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EVENTS

TRIP 314                      MANCHESTER INDUSTRIAL                      Saturday 23/1/99

ITINERARY; IRLAM: Salford Metropolitan District Council;  
Adams Peat Products; Joseph Metcalfe Ltd;  
J.C Gillespie; TRAFFORD PARK: Adtranz Ltd;  
Manchester Ship Canal Co; Trafford Park Est.  
S.T.S Container Base Ltd.

PERMITS; All to be applied for.

FARES; Members; £14, Non Members; £16, Deposit; £5.

TIMES; Nailsea & Backwell Dep; 06.30 Arr; 21.30  
Temple Meads                      Dep; 06.55 Arr; 21.05  
Parkway                              Dep; 07.15 Arr; 20.45

BOOKINGS; To Martin Lear by 23/12/98 please.

TRIP 315                      WARWICKSHIRE                      Saturday 20/2/99

ITINERARY; RUGBY: Miller Construction; CE Plant Depot;  
Prison Services College, Stratford-Under-Fosse;  
White Wagtail, Shilton; North Warwickshire Rly,  
Nuneaton; European Metal Recycling, Kingsbury;  
J. Lewis, Maxstoke; Airfield Line, Baginton;  
Hatton Country World; P. Westmacott, Studley.

PERMITS; All to be applied for.

FARES; Members; £13, Non Members; £15, Deposit; £5.

TIMES; Nailsea & Backwell Dep; 06.30 Arr; 21.30  
Temple Meads                      Dep; 06.55 Arr; 21.05  
Parkway                              Dep; 07.15 Arr; 20.45

BOOKINGS; To Martin Lear by 20/1/99 please.

TRIP 316                      LINCOLNSHIRE                      Sunday 14/3/99.

ITINERARY; De Montfont University, Caythorpe; T. Hall,  
Dorrington; Fulstow Steam Centre; Grimsby &  
Louth Rly, Ludborough; H.L.P.G, Binbrook  
Airfield; Museum of Lincolnshire Life, Lincoln.

PERMITS; All to be applied for.

FARES; Members; £17, Non Members; £19, Deposit; £7.

TIMES; Nailsea & Backwell Dep; 06.30 Arr; 21.30  
Temple Meads Dep; 06.55 Arr; 21.05  
Parkway Dep; 07.15 Arr; 20.45

BOOKINGS; To Martin Lear by 14/2/99 please.

**GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION**

1. The pick up points are the standard ones. If you live outside of the areas served by these points but on the line of route for a trip please contact Martin Lear to arrange another which is mutually convenient.
2. The following comprises the fare structure:-  
ADULT MEMBER FULL FARE.  
ADULT MEMBER + SPOUSE FULL FARE + HALF FARE.  
ADULT MEMBER + CHILD FULL FARE + QUARTER FARE.  
UNACCOMPANIED CHILD THREE QUARTERS FARE.

A child is defined as a person who has not yet reached their seventeenth birthday and is still in full time education.

People who are not members or family members will have their fares increased by the non member rate. (£2 PER DAY.)

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3. The discounts highlighted above for family members relate to travel costs only. Hotel Accommodation and Permits will be charged at cost price.
4. Members are reminded that where only one magazine is required, relatives living at the same address can become family members at the rate of £1 per head, per annum.
5. Do you know someone who would like to join the Society? Existing members can earn a £2 credit/bonus for each new member introduced. This credit/bonus can be used on any future Society trips.
6. After the decision taken at the recent AGM, catering will no longer be provided after the currently stock is exhausted.

**NOTES AND NEWS**

## BRISTOL

- 01/11 1S85 08.20 Plymouth-Aberdeen left Plymouth at 08.00 and was routed via Yeovil then into Bristol T.M., back out to Bristol East Depot for a reversal, then to Bristol Parkway. It was delayed further by flooding between Parkway and Swindon, leaving Swindon 75 mins late.
- 02/11 37238 noted early morning at Stapleton Road with a southbound ballast working.  
SVR steam locomotives 45110+48773 returned with their support coach 99405, during the morning from Bishops Lydeard to Kidderminster. The steam locomotives had visited Newquay and Penzance on Railtours during October. 47764(CD)+47791(ML) were paired on the midday vans to Plymouth.
- 03/11 47813 *SS Great Britain* (LA) in GWT livery worked 1V35 06.36 Wolverhampton-Plymouth after hauling 47806(TO) on a wheelskate from Cheltenham to Saltley the previous day. 58003/09(TO) worked 6A65 Avonmouth-Didcot in multiple.  
West Country 34027 TAW VALLEY was in trouble (in London) on the final Victoria-Bath VSOE. It was reported that a Class 37 piloted the steam locomotive on the down working and a RES Class 47 returned the train, running late during the late afternoon. The locomotives involved were not known.  
66016/021(TO) passed through Day's Curve during the day running from Newport-Westbury, to act as training locomotives.  
Parkway this evening saw:-  
56086 with MGR empties for Avonmouth, 56135 working Llandarcy-Grain bitumen tanks, 47329 Millbrook-Pengam freightliner, 47157 Pengam-Felixstowe freightliner, 56118 Russell's coal and 60040 Hallen-Furzebrook LPG empties.
- 04/11 47474 and 37902 noted heading northbound through Lawrence Hill at 09.00 as light engines. Turbo set 165107(RG) was stabled at St Phillips Marsh. 37674(CF) worked the afternoon Cliffe Vale-St Blazey freight. An unsafe tree at Durley Lane, Keynsham caused delays and diversions during the afternoon, three Great Western HSTs and one Oxford turbo were affected. 58003/09 worked 6C65 Didcot-Avonmouth. 47828(TO) was allocated to 1V65 16.44 York-Plymouth in place of an HST.
- 05/11 Weymouth diagram was covered by 150261(CF).

Brief visit to Parkway this evening saw 58003/009 head northbound with a MGR from Avonmouth, 56086 with empties for Avonmouth and 60010 with the bitumen tanks.

- 06/11 73101 *The Royal Alex*/128(HG) visited Bath on a track recording train, 1Z04 03.57 Southampton-Stewarts Lane. The times were arr 08.58, Bath DGL 09.14-09.43, dep 09.57. It returned to Southampton before working on to Stewarts Lane.
- 09/11 47772 noted mid afternoon heading for St Phillips Marsh with fuel tanks and later was recorded as the TPO loco. The 19.24 Leeds service was 23 mins late and comprised loco and coaches in lieu of an HST. On arrival the fitters replaced the main headlight bulb. Not performing as well was the 18.43 Plymouth service, ex Aberdeen which was 90 mins in arrears. A change of station pilot saw 08947 performing this duty, deputising for 08896. New van conversions noted today were 94507 at Barton Hill and 94501/504 in the TPO consist.
- 10/11 Quiet evening at Parkway saw only 60049 with MGR empties to Avonmouth, 47334 Millbrook-Pengam freightliner and 56079 with the Russell's coal.
- 11/11 165111(RG) passed Coalpit Heath at 14.00 running towards Bristol Parkway for St Phillips Marsh. 37668+37873(CF) worked the 08.57 Cliffe Vale-St Blazey freight at 15.00. 37054(EH) was on the 4C13 binliner with a short formation. A similar evening at Parkway with 37371 light engine eastbound, 56047 Russell's coal and 47234/287 Pengam-Felixstowe freightliner.
- 12/11 47711 *County of Hertfordshire* (IM) worked 1V48 11.17 Manchester-Bristol and 1S93 15.18 Bristol-Edinburgh. 1V39 06.40 York-Bristol Temple Meads started from Doncaster at 08.15 with 56118(IM) hauling the train from there to Derby. 47474 noted with late running Bridgwater-Sellafield flasks at 19.15. Van conversions 94505/506 were parked in bay adjacent to platform 2.
- 15/11 47793 *Saint Augustine* (CD) worked 1E28 08.10 Bristol-Birmingham and 1V56 12.16 Birmingham-Bristol.
- 16/11 47793 appeared on 1V38 Leeds-Bristol but 47817 did the return working. 166209 was noted at the Marsh during the morning. In the evening there was severe service disruption

firstly, a Class 37 (37683) was stopped with a wheel flat on the curve between Parkway and Patchway, resulting in London-South Wales services being reversed at Temple Meads. A more serious incident at Bath, which involved the station being closed for an hour as it was advised a passenger in possession of a gun had tried to hi-jack a train. The final event was a misdirected freight at Filton Junction.

- 17/11 Much more activity at Parkway this evening than of late with:- 60049 empty MGR to Avonmouth, 37715 eastbound with RHA Roadstone hoppers, 56129 from Avonmouth with loaded MGR, 60061 LPG empties for Furzebrook, 47258 Pengam freightliner, 37185 with Cargowaggons and steel flatbeds heading for South Wales, 56120 Russell's coal and 56065 Llandarcy-Grain bitumen tanks. There was an operating problem as the 20.19 Birmingham N St service was 60 mins late and the Plymouth-Low Fell vans was a no show.
- 18/11 47747(CF) worked the final Victoria-Bath/Bristol VSOE trip of 1998 passing Keynsham at 12.50. Also recorded were 37897(CF) with a down ballast at 14.05. 37038/071 on an up engineers train at 14.55 and 58040(TO) with the bins at 15.27.  
A fire on a HST set at around 16.00 saw the evacuation of an area around Platform 9. Smoke was coming out of one of the air conditioning ducts, due to a suspected electrical fault in one of the coaches. The set was taken out of service and removed to St Phillips Marsh for examination.  
37411 worked 2093 16.33 Bristol-Weymouth, which started from Lawrence Hill as the stock was worked ECS from Cardiff.
- 19/11 Turbo 165116 noted at St Phillips Marsh wheel lathe.
- 20/11 47771 *Heaton Traincare Depot* (CD) hauled 06.39 Dundee-Penzance between Bristol and Plymouth. Turbo 165108 was noted at the Marsh along with GW liveried sleeping cars 10532/534.
- 21/11 47791(CD) worked 1M25 from Bristol to Birmingham.
- 22/11 37429 *Eisteddfod Genedlaethol* (IM) was a surprise choice for the 1E28 08.22 Bristol-York as far as Birmingham, running approx 45 late. It returned on 10.07 Manchester-Bristol.  
165108(RG) was present at St Phillips Marsh.  
Sunday Engineering work at East Junction saw only the down Filton Line open alongside Barton Hill Depot.

The 1M87, 09.45 Penzance-Manchester service was top n'tailed with 47849 and 47829 to East Depot loop, where 47849 continued the train onwards via Day's Curve and Day's Junction to Parkway. A further top n'tail working took place with the 1E32, 15.00 Bristol-York service with 47829 and 37429. On arrival at East Depot the Class 37/4 was detached and ran 'light' to Didcot. Other HST and DMU services were also using the loop or stopping on the mainline and running via the curve.  
Over at St Phillips Marsh, at least two Mk III sleepers were present in GWT livery.

- 23/11 A Class 73 and Class 66 light engine combination passed through Lawrence Hill during the late morning (the Class 73 was unconfirmed as 73133).
- 24/11 The afternoon southbound Enterprise service was noted at 15.30 with 37510 at the helm. Recorded at Parkway during the evening were:- 58021 with a MGR from Avonmouth, 60071 with Murco empties for South Wales, 56051 bitumen tanks, 60049 LPG empties, 47370 Pengam freightliner and 60076 MGR from Avonmouth. Finally in the yard was 37683 mounted on a wheel skate following its demise on 16/11.
- 25/11 60059(TO) in Load-haul colours worked the Burngullow-Irvine slurry tanks.  
Freight activity at the Parkway this evening was minimal compared to yesterday with just 60021 noted with a MGR from Avonmouth, 60076 with empties for Avonmouth and freightliners 47206 for Pengam and 47290/361 heading to Felixstowe.
- 26/11 Brief visit to Parkway this evening saw 60021 with a MGR from Avonmouth, 60070 with empties for Avonmouth and 56103 heading eastbound with RHA Roadstone hoppers.
- 27/11 1V52 11.10 Glasgow-Penzance arrived at Temple Meads 57 mins late operating on one power car. It was announced the train would not be stopping at Totnes (Fear that it might not get up the banks?).
- 28/11 Noted in the yard during the evening at Stoke Gifford were:- 60040(TO) working the Furzebrook-Hallen Marsh LPG tanks, 56019(IM) in Railfreight red stripe livery shunting an engineers train believed to have arrived from the Churfield area. 60070(TO) passed at 18.04 with westbound bogie oil tankers.

29/11 47742 *The Enterprising Scot* (CD) operated 1E32 14.52 Bristol-York some two hours late after rescuing 47711 at Yate on the inward service from Manchester. It was then terminated at Derby, from where the 1M59 20.24 York-Birmingham was started!

Sunday engineering work was again taking place in the East Junction area with only platforms 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in use. Later 73133(HG) plus an unidentified Class 58 were seen near St Annes running from Eastleigh to Cardiff Canton, the Class 73 then returned 'light'.

30/11 47742 worked 1V35 06.36 Wolverhampton-Plymouth as far as Bristol, from where 47827 took over. 165127 noted at the Marsh this morning. In the evening GNER liveried power car, 43116, was noted as part of the 19.24 Leeds service.

#### THE CLASS 47 COUNT

RES (CD) :- 47565/584. 47640. 47722/725/727/733/734/736/  
737/738/739/741/742/747/749/750/757/760/761/764/  
765/767/768/772/775/777/778/779/780/781/783/784/  
785/788/789/791/792/793.

VT (TO) :- 47812/818/822/827/829/839/840/845/849/851/853.

EWS (ML) :- 47791

#### LOCAL UNITS NOTED DURING THE MONTH

Class 143: 618/619/621/624/625.

Class 150: 219/221/230/233/234/236/238/239/240/241/242/243/  
244/246/247/251/253/254/263/265/266.

Class 153: 302/303/308/318/355/368/370/372/373/374/380/382.

Class 158: 815/816/818/819/820/821/822/823/824/825/826/828/  
829/830/831/832/833/835/836/837/838/839/840/841/  
843/863/864/866/867/868/869/870/871/872.

#### BINLINER

This month's sightings are as given below:

03/11	58040.	10/11	58011.	11/11	58011.	17/11	58040.
18/11	58040.	23/11	58047.	24/11	58019.	26/11	58019.



## TURBO TIME

This month's sightings are as given below:

02/11 165119/120. 09/11 165119/124. 166216.  
12/11 165118/129. 16/11 165127/130.  
19/11 165128/129. 23/11 165120/135.  
30/11 165125/128.

Also noted were 165122/131.

## NEWPORT

04/11 37905 passed through at 00.08 on late running 6V67 Wakefield-Cardiff Tidal, returning to South Wales after two weeks working away from the area.

06/11 The following observations were made:-  
09107. 37047/073/185/419/701/903/905. 47193/337/764.  
56078/079/096. 59104. 60052/059. 66011/012.

07/11 Godfrey Road held 37047(EH)/412/887/894/903/906(CF).

13/11 The following observations were made:-  
09105/107. 37510/905/906. 47114/205/207/976. 59005.  
60052/078. 66005/009/012. 3 ECS HSTs - Swansea?

20/11 The following observations were made:-  
09105/107. 37043/516/903/905/906. 47292. 56069/099.  
60078/082/084/088/095.

25/11 The following were present at Godfrey Road S.P. at  
22.35:-  
37154/162/516/891/895/902/905. 47315. 56032.

27/11 The following observations were made:-  
08957. 09105/203. 37884/905. 47283/315/337/768.  
56019. 59102. 60018. 66016.

The following units were noted at Newport during the month:-

Class 143: 612/614/617/619/620/621/622/624.  
Class 150: 230/234/244/248/267.  
Class 153: 303/318/355.  
Class 158: 815/816/817/818/820/821/822/823/824/827/828/831/  
832/835/836/838/840/841/863/864/866/867/869/  
870/872.

## **CARDIFF**

### **TIDAL SIDINGS**

During the month the following observations have been made at this location:-

08/11 08506/819/854.  
13/11 08651/854/900/932/955.  
22/11 08506/651/900/932.  
27/11 08506/683/819/955.

### **CANTON**

Cardiff Canton was viewed from the footbridge on five occasions during November and the following observations were made:-

01/11 08625/734. 09203. 37162/178/222/412/416/701/901/  
903/904. 47226/234/330/367. 56003/096. 60023/052/  
062/073. TPO: 80355.

08/11 08625/734. 37222/416/513/521/670/701/802/901/902/904.  
47234/287/297/367/535. 56048/120/126. 60036/076/085.  
66014. 97651 moving around yard under its own power.

15/11 08625/734/819. 09203. 37037/178/222/411/412/513/  
516/670/901/902/904. 47157/289. 56025/050/084/  
088/126/130. 60010/018/023/036/078/082. 66016/019.  
TPO: 80403.

22/11 08625/734. 37057/162/222/379/384/411/412/895/901/  
902/904. 47200/289/339/362/367. 56069/074/084/092/  
126. 60018/061/088. 66001/019.

29/11 37178/222/411/416/673/692/886/901/904/906. 47225/289/  
337. 60018/061/088. 66008/015.

### **CENTRAL**

01/11 37713(IM) worked 6Z89 MOD train Tondu-East Dereham via  
Didcot and 47004 *Old Oak Common Traction & Rolling  
Stock Depot* (BS) 6Z90 MOD train Cwmbargoed-East  
Dereham.

02/11 142085/088(NL) are working out of Canton, presumably  
part of the seven which have been swapped for Class  
150/2s. Also seen on Valley Lines have been 142086/  
087/089(NL). All are refurbished internally but retain  
RR livery.

- 03/11 37902(CF) worked 7Z83 Merehead-Harlow Mill whilst 37905(CF) was on 6M34 Bescot-Chaddesden. 37901 might be withdrawn as its radiators are broken and those from 904 won't fit. It was discovered that 50031 has been derated to 2000hp to lessen the possibility of mechanical problems hitting it whilst on hire to Cardiff Railway Co.
- 06/11 150234(CF) worked 14.00 Cardiff-Birmingham, 156417(TS) arrived on 08.25 Skegness-Cardiff and 158857(TS) worked 17.05 Cardiff-Nottingham. 37412 *Driver John Elliot* (CF) worked 1M45 16.26 to Manchester, 50031 16.26 Rhymney and 37416(CF) the 17.05 Rhymney.
- 12/11 Location of 37/9s was: 37901 Canton Stored U/S, 37902 Canton B/LWP, 37903 Slags, 37904 Canton Stored U/S, 37905 Canton A-XAM, 37906 Slags
- 13/11 37419(CF) worked 1M89 16.45 to Manchester. 50031 was on 2R38 16.26 to Rhymney whilst 37412 worked the 17.05 2R32.
- 18/11 The 14.05 Cardiff-Bristol was cancelled, possibly due to shortage of 37/4s. A Class 37 derailed on an afternoon sandite trip, north of Bargoed, blocking the single line. All trains for the rest of the day terminated at Bargoed. 2R38 was operated by a unit whilst 2R32 had 50031 on the front and 37412 at the rear, to allow the stock to return to Cardiff as there was no run-round facility at Bargoed.
- 20/11 50031 was on 2R38 16.26 to Rhymney and 37412 on 2R32 17.05. 37411 *Ty Hafan* (CF) worked 1M89 16.45 to Manchester. 153369(TS) was on 12.55 to Lincoln and 150230(CF) on 14.24
- 21/11 50031 commenced running services between Cardiff and Rhymney. It should run the following services each Saturday until Christmas:
- 09.10 Rhymney - Cardiff Central
  - 11.02 Cardiff Central - Rhymney
  - 12.15 Rhymney - Cardiff Central (retimed from 12.10)
  - 17.02 Cardiff Central - Rhymney
- 30/11 58003 *Markham Colliery* (TO) was noted with train of PGA's heading towards Cardiff Queen Street from Central at approx. 11.45.

### **CLASS 66s**

- 01/11 New Class 66s began to move from Newport Docks. 66013 was seen heading north at Cheltenham at 14.15. At 15.20, 66015/16/17/19/20 moved through the docks, the locomotive at each end of the formation having its engine running. 66012/14/18/21/22 remained on the quayside. EWS's solution to the problem of locos arriving with untaxed fuel in their tanks was discovered - a road tanker (in EWS livery!) was parked at the quayside and the locos fuelled from this to allow engine tests and movement to their first depot.
- 02/11 Training commenced on Class 66s at Doncaster, Knottingley and Ferrybridge! All the London Binliners (Brentford-Appleford, Cricklewood-Forders and Northolt-Calvert) were diagrammed for Class 66 haulage. Five of the new delivery were sent to for the changeover to the new traction.
- 03/11 Locations of some the 66s were: 66005 6M84 Margam-Dee Marsh, 66009 6B58 Grange-Llanwern, 66010 6B83 Ebbw Vale-Margam, 66011 6B57 Llanwern-Grange, 66013 Ferrybridge, 66015 Hither Green, 66016 Acton, 66017 6A61 Cricklewood-Forders, 66019 Hither Green, 66020 Bescot. 66018/21 passed through Newport station eastbound at 11.15, destined for Westbury.
- 04/11 The first half of another shipload (six locos) left the GM plant in London, Ontario for the port of Halifax.
- 05/11 66013 left Knottingley at 05.10, picking up an MGR wagon at Milford to go to Gascoigne Wood to undergo weighbridge tests. It was also diagrammed to run to Drax/Ferrybridge PS. 66021 was light engine at Salisbury 11.45 eastbound on Romsey line.
- 06/11 66008 passed through Cardiff on a coal train for Llanwern.
- 07/11 66018 was at Eastleigh depot at 14.30 and 66012 was at Newport Godfrey Road.
- 09/11 66017 passed Legrave on down binliner.
- 10/11 66022 remained alone at Newport Docks as it was alleged to be out of gauge - 1/16" too wide in the frame. 66018 passed south through Southampton Parkway with a long train of oil tankers at 07.55 and 66021 was in the sidings at Westbury at 09.40.

11/11 66011 worked eastbound through Putney on empty Foster Yeoman tipplers at 11.25. 66014 hauled 66022 out of Newport Docks at 15.00. The gauge problem had presumably been resolved. 66014 stopped at Bescot whilst 66022 went on to Toton. 66020 was seen light engine, except for an old type brake van, heading south of Stafford.

12/11 66018 worked 6B41 07.20 Eastleigh-Fawley, 6V34 10.34 Fawley-Margam (to Eastleigh). The next shipment of eleven Class 66 locomotives for the UK arrived in Halifax. The numbers were 66023-033. 66002 should arrive separately in the UK at about Christmas.

13/11 66022 was on display at NRM York for the naming of D6700 "National Railway Museum" by Ed Burkhardt. 66019 worked coal from Margam to Llanwern.

15/11 66014 was seen outside Knottingley shed.

16/11 66022 was still shown on TOPS as NRM York. The MV Stellanova arrived in Halifax and began loading 66023-033.

17/11 66011 failed at Balham, forcing all traffic to use the slow lines whilst it was rescued.

21/11 66022 left Toton for Peak Forest.

22/11 66007/011 were observed on p/way duty between Old Oak and Westbourne Park at approx 08.55.

24/11 66003 was working Bescot-Aldwarke

25/11 Another batch of locomotives, 66034-044, started to move from the GM plant to Halifax.

26/11 66018 was on 6M23 14.02 Fawley-Washwood Heath bitumen tanks.

27/11 66018 was on 6V13 Furzebrook-Hallen Marsh LPG Tanks.

28/11 The first Class 66 hauled Railtour, Hertfordshire's Route 66 called at Bristol Parkway during the morning (1Z33, 07.50 Paddington-Cardiff Central) behind 66011. The train was formed of fourteen coaches (6311+3150+1696+3127+3123+3114+1679+17023+4925+5023+4986+5027+5037+5007) and visited a number of freight lines including Onllwyn washery. The train returned to time

at 18.45 in the evening behind 66009 running as 17.08 Cardiff Central-Finsbury Park (1Z35).

29/11 66007 was on the 6A55 Appleford binliner.

30/11 The MV Stellanova arrived at Newport Docks. 66006 was seen at Purley on a stone train.

### SHARPNESS BRANCLINE

12/11 37211(EH) worked the Bescot-Berkeley flask trip. However, there was a mix up of flasks on this date, the wrong train reached Bridgwater - the Bridgwater train was swapped at Gloucester yard. Worked to and from by the Class 47 whilst 37211 collected the Berkeley wagons.

19/11 31450/514(BS) worked the Bescot-Berkeley flask trip.

### AVONMOUTH

This location saw its first Class 66 during the month when 66021(TO) work the 17.43 Westbury-Avonmouth and 22.00 return working of loaded MEAs for the cement works. This originally was Class 66 operated but Class 58s took over at the end of the month. Class 66 were due to take over the LPG service from Furzebrook in early December.

04/11 58003/009(TO) were paired on the 6A65, 09.02 MGR service to Didcot. 60039(TO) was also seen on MGR duty.

11/11 60036/049/070(TO) were on MGR duties during the day.

18/11 60049/067/070(TO) were present at 16.25 on separate MGR trains.

19/11 60067(TO) was present on an MGR train at 08.30.

28/11 60070/076(TO) were present during the morning.

30/11 At 09.45, 56035(IM), 60071/076(TO) were present on separate coal trains.

### WINTER MGR TIMES

Monday-Friday (currently operating)

6Z41 00.55 Ironbridge. 6A63 03.35 Drax.

6A65	09.02	Didcot.	6Z43	11.07	Ironbridge.
6Z44	14.38	Ironbridge.	6A68	18.56	Didcot.
6A69	19.09	Drax.	6Z46	20.30	Ironbridge.

## **Stock Alterations**

### **Locomotives**

#### Transfers

37116 (EH) -TO, 37162 (TO) -EH, 37262 (EH) -TO, 37264 (TO) -EH,  
47762 (ML) -CD, 47767 (CD) -ML, 47786 (ML) -CD, 47791 (CD) -ML,  
47811/813/815/816/830/832/846 (LA) -LE.

#### Stored

56038. 86205/207/213/255.

#### Traffic

31461/558-TM, 33025-EH, 47702/711-TO, 56133-IM,  
86227/253-LG.

#### Renumbered

37258 - 37384, 47322 - 57002.

#### New Stock

Class 66: 66012/013/014/015/016/017/018/019/020/021/  
022-TO.

### **Diesel Multiple Units**

#### Transfers

Class 165: 050 (AL) -RG. (58805/838) (Set renumbered to  
165005)

### **Electric Multiple Units**

#### Transfers

Class 321: 446 (BY) -IL.  
(S): 1737 (RE) -BI.

To Traffic

Class 508: 206/210-GI.

Renumbered

Class 508: 113 - 206, 129 - 210.

New Stock

Class 458: 8001-WD (67601 + 74001 + 74101 + 67701)  
Unit to run in undercoat until testing completed.

**Coaching & NPCC Stock**

Transfers

1566-CP, 1860-CS, 3066/68/69-CP, 3113. 4912/31/54/58.  
21256. 35463. 80217-CS.  
325 (Rail Charter) - VSOE, 6343 (Rail Riders) - Porterbrook.

Stored

92116.

To Traffic

550-CS, 3261/69-LA, 5800/31/36/52/63-OY, 6203/07/12/19-LA,  
10664/667/676/677/681/694/695/698/721-HQ (Danish State  
Railway Livery), 92929 -LA.

Withdrawn

16187. (Private Sale),  
16191. (Sold - NYMR).

Renumbered

92709 - 94503, 92720 - 94502, 92725 - 94501,  
92748 - 94502, 92750 - 94505.  
(92720/725 (Incorrectly advised as scrap).

**Pool Codes**

Delete

WHYX.



## **GENERAL**

- 10/11 170101 (NYA) was seen at Leicester around 14.00 on braking tests between Trent and Leics. An Adtranz engineer said it would be working Derby-St Pancras on Thursday.
- 13/11 170101 was seen at Bedford heading North at 12.45.
- 16/11 170101 departed St. Pancras at 12.05 on test run. PM24, the HST set involved in the Southall crash, has been released from refurbishment at Wolverton. The buffet (40745) will be done separately, as the official set buffet is now 40213. The coaches involved are 41042/060, 40213, 42072/073/074 and 44024. All are in Great Western livery, repainted from IC.
- 23/11 57002 appeared on TOPS for the first time. No allocation was given.
- 27/11 BR Mk3 sleepers which had been on lease to Danish Railways for some years returned to the UK via the Channel Tunnel. A rake of about ten behind a Class 92 arrived at Dollands Moor. They are en route to MOD Kineton for storage (off lease) and were waiting clearance for movement.
- 28/11 D9000 worked 06.36 Poole-Liverpool as far as Birmingham. D9000, with 47703 coupled inside, was seen at Banbury running 12 minutes late.
- 30/11 The ex-DSB sleepers left Dollands Moor at 09.31 as 5X14 behind 47286 *Port of Liverpool* (BS). They worked as far as Didcot, arriving 14.05.

## **POSTALS**

The following postal formations were noted during the month:-

### 4s (PCV)

94340	94224	94192	94324	94344	94132	94116	94337
94311	94168	94138	94338	94314	94208	94148	94303
94334	94216	94225	94342	94313	94166	94227	94320
94322	94205	94101	94317	94310	94214	94222	94333

### 4s (BG)

94477 94197 94157 94440 94500 94107 94170 94492  
94460 94190 94191 94495 94486 94202 94207 94426

5s

94484 94209 94117 94164 94409  
94489 94223 94102 94193 94487  
94443 94226 94211 94147 94427  
94496 94140 94228 94126 94455

**TRIP REPORTS**

TRIP 305

NORTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

SAT 21/03/98

**Wisbech Bulk Services**

Industrial: HE 2068/40.

**Upwell Fen Light Railway**

Industrials: 40/234N(WKM 9523/63). 40/245(WKM 9813/65),

**March CE Depot**

Track Machines: 78414/415. 81541.  
Small Plant: 54632/707. 56059.

**March Up Sidings**

31273. 58035.  
Track Machines: 78218/221.

**Bridge House, Whittlesey Road, March**

GER Coach: Brake 519R Built Stratford 1886.

**March Station**

DMU Sets: 150257. 158845.

**Railway Inn, Whittlesey**

BR Coach: 4794.

**Peterborough Depot**

31113/252/255. 37196. 56029/109.  
Track Machines: 73101/314.  
Small Plant: HCT 009. HCT 038.

Spray Train: 99907/908/909/910.  
Snowplough: 966099.

### **Peterborough Station**

37264. 47289. 90136. 91002/015/024/025/030.  
Coach: 82200/201/216/217.  
DMU Sets: 153335/383. 156418. 158795/857/860.  
EMU Sets: 365531.

### **Peterborough New England Yard**

Departmental: 977403.

### **Peterborough ECD**

Departmentals: 99502/503. 975393/916/925/926. 977361.  
Track Machines: 76215. LDB 905053.  
Small Plant: 54591. 74008/052. 91636/637.  
U/I Ballast Packer.

### **Peterborough Crescent Yard**

Departmentals: 320946. 975379.

### **Peterborough EMU Sidings**

EMU Sets: 317316/337/340/363. 325014. 365536.

### **Nene Valley Railway, Wansford.**

Ex BR: 34081. (6)1306. 70000. 73050. D306. D2112.  
506 9 (D9504). D9516. D9523. 14029(D9529).  
65894 (Ex P213).  
Industrials: Cockerill 1626/1890. Ty2 7173 (Floridsdorf  
16626/43). 656 (Frichs 360/49). HC 1308/18.  
Derek Crouch (HC 1539/24). 1 (HC 1800/47).  
Jacks Green (HE 1953/39). 230 D 116 (Hen  
10745/11). 64305 (Krupp 1308/34). 1178  
(Motala 516/14). 101 (Nohab 2082/44).  
EEV D1123/66. FH 2894/44. FH 2896/44.  
RH 304469/51. RR 10271/67. TH/S 134C/64.  
YE 2654/57. YE 2670/58. HE 2855/43.  
WKM 1944. INVICTA AP 8800/17 (Ex P157).  
DMU Cars: 51347. 51401.  
BR Coaches: 1693. 1872. 3227. 4200. 4615. 4627. 4635.  
4667. 4686. 4919. 13328. 24997. 25347.  
25639. 26193. 34935. 35043. 35239. 35248.  
94796.  
GWR Coach: 316.  
SR Coaches: 1218. 4920. 12529(3072).

LMS Coaches: 18017. 30272. (plus two of 37066/071/096/141).  
GNR Coach: 1727(DE 940400).  
LNER Coach: 61634.  
Departmental: DE 320882.  
DSB Coaches: 21261. 23207. 23219. 23913. 23914. 24475.  
NSB Coach: 601.  
SNCB Coaches: 21013. 21033. 23009. 42170.  
SNCF Coach: 7122.  
Wagon Lits Coaches: 2975. 3916.  
Cranes: ADRR 95207. DRT 80113.

### **Nene Valley Railway, Ferry Meadows**

LMS Coach: 40284.

### **Railworld, Peterborough**

Industrials: AE 1945/26. AL 77778/50, 996 (Fricks 415/50).  
BR Coach: 87537.  
LMS Coaches: two of 37066/071/096/141.  
LNWR Coach: DM 395361.

TRIP 306

EASTER ANGLIA (PART I)

10-12/04/98

10/04/98

### **Dalgety Franklin**

Internal User: 041681.

### **Kings Lynn Station**

EMU Sets: 317347. 365520.

### **Sedgeford**

Industrial: WKM 960220 (Stratford 1933).

### **Thursford**

Industrial: HE 671/1898.

### **County School, Mid Norfolk Railway**

Industrials: AB 2168/43. HL 2918/12. RH 281266/50.  
RSHN 7845/55.  
BR Coach: 94869.

## **East Dereham, Mid Norfolk Railway**

Ex BR: 20069.  
Industrials: RH 497753/63. WKM 960225/33.  
DMU Cars: 51073. 51503. 51572. 54224. 55006. 55009.  
56301. 59575.  
BR Coaches: 5211. 5219. 9409. 13446. 13447. 80214.  
Departmental: 977383.

## **R.A. Jenkins**

Industrials: RH 398611/56. RH 422573/58  
GER Coach: 1235T.  
LMS Horsebox: 4258X.

## **Great Eastern Traction**

Industrials: 5 (VF D293/55). 11103 (VF D297/56 Ex P113).  
DL 82 (RR 10272/67). 7 (BD 3733/77).  
3 (RSHN 7922/57). 2 (WB 3213/62).  
BR Coach: 87602.  
Internal User: 042141(772630).

## **Thuxton**

GER Coaches: 85. 425.

## **Directors Saloon**

BR Coach: 35270.

## **Norwich Crown Point (viewed)**

08810/869/928. 86218/220/221/223/238/257.  
DMU Sets: 153306/309.  
Coaches: 3303/379/400. 6828. 9701/702/711. 80320/326/  
347/365/381. 94429/446.  
Departmentals: 977867/908.  
Internal Users: 041317. 042179/2186.

## **Norwich Station**

86208/217/235/237.  
DMU Sets: 150227/231/235/237. 153311/314/322. 158791/793/  
851.  
Coaches: 1850. 3315/334/338/358/416/417. 5853/869/874/  
924/927/950. 6042/103/123/155/801/809/812/815/  
817/818/825/826. 9703/708/713. 10203/216.

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## **Norwich Station**

47768. 86208/220/237.  
DMU Sets: 153306/311/314. 158791/797.  
Coaches: 1850. 3375/416. 5853/869/874. 6103/812/826.  
9708. 94414/425/437/457.

### **Yaxham Light Railway**

Industrials: KS 3010/16 (Ex P269). 6 (RH 202967/40).  
Cockerill 2525/07 (Ex P153). 1 (POTTER 1970).  
14 (RH 222100/43). RUSTY 2 (L 32801/48).  
18 (FH 3982/62). 16 (HE 705/1899).  
10 OUSEL (MR 7153/37). MR 7474/40.  
4 GOOFY (O&K 7688/c36). 7 (RH 170369/34).  
3 PEST (L 40011/54). HE 2666/42 (Ex P269).

### **Lenwade**

BR Coach: 5536.

### **Bure Valley Railway**

Industrials: 8 (BVR 1998). BURTON MILL (BVR 1989).  
7 (LB 51989/60). 1 (G&S 64 Rebuilt WE/92).  
6 BLICKLING HALL (WE 12/94). 7 SPITFIRE  
(WE 14/94).  
Crane: LITTLE TITAN.

### **Hoveton & Wroxham Station**

Internal Users: 041364/889.

### **North Walsham**

DMU Sets: 150231/257.

### **North Norfolk Railway, Sheringham**

Ex BR: 8572(61572). D3935.  
Industrials: HE 3809/54. Wisington No.1(HC 1700/38).  
DMU Cars: 51346. 51388. 59516. 79963.  
BR Coaches: 4355. 4521. 4651. 4843. 9475(977767).  
10525. 21103. 43034. 43041. 43357. 43359.  
81033. 81269.  
LNER Coaches: 772. 3395. 51769. 70621.  
GER Coach: 1201.  
L&YR Coach: 1.  
Pullman Coaches: 287. 291.

### **North Norfolk Railway, Weybourne**

Ex BR: 564. D5207. D5386. D6732. 12131. 37099.

Industrials: EES 8431/63. RH 466629/62. 68009(HE 3825/54).  
Ring Haw(HE 1982/40).  
DMU Car: 79960.  
BR Coaches: 3868. 34995(975129). 35148. 48026(U/F ONLY).  
92097. 94464.  
LNER Coaches: 8941. 8942. 8943. 8944.  
GER Coaches: 16. 252. 1521. 1600.  
LNWR Coach: 2289.  
GNR Coach: 2391(DE 320883).  
Crane: Grafton 6wVBY.  
Small Plant: U/I Platform Lift.

### **North Norfolk Railway, Holt**

Industrial: WB 2370/29.  
BR Coaches: 15997(977054). 46147.  
GER Coaches: 295. 1361.  
LNWR Coach: 5318(45002).  
Crane: SR 1749(6wd).

### **Norwich Station**

47768. 86208/217/220/221/223/235/237/246.  
DMU Sets: 150213/229/231/255/257. 153306/311/314/326.  
158782/789/791/797/860.  
Coaches: 1850/871. 3277/292/295/318/334/338/351/358/373/  
375/381/414/416/417. 5814/853/869/924/927/929/  
935/944/950/956/964/966/968/993. 6028/034/037/  
042/103/110/123/139/146/155/160/801/802/804/805/  
807/808/809/810/811/812/813/814/815/817/818/823/  
825/826. 9702/703/704/708/710/712/713.  
10200/203/216/223/241. 94414/425/437/457.

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### **Norwich Station**

47768. 86208/223.  
DMU Sets: 150257. 153314. 158782/789/791.  
Coaches: 1871. 3351/373. 5944/966. 6028/037/805/808.  
9704. 94414/425/437/457.

### **Strumpshaw Hall**

Industrials: Ginette Marie (Jung 7509/27). MR 7192/37.  
Cagney (P. McGarigley 1902).

### **Fleggburgh Bygone Village**

Industrials: 1212(EK/58). No.1 (JF 20337/34). WKM 626/34.  
Statens Jafinvagar (Nohab 2229/53).  
Oliver (MR 9869/53). 1 (SL 1986).

### **Pleasuremills**

Industrials: 167(Chance 79.50167.24/79). RH 305315/52.  
97(Chance 73.5097.24/73).  
BR Coaches: 4424. 35414.

### **East Anglian Transport Museum**

Industrials: MR 22211/64(Ex P34). RH 177604/36.  
MR 22209/64(Ex P34). MR 5912/34. MR 5902/32.  
Southwold Coach: 14.

### **Diss Station**

86237.  
Coaches: 1850. 3375/416. 5814/853/869. 6103/812/826.  
9708.  
Internal User: 041645.

### **Bressingham Hall**

Ex BR: 80 Thundersley. 102 Granville. 490.  
662 Martello. 990 Henry Oakley (Ex P119). 6100.  
70013.  
Industrials: AB 1472/16. 4472(WP Stewart/76).  
Bronllwyd (HC 1643/30). MR 22210/64.  
1662 (Krupp 1662/37). 316 (HE 316/1883).  
994 (HE 994/09). Krupp 1663/37.  
Frenze Gray No.1/86. 4 (HE 6975/68).  
25 (N 5087/1896). Millfield (RSHN 7070/42).  
King Haakon (Nohab 1164/19). BP 6841/37.  
5865 (Schichau 4230/44). 1 (N 4444/1892).  
BR Coach: 2901.  
EC&JS Coach: 396.  
Norway Rly Coach: Unidentified.  
Crane: Grafton 808/03.

### **Windsor Station**

DMU Set: 165112.  
Replica Loco: 3041 The Queen (Cam/83).  
Replica Coach: 9001.

## **INDUSTRIAL AND PRESERVATION MATTERS**

BRITISH EMPIRE MUSEUM

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A 4-6-0 African 3ft 6inch Gauge locomotive No.390 (4150/1896) owned by David Sheppard was moved by road to a location at Temple Gate near Temple Meads station, towards the end of November. The locomotive and coach 1808, which were on show at Cranmore in the car park is to form part of the new museum due to open in 2001. The coach had not arrived on site by the end of November.

#### SWINDON

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05/11 A special ceremony took place in 20 Shop to mark the arrival of the new Swindon Railway Museum Project. Work will continue on the museum over the next 18 months including the reinstating of a running siding alongside the Bristol mainline. Some 500 people gathered at the ceremony, Swindon's flagship millenium project. Former fitter and erector Alf Next (55), switched on the buildings giant clock which stopped at 14.35 on the closure day in March 1986. As the clock was brought back to life, there was a volley of mortar shells, bells rang from nearby Railway Church St Marks and HSTs sounded their horns on passing. The project opening date is set for Easter 2000.

#### LOCAL SPECIAL TRAIN WORKINGS

20/2/99 D9000 1V35 06.36 WOLVERHAMPTON-PLYMOUTH and  
1M40 11.43 PLYMOUTH-BIRMINGHAM NEW STREET.  
27/2/99 CLASS 66 TROWBRIDGE-AVONMOUTH.  
CLASS 57 AVONMOUTH-HEREFORD.  
(as part of Pathfinders Yankee Sidewinder Tour).  
10/3/99 34027 or 35028 VICTORIA-BATH/BRISTOL VSOE.  
03/4/99 80079 EXETER-NEWTON ABBOT 'DAWLISH DONKEY' trip.  
04/4/99 80079 EXETER-NEWTON ABBOT 'DAWLISH DONKEY' trip.  
05/4/99 80079 EXETER-NEWTON ABBOT 'DAWLISH DONKEY' trip.  
05/6/99 6024 ACTON-SWINDON-BRISTOL TM and  
BRISTOL TM-BATH-SWINDON-EALING BROADWAY.

#### A NEW WORLD WONDER - THE GWR FROM BRISTOL TO PADDINGTON

The Bristol-Paddington mainline built by Brunel, is to be included on a register of the world's most vauded man made treasures. The Government has nominated the mainline as a World Heritage Site to recognise its outstanding industrial importance. Another 550 Heritage Sites have been listed from across the world, with 32 United Kingdom nominated sites including the GWR mainline built over 150 years ago. Other historic lines such as the Birmingham/Liverpool to Manchester were considered but the GWR mainline was thought to be the best preserved. The Stockton to Darlington Railway is Britain's oldest, but only a few buildings and stretches of the original line remain. Clifton Suspension Bridge and

the SS Great Britain were also nominated, but were rejected (no reasons given). Just 16 of the 552 World Heritage Sites are in Britain with only one of those marking the country's rich industrial legacy, the Ironbridge in Telford. Railtrack is reported to be unhappy about the World Heritage Status applied to the 119 mile line saying it could effect improvements and maintenance. Railtrack are concerned that maintenance and repairs over the route could be held up as sites might require special permission before work could start.

#### **BT POLICE**

British Transport Police solved nearly half of all crimes committed on trains and on railway land in the west. The annual report shows 4,488 offences in the last financial year, in 2,094 cases the offenders were caught (a detection rate of 46.7%).

#### **NAILSEA & BACKWELL**

A new public address system installed by Wales & west Trains is so loud residents have complained about the noise. People living in Station Close and Station Road say their sleep and television viewing is affected. Engineers have now toned down the sound. An electronic sign has also been installed and is now working detailing late running trains and information. Similar screens have appeared at Yatton.

#### **NEW BRISTOL RAILBUS LINK?**

A recent conference held in the city has stated the centre could be linked by a mini-tram to Long Ashton Park & Ride. The Bristol Electric Railbus, could use the Wapping Wharf Branch to Ashton Meadows next year. Parry Car No.10, which seats 30 was still seeing regular use between the SS Great Britain and Princes Street, alongside the Industrial Museum in November.

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