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D3668 (09024) runs round after bringing a service with 07010 into Oldland station on the Avon Valley Railway on 12/04/14.

[Chris Weeks]

FUTURE EVENTS

Trip 491 CREWE FLYER including 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.

NOTES & NEWS

Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh

21/05 The Colas 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Teignbridge empty log train was cancelled, the working ran to Baglan Bay instead, the loco however failing on the return working at Bridgend! However, having been revived, did make Tilbury with the inward 6L63 steel service from Margam, and later worked the 6V62 1100 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern steel with 56113, which was reported passing Wootton Bassett at 1553 and Patchway at 1628.

22/05 A 0Z51 0923 Crewe Heritage Centre - Eastleigh works (2147) via Lydney Junction loco move started out as 66732 + 31466 + 73001 + 73006, departing at 1202 (159 late). The working which was booked to pass Yate at 1834, Dr.Day's junction 1858 and Bath 1914 was however terminated at Lydney, and returned to Gloucester as no one was present on the Dean Forest Railway to except the first two locos! In the end, 66708 (which had run light 0Z66 from Ironbridge - Horton Road) and 73006 returned back to Derby with 66732 on completion of the move during the following day!

23/05 The first of two Heineken Cup Rugby final specials for the Toulon v Saracens match at the Millennium Stadium was top n' tailed with DRS locos 47853 + 47805 as 1Z34 1016 Euston - Cardiff Central (1353) being reported passing Swindon at 1209 (-) and Patchway 1241 (-). The return was 2050 Cardiff Central - Kensington Olympia during the following day, being recorded passing Parkway at 2156 (11 early), the ecs was believed to have been stabled at Briton Ferry. A freight report for the day was GBRf 66740 working 6A82 1247 Moreton-on-Lugg - West Drayton loaded stone passing Patchway at 1453 (-) and departing Parkway at 1509 (4 early) following a stop.

24/05 The second 'Ruggex' special to run was with DBS 67016 as 1Z50 0916 Euston - Cardiff Central (1225) and 2250 return to Paddington, being reported passing Didcot 1047 (1 early), and Parkway 1132 (9 early). Toulon came out the winners, with past World Cup hero Jonny Wilkinson playing a significant part in the game, which was his last before retirement. Other reports for the day included the 0012 1106 Margam LIP -Westbury light loco move, formed with 66040 only and note passing Patchway at 1250, Keynsham 1311 and Bath 1318 (41 early).

25/05 Return engineering trains from South Wales were of particular interest as the final three were with Class 70s possibly working their first round trips in traffic. Full train details for the day (with some recorded passing times) were as follows; 70805 - 7C21 1016 Newport Gaer junction - Westbury yard (a short train with loaded sleeper) passing Oldfield Park (Bath) at 1056, 70806 - 6C22 1110 Gaer junction - Westbury yard passing Oldfield Park at 1234, 70807 - 1247 Gaer junction - Westbury yard passing North Somerset junction (Bristol) at 1546, 70808 - 6C24 1530 Gaer junction - Westbury yard passing Patchway at 1634, 66848 - 6C25 1845 Gaer junction - Westbury yard, arriving Pilning loop at 1943 (and being passed by 66621 with the 6V82 Tunstead - Westbury cement service at 1954) and 70809 - 6C26 0108 (Mon) Newport - Westbury yard, having arrived as 6C43 0943 ex. Crewe Basford Hall. Some other Freightliner Heavy-haul engineering train reports included; 66597 + 66514 top n' tailing - 6Y07 0920 Stoke Works junction - Taunton Fairwater HOBC, 66619 - 6Y08 0915 Ashchurch - Westbury passing Lawrence Hill at 1026 and Oldfield Park 1048 and 66545 - 6Y27 0846 Charfield - Westbury yard, passing Lawrence Hill at 0827.

26/05 Having delivered 31466 + 73001 to the Dean Forrest Railway, from Gloucester the previous day, 66708 returned as 1154 Lydney junction -

Cardiff Tidal sidings (via Gloucester) light being recorded as passing Yate at 1300 (15 early).

27/05 Colas 70805 'hired' to Freightliner Intermodal ran 0C30 0720 Stoke Gifford - Bristol West Railport (0745) light passing Filton Abbey Wood at 0802 (39 late), prior to leading the 4L31 0901 loaded departure to Felixstowe in a top n' tail formation with 66540, being reported as passing Twerton, near Bath at 0946.

28/05 An engineering train report was; 66017 - 6Z50 0925 Newport ADJ - Westbury (1158) formed of empty coal fish wagons passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1102 (1 late).

29/05 At 1500, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66602 and 66619 only, with 66413 stabled on a west facing train of coal empties. An overnight MPV move was a 6Z05 2013 Kings Norton OTP depot - Exeter Waggoners way (via Plymouth) was reported passing Yate at 2334 (70 late) and Bristol TM 2344 (70 late). The Plymouth visit was however cancelled due to late running.

30/05 A 1Z20 0555 Old Oak Common - Derby RTC test train (1438) via a reverse at Swansea (0942 - 1008), was top n' tailed with 67025 + 67008 being reported passing Newport ADJ at 1146, Patchway 1213 and Parkway 1220 on the return. The dept c/stock formation was reported as; 72612 + 5981 + 72631 + + 6263. Another report for the day later in the afternoon was GBRf 66718 working 6A82 Moreton-on-Lugg - Hayes (Tarmac) loaded stone, which was also reported passing East Usk earlier at 1424.

31/05 66549 departed on an 8Z32 empty box wagon working to Cardiff Tidal sidings. Later, 66078 + 66132 + 66139 + 66007 formed the 0012 1106 Margam LIP - Eastleigh light-engine move which was reported as arriving Westbury at 1418 where three locos then went forward to Eastleigh.

04/06 66514 + 66549 + 66597 passed Dr.Days Junction at 0820 (1 late) on 0Y50 0721 Westbury - Stoke Gifford (0848) light-engine move.

07/06 66047 + 66046 + 66002 + 66015 + 66122 + 66142 + 66003 + 66109 formed the 0X12 Margam LIP - Westbury light-engine move, arriving at its destination at 1407. At 1900 Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66555, 66619, 66514 in the first row after the station, 66545 with coal empties in the middle and 66553, 66557, 66560, 66564, 66587, 66596 at the back.

08/06 Two evening freight reports at Patchway were; 66620 - 6V82 Tunstead - Westbury loaded cement, departing at 2024 (following a crew change) and 66011 - 6A35 Moreton-on-Lugg - Acton loaded stone departing at 2102.

09/06 Following extensive ground work and contaminated soil clearance, building work of the new Hitachi IEP depot in the Stoke Gifford 'triangle' near the Filton mainline junction chord, which started in late May, could be seen in the distance from the A38 road flyover (alongside the Royal Mail sorting offices) and from Patchway station. This will be the train inspection shed, the biggest building to occupy the 44 acre site, with a maintenance shed to be constructed alongside. The depot is expected to be complete during 2015. Former LM green one car sets 153325 + 153333 were noted paired working the 2C79 1400 Cardiff Central - Taunton First/GW service.

10/06 Some evening freight reports through Patchway included; 66131 - 6C99 2147 (TO) Newport ADJ - St.Blazey freight (passing at 2222), 66619 - 6L33 2124 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Dagenham Down yard (2229), 66086 - 6E20 2202 Llanwern Exchange sidings (Spencers) - Scunthorpe BSC with steel billets ex. Tremorfa Works, BDAs and BYAs (2240). Earlier in the day, a morning report for Yate was 60099 passing at 0652 on the 6V49 1934 (Mon) Tees New Yard - Margam service passing at 0652 (3 late).

12/06 At 1700 the following were present in the 'downside'; 66524,

66557, 66594.

13/06 67027 top n' tailing 67029 worked a 1Z20 0555 Old Oak Common - Derby RTC test train (via Swansea), in place of the NRMT HST set, being reported passing Parkway at 0735 and on the return departing Maindee West Junction at 1124 and passing Westerleigh Junction heading towards Yate at 1218. Later in the afternoon, 66125 worked the 6A97 Grange (Port Talbot) - Acton molten slag (a train that had not run for some time), occupying Chipping Sodbury loop from 1637 - 1714 and GBRf 66714 on the 6A82 Moreton-on-Lugg - West Drayton loaded stone.

14/06 The Saturdays Only, 0X12 Margam - Westbury light loco 'convoy' was formed; 66047 + 66110 + 66008 + 66099 + 66039 + 66207 + 66051 passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1328 and arriving Westbury at 1425. 66051 had been added at Newport ADJ.

15/06 Engineering work between Hullavington and Westerleigh junction, during the afternoon found 70801, 70802, 70804, 70808 present, along with some Colas class 66/8 locos, some of the trains being in a top n' tail formation. The mainline was closed during the day with First/GW HST diversions operating via Filton, Day's Curve and Bath.

17/06 A DBS 6Z47 1331 Wembley Euro Freight Ops Centre - Cardiff Docks Ryans (2038) train of 6 HKA stone empties (which in fact departed from Acton at 1429) behind 66124 passed Patchway at 1801 (18 early). The return was booked as 6Z48 2337 Cardiff Docks - Crawley. Later, 66848 + 66849 passed Parkway at 2039 (50 late) and Bath 2105 (46 late) as a 1751 Long Marston - Westbury light-engine move.

Locos recorded at Westerleigh on fuel tank duty have included; 60019/059/074/099. 66023.

Bristol Temple Meads, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road

10/05 Additional Information (June Magazine); The return 1Z53 1430 Plymouth - Tyseley Steam Trust (2005) special worked by mainline preserved D1015 Western Champion was titled 'Western Lickeys the Banks'. Probably an understatement in the title with only four coaches!

17/05 First/GW have 'hired' in a Class 159 set to strengthen its Summer Saturday operation working 2E17 0723 Warminster - Great Malvern, 1098 1046 Great Malvern - Brighton and 1V96 1659 Brighton - Bristol TM.159006 was the unit used during the day, with 159010 on 24/05 and 159003 on 31/05.

19/05 Rail tour stock off the two days previous 'Welsh Borders' outing (see last months Magazine) was returned as 5Z40 0955 Kingsland Road - Southall Wcr (1528), via Salisbury, double-headed with 57314 + steam 34046 Braunton, being noted passing Keynsham at 1050, the c/stock formation being recorded as; 35451 (steam loco support), 99121, 99122, 99316, 99125, 99127, 3136, 99348, 1860, 4973, 99304.

Later, 70804 latter passed through the area on a retimed 6Z47 from 1515 to 1015 Westbury - Cardiff Canton departmental being reported passing Bath at 1159 (77 late) and East Usk 1256 (61 late). The loco later returned 0Z47 light to Westbury.

21/05 Arriva XC HST allocations for the day were reported as; 43384 XC02 43366 - 1V44 0600 Leeds - Plymouth (1146) / 1S51 1225 Plymouth - Glasgow Central (2228), 43304 XC05 43378 - 1V50 0606 Edinburgh Waverley - Plymouth (1443) / 1E63 1525 Plymouth - Leeds (2106).

22/05 The return 6C98 0445 Lostwithiel - Westbury yard departmental, booked via Bristol with 70805 returned direct via Castle Cary. But later 70806 became the second Class member over the Bristol - Taunton mainline with a 6C99 1922 Westbury - Camborne departmental (0105) being reported

passing Bath at 1952 (1 early), Worle 2100 (4 early) and Bridgwater 2115 (7 early).

23/05 47832 + 47790 top n' tailed a return 1Z22 1654 Bath - Liverpool Lime Street Northern Belle dining special (the inward being reported as 0625 Chester - Bristol TM via Liverpool Lime Street and Crewe) formed with c/stock; Glamis (3174), Alnwick (3273), Car No 1566, Belvoir (3267), Warwick (3182), Harlech (3275), Chatsworth (3247), 325, Mow Cop (17167), Balmoral (10734), Crewe (10729). The ecs was stabled at Bedminster, then going forward as 1513 to Bath via a reverse at Swindon. Some inward train reports were; arriving Bath at 1218 (13 late) departing at 1223 (15 late) and arriving Temple Meads at 1239 (17 late) and the return, having departed Swindon platform 4 ecs at 1622 (1 late), then departing Bath at 1652 (2 early) and passing Keynsham at 1705 and Patchway for the Severn Tunnel at 1744 (16 late). On the freight side; 56113 + 56078 were unusually paired up for the 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace (1308) empty log wagons, being reported passing Severn Tunnel Junction at 0831 (-), Filton Abbey Wood 0903 (2 late), departing Temple Meads at 0915 (3 early), passing Bridgwater at 0956 (1 early) and Taunton 1009. Both locos were to later retire to the Heathfield bay platform at Newton Abbot for the weekend.

24/05 Standing in for a failed 34067 Tangmere, Steam 60009 Union of South Africa worked the Railway Touring Company's 'West Somerset Explorer' 1Z34 0857 Kidderminster (not Bridgnorth as originally planned) - Bishops Lydeard (1308) and 1Z36 1830 return to Kidderminster (2225) with c/stock; 35486 (loco support), 99304, 4973, 4984, 1860, 99348, 3136, 99127, 99125, 99316, 99122. Passing time reports were; Yate 1144 (8 late), Lawrence Hill 1203 (12 late) and Yatton 1227 (12 late), with the return passing Bridgwater at 1911 (1 early) and arriving Temple Meads at 1945 (13 early), for West Coast 47237 to return the trip north. Former S&D 53808 (88) provided the steam hauling interest for the trip over the West Somerset Railway.

The First/GW Summer Saturdays HST 'relief' service 1072 0906 Bristol TM - Weymouth and 1V67 1644 return was in the hands of power cars 43128 + 43181. 43021 + 43041 had been originally allocated, but their intermediate coaches had 'low swing' couplings not permitted over third rail routes.

25/05 Steam 60009 Union of South Africa passed Bath at 1407 (5 late) via Box as 5Z37 1305 St. Phillips Marsh - Southall (Wcr) with support coach, following rail tour duty. On 'hire' from SWTs, 159010 unusually worked the 2E34 0941 Bristol TM - Cheltenham and 2T35 1203 return, First/GW services.

26/05 A Westbury - Cardiff Canton light loco move was formed with 66848 + 66850, the pair being noted on Barton Hill depot at 1105, assumed for a fuel stop. 31465 was an evening arrival in Temple Meads on the up through line with a 3Z12 1754 Derby RTC - Laira TRSMD test working at 2210. The booked departure time west bound was at 2218.

27/05 43003 made a 'solo' 0Z74 1328 Laira - St. Phillips Marsh depot move passing Bridgwater at 1532 and Uphill Junction 1546.

Also, earlier in the day the 6V74 0200 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater passed Temple Meads at 0607 (11 late) with new livery 37423 top n' tailing 37608, later arriving Bridgwater at 0702 (17 late) before departing with the two FNAs at 1142 (140 early) and passing Bristol TM at 1224 (158 early).

Another freight report was the Colas loaded logs (from 23/05) with 56113 only (56078 being reported to have had battery problems and remaining at Newton Abbot) as 6M51 0956 Teigngrace - Chirk Kronospan (2358) being reported passing Yatton at 1500 (30 late) and Narroways Hill junction (Bristol) at 1525 (10 late).

28/05 Unusually, 56113 returned log wagon empties west as 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace (1309) having only delivered a loaded train to Chirk during the previous evening. Today's working was reported passing Severn Tunnel junction at 0834 (2 late), departing Temple Meads at 0914 (4 early) and passing Bridgwater at 0956 (1 early).

29/05 Despite another expected return with 56078 (as far as Exeter at least), the return 6M51 0956 Teigngrace - Chirk Kronospan (2356) loaded logs ran with 56113 solo throughout, the train departing 94 late and passing Taunton at 1306 (22 early), Bridgwater 1339 (1 early), Parsons Street (Bristol) 1418 (26 early) and Pilning 1457 (37 early). A test train was present in Temple Meads formed; 31465 with dept c/stock; 6262, 62287, 9702.

30/05 A returned to mainline use, 50007 Hercules (formerly in a GW150 Brunswick green livery and named Sir Edward Elgar) was booked for a 0Z50 0953 Washwood Heath - Exeter (Riverside) light engine move (due Bristol TM at 1300) to pair up with 56078 and then go forward as 0Z56 1532 to St. Blazey (1728) and collect stored 60096 for repair, however lack of a route conductor and a NR ban on Cornish mainline metals saw the move postponed. The Class 50 had been used on steel traffic in the Midlands during the previous couple of weeks. Earlier, a 6V53 0315 Exeter (Riverside) - Newport ADJ (0728) freight formed of 16 china clay JIAs and a single TTA fuel tank was reported in Tiverton Loop at 0315, passing Yatton at 0552 (16 early) and Pilning 0655 (5 late).

31/05 The Summer Saturday Weymouth HST relief was worked with power cars 43172 + 43179 and coaching stock set OC56. Steam 5029 Nunney Castle returned 5Z54 1950 Cardiff Pengam - Barton Hill (2105) passing Lawrence Hill at 2056 with support coach W35461. The loco had earlier in the day run 5Z49 0620 Barton Hill - Cardiff Pengam, working the 1Z50 0604 Birmingham International onwards to Carmarthen (1158), then running round and being attached to the rear of the diesel hauled 1Z51 1332 to Fishguard Harbour (1430). Another report from this location was; 66602 + 66847 top n' tailing a 1932 Westbury - Gaer Junction departmental at 2110 formed of JNA wagons.

01/06 Some engineering train allocation reports via Day's curve included; 66142 top n' tail 66078 - 6W07 (Sat) 2018 Westbury - Treforest, (66142 - 1635 Sun Radyr - Westbury return), 66078 top n' tail 66091 - 6W08 2330 (Sat) Westbury - Radyr (66091 returning 1600 Sun to Westbury), 66031 - 6W09 1916 (Sun) Westbury - Maindee, 0413 (Mon) Cwmbran - Westbury.

02/06 08822 arrived on the up through in Temple Meads in the early afternoon with HST power car 43156, which later ran 'solo' as a 0Z77 1650 move to Laira depot (1936) passing Uphill Junction at 1716 (7 late) and Taunton 1742 (9 late). It is unusual to see a Class 08 on the mainline these days as two drivers have to be provided for any such working. During the evening, the MPV Windhoff cabling train made an appearance in Bristol, working 6Y61 1613 Swindon - Swindon passing Parsons Street at 1906 (5 early). It was interesting to note, the train had travelled via Kemble (1639 - 3 early), Gloucester, Chepstow 1743 (23 early), a reverse at Severn Tunnel junction, Bristol TM, a reverse at Taunton, Westbury and Chippenham, these being diversionary routes which may be used to access future electrification worksites. Over at St. Phillips Marsh during the afternoon, BR blue livery D3664 (09004) was present following reported wheel profiling during the previous afternoon. The loco was returning on a road move from the Avon Valley Railway to the Swindon & Cricklade Railway at Blunsden, after a 'loan' spell.

03/06 GBRf 66723 passed Bath at 0510 (13 early) with the 6A86 0203 Moreton-on-Lugg - West Drayton (0837) loaded stone service. Later, 66413 +

66619 + 66549 passed the same location at 0813 (20 late) as a 0Y50 0813 Westbury - Stoke Gifford light loco move. Later, 37688 + 20304 were paired on the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flasks being reported departing Temple Meads at 1224 (153 early) and passing Yate at 1333 (133 early).

04/06 57602 worked the First/GW 1A40 2145 Penzance - Paddington sleeper service (with c/stock set PZ89), passing Temple Meads at 0220 (15 early), Bath 0233 (15 early) and Chippenham (0244 15 early). The balancing 'down' working, the 1C99 2345 Paddington - Penzance (PZ88) was of interest, although not routed via Bristol, motive power being 'hired in' NR yellow 57305, in place of the booked Class 57/6. Following a naming ceremony at Exeter St.Davids (paired back to back with 43012 which ran 0Z12 1053 to Laira), 43017 Hannahs passed Bridgwater 'solo' at 1605 on a 0Z74 1430 Laira - St. Phillips Marsh move. First/GW Mark Hopwood was present at the ceremony, the power car taking the name of an all age disability charity group which has one of its main premises in Ivybridge, Devon. A preserved heritage light loco movement was D1015 Western Champion heading to the West Somerset Railway for the mixed traffic gala weekend, as 0Z52 0952 Washwood Heath (Metro Cammell) - Bishops Lydeard (WSR). The Class 52 was reported passing Yate at 1208 (45 early), arriving Temple Meads at 1235 (50 early) and departing at 1242 (49 early) and passing Bridgwater at 1323 (54 early). The expected accompanying Class 66/7 was not present due to driver availability.

06/06 37612 + 37608 departed Parkway loop for Bridgwater at 0509 with the 6V74 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater nuclear flask, later being recorded on the return as 6M63 passing Temple Meads at 1221 (49 early).
07/06 Pathfinder Tour's 'Shrewsbury and Chester Explorer' (1Z23 0710 Eastleigh - Crewe and 1Z24 1629 return) with 67025, was recorded passing Keynsham at 0922 and Patchway at 0943 (3 late) following a Filton Abbey Wood stop, with c/stock; 3097, 3066, 1651, 3123, 3068, 21245, 1832, 4927, 35469, 3386. Newly named 43017 Hannah's + 43135 were on the First/GW 1072 and 1V67 Weymouth seaside 'relief'.

08/06 Another ex BR shunter was present for wheel turning at St.Phillips Marsh, being close to the wheel lathe during the day, this time it was 07010 from the Avon Valley Railway, following the visit of D3668 / 09004 over the previous weekend. The Class 07 was still reported as on site, awaiting collection three days later. Following a Swindon - Carlisle working during the previous day, 57313 and 57316 were present in Kingsland Road sidings with Statesman ecs formed; 6000, Car No 5912, Car No 5991, Car No 3360, Car No 3362, Car No 1211, 3312 Helvellyn, 3231, Ben Cruachan, Kitchen Car No 1659, 3188 Cader Idris, Car No 17080. The train departed as a 5Z68 1055 working to Southall (West Coast) being reported passing North Somerset Junction at 1104 and Swindon 1155. Another charter dining set to visit the area was the Northern Belle, top n' tailed again with the correct dedicated locos 47832 + 47790 as 1Z29 0739 Swansea - Telford Central being reported passing Pilning at 0915 (6 early), Lawrence Hill 0930 (6 early) and Dr.Days junction on the return at 0955 (-), the train then being routed via Parkway and Yate. The c/stock formation was reported as; Glamis, Alnwick, 1566, Belvoir, Warwick, Harlech, Chatsworth, 325, Mow Cop, Balmoral, Crewe and the return working, the 1735 departure from Telford was noted near Ashchurch at 1954 and departing Temple Meads following a reverse at 2111 (3 late). Trip participants, as well as there on board dining also had the choice of a visit to Ironbridge or RAF Cosford.

Returning engineering trains from an occupation near Hullavington, and loco allocations (with a Lawrence Hill passing time for each) were as follows; 66849 - 6C32 1300 Westerleigh junction - Westbury yard (1314),

70808 - 6C33 1400 Westerleigh junction - Westbury yard (1435), 70805 - 6C35 1700 Westerleigh junction - Oxford Hinksey yard (1706), 70804 - 6C37 1805 Westerleigh junction - Oxford Hinksey yard (1956), 70810 - 6C36 1830 Westerleigh junction - Oxford Hinksey yard (1930).

A further working, 70809 - 6C38 was booked to operate as 0430 Westerleigh junction - Oxford Hinksey yard (0626) during the following day.

Freight traffic, along with First/GW HSTs were being diverted through Filton, Dr. Days curve and Box during the day, 66011 with a 6B35 1237 Moreton-on-Lugg - Acton stone in PGA wagons being reported departing Patchway at 2102 following a crew change.

09/06 37607 + 37610 top n' tailed a 1Z03 0524 Didcot - Plymouth (1300) 'geometry test train' (formed with dept c/stock; 9523, 977974, 72639) being reported passing Trowbridge at 0728 (2 early), Bath 0752 (1 early), departing Weston-super-Mare at 0913 (-) and passing Bridgwater at 1015 (2 early) having visited the Highbridge loop en route. The train was due to make the following West Country location visits over the following days; Fowey and Newquay (10/06), Falmouth, St. Ives and Falmouth (11/06) and Bere Alston and Heathfield (12/06).

10/06 37608 + 37612 were paired on the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe nuclear flasks, formed of 2 FNAs, which departed at 1204 and passed Worle at 1223 and Yate 1320. New first to second class coach conversions, 42520, 42564 and 42570 had all been reported in traffic by this date.

13/06 Pathfinder Tours 'Purbeck Explorer' (1Z37 0547 Stafford - Swanage and 1Z38 1550 return) was worked by 37423 (in new DRS livery) + 37402 with 37604 in a top n' tail formation and reported passing Yate 0839 (-), Lawrence Hill 0902 (2 early) and Bath 0917 (1 early). The return 1Z38 departed 2 late and passed Trowbridge at 1936, Bath 2006 (3 late) and Yate 2055 (4 late). Further DRS Class 37 activity during the day saw; 37607 + 37610 top n' tail a return 1Z03 0920 Plymouth - Barton Hill test train (via Looe), which later went forward as a 1Z04 1213 Barton Hill - Hither Green Down Reception (1628) working passing Lawrence Hill at 1216 (3 late), Westerleigh Junction 1229 (23 late) and Swindon 1301 (17 early) and later 37218 (the second class member in the new Class 68 style DRS livery) + 20304 paired on the 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe single FNA nuclear flask, which departed at 1205 and passed Lawrence Hill at 1308 and Yate 1320. Other report for the day included Exeter out based 143617 standing on the up through line in Temple Meads at 0900 carrying St. Ives in its destination blind, but heading for St. Phillips Marsh depot, and 66850 passing Lawrence Hill at 1221 on a 1018 Taunton Fairwater - Cardiff Canton light loco move, having worked a 6Z27 1403 West Ealing - Taunton departmental during the previous day.

14/06 The First/GW 1072 0905 Bristol TM - Weymouth and 1V67 1644 return HST 'relief' was formed with power cars 43071 + 43130 (with intermediate HST stock LA16). This service is now called the 'Weymouth Wizard' reviving a name once used on a Swindon - Weymouth loco-hauled midweek summer extra which ran on Tuesdays and Thursdays during July and August from 1981 - 1985. A painted headboard was often carried by the loco working these trains. Although a headboard is not carried in 2014, a catering service is provided along with the unusual sight of a HST set over this normally Sprinter DMU worked route.

Vintage Trains 'Whistling Ghost 2' (1Z34 0805 Tyseley (Warwick Road) - Bishops Lydeard (1245) was worked throughout by steam 5043 Earl of Mount Edgcumbe being reported as departing Birmingham Moor Street at 0822 (-), passing Cheltenham at 1005 (-), Charfield 1031 (-), Filton Abbey Wood 1047 (5 early), Uphill Junction 1155 (9 late), following a signal check and Bridgwater 1206 (8 late). Ex. Somerset & Dorset 53808 (88) took over from

the Castle on the West Somerset Railway and for the 1Z35 1710 return, which 5043 again took charge of at Bishops Lydeard departing at 1830 (-) and then passing Bridgwater at 1908 (4 early), departing Temple Meads at 2003 (-), passing Yate at 2030 (5 late) and arriving Tyseley Steam Trust at 2329 (4 late).

15/06 The 1C36 2330 (Sat) Paddington - Cardiff Central First/GW HST service (formed 43122 OC56 43004) was diverted and terminated at Temple Meads following a lightning strike affecting signalling in the Thames Valley area. The train had been reported as passing Wootton Bassett Junction at 0229 (94 late).

16/06 The mainline preserved Class 52 No. D1015 Western Champion returned from its spell of operation on the WSR including gala weekend use. The loco departed 0Z52 solo for Washwood Heath (1422) without the Class 42 Warship Greyhound as expected, leaving Bishops' Lydeard (GBRf) at 0953 (9 late) and passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1112 (-) and Yate 1126 (6 late).

17/06 31233 led the 3Q01 1754 (Mon) Derby RTC - Exeter (Riverside) test train through the area being reported passing through the town station at Weston-super-Mare, on the loop at 0106 and not long after, Uphill Junction at 0109 (6 early).

Another early hours report was NR yellow 57305 (still on hire to First/GW) working the 1A40 2145 Penzance - Paddington (0519) sleeper service (with c/stock set PZ88 - 17173, 12100, 10219, 10590, 10594, 10589, 10616) being recorded passing Yatton at 0209 (11 early), Bristol TM 0222 (13 early), Parkway 0238 (12 early) and departing Swindon at 0318 (-). The balancing 1C99 from Paddington - Penzance with 57605 was confirmed as routed via Westbury. Both sleeper trains were reported as diverted by Honiton, Yeovil, Castle Cary and Westbury during the previous overnight period.

Bristol West Railport

The following locos were reported here on container duty during the review period;

66414/502/503/532/540/541/568/571/593/594. 70805.

Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line

09/06 Track work was taking place in the Royal Edward dock area during the morning, a single line section from the old lpg loop into Bennett's yard being doubled. A boundary wall and fence had been removed during the previous week to accommodate the work. The Clitheroe cement service was reported cancelled during the week, whilst the work was underway, although a Westbury stone working was noted loading late morning. A new stone flow from the Mendips could be commencing during 2015 with material for use in the construction of the new Hinkley Point C power station, being moved to this location by sea.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included; 66013/15/035/046/056/120/125. 66413/510/513/525. 66848.

Locos recorded on stone duty during the review period have included; 59101/204. 66091/144

Locos recorded on cement duty during the review period have included; 66169.

Portbury Branchline

26/05 Bank Holiday Monday. The 4V94 1036 Ironbridge G PS - Portbury (1659) biomass empties resumed with 66726 and 21 IIA wagons, being subject

to an unspecified delay in the Wolverhampton area passing Walsall at 1404 (140 late), however time was regained, Charfield being passed at 1609 (34 late) and Parkway at 1625 (21 late). The working was noted on the Portbury branch near Ashton Gate at 1651 around 20 late.

Test bore hole drilling at 24 locations along the disused Portishead section of the branch from Portbury Dock junction was scheduled to take place during April and May so underlying ground condition and soil contamination could be monitored, ready in the long term for the reopening of this section for passenger trains now expected during 2019.

28/05 The evening 6M95 2146 Ironbridge loaded biomass was cancelled, assumed due to loading issues.

29/05 The 6M95 had a rare daytime departure time slot at 1220, however the eventual leaving time with 66726 was recorded at 1325, being later reported passing Bedminster at 1400 (60 late). The booked route via Gloucester was not taken and the train ran via Severn Tunnel junction 1440 (55 early), this again being unusual due to the train loco having to perform an additional run round at Bescot, and retrace its route, to gain the Ironbridge branch crossover and trailing point over the up line.

16/06 A series of departures to Aberthaw PS were booked to operate 'as required', the full departure list being; 0300 (6B78), 0455 (6B86), 1300 (6B86), 1500 (6B69), with return empties from Aberthaw PS at 0830 (4C70), 2127 (4C77), 0153 (4C53).

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included; 66037/044/125. 66413/508/514/524/555/951. 66849.

Locos recorded on car duty during the review period have included; 66085/112.

Locos recorded on biomass duty during the review period have included; 66726.

Bristol area workings during April

4L31 0901 Bristol West Railport - Felixstowe containers (FL)

04/04 66505. 08/04 66517. 10/04 66414. 14/04 66534.

23/04 66502. 28/04 66504. 29/04 66502. 30/04 66414.

4L32 1100 Bristol West Railport - Tilbury (4024* Grain) containers (FL)

01/04 66537. 03/04 66505. 08/04 66589. 09/04* 66589.

10/04 66418. 14/04 66558. 16/04 66418. 28/04 66414 + 66558.

29/04 66558. 30/04 66420.

4051 (4V51) Southampton - Wentloog and return containers (FL)

04/04 66570. 09/04 66420. 14/04 70009. 16/04 70017.

25/04 66414 + 66571. 26/04 66540 + 66571.

4057 (MO) Wentloog - Southampton containers (FL)

22/04 66501 top n' tail 66540.

4V94 / 6M95 Ironbridge - Portbury and return loaded biomass (GBRf)

01-04/04 66711.

6B33 Theale - Robeston (Margam SO) fuel tank empties (DB)

01/04 60059. 03/04 60017. 08/04 60059. 10-12/04 60059.

17/04 60059. 19/04* 60039. 22/04 60020. 24/04 60063.

25/04 60063. 26/04 60059. 29/04 60020.

Note*; Train on this date was diverted via Bath.

4(6)B35 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg empty stone (DB)

04/04 66160. 09/04 66160. 16/04 66160.

6A63 Avonmouth Bennetts - West Drayton / 6C63* Westbury loaded stone (DB)

04/04 59103. 07/04 66087. 09/04 66130. 11/04 66207.

14/04 66207. 23/04 66001. 26/04* 59004.

6M02 2045 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (4C09 1758 Stoke Gifford - Portbury empties) (FLHH)

06/04 66513. 29/04 66518.

6M04 1050 Portbury / Avonmouth BBHt* - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)

01/04 66622. 04/04 66507. 07/04 66548. 10/04 66548.

11/04 66513. 15/04 66560. 16/04 66509. 23/04* 66515.

6M14 1628 Avonmouth BBHt - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)

07/04 66539. 11/04 66560. 16/04 66547. 28/04 66563.

29/04 66597.

6M87 1900 Portbury / Avonmouth* - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (Colas)

01-04/04 66848. 09/04* 66848. 14/04* 66848. 16/04* 66848.

17/04* 66848. 25/04* 66848. 28/04* 66848. 29/04* 66848.

Note; Train on 25/04 ran from Gloucester New Yard, having been loaded presumably during the previous day.

6M39 1305 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)

07/04 66065. 08/04 66065. 16/04 66093. 24/04 66016.

6M61 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)

24/04 66597.

6M63 (6V74) Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flasks (DRS)

16/04 37259 + 37425. 23/04 20302 + 37425. 25/04 20304 + 57012.

29/04 20304 + 37606.

6M64 Portbury - Fiddlers Ferry PS loaded coal (FLHH)

11/04 70011. 12/04 66557. 28/04 66524. 29/04 66564.

6M69 1500 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)

07/04 66136. 09/04 66136. 10/04 66136. 15/04 66188.

16/04 66188. 23/04 66136. 28/04 66129.

6O32 Margam / Llanwern - Dollands Moor steel (DB)

01/04 66039. 08/04 66102. 09/04 66088. 22/04 66009.

28/04 66151.

6V13 Dollands Moor - Llanwern / Margam steel (DB)

02/04 66086. 14/06 66133. 19/04* 66031.

Note*; Train on this date was diverted via Bath.

6V47 Tilbury - Trostre loaded steel (MThO) (DB)

03/04 66139. 24/04 66076. 28/04 66135.

6V51 (6M51) Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace empties and return loaded log wagons (Colas)

09/04 56113 (10/04). 23/04 56302 (24/04) * due to loco problems, as

far as Exeter (Riverside) only where 56113 took over to complete the journey which had run light from Cardiff.

6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury empty car carriers (TThO) (DB)
10/04 66046. 24/04 66112. 29/04 66075.

6V62 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings steel (Colas)
09/04 56302. 12/04 56302. 16/04 56302. 19/04 56302.
23/04 56113.

6X52 Portbury - Mossend loaded automotive (TThO) (DB)
01/04 66020 + 66117. 15/04 66100.

6Z34 Bescot (downside) - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (6Z94 return empties to Clitheroe) (DB)

02/04 66074 (03/04). 04/04 66017 (05/04). 07/04 66074 (08/04).
09/04 66101 (10/04). 14/04 66066 (15/04). 18/04 66061 (19/04).
25/04 66120 (26/04). 28/04 66075 (29/04).

Gloucester area workings

01/05 6z94 Avonmouth - Clitheroe 66127; 4v83 Toton - Portbury 66155; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66129; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66564; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60059; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60015; 6z78 Bardon Quarry - Cardiff Tidal 66605 Cam/Dursley 1730

02/05 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth Gloucester 0445 66008; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60015; 3z07 Derby Rtc - Exeter Riverside Yd 31285; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66193; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66303 Gloucester 1139; 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66149 Gloucester 1252

03/05 6m74 Cardiff Tidal - Lincoln Terrace 66150 Gloucester 0117; 6d98 Cardiff Tidal - Handsworth 66027 Gloucester 0414

04/05 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66421 Gloucester 1132; 6y07 0900 Standish Jn - Fairwater 66547/953; 6z52 Bescot - Margam 66126 Gloucester 1443; 6v66 Redcar - Margam 66149 Gloucester 2239

05/05 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305 Gcr 1052; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66115 Gcr 1206; 0z12 Peterborough - Cardiff Docks 66741 Gcr 1248; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60001; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth 66093 Standish Jn 1741

06/05 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66303; 6m98 Cardiff Tidal - Saltley Emr 66160; 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66115; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66564; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60001; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66560

07/05 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66560; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66433 Gcr 1100; 6v97 Beeston - Newport Dock 66024 Gcr 1920

12/05 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305 Gcr 1059; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60063 Gcr 1112; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 60040 Gcr 1954; 6e12 Cardiff Dock - Lindsey 66741 Gcr 2138; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60062; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66514; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth 66165; 4v61 Rugeley - Portbury 66554; 4v13 Gloucester New Yard - Avonmouth 66848

13/05 6v74 Crewe - Bridgwater 57004/20302

14/05 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66301 Gcr 1055; 6v97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal 66131 Gcr 1823; 6v66 Redcar - Margam 66008

15/05 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66553; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60063 Gcr 1114; 6m81 Margam - Round Oak 60040 Gcr 0832; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66043 Gcr 1138; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60062; 6z40 Crewe - Keyham Dockyard 37423

16/05 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 20302/37667; 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 66065

17/05 1z71 Swindon - Carlisle 47853/805; 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66043; 6v29 Lincoln Terrace - Cardiff Tidal 66043 Gcr 2141; 6y07 Fairwater Yard - Cheltenham 66514/524

18/05 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66424 Gcr 1353; 6v66 Redcar - Margam 66174; 6z44 1515 Southampton Eastern Dks - Halewood 66149 Standish Jn 1941 51 late; 6z38 0938 Halewood - Southampton Eastern Dks 66095; 2g54 1440 Newport - Cheltenham Spa Atw 175007; 2g57 1618 Cheltenham Spa - Cardiff Central Atw 175007; 2g58 1823 Cardiff Central - Cheltenham Spa Atw 175007; 2g61 2018 Cheltenham Spa - Cardiff Central Atw 175007

19/05 4v09 Basford Hall - Stoke Gifford 66555; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66554; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 37682/688 92721; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66103 Haresfield Loop 1743-1810; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66430 Gcr 1155; 6e77 Margam - Scunthorpe 66112 Gcr 1303; 4e66 Margam - Tees Yard 66087 Gcr 1126; 6e12 Cardiff Dock - Lindsey 66705 Gcr 1155; 6v97 Beeston - Newport Docks 66086 Gcr 1810; 6v83 Peterborough - Cardiff Tidal 66740 Gcr 1650; 6v55 Bedworth - Margam 66145 Gcr 2000; 4v61 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66951

20/05 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60063 Gcr 1104; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60065; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66619; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66848

21/05 6v78 Scunthorpe - Margam 66023 Gcr 1049; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66421 Gcr 1053; 6e77 Margam - Scunthorpe 66086 Gcr 1129; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60015 Gcr 1111; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 37259/409 Fna-550038; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66848; 6y27 Westbury Yard - Stoke Works Jn 66597; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66193

22/05 6v78 Scunthorpe - Margam 66086 Gcr 1001; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66424 Gcr 1134; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60040 Gcr 1113; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66084 Gcr 1401; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60039; 6v30 Gloucester New Yard - Baglan Bay 66848 Standish Jn 1641b Pilning 1727

23/05 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66432 Gcr 1110; 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66084 Gcr 1255; 0z66 Ironbridge Power Station - Gloucester arr 1757 66708; 6v97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal 66035 Gcr 1745; 5z64 Southall Loco Services Ltd - Gloucester 57313-57314; 6v55 Bedworth - Margam 60020; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60040 Gcr 1143; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66152

24/05 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60063 Gcr 1103; 4v46 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66555

25/05 6y08 Ashchurch - Westbury Yard 66619 Standish Jn 0856 47 early; 6y07 Stoke Works Jn - Fairwater Yard 66597/514 Standish Jn 1034 03 late; 5z44 Cheltenham Alstone UGL - Southall Loco Services Ltd 57313-57314 Standish Jn 1237 11 early; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66433 Gcr 1130; 6v66 Redcar - Margam 66100 Gcr 2319; 2e34 Bristol Tm - Cheltenham Spa 2t35 1203 Cheltenham Spa - Bristol Tm 159010

26/05 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66424 Gcr 1052; 6v97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal 66135 Gcr 1709; 6e12 Cardiff Dock - Lindsey 66708 Gcr 2143; 6j86 Severn Tunnel Jcn Sdgs - Rugby Ded Dr73931 Gcr 0956; 4v09 Basford Hall - Stoke Gifford 66413; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60039; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury biomass empties 66726; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth 66013; 3z12 Derby Rtc - Laira 31465 6262-62287-9702

27/05 6v04 Kingsbury - Cardiff Tidal 66138 Gcr 1600; 6v69 Bescot - Newport Ad Jn 66007 Gcr 2000; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60100; 4v59 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66413; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66545; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60040 Gcr 1115; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66513; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury biomass empties 66726; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 37608/37423

28/05 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 60063 Gcr 0438; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog

66433 Gcr 1155; 6e12 Cardiff Dock - Lindsey 66708 Gcr 2127; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 37194/688; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66513; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66044; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66848; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66206

29/05 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305 Gcr 1102; 6v52 Wolverhampton Steel Term - Newport Docks 66139 Gcr 2000; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66044; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66524; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60040 Gcr 1112; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60100; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66547 Standish Jn 1643

30/05 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66424 Gcr 1202; 6v81 Rotherham - Cardiff Tidal 66100 Gcr 2228; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66127

31/05 6m74 Cardiff Tidal - Lincoln Terrace 66063 Gcr 0027; 6d98 Cardiff Tidal - Handsworth 66097 Gcr 0358

01/06 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66303 Gcr 1133

02/06 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66067 Gcr 1138; 6v83 Peterborough - Moreton-On-Lugg 66723 Gcr 1706; 6v97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal 66063 Gcr 1718; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 37602/603; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth 66127

03/06 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 37688/20304; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60019 Gcr 1100; 6v69 Bescot - Newport Ad Jn 66155 Gcr 1932; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66303 Gcr 1048

04/06 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66523; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305 Gcr 1048; 3q02 Derby Rtc - Shrewsbury 97304 Gcr 2353

05/06 6z94 Avonmouth Hansons - Clitheroe 66013; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66564; 0z70 Worcester Yard - Hinksey Yard 70810; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66426 Gcr 1048

06/06 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 66142 Gcr 0345; 6j48 Lydney Loop - Westbury Dr75407 Gcr 1027; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66421 Gcr 1059; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60019 Gcr 1113; 6z93 Fairwater - York Thrail 66557/597; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66524

08/06 1z29 Swansea - Telford Central 47832/47790 Standish Jn 1025; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66430 Gcr 1125; 6v83 Peterborough - Moreton-On-Lugg 66714 Gcr 1911; 0z66 Bescot - Margam Lip Gcr 1944 66039/207; 6e77 Llanwern - Scunthorpe 66075 Gcr 1859

09/06 6e80 Cardiff Tidal - Attercliffe Sdgs 66065 Gcr 0052; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66144 Gcr 1208; 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool 66152 Gcr 2014; 6z12 Cardiff Docks - Lindsey 66702 Gcr 2122; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 37688/20302; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60019 Gcr 1112

10/06 6w98 Bescot - Gloucester Over Jn 66041/66156 Gcr 2300; 6c00 Westbury - Kemble 70810

11/06 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66426 Gcr 1049; 6v67 Redcar - Margam 66117 Gcr 2159; 6z35 Bescot - Avonmouth 66119

12/06 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66303 Gcr 1101; 4e66 Margam - Redcar 66047 Gcr 1159; 6v05 Round Oak - Margam 60040 Gcr 1248; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66519

19/06 6y07 Abbotswood Jn - Fairwater Yard 66598/66560; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60059; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 57004/57002; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66302 Gcr 1203; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60019 Gcr 1142; 6e77 Margam - Scunthorpe 66001 Gcr 1201

Westbury

21/05 70805 departed Taunton at 1035 with a 6C29 Westbury - Newton Abbot Hackney Yard departmental. The loco, having returned light, later headed a second West Country bound working as 6C99 2059 Westbury - Camborne (0045) cwr train being recorded passing Taunton at 2028 and Exeter St.Davids at 2109.

23/05 At 1900, the following were present in the station and yards area; 66093, 70805, 70806, 70807, 70808.

03/06 With 70808 + 70802 having earlier departed as a 0Z30 light loco move to Eastleigh, no class members were present with; 56078, 66118, 66150, 66186, 66846, 59102, 59203 at 1730. 70809, having earlier worked a two wagon 6C28 0830 Westbury - Newton Abbot (Hackney Yard) departmental, passing Castle Cary at 0854 93 early) then collecting a failed 56078 from the station area for the return to Westbury

05/06 70809 worked the morning 6M50 departmental to Bescot. Later, 70810 appeared in the area for the first time as 0Z70 1720 Bescot - Westbury (2159) light-engine, being recorded passing Swindon at 1920 light-engine from Bescot. The loco had visited the Long Marston branch prior to the move south.

06/06 At 2130 Colas locos 66848, 70804, 70805, 70808 were in the station and yard area.

07/06 70808 + 70804 + 70805 passed Melksham at 1940 on a 0Z72 1843 Westbury - Oxford Hinksey yard light loco move.

09/06 70808 worked a 6Z31 Westbury - Eastleigh East yard departmental being reported passing Dean at 2056.

10/06 66719 in a special London Underground map livery worked the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast working the same train again during the following day.

12/06 70810 worked the early evening 6Z30 Westbury - Eastleigh East Yard departmental formed of MRA side tipplers.

14/06 At 1400, the following locos were in the area; 66848, 70804, 70805, 70808, 70809, 70810.

Newport

27/05 67002 with DVT 82308 were in use on the 1W96 Cardiff Central - Holyhead Arriva Trains 'Wag' express.

31/05 Some Society AGM day passing reports included; 66414 - 4059 Wentloog - Southampton containers (1153), 70804 - 6C24 Westbury - Gaer junction departmental (1215), 66125 - 4C83 (carried as a paper reporting number in the cab window!) Aberthaw - Avonmouth coal empties (1220), 66131 down light-engine (1411), 70809 - 6C24 Westbury - Gaer junction departmental (1412-1415), 60020 - 6H27 Margam - Llanwern steel (1425). Later, 47245 arrived in platform 3 at 2030 with the return Railway Touring Company's 'Southern Irishman' 1Z52 1555 Fishguard Harbour - Birmingham International (2237) rail tour which steam 5029 Nunney Castle had worked as far as Cardiff Pengam (with the Class 47 on the rear the train). The steam loco later passed East Usk at 2010 for Bristol with support coach (also see Bristol TM, Barton Hill and Kingsland Road notes & news).

Track rationalization took place in East Usk yard during the review period with the lifting of the five sidings at the east end of the yard. The remains of the old signal box and relay room along with buildings, last used for associated wagon repair work, between these sidings have also been demolished as part of the work.

PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

Mainline Preservation

26/04 The Pathfinder Tour's 'Western Mule' with mainline preserved D1015 Western Champion from Crewe - Exeter, via Bescot, Oxford, Reading, Salisbury, Yeovil and Honiton, returning via Taunton and Castle Cary was

cancelled due to low bookings.

07/06 Class 40, 345 (40145) returned to the mainline with the Class 40 Groups 'East Lancs Stalwart' 1Z40 0639 Castleton Hopwood GF - Oxford (1326) being reported passing Stonehouse 1205 (1 late), departing Kemble 1225 (-) and passing Swindon at 1245 (1 late). The 1Z41 1650 return to Castleton Hopwood GF (2222) was via Moreton-in-Marsh, Worcester, Droitwich and Kings Norton into Birmingham, 57315 being attached to the rear of the train for heating purposes. The trains c/stock formation was reported as; 99722, 99328, 99317, 99327, 99311, 3352, 3313, 9496.

Steam Tours 2014

Torbay Express - The trains operating on both 13th July and 14th September are both confirmed as diverted via Bath, Westbury and Castle Cary to and from Taunton,

The Railway Touring Company's 'Royal Duchy' series from Bristol TM - Par and return will now use the triangle at Laira depot and run tender first from Plymouth - Par. The turntable at St. Blazey is now confirmed as out of use (as reported in the June 2014 Magazine).

Bristol Harbour Railway

R.W. Giles

26/05 The new shed at Cumberland sidings was noted in use, next to the 'A' bond warehouse. A restricted view through a crack under the door confirmed the RH 418792/59 and Coles crane 'Pretty Flamingo' (14080) were present. A view, again through the door of the old Smeaton Road (the 'old' Canons Marsh junction) shed could only view two wagons as inside. It was assumed the derelict Fox Walker (242/1874) remains had been moved to the Cumberland Road shed but were not visible inside.

MoD Ashchurch

C. Weeks

07/06 Industrial shunters 01523 and 01542 were viewed. The inside of a rail served shed on site was also partly viewed under a closed door, but another resident here the Robel 2w-2DMR loco of 1983 remained unconfirmed.

Paignton & Dartmouth Railway

08/06 SWTs 158885 visited the branch to Kingswear for clearance checks during the day, prior to a forthcoming UK rail tour which is to cover the line, from Waterloo using the Class. The return working off the line was 5Z12 1200 Paignton X over ground frame - Exeter. The inward 5Z11 from Exeter St. Davids had arrived at Kingswear at 1059.

South Devon Railway - 1960s Gala & Real Ale Festival

R.W. Giles

A visit on Sunday 25/05, the third of this four day event, which included a journey over the line recorded the following; In Use; ex BR steam; 3205, 46521. ex BR diesel 6975. D7612. Dmu; 55000. Two coaching stock formations in use were; 4962, 15644, 4496, W1645W and 7377, 1295, 536, 4802, 4805 with a demo freight. Buckfastleigh - ex BR steam; 1420, 2873 (stored wheels cab and tender only) assumed, 4920. ex BR diesel; (D402/50002), D3721, 6737, 25191 (with a cab missing), 33002, industrial steam; Lady Angela (P 1690/26), 1 Ashley (P2031/42), Glendower (3810/54). industrial diesel; 2745 (YE 2745/60) under repair. (RH 418793/57) stored out of use. narrow gauge industrial steam; Lee Moor No 2 (P 784/1899) broad gauge; 151 Tiny (Sara 1868). Staverton - ex BR diesel; 2246. trollies; (PWM 3773) Wkm 6692/53 (assumed), (S) B 3321 Wkm 6646/53, The Addict Bernard Wickham Wkm 11717/76. Littlehempston (Totnes) - industrial steam; 47 Carnarvon (K 5474/34) awaiting restoration. industrial diesel; MFP No. 4 (JF

4210141/58). Some c/stock observations (not a complete list); Buckfastleigh - W238W, W1917 (Mk I restaurant) in ex works condition, ex GW 9004 was outside the coach repaint shop (former goods shed), with an unidentified occupant inside. W1316 (Siphon G), 43147 and 99538 were all stored in the yard beyond the boiler works. (S2106) SR van body grounded next to approach road. Staverton - (W276W), W6515W, milk tanks; 2016, 3037. Littlehempston - W225W, W594 (monster GUV). Departmental stock; Staverton - track machines; 73274, DR98210A + B. r/r excavator; P39JNB (940599-2). Littlehempston - hand crane W610 of 1893.

Note; The boiler repair and maintenance workshop at Buckfastleigh was locked at the time of visit, although various loco parts were present in the yard at the rear including a set of Bullied wheels.

Yeovil Junction Steam Centre

31/05 - 01/06 A gala weekend was held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the opening of the site for preservation. Industrial steam loco 1398 Lord Fisher (AB 1398/15) was running passenger trips over the Clifton Maybank line, 50050 (D400) was open for cab visits and DCR 56303 was present for display and ran passenger trips using red Mk 1, 21268 on 31/05 during the afternoon. There were a number of other attractions and activities over the weekend. Visiting mainline trains were; 159004 + 159020 on UK Railtours 'Somerset & Dorset' 1Z61 0832 Waterloo - Yeovil Junction down platform (1048) and 1Z62 1713 return to Waterloo (1929), on the former date and steam 44932 (in place of 34046 Braunton) on the latter date with a Steam Dreams 'Cathedrals Express' 1Z89 0934 Victoria - Yeovil Junction (1530) via Woking and Southampton and 1Z90 1642 return with 33207 being the trains assisting diesel loco attached to the rear.

Forthcoming Diesel Galas

Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway
D7017 is expected to be a visitor to the line from the West Somerset Railway during July.

Mid Hants Railway
For the lines September 2014 diesel gala event (05 -07th), the following are expected to be in use; 345 (40145), 12082 (running as 12049), 08032, 08377, 24081, 31279, 37099, 37901, 37905, 50027. Demu set; 1125. A 'surprise' mainline visitor, believed to be a Colas Class 60 is also set to appear on one of the running days.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pye Corner engineering Work

31/05 - 01/06 In conjunction with the building of the new station at Pye Corner on the Ebbw Vale line, seven engineering trains brought nine locos onto the branch over the weekend. The new platform is being built on the east side of the line with the entrance to the station from Western Valley Road which is near the site of the old Bassaleg station. The platform is adjacent to the old down line formation with the existing single track on the up formation. The work over this weekend saw a new track laid on the down formation in preparation for the swinging over the current passenger services onto the new line the following weekend. The new track section was planned to be joined to the main single line on 8th June, and the existing single line lifted. The new alignment was to be

brought into use on Monday 9th June, the work allowing a second platform to be added at Pye Corner in the future.

The trains involved were as follows and which arrived throughout the day on Saturday, with the discharged/loaded trains moving further up the branch as far as Risca station, at the end of the work six of the trains were nose to tail between Rogerstone and Risca stations with the seventh at the Pye Corner site.

70808 6C21 from Hinksey; 70805 6C22 from Hinksey; 70802 6C23 from Westbury; 70804 6C24 from Westbury; 70809 6C25 from Westbury; 66602/847 6C26 from Westbury; 66848/846 6C27 from Westbury.

The return workings were Sunday night/Monday morning as follows:

66846/848 6C27 to Hinksey; 66847 6C26 to Hinksey; 66602 6C25 to Westbury; 70809 6C24 to Westbury; 70804 6C23 to Hinksey; 70802 6C22 to Hinksey; 70805/808 6C21 to Hinksey.

Bristol Area News

28/05 Engineering firm Sisk commenced construction of a new £11 million access bridge off Cattle Market road into the former Bath Road diesel depot site (demolished in 2003). The structure, which is to be tree lined on its sides has already been nick named Bristol's 'Wembley Way'! A revised concert hall plan has now been approved and work on the project is expected to be completed by 2016.

Taunton

A £4.6 million grant is expected to be used to improve station facilities here, including the entrance area and subway as well as increased parking space for cars and road bus connections as well as increased taxi ranks. Transport Minister Patrick McLoughlin visited the station on 12/06 to inspect the current situation.

Electrification Is Coming - 3!

Bridge work is underway in a number of areas and has caused problems for road users in some of the small villages that they serve, as often rebuilding work and long closure periods are underway. For example at Dauntsey Lock, Wiltshire (between Chippenham and Hullavington), a 22 week works programme is progressing with a 20 mile road diversion in place connecting both parts of the village. Around 200 bridges will have to be 'modernized' during the works period. An interesting development at Royal Wootton Bassett will see the A420 main road from Swindon - Bristol via Chippenham closed for a substantial period of time as it crosses both the South Wales and Bristol routes within a short distance over two separate brick arched bridges.

Sleeper Change in Scotland

Transport Scotland has selected the Serco Group, the international service company to run the Caledonian Sleeper service for the next 15 years, from April 2015. The new operator will be responsible for the marketing, sales, stock maintenance, passenger service and station facilities related to the workings and will operate outside the Scot Rail franchise. Over £100 million will be spend on new rolling stock to improve the service which runs between London and Fort William also calling at a number of other Scottish cities and towns en route. New coaching stock is expected to be fully introduced by the summer of 2018, the total revenue for Serco in the 15 year period is estimated at up to £800 million, of which £180 million will form a franchise payment.

New Locos - Class 70

16/05 70809 and 70808 arrived at Seaforth at 2248 on the ACL Container ro-ro ship MV Atlantic Compass.

They were both off loaded on their separate trailers during the following day, their respective works numbers being recorded as 61865 (March 2014) and 61866 (April 2014)

21/05 70808 moved from Seaforth Dock Container Terminal - Crewe light-engine.

26/05 Following engineering work in South Wales during the previous day, 70805 + 70806 + 70807 worked the 6V30 Westbury Down yard - Eastleigh East yard departmental.

Also during the day, 70810, the last in the current order, arrived on the ACL ro-ro container ship MV Atlantic Concert in Seaforth Dock Container Terminal, Liverpool at 0930.

Off loading on the road trailer had taken place by 1000, the works number being confirmed as 61867, with a builder's date of April 2014.

The next new batch will be subject to further EU engine emission controls.

03/06 70810 having worked 0Z70 1054 light from Seaforth, was reported to have visited Long Marston (due 1752) on a 6Z30 1438 working from Bescot, formed of 20 MRA loaded side tipplers, before returning 0Z10 1900 light to Worcester.

70804 collected the empties from this working on 16/06.

Road Movements

20/05 A cab part from HST power car 43182 was seen heading on the A30 eastbound towards Honiton at 1425, destination unknown.

18/06 08795, eastbound M4, near Magor (Junction 23) at 1225.

TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS

23/06 Taunton Fairwater Yard - DR73111 + DR77903.

25/05 Swindon - DR75406 passed at 1322 working 6J83 from Hereford - Reading.

26/05 Yate - Quattro Rail r/r 437 (940385-6).

Coalpit Heath - Total Rail Services r/r TRS759 (911286-1), TRS937 (975115-5), trailers; (011254-8) 'on hire' from Rexquote, TRS302 (011254-8)

27/05 TXM Portishead Depot, Harbour Road - EVO Basket 7030 (942133) parked outside the site gate.

31/05 Bristol Stapledon Road - r/r excavator TRS753 trailers TRS312, TRS317.

Severn Tunnel junction - 73935, 77327.

Rogerstone (Ebbw Vale branch line) - TXM r/r (911130), (911213), (911057), (914047), (940699).

02/06 Bristol Kingsland Road - DR80206, later departing as 6U26 to West Ealing passing North Somerset junction at 1140.

08/06 Bristol Kingsland Road - DR80211.

Plymouth Tavistock yard - DR79251 - DR79257, later working 6Z03 2005 to Bristol East freight terminal, being reported passing Exeter St.Davids at 2103.

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 489

LONDON FLYER

17th May 2014

This trip report varies from the traditional format. Where things are stated at locations they are stabled or stored there. All other sightings are grouped into the basic routes or services. Not everything listed was seen by all. The London element of the trip started and ended at Slough station. Some names carried by Mainline Loco's and Multiple Units omitted. All items Standard Gauge unless specified. All locations are view only, often from passing trains.

* = Assumed.

Lawrence Hill.

66119* on 6C63 Westbury to Avonmouth Bennets Siding at 0629hrs with wagons 17909 19831 19864 19911 19824 19828 19848 19809 19816 19817 19867 19823 19912 17906. Thanks to Crompton 33010 for info.

Bristol Temple Meads.

Morning:

66534 OOCL Express on 4V36 Felixstow to Bristol FLT at 0620hrs.

DMU: 150125, 153325/377, 158960.

Road/Rail: Readypower: FR611 940134-8 - Case 988P Megarailer CGG0231361, FR618 940133-0 - Case 988P Megarailer CGG0232243.

Trailers: 010675-5*, 010678-9*.

Evening:

66119 on 6W97 Westbury to Cowley Bridge at 22.37hrs with wagons 93717 93746 93748 93749 93742 93745 93747 93743 93603 93602 93741 93346 979510.

DMU: 150125/248. DEMU: 221125.

OTM: 80215 working from Kingsland Rd to Filton.

Road/Rail: Readypower: FR611 940134-8 - Case 988P Megarailer CGG0231361, FR618 940133-0 - Case 988P Megarailer CGG0232243.

Trailers: 010675-5*, 010678-9*.

Bristol Parkway / Stoke Gifford.

Morning:

Diesel: 66539/553/554/602/614.

Evening:

Diesel: 66957.

66514 top'n' tail with 66524 on 6Y07 Fairwater Yard to Cheltenham at 2201 with wagons 92703 92291 92296 92318 92322 92327 92292 92303 92285 76501 92286 92323 92324 92326 92325 92293 92305 92314 92301 92313 92307 92316 92317 92312 92299 92311 92310 92308 92309 92321 92290 92320 92304 92319 92302 92300 92289 92315. NB: 76501 is an OTM.

DMU: 150248. DEMU: 221141.

Working services out of Paddington.

Diesel: 43017/43021 David Austin Cartoonist/024/028/037 Penydarren /041 Meningitis Trust/078/087 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment Royal Logistic Corps/088/093/091/094/125/139 Driver Stan Martin 25 June 1950 - 6 November 2004/143/148/149/161/163 Rail-Fly.com (promotional livery)/177/196.

DMU: 165103/105/106/107/117/123/124/125/126, 166204/212/216/218/219.

EMU: 360202/203. Carriages: HST: 40108, 42383/504/511.

Slough.

Stabled: Diesel: 20142 and 20189 either end of wagons 95378 and 95383.

West Drayton Stone Terminal.

AM only: Diesel: 66069 ex 6V90 from Acton.

Southall Yard.

Wagons: A total of 22 bogie hoppers and 28 4wl ARC hoppers were noted.

Southall WCRC Depot.

Steam: 34067 TANGMERE in steam with support carriage 35518 (AM only).

Diesel: 33029 Glen Loy, 47245, 57316 (PM only).

Carriages: Mk2: 1253. Mk3: 10593.

Southall GWR Preservation Group Depot.

Steam: P 2100/49*.

Plasser, West Ealing.

Diesel: Bg/DC 2724/63*.

OTM: 73905 Eddie King, 80206, 76304/318.

Acton Yard.Morning:

Diesel: 59201, 66020/047/232. Wagons: 3274, 17923, 19803/858/886, 320015.

Road/Rail: TXM: 4205 940196-7*, 7014 942128-8*, 7030 942133-8*,

7032 940135-3*.

Evening:

Diesel: 59004*/201, 66050/091/118/232. Wagons: 17902/925, 19803/804/847.

Road/Rail: TXM: 4205 940196-7*, 7014 942128-8*, 7030 942133-8*,

7032 942135-3*.

North Pole Depot.

Road/Rail: Keltbray Rail: E1143 940492-0*, E1319 911215-0*.

Old Oak Common Depot.Morning:

Diesel: 08836, 43040. Carriage: HST: 40102.

Evening:

Diesel: 08836, 43140, 57604 Pendennis Castle, 57605 Totnes Castle.

Westbourne Park.

RRV: Amey 105894 - 912021-1 R269EJO*.

Westbourne Park and West Portal Site of Crossrail.

Gauge 900mm: Industrial Diesels: 7 - Schoma 6629/12, 9 - Schoma 6631/12.

Wagon: Manrider: 6.

Working services out of Euston.

Diesel: 67027 with Departmental Carriages 975091, 72616, 9516, 82111.

DEMU: 221104/108/115 Polmadie Depot/117/142.

EMU: 350102/107/111/113/115/119/121/124/127/129/235/243/245/248/263/265,

378205/209/212/230/231/255, 390013/039 Virgin Quest/040/044/103 "Virgin

Hero" also "POPPY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION" and 1914 1918 WE WILL REMEMBER

THEM/115/117/125/126 Virgin Enterprise/130/151 Virgin Ambassador/154/155

XMEN Days of Future Past.

Note: 67027 was stabled and lost its "Rising Star" name when repainted into DB Schenker red. 390155 has images of the XMEN all along the sides as well as traditional cast nameplates.

Camden CS.

EMU: 350108/232/239/252.

Travis Perkins.

Road/Rail: Readypower: UID excavator.

Willesden Depot.

Diesel: D3671 (09007).

Electric: 86101 Sir William Stanier FRS, E3137 (86259) Les Ross, 86401 Northampton Town, 87002 Royal Sovereign. EMU: 378227.

Willesden Euro Terminal.

Diesel: 66523/623 Bill Bolsover.

Wagons: HOB: 92457 92448 92440 92468 92461 92476 92474 92465 plus more.

Other Wagons: 7067900080 7067900759 7067900353 7067900536 7067900452 7067900064 7067900106 7067900072 7067900320 7067900171 7067900213.

Wembley Yard.

Diesel: 66017. Electric: 90020 Collingwood/024/036.

Wagons: 7049380817 7049385012 7049387232 7049387372 7049387422.

Between Wembley and Harrow and Wealdstone.

Road/Rail: Readypower: FR638 940128-0 - Gigarailer 12 168M301662, FR640 940126-4 Gigarailer 12 168M301650*.

Trailers: FR763 010651-6*, FR766 010654-0*.

West Brompton.

Battery Electric: LU: 46 - Don/74 stabled. OTM: LU: 773 stabled.

Imperial Wharf worksite at end of station approach road.

Road/Rail: Keltbray Rail: E1065 940479-7, E1097 940485-4, E1100 940486-2, E1105 940487-0, E1335 940092-8.

Trailers: E1090 010735-7*, E1339 010352-1, E1341 010356-2*, E1342 010357-0*, E1348 010363-8.

Working services out of St Pancras International.

Diesel: 43044/050/055 The Sheffield Star 125 Years/064.

DEMU: 222007/022 Invest in Nottingham.

EMU: 395003/005 Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson/006/014/015 /020 Jason Kenny/021/025 Victoria Pendleton.

Eurostar: 3006, 3105/06, 3202/11/12/13/15/16/21/22/23/24.

Thameslink services.

EMU: 319004/007/009 Coquelles/214/215/216/363/365 Transforming Farringdon/367/371/372/380/381/384/386/426/427/430/431/433/434/435/437/440 /444 City of St Albans/445/446 St Pancras International/449/451, 377505/508/509/510/513/517.

Working services out of Kings Cross.

Diesel: 43206/208/274/277/299/300/306/308/312/315/319, 67028.

Electric: 91102 City of York/105/106/114/115 Blaydon Races/117 WEST RIDING

LIMITED/124/125 SKY 1 HD/127/131.

DEMU: 180103/105 THE YORKSHIRE ARTIST ASHLEY JACKSON/110.

EMU: 313026/027/029/030/034/039/041/042/045/050/051/052/054 Captain William Leefe Robinson V.C./122 Eric Roberts 1946 - 2012 The Flying Nottsman. 365501/502/505/506 The Royston Express/509/512/513 HORNSEY DEPOT/515/516 /517 Supporting Red Balloon/519/520/525/527 Robert Stripe Passenger Champion/530/533/540.

Carriages: HST: 41190, 44058/077/094. Mk4: 12464.

DVT: 82205/206/207/212/216/217/218/222/225/227/229/231.

Notes: 67028 was stabled.

91125 and its rake of Mk4s, which included 12464 and 82216, are painted blue and the carriages have pictures of people on them who appeared in the "Fly on the wall" TV series about East Coast Trains.

Between Kings Cross and Finsbury Park.

Road/Rail: Readypower: FR1349 912073-2 - Manitou ART17T Access Platform 0043003, FR1360 912074-2 - Manitou ART17T Access Platform 0043004.

Morgan Sindall: ET187 942087-6 - Basket SL AJX14RW BK1799*.

Ferne Park.

Wagon: 501305 plus more.

Hornsey FCC Depot.

Battery Electric: Niteq B248/2007.

EMU: 313033/040/055/058, 317342/344, 319001 Driver Mick Winnett, 321402/420. Carriage: Mk2: (3381) b/o.

Hornsey Thameslink Depot (under construction).

Diesel: 01529 - TH 310V/84 ex p335, 08892 Hor/62 ex p339.

Wagons: 110269 110714* 110374* 110358* 100006* 200462* 200388 460138* 460073*.

Bounds Green Depot & Stabling sidings.

Carriages: Mk4: DVT: 82211/225.

Working services through or out of London Bridge.

EMU: 375608/615/616, 375707/713/715, 375806/820/821/827/830 City of London, 375903/905/924, 376003/006/008/036, 377107, 377464, 455808/810/814/839/840, 465008/012/014/018/025/030/031/032/033/034/035/036/038/039/040/041/042/044/045/048/049, 465155/161/162/169/170/174/175/177/181/183/185/190/191/195/196, 465237/238/239/240/244/249/250, 465903 Remembrance/915/920, 466002/004/010/019/028/041.

Working services out of Victoria.

EMU: 375606/620/624/626/628, 375807/814, 375912/913/918, 377102/103/104/105/108/109/110/114/116/117/122/124/127/128/131/132/133/135/136/139/140/143/144/145/147/150/151/152/153/155/156/163, 377201/202/205, 377308/313/317/319/321, 377402/406/407/408/412/414/415/416/418/419/420/421/426/427/428/429/433/435/437/438/439/440/441/445/446/447/448/450/452/457/458/462/465/466/469/470/472/473/475, 377606/608/613/615/616/621/622/623/625/626, 442401/03/09/18/22/24, 455803/807/811/812/813/815/819/823/825/826/835/837/842/843/845, 465029/037/050/152/157/181/187/189/190/243/917.

London Victoria NR Depot.

Small plant: Geismar Mini 4-4 Trailer: 011621-8*.

Working services out of Waterloo.

DMU: 158883, 159002 City of Salisbury/003 Templecombe/005 West of England Line/008/011/017/103.

EMU: 444005/007/008/009/010/015/022/023/026/031/032/034/035/036/039/043, 450002/016/022/038/040/071/074/078/080/084/085/086/087/089/092/093/099/103 /105/107/108/119/126/550/551/554/557/558/559/563/565/570, 5701/02/03/04/05/06/10/11/14/15/16/18/23/24/28/29/30/34/35/40/42, 5847/49/50/52/54/63/64/66/72, 5902/12/14, 8011/12/13/19/20/21/25/26/27.

Working services through Clapham Junction (not covered elsewhere).

Diesel: 66137 on 6Y08 Tolworth to Cliffe Brett Marine at 12.04 hrs.

EMU: 377203/209/213/214, 378139/140/211/217/220/224/226/238/254.

Stabled at Clapham:

EMU: 3417. 450006/034/075/091/095/123/125, 5719/37, 5856, 5906/20, 8011.

East Croydon.

OTM: 73918, 75502.

Various places, including near Hornsey, near Willesden and Clapham Jct.

Diesel: 57307 top'n'tail with 47828 on 1Z33 York-Winsor Eton Riverside and subsequent ECS move to Wembley with Carriages 3174 3273 1566 3267 3182 3275 3247 325 17167 10734 10729.

Tube Sightings:

Only the lowest numbered vehicle seen in each set is given.

Circle / Hammersmith and City / District.

2-car sets: 5516/50/51/94, 5712/33. 3-car sets: 7061, 7128.

7 car sets: 21307/317/321/323/325/331/333/337/341/343/347/349/351/355/357/363/365/367/369/371/375/377/387/392/395/397/399/403/405/407/409/411/415/417

Metropolitan.

8 car sets: 21003/005/017/027/061/085/087/091/095/100/115.

Bakerloo.

4 car sets: 3238/39/41/43/66. 3 car Sets: 3431/48/49/51/55/56/60.

Central.

2-car sets: 91115.

Northern.

3 car sets: 51637/721.

Victoria.

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