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# September 2008 Issue 439 Front Cover Photo:

A open day was held at Merehead Quarry as part of the Cranmore 150 Gala weekend. 66623, 08643, 66731, 59104, 59103, 59203 and 60040 were on display. [R. Giles]

# **FUTURE EVENTS**

TRIP 422 STATFOLD BARN OPEN DAY Saturday 20/09/08

A one day trip visiting Industrial & Preserved sites in Staffordshire as well as the Open Day at Statfold.

# Itinerary

L.H.Group, Barton Under Needwood; North Staffs & Cheshire Traction Engine Club, Draycott; Statfold Barn Open Day; Nuneaton Station (approx 2½ hours).

**Note:** A Mandatory Deposit of £8 is required on Booking to cover the Open Day entrance fee.

Permits: All to be applied for except Nuneaton Station.

Fares: Members; £37 Non Members; £39 Deposit; £8 (see above).

TimesDepartReturnNailsea & Backwell06.3021.30Temple Meads06.5521.05Parkway07.1520.45

Safety Equipment Required: Hi-Viz Jacket

# TRIP 423 LINCOLNSHIRE & CAMRIDGESHIRE Sat-Sun 25-26/10/08

A two day trip visiting Industrial & Preserved sites in the counties.

# Itinerary

DAY 1: Shepreth Wildlife Park, Shepreth; Cemex, Barrington Cement Works; Imperial War Museum, Duxford; R Blackmore, Horseheath; Steve Thompson, Cambridge; Roger Wolferton, Chesterton; C.J & A.M Pearman, Huntingdon; C Cross, March; GB Railfreight, March Depot (view); Peterborough Overnight.

DAY 2: Peterborough Overnight; Tysdale Farm, Tydd St Mary; Jason Allen, Grimoldby; T Hall, Dorrington; Great Northern & East Lincolnshire Railway, Ludborough; Cleethorpes Coast Light Railway, Cleethorpes; Lindsey Oil, Killingholme; Conoco Ltd, South Killingholme; Grant Plant, Frodingham.

Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris by 16/08/08 please as accommodation requires arranging.

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

Permits: All to be applied for except for GB Railfreight.

Fares: Members; £85 Non Members; £89 Deposit; £25 (see above).

 Times
 Depart (25/10)
 Return (26/10)

 Nailsea & Backwell
 06.00
 21.30

 Temple Meads
 06.25
 21.05

Parkway 06.45 20.45 Safety Equipment Required: Hi-Viz Jacket

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# 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 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 tripmember 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 an itinerary to a specific area, it may sometimes be possible to drop off a member en route. This is known as the Trip Flyer option. Availability and exact duration of stay will be at the discretion of the Events Organiser. The fare for this option will be negotiable, depending on the drop off point and seat availability.
- 6. For members living outside the normal pick up/drop off areas it may be possible to be picked up en route. This is known as the Trip Hiker option. Fares and availability are at the discretion of the Events Organiser.
- 7. The Society mobile **07510 224197** will be switched on throughout the duration of society trips. Please do not use it outside these times for time critical communications as voice mails and texts may not be picked up immediately.

# 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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# NOTES AND NEWS

# Avonmouth

04/07 66089 arrived at 06.00 with the 6V53 00.10 ex. Wembley 'enterprise' freight service.

08/07 Filton 'used ballast in fill' trains are continuing to use the bulk handling terminal as a loco run-round point to gain access to the Filton North-West curve for unloading. Two train's a day have sometimes operated, today's workings being; 66136 with 6W82 06.00 Newport ADJ-Filton West and DB Schenker Rail 'blue' painted 60074 on the second (6W83 11.00? Newport ADJ-Filton West). The second so far painted DB Schenker Rail Class 60 in 'army red', 60040 was also recorded passing Hallen Marsh junction at 13.06 with the 6C63 11.30 Westbury-Avonmouth empty import stone wagons (15 KEAs). The loaded 6C64 return working was reported as passing Brentry later at 17.15. This Class 60 had arrived in the Westbury area on the overnight 7C29 Acton-Merehead service.

10/07 66102 worked a 6W86 06.00 Newport ADJ-Filton loaded stone via Avonmouth.

11/07 60074 made a repeat performance on the second Filton stone, being recorded on the 6W83 16.45 return empties in Temple Meads (for the train's second loco run-round) at 15.45.

17/07 An 09.10 Acton-Avonmouth and 17.07 return (6C63 and 6C64) ran behind 66177 using PGA four-wheel stone wagons (inplace of the out and back Westbury trip). 67026 was later sighted with the 6M33 16.31 'enterprise' freight to Wembley passing Brentry at 16.10.

19/07 67021 + silver livered 67029 worked in on the 6V53 00.10 Wembley-Avonmouth 'enterprise' freight formed of four IWA/IWD wagons. The locos were later employed on the Saturday First/GW Weymouth 'bucket & spade' relief passenger service.

21/07 Freightliner commenced operating a Filton stone train as 6Y15 10.00 Crewe Basford Hall yard-Filton West (routed via the Marches and the Severn Tunnel), the day's train being formed of 15 MRA side tippler wagons headed by 66545. Earlier test unit 950001 was in the area as 2Z08 07.15 Derby-Westbury, being recorded at Hallen Marsh at 10.47 (60 minutes early!) and later seen waiting just outside Avonmouth station for 143603 to depart with the 13.16 First/GW local service to Temple

Meads, and to follow. The set was again still running over an hour early following a Severn Beach branch and station visit.

**22/07** 66545 was on the 6Y15 Crewe-Filton stone service running around an hour late.

23/07 66546 worked the 6Y15 Crewe-Filton stone again running late (noted passing Pilning at 15.43 and Henbury at 16.03), the train actually ended up stabled overnight in the bulk handling terminal and the following day's 6Y15 cancelled.

28/07 66561 passed Hallen Marsh at 15.10 prior to the run round in the bulk handling terminal with the 6Y15.

**31/07** 67003 was on the 6M33 'enterprise' freight service, whilst 66544 was the 6Y15 Filton stone loco.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the month have included; -66016/044/047/054/070/081/096/141/150/156/164/197. 08405 continued as the area shunting pilot.

Locos recorded on Filton stone duty during the month have included; -60074. 66013/017/054. 66102/117/136/165/183. 66544/545/546/561.

# Bristol Parkway, Pilning and Westerleigh

**01/07** 66183 passed Yate at 13.23 with the return 6W83 10.49 Filton West Junction-Crewe 'in fill' stone empties.

**02/07** The two Colas Class 47s arrived during the afternoon top n'tailing a 6Z47 10.40 Eastleigh yard-Stoke Gifford departmental (due 14.09) via Didcot, formed with 93446, 92377, 92410, 76601.

03/07 Inter-City livery 31454 + 31105 top n'tailed a northbound test train through Parkway at 20.53. Earlier in the day 66174 had powered the 6B24 Didcot-Wentlooge MoD stores.

04/07 66200 was reported to have worked through Parkway on the 6B35 Hayes-Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties.

07/07 Colas 47727 departed during the morning as an 0Z47 Stoke Gifford-Plymouth (via Day's curve, Bath and Westbury) light-engine move. Seven locos seen this evening on a variety of services starting with Colas 47, 47749 stabled in the yard with Colas branded engineering vehicles, in quick succession were 66146 with the "Cubes" and 66154 working ADJ - Wembley "Enterprise" service. MGRs were 66121 empties for Avonmouth, 66147 and 66164 with loaded trains for Didcot. Final sighting was 66015 with a "Scrap" service for South Wales.

09/07 66250 worked the 6M17 Newport ADJ-Wembley 'enterprise' freight.
10/07 66601 was on the 6Z60 10.51 Neasden-Newton Abbot sand empties
passing Parkway at 18.00. Earlier, over at Westerleigh, 60071 arrived
with the 6B13 loaded fuel tanks from Robeston, but the inward 6V98
Lindsey-Westerleigh tanks, with 60012 was reported to have suffered a

double failure, once in the Birmingham area and later at Gloucester! The loco was revived on both occasions, but arrived substantially late at 11.19 with 66104 assisting on the front!

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12/07 EWS 'stickered' Load-haul 60007 was on the 6E41 Westerleigh-Lindsey fuel tank empties. Over at Pilning, where weekend engineering work still blocked the Severn Tunnel, with diversions via Gloucester, five engineers trains, coded 6W01-6W05 were booked to depart from

- Pilning at 07.30, 09.30, 12.30, 14.30 and 23.30 respectively, to Newport ADJ via Parkway and Gloucester. 66602 was recorded as stabled in Stoke Gifford down sidings facing west for the week-end on a rake of FLHH coal empties, ready for a Monday morning Portbury-Rugeley loaded working.
- 13/07 Colas 47749 remained stabled solo in the down sidings at Parkway. 66560 had joined 66602 with a second FLHH rake of coal empties by 17.00, again ready for use during Monday morning.
- 14/07 66177 was on the 6B35 Hayes-Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties, working this service again two days later.
- 15/07 A new Advenza, overnight 6Z31 20.25 Cardiff Tidal-Ripple Lane steel service (returning as 6Z32, booked at Pilning between 16.37-16.53), using curtain sided Tiphook wagons (KIA) was cancelled due to wagon problems. DB Schenker 'blue' livered 60074 was reported as in Pilning loop at 14.30 with an early running 6B33 Theale-Robeston empty fuel tanks.
- 16/07 Having stabled overnight at Cardiff Central, 57006 ran 0Z31 light-engine to Ripple Lane to collect a 6Z31 return, using the correct steel wagons (KIAs), passing Pilning at 20.23. This new working is believed to be linked with the 2012 Olympic Stadium site.
- 17/07 66146 was on the morning 6B65 Westbury-Newport ADJ departmental whilst 60075 powered an 'extra' 6Z83 11.45 Machen-Acton loaded stone train.
- 19/07 Weekend FLHH coal trains stabled at Parkway were headed by 66560 and 66507. They were again reported as present during the following day (Sunday). One of these workings has been identified as 4V46 11.00 (Sat) Rugeley P.S.-Stoke Gifford down sidings (Ashchurch 14.35).
- 21/07 Mainline preserved D1015 Western Champion called at Parkway with Pathfinder's 'Tall Ships' (1Z52 05.47 Salisbury-Liverpool and 1Z54 return) to view 100 tall ships moored along the Mersey at a special event. The train was recorded as passing Filton at 07.46 and Westerleigh 07.58. Advenza 57006 was later recorded passing at 20.15 on the Tiphook KIA steel wagons heading westbound. 66507 was noted as stabled with an empty FLHH rake of coal wagons at 17.00.
- 22/07 66526 was stabled at Parkway at 17.00 on a FLHH empty coal rake facing west. 66598 later arrived at 23.10 and remained on a ballast working which had arrived via Day's curve from the Bath direction.
  23/07 Another new freight-flow for Advenza saw 57006 work a 6Z56 22.15 Cardiff-Hitchin scrap metal move which was in trouble with no access to the trains off-loading! The Class 57 ended up running light-engine to Norwich whilst the wagons remained Hitchin. 57006 was to return on 16 Tiphook covered KIAs as 6Z32 Ripple Lane-Cardiff Tidal being recorded passing Pilning early at 15.13. Incidentally, Advenza's second Class 57, 57005 remains still out of service at Barrow Hill undergoing traction motor repairs.
- 24/07 Observations at Filton Abbeywood saw unbranded Central Train's green livered 153356 pass empty on a Derby-Eastleigh move, whilst earlier 60005 was seen at 13.20 on empty HAAs believed to be a 6Z86 Uskmouth P.S.-Whatley Quarry working (cancelled from 09/07), the wagons being for eventual use on the new Avonmouth-Westbury cement works coalflow (see last Month's Magazine page 6). Over at Pilning, FLHH 66546 passed at 18.30 on the return 6Y15 16.46 Filton West-Crewe Basford Hall stone empties.
- 25/07 60047 returned the 6B50 Swindon-Newport ADJ steel empties through

Parkway at 17.55 (66043 having been de-allocated from this train) and 60039 passed Filton Abbeywood at 17.50 on 6B63 Westbury cement works-Margam coal empties. First/GW DMU 150244 was again operating as a 'hybrid' formed 57244 ('neon' local line) + 52282 (unbranded Arriva blue), the set working the 14.00 Cardiff Central-Taunton and return 16.05 Taunton-Bristol TM services during the day. Earlier in the year, during April, this set was formed as 57248 (former Wessex Train's vinyls) + 52244 ('neon' local line)!

**26/07** The Saturday's Freightliner 6Z28 Pengam-Wentlooge and 6Z29 return empties were headed by 66506. Also, 66618 was reported as stabled at Stoke Gifford sidings on FLHH empties over the week-end for a Portbury coal service.

27/07 Parkway, was being served by road buses due to weekend engineering work.

28/07 59201 was on a 6C48 12.31 Appleford-Machen stone empty move via Reading West and Bath, whilst 66185 passed Parkway at 19.31 on the 6M17 Newport ADJ-Wembley freight. DRS 37059 ran 0Z37 09.00 Stowmarket-Taunton light-engine (booked Temple Meads 15.57-16.05) to collect a track machine.

29/07 60071 was at Westerleigh during the morning on the 6E41 Lindsey tanks, whilst 66546 was reported as passing Pilning at 13.17 on the 6Y15 09.45 Crewe Basford Hall yard-Filton West loaded stone. The 16.46 return empties was also recorded as passing Abergavenny at 19.44.

**30/07** The 6B35 Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties were running over 6 hours (and a day late!) behind 66177. Cotswold-Rail silver livered 47828 worked an overnight Cardiff-Ripple Lane steel service.

31/07 60052 was on the 6C79 Westbury cement works coal and 60013 worked the 6B33 Theale-Robeston empty fuel tanks passing Pilning at 16.25. Cotswold 47828 returned as 6Z32 Ripple Lane-Cardiff Tidal Tiphook steel empties through Pilning over an hour early at 15.30. The NRMT HST (with power cars 43013 + 43014) was recorded on 1Z17 Derby-Old Oak Common (via Temple Meads and Swindon) down at 19.50. A speed restriction, reported as at 5 mph was in force on the down line at Cattybrook (between Patchway and Pilning) during the day. Just two items to report this evening 66187 with MGR empties for Avonmouth and the NR HST set using power cars 43013/014.

# Bristol Temple Meads, Kingsland Road and Barton Hill

21/06 Correction to last Month's Magazine (page 10); - The railtour worked by steam 71000 Duke of Gloucester on this date was the 'Cornishman' (not 'Royal Duchy' as stated). The trip was organised by the Railway Touring Company.

**01/07** Two southbound workings seen late afternoon, 16:10 66182 with "Railtrack" branded wagons and 17:45 66094 with a stone train. DRS 57012 returned north light-engine as 0Z51 10.00 Plymouth-Crewe (booked Temple Meads at 13.56) during the early afternoon following the completion of a preserved diesel loco move to the South Devon Railway (see last Month's Magazine, page 8). At 13.10, 66085 arrived with the 6V62 10.46 (TO) Eastleigh yard-Plymouth Tavistock yard depot fuel tanks. DMU coach 52747 was noted on it's own near the wheel lathe at St. Phillips Marsh depot. Another DRS loco in the area, 37423 (with green livered saloon coach

975025 Caroline) was noted stabled on the up through line during the evening, having run 2Z01 08.51 Paddington-Temple Meads (due 17.15) via Birmingham, being earlier noted passing Filton Abbeywood at 16.37.

02/07 DRS 37423 worked 2Z01 09.12 Temple Meads-Gloucester (via Bath and Didcot), returning through Parkway (noted at 12.58) to Temple Meads prior to a reverse for Gloucester (15.01). A 2Z02 15.10 Gloucester-Temple Meads followed running via Kemble, Swindon (reverse) and Bath. The loco was reported as propelling the saloon into Bristol during the early afternoon and evening, before running 5Z01 18.14 Temple Meads-Derby (via Bristol West). Another working of interest was Cotswold-Rail 47828 on 5Z50 10.00 Loughborough-St. Phillips Marsh (with barrier coach 6336) and a return 5Z52 14.00 to Loughborough move.

03/07 Steam loco 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley made what is thought to be it's mainline preservation passenger debut in Bristol (in more recent times!) on Steam Dream's 'Cathedral Express' (1Z96 09.44 Victoria-Temple Meads and 1Z97 16.35 return) using c/stock; 21096 (loco support coach), 5222, 4961, 1840, 5216, 13440, 9392, 99673, 5236, 1961, 5237, 5249. The return working was noted passing Keynsham to time at 16.43.

Also recorded during the day was the return Machen stone, running early through North Somerset junction, behind 59102 at 13.23. During the evening, 66237 passed Temple Meads at 18.15 on the 6X52 17.27 Portbury-Washwood Heath loaded car train.

In the early hours, the overnight 1C99 Paddington-Penzance First/GW sleeper service was reported as headed by 57604 still in the 'old' First green/grey stripe livery.

**04/07** 67020 worked a 1Z54 07.15 Victoria-Bath VSOE which arrived late morning for passengers to attend a music festival in the city. The stock ran 5Z74 to Bristol East prior to returning as 5Z75 16.40 ECS to Bath, for the return to London. Steam 34067 Tangmere arrived during the early evening as 5Z58 14.20 Southall-Barton Hill loco and support coach, to work the first 'Torbay Express' of the 2008 season.

05/07 67020 and 67021 top n'tailed the Saturday's Only five coach, 2072 09.09 Temple Meads-Weymouth (noted near Bath at 09.24) and 2V67 16.55 return, 'bucket & spade' First/GW relief passenger service. Later DRS locos 47802 and 47712 top n'tailed the 1Z72 07.20 Paddington-Paignton 'Stobart Pullman' via Bath and Bristol, with the return also routed this way despite being booked via Westbury! This turned out to be one of the final workings for this luxury dining train, with recent trip cancellations due to low bookings.

On the freight side; 66531 was in charge of the 6Z28 and 6Z29 Pengam-Theale loaded and empty stone service out and back via Bath, whilst the 'Torbay Express' coaching stock arrived in Bristol as 5Z71 10.47 Old Oak Common-Bristol (via Parkway) during the late afternoon.

The Summer Saturday HST diagrams were covered with the following power cars, 1C02 07.35 Temple Meads-Paignton/1E46 10.32 Paignton-Manchester 43051+43302. 1E47 09.40 Newquay-Newcastle 43166+43178. 1V29 07.24 Manchester-Newquay/1M28 15.22 Newquay-Manchester 43057+43053.

**06/07** Steam loco 34067 Tangmere hauled the first Sunday 'Torbay Express' (1Z27 09.18 Temple Meads-Kingswear and 1Z28 17.17 return) of the year using a full choc/cream c/stock rake formed; - 21272, 3122, 3112, 3149, 5009, 1863, 4927, 5040, 4902, 35518 (loco support coach in green livery). The train was noted passing Yatton at 09.55, slightly down on time following the 09.30 Temple Meads-Weston-super-Mare First/GW HST

service. The 'Torbay Express' was launched by Pastime Rail during 2003 over four Sunday's during August, the train is set to run for 14 weeks during 2008 with an additional working on bank holiday Monday 25th August. Of today's train, only 26 of the 475 available seats remained unsold! Motive power for this year's train is expected to be shared between; 6024 King Edward I, 5029 Nunney Castle and 34067 Tangmere. The day's return working was noted running early when seen passing Yatton at 21.05, the booked Bristol arrival time being 21.39.

**07/07** Early evening observations near Bath recorded 34067 Tangmere with support coach 35518 running as 5Z28 18.00 Barton Hill-Southall at 18.24 (the loco being needed for a 'Sunny South Special' 1Z92 08.10 Clapham junction-Weymouth and 1Z93 17.35 return) two days later and 66153 and 66182 top n'tailing a 6W50 15.34 Eastleigh-Bargoed rail train (18.12), booked to return during the following day as 6W50 05.43 Bargoed-Eastleigh.

**08/07** Freight workings during the day included; Bardon-blue 66623 on a 6C62 Neath Abbey Wharf-Newton Abbot stone and 66076 on the 6V62 10.46 Eastleigh-Plymouth Tavistock yard loaded fuel tanks, numbering 27 TTAs (on departure from Fawley as 6B41 08.05 Fawley-Eastleigh), wagons being destined for Ipswich (5), Laira (9), Penzance (6), St. Phillips Marsh (11). The working was later noted passing Brent Knoll at 16.28 (with 12 empties included from St. Phillips Marsh). Also recorded here, was 142004 running empty at 15.37 from St. Phillips Marsh-Exeter.

**09/07** Heavy rainfall during the day saw flooding affecting services in the Taunton area.

10/07 Bardon-blue livered 66623 returned north through Flax Bourton at 10.06 with 6Z66 04.10 Burngullow - Neath loaded sand, and later, having earlier passed through Parkway at 18.00, the retimed 6Z60 14.00 Neasden-Newton Abbot sand empties, headed by 66601 was routed via the Weston-super-Mare loop. Two freight workings reported through Lawrence Hill during the evening were, 66139 with the 6B99 St. Blazey-Cardiff Tidal sidings loaded scrap (18.42) and 60076 returning the Westbury-Margam coal empties (6B63) at 19.10.

11/07 Steam loco 34067 Tangmere and support coach, returned from a South Coast railtour as 5Z27 Southall-Barton Hill, via Bath during the late afternoon.

12/07 Royal locos 67005 and 67006 top n'tailed the 2072 09.09 Temple Meads-Weymouth and 2V67 16.55 return, the 2072 being recorded near Keynsham at 09.20. Also observed later at nearby Saltford were; - 66602 on a 6Y27 06.00 Exeter Cowley Bridge-Thingley junction rail train at 09.45 and 67003 + 67027 double-heading UK Railtours 'Torbay Flyer' (1Z80 06.12 Stevenage-Paignton and 1Z81 17.37 return) through at 09.47 formed with a mixed livery Riviera train's MkII stock formation.

The Summer Saturday HST power cars in use on Arriva XC services were as follows 1CO2/1E46 - 43057+43302. 1E47 - 43178+43166. 1V29/1M28 - 43053+43056. 1V49 09.41 Newcastle-Newquay 43007+43184. The 1E46 was reported as a failure at Cheltenham.

13/07 The second of this year's 'Torbay Express' series was again worked by steam 34067 Tangmere being reported outward through Malago at 09.23 and on the return at Weston-super-Mare at 20.52. Royal locos 67005 + 67006 returned to Wembley from Barton Hill light-engine during the afternoon.

14/07 Class 60 freight activity saw 60005 work the 6C79 Parc Slip-

Westbury loaded coal service through Filton Abbeywood at 14.30 and Day's curve and later 60018 on the overnight 6C99 Newport ADJ - St. Blazey freight. First/GW unit workings of note were; an unidentified Class 150/2 covering for an HST set on the 18.09 Weston-super-Mare-Paddington service as far as Temple Meads only and 142028 + 150248 + 153318 on the 21.45 Exeter St. Davids-Temple Meads. The Class 142 unit was still stabled in the station area during the following morning.

15/07 Some further unit moves were ex-works 150238 as 18.50 Cardiff Canton-St. Phillips Marsh and 158958 (formed 57746+52776+57776) returning from works as 5Z59 17.56 Doncaster West Yard - St. Phillips Marsh. 150233 was also reported to have run as 5Z84 15.35 Temple Meads-Canton, to replace 150238 for overhaul and repaint. Some freight movements reported were; 66146 on the 6B65 Westbury - Newport ADJ departmental, 66105 on the Tuesday's only 6V62 Fawley - Plymouth fuel tanks and 60063 round Day's curve with a 14.30 Machen - Westbury 'extra' loaded stone train.

16/07 Steam 60009 Bittern became the second A4 Class loco to visit Bristol in two weeks arriving at 13.08 on a 'diverted' 1Z82 08.45 Victoria-Bristol and 1Z83 17.35 return trip originally planned to run to and from Minehead.

Problems on the West Somerset Railway with an incorrect rail-grinding profile has seen a steam ban over the line for the bigger engines, the train's operator Steam Dreams having turned down the offer of green livered 47840 North Star to haul the train over the line, with Bittern (which was originally planned to be the first loco turned on the newly installed Minehead turntable) to run Bishop's Lydeard-Westbury (with support coach) for turning and to work the train back on the return to Bishop's Lydeard to London. Coincidently, 31233 with a Network-Rail test train complete with driving van 9703 visited the line during the day to gauge the grinding damage.

Another steam movement was; 34067 Tangmere which ran 5Z27 loco and support coach from Barton Hill-Taunton to take over a Kingfisher Tour's 1Z27 08.00 Ealing Broadway-Kingswear (and later the return 1Z28 17.44 Kingswear-Ealing Broadway) from Royal 67006. 60018 returned from its West Country visit on the evening 6B99 St. Blazey-Cardiff Tidal freight service.

17/07 66125 ran OCO1 Newport ADJ-Bristol East depot light-engine to collect steel empties. Steam 34067 returned from Taunton-Barton Hill with support coach during the late afternoon. A Pastime Rail Exeter-Liverpool 'tall ships' excusion was cancelled.

18/07 DB Schnenker 'red' livered 60040 ran 0B65 Westbury-Margam light-engine, partly in the path of the 'wagonless' morning departmental service. The loco was due for an exam at Margam depot.

19/07 67021 + silver livered 67029 top n'tailed the 2072 and 2V67 First/GW Weymouth relief services whilst 66526 was on the 6Z28 and 6Z29 Pengam-Theale stone and empties, routed both ways via Bath and Day's curve. Saturday Arriva XC 'hire' HST power cars in use were as follows;-1C02/1E46 - 43307+43367. 1E47 - 43104+43301. 1V29/1M28 - 43110+43238. 1V49 - 43166+43178. Two FLHH evening engineers trains recorded were 66621 + 66622 top n'tailing a 6Y33 20.36 Taunton Fairwater-Hullavington (new sleepers and machinery), noted passing Nailsea & Backwell at 21.20 and later 66623 + 66612 each end of 6Y11 21.47 Taunton Fairwater-Wootton Bassett (high output ballast cleaner).

20/07 Having run 06.15 Kidderminster-Barton Hill loco and support coach W35333, following repair, steam 6024 King Edward I made a welcome return on the 'Torbay Express' (1Z27 09.18 Temple Meads-Kingswear and 1Z28 17.17 return), looking very nice passing through Yatton at 09.35 on a full choc/cream set of coaches. This year's 'T4 on the beach' pop concert at Weston-super-Mare saw an increased First/GW service, using HST sets. 14 additional trains operated starting with an 08.47 Swindon-Weston-super-Mare and 09.08 Taunton-Weston-super-Mare (43003 + 43140). A further HST set with power cars 43022 + 43079 was also believed to have seen use. Last year, Class 31s were used in top n'tail formation with stock on extra workings, which saw around 40,000 people attend the event.

22/07 Test unit 950001 worked back through the area as 2Z08 08.00 Westbury-Plymouth, taking in Yatton down loop. 66196 was on the 6C79 Parc Slip-Westbury cement works loaded coal service.

23/07 The 'Steam on the British Pullman' VSOE was worked by 35028 Clan Line as 1Z92 08.45 Victoria-Bath/Bristol (and 1Z93 16.38 return) to and from Westbury where 66122 took over for the run to and from Bristol. Colas Class 47, No. 47727 worked 0Z47 Newton Abbot - Weston-super-Mare (arriving at 09.46) visiting the up bay platform which has not seen a loco for many years, normally seeing only track machines. The loco remained at Weston for around 4 hours before returning westbound lightengine.

Another departmental movement was MPV DR98961+DR98911 which worked 6Z05 09.30 Marsh junction-Exeter and return, on what could have been a weed killing run.

25/07 Coal train for Westbury seen at 15:00 behind 60039. 66013 ran 0C01 Newport-Bristol East to collect steel empties.

26/07 66506 seen at 09:30 with FHH hoppers believed to be empty MGR enroute to Portbury. The Weymouth relief, 2072/2V67 were top n'tailed by 67025 and 67001.

Two passenger specials during the day were; - 67028 on a 1Z30 07.53 Bath-Par Northern Belle dining special (and 1Z31 17.17 return) and steam 5029 Nunney Castle (carrying a 116 head code and 'Bristolian' headboard) with Vintage Train's 'Bristol Explorer' (1Z72 07.04 Solihull-Temple Meads and 1Z73 16.20 return) routed both ways via Bath, using seven choc/cream (including Pullman) stock. The empty stock on after arrival was stabled at Bristol West, during the day prior to running 5Z74 15.29 Bristol West-Temple Meads for the return.

The 'misformed' 150244 (52282 + 57244) + 150243 (in old Wessex vinyls) was unusually employed on the 1F11 10.30 Cardiff Central-Portsmouth Harbour First/GW service inplace of a Class 158/9 unit (150243 had earlier worked the 06.00 Portsmouth Harbour-Cardiff service solo). The return 1F24 14.22 Portsmouth Harbour-Cardiff Central was however in the hands of two car 158957 formed only 52748+57771. Earlier, the 09.49 Weymouth service had departed full with standing passengers formed of 2-car 150127, as the second set which was to be added at Temple Meads was 143617, a class which is not permitted to run beyond Castle Cary on the Weymouth line.

At 12.00 the following were present on Kingsland Road; - 66506/584/625. An evening engineers working through Nailsea & Backwell at 21.19 was 66622 top n'tailing 6Y11 (high ouput ballast cleaner) with 66621.

27/07 Steam 6024 King Edward I passed Malago at the usual 09.23 time

with the 'Torbay Express'. Later at 09.59, the return HOBC was noted, again top n'tailed with 66621 + 66622 running early as 12.00 Westerleigh-Taunton Fairwater yard (6Y11). Two car 158957 was also seen on the 10.10 Temple Meads-Taunton First/GW local service and mixed livery 'hybrid' 150244 was on the 09.35 Temple Meads-Weymouth service. A second engineers working; 6Y33 13.40 Westerleigh-Taunton Fairwaters was later seen near Weston-super-Mare at 14.47 top n'tailed by Freightliner locos with blue livered 66623, on the rear, only identified.

28/07 31233 worked a 4Z08 09.00 Derby-Barton Hill test train arriving during the early afternoon, later working 18.00 Barton Hill-Exeter. A DBSO driving van was included in the train's formation.

29/07 The Tuesday's only, 6V62 10.46 Eastleigh-Tavistock yard loaded TTA fuel tanks arrived in Bristol, with 12 destined for St. Phillips Marsh, 6 for Penzance, 1 for St. Blazey, and 10 for Laira. The departure from Bristol was late around 17.00.

Earlier, DRS 37059 powered a 6Z37 Taunton-Wymondam stone-blower move (DR80200) passing Worle (Weston-super-Mare) at 09.49. Also see the front cover photograph on last Month's Magazine.

A Northern Belle special (1Z33 06.39 Preston-Bath and 1Z34 16.55 return) was top n'tailed by Royal 67006 + 67028 via the Marches and the Severn Tunnel. On arrival at Bath, the train departed ECS as 5Z33 13.01 Bath-Bristol East via Westbury, before working 5Z34 16.38 Bristol East-Bath for the return routed via Swindon (reverse), Kemble and Stroud to the North.

**30/07** 66054 noted heading southbound with a rake of "Railtrack" wagons. 31233 returned North as 4Z08 17.37 Exeter-Barton Hill, being booked to take in Yatton up passing loop en-route.

**31/07** The 6M67 Bridgwater-Crewe nuclear flasks were hauled by 20301+ 20305. 31233 was again recorded in Temple Meads at 22.49, with the 4Z08 test train (including DBSO) working Barton Hill-Derby (via Swansea).

# Gloucester

**08/07** Advenza 47237 worked a late running 6Z70 18.30 Stockton-Cardiff Tidal siding scrap metal service which was terminated at Gloucester. Earlier 'Mainline' blue-livered 60044 worked a late running 6M96 05.46 Margam-Corby steel coil train during the morning.

**09/07** 47237 continued the previous day's 6Z20 forward, passing Lydney at 10.59 (365 minutes late!).

12/07 Two Class 60 workings reported during the morning; 60044, again on the 6M96 Margam-Corby steel coils (Gloucester 09.01) and 60091 with the 6V05 Round Oak-Margam loaded steel at 11.27.

17/07 A 4Z32 13.20 Ripple Lane-Cardiff Tidal steel service formed of 10 KIAs headed by 57006 was diverted to Gloucester New yard via Kemble and Stroud, having departed around 50 minutes early.

## Portbury Branch Line

21/07 Test unit 950001 visited the branch, being noted passing Pill at 14.20 and on the return at 14.51. on a 2208 working. The unit crossed,

66115 at Ashton at 15.10 on the return, the Class 66 was running light-engine from Barton Hill-Portbury to collect the 6X52 Washwood Heath cars. The cars loco now appears to return light to Barton Hill as opposed to remaining stabled at Portbury.

The rarely reported 6M07 03.00 Portbury-Rugeley P.S. was worked by DRS 'hire' 66425 (09/07), 66581 (10/07), 66953 (11/07) and 66551 (23/07). The service was reported as a failure near Little Mill signal box (between Newport and Abergavenny) on 22/07, behind 66527. 66507 arrived light-engine to assist departing 62 minutes late.

Also on 31/07, 66511 was another failure on this train near Cwmbran, with assistance from a EWS loco into Panteg loop! Fastline driver route-learning trips were due to start at the end of August over the branch line, with a coal service to Radcliffe P.S. expected to follow. The loaded trains will run via Parkway, Swindon and Oxford with the return empties back via Bromsgrove, Cheltenham and Charfield.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the month have included; - 66016/040/044/097/101/166/227. 66425/507/511/513/519/522/524/525/527/530 66545/550/551/556/559/560/614/625/953.

# Westbury

22/06 Correction to last Month's Magazine (page 12); - 59102, not 59101 as stated, worked the Westbury-Cranmore 150th Anniversay weekend passenger shuttles on this date.

**07/08** Locos noted today 08495, 59002/005/103/104/202/206 66069/146/153/182

# Units noted this period included

142004/028

143603/611/612/617/618/619/620/621.

150121/127/221/233/238/239/243/244\*/247/248/253/261/266/278/279/282.

153305/318/329/356/368/370/372/373/382.

158745/763/766/767/769/798/950/951/952/954/955/957\*/958.

220002/003/008/011/012/014/017/018/019/021/023/024/029.

221116/118/119/123/125/127/128/132/138/139/141.

950001.

\* reformed sets; 150244 (57244 + 52282). 158957 (2-car: 52748 + 57771)

# Stock Alterations

#### Part 1

# Locomotives

# Transfers

43007/085/104/166/178/184(NL)-EC, 66010/028/036/042/049/190 -UK, 66219 -France, 66222 -UK, 66235 -France, 66244 -UK, 86233(OY)-CE.

WZFS - Special Projects Spain - 58015/021/027/050

#### Stored

08428/664/770/798/951. 09006/107. 60055. 90034. BH: 37672. CE: 90034. DC: 08428/664/798. 09006/107.

EH: 37406/410/416. MG: 08951. TO: 60055. Newport ADJ: 08770.

#### Traffic

08888 -MI, 37037 -HQ, 60085 -TO, 87002 -WB, 90029 -CE, 97303 -ZA.

#### Withdrawn

08493/529/819/946. 47150/289/484/550/841. 87007/008/026.

#### Disposals

Booths: 08493/529/819 Goodmans: 08946 @Wishaw

EMR: 31113/467. 37079. 47550

Thomson: 37359

HNRC: 31166/188/423/556. 37165. 47791/829. 56011/021 Churnett Valley: 37407/424 West Coast: 47770/772 Bulgaria: 87007/008/026 For Sale: 47150/289/841

#### Renumbered

37158 - 97303, 43105 - 43305

# Diesel Multiple Units

#### Transfers

158884 (SA) -NM

# Formations

158842 (52842 + 52908) 158899 (52773 + 57812) 158957 (52749 + 52771 + 57771)

# Electric Multiple Units

# Transfers

321401-437 (except 416 +426 @IL) (BY) -NN

#### Stored

442401 -BI, 2402 -ZG, 2404 -BI, 2410 -ZG

# Disposals

Booths: car: 76204 (310070)

# New Stock

395004 -AD

# Coaching & NPCC Stock

#### Transfers

1200/03/12/50/60. 1651/83/91/92/99. 1842/63. 3066/68/69/97. 3107/10/12/19/22/24/40/44/48/49. 3223/28/40/44/61/77/95. 3304/14, 3325/30/33/34/36/40/44/45/48/56/64/79/84/86/90/97. 3417/26. 4849/54. 4927. 5009/40. 5276/92. 5322/41/50/65/66/76. 5748/69. 5814/16/43. 5910/11/21/29/31/32/34/37/45/46/50/52/55/61/63/64/97/98. 6006/24/27/38/42/43/51/54/56/57. 6104/07/11/13/38/41/42/51/63/71/76, 6177/80. 6310. 9504/07/25/33. 9713 -OM. (A Number of these vehicles are residing at other locations)

#### Stored

LM: 44088. 96181. 99625 NC: 5866. 5906/58. 6168. 9497. 9525 ZB: 11020. 12080. 44052: Marcroft: 10236 CF: 977.975/976

#### Withdrawn

10204. 80349.

#### Disposals

Highland Clearance: 10515/663 GCR: 80349 3M Bracknell: 10204

#### Part 2

#### Locomotives

#### Transfers

66010/028/036/042/049/190/222/224 -France, 66032/062/073/123/209/215 -UK

#### Stored

08632. 92013

BH: 37515. BS: 08632. CE: 60060. 92013. CS: 47772. EH: 37425. KM: 37087. 57002/003. LM: 47295. 86218/232.

TO: 60064/070/098

# Traffic

08428 -TO (DC), 08617 -WB, 08909 -TO(WSSN), 08951 -TO(MG), 20311/312. 37667/688. 57011 -KM, 67022 -TO, 92005/016 -CE.

# Registered

08850 - HQ (MBDL), 31465 - HQ (QADD), 37712/901 - HQ (MBDL), 98625 (30825), 89715 (46115) - HO (MBSL).

#### Disposals

EMR: 37894

Thomson: 37222

Sims: 50040 @Halesowen

#### Renumbered

43085 - 43285, 43101 - 43301, 43103 - 43303, 43121 - 43321, 43157 - 43357 - All EC

#### New Stock

66301/304/305 -RR, 66598/599/953 -FD

# Diesel Multiple Units

#### Transfers

150231/237(EX)-CF, 278/279(CF)-EX 156401/403/404/405/406/408/410/411/413/414/415(NM)-DY

#### **Formations**

158958 (52746 + 52776 + 57776) 158959 (57746 + 52778 + 57778) (Disbanded 158746/776/778)

# Electric Multiple Units

#### Transfers

319001 - 012(SU)-BF

#### Stored

442401 -ZG, 2402 -ZN, 2403 -ZG, 2406 -SL, 2410 -ZN, 2417 -BI

## Disposals

Booth: cars 62073(310108)/074(310049). 76133/183(310049), 76139(310102), 76182? Knights Rail 1304 (76583 + 62289 + 70969 + 76613), 1881 (76762 + 62400 +

71080 + 76833) cars (76767 + 62207 + 70897 + 76838) hybrid 1883/3536

## Coaching & NPCCS

#### Transfers

1961 -SH, 3125 -CS, 4902 -OM, 5125/71. 5200/16/22/36/37/49 -SH, 5984/85/86/87 -OM, 9104. 9302 -SH, 21224 - Tyseley Loco Works

#### Stored

CC: 6378/79. LM: 10710. SL: 80414.

ZB: 12052/055/075/085/106. 42234/290. ZN: 82115.

Marcroft: 10255. 12048/069/072/127/131/145.

Cardiff Tidal: 94103/209/307/318/331/400/411/458/481.

# Registered

3948 - HQ(MBCS)

#### Withdrawn

5290

# Disposals

Booth: 3429. 5354 NK @ ZC: 10327 Thomson: 80421

Gloucestershire & Warwickshire: 80434

#### LOCAL FREIGHTLINER WORKINGS

#### 4V50/4051 Southampton - Wentlooge containers

01/07 66517. 02/07 66534. 03/07 66537. 04/07 66580. 08/07 66540. 10/07 66572. 11/07 66535. 14/07 66580. 15/07 66589. 16/07 66571. 18/07 66577. 21/07 66568. 22/07 66579. 23/07 66568. 24/07 66540. 25/07 66568. 28/07 66542. 29/07 66502. 30/07 66587. 31/07 66054.

# 4V60 Calvert - Bath/Bristol binliner

01/07 66596. 02/07 66596. 03/07 66596. 07/07 66596. 08/07 66596. 13/07 66515. 16/07 66515. 18/07 66515. 24/07 66548.

# 6M55 07.00 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal

22/07 66513. 23/07 66614. 24/07 66556. 25/07 66550.

# 6M61 08.31 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal

02/07 66556. 08/07 66525. 09/07 66527. 14/07 66625. 15/07 66530. 16/07 66530. 17/07 66530. 23/07 66614. 25/07 66522.

# 6M04 10.30 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal

01/07 66556. 03/07 66527. 08/07 66559. 11/07 66559. 14/07 66560. 16/07 66560. 21/07 66560. 22/07 66560. 23/07 66560. 24/07 66545.

# 0B42 Kingsland Road-Pengam 6B42 Pengam - Jersey Marine

02/07 66511. 04/07 66531. 09/07 66610. 11/07 66596. 14/07 66526. 16/07 66526. 18/07 66526. 23/07 66506. 25/07 66506. 28/07 66625.

#### LOCAL EWS WORKINGS

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

01/07 66160. 08/07 60052. 14/07 66102. 16/07 60039. 17/07 66125. 18/07 66135. 21/07 66129. 22/07 66094. 23/07 60062. 25/07 66013. 28/07 66230. 29/07 66094. 30/07 66147. 31/07 66054.

# 6B49/6B50 Newport ADJ - Swindon steel

04/07 66206. 08/07 66206. 11/07 66053. 15/07 66122. 22/07 66015. 25/07 66093.

## 6B13/6B47 Robeston - Westerleigh fuel tanks

02-04/07 60005. 08/07 60071. 10/07 60071. 11/07 60066. 14/07 60071. 16/07 60062. 17/07 60091. 18/07 60005. 21/07 60005. 24/07 60079. 25/07 60079. 28/07 60054. 30-31/07 60054.

# 6B33 Theale - Robeston empty fuel tanks

01/07 60052. 05/07 60054. 08/07 60005. 10/07 60091. 16/07 60005. 22/07 60052. 23/07 60052. 24/07 60085. 26/07 60005. 29/07 60005. 30/07 60085.

6B83/6C83 (6B80/6C80 SO) Westbury-Machen-Westbury stone (TThSO) 01/07 59203. 03/07 59102. 08/07 59206. 10/07 66207. 12/07 66207. 15/07 59204. 17/07 60075. 19/07 66037. 22/07 66077. 25/07 66037. 26/07 66037. 29/07 59204.

**4M20** Southampton Eastern dock - Castle Bromwich empty car carriers. 01/07 66238. 03/07 66238. 04/07 66238. 09/07-11/07 66051. 14/07 66086 16/07 66086. 17/07 66086. 21/07 66074 25/07 66115. 28/07 66147.

**6V62** Eastleigh - Plymouth Tavistock yard fuel tanks (TO) 01/07 66085. 08/07 66076. 15/07 66105. 22/07 66025. 29/07 66102.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

# Arriva XC HST hire reports

Diagram 1 - 9V57 09.00 Glasgow-Penzance (ThO), 9S66 08.30 Penzance-Dundee (FO), 1V49 09.41 Newcastle-Newquay (SO), 9S66 10.25 Plymouth-Glasgow (until 13/07) and Dundee from 20/07 (Sun). 04/07 43007 + 43184. 10/07 43007 + 43184. 11/07 43007 + 43184. 12/07 43178 + 43166. 17/07 43178 + 43166. 18/07 43166 + 43178. 19/07 43178 + 43166. 24/07 43007 + 43104. 25/07 43104 + 43007. 26/07 43166 + 43007. 27/07 43007 + 43166.

Diagram 2 - 9V65 12.05 Edinburgh-Plymouth (FO), 1E47 09.40 Newquay-Newcastle (SO), 9V57 08.50 (until 13/07), 09.33 (from 20/07), Edinburgh-Penzance (Sun), 9S66 08.30 Penzance-Dundee (MO). 04/07 43178 + 43166. 05/07 43178 + 43166. 10/07 43104 + 43166. 11/07 43178 + 43166. 12/07 43178 + 43166. 18/07 43301 + 43104. 19/07 43301 + 43104. 25/07 43301 + 43178. 26/07 43178 + 43301. 28/07 43301 + 43178.

Note; - On 18/07, 43101, now rebuilt and refurbished as 43301 returned to traffic following a 5 year gap. This power car now carries a new Arriva XC livery, similar to that on the newly repainted Voyager sets.

## Road Movements

09/06 Additional information to last Month's Magazine (page 15); DMU M51566 is confirmed and was en-route to the Dean Forest Railway. 23/07 Former Royal Mail coach 80401 westbound M5, near Strensham services at 07.45

#### PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

# Avon Valley Railway, Bitton (01/07/08)

Electro diesel 73101 Royal Alex was noted back in service on a rake of maroon coaches.

#### The Shakespeare Express (R.W.Giles) 13/07/08

A circular road and rail trip starting at Weston-super-Mare taking in part of the West Midlands, used preserved and mainline steam as part of it's itinerary. Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway; In use for the trip; 7903 Foremarke Hall on the 11.15 Cheltenham Racecourse-Toddington (with c/stock; W34676, W4772, W1675, W4787, W24949, W13337 Gillian). Other train in use on the day was worked by ex. GWR 5619 (with c/stock; E34929, E4763, E1808, E4796, E25341, E13329). Of note was the recently delivered former NIR coach 3188 at Winchcombe. Stratford-on-Avon stn; 4936 Kinlet Hall, which arrived around 15.00 tender first, with c/stock; W9101, W5198, W5191, W5177, W5157, 99353, 99361, W35470 (loco support coach). The train departed as the 16.15 to Birmingham Snow Hill right time, running via Wilmcote taking the Claverdon line at Bearley junction and using the 'rare' Hatton West single line curve to join the former GWR mainline. A speed of 69.1 mph was recorded along this section of line in the Birmingham direction. Of note; Stratford-on-Avon stn; - DMU sets; 150007/009/017. 165038. Tyseley depot (view); - 3783 (08616). DMU; 153325/356. 170521/523. Departmental DMU; 960014. Preserved and stored locos; - 31422. 20177 (assumed Channel Tunnel livery). 47770. 50017/021/033. Preserved DMU; - 55034. C/Stock; W1201. 3351. Birmingham Moor St. stn; - 168215. Snow Hill stn; - DMU sets; 150009. 165036. Trams; -07.14.

### TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

**01/07** Bristol Marsh junction; One machine on isolated track sections near the car park and spine road area was identified as DR73414. An unidentified second machine (part/half only) was sheeted over. Also visible; 76313. 78214/232.

06/06 Yatton; - r/r excavator; BCL 643.

26/07 Pilning West; - r/r excavator; BCL1130.

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