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Front Cover Photo May 2014 Issue 507:

08663 Jack is seen at St. Phillips Marsh Bristol on 27/04/14.
[Chris Weeks]

FUTURE EVENTS

Trip 489

LONDON FLYER

Saturday 17/05/14

Approximately 10 hours free time to do as you wish in the Capitol

Trip Fare = £33.00 - Reduced Fare for Society Members = £30.00

Departure Time from Bristol = 0700 am

Return Time to Bristol = 2100 pm

Proposed Itinerary: None

Book By Date = 3rd May 2014

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: TBA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

Saturday 31/05/14

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Pen & Wig public house, Stow Hill, Newport city centre on Saturday 31st May, commencing at 1200 hours. This is the same venue as last year.

Trip 490

CORNWALL

Saturday 14/06/14

A one day trip visiting locations in the County

Trip Fare = £35.00 - Reduced Fare for Society Members = £32.00

Departure Time from Bristol = 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol = 2100 pm

Proposed Itinerary:

Imerys Clay Company, Blackpool Driers; Helston Railway, Sithney; Summercourt Scrapyard, Newquay; T. Ware, Carharrack; John Spenceley, Nr Truro; Little Western Railway, Newquay; Porterswick Junction Railway, Launceston; Various locations with grounded Coach bodies

Permits to be applied for: Where appropriate

Book By Date = 31st May 2014

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: TBA

Trip 491 CREWE FLYER incl the DRS DEPOT OPEN DAY Saturday 19/07/14

Approximately 9 hours free time to do as you wish in Crewe, with the option to visit the DRS Gresty Bridge Open Day

Trip Fare = £28.00 Reduced Fare for Society Members = £25.00

NOTE: The price for the DRS Gresty Bridge Open Day is £5.00 per adult. Participants who wish to go to the Open Day should send this additional payment in advance to the Bookings Secretary so that we can pay for all the tickets in one lump prior to the day in order to avoid queuing at the gate on the day.

Departure Time from Bristol = 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol = 2100 pm

Proposed Itinerary: None

Book By Date = 5th July 2014

Trip 492 NORTH WEST MINIATURES Saturday 09/08/14

A one day trip visiting miniature railway locations in the North West

Trip Fare = £35.00 Reduced Fare for Society Members = £32.00

Departure Time from Bristol = 0600 am

Return Time to Bristol = 2100 pm

Proposed Itinerary:

Weston Park Railway, Shifnal; Woodseaves Miniature Railway, Market Drayton; All-In-One Miniature Railway, Knutsford; Brookside Miniature Railway, Poynton; Dragon Miniature Railway, Stockport; Grosvenor Park Miniature Railway, Chester; Halton Miniature Railway, Runcorn; High Legh Railway, Halliwell's Brow

Permits to be applied for: Where appropriate

Book By Date = 26th July 2014

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: TBA

Trip 493 STATFOLD BARN & TRACKS TO THE TRENCHES Saturday 13/09/14

A one day trip visiting Statfold Barn Open Day and the Apedale Railway for their 'Tracks to the Trenches' World War I event

Trip Fare = £37.00 Reduced Fare for Society Members = £34.00

Departure Time from Bristol = 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol = 2100 pm

Proposed Itinerary:

Statfold Barn Open Day; Tamworth & Moseley Railway Trust Centre; Apedale (for their WW1 Event)

Permits to be applied for: Where appropriate

Book By Date = 30th August 2014

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: TBA

Trip 494 COUNTY DURHAM WEEKEND Saturday-Sunday 18-19/10/14

A two day trip visiting locations in the North East

Trip Fare = £76.00 Reduced Fare for Society Members = £70.00

NOTE: Participants will be required to pay for their own B&B accommodation which will be additional and separate from the Trip Fare

Departure Time from Bristol = 0300 (Saturday 18th am)

NOTE: Please note the early morning departure time, this is to maximise the time in the North East due to the distance to be travelled

Return Time to Bristol = 2100 (Sunday 19th pm)

Proposed Itinerary:

Port of Sunderland Authority, Sunderland; Sherburn Stone Co, Stanhope; Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service, Washington; UK Mining Ventures, Rogerley Quarry; The Living Museum of the North, Beamish; Bowes Railway, Springwell; Darlington Railway Museum & Railway Preservation Society, Hopetown; Rail Restorations, Shildon; 'F' Pit Museum, Washington; Vintage Vehicles, Shildon; Lakeshore Railroad, South Shields; Teesside Small Gauge Railway, Eaglescliffe

Permits to be applied for: Where appropriate

Book By Date = 28th September 2014

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: TBA

Trip 495

THE BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATOR

Saturday 08/11/14

A one day trip visiting locations in the Blackpool area

Trip Fare = £41.00 Reduced Fare for Society Members = £38.00

Departure Time from Bristol = 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol = 2100 pm

Proposed Itinerary:

Blackpool Transport Services, Rigby Road & Starr Gate Depots; Helical Technology, Lytham St Annes; Fold House Caravan Park, Knott-End-On-Sea; Pleasure Beach Railway, Blackpool;

Also free time in Blackpool for anybody who wants to take that option

Permits to be applied for: Where appropriate

Book By Date = 25th October 2014

Safety Equipment (PPE) required: TBA

Trip 496

LONDON FLYER

Saturday 13/12/14

Approximately 10 hours free time to do as you wish in the Capitol

Trip Fare = £33.00 Reduced Fare for Society Members = £30.00

Departure Time from Bristol = 0630 am

Return Time to Bristol = 2100 pm

Proposed Itinerary: None

Book By Date = 29th November 2014

Please use the Trip Bookings Form or send an email to the Bookings Secretary if you wish to participate on any of the above trips.

IMPORTANT – BOOKINGS

Trip bookings will now only be accepted on a Trip Booking Form. Completed Trip Booking Forms should be returned to the Bookings Secretary prior to the Book-By Date. To secure participation on a trip it is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that their completed Trip Booking Form is submitted in advance of the Book-By Date. Booking requests received on a Trip Booking Form after the Book-By Date will be filled on a first come first served basis regardless of whether they are a member or non-member.

Please also note that any "provisional" booking which has not been confirmed by a Trip Booking Form will not secure participation on the trip and will not be chased by the Bookings Secretary after the Book-By Date has passed.

Forms should be submitted either on a trip, or by post to John Dicks, or by downloading from the Society web site Cardiffandavonside.org.uk and e-mailing the completed form to: bookings@Cardiffandavonside.org.uk

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 the Events Organiser. If you live outside the areas served by these points but on route for a trip please contact Roy Morris to arrange a pick up point that is mutually convenient.
2. The fare structure for Society members is as follows
ADULT – FULL FARE.
CHILD – QUARTER FARE.
TRIP MEMBER – AS ABOVE + £3
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 (£3 per day).
3. The discounts highlighted above for family members refer to travel costs only. Accommodation, and permits / admission fees will be charged at cost price.
4. Members who wish to go on a trip must contact John Dicks prior to the book by date to confirm that they still intend to go on the trip.
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.
8. Participants who confirm their booking on a Trip Booking Form prior to the "book by" date will have priority regardless of whether they are a member or non-member. Booking requests received on a Trip Booking Form after the "book by" date will be filled on a first come first served basis regardless of whether they are a member or non-member.

Society Yahoo! News Group

There is a Yahoo! news group available which you can subscribe to allow you to get e-mail alerts for any workings or reports posted by other group members. We also use this to provide you with any updates on Society events. To join you can use the link on the Home page of the Society web site www.cardiffandavonside.org.uk or send an e-mail to

Cardiffandavonside-suscribe@yahoogroups.com

The more members who join and contribute will help all members of the society.

Introduce a Friend

Society members who introduce a friend to the Society are entitled to a credit amount when that person joins the Society. This can be put towards the cost of a future trip or future membership renewal, and this introductory credit amount has recently been increased to £4. Membership forms are available on the Society web site, or from the Membership Secretary

NOTES & NEWS

Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh

- 21/02** Additional information - April Magazine; the test train top n' tailed with 67020 + 67015 was formed with dept c/stock; 6263, 5981, 72631, 977969, the return passing time for Parkway being recorded as 1213.
- 25/02** Correction - April Magazine; The destination of the convoy locos from Okehampton - Derby, headed by 20189 + 20142 were; 47375 to Burton, 47769 to Barrow Hill and 31459 (to remain at Derby and expected withdrawal) and not as stated.
- 08/03** Correction - April Magazine; The Windhoff MPV piling train passed Parkway at 0943 (3 early) and not 93 early as stated.
- 19/03** At 1500 Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66528, 66544, 66555, 66956.
- 20/03** 66956 + 66528 passed North Somerset junction at 0835 running 0Y31 Westbury - Stoke Gifford light-engine.
- 21/03** GBRf 'rainbow' livery 66720 was reported near Abergavenny at 1340 and passing Patchway at 1451 (1 early) with the 6A84 1247 Moreton-on-Lugg - Hayes (Tarmac) loaded stone. At 1210, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66526, 66527, 66555, 66956.
- 22/03** 56302 worked the afternoon 6V62 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings loaded steel passing Patchway at 1851 (131 late).
- 23/03** At 1630 Stoke Gifford 'downside' held the following; 66420, 66547, 66570, 66606, 66619, 70016. Also, 66507 was shunting wagons whilst 66544 & 66554 were both stabled on separate west facing trains of coal empties.
- 24/03** 66552 worked as 0Y40 light from Stoke Gifford to Westbury passing Bath at 1445, for departmental duties.
- 26/03** 66848 was on the afternoon 6V62 Tilbury Riverside - Llanwern exchange sidings steel service reported passing Swindon at 1452, whilst 66528 + 66617 + 66956 were an afternoon arrival at Stoke Gifford on a 0Y30 1242 light loco move from Westbury. GBRf 'rainbow' livery 66720 powered the 6A84 1247 Moreton-on-Lugg - West Drayton (Tarmac) loaded stone service noted departing Parkway up loop at 1519 (6 late).
- 28/03** Standing in for the NRMT HST, 67020 + 67027 top n' tailed a 1Z20 0537 Old Oak Common - Derby RTC (1538) return test train passing Parkway at 0733 (11 early), Magor 0751 (20 early), arriving Swansea at 0903 (33

early) and departing at 1010 (-) on the return which later departed Parkway up loop at 1215 (2 late). At 1210, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66515, 66526, 66555, 66606 with 66554 and 66553 coupled on separate west facing empty coal train rakes.

29/03 The Saturdays 0X12 Newport ADJ - Westbury loco convoy was formed; 66012 + 66074 + 66148 + 66139. Later, 66092 + ECR 66212 passed Westerleigh junction at 1420 on the 6V13 Dollands Moor - Margam steel service, the latter having arrived from main land Europe for attention at Toton depot.

30/03 At 1230, Stoke Gifford sidings held; 66416, 66518, 66530, 66539, 66572, 66614 with 66607 & 66554 stabled on west facing empty coal trains.

03/04 43180 + 43097 formed a back to back HST power car move running as 0Z70 0900 Landore - Old Oak Common being reported passing Patchway at 1043 (7 early) and departing Parkway at 1112 (3 late). Later, 31105 appeared on a 3Z01 Derby RTC - Bristol TM (1445) test train (via Oxford) being reported passing Westerleigh junction at 1420 (9 early) and Filton Abbey Wood at 1438 (-).

05/04 With the line north of Yate closed as far as Standish junction, the 6B13 0505 Robeston - Westerleigh (1256) loaded fuel tanks with main train loco 60020, was top n' tailed with 66076 onwards from Margam Moors, so a reverse move could take place at Yate Middle junction. The working was reported passing Parkway at 1100 (37 early) and was booked over the Tytherington branch with a reverse booked at the quarry from 1203 - 1208! This location was however not used having seen no rail movements in recent years, the reverse taking place on the branch near Yate from 1241 (48 late) - 1256 (17 late). The 6B47 1752 return empties to Margam were reported as departing Yate at 1743 (26 early), having reversed on the down line, later passing Parkway at 1754 (24 early).

06/04 A diverted Sunday 6Z42 1410 Ford Halewood - Southampton Eastern dock (2212) loaded car train, to be routed via the Marches, the Severn Tunnel, Filton Abbey Wood, Bath and Westbury was cancelled. The train was reported as a runner during the previous Sunday but routed via Oxford and Basingstoke.

07/04 Great Western power car 43041 was reported as making a solo 0Z86 1755 St. Phillips Marsh - Landore (2006) move passing Severn Tunnel junction at 1804 (25 early).

09/04 With 56113 active on the Chirk logs, 56302 powered the 6V62 1112 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings steel service being reported on Acton Bank at 1239 and passing Patchway at 1559 (12 late).

12/04 47237 + 57313 top n' tailed the return Railway Touring Company 'The Heart of Wales', 1Z95 1941 Shrewsbury - Slough (0014 - Mon) rail tour (via the Marches and the Severn Tunnel) which featured 44871 + 45407 steam haulage over the Central Wales line being recorded as departing Parkway at 2154 (16 early) with c/stock; 99122, 99128, 99127, 3093, 3136, 3058, 99352, 99318, 4973, 99723. The outward working again via the Severn Tunnel, was 1Z89 0541 Slough - Llandrindod (1338), which had departed Parkway at 0721 (3 late) with the steam locos later being attached at Cardiff Pengam sidings en route. The afternoon 6V62 Tilbury - Llanwern steel service passed Patchway at 1639 (1 early) headed by 56302.

13/04 47813 + 47853 top n' tailed an 8 coach Chelsea v Swansea City football special as 1Z66 1028 Paddington - Swansea and 1Z70 1916 return, the outward (which was routed via Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan line) passed Didcot at 1121 (-) and Parkway 1221 (5 early).

16/04 56302 powered the 6V62 1100 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings (1611) steel service passing Swindon at 1452 (1 late) and Parkway 1537 (-).

Locos recorded on fuel tank duty at Westerleigh during the review period have included;
60017/020/024/092. 66076.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

26/02 Additional Information - April Magazine; the test train headed by 31285 was formed with dept c/stock; 999666, 977985, 62384, 9709.

19/03 66414 + 66420 top n' tailed the 4L32 1100 Bristol Railport - Tilbury container service, passing Bath at 1126 and Swindon 1205. Other freight reports for the day included; 37402 + 37259 working a single FNA (550047) flask 6V74 0158 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater reported passing Stafford at 0244 (12 late) and the 6M63 return which departed at 1109 and passing Worle junction at 1137 and Filton Abbey Wood 1214 and Colas 56302 with the 6V54 0540 Chirk (Kronospan) - Exeter (Riverside) New Yard (1058) empty log carriers (formed of 17 wagons) noted passing Lawrence Hill at 0936 (26 late), Worle junction 1015 (25 late), Bridgwater 1030 (33 late) and arriving Exeter at 1138 (40 late). A signalling failure in the Challow area saw some late Great Western mainline running (of up to 20 minutes) during the late afternoon.

20/03 Departing 60 minutes late, 56302 returned the loaded log train running as 6V51 1231 Exeter (Riverside) New yard - Chirk Kronospan, passing Uphill junction at 1446 (52 late) and Patchway at 1540 (12 late).

22/03 Trains from Cardiff - Portsmouth Harbour were reported as being disrupted terminating at Fareham or even Temple Meads due to an engineer block at Southampton. There was also a signalling problem reported in the Portsmouth area. A reduced service beyond Westbury has been in operation over the previous few Saturdays due to engineering work.

23/03 66617 top n' tailing 66953 working the 6Y11 0800 Standish junction - Taunton Fairwater (1023) return HOBC was reported passing Weston-super-Mare station 'off route', on the loop at 1015 having passed Worle at 1005 (40 late) and later Bridgwater at 1044 (50 late). The outward working for this service during the previous evening was; 6Y11 2123 Taunton Fairwater - Haresfield loop (2335).

24/03 The new week started well at Barton Hill depot with the derailment of Voyager 221129 departing as empty stock for Temple Meads, and the Arriva XC 1P00 0520 service to Cardiff Central and 1M25 0700 Cardiff Central - Manchester Piccadilly (back via Bristol), these both being cancelled. The trailing bogie came off the track whilst the set was believed to be making its way from the fuel tank (Gloucester) siding and caused problems on the nearby 'up main' line which had to be closed whilst initial safety checks took place. Two other services were cancelled as the allocated sets were trapped behind the derailed train, these being; the 1M21 0700 Temple Meads - Manchester Piccadilly and 1M29 0900 Bristol TM - Manchester Piccadilly. The unit was finally fully re-railed for an examination at 1635. There were unusually three morning container train departures from Bristol Railport, with 66420 and 66570 working the 4L31 0900 - Felixstowe and 4L32 1100 - Tilbury (which loco worked which train remained unconfirmed) and 66565 on an 'additional' 1200 - Southampton Maritime. The latter had arrived earlier in the morning being recorded passing Bath at 0830 (20 early) from Southampton.

Another report for the day was the appearance of test unit 950001 running as 2Q08 0511 Derby RTC - Bristol TM (1320) being recorded passing Yate at 1027 (52 early) and Filton Abbeywood 1050 (57 early). The set continued to the West Country as 2Q08 0624 Bristol TM - Taunton (1514) via Whatley Quarry, Frome, Merehead Quarry and Castle Cary during the following day.

28/03 70804 having run 0804 Westbury - Kingsland Road S & T light and noted passing Bath at 0835 (4 early), failed at its destination whilst coupling to the rake of 10 new log carrying wagons stored here. A 'not to be moved' board and a red marker lamp were soon put into position awaiting the arrival of rescue loco 70805 which ran 1330 Cardiff Canton - Kingsland Road (1503) being recorded passing East Usk at 1420 and Patchway 1443 (11 late). The locos left light together without the wagons (arriving Westbury at 1633), the originally planned 6Z70 0928 to Eastleigh TRSMD (via Chandlers Ford) working being cancelled. Later, 57315 + 57314 arrived with a 5Z54 0838 Carnforth - Bristol Kingsland Road (1653) rail tour ecs move which was reported passing Maindee North junction at 1532 (2 late) and Filton Abbey Wood at 1620 (1 late).

The stock was moved as 5Z55 0407 Kingsland Road - Newport ecs during the following day for a 'Settle & Carlisle Statesman' 1Z55 0524 working to Carlisle returning as 1Z56 1520 Carlisle - Newport being then moved as 5Z56 2356 ecs to Gloucester (for overnight stabling) and 5Z57 ecs to Southall via the Stroud Valley and Kemble during the following day. Test unit 950001 returned from the West Country as 2Q08 0930 Westbury - Derby RTC (1627) via a Weston-super-Mare reverse departing here at 1046 (1 early) and passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1144 (-).

30/03 With the Westerleigh junction - Standish junction line closed all Arriva XC services were routed via a reverse at Newport and the Chepstow mainline to and from Gloucester. Other Sunday service changes for the day was the termination of Cardiff - Portsmouth services at Westbury and a reduced service operating between Bridgwater and Taunton due to flood damage repairs.

31/03 37682 + 37402 top n' tailed a 1Z14 1004 Derby RTC - Bristol TM (1515) test working (with dept c/stock; 977986, 72630, 72630, 977997), being reported passing Burton-on-Trent at 1142 (69 late) and Yate 1320 (3 late).

02/04 The Class 37 hauled test working continued as 1Q13 1706 Bristol Tm - Bristol TM (0201) booked via several South Wales branch lines over night including Merthyr, Treherbert and Barry Island as well as a reverse at Bridgend. The working was reported as passing Lawrence Hill at 1726 (2 early) and Patchway 1740 (-) on the outward.

04/04 66007 + 66013 + 66201 working as 0W02 1845 Margam - Westbury (2151) light locos, passed Patchway at 2052 (4 early), Keynsham 2109 (7 early) and Trowbridge 2135 (6 early).

05/04 150002 arrived in Bristol as empty stock during the afternoon for a further 'hire' period, running as 5Z11 Reading TCD - St. Phillips Marsh (being reported passing Reading West at 1145) A West Coast operated stock move of 8 further HST second class coach conversions from catering vehicles operated as 5Z00 0555 Kilmarnock Barclays - Laira depot (1917) and top n' tailed with blue livery 57313 + West Coast maroon 47746. Train reports were as follows; Carlisle 0757, departing Crewe at 1239, passing Wem 1302 (6 late), Pilning 1545 (3 early), Filton Abbey Wood 1553 97 early), Parsons Street 1608 (4 early), Bridgwater 1636 (13 early), Exeter St. Davids 1715 (51 early), Dawlish 1728 (53 early) and Newton Abbot 1739 (54 early). The locos returned as 5Z00 1050 Laira - Southall WCR via Castle Cary and the Westbury avoiding line with the barrier vehicles 6330 + 80204 during the following day. A Great Western back to back HST power car movement, running as 0Z74 0710 Laira - St. Phillips Marsh (0955) was formed with 43133 + 43136 passing Worle junction at 0929 (1 late). Three engineering train reports were; 66089 - 6W01 1830 Westerleigh junction - Oxford Hinksey yard (2030) departing Yate with track panels at 1749 and passing Bath at 1852 (19 early), 66087 + 66101 top n' tailing -

7W02 1854 Westerleigh junction - Westbury yard (which included a Colas twin jib train), reported passing Lawrence Hill at 1951 (44 late) and 66122 - 6W04 0844 Westbury - Standish junction (1300) via Newport ADJ and Chepstow. An evening steam arrival was 44871 with support coach 35508 as 5Z90 2006 Cardiff Pengam sidings - St. Phillips Marsh depot passing Patchway at 1931 (84 early) and Lawrence Hill at 1945 (78 early). The loco had arrived in Cardiff on a 1Z89 working from Manchester Victoria (via the Central Wales line), West Coast 47245 returning the train to Manchester, having been attached to the rear.

06/04 Returning engineering train reports included; 66174 - 6W07 1005 Standish junction - Oxford Hinksey yard (1623) via the Berks & Hants route (reported passing Saltford, near Bath at 1233) and 66134 - 6W09 1010 Standish junction - Westbury yard (formed of MRA side tipplers).

08/04 The final loco of the current Class 70 fleet made its Bristol area debut working a 6C50 2335 (Mon) Westbury - Westbury (0643) departmental (via a loco run round at Abergavenny, booked from 0312 - 0342) the outward passing Filton Abbey Wood at 0303 (144 late) and the return through Bath at 0552 (14 early).

09/04 Test unit 950001 departed as 2Q08 0757 Bristol TM - Didcot (1147) passing Parkway at 0818 (2 late). Later, West Coast 47237 passed Parkway light at 1226 (29 early) as 0Z80 1025 Southall WCR - Cardiff. Colas 56113 worked a further train of log empties as 6V54 0540 Chirk Kronospan - Exeter Riverside New yard being reported at Hereford at 0728, passing Patchway at 0852 (1 early), departing Temple Meads at 0925 (12 late), passing Uphill junction at 0951 (3 late) and Highbridge at 0957.

10/04 On 'hire' to Great Western Central division until 22/04 from Reading, 150002 was noted working the 2E25 1528 Warminster - Great Malvern service departing Temple Meads at 1641 (-). 56113 returned the loaded log train as 6M51 1231 Exeter (Riverside) New yard - Chirk Kronospan being reported passing Bridgwater at 1336 (4 late) and Patchway 1518 (9 late). Later, steam 44871 (with support coach) arrived in the area for rail tour duty as 5Z82 0946 Castleton (Hopwood Ground-frame) - St. Phillips Marsh HST depot (1929) being reported departing Hereford at 1619 (24 early) and passing Pilning at 1815 (2 early).

11/04 The NRMT (with power cars 43013 + 43014) carried out a high mileage test working running as part of the normally Friday area 6 week 'cycle' working. The 1Z40 0555 Old Oak Common - Penzance (via Swansea) being reported via Parkway at 0744 (-) and Temple Meads at 1212 (3 early) following a reverse at Parkway. The return was 1634 Penzance - Derby (0103) reported passing Temple Meads at 2104 (10 early). This was believed to be only the second visit of this train to the Cornish terminus, the first being on 22/10/07 (via Paignton).

12/04 Steam locos; 44871 + 45407 passed Lawrence Hill at 0609 with a St. Phillips Marsh - Cardiff Pengam rail tour loco move. Two rail tours during the day were; UK Railtours 'Avon Lady', 1Z61 0832 Waterloo - Bristol TM and 1Z64 1710 return to Waterloo (1929) unusually using a pair of Class 159 units 159020 + 159004 which were recorded as passing Westbury at 1028 (1 late), departing Bath at 1050 (1 late) and arriving Temple Meads 1104 (1 late). The sets then did a fuel run to Salisbury during the lay over period as 5Z61 1116 Temple Meads - Salisbury being noted passing Saltford at 1122 and returned as 5Z64 1553 ex Salisbury arriving Temple Meads at 1659 (7 late), for the 1Z64 return which was noted passing Keynsham at 1715, departing Bath at 1722 (1 early) and Westbury 1741 (1 early). It is 10 years in May 2014 that South-West Trains took over and enhanced Arriva Trains Wales Bristol - Waterloo service, two Class 159 sets together on a passenger service train being unusual over the route west of Salisbury in

that time. The second trip was the 'Berks & Hants Aquae Sulis' (1236 0706 Solihull - Bristol TM and 1238 1735 return) organized by Vintage Trains as a West Coast operation which was worked throughout by steam 5043 The Earl of Mount Edgecumbe with c/stock; W96100 (water carrier), 9101, 5198, 5157, 5191, 99349, 99353, 99361, W35470 (loco support). The inward, routed via Didcot, Reading West curve and the Berks & Hants was reported passing Avoncliff at 1234 (3 late), arriving Bath at 1246 (2 late) and departing 1250 (2 late), passing North Somerset junction at 1304 (-) and arriving Temple Meads at 1312 (4 late). The return which departed to time, passed Keynsham at 1743 (-), departed Bath at 1754 (2 early), passed Swindon at 1834 (1 late) and arrived Solihull at 2208 (-).

On Barton Hill the latest Arriva Wales unit in for overhaul 142073 was observed moving around the depot.

13/04 A return engineering train report was; 66846 with 6C20 0900 Wentloog (FL) - Oxford Hinksey yard (1121) passing Undy (near Magor) at 0928 and Bath at 1006 (-).

Later, 57602 put in a rare day light appearance through the area as 0A40 1130 Old Oak Common - Penzance passing Bath at 1348 (4 late) and Worle junction 1432 (3 late). The loco then worked the 1A40 Penzance - Paddington sleeper service (which was diverted via Yeovil). Also present stabled at Penzance was 57605.

16/04 The Bridgwater flask train ran for the first time in a couple of weeks; 37425 + 37259 returning the 6M63 working to Crewe Coal sidings of load two FNAs which departed at 1140, passing Bedminster (Bristol) at 1243 and Yate South 1320.

Bristol West Railport

66414/416/418/420/502/503/504/505/517/534/537/558/564/565/566/570.
66571/589.

Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line

19/03 The Colas 6M87 1900 Avonmouth - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal service was cancelled due to an inward loco failure. The 4V30 0825 empties from Ratcliffe PS (due Avonmouth at 1709) were noted arriving Washwood Heath at 1449 (180 late) headed by 56096 + 66848 where the train was terminated.

22/03 A second FLHH stone loading report (also see last months Magazine) saw 66547 work a 6A39 1428 Avonmouth West wharf - Pengam reception siding (1539) loaded stone service passing Hallen Marsh junction at 1232 (119 early), Patchway at 1342 (66 early). The empties had arrived as a 0810 move from Stoke Gifford.

26/03 Having departed Gloucester New Yard at 1550 (3 early) and passing Yate at 1619, 66846 with the 4V30 0820 Ratcliffe PS - Avonmouth coal empties was detached at Parkway, and was then believed to have run light to Barton Hill for fuel before continuing the working onwards to Avonmouth, arriving here at 1805 (56 late).

05/04 The 4V83 0430 Toton North yard - Avonmouth (0920) coal empties was reported as diverted, passing Severn Tunnel junction at 0852 (1 late) and Hallen Marsh junction at 0921 (7 late) double-headed with 66155 + 66093. The train was routed via the Chepstow mainline and Newport ADJ.

08/04 A visit to Hallen Marsh (booked 1109 - 1122) for the NR test unit 950001 was cancelled, the set running as 2Q08 0822 Didcot - Bristol TM (1227) ran direct from Parkway to Patchway and did a reverse move at Severn Tunnel East (as booked) being recorded passing Pilning on the return at 1205 (1 late).

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included;
66003/009/020/037/055/065/107/122/128/136/140/148/150/153/155/156/182.
66185/186/199. 66507/509/513/515/539/545/547/548/560/622/953. 66846/848.

Locos recorded on stone duty during the review period have included;
66087/130/207. 59001/005/103.

Locos recorded on cement duty during the review period have included;
66066/101/132.

Portbury Branchline

01/04 66020 + 66117 were paired on the 6X52 1733 Portbury Auto terminal - Mossend loaded cars and vans (with empty container flats at the front) being noted passing Ashton junction at 1831 (25 late). 66020 had run light from Portbury to assist.

11/04 70011 was unusual power for the 6M64 Portbury - Fiddlers Ferry loaded coal service.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included;
66065/093/136/188. 66513/545/552/618/622. 66848. 70011.

Locos recorded on car train duty during the review period have included;
66046/100/138.

Locos recorded on biomass duty during the review period have included;
66711/724.

Bristol area workings during February

4L31 0901 Bristol West Railport - Felixstowe containers (FL)
06/02 66420. 21/02 66590. 26/02 66592.

4L32 1100 Bristol West Railport - Tilbury (4024* Grain) containers (FL)
04/02 66420. 13/02 66594. 20/02 66590. 26/02 66543.
27/02 66566.

4051 (4V51) Southampton - Wentloog and return containers (FL)
13/02 70001. 14/02 70008. 26/02 70017. 27/02 70009.

4059 (4V50) Millbrook - Wentloog and return containers (SO) (FL)
15/02 70008.

4V94 / 6M95 Ironbridge - Portbury and return loaded biomass (GBRf)
04/02 66705. 07/02* 66738. 12/02* 66730. 20/02* 66702.

Note; Trains on 07, 12 and 20/02 ran as 4V93 Doncaster Down Decoy (07/02 only) and Drax PS - Portbury. All loaded workings ran to Drax to ease a shortage of biomass from Scandinavia due to adverse weather conditions in the North Sea. Ironbridge also provided an additional supply due to there being additional unused material available here due to a recent fire and a down turn in production. A Class 57 was hired in by GBRf for use on these Ironbridge - Drax 'additions'.

6A21 Pengam - Theale (SO) loaded stone (FLHH)
22/02 66602.

6B33 Theale - Robeston (Margam SO) fuel tank empties (DB)
01/02 60001. 04/02 60024. 05/02 60039. 06/02 60001.
07/02 60024. 08/02 60024. 14/02 60039. 15/02 60001.
21/02 60001. 22/02 60059. 25/02 60039. 27/02 60039.
28/02 60039.

4(6)B35 Hayes - Morton-on-Lugg empty stone (DB)
12/02 66054. 19/02 66177.

6B49 / 6B50 Llanwern - Swindon stores yard (TFO) and return steel (DB)
21/02 60100.

6A63 Avonmouth Bennett's - Wet Drayton / 6C63* Westbury loaded stone (DB)
01/02* 59203. 04/02 59203. 10/02 59202. 15/02* 59004.
18/02 59206. 24/02 59205. 28/02 66198.

6F65 0455 Portbury - Uskmouth PS loaded coal (DB)
03/02 66021.

6M02 2045 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded Coal (4C09 1758 Stoke Gifford -
Portbury empties) (FLHH)
03/02 66615.

6M04 1050 Portbury / 1114 Avonmouth BBHt* - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)
07/02 66599. 10/02 13/02 66561. 24/02* 66553. 25/02* 66535.
26/02* 66601. 28/02 66595.

6M14 1628 Avonmouth BBHt - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)
25/02 66524. 26/02 66546. 27/02 66595. 28/02 66601.

6M87 1900 Portbury / Avonmouth* - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (Colas)
03/02 66850. 04/02 66850. 06/02* 66848. 10/02* 66848.
12/02* 66848. 14/02* 66848. 17/02* 66848. 18/02* 66848.
19/02* 66848. 20/02* 66848. 24/02 66848. 26/02 66848.
28/02 66848.

Notes; 18/02 Due to engineering work in the Washwood Heath area the inward
empties ran via the Hereford / Marches route and terminated at Cardiff
Pengam. 28/02 Train failed prior to departure, 66523 being 'hired in' from
FLHH to assist.

6M39 1305 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)
24/02 66138. 20/02 66169. 25/02 66138. 28/02 66138.

6M55 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)
13/02 66512. 22/02 66523.

Note; 22/02 the train ran as 0720 Stoke Gifford - Rugeley PS.

6M63 (6V74) Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flasks (DRS)
05/02 37604 + 37612. 12/02 37607 + 37611. 19/02 37608 + 57008.
26/02 37259 + 37602. 28/02 37259 + 37611.

6M64 Portbury - Fiddlers Ferry PS loaded coal (FLHH)
04/02 66957. 07/02 66957. 26/02 66552.

6M69 1500 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)
12/02 66016. 25/02 66037. 27/02 66037. 28/02 66037.

6032 Margam / Llanwern - Dollands Moor steel (DB)
04/02 66140. 05/02 66184. 16/02 66037. 18/02 66140.
20/02 66012. 25/02 66076.

6042 Ford Halewood - Southampton Eastern dock loaded cars (FO) (DB)
07/02 66139.

6V13 Dollands Moor - Llanwern / Margam steel (DB)
13/02 66138.

6V47 Tilbury - Trostre loaded steel (MThO) (DB)
27/02 66124.

6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carriers (TThO) (DB)
04/02 66132. 06/02 66138. 18/02 66027. 20/02 66169.
25/02 66017. 26/02 66155. 27/02 66065.

6V62 1100 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings steel (WSO)
(Colas)
01/02 66848. 15/02 56094 + 56113. 19/02 56094. 22/02 66848.
26/02 70801 + 56078.
Note; 01/02 Train ran as 6Z62.

6X52 Portbury - Mossend loaded automotive (TThO) (DB)
06/02 66138.

6Z35 Bescot (downside) - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (6Z94 return
empties to Clitheroe) (DB)
05/02 66070 (06/02). 07/02 66065 (08/02). 10/02 66067 (11/02).
12/02 66054 (13/02). 14/02 66020 (15/02). 17/02 66192 (18/02).
19/02 66047 (20/02).

Gloucester area workings

15/03 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh Oil Term Haresfield Loop 1118-1206
60054; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66547 Standish Jn 1049; 4v46 Rugeley -
Stoke Gifford 66545 Standish Jn 1555; 4v56 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66536
Standish Jn 1918

16/03 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog Gloucester 1155 66305

17/03 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66729 Standish 1558

19/03 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 37259/402 Standish Jn 1245; 4v94 Ironbridge
- Portbury 66724 Standish Jn 1404; 6v67 Redcar - Margam Grange Sdgs 66117
Gloucester 2232

20/03 6y30 0415 Kemble - Westbury via Gloucester New Yard 66956; 6y31
0445 Kemble - Westbury via Gloucester New Yard 66528; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke
Gifford 66559 Standish Jn 1100; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe Cls 37259/402
Standish Jn 1137; 6v07 Round Oak - Margam Gloucester 1700 60054

21/03 6y30 0350 Kemble - Westbury via Gloucester New Yard 66528; 6y31
0445 Kemble - Westbury Via Gloucester New Yard 66956; 6e41 Westerleigh -
Lindsey 60092 Standish Jn 1217; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66544
Standish Jn 1500; 6z35 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66080 Standish
Jn 1814; 6m96 Fo Margam - Corby Steel 66196 Gloucester 0915

23/03 6y11 0800 Standish Jn - Fairwater 66617/953 departed 0650; 6y12
0834 Standish Jn - Fairwater 66619 departed 0717; 6c81 0852 Stroud St
Marys - Bescot 70802/803 Standish Jn 0847 13 early; 4v38 Daventry -

Wentloog 66305 Gloucester 1234; 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool 66066/113
Gloucester 2005; 6v66 Tees Yard - Margam Grange Sdgs 66201 Gloucester 2050
24/03 4v06 Rugeley - Avonmouth 66553 Standish Jn 1240; 6m56 Berkeley -
Crewe Cls 37409/607 Standish Jn 1315; 6m74 Newport Docks - Beeston 60001
Gloucester 0045; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60059 Gloucester 1110; 4e66
Margam - Redcar 66012 Gloucester 1142; 6v97 Beeston - Newport Docks 66083
Gloucester 1721
27/03 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66430 Gloucester 1050; 6b13 Robeston -
Westerleigh 60020 Gloucester 1115; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66012 Gloucester
1141; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 37667/405 92777 Standish Jn 0810; 6b36 Didcot
Yard - Ashchurch Mod
28/03 6m96 Fo Margam - Corby 66019 Gloucester 0840; 4v38 Daventry -
Wentloog 66428 Gloucester 1128; 6m74 Cardiff Tidal - Lincoln Terrace 66201
Gloucester 2020; 6z35 Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66151 Standish
Jn 1723 56 early; 4v57 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66956 Standish Jn 1913
29/03 6v29 Lincoln Terrace - Cardiff Tidal Loaded Scrap 66201 Gloucester
1930; 1z55 Newport - Carlisle 57315/314 Gloucester 0628-0631
30/03 6w10 Bescot - Machen Quarry 66080 Tnt 66037 5 Hqa Gloucester 1951;
6c20 Kemble - Mountsorrel 70802 Haresfield Village 0909; 4v38 Daventry -
Wentloog 66425 Gloucester 1330 right time; 1m67 1345 Cardiff Central -
Tamworth High Level; 1v09 1700 return; 1m87 2045 Cardiff Central -
Birmingham New Street formed 220012 vice 170
31/03 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60040 Standish Jn 1304; 1z14 Derby Rtc -
Bristol Tm 37682/402 Standish Jn 1304; 6z56 Berkeley - Crewe Cls 37667/603
Standish Jn 1415; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66711 Standish Jn 1417; 6z35
Bescot Downside - Avonmouth Hansons 66066 Standish Jn 1758; 6z30 Llanwern
- Long Marston 56113 Gloucester 1038; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66003
Gloucester 1125; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66421 Gloucester 1051; 6v55
Bedworth - Robeston 66136 Gloucester 2032; 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool
66095/212 Gloucester 2101; 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 4m36 66421 Gloucester
2113; 6e12 Cardiff Dock - Lindsey 66709 Gloucester 2140
05/04 6w01 Westbury Yard - Charfield Up Loop 66089 via Yate; 7w02
Westbury Yard - Charfield Down Loop via Gloucester New Yard 66101; 6w03
Westbury Yard - Standish Jn Arr 0936 36 late via Severn Tunnel/Ad Jn -
Gloucester; 6w04 Westbury Yard - Standish Jn arr 1253 07 early via as
above; 6w05 Westbury Yard - Standish Jn arr 1505 05 late via as above
66117; 6w06 Hinksey Yard - Standish Jn arr 1625 22 late via Kemble /
Gloucester New Yard 66054; 6w07 Hinksey Yard - Standish Jn Arr 1907 63
late via Kemble/Gloucester New Yard 66174; 6w08 Bescot Downside - Standish
Jn arr 1925 25 late via Ashchurch 66082 Tnt 66057; 6w09 Hinksey - Standish
Jn arr 2004 Via Kemble/Gloucester New Yard 66134; 6w10 Hinksey -
Westerleigh Jn via Chipping Sodbury Bristol Parkway arr 2207 recess until
Sunday depart 1020 66238; 6w11 Hinksey - Westerleigh Jn via Chipping
Sodbury Bristol Parkway arr 2314 recess until Sunday depart 1200 66089
06/04 6w05 Westerleigh Jn - Hinksey Bristol Parkway 0900 66117; 6w06
Westerleigh Jn - Hinksey Bristol Parkway 0932 66054; 6w07 Westerleigh Jn -
Hinksey Bristol Parkway 1205 66174; 6w09 Westerleigh Jn - Westbury Yard
Bristol Parkway 1435 66134; 6w08 1600 Standish Jn - Bescot Downside 66057
Tnt 66082 departed 2058 terminated Gloucester New Yard departed 2101 Mon
07/04 to Bescot
01/04 Gloucester Stn 1055 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66425; Gloucester Stn
1113 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60020; Gloucester Stn 1200 6v05 Round Oak
- Margam 66116; Gloucester Stn 1245 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66003; 4v70
Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66155; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60040; 4v09
Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66560

02/04 Gloucester Stn 1055 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66424; Gloucester Stn 1111 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60020; Gloucester Stn 1200 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66139; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60040; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66539; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66711; 4v30 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 66848; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66074; 4v57 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66622

03/04 Gloucester Stn 1114 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60020; Gloucester Stn 1402 6z76 Bardon Quarry - Tidal Sdgs 66614; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66065; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66507; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60040; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66622; 6m39 Avonmouth - Ratcliffe 66155; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66711; 4v30 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 66848

04/04 Gloucester Stn 1052 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66302; Gloucester Stn 1115 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60020; Gloucester Stn 1203 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66201; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66622; 4v30 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 66848; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66539; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66711; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66016

05/04 6v06 Handsworth - Newport Docks 66197 Gloucester Stn 1835; 3z64 Cardiff Central - Derby Rtc 9702-62287-6262-31105 Gloucester Stn 0535

06/04 Gloucester Stn 1331 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66302; Gloucester Stn 1705 6e47 Margam - Tees Yard 66140; Gloucester Stn 1850 6v83 Peterborough - Moreton-On-Lugg 66704; Gloucester Stn 2012 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66302; Gloucester Stn 2037 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool 66096; Gloucester Stn 2129 6v66 Redcar - Margam 66104

07/04 Gloucester Stn 1100 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66421; 1114 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60017; 1148 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66134; 1247 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 60059; 1952 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 60063; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 37409/667; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66622; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66074

08/04 Gloucester Stn 0835 6m81 Margam - Round Oak 66095; 0840 6m98 Cardiff Tidal - Saltley Emr 66110; 1052 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66304; 1113 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60017; 1232 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66104; 4v83 Toton - Portbury 66065; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66513; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60007; 2g56 0916 Maesteg - Cheltenham Spa 2g55 1145 Cheltenham Spa - Cardiff Central 175112

09/04 Gloucester Stn 1052 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66433; 1122 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60017; 1237 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66082; 2025 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 66098; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60024; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66513; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66101

10/04 Gloucester Stn 0840 6m81 Margam - Round Oak 66059; 0914 6m96 Margam - Corby 66181; 1053 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66426; 1100 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60017; 1216 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66200; 1220 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66076; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66136; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66513; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66560; 6y53 Kemble - Westbury Yard 66606

11/04 Gloucester Stn 0911 6m96 Margam - Corby 66088; 1054 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66429; 1111 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60063; 1248 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 66074; 1257 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66200; 2000 6v83 Bury St Edmunds - Cardiff Tidal 66702 64 early; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66560; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60024; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66548

12/04 6v06 Handsworth - Newport Dks 66104; 6v29 Lincoln Terrace - Cardiff Tidal 66147

13/04 Gloucester Stn 1127 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66426; Gloucester Stn 1712 6e47 Margam - Middlesbrough 66102-60017; 6x22 Kemble - Bescot 66027

14/04 Gloucester Stn 1048 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66433; 1111 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60020; 1125 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66181; 1400 6z78 Bardon Quarry - Cardiff Tidal 66606; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 20304/302; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66560; 4v30 Gloucester New Yard - Avonmouth 66848; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66066

15/04 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66547; Gloucester Stn 1933 6v69 Bescot - Newport Ad Jn 66140

16/04 6v74 Crewe - Bridgwater 37259/425; 4v83 Toton - Portbury 66093; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66188; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66547; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60020; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66429

18/04 Gloucester Stn 1716 6v97 Beeston - Newport Dks 66104; Gloucester Stn 1100 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66433; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66188; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60044 Standish Jn 1113; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66557; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66061

19/04 Standish Jn 1118 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60044; Gloucester Stn 2035 6w13 Bescot - Pengam Jn 66107

20/04 Standish Jn 0700 6y07 Standish Jn - Fairwater 66518/953 departed 0842; Haresfield Down Loop 0710 6y08 Haresfield - Westbury Yard 66513 departed 0846

Westbury

19/03 This location continues to be a good area to view the new Colas Class 70s in action. 70801 worked the 6M50 0755 Westbury - Bescot departmental formed of OCA and MRA wagons being noted passing Hawkridge junction at 0809. 60045 which had arrived on 17/03 behind 66096 on the 6V41 departmental trip from Eastleigh, was present in one of the yards whilst 08799 was noted having replaced 08752 (which moved to Toton) as area shunting pilot.

20/03 70805 powered the 6M50 0755 departmental service to Bescot. 70801 + 70803 were in still in Devon at Dawlish on an engineering working from Westbury.

22/03 70802 and 70803 had arrived on a return 6Z70 1108 Dawlish - Westbury engineers ballast train from Exeter and were right down the bottom of the south yard. 70804 also stabled at the top of the yard near station. 70802 and 70803 came out of yard and stopped just down from station about 1350 and eventually departed as a light loco pair to Bescot via Melksham, Swindon, Didcot, Oxford and Leamington Spa about 1430. Another loco stabled in south yard at 1315 was 59203, which later began performing shunting operations. In the far PW yard north of main line 08799 and 59204 were stabled. 66088 arrived on PW train (rails) at 1324 and reversed its train into south yard, later departing light loco back in the Eastleigh direction about 1415. 66207, 66167 and 66107 arrived as 0012 Margam - Eastleigh East yard light loco move at 1413. 70801 was reported as being at Eastleigh and 70805 at Cardiff Canton.

25/03 70804 worked the 6M50 0755 Westbury - Bescot (via Oxford Hinksey yard) departmental, leaving 70802 and 70803 stabled at Westbury. 70805 remained stabled on Cardiff Canton during the day.

31/03 GBRf have taken over the 6M40 1156 (MTWFO) Westbury VQ - Cliffe Hill / Stud Farm loaded IOA ballast wagons (1947) and 6V14 2233 return to Westbury (0452) empties from Freightliner Heavy-haul, this being the first date for the new operator. 66742, having arrived light (0V40) from Eastleigh, took out the first working departing at 1158 (2 late). The train still taking its normal route via Melksham, Swindon and Oxford. The working is dated to run from 31/03-16/05/14 and 04/04-16/05/14 (FO).

01/04 70805 worked the 6M50 departmental to Bescot, whilst 66742 was on

the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast. 70801 + 70803 returned a 6C71 0904 Exeter St. Thomas - Westbury Down yard engineers. The locos had worked west on separate 6C72 and 6C71 departmentals to the Dawlish area on 29/03.

02/04 At 1150, 66618 + 66515 + 66555 were ready to depart as a 0Y30 light loco move to Stoke Gifford whilst 66742 worked the 6M40 Stud Farm loaded ballast. 08799 with 70801 (allocated 6Z30 to Eastleigh), 70802 and 70803 were stabled in the yards.

03/04 57310 was 'hired in' to work the 6M40 Westbury - Stud Farm departmental in place of the booked GBRf 66/7. The Class 57 did a repeat performance during the following day. 70802 was on the 6M50 Bescot departmental, being reported passing Swindon at 0850.

06/04 70803 and 70805 were both reported as working on Sunday engineering trains in the Swindon area.

07/04 66846 + 70805 worked the morning 6M50, actually running as 7X50 due to the conveyance of side loading point slinger wagons (as well as a Colas crane) passing Swindon at 0859.

08/04 At 0800 the full Colas Class 70 fleet (excluding 70801) were present in the area. 70805 + 70803 (dit) later departed on the 6M50 Bescot departmental via Oxford Hinksey yard whilst 70802 worked the 6Z31 1726 departmental to Eastleigh East yard (1905) later in the day. Colas have five more Class members on order. Freightliner's 66555, 66606 and 66622 were all reported as present during the day.

10/04 70802 + 70804 were paired on the 6M50 Bescot departmental passing Swindon at 0854.

12/04 At 1745, the following were located in the area; 59101, 59102, 59206, 66622, 70803, 70804, 70805. Later, 66515 arrived as a 0Y55 light loco move from Stoke Gifford.

14/04 70805 + 70803 top n' tailed a 6C43 Westbury - Swindon autoballaster move, passing Chippenham at 1956. 66846 worked the 6Z30 1726 Westbury - Eastleigh departmental, a working now normally in the hands of a Class 70.

17/04 66846 + 70805 + 70802 + 70804 worked the 6M50 0755 Westbury - Bescot departmental, the 70s being removed at Oxford Hinksey yard, assumed for engineering works trains over the Easter period. To complete the Class scene for the area; 70801 + 70803 returned a 6C17 0435 Crewkerne - Westbury engineers train in a top n' tail formation (having departed as 2048 Westbury - Crewkerne, due 0025, during the previous evening).

Swindon

19/03 A second Windhoff MPV electrification train arrived as 6Y62 1000 High Marnham - Swindon being reported passing Standish junction at 1616 (4 early), Kemble 1638 (18 early) and arriving Swindon at 1658 (21 early), the working being restricted to 60 mph. One part of this train's formation was recorded as 99709 31006-7.

Newport

19/03 66846 replaced the usual Class 66 on the 6Z42 Newport Docks - Llanwern steel service being noted passing East Usk at 1001. Other reports from this location through the day included; 60059 was on the 6H35 Margam - Birdport (Uskmouth branch) steel trip (with brake van 993876 leading) at 1135, 60001 on the 6H27 Margam - Llanwern steel passing at 1504 and 66846 returning the 6Z45 Llanwern - Newport Docks working at 1525, around an hour early. 60054 also appeared on the 6V07 Round Oak - Margam loaded steel service during the evening. The normally 'early hours' 6B14 Didcot - Newport ADJ 'wagonload' freight service was noted at its destination at

1336, top n' tailed with 66207 + 66021.

20/03 56113 passed East Usk at 1000 with the 6Z42 Newport Docks - Llanwern steel trip.

30/03 66080 top n' tailing 66037 worked a 6W10 1808 Bescot downside - Bescot downside (via Ebbw Vale and Machen) departmental departed Newport at 2103 (-) on the outward working.

31/03 66095 + ECR 66212 passed at 1734 with the 6E30 Margam - Middlesbrough freight service. Two other ECR French locos were reported to be at Margam, these being 66218 and 66224 which were reported to have arrived via the 6V13 steel service from Dollands Moor during the morning. 56113 returned steel wagons to Long Marston from Newport (via a loco run round at Worcester), the short Newport dock 'export' contract from Llanwern having ended.

03/04 56113 passed East Usk at 1400 with BYA, JSA and IHA wagons for Llanwern, (for a later move back to Long Marston), later returning at 1440 light-engine, assumed for Cardiff.

10/04 The Holyhead 'Wag Express' was reported as formed; 67002, with c/sock; 10259, 12178, 12179, 12181, 82308. In Alexandra Dock junction yard, 31285 with a 3 coach test train was present, one coach; 9523 being identified.

14/04 56302 returned the remaining 'off contract' steel hoods as 6Z30 1130 Llanwern Exchange sidings - Long Marston, with the usual loco run-round at Worcester. The train was recorded leaving the steel works sidings and onto the South Wales mainline at 1129.

Cardiff

21/03 70805 was reported as stabled on Canton depot close to the water tower during the day.

26/03 Two reports for the day were ; 67002 (with DVT 82307) on the 1W96 1716 Cardiff Central - Holyhead 'Wag Express' passing Rhymney River bridge at 1720 and 66124 + 'French Railways' 66026 paired on the 6E30 Margam - Hartlepool freight service passing at 1725.

30/03 Colas 66846 passed Central station at 1617 with the 6V86 Redcar - Margam Grange sidings loaded coke. The wagons formed a 0826 Briton Ferry - Gloucester New Yard empty working during the following day, however the onward movement to Avonmouth for loading during the following day was cancelled.

04/04 31105 passed Cardiff Central at 0517 on a return 3Z33 test train to Bristol TM formed with dept c/stock; 6262, 62287, 9702.

10/04 A view of Canton depot recorded 56302 as stabled along with former motorail coaches 96603 and 96604 and HOBC wagons; 92344, 92343, 92333 and 92342. Having arrived light from Southall during the previous day (also see Bristol Parkway, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh notes & news), West Coast 47237 carried out further light-engine moves, starting with 0Q83 0703 Cardiff - Maesteg, then visiting Llandeilo junction and Swansea, prior to a return 0Z88 1559 Bridgend - Southall (2024) which departed Cardiff Central at 1631 (7 early) and passed Patchway at 1712 (4 early). At 1830, 08401, 08934 and industrial loco DH50 - 2 were all present in the weighbridge area of the Celsa steel works. The two DH locos here are in the process of staggered works overhauls.

Arriva Wales are believed to be looking at re-introducing a North Wales Coast loco and stock service to increase capacity, using one of their three Class 67 locos as power, during 2015.

12/04 31285 working a 3Z01 Cardiff - Derby RTC test train passed Pengam sidings at 0853 (40 late).

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Mainline Steam Tours - 2014

The Railway Touring Company

Royal Duchy (Bristol TM - Par and return calling also at Yatton); 01/06, 08/06, 15/06, 29/06, 06/07, 07/09, 14/09, 21/09.

Motive power - 5029 Nunney Castle, 34067 Tangmere or 70013 Oliver Cromwell.

Weymouth Seaside Express (Bristol - Weymouth and return calling also at Keynsham, Bath, Trowbridge and Westbury); 13/07, 20/07, 27/07, 03/08, 10/08, 127/08, 24/08.

Motive power - 5029 Nunney Castle or 34046 Braunton.

British Pullman Company (VSOE)

To be steam hauled from Victoria - Bath/Bristol TM and return; 14/05, 24/09.

Motive Power - 35028 Clan Line

Torbay Express (Torbay Express Limited)

Bristol TM - Kingswear and return; 06/07, 13/07, 20/07, 07/09, 03/08, 17/08, 31/08, 14/09, 21/09, (calling also at Weston-super-Mare).

Motive power; currently unknown.

Steam Dreams (Cathedrals Express)

London - Bath/Bristol and return; 24/07.

Motive power; currently unknown.

Mainline Diesel Tour

07/06 The Class 40 Preservation Society are using their loco 345 (40145) with West Coast stock on a Rawtensall (East Lancs Railway) - Oxford circular, the outward being routed via Stafford, Bescot, Kidderminster, Worcester, Gloucester New yard, Stroud, Kemble, Swindon and Didcot (Foxhall curve). The return is to run via Charlbury, Evesham and Worcester for the same route back to the East Lancs Railway.

Avon Valley Railway Diesel Gala (12-13/04/14)

R.W.Giles / C.Weeks

Following a successful visit of Class 14 D9521 (from the Dean Forest Railway) last year, 08822 in First Group blue, from First Great Western, St.Phillips Marsh depot and D3668 (09004), in BR blue, from the Swindon & Cricklade Railway were visitors for this years event. The usual intense timetable operated over the two days with double-headed passenger and freight workings, with home based locos, 07010 (D2994) in BR blue, 31130 Calder Hall Power Station in coal sector trainload and dmu set Sc52006 + Sc52025 in BR green. The coaching stock in use over the weekend was; 35255, 25040, 25299, 3745 whilst the 'demo' freight was made up of 12 ton vans; 783354, 80703, 783717, 783739 and empty 'dogfish' ballast wagons; 983584 and 983583. Other visit notes were; the recent arrival of track machine 73307, whilst the Polish tank Karel (4015/54) departed on the same lorry trailer, believed for overhaul at the Flour Mill, Bream (Forest of Dean). WD70043 (AB 358/41), in black livery, was observed carrying its name Grumpy (neatly applied on the body side close to the nose end) whilst the under frame of Ruston diesel 252823/47 (off track, in a tidy yellow livery) was noted track side (with other stored items of equipment and

coach bogies) near the Cherry Garden lane over bridge in the cutting alongside a tender painted in green, which appeared to be in two halves, possibly from 4F 44123? The restoration of former Fry's Keynsham Chocolate factory Sentinel 7492/28 was noted as progressing well within the goods shed with body parts now painted blue. The boiler, which is currently believed off site, could be steamed later this year. A new feature for the centre at Bitton during the weekend, was organized guided stock yard visits.

On 13/04 08822 was noted loaded at 1830 on to its road transport, returning home via Warmley, and then unconfirmed as via the A4174 ring road and the M32 off at junction 1 for St. Phillips Marsh HST depot.

Dean Forest Railway

22/03 Great Western set 150244 made a guest appearance for the lines dmu special weekend gala, working inwards and return direct via the up and down loop from the mainline each way as 2Z11 1000 Gloucester - Lydney junction (1037) and the 2Z12 1550 return from Lydney junction, which used platform 3 on arrival at Gloucester at 1626 (-).

East Lancashire Railway

On 25th to 27th July the line is holding a Class 14 event to mark the 50th Anniversary of their construction. It is hoped to bring in no less than 10 locos for a special weekend of workings.

GWS Didcot

03/04 56312 hauled steam 60163 Tornado as 5Z51 1000 Barrow Hill - Didcot (1819) being reported passing Reading at 1748 (1 early). A second steam loco 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley worked 5Z92 1145 Southall WCR - Didcot (with support coach 21096) arriving Reading at 1256 (6 early) and departing 1230 (1 early). A special 'mini mainline loco gathering' event took place during the following weekend, the A4 being also used on rail tours to the West Country over the following weeks.

Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset

A buffer stop recovered from the former ROF Puriton ammunition factory site and currently in store, is to be placed close to the old station area in the town. A location has been chosen on a small pebbled area at the junction of Pier Street and the Esplanade, the Buffer Stop Memorial project (which was set up in 2011) having now raised enough funds to complete the proposed scheme, although planning permission is still outstanding. Little remains of the once Somerset & Dorset Railway station here which was closed to passengers on 29th October 1951 by the Great Western Railway, although special excursion trains continued to visit up until 20th May 1963.

Road Movements

08/04 Class 37 37275 / 6975 (in blue livery) southbound M5 passing junction 16 (Aztec West, Bristol) at 0915 and later being noted in Taunton Deane services at 1115.

09/04 Steam 30120 southbound M5, Taunton Deane services at 1655.

11/04 Narrow gauge steam loco Charles Whylock (Bagnall 2819) in a green livery, southbound M5 passing junction 19 (Gordano) at 1855 en route to the Lynton & Barnstaple railway.

15/04 Steam 46521 southbound M5, junction 23 (Bridgwater) at 0910 destined for the South Devon Steam railway.

Grounded Bodies

Three former GW 12 ton van bodies have been reported in use as an office and workshop at Hampton Bishop, near Hereford for a local slate business. They are all in excellent condition, carrying a smart grey livery with neat window fittings having been purchased from Rotherwas (near Hereford) in the 1960s. One is identified as GW 93477.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bristol Area News

Bank stabilization work is being undertaken at several locations. At Uphill cutting, near Weston-super-Mare, alongside Brunel's 'Devils Bridge' (believed to be the highest single span brick built bridge in the country), Bam Ritchie engineers have nearly completed a project which has seen up to 40 staff clearing vegetation, pumping strengthening cement into bank sections and fitting 2000 securing ties. A similar operation is underway at Newton-st-Loe, near Bath, between the occupation bridge on the Bristol side of Twerton Tunnel and the A4 road overbridge. Meanwhile, £1.5 million has been allocated for drainage work at Flax Bourton cutting an area prone to flooding in the past. An overflowing drainage culvert which passes under the railway from the nearby A370 Bristol - Weston road which forms a link with the River Yeo has been an issue with excess water channelled off the hillside also flooding the road. This work is due to start in May and take 16 weeks to complete and is one of 10 transport locations throughout the country recognized by the Government for improvements.

The clock tower frontage at Temple Meads was bathed in purple light during the evening of 12th April as part of a Lynx deodorant company promotion. Several famous buildings around the country (including Tower Bridge in London) were similarly treated this also including the projection of the CND symbol for Nuclear Disarmament in white light, which formed part of the make love not war publicity campaign. The station was due to pass from a Great Western to Network Rail operation from 01/04/14.

Dawlish - Seawall Report

24/03 66552 + 66953 top n' tailed a 6Y40 1330 Westbury - Exeter St. Thomas (1600) train of 20 autoballasters with material for use on the damaged sea wall. At 0056 (Tues), 66552 became the first loco to cross the replacement track over the filled and repaired breach, although 66953 on the rear remained on the Dawlish Warren side of the work area. Coals Track machine 75406 was still active in the Dawlish station area during the day.

25/03 66552 + 66953 returned the 20 wagon train as 0800 Exeter St. Thomas - Westbury, being noted in the Taunton area just over an hour early with 5 wagons still loaded. The trains ballast was confirmed as dropped on the up line. It is interesting to note, that the public footpath along the seawall has remained closed from Langstone Rock (next to the Red Rock café) near Dawlish Warren through to the Dawlish station and the first tunnel at Kennaway due to safety issues.

29/03 66606 + 66555 (6Y75) with 66528 (6Y74) and 66515 (6Y73) were in the Dawlish area, along with 70801 and 70803 on engineers trains.

30/03 70801 (6C72) and 70803 (6C71) were present near Teignmouth. A controlled landslide had taken place here with water jets clearing an unsafe over hanging rock face, taking advantage of 'additional' work

whilst this section of line remained closed.

03/04 66953 worked light from Dawlish Warren - Newton Abbot and back as a 'test' run over the newly laid track work. 70804 returned from Dawlish Warren around 1710 as 0Z70 light-engine to Westbury having also covered the repaired track after the Class 66.

04/04 With a ceremony taking place in the station car park at Dawlish, Prime Minister David Cameron officially reopened the railway, after 56 days of closure. He praised the NR / Great Westerners 'orange army', the men numbering around 300 who worked day and night and featured on tv advertisements or in the national press rebuilding the breached 3.5 miles of line using around 2,000 tonnes of concrete and 150 tonnes of steel. The first workings over the line (with the Dawlish passing time in brackets) were;

5Z66 0011 Exeter St.Davids - Laira (Arriva XC) 220002 + 221119 down (0016) and 5Z46 0011 Newton Abbot - Exeter St.Davids (Great Western) 150131 move up (0017). The first passenger train to call was; 143611 + 143621 calling with the 2T03 0534 Exeter St.Davids - Paignton Great Western service. Following 'mainline' north bound reports were; 220013 - 1S37 0520 Plymouth - Edinburgh Waverley, 43165 + 43194 - 1A75 0530 Plymouth - Paddington, 43176 + 43195 - 1A09 0543 Plymouth - Paddington and 221134 - 1S39 0625 Plymouth - Glasgow Central and 221119 - 1S41 0725 Plymouth - Edinburgh Waverley. Westbound Great Western firsts were reported as; 43148 + 43151 - 1C73 0706 Paddington - Paignton and 43042 + 43168 - 1C04 0730 Paddington - Penzance.

10/04 The first rail tour to cover the repaired section was steam 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley with Steam Dreams 'Surrey & Hampshire Cathedrals Express' excursion (1Z32 0704 Woking - Kingswear and 1Z33 1630 return) which passed Dawlish at 1336 (-) and 1800 (24 late) on the return. 47746 powered the train to and from Westbury where the A4 took over. The steam loco had run 5Z32 0610 loco and support coach from GWS Didcot (returning 5Z34 2115 to Southall) and on the Torbay Steam Railway, Class 25 diesel 25185 worked the train between Churston and Kingswear so the loco could use the turntable. The c/stock formation was reported as; 99122, 99350, 99371, 1666, 5249, 5237, 13440, 9104, 5171, 5236, 5222. Loco support coach 21096 was unconfirmed as forming part of the train.

The mainline was again set to close from Saturday 26/04 - Monday 28/04 whilst signalling repairs were due to be completed. The up line is reported to remain open for two booked rail tours to pass during the closure period. The damaged track work and closure has started a debate as to whether a line should be reinstated as a secondary route in North Devon connecting the current terminus of a freight line from Crediton (on the Barnstaple branch line from Cowley Bridge junction) to Meldon Quarry / Okehampton (which continues to see a selected Sunday Summer Sundays Great Western service from Exeter) with Plymouth, via Tavistock. A major costly rebuilding project would be the steel viaduct near Meldon, a listed structure currently only in use as a cycle path, along with compulsory order purchasing of several properties whose land is now occupying the old former LSWR track bed closed in the 1960s.

High Speed 2 - How the West will lose!

Analysts predict Bristol and Cardiff could fall short regarding new improved rail connections with the north even though a new £5 billion Great Western Mainline electrification project is due to be completed in three years time. Better traveling times from the Capital could see new businesses and job opportunities set up along the HS2 (if approved) corridor over the coming years which will see times from Manchester

reduced from 128 minutes to 68 minutes, Leeds from 132 to 72 minutes and Birmingham from 81 to 48 minutes. Bristol, which is one of 50 areas highlighted for a negative trend due to the HS2 project, will see a reduced journey time from 120 to 100 minutes, once electrification is completed. However, campaigners against the HS2 project, following an in depth study, suggest the proposed 225 mph running speed should be reduced to 185 mph thus providing an optimum reduction in carbon emissions at the lower speed, this would however increase the projected travel times between cities by 10 minutes.

Ashford Chart Leacon

29/03 The final rail movement was due to take place from works following its closure. The works which originally built wagons and coaches carried out maintenance work on the former Southern Region emu and demu fleet and latterly dealt with wagons including cranes and snow ploughs in more recent times.

Freight Boost

DB Schenker Rail (UK) is reported to be employing around 100 new drivers throughout the UK over the coming months. In the local area, 3 are to be taken on at Margam and 7 at Westbury.

Class 60

Although the planned sale of 20 long time stored, DBS owned locos was believed cancelled, Colas Rail freight are now reported to be in the process of acquiring several class members with 60087 set aside at Toton depot to act as a 'test bed' for refurbishment modifications. As well as 60087, 60002, 60026, 60047, 60056, 60076, 60085, 60087, 60095 and 60096 (located at St.Blazey) are expected to be the other locos involved, although more could be purchased. DBS Toton is to maintain the Colas Class 60 loco fleet as part of the deal. As the Magazine went to press, 60021 is to become the first class member overhaul with a further four to be completed by the end of 2014. Five more will be refurbished during 2015. Locos; 60047, 60056, 60076, and 60095, along with 60062 are all located at Crewe Diesel depot.

New Locos - Class 68

Reports suggest Chiltern Trains are to swap their DBS Class 67s with DRS 68 locos later this year. The locos, which have a better haulage capacity, will to be constructed at the Vossiohs Plant, Valencia, Spain and numbered as 68010 - 68015. They will be maintained at Chiltern's Wembley and Stourbridge depots, with heavy exams taking place at the DRS Crewe Gresty Bridge or Kingmoor facilities. Chiltern will be able to add an extra coach to its passenger train operation out of Marylebone to Birmingham and Kidderminster using the new locos. 68003, 68004 and 68005 arrived at Liverpool Gladstone dock on 15/04 (not Seaforth as has been previously used) and shunted by 37609 which hauled the three locos as a 0Z38 move to Crewe Gresty bridge during the following day. A Pathfinder Tours trip from Eastleigh - Crewe for the DRS Gresty Bridge depot open day on 19/07 will see one of these locos as hauling power. The route is to be via Salisbury, Westbury, Bath, the Severn Tunnel and the Marches route to Hereford.

Road Movements (local area times recorded where known)

20/03 HST coach, 44020 southbound.

21/03 HST buffet coach, unidentified - southbound M5 Burnham-on-Sea 1000

22/03 HST power car; 43010 reported in Taunton Deane M5 services from at least 0955-1225, the direction of movement being unconfirmed.
27/03 HST power car; 43152 northbound M5 Weston-super-Mare Junction 21.
04/04 HST coach 42076 northbound M5 during the late afternoon.

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

20/03 Newton Abbot - DR73502 being off loaded from a road trailer in platform 1 at 1110.
21/03 Patchway, Bristol - 73111 + 77903 passing at 1027 (3 early) running as 6U17 0906 Taunton Fairwater - Newport Maindee junction (1118).
22/03 Exeter St.Davids - DR75407.
25/03 Temple Mills 'Eurostar' depot - r/r (940139-7) with trailer FR734. Sculford RBL 030-1200-01 (which was OOU off rail and on blocks).
29/03 Taunton Station sidings - DR80302. Bristol Kingsland Road - DR73113. DR75407.
30/03 Severn Tunnel junction - DR73907, which later departed as 0950 to Exeter St. Thomas.
07/04 Taunton - DR73935 passing northbound at 1905.
10/04 Bristol Barton Hill depot - snowploughs DB965209, DB965231. Newport Station - Quattro r/r; 313 with trailer 645. Ninian Park, Cardiff - Quattro r/r; 934. QTS Unimog 977017 - 1. Cardiff Canton depot (view); 77901, 79200, 80211. Cranes; 78229, 78231.
17/04 Plymouth Tavistock junction - DR75407, DR77327.

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 486

MANCHESTER FLYER

22nd February 2014

Note: All locations are "not seen by all" due to pick-up/set down arrangements, driving or people utilising the flyer element of the trip.
* = assumed

Stoke Gifford Yard (view).

Diesel: 66523.

Bescot Depot & Yard (view from M6).

Diesel: 08580/623*/709, 60054*, 66015/055/088, 97302*/304 John Tiley.
Carriages: Mk2: 5922/24/59, 6036, 6152, 9529/31. Departmental NPCCS: 971001*/003*, 975471*.

Near Junction 12 of the M6.

R/R: Webb: 038 was travelling southbound on a low loader.

Between Junctions 17 and 18 of the M6.

Carriage: Mk3: An unidentified Mk3 in First dynamic lines livery was travelling southbound on a low loader. Time was spent observing trams, however the network was severed due to work at Victoria and other places.

Ayres Road Tram Depot (view).

Trams assumed as stored: 1001/03*/04/06/08/13/14/19/20/21/25/26, 2002/05. (plus others). Trams stabled: 3021/23/25/26/41/53/65/70/71/75/76.
Passing: 3003/09/12/19/20/44/48.

Note: Trams 1004 and 1006 both carry the name "Vans the original since

1966" as a form of advertising.

Heaton Park and Queens Road stations.

Trams observed were operating the section between Bury and Abraham Moss, which turned back on the depot approach lines at Queens Road.

Trams: 3005/16/22/24/32/34/35/37/43/50/54/57.

Queens Road Tram Depot, Cheetham Hill (view).

Diesel: 1027 - GECT 5862/91 RFSK V337/91. Accompanying trailer: 1028.

Trams: 1007 East Lancashire Railway/16/22 Poppy Appeal/23, 2001/03, 3008/38/60/79. R/R: Shovlin: Y471SNB 940508-3. Trailers: T4 1678 - 010397-6, T4 1841 - 010405-7.

Operating on the section near the Etihad Stadium.

Trams: 3007/77.

Ardwick Depot (view).

Diesel: (01551) LANCELOT - EEV D1122/66. DMU: 185112/18/34/47. EMU:

350401/02/03/07. Note: 350407 was ex 5T02 Carnforth to Ardwick.

Passing: 150142.

Hollinwood Station.

Trams operating between Central Park and Rochdale.

Trams: 3010/27/28/31/46/47/52/56.

Guide Bridge Station.

DMU: 170308, 185140, 323230/233.

Ashbury Stone Terminal (view from train).

Diesel: 66043. Wagons: 33 706790005-6/014-8/022-1/063-5/068-4/073-4/077-5 plus others. Ex Peak Forest via Dowlow, returning as 6P53 to Peak Forest.

Manchester Piccadilly Station and approaches.

DMU: 142011/38/44/45/60/61, 150115/133/136/142/148/225/275, 156488/91,

175003/105/110, 185101/11/15/20/24/31/36/37/44. DEMU: 220001, 221128.

EMU: 323224/26/27/28/31/32/38, 390119/132/134.

Central Section, including Deansgate, Piccadilly, Piccadilly Gardens and St Peters Square.

Trams: 3001/02/03/06/07/09/11/12/14/15/18/19/20 Lancashire Fusilier /26/29/36/40/42/44/45/48/49/51/55/58/59/64/66/67/69/72/73/74.

Manchester Piccadilly NR Depot. Small Plant: A mini 4-4 was seen but not identified. Believed to be 083 or 098.

Guide Bridge Station.

DMU: 170304/05/09, 185106/14/42. EMU: 323229/30/33.

Guide Bridge NR Depot and Yard.

OTM: 77908. Rail movers: 079031-9*, 079032-7*. Wagons: 369018/030. R/R:

Shovlin: 2228 - 940051-4 Gigarailer. Trailer Shovlin T4 1517 - 010383-6.

Note: 77908 was formerly 77902.

Museum of Science and Industry (visit).

Gauge 5ft 6": Steam: No.3157 - VF 2759/11. Gauge 4ft 8.5": Steam: PLANET - MSI/92, (NOVELTY) - ScienceMus/29, No.3 "AGECROFT No.1" - RSHN 7416/48.

Electric: 1505 (27001) "ARIADNE" - Gorton 1066/54. Battery Electric: "CEGB BOLTON" Reg 258/45 - EE 1378/44 Bg 3217/44. Gauge 3ft 6": Steam: 2352 - BP 6639/30. Gauge 3ft: Steam: No.3 "PENDER" - BP 1255/1873 sectioned. Carriages: Gauge 4ft 8.5": L&Y: (247 45017 5902) 10825. MB: 1 b/o on chassis of wagon 555829. Replicas: 7, 8. Wagons: GCR 2703, 97217, 154977, 782903, 783709, 950344.

Notes: The works plate carried by No.3157 says VF 3064/11.

The cab of Electric 76039 (26039) is also on display with the name HECTOR. Planet was in steam and giving rides with Replica Coaches No's 7 & 8. Wagon 182568 was not seen.

Heaton Park Tramway (visit):

Middleton Road Shed & Workshops;

Stockport Corporation 5/1901.

Manchester Corporation 765/1914 -- (undergoing work on its running gear).

Blackpool Corporation 619/1987 (carrying 7) - stored outside, rebuild of OMO Car 7, which was also a rebuild in 1973.

Blackpool Corporation 752/1923 - rail grinder stored.

Rawtenstall 23/1912 - dismantled & sheeted awaiting full restoration.

Lakeside Shed (Newly Built);

Blackpool Corporation 623/1937 (ex 286).

Hull City 96/1901 (later Leeds City 6).

Manchester Corporation 173/1901.

Road Railer - 2/R610 NMJ (Rexquote/Ausa Access Platform) - formerly at the West Midlands Metro and Black Country Living Museum.

It was ascertained that the other trams owned by Heaton Park Tramway were at the following locations:

Blackpool Corporation 702/1934 (ex 239) -- East Lancashire Railway.

Manchester Carriage & Tramways Co Horse Drawn L53/1880 -- Bury Transport Museum.

Oldham Corporation 43/1902 -- currently stored at an undisclosed farm in 'Airfix Kit Form' awaiting full restoration.

Blackpool Corporation 680/1935 (ex 280) -- North of England Open Air Museum, Beamish.

Blackpool Corporation 708/1934 (ex 245) -- Undisclosed location in Sunderland, for minor restoration work.

Manchester Corporation 173/1901 returned from the Greater Manchester Museum of Transport in December 2013.

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Stoke Gifford Yard (view).

Diesel: 66523.

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