



# BRISTOL BULLETIN

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

**Bristol Temple Meads** On 14th August 57603 “*Tintagel Castle*” 5Z77 15.20 Reading Traincare Depot-Penzance TMD at 16.52

On 15th 150202 5V83 07.25 Wolverton Centre Sidings-Exeter TMD at 10.46

On 16th 43007/43184 “*Laira Diesel Depot*” 15.27 Plymouth-Leeds at 17.35 (Note: 43007 is now in BR Blue/Yellow livery and 43184 is in InterCity Executive livery), 57601/57313 1Z57 10.45 Cardiff Central-Par at 11.53 returning as 1Z58 15.08 to Cardiff Central at 19.15

On 20th 46115 “*Scots Guardsman*” 1Z33 08.51 Bristol Temple Meads-Par then 1Z34 17.00 Par-Bristol Temple Meads at 22.14 then 5Z37 22.19 Bristol Temple Meads-Bristol St Philips Marsh HSTD, 47802 5Z36 23.12 Bristol Temple Meads-Southall WCR.

On 21st 950001 2Q08 03.51 Derby RTC-Plymouth at 10.18

On 22nd 57601/57313 1Z30 07.46 Birmingham International-Paignton at 10.14 then 1Z32 17.30 Paignton-Birmingham International at 19.59 (Stock: 92904 10734 17167 325 3247 3275 3267 1953 3273 3174 95325), 68033+68007 6M67 14.08 Bridgwater-Crewe at 14.26

On 23rd 43016/43189 05.00 Bristol TM-Taunton, 06.11 Taunton-Cardiff, 09.00 Cardiff-Penzance and 15.15 Penzance-Plymouth (Stock: GW12 48137 48102 48136 49112) is said to be the last day in service today.

On 24th 47805 “*Roger Hosking MA 1926-2013*”/47593 “*Galloway Princess*” 1Z27 06.23 Slough-Plymouth at 10.17 (Stock: 35465 17013 3045 3122 80044 3100 3148 3125 1863 3107 3232 3330) and 1Z28 16.00 Plymouth-Slough at 20.03 (Note: Delays caused by a rail defect in the Parson Street area of Bristol)

On 25th 950001 2Q08 08.50 Bristol TM-Reading Triangle via Bristol Parkway, 43046/43059 “*Geoff Drury 1930-1999*” 5Z42 07.57 Crewe-Plymouth Mount Gould Platform at 11.53

(Stock: 44081 41183 40801 41059 41176 40802 41108 41149). On 26th 43059/43046 1Z43 05.36

Plymouth-Llandudno “*North Wales Coastal Pullman*” at 08.14 then 1Z44 16.35 Llandudno-Plymouth.

**North Somerset Jct** On 21st August 66604 6C68 09.55 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.14

**Bristol East Depot** On 16th August 57313/57601 5Z57 09.07 Bristol East Depot-Cardiff Central (Stock: 92904 10734 17167 325 3247 3275 3267 1953 3273 3174 95325)

**Dr Day’s Jct** On 17th August 37116 3Z33 23.59 Cardiff Canton-Swansea-Bristol Kingsland Road at 05.35

18th 166221 5Q81 06.33 Wolverton Centre Sidings-Bristol St Philips Marsh HSTD at 11.41 (Unit now in GWR Green livery), 46115 ‘*Scots Guardsman*’ 5Z29 Carnforth Steamtown-Bristol St Philips Marsh HSTD at 16.32 (Stock: 80204)

On 21st 46115 “*Scots Guardsman*” + Mk1 80204 5Z39 10.42 St Phillips Marsh HSTD-Carnforth

On 24th 60017 6M53 15.58 Swindon Stores-Toton Up Sidings at 17.24, 60055 6Z23 13.56 Appleford Sidings-Tytherington at 17.41.

**Portway Park & Ride** The City of Bristol’s first new station for nearly 100 years (the last being Parsons Street in 1927, otherwise the nearest was in South Gloucestershire at Filton Abbey Wood in 1996) was opened on 31st July by Transport Minister Mark Harper MP who with attending Bristol City Councillors, GWR and Network Rail officials were conveyed on 165112 with the 09.10 Bristol Temple Meads-Severn Beach normal service train calling at 09.40. Later, 166214 stopped with the 13.46 Avonmouth-Weston-super-Mare service to collect the officials that travelled by train for their return to Bristol. The following day, 1st August, saw the first public train to call 165108 on 05.00 Bristol Temple Meads-Severn Beach at 05.37, followed by 165102 with 05.37 Bristol Temple Meads-Severn Beach at 06.02 and 165108 again on the first up train to call 05.53 Severn Beach-Bristol Temple Meads at 06.07.

**Patchway** On 16th August 60059 6B41 11.45 Westerleigh-Robeston at 14.19

On 18th 66598 6A43 13.00 Pontypridd-Westbury at 15.49

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**Filton** On 15th August 68002+68004 6M67 Bridgwater-Crewe at 13.49, 66028 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.13

On 17th 66619 6C67 05.00 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth, 66501 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.56, 66610 6A83 14.38 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 15.54

On 18th 66602 6C67 05.00 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth at 05.55, 66602 6C68 10.12 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.33, 66598/66549 6A43 13.00 Pontypridd-Westbury at 15.56

On 20th 66525 6Y42 11.00 Severn Tunnel Jct-Westbury at 12.02

On 21st 66604 6C67 04.27 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth at 05.22, 166202 5Q70 07.00 St Phillips Marsh-Wolverton CS, 66569/66598 6A43 12.33 Westbury-Pontypridd at 13.31

On 24th 66610 6C67 04.27 Westbury Cement Works-Avonmouth at 05.28

802017 08.00 Cardiff Central-Penzance at 08.45 (The service was diverted via Westbury due to reports of a defect at Parson Street)

On 25th August 66548 6A87 01.47 East Usk Yard-West Drayton at 02.43, 66514 6A17 02.13 East Usk Yard-Oxford Banbury Road at 03.14, 66054 4V48 00.42 Acton-Tytherington at 03.19 then 6M78 to Appleford at 07.57, 66198 6M58 01.53 Tytherington-Appleford at 03.28, 60059 6A11 22.37 Robeston-Theale at 03.49, 66563 4V30 23.29 London Gateway-Wentloog at 04.19 then 4L33 to London Gateway at 10.57, 66508 4V36 22.45 Felixstowe-Wentloog at 04.49, 66510 6C67 04.27 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth at 05.33, 68007+68033 6V47 02.00 Crewe-Bridgwater at 05.38 then 6M63 to Crewe at 13.11, 60055 6Z22 06.45 Bristol East Depot-Appleford then 6Z23 to Tytherington at 17.24 then 6Z21 to Bristol East Depot at 23.33, 66553/66566 6A02 05.00 Ystrad Mynach-Westbury at 10.13, 66610 6C68 10.11 Avonmouth-Westbury Lafarge at 10.29, 66190 6V73 15.06 Cliffe Vale-Exeter Riverside Yard at 21.01

**Pilning** On 17th August 66304/66701 3Q98 23.02 Margam-Margam via St Blazey at 00.34

**Bristol Parkway** On 14th August 37884 5Q86 21.40 Worksop Up Receptions-Newport Docks (Sims) at 05.44 ((Stock: 321423+321430) Reports state that this train failed in the Severn Tunnel resulting in all Newport-bound services using the up line in the wrong direction)

On 14th 66190 "*Martin House Childrens' Hospice*" 6V71 15.07 Cliff Vale-Exeter Riverside Yard at 20.14

On 15th 66002 5Q99 23.30 Ripple Lane-Cardiff Canton at 03.00 (Stock: 765108, 765109, 765110)

On 16th 66543 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.23, 66755 6M42 09.20 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 10.13, 66115 6V05 09.15 Round Oak-Margam at 12.10, 70811 6Z40 11.12 Westbury-Stud Farm at 12.32, 66547 6C58 10.12 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard at 13.12, 60059 6B41 11.45 Westerleigh-Robeston at 13.38, 66556 6C85 13.24 Avonmouth-Stoke Gifford at 14.39, 66028 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.01, 66432 4V44 10.45 Daventry-Wentloog at 14.45,

66548 6Z86 11.06 West Drayton-East Usk Yard at 15.39, 66023 6V92 10.34 Corby-Margam at 15.53, 66769 6V84 07.38 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.11, 60055 6Z23 13.56 Appleford-Tytherington at 18.00, 66569 6V54 13.41 Elstow Redland-East Usk Yard at 19.12, 66002 6E47 15.51 Margam-Middlesbrough Dawson at 19.25, 66422 4Z37 14.20 Wentloog-Daventry at 20.03

On 17th 66542 4V47 02.41 Tilbury-Wentloog at 07.32, 66596 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.37, 66540 4V31 07.53 London Gateway-Wentloog at 12.12, 66547 6C58 10.12 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard at 13.10

On 18th 66013 6M78 06.22 Tytherington-West Drayton at 07.51, 43277/43290 1Z20 04.41 Paddington-Derby RTC via Swansea at 06.36 (Stock: 977984 975814 977993 977994 975984) then 1Z20 to Derby at 12.46, 756101 3Q36 07.57 Cardiff Canton Sidings-Hullavington at 08.50 then 3Q39 to Newport at 13.25, 66418 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.30, 66501 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.20, 66547 6C58 10.12 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard at 12.49, 68002+68004 6M67 14.08 Bridgwater-Crewe at 14.26, 66111 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.29, 66084 6V51 12.39 Burton Yard-Cardiff Tidal at 16.09, 66190 6V73 15.06 Cliffe Vale-Exeter Riverside Yard at 20.56

On 19th 66129 6V81 18.10 Masborough-Cardiff Tidal at 00.49, 66569 6Z92 09.15 Theale-Stoke Gifford at 11.50, 66181 6C03 09.28 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.59, 66605 6B91 12.15 Hayes & Harlington-Stoke Gifford at 16.46

On 22nd A safety inspection of the track between Bristol Parkway and Standish Jct resulted in the northbound line being closed with diversions and cancellations in place. Road Transport between Bristol Parkway and Gloucester for Yate and Cam & Dursley was provided.

**Stoke Gifford (Freightliner)** On 16th August 66556 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth

On 20th 66605 6B81 08.25 Stoke Gifford-Port Talbot.

**Westerleigh Jct** On 16th August 66543 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.36

On 24th 66024 6M78 06.22 Tytherington-West Drayton at 07.06, 66721 4Z39 14.22 Ashchurch MoD-Westbury at 15.45. On 26th 66067 4C12 06.14 Westbury-Tytherington at 07.16.

**Brentry** On 13th August 66750 6Z73 Avonmouth-Bescot at 15.37  
On 14th 66013 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.18  
On 15th 66556 6A83 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 15.01  
On 16th 66769 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.01, 66701/66304 3Q98 Margam-Bristol East Jct via Avonmouth at 23.20  
On 17th 66619 6C68 Avonmouth-Whatley at 11.07  
On 21st 66589 6Z58 Avonmouth-Theale at 10.24, 66769 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.21  
On 22nd 66604 6C68 Avonmouth-Whatley at 09.42, 66507 6C81 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 10.00, 66170 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.09, 66507 6A83 Avonmouth-West Drayton 14.37

**Avonmouth** Following problems with the inward working on 31st July which involved the removal of 2 wagons and the fitting of wheel skates, the 6V70 03.02 Small Heath-Swindon Cocklebury yard scrap empties with 66750 eventually reached its destination on 2nd August via Gloucester New Yard for loading with scrap. The loaded 6M31 18.35 Swindon-Liverpool EMR again with the same loco and 19 JNA boxes, was diverted via Bristol, the Severn Tunnel and Hereford (due to an engineering blockade between Radley and Oxford) but suffered further problems with over loaded wagons and cut sheet metal waste being conveyed loose (not in the more normal compact cube form) and above the 6-inch load line beneath the wagon top. The train was reported to have lost some of its load between Wootton Bassett and Hullavington and stopped and then terminated in Bristol Parkway at 23.27 (195 minutes late). Following further safety checks the working departed at 02.04 (370 minutes late) now on 3rd August and diverted to the Avonmouth Bulk Terminal for further daylight wagon load checks to be carried out over the coming few days. With another loco, 66754 brought in from Newport as 0V01 (and 0V02 return to Cardiff Castle Works) on 9th, the train was moved over to the West Wharf container loading area in the Port of Bristol Docks (via Hallen Marsh junction) for the load to be flattened down using a road grab vehicle, the train then being finally able to proceed onwards on 13th August as 6Z73 15.00 Avonmouth-Bescot Engineers sidings.  
On 24th 66769 6B90 05.52 Avonmouth-Gloucester New Yard at 05.52

**Sevenside** On 16th August 66756 6M42 09.20 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 08.29

**Bath Spa** On 16th August 67024 VSOE 1V80 09.47 London Victoria-Bath at 13.04 (Stock: 6313 99536 99535 99546 99539 99530 99532 99534 99537 99531 99541 99545), 5C80 13.08 Bath-Bristol East Yard, 5O92 15.37 Bristol East Depot-Bath at 16.03, 1O92 15.56 Bath-London Victoria  
On 17th 66619 6C68 09.55 Avonmouth-Whatley at 11.48  
On 23rd 45960 'Leander'/47802 'The Essex Avon Express' Bristol Temple Meads at 13.33  
On 24th 60055 6Z23 13.56 Appleford-Tytherington at 16.34

**Chippenham** On 18th August 66620 7B12 11.23 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 13.31  
On 19th 60055 6Z25 12.09 Appleford-Bristol East Depot at 13.44

**Swindon** On 17th August 66791 6Z39 14.22 Ashchurch-Marchwood at 15.21  
On 19th 47593/47805 1Z27 05.20 High Wycombe-Kingswear at 07.50 (Stock: 35465 17013 3045 3122 80044 3100 3148 3125 1863 3107 3231 3330), 66084+66092+66143 8Z92 Haresfield Loop-Swindon Cocklebury at 08.50 (Note: 66092 was noted with a wheel skate under one wheel), 66569 6Z92 09.15 Theale-Stoke Gifford yard at 11.10, 66181 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside at 12.44, 60055 6Z25 12.09 Appleford-Bristol East Depot at 13.29, 59202 6C48 Appleford-Whatley at 13.44, 47802 5Z30 12.15 Southall WCRC-Bristol Kingsland Road at 14.11 (Stock: 99723 5032 99311 3143 3098 3093 99316 99128), 66605 6B91 12.15 Hayes & Harlington-Stoke Gifford Yard at 15.49, 66514 6M81 13.19 Machen-Lawley Street Aggregates at 16.50, 66507 6V28 12.37 West Drayton-Whatley at 17.01, 66850/70811 6C97 19.34 Westbury-Honeybourne at 20.25. On 20th 70811/66850 6C97 07.30 Honeybourne-Westbury at 09.19  
On 21st 70803/70809 6M40 11.42 Westbury-Stud Farm, 60059 6B33 13.49 Theale-Robeston at 15.34  
On 24th 60017 6V15 20.21 Boston Sleaford Sidings-Swindon Stores at 06.48, 37884 5Q76 11.23 Wembley-Newport Docks (Sims) at 13.42 (Stock: 321340+321343)  
On 26th 60055 6Z24 06.43 Bristol East Depot-Appleford at 07.31.

**Bradford Jct** On 19th August 66523 4O51 10.40 Wentloog-Maritime at 12.46  
On 21st 70811 6X50 08.01 Westbury-Hinksey Yard at 08.12  
On 24th 70803 6C20 15.21 Westbury-Ebbw Jct via Margam at 15.15, 70809 6C22 19.29 Westbury-Ebbw Jct via Margam at 19.21

**Trowbridge** On 18th August 57313/57601 1Z83 17.49 Weymouth-Coventry at 19.46

**Westbury** On 17th August 70811 6M40 11.42 Westbury-Stud Farm

On 18th 66511 6C73 12.18 Westbury-Fairwater

On 21st 60029 6Z60 09.51 Willesden-Merehead at 13.15 then 6Z61 to Willesden at 17.31

On 24th 70803 6M50 08.01 Westbury-Bescot, 60029 6Z60 09.51 Willesden-Merehead at 13.15, 66553/66566 6A02 14.22 Westbury-Hengoed via Margam, 43277/43299 1Q23 05.56 Reading-Salisbury at 14.50 (Stock: 977984 975814 977993 977994 975984)

On 26th 66563 4O51 10.40 Wentloog-Maritime at 13.18, 66067 6A12 12.15 Tytherington-Westbury.

**Fairwood Jct** On 17th August 57601/57313 1Z79 07.11 Coventry-Weymouth at 11.43

On 18th 66620 7V98 05.00 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 06.48, 59201 6V53 03.46 Bow Depot-Merehead at 07.04, 66604 6Z19 06.57 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 07.31

On 21st 59201 7B12 11.23 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 11.30

On 24th 59102 6L21 13.21 Whatley-Dagenham Dock at 13.49

On 25th 59206 7V98 03.27 Eastleigh-Merehead at 05.09, 59005 7V53 03.46 Bow Depot-Merehead.

**Bridgwater** On 25th August 68007+68033 6V74 02.00 Crewe-Bridgwater at 06.32

**Castle Cary** On 18th August 66511 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury at 09.07

On 24th 66568/66511 6X37 05.18 Moreton Cutting-Fairwater Yard at 07.40

**Taunton** On 12th August 47593/47805 1Z27 06.35 Poole-Dartmouth Kingswear at 10.30, 47805 0Z27

10.36 Taunton-Taunton, 4498 "Sir Nigel Gresley" 0Z26 10.23 Bishops Lydeard-Taunton at 10.47, 45596 1Z29 07.00 Paddington-Minehead at 11.27, 45596 1Z30 15.16 Minehead-Paddington at 16.59, 4498 "Sir Nigel Gresley"/47593+47805 1Z28 16.35 Dartmouth Kingswear-Poole at 19.25

On 14th 66511 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury returning as 6C73 to Fairwater Yard at 13.24, 66511/66568 6X37 16.05 Fairwater Yard-Maidenhead.

On 15th 57602 1C50 23.45 Paddington-Penzance at 02.28

On 16th 66012 6Z90 12.43 Westbury-Westbury via Exeter Riverside Yard at 13.32

On 20th 46115 1Z33 08.51 Bristol Temple Meads-Par at 10.02 (Stock: 80204 99723 5032 99311 3143 3098 3093 99316 99128) then 1Z34 17.00 Par-Bristol Temple Meads at 21.14

66041 6W98 20.14 Westbury-Ivybridge via Plymouth at 21.23

On 24th 950001 2Q08 02.53 Exeter Riverside Yard-Bristol Kingsland Road at 08.26

66511 6C73 12.18 Westbury-Fairwater Yard at 13.32

On 25th 66511 6C73 12.18 Westbury-Fairwater Yard at 11.50

**Fairwater Yard** On 15th August 66568 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury

On 20th 66568/66511 6X37 07.50 Goring & Streatley-Fairwater Yard at 11.40

On 21st 66511 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury, 66568 6C75 10.25 Fairwater Yard-Bishops Lydeard, 66568/66511 6X37 16.04 Fairwater Yard-Tilehurst East Junction via Bristol Parkway

On 24th 66568 6C75 10.25 Fairwater Yard-Bishops Lydeard.

**Road Haulage** On 22nd August De-branded Cross Country HST Mk3 42367 was seen on the M5 heading to Newport (Sims) for scrap.

**Congratulations go to Callum MacLeod, until recently Society Chairman and previously Bristol Branch Chairman, who has been appointed a Society Vice-President.**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tour</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Haulage</b>	<b>Pick-up</b>	<b>Fare</b>	<b>Operator</b>
Thu 31 Aug	Welsh Marches	Shrewsbury	47, <b>60007</b>	TM 08.50	Full	Saphos
Wed 6 Sep	Golden Hind	Plymouth	47, <b>60007</b>	TM 09.15	Full	Saphos
Sat 14 Oct	Cornish Explorer	Penzance	37X2	TM 08.50	£129	Pathfinder

Sat 2 Sep	English Riviera Ex	Bedford-Reading-Taunton-Kingswear	47, <b>60007</b>	Saphos
Wed 6 Sep	English Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.05/15.50	67	Belmond
Sat 9 Sep	Cornish Riviera	Shrewsbury-Cwmbran-TM-Penzance	47X2	LSL
Tue 12 Sep	Northern Belle	Swansea-Newport-TM-Exeter-Paignton	47/57	WCRC
Sat 16 Sep	West Somerset Ex	Padd-Westbury-Taunton-Minehead	<b>6233</b>	RYTC
Sat 16 Sep	Steam Dreams	Padd-Reading-Parkway 12.00-Cardiff	<b>34046</b>	STDR
Sat 16 Sep	Devonian	Peterborough-Reading-Westbury-Paignton	67	UKRT
Sun 24 Sep	Northern Belle	TM 11.50-Newport-Cardiff-Newport-TM 17.40	47/57	WCRC
Wed 27 Sep	Bath Spa	Victoria-Guildford-Newbury-Bath 13.05/17.00	<b>70000</b>	STDR
Wed 4 Oct	English Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.05/15.50	67	Belmond

**Dates for your Diary**

**S&D Railway at Midsomer Norton – Wickham Wednesdays. On each Wednesday in September Wickham Trolley rides over the whole line are available. Journey takes 20 minutes & costs £5.**

**16/17 Sep Avon Valley Railway Bitton at War - 1940s Weekend.**

**Fri 6 Oct ‘An Audience with Professional Photographer – Jack Boskett’**

**Fri 3 Nov ‘That Was The Year That Was 1964’ a welcome return by Geoff Plumb**

**Fri 1 Dec ‘Steam in Southern Africa Through 26 Years’ with long time branch member Roger Griffiths**