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### **Front Cover Photo October 2014 Issue 512:**

47790 passes Dr Days Junction on 08/06/14 hauling 1Z29 Swansea - Telford Central dining special.

**[R.W.Giles]**

## FUTURE EVENTS

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

A two day trip visiting locations in the North East

**Trip Fare\*** = £116.00      Reduced Fare for Society Members\* = £110.00

**\* NOTE that Trip Fare has been revised as it now includes accommodation**

**Departure Time** from Bristol = 0300 (Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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** = 28<sup>th</sup> 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** = 25<sup>th</sup> 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** = 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://Cardiffandavonside.org.uk) and e-mailing the completed form to: [bookings@Cardiffandavonside.org.uk](mailto: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.

### **Useful Publications**

Listed are publications that might be of use to those travelling about the country in search of locos and rolling stock.

Just a reminder: these listings of new publications are not intended to be reviews or recommendations and are provided for information only.

Compiled by Peter Nicholson;

#### **Platform 5 Publishing Ltd - note new address:**

52 Broadfield Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire S8 0XJ

Tel: 0114 255 8000 - 24hr order line; Fax: 0114 255 2471

#### **Narrow Gauge Steam Locomotives of Great Britain & Ireland**

Compiled by CARS member Peter Nicholson

£14.95 plus £1.50 p&p Published September; 80 pages, A5

A new title in the Platform 5 series, covering all steam locos from 1ft 6in to 4ft 6in gauge. Listed in builder's number order together with year built, type, class where applicable, gauge and location. Footnotes for each loco give details of its pre-preservation origin, for UK locos the last industrial location (or passenger line) and for imported locos, the country of origin, with the date of entering preservation or arrival in the UK.

Location address details are abbreviated in the loco listing but appear in full in an appendix at the rear of the book for locations open at least one day a year to the public. Locos which are at private locations are shown with the owner's name and town or county only.

A list of loco names gives a cross-reference to the builder's details and which section it will be found. There are six sections: British commercial builders; Overseas builders; Locos built by owners and operators; Homebuilt 'Coffee Pots'; Large-scale models, and New-builds under construction. Illustrated throughout in colour.

#### **Specialist Transport Publications**

ST Publications, 51 Kendal St, Wigan, WN6 7DJ

Website: [www.stpublications.co.uk](http://www.stpublications.co.uk); Tel. 07760 284494

### UK Grounded Vans and Coaches 2014 (3rd Edition)

By Tony Ellis; £9.00 post free. Published July; 80 pages A5, spiral bound  
An updated version of the 2013 edition including details of further grounded vehicles that the compiler has become aware of. Entries are by county, giving vehicle number where known, railway of origin, type of vehicle, location and brief notes. Appendices list locations in alphabetical order with OS grid refs.

### Venture Publications

MDS Book Sales, 128 Pikes Lane, Glossop, Derbyshire, SK13 8EH  
Tel. 01457 861508; Website: [www.mdsbooks.co.uk](http://www.mdsbooks.co.uk)

### Manchester Metrolink Handbook

By C. Reeve; £9.95 plus £2.49 p&p Published September;

64 pages 210 x 148mm; 100 illustrations

Describes the development and expansion of Manchester's pioneering light rail system from the initial phase of converting the Bury and Altrincham railway lines, through to the various extensions that have taken place in recent years. It looks forward to the airport line and second city crossings currently under construction.

Note, does not include a fleet list.

### UK & Ireland Tram and Light Rail Systems 3rd edition

By Bob Rowe; £6 plus £2.49 p&p. Published August; 64 pages 105 x 148mm

Details all UK and Ireland light rail systems including description of each, service frequency, maps, illustrations and fleet lists.

## **NOTES & NEWS**

### **Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning, Yate and Westerleigh**

**23/08** The first Saturday Only 'convoy' report of the review period was only; 66117 + 66192 running as 0012 Margam - Eastleigh, which arrived in Westbury at 1417.

**25/08** A Bank Holiday Monday view of Stoke Gifford 'downside' at 1045 found the following stabled; 66597, 66620, 70010.

**26/08** HST 'celebrity' power cars 43155 Red Arrows + 43163 Visit Plymouth were together working the 1B81 1915 Paddington - Swansea First/GW service when noted in Parkway at 2047.

**27/08** 60087 completed another run on the 6V62 (WSO) 1122 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange Sidings loaded steel service passing Patchway at 1619 (2 early).

**28/08** Arriva DMU set 170108 passed Parkway at 0737 working a diverted 1M00 0645 Cardiff Central - Nottingham service, reason unknown. The HST power car combination of 43155 The Red Arrows + 43163 Visit Plymouth was again recorded departing Parkway 1004 (2 late), working the 1L42 0730 Carmarthen - Paddington First/GW service.

**29/08** GBRf, special shipping company livery 66709 was on the 6A82 1247 Moreton-on-Lugg - West Drayton stone being reported passing Pilning at 1445 (3 early) and departing Parkway at 1513 (-). However problems at Swindon later saw the loco fail and 66751 arrive as a 1Z99 rescue loco from Eastleigh East Yard, the train eventually going forward substantially late at 2202!

**30/08** Colas 60087 was again on the 6V62 1120 (WSO) Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Reception sidings steel service passing Westerleigh Junction at 1556 (37 early).

**31/08** A repeat of Sunday car train diversions via Bristol, which had previously taken place on 18th May, was cancelled. 66175 being allocated 6Z38 0931 Ford Halewood - Southampton Eastern Dock and 66140 the 6Z44 1525 Southampton Dock - Halewood empties. It was assumed the trains did operate over their normal routes, via Oxford, but this remained unconfirmed.

**03/09** The 6V13 0200 Dollands Moor - Margam steel service with 66085, also conveyed four French 'loan' Class 66 locos en route to Toton for attention, these being 66211 + 66218 + 66225 + 66242. The working was reported as departing Parkway at 0703 (6 late), passing Newport at 0754 (5 early) and arriving Margam at 0918.

**05/09** The NRMT HST made its usual 6 week area visit, although there was a variation to the normal Friday' only trip. Running as the usual 1Z20 0555 Old Oak Common - Derby RTC (via Swansea) with power cars 43062 + 43014 the return passed Pilning at 1146 (-) and then recessed at Parkway going forward towards Filton (instead of Westerleigh Junction) passing North Somerset Junction at 1317 (6 late), following a reverse in Temple Meads and Bath at 1325 (4 late) heading for Swindon where a further reverse took place. The return was then via Bath, another reverse in Temple Meads and onwards to Parkway where the normal route was gained to Westerleigh, Yate and Derby.

Another interesting visitor, covering part of the NRMT HST route was a DRS staff working; 2Z02 0741 Reading - Cardiff Canton (via a reverse at Newbury) and 2Z02 1305 return using 37402 + saloon coach DB975025 Caroline, being reported outward as propelling, departing Parkway at 1154 (3 late), passing Pilning (missing out a loop stop) at 1201 (16 early) and on the return passing Dr Days Junction at 1430 (-) for a reverse in Temple Meads and then passing North Somerset Junction at 1443 (2 late), Bath 1454 (3 late) and Chippenham 1506 (3 late). The Class 37 carried a small DRS skull and cross bones headboard! Following a visit to Yate for the stations Silver Jubilee Celebrations in May, Transport Minister Baroness Kramer returned to the area to open the new £13 million car park extension at Parkway Station. The extra 710 parking spaces will now bring the total available to 1100 and will play an important role in increased projected station passenger usage as a result of the forthcoming Great Western Mainline electrification project. Parkway Station is currently recording around 3 million passengers a year.

**06/09** The Saturdays Only, loco convoy ran as 0012 Margam - Westbury formed with 66077 + 66091 + 66121 + 66074 + 66128 and recorded passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1329 and arriving Westbury at 1410.

**08/09** 66951 + 66539 + 66555 were a morning arrival, 'off route' (via the Severn Tunnel) at Stoke Gifford with 4V59 0055 coal empties from Crewe Basford Hall Yard. 66555 continued the empties onwards to Portbury for the 6M64 0825 departure to Fiddlers Ferry PS. Still paired together, HST power cars 43163 Visit Plymouth + 43155 Red Arrows work the 1L51 1118 Cardiff Central -Paddington First/GW service.

**10/09** Despite previous reports (which may now be incorrect) of 60021 being in service, 60087 still remains the only Colas class member to appear in the area, being noted on the 6L63 1122 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings steel service passing Pilning West (not taking a loop stop) at 1624 (31 early) during the day.

**13/09** The 0X12 1025 Margam LIP - Westbury Saturday Only light loco move was formed; 66114 + 66121 + 66079 + 66014 + 66188 + 66091 + 66094 + 66067 + 66009 which arrived Westbury at 1447, where all but 66114 (which had been originally added at Newport ADJ) went forward as a 0X23 move to Oxford Hinksey Yard, which was noted departing Swindon at 1652.

**14/09** Engineering work between Hullavington and Chipping Sodbury and in

the Parkway area saw the following Sunday engineering trains; 66121 - 6W20 1000 Filton Junction - Westbury (reported departing 10 early), 66067 - 6W21 1104 Filton Junction - Westbury (departing 17 early), 66094 - 6W22 1305 Filton Junction - Westbury (departing 7 late), 66079 - 6W23 1510 Filton Junction - Westbury (departing 64 late and passing Lawrence Hill at 1325), 66419 - 6Y61 1826 (Sat) Crewe Basford Hall Yard - Patchway (arrive 1208 - 82 early), 66512 - 6Y62 1857 (Sat) Crewe Basford Hall Yard - Patchway (arrive Pilning 1221 - 72 early, depart 1257 - 36 early, then passing Lawrence Hill at 1311) / return 1329 Bristol TM - Crewe Basford Hall Yard (passing Lawrence Hill at 1500), 70005 - 6Y66 1030 Crewe Basford Hall Yard - Patchway (passing Pilning at 1622 - 80 late), 66616 top n' tailing 66554 - Crewe Basford Hall Yard - Patchway (arrive Parkway 1101).

**16/09** A fatality north of Yate near Wickwar Tunnel at around 0800, believed to have involved a Voyager set saw several other Arriva XC services diverted via Chepstow and some cancellations including the First/GW 2E17 0723 Warminster - Great Malvern (terminated at Temple Meads) and 2086 0842 Gloucester - Weymouth (which was started at Temple Meads). The line was reported as reopened by 0930.

**17/09** Colas 60087 again worked the 6V62 1122 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange Sidings steel service passing Parkway at 1622 (4 late).

**18/09** Evening thunderstorms and heavy rain in the area saw a lightning strike at Hullavington and a signalling blackout, which required the 1L92 1828 Swansea - Paddington First/GW HST service to terminate Chipping Sodbury at 2029 (21 late) and return to Parkway, then going forward via Filton, Dr.Days curve, Bath and Box to Swindon, departing here at 2120 (51 late). At least two other HST services were diverted over this route as well as the 6A29 1858 Newport ADJ - Didcot freight service passing Patchway at 2019 (10 early) and Swindon 2137 (22 late).

Locos recorded on Westerleigh fuel tank duty during the review period have included; 60020/044.

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

**26/07** Additional Information (September Magazine) - 66011 powered Pathfinder Tours 'Cardigan Bay Express' (1Z29 0533 Bristol TM - Aberystwyth via Parkway) using the 'Torbay Express' c/stock; 4998, 4946, 1813, 3122, 3112, 3147, 1671, 3100, 3098, 21272. A pair of NR Class 37s took over from the Class 66 at Bescot for the run to and from Aberystwyth.

**16/08** Additional Information (September Magazine) - 3 - car 150921 was used on the 'Weymouth Wizzard' as a HST driver was not available.

**17/08** Correction (September Magazine) - steam 34067 Tangmere was not assisted by a Class 66 loco following problems on Evershot Bank with the 'Weymouth Seaside Express'. The loco was in fact able to continue after a delay.

**19/08** The Arriva XC 1E73 1725 Plymouth - Leeds service was noted formed with Voyager units 221120 + 220030 instead of the normal 'booked' HST set. Rail campaigners and RMT union members visited Temple Meads, Weston-super-Mare and Taunton on a protest concerning forthcoming rail fare increases due in early 2015. Rail prices have gone up on average by 20% over the past 4 years against only a 9% increase in wages - a 3.5% increase (including 1% inflation) is likely for January 2015, although this will be confirmed in November this year.

**22/08** An 'additional' china clay freight service through the area was 66186 working a 6Z53 0805 St.Blazey - Newport ADJ being reported passing Worle Junction at 1328 (3 early) and departing Pilning loop at 1456 (2



late). As the 6Z53 passed Worle, 66951 working a 6C73 1210 Westbury - Taunton Fairwater (1415) departmental passed in the opposite direction at 1327 (3 early), this being a normal MO working via Bristol. Later, another FLHH working was recorded; 66507 with a 4Z04 1030 Crewe Basford Hall Yard - Taunton Fairwater departmental (formed of 20 track replacement train wagons) being noted passing Severn Tunnel Junction at 1601 (1 late), Lawrence Hill 1705 (7 late) and Taunton Station 1830 (6 early).

**23/08** 43151 + 43028 were the HST power cars used on the First/GW 'Weymouth Wizzard' Saturdays Only 'relief' service. With the Great Western Mainline again closed (as on the 02/08), trains were diverted via the Berks & Hants, the Limpley Stoke Valley, Bath and Day's curve to and from South Wales. However, this time round saw a number of freight cancellations, which included the 6B33 Theale - Margam, 6V13 Dollands Moor - Margam and Colas 6V62 Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings. Reports of interest during the day were; 66509 + 66587 top n' tailing the late return 4059 1057 Wentloog - Southampton containers passing Bath at 1441 (144 late), 66519 with the 6V33 1200 Neasden Charringtons - Cardiff Pengam (1711) stone empties passing Bath at 1539 (12 late), 47237 on the 5Z36 1320 Southall Wcr - Kingsland Road Weymouth rail tour ecs passing Bath at 1559 (-), 66142 + 66008 + 66140 forming a 1403 Margam - Didcot (1833) light-engine move passing Patchway at 1512 (38 early) and Bath 1617 (3 late). The 4V50 inward containers had been earlier reported passing Lawrence Hill at 0836 (59 late), the train having been routed via Melksham, a reverse at Chippenham and onwards via Box. Another record for the day was, 66593 + 66541 running as 0026 0720 Bristol West Railport - Southampton Maritime (0924) light (as opposed to stabling at Stoke Gifford) passing Temple Meads at 0837 (56 late).

**24/08** Steam 34046 Braunton worked the final 'Weymouth Seaside Express' (1Z82 0819 Bristol TM - Weymouth and 1Z83 1631 return) of the year passing North Somerset Junction at 0822 (-), departing Bath at 0836 (1 late) and passing Hawkridge Junction (Westbury) at 0910 (3 late), the return being reported departing Westbury at 1839 (28 early), Bath 1915 (27 early) and arriving Temple Meads at 1929 (31 early), the days c/stock being reported as; W35461 (Nunney Castle's support coach), 99121, 99122, 99125, 99127, 1860, 4984, 4973, 99304 with 47237 attached to the rear. Pathfinder Tours 'Taffy Tug - 2' 1Z60 0919 Bristol TM - Baglan Bay (1310), 1Z61 1330 Baglan Bay - Tower Colliery EWS and 1Z62 1835 Tower Colliery EWS - Bristol TM (2158) was worked by 60039 (with 'Torbay Express' stock; 4949, 4998, 4946, 1813, 3122, 3112, 3147, 1671, 3107, 3098, 21272) passing Dr.Days Junction (Bristol) at 0921 (1 early), Pilning 0933 (2 early) and Cardiff Central departing at 1028 (-). Having been routed via Barry, 60040 was added at Margam, the departure from here being at 1225 (-), on the outward trip, the return working arriving in Parkway at 2120 (3 early) in a top n' tail formation and departing following a reverse move at 2149 (3 late), arriving Temple Meads at 2201 (3 late). The locos then returned at 2322 (15 late) as a 0Z62 Temple Meads - Margam (0107) light loco move. 60039 had arrived in Bristol during the previous evening as 0Z59 1944 Margam - Barton Hill (2148) to work the 1Z60.

**25/08** Bank Holiday Monday; 66419 + 66603 top n' tailed a 6X04 0542 Crewe PAD - Taunton Fairwater Yard via Nuneaton, part track replacement train working, passing Cheltenham at 0940 (2 late), Filton Abbey Wood 1030 (18 early) and Worle 1104 (37 early).

**26/08** The track replacement train passed back through the area as 8X04 1813 Taunton Fairwater - Gloucester Over Junction (2226) passing Taunton Station at 1812 (10 early) and Lawrence Hill at 1923 (4 late) top n' tailed with 66616 + 66419. The working was routed via the Severn Tunnel

following a booked recess in Pilning down loop from 1936 - 2121. It was interesting to note the lead loco had already appeared in Bristol earlier in the day working a 6C73 1210 Westbury - Taunton Fairwater departmental, formed of HOBC and autoballaster wagons, passing Temple Meads at 1305 (6 early). The 6Y07 2008 Taunton Fairwater - Lydney (2215) HOBC train (via Parkway and Gloucester) was also later seen top n' tailed with 66603 + 66951 passing Filton Abbey Wood at 2130 (13 late). NR Class 37, 97301 with dept c/stock; 9481, 62384, 9708 was present in the former high level siding stub at Temple Meads during the evening.

**27/08** 66419 + 66616 top n' tailed the return 6X04 0500 Gloucester Yard Junction - Taunton Fairwater Yard track replacement train being reported passing Temple Meads at 0727 (35 late) and Taunton Station 0844. Another morning report was Colas 56113 powering the 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace log empties being recorded passing Pilning at 0913 (1 late), departing Temple Meads at 0925 (7 late) and passing Worle Junction at 0946 (6 late). The train was later noted in Exeter (Riverside) Yard at 1205. At 1300, a view of Barton Hill depot recorded the following; 08516, 47847, steam locos; 5029 Nunney Castle, 34046 Braunton (with support coach W35461), 66127, with snow ploughs; ADB965209, ADB965231. Later, DRS livery 66413 worked a late running FLHH 8X04 1030 Crewe Basford Hall Yard - Taunton Fairwater (1717) train formed of 18 empty sleeper wagons being recorded departing Temple Meads at 1717 (72 late) and passing Taunton Station at 1808 (53 late). Class 143 units have been making a return to Bristol via a 2M67 1852 Paignton - Temple Meads First/GW service and 2C93 2156 return to Exeter St.Davids, 143611 being recorded on today's workings with 143612 covering the following day's duties, a Class 153 unit also being attached to the return on this date. Only Exeter based train crews now sign these units.

**28/08** 56113 returned the loaded log train, not using an available morning schedule (due to a required light-engine fuel run to Exeter being reported ready to return from here at 1400) as 6M51 1733 Teigngrace - Briton Ferry, being noted passing Bridgwater at 1918 (52 early) and Patchway 2021 (58 early).

**29/08** 37601 + 37603 were paired on Pathfinder Tour's 'Dartmouth Flyer' (1Z29 0614 Crewe - Kingswear and 1Z31 1905 return), being reported on the outward departing Cheltenham at 0950 (-) and Temple Meads at 1100 (-) and passing Bridgwater at 1129 (27 early) having missed out a booked Yatton loop stop and on the return passing through Temple Meads on the up through at 2147 (20 early), departing Parkway at 2215 (12 early) and passing Yate at 2223 (14 early), the eventual time arrival at Crewe being at 0118 (64 early!). Two reports during the day, from Lawrence Hill were; 150921, operating as a two car set formed 52121 + 57121 with 153318 worked the 2D20 1615 Temple Meads - Parkway First/GW service and later 66616 + 66419 top n' tailing a 6X04 1415 Taunton Fairwater - Crewe PAD (2148) track replacement train being noted at 1613 (1 late), having earlier passed Bridgwater at 1427 (11 early), Worle Junction at 1451 (9 early) and later Parkway at 1620 (-).

**30/08** Statesman Rails 'English Riviera Statesman', 1Z50 0630 Derby - Kingswear (1258) and 1Z51 1611 return to Derby (2253) was top n' tailed with 57314 + 47804 with c/stock; Car no 5912, Car no 3360, Car no 3362, Car no 1211, Helvelyn (3312), Ben Lomond (3438), Kitchen car 1659, Ben Cruachan (3231), Car no 14080, being reported passing Kings Norton at 0840 (3 early), Yate 0949 (7 late), departing Temple Meads at 1015 (7 late) and Taunton 1104 (1 early). The return departed Paignton at 1647 (-) and passed Uphill Junction at 1818 (-). Another West Coast loco in the area was 47237 which arrived on the following days West Wales rail tour stock

as 5Z37 Southall Wcr - Kingsland Road passing Bath at 1744 (6 early). HST power cars 43028 + 43151 were used on the final First/GW 'Weymouth Wizzard' HST Saturday 'relief' working for 2014 summer season.

**31/08** The Railway Touring Company 'Pembroke Coast Express' 1Z39 0804 Temple Meads - Carmarthen and 1Z41 1510 return Pembroke Dock - Temple Meads (2123) was delayed as steam loco 5029 Nunney Castle was blocked in on Barton Hill depot by an Arriva XC Voyager set (allocated to work the 0915 departure to Edinburgh Waverley)! The outward (which had fully recovered time by Llanelli!) departed Bristol at 0900 (56 late), passing Pilning at 0913 (51 late), departing Cardiff Central at 1001 (28 late) and passing Llanelli at 1135 (-), the return being noted passing Filton Abbey Wood at 2113 (1 early). 47237 was attached to the rear of the outward working and powered the Carmarthen - Pembroke Dock part of the tour, so the steam loco was able to turn on the triangle here and lead the return trip back to Bristol. Earlier in the day, celebrity HST power car combo; 43163 Visit Plymouth + 43155 Red Arrows (with intermediate coaching set OC56) worked the 1A24 1600 Bristol - Paddington First/GW service.

**01/09** DCR 56312 was an afternoon arrival as a 0Z34 1030 Totton Yard - Barton Hill light engine move being reported passing Westbury at 1225 (7 early) and Bath 1308 (-). Later, 143603 passed Worle Junction at 1220 on a 5Z76 St Phillips Marsh - Exeter St.Davids ecs move. Some Freightliner loco activity during the day saw; 66518 + 66617 on a 6X04 0430 Crewe PAD - Taunton Fairwater (1215) track replacement train (noted in the Weston area at 1142 and Taunton at 1215) and 66603 with the 6C73 1212 (MO) Westbury - Taunton Fairwater (1417) part HOBC departmental being noted passing Worle Junction at 1320 (10 early) and Taunton 1404 (8 early).

**02/09** 66951 + 66418 passed Lawrence Hill at 1920 (1 late) working 6X04 1813 Taunton Fairwater - Gloucester Over Junction (2226) via Parkway, track replacement train in a top n' tail formation.

**03/09** A gas leak at Swallowfield Tank Farm, Station Road, Wellington (Somerset), which was attended by the fire brigade, saw the mainline closed and First/GW 2S04 0602 Taunton - Cardiff Central service cancelled and the 2C42 0524 Bristol TM - Penzance service terminated in Taunton at 0607 (6 late). There was also at least one First/GW HST diversion via Honiton, Yeovil, Castle Cary and Westbury. 37402 + 37610 departed Bridgwater at 1142 with the return 6M63 nuclear flask service to Crewe Coal Sidings. Steam loco 4464 (60019) Bittern was an arrival in Bristol on a 5Z19 0505 Southall Wcr - Barton Hill (0900), loco and support move which passed Bath at 0755 (2 late), 56312 having earlier left the depot (the loco being expected to work the Chiltern Trains coach move) as a 0Z34 0644 Barton Hill - Springs Branch Junction (via Yate) light engine passing Parkway at 0644 (11 early).

**04/09** With 56312 gone elsewhere, a 5Z34 1013 Barton Hill - Wembley Chiltern Trains coaching stock move was cancelled. Later, DCR green livery 31601 arrived as a 0Z31 1430 Washwood Heath Metro Cammell - Barton Hill light loco move (to replace the 56) passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1633 (20 early) and arriving at its destination at 1704 (11 early).

**05/09** 31601 worked the 5Z34 0933 Barton Hill - Wembley Lmd (1447) Chiltern Trains stock move with 12607 which departed at 0903 (30 early) and passed Swindon at 1007 (39 early). Also present on Barton Hill were; steam duo 34046 Braunton + 5029 Nunney Castle with support coach 35451 and 35317 (the latter actually being left behind on the day) both later working 5Z46 1158 to Exeter St.Davids (1356) passing Bridgwater at 1249 (-) to take over the 'Atlantic Coast Express' from Tangmere and large loco 47847 which later worked the 1516 Temple Meads - Temple Meads 'Torbay Express' coaching stock servicing move via the carriage wash on Barton

Hill ready for the following Sundays Bristol - Kingswear steam hauled outing. 08516 and steam 4464 Bittern, completed the on shed 'heritage' motive power line up for the day. The Belmond VSOE ecs worked to Bristol East Freight terminal loop behind 67019 as 5C80 1312 ex Bath arriving at 1326 (1 late). The train had earlier run as 1V80 0943 Victoria - Bath (arriving at 1303 - 4 early), then returned as 5092 1539 ecs to Bath for a 1092 1555 return to Victoria. The train's c/stock formation was recorded as; 6313, Zena, Vera, Gwen, Cygnus, Perseus, Phoenix, Minerva, Ibis, Audrey, Lucille, Baggage Car No 11. 47237 + steam 34067 Tangmere (and support coach) were an evening arrival the steam loco having worked the first leg of a weekend 'Atlantic Coast Express' 1Z82 0843 Victoria - Penzance outing. The 5Z67 1740 Exeter Riverside New Yard - St. Phillips Marsh (1930) working passed Uphill Junction at 1823. An afternoon departmental working was; 66617 + 66951 top n' tailing a 6X04 1415 Taunton Fairwater - Crewe PAD (2148) track replacement train which passed Worle Junction at 1455 (5 early).

**06/09** This years GBRf private staff outing was worked by mainline preserved D1015 Western Champion throughout as 1Z48 0728 Chester - Bishops Lydeard (1238) and 1Z49 return (although the Class 52 actually worked to and from Minehead over the West Somerset Railway). There were problems for the train at the start with the 5Z48 0535 Crewe HS - Chester ecs blocked in at Crewe by Freightliner coal wagons, the 'alternative' route not being signed by the driver! Departure from Crewe (not Chester, although the return trip did terminate at the planned starting point) was at 0859 (69 late), local reports being passing Westerleigh Junction 1132 (33 late), Lawrence Hill at 1141 (30 late), Yatton 1200 (23 late) and Bridgwater 1213 (14 late), the 1Z49 1820 return passed Bridgwater at 1852 (2 late), Lawrence Hill 1938 (1 late) and Yate 1955 (2 late). The c/stock formation was the 'Royal Scot' carmine and cream set with choc/cream 3110 and 3121 at the rear. Other reports for the day included; 37706 - 5Z36 Southall Wcr - Kingsland Road 'Royal Duchy' rail tour ecs being reported passing Bathampton Junction at 1540 and 66110 - 6W22 1347 Westbury - Filton West Junction (1555) departmental passing Lawrence Hill at 1509 (-).

**07/09** Two westbound steam departures from Bristol were; 34067 Tangmere on the Royal Duchy (1Z37 0848 Temple Meads - Par and 1Z39 1745 return) with c/stock; 35518 loco support, 99122, 99712, 99125, 99127, 5229, 1860, 4973, 99304 which arrived Yatton at 0905 (-) and departed at 0908 (-) and passed Bridgwater at 0929 (-) and on the return, departing Yatton at 2201 (7 early) and arriving Temple Meads at 2220 (5 early) with 4464 Bittern on the second train, the Torbay Express (1Z27 0915 Temple Meads - Kingswear and 1Z28 1650 return) passing Yatton at 0930 (1 early), departing Weston-super-Mare at 0944 (-) and passing Bridgwater at 1001 (1 early), the return being reported departing Taunton at 1859 (1 early), passing Bridgwater at 1919 (6 late) and arriving back in Temple Meads at 2012 (6 early).

**08/09** 66602 passed Dr.Days Junction at 0525 (4 early) working 6M55 0445 Westbury La Farge - Tunstead Sidings (1137) cement empties formed of 9 JGAs and 47237 + 37706 were paired on the return Royal Duchy ecs, running as 5Z40 1035 Kingsland Road - Southall Wcr being reported passing Bath Oldfield Park at 1053 (3 early) and Swindon 1119 (12 early). Later, 143618 appeared on the up through in Temple Meads returning west as 5Z76 1207 St. Phillips Marsh - Exeter St.Davids. Further steam loco moves associated with the 'Atlantic Coast Express' week end were; 34067 Tangmere with 5Z64 1045 St. Phillips Marsh - Exeter Riverside New Yard (1155) passing Worle Junction at 1022 (6 early) and Bridgwater 1045 and later, 5029 Nunney Castle + 34046 Braunton (in an unusual top n' tail formation with support

coach 35451) as 5Z46 1605 Exeter Riverside - Barton Hill (1756) passing Worle at 1643 (45 early) and arriving at its destination 41 early. Braunton had been used as a banking loco between Exeter St.Davids and Central Stations for the return 1Z87 1437 Exeter St.Davids - Victoria (having brought the working in with Nunney Castle as 1Z66 0902 Penzance - Exeter St.Davids) via Honiton and the former LSWR route.

**09/09** Steam 34046 Tangmere returned to the London area as 5Z46 1550 Barton Hill - Southall (2059) loco and support coach passing Chipping Sodbury at 1620 (23 early).

**10/09** 56302 worked the 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace log empties, departing Temple Meads at 0921 (3 early) and later 37605 + 37610 having departed Bridgwater at 1232 with 6M63 loaded nuclear flasks, passed at 1315 (5 late).

**11/09** The loaded 6M51 Teigngrace - Chirk Kronospan loaded logs with 56302 were reported as passing Dr.Days Junction at 1705 (112 late).

**12/09** Steam 70013 Oliver Cromwell arrived as 5Z28 1045 Southall Wcr - St. Phillips Marsh (1610) loco and support coach for rail tour duty, having passed Parkway at 1535 (2 early).

**13/09** Steam Dreams 'Cathedrals Express' 1Z30 0709 Clapham Junction - Shrewsbury (1444) and 1Z31 1655 return to Clapham Junction (0023) was worked to and from Temple Meads by 47237, with steam 70013 Oliver Cromwell taking over for the run to Shrewsbury, the train being reported departing Bath at 1050 (4 late), Temple Meads at 1134 (1 late), passing Patchway at 1146 (5 early) and on the return, passing Patchway at 2040 (1 early), arriving Temple Meads at 2050 (3 early) and departing diesel hauled at 2119 (10 late). Another, local rail tour departure was an ex. works 150261 working the First/GW & East Somerset Models 'Mendip Sprinter' 2Z11 1012 Bristol TM - Cranmore (1130) and 2Z12 1615 return, the trip covering several unusual lines in each direction and was locally reported departing Bath at 1026 (1 late), then Bathampton up goods loop at 1031 (2 late) and on the return, departing Bath at 1714 (2 early), then running via Bath goods and Bristol East loops passing the latter at 1732 (-), then North Somerset Junction at 1735 (-) and arriving Temple Meads platform 12 at 1738 (1 late). Any profit made from this tour was to be put towards the restoration of two-car DMU set L231 which is now based on the East Somerset Railway. A late morning arrival on Barton Hill for works attention was Arriva Trains 142074 on a 5C42 1032 ex Cardiff Canton move, the set being noted passing near Pilning at 1115. Two other reports for the day was the arrival of the following days 'Royal Duchy' ecs running as 5Z36 1225 Southall Wcr - Kingsland Road top n' tailed with 37706 + steam 34046 Braunton and west of Bristol at Yatton, the HOBC which had arrived as 6Y07 2158 ex Taunton Fairwater and passed over the Weston-super-Mare loop through the towns station at 2245 (7 late) top n' tailed with 66413 + 66603.

**14/09** With the mainline west of Bristol closed early morning the 'Torbay Express' (1Z27 0800 Bristol TM - Kingswear and 1Z28 1650 return) was diverted via Bath, Westbury and Castle Cary, to / from Taunton, whilst the 'Royal Duchy' (1Z37 0955 Bristol TM - Par and 1Z39 1745 return) was retimed but routed the normal way. Train and steam loco details were; 1Z27 / 1Z28 - 4464 Bittern reported departing Bath at 0823 (1 late), Bathampton loop at 0837 (-), Taunton at 1042 (-) and on the return departing Taunton at 1842 (-), Bath at 2024 (7 late) and arriving Temple Meads at 2039 (3 late). 1Z37 / 1Z39 - 34067 Tangmere passing Parsons Street at 1002 (1 late), departing Yatton at 1017 (-), passing Bridgwater at 1038 (-) and on the return departing Yatton at 2219 (11 late) and arriving Temple Meads at 2234 (9 late). Another steam move during the day was; 70013 Oliver

Cromwell and support coach returning after rail tour duty as 5Z34 1024 Bristol West - Southall Wcr passing Keynsham at 1032 (7 early).

**15/09** The 1A40 2115 Penzance - Paddington First/GW sleeper service was diverted via the former LSWR route from Exeter via Yeovil and Castle Cary headed by on loan 57310 + 57604. The train had arrived in Exeter as a top n' tail formation. 37706 returned the Royal Duchy ecs as 5Z40 1035 Kingsland Road - Southall Wcr (1315) via Swindon, passing Keynsham at 1049 (1 early) and Bath 1055 (2 early).

**16/09** 66603 + 66413 top n' tailed the return 6Y07 0600 Charfield - Taunton Fairwater (0812) HOBC train passing Parsons Street at 0755 (50 late). The booked evening turn for this train was the 6Y07 2033 Taunton Fairwater - Standish Junction (2330). Following use on a Steam Dreams 'Cathedrals Express' (1Z32 0746 Clapham Junction - Kingswear and 1Z84 1630 return), which had been postponed from 21st August, steam 5029 Nunney Castle (in place of 4464 Bittern) worked to and from Westbury from Bristol for haulage, the return from Westbury being as 5Z20 2048 support coach move to Barton Hill (2152) which passed Bath at 2117 (5 early). The morning outward loco and coach working was 5Z19 0755 Barton Hill - Westbury which passed Bath at 0850 (1 early).

**17/09** With a pair of Class 20s working the 6M56 Berkeley flask during the previous day, 20309 + 20312 were on the 6V74 and return 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flasks, the return departing at 1205 and then Temple Meads at 1303 (following a brief stop) and passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1311. Later, 66413 (now DRS de-branded blue, and carrying Freightliner stickers on its cab ends) with a part HOBC formation, passed through Temple Meads at 1318 on what was assumed to be a diverted 6C73 Westbury - Taunton Fairwater departmental. Another former DRS blue loco, 66416 has now been reported as the second Freightliner Class 66 to receive the newer Class 70 style 'power haul' livery.

### **Bristol West Railport**

**02/09** What appeared to be survey work was observed being undertaken between the security fence and the up main line. At least two sidings still remain here, both disconnected and part fence covered. The possibility of refurbishment and reconnection may well be under consideration for loco stabling as NR is expected to use the down side at Stoke Gifford, currently used by Freightliner, for future electrification train stabling when the work reaches the Parkway area. Freightliner are also considering Kingsland Road (which has been used in the past), although East Usk or Margam are other possibilities.

Locos recorded here on container duty during the review period have included; 66414/418/509/533/538/539/541/556/571/592/593/594/595/955.

### **Avonmouth and the Severn Beach branch line**

**26/08** 150002 was noted on Severn Beach line duties during the evening.

**31/08** Having arrived as 6W20 1429 Westbury Up Yard - Filton West Junction (via Parkway, arriving at 1545 - 10 early) during the previous day, 66030 returned the working as 6W30 0910 Hallen Moor - Westbury (1043), being reported as departing 70 early, passing Avonmouth at 0804 (89 early) and Clifton Down 0817 (86 early). The trains consist was reported as; CN97418, crane 81612, CN97416, CN97417.

**07/09** For a second Sunday following, a 6W20 0730 Hallen Moor - Westbury (0939) departmental operated with 66110, departing 24 early, passing Avonmouth at 0806 (31 late) and Clifton Down 0819 (21 early).

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included; 66011/027/037/061/069/075/079/093/094/121/132/139/154/204/207/230.

Locos recorded on stone duty during the review period have included; 66016/114. 59001/104/201/204/205.

Loco recorded on cement duty during the review period has included; 66089

### **Portbury Branchline**

**02/09** Following a successful load test during March 2013 (see the April 2013 Magazine) with DBS, GBRf commenced a new gypsum flow, this being significant as the first non-shipping sea related freight traffic over the line since the port was rail connected for the first time, via the part reopened Portishead Branch in December 2001. 66708 powered the first train as 6V80 0356 Burton West Power Station - Portbury Coal Terminal (1255) being recorded passing Cheltenham at 0838 (25 early), departing Parkway (following a recess here) at 1135 (10 early), passing Parsons Street Junction at 1202 (2 late), Pill 1232 and arriving Portbury Dock Stop board at 1235 (7 early). The return 6E81 1700 to West Burton PS (0038) which arrived Portbury Stop Board at 1747 (37 late) and departed at 1803 (69 late), departed Temple Meads at 1858 (37 late) and passed Yate at 1910 (35 late). The customer was reported happy with the first train (formed of 28 green livery MJA former Freightliner box wagons), despite 7 wagons remaining unloaded due to only two mechanical off-loading shovels being provided, not enough for the booked four hour turn round period in the terminal. The material is for use in the nearby plasterboard factory which has been on site here for over 25 years and now operated by Siniat who took over from La Farge in October 2012. The plant had previously been served by sea and road only. The contract is expected to last for 11 months and train workings could be increased to four times a week.

**03/09** 66708 did a repeat performance on the gypsum, the inward 6V80 being reported as departing Abbotswood loop at 0540 (1 early) and the 6E81 return to Hexthorpe Yard, Doncaster, departing Portbury at 1830 (90 late) and passing Yate at 1919 (58 late).

**07/09** This was the 50th Anniversary of the closure to passenger trains over the Portishead branch line, freight traffic continuing to April 1981.

**09/09** The second week of again two gypsum workings over the branch, as 6V80 0356 West Burton Power Station - Portbury Coal Terminal (1255) was worked by 66715, the return being again the 6E81 1700 to West Burton (0038). Inward train reports were passing Yate at 0946 (17 early) and departing Parkway, following a recess here at 1140 (8 early) and the return empties passing Temple Meads at 1807 (1 early).

**10/09** 66715 again worked the 6V80 loaded gypsum the return 6E81 1700 empties to Doncaster Hexthorpe (0029) being noted arriving Ashton Junction signal B335 at 1708 (20 early) and departing 1711 (20 early) being later reported passing Yate at 1755 (40 early).

**13/09** 66715 worked the first Saturday gypsum load in as 6V80 1638 (Fri) West Burton PS - Portbury (0233), being reported passing Temple Meads at 0132 (22 early). The return 6E81 empties to Doncaster Hexthorpe Yard (1445) departed at 0755 (47 late) and passed Yate at 0908 (36 late).

**17/09** Special livery 66720 worked the 6V80 0356 West Burton PS - Portbury (1255) loaded gypsum, passing Temple Meads at 1143 (16 early). Later, the 6E81 empties departed at 1708 (9 late) for Doncaster Hexthorpe Yard. A planned working for the previous day was cancelled.

Locos recorded on coal duty during the review period have included; 66518/539/547/555/597. 66846.

Locos recorded on car duty during the review period have included;  
66030/136.

Loco recorded on biomass duty during the review period has included; 66702

**Bristol area workings during July**

4L31 0901 Bristol West Railport - Felixstowe containers (FL)  
02/07 66501. 03/07 66418. 11/07 66594. 15/07 66501.

4L32 1100 Bristol West Railport - Tilbury (4024\* Grain) containers (FL)  
02/07 66418. 09/07 66534. 11/07\* 66504. 15/07 66532.  
21/07 66533 + 66509. 25/07\* 66543. 28/07 66588.

Note; 21/07 Train was diverted via Bristol Parkway.

4O51 (4V51) Southampton - Wentloog and return containers (FL)  
02/07 70014. 07/07 70020. 15/07 70018. 23/07 66587.  
24/07 70007. 25/07 66504. 30/07 70013.

4V94 / 6M95 Ironbridge - Portbury and return loaded biomass (GBRf)  
01/07 66723. 04/07 66742 + 66732. 29/07 66739. 31/07 66739.  
Note; 04/07 Train ran as 1400 Portbury - Ironbridge PS, following the  
cancellation of the previous day's departure due to a loco failure.

6B33 Theale - Robeston (Margam SO) fuel tank empties (DB)  
04/07 60019. 12/07 60019. 15/07 60020. 17/07 60020.  
19/07 60040. 22/07 60040. 26/07 60040. 31/07 60040.

4(6)B35 Hayes - Moreton-on-Lugg empty stone (DB)  
16/07 66134. 22/07 66004.

6A83 Avonmouth Bennetts - West Drayton / 6C63\* Westbury loaded stone (DB)  
02/07 66128. 08/07 66124. 25/07 66117. 26/07\* 59201.  
28/07 59201. 29/07 59206.  
Note; 08/07 Train ran as 6A63 to Acton.

6B49/6B50 Llanwern-Swindon Stores sidings loaded & return empty steel (DB)  
04/07 66054. 11/07 66081. 15/07 66055. 25/07 66086.

6C49 / 6B59 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Exeter (Alphington Road) empty and  
return loaded scrap metal (DB)  
17/07 66232. 24/07 66089. 31/07 66057.

6C99 2147 (TO) Newport ADJ - St. Blazey freight (DB)  
01/07 66066. 08/07 66092. 15/07 66030. 20/07 66086. 29/07 66001.

6M04 Avonmouth BBHt - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)  
01/07 66419. 02/07 66564. 09/07 66507. 15/07 66598. 28/07 66419.

6M39 1305 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)  
02/07 66171. 03/07 66171. 23/07 66004.

6M64 0825 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)  
24/07 66585. 25/07 66563.

6M69 1700 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)  
11/07 66160. 18/07 66185.



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

01/07 66849. 10/07 66849. 15/07 66849.

6032 Margam / Llanwern - Dollands Moor steel (DB)

02/07 66076. 12/07 66061. 23/07 66182. 27/07 66054.

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

05/07 66013. 19/07 66013. 26/07 66207.

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

17/07 66095.

6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury (via Newport ADJ) empty car carriers (DB)

01/07 66081. 03/07 66169. 15/07 66050. 17/07 66193. 29/07 66043.

6V54 (6M54) Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace empty & return loaded logs (Colas)

09/07 56105 (10/07). 23/07 56113 (24/07).

6V62 (WSO) Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings steel (Colas)

02/07 56105. 05/07 56087 + 56105. 09/07 56087.

19/07 56105 + 56113. 23/07 60087. 26/07 56113. 30/07 56113.

Note; 23/07 Train failed at Hullavington, being assisted forward by 70804.

6V82 (SuO) Tunstead - Westbury 'La Farge' loaded cement (FLHH)

27/07 66621.

6X52 1733 Portbury - Mossend loaded vehicles (DB)

07/07 66016. 08/07 66144. 24/07 66133. 29/07 66043.

6Z35 Bescot (downside) - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (6Z94 return empties to Clitheroe) (DB)

21/07 66035 (22/07).

6Z47 Wembley - Cardiff Docks (Ryans) stone empties (DB)

03/07 66128. 08/07 66128. 22/07 66020. 29/07 66138.

### **Gloucester area workings**

**01/08** 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66185; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66421 Gloucester 1250; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60020 Gloucester 1110

**02/08** 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66150

**04/08** 0z56 Barton Hill - Derby 56303; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60040; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60099; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66110; 6m41 Margam - Round Oak 66119; 6v83 Peterborough - Moreton-On-Lugg 66728 Gloucester 1928; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 66086 Gloucester 1953; 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66303 Gloucester 2015

**05/08** 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 6m56 return 37608-37667; 4v70 Toton - Portbury Ct 66035; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60099; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010 Haresfield Loop 1510-1516; 6y07 Fairwater - Berkeley Road Jn reverse Tuffley Jn 66603-66619

**06/08** 4v70 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66148; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60099; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66707; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66431 Gcr 1050; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60011 Gcr 1103; 6v97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal 66232 Gcr 1918

**07/08** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66425 Gcr 1100; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60011 Gcr 1113; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 6v73 Crewe -

Berkeley 6m56 return 37608-57010; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66148; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010; 4z85 Milford West Sdgs - Avonmouth 66040; 6y07 Fairwater - Berkeley Road Jn 66603/66619

**08/08** 6v97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal 66056 Gcr 1903; 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66422 Gcr 2007

**09/08** 6w98 Bescot - Magor 66107 Gcr 2047; 6v29 Lincoln Terrace - Cardiff Tidal Yard 66160 Gcr 2145; 4z42 Neville Hill - Westbury 66100; 4v46 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010

**10/08** 6e47 Margam - Middlesbrough Dawsons 66086-66143 Gcr 1724

**11/08** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66426 Gcr 1105; 6b13 Robeston-Westerleigh 60020 Gcr 1116; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 66125 Gcr 1955; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 6m56 return 37667/218; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66023

**12/08** 6m98 Cardiff Saltley - Saltley Emr 66007 Gcr 0830; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66303 Gcr 1152; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 6m56 return 37667/37610; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60039; 4v30 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 66849; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010

**20/08** 6e41 Westerleigh-Lindsey 60024; 6v35 Bescot-Avonmouth Hansons 66105

**25/08** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66303 Gcr 1054; 6e94 Aberthaw - Lindsey 66112 Gcr 1835; 6e30 Margam - Hartlepool 60039 Gcr 2018; 6e12 Cardiff Dock - Lindsey 66720 Gcr 2128; 6x04 Crewe Pad - Fairwater 66603 Tnt 66419 Standish Jn 0959; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66154

**26/08** 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60024; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60020 Gcr 1114; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66957; 4v94 Ironbridge - Portbury 66702; 3z05 Derby Rtc - Bristol High Level Sdgs 97301

**27/08** 6u13 Gloucester - Lydney Loop 73114/77904 Gcr 0715; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66301 Gcr 1050; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60040 Gcr 1114; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 66083 Gcr 2040; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66957; 6y07 Gloucester - Fairwater 66951/66603

**28/08** 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66421 Gcr 2005; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66957

**29/08** 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 66069 Standish Jn 0345; 6z93 Toton - Fairwater 66515 Standish Jn 0244; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60040; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60024; 6x04 Fairwater - Crewe Gresty Lane 66616/66419; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66092; 4v18 Washwood Heath - Fairwater 66413; 6m96 Margam - Corby 66125 Gcr 0910

**30/08** 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60040 Gcr 1058; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66011 Gcr 1829; 6v29 Attercliffe - Cardiff Tidal 66005 Gcr 2140; 6v02 Hartlepool - Llanwern 66134 Gcr 2228

**31/08** 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66303 Gcr 1958

**01/09** Gcr 1124 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305; Gcr 1117 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60017; 6z01 Washwood Heath - Llanwern 66849; Gcr 2016 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 66085; 5e50 St Phillips Marsh - Doncaster Wabtec 150125; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 37402/37610; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66415; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66089; 4v18 Washwood Heath - Fairwater 66413

**02/09** 6m98 Cardiff Tidal - Saltley Emr 66053; Gcr 1212 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305; Gcr 1115 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60017; Gcr 0200 6v01 Lindsey - Cardiff Dock 66720; Gcr 0612 6y07 Gloucester - Fairwater 66603/66615; Gcr 0602 6x04 Gloucester - Fairwater 66518/66951; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66597; 4v57 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66539; 6v80 West Burton - Portbury Gypsum 66706 Standish Jn 0916; 6e81 Portbury - West Burton 66706 Standish Jn 1941

**03/09** 6x04 Gcr 0536 Gloucester - Fairwater 66518/66951; 6y07 Gcr 0438 Gloucester - Fairwater 66603/66617; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60020; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60044; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66186;

4v57 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66539; 4v18 Washwood Heath - Fairwater 66951; 6e81 Portbury - Hexthorpe Yard 66706 Standish Jn 2019; 6y07 Fairwater - Lydney 66603/66617 Gcr 2200

**04/09** Gcr 2022 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66303; 4v57 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66539

**05/09** Gcr 6y07 0525 Gloucester - Fairwater 66617/66603; Gcr 6x04 0540 Gloucester - Fairwater 66413/66951; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60044; 6j83 Par - Horton Road Dr 75406; 6x04 Fairwater - Crewe Pad 66617/66951; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth 66089; 4v57 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66539; Gcr 1203 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66426

**06/09** 4v33 Milford West Sdgs - Avonmouth 66093; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66419; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66096; Gcr 2222 6v29 Lincoln Terrace - Cardiff Tidal 66011

**07/09** Standish Jn 1905 6v82 Tunstead - Westbury Cement Works 66602 Load 9; Gcr 1109 Gloucester - Carnforth 5z44 47804/57314; Gcr 1154 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66423; Gcr 0855 6v83 Whitemoor - Cardiff Tidal 66721; Gcr 1113 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60020; Gcr 1223 0x66 Newport Docks - Roberts Road 66753-757-758-765-759-760-762-761-764-763; Gcr 2228 6v97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal 66155; Gcr 2001 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 60039; 6m58 Westbury Cement Works - Tunstead 66602 Load 9 Standish Jn 0619; 4c30 Mo Aberthaw-Gloucester New Yard 66849; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66419; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 37601-37603; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66089

**10/09** 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66715 Standish Jn 0918; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66011 Standish Jn 0944; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 37605/37610; 4v30 Gloucester New Yard - Portbury 66846; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66002; 4v57 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66951; Gcr 0916 6m96 Margam - Corby 66130; Gcr 1103 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66431; Gcr 1116 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60039; Gcr 2118-2128 6e12 Cardiff Dock - Lindsey 66720; 6e81 Portbury - Hexthorpe Yard 66715 Standish Jn 1838

**11/09** 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 20304-37682; 4v57 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66951; Gcr 2016 4m36 Wentloog - Daventry 66302

**12/09** Gcr 0319 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 66077

**13/09** 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66546; 4v56 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66564; Gcr 1830 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66068; Gcr 2028 6v29 Attercliffe - Cardiff Tidal 66096; Gcr 2151 6v02 Hartlepool-Llanwern 66098

**14/09** Gcr 1140 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66424; Gcr 1851 6v83 Whitemoor - Moreton-On-Lugg 66729

**16/09** 4v83 Toton - Portbury 66089 Standish Jn 0915; 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66720 Standish Jn 0940; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66039 Haresfield Loop 1001-1039; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60020; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66951; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66846; 6m39 Portbury - Ratcliffe 66089; 6m69 Avonmouth - Ratcliffe 66039; 6e81 Portbury - West Burton 66720 Standish Jn 1915; 6v69 Bescot - Newport Ad Jn 66181; 0z37 Washwood Heath - Cardiff Canton 37219/37175 Gcr 1450

**17/09** 4v83 Toton - Portbury 66089; 6v80 West Burton-Portbury 66720; 4v70 Ratcliffe - Avonmouth 66039; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66951; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60020; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 20309/20312; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66846; 4v47 Rugeley-Stoke Gifford 70006; 6m39 Portbury-Ratcliffe 66089; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 37605-37610; 6m69 Avonmouth-Ratcliffe 66039; 6v35 Bescot-Avonmouth Hansons 66164; 6b47 Westerleigh-Robeston 60020; 6e81 Portbury - Hexthorpe Yard 66720; Gcr 0018 6m39 Moreton-On-Lugg - Radlett 66148; Gcr 0052 6b26 Cardiff Tidal - Attercliffe 66108; Gcr 0338 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 66085

**18/09** Gcr 1053 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66425; 4v09 Rugeley-Stoke Gifford

66951; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 6v37 Mountsorrel - Moreton-On-Lugg 32 Pga 66148 Standish Jn 1524 123 late Haresfield Loop 1457-1521; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 37609-37608; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70006  
**19/09** 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66951; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe 37602/37606; 4v30 Ratcliffe - Portbury 66846; 4v47 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70010; 3z33 Laira - Derby Rtc Standish Jn 1715 31105; 6m96 Margam - Corby 66186 Gcr 1031; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66304 Gcr 1057

**20/09** 6v80 West Burton - Portbury 66726 Standish Jn 0038; 6e81 Portbury - West Burton 66726 Gloucester Barnwood Jn 0826; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66951; 6v46 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70002 Haresfield Loop 1502-1505; 4v14 Ratcliffe - Gloucester New Yard 66846; 1z43 Tyseley - Hereford Gcr 1144 98743-96100-35470-99353-99361-99349-5198-5212-5191-5157-9101

### **Westbury**

**21/08** GBRf 66738, newly named 'Huddersfield Town' worked the 6M40 Westbury - Stud Farm departmental, unusually form of around 20 loaded wagons instead of the normal empties.

**23/08** At 1430, the following locos were reported as being in the area; 08799, 59101, 59201, 66080, 66846, 70804, 70805, 70809.

**28/08** With the previous days 6M40 Stud Farm ballast working cancelled due to the failure of 66751, recently delivered 66752 worked the days train of empty IOA wagons, having run 0V40 light from Eastleigh passing Warminster at 1030. 66738 was later recorded collecting 66751 and returned as 0066 1407 Westbury - Eastleigh light locos, passing Warminster at 1415.

**04/09** 66752 was on the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast during the day as well as again during the following day.

**06/09** Locos stabled in the area during the afternoon were recorded as; 08799, 59206, 66060, 66116, 66846, 70801, 70802, 70805, 70806, 70810.

**07/09** 158959 working the First/GW 1F24 1359 Portsmouth Harbour - Cardiff Central was turned on the 'triangle' the set departing towards the Berks & Hants route at Lavington, with 52746 leading, later reversing via the Hawkridge curve with 52778 at the front for the onwards journey towards Bristol. An unspecified problem was reported with 52746 which saw the unit take an 'off route' detour.

**08/09** 66722 worked the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast.

**09/09** 70801 + 70806 worked the 6M50 0755 Westbury Down Yard - Bescot departmental, whilst later 70810 + 70807 ran 0Z30 1726 Westbury - Eastleigh East Yard light, departing 10 early. 66722 was the days 6M40 Stud Farm ballast loco the train being noted passing Trowbridge at 1204.

**10/09** 70808 + 70807 top n' tailed a 6C00 1530 Eastleigh East Yard - St. Erth departmental, via Westbury, being reported passing Taunton at 1830. The pair returned in a similar formation as 6C00 0440 St. Erth - Westbury during the following day being reported passing Dawlish at 0650 (40 early)

**12/09** 66745 was on the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast working the train again on 17th and 18th September.

**13/09** Colas locos stabled were 70801, 70803, 70805, 70806, 70807.

### **Swindon**

**11/09** 67030 + 67020 in a top n' tail formation arrived in Cocklebury Yard at 1436 (2 early) on a 0638 Derby RTC - Swindon (via Worcester and a reverse at Hereford) test train. The return working was 2016 to Derby RTC. The £45 million redoubling project of the mainline to Kemble was completed over the Bank Holiday week-end, although an improved service over the route will not be timetabled until three years time when 'extra' stock

becomes available for use.

### **Newport**

**20/08** Colas 70803 (on 'hire' to Freightliner) passed East Usk at 1005 (8 early), Pilning 1039 (1 early) and Chipping Sodbury 1113 (16 late) working 4051 0958 Wentloog - Southampton Maritime loaded containers. Freightliner (Intermodal) have been 'hiring in locos in recent weeks to cover for unavailable electric traction in East Anglia whilst a new curve to Felixstowe is constructed at Ipswich.

A second Colas loco, 56113 was also recorded working the Llanwern to Newport Docks steel trips during the day, one working being noted passing East Usk at 1101.

**27/08** 56087 + 56302 were unusually employed in multiple on the Llanwern - Newport Docks steel trips. The NRMT HST visited Newport via the Marches route on a Crewe - Derby RTC working during the morning.

**31/08** The Sundays 4V38 Daventry - Wentloog Tesco container service was diverted over the Marches route to Newport from Hereford with 66303.

**03/09** 60017 worked the morning 6H22 Llanwern - Margam steel trip.

**04/09** 66753 ran light from Hams Hall - Cardiff Tidal Sidings passing East Usk at 1300 for eventual use in Newport Docks as a shunt loco for the delivery of a further GBRf Class 66/7 order. The loco was booked to run 0Z66 0827 Cardiff Tidal - Newport Docks (0920) during the following day.

**07/09** 67002 worked the Cardiff - Holyhead 'Wag' express and 66078 was recorded north of Newport working the 6X52 Portbury - Mossend loaded cars.

**08/09** The latest batch of new locos for GBRf were moved by 66753 as 0X66 1045 Newport Docks - Doncaster Roberts Road (2050), being reported travelling along the docks branch at 1043 and passing Newport Station at 1128 (1 late) being routed onwards via Chepstow and Gloucester.

The running order behind the hauling loco was recorded as; 66757+66758+66765+66759+66760+66762+66761+66764+66763.

Earlier, 66849 passed Undy Yard at 1049 working 4C30 Aberthaw - Gloucester New Yard coal empties.

**16/09** The first instance of Colas owned Class 37s through the area saw formerly preserved duo 37219 + 37175 running as 0Z37 1310 Washwood Heath Metro Cammell - Cardiff Canton Sidings (1620) not Barry as originally scheduled, the locos being recorded passing Chepstow at 1519 (3 early). Driver training was planned over the preserved Barry Railway line, ready for autumn sandite rail treatment duties from Kings Norton Depot (Birmingham) to Hereford (and return) via Gloucester, Swindon and Kemble. Previously, in the South-West Colas Rail freight operated two Class 47s in a top n' tail formation on sandite duties in Cornwall a few years ago.

### **Cardiff**

**23/08** Aberthaw PS received 9 inward loaded coal workings during the day - unusual for a Saturday.

The list, with points of origin was as follows; 66069 (6B66), 66027 (6B68), 66207 (6B72), 66204 (6B78) - Avonmouth, 66077 (6C92), 66206 (6C93), 66204 (6C94), 66200 (6C96) - Cwmbargoed, 66060 (6V22) - New Cumnock. The power station has been receiving 12 inward weekday workings of 21 wagon HTA sets and was reported as served by 60 inward loaded trains during an earlier week in August.

**07/09** A revised service was in operation west of Cardiff due to engineering work along the mainline to Swansea.

**08/09** 66620 departed Cardiff Tidal sidings at 0520 with 6L35 empty scrap wagons to Dagenham.

**17/09** Having arrived in Cardiff the previous day (see the Newport Notes & News section), Colas 37219 + 37175 ran 0Z37 Canton Depot sidings - Barry light for driver training reported passing Cardiff Ferry Road at 1310

## **PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS**

### **West Somerset Railway**

A special ceremony took place at the end of August for the re-entry into service following renovation of Mk 1 TSO coach 4884 now fully converted to a disabled carriage. A very special guest and the first passenger to travel in the coach, along with some family members was Professor Stephen Hawkins, the writer of the best-selling book 'A Brief History of Time'.

### **Avon Valley Railway**

**31/08** Ex GWR 5521, carrying a London Transport livery was noted in use working the 1100 departure from Bitton.

Ex. GWR 4270 and LSWR 30585, both from the Bodmin & Wenford Railway are reported as lined up for this years end of season gala event set to take place over the weekend 19th - 20th October.

### **British Waterways Museum. Llanthony Warehouse, Gloucester Dock (R.W.Giles)**

**31/08** Fireless AB 2126/42 in green livery carrying 'Central Electricity Generating Board' on its cab side. Also present is a GWR 'toad' brakevan, a flat wagon carrying a boat and a Balmforth 1880s built steam crane (in a black livery) on the quayside.

In the car park area two former grey china clay 'hoods' are present carrying S D on their sides, along with a grey livery, 'plinthed' 1.25 ton Gibbens hand crane.

Alongside the nearby North Warehouse, WD1624, a black Booths steam crane, No. 4973 of 1944 is located on an inset harbour side siding.

### **Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford, Oxfordshire (R.W.Giles)**

**01/09** In use; No.4 Bella (AK 17/85), working a four coach train with No.3 (AK 68/2003) located in the loco shed area next to the tunnel behind the mansion house. Both locos carry a green livery. Train services operate here from 1100 - 1630, daily between April and October.

### **Severn Valley Railway**

**07/09** A Chiltern Trains 'silver set' with a Class 67 loco and DVT covered the line on a special through passenger working from Marylebone. The train was also able to do a second out and back trip over the line prior to the return to the Capital.

### **Tata Steel Europe, Llanwern Steel Works, Newport (view 1130) C.Weeks**

**08/09** Industrial diesels; DE5 (GECT 5413/76), 304 (EEV D1248/68 3946/68), both stabled, with DE4 (GECT 5412/76) shunting wagons.

### **Road Movements**

**28/08** Ex GWR steam 5521 (in London Transport Red livery) heading towards Bristol on the M32 (off the M4) during the morning for the Avon Valley Railway, from the Bluebell line.

**03/09** Following what only turned out to be a 'brief' visit, 5521 was seen on the M4 motorway heading eastbound at 1330 near Swindon.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Corsham, Wiltshire

**29/08** An ongoing campaign continues for the 1960s closed station to reopen here. Devizes MP Claire Perry made a visit along with campaigners during the day, to the site located between Bath and Chippenham. Bath Spa University have two new campuses at Hartham and Corsham Court opening nearby and are backing the scheme, although their main buildings are located 15 miles away at Newton-st-Loe. The MoD who have their main area centre at Filton Abbey Wood also have a link with offices in Corsham area.

### Devon & Cornwall

As reported in the April 2014 Magazine, a loco hauled service for First/GW returned to the West Country as 5E75 1015 Penzance - Par, 2E75 1125 Par - Exeter St.Davids and 2C51 1750 Exeter St.Davids - Penzance, using part of the 'Night Riviera' sleeper coaching stock formation. The following worked this Summer Saturday's only 'relief' service; 24/05 57602. 31/05 57602 (terminated at Plymouth, loco needed to drag a HST failure), 07/06 57605. 14/06 57605. 21/06 57605. 28/06 57605. 05/07 57605. 12/07 57604. 19/07 Cancelled due to no driver (57604 allocated), 26/07 57604 (2E75 terminated at Totnes due to smoke coming from coach 12100, train returned 5E75 to Penzance as ecs), 02/08 57604, 09/08 57604, 16/08 DMU set 150002 ('hire' 57305 de-allocated), 23/08 57604. 30/08 57603. 06/09 'hire' 57305 (train returned as 5C51 ecs from Exeter).

### Bescot, Birmingham

DBS are reported to be moving their operations away from the downside and the former diesel depot building is expected to be closed and demolished.

### HST Power Car Naming

**21/08** 43155 was named (or renamed, as this name was carried by the same power car in Virgin XC days) Red Arrows at Exeter during the day. The back to back power car move was 0Z11 1209 Laira - Exeter St.Davids (platform 6), later returning as 0Z12 1452 to Laira (1553) following the ceremony and noted passing Dawlish at 1505 (3 late) with nameplates still covered on one side.

The Red Arrows air display team was present at Exeter Airport four days later for the Dawlish Air show, now moved to a Saturday, instead of the previous midweek, normally Wednesday show day.

### HST 1st - 2nd Conversion 'In Service' Report

42577 (03/09), 42575 (03/09), 42569 (05/09), 42571 (09/09), 42578 (09/09).  
42571 (10/09), 42572 (10/09), 42574 (15/09).

**29/08** A 5Z00 1247 Kilmarnock Barclays - Old Oak Common HST Depot stock move with 57313 + 57316 was formed with the following new conversions; 42577, 42575, 42568, 42574, 42571, 42578, 42569, 42572 and barrier vans 6338 + 6330 on either end of the train.

### September First/GW Unit News and Reformations

150921 - 52121 + 57121. 150927 - 52127 + 57127

**01/09** This adjustment has been made whilst the centre coaches 57209 + 57212 receive a C3 overhaul, however these two coaches have been seen in service together as a set numbered '150209' !

**02/09** 150002 worked its final day in the area visiting Avonmouth, Cardiff and Taunton, prior to running ecs to Exeter (from Taunton) and

working 5Z74 2005 Exeter St.Davids - Reading empty via Castle Cary and Newbury.

**05/09** '150209' + 153329 was noted in Temple Meads working the 2E25 1528 Warminster - Great Malvern First/GW service.

**08/09** '150209' finally left the area as a 0100 move to Tyseley Depot from St.Phillips Marsh, a major overhaul is expected to follow with the fitting of toilets. The two Class 150/9s are to regain their old 150/1 numbers in the future. At Wolverton, 150125 replaced 150261 for major works attention. Internal 'mods' will see the 150/1 sets have their 3 plus 2 seating replaced by 2 plus 2 during upgrade work.

#### **Loco Hire**

**27/08** Colas 70802 was reported in use by Freightliner Intermodal working off Southampton Maritime, prior to returning light to Westbury during the afternoon.

**16/09** Colas 70803 was noted in Acton Yard on a 'Mendip Rail' stone working, during the day.

#### **New Locos - Class 66**

**06/09** Having docked at 0100, 5 of the latest GBRf loco order were off loaded from the MV Industrial Eagle, the other 4 following over the next day, with a move to Doncaster following on the 08/09 (also see the Newport Notes & News section).

#### **New Locos - Class 68**

Not previously reported has been the appearance of the class on Scottish Highland freight services from late July.

#### **DBS Changes**

The biggest freight operator is reported to be ending the use of Class 08/09 locos, with all of the remaining 14 to be placed in store by the end of August. It has been suggested that operating costs believed to be in excess of £60,000 annually could be saved with duties being covered by Class 66 locos as no restrictions exist in current Class 08 operating locations. By early September however, locos were still known to be in use at Hoo Junction (08623) and Warrington (09106), with locally 08799 at Westbury reported as switched off. Further information received as the Magazine went to press states this arrangement may only be for a 'trial' period.

The DBS Class 66 fleet is in the process of going through a livery revision, with several members now having been seen void of their EWS lettering with DBS stickers now applied randomly on cab or body sides! Those reported so far include; 66002, 66043, 66091, 66145, 66156, 66188.

#### **Mail Unit Overhauls**

The first of the 15 strong Royal Mail EMU fleet, 325003 has been refurbished, with the rest to follow over the next two years. As well as electrical system checks and bodywork repairs, a repaint has also been completed. 12 services operate each day moving items from mail order and first class mail, between the North, Scotland and London. When three of the four carriage sets operate together, up to 600 roller trolleys or 'Yorks' (in Royal Mail terms) can be conveyed, the trains operating over the West Coast line between London's Princess Royal distribution centre, Warrington and Scotland and via the East Coast line to and from the Newcastle mail centre which has a rail platform as part of its premises.



A third of all Scottish second class mail and RM tracked 48 mail are currently carried during a 12 month period. DB Schenker provide train crew and maintain the sets, now over 10 years on from January 2004 when all mail and parcels movements by rail 'officially' finished.

### **2015 Fare Increase - Capped**

Following the September 2014 Magazine report of an expected January 2015, 3.5% price increase, the Government has now announced a 2.5% increase only in line with inflation. This could actually mean a saving for some season ticket holders of around £75.00 over a two years.

### **WEEKEND POSSESSIONS**

Standish Jn - Westerleigh Jn Sunday 12/10  
Warminster - Salisbury Sunday 12/10  
Castle Cary - Cogload Jn 2300 Sunday 12/10 To 0600 Friday 18/10  
Standish Jn - Westerleigh Jn Sunday 19/10  
Patchway - Severn Tunnel Jn Saturday 25/10 Sunday 26/10  
Westbury Line Jn - Heywood Road Jn Sunday 26/10  
Patchway - Severn Tunnel Jn Sunday 02/11  
Westbury Line Jn - Heywood Road Jn Sunday 09/11  
Patchway - Severn Tunnel Jn Sunday 09/11  
Westbury Line Jn - Heywood Road Jn Sunday 16/11  
Patchway - Severn Tunnel Jn Sunday 16/11  
Westbury Line Jn - Heywood Road Jn Sunday 23/11  
Patchway - Severn Tunnel Jn Sunday 23/11  
Plymouth - Liskeard Saturday 29/11 Sunday 30/11  
Westbury Line Jn - Heywood Road Jn Sunday 30/11  
Patchway - Severn Tunnel Jn Sunday 30/11  
Plymouth - Liskeard Saturday 06/12 Sunday 07/12  
Westbury Line Jn - Oxford Road Jn Saturday 06/12 Sunday 07/12  
Patchway - Severn Tunnel Jn Sunday 07/12  
Westbury Line Jn - Oxford Road Jn Saturday 13/12 Sunday 14/12  
Salisbury - Redbridge Sunday 14/12  
Plymouth - Liskeard Sunday 14/12  
Hullavington - Bristol Parkway Sunday 14/12, re-opens at 1540  
Penwithers Jn - St Erth Saturday 20/12 Sunday 21/12

### **TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS**

**26/08** Kingsland Road, Bristol - DR73111, 73906, DR73935. electrification train; DR76908 (99709 131010) + DR76906 + wagon NLU29024 + DR76909 + DR76910.  
**27/08** Queen Anne's NR depot, Bristol - Iveco r/r; KX62HXF.  
**31/08** St.Andrews Road Signal Box, Avonmouth -TXM r/r 6984 (940704-8). Trailer; RT155 (011137-5).  
**05/09** Pilning - DR73805 passing at 1133 (2 late) working 6J94 1044 Swindon Cocklebury Yard - Cardiff Canton Colas sidings. Dr.Days Junction, Bristol - DR75406 passing at 1423 (4 late) working 6J83 1000 Par - Gloucester Horton Road.  
**09/09** Taunton - DR73935 later working 6J42 1030 to Tavistock Yard and 1305 return.  
**12/09** Leominster -DR80301, having earlier arrived on a working from Woking Up Yard.  
**13/09** Patchway - Quattro r/r 207 (911150), 246 (911160), 556 (914063), 557 (914064); Weston-super-Mare - DR73115.

14/09 St. Andrews Road Signal Box, Avonmouth - TXM r/r 6898 (940489-0),  
6923 (940799-0). Trailers; RT123 (010753-0), RT152 (011136-7).

## TRIP REPORTS

**TRIP 488**

**EASTER KENT**

**18th to 21st April 2014**

Notes: All items are gauge 4ft 8.5" unless stated.

\* = assumed; dsm = dismantled; ur = under repair / restoration

As some people could only make parts of the trip, many sightings can be considered "not seen by all" but are not individually marked as such.

### **DAY 1 of 4 - Friday 18th April**

#### **Bristol Parkway.**

Diesel: 43177.

#### **Aylesford Newsprint, Kent (visit).**

R/R: 62D002 - Unimog U1000 107598 oou.

With Thanks to Christopher Hunt for organising and Dave for hosting visit.

#### **Paddock Wood Station.**

Diesel: 59205 on 6Y93 Purley to Cliffe with wagons 17520/01,  
37 7069551481/1432/1523/1531/1473/1408, 17507/13/19/17/11/09/03/18/14/16.

EMU: 375304.

Stabled: OTM: 80210.

R/R: L&W: RRV129 940735-2, RRV130 940736-0.

Trailers: RRT12 010342-2 - Rex 2050/05, RRT25 010715-9.

#### **Field opposite Church Farm, Alders Rd, Capel (visit).**

Carriage: LCDR: b/o 4 compartment.

#### **East Pikefish Farm, Laddingford (visit).**

Carriages: GER: 380 b/o, 383 b/o.

Unknown origin, wooden body carriages: UID b/o, UID b/o.

Wagon: UID plywood van b/o.

With Thanks to A Kershaw for organising our visit.

Notes: This is a private location and can only be visited with permission.

The two unknown carriages are thought to be 6wl 6 compartment thirds.

#### **Ashford Station.**

EMU: 375611/621/705/711/825, 395001 Dame Kelly Holmes/002.

#### **Ashford Stabling Sidings (view).**

EMU: 377511/519, 465928, 466032.

#### **Ashford OTPD (view).**

OTM: 73503, 77315/316, 78218/223, 81507/511/513/522.

Wagons: 460335, 950336.

Small Plant: Permaclipper: XKG2722 906012-8.

Single Line Gantry: 78490 existing half only.

Trailer: 041002-5 - Wickham.

Notes: By 19/4/14 OTM 73944 was also there, noted by a member joining the trip. With Thanks to Steve Jeffery for his assistance at this location.

### **Ashford EMU Depot (view).**

EMU: 375604/911, 465901/908/918.

### **Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway, New Romney (visit).**

Gauge 1ft 3":

#### In service:

Steam: 1 GREEN GODDESS - DP 21499/25, 2 NORTHERN CHIEF - DP 21500/25, 5 HERCULES - 22071/26, 9 WINSTON CHURCHILL - YE 2294/31\*.

Diesel: 14 CAPTAIN HOWEY FOUNDER OF THE RH & DR 1923 - TMA 2336/89.

Carriages: 51, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 71, 74, 76, 78, 79, 80, 101, 102, 103, 105 MARJORIE, 121, 122, 452, 455, 459, 602 WINN, 603 MAY, 801, 802, 803, 804, 806, 807.

#### Not in service:

Steam: 3 (SOUTHERN MAID) - DP 22070/26 dsm ur, 4 THE BUG - Krauss 8378/26, 6 SAMSON - DP 22072/26, 7 (TYPHOON) - DP 22073/26 dsm ur, 8 (HURRICANE) - DP 22074/26 dsm ur, 10 DOCTOR SYN - YE 2295/31, 11 (BLACK PRINCE) - Krupp 1664/37.

Replica steam loco with wooden body / metal frame: 15 WOODY -

Diesel: 12 JOHN SOUTHLAND - TMA 6143/83, 7 (TREMBLY) - L 37658/52, MR 7059/38 reb TMA/88.

Carriages: No.1 ROYAL SALOON, 25P RUTH, (63), 110 CLAYTON, 453, 456, 457, 458, 460, 501 GLADYS, 808.

Engineers carriage: 100P.

Wagons: 201, 203, 204P, 205P, 207, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 231, 233, 21 (242), 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 403, 843, 999, PW2000, PW2002.

Un-numbered: 4w flats totalling 5.

Well wagon totalling 1

Open wagons totalling 2

Wagon 264 converted to a "Father Christmas sleigh"

plus wagon 234 with plywood mock-up armoured steam loco on.

Note: RED GAUNTLET and SCOOTER were believed to be locked in the permanent way shed and PRINCESS CORONATION was in another shed which was unavailable  
With Thanks to Steve Richards for organising and hosting our visit.

### **DUNGENSESS**

This location has many houses that were built using railway carriages. We were fortunate enough to meet many kind people who allowed us to view their houses, and businesses, however future visitors should note:

The gardens leading to people's properties are not well marked in some places and care should be taken when visiting to keep to paths.

Some households declined our request to view and permission should always be sought prior to attempting viewing.

Due to the sensitive nature of the area visitors should be prepared to co-operate with the police, who we found to be friendly and efficient.

The following properties are listed in rough order from the power station end, with the number of carriages in the houses in brackets. Some houses without carriages included for completeness.

SUNRAY (1)

ELRAY (formerly AMEOBIC HOUSE) (1) SECR part body with 3 compartments surviving.

WESTBURY (1) - identified as SECR 205, a luggage van.

WESTWARD HO (0) - Originally built containing a carriage, it was damaged

and removed when 2 other carriages were blown up nearby for the filming of "Bellman and True" a feature film which was released in 1987. That part of the house was subsequently rebuilt to look as though it still contains a railway carriage and is very convincing.

MARINA (1) LSWR 21 SR 7936 - Carriage identified from an archive photo during post-trip research.

STONIHOE (1) thought to be an SECR 3rd.

OPENSHORE (1) SECR 3rd.

DUNRUNNIN (1) SECR Luggage Van 1801 birdcage brake - Carriage identified from an archive photo during post-trip research.

SEA BREEZE (1) a brake vehicle - probably SECR.

MOSSY COTTAGE (2) a LBSCR 5 compartment and a SECR 4 compartment.

CAITHNESS (ART SHOP/GALLERY) (3) 2 SECR (built at Ashford) carriage bodies and a horsebox.

ROSSLYN (0)

Quiet Moorings (2)

UN-NAMED HOUSE Painted white (1)

(PROVIDENCE) (1) LSWR 18 later SR 7806 - Carriage identified from an archive photo and design drawings during post-trip research.

SULACO (1)

LEVEN (1) LCDR

JESMOND (1)

THE TRIUMPH (2)

VENTURE (1) LSWR 5 compartment Third.

SAMOA (1)

SHERBERN (2) SECR 4 compartment assumed and LBSCR 4 compartment assumed.

(FORT WHENDAY) (1) An LSWR Parcels Luggage Van thought to be number 55 built 1887, which later became SR 5055 then 1255.

CHANNEL VIEW (1) - SECR.

PIXIE LEE (1) SECR 4 compartment composite or brake.

HELVETIA (0).

There was one further body in an un-named house somewhere between Jesmond and Channel View.

ABERDOUR and BLUE CROSS were not closely examined as the owner declined permission.

Towards the beach was b/o BR wagon 780023.

Four (disused?) narrow gauge, hand worked, fish railways were noted, including some which were incomplete. One had a 4w flat wagon on.

#### **Dollands Moor (view).**

Electric: 92002/015/016/029 Dante/031/036 Bertolt Brecht/042.

Passing Eurostar: 3003/04.

Wagons: 6849094444 8078980679 8078980752 8078980471 8078981081 8078980794  
8078980596 8078980505 8078980570 8078981073 8078980513 8078981065  
8078980554 and others.

#### **Cheriton (view).**

Stabled: Diesel: 0002, 0003, 0004, 0038, 0039, 0042, 520, 521, 522.

Electric: 9717.

Shuttle Stock: 5908 7003 7004 7005 7007 7010 7015 7018 7173 7177 7180 7185  
7220.

OTM: SRS242 - 94715 757 001-3.

Xx69 4579214-0 wagon/track machine,

MB0019GA wagon/track machine in Blue.

Passing Shuttles:

In consist order with some missing. The 9xxx are Electric Locomotives, which top & tail the stock.

Note: Additional assistance provided by Bradders from his sightings of 26/4/14 are marked with a \* as not confirmed on the day.

\*\* = Confirmed by A Betteney the following day.

9812, 9827.

9714.

9711, 5901 7816\* 7165\* 7174\* 7031 7186\* 7188 7182 7181\* 7138 7147 7141\*  
7150 7134 7156 7155 7149 7854\* 7043\* 7054\* 7055\* 7030\* 7042 7017 7027 7261  
7014 7053 7142 7038 7259 7036\* 7035\* 7033 7818, 9816 WILLARD WHITE.

9803 BENAMIN LUXON, 5817 3813\* 3021\* 3421\* 3219\* 3201 3404\* 3205 3015 3415  
3214 3010\* 3405 3203 3802\* 1817 1014 1409\* 1211 1013\* 1411\* 1215 1019 1418  
1218\* 1001 1401\* 1201 1803, 9819 MARIA EWING.

9715, 5902 7078 7103 7107 7205 7204 7172 7206 7207 7228, 9719.

9024 GOTTHARD 1882, 3818 3029 3428 3227 3028 3427 3226 3204 3418 3217 3027  
3426 3225 1819 1229 1429 1031 1219 1412 1020 1007 1434 1035 1022 1422 1030  
1808, 9018 WILHELMENA FERNANDEZ.

9828 DAME KIRI TE KANAWA, 5909 7119 7117 7271 7120 7121 7122 7123 7238  
7248 7249 7234 7236 7253 7254 7246 7184 7193 7168 7277 7166 7167 7171 7187  
7079 7158 7098 7099 7077 7083 7074, 9704.

9007 DAME JOAN SUTHERLAND, 3804 3224 3425 3026 3211 3412 3012 3212 3413  
3013 3030 3429 3228 3810 1810 1027 1426 1217 1033 1431 1231 1226 1419 1024  
1233 1433 1206 1815, 9823 DAME ELIZABETH LEGGE - SCHWARZKOPF.

9705, 7907 7133\*\* 7136 7218 7137 7140 7203 7146 7270 7274 7275 7273 7282  
7287 7263 7269 7091 7067 7068 7125 7071 7075 7076 7069 7231 7251 7255 7252  
7258 7176 7214 7256, 9718.

9802 STUART BURROWS, 3807\* 3202\* 3403\* 3011 3006\* 3411\* 3004\* 3034\* 3433  
3232\* 3002\* 3402\* 3236\* 3819 1816 1023 1222\* 1216 1414\* 1008\* 1016\* 1425\*  
1026\* 1205\* 1406\* 1006\* 1802\*, 9005 JESSYE NORMAN.

Note: Some fleet lists show the 38xx series going up to 3818 only, however 3819 has been reported by several people.

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