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### **Front Cover Photo November 2014 Issue 513:**

37611 and 37409 haul 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe through Gloucester on 28/11/13.

**[Nigel Hoskins]**

## FUTURE EVENTS

**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

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

**Saturday 03/01/15**

Come and join us early in the New Year for the Annual C&ARS Christmas Social. This will again be held at the Beaufort Arms pub, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, commencing at 1500.

This is the same venue as last year. The pub is close to Bristol Parkway station.

**Trip 497**

**MANCHESTER FLYER**

**Saturday 10/01/15**

Approximately 10 hours free time to do as you wish in Manchester

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

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = approx. 0630 am

**Return Time** to Bristol area = approx. 2130 pm

**Proposed Itinerary:** None

**Permits to be applied for:** None

**Book By Date** = 31st December 2014

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: None

**Trip 498**

**NOTTINGHAM TRAMS & EAST MIDLANDS FLYER**

**Saturday 07/02/15**

A one day trip to catch up with the new Nottingham Trams plus free time wherever you choose

**Trip Fare** = £30.00    Reduced Fare for Society Members = £27.00

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = approx. 0630 am

**Return Time** to Bristol area = approx. 2130 pm

**Proposed Itinerary:** Nottingham Express Transit; Derby; Toton; plus wherever in the East Midlands area

**Permits to be applied for:** None

**Book By Date** = 24<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: None

**Trip 499**

**DONCASTER FLYER**

**Saturday 07/03/15**

Approximately 8 hours free time to do as you wish in Doncaster

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

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = approx. 0630 am

**Return Time** to Bristol area = approx. 2130 pm

**Proposed Itinerary:** None

**Permits to be applied for:** None

**Book By Date** = 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: None

**Trip 500**

**THE EMERALD ISLE RE-VISITED**

**Friday 03/04/15 - Wednesday 08/04/15 inclusive**

A six day 500th Commemorative trip visiting locations in Southern & Northern Ireland

**Trip Fare**

Approx. £270.00    Reduced Fare for Society Members = Approx. £250.00

**NOTE all prices are still to be confirmed**

**Depart** from Bristol = approx. midnight Thur/Fri - **To be confirmed**

**Depart** from Fishguard = approx. 0300 am Friday - **To be confirmed**

**Return** from Rosslare = approx. 1900 pm Wednesday - **To be confirmed**

**Proposed Itinerary:** To Be Advised

**Permits to be applied for:** All

**Book By Date** = 28th February 2015

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: To Be Advised

**Trip 501**

**LONDON FLYER**

**Saturday 09/05/15**

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

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

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = approx. 0630 am

**Return Time** to Bristol area = approx. 2130 pm

**Proposed Itinerary:** None

**Permits to be applied for:** None

**Book By Date** = 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: None

**Trip 502**

**CORNWALL**

**Saturday 06/06/15**

A one day trip visiting the Bodmin & Wenford Railway and various locations with grounded coach bodies

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

**Departure Time** from Bristol area = approx. 0630 am

**Return Time** to Bristol area = approx. 2130 pm

**Proposed Itinerary:** Bodmin & Wenford Railway; St. Germans Station; plus other coach body locations

**Permits to be applied for:** Bodmin & Wenford Railway; Railholidays Ltd; St. Germans Station

**Book By Date** = 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Safety Equipment** (PPE) required: To Be Advised

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 **07751 246365** 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**

**13/09** Additional Information (October Magazine); Train details for this date giving the inward workings for the following days departures, all from Oxford Hinksey yard (at the shown times) were as follows; - 6W20 1951, 6W21 2021, 6W22 2051. Also, the previously unidentified FLHH working with 66616 + 66554 has now been identified as 6Y61 1330 Patchway - Crewe Basford Hall Yard.

**19/09** Thunderstorms and heavy rain in the early hours saw flooding in the Corsham area between Chippenham and Bath (also see the October Magazine, under Bristol Parkway, Stoke Gifford, Pilning and Westerleigh notes & news for the 18th September). The 1B94 2245 (FO) Paddington - Swansea First/GW HST service was reported in trouble and stopped in 3 foot of flood water, emergency services completing an evacuation of the 90 passengers on board by around 0600. A disconnected rear power car with two coaches was believed to have been used to ferry the passengers to an engineer's access staircase at Cemetery Road for taxis connections. Later, some services were diverted whilst the line was closed and road buses operated (once the days school run had been completed!) between Swindon and Bath and Westbury.

Two freight reports, operating due to the previous evening / early hours flooding, via Parkway were; 66076 on an 'additional' 1543 Didcot - Newport ADJ freight, which departed at 1546 (3 late), being noted at Hullavington at 1757 and Stoke Gifford at 1817 (2 early) and 66060 working the previous evenings 6C56 Oxford Banbury Road - Whatley Quarry stone empties (formed of MRL boxes), which was booked off Swindon (following a recess) at 1250 and reported passing Chipping Sodbury at 1424 for Parkway and Bath via Dr.Days curve.

**20/09** A 10 loco convoy was reported for the first 0X12 Margam LIP - Westbury light loco move of the review period.

The formation was recorded as; 66181 + 66097 + 66147 + 66186 + 66067 + 66096 + 66098 + 66132 + 66004 + 66156 and noted passing East Usk at 1300, Bath 1444 (45 late) and arriving Westbury at 1523.

**21/09** With the mainline closed in the Parkway area, for engineering work, all First/GW HST services to and from South Wales was diverted via Chepstow, Gloucester, Stroud and over the now re-doubled Kemble - Swindon main line section.

**25/09** The 6B13 Robeston - Westerleigh loaded fuel tanks with 60007 were reported in trouble and at a stand between Whitland and Carmarthen at 0955. 60039 running as 1Z99 light from Margam, arrived as a rescue loco, the train being later reported passing Morlais Junction at 1038. A further departure time was away from Margam at 1230, 60007 having been detached, the eventual arrival time at Westerleigh being around 1600, this seeing the return 6B47 empties cancelled and going forward in a later path due to the late running.

**27/09** The days 0012 1106 (SO) Margam LIP - Westbury loco convoy was made up of a single loco, 66183 which was recorded as arriving in Westbury at 1413.

**28/09** First/GW HST services to and from South Wales were routed via Days Curve, Bath, Box and Chippenham, with the mainline closed in the Westerleigh area. Patchway station was used in place of Parkway, which was served by road bus connections.

**01/10** Having worked the overnight 6V61 steel service from Margam through



the area in the early hours, 60021 (the second refurbished Colas Class 60) worked the 6V62 1122 (WSO) Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings (1723) steel train passing Westerleigh Junction at 1616 (4 late).

**03/10** Colas tested out their Railhead Treatment train formed with wagons 642014 + 642039 top n' tailed by 37175 + 37219 as 1130 Kings Norton - Kings Norton (1440) via a reverse in Temple Meads (booked 1321 - 1335). Some late running however, saw the train terminate and reverse at Parkway arriving at 1346 (53 late) and departing at 1352 (39 late) passing Yate at 1402 (25 late). It was interesting to see the whole train in immaculate condition paint wise prior to the start of the RHTT season (from Monday 6th October) which will see the locos transformed into a 'new' grim livery, associated with the trains spray work by late November!

**04/10** 70803 passed through Chipping Sodbury at 1347 running as 0A28 1339 Gloucester New Yard - Oxford (Hinksey Yard) light via a reverse at Parkway. The loco had brought in a rake of empty coal wagons to Gloucester following a loco change at Oxford during the previous evening (also see Portbury Branchline notes & news).

**05/10** With the Parkway - Westerleigh Junction line closed, all First/GW HST services were diverted via the Berks & Hants, the Limpley Valley and Day's Curve during the day. Arriva XC services were again routed via a reverse at Newport and onwards via Chepstow and Gloucester. At 1700, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66951 with 66604 and 66522 both stabled on west facing coal wagon rakes. 66037 was also noted ready to return a 6W10 1800 Filton Abbey Wood - Westbury (1904) Colas crane move, which was later reported passing Bath at 1850 (16 late). The inward working for this train during the previous day was 6W10 2145 Westbury - Bristol Parkway (2335). The crane had been noted in use at Winterbourne lifting in a new footbridge, for future use whilst the road bridge close to the former station site is demolished and eventually rebuilt.

**07/10** 66728 worked a train of 'contaminated' stone as a 1414 move to Acton Lane reception sidings, being reported as departing 5 minutes late and passing Yate at 1430 (6 late). At 1500, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66513, 66515, 66604, 66615, 66951 with 66613 at the head of west facing coal wagons.

**12/10** Stoke Gifford sidings held the following during the afternoon period; 66512, 66526, 66533, 66559, 66593.

The demolition of Pearces (the name taken from a nearby construction firm who took up residence close to here in September 1973) or Pugsleys (the brick company who used to have their premises nearby and provided material for the building of the Badminton mainline in the area) bridge to the east of Parkway Station was completed, a temporary footbridge being erected close by. A new bridge is to be completed here for electrification in six months time, although the next bridge down at Curtis Lane is to be demolished over the Christmas period and not replaced. A new road dual carriageway over bridge is expected to be eventually built close to the cleared site at this location. At nearby Winterbourne, the lower village road bridge is closed to traffic, prior to eventual demolition, with a road diversion already in place. It has been reported that 75% of all the bridges along the proposed electrification route will have to be replaced due to a 8 metre height compliance above the rail head needed for overhead wire clearance.

**18/10** At 1800, Stoke Gifford 'downside' held; 66509, 66513, 66595, 66953

Locos recorded at Westerleigh on tank duty have included;  
60001/024/039/079/100.

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

**19/09** 37606 + 37602 were paired on the 6V74 / 6M63 Crewe Coal sidings - Bridgwater and return nuclear flasks and 31105 returned a 3Z33 1400 Laira - Derby RTC ultrasonic test train passing Taunton at 1527 and Worle Junction 1554, a following day visit to South Wales having been cancelled, as coach 999606, which had been in the train's westbound formation on 15th September, was left behind at Laira Depot with a shifted tyre! Another report for the early evening was 66181 working a 6Z55 1300 St.Blazey - Newport ADJ freight formed of 11 china clay JIAs.

**20/09** Old and new traction for the Belmont Northern Belle dining operation was evident, with 57302 + 47790 working the 1Z54 0815 Hereford - Bristol TM and 1Z55 1700 return to Hereford (2121), being reported passing Highworth Junction at 1122 (4 early) and arriving Temple Meads at 1156 (2 late). The 5Z54 ecs to Bedminster left at 1202 (2 late) and departed as 5Z55 on the return at 1649 (27 late).

Several DRS Class 57s locos (once repainted into Pullman colours) are set to replace the Class 47s (47790 and 47832) on this working in the not to distant future.

Another report for the day, involving this time a West Coast Class 57 loco was 57314 working 5Z35 0800 Carnforth - Kingsland Road (1724) 'Royal Duchy' ecs being reported passing Abergavenny at 1511 (2 late) and Pilning 1604 (4 early).

Also, SWTs set 159106 was noted 'on hire' to First/GW during the day.

**21/09** Steam 34067 Tangmere worked the Railway Touring Company, second last 'Royal Duchy' (1Z37 0848 Bristol TM - Par and 1Z39 1645 return) with c/stock; 35518 (loco support), 3136, 3143, 99316, 99347, 99128, 1861, 99328, 99723 being reported arriving Yatton at 0904 (2 early) and departing at 0908 (-) and passing Bridgwater at 0929 (-), the return being recorded as arriving Temple Meads at 2221 (4 early). The 'Torbay Express' (1Z27 0915 Bristol TM - Kingswear and 1Z28 1650 return), the final one of the 2014 season was worked by 5029 Nunney Castle and reported passing Yatton at 0931 (-). 34046 Braunton's support coach 35451 (in carmine and cream) was noted as part of the train's full choc/cream formation in place of 35461. The return working was reported suffering problems with a 'over heating - clinkered' fire box at Weston-super-Mare departing here at 2021 (40 late) following quick action from the crew, the train having earlier passed Bridgwater at 1915 (2 late). The eventual arrival in Temple Meads was at 2048 (42 late).

Some Sunday engineering train allocations and reports included;

70803 - 6C20 1305 Filton Abbey Wood - Westbury (1409), recorded passing Lawrence Hill at 1650 (91 late) formed of side tipping MRA wagons.

70805 - 6C21 1510 Filton Abbey Wood - Westbury (1641), recorded passing Lawrence Hill at 1550 (158 late) formed of Coalfish wagons.

70801 top n' tailing 70809 - 6C58 0840 Westbury - Filton Junction (0930) recorded passing Lawrence Hill at 0935 (14 late).

66847 top n' tailing 66850 - 6C59 1405 Westbury - Filton Junction (1458), recorded passing North Somerset Junction at 1509 (24 late) and Lawrence Hill 1514 (26 late), formed of Coalfish wagons.

66096 - 6W11 1000 Filton Abbey Wood - Westbury (1047), reported passing Lawrence Hill at 1232 (148 late) and Bath Oldfield Park at 1248 formed with Salmon flats loaded with track panels.

66140 - 6W12 1100 Filton Abbey Wood - Westbury (1210), reported passing Lawrence Hill at 1345 (163 late) formed with Coalfish MHA and MTA wagons.

66156 - 6W13 1205 Filton Abbey Wood - Westbury (1321), reported passing Lawrence Hill at 1443 (143 late) and North Somerset Junction 1445, formed with yet more Coalfish 4 wheel wagons.

With the worksite appearing to be in the Stoke Gifford Junction area, a new point was also seen trackside, which could be used as a connection for the new electric train depot. Arriva XC services were noted being diverted via Newport, Chepstow, to and from Gloucester during the day.

**22/09** NR test unit 950001 was back in the area for West Country track recording duties, arriving as 2Q08 0526 Derby - Bristol TM (via the Sharpness branch, although an out and back trip to Lydney from Gloucester was cancelled) passing Parkway at 1155 (63 early) and arriving Temple Meads at 1205 (68 early). 57314 returned the previous days 'Royal Duchy' stock as a retimed 1035 departure from Kingsland Road, to a afternoon 5Z40 working from Temple Meads, unconfirmed to have returned to Southall at 1400. With the Summer west of England mainline steam activity coming to a close, 5029 Nunney Castle ran north as 1815 Barton Hill - Saltley LIP (2132) with support coach passing Lawrence Hill at 1810 (26 early). The loco was en route to the North Yorkshire Moors Railway for a 'loan' spell. Later in the evening, 66413 + 66622 top n' tailed a 6X04 1810 Taunton Fairwater - Gloucester Over Junction (2225) track replacement train passing Lawrence Hill at 1927 (8 late).

**23/09** An evening departmental record, was 66622 + 66603 top n' tailing a 6X04 1810 Taunton Fairwater - Gloucester Over Junction track replacement train passing Lawrence Hill at 1941 (22 late).

**24/09** DRS 57310, now appears to be the First/GW 'hire' loco, replacing NR 57305, the loco passing through the area working the 1A40 2145 Penzance - Paddington (0519) sleeper service, reported Yatton at 0210 (10 early), Temple Meads 0223 (12 early), Parkway 0231 (14 early) and departing Swindon (following a crew change) at 0326 (-). Colas 56113 powered the 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace log empties passing Pilning at 0915 (33 late) and 37608 + 37609 (carrying the latest Class 68 style DRS livery) arrived Bridgwater at 0639 and returned the 6M63 (formed of two FNAs 550030 + 550063) departing at 1203 and passing Lawrence Hill at 1309. Steam 35028 was a later arrival in Bristol working a 1Z91 0845 Victoria (East) - Temple Meads (and 1Z92 1639 return) Belmont VSOE which departed Bath at 1257 (12 late) and arrived Temple Meads at 1314 (4 late), departing at 1318 (1 late) for Bristol East (for servicing) via a run round at Bedminster. The return departed 3 late, passed Keynsham at 1648 (1 late) and departed Bath at 1703 (2 late).

Two evening departmental records were; 66622 + 66603 top n' tailing the 6X04 1810 Taunton Fairwater - Gloucester Over Junction (2225) again, via a reverse at Severn Tunnel Junction, track replacement train passing Lawrence Hill at 1918 (1 early) and 66419 on a 4V18 1858 Washwood Heath RMC - Taunton Fairwater 12 wagon sleeper train passing Temple Meads at 2127 (8 early). The 6X04 had earlier in the day been recorded passing Bridgwater at 0655 (65 late) running as 0430 Gloucester Yard Junction - Taunton Fairwater (0615).

**25/09** Steam 4464 Bittern (which had been seen in light steam on Barton Hill Depot during the previous day), with support coach ran 5Z32 0755 Barton Hill - Westbury, passing Bath at 0848 (3 early) and arriving Westbury at 0917 (3 early) to take over a Steam Dreams 'Cathedrals Express' (1Z32 0824 Oxford - Kingswear and 1Z34 1630 return), however the trip was cancelled at Oxford due to brake problems with the supporting diesel loco! The A4 then carried out a 0Z32 1128 Westbury - Westbury turning move, via Hawkrigge Junction, prior to a return to Southall Wcr as a 1245 move off Westbury via the Berks & Hants route. The loaded Colas log train returned with 56113 as a late running, 21 wagon, 6M51 0856 Teigngrace - Chirk Kronospan (2247), which was terminated at East Usk Junction, at 2005 (224 late) having passed Bridgwater at 1811 (345 late)

and departed Temple Meads at 1854 (224 late).

The evening 6X04 1810 Taunton Fairwater - Gloucester Over Junction (2225), track replacement train passed Lawrence Hill at 1913 (6 early), top n' tailed with 66603 + 66413.

**26/09** A second for the week, a single FNA flask working was powered by 20309 + 20312 as 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal Sidings being reported as departing at 1047, and passing Worle at 1102. Colas 56302 worked 0Z60 1105 Cardiff Canton - St.Blazey (1643) light to collect the newly acquired, long term stored (and included in the Class 60 overhaul programme) 60096, which had arrived in Cornwall on 9th May 2012. The loco was noted passing Severn Tunnel Junction at 1212 (12 late), Lawrence Hill 1314 (4 late) and Bridgwater 1349 (3 late).

On arrival in Cornwall, the Class 56 collected the Class 60 and worked 0Z61 1845 St.Blazey - Bodmin Sidings (1930), both locos then featuring in the Bodmin & Wenford Railway Diesel Gala (the latter as a static display item only!). Later, the track replacement train again left the area as 6X04 1415 Taunton Fairwater - Crewe PAD (2148), top n' tailed with 66622 + 66413 being reported passing Taunton Station at 1407 (12 early) and through the Weston-super-Mare area at 1445.

**28/09** Steam 34067 Tangmere brought this years series of 'Royal Duchy' outings to a close running as the usual 1Z37 0848 Bristol TM - Par and 1Z39 1745 return, the outward being recorded departing Yatton at 0908 (-), passing Bridgwater at 0929 (-) and departing Bridgwater at 0946 (-), the return being reported passing Bridgwater at 2142 (1 late), departing Yatton 2207 (-) and arriving Temple Meads at 2224 (1 early).

**29/09** Steam railtour ecs moves away from the area were recorded as; 'Royal Duchy' set with 57314 as 5Z45 1115 Bristol Kingsland Road - Steamtown Carnforth (2128) via the Severn Tunnel and the Marches passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1214 (2 early) and an unidentified loco on the 'Torbay Express' stock as 1005 Bristol TM - Crewe, also via the same route, but departing 90 late at 1135. Later, 56302 returned north with 60096 as 0Z53 1015 Bodmin Sidings - Toton Tmd (1847) being reported as departing 7 late, passing Dawlish at 1145 (15 early), Taunton 1232 (44 early), Worle Junction 1303 (53 early), Lawrence Hill 1340, Parkway 1350 (55 early) and Charfield 1404 (54 early). For the record, Steam 34067 Tangmere departed the area as 5Z40 0955 St. Phillips Marsh - Southall Wcr (1409) via Box, being recorded passing Bath at 1020 (3 early).

**30/09** Some freight and departmental reports for the day included; 66607 - 6V64 0821 Gloucester Horton Road - West Ealing Plasser sidings (1242), hauling track machine 77903, being recorded passing Lawrence Hill at 0936 (10 late) and Bath 0959 (3 late), 66618 - 6Z50 1123 Cardiff Pengam - Wool (1742) stone empties formed of 18 HIAs being reported as passing Lawrence Hill at 1245 (4 early) and Bath 1256 (7 late), 20312 + 20309 - 6M63 Bridgwater - Crewe Coal sidings nuclear flasks (FNAs 550048 + 550016) which departed at 1204 (having arrived Bridgwater at 0647) and passed Lawrence Hill at 1305. During the evening, 37602 + 37603 were noted stabled in the Temple Meads area on a test train (also see the Newport notes & news section).

**01/10** The track inspection train worked north from Bristol as 1Q05 0806 Temple Meads - Didcot (via Reading) being noted passing Lawrence Hill at 0811 (2 late) and Parkway 0823 (4 late). 56301 running as 0Z34 1013 Totton Yard - Barton Hill light loco passed Bath at 1152 (-) for a Chiltern Trains coach move during the following day.

**02/10** 56301 departed with a 5Z34 1013 Barton Hill - Wembley (1447) coach move which passed Parkway at 1015 (9 early). The loco later returned a second coach as 5Z35 1600 Wembley Lmd - Barton Hill being reported passing

Parkway at 1924 (40 early). The final part of the day's diagram, a 0Z56 2046 light-engine move to Washwood Heath (2334) was however cancelled.

**03/10** 56301 eventually left the area as 0Z56 0941 Barton Hill - Derby Gas Tank Sidings (1343) light passing Parkway at 0950 (6 early) and Yate 0956 (10 early).

Another report for the day was the sighting of 158950 running as a two car set 57261 + 57761, coach 57751 being removed.

**06/10** Heavy rain and strong winds in the early hours saw a serious signalling problem in the Slough area, which resulted in numerous cancellations and up to 90 minute delays for other services. First/GW were advising customers not to travel between Reading and Paddington unless really necessary, the problem having still not been fully rectified in to the evening. The Castle Cary - Cogload Junction (Taunton) mainline was set to be closed until 09th October, with a further closure from 13 - 16th October during the following week. Worksites were reported to be at Hurcot (just east of Somerton viaduct) and near Athelney, on the Somerset Levels where a £25 million flood resilience project which included bank strengthening, drain clearance and culvert repair work. All traffic was diverted via Bristol during the closure periods.

**07/10** During the morning problems in Cornwall during from the previous evening, saw the 1A40 2145 Penzance - Paddington First/GW sleeper service (with 57604) heavily delayed, being reported departing Truro at 0330 (301 late), passing Temple Meads at 0703 (267 late), Parkway 0713 (268 late) and departing Swindon at 0752 (274 late) following a crew change. For the record the 1C99 Paddington - Penzance sleeper was also routed via the Bristol area, passing Bath at 0222 (23 late) and Temple Meads 0234 (21 late), hauling power unknown. With the Cornish RHTT not being brought into use until the next day, 57604 had assisted an HST move (from Truro), the 1Z86 1430 Paddington - Penzance which was helped from the rear by the 1Z88 1530 Paddington - Penzance (both services having been diverted via Bristol) in the Par area, part due to slippery rails, the 1Z86 later arriving Truro at 0040 (278 late) and departing at 0055 (291 late), arriving Penzance at 0144 (296 late) and the 1Z88 which departed Par at 2235 (132 late) on the rear of the 1Z86, departed Truro at 0117 (268 late) eventually arriving in Penzance at 0225 (294 late)! Back in Bristol the Barton Hill RHTT was noted formed on the depot during the morning and ready for evening use.

**08/10** Two Class 70 hauled, return engineering train reports from the Castle Cary line blockade were recorded as follows; 70806 - 6T71 1034 Athelney level crossing - Westbury (1352) which passed Bridgwater at 1549 (245 late), Temple Meads 1646 (216 late) and Bath 1700 (214 late) and 70802 - 6T72 1413 Athelney level crossing - Westbury (1745) which passed Bridgwater at 1726 (76 late), Temple Meads 1822 (86 late) and Bath 1852 (102 late). The Barton Hill sandite train, 3S59 2107 Barton Hill - Barton Hill (running overnight) ran for the first time with locos, 66106 + 66135 in the usual top n' tail formation. The weekday diagram for this year was similar to that of 2013 with a 2107 departure, taking in Westbury, Avonmouth, Cardiff Central, Radyr (via Ninian Park and the City line), Merthyr Tydfil, Mountain Ash, Ebbw Vale Parkway, Moreton-on-Lugg, Bristol Parkway and Weston - super-Mare. The overnight Friday / Saturday week end working varies, returning via Avonmouth and visiting Weston-super-Mare and the Sunday (1632 departure) / Monday working returning via Avonmouth and Clifton Down, reversing in Temple Meads for an out and back run to Parkway, with no trip booked to Weston-super-Mare.

**09/10** A 6C29 1100 Exeter (Riverside) - Westbury (1428) departmental was powered by no less than four locos; 70803 + 66850 + 66848 + 66846 and

reported passing Taunton at 1317 (54 late), Worle Junction 1356 (58 late), departing Temple Meads at 1430 (66 late) and passing Bath at 1444 (65 late). Another engineering train diversion report was 66008 working a 6Z84 1118 Taunton Fairwater - Westbury (1219), via Bristol and Bath working which arrived at its destination at 1340 (51 late).

Later in the day, 66610 worked a 6Z69 1410 Bescot Up Yard - Westbury (1929) departmental, passing Lawrence Hill at 1850 (9 late) and 66607 + 66513 top n' tailed a 6Y07 1757 Taunton Fairwater - Pangbourne (2129) HOBC working being recorded passing Keynsham at 1914 (9 late). A Railway Touring Company steam trip from Tonbridge - Bristol TM and return for today, featuring 70013 Oliver Cromwell was cancelled a week in advance due to loco problems.

**10/10** There was up to 30 minutes of train delays for First/GW due to a morning signalling failure in the Twyford area. The return 6Y07 Pangbourne - Taunton Fairwater HOBC working passed Worle Junction at 0837 (37 late) top n' tailed with 66513 + 66607. Another report from the Weston-super-Mare area was the Rail Head train (3S59) making its first visit for the year to the towns main station at 1230, top n' tailed with 66106 + 66135 and waiting to return to Barton Hill.

**12/10** Two engineering train loco allocations and reports were; 66603 top n' tailing 66607 - 6Y07 0730 Worle Junction - Taunton Fairwater (1110) via Bedminster, which departed here at 0843 (76 early) and passed Bridgwater at 0927 (77 early). 66513 - 6Y08 0735 Worle Junction - Westbury (0838) formed of JNA boxes loaded with used ballast and reported passing Bedminster at 0826 (30 early) for Temple Meads and Bath. Later, 66850 + 70803 passed Temple Meads at 1008 and Bridgwater 1036 running as a 0F76 Westbury - Exeter (Riverside) light loco move.

**13/10** Following the recent return of 150921 and 150927 to 150121 and 150127 respectively with the removal of their third coach, 150926 was formed on this date as 52126 + 57209 + 57126. A second three car set, 150925 made up of 52125 + 57212 + 57125 entered service from 16th October.

**14/10** DRS duo, 37611 + 37607 departed Bridgwater at 1152 working the 6M63 nuclear flask service to Crewe Coal sidings. For the second week of the Castle Cary - Cogload Junction line closure for primarily flood defence work near Athelney, engineering train reports for the day included; 70809 - 6T69 0643 Westbury - Cogload Junction (0948) noted passing Bridgwater at 0858 (38 late) and 70804 - 6T70 0853 Westbury - Cogload Junction (1148) passing Bridgwater at 1046 (15 late) and Taunton Station at 1102 and returning at 1241 following a loco run round in the Fairwater Yard area. Other morning reports were 66615 top n' tailing 66603 with the 6Y07 0455 Gloucester - Taunton Fairwater Yard HOBC and 66603 again, working a diverted via Bristol, 6C72 0820 Taunton Fairwater - Westbury (1128) departmental.

During the early evening, 59001 passed Lawrence Hill at 1837 (7 late) as a 0F59 1719 Cardiff - Westbury (2005) light loco move following attention at Canton Depot. The loco had worked to South Wales earlier in the day as a 0Z59 0345 Merehead Quarry - Cardiff Canton Pullmans (0758) move.

**15/10** Colas 56113 worked 6V54 0535 Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace empty log carriers being noted passing Lawrence Hill at 0915 and departing Temple Meads at 0922 (4 late). Two afternoon workings of interest were; 59204 working a diverted 6C28 1341 Exeter (Riverside) New Yard - Westbury (1734) stone empties being reported passing Bridgwater at 1444 (26 early), departing Temple Meads at 1632 (5 early) and passing Bath at 1648 (8 early) and 56301 hauling preserved 50026, in Network South-East livery as 0Z50 1223 Kidderminster (SVR) - Eastleigh Works being reported passing Yate at 1420 (-) and Bath 1518 (1 late). For the record the inward loaded

59204 stone train details were 6C27 0344 Westbury Down Yard - Exeter (Riverside) New yard (0712) which passed Temple Meads at 0423 (30 early). **16/10** 31452 + 31601 ran 0Z31 1203 Eastleigh - Meldon Quarry (1457) to collect 47701 which with several other class members is to be overhauled for overseas use, believed to be in Hungary, the 31s being recorded departing Temple Meads at 1418 (2 early).

Other reports for the day included the 6C28, running as 1203 Exeter (Riverside) New Yard - Westbury (1530) stone empties again routed via Bristol Class 59 hauled, with 59102 in charge and recorded passing Worle Junction at 1350 (19 late), departing Temple Meads at 1434 (3 early) and passing Bath at 1449 (4 early), 66598 working a 6Z50 1200 Exeter (Riverside) New Yard - Eastleigh East Yard (1638) departmental which passed Worle Junction at 1424 (66 late), Temple Meads 1452 (66 late) and Bath 1510 (71 late) and 56113 returning the 6M54 0856 Teigngrace - Chirk Kronospan (2247), again running late (possibly due to an amended unreported new path) passing Tiverton at 1455 (162 late), Worle Junction 1545 (109 late), departing Yatton loop at 1559 (68 late) and passing Patchway at 1637 (70 late).

This was the final day of First/GW HST and freight diversions via the Limpley Stoke Valley, Bath, Bristol and Bridgwater due to track work between Castle Cary and Cogload Junction.

**17/10** Having reached Taunton (as 0Z32 1750 Okehampton - Taunton) during the previous day and recessed overnight, 31601 + 31452 + 47701 continued onwards as 0Z33 0722 Taunton - Burton Wetmore sidings (1318) passing Bridgwater at 0732 (3 early) and Parkway 0828 (75 early), then onwards via Yate. Later, steam 70013 Oliver Cromwell with support coach was an arrival for rail tour duty during the following day as 5Z70 1345 Southall Wcr - St. Phillips Marsh (1730) being reported passing Bath at 1646 (1 late).

**18/10** Two steam hauled specials were in Bristol during the day; 70013 Oliver Cromwell worked the Railway Touring Company's 'Dartmouth Express 2' 1Z82 0608 Poole - Kingswear (1305) onwards from Bristol, 47237 working the first part of the trip (which returned as 1Z84 1605 to Poole via Westbury) passing Bath at 0913 (-) and arriving in Temple Meads at 0931 (1 late). The Britannia departed at 0953 (-) and passed Bridgwater at 1026 (1 early). The second visitor was 4464 Bittern on Vintage Train's 'Western Streak' (1Z44 0727 Tyseley Steam Trust - Bristol TM), worked to Didcot by 47773 (which remained on the rear of the train) and departed at 1057 steam hauled arriving in Bristol during the early afternoon. The 1Z56 1702 return passed Narrowways Hill Junction at 1706 (4 early) and Yate 1726 (2 early) formed with c/stock; 35317 (loco support), W17108, 99349, 99361, 99353, W5191, W5212, W9101.

### **Bristol West Railport**

Locos recorded on container duty have included; 66414/532/587/591/589/594/957.

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

**30/09** A 6B35 1143 Didcot - Avonmouth NP silo No 1 (1434) loaded stone was a very rare arrival behind 66186 having been reported passing Hallen Marsh Junction at 1427 (-). The train was formed of 24 VTG PGA, 4 wheelers, from a 2140 (Wed) Moreton-on-Lugg - Elstow Redland Sidings (0943) service of the 25th September, which had departed 160 early and recorded leaving Parkway at 2356 (7 early). The 29 wagon train was however reported in trouble at Uffingham passing at 0248 (82 late) and being terminated at Didcot Foxhall Junction at 0538 (236 late)! There were several wagon defects found following checks, 5 having to be 'red carded'

and removed at Didcot mainly due to brake issues, these being set aside for repair at this location. The Avonmouth portion eventually went forward as 6M39 2343 to Radlett, with a number (unconfirmed as many as 15) being single journey, 'green carded' for repair! Earlier, an Avonmouth - Crawley stone working was cancelled due to no driver being available at Westbury to take forward the empties.

**16/10** Newly formed 150926 (52126 + 57212 + 57126), was noted working an Avonmouth - Temple Meads return First/GW service.

**18/10** The 3S59 Barton Hill - Barton Hill (overnight) sandite train, passed through the area late morning being top n' tailed by 66135 + 66106 having passed Filton West Junction at 1048.

Locos recorded on coal duty have included; 66004/006/008/107/112/135/  
136/139/198/199/207. 66539/551/618//847/951/953

Locos recorded on stone duty have included; 66009/037. 59001/004/202.

Locos recorded on cement duty have included; 66181.

### **Portbury Branchline**

**27/09** A second GBRf Saturday gypsum service operated with 66707 as 6V80 1638 (Fri) West Burton PS - Portbury Coal Terminal being reported as arriving at 0157 (38 early). The 6E81 0638 return service, was initially reported as cancelled, then delayed, believed to be due to offloading plant problems. However, the eventual departure for the return 26 empties was at 0915 (136 late), the train being later recorded arriving Ashton signal B337 at 0913 (137 late), departing here at 0915 (136 late) and departing Parkway at 0948 (147 late). At around 0800, a NR employee was noted removing the tokens from the hut next to signal B337 (the end of the single line section from Portbury) and carrying them back to the Ashton Junction cabin located to the south of Ashton Containers foot crossing. This activity takes place on a weekly basis, due to the off balance of inward tokens to outward workings. Today's swap was completed by around 0815.

**01/10** 66707 worked the return 6E81 1700 gypsum empties to West Burton PS being reported as departing 7 minutes early and passing Parkway at 1819 (1 early).

**04/10** The 6M87 1900 coal service (assumed to be headed by 66846) was reported in trouble east of Bath, having passed here at 2012 (2 early) and then Bathampton Junction at 2141 (84 late), the train may well having visited the loop here. Thingley Junction was later passed at 2313 (160 late). 70803 replaced the Class 66/8 (which did not appear to have a problem, and was present at Eastleigh during the following day) at Oxford Hinksey Yard taking the train onwards to Ratcliffe. The Class 70 returned the empties as 4V14 0820 Ratcliffe PS - Gloucester New Yard (departing at 1104 - 164 late), arriving at 1618 (4 early), during the following day.

**14/10** The second visit (again a Wednesdays only working) for the RHTT of the year recorded 66106 + 66135 top n' tailing the 3S59 passing Ashton Vale level crossing at 1209 on the inward working and returning at 1313. Earlier the 6V80 West Burton - Portbury loaded gypsum had passed the same location, at 1116 running early behind 66704.

Locos recorded on coal duty have included; 66037/100/170/200/207.  
66512/515. 66522/527/528/951/953/601/613. 66846.

Locos recorded on car duty have included; 66003/034/039/058/093/121/135

Locos recorded on gypsum duty have included; 66704/707.



## **Bristol area workings during August**

4L31 0901 Bristol West Railport - Felixstowe containers (FL)  
07/08 66556. 08/08 66556.

4L32 1100 Bristol West Railport - Tilbury (4024\* Grain) containers (FL)  
06/08 66571. 07/08 66570. 08/08 66541\* 18/08 66591.

4O51 (4V51) Southampton - Wentloog and return containers (FL)  
02/08 66534 tnt 66954. 06/08 66570. 07/08 70019. 12/08 70017.  
13/08 66591 + 66556. 20/08 70803. 22/08 70017. 29/08 70008.  
23/08 66509 tnt 66587.

Note; 02 and 23/08 trains were diverted via Bath (Chippenham reverse),  
Melksham and Westbury. 06/08 train ran in a 4Z51 path.

4O59 (4V50) (SO) Southampton - Wentloog containers (FLHH)  
02/08 66534 tnt 66954. 23/08 66509 tnt 66587.

Note; Both trains were diverted via Bath, Chippenham, Melksham and  
Westbury.

4V94 / 6M95 Ironbridge - Portbury and return loaded biomass (GBRf)  
06/08 66707. 26/08 66702.

6A21 Cardiff Pengam - Theale loaded stone (FLHH)  
23/08 66613.

6B33 Theale - Robeston (Margam SO) fuel tank empties (DB)  
07/08 60020. 09/08 60059. 12/08 60040. 16/08 66019.  
22/08 60040. 28/08 66113. 30/08 60020.

6A83 Avonmouth Bennetts - West Drayton / 6C63\* Westbury loaded stone (DB)  
06/08 59204. 11/08 59206.

Note; 06/08 train ran as 6A63 to Acton.

6B49/6B50 Llanwern - Swindon Stores sidings loaded & return empty steel  
(DB)  
08/08 66160. 19/08 66083.

6C49 / 6B59 Cardiff Tidal sidings - Exeter (Alphington Road) empty and  
return loaded scrap metal (DB)  
14/08 66092.

6C99 2147 (TO) Newport ADJ - St. Blazey freight (TO)  
05/08 66021. 26/08 66168 + 66134.

6M12 2249 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)  
04-07/08 70010.

6M12 2235 Avonmouth - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)  
11-15/08 70010.

Note; Both of the two above workings were trail loadings using a Class 70  
and 22 HHA / HXAs as opposed to 20 hauled by Class 66 locos.

6M14 1628 Avonmouth - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)  
18/08 66508.

6M64 0825 Portbury - Rugeley PS loaded coal (FLHH)  
21/08 66547. 28/08 66518. 29/08 66547.

6M69 1700 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (DB)  
05/08 66035. 06/08 66148. 07/08 66148.

6M87 1900 Portbury - Ratcliffe PS loaded coal (Colas)  
12/08 66849. 21/08 66849.

6O32 Margam / Llanwern - Dollands Moor steel (DB)  
05/08 66119. 29/08 66075.

6V13 Dollands Moor - Margam (DB)  
02/08 66119. 09/08 66086.

Note; 02/08 the train was diverted via the Berks & Hants and Bath.

6V47 (TThO) Tilbury - Trostre loaded steel (DB)  
07/08 66119.

6V51 Warrington Arpley - Portbury (via Newport ADJ) empty car carriers  
(DB)  
07/08 66109. 14/08 66133. 26/08 66127. 27/08 66127.

6V54 (6M54) Chirk Kronospan - Teigngrace empty & return loaded logs  
(Colas)  
27/08 (28/08) 56113.

6V62 (WSO) Tilbury (Riverside) - Llanwern Exchange sidings steel (Colas)  
02/08 56087 + 56113. 06/08 60087. 09/08 56087 + 56113.  
13/08 56078 + 56113. 16/08 56087 + 56113. 20/08 56302.  
27/08 60087. 30/08 60087.

Note; 02/08 the train was diverted via the Berks & Hants and Bath.

6V82 (SuO) Tunstead - Westbury 'la Farge' loaded cement (FLHH)  
10/08 66602.

6Z35 (MWFO) Bescot (Downside) - Avonmouth Hansons loaded cement (6Z94  
TThSO return empties to Clitheroe) (DB)  
01/08 66185. 04/08 66110. 11/08 66023. 20/08 66105.  
25/08 66154. 29/08 66092.

Note; 11/08, the return (12/08) departure left 10 PCA tanks in the  
terminal at Avonmouth.

6Z47 Wembley - Cardiff Docks (Ryans) stone empties (DB)  
05/08 66001

### **Gloucester area workings**

**20/09** 6e81 Portbury - West Burton 66726; 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford  
66951; 6v46 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 70002; 7y62 Basford Hall - Bristol  
Parkway 66512/66549 passed Gloucester 2247; 6w21 Westbury - Bristol  
Parkway 66147 passed Gloucester 2149; 6v29 Lincoln Terrace - Cardiff Tidal  
66121 Gloucester 2229; 6v02 Hartlepool - Llanwern 66094 Gloucester 2224

**21/09** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66301 Gloucester 1142

**22/09** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66432 Gloucester 1208; 6b13 Robeston -  
Westerleigh 60039 Gloucester 1115; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 66128  
Gloucester 1955; 4v70 Toton North Yard - Portbury 66200; 6x04 Crewe -

Fairwater 66622/66419; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe Cls 20309/20312; 5z29 Barton Hill - Saltley 98728 + Pob Standish Jn 1853 45 early

**23/09** 6x04 Gloucester 0438 - Fairwater 66622/66413; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60100 Gloucester 1109; 6v73 Crewe - Berkeley 37604/37605

**29/09** 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66953; 4v06 Rugeley - Portbury 70010; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 37604/37605; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66181; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66432 Gloucester 1254

**30/09** 6m98 Cardiff Tidal - Saltley Emr 66065 Gloucester 0753; 6v22 New Cumnock - Aberthaw 66109 Gloucester 0910; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 66100 Gloucester 1114; 6v74 Crewe - Bridgwater 20309/20312

**08/10** 4v06 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66524; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66425 Gloucester 1100; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60079 Gloucester 1106

**12/10** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66425 Gloucester 1338; 6v93 Peterborough - Morton-On-Lugg 66728 Gloucester 1538; 6v66 Redcar - Margam 66230 Gloucester 2243

**14/10** 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60015; 6m63 Bridgwater - Crewe Cls 37607/37611; 6e81 Portbury - West Burton 66704; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305 Gloucester 1100

**15/10** 1q10 Derby Rtc - Derby Rtc 67020/67030 Gloucester 1329; 6v55 Bedworth - Robeston 66089 Gloucester 2049; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66201; 4v57 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66539

**16/10** 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66305 Gloucester 1248; 6y07 Gloucester 0435 - Westbury 66603/66615; 4v33 Milford West Sdgs - Avonmouth 66061; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66527; 6e41 Westerleigh - Lindsey 60092; 6v37 Mountsorrel - Morton-On-Lugg 66250; 4v57 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66539

**17/10** 6m03 Robeston - Bedworth 66136 Gloucester 0402; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66513; 6m56 Berkeley - Crewe 37602/37608; 6v35 Bescot - Avonmouth Hansons 66181; 4v38 Daventry - Wentloog 66425 Gloucester 1125

**18/10** 3s59 Barton Hill - Barton Hill 66135/66106 Gloucester 0757-0802 reverse Platform 3; 6v06 Handsworth - Cardiff Tidal 66170 Gloucester 1719; 6e85 Morton-On-Lugg - Harlow Mill 66728 Gloucester 0502 via Kemble; 6b13 Robeston - Westerleigh 60044 Gloucester 1100; 4v09 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66513; 4v56 Rugeley - Stoke Gifford 66527

### **Westbury**

**22/09** 66745 worked the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast.

**23/09** 66722 worked the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast.

**27/09** 66099 + 66169 arrived as 0Z29 0700 St.Blazey - Westbury light engines, to collect the West of England water cannon (RHIT) wagons returning as a 6Z29 1142 move back to St.Blazey (reported passing Taunton at 1229). 66710 powered the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast.

**30/09** 66710 again worked the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast.

**06/10** A new week and a new loco, 66712 worked the GBRf, 6M40 Stud Farm ballast.

**08/10** FLHH 66509 was 'hired in' by Colas to work the 6Z30 1726 Westbury - Eastleigh East Yard departmental, being noted passing Warminster at 1728 (1 early). This working is often a Class 70 duty.

**10/10** Newly delivered 66757 worked the 6M40 Stud Farm ballast, being reported passing Highworth Junction, near Swindon at 1257.

**11/10** At 1500, the following were present in the station and yards area; 08799, 59203, 66087, 66088, 66110, 66185, 66850, 70803.

**14/10** 70807 worked the 6M50 0755 Westbury - Bescot (1604) departmental formed of two cranes and MHA wagons. The working passed Swindon at 0858 (5 late).

## **Swindon**

**16/10** The Princess Royal officially opened the newly reinstated double, from single track mainline section between Swindon and Kemble.

## **Newport**

**27/09** Having earlier arrived on the 6V62 steel service from Tilbury (Riverside), 60087 ran light from Llanwern to Canton Depot, being noted passing East Usk at 1745. The loaded log train was still reported as present in the yard here having arrived two days ago behind 56113 (which was assumed still attached).

**29/09** The second Colas Class 60 over haul, 60021 arrived in South Wales working the overnight 6V97 Beeston - Cardiff Tidal sidings scrap empties.

**30/09** Colas 37219 + 37175 ran 0Z37 Barry - Kings Norton Plant Depot light following driver training, passing East Usk Junction at 1313 and later, the track inspection coach train top n' tailed by 37603 + 37602 running as 1Q05 1103 Didcot - Bristol TM (1421) via Cardiff, recessed here from 1325 (11 late) - 1338 (11 late), then working onwards passing Filton Abbey Wood at 1427 (14 late).

**14/10** 67001 with DVT 82307 leading worked the Cardiff Central - Holyhead 'Wag' express.

**17/10** A Chirk Kronospan - Baglan Bay empty log train was noted in Newport Station at 0824 with two unidentified Class 56s on the front.

## **Cardiff**

**28/09** Due to Sunday engineering work all up trains, were diverted via the Leckwith loop and Ninian Park. This was reported as also the case over the previous Sunday.

**09/10** 56113 passed Pengam Junction at 1802 (81 late) working a loaded 6M51 1518 Baglan Bay - Chirk Kronospan (2247) log service (which was on the day terminated at Crewe Gresty Lane at 2301 - 126 late assumed due to the late running).

**11/10** Having been recorded passing Magor (near Severn Tunnel Junction) at 1040 (7 late), 20303 + 20304 working Pathfinder Tours 'Heart of Wales Rambler' (1Z28 0612 Derby - Llandrindod Wales) passed through Central station at 1111 (3 late). The 1Z29 1635 return was route via Shrewsbury, Birmingham and Nuneaton.

**14/10** The following Colas locos were reported present on Canton Depot during the morning; 56105, 60021, 60087. 60021 later departed light, presumably for Margam and the overnight steel service to Tilbury. Also present was 59001 for what was assumed wheel lathe attention. A morning view of the Celsa steel works area recorded; 08401 stabled close to the weighbridge, with industrial DH50-1 shunting wagons nearby.

**17/10** Margam Depot's water cannon (3S61) passed Miskin at 1156 top n' tailed with 66093 + 66150.

## **PRESERVATION & INDUSTRIAL MATTERS**

### **Mainline Preservation**

**20/09** DBS livery 66152 stood in for the unavailable D1015 Western Champion (which suffered problems after working the GBRf staff outing from Chester - Minehead at the beginning of September) on Pathfinder Tours 1Z47 0608 Eastleigh - Parkindillack and 1Z48 1720 Par - Eastleigh 'Cornish Explorer'. 66080 which was used as the other loco for a top n' tail formation over the Parkindillack line, remained attached to return the

train which was noted departing Taunton at 2001, leaving 66152 for china clay duties in Cornwall.

For the record, the days c/stock, the 'Royal Scot' carmine and cream rake, in use was recorded as; 4927, 5341, 1832, 21269, 3068, 3123, 1691, 3066, 3097.

### **Avon Valley Railway, Bitton**

**27-28/09** A 1940s weekend was held using ex L150 (GWR 5521) and industrial 15 Earl David (AB 2183/45). Various wartime displays, along with military vehicles formed part of the show with a demo freight train including a restored gunpowder van also in use. Some visitors attended the event dressed in 1940s clothes!

Vintage buses operated between Bitton and the Frys Chocolate Factory (where redevelopment to a housing estate is now underway) at Keynsham, which acted as a car park for the event.

An appeal was launched at the event for £80,000 towards the overhaul and return to traffic of the railway's Avonside saddle tank loco Edwin Hulse (1798/18). Special bronze, silver and gold membership was on offer depending on money donated, rewards from the scheme varied, with gold members being able to drive the loco on completion. A new boiler box, firebox, motion, cab, bunker and water tanks are needed, the railway being keen to see the loco in use as a replacement for their RSH tank 7151/44 which is at the end of its boiler certificate, as opposed to 'hiring' in traction.

The loco which celebrates its centenary in 2018, was built for the war effort but not completed until after, then going new to Imperial Smelting, Avonmouth working here until 1972 when purchased by the Avon Valley Railway. The arrival at Bitton was not until 1973 following a storage period at the Fry's Chocolate Factory in Keynsham.

**19-20/10** The end of season gala weekend saw steam visitors, Ex. GWR 4270, L150 (5521) and Ex. LMS 'Jinty' 47406 (in place of the expected Beattie Well tank 30585) in use with industrial No.15 Earl David (AB 2183/45). Recent stock changes have seen the naming of RH 466618, River Annan and the arrival of the Class 31 groups stores van 81227 (92057 / 92957).

### **Bristol Harbour Railway, Princes Wharf.**

(R.W.Giles)

**04-05/10** The M Shed Museum (formerly Industrial Museum) marked the 40th Anniversary of the end of commercial shipping in the City centre docks with a heritage weekend. A number of events took place, the Underfall Yard at Baltic Wharf being open to the public with a ferry boat connection direct from the museum quayside.

The MV Balmoral was available for boarding and the steam tug boat John King was giving half hourly trips around the docks.

One of the harbour side electric cranes was open for inspection (via a 'cherry picker' platform lift) as another was used to demonstrate manual rail wagon loading on the quayside using 12 ton van W68514. Rope and capstan wagon shunting was also on show. The railways steam loco No34 Portbury (AE 1764/17) was in steam and providing cab visits whilst Henbury (P 1940/37) was in the museum loco workshop now out of its 10 year boiler certificate.

The last cargo ship to off load at the M Shed warehouse was in November 1974, the other nearby remaining areas of the City docks followed with closure during April 1975.

### **West Somerset Railway**

(R.Perry)

**18/10** A visit to Williton at 1445 found the following locos 'on shed'; D832, D1010, D1661, D7017, D7018, D9526, Industrial DH16 (S 10175/64). Steam locos noted on passenger train duty during the afternoon were; 5542, 7828.

### **Doctor Who**

(R.W.Giles)

**18/10** The episode 'Fastline' (09 of 12) shown on this date was filmed at several local railway locations.

The Tardis materialized on former railway land between Barry Island Station and the preservation centre (the location being quoted as Bristol Sidings, a sign on a nearby fence 'confirming' this!), further action then taking place in what appeared to be the former wagon repair shed next to Barry Town Station. There were items of stock including a dismantled GWR tank loco visible.

Further views inside a tunnel showing a DMU set were apparently filmed on the Gloucester & Warwickshire Railway in Greet Tunnel, just north of Winchcombe Station.

The story line involved aliens able to use human energy by draining their bodies via the walls or floors of buildings (leaving a back picture view of the victims on the wall or floor).

Just before their eventual defeat, an empty 'driverless' BR green livery DMU set was used in a tunnel sequence to unsuccessfully ram the invaders now taking a shaky 3 dimensional form, the set ending up however, as a mural on the tunnel wall!

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Bristol Area News**

**27/09** Foundations for the new temporary road over bridge to the east of Parkway were noted under construction on this date. This location is locally known as Pearce's Bridge and popular with the rail photographer with good each way views. The existing structure is to be heightened here for the forthcoming electrification.

At Winterbourne, the road bridge close to the former station site was set to be demolished with a new temporary footbridge erected alongside. A diversion was put in place for road users.

On the Bristol Temple Meads (St Phillips Marsh) avoiding line, work is nearing completion on the 200 yard long Albert Road girder viaduct (which also spans the River Avon) that has been sheeted over in sections during recent months and shot blasted. The structure has been repainted into the latest shade of First/GW blue!

### **Direct Bristol - Oxford Service to Return?**

Ten MPs are campaigning for a through Bristol - Oxford service, with a possible future extension to Bedford. They are keen to see the route included in the next area rail franchise when this is up for tender. Currently, passengers have to change at Didcot, but a direct service via the currently freight only Foxhall curve, at Didcot would reduce traveling times by 30 minutes. Chippenham MP Duncan Hames, who successfully promoted the 'Trans Wilts' improved rail link between Swindon and Trowbridge is co-ordinating the scheme, most of the other supporting MPs having their constituencies along the route.

The case to reopen closed stations, such as Royal Wootton Bassett and Corsham, would be stronger with the introduction of a new service, which in fact has run in the past between the two cities, First/GW and Thames Trains operating Turbo Class 165 and 166 units between the locations from June 1998 until May 2003.

Ambitious origin plans were put forward for a through link to Cambridge with the reinstatement of lifted track between there and Bedford.

The Strategic Rail Authority recommended the end of the service to increase rail capacity over the Great Western Mainline, although around 5000 passengers a week were reported as using the trains.

### **Gloucester Derailment Report**

The Rail Accident Investigation Board (RAIB) found that due to recent heavy rain, water flowing beneath the sleepers and rails had removed ballast and caused 'dips' in the track.

During the evening of 15th October 2013, 66421 with the DRS operated 4M36 Wentloog - Daventry Tesco container service was stopped just after Horton Road level crossing, the last wagon having suffered severe wheel damage and detached (with its container load lost down an embankment) along with the second last, which was damaged, at the west end of the station.

The problem had started several miles previous, with the train traveling at 70 mph, resulting in track work and an occupation crossing being damaged by the unstable rear of the train.

The RAIB recommended that NR's weather related checks should have implemented a speed restriction over the affected section of track.

### **Newton Abbot**

**21/12** First/GW are planning to operate three return 'Santa Special' passenger trips over the normally freight-only Heathfield branch during the day using DMU sets.

### **Southampton**

**28/09** A view of Maritime depot and associated sidings at 1200 recorded the following; 08691, 66504, 66509, 66533, 66540, 66542, 70007, 70014.

**01/10** 08691 Terri was noted leaving Dock Gate 20 on a lorry road low loader during the day, destination unknown.

### **West of England Loco Hauled Trains**

Following the September Magazine article on this subject, a member has pointed out that 21 years ago a similar operation was undertaken during the Summers of 1992 and 1993, involving the then Regional Railways 'hiring in' a Class 47 loco, normally 3 'Night Riviera' sleeper stock coaches and a driver from Inter-City, to work the 2C71 1330 (SX) Penzance - Plymouth and 2C77 1555 (SX) return local services, so a Class 158 unit could be released and used elsewhere.

The sleeper service in those days ran from Penzance - Glasgow and return, conveying motorail vans from Bristol TM until the end of its operation in the late 1990s.

### **South Yorkshire Sea Link**

Work is due to start during November on a new £400 million, 570,000 square metre inland 'rail port' at Rossington near Doncaster complete with covered warehousing.

The facility will handle inward coastal shipping deliveries, moved in by rail, sort and customs process the loads for onward road or rail distribution from the site.

A planning application had been submitted in 2011 for the new facility, but had been refused due to issues regarding local road links and a motorway connection, this however now being resolved.

#### **Sandite (RHTT) 2014 Season - Opening Train Formation**

Didcot (3J41) - 66044 + 66105 (KEAs 642031 + 642049).  
Bristol Barton Hill (3S59) - 66106 + 66135 (642012 + 642032).  
St.Blazey - St.Blazey via a reverse at Westbury (3J11 / 3J12) - 66117 + 66168 (642020 + 642035).  
Tonbridge - Tonbridge GBRf (3S88) via a reverse at Salisbury - 73107 + 66744 (KFAs 7093100060 + 7093100052).  
Kings Norton - Kings Norton Colas (3S32, 3S32, 3S33) - 37175 + 37219 (642014 + 642039) via reverses at Hereford and Swindon.  
Note; Letters J or S in the head code, refers to water jet (cannon) or sandite respectively, relating to that particular working.

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

42567 (23/09). 42576 (14/10). 42573 (15/10).  
**03/10** 57315 departed Carlisle at 1604 on a 'modified' 5Z00 stock move to Old Oak Common formed; 6330 (barrier coach), 41134, 40721, 42276, 42576, 42332, 42275, 42277, 44034, 6338 (barrier coach).

#### **DB Stickered**

Further locos reported to have lost their EWS identity have included; 60065, 66053, 66065, 66088, 66197, 66155.

#### **Franchise Changes**

ScotRail is to lose its area to a Dutch rail operator, whilst First/GW is confirmed to have a 3.5 year extension, from next year to take the area ownership through the major Great Western Mainline up grade and electrification work.

#### **New - or Old Build?**

The latest acquisition for GBRf, 59003 has arrived in the UK at the Port of Immingham by sea from Germany. The loco was booked to be forwarded as a 0Z59 1100 move to Eastleigh (2013) by 20311 + 20314 on 13th October. As the Magazine went to press, a single loco sea shipment, Colas 70811 had left the USA. Reports suggest parts from the damaged Freightliner loco 70012, dropped at Newport during offloading in January 2011, have been used in its construction!

### **TRACK MACHINES & DEPARTMENTALS**

**20/09** Stoke Gifford Yard - Quattro r/r 207, 313, 314, 468, 529, 530. trailer 669.  
Berkeley Road Junction (South Glous) - TXM r/r 3739, 6876, 6926. trailers RT135, RT270.  
**11/10** Patchway - TXM r/r 4122 (940190-0), 4204 (940195-9). Trailers RT201 (010203-6), RT114 (010761-3), RT123 (010753-0), RT226.  
**12/10** Bristol Parkway - 75406. Quattro Plant r/r 557. trailer 586.  
**14/10** Honiton (Devon) - L & W r/r RRV116 (940030-3), RR135 (940026-2). Trailers RRT14 (010341-5), RRT24 (010700-1).  
**18/10** Westbury - 77901.



## TRIP REPORTS

TRIP 488 (continued)

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 2 of 4 - Saturday 19th April

#### Folkestone Leas Cliff Railway.

Gauge 5ft 10": Water Balanced Funicular: Two un-numbered cars/1885.

#### A.J.R. Birch & Son Ltd, Sellindge (visit).

Gauge 1524mm: Steam: (1157) - Frichs 403/49 ex p130, (799) - TK 355/25, (1134) - TK 531/46.

Gauge 4ft 8.5": Steam: (35011 GENERAL STEAM NAVIGATION) - Elh/44, 35025 (BROCKLEBANK LINE) - Elh/48 dsm, (68078) - AB 2212/46 dsm ur, (No. 3180 ANTWERP) - HE 3180/44 dsm ur.

Diesel: (No.4) S10007 - S 10007/59.

EMU: 4902 (4002) S13003S - Elh/49.

Carriages: LBSCR: (02613) b/o.

LSWR: UID 6wl 5 comp 3rd b/o, UID 3 compartment brake b/o.

SECR: DS1450 (267), UID 6wl 6 comp 3rd b/o.

NPPCS: SR CCT: 1770 ex Long Marston and Chatham Dockyard.

Departmental Carriage: Mk1: 35289 977168.

Wagons: UID b/o van, UID b/o van.

With Thanks to Richard Moffatt for organising our visit.

#### East Kent Railway (visit).

##### Shepherdswell

Steam: ST DUNSTAN - AE 2004/27.

Diesel: D4113 09025 - Hor/61, 687 9 (H046 NS632) - EE 2129 VF D319/56 ex p74 & p109, (EKR102) RICHBOROUGH CASTLE - EEV D1197/67, (EKR105 SNOWDOWN) - JF 4160002/52, ARMY 427 C4 SA The Buffs ROYAL EAST KENT REGIMENT 1572-1961 - RH 466616/61.

DMU: E50256 (53256) - Metcam/57, E56343 (54343) - Metcam/58.

DEMU: (60100 60154 1101 205001) - Afd/Elh/57, 1101 (60800 205001) - Afd/Elh/57.

EMU: 4COR: S10096S - Elh/38, S11161S 3142 - Elh/37, S11187S - Elh/37, S11825S - Elh/38.

2EPB: S65773 5759 - Elh/56, S77558 (5759) - Elh/56.

4CEP/BEP: S69013 (69345) - Elh/61, S70235 Elh/58.

DMLV: S68001 (931091) - Afd/Elh/59, (68008) 098 931098 - Afd/Elh/61, S68009 (9009) - Afd/Elh/61.

Carriages: BR: Mk1: (4682). Mk2: 5220. LMS: (5793 395903).

NPPCS: LMS: 31361 (977031).

Wagons: BR: (776084)\*, 777578, (905073) 083568, UID b/o 12t van.

LMS: 731687.  
LNWR: 1916 (RNAD 292\*).  
LSWR: RNAD 116 CW9, RNAD 221 CW11.  
PO: AD 49027, RNAD 161, RNAD 170.  
SECR: 365.  
Small Plant: Lesmac Trolley: 901014-9 - LMS009/2006.  
Road/Rail: Preserved (ex BCL): 355 - Komatsu 21D0001295/94.  
Other: P-way trolley pvd. Permaquip small trolleys: 37296/320/504.  
Narrow gauge: 53 137, 55 1506, un-numbered mine tub, un-numbered end tipping wagon.  
Gauge 5": Services were in the hands of a baby Deltic D5908.

#### Eythorne.

NPCCS: SR: S4595.  
Wagons: BR: (776619), (786467), (881879 083265), UID b/o 12t van.  
GNR: (RNAD 130 CW10).  
LNWR: (RNAD 293)\*.  
PO: (82261).

#### End of the line - Wigmore Lane.

Carriage: Mk1: 43140 u/f/o.  
Wagons: PO: 67443 (1767), 67450 (1779).

#### Notes:

EMU vehicles 61229 & 61230 are at Eastleigh Works for defurbishment (restoration to original condition).  
EMU: 68002 left 3/4/2014 for Southall shed for maintenance.

With Thanks to Jill Norris for organising and Alan Griffiths, Callum & Alfie for hosting our visit.

Members enjoyed a ride in DMU E50256 & E56343 which was in service.

#### **Dover Transport Museum, Dover (visit).**

Steam: (ST THOMAS) - AE 1971/27.  
Gauge 2ft: Diesel: FH 3116/46, MR 8730/41, (STURRY) RH 349061/53.  
Wagons: 2 plank open used as flower tub, 4w1 flat, 4w1 flat, 3 plank open, metal open, MH8413, and 6 others all unnumbered of various designs.

Note: RH 444193 was sold to an unknown location in the Sittingbourne area and may have been sold on again since.

#### **Faversham Miniature Railway (visit).**

Gauge 9": Locos:  
3 Bertie - 4-4wBE = T.Smith/CW/1990.  
5 - 4wPH = Iron Horse/1990.  
6 (FRAN) English Electric - 4wPH = Pfeifferbahn/1979 reb. A.Taylor/2013.  
8 Hibbert - 4wPM = R.Day/c1982.  
9 Kirsty - 2-4w-2PH = M.Chapman & A.Taylor/2005.  
10 Jasmine - 0-6-0PH = Maxitrak/?????  
14 20077 Lady Fiona - 4w-4wPH = A.Crowhurst & P.Howard/c1988.  
15 Leviathan - 4w-4wDH = {??????} (Ex 7.1/4= gauge).  
31466 - 6w-6PH = A.Taylor/2014.  
D7043 - 4w-4PH = Cromar White/Pfeifferbahn/c1974.  
Class 37 Hybrid - 6w-6wPH = R Card/2014 under construction.  
Coaches: Unnumbered Articulated Coach, No.2 Daisy, No.3 Natalie, 4, 5

BROGDALÉ, 6, 10, 12 BOB, 14, 50, D.M.R. enclosed carriage, 2x UID Pullman Coaches (ex Royal Victoria Park).

Wagons: 3, 10, No.7, B13499, Norton Ash Miniature Railway Open Wagon.

The party enjoyed a ride behind 31466.

With Thanks to Mick Pamphlin for organising & hosting our visit.

**Sittingbourne, Mainline Station approach and siding (view from minibus).**

EMU: 375825.

OTM: 73917.

**Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway (visit).**

Gauge 2ft 6": In service: Steam: SUPERB - WB 2624/40.

Carriages: 647, 657, 659 GEORGE STICKLER, 660 TONY NOAKES.

**Sittingbourne.**

Gauge 2ft 6": Carriage: 658 u/f/o in use as a wagon. Wagons: 5, K6, 649, 650, 699.

**Kemsley Down.**

Gauge 4ft 8.5": Steam: AB 1876/25, BEAR - P 614/1896 rebuilt AB 5997/41.

Gauge 2ft 6": Steam: (PREMIER) - KS 886/05 dsm, LEADER - KS 926/05,

MELIOR - KS 4219/24, UNIQUE 1924 - WB 2216/23 oou, (ALPHA) - WB 2472/32

oou, TRIUMPH - WB 2511/34.

Diesel: VICTOR - HE 4182/53, P6495 BARTON HALL - HE 6651/65,

EDWARD LLOYD - RH 435403/61.

Carriages: 196 CHATTENDEN, 199 UPNOR, 200 LODGE HILL, 204 (FOUR ELMS), 626, 633 dsm ur, 641.

Wagons: K1, 2, K4, (K5), 16, 18, K21, K30, 101, 102, 107, 126, 306, (412), 494, 495, 530, 576, 580, 601, 608, 612, 623, 627, 651, 655, 658+, T165, T166, No.5 (long flat)

Unnumbered: 4wl flat, Hand pump trolley, dropsided open, 4w f/o, 10t body van, 4wl, 4wl flat, 20t flat, 4wl, 4wl.

With Thanks to Bob Newcombe for organising and Ally for hosting our visit.

Note:

+ = This wagon was numbered 658, however it duplicates the number used by the carriage converted to a wagon and was not listed in the stockbook.

**TXM Depot, Sittingbourne (view).**

Road/Rail: TXM: 4458 940240-3 - Case WX170 Megarailer CGG0232752, 6579 911029-5 - Komatsu PC138 7797.

Trailer: RT279 010472-7 - Chieftain RT 1081.

FastClipper: FCM125 001021-3.

Ballast Brushes: RBB110 000015-6, RBB119 000021-4.

**Orchard House, Nouds Lane and A2 Junction (view from minibus).**

Wagon: UID b/o green van in field.

**G.W. FENTIMAN & SON, NEW CREEK ROAD, FAVERSHAM (view from minibus).**

Wagon: BR: B778000 b/o.

**Iron Wharf Boatyard, Faversham (visit).**

A large number of body only wagons plus one a body only CCT (number 54 on list) was inspected with permission of the office manager.

Site No.	BR Number.	Vehicle Type.
1	B 783340	Vanwide
2	B 783044	Vanwide
3	B 783603	Vanwide
4	B 784839	Vanwide
5	B 784276	Vanwide
6	B 783505	Vanwide
7	B 783859	Vanwide
8	B 784599	Vanwide
9	B 784327	Vanwide
10	B 784657	Vanwide
11	B 783853	Vanwide
12	B 784720	Vanwide
13	B 783804	Vanwide
14	B 783462	Vanwide
16	B 784671	Vanwide
17	B 783367	Vanwide
18	B 783583	Vanwide
19	B 784167	Vanwide
20	B 784803	Vanwide
21	B 783882	Vanwide
22	B 783761	Vanwide
23	B 784373	Vanwide
24	B 784090	Vanwide
25	B 783825	Vanwide - also carries 27
26	Unidentified	Planked Van & Plywood Doors.
27	Unidentified	Planked Van & Plywood Doors.
28	Unidentified	Banana Van
29	Unidentified	Banana Van
30	B 882139	Banana Van
31	Unidentified	Plywood Van
33	B 773674	Planked Van & Plywood Doors.
34	B 771982	Plywood Van
35	B 784428	Vanwide
36	Unidentified	Plywood Van
37	B 784164	Vanwide
39	Unidentified	BD Type Container
44	B 778452	Plywood Van
45	Unidentified	Shocvan
46	Unidentified	Plywood Van
47	Unidentified	Planked Van & Plywood Doors
48	B 887100	Gunpowder Van
49	B 887155	Gunpowder Van
51	B 887141	Gunpowder Van
52	Unidentified	Banana Van
53	B 758216	Planked Van
54	SR 1985	CCT
56	B 782957	Vanwide
M6	Not a BR vehicle	Metal Container
NONE	B 784615	Vanwide
NONE	B 887004	Gunpowder Van

Site No.	BR Number.	Vehicle Type.
NONE	Unidentified	Banana Van
NONE	B 882567	Banana Van
NONE	Unidentified	Banana Van
NONE	Unidentified	Planked Van
NONE	B 783382	Vanwide
NONE	B 784798	Vanwide
NONE	Not Known Yet	Vanwide
NONE	B 784824	Vanwide
NONE	Not a BR vehicle	Metal Container
NONE	B 760765	Planked Van

**Notes:**

784720 was believed to be the identity of ROF 25 at the East Lancs Railway, and was recorded as such on the November 2013 CARS trip to the ELR. The body of 784720 including worksplate was found at Iron Wharf Boatyard. We therefore assume the ELR wagon is a different identity. 783462 was believed to be a grounded body only at Patrishow in Powys. As with the example above, the body at Faversham still had the worksplate so it is assumed the one at Powys is a different identity.

Any information on the identities of the ELR or Powys vehicles would be gratefully received by the Society.

**Faversham Station and nearby sidings.**

EMU: 375628/824/827/904, 395004/013/023/025 Victoria Pendleton/029 David Weir, 465933, 466027.

**Maidstone West Station.**

EMU: 375304/305, 395003/020.

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