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July 2008 Issue 437 Front Cover Photo:

34067 Tangmere arrives at Bristol West (Near Bedminster) with ECS off a Waterloo-Bristol "Cathedrals Express" on 17/04/08. [Richard Giles.]

FUTURE EVENTS

TRIP 420 **CARNFORTH OPEN WEEKEND** **Sat-Sun 26-27/07/08**

A two day trip visiting BR, Preserved & Plant sites in Cumbria, Lancashire & Yorkshire as well as the Open Day at Carnforth.

Itinerary

DAY 1: DRS, Crewe (view); Carnforth Open Day; DRS, Carlisle (view); Carlisle Overnight.

DAY 2: Carlisle Overnight; WA Developments, Carlisle; DRS, Carlisle (view); Story Rail, Carlisle (view); Foulridge Canal Cruises; Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway; Freightliner, Leeds Midland Road (view).

Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris ASAP please as accommodation requires arranging.

Note: There is a Mandatory Deposit of £25 required on Booking to cover the Accommodation

Permits: WA Developments, Foulridge & Embsay to be applied for.

Fares: Members; £90 Non Members; £94 Deposit; £25 (see above).

Times	Depart(26/07)	Return (27/07)
Nailsea & Backwell	06.00	21.15
Temple Meads	06.25	20.50
Parkway	06.45	20.30

Safety Equipment Required: Hi-Viz Jacket

TRIP 421 **HERTS & NORTHANTS PLANT** **Saturday 09/08/08**

A one day trip visiting Plant sites in Hertfordshire, Northamptonshire & Warwickshire.

Itinerary

Readypower, Kings Langley; Aspin, Hemel Hempstead; Hiremee, Royston; Fastline, Hitchin Track Machine Depot; WCML, Milton Keynes (working site); WCML, Wolverton (working site); WCML, Northampton (working site); D.A.Bird, Bugbrooke; Banner Rail, Rugby; WCML, Rugby (working site); Jones Plant, Garrets Green (view); Hydrex, Dudley (view).

Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris by 02/08/08 please

Permits: Banner, Fastline, Hiremee, D.A.Bird & Readypower to be applied for.

Fares: Members; £38 Non Members; £40 Deposit; £18.

Times	Depart	Return
Nailsea & Backwell	06.00	21.30
Temple Meads	06.25	21.05
Parkway	06.45	20.45

Safety Equipment Required: Hi-Viz Jacket, Safety Shoes

TRIP 424**BEDFORDSHIRE****Saturday 29/11/08**

A one day trip visiting Industrial & Preserved sites in the county.

Itinerary

Specialist Plant, Hinwick; Stevington & Turvey Light Railway, Turvey; Bedfordshire Steam Preservation Society, Clifton; Great Woburn Railway, Woburn Safari Park; Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway, Pages Park & Stonehenge; Great Whipsnade Railway, Whipsnade Zoo.

Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris by 01/11/08 please

Permits: All to be applied for.

Fares: Members; £36 Non Members; £38 Deposit; £18

Times	Depart	Return
Nailsea & Backwell	06.00	21.30
Temple Meads	06.25	21.05
Parkway	06.45	20.45

Safety Equipment Required: Hi-Viz Jacket

TRIP 425**LONDON FLYER****Saturday 13/12/08**

A one day trip with approx 10 hours free time to do as you please in the Capital.

Itinerary

None.

Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris by 30/12/08 please

Permits: None.

Fares: Members; £27 Non Members; £29 Deposit; £14

Times	Depart	Return
Nailsea & Backwell	06.00	21.30
Temple Meads	06.25	21.05
Parkway	06.45	20.45

Safety Equipment Required: Hi-Viz Jacket

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 Martin Lear. If you live outside the areas served by these points but on route for a trip please contact Martin Lear to arrange a pick up point that is mutually convenient.

2. The simplified fare structure is as follows:

ADULT MEMBER - FULL FARE.

CHILD - QUARTER FARE.

TRIP MEMBER - FULL FARE + £2.

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 trip-member rate (£2 per day). Members paying the full fare will have priority until the "book by" date. After that date the trips will be filled on a first come first served basis.

3. The discounts highlighted above for family members refer to travel costs only. Hotel Accommodation and Permits will be charged at cost price.
4. Members who wish to go on a trip must contact Roy Morris, in the first instance, prior to the book by date to confirm that they still intend to go on the trip. This is to reduce the pre trip workload on Martin.
5. Where a trip is organised with a specific 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.

GENERAL SOCIETY INFORMATION

1. 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.
2. Do you know someone who would like to join the Society? Existing members can earn £2 for each new member introduced. This can be used against the fares of future Society trips.

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Contributions for the cover photo should be from within our area, web site photos would normally be taken on Society trips. Although any photographs of interest will be considered for publication. Please send via e-mail or post to Kevin, all prints will be returned.

NOTES AND NEWS

Avonmouth

06/05 59205 departed around 17.00 with the return 6C64 loaded import stone to Westbury in KEA bogie box wagons.

07/05 66027 arrived at 06.27 with the 6V53 'enterprise' freight service from Wembley. 08405 was on hand to top n'tail the train, with the Class 66 onwards to the Chittening Industrial estate.

08/05 66027 was noted with what was assumed an early running 6M33 'enterprise' freight to Wembley passing Henbury at 13.58.

14/05 66148 arrived during the early afternoon with a rake of NR side-discharge wagons on a Bescot - Filton West 'infill' stone working linked with local building work. The loco ran round in the bulk handling terminal to gain access to the off-loading area actually on the Filton North-West curve, which was subject to a 12.15 - 16.40 engineer's possession on days when the train operates. The trains details are as follows; 6W71 08.40 Bescot-Filton (14.00) via Avonmouth and 16.45 Filton West-Bescot empties (via Temple Meads loco run-round).

18/05 The first Sunday passenger operation over part of the Severn Beach line for many years started off with a road bus substitution on the 10.23 Temple Meads-Avonmouth and 10.52 return services! Scheduled engineering work was completed at 11.20 on the branch, the first service being worked later by 143617 on the 11.23 Temple Meads-Avonmouth and 11.53 return First/GW trains, eight are to run on future Sundays up until 07/09.

19/05 66100 was on the Filton West infill stone working from Bescot, the working being now reported as coded 6W82.

20/05 With the ship Aasfjord unloading stone from Belfast indock, 59202 was incharge of the 6C63/6C64 empties and loaded Westbury stone trip. The inward empties passed Filton North at 13.19 down on time due to there being no loco available at Westbury.

22/05 A second stone trip operated for the week behind 60029, unusually formed with a motley collection of 27 4-wheel PGA wagons thought to be a first for use on this train! The working having left Westbury on time arrived slightly late at Hallen Marsh at 13.30 due to losing it's path by just 10 minutes en-route.

27/05 Another Class 60 was recorded on the import stone, with 60025 being noted loading a service in the docks area at 14.30, later being passing Brentry at 17.01 en-route to Westbury.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the month have included;-

66080/128/151/153/166/175/181/201

08405 continued as the area shunting pilot.

Bristol Parkway, Pilning and Westerleigh

10/04 Additional information has been provided regarding the Royal Train noted passing Parkway on this date (See last Month's Magazine) in that the coaching stock formation was recorded as;- 2903, 2915, 2916, 2917, 2920, 2921, 2923.

02/05 DRS 66423, still 'on loan' to Freightliner Heavy-haul worked the 4051 Wentlooge-Millbrook loaded containers passing Pilning at 11.10.

03/05 66116 headed the 6E41 Lindsey tanks from Westerleigh, in place of the normal Class 60. A Pathfinder Tour's 'Southern Irishman' (Birmingham International-Fishguard) with steam 71000 Duke of Gloucester from and return to Newport was cancelled.

05/05 Pathfinder's return 'Pembroke Coast Express' (1Z76 14.13 Milford Haven-Temple Meads) with a steam 71000 Duke of Gloucester + Royal 67006 combination was noted passing near Pilning at 18.42, nearly an hour early! It is believed a booked water stop (from 18.31-18.49 at Magor) had not taken place). Part of the coaching stock formation in use was recorded as;- 5276, 5376, 5341, 3097, 3069, 3149, 17015, 17041 (loco support coach) this being again recorded at 20.03 passing Parkway behind 67006 heading ECS for Old Oak Common. Also seen during the evening was Arriva/Wales 142083 heading back to South Wales following attention at Barton Hill.

06/05 An evening First/GW Paddington-Swansea HST service was reported to have failed in the Pilning area, requiring the use of Pilning station as an 'off loading point' for passengers to be ferried back to Parkway station by road buses for later services. Two afternoon Class 60 sightings were; 60047 on a late running 6A11 Robeston-Theale tank train and 60075 running 0C79 Margam-Westbury light-engine to collect coal empties from the cement works.

07/05 66112 passed Parkway at 19.26 on the 4M20 Southampton Eastern dock-Castle Bromwich emty covered car carriers.

08/05 60052 was recorded at Parkway at 18.35 on a late running 6B33 Robeston-Theale empty fuel tankers. 47812 + 47769 were also seen earlier at 16.35 running Taunton-Derby light-engine the latter having failed.

09/05 66128 was on the 6M17 Newport ADj-Wembley 'enterprise' freight service.

12/05 Route learning/driver training light-engines in the area, found 47812 working 0Z43 Swindon-Old Oak Common (via Swansea) and 47843 as 0Z47 Westbury-Weymouth and return.

13/05 47843 was again noted passing Parkway at 11.54 as 0Z43 Old Oak Common-Paddington (via Swansea) light-engine.

15/05 The 'Stobart Express' passed through Parkway as 1Z36 London-Cardiff/Carmarthen top n'tailed by 47712 + 47802 (noted Pilning at 10.29). 66175 was later noted as the 6M17 Wembley freight loco.

17/05 Weekend closures of the Severn Tunnel for maintenance work continue with two associated engineers trains being noted running from Patchway-Westbury as 6W31 11.00 (66023) and 6W32 11.30 (60077).

21/05 An unidentified Arriva XC Class 170 unit was observed heading eastbound through Parkway at 10.38. Also recorded were 66574 + 66578 paired on the 4051 Wentlooge-Millbrook containers at 12.38, and 66057 on the 6B35 Hayes-Moreton-on-Lugg empty stone wagons (14.00). Other observations were; 66181 on 6B24 Didcot-Wentlooge MoD stores and 66175 again on the 6M17 Wembley 'enterprise' freight.

22/05 20301 + 20305 passed northbound at 14.25 with the 6M67 Bridgwater-Crewe nuclear flasks and DB Schenker liveried 60074 worked the 6E41 Lindsey tank empties from Westerleigh.

23/05 A lightning-strike saw a signalling failure in the Yate and Westerleigh areas. 150232 on a First/GW Gloucester service and 221116 on the Arriva/XC 12.25 Plymouth-Newcastle were diverted via the Severn Tunnel and Chepstow. Also First/GW's 12.30 Swansea-Paddington and 13.55 Cardiff Paddington HSTs were diverted via Bath and Box. A FLHH

additional freight working recorded through Parkway at 16.45 was 66597 heading loaded stone to Dagenham.

24/05 The First/GW 13.30 Swansea-Paddington HST was noted formed with 43196 + 43034 the latter power car carrying the name 'Travelwatch West'.

26/05 A preserved Class 52 D1015 Western Champion trip from Paddington-Weymouth (out and back via Parkway, and Day's curve to Bath, Westbury and Yeovil) was cancelled. This would have been the first Western visit to the Dorset resort since 19/02/77 when D1013 Western Ranger worked in on a railtour from Waterloo

28/05 66008 was on the 6M17 Wembley 'enterprise' freight service.

30/05 60074 was again at Westerleigh on the 6E41 Lindsey tanks and 66008 was on the 6B35 Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties. Colas 47237 arrive in Stoke Gifford down sidings at 12.40 to join 47749 already stabled, whilst at 12.37, 66115 departed for Barton Hill with a single bogie Murco tank wagon. The NRMT formed with power cars 43014 + 43013 was also noted through Parkway during the day.

Bristol Temple Meads, Kingsland Road and Barton Hill

01/05 GBRf 66725 and the coaching stock (9506, 1211, 5797, 3312, 9505, 5925, 5981) which had arrived the previous day on the up through canopy siding loop (See last Month's Magazine) departed as 5Z89 13.22 to Long Marston, being noted passing Filton Abbeywood at 13.32. Brief visit this evening as it was rumoured the new GBRF Class 66s would be passing through, as it transpired working cancelled. Whilst there 66074 worked out of Avonmouth with a loaded mgr, NR HST was present lead power car being 43089, this train moved out as the "Cubes" were arriving behind 66201, therefore no idea of the rear power car's number.

04/05 The First/GW 08.10 (Sun) Exeter St.Davids-Bristol Parkway was noted formed; 158766 + 150263 + 150261 + 153372. Late running was the order of the day for the Railway Touring Company's 'Devonian Duke' (1Z71 08.20 Paddington-Plymouth and 1Z72 17.42 return) featuring Royal 67006 from Paddington to Bristol for steam 71000 Duke of Gloucester to take over using coaching stock; 3121, 3047, 1693, 3141, 3146, 3110, 3098, 1842, 5322, 17077 (the last coach being left at Temple Meads, but loco support coach 99041 being added). However, an air-brake fault on the steam loco saw the Class 67 placed between 71000 and the train, departure being around an hour late (noted passing Yatton 12.10). This was not the end to the days problems, the Duke was in trouble at 14.48 on Dainton Bank requiring assistance from the Class 67! Further delays were encountered during the run-round at Plymouth Friary, which saw a late departure (around 40 minutes) from Plymouth North Road for the return, however arrival back in Bristol was not far off the 21.14 booked time.

05/05 The Royal/Duke combination was again in use on the Pathfinder's 'Pembroke Coast Express' headed by steam 71000 Duke of Gloucester and 67006 (1Z75 07.07 Temple Meads-Milford Haven and 1Z76 14.13 return). The return working was actually back in Bristol early (!) however a 71000, 5Z76 20.22 loco and support coach move to Bishop's Lydeard was cancelled the loco remaining at Barton Hill. Out of service steam loco 6024 King Edward I was originally booked to head this train.

06/05 60049 was seen passing through Bath around 20.00 on a late running 6B33 Theale-Robeston emty tank train.

06/05 59205 seen on a southbound stone train at 17:30.

07/05 66207 worked the evening 6C89 MWFO Newport ADj-St.Blazey 'enterprise' freight.

08/05 Advenza 47237 was stabled in the no.1 platform bay, then worked light to Gloucester (va Cardiff Tidal sidings, where a scrap train move had been cancelled). 66207 was noted on the up through at 18.55 on the 6B99 St. Blazey-Cardiff Tidal sidings loaded scrap metal. Two workings recorded tonight, 66112 with the "Cubes" and 66201 with MGR empties for Avonmouth.

09/05 Another Advenza loco 57006 occupied the no.1 platform bay siding. BR 71000 Duke of Gloucester was resident at Barton Hill. (Still present on 16/5/08 & 23/5/08 & 30/5/08 & 27/6/08)

10/05 Mid Cheshire Rail Users 'Somerset Coast Express' (1Z42 06.20 Altrincham-Minehead and 1Z43 15.45 return) was double-headed by EWS silver 67029 and 67017 throughout via the Marches and the Severn Tunnel. However, a Compass Tour's 'Torbay Express' (1Z45 05.45 Sheffield-Paignton) and return trip was cancelled. As well as the Class 67 hauled special, the WSR also had a second through railtour with a Westbury-Minehead HST, 'Save the Children' charity trip using power cars 43071+43132, routed each way via Bristol.

11/05 The First/GW 08.10 (Sun) Exeter St.Davids-Temple Meads was formed 150243 + 158953 + 150213.

12/05 Three freights this evening starting with 66019 working the "Cubes", 66153 mgr empties for Avonmouth and 66134 with the MoD liner.

13/05 DRS 66415 + 66417 passed Filton Abbeywood (08.20) and Worle junction (Weston-super-Mare) at 09.05 on a 6Z73 Crewe-Keyham flask working. The return, suffered brake problems leaving around four hours late as 21.00 Keyham-Crewe. The 6B65 Westbury-Newport ADj engineers was also recorded passing Filton at 11.20 behind 60075. A new freight-flow commenced during the week bringing ballast 'infill' to Filton, believed for use in connection with building work in the area. The trains operated as 6W71 08.40 Bescot L.S-Filton West junction (14.00) via Avonmouth (run-round) and 16.45 return via Temple Meads (run-round). 66148 was noted with the return empties in Temple Meads at 17.35, formed of side discharge Network-Rail MRA wagons. Southbound departmental service seen at 11:00 hauled by 66159, 15 mins later in the opposite direction 66172 with a stone train and a minute later 66199 with "Network Rail" vehicles went south.

14/05 One of the two First/GW sleeper train formations (with all coaches now in the new First/GW 'neon line' livery) was reported as 10534, 10612, 10594, 10232, 12161, 17173. behind 57605 (also in new livery).

15/05 66531 was on the afternoon 6Z60 Neasden-Burngullow sand empties, working this train again on the 29/05. Three again this evening 66080 mgr empties for Avonmouth, 66175 with a late running ADJ - Willesden Enterprise service and 66070 with flats carrying vans.

16/05 Steam 71000 Duke of Gloucester was still present on Barton Hill depot, a trip planned for the following day, organised by the Railway Touring Company, from Birmingham-Plymouth being cancelled. In Temple Meads, 47818 was noted stabled at 07.15. The loco remained here until 20/05.

17/05 One of the newly introduced week-day Arriva XC 'hire' HST workings was recorded with a MML set (with power cars 43007 + 43184), being booked at Temple Meads from 14.35-14.40, as 9V49 08.30 Edinburgh-

Plymouth. 400 First/GW cleaning staff announced strike action over pay and conditions during the day. A railtour date change from this day, was Pathfinder's 'Great Way Round' (06.00 Crewe-Weymouth), booked for two Class 33 locos being moved back until 23/08 due to vandalism and theft from the allocated West Coast coaching stock at Carnforth. A railtour runner, was Compass Tour's 'Devonian' (1Z24 05.45 Preston-Paignton and 1Z25 17.19 return) top n'tailed by 47805 + 47815, using coaching stock; 3386, 3345, 1683, 3304, 3344, 3340, 3244, 1250, 5952, 5987, 5997, 5961, 9507. The outward train was noted in Temple Meads at 10.58.

18/05 142029 ran 5Z42 11.30 Reading-St. Phillips Marsh, following attention via Swindon and Chippenham. On the subject of First/GW dmu sets, the 15.08 (Sun) Penzance-Bristol TM service was formed 153380 + 153373 + 153372 + 150244 + 150234! Light-engine movements reported during the day were;- 66525 + 66610 through Worle (Weston-super-Mare) around 13.00 towards Bristol (the second loco showing signs of front end accident damage) and over at Keynsham at 14.50, 60077 + 66023 + 66159 were seen running from Westbury-Newport via Gloucester. Further Sunday diversions due to work between Westerleigh and Standish junction saw both the 09.15 to Manchester and 10.30 to Edinburgh Arriva XC services from Temple Meads diverted via Bath, Swindon (reverse), Kemble and Stroud to the North. This was again the case for the following Sunday.

19/05 Advenza 57006 was stabled light-engine on the former Bath Road depot spur opposite platform 15. An empty stock move from a previous days Exeter City v Cambridge City Blue Square Play-off football cup-final at Wembley was worked via Bristol and Bath as 5Z52 10.05 Exeter (Riverside)-Old Oak Common with 67006 + 67029. 66150 was on the Monday's Only St. Phillips Marsh fuel tanks, the empties returning through Bath at 16.20. 66187 was also recorded here at 16.31 on the return 6B63 Westbury Cement works-Margam coal empties. More southbound light engine workings recorded, at 14:35, the loco being 60075, followed at 14:45 by 66603/613. Extra service this evening starting with 66015 with a scrap train for South Wales, 66153 loaded mgr from Avonmouth, 66040 working the "Cubes" and 66250 MoD liner.

22/05 DRS 20301 + 20305 arrived in Bridgwater at 06.24 with the 6V74 nuclear flasks from Crewe, for the 6M67 departure north. 66025 + 66194 were later paired on the afternoon 6C41 Newport ADj-Westbury departmental. Also seen was a further Arriva XC HST 'hire' formed with MML coaches and power cars 43184 + 43007 as 9V57 09.00 (ThO) Derby-Plymouth. 66040 worked the "Cubes" again this evening and 66128 took an empty mgr rake to Avonmouth

23/05 The return 9S66 11.25 Plymouth-Dundee was worked by the MML liveried HST set and power cars 43007 + 43184. Another Arriva XC HST 'hire', was worked by power cars 43104 + 43166 as 9V65 12.05 Edinburgh-Plymouth (FO). Arriva XC catering staff, belonging to the RMT Union announced a strike ballot will take place on June 19th in protest of the removal of buffet and shop facilities from a number of services (including those over the Bristol-Sheffield-Newcastle route from 20/05) and related possible job losses. A trolley service is proposed to be introduced on a number of the trains once Voyager sets have been refurbished with additional seating being made available in the former buffet area.

24/05 Following last year's operating problems relating to paperwork, First/GW were able to use 'hire' DB Rail/EWS Class 67 locos and Riviera

Train's coaching stock as a 'bucket and spade' relief addition to the Dorset Coast.. Today's locos were 67023 + 67003 running as 2067 09.09 Temple Meads-Weymouth and 2067 16.58 return. This train will run each Saturday until the end of August. Summer Saturday Arriva XC HST 'hire' is to continue during 2008 with the following power cars working the following services 1C02 07.35 Temple Meads-Paignton (via Westbury)/1E46 10.32 Paignton-Newcastle-43056+43206. 1V29 07.24 Manchester-Newquay/1M28 15.22 Newquay-Manchester-43309 (carrying the new National Express East Coast livery)+43108. 1Z47 09.40 Newquay-Edinburgh (which would normally run as 1E47 to Newcastle)-43104+43166. 1V49 09.41 Newcastle-Newquay-43007+43184.

25/05 A 'Hire' MML HST set with power cars 43166 + 43049 worked the 08.50 (Sun) Edinburgh-Penzance Arriva XC service.

26/05 As per the diagram, the previous days MML HST 'hire' set returned North on the 9S66 08.30 Penzance-Dundee during the early afternoon.

27/05 A bomb scare in the Weston-super-Mare area saw no early evening trains calling at Weston Milton and Weston stations on the loopline. Some passengers used taxis and road buses provided by First/GW as an alternative. The NRMT HST was noted during the evening with power cars 43014 + 43013 as 1Z17 Derby-Old Oak Common (via Taunton). 66012 had earlier worked an 'extra' 13.16 Westbury-Machen stone service (6B84).

28/05 66187 noted at 10:30 working a southbound "rail train".

29/05 43184 + 43007 were again used on the Arriva XC 'hire' ThO HST working 9V57 09.00 Glasgow-Plymouth (with coaches set XC04:41026, 41025, 42036, 42037, 42038, 42097, 44042). Advenza 57006 was noted stabled on the former Bath Road depot spur, whilst newly formed 158956 was on the First/GW 19.00 Cardiff Central-Taunton service. On what turned out to be a rain sodden evening only the NR HST was seen with power cars 43013/014 being used.

30/05 'Hire' HST set with power cars 43184 + 43007 returned on the 9S66 08.30 Penzance-Dundee.

31/05 Diversions were again taking place due to the closure of the Severn Tunnel for engineering work. 67001 + 67019 (which had earlier been paired on the 6V53 Wembley-Avonmouth 'enterprise' freight) were used on the First/GW 2067 09.09 Temple Meads-Weymouth and 2V67 16.58 return. Actually on the day, the return working for the top n'tail Class 67 operation was the 2072 17.30 Weymouth-Bristol, due to an inward First/GW Weymouth service being cancelled and the late arrival of the Class 67 driver at Weymouth! A second Saturday of Arriva XC HST 'hire' took place involving the following power cars working the following services 1C02/1E46-43312+43120. 1V29/1M28-43095+43314. 1E47-43105+43035. 1V49-43007+43184.

Gloucester

05/05 37401 + 37417 powered a Pathfinder's 'S & C Explorer' (1Z67 05.28 Swindon-Carlisle and 15.56 return) via Kemble and Stroud. 47769 worked 0Z47 Derby-Taunton via Kemble, Swindon (reverse), Melksham and Westbury, the loco failing on arrival at Taunton! 47812 arrived light-engine the following day to cover a route learning Taunton-Fishguard light-engine run.

06/05 31601 + 31106 top n'tailed a 1Z11 Derby-Eastleigh Serco test train via Kemble and Swindon.

08/05 Advenza 57006 was on the 6Z72 10.25 Stockton-Cardiff Tidal sidings loaded scrap (departing at 11.05). The booked passing times for Gloucester and Chepstow being 18.45 and 19.20 respectively.

13/05 57006 worked a further 6Z72 Stockton scrap working passing Cheltenham at 17.31.

15/05 57005 hauled 47309 from Gloucester-Cardiff Tidal light, the two then going forward (the Class 47 'dit') as 16.25 with scrap empties to Stockton. 57006 was on a 5Z46 14.20 Brush Loughborough-Landore power car move (as far as Gloucester) with barrier coach 6348 and 43025.

17/05 Royal 67005 was on a Victoria-Worcester Snow Hill VSOE working via Swindon (12.10) and the Stroud Valley with coaches;- 99545, Lucille, Ibis, Gwen, Cygnus, Perseus, Pheonix, Audrey, Ione, Zena, Vera, 6313.

21/05 47818 was on a 5Z46 Brush Loughborough-Landore HST stock move.

Portbury Branch Line

03/05 FLHH continue to stable a coal wagon set in the docks area over the weekend.

21/05 66207 was noted stabled outside the 'control' cabin beneath the M5 motorway bridge light-engine, the loco later working the 6X52 17.27 loaded cars to Washwood Heath (noted passing Parkway early at 17.26).

23/05 A thunderstorm affected the level crossing barriers at Ashton junction which remained locked in the down position following the passage of a train around 14.00.

31/05 66554 passed Abergavenny at 08.54 with the 6M55 (6Z70) Saturdays-only 06.19 Portbury-Rugeley loaded coal service.

Changes to headcodes for the FLHH Rugeley coal services took place during the month with;- 6Z83 03.00 departure becoming 6M07, 6Z82 06.56 departure-6M55, 6Z70 08.25 departure-6M61 (from at least the 26/05), 6Z72, 10.35 departure-6M04. Saturday Only; 6Z82 06.19 departure-6M55. The recent series of EWS coal departures for Aberthaw finished during the middle of the month.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the month have included;- 66144/149. 66507/510/519/525/529. 66553/554/561/564/566/583/597/609.

Severn Beach Line

The Severn Beach line now has an enhanced service, a roughly 40 min frequency due to the positioning of the passing areas and tails off after 18:00, the later services being at 19:33, 20:34 and 22:15. The service to Severn Beach is roughly 2 hourly as previously all day daytime services 10:00 - 17:00 terminated at Avonmouth. Saturday services follow a similar service pattern, train to Severn Beach every 2 hours but some services during the day do not stop at Lawrence Hill. Another milestone is the re-introduction of a Sunday service as far as Avonmouth between 10:00 - 17:00 until 7/9/08, the first such regular service for many, many ears. To mark this new services the Bristol Evening Post has printed "Free Travel Tickets" for use on 1/6 and 8/6 to encourage usage or novelty value at a may not be repeated timetable. Units used have comprised Classes 143, 150, 153 & 158 to date in a variety of liveries including Arriva and Silverlink.

Westbury

15/05 66527 on the return 6C66 Moorswater-Westbury was in trouble in the reception sidings at the cement works during the early evening when two wagons were derailed on the catch points protecting the mainline when the train moved backwards. One wagon was reported as detached and down an embankment, the second being off-track but still attached to the train. The mainline was unaffected and remained open during the incident. The two damaged wagons were reported as still present in the yard at the end of the month. The working on 15/06 was cancelled, but normal service had resumed with 66610 on 19/05.

Units noted this period included

142029/030/070/083.
143603/611/612/617/618/620/621.
150121/127/213/219/221/229/230/231/232/233/234/238/239/243/244/246/247
150248/249/261/263/265/266/267/282.
153305/329/361/372/373/380/382.
158745/746/766/769/776/778/798/950/951/952/953/954/955/956.
159105.
220002/010/015/017/019/020/023/028/033/034.
221114/116/117/118/119/121/122/123/126/127/128/130/131/132/133/134/135
221136/137/138/139/140/141.

LOCAL FREIGHTLINER WORKINGS

4V50/4051 Southampton - Wentlooge.

02/05 66423. 12/05 66541 15/05 66572. 16/05 66537. 21/05 66574 + 66578.
29/05 66541.

4V60 Calvert-Bath/Bristol BinLiner

01/05 66512. 02/05 66512. 06/05 66506. 09/05 66506. 16/05 66512.
19/05 66527. 23/05 66527. 27/05 66527. 30/05 66515.

6Z82 07.00 Portbury-Rugeley P.S. loaded coal.

01/05 66525. 02/05 66609. 07/05 66566. 08/05 66529. 09/05 66553.
14/05 66561. 15/05 66583. 16/05 66564.

6Z70 08.31 Portbury-Rugeley P.S. loaded coal

01/05 66507. 02/05 66507. 06/05 66507. 07/05 66507. 09/05 66510.
15/05 66529. 16/05 66529. 21/05 66553. 26/05 66554. 27/05 66597.
28/05 66597.

LOCAL EWS WORKINGS

6C01/6C02 Newport ADJ-Bristol East depot steel

02/05 66155. 06/05 66015. 07/05 66248. 09/05 66132. 16/05 66086.
19/05 66159. 21/05 66083. 22/05 66159. 23/05 60013.
28/05 66039 + 66187. 30/05 66115.

6B49/6B50 Newport ADJ-Swindon steel

02/05 66047. 09/05 66172. 16/05 66083. 20/05 60007. 23/05 66083.

30/05 66144.

6B13/6B47 Robeston - Westerleigh

01/05-03/05 60062. 07/06-10/05 60075. 12/05 60007. 21/05-22/05 60047.

6B33 Theale-Robeston fuel tank empties

01/05 60091. 03/05 60047. 06/05 60047. 08/05 60052. 10/05 60077.
17/05 60047. 22/05 60077. 27/05 60076.

6B83/6C83 Westbury-Machen-Westbury stone (T,Th (Q) SO)

01/05 66154. 10/05 60056. 17/05 60005. 20/05 59205. 22/05 59205.
29/05 59204.

6B65 Westbury-Newport ADJ departmental

13/05 60075. 15/05 66023. 21/05 66046. 27/05 66166. 29/05 66047.

4M20 Southampton Eastern dock - Castle Bromwich loaded cars

06/05 66019. 07/05 66112. 08/05 66112. 12/05 66019. 13/05 66019.
14/05 66165. 19/05 66040. 21/05 66040. 27/05 66009.

6C79/6B63 Parc Slip - Westbury loaded and empty coal

02/05 60034. 06/05 60047. 15/05 60055. 18/05 66187.

STOCK ALTERATIONS

Locomotives

Transfers

08466 (OC) / 466 (MG) / 495 (TE) / 500 (ML) / 514 (TE) / 538 / 578 (BS) / 605 (ML) / 630 (MG)
08632 (BS) / 662 (TE) / 664 / 676 (OC) / 685 (TE) / 706 / 709 (BS) / 714 (MG) / 737 (BS)
08752 (MG) / 757 (OC) / 770 (MG) / 782 (BS) / 798 (ML) / 799 (TE) / 802 (BS) / 804 (OC)
08844 (BS) / 865 / 879 (OC) / 907 (BS) / 921 (MG) / 922 (ML) - TO.
09001 (MG) / 005 / 006 (OC) / 013 (MG) / 014 (TE) / 017 (MG) / 019 (OC) / 022 (BS) - TO.
09101 / 105 (MG) / 107 (ML) / 201 (TE) - TO.

(It would appear that all EWS locos are to be allocated TO irrespective of operational location)

31452 / 454 / 601 (BH) - DF (RVLO), 66217 / 220 - France.

WNTS: 08512 / 709 / 775 / 765 / 783 / 842 / 854 / 909. 09003 / 013 / 024 / 103 / 205.
60030 / 048 / 090

WSSI: 08714 / 770 WSSN: 08994 / 995

WSEN EWS Euro Cargo Rail Shunting Locos 08738 / 939

Stored

08500 / 512 / 689 / 709 / 765 / 775 / 783 / 842 / 854 / 909 / 934 / 941. 09003 / 024 / 103 / 205.
60030 / 048 / 085 / 090.

AY: 09103. **BS:** 08709 / 775 / 842. **DC:** 08500 / 512 / 909 / 941.

EH: 08765. 09024. **MG:** 08854. 09003. **ML:** 08866.

OC: 08689 / 933 / 939. **TE:** 09205. **TO:** 08783. 60030 / 048 / 085 / 090.

WB: 08934. **LNWR:** 87007 / 008 / 026.

Traffic

08567 -TO(Didcot), 08623/701/742/776 -TO, 08951 -TO(Margam)
08993 -TO, 08994 -TO(Hams Hall). 08995 -TO(Hoo Junc), 37229 -KM,
37264 -HQ(FAMT), 37275. 46045 -HQ(MBDL), 56311 -DF, 57010/012 -KM.

Withdrawn

08541. 37158. 47309.

Disposals

HNRC: 37158 @CS
T Thomson: 47309
EMR: 08541

Renumbered

D2991 - 07007 -HQ(MBDL)
43039 - 43239, 43099 - 43299
56057 - 56311 (RVLO)

Diesel Multiple Units

Transfers

150257(EX)-CF, 282(CF)-EX
158881/882(SA)-NM, 886/887(NM)-SA

Stored

180109
977968 @RU

Traffic

118102 -OO

Renumbered & Reformed

150016 (52116 + 57212 + 57116), 116 - Disbanded
158955 (52747 + 57765 + 52765),
158956 (57749 + 57768 + 52768)
158957 (52749 + 57771 + 52771)

Electric Multiple Units

Stored

442404 -ZG, 2413 -BI

Withdrawn

70734(310049), 72508/644(8209), 72624/625/712(8313),
72641(8204), 76384(3536)

Disposals

Booth: 70734. 76384.
Ocean Beach Rly(NZ): 72508/624/625/644/712.
Dalton Transport, Thirsk: 72641

Renumbered

450050 - 550, 051 - 551, 052 - 552, 056 - 556

Coaching & NPCC Stock

Stored

BH: 1254. 3366/74. 6117/22/73. **ZB:** 11016. 12077/113. 44072.
LM: 1211/56. 3312. 5797. 5866. 5906/25/58/81. 6168. 9497.
9500/05/06

Traffic

10677 -HQ(MBCS), 16156 -HQ(MBCS), 80349/438 -WQ

Withdrawn

1208. 3299. 5914/67/68/75/88. 6005/25. 6152. 17086.
977.944/945/946/947

Disposals

Booth: 977.944/945/946/947
Thomson: 17086
Ocean Beach Rly(NZ): 1208. 3299. 5914/88
Toll Rail(NZ): 5967/68/75. 6005/25. 6182

FREIGHT REVIEW (By Pete Merry)

Once again, welcome to my little effort for this month. Firstly, may I say how good it was to finally meet some of you at Newport a few weeks ago. It is nice to put faces to names and voices and a very pleasant day it turned out to be for me personally, as well as meeting you all, I managed to see three out of my last four required Class 175/1 units! Luck or what! There was a little freight including a return empty bogie Murco tanks service during the afternoon which filled about five gaps in the two series of tanks - 88xxx and 89xxx! It was a long time previous to that when I spent time at Newport station, Godfrey Road was still in use as a stabling point and there wasn't a Platform 4! Now on to this month's news and sightings. For those of you into Continental vehicles, the Austatte twin flats in particular, two vehicles which were renumbered for Italian use have been renumbered back - and have been noted in Britain. The two concerned are 33.68.4909.777 (ex-31.83.4909.283) and 33.68.4909.308 (31.83.4909.589). The covered steel

carrier vehicles being built at W. H. Davis, coded JSA, in the 4100-4139 series are converted from the bogie aggregate/ironstone tipplers (265xx and 266xx series). Prefixed VTG, the following list gives their former identities: 4110 (ex-26621), 4111 (26669), 4112 (26564), 4113 (26671), 4114 (26665), 4115 (26674), 4116 (26616), 4117 (26614), 4118 (26642), 4119 (26632), 4120 (26595), 4121 (26588), 4122 (26605), 4123 (26744), 4124 (26568), 4135 (26661), 4136 (26685), 4137 (26637), 4138 (26592), 4139 (26752). Anyone who attended the recent Open Days at Long Marston would not only have noted all the stored older vehicles on the site, but also the new Lafarge Redland bogie cement tanks. The batch 12400-12447 (except 12401, which was undergoing test running from the RTC at Derby) were all *in situ* at Long Marston. On 9th June an earlier start at Rugby, due to a day off, saw a busy evening in glorious weather. Services noted other than Freightliner services began with the in-bound W. H. Malcolm service in the charge of 66423 (a first-time sighting by me personally) with the following Austatte flats in tow: 33.68.4909.424/043/385/744/124/077/708/411/862/873/714, 33.68.4943.084/087/081. The GBRf service to Hams Hall was next noted, in the charge of 66719, consisting of: 650009/010/051/052/035/036/002/001, 630037/38/25/26/39/40/27/28, 640652/ 651/657/658/625/626. The southbound Enterprise, hauled by 92030 with 90039 inside the loco, was made up of: 23.87.4333.070/040/054/057/039/ 027, 4376.009, 33.80.4741.141/149/138/137/147/143/148/146/139/157. Nice! Then 66423 was noted heading back north with the following: 33.68.4909.763/965/360/408/932/751/397/622/394/417/498/021, 33.68.4943.071. It was then Fastline's 56311 (ex-56057) heading south with the following flats: 643020/ 019/ 005/ 006/ 003/ 004/ 010/ 009/ 014/ 013/ 023/ 024/ 001/ 002/ 018/ 017, 93384, 93426. The Northampton-Bescot "kick-out" engineers' service was then noted in the charge of 66168, hauling the following impressive consist: 394800/ 4048/ 4665/ 4954/ 1061/ 4921/ 4366/ 4805/ 5266/ 4588/ 4247/ 4140/ 4799/ 6003/ 4382/ 4157/ 4551/ 1533/ 6061/ 4022/ 4845/ 5086/ 4963/ 6080/ 4086/ 4293/ 5052/ 1351/ 4517/ 4859/ 4376/ 6101/ 4573/ 6110/ 4929/ 4781/ 4935. The second W. H. Malcolm service was then noted northbound with 66412 at the head. Consist being: 33.68.4909.864/409/ 485/ 429/ 595/ 471/ 661/ 757/ 702/ 300/ 568, 33.68.4943.079/ 066/ 085. Other freight services noted this particular visit being hauled by the following locos: 90044, 66504, 66232, 90048, 86638+86632, 66013, 656417, 90028, 66540, 92002, 66576 and 66589. Also noted heading north light engine coupled to 66415 was 47712 *Pride of Carlisle* looking rather magnificent in the later Direct Rail Services livery complete with snowploughs. Stone Blower 80208 was also noted. A week later at Nuneaton, a couple of services worth a mention were, firstly, 66146 with the following engineers' train: 394874/1292/1946/5251/5278/5152/4809 5369/4641/4027/4299/5209/6145/4386/4879/4021/6052/5313/4837/1405/1272/42 80/5256/1288/5318/6091/4677/1258/4637/ 4829/ 4527/ 4634/ 4618. Secondly, the northbound Enterprise with 92007 in charge and 37401 attached had the following consist: 23.87.4375.052/037/028/031/004, 23.80.2929.012/018/045/008/023, 33.80.7894.038. Other services noted were hauled by: 66128, 66159, 66145, 66412, 66414, 66573, 66532, 66603, 66578, 66540 and 66593. On 23rd June, at Rugby, amongst the regulars, the following engineers' service was noted in the charge of 66101: 979501, 93613, 93716, 93710, 93730, 93731, 93714, 93713, 93715, 93171. A second engineers' service with 66099 in charge consisted of the following: 29116, 29367, 500314, 500348, 29127, 503132, 29341, 29267, 29388, 29212,

29120, 29156, 29094, 29486, 29536, 29342, 29371. Other locos noted that night on passing services were: 66068, 66548, 60059(!), 66060, 92030, 66417, 66570, 66594, 66567, 66201, 66401, 66537. The fuel train noted at Newport on 28th June, hauled by 60044, was:
89026/018/022/004/012/020/024/003/021/015/027, 85305/307/304/306/
314/312/308, 88119/137, 78257. A quick snippet of Nuneaton on 30th June. It saw the first sightings of the new Fastline class 66s. 66301 and 66303 had already been noted by other people earlier in the day, but at Nuneaton that evening 66304 was noted heading towards Leicester with the following consist: 37.70.6791.004/005/003/006/001/002/000/016/017/015/
013/012/014/009/008/007/010/011, 371055/051. The continental-registered vehicles are the new Fastline coal hoppers (37.70.6791.000-028 having been delivered) and the other two are hired-in GBRf coal hoppers. Apologies if its a bit long a report this time - hope it's of interest. More next time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Stolen Steel

A man was due to appear in Bristol Crown Court during June charged with the theft of 171 tonnes of rail, with a scrap value of £22,308 from alongside the main Swindon- South Wales main line at Acton Turville, near Badminton. The mainly 40 ft rail lengths were lifted by crane onto a waiting lorry nearby this actually taking place when the line was still open.

Police Aid

100 personal digital assistants (PDAs) have been issued to Transport Police throughout Wales and the South-West to help identify and check suspicious persons and vehicles much quicker in relation to railway issues such as trespass and vandalism. Over 1,350 of these units are now in use throughout the UK.

Road Movements

31/05 0-6-0T 'Thomas' blue-livery (with no face!) northbound M5, near Sedgemoor Services at 10.50.

28/05 Industrial loco in 'Yeoman' livery (possibly an 0-6-0) on road low-loader in Third Way, Avonmouth at 11.50 (the haulier could have been King's Lifts, who have a depot at this location).

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Avon Valley Railway (R.W.Giles) 03/05/08

Ex. Southampton docks shunter D2994 (07010) was noted in action on this diesel running day with coaching stock; M3745 + M35255 + M25299 + WGP8808. The loco will celebrate its 30th Anniversary in preservation during July with previous spells on the Mid Hants and West Somerset Railways having been withdrawn by BR in 1976. RSHN 7151/44 is currently the regularly used steam loco over the line.

Helston Preservation Society/Diesel Group (R.W.Giles) 13/05/08

A visit to Trevarno Gardens found track laid and work underway on a new

station with two sidings on the former Helston-Gwinear Road branch line track bed. Digging machinery has been provided free of charge to the group. The location where the work is taking place actually didnt have a station, being located between the former Truthall Halt and Nancegollan sites. Ex. BR dmu; (50413) + (56169) both in a 'cosmetic' green livery and unserviceable (moved from Gwinear Road). Industrials;- (D2960) RH 395305/56 in a black livery and out of service. D2959 (Shire Lodge) RH 327974/54 in green livery and serviceable.

Notes;- Both of the RH locos came from the Northampton Ironstone Trust (having both arrived there during 1997), the former previously on the Foxfield Railway from at least the late 1970s, whilst the latter having been previously at Great Eastern Traction, Hardingham having before been in industrial use at British Sugar, South Lynn.

Clifton Rocks Railway

Work on the funicular railway has restarted following a £15.5 million deal involving the sale of the Avon Gorge Hotel between companies, where insurance, covering persons working or visiting the underground site had lapsed. The first public open day of the year to view work progress took place during the month.

Conoco/Esso, Bitumen Terminal, Cattewater, Plymouth (R.W.Giles)

17/05 The site was viewed on this date following the removal of the final eight 4-wheel TTA empties the previous day at 06.20 by 09101. The rail depot is to close during July, the company having invested in a road lorry fleet instead of replacing the life-expired tank wagons, to move the around 23,000 tonnes of bitumen from Fawley to Plymouth, originally delivered twice weekly by EWS with West Country depot fuel tanks. It is reported locally that supermarket chain Tesco are interested in developing the location as a new bio-fuels depot, but whether rail would feature remains to be seen. The Laira-Cattedown branchline (via Plymouth Friary) will still remain open as far as Shapter's Way level crossing to serve an EMR scrap metal depot. Surprisingly, the yard loco, Hudswell Clarke (D1373/65) was only returned from a complete overhaul (including repaint) during early 2007! Also, on the date of viewing roal/rail excavator BCL 644 was present.

TRIP REPORTS

19/6/08

TPE

Rick King

Bescot 66093

Stafford 57312 66568/575 220025/028 221122 350107 390026/037

Crewe 08810/868 47811/830 66592 86611/621/901/902 87002
90015/048 150285 158829 350102 390015/034

Manchester (12.30-18.10)

56311 66152/505/517/537/576 92001/013
142005/013/031/039/043/044/049/055/056/058/090
150136/148/215/218/222/228/273/274

153316/379
156423/426/427/428/441/443/454/455/483/484/486/487/489/497
158774/777/783/788/835/854/857/864/865/866/882
170303/304/305/307/308/309
175010/102/103/104/106/107/108/111/113/114
185101/102/105/107/108/109/110/111/112/113/114/115/116/117/118/119,
185120/121/122/123/124/125/126/127/128/130/131/132/133/134/135/137,
185138/139/140/141/142/143/144/145/147/149/151
220001/002/008/010/011/013/016/017/030/031/033
221141
323223/224/225/226/227/229/231/232/233/234/235/236/237/238/239
390007/010/014/018/025/035/037/038/044/048/049/052

Crewe 47805 66088 90047 158846 350106/109 390025/053

Stafford (20:30-23:10)

57313 66417/421/429/522/533/573/583 67020/029/030
86612/627/628 90018/042/044/046 92013/015/029/036
220001/005/009/029
221102/105/108/110/117/120/123/140/144
350113/119/121
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