



BRISTOL BULLETIN

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Bristol Temple Meads On 5th July 66701/66776 3Q98 12.33 Margam T.C.-Exeter Riverside.
On 6th 88006+68002 6V74 03.05 Crewe-Bridgwater returning on 6M67 to Crewe at 13.32.
On 10th 66568/66550 6X37 17.50 Fairwater Yard-Tilehurst East Jct.
On 14th 66206 6M60 02.50 Exeter Riverside Yard-Bescot.
Sat 15th 43059/43046 English Riviera Pullman 1Z43 05.41 Ulverston-Paignton at 11.49
(Stock: 41149 41108 40802 41176 41059 41169 40801 41183 44078) returning on 1Z44 to Ulverston.
On 16th 1S41 170398 08.50 Bristol Temple Meads-Edinburgh Waverley via Newport. (170398 as far as Birmingham New Street with a set swap to 220019 for the remainder of the journey)
On 18th 37418 + 975025 Caroline 5Z00 09.45 Derby R.T.C.-Bristol Temple Meads then 5Z01 14.48 Bristol Temple Meads-Penzance then on 19th as 2Z01 to Cardiff Central at 15.00.
66711/66701 3Q98 20.02 Exeter Riverside Yard-Kings Norton On Track Plant Dept.
On 19th 60007+37521 5Z37 Bishops Lydeard-St Philips Marsh (60007 for wheel turning)
On 20th 70811 4Z57 22.40 Longport Land Recovery-Burngullow Jct at returning on 21st as 6Z59 04:45 Exeter Riverside Yard-Longport Land Recovery. On 22nd 1Z52 07.00 London Paddington-Bishops Lydeard at returning as 1Z53 16.42 Bishops Lydeard-London Paddington.

North Somerset Jct On 6th July 66504/66544 6A02 05.57 Pontypridd-Westbury.

Bristol East Depot On 7th July 57601/57313 5Z59 05.36 Bristol East Depot-Cardiff Central at and 1Z59 07.08 Cardiff Central to Windsor & Eton Riverside.

St Philips Marsh HSTD On 19th July 60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley* visited on an out and back test run from the West Somerset Railway as a 5Z37 10.11 Bishop's Lydeard-St. Phillips Marsh move formed with the steam loco, support coach 21096 and Class 37 37521 (which had arrived light-engine from Crewe during the previous day and returned north on 20th) to act as a support loco in case of any problems as well as load, 60007 having received repairs to a bearing on the West Somerset Railway and was on test. Having arrived at 12.18, checks were made and a return 5Z38 departure of 13.10 recorded out via Bristol West Junction, the inward being via Temple Meads and North Somerset Junction. A stop in Highbridge UDL also took place on the outward trip so again checks could be carried out on the repair work. The loco had missed working a Slough – Shrewsbury 'Welsh Marches' charter from Bristol TM onwards and return on 13th due to the problem, this being diesel hauled throughout outward instead with steam 46100 Royal Scot working the return.

Lawrence Hill On 3rd July 47804+57601 1Z79 10.45 Bournemouth-Saltburn (Service diverted via Didcot due to tree on the line at Dorchester West)

On 8th 47828/47712 1Z27 05.00 Wolverhampton-Kingswear Saphos Trains "English Riviera Express", 47712 replaced at Taunton by A4 Steam 60007 returning as 1Z28 16.35 Kingswear-Wolverhampton at 19.42 (A4 60007 replaced by 47712 at Taunton), 66522 4V30 23.29 London Gateway-Wentloog and again on 4O51 to maritime at 12.10, 66572 4V36 22.45 Felixstowe-Wentloog, 66028 6Y42 04.50 Westbury-Standish Jct, 70808 6C22 05.34 Westbury-Westerleigh Jct 70814 6C23 07.20 Westbury-Westerleigh Jct, 66044 6W03 09.17 Westbury-Standish Jct, 66012 6W01 11.30 Westbury-Westerleigh, 66513 4V35 08.15 London Gateway-Portbury returning light to Stoke Gifford FHH at 15.43, 66019 6W02 15.16 Westbury-Westerleigh Jct, 66723/66768 6W02 20.17 Westbury-Westerleigh Jct, 66030 6W97 Westbury-Maindee West Jct at 22.14.

On 10th 66619 6C67 04.27 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth and again on 6C68 to Whatley at 10.27, 66513/66544 6A43 07.34 Westbury-Pontypridd, 66522 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway 165027 5C65 08.55 Banbury Depot-Bristol Barton Hill, 165015 5M65 13.09 Bristol Barton Hill-Wembley LMD, 66148 4C90 14.25 Acton-Tytherington, 66543 4L50 16.28 Wentloog-Tilbury, 66206 6V71 15.07 Cliffe Vale-Exeter Riverside Yard, 66024 4V45 18.24 Acton-Tytherington, 66148 6M31 21.08 Tytherington-Quainton.

Severn Beach Branch Line On 19th July 66148 6A03 20.41 Severnside Brentford Town seen at Clifton Down at 21.10.

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Filton On 1st July 66416 4V36 22.45 Felixstowe-Wentloog, 66182 4C12 06.14 Westbury-Tytherington returning on 6A12 to Acton Yard at 14.41, 70808 6C22 06.48 Westbury-Yate, 66504 6Y46 10.28 Westbury-Yate, 66501 4O51 10.40 Wentloog-Maritime, 66592 4V35 08.15 London Gateway-Portbury, 70801 6C23 14.27 Westbury-Yate, 66733/66761 6G72 14.46 Westbury-Gloucester Yard Jct, 70011/70810 6C24 16.25 Westbury-Yate, 66028/66095 6W01 15.28 Westbury-Gloucester Yard Jct. On 3rd 60029 6Z21 06.50 Bristol East Yard-Tytherington, 66614 6C67 04.27 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth. On 4th 66503 6C67 05.15 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth, 66504/66544 6A01 08.08 Westbury-Pontypridd returning on 6A01 to Westbury Yard at 21.33, 60029 6Z25 05.08 West Drayton-Tytherington, 66522 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway, 66012 4V42 08.17 Acton Yard-Tytherington returning on 6C08 to Westbury Yard at 17.37, 66566 6A83 13.45 Avonmouth-West Drayton, 66597 4O71 17.30 Wentloog-Maritime, 66538 4V18 13.22 Doncaster Wood Yard-Fairwater Yard. On 6th 66614 6C67 04.27 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth. On 11th 66614 6C67 04.27 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth then on 6C68 to Whatley at 10.52. On 13th 66614 6C67 04.27 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth, 60029 6Z21 06.04 Bristol East Depot-Tytherington, 66551 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway. On 15th 66504 6Y42 06.42 Westbury-Westerleigh Jct.

Patchway On 4th July 60017 6B33 13.49 Theale-Robeston
On 12th 66513/66544 6A43 13.00 Pontypridd-Westbury
On 14th 66551 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway.

Pilning On 2nd July 66756 6G71 18.10 Gloucester Horton Road-Westbury via East Usk Yard, 66768/66717 6G70 19.35 Gloucester Horton Road-Westbury via East Usk Yard
On 14th 66542/66548 6A45 13.00 Pontypridd-Westbury.

Bristol Parkway On 1st July 66603 6Z92 09.15 Theale-East Usk Yard, 70808 6C22 06.48 Westbury-Yate, 66504 6Y46 10.28 Westbury-Yate. On 3rd 66244 6V71 15.07 Stoke Cliffe Vale-Exeter Riverside
On 5th 66565 4L36 07.41 Wentloog-Felixstowe. On 6th 60029 6Z21 06.50 Bristol East Yard-Tytherington
On 11th 66510 6V82 03.10 Lawley Street-East Usk Yard
On 12th 66550/66568 6X37 03.30 Moreton Cutting-Fairwater Yard, 66543 4V50 04.24 Maritime-Wentloog, 60029 6Z21 06.50 Bristol East Depot-Tytherington and again on 6Z22 to Appleford at 13.35, 66028/66148 6M78 06.21 Tytherington-Quainton, 66572 4L36 07.41 Wentloog-Felixstowe, 66056 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside, 66589 6C58 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard, 66952 6C80 14.09 Machen-Stoke Gifford FHH, 66546 6Z86 11.06 West Drayton-East Usk Yard , 66759 6V84 07.38 Clitheroe-Avonmouth, 66019 4C90 14.25 Acton-Tytherington
On 13th 66759 6M90 05.06 Avonmouth-Clitheroe, 60029 6Z21 06.04 Bristol East Depot-Tytherington and 6Z22 to Appleford at 13.35, 66568/66550 6X37 04.01 Moreton Cutting-Fairwater Yard, 66543 4V47 02.41 Tilbury-Wentloog, 66148 6M78 06.21 Tytherington-Quainton, 66572 4L36 07.41 Wentloog-Felixstowe, 66013 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside, 66510 6Z81 13.19 Machen Quarry-Lawley Street Aggregates, 66175/66119 6B33 13.49 Theale-Robeston, 66028 4C90 14.25 Acton-Tytherington returning with 66021 on 6M30 to Quainton at 23.05, 66182 4V45 18.26 Acton-Tytherington.
On 14th 66510 6V82 03.10 Lawley Street Aggregates-East Usk Yard, 37884 5Q76 21.42 Worksop Up Yard-Newport Docks (Sims) (Stock: 321424+321436), 60029 6Z21 06.50 Bristol East Depot-Tytherington and again on 6Z26 to West Drayton at 13.35, 66056 6M78 06.21 Tytherington-Quainton, 66563 4L36 07.41 Wentloog-Felixstowe, 66756 6M42 09.20 Avonmouth-Penyffordd, 66013 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside, 66589 6C58 12.28 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard, 66546 6Z86 West Drayton-East Usk Yard, 66304 6V32 11.06 Tilbury-Trostre, 66119/66175 6B33 13.49 Theale-Robeston, 66021 4C90 14.25 Acton-Tytherington. On 17th 60029 6Z25 03.50 West Drayton-Tytherington returning on 6Z26 to West Drayton at 13.23. On 18th 6Z25 60055 West Drayton-Tytherington, 66023 6M78 Tytherington-Quainton, 66549 4L36 07.41 Wentloog-Felixstowe.

Stoke Gifford Yard On 4th July 66566 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford Yard-Avonmouth.

Westerleigh Jct On 3rd July 66013 6M78 06.41 Tytherington-Quainton, 66103 4V42 08.17 Acton Yard-Tytherington. On 6th 66111 6M78 06.21 Tytherington-Quainton Railhead via Newbury
On 14th 60029 6Z21 06.45 Bristol East Yard-Tytherington.

Yate On 2nd July 70810 6C24 18.00 Yate-Westbury, 70811 6C23 19.00 Yate-Westbury
On 14th 66756 6M42 09.20 Avonmouth-Penyffordd
On 17th 60059 6B13 05.00 Robeston-Westerleigh

Brentry On 1st July 66040 6C03 09.28 Northolt-Sevenside
On 2nd 66797 6V41 Penyffordd-Avonmouth returning as 6M42 on 3rd at 08.55
On 3rd 66614 6C68 Avonmouth-Whatley, 66040 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside
On 6th 66756+66797 6M42 Avonmouth-Penyffordd, 66198 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside
On 9th 66182 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside
On 10th 66619 6C68 Avonmouth-Whatley, 66603 6Z58 Avonmouth-Theale, 66182 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside, 66759 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth
On 12th 66604 6C68 Avonmouth-Whatley, 66759 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth
On 16th 66756 6V41 Penyffordd-Avonmouth. On 17th 66756 6M42 Avonmouth-Penyffordd, 66019 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside, 66759 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth
On 18th 66418 6A83 Avonmouth-West Drayton, 66148 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside
On 20th 66418 6A83 Avonmouth-West Drayton, 66732 4B77 Colnbrook-Avonmouth, 66732 6C77 Avonmouth-Pengam. On 21st 66182 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside

Hallen Marsh Jct On 11th July 66952 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth

Portbury Branch Line (Royal Portbury Dock) The first of the expected 30 Class 93 'tri-mode' locos for the Rail Operations Group 93001 arrived by sea from Spain on 28th June, being moved by internal road trailer to the auto-terminal and positioned on track between 11.40 and 12.00. The conveying vessel was thought to have been port regular MV Autosun which was also believed to have visited Avonmouth Dock (prior to Portbury) to off load other cargo. On 30th, a road lorry tractor and trailer of Stoke-on-Trent based Reid Freight arrived around 10.40 to load the loco which once completed saw a 14.20 departure and passage onto the M5 at Gordano (junction 19) at 14.32, the move being destined for the Harry Needle Railway Company facility at Worksop. Also, on this date an unidentified Transport for Wales Class 398 tram-train set was present along with a single coach, all located in the Gordano Quay area.

Bath Spa On 1st July 66086 6M58 01.53 Tytherington-Quainton, 66501 4V30 23.29 London Gateway-Wentloog returning as 4O51 to Maritime at 12.26, 66416 4V36 22.45 Felixstowe-Wentloog, 66182 4C12 06.14 Westbury-Tytherington returning as 6A12 to Acton Yard at 15.06, 70808 6C22 06.48 Westbury-Yate, 66504 6Y46 10.28 Westbury-Yate, 70801 6C23 14.27 Westbury-Yate, 60029 6Z25 10.59 West Drayton-Bristol East Depot, 66733/66761 6G72 14.46 Westbury-Gloucester Yard Jct, 66028/66095 6W01 15.28 Westbury-Gloucester Yard Jct at 16.04, 70811/70810 6C24 16.25 Westbury-Yate
On 4th 66564 4L36 07.41 Wentloog-Felixstowe. On 10th 66148 4C90 Acton-Tytherington
On 13th 47805 1Z49 06.24 Slough-Shrewsbury (Stock: 3330 3231 3107 1863 3125 3148 3100 80044 3122 3045 17013), 66614 6C68 09.58 Avonmouth-Whatley
On 15th 66603 6Z92 09.15 Theale-East Usk Yard. On 21st 66005 6M30 21.08 Tytherington-Quainton

Bathampton Jct On 13th July 37610/37612 1Z23 Bristol Kingsland Road-Derby RTC
On 15th 66589 6Y43 07.22 Westbury-Westerleigh Jct, 70808/70814 6C24 12.32 Westbury-Westerleigh Jct

Swindon On 3rd July 66592+66416 4L36 07.41 Wentloog-Felixstowe, 66559 6A60 08.47 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road returning as 6C62 to Whatley at 19.34, 66103 4V42 08.17 Acton-Tytherington, 66522 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway, 70814 6M40 11.42 Westbury-Stud Farm, 66040 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside, 66560 4E18 09.47 Fairwater Yard-Doncaster Wood Yard, 66589 6C58 12.28 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard, 66619 6C48 12.49 Appleford-Whatley, 66546 6Z86 11.06 West Drayton-East Usk Yard, 60029 6Z26 11.11 Tytherington-West Drayton, 66620 6B11 12.21 Hayes & Harlington-East Usk Yard, 66024 4C90 14.25 Acton-Tytherington. On 4th 66791 6M47 12.18 Marchwood-Bescot via Oxford
On 5th On 5th 37099/37421 3Q60 22.42 Reading Triangle-Reading Triangle via Cardiff (Stock: 96608 99666 72630 62384 9806 9701), 43059/43046 1Z63 06.45 Southampton Airport Parkway-Carlisle via Westbury (Stock: 41182 41108 40802 41176 41059 41169 40801 41183 44078), 66765 6V70 23.48 Liverpool EMR-Swindon EMR
On 11th 66536 4L36 07.41 Wentloog-Felixstowe, 59103 7B12 11.23 Merehead-Wootton Bassett, 66717 6M47 12.18 Marchwood MOD-Kineton MOD.
On 12th 37610/37612 1Z22 07.57 Derby RTC-Bristol Kingsland Road via Weymouth (Stock: 6263 72631 975091 5995)

Bradford Jct On 3rd July 66952 6M20 10.45 Whatley-St Pancras Churchyard Sidings
On 4th 70808 6M50 08.01 Westbury-Bescot
On 13th 70801/66848 6M50 08.01 Westbury-Bescot, 66005 6W98 05.59 Gloucester-Westbury via Alexandra Dock Jct

Westbury On 5th July 70808 6X50 08.01 Westbury-Bescot
 On 6th 37175 3Q40 23:53 Reading Triangle-Westbury via Paddington and Salisbury.
 (Stock: 96604 6122 9808 62287 9714). On 11th 70808 6M50 08.01 Westbury-Bescot

Whatley Quarry On 5th July 66952 6A19 10.45 Whatley Quarry-West Drayton

Fairwood Jct On 3rd July 66559 6C18 05.01 West Drayton-Whatley, 66952 6C25 05.19 Oxford Banbury Road-Whatley. On 4th 66550 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury
 66559 6L21 13.21 Whatley-Dagenham Dock
 On 5th 59102 7V97 05.00 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead, 66550/66568 6X37 16.04 Fairwater Yard-Ascott-under-Wychwood. On 13th 59203 6A24 10.18 Whatley-Appleford via Newbury
 On 14th 66568 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury
 On 17th 59201 7V64 14.48 Wembley Yard-Merehead (66598 was in the middle of the train)

Bridgwater On 3rd July 68003+68002 6V74 01.58 Crewe-Bridgwater

Castle Cary On 11th July 158950 20.19 Castle Cary-Exeter St David's in lieu of cancelled IET
 (The set had previously worked 16.31 Barnstaple-Axminster then ECS to Castle Cary via Yeovil)

Taunton On 6th July 66550 6C73 12.18 Westbury-Fairwater Yard
 On 11th 66550/66568 6X37 03.30 Moreton Cutting-Fairwater Yard
 On 13th 66568/66550 6X37 03.30 Moreton Cutting-Fairwater Yard, 66550 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury, 66550 6C73 12.18 Westbury-Fairwater Yard.
 On 21st 66568 6C73 12.18 Westbury-Fairwater Yard. On 22nd 45596 1Z53 16.42 Bishops Lydeard-Paddington (Stock: 14060 99723 4854 5032 99311 3143 3098 3093 99712 99128 99371)

Fairwater Yard On 3rd July 66550+66568 6X37 16.04 Fairwater Yard-Ascott-under-Wychwood
 On 4th 66568 6C75 10.25 Fairwater Yard-Bishops Lydeard
 On 6th 66550 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury, 66568 6C75 10.25 Fairwater Yard-Bishops Lydeard.
 On 11th 66550 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury, 66568 6C75 10.25 Fairwater Yard-Bishops Lydeard
 On 12th and again on 14th 66550 6C75 10.25 Fairwater Yard-Bishops Lydeard
 On 13th 66568 6C75 10.25 Fairwater Yard-Bishops Lydeard
 On 22nd 66548/66568 6X37 18.32 Fairwater Yard-Appleford

Bristol Area Railtours and Visiting Excursions (Provided in good faith, but not guaranteed accurate!)

| Date | Tour | Destination | Haulage | Pick-up | Fare | Operator |
|------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|------|------------|
| Thu 27 Jul | Welsh Marches | Shrewsbury | 47, 60007 | TM 09.10 | £165 | Saphos |
| Sun 30 Jul | Royal Duchy | Par | 46233 | TM 09.00 | £134 | RYTC |
| Sun 6 Aug | Pembroke Coast Ex | Pembroke Dock | 33X2, 47/57 | BTH 09.10 | Full | Pathfinder |
| Sun 20 Aug | Royal Duchy | Par | 46233 | TM 09.00 | £134 | RYTC |
| Thu 31 Aug | Welsh Marches | Shrewsbury | 47, 60007 | TM 09.10 | £165 | Saphos |
| Sat 2 Sep | Cornish Explorer | Penzance | 37X2 | TM 08.50 | £129 | Pathfinder |

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| Wed 26 Jul | English Pullman | Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.05/15.50 | | 67 | Belmond |
| Sat 5 Aug | English Riviera Ex | Northampton-Watford Jct-Taunton-Kingswear | 47, 60007 | Saphos | |
| Sat 12 Aug | West Somerset Ex | Padd-Reading-Westbury-Taunton-Minehead | 45596 | RYTC | |
| Sat 12 Aug | English Riviera Ex | Poole- Salisbury-Taunton-Kingswear | 47, 60007 | Saphos | |
| Wed 16 Jul | English Pullman | Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.05/15.50 | | 67 | Belmond |
| Wed 16 Aug | Northern Belle | Cardiff-TM-Taunton-Dawlish | 47/57 | WCRC | |
| Sat 19 Aug | English Riviera Ex | High Wycombe-Oxford-Taunton-Kingswear | 47, 60007 | Saphos | |
| Tue 22 Aug | Northern Belle | International-Cheltenham-TM-Exeter-Torquay | 47/57 | WCRC | |
| Wed 23 Aug | Essex Avon Ex | Shoeburyness-Reading-Bath-TM 13.25/16.35 | 45690 | RYTC | |
| Thu 24 Aug | Golden Hind | Slough-Bath-TM-Exeter-Plymouth | 47, 60007 | Saphos | |

Dates for your Diary

S & D Railway Midsomer Norton - Midsomer Nights Live Music Trains

6.30pm to 9.30pm - Refreshments & Bar - Tickets £12

Saturday 5 Aug – The Blue Moon Band, Saturday 19 Aug – The Edge Swing Band.

East Somerset Railway Cranmore – Diesel & Burger Evening Saturday 19 Aug

Burger, Chips & Soft Drink, DMU ride, £21.50 book online.

Outdoor Fixtures

Wednesday 2 August – Midweek lunchtime visit to the Avon Valley Railway

Meet up to ride or photograph trains and enjoy lunch in the buffet.

Round trips depart at 10.45, 12.00, 13.15, 14.30, & 15.45.

Fri 1 Sep – ‘My 49 Year Railway Career’ – A first visit to the branch by Dennis Flood.