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#### **Front Cover Photo November 2023 Issue 621:**

**[M. Crew]**

43029/43155 arrive at Cardiff Central on 11/10/23 with the 2U20 Penzance - Cardiff Central service.

#### **Rear Cover Photo November 2023 Issue 621:**

**[M. Crew]**

Steam 46100 (with D1935 out of sight on the rear) at Bristol Temple Meads on 11/10/23 with the 1Z49 Stourbridge Junction - Shrewsbury service.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE AND DESTINATION FOR THIS TRIP \*\***

**Trip 595**                                      **PETERBOROUGH FLYER**                                      **Saturday 02/12/23**

A one day flyer visit to Peterborough 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

**ANNUAL GATHERING**

**Saturday 06/01/24**

This years social event will be held at Beaufort Arms, Stoke Gifford commencing at 1500.

The Beaufort Arms is located at 55 North Road, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8PB (0117 9695471)

The venue is a short walk from Bristol Parkway Station. Turn right at the end of the station approach road and bear right at the next mini roundabout. The Beaufort Arms is on the left.

The Committee will be holding a meeting at 1300 which ordinary members are welcome to join as observers.

Meals can be purchased at the pub.

The only thing which could cancel this date is if there is a problem with the train service.

**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](http://cardiffandavonside.org.uk) and e-mailing the completed form to: [bookings@cardiffandavonside.org.uk](mailto: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**

#### **Peter Nicholson**

It is sad to report that Peter Nicholson has passed away. Peter was an active member of the Society until fairly recently and will be well-known to many members both as a regular trip participant and as a significant contributor to national railway publications.

It is hoped that a more in-depth obituary for Peter will be included in next months magazine.

## **Committee Changes**

Having re-joined the committee earlier this year John Dicks has now taken up the roles of General Secretary and Sales Officer.

## **Media Content**

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

Please send via e-mail to Kevin Davies at the e-mail addresses at the front of the magazine. Any photographs submitted which don't make it onto the magazine front cover will be considered for publication on the Society web site and social media platforms alongside the photos normally taken on Society trips, unless a request is made not to publish them.

## **Society GEN News Group**

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

**20/09** Recently delivered 'Stadler' 756105 passed Patchway at 1158 as a 3Q38 Newport - Swindon running in acceptance turn.

**21/09** 37612 passed Yate at 0706 (140 late) with departmental c/stock; 977969. 5995. 9801. 999605. 9714, as 3Z20 2101 (Wed) Derby RTC - Kingsland Road test train. The loco and train were then allocated a 3Z22 2139 out and back move to Kingsland Road (0042) via Cardiff.

**22/09** 66192 working a 6032 0613 Llanwern - Dollands Moor steel service with a consist of 25 IHA / 3 KVA wagons arrived Pilning loop at 0706 (2 early) and departed at 0706 (2 early) and passed Hullavington at 0750 (5 early).

Later in the day, 66101 worked 6V73 Stoke Cliffe Vale - Exeter Riverside china clay empties with a 17 JIA consist, which passed Stoke-on-Trent at 1505 (8 early), Yate 2024 (21 early) and Castle Cary 2223 (11 late).

**25/09** The Tytherington Quarry branch reopened with the 6M78 0622 departure now running to West Drayton (1317) not Quainton Rail-head where this line was closed for a culvert bridge repair.

**27/09** 66525 + 66529 + 66589 + 66537 passed Dr.Days junction at 1406 as a 0Y42 Westbury - Stoke Gifford light-engine move.

**29/09** At 0640 Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66511. 66525. 66537. 66544. 66556. 66589.

**04/10** Track machine DR73936 worked 6J02 1006 Kingsland Road - Yate arriving at 1047 (11 late), for use on the Tytherington Quarry branch line

**09/10** 'De-branded' former Transport for Wales DMU 175005 passed Pilning at 1116 (65 late) as a 5Q50 0845 Landore Tmd - Ilford EMU Depot (1551) move thought to be Alstom Engineering facility linked.

The unit was also believed to be making a Bristol area class debut.

**13/10** The Colas HST test train formed; 43274. 975984. 977984. 977994/3. 975814. 977995. 43277, worked 1Z20 0446 Paddington - Derby RTC (1446) via Swansea, where an early arrival time of 0803 and departure at 0924 (69 early) was recorded and later a passing time of 1259 (50 late) at Patchway, the move then going forward as normal via Yate.

A broken rail between Gloucester and Westerleigh junction on the down line (believed in the Cam & Dursley area) saw diversions in operation via Chepstow with Voyagers 220030 passing Patchway at 1150 (off route) working 1V47 0803 Manchester Piccadilly - Paignton (which was terminated in Temple Meads at 1216 - 40 late) and 220006 following through the same location at 1158 (off route) with 1V48 0640 Newcastle - Plymouth which later departed Temple Meads at 1209 (24 late).

Also Stadler tri-mode DMU/EMU set 756102 was noted at 1208 (13 late) running as a 3Q38 1118 Newport - Swindon running in acceptance turn.

**16/10** 66003 moved former Harry Needle Rail-Road Company owned BR blue 37703 (believed in working order and at one point looked at by Colas for test train use) as 0Z08 1023 Worksop Down yard - Westbury (1628) which arrived Parkway at 1447 (19 early) and departed 1503 (5 early) and later passed Bath at 1538 (-). The loco was reported destined for Churston on the Torbay Steam Railway to provide spares for their operating class member 37275. New 'Stadler' DMU/EMU set 756102 was on running in turns



being noted Parkway as 3Q39 1254 Swindon - Newport at 1319 (57 early), 3Q40 1455 return to Swindon at 1544 and 3Q41 1627 return to Cardiff Canton sidings at 1549 (98 early!).

**17/10** 756102 + 756103 were working Newport - Swindon test and running in turns the former being at the South Wales end.

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

Locos recorded on Tytherington stone duty included;  
60028. 66011/083/182.

### **Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road**

**22/09** An engineering train record saw 66782 + 66762 top n' tail a 6F05 1530 Westbury - Bristol West junction working. 37612 returned a test train, with dept c/stock; 977969. 5995. 9801. 96605. 9714, as 3Z21 2300 Kingsland Road - Derby RTC which arrived platform 15 (to reverse) at 2305.

**23/09** A Stoke-on-Trent based Reid Freight lorry moved 153317 now converted to sandite use from Barton Hill to the East Lancs Railway for test trials, the unit carrying a light grey/black colour scheme. West Coast 47802 + steam 45596 Bahamas formed a 5Z30 1215 Southall Wcr - Kingsland Road (1517) rail-tour ecs positioning move which passed Uffington at 1354 (7 early) and Bath 1454 (7 early), the consist being; 14060 (loco support). 99723. 4854. 3143. 3098. 3093. 99712. 3119.

**24/09** Steam 45596 Bahamas worked the Railway Touring Company 'Royal Duchy' 1Z33 0851 Bristol TM - Par (1356) and 1Z34 1701 return to Temple Meads (2214) the outward passing Flax Bourton at 0901 (2 late), Worle 0917 (1 late) and Bridgwater 0933 (1 early) outward. Light loco activity saw 70811 + 70817 pass Filton Abbey Wood at 1355 as 0Z87 1320 Westbury - Crewe Basford Hall yard and 66508 + 66554 + 66544 pass the same location at 1758 (7 late) as 0Y41 1701 Westbury - Stoke Gifford yard.

**25/09** 'ROG' 37608 ran 0V84 0947 Derby RTC - Laira Trsmd (1701) light (not as a 5V84 barrier coach move as was initially reported) for a stock move passing Cheltenham at 1238 (29 early) and Worle junction 1426 (3 early) and Taunton 1503.

**26/09** 'ROG' 37608 returned with HST stock 43192. 48143/4/5. 49115/0. 48128. 43010, as 5L46 0957 Laira Trsmd - Ely Papworth sidings (1914) passing Taunton at 1130 (3 early), Yatton 1204 (2 early), Long Ashton 1214 and Yate 1241 (2 late).

A member of staff responsible for shunting trains was struck by a train that had just exited the main shed within St Philips Marsh depot.

The employee sustained serious lower body injuries and some minor upper body and head injuries as a result of the accident. The Rail Accident Investigation Board are looking into the incident.

**27/09** What was to be the final 'full' HST set through the area, 43008 XC02 43007 returned from the previous days 'Cross Country HST Farewell' (and still carrying the 'farewell' head-board) working from Leeds - Swanage (also see MISCELLANEOUS Arriva XC news) as 5Z43 0606 Leeds Neville Hill - Laira Trsmd (1314) empty passing Cheltenham at 1002 (5 early), calling Temple Meads from 1043-1046 (20 early), passing Brent Knoll (near Highbridge) 1107 (9 early) and Taunton 1121 (27 early).

Also during the day steam 34046 Braunton (with 47805/D1935 on the rear)

worked Saphos Trains 'Bristol Bath/Surrey Hills' 1Z93 0822 Victoria - Bath (1400) and 1Z92 1655 return to Bath (1651) the outward passing Newbury at 1244 (2 early), Trowbridge 1336 (5 early) and Bathampton junction 1700 (1 late) on the return. The ecs moves were 5Z91 1405 Bath - Bristol East yard (via Lawrence Hill and Temple Meads) and 5Z92 1634 return to Bath (1651) the outward being recorded passing Dr.Days junction at 1433 (12 late) and 1438 (12 late) on the return from Lawrence Hill, the c/stock being listed as; 35479 (loco support). 3330. 1863. 3125. 3107. 80044. 3122. 3045. 17013.

A 5Q15 1332 St.Philips Marsh - Yarmouth CS (2252) 'Castle' HST 'export move' formed with 43040. 49114. 48140/1/2. 43172, was cancelled (the set still remaining 'on charge' in the wheel-lathe sidings area) whilst over at Barton Hill, DMU sets 165024 and 170105 were visible.

**28/09** A planned 'Farewell 2' staff HST outing booked to run 1Z43 0717 Plymouth - Blackpool North and 1Z44 1740 return to Plymouth was cancelled due to possible industrial action.

**02/10** 68004 + 68018 with FNAs 709229036-2 + 709229038-8 passed Uphill junction at 1346 working 6M67 1408 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings return nuclear flasks.

**04/10** Following a cancellation (on 27th September - see above), former 'Castle' HST set with power cars 43172 + 43040 left the Bristol area as 5Q25 1332 St.Philips Marsh - Great Yarmouth (2249) for export passing Westerleigh junction at 1400 (5 early) and Cheltenham 1425 (27 early). Later in the day the 'High-Speed' test train made its monthly visit as 1Z22 0749 Derby RTC - Kingsland Road (2243) via Evesham, Oxford, Swindon, Westbury, Weymouth, Bristol Parkway and Avonmouth, top n' tailed with 37175 + 37254 the working passed Birmingham Landor Street at 0900, Fairwood junction up at 1412 (6 early), following the Weymouth visit and departing Westbury at 1504 (2 early) towards Trowbridge.

**05/10** 68006 + 68007 headed a two FNA 709229031-3 + 709229017-2 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flask service the return being 6M67 not being until 1624 (136 late) due to a report of the driver being taken ill.

Also during the day, 56051 worked 0Z31 Swindon Transfer - St.Philips Marsh (0932) light-engine for a wheel lathe 'wheel-flat' visit passing Swindon station at 0843 and Bath 0903 (12 early).

**06/10** 56051 returned 0Z31 1510 St.Philips Marsh - Swindon Transfer to again take up rhtt duty following attention passing Hullavington at 1625.

**07/10** The mainline was closed over the week-end between Bristol and Bath for drainage work in the latter location. Similar work and closure was also planned over 21st/ 22nd October.

**09/10** Chiltern Trains 165024 passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1324 (3 early) running as 5M65 1307 Barton Hill - Wembley Lmd (1757) following cab mods. Earlier, 165021 + 165016 had been Bristol arrivals as 5V65 0806 Wembley Lmd - Barton Hill (1158) passing Uffington at 1012 (26 early), Filton Abbey Wood 1123 (4 early), and departing Temple Meads at 1138 (14 early) following a reverse.

**10/10** 37612 departed Temple Meads at 0441 as 3Z20 2101 (Mon) Derby RTC - Kingsland Road (0625) the test train being later allocated 3Z22 2348 to Cardiff Taff Vale sidings via Exeter.

Also 88007 + 68034 powered a re-timed 6V74 0500 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks with a 3 FNA consist (709229028-9 + 709229038-8 + 709229022-2), the 6M67 1408 return later passing Yatton at 1434 close

behind the first of the five Arriva XC HST power cars expected for future departmental use 43285 running 0Z30 1150 Laira Trsmd - Derby RTC (2103) 'solo' passing Yatton at 1430 (25 late), with other records being Totnes 1248, Taunton 1349 (20 late) and Horfield junction 1449 (23 late). An afternoon Bristol arrival for rail-tour duty was steam 46100 Royal Scot running 5Z48 0849 Crewe HS - St.Philips Marsh (1432) with support coach 35461 (via Hereford) passing Leominster at 1132 (25 late) and Cwmbran 1232 (20 late).

**11/10** The July cancelled Saphos Trains 'Welsh Marches Express' originally rostered for 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley was re-run as 1Z49 0542 Stourbridge junction - Shrewsbury (1332) and 1Z52 1548 return to Stourbridge Junction top n' tailed with 47593 + 47805/D1935 for steam 46100 Royal Scot (with support coach) to take over and return to Bristol the outward departing Temple Meads at 0947 (28 late - due to a brake issue on the steam loco) and passing Pilning at 1003 (29 late), the trains c/stock being listed as; 3231. 3330. 3107. 1863. 3125. 3148. 3100. 80044. 3122. 3045. 17013.

Later, the first of four former XC HST stock disposal moves formed; 43366. 41026. 42051. 42379. 41035. 42037. 42342. 43239, was 'ROG' operated as 5Q00 0957 Laira Trsmd - Ely Papworth sidings (1914) via Bristol, Bath, Reading, Gospel Oak, Hitchin and Cambridge passing Totnes at 1016 (6 early), Taunton 1125 (1 late), Uphill junction 1145 (2 late), Yatton 1151 (1 late), Bath 1225 (5 early) and Swindon 1300 (4 early).

**13/10** A second set of mixed Arriva XC HST coaches were moved for storage with celeb 43007 leading and 43378 at the rear of 5Q46 0716 Laira Trsmd - Ely Papworth sidings (1450) which passed Newton Abbot at 0742, Uphill junction 0915 (3 early), Temple Meads 0950 and Swindon 1030 (4 late), with a consist of; 42038. 42053. 42097. 44012. 42052. 42380.

This move was routed via Bristol Parkway, Didcot, Reading, Royston and Cambridge.

On the freight side, 88007 + 68034 were paired on the 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks, the return using the earlier path the 6M63 being later recorded departing Bridgwater at 1211 and 66165 + 66101 double-headed 6M53 1147 Parkindillack - Cliffe Vale (0718) loaded china clays with a 7 JIA wagon consist which passed Newton Abbot at 1620 (39 early) and Temple Meads 2358 (4 early).

**14/10** A debut appearance for Germany based 'hire' company Rail Adventure saw the movement north of former Arriva XC HST stock in two trains; 5Z25 1358 Laira Trsmd - Chaddeston sidings (2045) - 43480. 42378/3/6. 45004. 42372. 42368. 45001. 42371. 44072. 43468, recorded passing Tavistock yard (Plymouth) 1354 (8 early), Totnes 1414 (8 early), Dawlish Warren 1433 (10 early), Bridgwater 1515 (4 early), Flax Bourton 1536 (5 early), Horfield junction 1557 (6 early) and Yate 1610 (3 early) and 5Z26 1436 Laira Trsmd - Chaddeston sidings (2127) - 43465. 41193. 45003. 42366. 44052. 45005. 42369. 42290. 45002. 42234. 43484, passing Totnes at 1501 (3 early), arriving Dawlish Warren at 1535 (-) and departing 1545 (4 early), passing Worle at 1649 (-) and Yate 1721 (12 early).

The four power cars had worked West together via the 'Berks & Hants' route during the previous day (also see Taunton notes & news), 43465 + 43484 being the pair that appeared at this years SVR Spring diesel gala.

**15/10** 170638 + 170637 formed a 5Z70 0930 Tyseley Lmd - Barton Hill (1216) empty move passing Yate at 1153 (11 late).

Later the Blue Pullman HST passed through the area as 5Z43 1253 Eastleigh

Arlington - Crewe HS (1810) via Hereford passing Keynsham at 1448 (5 late) and Patchway 1502 (4 late) power cars M43046 + M43047 being in use. The set had worked a 1Z53/4 Eastleigh - Carlisle and return 'Settle & Carlisle Pullman' during the previous day.

**16/10** Working of the day and bringing the Arriva XC West of England history finally to a close was the movement of 'double' back to back HST power cars 43321 + 43303 and 43357 + 43301 as 0Z60 1100 Exeter Riverside NY - Old Dalby (1607) having departed 40 minutes late, passed Uphill junction at 1230 (35 late), Yatton 1236 (31 late), arrived Temple Meads at 1248 and departed 1249 (29 late) and passed Cheltenham at 1334 (13 late). The power cars are reported to be lined up for Colas test train duties and will replace 'long term' hire locos 37607 / 37610 / 37612.

On the freight side, 88007 + 68034 put in a third appearance on the 6M67 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flasks passing Uphill junction at 1355, Filton Abbey Wood 1424 and Parkway 1430 with 2 FNAs 709229023-0 + 709229002-4.

A departmental move was 66524 + 66525 passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1820 on a 6A01 1718 Westbury - Pontypridd working.

**17/10** A 5E96 1412 Barton Hill - Derby Etches Park (1721) passed Lawrence Hill at 1355 (23 early) and was believed formed with Turbo-star 170273 following a repaint from Transport for Wales to East Midland Train colours.

A 5V95 0832 from Derby Etches Park - Barton Hill (1213) operated in the opposite direction with an unidentified DMU set which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 1128 (28 late).

**19/10** A private VSOE charter saw 67021 head 1Z19 0947 Victoria - Bath and 1Z23 1556 return to Victoria (1946) the inward passing Trowbridge at 1237 (6 early) and arrival being recorded at 1257 (6 early) with c/stock; 99545/1. 99531/7/4/20/9. 99546. 99535/6. 6313.

Empty stock servicing moves to and from Bristol were; 5Z22 1308 to East Depot (1321) and 5Z23 1537 return to Bath (1550).

Also, Steam 46100 Royal Scot with support coach 35461 returned as 5Z80 1335 Bishops Lydeard - Crewe HS (2050) passing Bridgwater at 1412 (1 late), Uphill junction 1426 (-) and Pilning 1535 (3 late).

The nuclear flask service had Trans-Pennine livery 67026 with 88007 together passing Temple Meads at 0704 (6 early) as 6V74 0300 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater (0750) with a four FNA consist; 709229015-6 + 709229029-7 + 709229032-1 + 709229017-2.

Several Transport for Wales livery MkIV coaches were reported on Barton Hill Depot having arrived by road trailer movements from Landore Depot during the week

### **Bristol West Freightliner**

**28/09** 59201 (thought to be making a location Class debut) delivered 14 stone wagons, 13 Class 7 'jumbo' JHAs and 1 JGA to the location for store as 7F53 0500 Merehead Quarry - Bristol West Freightliner (0632) which passed Bath at 0548 (13 early) and arrived 0615, the loco later returning 0F59 0832 light-engine to Merehead (1027) passing Temple Meads at 0654 (104 early).

**13/10** Further activity here saw 70016 collect the head-shunt rake of empty FSA flats as 4M20 1304 to Crewe Basford Hall (South Sorting sidings), the wagons being destined for Guide Bridge.

The loco had arrived as a 0V49 0053 Southampton Maritime - West

Freightliner (0428) light-engine via Didcot and Bristol Parkway.

**14/10** 70016 returned with 16 empty FSA flats as a 4V18 0810 Crewe Basford Hall yard - West Freightliner (1243) passing Cwmbran at 1126 (10 early) and arriving Parsons Street station at 1238 (1 early) and departing 1239 (-) to collect the 'relief' driver.

Following a yard shunt which saw the 'jumbo' stone wagons moved into the head-shunt under the South Liberty lane footbridge, the loco returned 0018 departing 1320 (10 early) light-engine for Southampton Maritime (1547), passing Bath at 1345. This was thought to be only the second Class 70 to visit this location.

#### **Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line**

**06/10** 66615 returned 0C68 0955 Avonmouth - Westbury Cement works light-engine passing Hallen Marsh junction at 1026.

**08/10** The return 6A03 Severnside SITA - Brentford refuse container empties were diverted via the Henbury loop passing Brentry at 2045, 66197 being the hauling power which was assumed to have use the PBA Royal Edward Dock sidings to have run round.

Locos recorded on stone duty have included;  
66518/539/549/559/569/587/602/614/615. 66716.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included;  
66751/752/756.

Locos recorded on refuse container duty have included;  
66001/012/056/065/088/106/161/182/197.

#### **Portbury Branchline**

**04/10** The Colas rhtt covered the branch (as booked) as 3S59 0911 Hereford - Swindon Transfer yard, the return passing Clifton Bridge at 1310 top n' tailed by 66848 + 66846.

**05/10** A power outage affected the token equipment at Ashton junction not allowing 37175 + 37254 top n' tailing departmental c/stock; 977868. 977985. 5981. 6254, with 1Z23 0645 Kingsland Road - Derby RTC (2058) test train to proceed any further.

The move had arrived at 0705 (3 late) and departed at 0821 passing Parsons Street junction at 0824 (27 late), Stapleton Road 0848 (41 late) for the Newport reverse, Filton Abbey Wood 0851 (39 late) on the return and later Bathampton junction 1035 (40 late) following the booked further Temple Meads reverse move.

**14/10** TfW tram-train set 398013 was reported as present delivered from Spain in the dock area.

#### **Bristol area workings during July**

4B77 Colnbrook - Avonmouth empty stone (and 6C77 return loaded to Cardiff Pengam sidings) (GBRf)  
20/07 66732. 27/07 66725.

4C12 Westbury - Tytherington stone empties (and 6A12 return loaded to Acton) (DB)  
01/07 66182. 29/07 66019.

4C90 Acton yard - Tytherington stone empties (DB)  
10/07 66148. 12/07 66019. 13/07 66024. 14/07 66021. 31/07 66151.

4E18 Taunton Fairwater yard - Doncaster Wood yard used sleepers (G&W)  
03/07 66560.

4L33 Wentloog - London Gateway loaded containers (G&W)  
03/07 66522. 04/07 66522. 06/07 66522. 10/07 66522. 12/07 66522.  
13/07 66551. 24/07 66509. 28/07 66540.

4L35 (MO) Portbury Auto Terminal - London Gateway containers (G&W)  
24/07 66519. 31/07 66558.

4L36 Wentloog - Felixstowe containers (G&W)  
03/07 66592. 04/07 66564. 05/07 66565. 06/07 66531. 07/07 66525.  
11/07 66536. 12/07 66572. 13/07 66572. 14/07 66563. 18/07 66549.  
24/07 66504. 27/07 66508. 28/07 66523.

4L50 Wentloog - Tilbury containers (G&W)  
10/07 66543.

4O51 (SO) Wentloog - Southampton Maritime loaded containers (G&W)  
01/07 66501. 15/07 66551. 29/07 66540 + 66596.

4O71 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime loaded containers (G&W)  
25/07 66542 + 66551.

4V35 (SO) London Gateway - Portbury Auto Terminal containers (FL)  
01/07 66592. 08/07 66513.

4V42 (\* 4V45) Acton yard - Tytherington stone empties (DB)  
03/07 66103. 04/07 66012. 10/07\* 66024. 24/07 66019. 25/07 66019.  
26/07 66005. 27/07 66151.

Notes; Train on 04/07 ran as 6V42 assumed being part loaded.

6A83 Avonmouth Bennetts - West Drayton loaded stone (G&W)  
04/07 66566. 11/07 66952. 18/07 66418. 20/07 66418. 25/07 66503.

6B11 Hayes - East Usk yard (G&W)  
03/07 66620. 11/07 66620. 31/07 66623.

6B33 Theale - Robeston (SO Margam) fuel tank empties (DB)  
04/07 60017. 14/07 66119 + 66175. 28/07 60010.

6B51/6B52 Llanwern Exchange sidings - Swindon and return empty steel (DB)  
24/07 66192.

6B80 Stoke Gifford - Machen Quarry empty and return 6C80 loaded stone  
(G&W)  
08/07 66563. 12/07 66952.

Notes; Train on 08/07 went forward two days later with 66592 as 6M81 to  
Lawley Street (Birmingham) (also see 6V82 notes).

6B82 Stoke Gifford - Port Talbot Grange sidings stone empties (G&W)  
24/07 66620.

6C03 Northolt - Severnside SITA loaded and return (\* 6A03 Brentford)

refuse containers (DB)

01/07	66040.	03/07	66040.	04/07	66044.	07/07	66198.	08/07	66182.
11/07	66056.	12/07	66056.	14/07	66013.	14/07*	66013.	15/07	66019.
17/07	66019.	18/07	66148.	19/07*	66148.	21/07	66182.	24/07	66151.
25/07	66181.	26/07	66181.	27/07	66024.	28/07	66024.	29/07	66013.
31/07	66013.								

6C08 1557 Tytherington - Westbury loaded stone (DB)

23/07 66151. 24/07 66019.

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

03/07	66589.	04/07	66589.	06/07	66589.	12/07	66589.	14/07	66589.
27/07	66567.	28/07	66567.	31/07	66538.				

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

03/07	66614.	04/07	66503.	06/07	66614.	10/07	66619.	11/07	66614.
12/07	66604.	13/07	66614.	14/07	66952.	24/07	66952.	25/07	66606.
27/07	66606.	28/07	66610.	31/07	66606.				

Note; Train on 14/07 failed on Filton Bank and was assisted forward to Stoke Gifford sidings by 'ROG' 37884.

6C90 Avonmouth Hansons - Cardiff Pengam sidings (\* 6B90 Gloucester New yard) cement empties (GBRf)

06/07 66773. 20/07\* 66759.

6M30 2108 (\*6M31 2118) (\*\*6M58 0153) Tytherington - Quainton Rail-head (DB)

01/07\*\* 66086. 10/07\* 66148. 21/07 66005.

6M42 Avonmouth Hansons - Penyffordd cement empties (GBRf)

03/07	66797.	07/07	66756 + 66797.	14/07	66756.	17/07	66756.
21/07	66756.	28/07	66756.				

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

03/07	66013.	04/07	66086.	05/07	66013.	06/11	66111.	11/07	66019.
12/07	66028 + 66148.			13/07	66148.	14/07	66056.	18/07	66023.
24/07	66012.	27/07	66013.	28/07	66181.	31/07	66181.		

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

04/07 66538.

6V32 Tilbury - Trostre steel (GBRf)

14/07 66304. 21/07 66304.

6V41 Penyffordd - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)

16/07 66756. 27/07 66756.

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

03/07	66244.	10/07	66206.	17/07	66200.	24/07	66199.	31/07	66104.
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6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater and return nuclear flasks (DRS)



03/07 68002 + 68003. 06/07 68002 + 88006. 27/07 68001 + 68034.

6V82 Lawley Street (Birmingham) - Stoke Gifford (\* East Usk yard) stone empties (DB)

11/07\* 66510. 14/07 66510. 28/07 66546.

Note; Train on 14/07 ran as 6Z81 having worked outward as 6M81 Machen Quarry - Lawley Street.

6V84 Clitheroe - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (GBRf)

05/07 66773. 10/07 66759. 12/07 66759. 17/07 66759.

6Z22 (6Z21 empty) Tytherington - Appleford stone (DC Rail)

05/07 60029. 06/07 60029. 11-13/07 60029. 26/07 60055.

27/07 60055.

Note; Empty train departure points for 6Z22 and 6Z25 varied from West Drayton or Bristol East yard.

6Z26 (6Z25 empty) Tytherington - West Drayton (Frays) stone (DC Rail)

03/07 60029. 04/07 60029. 14/07 60029. 17/07 60055. 18/07 60055.

28/07 60055.

6Z32 (6Z22 empty) Machen - Appleford loaded stone (DC Rail)

24/07 60055.

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

04/07 66546. 06/07 66546. 11/07 66546. 12-14/07 66546.

6Z92 (SO) Theale - East Usk yard empty stone (G&W)

01/07 66603. 15/07 66603. 29/07 66558.

## **Gloucester**

**27/09** 67027 + 67023 top n' tailed a 6Z30 0931 Swindon Transfer - Swindon Transfer (1430) rhtt test move which passed Standish junction at 1051 (20 late) but went no further then Gloucester - reason unknown.

**28/09** 56051 + 56113 top n' tailed the second rhtt (main use) as 6Z31 0929 Swindon Transfer yard - Swindon Transfer yard (1431) via Gloucester and Newport (booked 1147 - 1207) the outward passing Lydney 'spraying' at 1104 (2 early) and Standish junction 1351 (-) on the return.

The same pair were also booked to work the same train over the same route during the following day.

Also 66026 was noted later during the day with a diverted 6V26 0809 Dollands Moor - Llanwern steel service having passed Swindon Loco yard at 1502 (off route).

**07/10** A late morning points failure south of Cheltenham recorded a number of cancellations and trains being terminated short of their destinations. Arriva XC 170618 with 1V06 0907 Nottingham - Cardiff Central was terminated Gloucester at 1322 (118 late), 221123 was also terminated Gloucester (off route) with 1V49 0903 Manchester Piccadilly - Bristol TM having departed Cheltenham at 1335 (125 late), with 170620 on the 1V07 1007 Nottingham - Cardiff Central being stopped at Birmingham NS at 1127 (3 late).

GWR with all IET services from/to Paddington also terminating Gloucester

saw 158765 with 2T44 1052 Worcester Foregate Street - Bristol TM terminated at 1328 (114 late), the set later continuing running late in the 2T45 (1241 departure path) onwards to Bristol.

A held freight record was 66131 with 6V05 0915 Round Oak - Margam steel (1608) which passed Gloucester at 1316 (124 late) and Lydney 1338 (101 late), the line being fully reopened by mid-afternoon.

**14/10** 66752 worked a diverted 6Z91 0450 New Yard - Clitheroe (1149) cement empties via the Stroud Valley and Oxford passing Standish junction at 0707 (129 late) and Swindon 0748 (185 late), the train consist being 4 JPA bogie tanks and 18 PCA four-wheelers.

Later, 56113 + 56051 top n' tailed 3S32 1050 Cheltenham Lansdown loop - Swindon Transfer sidings rhtt operated with a Severn Tunnel junction (not Newport) reverse passing Chepstow down at 0942 (104 early) and at 1011 (145 early) on the return. On arrival at Swindon the train worked 6Z31 1524 Transfer yard - Westbury.

**18/10** 197010 passed Awre junction at 0920 working 3G90 0759 Cardiff Canton sidings - Gloucester driver trainer. The set returned at 0950 (5 early) as 3L91 to Cardiff. This DMU class had visited here for a short period earlier this year on similar duties.

### **Swindon**

**26/09** 56051 + 56113 worked south as 0Z56 0706 Barnetby - Swindon Transfer yard (1417) light-locos for rail-head train duty.

**01/10** The day marked the 'official' start of the Autumn rhtt season from Transfer yard with 66846 + 66848 running 0Z59 1110 Westbury - Swindon light departing Swindon station at 1200.

The pair then top n' tailed the first 3S59 1554 to Morton-on-Lugg (0542) via Westbury, Clifton Down and Eastern Valley lines, passing Trowbridge at 1734 (1 early), departing Avonmouth at 1844 (4 early) and passing Newport at 1940 (10 early).

56051 + 56113 were allocated 3S31 1158 Swindon - Worcester SH (2127) via Hereford and Shrewsbury passing Standish junction at 1247 (3 late).

**06/10** 67027 failed at Evesham on the rhtt train, the engine having shut down.

**13/10** Failed 67027 was noted present in the Transfer yard sidings.

Locos recorded on 6V15 Boston Sleaford sidings import steel have included; 60015 (05/10, 19/10).

Locos recorded on 6V70 (\* 6V80 Small Heath) Liverpool EMR - Swindon scrap empties included;

66764 (11/10\*). 66797 (06/10).

### **Westbury**

**23/09** An engineering train record was 66537 + 66556 top n' tailing a 6Y40 1145 Westbury - Merehead Quarry junction (1210) working which passed Clink Road (Frome) junction at 1159 (5 late) with 5 MLA wagons.

**24/09** Further engineering train records included; 66011 - 6X01 0830 Bodmin Parkway - Westbury which arrived Plymouth at 0854 (23 early), passed Newton Abbot West junction at 0957 (99 early) and Taunton 1253 (4 early).

**25/09** Colas 'special livery' 67027 ran 0Z98 Westbury - Worcester light-engine (via Swindon and Kemble) as a route and driver traction refresher turn.

**01/10** Prior to rhtt use (see Swindon notes & news), 66848 + 66846 top n' tailed a return 6C97 0801 Finstock - Westbury (1032) which departed Hungerford at 0939 (15 early).

Another engineers report was 66614 + 66602 top n' tailing 6Y47 0930 East Somerset junction - Westbury passing Fairwood junction at 0906 with box wagons.

**02/10** 70809 departed Westbury at 0804 (3 late) working 6X50 Westbury - Bescot departmental with a consist of MLA box wagon 7059324340 and KFA 'rail-vac' 7095150022.

**03/10** DC Rail 60029 passed West Ealing at 1024 working 6Z60 Willesden DCR sidings - Merehead Quarry stone empties.

**04/10** 66792 returned a 6G70 2019 (Tues) Westbury - Westbury (0615) departmental via Gloucester New Yard passing Bath at 0452.

**05/10** Having arrived as 3Q60 2242 (Wed) Reading Triangle siding - Westbury (0725) via Didcot, Bath and a Cardiff reverse, which passed on the return Bath at 0620 (8 early), 37116 with dept c/stock; 96609. 99666. 72630. 9806. 62384. 9701, formed 3Q14 1113 Westbury - Westbury (1839) via reverses at Weymouth and Thingley junction, which arrived Frome at 1113 but was later terminated early and returned to Westbury from Castle Cary - reason unknown.

Later, 70814 powered a 6C98 1731 Westbury - Truro (0025) rail-train which passed Taunton at 1822 (5 early) with the usual 12 JZA / 1 YEA consist, the following days 0425 Baldhu - Westbury (1207) return (via Penzance) passed Lostwithiel 0733 (7 late) and Taunton 1102 (3 early).

**08/10** Another engineering train record was 66537 + 66538 top n' tailing 6Y44 1431 Exeter St.Davids - Westbury (1704) which was present in Central station at 1625 later passing Cowley Bridge junction at 1634 (113 late) and departing Taunton at 1708 (66 late) on the return.

**09/10** 59101 failed on the avoiding line whilst working 6C31 1208 Theale - Westbury empty stone, 66587 + 66588 were both reported as being used as 1Z99 rescue locos.

**11/10** 66556 + 66506 + 66524 + 66525 passed Bradford Junction at 1137 as a 0Y40 1122 Westbury - Stoke Gifford light-loco move.

**14/10** An area motive power line up at 1620 recorded the following; Down yard 66011. 66087. 66199. 66790. 70803. Up yard 66088. Colas sidings 56051 + 56113 (top n ' tailing rhtt wagons 642025 + 642046) allox. 6Z32 1740 to Swindon Transfer yard. 66181. 70809.

**17/10** 66003 + 37703 continued west as 0Z09 0826 Westbury - Paignton (1040) passing Castle Cary at 0900 (10 late) and Taunton 0924 (2 late). The 66 later returned 0Z10 Paignton - Westbury light-engine passing Stoke Canon at 1250. A return departmental was 66555 passing Totnes at 0913 working 6Y97 0455 Camborne - Westbury (via Penzance).

**19/10** The Colas test HST suffered problems and stalled on the bank between Exeter St.Davids and Central station whilst working the monthly 1Q23 0557 Reading Triangle sidings - Salisbury (1520) having earlier passed Pinhoe at 0935 (15 late), with a departure at 1210 the train was routed via Castle Cary arriving Westbury back on route at 1257 (6 early!). The booked Salisbury - Southampton part of the diagram followed with no problem, the power cars in use being 43274 + 43251.

Locos recorded on Exeter stone duty have included;  
59102/104. 66539/602/614/615/622.

## Taunton

**13/10** Rail Adventure HST power cars 43465/43484 + 43458/43480 made a South-West area debut to move XC HST stock (during the following day) as 0Z82 1247 Wembley Yard reception 1-7 - Laira Trsmd (1832) 'light-locos' passing West Ealing at 1400 (36 late), departing Taunton at 1722 (39 late), passing Exeter St.Davids at 1747 (20 late) and Newton Abbot 1810 (20 late).

**18/10** 47805 + 47593 top n' tailed Saphos Trains 'English Riviera Express' 1Z74 0556 Woking - Kingswear for Dartmouth (1310) and 1Z76 1635 return to Woking (2359) passing Warminster at 0934 (6 late) prior to a reverse at Westbury and later for steam 46100 Royal Scot (with 47805 still on rear) to take over at Taunton, departing here at 1103 (2 late) and passing through Dawlish wrong-line (and the South Devon area IET 'sea wave coastal carnage') at 1204 (-).

## Exeter

**14/10** Off lease former XC HST power cars (destined for Colas departmental work) 43321/303 + 43357/301 ran as a 0Z40 1910 Laira Trsmd - Exeter Riverside yard 'positioning move' passing Newton Abbot at 2056.

**18/10** It was interesting to note as the IET problems continued during the day, 'veteran motive power'; 'Castle' HST 43154 GW08 43029 working 2Z12 0849 Plymouth - Cardiff Central (actually terminated at Newport due to late running) departed Dawlish at 1003 (23 late), 66165 with 6C53 1511 St.Blazey - Exeter Riverside china clays passed the same location at 1739 (11 late) and steam 46100 Royal Scot working the return 'English Riviera Express' 1Z76 1655 Kingswear (for Dartmouth) - Woking was recorded at 1744 (7 late). (also see Taunton and MISCELLANEOUS Great Western Railway notes & news).

## Newport

**10/09** (Additional Information) October Magazine (issue 620) - The West Coast ecs move to Southall from Pengam sidings with 47802 + 47746 had been used on Pathfinder Rail-tours 'Cumbrian Fells Pullman' 1Z33 0606 Cardiff Central - Carlisle (1241) during the previous day which saw steam 35018 British India Line take over from 47802 + 47812 at Carnforth and return the train to Preston where 47746 + 47802 took over on the 1Z34 1422 return to Cardiff.

**21/09** Having worked 6B80 0921 East Usk yard - Machen stone (passing Newport at 0942) empties, 66594 was later noted paired up with 66550 (inside) for the 6M81 1319 Machen - Lawley Street (2319) via Oxford loaded stone which passed Newport station at 1452 (44 late) and Westerleigh junction at 1536 (10 early) with a consist of 22 MWA wagons.

**22/09** A North-West freight train diversion saw 66714 pass Severn Tunnel junction at 1705 on a 6V75 1116 Dee Marsh - Margam steel service, the same loco passing Lydney at 1723 with the same working during the following day.

Engineering train movements associated with the Marches route engineering blockade included; 66721 + 66722 - 6F06 0500 Moreton-on-Lugg - Westbury which arrived at its destination at 0933 with a 19 FEA / 1 KFA consist, 66508 - 6F10 0932 Westbury - Moreton-on-Lugg (1320) departing 13 late and passing Lawrence Hill at 1048 (3 late) with a 15 HQA / 5 JJA auto-ballaster consist and 66547 + 66544 top n' tailing - 6F11 1004 Westbury - Moreton-on-Lugg (1420) with a 10 JJA / 10 HQA auto-ballaster consist which

departed Pilning at 1213 (13 early).

**23/09** An engineering train summary recorded; 66544 + 66508 top n' tailing - 6F10 1300 Moreton-on-Lugg - Westbury (1551) passing Cwmbran at 1351 and Filton Abbey Wood 1452 (7 late) with 15 HQA / 5 JJA auto-ballasters and 66547 - 6F11 1200 Moreton-on-Lugg - Westbury passing Pilning at 1348 with 10 JJA / 10 HQA auto-ballasters.

Also earlier, 70814 had worked 0Z41 0317 Ebbw Vale Town - Westbury light-loco passing Bradford junction at 0655.

**24/09** Further engineering train records for the day (with a Filton Abbey Wood passing time in brackets) included; 66303 + 66722 top n' tailing - 6G70 1600 Gaer junction - Westbury with JNA boxes (1837 - 90 late), 66782 - 6G71 1403 Gaer junction - Westbury (1552 - 26 late) and 66537 + 66556 top n' tailing - 6Y97 1623 Westbury - Pontypridd rail train (1708 - 22 early).

66531 + 66511 were also recorded passing Stapleton Road at 1109 top n' tailing a 6G72 1026 Westbury - Gaer junction working with a 4 FEA wagon consist loaded with new sleepers.

**27/09** 66537 + 66525 top n' tailed a 6Y42 return Pontypridd - Westbury departmental which passed Horfield junction, Bristol at 1059.

**30/09** An engineering train loco allocation list read as follows; 66789 + 66792 top n' tailing - 6G70 1856 Park North junction - Westbury, 66790 - 6G72 1426 Westbury - Park North junction, 66556 - 6G73 1620 Westbury - Park North junction, 66528 - 6G74 1758 Westbury - Park North junction and 66506 + 66511 - 6G75 1957 Westbury - Park North junction.

**01/10** Return engineering trains were as follows; FL 66556 + GBRf 66790 top n' tailing - 6G72 0800 Gaer junction - Westbury (1012) with 8 JNA/ 4 MLA boxes passing at 0846 (14 late) and Lawrence Hill 1012 (62 late), 66502 - 6G73 0857 Gaer junction - Westbury (1045) with 7 MLA/ 5 JNA wagons passing at 0933 (36 late) and Lawrence Hill 1017 (29 late),

**02/10** 'ROG' 37884 hauled former MerseyRail EMU sets 508117 + 508130 as a 5Q78 1155 Birkenhead EMU depot - Newport Docks (1641) Sims Metals move for scrapping passing Gobowen at 1311 (8 early).

**05/10** 'ROG' 37884 was allocated 5Q79 1158 Crewe South yard - Newport Docks (1709) Sims Metals conveying further EMU sets 508128 + 508111 for scrap.

**08/10** 66119 passed Cwmbran at 1353 on 6M85 1350 Margam - Carlisle yard freight.

**09/10** 'ROG' 37884 moved further EMU sets 508124 + 508125 as a Birkenhead North EMU Depot - Newport Docks (1651) Sims Metals move arriving Craven Arm's at 1325 (61 early) and departing 1423 (21 early) and passing Cwmbran at 1615 (4 late).

**10/10** GBRf 66769 + DB 66088 top n' tailed a return 6G70 0400 Gaer junction - Westbury engineers with an 8 JNA / 2 MLA / 2 IEA box wagon consist which arrived at its destination at 0633.

**11/10** 37612 passed down at 0659 working 3Z22 2348 (Tues) Kingsland Road - Cardiff TVR sidings test train via Exeter St.Davids with dept c/stock; 6117. 6122. 9803. 999602. 9708.

Also during the day 70004 was recorded on container duty powering 4V53 0406 Southampton Maritime - Wentloog passing down at 0720 and 4057 1329 return to Southampton Maritime (via Salisbury) return passing at 1345.

Engineering train activity later in the day recorded; 66525 + 66556 top n' tailing - 6Y40 0700 Pontypool - Westbury (0940) passing Severn Tunnel junction at 0809 (5 late) and Lawrence Hill 0838 (6 early) with a 6 YKA /

12 JNA wagon consist and 66524 + 66506 top n' tailing 6Y41 0550 Pontypridd - Westbury (0815) with 18 JNAs passing at 0716 (47 late) and North Somerset junction 0811 (34 late).

### **Cardiff**

**05/10** The days 'Valley Core Line Upgrade' engineering trains were listed all in a top n' tail formation as; 66538 + 66556 - 6Y43 0643 Pontypridd - Westbury (0944) passing Cardiff Central at 0739 (23 late), Patchway 0838 (4 late) and Lawrence Hill 0848 (4 late) with 5 JNA / 5 MLA boxes and 5 HQA auto-ballasters, 66549 + 66587 - 6Y44 0609 Westbury - Pontypridd which passed Treforest at 0848 with 9 MLA / 4 JNA / 2 IEA box wagons and 66556 + 66525 - 6Y45 0951 Westbury - Pontypridd (1331) with 9 JNA / 6 MLA box wagons which passed Bath at 1128 (73 late).

**06/10** Further engineering train records included; 66587 + 66549 top n' tailing - 6Y44 1000 Pontypridd - Westbury (1342) which departed 55 minutes late, passed Newport at 1318 (148 late) and Lawrence Hill 1356 (72 late) with 9 MLA / 4 JNA / 1 IEA box wagons, 66525 + 66556 - 6Y45 Pontypridd - Westbury (1219) which passed Radyr junction at 1204 (139 late), Newport 1247 (147 late) and Lawrence Hill 1354 (121 late) with 9 JNA / 6 MLA box wagons and 66537 + 66538 top n' tailing 6Y46 0539 Westbury - Pontypridd which passed Newport at 0748 with a 9 JNA / 4 MLA / 2 IEA boxes.

**07/10** One Saturday Transport for Wales loco and stock diagram was operated with 67025 (HD07) diagrammed for 1V34 0627 Manchester Piccadilly - Cardiff Central, 1W57 1052 return to Manchester and 1V46 1430 return to Cardiff.

Also, 66615 + 66549 top n' tailed 18 JNA 'hawks' as 6A41 0459 Oxford Hinksey yard - Pontypridd passing Radyr at 0739, 66588 + 66587 top n' tailed 6A42 1620 Oxford Hinksey yard - Pontypridd (2045) passing Swindon at 1751 (1 late), Pilning 1916 (-) and Newport 1949 (6 late) with a 2 FEA and 16 JNA wagon consist and 66538 + 66537 top n' tailed a return 6Y46 0631 Pontypridd - Westbury (1114) via Swindon Highworth junction formed with 9 JNA / 4 MLA / 1 IEA box wagons passing Newport at 0731 (14 late) and Westerleigh junction 0834 (3 early).

**08/10** Sunday Transport for Wales loco and stock diagrams were covered by; 67015 (HD04) - 1W00 0832 Crewe - Manchester Piccadilly, 1V70 0930 return to Swansea and 1W60 1455 return to Manchester and 67025 (HD07) - 1W56 1032 Swansea - Manchester Piccadilly and 1V18 1530 return to Swansea.

**09/10** Colas 37219 worked a 0Z22 0800 Whitland - Derby RTC (1854) via Swansea Loop west, Landore Depot and Hereford driver route learning light-engine departing Swansea at 1024 (8 late) and passing Central station at 1300 (26 early).

Also, 66525 + 66556 top n' tailed a 6A40 0500 Pontypridd - Westbury engineers which passed Filton Abbey Wood at 0718 with an 18 JNA wagon consist, 66549 + 66615 top n' tailed 6A41 0400 Pontypridd - Westbury with 18 JNA boxes arriving at its destination at 0705, 66587 + 66588 top n' tailing 6A42 0530 Pontypridd - Westbury (0756) passing Ninian Park at 0956 (244 late), Newport 1018 (243 late) and Lawrence Hill 1057 (231 late) with a 16 JNA and 2 FEA consist and 66528 + 66544 top n' tailed 6A43 1201 Pontypridd - Westbury (1530) with 18 JNAs having passed Newport at 1302 (3 late), departed Pilning loop at 1433 (30 late) arrived Bristol Parkway at 1508 (off route) for Stoke Gifford yard, where terminated.

**10/10** 66556 + 66525 passed Radyr at 0747 with a 12 JNA / 6 YKA consist 6Y40 0542 Westbury - Pontypridd engineers and 66506 + 66524 passed Central station later at 1353 on an 18 JNA box wagon 6Y41 1117 Westbury -

Pontypridd move.

Also during the day, GBRf 66792 passed Port Talbot Parkway at 1445 working 6B28 1346 Trostre - Newport Docks steel.

**12/10** 37612 was allocated a 3Z33 2359 Cardiff Canton sidings - Bristol Kingsland Road (0709) test train move via Swansea.

**14/10** Saturday Tfw loco and stock allocations were;

67014 (HD01) - 1V31 0454 Crewe - Cardiff Central, 1W55 0849 return to Manchester Piccadilly, 1V42 1230 return to Cardiff, 1W63 1650 return to Manchester, 5K53 2025 return ecs to Crewe CS. 67025 (HD07) - 1V34 0627 Manchester Piccadilly - Cardiff Central, 1W57 1052 return to Manchester, 1V46 1430 return to Cardiff.

**15/10** 37612 with a return 3Z01 0850 Canton - Derby RTC test train booked to operate via Cheltenham was re-routed and ran via the Marches and Hereford.

Transport for Wales Loco Loggings

67010 - 1V91 (HD05) 05/10. 1V31 (HD05) 06/10.

67013 - 1V91 (HD06) 02/10.

67025 - 1V91 (HD07) 06/10.

Coaching stock formations; see October Magazine (issue 620).

Train diagrams; see July Magazine (issue 617).

Locos recorded on Daventry - Wentloog TESCO container service included; 66031 (loan) (14/10), 66108 (loan) (10/10), 66422 (22/09, 06/10), 66424 (09/10). 66427 (06/10, 07/10). 66432 (21/09, 02/10), 66434 (11/10).

Locos recorded on Margam/Port Talbot (from Cwmbargoed) coal duty included; 66171/183.

Locos recorded on Baglan Bay log duty have included; 56096 (05/10, 10/10, 11/10).

Locos recorded on Corby steel duty have included; 66061/095/099/168/192/198.

Locos recorded on Dee Marsh steel duty have included; 66714/717/792.

Locos recorded Round Oak steel duty have included; 66023/032/061/099/103/119/125/131/168/183.

Locos recorded on Barry Dock container duty have included; 66508/509/551/561/572.

Locos recorded on Machen Quarry stone duty have included; 66550/594/420/615/951.

## **PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS**

### **Dean Forest Railway**

**14-15/10** The railway held a 'Steam in South Wales' two day Autumn Gala with ex. GWR 1340 Trojan (in use at Parkend with saloon 80943 operating station area 'shuttles' carrying a 'The Red Dragon' headboard!).

Also in attendance were 5541. 9681. Industrials; Rosyth No. 1 (AB1385/14) from Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway. 401 (WB 2994/51) from Embsay & Bolton Railway.



### **Lavender Line, Isfield**

**01/10** The Clacton EMU Group Preservation Group owner of EMU set 309024 (61928. 75965. 75972) latterly departmental 309102 (977966/5/7) have offered the set free to any other interested preserved line. The unit has been converted for 'push-pull' use and is in a generally good condition but the rental period to remain at this location has recently expired.

### **Mainline Preservation**

**22/09** A plan to move 37703 (located at HNRC Worksop) as part of the 6V73 Cliffe Vale - Exeter Riverside yard china clay empties was cancelled, the loco being destined for the Torbay Steam Railway.

**28/10** The '125 Group' in association with the Branch Line Society announced their first mainline trip 'The Midland Venturer' using their HST stock with power cars 43089 (EMR colours) + 43159 (IC livery). The trip is booked to start Ilkeston at 0748 (with a 1916 return) to London St.Pancras (1206-1619) and return using six trailers (4 Standard Second Class, 1 Catering, 1 First Class).

### **Severn Valley Railway**

The early October 'Magnificent 7' Diesel Gala probably brought together the largest gathering of former Western Region Hymek (Class 35), Western (Class 52) and Warship (Class 42) diesel hydraulic locos since their end of use in the late 1970s.

Although West Somerset based D7017 and D7018 were unable to attend (also see September 2023 Magazine - issue 619, under Industrial & Preservation matters), locos in attendance (including the home based fleet) were; D821. D832. D1013 (static display - Kidderminster). D1015 (carrying D1039 Western King name and numberplates). D1048 (static display - Kidderminster having been a surprise visitor following a road move from the MRT Butterley). D1062. D7029. D7076. Also in use over the four day period were; D182, 20048 + 20189, 37190 and 40106 on passenger duty.

### **Strathspey Railway**

**29/09** 'Star' loco A4 60103 Flying Scotsman visiting as part of the ongoing round Britain 'Centenary Tour' was involved in a low speed heavy shunt at Aviemore at 1815 whilst coupling to the open ended Observation Car 99965 (former Pullman 319 Snipe) forming part of the Royal Scotsman land-cruise set.

Paramedics were soon at the scene as well as the fire services with three people treated at the scene, two more being moved to Raigmore Hospital for minor injury treatment.

Stores and catering equipment on the coach (which was road moved away from the scene several days later) including wine bottles were heavily damaged or smashed following the impact.

### **Swanage Railways**

**26/09** Whilst hosting the 'Cross Country HST Farewell' special during the day (see below - Arriva XC notes & news) other 5 coach passenger trains over the line were operated by steam 563 Adams T3 4-4-0 (of 1893!) and

34070 Manston, the DMU through link to and from Wareham being suspended.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Bristol Temple Meads - refurbishment**

**13/10** Following an exploratory survey in 2021, work started on the new Eastern 'University Campus' entrance on the opposite side of platform 15, steel work above the already existing subway being checked prior to a new gap being created in the stone work following excavation work. On completion the new entrance will be kept closed until the new Campus opens in 2026. Other new entrance plans include one from next to Bath Road Bridge (off A4 road - currently occupied by a Kwik Fit tyre centre).

### **Ashley Down Station**

With the new lift shaft and footbridge foundations having been put in place during the Summer the actual structures were taking shape by the end of September.

### **Pensford Viaduct, North-East Somerset**

**11/10** The former Bristol - North Somerset Railway stone structure saw its 150th anniversary on this date, having been brought into use along with the railway in 1873. Recent repair work has seen drainage repairs and repointing on the 16 arch, 95ft high and 332 yard long bridge which was purchased from BR back in the 1980s by an unknown purchaser for only £1! The line from Bristol - Frome was closed to passengers in 1959 and freight 9 years later following heavy rain fall which washed away part of the track-bed between Radstock and Bristol. A party was held in the shadow of the viaduct in the village pub, 'The Rising Sun' with a good number of villagers in attendance.

### **Arriva XC**

The operator in association with Modern Railways Magazine marked the final farewell for their HST use with a 'Pines Express' 1Z43 0635 Leeds - Swanage (1242) and 1Z44 1618 return to Leeds (2349) using 43007 XC02 (as 2+8) 43008, the outward departing Bournemouth at 1157 (7 late), Wareham 1217 (7 late) and arriving at 1254 (12 late), with the return which left Swanage at 1622 (4 late), passing Worgret junction at 1653 (2 late) and Poole 1717 (1 late).

During the Dorset Coastal stay, the set was also able to work a 'Bournemouth Belle' 1Z25 1310 Swanage - Bournemouth (1440) which passed Harmans Cross (on the branch line) at 1325 (5 late) and 1Z26 1452 return to Swanage (1545) outward and departed Wareham at 1517 (5 late) on the return.

### **Class 37s For Sale**

It is reported that five Class 37 locomotives are to be put up for sale by DRS. Class 37 part lots are also available. The locos are 37069, 37402, 37423, 37218, 37401

### **Class 70**

Freightliner are reported to be bringing back three class members with the

longest out of traffic, 70009 (stored in January 2019) going forward to Colas for a 'hire' period. 70013 and 70018 are the other two locos listed.

### **Class 701**

**03/10** GBRf 47727 passed West Ealing at 1027 hauling EMU set 701020 as a 5Q68 Wimbledon - Bicester MoD storage move.

### **Devon Mainline Protected**

A new £48 million rock fall shelter located on the coastal railway between Dawlish and Teignmouth was completed during the review period with a report of 185 pieces of pre-cast concrete, 4,100 tonnes of red sand and 5,132 tonnes of concrete back fill being used.

All materials and track side equipment needed were moved to the site, which has no road access, by rail using road-rail machines loaded at Newton Abbot.

### **GBRf**

**02/10** 59003 was back in use on a 0Z21 1000 Eastleigh yard - Salisbury (1104) and 0Z22 1100 return to Eastleigh yard (1211) light-loco test run passing Romsey at 1030 (10 early) on the return.

**11/10** 50049 + 50007 (with barriers) top n' tailed a 5X72 1044 Wembley reception 1-7 sidings - Bournemouth Trsmtd refurbished EMU 458425 move which passed Woking at 1204 (4 early) and Totton 1435 (3 early).

### **Industrial Action**

**30/09** A one day stoppage saw up to 50% of trains running with around 12,000 ASLEF drivers on strike with further action dates planned for 4th and 10th October. An overtime ban has also been in operation. However RMT Union Underground staff members called off their planned strikes for both 3rd and 6th October.

### **Leaf-Busting - 2023**

Didcot - 3J41/42/43 - 66135 (613109 + 613112) 66044 from 22/09, 66135 replaced 66155 from 10th October.

Margam - 66107 (6420?? + 6420??) 66025.

St.Blazey - 3J11/12/13 - 66097 + 66113 (642031 + 642035) from 22nd September.

Swindon Transfer yard - 3S31/32/33 - 56051 + 56113 (642025 + 642046) from 1st October, 67027 replaced 56051 on 5th Oct, 56051 had returned on 7th October. 3S59 - 66846 + 66848 (642014 + 642032) from 1st October.

Train working notes - lines covered were basically similar to previous years;

Didcot - Westbury via B&H, Melksham and Swindon.

Margam - Western Valley lines, Vale of Glamorgan, Cardiff Suburban.

Swindon (1) Cotswold lines, including Kemble & Evesham, Worcester, Hereford, Kings Norton, Gloucester and Newport.

Swindon (2) 3S59: Chippenham, Westbury, Avonmouth, Bristol Parkway, South Wales (Eastern Valleys), Hereford, Moreton-on-Lugg, Filton Bank all lines (MO), Weston-super-Mare (WX), Highbridge loop (MWX), Portbury Dock (WO).

St.Blazey - Westbury with Paignton, Exmouth, Barnstaple, Okehampton branch lines and Whatley Quarry.

As is normal some variations apply on a daily and week-end basis regarding departure times and route.

### **Lighting Trial**

Colas Class 37 37254 has been fitted with experimental lighting powered by solid oxide fuel. Working with G-Volution Ltd., internal and auxiliary lighting is generated using cells run by liquefied petroleum gas which produces near zero emissions. The loco with the new modifications was tested at Rugby on 21st September.

### **Loco Services Ltd**

**25/09** The operator opened a new loco stabling/servicing point on the site of Carlisle Upperby Carriage sidings, 37667 'Flopsie' becoming the first loco to visit on this date. Along with their main base at Crewe, a servicing/stabling point at Southall is also in use.

### **Manchester**

For the Music & Beyond Festival which took place in the City from 11th - 14th October, former 'Oasis' music star Liam Gallagher now of 'High Flying Birds' fame was making passenger stop announcements over the B Line 'metro-link' tram and bus network!

### **Northern HS2 Finally Shelved**

An anticipated announcement was finally made in early October regarding this rail project to Manchester north from Birmingham (quoted as £33 billion in 2010) which has now trebled in price, as being cancelled with an estimated saving of £36 billion being made which will now be available for other transport rail and road schemes throughout the country. The already 3 year late running scheme costs have escalated in recent times mainly linked to the Covid-19 pandemic and material costs, even though much land and property had been purchased over the planned routes. The project had also been heavily underestimated re costings, a second link from Birmingham - Leeds having already been cancelled in 2021. Even in the London area, questions still hang over whether Euston or Old Oak Common, (with connections for the Cross London Elizabeth Line) will be the lines Capital terminus.

A planned future HS3 route from Leeds - Manchester over the Pennines (which had been postponed in 2022 with an estimated cost then of £96 billion) would also now seem very much in doubt.

New Rail Projects - As a result of the new funding being available the North Wales Coast mainline is set to be electrified, with a costing of £1 billion and investment into 'Network North' lines in the Leeds and Manchester areas.

The West of England Central Authority is to receive £100 million with listed; the reinstatement of the railway from Tavistock to Bere Alston and Plymouth in Devon with new mainline stations at Wellington (planning already well advanced) and Cullompton to be reopened.

Also the extension of the Metro-West scheme from Weston-super-Mare onwards to Taunton, development of Worle (Weston-super-Mare) to Parkway status, step free access for all area stations and a restart of electrification with the 'missing' (but work started) section from Chippenham to Bristol TM and Parkway (via Filton Bank) completed.

Some of the saved money is also likely to be redirected away from road and

rail use towards new housing and schools.

### **HST for Export - Update**

By mid-October, power cars 43007/8/9. 43010/6. 43040. 43172. 43192. were all lined up for the move abroad, all being located at Great Yarmouth except the first two on the list.

Former XC power cars 43184 + 43304 were booked to run direct on 16th October as 0Q48 Leeds Neville Hill to the port along with 43239 + 43366 with more coaches on a 5Q43 from Ely Papworth sidings working.

Shipping was expected to arrive for loading between 16th-18th October with an African destination reported as Nigeria for new owner the 'Cayman Islands Company'.

The Mexican operator has been confirmed as 'Corredor Inter-Oceanico' using a grey/dark blue split livery with white lining and Gobierno De Mexico lettering.

### **Positive Traction**

**16/10** The Chesterfield based clean energy company released 08308 the first battery electric driven shunting loco conversion to Barrow Hill for evaluation. The loco now carries a grey/green livery with large '08e' side branding. Another 08 battery conversion is known to be taking place at Kidderminster on the Severn Valley Railway.

### **Road Movements**

**13/10** Former Arriva XC HST power car 43008 in Inter-City Swallow livery was reported in the Exeter area at 0715 and passed near Weston-super-Mare M5 (junction 21) at 0840, believed en-route to Great Yarmouth for export. Allelys was the road-haulier involved.

### **Great Western Railway 'Castle' HST passenger diagrams**

From 11th September (Mon-Fri);

1. 2C05 0540 Bristol TM - Penzance, 2U20 1050 return to Cardiff, 2C85 1700 return to Taunton, 2U30 1914 return to Cardiff, 2C95 2200 return to Bristol TM.

2. 2C09 0650 Bristol TM - Penzance, 2P13 1150 return to Plymouth, 2C27 1418 return to Penzance, 2U32 1650 return to Cardiff Central.

3. 2C11 1015 Plymouth - Penzance, 2U24 1250 return to Cardiff Central, 2C89 1900 return to Bristol TM.

Empty stock 'Q' moves; 5C98 0832 St.Philips Marsh - Laira Trsmd, 5M98 1318 Laira Trsmd - Bristol TM.

(Saturdays);

1. 2U00 0628 Bristol TM - Cardiff Central, 2C67 0800 return to Penzance, 2U26 1350 return to Cardiff, 2C91 1954 return to Bristol TM.

2. 2C12 0722 Exeter St.Davids - Penzance, 2P86 1115 return to Plymouth, 2C22 1343 return to Penzance, 2H72 1550 return to Plymouth.

**20/09** There were 5 'Castle' HST diagrams on this date with 43154 GW09 43092 operating a 2C49 Penzance - Weston-super-Mare and 2M20 1525 return working. The line from Weston to Bristol was closed for engineering work.

**21/09** 150263 + 158958 departed Newton Abbot at 0651 with 2C04 0625 Exeter St.Davids - Penzance service, the latter still operating as a 2-car set.

'Castle' HST sets in use during the day were listed as; 43098 GW05 43156,

43187 GW07 43186, 43153 GW08 43155 with DMU 158959 covering one of the diagrams.

43153 GW08 43155 also covered for an IET set (with the inward 1C75 0938 Paddington - Paignton cancelled) working the 1A87 1410 Paignton - Paddington as far as Exeter St.Davids, the 'Castle' having earlier formed an inward 1156 Exeter St.Davids - Paignton (part of the IET diagram) only.

**23/09** There were two Saturday 'Castle' HST diagrams; 43153 GW08 43155 - 2U00 0628 Bristol TM - Cardiff Central, 2C67 0800 return to Penzance, 2U26 1350 return to Cardiff, 2C91 1954 return to Bristol and 43154 GW09 43092 - 3C12 0525 Laira Trsmd - Exeter St.Davids, 2C12 0722 return to Penzance, 2P86 1115 return to Plymouth, 2C22 1343 return to Penzance and 2M72 1550 return to Bristol TM.

**05/10** A 5L46 0955 Laira Trsmd - Ely Papworth sidings (2039) former de-branded HST stock move was 'ROG' worked formed 43009. 48147/8. 49116. 48127/9. 43016, passing Totnes at 1011 (14 early), Exeter St.Davids 1045 (15 early) and Taunton 1114 (19 early).

**06/10** HST coaches 42370 and 44021 both left Laira Depot by road during the day for Long Marston.

**13/10** Friday 13th lived up to it's name with three mainline problems reported during the day! A broken rail between Gloucester and Parkway (see Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Westerleigh and Yate notes & news), a points failure (unconfirmed due to train passage damage) between Swindon and Gloucester (via Kemble) affecting up services which recorded at one stage a 90 minute gap with trains having to divert via a reverse at Bristol Parkway (a very crowded unidentified Turbo set working being the first used!) and late afternoon/evening flooding at Wootton Bassett saw another gap out of the Capital with cancellations, IET 802109 working a 1Z32 2028 departure to Swansea from platform 10 being a very crowded first! Passengers had in fact initially been directed to platform 3 and 800309 which had arrived at 1930 (8 late) on 1A33 1900 ex. Bristol TM service, for this working but the use of this set was cancelled! Also during the day, 'Castle' HST set 43092 GW09 43188 worked 2C73 1100 Bristol TM - Penzance in place of the booked IET, but was replaced at Exeter St.Davids and able to do a late evening Exeter - Paignton and return 'Devon Metro' working in place of a DMU! The set was originally allocated a 5C98 0832 St.Philips Marsh - Laira Trsmd (via Plymouth) empty move.

**16/10** The 2C09 0650 Temple Meads - Penzance (allocated 43029 GW09 43155) was cancelled from Bristol but was later believed started at Plymouth. One of the two 'Castle' HST sets 43094 GW02 43142 stored on the West Somerset Railway was moved back to Plymouth as 5Z12 1315 Bishops Lydeard - Laira Trsmd (1602) departing Taunton following a reverse move at 1339 (22 early) and passing Dawlish at 1419 (16 early).

Turbo set 166202 was reported returned from Wolverton now in GWR green colours, with 166201 also in works, leaving three 166207/9 and 166211 still in traffic carrying First Group blue.

**17/10** The second stored 'Castle' HST set formed 43162 GW03 43042 departed the West Somerset Railway as 5Z25 1145 Minehead - Laira Trsmd (1609) departing Taunton at 1406 (5 late) and passing Dawlish Warren at 1437 (3 late).

Evening chaos on the sea-wall in the Dawlish area with a high tide and strong winds saw IET 802114 with 1C92 1803 Paddington - Penzance struck by a wave reducing the set to only 1 engine being initially held at

Teignmouth then terminated at Newton Abbot. Not long after 802005 working 2C87 1800 Cardiff Central - Penzance suffered the same fate but was failed completely in Dawlish station being terminated here at 2101 (8 late). Set 800004 was used as 1Z99 to rescue 2C87 and move it as 5Z77 empty to Laira Trsmd departing at 0247 during the following morning.

With single line working having been introduced passengers had been long transferred to 2C89 1900 Cardiff Central - Plymouth service formed with 'the reliable old guard' 'Castle' HST set 43186 GW07 43189 which departed Dawlish platform 2 at 2254 (31 late), 802006 having been held at Plymouth with the 2C44 2238 departure to Penzance (0035) leaving at 2311 (33 late) for Cornish bound passengers.

Arriva XC had cancelled all its trains over the sea-wall section from 2045, with shuttle between Plymouth and Newton Abbot planned for the following morning, the paths being not used as a near normal XC service had continued.

**18/10** The next day had not started well with North Atlantic named storm 'Babet' close with further failures involving 802102 on the 1C55 0600 Paddington - Penzance train having been struck by a wave held at Teignmouth having arrived at 0905 (7 late) being later moved to Stoke Gifford (via Newton Abbot) by 800006.

Late morning recorded 802114 still present in platform 1 at Newton Abbot (having suffered problems on the Dawlish sea wall during the previous day) and 802014 in platform 5 at Exeter St.Davids which arrived here earlier on the 1A77 0835 Plymouth - Paddington service.

Meanwhile, 'Castle' set 43189 GW07 43186 departed Totnes at 1105 with 1A80 0815 Penzance - Paddington which had been worked by 802013 from Penzance - Plymouth, the HST was later replaced at Exeter St.Davids by 802012 for the run onwards to the Capital and 802010 was terminated at Exeter St.Davids with 2C69 0900 Cardiff Central - Penzance and was used as 1Z99 rescue set for 802102 at Teignmouth but also was later failed having been struck by a sea wave! It is believed a third set, possibly 800006 was involved to eventually clear the line which was reopened to single line working from reversible working, at 1930 local 'Devon Metro' services in the meantime also having been suspended.

**19/10** No doubt down to several IETs being out of traffic due to salt/heavy rain-fall water damage, an 'extra' 'Castle' HST set was in use with 43042 GW03 43162 working 2C00 0533 Plymouth - Penzance, 2U14 0740 return to Cardiff Central, 2C79 1400 return to Penzance and 5C79 1955 return ecs to Penzance Long Rock depot.

Also during the day Turbo 166201 passed Chippenham at 1213 as a 5Q89 0904 Wolverton Middle sidings - St.Philips Marsh repaint move from First Blue into GWR green.

IET set 802014 was finally moved from Newton Abbot platform 1 by 800007 which had arrived 1Z99 from Plymouth. The unusual 'combo' then formed a 5Z74 1516 move to Stoke Gifford Depot (1838) being recorded as calling Dawlish Warren from 1533-1548 to allow 'Castle' HST set 43098 GW07 43004 to pass at 1547 with 2U24 1250 Penzance - Cardiff Central service, departing Exeter St.Davids at 1602 (29 early), passing Taunton at 1716 (14 early) and Worle junction 1811 (24 late).

### **Scot-Rail**

**07/10** A number of services were weather affected with a months rain falling in one day. The Yoker line between Clydebank and Dalmuir was



closed with pumps being used to clear several inches of water from the twin tunnel section.

### TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

**22/09** Yate - DR79231/2/3/6/7 passing at 1900 as a 6Z08 Bristol East yard - Wellingborough move.

**29/09** Parsons Street junction (Bristol) - rrv A.P.Webb RTE025 (911373-7). RAIL073 (910041-1). trailers (020109-3). (020114-3).

**09/10** Pilning - DR73920 passing at 1131 on a 6J81 1026 Westbury Up yard - Cardiff Taff Vale sidings move.

**19/10** Dawlish Warren - rrv Pro-Rail Services PRS109 (910174-0). PRS110 (910183-1). trailers PRS515 (020274-5). PRS516 (020275-2).

Quattro Rail 1079 (911347-1). trailers 1196. 1198 (010870-2). 1199.

platform lift 1192 (912286-0). 6 road-wheel crane 1270/AC05 RXC (919086-7).

### TRIP REPORTS

**TRIP 593**

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PRESERVED**

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Report provided by Mike Crew, Dave Forse, Pete Dix, & Simon Reeve

#### **Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal**

Wagons: 2380 2929 196-6/018-9 Plus queries 3387 4938 381-1 3387 4908 ???-?  
Freight working

66156 6M13 Dollands Moor - Ditton with consist 804741114-8/149-4/127-0/  
115-5/150-2/ 117-1/148-6/112-2 704938114-6/033-8/137-7/022-1 804741143-7  
874908331-1/301-4

#### **Northamptonshire Ironstone Railway Trust**

Steam: Thomas Peckett 2130 0-4-0 saddle tank of 1949

Diesel: Sentinel Musketeer 4wVBT of 1946; Hylton 'Planet' 3967 4w DH of 1961; BR/YEC D2867 Class 02 of 1961; John Fowler 4220001 0-4-0 DM of 1959 named Charles Wake; Hudswell Clarke D697 0-4-0DM of 1950. (Flame proof); John Fowler 4220016 Flying Falcon 0-4-0 DE of 1962. (Unique low cab design); Sentinel Belvedere 4wVBT of 1946; Ruston & Hornsby 4wDM 394014 of 1956

EMU Stock: BR 14351 ex Class 415/1 4 EPB DMBS 5176 of 1956; BR 69304 ex Class 422/2 4 BIG TCB 7034 of 1965; BR 70284 ex Class 411/2 CEP TSOL 7135 of 1959; BR 70296 ex Class 411/2 CEP TSOL 7147 of 1960; BR 70510 ex Class 411/4 CEP TSOL 7161 of 1960

BR Coaching Stock: BR GUV 86803 / 93803 / 94062 converted into a crane runner of 1959

Pre BR/PO Wagon Stock: PO 54 4w Steel open wagon; PO S624 4w 4Plank open goods, ex Stanton Ironworks; PO S849 4w 6Plank open goods, ex Stanton Ironworks; PO 3046 4w 4Plank open goods, ex Stewarts & Lloyds; PO 64965 4w Steel hopper of 1910; SR S56134 Brake Van of 1931; Metropolitan 3224 10ton 4w non vent van, (Unique); LNWR 76954 / 276954 12ton non vent van grounded of 1912; LMS M420708 4w 5 plank open goods of 1947; LMS/BR B950061 Brake Van of 1950; Manchester Ship Canal 4w cauldron wagon, basic remains only  
BR Wagon Stock: BR B774977 12ton single vent van of 1958. Ex Swanage

Railway; BR B780331 12ton single vent van of 1958 Ex Swanage Railway; Flat wagon 321734 named Mabel. Ex Ruston Hornsby 4wDM chassis of 1952

Many thanks to the custodians of the site for an excellent and informative visit.

### **Irchester Narrow Gauge Railway**

Yard Peckett 0-6-0ST No87 of 1942 metre gauge (Gate Guardian); LMS/BR B75XXXX 12ton single vent van (sectioned); Saw Mill flat wagon; Motorail LR3084 / 14 / 4wDM rebuilt 1926. 3 foot gauge; Ruston & Hornsby 4wDMF No5 of 1953; 1 ton Mechanical Crane no number.

Note - There were various other items of stock in the yard including tubs, flat wagons, a winch, none of which showed a number.

### Workshop

Steam: Corpet, Louvet & Compagnie, Paris 0-6-0ST 'Cambrai' of 1888; Peckett 0-6-0ST No85 of 1934 metre gauge; Peckett 0-6-0ST No86 of 1934 metre gauge.

Diesel: Hunslet Engine Co 4wDM 'The Rock' of 1941. Worked for The Admiralty at Gibraltar moving ammunition trains; Ruston & Hornsby 4wDM ED10 / 411322 'Edward Charles Hampton' of 1958; Ruston & Hornsby 4wDM ND3645 / 211679 of 1941; Ruston & Hornsby ND3645 / 10 'Milford' 4wDM of 1941

Wagons: MOD Wagon no number 4w Ammunition van in grey; MOD Wagon No3 4w Ammunition van

Many thanks to the custodians for a very interesting visit describing the history of the mining industry in Northamptonshire and not forgetting the tea and chocolate biscuits!

### **Rushden Station Transport Museum**

Steam: WG Bagnall 2654 0-6-0ST 'Cherwell' of 1942; Andrew Barclay ED4 0-4-0ST 'Edmundsons' of 1943

Diesel: 142084 (55734, 55780) Class 142 of Derby 1986; 142091 (55741, 55787) Class 142 of Derby 1986; BR DMU 55029 / 977968 Class 121 Pressed Steel of 1960; Andrew Barclay ED4 0-4-0ST of 1943; Robel diesel railcar 059 of 1975; Rushton & Hornsby WD72222 0-4-0DM of 1942; Vulcan Foundry/Drewry AD246 / YD10433 0-4-0DM of 1945; Sentinel No2 'Les Forster' 4wDH of 1963

Crane: Grafton 4w steam crane 2733 of 1949

Pre BR Coaching Stock: LNER 24279 / 9123 'Julie' RB coach of 1937

BR Coaching Stock: BR 3918 Mk1 TSO of 1954; BR 5166 Mk2 TSO 'Clan Mackenzie' of 1966; BR 34004 / 975496 Mk1 BSK of 1951; BR 35004 / 80413 Mk1 POT of 1956; BR35073 Mk1 BSK of 1957; BR 81294 / 92363 BG of 1957; BR GUV 86762 / 94102 / 95102 of 1958

PO/Pre BR Wagon Stock: 060 4w open trailer ex Croydon Tramlink of 1975; 062 4w open trailer ex Croydon Tramlink of 1975; M184704 / 5A Prestflo cement hopper; LMS 492187 4w 5 plank long open goods of 1938; LMS 516795 12ton vented van of 1941; LMS 517250 12ton vented van of 1942; LMS Brake van 731920 of 1945; Ex Portland Cement Co 4w steel body tippler no number of 1957; LNER DE960602 / 024341 Bogie long flat of 1931; LNER 250919 / ADE321073 Train heating unit converted from Great Central 22ton pipe wagon  
BR Wagon Stock: 200090 VAA of 1969; B38XXXX 1 of 2 no details; B38XXXX 2 of 2 no details; B384074 open tippler of 1955; DC460171 steel ballast of

1979; B505810 Conflat of 1958; B904147 Lowmac of 1959; 973181 / B432668 Engineers Clam of 1958 rebuilt 1989; B991571 Grampus ballast of 1960; B993594 Dogfish hopper of 1960

### **Northampton & Lamport Railway**

Steam: Hawthorn Leslie 3718 0-4-0 ST 'Swanscombe' No4 of 1928; Peckett 2104 0-4-0ST of 1948

Diesel: Ruston & Hornsby 53 'Sir Alfred Wood' 0-6-0DM of 1953; Ruston & Hornsby 764 0-4-0ST 4wDM of 1953; BR Class 31 D5821 / 31289 Brush Traction 1961; BR Class 47 D1855 / 47205 / 47395 Crewe 1965

Pre BR Coaching Stock: Hawksworth GWR297 / DW150354 BG of 1949 converted to cinema coach 1963; SR 2158 PMVY of 1942

BR Coaching Stock: BR 5132 Mk2 TSO of 1967; BR 5174 Mk2 TSO of 1967; BR 9383 / 9102 Mk 2 BSO of 1966; BR 10412 / 10203 / 40506 Mk3 TRUK of 1977; BR 12049 Mk3 TSO of 1977; BR 12067 Mk3 TSO of 1976; BR 13324 Mk1 FK of 1961; BR 35021 / 99201 / 889301 Mk1 BSK Converted to bullion van and then MOD Escort Vehicle; BR 82114 Mk3b DLV of 1990

Items not seen by all participants: John Fowler 0-4-0DM of 1954; BR 113008 ZDA of 1961; BR 200026 VAA van of 1969; BR B951805 brake van ?? of 1952; GWR W94850 open goods wagon of 1921; SR 44551 twin vent van of 1931; LMS/BR 37326 CCT of 1952

Due to a wedding party attending this venue no access was available apart from the adjacent cycle/walking path.

### **Daventry North Jn**

EMU: 350106 350373 350374

#### Freight working

66156 6M13 Dollands Moor - Ditton

### **Northampton**

EMUs: 350106 350108 350111 350122 350126 350127 350130 350232 350233 350240 350245 350254 350257 350258 350368 350373 350401 350404 350405

#### Freight workings

66764 4M23 Felixstowe - Hams Hall

66747 4L05 Birch Coppice - Felixstowe

66776 4M29 Felixstowe - Birch Coppice

66748 4M47 London Gateway - Hams Hall

68011 0Z69 Willesden Brent - Carlisle Kingmoor

### **DIRFT**

Loco: 66179

### **Rugby**

Locos: 57309 86259

EMUs: 350125 350247 350263 350370 350402 350404 350409 390001 390039 390040 390045 390117 390123 390126 390127 390130 390136 390137 390156

#### Freight workings

66719 4L13 Hams Hall - Felixstowe

68014 0Z68 Carlisle Kingmoor - Willesden Brent

66618 6Z87 Northampton Castle Yard - Guide Bridge Yard

66546 4S49 Daventry - Grangemouth

68002 4M27 Coatbridge - Daventry

68005 4S44 Daventry - Coatbridge

66421 4V38 Daventry - Wentloog

## Colas Depot

Loco: 37254

TRIP 594

CHESTER

21st October 2023

Report provided by John Dicks, Dave Forse, and Nick Tompkin courtesy of On Track Plant.

## Bescot (From M6)

Loco 66712 Peterborough Power Signal Box

Wagon 501364

## Chester Station

Dmu Sets 150101/118/131 150235 156405 158819/833 175110/113/115  
195010/016/022 197001/004/007 Happy Valley/008/009/014/015/016/020/044  
197101/106/111  
On Track Plant 98912/962

## Helsby Area

Grampus Wagon 991102

Road/Rail GBR Solutions RRV01 940746-9 Komatsu PW160 Megarailer  
H55559/2009 (This is a new company that has re-used the fleet number RRV01  
on a second hand machine which they fitted with rail wheels.)

## Warrington, Walton Old Junction

The yard was jammed with units, two of which were class 777's.

## Warrington, Arpley (Viewed from Train)

Locos 66028/089 66221

Wagons 17204/208/217/226/231/239 19715 300414 320020 470119/124  
910251/442 950272/395/742/963 81 70 4908 107-5; 41 70 6723 017-3/020-7/  
039-7/063-7/075-1/080-1/083-5/106-4

Passing Dmu 195007

## Warrington, Bank Quay Station

Locos 60087 Bountiful 66427 66541

Dmu Sets 195007 195118 197001/015 197101

Emu Sets 390040/045 Birmingham Pride 390132 City of Birmingham/154

On Track Plant 73909 Saturn

## Freight workings

66427 with consist 39 70 4901 000-2/036-6/052-3; 33 68 4909 188-7/420-4  
60087 with consist 83 70 0698 022-6/039-0/041-6/044-0/063-0073-9/078-8/  
085-3/087-9/101-8/102-6/144-8/149-7/150-5/176-0/194-3/204-0/213-1

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