cary at 1659 (12 early) and Newbury 2029 (18 early).

13/09 66511 + 66548 again top n' tailed 6X37 HOBC as 1604 Fairwater yard - Ascott-under-Wychwood (2101) passing Castle Cary at 1640 (-).

16/09 Two rail-tours through the area were; Royal Train (but different livery) duo 67005 + 67007 top n' tailing UK Rail-tours 'Skipping Devonian' 1Z66 0600 Peterborough - Paignton (1233) and 1Z67 1730 return to Peterborough (0014) with a train title head-board being carried and c/stock; 3397. 3304. 1657. 3364. 3386. 3356. 80042. 3278. 1200. 9526, the outward being recorded departing Welwyn Garden City at 0713 (9 late), passing Swindon at 0959 (7 early), Trowbridge 1034 (2 late), Taunton 1125 (1 late), Newton Abbot 1746 (5 early) and Uphill junction 1906 (1 late) and Bath 1943 (4 late) on the return and earlier steam 45596 Bahamas working Railway Touring Company 'West Somerset Express' 1Z70 0700 Paddington - Minehead (1312) and 1Z72 1516 return to Minehead (2115) with c/stock; 14060 (loco support). 99723. 4854. 5032. 99311. 3143. 3098/3.

99712. 3119. 99122, the outward passing Castle Cary at 1039 (4 late), departing Taunton station at 1115 (3 late) and on the return passing Castle Cary at 1739 (4 early).

For the record, steam 9351 + 7828 double-headed the train onwards and back to Bishops Lydeard on the Minehead line section.

Newport

20/08 A freight record saw; 66605 - 6A85 1536 Port Talbot Grange sidings - East Usk yard loaded stone passing Marshfield at 1546 (having earlier worked 6B81 0825 ex. Stoke Gifford yard empties which passed Severn Tunnel junction at 0930).

26/08 Engineering train records were; 70803 - 6C20 1521 Westbury - Ebbw Vale junction (2151) via Margam passing Lawrence Hill at 1558 (24 early), Newport 1654 (23 early) and Cardiff Central (returning from Margam) at 2125 (5 late) with 6 FEA / 10 HQA wagons, 70811 - 6C21 1728 Westbury - Ebbw Vale junction (2230) with a 7 MLA / 7 JNA / 1 IEA wagon consist passing Lawrence Hill at 1800 (23 late) and Newport 1855 (25 late) and 70809 - 6C22 1929 Westbury - Ebbw Vale junction (2335) via Margam passing Lawrence Hill at 2031 (12 late) with 4 FEA / 6 JNA / 4 MLA wagons.

29/08 'ROG' 37884 moved further Mersey-rail EMU sets 508127 + 507005 for scrapping as 5Q78 0849 Crewe - Newport Docks (1407) Sims Metals passing Dorrington at 1237.

31/08 60059 + 66102 departed Llanwern at 1412 (13 early) working a 6Z68 steel service to Margam.

02/09 66192 + 66101 + 66207 passed Severn Tunnel junction at 1222 as 0012 1106 (SO) Margam Lip - Eastleigh light-locos.

08/09 'ROG' 37884 moved further withdrawn former Mersey-rail EMU sets 508126 + 507026 for scrapping as 5Q78 1155 Birkenhead North EMU depot - Newport Docks (1703) Sims Metals departing Craven Arms at 1544 (60 early) and passing Hereford at 1624 (57 early).

12/09 66542 passed at 1620 (88 early) with 42 empty JNA box wagons as 6B18 1740 East Usk yard - Machen stone empties.

66502 was later allocated 6M81 Machen - Lawley Street (via Swindon and Oxford) as the first loaded portion departure.

The Marches/North-West route was closed from today until 29th September for engineering work north of Moreton-on-Lugg. Transport for Wales loco hauled services were suspended with freight diverted including the Baglan Bay log service.

14/09 'ROG' 37884 moved EMU set 317882 as 5Q76 0803 Ely Papworth sidings - Newport Docks (1423) Sims Metals the first move from this location for sometime and the first via Leicester and Nuneaton and not using the London and Great Western mainline being reported arriving Ely at 0810 (2 late), passing Cheltenham at 1244 (4 late), Severn Tunnel junction 1330 (9 early) and Newport station 1343 (14 early).

An engineering train record was; 66772 + 66721 - 6F06 0830 Westbury - Moreton-on-Lugg which passed North Somerset junction (Bristol) at 0941 (1 early) and Cwmbarn 1048 (1 early) with 19 FEA / 1 KFA wagons.

Cardiff

21/08 66569 + 66598 top n' tailed a 6A43 1235 Westbury - Pontypridd (1517) departmental with 9 JNA / 5 MLA box wagons which passed Freshford at 1256 (2 late), Lawrence Hill 1323 (3 late) and Newport 1423 (9 early).

24/08 Colas 37175 + 37610 top n' tailed departmental c/stock; 9701. 72639. 6001. 5995, as 1259 0631 Central station - Derby RTC (1111) passing Severn Tunnel junction at 0827 (92 late), Gloucester 0914 (99 late) and Cheltenham 0925 (101 late).

Later, 66553 + 66566 passed Lawrence Hill at 1543 (4 early) and Newport 1738 (1 early) top n' tailing an outward 6A02 1422 Westbury - Hengoed (2123) via Margam departmental with 5 HQA auto-ballasters.

25/08 66566 + 66553 passed Central station at 0733 top n' tailing a return 6A02 0500 Ystrad Mynach - Westbury engineers and earlier 66102 passed Marshfield at 0548 working 6F04 0446 Margam - Newport Docks steel with a 21 BTA wagon consist.

26/08 Saturday Transport for Wales loco and stock passenger services were diagrammed as; 67017 (HD01) - 1V34 0627 Manchester Piccadilly - Cardiff Central, 1W57 1052 return to Manchester, 1V46 1430 return to Cardiff, 1W55 1855 return to Manchester, 67020 (HD04) - 1W11 0435 Cardiff Central - Manchester Piccadilly and 1V37 0830 return to Cardiff, 67025 (HD07) - 1V31 0454 Crewe - Cardiff Central, 1W59 1030 return to Manchester Piccadilly, 1V54 1449 return to Cardiff.

31/08 66848 + 66847 returned a 6C46 0558 Pontypridd - Westbury departmental which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 0749.

01/09 DMUs 175116 + 175004 passed Abergavenny at 1140 as a 5Z98 0914 Chester CS - Landore Tmd, assumed stock storage move.

02/09 Saturday Transport for Wales loco and stock services were in the hands of; 67008 (HD02) - 1W11 0435 Cardiff Central - Manchester Piccadilly, 1V37 0830 return to Cardiff, 1W59 1030 Cardiff Central - Manchester Piccadilly, 1V54 1449 return to Cardiff. 67025 (HD07) - 1V31 0454 Crewe - Cardiff Central, 1W55 0849 return to Manchester, 1B42 1230 return to Cardiff, 1W63 1450 return to Manchester, 67029 (HD04) - 1V34 0627 Manchester Piccadilly - Cardiff Central, 1W57 1052 return to Manchester, 1V46 1430 return to Cardiff, 1W65 1855 return to Manchester. Another Class 67, 67020 ran 0N42 0921 Canton sidings - Crewe Electric depot (1251) light-loco passing Central station at 0919 (9 early).

04/09 Valley line engineering train records included; 66594 + 66569 - 6A01 0545 Westbury - Pontypridd (0848) which passed Lawrence Hill at 0633 (11 late) and Newport 0731 (16 early) with a 15 JNA wagon consist, 66531 + 66561 - 6A02 0628 Westbury - Pontypridd (0930) passing Patchway at 0716 (3 early) and Newport 0813 (28 early), 66515 + 66508 - 6A03 0720 Westbury - Pontypridd (1018) with 15 JNAs passing Lawrence Hill at 0830 (12 late) and Newport 0924 (1 early) and later the same locos, 6A03 2030 Pontypridd - Westbury (2330) return passing Newport at 2225 (7 early) and Lawrence Hill 2225 (7 early).

05/09 Further engineering train records included; 66594 + 66569 top n' tailing - 6A01 0800 Pontypridd - Westbury (1130) passing Newport at 0909 (15 late) and Lawrence Hill 1038 (-) with 15 JNA boxes, 66561 + 66531 top n' tailing - 6A02 0643 Pontypridd - Westbury (0939) passing Newport at 0733 (6 late) and Lawrence Hill 0843 (1 early), 66508 + 66515 top n' tailing - 6A04 0607 Westbury - Pontypridd (0848) which passed Lawrence Hill at 0656 (4 late) and Newport 0731 (13 early) with 6 MLA / 2 JNA / 7 MXA wagons and 66566 + 66553 top n' tailing - 6A05 0740 Westbury - Pontypridd (1018) passing Avoncliff at 0740 (2 early), Lawrence Hill 0822 (4 late) and Newport 0918 (7 early) with 15 MXA 'lobsters'.

06/09 Engineering trains included; 66515 + 66508 top n' tailing - 6A04 1300 Pontypridd - Westbury (1614) passing Newport at 1349 (13 early) and

Lawrence Hill 1434 (13 early), 66553 + 66566 top n' tailing - 6A05 0800 Pontypridd - Westbury (1129) passing Radyr at 0806 (34 late), Newport 0943 (51 late) and Lawrence Hill 1033 (4 early) with 15 MXA wagons, 66531 + 66561 top n' tailing - 6A06 0605 Westbury - Pontypridd passing Radyr at 0806 with a 9 JNA / 6 MLA box wagon consist and 66594 + 66569 top n' tailing - 6A07 0720 Westbury - Pontypridd passing Newport at 0857 with 10 JNA / 3 MLA / 2 IEA boxes.

09/09 Saturday Transport for Wales loco and stock workings were listed as; 67010 (HD01) 1V31 0454 Crewe - Cardiff Central, 1W59 1030 return to Manchester and 1V54 1449 return to Cardiff, 67015 (HD01) 1V34 0627 Manchester Piccadilly - Cardiff Central, 1W57 1052 return to Manchester, 1V46 1430 return to Cardiff and 1W55 1855 return to Manchester, 67013 (HD06) 1W11 0435 Cardiff Central - Manchester Piccadilly and 1V37 0830 return to Cardiff, 67025 (HD07) 1W13 0530 Swansea - Manchester Piccadilly, 1V39 1030 return to Cardiff, 1W61 1453 return to Manchester and 1V62 1830 return to Cardiff.

A departmental record was; 66561 + 66594 top n' tailing - 6A11 0900 Pontypridd - Westbury (1218) which passed Central station at 1012 (44 late) and Lawrence Hill 1138 (1 late).

10/09 A Sunday freight report was 66610 passing Bridgend at 0931 working 6B81 0850 East Usk yard - Port Talbot Grange sidings stone empties. West Coast 47802 + 47746 top n' tailed rail-tour ecs as 5Z36 1318 Pengam sidings - Southall Wcr (1554) passing Newport at 1319 (15 early) and Bristol Parkway 1407 (8 early) formed with c/stock; 99122. 3119. 99712. 3058. 3098. 3143. 99311. 5032. 99723.

Transport for Wales loco loggings

67008	1V33 (HD01)	29/08.	1V91 (HD02)	31/08.	1V33 (HD02)	01/09.
	1W11 (HD02)	04/09.	1V01 (HD02)	06/09.	1W13 (HD02)	11/09.
67012	1V91 (HD01)	21/08.	1V91 (HD01)	24/08.	1V31 (HD05)	31/08.
	1V31 (HD05)	01/09.				
67013	1V33 (HD06)	06/09.	1W65 (HD??)	11/09.		
67014	1V33 (HD05)	24/08.	1W13 (HD05)	25/08.	1V91 (HD05)	28/08.
67015	1V31 (HD01)	01/09.	1V91 (HD01)	04/09.		
67017	1V33 (HD01)	25/08.	1V33 (HD01)	28/08.	1W11 (HD01)	29/08.
	1W11 (HD04)	05/09.	1W11 (HD04)	06/09.		
67020	1W13 (HD04)	24/08.	1V91 (HD04)	25/08.		
67025	1V31 (HD07)	28/08.	1V31 (HD07)	29/08.	1W55 (HD07)	04/09.
	1V33 (HD07)	only 11/09.				
67029	1V91 (HD04)	29/08.	1W11 (HD04)	31/08.	1V91 (HD04)	01/09.
	1V33 (HD04)	04/09.				

Coaching stock formations;

HD01 - 12225. 12315. 10325. 11323. 82226.
HD02 - 12219. 12304. 10328. 11324. 82229.
HD04 - 12211. 12310. 10318. 11319. 82201.
HD05 - 12224. 12326. 10321. 11320. 82200.
HD06 - 12222. 12323. 10330. 11321. 82227.
HD07 - 12210. 12316. 10301. 11322. 82230.

Train Diagrams; see July Magazine (issue 617).

Locos recorded on Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service have included;
66421 (11/09, 13/09, 16/09). 66425 (26/08, 28/08). 66432 (20/08, 02/09, 05/09). 66434 (24/08, 12/09).
Locos recorded on Baglan Bay log duty have included;
56096 (24/08, 25/08, 31/08, 06/09, 13/09, 14/09).
Locos recorded on Margam/Port Talbot (from Cwmbargoed DP) coal duty;
66095/129/171.
Locos recorded on Corby steel duty have included;
66009/023/032/083/171.
Locos recorded on Dee Marsh steel duty have included;
66705/745/754.
Locos recorded on Round Oak steel duty have included;
66009/023/032/061/088/102/129/192/197/198/244.
Locos recorded on Barry Dock container duty have included;
66515/523/532/543/562/563/568.
Locos recorded on Machen stone duty have included;
66502/509/542/550/555/615.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Class 31

14/08 Normally Severn Valley Railway based 31270 was present in Didcot yard during the day. The loco carries Regional Railways grey/blue livery and is transferred to the GWS Didcot centre.

'Carriages' Garden Park Centre, Puxton (A370), nr. Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset. **R.W.GILES.**

21/09 The location, in line with its sister location at Tickenham, Clevedon Road (which has Mk1 4808 that arrived here at the end of May 2012) now has a railway dining carriage; Pullman Aquila (305) from the Bluebell Railway being off loaded on this date.
History of this particular 1951 built kitchen first (which is internally in very good condition) is of interest as it was once in use in the 'Golden Arrow' premier passenger train set and saw Royal Train use being used by the late HRH Queen Elizabeth before being initially preserved at the now closed Bulmers Cider Railway Centre, Hereford and mainline passed for the 'Bulmers Cider Pullman Train', then Colne Valley and South Devon Railways. The coach was also looked at for possible VSOE mainline use at Stewarts Lane (but the included kitchen prevented this).

Class 40

Pathfinder Tours have booked 40145 (in place of Deltic 55009) throughout for their 25th November dated 'Winchester Christmas' excursion from Burton-on Trent which will be routed via Bristol and Bath.

Hythe Pier Railway, Hythe, Hampshire

What is believed to be the oldest pier railway in the World has a new owner the Red Funnel Ferry Company. The line that was threatened with closure last year features two battery electric locos once based at a mustard gas factory in Avonmouth, Bristol.

Locomotive Services Ltd, Hornby Hobbies Ltd/ONE:ONE, Westwood Industrial Estate, Margate **R.W.GILES.**

11/09 The site including shop/cafe was closed as on going major refurbishment continues. Expected reopening time for both areas 'could be' late 2024. Nothing was viewable regarding the inside of the 'One/One' loco and stock shed building which now holds a large collection of standard gauge main line steam, diesel and EMU stock.

Torbay Steam Railway

07/09 Steam locos 4555 and 75014 were in use on Paignton - Kingswear services, with Class 37 D6975 replacing the former during the day. At Churston, USA S160 loco 2253 was stabled on the Churston turntable embankment siding. Inside the workshops here were; ex. GWR 3803 awaiting overhaul. 4277. 7827. This location is now no longer an operating passenger station on the line.

West Somerset Railway

17/09 Torrential rainfall in the area during the day closed the line as Blue Anchor station was flooded just above rail-level as water drained off the fields on the Minehead down side.

23/09 The railway have been given permission to use 'Castle' HST set 43042 GW03 43162 stored on behalf of GWR (at Minehead) over the week-end as 1000 and 1430 Minehead - Bishops Lydeard departures and 1230 and 1635 returns.

MISCELLANEOUS

Arriva XC

24/08 Power cars 43321 + 43357 were noted Totnes up at 1524 on a 0Z43 1455 out and back (via Newton Abbot) 'back-back' maintenance running in turn.

Class 86

The first 8 former Freightliner electric locos arrived in Bulgaria for further use in early September. A private operator is interested in acquiring 19 of the class and company Express Service is to overhaul each after arrival although several are expected to be broken up for spares.

Class 153

28/08 153376 worked a 2Q20 Eastleigh East yard - Reading Triangle sidings (1531) move via Salisbury and a Yeovil Junction down main siding (reverse) which passed Sherborne down at 1105 and back up at 1151, later departing Salisbury at 1252 (1 late).

Cornwall

Following the operating fleet withdrawal last month, the first two CDA china clay wagons 375041 and 375060 were cut up in St.Blazey, Middleways yard.

Network-Rail Fine

The company were held responsible following the crash of a Scot-rail Aberdeen - Edinburgh HST set in August 2020 at Carmont, near Stonehaven,

Aberdeenshire which resulted in the deaths of train driver, conductor and a passenger.

Pleading guilty to the charges at the trial a fine of £6.7 million was given as it was found the landslide which the train had struck was down to a drainage culvert that was in poor condition due to a maintenance shortfall.

Network-Rail were also responsible for not putting in a speed restriction for the HST which was travelling on the day in very poor weather conditions, retracing its route back 'wrong line' from a first landslip line blockage, when the second landslide was hit at line speed.

Great Western Railway

22/08 HST coach 42367 departed Laira Depot by road trailer to Newport Dock (Sims) for scrapping with 42375 following during the next day.

23/08 'Castle' set 48137. 48102. 48136. 49112 (GW12) with power cars 43016 + 43189 saw their last day in traffic working 2C61 0500 Bristol TM - Taunton, 2U04 0611 return to Cardiff Central, 2C69 0900 return to Penzance and 2P20 1515 return to Plymouth.

Two IET sets have sadly been observed as having received 'graffiti attacks' 813013 of 800013 and two coaches from 802114 being reported.

24/08 Sleeper loco 57604 ran 0Z57 Laira Trsmd - Exeter Tmd light-loco passing Totnes at 1533 and returned departing Exeter St.Davids at 1615. HST PCs 43040, 43097 and 43172 were stood down on this date, with 43192 and 43194 following 5 days later.

29/08 'Castle' set 43016 GW12 43189 working 2C77 1300 Cardiff Central - Penzance was involved in a fatality at 1540 near Powderham, near Starcross seeing the mainline closed.

04/09 DMU set 150207 was moved for works attention as 5H70 0900 Laira Trsmd - Wolverton Centre Siding (1532) arriving Taunton at 0924 (58 early) and passing Yate at 1031 (70 early).

07/09 Although the previous day was thought to be the last one for 43010, the power car continued with 43042 and GW08 operating during the day, the final working being leading the 2C69 1900 Cardiff Central - Plymouth service departing Weston-super-Mare at 2031 (2 late).

Sleeper Stock train formations on this date were;

PZ88 - 10584. 10532. 10563. 10225. 12142. 17173.

PZ89 - 10589. 10594. 10534. 10612. 10219. 12161. 17174.

09/09 57603 worked a 5C60 1600 Penzance - Laira Trsmd (1904) (via Mount Gould platform) sleeper ecs move with set PZ88 which passed Lostwithiel at 1739 (6 early).

DMU set 158958 was reported as operating as a two-car set with coach 57746 removed and was noted working Bristol TM - Portsmouth Harbour services during the following day.

11/09 The first of two 'Castle' HST sets, 43042 GW08 43162 worked 5Z12 0958 Laira Trsmd - Minehead (1517) via Plymouth for storage on the West Somerset Railway passing Totnes at 1111 (6 late) and departing Taunton station (following a reverse) at 1337 (-).

12/09 The second 'Castle' set 43094 GW02 43122 was moved as 5Z25 0958 Laira Trsmd - Bishops Lydeard (via Plymouth station) move passing Totnes at 1113. As with some former Virgin HST stock back in 2005, both sets are to be open stored on the line.

Also, 43040 GW14 43172 were moved during the day to St.Philips Marsh for storage.

13/09 57604 was used on a 5Z57 1555 Penzance - Laira Trsmd move formed with c/stock; 12142 + 6348 passing Plymouth station late at 1835.

Ticket Office Closures

31/08-01/09 Midnight was the closing date for the Government Public consultation period regarding this planned controversial proposal with over 500,000 responses against received. A demonstration took place outside Downing Street on the latter date.

Trans-Pennine Express

The operator is to withdraw all of their Mk 5a 'Nova 3' coaching sets (Class 68 hauled) from the December timetable change which is expected to simplify their operation having seen many customer complaints due to punctuality and cancellations. The affected workings to/from Scarborough are expected to be covered by Class 185 DMUs with support from Hitachi Class 802 sets.

30/08 68031 working 1U47 1135 Manchester Piccadilly - Scarborough (1353) failed near Gorton having passed this location at 1207 (24 late). Restricted use Freightliner BR green livery 47830/D1645 was the nearest loco, being in use on area route learning turns and was able to assist the train forward which was eventually terminated Stalybridge at 1404 (135 late).

Freightliner

Freightliner has been awarded a 5-year contract with The Malcolm Group. The Freightliner service which began on 3rd September runs from Daventry to Grangemouth covering 2 overnight services 7 days a week, moving up to 36 platforms of domestic product each way.

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

20/08 Reading - DR73120 + DR77909 passing at 0427 as a 6Q53 0410 Slough West - Reading Triangle sidings working.

Bristol Kingsland Road - DR77910 arriving at 0704 as a 6Q10 0720 working from Filton Junction signal BL1569 and DR75010 arriving at 0801 on a 6Q58 0725 working from Hawkridge junction (Westbury).

Swindon Transfer yard - DR75011 arriving at 0830 as 6Q59 0800 ex. Uffington.

Taunton - DR79263 + DR79273 passing at 1015 as 6U03 0917 Westbury - Par.

27/08 Totnes - DR73936 passing at 1258 as 6J02 1114 Taunton - Par.

28/08 Taunton - DR75010 (709123010-9) departing at 1337 on a 6Q58 1200 Kingsland Roads - Crediton move.

01/09 Totnes - DR73936 passing at 1055 as 6J02 1030 Par - Bristol Kingsland Road.

11/09 Reading Triangle sidings - DR73120 + DR77909 (allox. 6Q53 1049 to Oxford CS).

Westbury - DR75010 which had earlier passed Wantage Road at 1022 as a 6Q58 0902 move from Oxford CS.

Oxford CS - DR75011 (allox. 6Q59 1146 to Castle Cary via Swindon).

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 579

ALDWARKE STEEL

28th July 2022

Report compiled from notes taken by John Dicks, Dave Forse and Brian Stanway.

28/07/2022

Worksop Station

Dmu Set 170418 195014

Worksop Yards & Harry Needle Depot (Viewed from various locations)

Locos 01545; GBRf 4 (08818); 08500/892; 09002; 20069; 20308/312;
37609; Emu Sets 701005/021/027/036/039 720509 Eurostar 3302
Wagons 92045/046

View from Mallard Bridge, Doncaster

Locos 56096 60007 The Spirit of Tom Kendell 66088/096 66526 Driver
Steve Dunn (George) /559 66779 Evening Star 69002 Bob Tiller CM&EE
73107 Tracy 91127
Dmu Set 180103 IET Sets 800104 801203/ 207 803001 DVT 82227
Wagons 3423 4407/415/418/423 92547 93313/442/447 110123
112025/115/119/192/359 310152/281/347/816/844 380072701/702/703/705
501027/028/072/077/078/111/171/172/271/272/308/328/329/362/364/365/369
502005/010/015/016/047/048/055 600007 605027 606017 608007/
038/061/162/181/203/204/357 610126/127 640055/255/256/292/308/429/
430/435/436/713/714 33 68 4943 082-0/090-3 33 70 4938 061-9/110-4/
144-3/317-5/339-9/533-5 83 70 6955 316-7/325-8/326-06/327-4/333-2/336-5/
346-6/349-8
Withdrawn Wagons 11024/075

View from Ten Pound Walk, Doncaster

Loco 66729 Derby County Road/Rail Lok 30-5120 Zephir 2588/2016
Wagons 29048 97106/127 112000/010/054/055/074/090/092/128/152/219/
250/259/260/273/287/390 380701/702/703/704/705 501047 503059 640502
Withdrawn Wagons 112025/305/359

View from Heavens Walk, Doncaster

Locos 66088 66722 Sir Edward Watkin
Wagons 12911/942/964/966/981 97104/116/ 125/130 110312 112002/043/051/
063/179/325 380011/138/141/142/313 470072 501223/225 640503/571*/572*
Withdrawn Wagons 112115/119

Note; *640571/572 are Balfour Beatty wagons.

Doncaster Depot and Wood Yard (Viewed)

Loco 66154 IET Set 800201
On Track Plant 78211; 99709 5520 20-8 (Railcare Ballast Feeder);
Wagons 29300/315 93429 112209 501306/326/356/357/358 503536 996331/
342/373 81 70 5932 106-4/107-2/108-0/110-6/111-4/112-2/113-0/115-5/116-3/
121-3/122-1/124-7/125-4/126-2/245-0/247-6

Doncaster Station

Locos 37601 Perseus/611 Pegasus 56302 Peco The Railway Modeller 2016 70
years 60095 66068/088 66715 Valour/722 Sir Edward Watkin/745 Modern
Railways/762/776 Joanne/779 Evening Star/783 The Flying Dustman
91118 Bounds Green/127
Dmu Sets 150268 158855 158907 170459/473 170531 180105/106
185108/113/118/119/127/140 Demu Set 220028
Emu Sets 331102 IET Sets 800104/101/106/113 800206 801104/107/108/
109/112 801201/207/208/211/212/215/218/219/220/221/225/227/230
802202/210 802301/302/303 803001/003/005
Coaches 6346/394 DVT 82208/225
On Track Plant DR75301 DR75402 C21(01)-79231/232/233/236/237 928001
Wagons 110023/312 112002/010/025/031/043/054/063/090/092/119/128/152/
179/192/195/250/287/325/359/390 380011/138/141/142/313/701/702/703/
704/706 310132/152/184/245/251/272/275/281/341/390/412/445/630/651/
656/662/696/763/783/814/816/844 33 68 4909 070-7/164-8/193-7/414-7/460-0;
81 70 0659 004-3/009-2/014-2/017-5/020-9/031-6/033/035-7;
81 70 4908 026-7/037-4/114-1; 31 70 4938 061-9/094-0/110-6/124-5/144-3/
210-2/317-5/3439-9/533-5/724-0; 81 70 5932 106-4/107-2/108-0/109-8/
110-6/111-4/112-2/113-0/114-8/115-5/116-3/117-1/120-5/121-3/122-1/123-9/
124-7/125-04/126-2/127-0/128-8

Doncaster West Sidings/Wabtec

Locos 66426 67016 Emu Set 311107
Coaches 44004/024/040/086 DVT 82206
Wagons 92500/532/582/583/585/587; 39 70 4901 055-6/062-2/063-0/064-8

29/07/2022

Aldwarke Steel

Main Line Vehicles Wagons 395014/027/041/042/049/194/272/372
460557/578/603/697/783/824/865/896/904/966/992 460557/578/783/824/987
461034 910010/028/034/039/044/061/065/120/274/291/342/361/371/375/
451/456/520/553 950687/975 Unlisted Wagons 460704/969 910265/533/585
950460 951037087 993567 996428
Internal Vehicles Industrial Locos Robel 21.12RNS 1973 (Ex P237, 18EL) -
assumed: 30 YE 2750/1959 (Ex Stocksbridge); 31 YE 2904/1964;
32 YE 2935/1964; 34 YE2594/1956; 93 YE 2889/1962; 94 YE 2890/1962;
96 YE2905/1963; Crane Coles 16210
Wagons Bogie Bolster 504-923093, 041813/505-923114/514-B923217/599
12t Tippler WGF8024/026/030/034/048/049/062/MD31-WGF8064/MD20-WGF8078
Warflat WGF-8021/029/031/056
Unlisted Wagons MD17/19/21 27/28 521/528-972719/531/551/570/593/
594/595-978046/597-978911; 1026 17-910461; MD28-WGF8035-76282/8042/
051/060/063/067/072/MD12-8131

Passing Trains 66054 158797/848/872

Stocksbridge Steel

Main Line Vehicles Wagons 910199/240/329/428/510/541/545/547/550/590
Internal Vehicles Locos 35 YE 2635/1964 (Ex Aldwarke); 38 YE
2798/1961; Wagons FW2/4-924783/10-024724 (B922527)

Unlisted wagons B1 0657 071-1/B4 0657 76-4/B6 0657076-6//B7 0657 76-7/
B9 0657 76/B12/B14 FW8-924443/14-978022/15/16-978338/17-950193/
18-950488/19-950652/20-950163 Crane Coles 18203

Stocksbridge Yard

Wagons 395190/234 460383/874 461002/029

Nr. Junction 24, M1

Loco 66432

Wagons 31 70 5992 012-2/023-9/024-7/046-0/048-6/050-2/055-1/056-9/058-5/
059-3/070-0/072-6/076-7/086-6/096-5/098-1/109-6/110-4/113-8/119-5

Water Orton Station

Locos 60074 Luke 66015/031 66567 66748 West Burton 50 70011

Dmu Sets 170101/103/107/109/111/113/114/116 170397 170622/639

Demu Sets 220016 221115/121/134/141

Freight workings

66015 with consist 610003/004/009/010/063/064/131/132/171/172/209/210/
215/216/222/239/240

66031 with consist 93383/465 93601/614/723/725/732/734/736/737/738/739
394060/514 979502

66074 with consist 966020/115/121/138/139/142/183/196/224/233/235/250/
251/256

66567 with consist 33 68 4909 154-9/326-3/370-1/416-2/445-1/484-0/
619-1/953-4; 33 68 4943 059-8/073-9/093-7/099-4; 37 80 4909 007-9/144-0.

66748 with consist 81 70 4524 031-1/032-9/036-0/041-0/049-8/067-5/072-5/
073-3/074-1/077-4/080-8/081-5/082-4/084-0/085-7/086-5/087-3/088-1/089-9/
090-7/091-5/092-3/093-1/094-9/095-6/096-4/097-2/098-0/100-4/101-2/102-0
70011 with consist 92543 607040/074/109/122 608049/051/052/112/114/227/
228/281/295/312/333/334/492/509/529/544 640113/114/145/146/147/148/393/
394

27/08/23 CRICH TRAMWAY VILLAGE, CRICH, DERBYSHIRE Members Private Trip

Report provided by R.W.GILES.

In use; 22 (Glasgow). 331 (London-Metropolitan). 510 (Sheffield). 869
(Liverpool).

Depot yard - 'John Gardner' Tram-link 058 + trailer 061 (7808/78 reb
692/99).

Tram-shed (depot traverser roads)- Blackpool 2. 40. 49. 166. 345.,
Derby 1282., Glasgow 106., Leeds 602., New York 674., Prague 180.,
Sheffield 189, 330., South-Africa 60., USA 96 (snow-plough).

Loco; (Simplex 22374/44) rebuild from RH 600mm in 1964 as plated (not 1963
as stated in 18 EL). (outside road) Hand-crane 1-ton; 4.

Running shed - Blackpool 40, 102 (717), 167, 236, 630, 645., Cardiff 131.,
Chesterfield 7., German 223006-4., Leeds 180, London 159, 1622.,
Portugal 273., Sheffield 74,.

Loco; TW4 CMJ (RH 326058/52).

Workshop - Glasgow 812., Leeds 180, 399., London 1 'Bluebird', 106.

Great Exhibition Hall - Blackpool 4, 249, 762., Bournemouth 85., Cardiff 21., Dublin 10., Edinburgh 35., Gateshead (Newcastle) 5., Glasgow 115, 1297., Hague (Holland) 1147., Isle of Man 1, Leeds 2, 107. Leicester 76., Portugal 9., Sheffield 264., Southampton 45., narrow gauge 46, 57., horse drawn; Leamington & Warwick 1., Chesterfield 8., Sheffield 15.
Wakebridge (Glory Mine display - 'Nevils Venture') - Loco 22 (WR 3492/46).

17/09/23 SITTINGBOURNE & KEMSLEY LIGHT RAILWAY Members Private Trip

Report provided by R.W.GILES.

In use; Premier (KS 886/05) with converted freight now passenger stock; 626/47/57/60.

Kemsley - Standard gauge; Bear (P 614/25 reb AB 5997/41). (fireless AB 1876/25).

station area; Victor (HE 4182/53). Barton Hall (HE6651/65) in use shunting. (Edward Lloyd) (RH 435403/61) appeared stored OOU in between a rake of wagons.

passenger stock; 196/99. 200. 641/59., with another possibly 204 inside the carriage/wagon shed.

Loco shed; outside Leader (KS 926/05) boiler certificate expired in 2022.

Melior (KS 4219/24). inside; Triumph (WB 2511/34) ongoing overhaul.

Superb (WB 2624/40) overhaul with a boiler swap to take place, with the lines 'spare' boiler (which originally belonged to this loco!)., alongside; Alpha (WB 2472/32) boiler removed with cab/frames sheeted over.,

next to Museum; 1924 Unique (fire less WB 2216/23) stored OOU.

NOTES; Standard gauge Bear has been sold and will be leaving the line in the future.

The museum was closed in July due to its unsafe condition, but contents are currently being relocated to a new portakabin in the cafe and facilities area.

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