

CARDIFF AND AVONSIDE**ISSUE 327****RAILWAY SOCIETY****MAY 1999****YOUR COMMITTEE**

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
EVENTS	Event Planning/Organising/ Running/Advertising/Bookings.	MARTIN LEAR/ John Griffiths
MAGAZINE	Magazine Production/ Distribution.	ANDY JEHAN/ Simon Chainey
MEMBERSHIP	Maintenance of Membership.	SIMON CHAINEY
FINANCE	Maintenance of Financial Base.	KEVIN DAVIES
SALES	Sales Provision/Advertising.	KEVIN DAVIES
GENERAL	Non-function specific activities.	SIMON CHAINEY

NOTES:-

1. Primary owner shown in upper case.
2. John to assist with Events to reduce workload on Martin.
3. Simon to print and distribute magazine to reduce workload on Andy.

EVENTS

TRIP 318 DOLLANDS MOOR Saturday 15/05/99.

ITINERARY Dollands Moor, Cheriton Terminal, Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway.

PERMITS R.H & D.R to be applied for.

FARES Members; £16, Non Members; £18, Deposit; £6.

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 the 15/04/99 please.

1999 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 22/05/99.

The 1999 Annual General Meeting will be held on the above date at Oddfellows House, Newport Road, Cardiff between 11.30 and 15.00.

Directions and further details have been included with the Annual Review, which was issued at the end of April.

TRIP 319 CAMBRIDGESHIRE Saturday 26/06/99.

ITINERARY Upwell Fen Light Rly; The Potter Group, Ely; Mayer Parry, Snailwell; Ciba-Glegy Ltd and Imperial War Museum, Duxford; Chesterton Jct P.W Depot; Barnwell Jct, Cambridge; C.J. Pearman and Charles Saunders, Huntingdon.

PERMITS All to be applied for except Chesterton Jct and Barnwell Jct.

FARES Members; £16, Non Members; £18, Deposit; £6.

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 the 26/05/99 please.

TRIP 320 ROUTE 66 Sunday 25/07/99.

ITINERARY Toton; Immingham; Knottingley; Ferrybridge; Doncaster; Bescot and Saltley.

PERMITS None (EWS currently do not issue permits for the

above locations).

FARES Members; £18, Non Members; £20, Deposit; £8.

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 the 25/06/99 please.

TRIP 321 HAMPSHIRE Sunday 22/08/99.

ITINERARY P. Davies, Tistead Station; Hayling Island Rly; Hampshire Buildings Preservation Trust, Lower Smanwick; Durley Light Rly; Marwells Wonderful Rly, Colden Common; Eastleigh: EWS Dept, Wessex Traincare Ltd, PAD; D.S Smith, Bitterne; Solent Rigging Ltd, Southampton; BP Oil Ltd, Hamble; Paultons Rly, Ower, EWS Westbury.

PERMITS All to be applied for except P. Davies, EWS Eastleigh, Solent Rigging Ltd and EWS Westbury.

FARES Members; £12, Non Members; £14, 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 the 22/07/99 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.)

Members paying the full fare will have priority up to the "book by" date. After that the trips will be filled on a first come first served basis.

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

- 01/03 37429 was on the Weymouth diagram. 66080 after just arriving at Newport, worked the 14.50 Newport-St Blazey freight with 37212(TO) on the inside.
- 02/03 37429 continued on Weymouth workings.
Quiet night at Parkway, may have been as a result of problems further east as four South Wales bound HSTs were seen between 20.00 and 20.30. In addition there was no sign of the Plymouth-Low Fell vans and the only freight service recorded was the Pengam-Felixstowe freightliner headed by 47370.
- 03/03 47976 Aviemore Centre (CD) passed through Bristol Parkway on 5Z54 PM-NL.
- 04/03 At Ashley Hill this afternoon saw 37718/895 descending the bank light engine at 12.50, 37513 head up with a ballast working at 13.20, 166217 ECS to Marsh for wheel lathe attention at 14.25 and the 14.05 Cardiff-Bristol behind 37414. 47847 was parked in the east end bay at Temple Meads in the early evening then departed light engine to Plymouth. 37887(TO) worked the (ThO) Fawley-Margam fuel tanks.
- 10/03 Flask service noted this morning at 11.20 powered by DRS locos, 20311/315. 35028 CLAN LINE arrived at 13.36 with the VSOE ECS from Victoria ex Bath. The train was stabled in

Platform 13, the locomotive returning to Westbury with support coach, to return the train to London from that location. 47759(CD) was soon coupled up for the run from Bristol, Bath to Westbury. Among the more regular coaches in the formation was newly restored GWEN. At Parkway during the evening 66021 noted with the Furzebrook bound LPG empties, 47290 Felixstowe freightliner, 47354 with Southampton-Pengam freightliner and 66041 with Wembley-Newport Enterprise service.

- 11/03 Ashley Hill in the afternoon saw 66030 heading light engine down the bank at 13.30 followed about 15 mins later by DRS loco 37611. 37402 worked the Weymouth diagram and 37704(TO) the (ThO) Fawley-Margam tanks. 37043(ML)+37212(TO) were paired on the 14.50 Newport-St Blazey enterprise service.
- 12/03 A broken rail inside Severn tunnel caused problems and some diversions via Gloucester, after single line working was initially introduced.
- 13/03 At 00.25, 66005 was noted with a southbound coal service.
- 15/03 Immaculate Class 47s, 47815/830 arrived on the down through from Landore with barrier vehicle 6338 and power car 43150. The Class 47s were said to be for use on charter services to Cheltenham for the racing festival. A very realistic documentary was shown on BBC1 concerning the 1991 Sprinter/HST collision in Severn Tunnel, as part of the Disaster series, titled 'Crash In The Dark'.
- 16/03 The afternoon Enterprise service was noted heading south at 16.05 headed by 37670/718.
- 18/03 At Ashley Hill this afternoon the only loco noted during the stay was 37414 with the 14.05 Cardiff-Bristol service. Also recorded were two GW HSTs heading up the bank along with Turbo 165130, the reason for this was the up line through Box Tunnel was closed. Noted through Stapleton Road later was the Enterprise hauled by 37407/890. In the evening the following vehicles were stabled adjacent to Platform 2, 94112/437/456, 80327/345/364/377/428. The St Blazey-Cliffe Vale arrived early and stabled on the down through, motive power being 37518/671.
- 19/03 Standard Tank 80079 arrived at Stoke Gifford Yard during the evening with support coach 99405 as the 5Z38, 15.55 ex Kidderminster(SVR). The locomotive was to take up local railtour duty over the following two days.
- 20/03 Very much a historic weekend, with the first visits of steam traction since the 1960s to Severn Beach, Hallen Marsh, Clifton Down, Thytherington Quarry and Westerleigh. On this

date 80079 with coaches 35469+1813+5008+4996+4946 (all in blood/custard livery) worked:-

1Z39 07.45 Bristol TM to Yate then Thytherington/Westerleigh. The train ran via Filton, Henley and the Bristol Bulk Handling Terminal (run round), instead of the planned route via Clifton Down and Hallen Marsh, Henbury to Yate. After the days trips the coaches were stabled on St Phillips Marsh and 80079 at Barton Hill Depot.

1Z40 12.50 Yate-Yate via Thytherington and Westerleigh.

1Z41 16.15 Yate-Yate again via Thytherington and Westerleigh. Adjustments were made to original 16.50 departure as a byelaw states that the Iron Acton Bypass road crossing cannot be used between 17.00-18.00 for rail traffic.

1Z42 20.00 Yate-Bristol via Filton Bank.

21/03 80079 worked the following with additional coaches 4915+99405:-

1Z38 08.35 Bristol TM-Severn Beach-Bristol TM top n'tailed with 47776(CD) instead of the booked Class 37. 37071(TO) had failed with brake problems on Barton Hill depot earlier.

1Z39 10.48 Bristol TM-Filton-Hallen Marsh-Clifton Down-Bristol TM.

1Z40 13.42 Bristol TM-Clifton Down-Hallen Marsh-Filton-Bristol TM.

1Z41 15.42 Bristol TM-Filton-Hallen Marsh-Clifton Down-Bristol TM.

1Z42 17.42 Bristol TM-Severn Beach-Bristol TM top n'tailed with 47732. 37071 failed again.

The trips were sponsored by the Bristol Evening Post / Pathfinders Tours and reported to be a success being well filled. A possible future series of similar workings is under consideration. With these trips completed there is now only two sections of track still to see preserved steam hauled passenger trains in the Bristol area, the Barrow Road Branch and the Filton Junction to Patchway Junction spur. The locomotive and support coach were booked to run as 5Z44, 09.58 Stoke Gifford Sidings to Exeter Riverside Yard on the 22/03 ready for the Easter Dawlish Donkey trips between Exeter and Newton Abbot.

22/03 47976 emerged from Barton Hill during the evening and after making its way to Platform 13, departed light engine returning later with the "Gauging Train" to the same location before setting off again.

23/03 56107(IM) worked 1M55 from Cheltenham to New Street after 47702(TO) exploded. The train was capped at New Street.

- 24/03 At Parkway this evening, 47845 and stock deputised for the normal HST with the Newcastle-Plymouth (19.53) a few minutes in arrears, followed by a half power Virgin HST which was the late running Aberdeen-Plymouth. Freights noted were LPG empties for Furzebrook behind 66037, and the Southampton-Pengam freightliner powered by 57003.
- 25/03 Noted at Ashley Hill this afternoon were 58017 with the Flyash for Westbury and 37515 light engine up the bank.
- 26/03 50050(D400) was the booked locomotive between Bristol and Crewe, with Pathfinders 'Mountain King Railtour' (hailed onwards by 6024 to Carlisle). With the non-appearance of the Class 50, 47733(CD) worked the 1Z43, 04.30 Bristol-Carlisle from Bristol. However, 47733 failed on the Lickey Bank, being assisted from the rear by a RFD Class 47. The (1Z44) return from Crewe, which arrived in Bristol well after midnight was however hauled by 50050 which had ran light from London. The locomotive return the ECS to Bounds Green. The coaches used were:- 35469+3149+3148+3107+3115+4938+4949+4939+4956+17015 (3148/107/115 4938 and 17015 are all now in blue/grey colours). 37414 failed at Frome on 2085 06.58 Westbury-Weymouth and 37895(TO) worked 1Z99 from Westbury to drag the train ECS back to Westbury. A Class 150/2 restarted the diagram from Frome. Seen at St Phillips Marsh during the afternoon was InterCity liveried 08822.
- 27/03 D9000 made another appearance in the area, this time returning a 'steamy affairs' Rugby-Newport trip (partly hauled by 6024 between Crewe-Newport) via Bristol Parkway at around 19.15.
- 29/03 Noted at Stapleton Road, at 15.30 was 47474 with empty ballast hoppers heading north, much later at 23.40, 58039 was noted heading south with a coal service.
- 30/03 Carrying on from 29/3, at 00.45, 66021 noted with the Furzebrook-Hallen LPG service, followed by two southbound workings, 60096 with "Tiphook" wagons and 47207 with a freightliner. At Parkway this evening 37708 was noted with a rake of RH Roadstone hoppers heading for South Wales, 66021 with LPG empties, 60078 with a MGR from Avonmouth and 47225 with the Southampton-Pengam freightliner.
- 31/03 Flask service noted this afternoon headed by 20309/311. 47768 worked the VSOE to Bristol. Two pairs of Class 37s were noted on freights, 37216/407 on the Burngullow-Irvine slurries (via Newport) and 37262/263(TO) with the 08.57 Cliffe Vale-St Blazey freight. With the next arrival of Class 66s, the Cliffe Vale freight is thought to be going over to that type of haulage soon.

THE CLASS 47 COUNT

RES (CD) : 47635. 47721/722/732/733/734/737/738/739/741/
742/744/746/749/750/757/759/760/761/762/763/764/
765/768/772/774/775/776/778/780/781/782/783/
784/785/786/789/792.
VT (TO) : 47805/806/812/817/828/839/843/844/845/847/848/
849/853.
GW (LE) : 47815/830.

LOCAL UNITS NOTED DURING THE MONTH

Class 143: 601/614/617/618/619/620/621/622/623/624/625.
Class 150: 219/221/230/233/236/239/240/241/242/243/244/
246/247/248/249/251/253/254/261/263/265/266/
267.
Class 153: 302/303/305/308/312/318/327/353/355/362/368/
372/374/377/380/382.
Class 158: 815/816/817/818/819/820/821/822/823/825/826/
827/828/829/830/831/832/833/834/835/836/837/
838/839/840/842/843/863/864/865/867/868/869/870.
Plus 817 with car from 872 and mixed set
819/823.

BINLINER

Just two classes utilised this month.

01+02/03: 66009. 03/03: 58017.
08-10/03: 58014. 11/03: 66055. 18/03: 58014.
23+24/03: 58037. 29+30/03: 66055.

TURBO TIME

This month's sightings are as given below:

01/03: 165120/127. 04/03: 165122/129.
08/03: 165124/127. 15/03: 165127/136.
18/03: 165121/137. 22/03: 165118/136.
25/03: 165129/135. 29/03: 165124/137.

165133 was also noted during the month.

NEWPORT

- 01/03 47033 *The Royal Logistic Corps/217* (BS) worked 6Z13 Wembley-Tidal Sidings in the morning and then stabled at Godfrey Road ready to work 6M17 16.48 ADJ-Wembley. However, at the time the train was due to depart, the locos were still at the S.P. blocked in by 37803/711 (TO). The service eventually left behind 37803/711+ 47033/217 with the 47s not working. 47722 *The Queen Mother* (CD) worked 5S09 14.33 Bristol-Cardiff ECS postal. 37796(TO) passed on acid tanks, 60066 *John Logie Baird* (TO) on steel empties, 56078(IM) on Cargowaggons, 37133(TO) on MEA coal and 56130 *Wardley Opencast* (IM) light engine. 158797(NC) worked 1V14 11.50 Lincoln-Cardiff and 158817+57872 worked 1V84 13.33 Manchester-Cardiff.
- 02/03 There was obviously nothing wrong with 47033/217 as they worked light engine 0094 13.48 Wembley-Dollands Moor. There was a load of German steel at Dollands waiting to go to Cardiff Tidal, so it was speculated they might return to South Wales on that. Meanwhile, 37803(TO), 56003(IM), 60082 *Mam Tor* (TO) were stabled at Godfrey Road whilst 60059 *Swinden Dalesman* (TO) hauled steel empties westbound, 60052 (TO) worked through the station light engine, 37429 appeared on the 14.05 Cardiff-Bristol and 37713, 37892 *Ripple Lane* (TO) and 56089 (IM) all worked past light engine. 59203 *Vale of Pickering* (FB) passed through the station on westbound iron ore at 15.05 and 16 minutes later 59202 *Vale of White Horse* (FB) appeared on an eastbound service. 47784 *Condover Hall* (CD) was on 5S09 14.33 Bristol-Cardiff ECS postal and 47722 on 1M06 Swansea-Willesden postal.
- 04/03 56078(IM) was at ADJ whilst Godfrey Road contained 37711 and 60082.
- 05/03 The following observations were made:-
09105. 37711/897. 47302/334/733. 56033.
60041/046. 66023/033/055/067.
- 06/03 Godfrey Road contained 37212/711/713/886/888/894/897 (all TO), 56051(IM) and 60040(TO)
- 09/03 Godfrey Road contained 37711/894/897.
- 12/03 The following observations were made:-
09105/107. 37513/708/713/883/894. 47303/354/783.
60029/035/040/071/082. 66008/073.
- 13/03 158844(NC) worked 1M18 15.00 Cardiff-Nottingham.
- 18/03 Godfrey Road contained 37429/513/709 (all TO), 56037/040 *Oystermouth* (IM).

- 19/03 The following observations were made:-
 09105/107. 37055/071/402/894/897. 47052.
 60009/059/062. 66024/033/061/067.
 (Platform alterations necessary, failed Class 143 on
 Platform 3, not attended to during visit)
- 26/03 The following observations were made:-
 09017/105. 37047/884/895/897. 47150/289/339.
 59203. 60009/041/096. 66073/075.
- 29/03 59201 *Vale of York* (FB) was noted on Iron Ore trains but
 there was no sign of 59202! 56003/052 *The Cardiff Rod Mill*
 (IM) were allocated to 6C20 Newport ADJ-Avonmouth and
 Avonmouth-Warrington via ADJ.

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

- Class 143: 610/614/619/621/623/624/625.
 Class 150: 233/234/238/249/266.
 Class 153: 353.
 Class 158: 795/816/817*/818/819/820/822/823/825/826/
 827/829/830/832/835/836/838/839/841/842/863/
 864/867/870.
 *plus car from 872, also 819+823 as mixed set
 on 26/03.

CARDIFF TIDAL SIDINGS

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

- 05/03: 08506/651/819/828/854/932.
 12/03: 08506/653/819/828/854.
 21/03: 08466/506/683/955/957.
 26/03: 08466/683/957.

BARRY

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

- 07/03 66026/061.
 14/03 08957. 66026/061/067/073.
 21/03 66005/059/068.
 28/03 66005/026.

CARDIFF CANTON

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

07/03 08625/734. 09001/203. 37047/222/402/414/417/897/
901/904. 47052/157/279/3087. 56035/106. 60036.
66039/048/079.

14/03 08625/734. 37040/047/154/222/230/406/417/515/518/
897/901/904. 47052/258/308/323. 60066.
66049/052.

21/03 08625/734. 37222/709/716/886/901/904. 47114/308/
354. 60058/071/096. 66001. 66025/028/039/075.

28/03 08506/625/734. 37222/402/404/406/414/518/696/
901/904. 47052/290/329/331/354/358. 56066/091.
60058. 66051/072.

CARDIFF CENTRAL

01/03 37406 *The Saltaire Society* (ML)/417 *Rail Magazine* (TO)
were on Rhymney services. 47315(BS) worked 6B48 Margam-
Trostre and then 6E20 Trostre-Lackenby, picking up at
Margam and Llanwern. 37411 *Ty Hafan*/ 510(TO) worked 6Z38
Jersey Marine-Ely.

02/03 37406/417 continued on Rhymney workings.

05/03 37402 *Bont Y Bermo* (TO) hauled 1M89 16.45 Cardiff-
Manchester and 37417 2R32 17.05 to Rhymney.
59203 *Vale of Pickering* (FB) was on iron ore and 60035
Florence Nightingale (TO) on Murco tanks.

19/03 37406 worked 16.26 Cardiff-Rhymney, 37429 *Eisteddfod*
Genedlaethol (TO) 16.45 Cardiff-Manchester and 37414
Cathays C&W Works 1846-1993 (TO) 17.05 Cardiff-Rhymney.

21/03 37414 worked 1M15 16.10 Cardiff-Birmingham and 1V19 19.40
Birmingham-Cardiff.

22/03 37417/406 were on Rhymney services.

26/03 37402 worked the Manchester service whilst 37406/417 were
on the Rhymneys.

28/03 37414 worked 1M15 16.10 Cardiff-Birmingham. An earlier
plan to use 37406 in multiple on test was dropped.
TOPS reported 37409 *Loch Awe* (ML) expected OK 22.00 off B
Exam at CF.

29/03 37406/402 were on Rhymney services.

31/03 37417 worked the 16.26 to Rhymney and 37402 the 17.05.
56066(IM) was withdrawn at Canton - reason unknown.

STOCK ALTERATIONS

Locomotives

Transfers

08402 (CD) -EH, 08918 (CD) -OC, 37146 (TO) -ML, 37431 (ML) -TO,
37602 (OC) -ML, 37604 (ML) -OC, 47825 (TO) -LE.

On Loan/Lease

08724 - Blue Circle Cement, Hope
08868 - Forward Trust Rail, Long Marston
08874 - Silverlink Train Services, BY.

Store

WSXX - Awaiting Decision 08817/909.
WNXX - Awaiting Decision 20168. 31207/465/514/554.
37025/046/074/100/106/196/211/383/404/677.
47194/200/213/221/241/297/312/316/360/363/475/
492/501/519/535. 56125. 86254.
WNYX - Component Recov'y 37037/059/162/191/261/275/380.
47218/228/237/284/355/375. 56121.

Traffic

08441 -DR, 08466 -CF, 08540 -BS, 08561 -DR, 31186 -TM, 57004 -
FD, 86206 -NC.

Withdrawn

WNZX - Awaiting Disposal 31113/201. 47226/236/280/304/
306/307/310/335.

Renumbered

47347 - 57004.

New Stock

C166: 66073/074/075/076/077/078/079/080/081/082 -TO.

Pool Changes (EWS)

WHDM - 47722/737/783.

EWEH - 08402.
LNCF - 08900.
WTWN - 92004.
LNWK - 08466/493.
EWOC - 08918.

Diesel Multiple Units

Transfers

C1158: 776/777/781 (HT) -NL.

Renumbered

C1121: 121/129/131 - 021/029/031.

Dept: 960.015 - 122.019.

New Stock

C1170: 105 (50105 + 79105), 106 (50106 + 79106) -DY.

Electric Multiple Units

Transfers

C1310: 102/104/105/106/107/108/110/112/113 (BY) -SI.

C1317: 317 (EM) -HE.

C1323: 201/202/203/204/205/206/207/208/209/210/211/212/
213/214/215/216/217/218/219/220/221/222/240/241/
242/243 (LC) -SI.

(S): 2254 (FR) -BI, 2255/56/58/59/62 (FR) -BM.

Store

C1310: 101/103/109/111. (At TS).

C1373: 3303/04/05/06/07/08/09/10/13/14. (At PI)

Traffic

(S): 1812 -RE.

Renumbered

C1317: 363 - 663, 364 - 664, 366 - 666.

C1319: 173 - 373, 174 - 374, 175 - 375.

New Stock

C1458: 8002 (67602 + 74002 + 74102 + 67702) -WD.

Coaching & NPCC Stock

Transfers

6219 -LA, 21241 -BO, 41179/180 -LA, 94413 -NC,
94414/425 -BK, 94434 -NC, 94457 -BK, 94470/482 -NC,
95300/301 -EN.

Traffic

3140. 4842. 5630/37. 5732/39. 17159/164.
92100 -CP (Riviera Trains)
10729 -CP (VSOE/Regency),
17013 (Flying Scotsman).
94510/511/512/518/519 -BK.

Withdrawn

5323/393. 5401. (Booths).
5904. (MC Metals).
6339/45 (Mk2 Coach Society).
92125 (Sellafield).
93259 (??).

Renumbered

92265 - 94510, 92714 - 94511.

Codes

Add or Amend

SI Soho (Birmingham)

HPXX Silverlink Train Services, Class 08, BY

AVONMOUTH

04/03 56058(IM) worked the afternoon trip from Newport formed of one ferryvan. 08653 and 60092(TO) the latter on a MGR were present at the Bristol Bulk Handling Terminal. 66072(TO) departed with empty cartics at 16.15.

10/03 60092(TO) was again present on a MGR, whilst 56051 worked the Rugby Cement MEAs.

11/03 60078(TO) with 58031(TO) in Loadhaul colours departed Bennetts Yard at 14.06 with loaded HBA coal wagons for Foxton. 56051 was on the afternoon trip from Newport arriving light.

20/03 47258(BS) worked the loaded cartics during the day. This train is normally now Class 66 hauled.

TYTHERINGTON QUARRY BRANCHLINE

Aswell as the steam specials at the end of the month. The line saw five inward trains of stone scalp from Whatley Quarry to reduce a stockpile at that location. The arrivals were around 07.30-08.00 departing as 6Z38, 11.08 empties to Westbury. MEA wagons were used (owed by EWS), this being the first use of this wagon type on the branchline. The following locomotives were used:-

01/03	59102.	04/03	59002.
02/03	59001.	05/03	59102.
03/03	59103.		

The following week saw a Class 58 visit the line on an unidentified train, the date also being unrecorded.

WESTERLEIGH

The following observations were made at this location during the month:-

03/03	60046(TO)	worked the fuel tanks.
16/03	60059.	Track Machine 76313. Internal User 061201.
19/03	58014.	60082. Internal User 061201.
25/03	58037.	60035. Internal User 061201.
26/03	60041.	Internal User 061201.
30/03	60071.	Internal User 061201.
31/03	60036.	66055. Internal User 061201.

GENERAL

26/02 New public transport rover tickets for Wales were launched in Cardiff by Neil Kinnock, European Commissioner for Transport. The Freedom of Wales Flexi Pass allows travel on all main line railways in Wales plus the Ffestiniog Railway and the Welsh Highland Railway at Caernarfon. It includes the Hereford-Shrewsbury-Crewe-Chester lines. In addition, 90% of bus operators accept it. It comes in two versions, one allowing 8 days of rail travel in any 15 days and

another 4 days in any eight. The passes are valid for bus travel for the full 15/8 days. Prices are £92 peak/£75 off-peak for the 8 in 15 version and £49 peak/£39 off-peak for the 4 in 8 variety. Peak season is defined as 30 May-25 September 1999, with the applicable price being that which applies on the first day of ticket validity. Also available are local versions. A North & Mid Wales Flexi Rover costs £26.30 whilst a South Wales Flexi Rover is £32 peak and £27 off-peak.

CLASS 66s

Class 66 - Location/Destination - 11 & 30 March 99

<u>Loco No</u>	<u>Loc/Destn</u> 11/03	<u>Loc/Destn</u> 30/03
66001	Knottingley	Milford Sdgs
66002	n/a	n/a
66003	Newport ADJ	Stratford
66004	Wembley	Toton
66005	Hayes	Barry
66006	Saltley	Swansea BS
66007	Swindon	Willesden ET
66008	Old Oak Common	Westbury
66009	Toton	Butterwell
66010	Longbridge	Saltley
66011	Old Oak Common	Eggborough
66012	Margam	Aberthaw
66013	Motherwell	Motherwell
66014	Crewe	Crewe IEMD
66015	Eastleigh	Wembley
66016	Acton Yard	Leicester
66017	Toton	Stratford
66018	Llanwern	Aberthaw
66019	Tyne Yard	Tees Yard
66020	Handsworth	Forders
66021	Eastleigh	Eastleigh
66022	6E10	Purfleet
66023	Workington	Parkeston Quay
66024	Rugeley PS	Pendltnbh
66025	Tyne Yard	Acton Yard
66026	Tower Colliery	Barry
66027	Healey Mills	Healey Mills
66028	Dee Marsh	Washwood Heath
66029	Thornaby	Wembley
66030	Stoke Gifford	Eastleigh
66031	Thornaby	Tyne Yard
66032	Gartcosh	New Biggin
66033	Port Talbot	Tees Yard
66034	Canton	Canton
66035	Peterborough	Dollands Moor

66036	Bardon Hill	Tyne Yard
66037	Eastleigh	Avonmouth
66038	Old Oak Common	Toton
66039	6V66	Wembley
66040	Bescot	Longbridge
66041	Wembley	Mountfield
66042	Mountfield	Margam
66043	Norton WJN	Inverness
66044	Bescot	Drax
66045	Boulby Mine	Immingham
66046	Tees Dock	Motherwell
66047	Toton	Doncaster
66048	Cwmgwrach	Swansea BS
66049	Margam	Immingham
66050	Tyne Yard	Millerhill
66051	Ferrybridge	Bescot
66052	Dagenham Dock	Swansea BS
66053	Carlisle	Llanwern
66054	Stratford	Peterborough
66055	Margam	Stoke Gifford
66056	Rugeley PS	Warrington
66057	Dollands Moor	Dagenham
66058	Fiddlers Ferry	Wolverhampton
66059	Neasden FT	Bescot
66060	Aldwarke	Milford Sdg
66061	Aberthaw	Westbury
66062	Longbridge	Barrowram
66063	Round Oak	Carlisle
66064	n/a	Wembley
66065	Paddock Wood	Barry
66066	Merehead	Margam
66067	Aberthaw	Tyne Yard
66068	Tyne Yard	Hastings
66069	Parkeston Quay	Dollands Moor
66070	N Walsham	Hither Green
66071	Gascoigne Wood	Calvert
66072	Rgeley PS	Wembley
66073	Llanwern	Margam
66074	Saltley	Saltley
66075	Barry	Wakefield
66076	Saltley	Allington
66077	Dollands Moor	Longbridge
66078	Bescot	Drax
66079	Corby	Westbury
66080	St Blazey	St Blazey
66081	Saltley	Toton
66082	Saltley	Swansea BS

The above listings show the movement of the Class around the country from two given points in time and shows that some have not strayed far from their operating base, whilst others have literally covered the entire network and could appear anywhere.

This fact is proved if you read the listings for Newport, Cardiff and Barry given in the magazine and the locations shown above.

- 01/03 Newly commissioned 66080 worked off Newport Docks and then hauled a train from ADJ to St Blazey at 13.40. This marks a departure from normal practice, which is to work the locos light engine to their first depot.
66010/059(TO) departed Exeter at 12.05 on a service from Dollands Moor. Another double-header was 66015/044(TO) on 4M04 Southampton E Docks-Washwood Heath empties.
- 02/03 The M/V Stellamare departed Newport Docks having unloaded 66073-082. 66064(TO) was still on the quayside from the last shipment - there was speculation that Railtrack would not allow it on their lines.
- 03/03 66079 worked light engine off Newport Docks at 13.49 and stabled on Godfrey Road. It then headed East at 14.55. Also at Godfrey Road was 66023(TO) whilst 66052(TO) headed eastbound HAAs and 66055(TO) took a similar train west.
- 04/03 66076/78/77 passed Abbotswood Jn at 16.45 on delivery Newport-Bescot via the Lickey.
- 05/03 66080(NYA) was at Goodrington loading rubble on what was previously a Class 37 operated train. 66055 was still on coal services in South Wales.
- 09/03 66039(TO) was at Newport Godfrey Road.
- 16/03 66014(TO) worked 1D67 10.07 Birmingham-Holyhead as far as Chester, where 37416(TO) was due to take over.
- 20/03 66016(TO) worked 6H55 Bletchley-Peak Forest.
- 22/03 66025(TO)/66075(NYA) passed through Parkway at 10.55 with a steel train from Dollands Moor to South Wales. 66042(TO) worked 6M84 Margam-Dee Marsh steel coil train. 66038(TO) worked 6M79 Redcar-Clitheroe through Skipton at 15.40, a new working for these locos. 66071(TO) worked 4C51 Forders-Cricklewood and 66077(NYA) was on 6O92 Exeter-Dollands Moor.
- 24/03 66061(TO) worked 6Z95 Hackney Yard-Merehead.
- 25/03 66079(NYA) was noted at Didcot heading a train of steel scrap towards Birmingham.
- 27/03 66022(TO) left Worcester Yard at 10.30 hauling failed 47299(HQ) and Metal Box vans to Bescot via Stourbridge.
- 29/03 66035(TO) ran light to Exeter to work 10.00 Exeter-Dollands Moor polybulks. 66077/082(NYA) hauled car wagons

into Kings Cross station at 09.25 for John Prescott to launch a new Anglo-Scottish motorail service.

NEW UNITS

An opportunity was recently taken to sample 168001 and 168004 on the Chiltern line. The units are well appointed, although the seats are not as comfortable as those in refurbished W&W Class 158s. However, interior noise levels are lower than a Class 158 and the extra power from the 400hp engines is noticeable. A thoughtful feature is the provision of a glass panel on the inner side of the overhead racks, making it easier to ensure that small luggage (e.g. umbrellas) is not left behind.

Class 170/1 units are now in regular use on the MML. They frequently operate 15.05, 16.15 and 19.10 departures from St Pancras. They are also used on most Derby-Matlock services as a running in turn from ADtranz Litchurch Lane. As at 31/03, 170109 was complete and on test.

Electrostar units 357001-003 are complete at Derby for the LTS line.

375001 for Connex South-Eastern is complete and running on the Adtranz test track, with a press photocall scheduled for 16th April.

CARDIFF CANTON

The March LSAs resulted in Cardiff Canton losing all its mainline locos, apart from 37696/906 (the latter put into store in April LSAs). The only other locos allocated are 31 shunters:-

08481/493/506/575/651/683/756/770/786/792/798/801/819/828/854/900/932/941/953/955/957/993. 09001/003/008/013/015/017/105/107/203. The future for the loco depot looks grim, particularly as all the Class 66s operating in South Wales have (so far) been allocated to Toton. However, the carriage sidings and DMU maintenance facility are secure - Wales & West and Cardiff Railway Co. have no intention of moving away for the remainder of their franchise.

POSTALS

4s (PCV)

94344	94132	94117	94337	94312	94221	94191	94302
94335	94180	94215	94339	94333	94222	94214	94310
94315	94227	94175	94336	94318	94225	94174	94334
94311	94168	94138	94338	94341	94133	94113	94326

4s (BG)

94492	94119	94123	94505	94501	94107	94170	94507
94419	94100	94118	94454	(94444	95758	95715	94425)
(94425	95715	94193	94467)	94467	94193	94146	94429

5s

94468	94229	94164	94216	94432
94515	94430	94110	94223	94489
(94472	94226	94211	94147	94406)
(94431	94200	94182	94123	94505)
94496	94203	94195	94126	94455
94520	94147	94211	94200	94431

() Reformed during month

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 316

LINCOLNSHIRE

13/03/99

M43, Jct 3

92203 "Black Prince" Sdn/59 (On a low-loader heading south west).

DeMontfort University, Caythorpe

Industrial: 2ft; No.9 RH 202969/40 Dsm (ex p155).

Note; Only chassis and wheels remaining.

North Ings Museum (T.Hall), Dorrington

Industrials: 2ft; "Swift" T.Hall 1859401/44, Clay Cross/61, "Bullfinch" HE 7120/69, MR 7493/40, "Penelope" MR 8826/43, O&K c1932, No.1 RH 371937/54, RH 375701/54 Dsm, RH 421433/59.

Humberside Loco Preservation Group, Binbrook Airfield

Preserved Steam Locos; 42859 Crewe 5981/30 Dsm (ex p102), (35011 "General Steam Navigation") Elh/44 (ex p188).

Notes:-

- 1) A 5ft gauge Steam Loco is due to arrive from Finland within the next month.
- 2) B.R. Mark 1 coach No. 14024 has now gone to G.C.R, Loughborough.

Great Northern And East Lincolnshire Railway Plc (Alias Grimsby And Louth Railway), Ludborough Station

Preserved Steam Locos; No.2 P 1749/28 (ex p126), P 1567/20, RSHN 7849/55, No.2 "Lion" P 1351/14 (ex p179). Preserved Diesel Locos; D3167 Derby/55, "Tioxide No.4" RH 375713/54 (ex p100), "Tioxide No.6" RH 414303/57 (ex p100), "Tioxide No.7" RH 421418/58, JF 4210131/57, JF 4210145/58, PWM 650 97650 RH 312990/52. Preserved Coaches: S.R; KDB975282 (BY 434). B.R.Mark

1; 1949, DB975468 (34553), DB975078 (34828), DB977200
(94444), DB977240 (94600).
B.R.Mark 2; 9393, 13444. Internal User; 041671 (B933248).

P.Clark, Fulstow Steam Centre

Preserved Steam Locos; No.1 RSHN 7680/50, Agecroft No.1 RSHN
7416/48. Small Plant; 9023 Wkmt 8201. Preserved Coach: G.E.R;
(355) Five Compartment Composite Body. Internal User; 041611
(B933413).

Lysaghts Sports & Social Club, Holton Le Moor

Preserved Diesel Loco: 2ft gauge; "Cannonball" RH 175403/35.

Museum Of Lincolnshire Life, Lincoln

Preserved Diesel Locos: 4ft 8½ in gauge; RH 463154/61.
2ft 6in gauge; RP 52124/18. 2ft 3in gauge; RH 192888/39. 2ft
gauge; RH 421432/59. Preserved Crane: Dual Gauge; "Hooley" RP
306/09.

Casterton Taverner Inn Motel, Casterton, Nr Stamford

Preserved Carriages: Pullman; "Magna" (333), "Castra" (346).

INDUSTRIAL AND DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

HANSON (EX ARC) TYTHERINGTON QUARRY

R.W. GILES

20/03 A 4wheel locomotive, believed Ex Welshmill, Frome
playground was visible on the Quarry floor, standing in a
large puddle. The locomotive has been repainted in ARC
green/yellow colours.

AVONMOUTH FIRE STATION

R.W. GILES

21/03 E669JOU the road/rail landrover was seen heading down St
Andrews Road (A403) towards Hallen in the morning.

YATE OLD STATION

R.W. GILES

20/03 The following road/rail machines were present:-
CCG0002551 (excavator).
4-90246/9s (Thwaites dumper).

PORTISHEAD BRANCH

R.W. GILES

24/03 A Hydrax Road/Rail excavator was present on the track at
the very end of the Portishead branch, identified as
1040/K. Hydrax seem to have permission to test their
machines here - their depot being nearby.

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