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FUTURE EVENTS

TRIP 434 STATFOLD BARN OPEN WEEKEND Saturday-Sunday 19-20/09/09

A two day trip visiting Preserved & Plant sites in Staffordshire including 4 hours at the Open Day.

Itinerary

Day One Torrent Trackside, Lichfield; LH Group, Barton Under Needwood; Statfold Barn Open Day; Drayton Manor Theme Park, Fazeley; Quattro Plant, Rugeley; Upper Birches Farm, Rugeley; Network Rail, Stafford compound (view); Stafford, overnight.

Day Two Stafford, overnight; A.P. Webb Ltd, Stafford; Amerton Railway, Stowe-By-Chartley; Moseley Railway Trust, Chesterton; Electro Motive Diesel Inc, Longport; On Line On Track Drainage Ltd, Burslem; Marcroft Engineering, Fenton; Network Rail, Stoke SCC compound (view).

Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris by 25/07/09 please as Accommodation and Open Day tickets will need to be arranged.

Please note. A Mandatory deposit of £38 per person is required on booking to cover accommodation deposit and Open Day entrance fee.

Permits: All to be applied for except locations listed as (view).

Fares: Members; £65 Non Members; £69 Deposit; £38

Times **Depart(Sat 19/9) Return(Sun 20/9)**

Nailsea & Backwell 06.00 21.30

Temple Meads 06.25 21.05

Parkway 06.45 20.45

Safety Equipment Required: Hi-Viz Jacket, Safety Shoes

TRIP 435 EAST MIDLANDS & YOKSHIRE PLANT Saturday 24/10/09

A one day trip visiting Road/Rail Plant sites in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire & South Yorkshire.

Itinerary

Sinbad, Stapleford; Harsco Track Technologies, Eastwood; Readypower, Ripley; MLP Rail, Pinxton; Aspin, Clay Cross; T.L.Drake, North Wingfield; SRS Rail Systems, Bolsover; Moss Rail, Eckington; Blyth Tool & Plant Hire, Blyth; Quattro, Long Sandall; Trackwork, Doncaster; Hydrex, Doncaster.

Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris by 26/09/09 please.

Permits: All to be applied for.

Fares: Members; £32 Non Members; £34 Deposit; £16

Times **Depart Return**

Nailsea & Backwell 06.00 21.30

Temple Meads 06.25 21.05

Parkway 06.45 20.45

Safety Equipment Required: Hi-Viz Jacket, Safety Shoes, Helmet

TRIP 436**GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY****Saturday 21/11/09**

A one day trip visiting the Railway plus other sites in Leicestershire.

Itinerary

Paul John Plant, Coalville; Great Central Railway @ Loughborough + Quorn + Rothley + Swithland Sidings + Leicester North; R Etherington, Shackerstone; Nuneaton Station (approx 2 hours).

Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris by 31/10/09 please.

Permits: All to be applied for.

Fares: Members; £25 Non Members; £27 Deposit; £13

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

Safety Equipment Required: Hi-Viz Jacket

TRIP 437**LONDON FLYER****Saturday 05/12/09 or 12/12/09**

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

Itinerary

None.

Confirmed Bookings to Roy Morris by 28/11/09 please.

Permits: None.

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

Times	Depart	Return
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.

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1. Members are reminded that where only one magazine is required, relatives living at the same address can become family members at the rate of £1 per head, per annum.
2. Do you know someone who would like to join the Society? Existing members can earn £2 for each new member introduced. This can be used against the fares of future Society trips.

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Contributions for the cover photo should be from within our area, web site photos would normally be taken on Society trips. Although any photographs of interest will be considered for publication. Please send via e-mail or post to Kevin, all prints will be returned. Any photographs submitted for the cover will be considered for publication on the web site unless a request is made not to publish them.

NOTES AND NEWS

Avonmouth

05/05 The local shunting pilot 08405, was reported as moved to Toton for repair/overhaul. A Class 66 loco is believed to be covering the shunters duty, which primarily was to lead the Wednesday's only Newport trip freight from the Bulk Handling terminal onto the Chilttning Industrial estate for off loading.

06/05 66008 worked the 6C90 09:41 Newport - Avonmouth trip freight, the same loco performing this duty again seven days later with 66173 passing Newport at 09:34 with the same working on 20/05.

19/05 66114 worked the 6C63/6C64 Westbury - Avonmouth, import stone trip, the return loaded working being recorded passing Brentry at 17:45.

27/05 DBS livered 66152 worked the 6C90 Newport trip, the return 6C97 passing Patchway at 12:53 being formed only with two empty FCA flats, one of which was fitted with a small cabin, believed on trial for propelling movements onto the Chittening estate.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the month have included;-
66018/057/070/090/117/119/125/187/189.

The Avonmouth Shunter duty

A Class 08 has been out-based here since the arrival of 08653 on 04/01/99. The duties involved were, trips to the Chittening Industrial estate and docks as required, as well as general Bulk Handling terminal shunting. Occasional trips to the Britannia Zinc/Commonwealth Smelting sidings were added at a later date. Various loco swaps took place over the following years involving (in order); 08896, 08500 (Thomas 1), 08685, 08630, 09003, and 09013. The final loco, 08405 took over from 09003 during March 2007. With an increase in docks traffic, two locos were out-based from around 2002 - 2004. 08402 arrived as a failure on 03/11/99 and although present for a short period, saw no use. Previously, a Bath Road based loco saw occasional use during the eighties at various times in the Hallen Marsh and Avonmouth areas.

Bristol Parkway, Pilning and Westerleigh

01/05 Steel trains reported through Parkway, saw 66131 pass at 07:54 with the 6V08 04:59 Wembley - Margam export steel empties, and 66150 on the 6B49 Llanwern - Swindon (which had previously started from Newport

ADJ) pass at 09:06 and the return empties at 16:24.

08/05 66183 + 66047 were paired on the 6C41 Newport ADJ - Westbury departmental (recorded passing Severn Tunnel junction at 15:35). FLHH 66511 and 66555 were stabled in Stoke Gifford down sidings during the evening.

10/05 The DBS (former EWS) managers train passed Parkway at 08:55 as 1Z05 07:34 Reading - Stoke, via the Severn Tunnel and the Marches (having earlier run 5Z05 Toton - Reading ECS). The formation was 82146, with the three usual MkIIIs with 67029 on the rear. 66957 was noted stabled on a train of stone empties at 14:15. The train was believed to have departed as 6B42 westbound during the following day for Neath.

11/05 Three locomotives seen this evening, 66047 (6M17) Newport ADJ - Willesden "Enterprise" service, 66518 in Stoke Gifford yard and 66003 working the MoD "Liner" (6A29). XC power cars tonight were 43301/384.

12/05 67005 + 67006 top n'tailed Royal Train stock, ex Haverfordwest through Pilning at 14:15.

13/05 DRS 37601 + 37609 passed Parkway at 07:17 with a single FNA forming the 6V74 02:01 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater. A morning points failure at Patchway saw some train diversions via Filton and a number of cancellations. The 6B13 (running as 6B16 23:25 Tues. Robeston - Westerleigh) loaded fuel tanks was recessed at Margam at 03:00, behind 60074.

15/05 66552 worked a 6Z88 Crewe Basford Hall yard - Taunton Fairwaters wagon move via Pilning during the day.

16/05 66055 + 66153 + 66081 + 66008 passed Pilning during the afternoon on a Margam - Eastleigh light loco move. 66514 and 66546 were recorded as stabled in Stoke Gifford sidings during the afternoon.

18/05 66067 worked a 6Z54 12:30 Oxford, Banbury road - Machen train of stone empties running around 50 minutes late, and earlier 59201 was reported as a failure in West Wales whilst on trial with the 6A11 Robeston - Theale loaded fuel tanks. The loco returned to Westbury, from Newport light-engine during the following day. Two workings recorded tonight, 66183 (6A29) MoD "Liner" running 75 mins early and 66514 (4V56) Rugeley - Stoke Gifford MGR empties. XC power cars were 43303/321.

19/05 FLHH 66547 worked a 6Z49 Neasden - Pengam train of stone empties through Parkway during the afternoon. Earlier, the 6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh loaded fuel tanks, again with 60074, was terminated at Margam at 04:19 -19,250 minutes early! 60074 was eventually used to replace 60065 on the 6A11 Robeston - Theale loaded fuel tanks, later retuning with the 6B33 return empties.

20/05 66047 arrived around 06:47 on the 6V04 20:45 (Tues) Port Clarence - Westerleigh loaded fuel tanks. Evening observations at Pilning West recorded;- 66057 with the 6B25 17:00 Portbury - Aberthaw loaded coal working (18:33), 66173 on the 6M17 18:11 Newport ADJ - Wembley 'enterprise' freight service (18:40) and the structural gauging train, running as 1Z06 18:30 Temple Meads - Derby (via Onllwyn and Cwmgwrach) top n'tailed by 31285 + 31602 (18:54 - 9 minutes early). 67017 + 67016 were also recorded at 19:32 on the 2C79 19:00 Cardiff Central - Taunton followed by 66237 at 19:38 with the 6A29 17:52 Wentlooge - Didcot MoD stores.

21/05 DRS 37607 passed Parkway at 11:22 heading North light-engine from Westbury. Having run 0Z52 10:15 Eastleigh - Kidderminster light, mainline preserved D1015 Western Champion returned as 0Z73 17:05

Kidderminster - Westbury (going forward to Eastleigh during the following day) hauling blue livered 73006 for display at the 'Eastleigh 100' works open-day event. The 0Z73 working was running early passing Parkway at 19:43 (booked here 20:47 - 20:52) and Bath 20:08 (booked 21:16). A stop from 19:59 - 20:04 in Haresfield loop had earlier been left out. Just 4V56 seen this evening, again using 66514. Two other locos seen, light

22/05 Over at Westerleigh, 66009 replaced 60065 on the return 6B47 Westerleigh - Robeston empty fuel tanks, following the 'booked' train loco, 60065 being needed to return the 6E41 Lindsey fuel tank empties departing at 12:30, after the failure of 60096 on this train.

23/05 At 17:00, 66514 and 66598 were found stabled on the down-side.

24/05 The recently introduced export steel service - 6Z95 13:50 Margam - Dollands Moor is also a Sunday runner, being noted today passing through Newport at 14:50 (1 minute early) behind 66120.

25/05 66622 brought in the 4V46 11:15 Rugeley P.S - Stoke Gifford coal empties during the late afternoon.

27/05 Over at Westerleigh, 60074 having brought in the 6B13 loaded fuel from Robeston, was reported to have taken out the 6E41 Lindsey empties in place of 66186 which had brought in the inward 6V98 loaded tank wagons. Another newly introduced freight service is; 6Z98 12:34 Port Talbot Grange sidings - Lea Moor Interchange (EWS) loaded stone (molten slag), booked Newport 14:03-14:05, Pilning 14:40 and Parkway 14:49 - 16:14, believed linked to the 2012 Olympic construction site. Today's hauling loco was reported to be 66172. At Parkway, BT Police made three arrests following investigations into recent car break-ins and thefts around the station car park.

28/05 DRS 20302 + 20304 passed Parkway at 14:25 with the 6M67 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flasks and later 31459 + 31601 passed on an eastbound test working (which included a driving coach) at 16:45. It was believed 31601 was a failure as 31459 had arrived light-engine in Temple Meads at 14:55. Brief visit this evening no freights seen just the XC power which were 43207/285.

30/05 Three SWT units were unusually recorded through Parkway, believed to be on maintenance moves. 158883 passed north-bound at 12:14, whilst at 13:21, 158881 + 158882 headed South on a 5Z38 10:38 Derby Etches Park - Salisbury empty move.

31/05 66547 and 66622 were stabled in Stoke Gifford down sidings.

Bristol Temple Meads, Kingsland Road and Barton Hill

01/05 Shanks split-livered 66522 worked the 6Z21 Hope (Earles) sidings - Moorswater cement during the morning, returning the 6M37 empties during the evening. Another late evening/early hours freight working (01-02/05) was the 6M60 21:21 Plymouth Tavistock yard - Bescot china clay empties headed by 66085 + 66139. This train is now regularly worked by two DBS Class 66 locos, often in multiple. Colas 47727 returned North light-engine as 0Z47 09:00 Plymouth - Rugby (via Temple Meads) close to the booked time here 11:49-12:00. An ex. works 143620, now in the new First/GW local lines livery, was recorded in Temple Meads during the evening.

02/05 Week-end line closures continued between Bristol and Taunton with Arriva XC services being routed via Westbury. Associated works trains

recorded in the Uphill junction, Highbridge and Dunball areas were as follows;- 66604 with the Redland self-discharge train, 66597 on a train formed with JJA + HQAs and 66552 + 66556, with 66602 + 66621 both top n'tailing unspecified train's. In the St. Georges (Weston-super-Mare) DBS trains were present, with 66111 and 66158 in a top n'tail formation, and also 66059, 66163, 66165 being recorded on separate workings.

04/05 Bank Holiday Monday and possibly the area 'Railtour of the Year', featured 56312 + 56311 (with Virgin 'thunderbird' livered loco 57311 attached to the rear) which worked the 'Avon Class 56 Retro Grid' (1Z56 06:52 Huddersfield - Bath and 1Z57 15:51 return), being noted passing Lawrence Hill close to time at 12:25. On arrival at Temple Meads, 57311 took over for the run to Bath being noted passing Keynsham at 12:51, the ECS then going on to Swindon Transfer yard (as 5Z56 13:12 ex. Bath) for stabling, and an end change for the locos. The return 1Z57 (booked as 5Z57 14:58 Swindon - Bath ECS), was recorded passing St. Annes Park at 16:00. The train was again seen passing Dr. Day's junction at 16:17 with 'plain grey' 56311 leading, the c/stock being recorded as;- 12124, 12087, 12094, 12054, M10242, M11064, M11086, M11084, 11027, 92904 (choc/cream livery). A second railtour organised by Pathfinder Tour's had passed through the area earlier in the day as the 'Conway Valley Explorer' (1Z65 04:50 Salisbury- Blaenau Ffestiniog) behind 66186 throughout, the outward being noted near Bath at 07:00. Other sightings for the day were;- 67030 + 67016 top n'tailing the day's First/GW local 'hire' stopping diagram, 31105 on a 4Z08 12:17 Derby Etches Park-Exeter (Riverside) test train pushing DBSO 9714 through Nailsea & Backwell at 18:17 (booked Yatton loop 18:30-18:55) and Advenza 57006 which arrived light-engine at St. Phillips Marsh depot for fuel just before 16:00. Kingsland Road contained 66597, 66601, 66605 during the afternoon. 31105 with the 4Z08 test train then worked Bristol TM - Derby (via Fishguard) overnight.

05/05 60065 worked the morning 6B65 Westbury-Newport ADJ departmental. The First/GW 'hire' local service was formed: 67030 + M6046 + M6008 + M6013 + M9508 + 67016. 66165 headed southbound with a "Hanson" stone train.

06/05 A 1Z41 05:46 Birmingham International - Par (and 1Z42 16:42 return) Northern Belle dining and Eden Project special was worked throughout by 67002, the outward train being recorded near Weston-super-Mare at 08:34. GBRf 66715 was recorded stabled in the up (platform 5) bay at 09:30, whilst 31105 returned the previous day's 4Z08 test working from Exeter - Kingsland Road (via Newport) during the evening.

07/05 31105 (complete with test train 72631, 99906, 9714), 66597 and 66601 were stabled in Kingsland Road for most of the day. Shanks split-livered 66522 passed Bath at 22:27 with cement empties, possibly off Westbury cement works. Other evening sightings through Bath were;- the NRMT HST formed with power cars 43014 + 43062 running from Taunton - Swindon (21:30) and 5C89 Taunton - Barton Hill ECS top n'tailed by 67016 + 67030 (22:21).

08/05 Two unidentified FLHH Class 66 locos were noted in Temple Meads at 07:51 with coal empties for Portbury, assumed to form the 6M04 10:25 departure. Advenza 57005 ran 0Z74 light-engine from Gloucester - St. Phillips Marsh, assumed for fuel during the afternoon. The day's First/GW local 'hire' service was formed: 67016 + M9508 + M6117 + M6008 + M6046 + 67030. A West Coast Railway's 5Z37 07:18 Carnforth - Temple

Meads (via Hereford and Cardiff) railtour stock move departed Crewe at 09:23, headed by 37676, with D444 (50044) + 50031 attached to the rear. 50031 was dropped off at Cardiff Canton, before D444 made a fast run to Bristol (passing Patchway at around 14:10 - 90 minutes early!) the stock being used on an Aberystwyth trip the following day.

09/05 The second NR Bristol Panel box organised charity railtour, 'The Cambrian Mountaineer' (1Z50 05:26 Temple Meads - Aberystwyth and 1Z51 16:13 return) was headed by green-livered D444 (50044) as far as Shrewsbury, where NR yellow livered Class 37, 97301 (ex. 37100) was attached to 37676 (which had been on the rear of the train from Bristol). Due to engineering works, the train was routed via Swindon and Oxford to the Midlands with a revised departure time. The c/sock in use was as follows: 5035, 5229 The Green Knight, 5239 The Red Knight, 99327, 99311, 99723, 4994, 4905, 4973, 4960. Unspecified problems saw a late return to Bristol, having left Aberystwyth 90 minutes late. Other observations for the day saw 66093 with the 6M60 Plymouth (Tavistock yard) - Bescot china clay empties, during the early hours and 66957 on the 6A21 Pengam - Theale loaded stone, through Bathampton junction at 11:26. A Cotswold Line Promotional Group outing (06:31 Worcester S.H - Paignton and 16:30 return), using a 'hired' First/GW HST set (with power cars 43024 + 43164) was routed via Bath, Day's curve and Parkway on the return. The set was then used on a 1Z32 22:50 Swindon - Temple Meads 'additional' for passengers returning from the Radio 1 Big-Weekend this year held in Swindon. Bristol - Taunton line engineering work found the following train's in use;- 66609 with the Redland self-discharge train (6Y14), which was returned to Bescot via Westbury during the evening, 66601 + 66546 top n'tailing HQA/JJAs, 66615 + 66621 with the high output ballast cleaner (6Y11), 66610 + 66585 on JNAs (6Y12), 66564 + 66618 with a second train of JNAs (6Y??) and 66552 + 66556 on an unspecified train load. A rake of MkIIs were present alongside the former platform 2 (ex. motorail bay) being recorded as: 9525 (Wessex 'pink' livery), 5906, 6168, 5866, 9497 (all in Inter-City colours).

10/05 D444 (50044) with 37676 attached to the rear, returned the previous day's railtour stock North as 5Z38 13:36 Temple Meads - Carnforth (departing 46 minutes early) via East depot loop, so the formation could be reversed to enable D444 to be detached for attention on the Severn Valley railway at Kidderminster en route. With the Class 37 now leading via Day's curve, the train was recorded passing Stapleton Road at 13:09. PW work was still continuing in the Bridgwater and Dunball area, with 66601 + 66546 viewed from the M5 top n'tailing an autoballaster at 12:50.

11/05 Kingsland Road held;- 66585, 66601, 66602, 66610, 66618 at 07:00. Later First/GW HST power car 43172 formed an 0F77 09:30 St. Phillips Marsh - Laira solo move, without a barrier coach.

12/05 A points failure at Bridgwater saw the Arriva XC Voyager set working the 09:25 Plymouth -Aberdeen (due Temple Meads at 11:30) diverted via Westbury, along with the 2U14 11:02 Taunton - Cardiff Central First/GW 'hire' local service top n'tailed with 67025 + 67030. An 0Z27 Kingswear - Tyseley loco move involving a repaired 5029 Nunney Castle (which had failed on West Country railtour in early April) was cancelled. Also reported were;- 66545 on the 6V21 and return 6M37 Hope - Moorswater cement, 31454 on a test train stabled on the former Bath Road spur and Advenza 57006, which departed the spur at 17:54 heading North.

13/05 66545 worked the evening 6M37 Moorswater - Hope (Earles sidings) cement empties. The Cl67 operated passenger service seen at 09:20 using 67016/030. Seen 5 minutes later was 66011 with MGR empties and at 11:20 66178 passed by with MGR empties both trains destined for Portbury. Bridgwater - Sellafeld flasks noted on their way behind 37601 + 37609.

14/05 Steam loco 5029 Nunney Castle finally returned home as 5Z31 Kingswear - Tyseley (with coach W35461) , passing Worle (Weston-super-Mare) at 10:30 (2 minutes early). 57006 was back in the Bath Road spur, with engine running at 07:15 before again departing North light-engine, and later 66046 was on the 6Z71 (ThO) Bescot - Plymouth Tavistock yard china clay during the early evening.

15/05 66556 was noted on the down through line at 17:25 (facing North) at Temple Meads on the HOBC, being later recorded as passing through Bath at 17:53.

16/05 Due to late running, the Arriva XC 1V44 06:30 Leeds - Plymouth formed with power cars 43304 + 43207 was terminated at Newton Abbot at 12:12 (58 late). Pathfinder Tour's 'Cornish Parker' (1Z37 05:30 Crewe - Parkandillack/1Z38 14:15 Parkandillack - Par and 1Z74 16:30 Par - Crewe) was worked by 37401 + 37670 throughout, with c/stock;- 5955, 6054, 5961, 6176, 1250, 3325, 3345, 3386, 3344, 3314, 3340, 1659, (set EH07 ex. OM07), 17105. The return working having departed Par at 16:33 (3 late), passed Newton Abbot at 18:12 (7 late), but arrived Temple Meads at 19:51 (5 early) and departed 19:55 (3 early) eventually reaching Crewe at 23:19 (1 late!!). An engineer's working reported through the area was 66030 with a 6W02 13:20 Penarth - Westbury, passing North Somerset junction at 20:40 (297 minutes late!).

18/05 The new summer timetable came into use, and the First/GW loco-hauled 'hire' service with 67030 + 67016 continues. 142001 was reported as unusually stabled in the former high-level siding stub for part of the morning. 66178 again noted Portbury bound with MGR empties later again at 14:20.

19/05 67016 + 67017 were recorded on the First/GW local 'hire' diagram, 67030 later departing North light-engine reversing in Temple Meads from 12:54-12:56. DRS 37607 was on route learning light-engine duties running as 0Z37 Derby RTC - Westbury, 14:27 Westbury - Temple Meads, 16:06 Temple Meads - Westbury, the latter being noted passing Bath at 16:18. 66615 + 66618 top n'tailed a 6Y11 05:30 Westerleigh - Taunton Fairwater engineers whilst much later in the day the 6M37 Moorswater - Hope (Earles) sidings cement empties were worked by 66549. The structural-gauging train was based in the former platform 2 at Temple Meads for several days formed;- 31602 + 975280 + DB975081 + DC46000 + 9708 + 977966 + 31285. The formation was allocated, 1Z06 21:22 Temple Meads - Temple Meads (00:09) via Bedminster (Reverse), Bathampton loop - Bedwyn (reverse) - Swindon (reverse) - Bedminster (reverse). The train had formed a Temple Meads - Lanelli and return overnight working 6 days earlier.

21/05 FLHH 66546 + 66598 departed Temple Meads at 07:27 with coal empties to form the 6M04 10:25 Portbury - Rugeley P.S loaded coal, which later reappeared headed only by 66598. Having run as 0V47 08:30 Eastleigh works - Totnes light-engine via Westbury, 47580 returned a GBRf 0047 13:00 Buckfastleigh (SDR) - Eastleigh works preserved diesel move, formed 33002 + 20110 + D7612 the Class 47 carrying two headboards, 'Eastleigh 100' and 'Bristol Bluebirds' when noted passing Yatton at

15:00 (5 late) and Temple Meads at 15:18. Later a 6Z71 Bescot - St. Blazey train of mainly china clay empties passed Filton Abbeywood at 18:09 behind 66090.

23/05 The first 'Bucket & Spade' First/GW loco hauled 'hire' of the Summer was top n'tailed by 67016 + 67017, using c/stock; 9494 + 6064 + 6008 + 6117, which arrived in Weymouth at platform 3 at 11:38 as 2072 09:09 Temple Meads - Weymouth (11:42) the return being 2V72 16:55 Weymouth - Temple Meads (19:29). Saturday HST workings of note included;- a 'hire' National Express formation, with power cars 43311 + 43299 (with set EC62) on the Arriva XC 1V45 07:00 Manchester - Newquay and 1M70 15:20 return and First/GW set (with 43124 + 43041) working the 2090 12:40 Worcester S.H. - Weymouth (onwards from Temple Meads at 14:49) and 2V93 17:30 return. The latter working was due to morning delays and a dmu set in the wrong place following a fatality and line closure at Tucker's crossing near Bradford-on-Avon during the morning. Later, 66556 + 66552 top n'tailed a 6Y33 20:24 Taunton Fairwater - Wootton Bassett track replacement train through Nailsea & Backwell at 21:17.

24/05 66552 + 66556 were noted top n'tailing a 6Z33 Wootton Bassett - Taunton Fairwater engineers in Temple Meads at 09:00. Later, the First/GW 2C76 15:57 (Sun) Penzance - Temple Meads service was reported as formed 153361 + 153370 + 153373.

25/05 First/GW Class 57/6 problems saw the hire of Virgin 'thunderbird' loco 57309., which worked the 1C99 Paddington - Penzance sleeper service.

26/05 57309 returned on the overnight 1A40 21:45 Penzance - Paddington First/GW sleeper service. 57605 was on the balancing 1C99 Paddington - Penzance service. During the day, DBS livered 59206 passed Bath at 07:13 with Westbury - Machen stone empties, returning the loaded train through Filton Abbeywood at 15:02.

27/05 Returning preserved diesels from the Eastleigh 100 open-day event, saw 47580 haul D7612 + 20110 + 33002 as a GBRf 0V47 10:20 Eastleigh - Buckfastleigh move, (again via Bristol) being reported passing Bath at 12:19 (2 late), in Temple Meads between 12:59 - 13:02 (5 late) and later passing Brent Knoll at 13:30. 37037 collected the locos at Totnes (Riverside) for the move to Buckfastleigh, whilst 47580 returned as 0047 16:55 light-engine to Eastleigh (via Westbury). 31601 was stabled on the former Bath road depot spur during the morning on a test train.

28/05 Very busy spell this morning for southbound workings with three seen between 06:40 - 06:50, starting with 66020 with a car train followed by 66523 with "Heavy Haul" wagons (either stone or coal) and the Sellafeld - Bridgwater "Flasks" behind 20303/304. Later at 11:25, 66057 noted with MGR empties for Portbury. Advenza 66841 (former DRS loco 66407) was a surprise visitor to Temple Meads during the evening, arriving 0Z66 13:30 Longport down sidings - Bath road depot spur light-engine at the booked time of 21:11, via the Marches (Newport 18:40), Pilning 19:18 (13 late) and St. Phillips Marsh depot (booked 20:04 - 20:54) for fuel. The loco however was to stable in the former high-level sidings stub, close to the power signal box. During the afternoon, having departed 224 minutes late, GBRf 66731 with a 5Z80 09:17 Kilmarnock - Laira refurbished HST stock move (formed 44083 + 42101 + 41153 with barriers 6336 + 6338 at each end) arrived in Temple Meads at 21:02 (2 early !!). The loco returned as 0F70 Laira - Old Oak Common

with barrier coaches during the following day, via Westbury. Reported freight activity saw;- 20303 + 20304 paired with the 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flasks (Highbridge 07:29), 66080 (66063 de-allocated) on an additional 6Z50 08:30 Newport ADJ - Exeter train of 4-wheel TTA fuel tanks (Yatton 10:14), the loco later returning 0Z55 17:55 Riverside yard - Newport light-engine, 66020 on the 6X52 Portbury - Tyne yard/Mossend loaded cars (Stapledon Road 18:22) and 66170 with the 6Z71 13:22 Cliffe Vale - St. Blazey china clay empties (departing Temple Meads at 18:45). Other records for the day were;- 31601 stabled in the former Bath Road depot spur on a test working and much earlier the 1C99 Paddington - Penzance First/GW sleeper service was reported as top n'tailed with 'hire' 57309 + 57602 (via Castle Cary).

29/05 57602 + 57309 worked the First/GW 1A40 22:00 Penzance - Paddington overnight sleeper service. 66841 headed North light-engine as 0Z66 10:12 Temple Meads - Doncaster.

30/05 Highlight of the day was the first appearance in the area of the new £3 million A1 Peppercorn 60163 Tornado (also see cover photo of the June 2009 Magazine) the first new mainline steam loco for 50 years! The day started with 67002 bringing in the ECS as 5Z27 03:41 Eastleigh - Bristol West (with c/stock: 21269, 3121, 3123, 1691, 3147, 3144, 1813, 4998, 5008, 5292), the loco then working the first leg of Pathfinder's 'Severn Coast Express' (1Z27 06:42 Temple Meads - Cardiff Central) via Gloucester where 60163 took over (the loco having arrived here as 5Z26 04:55 loco and support coach ex. Bescot down side). Having been turned, 60163 returned to Bristol as 1Z28 12:41 Cardiff - Gloucester (being noted crossing Bishton fly-over at 13:10!!) and passing Pilning 13:22 (4 early) with 67002 still attached, the diesel then working the train onwards from Bristol departing at 14:13 for Gloucester (60163 being left in Temple Meads with support coach M14007, prior to servicing on Barton Hill depot). 67002 returned on the 1Z29 15:34 Gloucester - Minehead, 60163 again taking over at Temple Meads for the 17:08 departure, being noted passing Yatton at speed (with plenty of black smoke!) at 17:23. 67002 finished the day's workings off as 1Z30 20:40 Minehead - Temple Meads (then 5Z30 23:09 Temple Meads - Bristol East depot to stable the stock overnight), the steam loco then spending a loan period on the West Somerset Railway. Having arrived in Temple Meads platform 6 near enough to time at 13:41, a second steam loco 70013 Oliver Cromwell was present on platform 4 with Steam Dreams 'The Bristolian' (1Z82 08:30 Poole - Temple Meads) waiting to depart with a late 5Z82 13:34 Temple Meads - Bristol West ECS formed with c/stock: M17019 (support), 5040, 4927, W5009, W3110, W3107, W3140, W3107, W3140, 1692, W3122, W3098, W21272. 70013 returned light-engine, following servicing at Barton Hill for the 5Z83 17:00 Bristol West - Temple Meads (platform 5) and the 1Z83 17:34 return to Poole, again with 60163 being present on platform 4! Other reports for the day were;- 66546 with the 6A21 Pengam - Theale loaded stone Bathampton junction 10:15 (and return 6B21 empties) and National Express 'hire' HST set (with power cars 43295 + 43312) on the Arriva XC 1V45 07:00 Manchester - Newquay and 1M70 15:20 return. The First/GW Weymouth 'relief' was worked by 67016 + 67017 in the normal 4 coach top n'tail formation.

31/05 67002 returned the previous days 'Severn Coast Express' stock as 5Z28 11:35 Bristol East depot - Eastleigh, being recorded through Bath at 11:41 and Bathampton junction (11:46, 6 early). 66058 was visible on

Barton Hill depot during the afternoon, coupled to three empty HTA coal wagons, whilst 66011 passed St. Annes Park at 14:05 (returning at 14:34) with empty and semi-loaded JNA wagons and a 100 tonne Kirow (Colas owned) heavy duty crane.

First/GW are expected to 'hire' in possibly two or three SWT's Class 158 units to assist stock shortages during the summer.

The area has seen many yellow liveried NR trains in the last few weeks, either top 'n' tailed or using a former Anglia DVT. Stock is either stabled at Kingsland Road or Platform2 or nearby at Temple Meads. The motive power has been Cl31s and the following seen 31105/285/465/601/602.

Cardiff

22/05 Advenza 57006 was stabled at Central station.

08782, which was immobile for most of the month has been repaired and is now back in action at the Steelworks on Rover Way.

Gloucester

07/05 37423 + 20303 passed Standish junction at 11:00 with two FNA flask wagons on a late running 6V73 07:20 Crewe Coal sidings - Berkeley working.

13/05 The Swindon - Stroud mainline was closed during the afternoon following a fatality near Kemble.

16/05 A 1257 Tyseley Warwick road - Tyseley, Vintage Train's 'Welsh Marches Express', was double-headed by steam 5043 Earl of Mount Edgumbe + 5029 Nunney Castle between Hereford and Gloucester.

18/05 66008 worked the 6B36 Ashchurch - Didcot MoD trip. Running as 1206 20:54 Gloucester - Temple Meads (due 05:38), top n'tailed by 31233 + 31601 the structural gauging train ran via Kemble - Paddington - Gloucester - Swindon - Gloucester - Swindon - Bath - Bristol.

25/05 175116 worked the 11:58 Gloucester - Maesteg Arriva service.

27/05 Advenza 47237 worked 6Z56 10:09 Cardiff Tidal - Hitchin scrap metal empties, via Chepstow passing at 10:59 (1 minute early).

30/05 A return 1257 Cardiff - Skegness excursion was top n'tailed by 47760 + 37516 passing Gloucester at 16:39.

Newport

18/05 A 0A53 Westbury - Newport ADJ light loco move passed Newport at 08:40, formed 66009 + 66206 + 66250 + 66053. Following the East Usk signal box fire (see the June 2009 Magazine), locos have continued to visit the yard from the west-end for fuelling. The east-end yard entrance still remains closed to rail movements.

Portbury Branch Line

DBS (EWS) coal departures during May for Aberthaw have included;- 6B66 (05:00, 05:57 SO), 6B86 (13:00), 6B69 (15:00), 6B25 (17:00). FLHH were due to switch their operation from Portbury to Avonmouth during early

June, with at least an estimated 200,000 tonnes of coal awaiting removal over the next three months. Two loading sites are available at Bennett's and in the old LPG tank sidings. The DBS (EWS) TThO, 6X52 17:27 loaded (empty) car carrier departure now has Mossend or Tyne yard as alternative destinations.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the month have included;-
66005/019/057/070/119/140/158/170/178/66199/250.
66511/514/523/529/546/547/548/555/598/622.

Severn Beach Branch

The Severn Beach line featured in the news section of a national magazine with the report of a Class 150 being seen in the early afternoon. With the Class 143 under going a "Refresh" any unit available is used, both FGW and Arriva liveried 150s, and in the evening both variants of Class 158. The rarity is the 153 with only a couple of examples seen, excess vegetation plus darkness prevents unit numbers being quoted.

Weymouth

23/06 Spitfire Tour's 'Wessexman' (1Z44 06:49 Crewe - Weymouth and 1Z45 16:36 return) which ran for the 'Eastleigh 100' works open day was headed by DRS 37069 + 37602. With the train stabled in Jersey carriage siding, the First/GW Class 67 'hire' ECS remained in the station until it's early evening return departure to Bristol TM.

Units seen during the month

142001.
143603/612/617/618/620.
150121/127/221/232/233/234/238/239/243/244/246/247/248/249/261/263/265
150266/267/278/279/280/281/282.
153361/368/370/373/377/380/382.
158748/763/766/767/769/798/881/882/883/950/952/953/954/955/957/959.
159010.
220001/003/004/005/006/007/008/011/013/015/023/026/028/030/031/033.
221120/121/122/126/127/131/133/134/135/136/141.
XC HST PC count:
43207/285/295/299/301/303/304/311/312/321/357/366/378/384/387

STOCK ALTERATIONS

Locomotives

Transfers

08738/939 - France, 37401/406/670 (EH)-TO, 58009/033/034 - France,
66559 (LD)-FD, 66701-732 (WB)-PG, 67001-030 (TO)-CE, 87002 (WB)-CP.
DFGM: 66502/503/530 DFIM: 66539/558/559

GBCM: 66703-707 GBRT: 66708/709/713 GBWM: 73207
ETLO: 86101. 87002 ACAC: 86401
PG - GBRF - Peterborough
GBWM GBRF Cl 73 Whitemoor ETLO Electric Traction Locos

Stored

08405/752/995. 20301/305/308. 60024/029. 92015
BH: 47716. CD: 56032/049/051/058/060/071/081/090/094/096/103,
56104/113. CE: 56070/112/118/133. 58016/045/048. 92015.
EH: 56059/095. KM: 20308. LM: 86233. 87031. SP: 37419.
TO: 08405/918. 60024/029. WB: 56037/074/105. ZG: 20301/305.
CF Tidal: 08752. Willesden Railnet: 66401-405.

Traffic

08782 -TO(CF Tidal), 08804 -TO(Eastleigh), 09017-TO(CF Tidal),
09019 -TO(Eastleigh), 20107 - HQ, 20307 -KM, 26007 -HQ,
37218/602 -KM, 60074/087/096 -TO, 92041 -CE.

Disposals

Ron Hull: 31107
Booth: 37692/798. 56027
Crossley, Shipley: 01507
Bulgaria: 86250(0450-002-5), 87020(-4), 87029(-5), 87033(-7)
Chiltern: 01509 Lavender Line: 01583 GC North: 37248
Booth: 47540/707/744/767 Europhoenix: 86233
For Sale: 47829 No Longer for Sale: 26038

Diesel Multiple Units

Transfers

222104 (XW) -DY

Stored

180112 -OM

Disposal

Booth: 51350/383/408

Electric Multiple Units

Transfers

321405 (NN) -HE

Stored

442416/20 -AF

Traffic

442423 -BI

Withdrawn

Cars: 64709(508118), 72507/622/623/636/643/645/741/714 (8208, 8312/15)

Disposals

Booth: 64709. 72507/622/623/636/643/645/741/714

Watson: 72608 (Stafford)

Reformed

450002 & 061 - correct formation

New Stock

350251-255 -NN

377508/509 -BF

378005/007 -WN

390014-017 -AD

Coaching & NPCC Stock**Transfers**

1658/80/96. 3066. 3255. 3338/68/75/88/99. 3414. 4999. 5331/65/76/86.
5657. 6056 -EH, 99352 -CS. IWCX: 10242. 11027/064/084/086

Stored

CB: 3385. 5989. 9479. 9513. 11028. CE: 3303. 5309. 10540.

CS: 2833. EH: 3114/27/32/33. 4959/91. 5007/27. IS: 5812.

LM: 1689. 5869. 5913. 6013/35. 6162/70. 9509/24. 94532.

TO: 5482. 6311. 94104/207/317/422/435/470/479/501. RVEL: 9481.

Bristol TM: 5866. 5906/58. 6168. 9497. 9525.

Fawley: 1658/80/96. 3255. 3338/68/75/88/99. 3414. 5331/86.

5657.

Traffic

42381 -OO, 92303 -HQ

Withdrawn

5389. 17144/170. 92350/384. 94113

Disposals

Booth: 17144/170

N/K: 5389 @OM

Gloucestershire & Warwickshire: 92350/384. 94113 W Somerset: 4956

Renumbered

41058 - 42381

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

01/05 66594. 05/05 66569. 06/05 66569. 07/05 66570. 08/05 66569.

11/05 66592. 12/05 66569. 13/05 66534. 14/05 66578. 15/05 66570.

18/05 66592. 19/05 66580. 20/05 66592. 21/05 66587. 22/05 66592.

26/05 66591. 27/05 66593. 28/05 66532. 29/05 66530.

4V60 Calvert - Bristol Barrow road bin liner

01/05 66597. 05/05 66957 06/05 66957. 08/05 66601 11/05 66546

13/05 66518. 15/05 66610 + 66518. 18/05 66523. 19/05 66523.
20/05 66523. 22/05 66584. 29/05 66514.

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

01/05 66529. 04/05 66548. 07/05 66555. 08/05 66546. 19/05 66514.
20/05 66514. 22/05 66514. 26/05 - 29/05 66622.

6M61 08:25 Portbury - Rugeley P.S. loaded coal

01/05 66546. 04/05 66529. 07/05 66546. 08/05 66555. 12/05 66546.
13/05 66546.

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

01/05 66548. 07/05 66511. 11/05 66555. 12/05 66555. 13/05 66514.
18/05 66546. 19/05 66546. 20/05 66546. 21/05 66598. 22/05 66598.
26/05 66523. 27/05 66523. 28/05 66523. 29/05 66547.

LOCAL DBS (EWS) WORKINGS

6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh fuel oil

01/05 60065. 02/05 60065. 07-09/05 60074. 11/05 60065. 12/05 60065.
14-16/05 60074. 18/05 60074. 20-22/05 60065. 26-28/05 60074.

6E41 Westerleigh - Lindsey fuel tank empties

01/05 60091. 08/05 60011. 12/05 60011. 18/05 60011. 19/05 60040.
21/05 66094. 22/05 60065 + 60096. 25/05 60040. 26/05 66186.
27/05 60074. 28/05 60040. 29/05 60040.

6B49/6B50 Llanwern - Swindon steel

01/05 66150. 12/05 66149. 15/05 66024. 22/05 66047. 29/05 66127.

6B33 Theale - Robeston empty fuel tanks

05/05 60074. 07/05 60065. 09/05 60065. 12/05 60074. 14/05 60065.
16/05 60065. 19/05 60065. 21/05 60074. 23/05 60074. 28/05 66120.
30/05 66002.

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

05/05 66165. 12/05 66157. 16/05 66092. 19/05 66086. 26/05 59206.
28/05 59203.

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

05/05 66061. 12/05 66102. 19/05 66102. 26/05 66043.

6B35 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg stone empties

01/05 66090. 06/05 66139. 08/05 66232. 14/05 66092. 15/05 66061.
18/05 66066. 21/05 66087. 22/05 66016. 27/05 66087.

6X52 Portbury - Tyne yard/Mossend loaded/empty car carriers

07/05 66189. 19/05 66085. 21/05 66184. 26/05 66174. 28/05 66020.

6B24 Didcot - Wentlooge MoD stores

05/05 66100. 12/05 66085. 18/05 66183. 20/05 66237. 21/05 66183.

6V08 (*6Z08 from 23/05). Wembley - Margam 'export' steel empties
01/05 66131. 07/05 66169. 12/05 66170. 15/05 66021. 19/05 66170.
20/05 66170. 23/05 66138. 26/05 66120. 27/05 66120. 29/05 66152.
30/05 66031.

6Z95 12:16 Margam - Dollands Moor 'export' steel
05/05 66009. 07/05 66169. 12/05 66250. 19/05 66170. 20/05 66189.
22/05 66121. 26/05 66120. 27/05 66120.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Bristol Harbour Railway (R.W.Giles) 04/05/09

Peckett Henbury (1937/40) was running shuttles out and back from the S.S Great Britain halt only over the quayside. It is believed one or two trips may have been extended along the Wapping Wharf branchline during the day, as the area around the Industrial Museum is still undergoing refurbishing, now due for completion in the Summer of 2011. The floating harbour area of the City docks was celebrating it's 200th Anniversary over the May-day bank-holiday weekend, having been opened on May-day 1809.

First/GW St. Phillips Marsh depot (R.W.Giles) 31/05/09

A second 'tug' was present, which appeared to be under commissioning as it's couplings had not been fitted. The 4-wheel battery-electric loco was identified as a 'Rail-cat', built by SET (Stored Electric Technology of Litchurch Lane, Derby). A similar designed, European built, Niteq (of 2002) has been used at this location in recent years to move stock over the lathe for wheel-profiling.

DEPARTMENTALS & TRACK MACHINES

02/05 Lympsham (near Weston-super-Mare); 73114. 76501 (part of train). 77903.
04/05 Bristol Marsh junction; DR72209. DR73418. DR76318. DR77333. 78214. DRC78232. stored machines; DR73104. 73216. 73312. DR73414/419. Wheel-lathe area; 'loose' HST coach; 44081. Isolated 'classroom' coach; (ZDB975403). Kingsland Road; DR73911 Puma. Dr. Day's junction; road/railer 'dumper': 217.
05/05 Flax Bourton: road/railer: 242.
Temple Meads: road/rail Quattro-Rail: 464 (remaining here until 12/05).
08/05 Pilning station; road-railers: Readypower (excavator) FR611. Quattro Rail (excavator) 685. trailers: 715/716.
12/05 Redwick (above Severn Tunnel entrance); road/rail Hydrex personal carrier: (Rexquote/Thwaites): 2721.
14/05 Bromsgrove; DR73911. DR75406. DR80206.
16/05 Lostwithiel; road-railers: Hydrex (excavators) 4193. 4458. trailers: RT122/225/287.
31/05 Bristol Barton Hill depot; snowploughs (ZZA): ADB965209. ADB965231. 'Hire' c/stock: M6046. M9508. St. Annes Park: road/railer

(excavator): 238.

MISCELLANEOUS

TORBAY EXPRESS 2009

With the newly built 60163 Tornado expected to work the first six (or 10?) workings, timings for this year's popular Sunday passenger working are as follows, (return times in brackets);-

1Z27 09:15 Temple Meads - Kingswear (arr 12:55). 1Z28 17:17 Kingswear - Temple Meads (arr 21:39). Worle junction 09:31 (21:15), Weston-s-Mare 09:37 - 09:39 (21:08 - 21:10), Uphill junction 09:44 (21:04), Taunton (water) 10:14 - 10:42 (2015 - 20:35 water), Exeter S.D. 11:15 - 11:18 (18:41 - 19:29 water), Dawlish Warren 11:30 (18:29), Newton Abbot 11:45 (18:16), Paignton 12:13 - 12:24 (17:45 - 17:57). The trains are booked to run on every Sunday from 05/07/09 through to 27/09/09.

Road Movements

11/05 HST power car 43198, M5 (south) between junctions 21-22 at 16:00.
19/05 Steam 6435, M4 (westbound) junction 16 at 08:00, en-route from the Embassy & Bolton Abbey steam railway - Bodmin & Wenford railway.

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 424

BEDFORDSHIRE

29/11/08

John Redden Scrap Merchants, Wellingborough (visit)

Industrial Diesel Loco: 4ft 8½" Gauge; RH 393303/56 Dsm.

Note; A big thank you to John for allowing this visit to take place at very short notice.

Stevington & Turvey Light Railway, Turvey (visit)

Preserved Diesel Locos; 2ft Gauge; 14 - RH 373359/54 (in traffic), "Roobarb" "Joy Division" - Diema 1600/53, OK 7728/38 Dsm, 11 - OK 6504/36, "Sir Toby" - MR 5877/35 (ex p.102), 15 "Olde" - HE 2176/40, MR 9655/51, OK 3685/31 Dsm, MR 7128/36 Dsm (assumed). Preserved Petrol Locos: 2ft Gauge; FH 1767/31 Dsm.

Notes;

- 1) A big thank you to Graham Harris for arranging this visit and to David Floyd for hosting the visit.
- 2) The 1ft 6" Gauge WR Battery Electric loco was awaiting restoration at one of the Railway members' house.
- 3) RH 373359 no longer carries running number "No.7" or name "Collingwood".
- 4) Diema 1600 no longer carries the name "Catfish".

Lavendon Narrow Gauge Railway, Lavendon (visit)

Preserved Battery Electric Loco: 3ft Gauge; U/I Greenbat 4wBE.

Note; A big thank you to the Railway owners for allowing this visit to take place at very short notice.

Great Whipsnade Railway, Whipsnade Zoo (visit)

Preserved Steam Locos: 2ft 6" Gauge; No.4 "Superior" - KS 4034/20, No.2 "Excelsior" - KS 1049/08. Preserved Diesel Locos; 2ft 6" Gauge; "Hecules" - AUG 24376/81, "Victor" - JF 4160004/51, "Hector" - JF 4160005/51, BD 3780/83 (ex p.303).

Notes;

- 1) A big thank you to Kevin Edwins for arranging and hosting this visit.
- 2) RH221625 has now gone to the Statfold Barn Railway, Staffordshire.
- 3) Ruhrthaler 3920 has now gone to Waltham Abbey Royal Gunpowder Mills, Essex.

Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway, Pages Park (visit)

Preserved Steam Locos: 2ft Gauge; "Doll" - AB 1641/19, No.3 "Rishra" - BgC 2007/21, 778 - BLW 44656/17, "Chaloner" - DeW/1877, No.11 "P.C.Allen" - OK 5834/12, (Elf) - OK 12740/36 (under restoration). Preserved Diesel Locos: 2ft Gauge; No.8 - Bg 3539/59 reb AK/88 (now an unpowered coach, rebuilt from standard gauge), "Creepy" - HE 6008/63, "Beaudesert" - SMH 101T018/79 reb AK 59R/99, 81 "Peter Wood" - HE 9347/94. Preserved Small Plant; (74023) - B/Packer 030 (re-gauged to 2ft).

Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Rly, Stonehenge (part visit)

Preserved Steam Locos: 2ft Gauge; "The Volunteer" (Sezela No.4) - AE 1738/15, "Penlee" - Freud 73/01 reb ARC/c83, (Pedemoura) -OK 10808/24 (under restoration), OK 2544/07. Preserved Diesel Locos: 2ft Gauge; MR 5608/31 (converted to a Brake Van), "Falcon" - OK 8986/38, (Madge) - OK 7600/38 assumed, 10 "Haydn Taylor" - MR 7956/45, "Arkle" - MR 7108/36, HE 3646/46, "Damredub" - MR 7036/36, 18 "Feanor" - MR 11003/56, LBNGRS 1/89 (built from parts of RH 425798 & 444207), 23 - RH 164346/32, MR 11297/65, MR 4805/34 Dsm, 28 (RAF Stainbridge) - RH 200516/40 (carried 200513 on plate in error), "Red Rum" - MR 7105/36, 36 "Caravan" - MR 7129/36, No.38 - L 37170/51, (Trent) - RH 283507/49, 43 - MR 10409/54, 44 - MR 7933/41, MR 21615/57 (Frame only), 48 "Macnamara" - HE 4351/52, R8 - MR 5612/31 Dsm, LOD758009 - MR 8641/41, LOD758220 - MR 8745/42, "Bluebell" - FH 2631 or 2834 built 1943, (Redlands) - MR 5603/31 Dsm, U/I MR 4wDM Dsm, RH 187105/37 (on loan from p.235). Preserved Petrol Locos: 2ft Gauge; No.21 "Festoon" - MR 4570/29, 31 (Thorin Oakenshield) - L 4228/31, LR2182 - MR 461/17, LR3098 - MR 1377/18 (on loan from the NRM). Preserved Wickham Trolley: 2ft 6" Gauge; Wkm 3282/43. Preserved Small Plant; ; (74008) - B/Packer 013 (re-gauged to 2ft).

Notes on Railway:

- 1) MR 7108 + MR 7036 + MR 11297 + RH 283507 were not seen by all in the party
- 2) OK 2343/07 has now gone to the Statfold Barn Railway
- 3) FH 2586/41 is now at the Moseley Trust, Apedale
- 4) KS 4260/22 is currently on loan to the Devon Railway Centre
- 5) HE 2536/41 is currently on loan to the Froissy-Cappy-Dompierre Railway in France
- 6) Of the many Locos not seen, it was believed that these were located as follows;
 - a) RH 217999 + RH 375315 + HU 38384 + Wkm 2522 stored off-site.
 - b) MR 5875 + MR 6012 + FH 2514 + L 11221 + MR 11298 + MR 60S317 + RH

203026 + RH 408430 + MR 8695 + RH 172892 + FH 3582 + HE 6619 + RH 172901
+ RH 223692 + RH 209430 + MR 5613 + FH 1568 + MR 8731 + RH 218016 + MR
7214 + KS 4256 + AE 2071 either in one of the many containers or sheds
not visited or not unidentified.

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