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**October 2008 Issue 440 Front Cover Photo:**

57005 at the head of 6Z31 Cardiff Tidal to Ripple Lane passing Patchway  
on 01/09/08. [J. Hockley]

## FUTURE EVENTS

<b>TRIP 423</b>	<b>LINCOLNSHIRE &amp; CAMBRIDGESHIRE</b>	<b>Sat-Sun 25-26/10/08</b>
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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.**

**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).

<b>Times</b>	<b>Depart (25/10)</b>	<b>Return (26/10)</b>
Nailsea & Backwell	06.00	21.30
Temple Meads	06.25	21.05
Parkway	06.45	20.45

**Safety Equipment Required:** Hi-Viz Jacket

<b>TRIP 424</b>	<b>BEDFORDSHIRE</b>	<b>Saturday 29/11/08</b>
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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

<b>Times</b>	<b>Depart</b>	<b>Return</b>
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

<b>Times</b>	<b>Depart</b>	<b>Return</b>
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 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 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.
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## **NOTES AND NEWS**

### **Avonmouth**

**01/08** Used ballast train's continue to Filton West for off-loading, the loco still using the bulk handling terminal to run-round., as well as Temple Meads station on the return. Workings during the month have been; 6W80 06.00 Newport ADJ-Filton West (Avonmouth 07.01-07.34), 10.47 return (Temple Meads 10.53-11.03), 6Y15 09.45 Crewe Basford Hall-Filton West (Magor 13.06-13.28), 16.46 return (Temple Meads 16.58-17.32) and from at least 06/08, 6W81 08.35 Bescot-Filton West (Avonmouth 12.39-13.25), 16.45 return. A 6W83 11.28 Newport ADJ-Filton West has also previously run. Today's 6Y15, a Freightliner working was in the hands of 66510, noted in the bulk handling terminal at 13.12 having passed Brentley inward at 13.00 and on the return at 13.36.

**06/08** Freightliner restarted a stone flow using the imported stockpile in the Bennett's yard area. Running behind 66610 as 6Z46 (WFO) 12.16 Stoke Gifford down sidings-Avonmouth and return loaded 6Z20 17.07 Avonmouth-Reading West (destined for Theale), which was seen back at Parkway by 16.30, was a similar working to a series which operated between the same two locations (instead of loading at Neath) just over a year ago. Also recorded was 66015 which departed at 13.08 with loaded

stone in the usual MRA wagons for Filton WeSt.

**08/08** 66562 was on the 6Z46 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth stone empties passing Brentry at 12.16, the loaded return service being noted passing Hallen village at 17.16. 66135 was recorded on the 6W81 in the bulk handling terminal at 14.20.

**11/08** 66013 hauled the Newport ADJ (6W80) and 66054 the Bescot (6W81) Filton West stone.

**12/08** 66061 was on the Newport ADJ (6W80) and 66169 the Bescot (6W81) stone services.

**13/08** 66610 was again on the 6Z46 Avonmouth stone empties, this time however running from Pengam.

**14/08** 66153 passed Brentry at 16.27 on the 6M33 Avonmouth-Wembley 'enterprise' freight service. 60043 was on the afternoon 6W81 Bescot stone working for Filton WeSt. 60071 later appeared passing Brentry at 17.40 on 6C63 08.10 Acton-Avonmouth empty 4-wheel PGAs running around 4 hours late! The 6C64 was the return working with a booked departure time of 17.10 off Avonmouth!

**15/08** 66610 passed Brentry at 12.20 on the usual JGA stone wagons forming 6Z46 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth empties.

**18/08** Having visited Avonmouth, 60031 passed Brentry at 13.47 with the afternoon 6W81 for Filton WeSt.

**19/08** 66015 was on a 6C01 09.41 (FO) Newport ADJ-Avonmouth train of two Cargowagons, returning as 6C02 to Newport. It has been reported the 6V53 and 6M33 Wembley 'enterprise' freight services have finished.

**20/08** 66610 brought in the 6Z46 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth stone empties from Stoke Gifford sidings.

**21/08** 60063 was de-allocated from the afternoon 6W81 Bescot stone, 66166 covering the duty instead.

**22/08** 66610 was unusually used with KEA empty box wagons (normally hauled by EWS owned locos) as 6Z46 11.25 Westbury-Avonmouth, to return as a loaded import stone service.

**25/08** 47805 + 47839 returned a 'Severn Valley Explorer' (1Z68 15.34 Temple Meads-Carlisle) trip via the Severn Beach branch (passing Redland at 15.45) and the freight-only Hallen Marsh-Parkway line (Brentry 16.13), using former Virgin livered MkII's;- 9507, 5997, 6176, 1250, 3386, 3314, 3345, 3325, 1683. (also see Parkway, Pilning and Westerleigh Notes & News).

**26/08** 66153 was on the Friday's only 6C01 trip from Newport ADJ.

**28/08** 59204 worked the 6C63 08.10 Acton-Avonmouth stone empties, booked via Bath but actually running via Parkway. The return was 6C64, 17.10 to Acton.

**29/08** Postponed from the 26/08, the new Westbury cement works coal-flow (operating as 6F85 12.21 Westbury-Avonmouth and 6F91 18.14 return) was powered by 60082 arriving at Bennett's for loading at 14.46. There were delays as the Freightliner stone empties, with an unidentified Class 66 was already present being loaded.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the month have included;- 60082. 66078/092/096/141/157/185/194/230.

Locos recorded on Filton stone duty have included;-

60031/043/063/085/094. 66004/013/015/016/027/051/054/061/062/070/135/142 66149/166/169/186/197/510.

## **Bristol Parkway, Pilning and Westerleigh**

**24/07** Correction to last Month's Magazine (page 7) :- The 6Z86 Uskmouth P.S.- Whatley Quarry working was not the train of HAAs headed by 60005 as reported. Building work at Uskmouth has seen stone being brought in from Machen quarry, the wagons going back to Whatley quarry (as 6Z86) after un-loading.

**01/08** 66546 was noted stabled at 07.10 with Freightliner coal wagons, whilst later in the day 66177 passed on 6B35 Hayes-Moreton-on-lugg stone empties. Two test trains recorded in the area were;- the HST NRMT, with power cars 43013 + 43014 through Parkway at 07.35 heading for Derby via Swansea and over at Patchway, 31233 with a working towards Temple Meads at 07.15.

**02/08** UK Railtours/Pastime Rail 'The Heart of Wales Liner' (1Z66 07.38 Paddington-Llandrindod Wells) passed Patchway to time at 09.56 (the return working being via Wolverhampton, Leamington Spa and Oxford) and 60094 was seen passing Pilning at 15.42 with a late running 6C80 Machen-Westbury loaded stone. At 16.15 two Freightliner Heavy-haul empty coal trains were noted stabled facing westbound headed by DRS 'hire' loco 66428 and 66546.

**04/08** An unidentified DRS Class 66 passed Filton Abbeywood westbound light-engine at 13.31 (possibly 66428?), later being reported back at Parkway stabled on coal empties at 18.00. Earlier, the 6B65 Westbury-Newport ADJ departmental was reported as headed by 3 unidentified Class 66s + 60062 through Patchway. The First/GW 07.25 Parkway-Westbury local service was cancelled.

**05/08** 66165 was 'solo' on the 6B65 Westbury-Newport ADJ departmental and 66599 headed a 6Z59 Harlow-Pengam train of stone empties during the afternoon.

**07/08** 20307 + 20311 passed Parkway at 08.19 with a late running 6V74 Crewe-Bridgwater nuclear flask working. Two freight workings seen this evening, 66230 mgr empties for Avonmouth and 66207 heading east with a rake of "Cargowaggon".

**08/08** FLHH 66598 was recorded passing Abergavenny at 10.12 with a very late running 4V59 01.29 Crewe Basford Hall-Portbury empty coal service, the loco later failing, believed in the Severn Tunnel around mid-day EWS 66207 was the rescue loco hauling the train to Parkway around 14.00 where the working was terminated, 66562 later collecting the failed loco. There were delays for some First/GW services as single line working was brought into use.

**09/08** 66544 arrived on the Saturday's 4V46 11.00 Rugeley-Stoke Gifford yard FLHH coal empties for stabling. An 08.30 Paddington-Swansea 'Red Dragon' special, organised by Pastime Rail and featuring D1015 Western Champion throughout was cancelled.

**11/08** Four workings recorded this evening, 66051 working Newport Adj - Wembley "Enterprise", 66141 with a loaded MGR for Didcot from Avonmouth and 66230 with empties for Avonmouth and 66562 with an early running "Binliner".

**12/08** Advenza 57005 worked 6Z56 13.10 Hitchin-Cardiff Tidal sidings loaded scrap metal through Parkway during the evening. A rake of FLHH stone wagons were reported as stabled in Stoke Gifford down sidings during the afternoon, with no loco. Signalling problems in the Severn

Tunnel area saw some late running during the morning.

**13/08** 66186 was on the 6B65 Westbury-Newport ADJ departmental, whilst later, 66142 worked the 6B24 Didcot - Pengam MoD stores. Also, 66598 passed Patchway at 15.50 on a 6Z50 12.59 Moreton-on-Lugg - Dagenham stone working.

**14/08** Red 'Territorial Army' liveried 60040 worked the 6B33 Theale-Robeston empty fuel tanks and 66615 later appeared at Parkway on the 6Z60 Neasden-Newton Abbot sand empties. 66230 was noted with a loaded MGR from Avonmouth to Didcot.

**15/08** 66556 + 66619 + 66525 + 66625 + 66520 formed an 0Z25 14.23 Crewe Basford Hall-Kingsland Road light-engine move via the Severn Tunnel and Pilning.

**17/08** 66554 was stabled in the down sidings at Parkway on FLHH coal empties at 18.05.

**18/08** 66168 was on a morning Appleford-Machen train of stone empties.

**21/08** Another foursome night starting with 66174 working the "Cubes", 66018 with fuel tanks eastbound, 66157 MGR empties for Avonmouth and eastbound 66166 with a network Rail ballast train

**22/08** 60054 passed Westerleigh at 10.05 (360 minutes late!) on Bedworth-Robeston empty tanks.

**23/08** 33207 + 33025 were noted at 09.52 passing Filton Abbeywood on Pathfinder Tour's 'Dorset Coast Explorer/The Great Way Round' (1Z33 05.58 Crewe-Weymouth) with West Coast Railway's 'multi coloured c/stock; 9391 Pendragon, E3148, 99350, Ullswater, 99348, 3136 Diana, 1800 Tintagel, 4960, 4905, 5032. This trip had been postponed from May.

**25/08** Bank Holiday Monday. A high mileage Compass Tour's 'Severn Valley Explorer' (1Z67 06.55 Carlisle-Kidderminster) was extended onwards to Bristol as a 'mini-tour' behind Riviera Train's 47839 + 47805. Running some 50 minutes late at Stafford (due to a reported case of trespass and vandalism), only 5 minutes had been recovered by Worcester, but the 33 minute late deficit at Parkway, became 10 early on arrival at Temple Meads by leaving out the booked run via Avonmouth! This was however covered on the return working (also see Avonmouth Notes & News). Also 66584 + 66610 + 66562 + 66511, forming a Taunton Fairwater-Crewe light-engine move, were routed via Parkway (09.52) to collect two wagons en-route. A new driver route learning trip working light-engine for Fast line (also see Portbury branch line Notes & News) was recorded as 0Z56 06.55 Chaddeston (Derby)-Portbury (11.50) and 0Z57 12.35 return using 56303. On the outward, the loco was reported as 85 minutes early, just after 09.00, over Westerleigh junction stopping at Parkway between 09.20-09.58. Also running was the 6B65 Westbury-Newport ADJ, reported double-headed through Filton Abbeywood behind 60071 + 66146 at 11.10.

**26/08** The 0Z56 light-engine working for Fastline with 56303 was noted passing down again early at 09.50 returning at 12.49.

**27/08** 66041 was on the 6B24 Didcot-Wentlooge MoD stores working.

**28/08** DRS 47501 ran 0Z28 09.30 Norwich-Cardiff Taff Vale Sidings (due 16.05) to collect a track machine, during the afternoon. 60099 powered what was reported as an additional Swindon steel service as 6V72 via Newport during the morning. Hanson owned, plain grey (with yellow ends) 56311 appeared on the 0Z56/0Z57 Fastline light-engine moves, the return passing Filton Abbey wood at 13.15.

**28/08** Seen this evening were 66044 working the "Cubes", 66039 ADJ - Willesden "Enterprise" and 66185 with mgr empties for Avonmouth. Also



seen was the NR HST using power cars 43062/089.

**29/08** 47501 returned from the previous day's light-engine move as 6Z29 09.00 Cardiff-Ashford hauling a stone-blower machine, seen leaving Pilning loop at 10.40. During the evening, 66044 was noted with the 4M20 Southampton Eastern dock-Castle Bromwich empty car carriers. A rake of empty FLHH stone wagons was reported as stabled in the down sidings at Parkway during the day.

**30/08** FLHH 66531 arrived during the late afternoon on the 4V46 Rugeley P.S.-Stoke Gifford coal empties for stabling

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

01/08 Pastime Rail's 'Dorset Coast Express' (1Z27 09.36 Temple Meads-Weymouth and 1Z28 18.10 return, due Bristol 21.35) was worked by steam 6024 King Edward I as far as Yeovil, where the loco was removed turned and serviced at Junction station, for the return, using the 'Torbay Express' coaching stock.

**02/08** Summer Saturday workings included 67021 + 67025 top n'tailing First/GW's 'bucket & spade' relief service (2V67 09.09 Temple Meads-Weymouth and 2O72 16.56 return) and the following HST power cars were in use on the following Arriva XC services;- 1C02 07.35 Temple Meads-Paignton and 1E46 10.32 Paignton-Manchester 43315 + 43309. 1E47 09.40 Newquay-Newcastle 43104 + 43303. 1V29 07.24 Manchester-Newquay and 1M28 15.22 Newquay-Manchester 43302 + 43299. 1V49 09.41 Newcastle-Newquay 43301 + 43303.

**03/08** Steam 6024 King Edward I was in charge of the first August Pastime Rail 'Torbay Express' (1Z27 09.18 Temple Meads-Kingswear and 1Z28 17.17 return). Later, the First/GW 09.30 Paddington-Weston-super-Mare service was terminated at Temple Meads following front end skirting damage to power car 43140. The full-set was then believed turned via St. Phillips Marsh, and sent empty to Laira depot for repair, recorded passing Dawlish at 14.15, the other power car being 43079.

**05/08** The First/GW 13.10 Weymouth-Gloucester local service was worked by 158958 in a two-car formation (formed 52778 + 57778). Arriva livered 57282 (from set 150282) was reported as on St. Phillips Marsh depot with a worn wheel-set. 52282 remains in traffic formed in 'hybrid' 150244. At 17.30, Kingsland Road contained 66562/610/623. 3 locos seen in 5 minutes this morning, 10:55 66088 travelled south with a Network Rail service and at 11:00 66548 + 66619 worked north light engines.

**07/08** 60017 was on a late running 6C79 Parc Slip-Westbury loaded coal service, passing via Day's curve around 17.00.

**09/08** The Weymouth 'bucket & spade' First/GW service was top n'tailed by 67003 + 67025. HST Summer Saturday 'hire' Arriva XC services were worked by;- 1C02/1E46 43166 + 43051. 1V29/1M28 43302 + 43299. 1V29 07.24 Manchester-Newquay 43302 + 43299 (only as far as Exeter) and returned in the path of the 1E47 09.40 Newquay -Newcastle (due to problems with 43299) whilst 43301 + 43303 were terminated at Exeter on the 1E47 and returned West in the path of the 1V29, then returning North on the 1M28 15.22 Newquay-Newcastle!! Steam 34067 Tangmere, ran 5Z27 Southall-Barton Hill loco and support coach, to replace the use of the planned 5029 Nunney Castle on the following day's (and following week's 'Torbay Express'). Problems with stabling Tyseley based 5029 were given as the reason for the non appearance of the Castle. FLHH evening engineering

workings via Bristol included;- 66610 on 6Y34 Taunton Fairwater-Wootton Bassett and 6Y33 19.14 Taunton Fairwater-Wootton Bassett top n'tailed by 66603 + 66598.

10/08 Steam 34067 Tangmere was in charge of the 'Torbay Express' (1Z27 09.18 Temple Meads-Kingswear and 1Z28 17.17 return) in place of 5029 Nunney Castle. Later, 66610 was seen entering Yatton loop at 11.47 (departing at 12.00) on 6Y34 Wootton Bassett-Taunton Fairwater return engineers.

**11/08** 66088 was on the 6C79 Parc Slip-Westbury cement works loaded coal service, whilst steam 34067 Tangmere returned as 5Z27 loco and support coach from Barton Hill-Southall.

**12/08** A diverted Didcot-Avonmouth empty coal service was noted passing Bath behind 66230 at 06.48, suggesting there could be flooding problems in Chipping Sodbury tunnel. Later a signalling failure at East gantry during the early afternoon saw the 13.00 Temple Meads-Newcastle Arriva XC service diverted via East depot loop (reverse) and Day's curve.

13/08 Royal 67006 worked 1V80 09.44 Victoria-Bath Spa VSOE, with the ECS going forward as usual to Bristol for stabling.

14/08 For the Dawlish Carnival and Airshow (featuring the Red Arrows), the week-end Weymouth locos and stock were used between Exeter and Newton Abbot during the day, 67021 and 67020 in a top n'tail formation and c/stock;- 5984, 5937, 6141, 6051, 9520. The first workings of the day being 2Z30 10.20 Exeter-Newton Abbot and 2Z50 11.26 return, the outward ECS move was 5Z30 07.38 Barton Hill-Exeter St. Davids. The 6M67 Bridgwater-Crewe nuclear flasks were headed by 37602 + 37038 leaving Bridgwater at 14.12. A railtour cancellation for the day due to low bookings was an 'Eastbourne Air Show' trip organised by Kingfisher Tours, booked to be either Class 67 or 2 x Class 37 hauled.

**16/08** 67021 and 67022 top n'tailed the 2V67/2072 'bucket & spade' relief service. Saturday HST 'hire' power cars in use during the day were;- 1C02/1E46 43095 + 43051 (with coaching set EC53), 1E47 43301 + 43303, 1V29/1M28 43315 + 43299 (EC62 in full AXC livery), 1V49 43104 + 43166. An 0Z23 12.05 Kingsland Road-Taunton loco move passed Nailsea & Backwell at 12.38 formed 66619 + 66525 + 66520 + 66556 + 66625. 66520 + 66525 + 66556 had all arrived in Bristol from Crewe earlier in the morning. Cotswold-Rail 47828 and Advenza 57005 were present on the former Bath Road depot spur during the evening.

**17/08** The 'Torbay Express' was again back in the hands of steam 6024 King Edward I.

**18/08** 47828 ran 0Z52 Temple Meads-Eastleigh (passing Bath at 08.45) to work a 5Z52 Eastleigh-Gloucester single translator coach leaving 57005 stabled solo on the former Bath Road depot spur. 60005 was later recorded at 17.20 in East depot loop on the 6B63 Westbury cement works-Margam return coal empties. An early evening freight failure involving the 6B69 Portbury-Aberthaw loaded coal service, just south of Filton Abbeywood station (causing 80 minutes of delay) saw the 1E53 16.15 Paignton-Newcastle Arriva XC service diverted via Swindon (reverse) and the Stroud Valley to regain the Birmingham mainline at Standish junction and the 18.30 (York) and 19.00 (Manchester) departures from Temple Meads (formed with separate Class 220 and 221 units) were combined. Why the Avonmouth and Henbury freight-only diversionary route was not used is not known.

**19/08** 57005 was in action on a 5Z74 11.37 Laira-St. Phillips Marsh stock

move, noted passing Bridgwater at 13.12 formed with barrier coach 6348 and HST power car 43159. Earlier the Class 57 had run 5Z77 08.48 St. Phillips Marsh-Laira formed with two barrier coaches and HST power car 43002. During the early evening, 31602 arrived on a 4Z08 15.11 Derby-Barton Hill test working (via Kemble and a reverse at Swindon) with DBSO 9703 leading the train on arrival in Bristol.

**21/08** 37605 + 37611 arrived in Bridgwater at 06.53 on the 6V74 nuclear flasks from Crewe. The return 6M67 northbound working was later reported passing Worle (Weston-super-Mare) at 12.32. Later, in the Bristol area there were multi-working jumper problems between the locos, requiring a diversion for an additional run-round in East depot loop, the train then proceeding onwards via Day's curve.

**22/08** The First/GW 1A12 07.38 Paignton-Paddington was covered by 142030 in place of an HST set as far as Bath (not Swindon as originally planned). The unit, following arrival at Bath was believed to have returned to Exeter ECS via Westbury. Long term stored 37077 + numberless (and refurbished) 37377 (both having arrived in early 2004 for a cancelled overseas overhaul project) were moved during the early afternoon as 6Z70 11.40 Barton Hill-Eastleigh. Headed by 66054, the departure was not until 14.01 complete with six engineers empty 'brake runner' Urchin wagons originally planned to be split into three on each end of the Class 37s so a quick run-round could take place in Temple Meads. However, 66099 (which had also shunted Torbay Express railtour stock during the morning) lead the ensemble out of Barton Hill, for 66054 to lead the train onwards. Also visible on Barton Hill during the morning were 31454 and 31190 at each end of a test working.

**23/08** Royal 67006 and 67021 were noted passing Newton-St-Loe near Bath at 09.20 with the First/GW 2072 09.09 Temple Meads-Weymouth service, earlier at 07.47 the 1C02 07.35 Temple Meads-Paignton Arriva XC working was recorded with power cars 43316 (in Arriva XC silver livery) + 43313. The full Summer Saturday HST power car list being as follows;- 1C02/1E46 43316 + 43313. 1E47 43104 + 43166. 1V29/1M28 43307 + 43239. 1V49 43303 + 43301.

**24/08** Pathfinder's 'Alloa-Alloaer' (1Z25 19.43 Temple Meads-Glasgow) was headed by 66074, which had earlier brought in the train's ECS as 5Z25 16.20 ex. Old Oak Common. The train featured other loco haulage including 37417 + 37422 (in place of the unavailable 56311), 60100 and 92002 as well as covering the newly reopened Alloa-Stirling line. The return working was the 1Z30 Glasgow-Temple Meads headed by 66187, going forward as 5Z31 01.55 (Mon) ECS to Old Oak Common.

**25/08** An 'extra' Bank Holiday Monday 'Torbay Express' working featuring steam 6024 King Edward I to and from Kingswear was cancelled due to pathing problems. 66619 was recorded during the morning on one of the occasional 6Z85 05.46 Taunton Fairwater-Taunton Fairwater wagon turning moves (formed with 34 wagons) and 56303 was seen at 12.30 in Temple Meads with the return 0Z57 Portbury-Chaddeston route learning light-engine. The First/GW overnight sleeper service train's were diverted via Honiton and Yeovil junction-Pen Mill being recorded departing here as;- 57602 (1A40 21.15 Penzance-Paddington) at 02.24 (13 minutes early) and 57605 (1C99 23.50 Paddington-Penzance) at 02.28 (12 minutes early).

**26/08** The morning 6B65 Westbury-Newport ADJ departmental service was headed by three unidentified EWS Class 66 locos.

**27/08** 67022 headed a London-Bath VSOE onwards to Bristol as ECS before

stabling at East depot prior to the return working.

**28/08** 20306 + 20315 were on the 6M67 Bridgwater-Crewe nuclear flasks and the driver route learner, 56311 (on loan from Hanson's) was recorded passing Saltford at 11.48 on 0Z56 Chaddeston-Portbury driver route-learner via Oxford, Swindon and Bath, but only reached Temple Meads in the end. The 9V57 09.00 Glasgow-Penzance HST service, with power cars 43285 + 43166 was reported as a failure at Newcastle.

**29/08** Another Class 142 unit found itself on front line passenger duty, being hired by Arriva XC (!), on the 1M67 09.30 Penzance-Manchester, onwards from Plymouth-Bristol following the failure of 221114 at Par. Also during the day, Royal 67005 worked a 1Z21 Birmingham International-Kingswear 'Dartmouth Regatta' dining special (noted passing Weston-super-Mare at 10.25) and 1Z22 18.41 return and 60085 was seen departing the up through line in Temple Meads at 17.34 on return 6W81, MRA empty stone wagons from Filton West-Bescot. Over at Barton Hill depot, preserved mainline Class 52, D1015 was present ready for next day railtour duty, carrying both D1005 Western Venturer, name and number plates.

**30/08** 67021 + 67022 top n'tailed the 2V67/2072 First/GW Saturday Only 'bucket & spade' Weymouth relief service whilst the following HST power cars were in use on the following Arriva XC services;- 1E47 43301 + 43303, 1V29/1M28 43317 + 43053. Today's 1C02/1E46 were worked by Voyager sets 220030 + 220023 in place of an expected 'hire' HST set. Two railtours, with heritage traction passed Parson's street at 10.15 and 10.20, the first being D1005 Western Venturer (alias D1015 Western Champion) with Pastime Rail's 'The Dartmouth Arrow' (1Z23 10.10 Temple Meads-Kingswear) formed of c/stock;- W21272, W3122, W3112, W3140, W5009, 1863, 4927, 5040, 4902, W5350 and the second the 'Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta' 1Z25 07.05 Tyseley-Kingswear headed by West Coast Railway's 47773 (in green livery) + 33025 with c/stock;- W35470, 99361, 99353, 99349, W3125, W5157, W5177, W5191, W5198, W9101. The Western trip which ran via the Weston-super-Mare loop outward returned as 1Z25 19.00 Kingswear-Temple Meads, whilst the Vintage Train's trip returned as 1Z26 Kingswear-Tyseley, being noted passing Nailsea & Backwell at 20.27. Freight activity reported during the day included the 4V50 Millbrook-Wentlooge containers, running additionally on a Saturday, diverted via Bath at 08.50 behind 66540, slightly earlier at 07.26, 66096 on Didcot-Avonmouth coal empties and 60083 through Saltford at 15.09 on the diverted 6B33 12.12 Theale-Margam empty fuel tanks. 56311 appeared at Temple Meads on an 0Z57 06.44 Chaddeston-Bristol light-engine driver route learner, the return being 0Z57 Bristol-Derby RTC. Because of engineering work between Derby and Sheffield, a 9V65 16.24 Derby-Penzance service was operated by Arriva XC formed with HST power cars 43301 + 43303.

**31/08** Steam 6024 King Edward I worked the final 'Torbay Express' (1Z27 09.18 Temple Meads-Kingswear and 1Z28 17.17 return) of the month.

### **Cardiff Central**

**02/08** Cotswold liveried 47828 was stabled at the station.

**30/08** Advenza 57005 was stabled at the station.

### **Cardiff Tidal**

03/08 08782. 15/08 08466. 25/08 08782.

### Gloucester

**26/07** Not previously reported has been the date change of Pathfinder's 'Cwm & Go' railtour from the Midlands-South Wales branch lines from this date to 28/03/09.

**09/08** 57314 ran light-engine from Birmingham-Gloucester due to an HST power car problem at Exeter (also see Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road Notes & News). However, the loco was not needed and return North light.

**13/08** A campaign is underway with a local MP backing for the re-doubling of the 12 miles of single track between Kemble and Swindon to improve passenger services.

**15/08** 66142 worked the 6B36 Didcot-Ashchurch and return MoD stores.

**27/08** Steam 46233 Duchess of Sutherland worked a return Steam Dreams 1Z83 17.34 Worcester SH-Victoria 'Cathedrals Express' excursion via Stroud and Kemble during the evening.

**30/08** Royal 67006 was on a 1Z95 08.45 Victoria-Worcester SH VSOE working via the Stroud Valley.

### Newport

**07/08** Freightliner 'hire' loco 66428 brought in a 6Z15 Crewe Basford Hall-Newport ADJ train of used ballast loaded MRAs destined for Filton West junction.

**26/08** DRS 57010 hauled newly delivered Fastline loco 66303 north as 0Z28 14.00 Newport docks-Crewe via the Marches and Hereford.

Units noted during the month.

143621

150227/234/246/256

153318/373

158820/823/825/831/834/841/951/953/954/955/958/959(2)

170101/107/109/523/636/638

175003/006/010/105/107/111/113/114

220004/013

### Portbury Branch Line

As reported in last month's Magazine, Fastline driver route-learning trips ran during the month to the following diagrams;- 25-27/08 (MTWO) 0Z56 06.30 Chaddeston (Derby)-Portbury Coal terminal (via Cheltenham), Parkway 10.35-10.59, Temple Meads 11.10-11.18, Portbury arr. 11.50. 0Z57 12.35 Portbury Coal terminal-Chaddeston (18.10), Temple Meads 13.09, Parkway 13.21, Swindon 13.49, via Oxford. 28-29/08 (ThFO) 0Z56 06.30 Chaddeston-Portbury Coal terminal (via Swindon), Bath 11.39, Temple Meads 11.53-11.57, Portbury arr. 12.27. 0Z57 13.32 Portbury Coal terminal-Chaddeston (18.28), Parkway 14.25, via Cheltenham.

**05/08** Freightliner 'Hire' DRS 66428 was on a morning coal departure for Rugeley P.S., believed to have been the 6M61 08.25 departure.

**18/08** Fastline 56302 was reported to have worked an 0Z56 driver route

learning light-engine trip off Chaddeston at 08.08, but is not thought to have reached the Bristol area.

**25/08** Bank Holiday Monday and 56303 covered the 0Z56/0Z57 diagram, being noted passing Pill at 11.09 and only just getting inside the dock gate at Portbury prior to a 12.06 return North. The last Class 56 to reach this location is believed to have been 56103 on 19/03/04 with an EWS 0Z74 09.00 Saltley-Portbury driver route learner and 13.00 return.

**26/08** 56303 covered the diagram again during the day, departing Portbury again early at 11.20 on the 0Z57 return.

**27/08** Hanson owned, plain grey livered 56311 was used on the 0Z56/0Z57 passing Temple Meads down at 10.54.

**29/08** A smoky 56311 was noted at 12.55 passing Ashton Containers foot crossing on the return 0Z57 light-engine to Chaddeston at 12.55.

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

66059/092/096/158/181/188. 66428/520/523/528/546/554/562/598/610.

### **Westbury**

Five Class 66 locos are to be returned from France for sandite and water cannon duties during the 'leaf fall' season to cover for loco shortages. Two of the five are reported to be for use off Westbury where out and back diagrams are usually in operation from this location to Newport, Eastleigh or Oxford Hinksey yard.

### **Weymouth**

**05/08** DRS 37423 + saloon 975025 Caroline worked a 2Z02 08.53 Clapham junction-Weymouth and 13.31 Weymouth-Ludgershall (then 17.22 to Clapham junction) special via Westbury, being noted passing Castle Cary at 14.42.

The non rail section of the disused former dockside tramway (last used for two return railtour trips in May 1999) has been cleared of vegetation and dumped rubbish towards King Street. Whether the route will play a part in the 2012 Olympics, with nearby Portland Harbour planned to be used for the game's water sports remains to be seen.

Units noted in this period included

142009/030/063.

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

150121/127/219/234/239/244/246/247/248/259/261/263/265/267/278/279  
150281.

153318/369/373/377/380.

158745/761/763/766/769/778/798/950/951/952/953/955/957/959/958\*/959.  
159018.

220010/020/018/021/023/028/030.

221106/114/115/122/123/124/126/127/129/133/135/138/139.

re-formed set; 158958 (2-car 52778 + 57778)

## **Stock Alterations**

### **Locomotives**

**Transfers**

47237/375. 57005/006 - ADFL (Advenza)

**Stored**

08888. 37405/411. 60023/034/053/097. 92037.

CE: 56007. DM: 92037. LH: 92020/021/040/045/046. MI: 08888.

TO: 37405/411. 60023/034/053/097. Barton - u - Needwood: 08077.

**Traffic**

09007 -TO (DC), 57007/008 -KM, 60002/045/048/060/099 -TO, 73141 -ZG,  
97304 -ZA.

**Disposals**

Booths: 09021

Thomson: 31188

HNRC: 47150/289/841

**Renumbered**

37217 - 97304

**Diesel Multiple Units****Transfers**

150213 (EX) -CF, 281 (CF) -EX

158884 (NM) -SA

**Traffic**

158773/842/908 - normal formation, 899 - disbanded

**Electric Multiple Units****Stored**

442401 -ZN, 2404 -AF, 2406 -ZN, 2407 -BI, 2408 -AF,  
2417/19 -ZN

**Disposals**

Booths: Cars: 62080, 76189 (310102), 76132 (310108), 76188 (310110)

**Coaching & NPCC Stock****Transfers**

10647/701. 11042/052/058. 82108/116/122/131/137/144/151 - EICS

**Stored**

SP: 94191/203. 95758

**Withdrawn**

6043. 6111/42/71

**Disposals**

JTLand: 5814/16/43. 5931. 6043. 6111/42/71

Cargo-D: 1254. 3374. 5971. 6001/08/46/64. 6117/22/73

**Renumbered**

12007 -42366

**To be renumbered**

11016 - 41194, 11020 - 41195, 11060 - 41193, 12004 - 45001,  
12025 - 42367, 12028 - 42368, 12050 - 42369, 12052 - 42371,  
12055 - 42372, 12071 - 42373, 12075 - 42374, 12076 - 45003,  
12077 - 45004, 12080 - 45005, 12085 - 42376, 12086 - 42370,  
12102 - 42377, 12106 - 45005, 12113 - 42375, 12123 - 42378,  
41025 - 42380, 41036 - 42379 All for AXC

**LOCAL FREIGHTLINER WORKINGS****4V50/4051 Southampton - Wentlooge containers**

01/08 66579. 02/08 66569. 04/08 66533. 05/08 66594. 06/08 66576.  
07/08 66539. 08/08 66570. 11/08 66579. 13/08 66505. 14/08 66502.  
15/08 66543. 18/08 66536. 19/08 66540. 20/08 66589. 21/08 66574.  
22/08 66594. 26/08 66587. 27/08 66558. 28/08 66532. 29/08 66573.  
30/08 66540.

**4V60 Calvert - Bath/Bristol binliner**

01/08 66619. 04/08-08/08 66506. 11/08 66562. 12/08 66560.  
15/08 66562. 20/08 66509. 22/08 66509. 29/08 66610. 30/08 66610.

**6M07 03.00 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal**

01/08 66528.

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

04/08 66546. 08/08 66610. 18/08 66598. 19/08 66554. 20/08 66523.  
21/08 66523. 25/08 66523. 26/08 66598. 27/08 66598. 28/08 66520.  
29/08 66523.

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

04/08 66546. 08/08 66610. 18/08 66598. 19/08 66554. 20/08 66523.  
21/08 66523. 25/08 66523. 26/08 66598. 27/08 66598. 28/08 66520.  
29/08 66523.

**6B42 Kingsland Road-Pengam 6B42 Pengam - Jersey Marine**

01/08 66548. 04/08 66610. 06/08 66623. 13/08 66610.

**LOCAL EWS WORKINGS****6C01/6C02 Newport ADJ - East depot steel**

01/08 66085. 04/08 66149. 05/08 66146. 06/08 66213. 11/08 66227.  
13/08 66041. 15/08 66006. 18/08 66143. 20/08 66091. 25/08 66039.  
26/08 66153. 27/08 66091. 29/08 66074.

**6B49/6B50 Newport ADJ - Swindon steel**

01/08 66127. 05/08 60062. 12/08 66044. 15/08 66017. 22/08 66061.  
26/08 66018. 27/08 66094.

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

04/08 60052. 06-08/08 60039. 11/08 60026. 13-14/08 66029. 16/08 60029.



18/08 60029. 19-21/08 60054. 26-29/08 60054.

**6B33 Theale - Robeston empty fuel tanks**

07/08 60052. 09/08 60026. 12/08 60029. 14/08 60040. 19/08 60062.  
20/08 60071. 28/08 60068. 30/08 60083.

**6B83/6C83 (6B80/6C80 SO) Westbury-Machen-Westbury stone (TThSO)**

02/08 60094. 05/08 59206. 07/08 66158. 09/08 66158. 12/08 66186.  
14/08 66168. 16/08 59205. 19/08 66079. 21/08 66025. 26/08 66069.  
28/08 66047. 30/08 66051.

**6V62 Eastleigh - Plymouth Tavistock yard fuel tanks (TO)**

05/09 66102. 12/09 66138. 19/09 66169. 26/09 66085.

**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-Dundee (Sun).  
03/08 43007 + 43303. 04/08 43301 + 43007. 07/08 43007 + 43184.  
08/08 43303 + 43301. 10/08 43007 + 43184. 14/08 43166 + 43104.  
15/08 43104 + 43166. 17/08 43104 + 43166. 21/08 43303 + 43301.  
22/08 43303 + 43301.

Diagram 2 - 9V65 12.05 12.05 Edinburgh-Plymouth (FO), 1E47 09.40  
Newquay-Newcastle (SO),  
9V57 09.33 Edinburgh-Penzance (Sun), 9S66 08.30 Penzance-Dundee (MO).  
03/08 43307 + 43301. 08/08 43184 + 43007. 10/08 43303 + 43301.  
11/08 43301 + 43303. 15/08 43301 + 43303. 17/08 43301 + 43303.  
22/08 43166 + 43104. 29/08 43301 + 43303.

**Guided Buses**

Following the rejection (or temporary postponement?) of the development of a route alongside the former Midland mainline, now a cycle path out of North Bristol, proposals have now been made in the South area of the City for a route from the Long Ashton park & ride into the City as far as Temple Meads. This would incorporate the former Bower Ashton engineers site (with a bridge somewhere over the Portishead branch line) and cross the former Ashton road/rail swing bridge (near the Create centre and bonded warehouses), which still carries rails but would be in need of major refurbishment before use. From this point the route is alongside the River Avon (New Cut), although different suggestions have been made for the connection from here to Temple Meads. With a cost of around £35 million, work could be started by 2012 and completed by 2015. A route through the city of Bath is also planned and is expected to be up and running before this Bristol scheme is completed. With the new Bristol development, the future of the Bristol Harbour railway's branch line over the remaining Wapping Wharf to Ashton section is uncertain.

**Road Movements**

**20/08** Steam 3440 City of Truro, M5 north-bound, near Gloucester during

the mid-afternoon, loco minus tender only.

**09/09** Class 31 D5267 (31203) was noted heading south at junction 4a of the M5.

**23/09** DMU Sc52025 was noted heading east on the A4174, possibly heading for the Avon Valley Railway.

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