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## Fri 6 Oct 'An Audience with Professional Photographer – Jack Boskett'

**Bristol Temple Meads** On 29th August 43303+43357 17.45 Bristol TM-Plymouth (Inward 15.27 Plymouth-Leeds was cancelled at Bristol TM due to multiple track defects north of Cheltenham) On 6th 47805/47593 1Z27 'Golden Hind' 06.31 Worcester Shrub Hill-Plymouth at 09.29 (Stock: 35465 3330 3231 3107 1863 3125 3148 3100 80044 3122 3045 17013) then 1Z28 16.00 Plymouth-Worcester Shrub Hill at 20.11 On 9th 47810/47712 1Z28 05.00 Shrewsbury-Penzance at 08.48 (Stock: 17056 3438 3188 80043 3229 3312 1211 3348 3426 3344 3384) On 10th 158958 was noted in two-car formation on 08.27 Cardiff-Portsmouth, 12.23 Portsmouth-Cardiff, 16.27 Cardiff-Portsmouth and 2023 Portsmouth-Cardiff (57746 temporarily removed) On 11th 88006+68016 6V74 01.58 Crewe-Bridgwater at 06.48 On 14th 66101 6M53 22.04 Exeter Riverside Yard-Stoke Cliffe Vale at 23.50 On 15th 68001 *Evolution*+ 88006 *Juno* 6V74 Crewe-Bridgwater at 07.22 On 17th 43303+366 1Z52 12.13 Birmingham New Street-Plymouth at 13.53 then ran via Bath and Westbury (220008 worked this service as far as Birmingham)

**North Somerset Jct** On 14th September 66722/66721 6F06 08.30 Westbury-Moreton-on-Lugg at 09.41, 66604 6C68 09.55 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.36 On 22nd 66551 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.10

**Bristol Kingsland Road** On 22nd September 37610 3Z22 21.39 Bristol Kingsland Road-Cardiff-Kingsland Road returning to Kingsland Road at 00.52 On 23rd 47802+45596 *Bahamas* 5Z30 12.15 Southall WCRC-Kingsland Road at 15.10 (Stock: 14060 99723 4854 3143 3098 3093 99712 3119)

Bristol Barton Hill On 13th September 165017 was seen on the depot.

Dr Day's Jct On 13th September 66619 6C68 09.55 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.24

Stapleton Road On 6th September 66563 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 12.50

**Filton** On 6th September 66531/66561 6A06 06.05 Westbury-Pontypridd at 06.56, 66005 6M78 06.22 Tytherington-Appleford Sidings at 07.57 then 4V45 to Tytherington at 22.22, 66569/66594 6A07 07.20 Westbury-Pontypridd at 08.27, 66553/66566 6A05 08.00 Pontypridd-Westbury at 10.32, 66563 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 10.57, 66605 6Z92 11.24 Theale-East Usk Yard at 14.27, 66508/66515 6A04 13.00 Pontypridd-Westbury at 14.38, 60055 6Z23 13.56 Appleford-Tytherington at 17.24, 66543 4L50 16.28 Wentloog-Tilbury at 17.34

On 11th 66615 6C67 04.27 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth at 05.37

On 12th 66587 6A83 13.45 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 14.58

On 13th 66604 6C67 04.27 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth at 04.49

**Patchway** On 6th September 66426 4M36 19.17 Wentloog-Daventry via Charfield at 20.12 On 14th 66568 4V47 02.41 Tilbury-Wentloog 07.15

**Pilning** On 29th August 66515 4V50 04.24 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.42 On 23rd 66547 6F11 12.00 Moreton-on-Lugg-Westbury at 13.48

Stoke Gifford (Freightliner) On 12th September 66587 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 09.55

Westerleigh Jct On 21st September 60010 6B33 13.49 Theale-Robeston at 16.19

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**Bristol Parkway** On 29th August 66953 6Z68 23.05 East Usk Yard-Radlett at 00.09 and on 6B11 to East Usk Yard at 16.51, 66544 6B25 22.55 West Drayton-Stoke Gifford at 03.06, 66199 6M58 02.07 Tytherington-Appleford at 04.54, 66563 4V49 00.53 Maritime-Wentloog at 03.55, 60010 6A11 22.37 Robeston-Theale at 05.06, 66515 4V50 04.24 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.35, 66562+66514 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.23, 756105+756101 3Q38 Newport-Swindon at 12.06, 66131 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside at 14.01, 165006 3M65 Bristol Barton Hill-Banbury Depot at 15.32, 66509 6M81 13.19 Machen-Lawley Street Aggregates at 15.34, 66797 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.15, 60055 6Z21 21.07 Tytherington-Didcot Milton Sidings at 22.34

On 3rd September 387158+387170+387142 3Z90 17.00 Reading Traincare Depot-Bristol Parkway at 18.01. On 5th 66567 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.25

On 6th 66705 6M23 19.45 Margam-Dee Marsh at 02.19, 66597 6V82 04.20 Lawley Street Aggregates-East Usk Yard at 07.04, 66543 4V50 04.03 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.35, 66005 6M78 06.22 Tytherington-Appleford at 07.53 then on 4V45 to Tytherington at 22.24, 66516 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.23, 66065 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside at 14.01, 66502 6Z86 11.41 West Drayton-East Usk Yard at 15.43, 66751 6V84 07.38 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.11, 66619 6B11 12.21 Hayes & Harlington-East Usk Yard at 16.51, 60055 6Z23 13.56 Appleford-Tytherington at 17.34 then on 6Z21 to Didcot Milton Sidings at 23.05, 66714 6V87 12.50 Middlesbrough Dawsons-Trostre at 20.50, 37116/37610 1Z22 08.00 Derby RTC-Bristol Kingsland Road at 21.32.

On 10th 47802/47746 5Z36 13.18 Cardiff Pengam-Southall WCRC at 14.07 On 22nd 66756 6M42 09.20 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.37

**Yate** On 21st September 37612 3Z20 21:01 Derby RTC-Bristol Kingsland Road at 07.06 (Stock: 977969 5995 9801 999605 9714)

**Brentry** On 6th September 66751 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.02 On 11th 66615 6C68 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.20, 66012 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside at 14.00 On 15th 59005 6C68 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.06 On 18th 66619 6Z58 Avonmouth-Theale at 11.42 On 20th 66751 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.05

Avonmouth On 29th August 66548 6A83 14.38 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 13.43

**Bath Spa** On 5th September 66508/66515 6A04 06.07 Westbury-Pontypridd at 06.35, 66566/66553 6A05 07.20 Westbury-Pontypridd at 08.01, 66561/66531 6A02 06.43 Pontypridd-Westbury at 09.06, 66594/66569 6A01 08.00 Pontypridd-Westbury at 11.07 On 6th 67006 1V80 09:47 Victoria to Bath at 13.03 then 5C80 13.08 Bath-Bristol East Depot at 13.08 then 5O92 15:37 Bristol East Depot-Bath at then 1O92 15.56 Bath-London Victoria at 15.56 (Stock: 99545 99541 99531 99537 99534 99532 99530 99539 99546 99535 99536 6313) On 7th 37610/37116 1Z23 Bristol-Derby at 09.55 On 22nd September 66101 6V73 15.06 Stoke Cliffe Vale-Exeter Riverside at 21.23

Chippenham On 11th September 70803 6Z40 11.42 Westbury-Stud Farm at 12.14

**Thingley Jct** On 5th September 60055 6Z23 Appleford-Tytherington at 16.53 On 21st 70809 6M40 11.42 Westbury-Stud Farm at 12.11

**Westbury** On 6th September 66610 6C19 04.30 Whatley-Exeter Riverside at 05.56, 70809 6M50 08.01 Westbury-Bescot, 59206 6A09 07.12 Merehead-Acton Yard at 08.03, 60029 6Z60 09.51 Willesden-Merehead at 13.15, 66515/66508 6A04 13.00 Pontypridd-Westbury at 15.50 On 9th 66561/66594 6A11 09.00 Pontypridd-Westbury at 12.49, 66548/66511 6X37 18.33 Fairwater Yard-Goring & Streatley at 19.28 On 11th 70809+66848 6M50 08.01 Westbury-Bescot, 66548/66511 6X37 16.04 Fairwater Yard-Ascottunder-Wychwood at 17.37. On 12th 59206 6A09 07.12 Merehead-Acton Yard at 07.40 On 18th 66569 7A16 17.05 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loop at 18.16 On 22nd 66721/66722 6F06 05.00 Moreton-on-Lugg-Westbury at 07.33, 66508 6F10 09:32 Westbury-Moreton-on-Lugg, 66547/66544 6F11 10.04 Westbury-Moreton-on-Lugg On 23rd 66537/66556 6Y40 11.45 Westbury-Merehead, 66011 6X01 18.35 Westbury-Bodmin Parkway. **Swindon** On 29th August 66598 4L35 05:35 Portbury to London Gateway at 07.36, 60010 6B33 13.49 Theale-Robeston at 15.18. On 2nd September 66849 6C30 13.00 Henwick-Westbury at 15.22, 66561 6Y54 13.34 Westbury-Henwick at 19.31. On 6th 70803 6M40 11.42 Westbury-Stud Farm at 12.42, 60055 6Z23 13.56 Appleford-Tytherington at 16.31.

On 7th 60059 6A11 22.37 Robeston-Theale at 04.54, 66953 6A17 02.56 East Usk Yard-Oxford Banbury Road at 05.03 then 6C58 to East Usk Yard at 12.45, 66619 6A85 01.59 Moreton on Lugg-Hayes & Harlington at 05.19 then 6B11 to Stoke Gifford at 15.48, 59102 6A15 03.54 Whatley-Appleford at 05.42, 60015+66035 6V15 20.21 Boston Sleaford-Swindon Stores at 06.43 then 6M53 to Toton at 16.45 (with 60015 only), 66543 4V47 02.41 Tilbury-Wentloog at 06.51, 70803 6M50 08.01 Westbury-Bescot at 09.05, 66532 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 10.01, 37116/37610 1Z23 06.45 Bristol Kingsland Road-Derby RTC at 10.13, 66563 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 12.03, 70809 6M40 11.42 Westbury-Stud farm at 12.30, 66415 6Z41 12.28 Swindon Transfer Yard-Merehead at 12.32, 66024 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside at 13.19 then 6A03 to Brentford Town at 22.28, 66556 6C50 12.46 Oxford Banbury Road-Whatley at 14.24, 66502 6Z86 11.41 West Drayton-East Usk Yard at 14.50, 60059 6B33 13.49 Theale-Robeston at 15.19, 60055 6Z23 13.56 Appleford-Tytherington at 16.32, , 66597 6M81 13.19 Machen-Lawley Street Aggregates at 17.04, 66601 6C62 16.32 Oxford Banbury Road-Whatley at 19.34, 66005 4V45 18.29 Appleford-Tytherington at 21.01, 66604/66615 6A20 21.01 Whatley-Hanwell Bridge Loop at 23.07. On 9th 66610 6Z92 09.15 Theale-East Usk Yard at 11.07, 60055 6Z25 12.09 Appleford-Bristol East Depot at 12.47, 66012 6C03 09.33 Northolt Sidings-Severnside at 13.20

On 12th 66502 6M81 13.19 Machen-Lawley Street at 16.22

On 14th 60015 6V15 20.21 Boston Sleaford Sidings-Swindon Stores at 07.29 then 6M53 16.16 Swindon Stores-Toton Up Sidings at 16.05, 66502 6M81 13.19 Machen-Lawley Street Aggregates at 16.39 On 21st 66588 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 12.07

**Bradford Jct** On 9th September 66601 6Z36 12.17 Westbury Lafarge-Tunstead via Hereford at 12.47 On 12th 70809 6Z40 11.42 Westbury-Stud Farm at 13.53

**Fairwood Jct** On 5th September 59205 7A77 12.22 Merehead-Theale at 13.03 On 6th 59101 7V97 03.33 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 06.47, 59202 7V53 03.46 Bow Depot-Merehead at 07.22, 66556 6A19 10.45 Whatley-West Drayton at 11.19, 66587/59101 7A17 10.49 Merehead-Colnbrook at 11.26

On 11th 66589+59206 7A09 07.12 Merehead-Acton Yard at 07.56, 59102 7B12 11.23 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.05, 66511 6C73 12.18 Westbury-Fairwater Yard at 12.18

On 12th 59204 7V98 05.00 Eastleigh-Merehead at 07.02, 59102 6V53 03.46 Bow Depot-Merehead at 07.19, 59101 6C31 10.08 Theale-Whatley at 08.53, 66531 6M20 10.45 Whatley-St Pancras Churchyard Sidings at 11.26. On 13th 66537 6A19 10.45 Whatley-West Drayton at 11.24

On 14th 59102 7V53 03.46 Bow Depot-Merehead at 07.02, 59204 7V98 05.00 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 07.08, 66548/66511 6X37 03.50 Wolvercote Junction-Fairwater Yard at 07.12, 66537 6Z19 06.57 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 07.36, 66587 6A24 10.18 Whatley-Oxford Banbury at 10.48, 66537 6C50 12.45 Oxford Banbury Road-Whatley at 15.27. On 23rd 59005 6C48 11.36 Appleford-Whatley.

**Highbridge** On 5th September 68033+68016 6V74 02.39 Crewe-Bridgwater at 07.29 On 10th 66548/66511 6X37 07.05 Didcot Parkway-Fairwater Yard at 10.04

(Stock: 3397, 3304, 1657, 3364, 3386, 3356, 80042, 3278, 1200, 9526)

**Taunton** On 3rd September 66740/66750 6G97 07.47 Exeter St David's-Eastleigh East Yard at 08.10, 46100/47495 1Z27 09.07 Bristol TM-Kingswear at 11.09 (Stock: 35465 17013 3045 3122 80044 3100 3148 3125 1863 3107 3231 3330), 66511/66548 6X37 06.00 Slough-Fairwater Yard at 12.16 On 5th 66604 7C19 04.30 Whatley-Exeter Riverside at 06.27, 66511/66548 6X37 03.45 Didcot Parkway-Fairwater Yard at 07.18, 66548 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury at 08.45, 70809 6C40 19.04 (MO) Westbury-Westbury via Totnes at 09.06, 66548 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury at 09.09 then 6C73 12.18 Westbury-Fairwater Yard at 13.24, 70803 6C41 17.17 Westbury-Westbury via Penzance at 18.22 On 6th 66511 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury at 09.11 15.57 6M53 Exeter Riverside Yard-Cliffe Vale at 20.38 returning on 15th to Exeter Riverside at 22.30 On 11th 43162/43042 5Z12 09.58 Laira TMD-Minehead at 13.37 On 12th 43094/43122 5Z25 09.58 Laira TMD-Bishops Lydeard at 13.31, 43047/43046 5Z47 00.13 Paignton-Crewe HS at 17.02 (Stock: 41149 41149 41108 40802 41176 41059 41183 40801 44081) 43040/173 5M98 13.18 Laira-St Phillips Marsh at 14.24 (Power Cars going for storage) On 16th 45596 Bahamas 1Z70 07.00 Paddington-Minehead at 11.15 (Stock: 14060 99723 4854 5032 99311 3143 3098 3093 99712 3119 99122), 67005/67007 1Z66 06.00 Peterborough-Paignton at 11.25

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Fairwater Yard On 5th September 66511 6C75 10.25 Fairwater Yard-Bishops Lydeard.

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On 11th 66511 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury, 66548 6C75 10.25 Fairwater Yard-Bishops Lydeard On 12th 66548 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury, 66511 6X75 10.25 Fairwater Yard-Bishops Lydeard On 13th 66511/66548 6X37 16.04 Fairwater Yard-Ascott-under-Wychwood.

On 14th 66548 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury, 66511 6C75 10.25 Fairwater Yard-Bishops Lydeard On 18th 66531 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury at 09.50

On 21st 66531/66511 6X37 18.24 Fairwater Yard-Lavington.

In the first 12 months of operations at **Worcestershire Parkway**, GWR confirmed that more than 540,000 journeys have been undertaken from the station. The figures represent an amazing achievement, as the passenger business plan did not show the station reaching those heights for another 11 years.

The Friends of **Swindon Railway Museum** recently launched a public appeal to fund an appropriate headstone for the grave of the Great Western Railway's Chief Mechanical Engineer, Charles Collett OBE, after discovering that he had been laid to rest in an unmarked grave in Wimbledon. However, further research has since uncovered a previously unknown dictated assertion from Collett himself that there was "no need for a tombstone on death" and that he wished not to have one placed on his grave. As a result, the fundraiser has been closed and the Friends of Swindon Railway Museum will return all donations

The **Swanage Railway** has confirmed the details of the public launch of its flagship LSWR T3 class 4-4-0, No. 563, which has recently returned to the line following a comprehensive and painstaking restoration at Bill Parker's Flour Mill workshops in the Forest of Dean.

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

Date	Tour	Destination	Haulage	Pick-up	Fare	Operator
Wed 11 Oct	Welsh Marches	Shrewsbury	Steam	TM 09.10	£165	Saphos
Sat 21 Oct	Cumbrian Costal	Carlisle	47/57 Steam	TM 05.35	£129	Pathfinder
Sat 28 Oct	S&C Pullman	Carlisle	HST	TM 07.30	FULL	LSL

Wed 4 Oct	English Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.05/15.50		Belmond
Wed 18 Oct	English Riviera	Woking-Eastleigh-Salisbury-Taunton-Kingswear	Steam	Saphos
Thu 19 Oct	English Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.05/15.50	67	Belmond
Wed 8 Nov	English Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.05/15.50	67	Belmond

#### Dates for your Diary

Sat 14/Sun 15 Oct Dean Forest Railway Steam Gala. Locos booked: Bagnall 401, Rosyth No 1 1340 Trojan, and from the home fleet 5541 & 9681. Day ticket £28.

Sat 28/Sun 29 Oct Gloucs Warks Railway Mixed Gala. Locos Booked: 7820, 7903, 35006 47105, 47376, 5081, 37215, D6948, 20137. Day ticket £28.

3 Nov 'That Was The Year That Was 1964' a welcome return by Geoff Plumb

1 Dec 'Steam in Southern Africa Through 26 Years' with long time branch member Roger Griffiths

## \*\*\* Additional Meeting \*\*\*

15 Dec Christmas Buffet & Members' Evening – Presentations of up to 20 slides or images Book your presentation with Brian or Stewart tonight !!!