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**December 2008 Issue 442 Front Cover Photo:** 66227 hauls a empty Uskmouth Power Station Newport Docks through Newport on the day of the AGM on 28/06/08. [K. Davies]

## FUTURE EVENTS

### 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 ASAP**

**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

### TRIP 426

### SUSSEX & SURREY PLANT

Saturday 24/01/09

A one day trip visiting On Track & Road/Rail Plant sites in the counties.

#### Itinerary

Readypower Ltd, Wokingham; Balfour Beatty Rail Services Ltd, Three Bridges; Hydrex Ltd, Horsham; Gamble Rail Ltd, Horsham; SGB Services, Horsham; Horsham Yard (view); L & W Contractors, Billinghamurst; Network Rail, Effingham Junction; Balfour Beatty Ltd, Woking (view); Readypower Ltd, Bracknell (view).

**Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris by 20/12/08 please**

**Permits:** All to be applied for except ones stated above as "view".

**Fares:** Members; £26    Non Members; £28    Deposit; £13

<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 427****DONCASTER FLYER****Saturday 21/02/09**

A one day trip with approximately 8 hours of free time to do as you like in the Town

**Itinerary**

None.

**Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris by 31/01/09 please**

**Permits:** None.

**Fares:** Members; £30    Non Members; £32    Deposit; £15

<b>Times</b>	<b>Depart</b>	<b>Return</b>
Nailsea & Backwell	06.30	21.30
Temple Meads	06.55	21.05
Parkway	07.15	20.45

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

**TRIP 428****LONG MARSTON****Saturday 07/03/09**

A one day trip with approximately 6 hours at this location. Date Confirmed. Full itinerary, timings and prices to follow.

**TRIP 429****EASTER ANGLIA****Friday-Sunday 10-12/04/09**

A three day trip visiting Industrial, Preserved & Plant sites in Essex, Suffolk & Norfolk. Date Confirmed. Full itinerary, timings and prices to follow.

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL****Saturday 10/01/09 \***

**\* Please note change of date for this event**

This years Christmas Social will again be held at the Beaufort pub, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, commencing at 15:00. This is the same location as last year.

The pub is close to Bristol Parkway and is within sight of the approach road to the station.

**A very Merry Christmas to all our members and we look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Social event again this year.**

***Simon, Martin, Kevin & Roy***

## 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. 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.

## SOCIETY WEB SITE

The society web site can be found at [www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk](http://www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk)

## MAGAZINE COVER AND WEB SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

**03/10** 66152 departed Westbury at 12:15 (39 minutes late) with 6F85 Westbury-Avonmouth empty coal HAAs for the 6F91 18.14 loaded return. This was to be the final loaded coal working for Westbury cement works, this freight-flow as previously reported has been lost to road transport. Also imported stone movements to Westbury this week were cancelled.

**04/10** Fastline continued their single Saturday's only working operating today as 4G80 03:32 Rugeley-Avonmouth (07:30) and 6M90 11:30 Portbury-Rugeley P.S. Today's loco was 66304, which departed West Wharf at 10:57, passing Hallen Marsh at 11:23, 15 minutes later 66173 passed this location with the 1Z66 11:12 Temple Meads-Portbury leg of UK Railtour's 'Portbury Docker' (also see Portbury branch line Notes & News).

**07/10** 60085 worked the day's 6C63 Westbury-Avonmouth import stone empties and 6C64 loaded return during the day.

**09/10** 66070 arrived during the morning on the recently introduced 6C01 Newport ADJ-Avonmouth 'trip', which also conveyed some repaired HTA coal wagons on this date. Since the end of the 6V53/6M33 'enterprise' freight service from/to Wembley, a twice weekly trip is reported as established running as;- 6C01 09:41 (TO) Newport ADJ-Avonmouth/ 6C02 12:07 return and 6C90 06:12 (ThO) Newport ADJ-Avonmouth/ 6C97 08:50 return. (Both are 'Q' trips and their operating day may vary). 66005 worked an Avonmouth-Portbury empty wagon transfer arriving at Bristol Parkway at 10.52 to run-round.

**11/10** Today's Fastline working arrived at 07:25 as 4G90 empties from Chaddeston, behind 66304 departing late at 13:23 for Radcliffe P.S. Both workings ran out and back via Badminton, Swindon and Oxford due to engineering work on the Birmingham mainline from Westerleigh junction.

**14/10** Carrying the new Aggregate Industries livery, 59005 worked the 6C63 empty and return 6C64 loaded import stone trip, from and to Westbury.

18/10 The Fastline Radcliffe P.S. coal departure was in the hands of 66303, noted passing Brentry early at 11:15.

**21/10** 66186 was on the 6C01 09:41 Newport ADJ-Avonmouth trip working.

**22/10** As part of the Barton Hill (GW2) water cannon duty, most of the Severn Beach line is covered (see Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road for the full week-day only diagram). Today, 67002 with 67008 top n'tailing wagons 624036 + 624015 as 3S23 04:55 Yeovil junction-Barton Hill, were noted in Avonmouth station between 07:57 - 08:02 to cross a Temple Meads bound local service.

**25/10** The 4G90 Chaddeston - Avonmouth coal empties were reported as passing Yate at 06:23 behind 66304, the return 6M90 11:30 Avonmouth -

Radcliffe P.S. loaded departing early and passing Parkway at 11.30.

**28/10** 60010 handled the 6C63/6C64 import stone trip from and to Westbury.

**30/10** 60026 worked the 6C90 06.12 Newport ADJ-Avonmouth and 6C97 return trip workings.

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

66005/048/060/120/144/152/156/167/174/196/201/303/304. 08405 continued as the area shunting pilot.

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

**03/10** Colas 47727 arrived at 16.56 in the down sidings hauling a 6Z47 14:14 Long Marston - Stoke Gifford formed of four Freightliner Heavy-haul HXA empty coal wagons which had received bogie modifications.

**04/10** A 6Z35 12.42 Moreton-on-Lugg - Peterborough West yard stone working (using MEAs) headed by 66193 passed Parkway during the afternoon.

**05/10** With the Severn Tunnel closed and engineering work on the Birmingham mainline as far as Standish junction (in the Yate and Charfield areas), all Arriva XC services were diverted via Bath, Chippenham, Swindon (reverse), Kemble and the Stroud valley line. Parkway station was being served by road buses during the day.

**06/10** Adelante 180104 made a surprise appearance on First/GW's 07.15 Paddington-Cardiff and 09.55 return services on both today and during the following day. On the freight side;- 66024 was on a 6Z15 Acton - Moreton-on-Lugg train of stone empties, formed with ex. National Power JMA and JHA hoppers and 60065 arrived late at 10.10 with the inward 6V98 ex Lindsey loaded fuel tankers at Westerleigh.

**07/10** Over at Westerleigh loaded tank arrivals were 60082 on the 6B13 from Robeston, whilst earlier 60005 had brought in the 6V98 from Lindsey.

**08/10** 60039 was on the 6E41 Lindsey tank empties, whilst 60028 was assumed to have worked the 6B13, also being reported at Westerleigh during the day. Other freight workings recorded were;- 66007 on the 6B24 Didcot - Wentlooge MoD stores and 66024 with the 6B35 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties formed with the usual white livered EWS Aggregate hoppers.

**09/10** 66104 was on the 6B24 Didcot - Wentlooge MoD stores, whilst 60096 was over at Westerleigh with the 6B13 loaded tanks from Robeston. 66555 ran Kingsland Road to East Usk to collect a rake of PCA cement empties running on the return as 6Z21 East Usk - Westbury via Parkway, arriving here on the up side at 10.32, before shunting to the downside later in the morning. Due to track repair work, following a wagon de-railment on the Whatley quarry branch line, Tytherington quarry saw it's first stone departures since October 2007. 59204 worked 6Z24 Westbury-Tytherington (formed of Hanson JHAs) and 6Z25 10.00 Tytherington-Acton (via Bath), however the return was late running (possibly due to lack of traffic over the branch in the past year?), not leaving until 13.43 on the return. 66005 headed for Avonmouth with an empty rake of HTAs.

**10/10** 59201 was on the Tytherington stone working and 60047 over at Westerleigh on the 6B13 Robeston fuel tanks. Over at Pilning, the afternoon 6C41 Newport ADJ-Westbury departmental was treble headed with 66019 + 66033 + 66138.

**11/10** 67017 worked a 1Z45 06:48 Oxford-Chester Northern Belle dining

special (with a booked 1Z46 17.45 Chester-Oxford return) through Patchway to time at 08:25, with c/stock; Glamis 3174, Alnwick 3273, 1566, 3267 Belvois, 1953, 3275 Harlech, 3247 Chatsworth, 17167, 10729 Crewe. Some afternoon, return engineering trains were reported from the Yate area (the mainline again being closed north of Westerleigh, as far as Standish junction) these being; 60063 on the 6W11 13:45 Westerleigh-Newport ADJ (through Parkway at 15.26) and 6W12 14.45 Westerleigh-Newport ADJ, headed by 66116. A 6W13, 16:00 departure was also reported to have run, but with unidentified hauling power. Earlier, during the morning, 66522 and 66552 departed at 08:32 from Parkway to Kingsland Road having been stabled on Freightliner Heavy-haul coal empties.

**13/10** 59001 hauled the last of only three stone workings from Tytherington, as 6Z25 10:00 Tytherington-Acton (Filton Abbeywood late at 14:14), the inward 6Z24 empties having been reported passing Yate at 06:55. Test unit, 950001 was back in the area working 2Z08 05:44 Derby RTC (Serco)-Temple Meads via Parkway, Swindon, Highworth, Didcot (reverse), Parkway to Temple Meads.

**15/10** 20310 + 20306 passed Parkway at 12:35 with the 6M67 14:00 Bridgwater-Crewe nuclear flasks.

**16/10** Solitary working tonight, 66133 with MGR empties for Avonmouth.

**17/10** 153356 in the new London Midland livery passed northbound empty at 13:20 returning from overhaul at Eastleigh works.

**18/10** The Saturday's only 6B80 05:26 Westbury Up yard - Machen and return 6C80 14.03 Machen -Westbury, empty and loaded stone were diverted both ways via the Berks & Hants, Reading, Didcot and Parkway, due to engineering activity in the Bath area. Today's workings were hauled by 60100, the loaded 6C80 being noted passing Parkway at 15:26. Earlier, 67002 + 67008, top n'tailing a 3S23 10:26 Taunton -Parkway water cannon reversed in platform 2 between 10:34-10:40 for Barton Hill depot. FLHH 66558 and 66951 ran light-engine from Parkway - Kingsland Road at 11:37, having earlier brought in empty coal trains for stabling.

**20/10** 60100 was on the 6B65 Westbury - Newport ADJ departmental, passing Patchway at 11:23.

**21/10** 60009 departed Didcot at 10:50 with the 6B24 Didcot - Wentlooge MoD stores. 60002 was over at Westerleigh on the 6B13 Robeston tanks.

**22/10** 66177 worked the 6B24 MoD stores to Wentlooge and 66098 powered a 6V10 08.45 Wembley -Newport ADJ empty and part loaded container train into Parkway down loop at 12:01. Earlier, at Patchway 60014 passed at 10.15 with a two wagon 6C01 Newport ADJ - Bristol East depot loaded steel service. Another Class 60 reported was 60012 on a 6B35 19:06 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg empty stone, whilst over at Pilning, 66150 appeared on the 6Z86 East Usk (ex. Uskmouth) - Whatley stone empties during the afternoon.

**23/10** A 5Z47 13:09 Westbury - Crewe ECS stock move with Arriva blue livered 9503, 6137, 6119, 5853, was headed by Colas livered 47739 passing Dr. Day's at 14:02 and Parkway at 14:13. The loco, which became Colas-Rail's third mainline owned loco, had suffered two failures en-route having started off two days previous! On 21/10, the train had not left the Southampton area before being returned to Eastleigh, whilst during the following day the 5Z47 08:50 Eastleigh-Crewe only made Westbury before being capped! Also recorded earlier in the day were 67005 + 67006 top n'tailing a northbound Royal Train ECS at 11:15.

**23/10** Green-liveried 31190 arrived during the early hours on a 4Q08



14.51 Polmadie-Barton Hill test working formed complete with a DBSO driving trailer.

**24/10** 60012 passed Parkway during the late afternoon on the 6B35 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties.

**25/10** The Saturday's only Machen stone (6C80/6B80) was again diverted, as on 18/10 via Reading West, due to PW work in the Bath area, with 59206 as hauling power. The water cannon was again recorded reversing at Parkway from between 11:17 - 11:25 with the usual locos 67002 + 67008.

**27/10** 60002 was present at Westerleigh at 16:50 on a tank train. 66048 was the only evening freight noted with Avonmouth bound coal empties.

**28/10** 60014 ran 0B49 Newport-Swindon light-engine to collect 6B50 steel empties.

**30/10** Evening observations saw 66048 with a loaded Avonmouth - Didcot MGR and 66079 with the MoD liner.

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

**01/10** Royal 67006 brought in an afternoon VSOE from Victoria during the early afternoon, whilst 66089 later passed Lawrence Hill at 18:15 with the 6X52 Portbury - Washwood Heath loaded cars.

**04/10** 60048 was on the morning 6B80 Westbury - Machen empty stone wagons (Filton 07:53), however what was assumed the return 6C80 was in the hands of 60009 (Filton 15:25). A week-end engineers train reported, was a 6Y33 17:05 Taunton Fairwater - Heywood junction (via Temple Meads) headed by 66613.

**05/10** A 6W42 10:20 North Somerset junction - Westbury return engineers was top n'tailed by 59102 + 59001. 66090 seen at 02:30 heading northbound with a rake of Networkoppers in tow.

**08/10** 20315 + 20313 passed Temple Meads on the 6M67 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flasks. Cotswold owned 47828 was noted stabled in the platform 5 bay during the day later leaving north light.

**09/10** Cotswold 47828 returned from Old Oak Common light-engine via Bath. What is believed to have been the final 4V60 Calvert-Bristol Barrow road refuse container service to call at Bath Oldfield Park en-route was headed by 66513. It has been reported that Bath & NE Somerset council (following on from South Gloucestershire Council several years ago) is to start using local land-fill sites as well as more emphasis on re-cycling, so the need to move household rubbish by train is now no longer needed. Whether this will affect the long term future of the existing Avon operation from Bristol Barrow road remains to be seen.

**10/10** 47828 was stabled in Temple Meads platform 4 bay.

**12/10** The mainline was closed through Bath during the day for engineering work, this being the first of several weekends. Other closure dates being on 19/10, 26/10, 25/10, 02/11, 09/11 and 16/11. Road bus connections were planned for these dates to and from the nearby bus station to ease traffic congestion in the station area. A direct special road shuttle service to the station was in operation however for disabled customers.

**13/10** A taste of things to come (?), the 4V60 Calvert-Bristol refuse container service was cancelled. Another service under threat, the Bristol East depot steel, saw 66015 arrive 0C01 to collect the empties. 67002 + 67008 were reported as 'ticking over' on Barton Hill depot ready for the evening high-mileage water cannon duty. The full diagram (GW2) has been reported as follows;- 3S21 19:51 Barton Hill -Reading (via

Taunton), 3S22 00:48 Reading - Yeovil junction (04:22), 3S23 00:55 Yeovil junction - Barton Hill (Salisbury 05:52-05:57, Westbury 06:32-06:35, North Somerset junction 07:21, Dr. Day's junction 07:23, Clifton Down 07:35-07:45, Avonmouth 08:02-08:13, Hallen Marsh 08:24, Filton West 08:32, Temple Meads 08:47-08:56, Worle junction 09:36, Weston Milton halt 09:37-09:42, Worle junction 09:43, Parson's street 10:04, Temple Meads 10:10-10:12, Barton Hill 10:17). 66138 was noted heading northbound at 14:30 with a rake of Mendip Rail (MRL) stone hoppers.

**14/10** There were morning delays in the Trowbridge area when 59203 (working the 6B83 Westbury -Machen stone empties) struck a wheelie bin which had been thrown onto the track. The line was eventually cleared, and the train able to continue arriving at Machen 3 hours late. 66597 was later reported passing through the Bristol area on 6Z66 16:55 Burngullow - Bow loaded sand and Cotswold's 47828 remained still stabled in Temple Meads.

**15/10** 67025 was on a further 1V80 Victoria - Bristol VSOE working and 20310 + 20306 passed through with 6M67 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flasks.

**16/10** 67002 + 67008 passed Worle at 09.44 on the day's final leg of the 3S23 water cannon working to Barton Hill and Aggregate Industries livered 59005 was later recorded passing Dr. Day's junction at 14:32 with the return 6C83 Machen-Westbury loaded stone.

**17/10** The 'occasional as required' wagon turning trip, 6Z85 Taunton Fairwater yard-Taunton Fairwater yard, today with 66617 passed Bath on the return at 19:03, heading towards Bristol.

**18/10** Non standard green livered 50044 (444) + 50049 (with 57601 on the rear) worked 'Rail-blue charters/Spitfire/Flamboyant tours' 1Z49 06:04 Manchester-Minehead and 1Z50 17:00 return (routed both ways via the Marches and the Severn Tunnel) formed of the Cargo-D blue/grey c/stock; 9508, 5971, 6117, 6008, 6122, 10242, 11065, 11064, 10202, 11084, 10588. This was the debut mainline appearance for 50044 in preservation carrying a return 1Z50 head code, the loco having suffered some unspecified problems en-route and was placed inside 50049 on the return. A bridge strike at Nailsea had been cleared before the train was in the area, following an empty double decker trying to pass under the low station Nailsea - Backwell road bridge during the morning.

**19/10** PW work sites in the Bath area and along the line to Westbury were identified as at Trowbridge and Bathampton junction where 66186 and 66013 were in the area during part of the day on engineer's trains. Ongoing bank stabilising work was also being undertaken at Hick's Gate, near Keynsham around this time.

**20/10** 66951 was on a morning 6Z85 wagon turning move from and to Taunton Fairwater's yard being routed outward via Westbury and Bath. 60100 was on the morning 6B65 Westbury-Newport ADJ departmental, later returning to Westbury to work 6Z54 16:30 additional stone empties to Machen passing Stapleton Road at 18:18. The outward overnight 3S21 water cannon (top n'tailed) by 67002 + 67008 passed Bath at 18:52 (29 minutes early).

**21/10** The 3S23 water cannon ex. Yeovil junction returned to Barton Hill on arrival at Temple Meads, instead of going onto Weston-super-Mare.

**22/10** 20306 + 20310 departed Bridgwater with the 6M67 loaded flasks to Crewe at 12:30, passing Worle junction at 12:47 (103 minutes early). Later 66618 worked west on 6Z60 10:11 Bow - Newton Abbot sand empties, again running over an hour early. Mendip Rail (MRL) stone hoppers were

seen heading south behind 66150 at 16:50.

**23/10** Having arrived from Polmadie in the early hours, 31190 worked a 4Z08 17:54 Barton Hill -Newport (via a reverse at Bedminster) test train. Barton Hill based RHTT, top 'n' tailed by 67002/008 seen at Montpellier at 07:45 heading towards Avonmouth.

**24/10** Friday tour of the parish found Pacer units 142.029/062 at St Philips Marsh depot and at Barton Hill was a Network Rail train headed by 31190 with an ex-Anglia DVT on the rear. Also present was SR 34067 Tangmere, a "long term resident", still on site on 31/10,

**25/10** The Arriva/XC 1V53 12:24 Manchester - Plymouth was covered by an HST set (with power cars 43301 + 43285) in place of a Voyager set, believed to be due to engineering work in the North. Further weekend engineering work continues east of Bath with another worksite being reported in the Box tunnel area with locos 59202 and 60009 being present on separate pw workings during the day. The water cannon completed the day's diagram as 3S23 10:26 Taunton-Barton Hill (via Parkway) passing Yatton at 10:36 top n'tailed by 67002 + 67008.

**27/10** 31105 arrived light-engine in the early afternoon, later stabling in the platform 5 bay by 17.00, as 0Z31 10:00 Derby - Barton Hill. Later, the First/GW 18:30 Paddington - Weston-super-Mare HST service was diverted via Parkway due to a unit failure at Chippenham. Passengers were transferred from Swindon to Chippenham by road, whilst Bath passengers were transferred to the 20:30 service to Paddington on arrival at Temple Meads.

**28/10** 66602 was on the 6Z60 09:54 Bow - Newton Abbot sand empties routed the normal way via Parkway and Temple Meads.

**29/10** The 3S23 return water cannon passed Yatton at 08:30 heading for Weston-super-Mare. 20309 + 37603, both carrying the new DRS Compass livery, arrived at Bridgwater at 06:44 with the 6V74 nuclear flask empties, returning the 6M67 to Crewe at 13:35 (25 minutes early).

**30/10** Colas 47739 returned west via the Marches and the Severn Tunnel as 0Z47 09:30 Crewe-Tavistock yard, Plymouth, but stopped over night in Bristol, prior to carrying on to it's destination during the following day. 66138 headed a rake of MRL hoppers south at 16:30.

### **Gloucester**

**04/10** Steam 4936 Kinlet Hall + 5029 Nunney Castle (in place of 4965 Rood Ashton Hall) worked Pastime Rail's 'Three Choirs Explorer' from Nottingham - Nottingham, with steam haulage from Stourbridge junction - Gloucester, via Worcester, Hereford, the Marches and Chepstow. The locos after removal at Gloucester, ran 15:42 (with support coach) to Tyseley, via Stroud, Kemble, Swindon, Oxford and Banbury. Several engineering services were in evidence with workings between ADJ and Charfield. 66180 on 6W11, 66021 + 66146 on 6W12 and 66152 on 6W13.

**11/10** Two special passenger workings through the area during the day were;- 67030 with a 1Z95 08:30 Victoria - Worcester Shrub Hill and 1Z96 17:02 return VSOE (with c/stock; 9502, Zena, Ione, Audrey, Zena, Minerva, Gwen, Ibis, Lucille, Vera, 99545) and steam 30777 Sir Lamiel on Steam Dream's 'Cathedral Express' 1Z82 09:10 Victoria - Gloucester and 1Z83 17:40 return, with c/stock; 17019 (99792) loco support coach, 5237, 1961, 5249, 99371 (3128), 9392, 13440, 5200, 1840, 5216, 5222. Both train's were routed out and back via Kemble and the Stroud valley line between Swindon and Standish junction. A railtour cancellation for the

day was Kingfisher tour's 'Snowdonia Explorer' from Didcot Parkway-Pwllheli (via Swindon and Stroud), with two West Coast Class 33s for haulage. It has been reported that the Kingfisher railtour company has been put up for sale. Further engineering work saw ADJ- Yate workings in the hands of 66046 - 6W11, 66116 - 6W12, 60063 - 6W13, 66152 + 66207 - 6W14, 66009 - 6W15, 66021 - 6W16 also 66092 worked 6W20 ADJ - Abbotswood Junction.

**14/10** Class 60 activity through Gloucester during the afternoon recorded the following locos 60044 with the 6V07 Round Oak - Margam steel (14:45), 60062 on 6V92 Corby - Margam steel empties (15:06) and 60047 heading the 6M41 Margam - Round Oak steel (16:10). 33202 and 57005 were stabled in the station area, whilst Advenza 47237 passed at 12:10 on a 6Z95 10:45 Cardiff Tidal - Stockton train of scrap metal empties.

**18/10** 57005 brought 47810 (from repair at Barrow Hill) into Gloucester as part of the 6V95 10:20 Stockton - Cardiff Tidal loaded scrap metal service.

**24/10** 60062 + 60060 + 66098 + 60044 formed an afternoon 0Z21 Newport ADJ - Bescot light-engine move via Gloucester, whilst also recorded (on the mainline to Chepstow) were 47828 + 47810 hauling a barrier coach + HST power car 43009 on a 5Z86 11:10 Brush Loughborough - Landore working. Land known as the 'railway triangle', at one time occupied by railway sidings and an engineer's depot bounded from the Birmingham - Bristol mainline by the connections to Gloucester station via Horton Road and Barnwood, is reported destined to become a housing development, complete with new roads. a school and hotel. Attempts by local councillors to reinstate the second running line on the seven mile section between Kemble and Swindon have failed. It was hoped the current four train's an hour over this section could be increased to assist with commuter services from growing town's such as Stroud. Network-Rail have have no immediate plans to relay the second line, removed in July 1968, but this would be reviewed in the future.

### **Newport**

In preparation for the forthcoming loco hauled Cardiff-Holyhead service which will see two daily services in each direction. Class 57 have started crew training and time trails. On 22/10 57307 and 57305 top n' tailed 4 ex Virgin MkIIs (5987, 6176, 5952, 9597) passing through at 11:08. 57314 was present at Canton for staff familiarisation on 27/10 heading back to Crewe on 31/10 as 5Z37.

### **Portbury Branchline**

**04/10** Uk Railtour's 'Portbury Docker' (1Z65 07:52 Stevenage - Temple Meads, 1Z66 11:10 Temple Meads - Portbury via Filton and Avonmouth - Temple Meads and 1Z67 18:04 Temple Meads - Stevenage) arrived in Bristol behind 67001 + 67002. 66173 then taking over (also see Avonmouth Notes & News) for a circular tour around the Bristol suburbs to Portbury, leaving out the St. Phillips Marsh loop, the train having to stand on the up through line -facing west - for sometime before proceeding to Portbury. The train on arrival at Portbury could not visit the general cargo terminal (as an additional empty car train was present, which had been brought in by 66173 around 09:00), however both coal stock yard arrival/departure lines were covered one of which was laid and opened in October 2006, this being the first passenger working to travel over it.

The departure from Portbury was close to time at 15:07, the special, with the Class 67s leading (and 66173 attached to the rear) passing Pill at 15:16 and Parson's street at 15:35, the c/stock (all in choc/cream livery) being recorded as;- W21272, W3122, W3112, 1692, W3140, W3107, 1863, W5009, 4927, W5350. This was to be the first Class 67 hauled train over the Portbury branch line, and only the third and fourth known Class members to appear at the port.

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

66005/060/074/129. 66506/514/522/540/546/552/558/583/585/951.

Some freight movement figures have been released by the Port Company during the month stating that during 2007, 1.7 million tonnes of freight were moved by rail removing an estimated 9 million road lorry movements. A new freight-flow for Freightliner Heavy-haul is to start during November with coal trains to serve Fiddler's Ferry power station expected to run.

#### **Units seen during the month**

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

150127/219/232/238/243/246/247/263/267/279/280/281.

153305/329/356/382.

158767/769/951/959.

159107.

220003/012/015/023/027/029/032/033/034.

221114/115/118/127/129/134.

180104.

950001.

### **STOCK ALTERATIONS**

#### **Locomotives**

##### **Transfers**

43089 (EC) -NL (EMT)

##### **Stored**

60052. 66401/402/403/404/405. 92029

**BH:** 20107. 37409/683. **CE:** 92029. **EH:** 37411/422. **KM:** 47841.

**LD:** 66401/402/403/404/405. **LM:** 47829. **SE:** 73201.

**TO:** 60033/037/052/067. **Allelys:** 37023

##### **Traffic**

20314 -KM, 37401/417 -TO, 37510/682 -KM, 47739 -TJ, 60038/055/066, 60072/079/092/095. 67008 -TO, 92037 -CE

##### **Disposals**

Ron Hull: 08350

For Sale: 08402/489/509/510/582/587/665/670/694/715/775/890/900/919, 08933/955. 37046/058/077/196/221/238/293/294/377/421/516/692/796/798 37799/801. 56025/027/043/052/064/076/082/084/086/089/101/114.

##### **Renumbered**

43119 - 43319

47732 - 47580

## **Diesel Multiple Units**

### **Traffic**

142095 -HT

### **Store**

51350/408 -LM

180103 -NH

### **Formations**

222001 (60161 + 60551 + 60561 + 60621 + 60341 + 60445 + 60241)

222002 (60162 + 60544 + 60562 + 60622 + 60342 + 60346 + 60242)

222007 (60167 + 60567 + 60627 + 60442 + 60247)

222009 (60169 + 60557 + 60629 + 60919 + 60249)

## **Electric Multiple Units**

### **Stored**

2404 -ZN, 2413 -AF

### **Disposals**

Booth: Cars 70735 (310050), 72708(8309), 76147(310111)

### **New Stock**

350231 -NN

378001 + 002 (Not yet Allocated)

## **Coaching & NPCC Stock**

### **Transfers**

1254. 3374. 5971. 6001/08/46/64. 6117/22/73 -CP  
(CDCO - Cargo D - Operational Coaching Stock)

### **Stored**

**LM:** 5787. 5810/15/76. 5901/19/95. 6154. 10201/596/647/681/701,10710/731

**ZG:** 5853/69. 5965/76. 6013/35. 6119/37/62/70/83. 9521/24/39

### **Traffic**

9488 -OO

### **Withdrawn**

4849/54. 5267. 5505. 6900/01. 17153/169. 99323/324. 977338.

### **Disposals**

JT Land: 6113/80

Booth: 6900/01. 977338

HNRL: 5505. 17153/169. 99323/324 @CS

Stephenson RM Tyneside: 4849/54 Mid Norfolk: 5267

Kiwi Rail, New Zealand: 6806/20/21/23/24

Wrexham & Shropshire: 10596/647/681/701/710/727/731

**Renumbered**

82117 - 82301, 82134 - 82305

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

01/10 66536. 02/10 66532. 03/10 66567. 06/10 66568. 07/10 66532.  
08/10 66542. 09/10 66541. 10/10 66593. 13/10 66501. 14/10 66575.  
16/10 66567. 17/10 66536. 20/10 66540. 21/10 66578. 22/10 66538.  
23/10 66593. 24/10 66587. 27/10 66592. 28/10 66578. 29/10 66533.  
30/10 66579. 31/10 66541.

**4V60 Calvert - Bath/Bristol bin liner**

01/10 66513. 09/10 66513. 14/10 66612. 15/10 66513. 17/10 66513.  
22/10 66526. 24/10 66545. 31/10 66545.

**6M07 03:00 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal**

30/10 66540.

**6M55 07:00 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal**

21/10 66546. 22/10 66546. 24/10 66546. 27/10 66546. 28/10 66585.  
29/10 66558. 30/10 66558. 31/10 66558.

Correction; The complete entry for this service in the October Magazine  
(page 15) should be deleted.

**6M61 08:31 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal**

01/10 66552. 02/10 66552. 03/10 66552. 06/10 66514. 07/10 66522.  
08/10 66522. 09/10 66522. 10/10 66522. 13/10 66552. 14/10 66548.  
17/10 66951.

**6M04 10.25 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal**

01/10 66583. 02/10 66583. 07/10 66552. 08/10 66552. 09/10 66552.  
10/10 66552. 14/10 66552. 16/10 66548. 17/10 66558. 21/10 66585.  
22/10 66585. 23/10 66585. 24/10 66585. 27/10 66546. 30/10 66506.  
31/10 66506.

**LOCAL EWS WORKINGS****6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh**

01-02/10 60002. 03/10 60052. 06/10 60048. 07/10 60052. 09/10 60048.  
10/10 60047. 13/10 60024. 15-17/10 60062. 21-23/10 60002. 24/10 60079.  
28/10 60063. 29/10 60002. 31/10 60094.

**6E41 Westerleigh - Lindsey**

01/10 60096. 02-03/10 60013. 06/10 60065. 07/10 60005. 14/10 60065.  
15/10 60054. 16-17/10 60071.

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

01/10 66013. 15/10 60014. 22/10 60014. 24/10 66152.

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

03/10 66180. 10/10 66046. 14/10 66066. 17/10 66061. 21/10 60014.  
23/10 66105. 24/10 66035. 31/10 66021.

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

04/10 60048. 07/10 60063. 11/10 60062. 14/10 60002. 16/10 60047.  
 18/10 60076. 21/10 60062. 25/10 60002. 28/10 60079. 29/10 60094.  
 30/10 60062.

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

02/10 66152. 09/10 66138. 11/10 59203. 14/10 59203. 16/10 59005.  
 18/10 60100. 21/10 59201. 23/10 60087. 25/10 59206. 28/10 59202.  
 30/10 59103.

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

07/10 66170. 14/10 66108. 21/10 66076. 28/10 66153.

**6X52 Portbury - Washwood Heath loaded and empty car carriers**

01/10 66089. 10/10 66100. 20/10 66083.

**Class 37**

**20/10** EWS locos 37401 and 37417 were returned to traffic following a very short storage period!

**MISCELLANEOUS****The Arriva XC HST report**

Sets have continued operating the 9V59 09:00 Glasgow - Plymouth and 9S53 06:40 Plymouth - Aberdeen services. Refurbished set XC01 (formed 41193, 45001, 42367, 42368, 42370, 42366, 44021) has been in use. The following power cars have been reported on the following workings;-

9V59 - 43301 + 43303 - 01/10, 43303 + 43285 - 06/10, 43285 + 43303 - 08/10, 43321 + 43357 - 13/10, 43303 + 43301 - 14/10, 43321 + 43357 - 15/10, 43303 + 43285 - 25/10.

9S53 - 43357 + 43321 - 14/10, 43357 + 43321 - 16/10, 43321 + 43357 - 22/10, 43303 + 43285 - 27/10, 43353 + 433?? - 30/10.

Notes;- From 06/10 - 10/10, set XC01 had returned to Doncaster to remedy some mainly electrical fault problems. A second refurbished set of coaches became available during the month for Arriva XC, with new interior seats and tables along with improved toilets. The 8 coach sets can carry up to 542 passengers each, compared with 192 on a Voyager unit. North-East based Arriva Train's took over the Cross-Country franchise from Virgin Trains in 2007, this company having finished using HST sets during 2001!

The new set of refurbished coaches (XC02) is formed; 41194, 45002, 42372, 42373, 42374, 42375, 42371, 44072.

**Torbay Express**

Pastime Rail are to run a series of 'Yuletide Torbay Express' specials between Bristol and Kingswear over the lead up to the Christmas period, with steam loco 6024 King Edward I expected to be the hauling power. The running dates are listed as follows;- Saturday's 06/12, 13/12, 20/12 and Sunday 21/12.

**Road Movements**

**01/10** Ex. GWR Steam 9466, M5 westbound Avonmouth bridge at 12:35



destined for the WSR.

**14/10** GWR 2-6-2T 4566 was noted parked up near Junction 32 of the M4 en route to the Gwili railway.

**22/10** Preserved Class 24. No. 5054, M42 southbound junction 2.

### **Guided Buses**

Following on from details given in the October Magazine (page 16), the Bath scheme at a cost of £60 million is to be constructed over the former Midland mainline route (out of Bath Green Park) from Newbridge (the current main park & ride car park) into the city. Public opposition has been expressed as some garden space will be lost at six houses along the route and two company premises will have to relocate. The existing Bristol - Bath cycle path (which runs along part of the route) will be retained to continue running alongside the new bus route.

## **DEPARTMENTALS & TRACKMACHINE**

**03/10** Charfield area;- DR74507. Readypower r/r excavators; FR613/615/616/622/664. bulldozers; FR215/217. support trailer; FR71?. Additional note for this location;- It was 80 years ago, on October 13th, 1928 that 15 people lost their lives following the collision of the 00:45 Leicester - Bristol parcels (with GWR loco 714) collided with a down goods train setting back into the refuse siding, spilling onto the up line where a northbound goods train was passing. Coach gas lighting fractured and ignited the wooden bodied coaches which had turned into an inferno below the main road over bridge in the village.

## **TRIP REPORTS**

### **Additional information and Corrections to Trip 417 Report**

Since the printing in the magazine of the CARS Easter 2008 Trip Report, details of some of the trailer identities at Story Rail have come to light. Also following further reviews of the identities of Carriage under frame and bodies at the Tanfield Railway, it has been deemed necessary to update the findings of the visit report.

Changes to the report are highlighted below in ***bold italics***.

#### **Story Rail Ltd, Carlisle (part visit)**

Road/Rail; 319 - JCB JS160W 0718838, 320 - JCB JS160W 0718882, 396 - Leibherr A900ZW 612 10209, 572 - Komatsu D41P B40167/04. Trailers; SR313 - Rexquote 1359/00, SR314 - Rexquote 1360/00, SR585 - Philmor 2257/04, SR677 - ***Chieftain RT1043/06***, SR811 - U/I, SR812 - U/I, SR813 - ***Rexquote 1962/05***, SR814 - ***Rexquote 1964/05***, SR815 - ***Rexquote 2023/05***, SR816 - ***Rexquote 2024/05***.

#### **Tanfield Railway, Marley Hill (visit)**

Preserved Carriages: S.R; 1562 - PMVY (U/Frame Only under either ***NER 1593, MSLR 888, TR9, NER 2061, NER 154 or U/I NER 2 Cmpnt BT of 1895***), 2129 - PMVY (Body Only, U/Frame Used Under either ***NER 1593, MSLR 888***,

**TR9, NER 2061, NER 154 or U/I NER 2 Cmpt BT of 1895), 2225 - PMVY (Body Only in 2 halves located separately, U/Frame used under either *NER 1593, MSLR 888, TR9, NER 2061, NER 154 or U/I NER 2 Cmpt BT of 1895*), 2227 - PMVY (U/Frame only, used under either *NER 1593, MSLR 888, TR9, NER 2061, NER 154 or U/I NER 2 Cmpt BT of 1895*), 2527 - CCTY (U/Frame only used under either *NER 154 or the other (U/I) NER 2Cmpt Brake 3<sup>rd</sup> built 1895*), U/I PMVY (U/Frame Only used under either *NER 1593, MSLR 888, TR9, NER 2061, NER 154 or U/I NER 2 Cmpt BT of 1895*). N.E.R; 2061 - 6whl 5Cmpt 3<sup>rd</sup> (Body Only *on U/F of U/I SR PMVY*).**

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