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**May 2009 Issue 447 Front Cover Photo:** 5029 passes Bristol Parkway en route from Kingswear to Didcot on 14/05/09. [Jim Hockley]

## FUTURE EVENTS

**TRIP 431** **KENT** **Saturday 27/06/09**

A one day trip visiting BR & Preserved sites in the County or alternatively 4 hours at the Channel Tunnel.

### **Itinerary**

#### **BR & Preserved Sites option**

Hitachi, Ashford Depot; Balfour Beatty Ltd, Ashford; Hope Farm, Sellindge; Preston Services, Preston; Ramsgate EMU Depot (view); Iron Wharf, Faversham; Ridham Dock, Sittingbourne.

#### **Channel Tunnel option**

Hitachi, Ashford Depot; Balfour Beatty Ltd, Ashford; Dollands Moor Yard (view); Channel Tunnel Terminal (view, 4 hours).

**Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris by 06/06/09 please.**

**Permits:** All to be applied for except Ramsgate, Dollands Moor, Channel Tunnel.

**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 432** **WEST MIDLANDS SPECIAL** **Saturday 18/07/09**

A one day trip visiting BR & Preserved sites in the County plus a ride on the new Parry People Movers.

### **Itinerary**

London Midland, Stourbridge Junction (visit & ride); JPM Parry & Associates, Cradley Heath; Innovate Logistics, Brierley Hill; Hydrex RSD, Dudley; Stone Brothers, Coseley; Quattro Plant, Willenhall; Bescot Yard (view); Network Rail, Soho Depot (view); Coventry Railway Centre, Baginton; Bubbenhall Bridge, Bubbenhall; Blackwell Court, Bromsgrove.

**Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris by 30/06/09 please.**

**Permits:** All to be applied for.

**Fares:** Members; £22 Non Members; £24 Deposit; £12

<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 433**

**HOME COUNTIES**

**Saturday 22/08/09**

A one day trip visiting BR & Preserved sites in the Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Essex.

**Itinerary**

Readypower, Kings Langley; Enfield Timber, St Albans area; Aspin Plant, Hemel Hempstead (view); North London Society of Model Engineers, Colney Heath; British Postal Museum store, Debden; Royal Gunpowder Mills, Waltham Abbey; Paradise Park, Broxbourne; Braughing Old Station; Wotton Light Railway, Aylesbury area.

**Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris by 19/04/09 please.**

**Permits:** All to be applied for.

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

<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

**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)

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009**

This years Annual General Meeting will be held on the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> at a venue to be confirmed.

### **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**

A production meant that the notes the last edition were published out of sequence and are included in this months issue.

#### **Avonmouth**

**05/02** 66187 worked the 6C90 08:10 Newport ADJ - Avonmouth and return

6C97 10:55 Avonmouth National Power No.1 silo - Newport ADJ freight trip.

**06/02** Fastline 66301 worked the Friday Only, 4G09 12:12 Chaddeston - Avonmouth coal empties (noted passing Cheltenham 14:59) and 6Z99 20:15 loaded coal service to Ratcliffe P.S (noted passing Breentry at 20:05). The following day's Saturday morning Fastline departure was cancelled.

**09/02** 66014 was on the 6C90/6C97 Newport ADJ - Avonmouth and return trips.

**12/02** 66057 worked the 6C90/6C97 freight trips.

17/02 59201 arrived during the early afternoon on 6C63 Westbury - Avonmouth stone empties, formed of bogie box wagons and a single Hanson JHA hopper. 66055 worked 6C90/6C97 freight trips.

**19/02** 66204 powered the 6C90/6C97 freight trips.

**20/02** GBRf 'hire' loco 66728 brought in the 4G09 Fastline coal empties to form the 6Z99 loaded return working to Ratcliffe P.S. The inward empties were reported through Westerleigh junction at 16:03. This is believed to be only the second GBRf loco appearance at Avonmouth, the first being 66705 (on 'hire' to Freightliner) with 8X37 14:05 Wembley - Avonmouth (Chittening Estate) loaded cars on 11/04/01 (page 6. June 2001 Magazine).

**22/02** Sunday track replacement work, on the Henbury side of the M5 road overbridge, on the down side of the Hallen Marsh - Filton freight-only line saw several engineering trains run via Clifton Down including 66192 with a 6W34 10:49 Westbury - Hallen Marsh autoballaster, noted near Sea Mills at 12:08.

**24/09** 60049 arrived at 13:23 with 7C63 Westbury - Avonmouth stone empties formed of the usual bogie box wagons, and again a single Hanson JHA hopper, which on this occasion appeared to be already part loaded!

**26/02** 59101 passed Breentry at 17:12 on the return loaded import stone to Westbury loaded in Hanson JHA wagons.

**27/02** 66302 worked the 4G09 inward Fastline coal empties (Breentry 15:51), returning the loaded 6Z99 20:15 departure to Ratcliffe P.S.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the month have included;-  
66018/025/053/055/076/078/096/120/169.

66192/196. 66301/302. 66728. 08405 continues as the area shunting pilot loco.

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

**01/02** 59005 passed Patchway at 13:25 with a 6W24 Tilehurst - Newport ADJ departmental. Stabled in Stoke Gifford down sidings during the afternoon were;- 66557, 66563, 66607, for Portbury coal duty.

**02/02** The 6C48 12:27 Appleford sidings - Machen stone empties were recorded behind 66003 during the afternoon at Parkway and later 66083 powered the 6M17 Newport ADJ - Wembley 'enterprise' freight.

**03/02** Over at Westerleigh, DB Schenker livered 60074 arrived 120 minutes late with the 6B13 loaded fuel tanks from Robeston.

**06/02** Signalling problems between Parkway and Swindon recorded up to 30 minute late running delays for South Wales bound services.

**07/02** 60031 was at Westerleigh on fuel tank duty, assumed to be the 6E41 Lindsey empties as the 6B13 ex. Robeston had been cancelled. Another freight train cancellation was the 6C83 Machen stone trip. Stabled Freightliner locos during the afternoon were;- 66507 and 66565, being

joined by 66551 (noted during the following day as present). Another Class 60 recorded was 60085 with the 6B33 Theale - Robeston fuel tank empties passing Pilning at 15:00. Additional trackwork was noted as laid in the Network-Rail training centre on the site of what was once the former Royal Mail terminal platform.

**08/02** 66025 + 66144 passed Parkway at 12:48 on a down CWR train for south Wales. The Chepstow mainline was closed for engineering work during the day but there was no diversions reported via Parkway, a road bus service was reported as running between Gloucester and Newport during the day.

**10/02** As a result of melting snow, flooding was recorded between Parkway and Wootton Bassett causing some delays. A test working was reported as passing Filton Abbeywood at 13:50 behind 31105 (with c/stock 72631, 999606, 9714) as 4Z10 09:50 Derby - St. Phillips Marsh (due 14:06).

**12/02** Just a couple of locos seen this evening, 66597 in the yard at the head of a rake of MGR empties destined for Portbury later and 66078 with a loaded MGR from Avonmouth - Didcot. The XC HST sets running again, seen were 43207/384.

**13/02** 60096 departed Hayes with the 6B35 stone empties to Moreton-on-Lugg well over an hour down, the loco later returning with the 6A35 loaded train.

**15/02** Weekend stabled Freightliner locos at Parkway on the downside were 66508, 66551, 66597.

**16/02** 60026 arrived at 06:05 at Westerleigh on the 6V98 loaded fuel tanks ex. Lindsey. Plenty of activity at Parkway this evening, 66563 collected 66508 (resident all day at the yard) and headed off towards Bristol. Freight activity saw 66159 working Newport ADJ - Willesden service, 66096 with MGR empties for Avonmouth from Didcot, loaded service for Didcot with 66025 and the MoD "Liner" using 66166. XC power cars seen were 43303/366.

**19/02** 66562 arrived during the late afternoon with 4V22 Fiddler's Ferry - Stoke Gifford down sidings coal empties, DRS 37667 passed as 0Z67 Stowmarket - Cardiff Taff Vale sidings light-engine for a track machine move during the following day and 66248 was recorded passing Yate at 18:35 on the 6X52 Portbury - Tyne Yard loaded automotive service.

**20/02** DRS 37667 returned on a 6Z37 09:17 Cardiff Taff Vale sidings - Three Bridges move conveying stone-blower 80211, being recorded passing Cardiff Central at 09:53 and Pilning West at 11:05. Later FLHH 66609 arrived at Parkway late afternoon with 4V46 Rugeley P.S. - Stoke Gifford coal empties (Westerleigh junction 15:43).

**21/02** An engineering possession in the Parkway area saw all services, including Arriva XC, diverted via the Severn Tunnel, Newport (reverse) and Chepstow to Gloucester. DB Schenker livered 59206 worked the loaded 6C80 Machen - Westbury loaded stone, passing Filton at 15:40.

**23/02** 59001 passed Parkway during the early afternoon on a 6Z54 Banbury, Oxford Road - Machen train of stone empties, later returning light-engine to Westbury (via Filton Abbeywood). All day resident in the yard with MGR empties for Portbury was 66598, joined later by 66563 with a further rake of empties for Portbury. Other workings seen were 66076 Avonmouth - Didcot loaded MGR empties from Didcot hauled by 66078. Newport ADJ - Willesden freight worked by 66087 and the MoD "Liner" saw 66221. XC power cars tonight were 43301/357.

**26/02** 66015 passed Pilning at 16:26 with the 6B33 Theale - Robeston fuel

tank empties. Only freight tonight was 66078 on MGR empties to Avonmouth. XC power cars were 43304/378.

**28/02** The 6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh loaded fuel tanks were again cancelled.

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

**10/01** Additional Information (page 10, January 2009 Magazine); 159010 has been identified as the SWT's unit damaged in the collision with a road vehicle at Glass crossing, Bathampton on 12/11/08. The set had returned to traffic, following attention at Wolverton works by this date.

**01/02** Two returning engineer's trains were reported through the Bristol area during the afternoon from a mainline PW block at Exminster (west of Exeter);- 66116 on 6W36 Exeter - Newport ADJ and 66053 with 6W37 Exeter St. Thomas - Newport ADJ.

**02/02** Heavy snow fall in the south-east saw an hourly only First/GW service from Bristol and South Wales to the Capital, with some trains being terminated at Reading along with a number of cancellations. SWT's Bristol - Waterloo services were suspended. Locally, only the down platform was in use at Bath Spa around 07:00, with emergency engineering work also reported between Bath and Trowbridge. Later, the 6C99 21:45 Cardiff Tidal sidings - St. Blazey 'enterprise' freight was noted headed by 66094 with 60024 + 60062 both 'dead in train', for storage at St. Blazey depot.

**03/02** The last Wessex Train's livered Class 150/2, set 150265 carried out it's last duties in that colour scheme working First/GW's 2E20 08:50 Weymouth - Gloucester (as far as Temple Meads only, for St. Phillips Marsh), then 5Z50 11:50 St. Phillips Marsh - Cardiff Canton (Pullman works) for a repaint into the First/GW 'local' livery and refurbishment. Arriva XC cancelled the 06:08 Leeds - Plymouth service and the 12:21 return from Plymouth - Glasgow, but it did in fact part operate onwards from Derby.

**04/02** Advenza 47375 passed Filton Abbeywood at 11:09 running as 0C99 Gloucester - Westbury light-engine to work a 5C99 13:32 Westbury - Old Oak Common First/GW ECS sleeper move with loco 57602 damaged having struck a fallen tree in the Savernake area around 01:40 and hauled back to Westbury. 57605 had meanwhile worked west as 5A40 Old Oak Common - Plymouth sleeper ECS for the evening's 1A40 Penzance - Paddington service. A west-bound test working was reported as in trouble, reaching the Bristol area late due to a loco failure. 31601 started the 4Q08 12:05 Derby - Laira (formed 6263, 977602, 9703) but failed at Whitacre junction, being returned to Derby for 31190 to set out on the working. The train which was booked through Parkway at 15:47, was an eventual arrival in Temple Meads at 17:56. Following on from last months job cuts at SWTs, a further 180 redundancies were announced during the day.

**05/02** 57605 was on the First/GW 1A40 Penzance - Paddington sleeper service and the 4Q08 returned north as 22:17 Laira - Tyseley (via Lostwithiel, Westbury and Swindon) still with 31601. The worst snow-fall for 20 years hit the Bristol area during the day with services being reduced over the Weston-super-Mare line and all trains over the Severn Beach line cancelled. The First/GW Class 67 loco-hauled service with locos 67017 + 67028 was involved in an 'incident' at Patchway whilst



working the 2U26 Taunton - Cardiff going only as far as Newport, via Parkway at 14:55. The train eventually ran 5C89 Newport - Barton Hill ECS, the 2C89 19:00 Cardiff Central - Taunton service being cancelled.

**06/02** Midland livered 153364 returned from works over-haul as 5Z53 10:09 Eastleigh - Tyseley passing near Bath at 12:47. The First/GW loco-hauled set was back in use top n'tailed by 67017 and 67028 with blue/grey c/stock;- 9508, 6046, 6008, 6117.

**07/02** FLHH 66558 worked the 6A21 Pengam - Theale loaded stone service via Day's curve around 09:30.

**08/02** First GW operated an HST shuttle service between Bristol and Swindon during the day, due to engineering work on the Great Western mainline east of Swindon. Two engineering train's through Bath during the morning were recorded as follows;- 66187 with 6W04 Severn Tunnel junction - Westbury at 09:38 (19 early) and 66014 + 66088 paired on the 6W10 Westbury - Lydney at 10:49 (11 early). West Country PW work was taking place at Dawlish, with train's terminating and restarting at Exeter.

**10/02** Flooding caused problems at a number of locations, partly due to melting snow with Wootton Bassett and Lavington affected, then between Somerton and Cogload junction, where diversions from Castle Cary, via Yeovil and Honiton took place. Further flooding during the evening at Hele & Bradnich and Stafford Bridge, near Stoke Cannon, affected northbound Arriva XC services. In the Bristol area, 67016 with 67017 started the day on the First/GW 'hire' loco hauled diagram (with three coaches only; 6046 + 6064 + 9508), but unit 150243 worked the 2V24 16:13 Taunton - Cardiff and 2C89 19:00 Cardiff - Taunton, the 67s having suffered a brake pipe problem. Needless to say following the 17:30 Filton Abbeywood stop for Cardiff (2C89) the covering unit was reported as very overcrowded! Two southbound freights seen this morning at 07:20 66024 with a trainload of cars followed by 66053 with MGR empties for Portbury at 07:40.

**11/02** An Arriva XC HST report for the day's diagrams found;- 43301 + 43285 (with XC05, formed 41035, 45005, 42051, 42052, 42053, 42342, 42379, 44017); 1V39 06:32 Dundee - Plymouth / 1E73 17:21 Plymouth - Leeds. 43304 + 43378 (with XC01); 1V31 06:08 Edinburgh - Plymouth / 1E63 15:21 Plymouth - York. 43303 + 43366 (with XC03); 1V19 06:00 Leeds - Plymouth / 1S51 12:21 Plymouth - Glasgow Central. The First/GW 15:00 Paddington - Weston-super-Mare service was cancelled. On the loco side, Advenza 47375 ran 0Z72 08:30 Gloucester (Horton Road) -St. Blazey and return driver route refresher light-engine.

**12/02** The Class 67 loco hauled 'hire' First/GW service was still running with three coaches only.

**13/02** The 4D18 20:07 Didcot - Avonmouth headed by 66055 was reported as diverted, passing Bath at 00:11, the train requiring a run-round at Parkway before reaching it's destination. Another early hours diversion was the 4V11 18:15 Peterborough - Taunton Fairwater loaded concrete sleepers with GBRf 66706, passing Temple Meads at 00:20. A 4Z10 22:22 Didcot - Didcot test working also ran headed by 31105 (complete with a DBSO driving van) via Bath, Temple Meads, Gloucester, Kemble and Swindon. The First/GW loco hauled set was back to a four coach operation from today with blue/grey 6008 added. During the evening, 66608 + 66624 top n'tailed a 6Y33 Taunton Fairwater - Yatton engineers train.

**14/02** Observations at Lawrence Hill during the afternoon recorded;-

67025 and Royal 67005 top n'tailing a 1Z86 09:53 Victoria - Cardiff Central VSOE (for the Rugby Six Nations Wales v England match) at 13:10, 221113 (still retaining Virgin XC colours) with the 07:05 Edinburgh - Plymouth service (13:34) and later 66012 on the diverted 6B33 12:12 Theale - Robeston fuel tank empties.

**15/02** West of England Sunday engineering activity was centred on Dawlish, a returning 6W44 09:30 Exeter St. Thomas - Newport ADJ from the worksite, being reported passing Worle junction (Weston-super-Mare) at 12:15 behind 66055. Other engineer workings reported were;- 66624 on a 6Y33 Parson's street - Taunton Fairwater yard and 66606 with a 6Y28 Cogload junction - Newport ADJ (via Taunton Fairwater), noted passing Worle at 09:52. The First/GW 08:30 Temple Meads - Exeter St. Davids local service was formed with an HST set, in place of a unit. At St. Phillips Marsh, 142063 was seen stabled.

**16/02** Advenza 57006 was stabled in Temple Meads, whilst DRS 37605 passed Stapledon road at 10:51 (and later Flax Bourton at 12:18 being booked through Worle at 13:22) light-engine as 0Z37 08:05 Derby (Serco) - Plymouth (via St. Phillips Marsh). The loco was to visit the Gunnislake (17/02), Newquay and Looe branch lines for route learning. Evening engineering trains through the area included;- 66608 + 66558 top n'tailing a 6Y33 20:38 Taunton Fairwater - Yatton loop and 66624 + 66606 top n'tailing a 6Y11 19:20 Taunton Fairwater - Wootton Bassett, through Bristol East at 21:35. At 14:30 a "Mendip Rail" stone train was seen heading northbound behind 66198 and at 16:00 66303 seen with MGR empties for Portbury.

**17/02** 66088 passed Parsons Street at 06:44 with 6V51 Tyne Yard - Portbury loaded and empty car train, whilst 60049 was on the 6B65 Westbury - Newport ADJ and 6C41 return departmental trips. This out and back almost daily working is expected to end over the coming months when NR move their Newport operation elsewhere. Two tank trains were noted passing Bristol East during the early afternoon; 66250 at 13:54 with the 6V62 (TO) Fawley - Plymouth Tavistock yard depot fuel and Advenza 57006 with a 6Z75 11:10 Eastleigh - Gloucester train of 11 TEA bogie tanks for eventual store at Long Marston at 14:07. The latter was officially booked to stop in Bath loop from 13:25 - 14:52!! During the evening, 66509 returned north on the 6M37 Moorswater - Hope sidings cement empties, the first appearance of this train for some time. On Barton Hill depot, spare First/GW 'hire' coaches; 6117 and 9494 were visible during the day.

**18/02** A second stored wagon move saw 57006, again this time working 14 JNA aggregate box wagons as 6Z29 12:30 Westbury - Gloucester (departing 8 minutes early), pausing in Bristol East loop at 13:12. DRS 'hire' 66419 passed through platform 3 at Temple Meads at 18:40 with the loaded Fastline 6M20 17:00 Portbury - Ratcliffe P.S. loaded coal service.

**19/02** DRS 37605 returned north as 0Z38 Plymouth (North road) - Derby during the late morning. An early afternoon rarity, was the appearance of HST power car 43186 hauling seven coaches (with no second power car) as 5Z74 11:30 Reading - St. Phillips Marsh via Bristol Parkway. An incident late the previous day near Reading involving the First /GW, Paddington bound 1A91, saw a serious wheel-flat on coach 41157 (from set LA16) resulting in the train being terminated and split. 43194 ran 0Z55 21:55 Old Oak Common - Reading, to return the stricken coach on a 'wheel skate' at low speed, with 43186 attached as 8Z70 23:30 Reading - Old Oak

Common. Back in the Bristol area, an afternoon freight report was 66035 with an extra 6Z99 Exeter Riverside - Newport ADJ, formed with china clay, scrap metal and cargowagons passing Worle at 14:10. 66419 was seen circa 16:00 with MGR empties for Portbury.

**20/02** 66624 was in charge of the diverted 6C73 Westbury - Taunton Fairwater departmental via Bristol during the early afternoon.

21/02 First/GW 158955 was noted operating as a two-car formation on the 11:10 Weymouth - Gloucester working, whilst 220034 replaced the booked Arriva XC HST set on the 1V39 08:06 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth Arriva XC service. What could be another 'Working of the Year' candidate was the 5Z43 08:30 Taunton - Brush Loughborough formed 47375 + 6348 + 40809 + 6330 + 57602 which passed Worle junction at 09:26 and Pilning 10:00. The train was routed via the Severn Tunnel, and a reverse at Newport due to engineering work between Westerleigh junction and Gloucester. The locos had stabled at Taunton overnight, having run 0Z57 13:08 Old Oak Common - Taunton (platform 1) light-engine the previous day, the buffet coach was eventually moved onwards to Kilmarnock for refurbishing.

**22/02** FLHH 66624 passed through Weston-super-Mare via the loop and station at 09:24, with a return autoballaster and sleeper train which had worked north the previous evening as 6Y33 23:16 Taunton Fairwater - Worle junction.

**23/02** 142009 headed north as 5Z42 Exeter - Crewe empty unit, later going on to Glasgow for a works overhaul. During the afternoon, the 6C73 Westbury - Taunton Fairwater departmental was again routed via Bristol (passing around 15:00), behind 66624. The Freightliner Heavy-haul 4V60 Calvert - Bristol refuse container train was cancelled.

**24/02** DRS 20309 (in the new company Compass livery) + 37604 passed Parson's street at 13:41 with the 6M67 14:02 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flasks. Later, FLHH 66559 and GBRf 66715 were both noted stabled in the former Bath Road depot spur at Temple Meads station. Another "Mendip Rail" stone train seen heading southbound at 18:45 powered by 60049. MGR empties seen at 10:00 behind 66124 en route for Portbury.

**25/02** Ex. works Mainline livered 153333 passed through the area around 13:00 on a 5Z53 Eastleigh works - Tyseley move.

26/02 Unbranded, Central-green livered 153371 passed Parkway at 12:30 as 5Z53 en-route from Tyseley - Eastleigh works for refurbishment via Day's curve, Bath, Westbury and Salisbury.

**27/02** FLHH 66616 worked the overnight 6V21 Hope sidings - Moorswater loaded and return 6M37 cement empties.

**28/02** A 1Z25 08:05 Cardiff Central - Kensington Olympia (via Temple Meads and Bath) and 1Z26 18:41 return Northern Belle dining special was top n'tailed by Royal 67005 + 67001. 66545 was on the 6A21 Pengam - Theale loaded stone, the 6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh loaded fuel tanks were cancelled with 60054 being de-allocated. West of England track work was taking place between Aller junction and Totnes, in the Stonycombe area. Freightliner loco location during the morning were; 66597, 66604 at Stoke Gifford, 66582 in Kingsland Road sidings and 66551, 66584, 66606, 66624 all present in Taunton Fairwater yard.

## Cardiff

**Steelworks on 13/02** 08782 (Also present 20/02 + 27/02)

## Gloucester

**16/02** Over running week-end engineering work saw the Gloucester - Severn Tunnel junction remain closed until between 07:30 - 09:30 during the Monday morning.

**20/02** Advenza 57005 worked a 6Z63 09:43 Cardiff Tidal - Shipley train of empty scrap wagons.

**22/02** Weekend track work saw Gloucester station closed.

## Newport

**06/02** 67008 worked a 1Z67 07:33 Swansea - Edinburgh 'Ruggex' special (via the Marches, Hereford and Crewe) for the Six Nations Wales v Scotland match, 67027 returning the working during the following day.

## Portbury Branch Line

The Fastline Ratcliffe coal diagrams from the port during the month were as follows;-

02/02-06/02, 10/02-13/02;- 4G09 12:12 Chaddeston - Portbury (17:00), Bristol TM 15:45. 6Z99 19:00 Portbury - Ratcliffe P.S. (06:06), Bristol TM 19:35-19:40, Bath 20:01, Chippenham 20:27, Swindon 21:01. 03/02-06/02, 18/02-20/02, 24/02-26/02;- 4G18 22:08 Chaddeston - Portbury (02:55), Bristol Parkway 01:44-02:06, Bristol TM 02:11. 6M18 05:00 Portbury - Ratcliffe P.S. (17:00), Bristol T.M 05:34, Bath 05:52, Bathampton loop 05:55-06:21, Chippenham 06:41, Swindon 07:04-07:45. 03/02, 09/02-12/02;- 4G20 10:52 Chaddeston - Portbury (15:00). 6M20 17:00 Portbury - Ratcliffe P.S. 16/02-19/02:- 4G09 12:10 Chaddeston - Portbury (17:00), 6Z99 19:00 Portbury - Ratcliffe P.S. 17/02,18/02, 23/02-26/02;- 4G09 10:52 Chaddeston - Portbury (15:00), 6M20 17:00 Portbury - Ratcliffe P.S.

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

66018/051/120/124/137. 66301/302/303/304/305. 66415/419.  
66507/551/557/561/562/565/566/581/597. 66722/728.

## Portishead

North Somerset Council have purchased the last three miles of the former branch line, from the NR boundary at the old Portbury station site, to the end of the line at a cost of £75,000 and are to pay Network-Rail £164,000 made up mainly of contributions from developers on a feasibility study to investigate the operation of passenger trains alongside existing freight traffic over the branch line to the mainline junction at Parson's street. A section was turned into a cyclepath towards the end of last year, when tarpulin sheeting was laid over the track and covered by a stone surface in the Marsh lane area near Pill. This is reported as only a temporary measure, so cyclists do not have to cross a dangerous road bridge and will be returned to rail use when required. The line is approaching its 45th anniversary since closure to timetabled passenger trains in September 1964.

## **Units seen during the month**

142009/063.  
143611/612/617/620/621.  
150121/127/219/238/239/243/244/246/247/248/261/265/266/267/280/281.  
153305/333/364/371.  
158763/765/768/769/798/951/953/955/958.  
220001/002/004/005/006/007/013/015/018/020/021/022/024/028/031/034.  
221113/119/120/121/123/124/125/129/131/134/135.

Misformed set;- 158955 with 52765 + 52765 only. Coach 52747 was noted stored on St. Phillips Marsh depot, in the wheel-lathe area sidings on 17/02.

HST PC count;- 43207/285/301/303/304/321/357/366/378/384.

## **STOCK ALTERATIONS**

### **Locomotives**

#### **Transfers**

DFFT: 66540 DFIN: 66536/587  
MBED: 73005/107/201/210/211/906  
PTXX: 92010/020/021/028/032/038/040/043/044/045/046

#### **Stored**

AF: 92005. BS: 08538. BZ: 60024. CD: 60002/029/056/076/079/094/095  
DC: 09001. 60026/091. DI: 60027/068. MG: 60021. IM: 08685.  
TO: 60004/009/013/018/019/059/063/072/074/084/099/100. TJ: 60062.  
ZG: 01508. CF Tidal: 08752.

#### **Traffic**

08428 -DC, 08630 -MG, 31465 -DF, 37194 -KM

#### **Disposals**

TJ Thomson: 08489/587/715/900  
Booth: 08775. 20119. 37046/221/293/796. 56043/052/064/076,  
56082/089  
RAF Linbrook (Lincs): 01501/502/503/504/505/506  
Mangapps Farm: 33202 Hungary: 86248 as 0450-001-7

#### **Renumbered**

43051 - 43251, 43108 - 43308, 43166 - 43366

### **Diesel Multiple Units**

#### **Transfers**

222101/102 (XW) -DY

#### **Stored**

180112/114 @ZN

### **Electric Multiple Units**

#### **Transfers**

377203/205 (BI) -SU, 213 (SU) -BI

HWBI Southern Class 442 BI 2402/12/14/17/19/21/24

**Stored**

2402/06 @BI, 2424 @ZG

**Disposals**

Booth: car 70736 (310051)

Electric Railway Museum(Coventry): 960.101/102 (977.962-967)

**New Stock**

350241/242/243/244 -NN

377501/502/503/504 -HQ

395005/006/007 -AD

**Coaching & NPCC Stock**

**Transfers**

10242. 11064/084/086. 12017/054/059/094. 82101 -CE

**Stored**

ZH: 5812

**Withdrawn**

92174. 99538

**Disposals**

Imperial Metals: 92174

5542 Loco Ltd (South Devon) 99538

For sale: 2833. 4925/56. 5005/37. 6311.

**LOCAL FREIGHTLINER WORKINGS**

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

03/02 66574. 04/02 66580. 05/02 66541. 09/02 66591. 10/02 66577.

11/02 66571. 12/02 66541. 13/02 66572. 16/02 66576. 17/02 66505.

18/02 66955. 19/02 66538. 20/02 66577.

**4V60 Calvert - Bristol bin liner**

06/02 66524. 10/02 66606. 13/02 66565. 20/02 66551. 24/02 66558. 25/02 66582.

**6M55 06:54 (06:19 SO) Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal**

04/02 66557. 05/02 66557. 07/02 66551. 19/02 66565. 20/02 66565.

**6M04 10:25 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal**

05/02 66566. 06/02 66561. 09/02 66561. 17/02 66562.

18/02 66597 + 66562. 20/02 66581.

Correction;- February Magazine (page 16) and March Magazine (page 14) for both entries the 6M61 08:31 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. should read Portbury - Fiddler's Ferry P.S.

## LOCAL FASTLINE WORKINGS

### **6M18 05:00 Portbury - Ratcliffe P.S. loaded coal**

03-06/02 66302. 17/02 66302. 18/02 66728. 19/02 66301. 20/02 66305.  
23/02 66304. 24/02 66305. 25/02 66728. 26/02 66302. 27/02 66304.

### **6M20 17:00 Portbury - Ratcliffe P.S.**

03/02 66301 09/02 66301 10/02 66305 11/02 66722. 12/02 66415.  
17/02 66303. 18/02 66419. 23/02 66304. 24/02 66301. 25/02 66303.  
26/02 66303.

### **6Z99 19:00 Portbury - Ratcliffe P.S.**

02/02 66415. 04-06/02 66301. 10/02 66301. 11/02 66301. 12/02 66722.  
13/02 66303. 16/02 66303. 17/02 66305. 18/02 66303. 19/02 66419.

### **4G20 Chaddeston - Portbury**

12/02 66415. 17/02 66303. 23/02 66304. 24/02 66301. 25/02 66303.  
26/02 66303.

### **4G09 Chaddeston - Portbury**

12/02 66722. 13/02 66303. 17/02 66305. 19/02 66419.

## LOCAL EWS WORKINGS

### **6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh**

02-06/02 60074. 10/02 60085. 12/02 60085. 13/02 60085.  
16-18/02 60085. 19/02 66043. 20/02 60085. 21/02 60085.  
24/02 60026. 26/02 60054. 27/02 60054.

### **6E41 Westerleigh - Lindsey**

02/02 60031. 03/02 60044. 06/02 60010. 07/02 60031. 09/02 60031.  
11/02 60031. 16/02 60026. 17/02 60026. 24/02 60044. 26/02 60044.  
27/02 60044. 28/02 60044.

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

03/02 66041. 10/02 66057. 17/02 66060. 20/02 66013.

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

04/02 66065. 05/02 66065. 07/02 60085. 11/02 66077. 14/02 66012.  
19/02 66192. 24/02 66015. 25/02 66015. 28/02 66015. 26/02 66015.

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

10/02 66119. 14/02 59002. 17/02 66136. 19/02 66136. 21/02 59203.  
24/02 59201. 28/02 59001.

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

03/02 66186. 10/02 66085. 17/02 66250. 24/02 66063.

### **6B65 Westbuey - Newport ADJ departmental**

05/02 66119. 06/02 66119. 13/02 66017. 17/02 60049. 19/02 66117.  
23/02 66166 + 66074.

### **6B35 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties**

04/02 66194. 13/02 66096. 20/02 66011. 26/02 66011.

### **Class 60**

22/02 With their numbers dwindling, an evening check of the survivors found the following;-

60010 - Toton.  
60011 - Westbury.  
60020 - Peak Forest (allocated train 6L73).  
60026 - Margam (allocated train 6B10).  
60031 - en-route; 6N03 Lindsey Oil - Jarrow.  
60040 - Warrington Arpley.  
60044 - en-route; 6V98 Lindsey Oil - Westerleigh.  
60054 - Clifton (en-route with train ?).  
60065 - Peak ForeSt.  
60068 - Doncaster tmd.  
60085 - Margam (allocated train 6M76).  
60087 - Liverpool Bulk terminal.  
60096 - Merehead.

## **PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS**

### **Avon Valley Railway, Bitton (17 - 19/02/09)**

For the half-term week, the railway for the first time operated timetabled trains during February. This was also another first for the newly arrived Class 107 DMU set SC52006 + SC52025 to appear on service trains, having arrived for a 5 year 'loan' period from the Bolton Abbey & Embassy railway. The set had otherwise only appeared at the November gala during 2008 following its arrival in September. It was reported that the loadings on the very first working on the 17th, were very encouraging and enough to cover the three day's operation! A further 18 diesel operating days are planned for 2009, which could feature the DMU set, Class 73, 73101 Royal Alex, Class 07, D2994 or industrial diesels. The other 2009 diesel operating days are as follows;- May 2, 23, 30. June 3, 6, 10, 17, 20, 24. July 25. August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. September 5, 12. October 17. The end of season gala is expected to take place on November 1.

## **DEPARTMENTALS & TRACK MACHINES**

**03/02** Weston-super-Mare;- DR73114. DR77803.

**06/02** Brent Knoll;- down mainline at 16:05; 77327.

**07/02** Westerleigh yard;- 73806.

**17/02** Bristol, Barton Hill;- ADB965209, ADB965231 (snowploughs). Marsh junction;- 73418. 76313/318. 78214/232. On isolated track sections; DR73104 (part of). DR73414 (on view from the Avonmeads car park).

22/02 Hallen village (near M5 rail bridge); Readypower r/r excavators;- FR613/657/658/659/662.

support trailer; FR736. bulldozers; 215/217. Amey personal 4w carrier; 152939 + trailer 152985.



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