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

Bristol Temple Meads On 31st October 950001 2Q08 04.30 Kingsland Road-Laira TMD at 08.53
On 1st November 37116 3Q53 20.19 Kingsland Road-Exeter Riverside via Portbury/Weston super
Mare/Paignton at 21.22

St Phillips Marsh HSTD On 7th November 59101 0T59 12.56 St Philips Marsh-Eastleigh Works at 12.56
(Loco to be repainted into Heidelberg Materials livery)

Dr Day's Jct On 26th October 66614 6C68 09.55 Avonmouth-Whatley at 11.22
On 27th 43055+43059 5Z42 08.57 Crewe HS-Goodrington at 12.51
(Stock: 44081 41169 40801 41183 41059 41176 40802 41108 41149), 70809/70814 6Z14 12.40 Whitacre
Down Arley Loop-Westbury at 16.01
On 28th 66538 6Y44 12.38 Barry-Westbury at 13.43
On 30th 950001 2Q08 04.58 Derby RTC-Bristol Kingsland Road at 11.59
On 31st 66056 6C96 05.58 Appleford-Tytherington at 08.19
On 4th November 66536 4O51 10.40 Wentloog-Maritime via Salisbury at 12.40

Filton On 23rd October 170618+170637 5Z04 09.19 Birmingham New Street-Bristol Barton Hill W.R.D. at
10.57, 47812/47802 5Z80 10.39 Bristol East Depot-Carnforth Steamtown at 11.14, 66622 6C68 09.55
Avonmouth-Whatley Quarry at 11.55, 66606 6Z58 11.32 Avonmouth-Theale at 12.18, 66420 4L50 16.28
Wentloog-Tilbury at 17.27
On 25th 66614 6C67 04.27 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth at 06.25
On 26th 66614 6C67 04.27 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth at 05.42
On 27th 66614 6C67 04.27 Westbury Lafarge-Avonmouth at 05.22
On 30th 60028 6Z32 06.20 Tytherington-Willesden at 07.57
On 4th November 70810 6C22 09.19 Westbury-Bristol Parkway at 10.31

Pilning On 27th October 66502 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 08.56, 66568 4O57 13.29 Wentloog-
Maritime at 14.06
On 2nd November 66528/66545 6Y42 08.25 Trehafod-Westbury at 09.55, 66588/66506 6Y43 09.25
Trehafod-Westbury at 11.49. On 4th 66603 6Z92 09.13 Theale-East Usk Yard at 12.45

Patchway On 28th October 66545 0C51 07.32 Wentloog-Stoke Gifford at 07.39
On 9th 43257/43274 1Z23 06.45 Kingsland Road-Derby RTC at 08.19, 756109+756111 3Q38 Newport-
Swindon at 11.44

Westerleigh Jct On 26th October 66006 6M78 06.22 Tytherington-West Drayton at 07.50
On 27th 66568 4V50 04.24 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.44
On 30th 66056 (on hire to DCR) 6A08 11.38 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.53, 60046 6Z23 14.12 Willesden-
Tytherington at 18.29. On 3rd November 60046 6Z32 06.20 Tytherington-Willesden at 08.00

Tytherington Quarry Changes here from the end of October into early November have seen DC Rail take
over two Quanton Rail-head destined HS2 stone workings, DBC moving back on to the daily construction
stone working to Appleford and a new operator for the location, GBRf now with a single HS2 stone working,
the first of which arriving on 29th October 66747/66712 4C47 14.06 Peterborough North Yard, the departure
being 6M58 01.53 to Quanton Rail-head during the following morning. The company had operated at least
two light-loco driver training runs (0Z80/0Z86) over the branch line during the week leading up to this date
from Cardiff Tidal Sidings using 66792. A servicing and stabling point has also been set up at Bristol East
Yard with a ground fuel tank, believed by DC Rail (the tank carries a 'Cappagh' blue livery), the siding space
having also been used by GBRf for stabling empty and loaded workings.

Bristol Parkway On 23rd October 66197 6M78 06.22 Tytherington-West Drayton at 07.56, 66848/66846 3S59 05.57 Moreton-on-Lugg-Swindon Transfer at 08.01, 66598 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.23, 756102+756103 3Q39 12.54 Swindon-Newport at 13.18 then 3Q40 14.55 Newport-Swindon at 14.50, 3Q41 16.28 Swindon-Cardiff Canton Sidings at 16.08, 68033/68003 6M63 12.00 Bridgwater-Crewe at 13.24, 56113/56051 3S42 09.18 Whitland-Swindon Transfer at 13.33, 66199 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside Sita at 14.04, 66602 6B11 12.13 Radlett-East Usk Yard at 16.48, 60028 6Z23 13.56 Appleford - Tytherington at 17.23. On 25th 66001 5Q99 02.41 Ripple Lane-Cardiff Canton at 07.15 (Stock: 756111, 756113, 756112), 66565 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.23, 66777 6M42 09.20 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 10.13, 66528 6C58 10.11 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard at 13.12, 950001 5Z08 12.22 Cardiff Taff Vale Siding-Derby RTC at 13.14, 66096 6C03 09.33 Northolt Sidings-Sevenside at 14.01, 66756 6V84 07.38 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.11, 66620 6B11 12.21 Hayes & Harlington-East Usk Yard at 16.51. On 27th 66165 6M53 11.47 Parkandillack-Cliffe Vale at 00.16, 66792 6L33 21.39 Trostre-Tilbury at 01.00, 66528 6A87 01.53 East Usk Yard-West Drayton at 02.44 then on 6Z86 to East Usk Yard at 15.40, 66200 6M58 01.53 Tytherington-Appleford at 03.23, 66106 4V48 00.42 Acton-Tytherington at 03.27, 70814 6V14 23.25 Stud Farm-Westbury at 03.35, 66525 6A17 02.56 East Usk Yard-Oxford Banbury Road at 03.52 then 6C58 to East Usk Yard at 13.12, 66502 4V59 21.31 Felixstowe-Wentloog at 03.54 then 4L36 to Felixstowe at 09.23, 66501 4V30 23.29 London Gateway-Wentloog at 04.01, 66603 6A85 03.27 East Usk Yard-Hayes & Harlington at 04.22, 66568 4V50 04.24 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.35, 66106 6M78 06.22 Tytherington-West Drayton at 07.53 (Reported to be the last DB working out of Tytherington), 66125 6C03 09.33 Northolt Sidings-Sevenside at 14.01, 70814/70809 6Z14 12.40 Whitacre Down Arley Loop-Westbury at 14.53, 66792 6V32 10.22 Tilbury-Trostre at 15.53. On 28th 43059/43055 1Z43 05.00 Paignton-Carlisle at 07.32, 60046 6A13 10.30 Tytherington-Willesden at 12.25, 66106 6C03 09.28 Northolt Sidings-Sevenside 14.04. On 30th 66952 4V50 04.33 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.11. On 2nd November 66079 6A08 11.38 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.27. On 3rd 66079 4C97 05.58 Appleford-Tytherington at 08.31. On 4th 66545/66528 6Y47 12.34 Westbury-Bristol Parkway at 14.20. On 6th 66079 6A08 11.38 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.32. On 8th 66555 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.23, 66727 6M42 09.20 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 10.13, 756109 3Q37 09.52 Swindon-Newport at 10.27 then 3Q38 to Swindon at 11.59 then 3Q39 to Newport at 14.19 then 3Q40 to Hullavington at 16.12 then 3Q41 to Cardiff Canton at 17.25, 66007 6A08 11.12 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.31, 66515 6C58 10.11 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard at 13.12, 66934 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.01, 66538 6Z86 11.06 West Drayton-East Usk Yard at 15.40, 66713 6V84 07.38 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.11, 60046 6Z23 14.11 Willesden-Tytherington at 18.13, 66613 6V54 12.54 Radlett-Stoke Gifford at 19.14. On 9th 66165 6M53 23.28 Exeter Riverside Yard-Cliffe Vale at 00.35. On 10th 66534 4L36 08.10 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.23, 66725 6M42 09.20 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 10.13, 43272/43277 1Z20 04.41 Paddington-Derby RTC via Swansea at 12.14, 66515 6C58 10.11 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk yard at 13.12, 66001 6A08 11.12 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.31, 66509 6M81 13.19 Machen Quarry-Lawley Street Aggregates at 15.36, 66538 6Z86 11.06 West Drayton-East Usk Yard at 15.40, 60029 6Z23 14.11 Willesden-Tytherington at 18.13

Stoke Gifford (FLHH) On 23rd October 66606 6C11 06.07 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 07.50
On 26th 66511 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth.

Brentry On 23rd October 66622 6C68 Avonmouth-Whatley at 11.17, 66606 6Z58 Avonmouth-Theale at 12.08. On 6th November 66615 6C68 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.03
On 7th 66525 6A83 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 13.40, 66034 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.13
On 9th 66525 6A83 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 14.37, 66079 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Sevenside at 15.08, 66705 6B77 Colnbrook-Avonmouth at 15.39
On 10th 6C68 Avonmouth-Whatley delayed by 40 mins while checks were carried out on a small landslip on the up line at west end of Charlton tunnel.

Avonmouth On 2nd November 66615 6C68 09.55 Avonmouth-Whatley, 66531 6A83 14:38 Avonmouth-West Drayton. On 4th 66531 6C85 13.09 Avonmouth-Stoke Gifford at 11.18

Bathampton Jct On 23rd October 66502 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.29
On 4th November 66106 6C03 09.28 Northolt Sidings-Sevenside at 12.43

Chippenham On 29th October 70809/70814 6C30 08.05 Evesham-Westbury at 09.12
On 4th November 66032 6B33 11.37 Theale-Margam at 14.02

Bath Spa On 24th October 66588/66506 6A06 07.29 Westbury-Pontypridd at 08.03, 66006 6M78 06.22 Tytherington-West Drayton at 08.34, 56301 4Z26 08.52 Willesden-Bristol East Depot at 13.07
 On 25th 66506/66588 6A06 05.55 Trehafod-Westbury at 07.51
 On 26th 66614 6C68 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.49, 66501 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.24, 66846/66848 3S59 09.11 Hereford-Swindon Transfer Yard at 13.57, 70014 4O57 13.29 Wentloog-Maritime at 14.50, 66511 6A83 14.38 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 15.26, 60028 6Z23 13.56 Appleford-Tytherington at 17.04, 66558 4O71 17.30 Wentloog-Maritime at 18.53
 On 27th 66614 6C68 09.55 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.27
 On 28th 66588 6Y46 13.23 Westbury-Bridgend via Margam at 13.57
 On 31st 60029 6Z32 06.20 Tytherington-Willesden at 08.29
 On 3rd November 66536 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.32, 37667+37521 5Z43 10.00 Eastleigh Arlington-Crewe HS at 12.33 (Stock: 3140 41162 + 43049)
 On 10th 66547 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.24, 66614 6C68 11.38 Avonmouth-Whatley at 12.26, 66850/66848 3S59 09.11 Hereford-Swindon Transfer Yard at 13.57, 66514 4O57 13.29 Wentloog-Maritime at 14.50, 66079 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside at 14.59 (Train diverted via Narrowways Jct due to landslip west of Charlton Tunnel)

Wootton Bassett On 4th November 70814 6C20 17.48 Wootton Bassett Jct-Westbury via Didcot / Newbury at 17.48
 On 5th 66587 6Y44 08.24 Wootton Bassett Jct-Westbury via Didcot / Newbury at 08.24, 66515 6Y45 09.37 Wootton Bassett Jct-Westbury via Didcot at 09.37

Kemble On 26th October 66021 6V15 20.21 Boston Sleaford Sidings-Swindon Stores at 06.56

Swindon On 28th October 60028 6Z25 12.09 Appleford-Bristol East Yard at 13.46, 60046 6A13 10.30 Tytherington-Willesden DCR at 13.56
 On 29th 56051/56113 6B20 09.41 St Phillips Marsh HSTD-Swindon Transfer at 10.28 66846/66848 3S59 15.54 Swindon Transfer-Moreton on Lugg at 15.38 via Oldfield Park & Westbury
 On 30th 66023 6B51 04.48 Llanwern-Swindon Stores at 06.36, 66044/66155 3J43 02.52 Didcot-Didcot at 06.47, 66188 6L02 16.12 Appleford-Westbury Lafarge at 17.07
 On 31st 59005 7B12 11.23 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 14.00, 66515 6C50 12.45 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard at 14.27, 66848/66850 3S59 09.11 Hereford-Swindon Transfer at 14.29, 66544 6Z86 11.06 West Drayton-East Usk Yard at 14.45
 On 3rd November 66952 6C58 10.11 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard at 11.33
 On 4th 59104 6C48 11.47 Appleford-Whatley at 12.39
 On 5th 70803 6C21 21.10 Wootton Bassett Jct-Westbury via Didcot / Newbury at 09.11.
 On 8th 43274/43257 1Z22 Derby RTC-Bristol Kingsland Road at 13.46, 66415 6C50 Oxford Banbury-Whatley at 14.31,

Bradford Jct On 4th November 66515 6Y45 10.25 Westbury-Bristol Parkway at 10.35, 66545/66528 6Y47 12.34 Westbury-Bristol Parkway at 12.30

Heywood Road Jct On 2nd November 59005 6C29 06.21 Willesden-Merehead at 10.00.

Westbury On 24th October 59003 6O41 10.14 Westbury-Eastleigh East Yard, 66511/66622 6L21 13.21 Whatley Quarry-Dagenham Dock at 14.54, 70001 4O57 13.29 Wentloog-Maritime at 16.15, 59206 7A16 17.05 Merehead Quarry-Hanwell Bridge Loop at 17.44, 66615 6V12 15.38 Woking Down Yard-Whatley Quarry at 17.50, 59204 6C28 15.57 Exeter Riverside Yard-Whatley Quarry at 18.34
 On 26th 70809 6M50 08.01 Westbury-Bescot, 66604 6A24 10.18 Whatley-Appleford at 11.09, 70814 6M40 11.42 Westbury-Stud Farm.
 On 30th 66622 6O53 07.06 Westbury Lafarge-Southampton Up Yard at 07.45, 70809 6M50 08.01 Westbury-Bescot, 66588/66506 6Y40 17.24 Westbury-Trehafod.
 On 31st 66614 6C19 03.14 Whatley-Riverside Yard at 04.16, 66588 6Y46 13.23 Westbury-Bridgend.
 On 3rd November 66953 6M20 10.45 Whatley-St Pancras Churchyard Sidings at 11.39, 70810 6M40 11.42 Westbury-Stud Farm. On 4th 66569 6Y48 20.15 Westbury-Bristol Parkway.
 On 8th 67021 1O92 Bath Spa-London Victoria at 16.23, 66155/ 66044 3J41 Didcot-Didcot at 16.47

Castle Cary On 31st October 66614 6C28 15.57 Riverside-Whatley at 17.30

Fairwood Jct On 26th October 66850/66783 6C17 04.20 Yeovil Jct-Westbury at 07.17
 On 27th 59202 7V53 03.46 Bow Depot-Merehead at 07.02, 66587 7V97 04.31 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 07.11, 66515 6Z19 06.58 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 07.48
 On 28th 59004 6V53 03.49 Bow Depot-Merehead at 07.43
 On 30th 59203 7B12 11.23 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.02
 On 2nd November 59201 6M20 10.45 Whatley-St Pancras Churchyard Sidings at 11.28
 On 3rd 59101 7V98 03.27 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 05.33, 66615 6C68 09.58 Avonmouth-Whatley at 11.26, 66524 7Z53 09.54 Towney Loop-Merehead at 11.59
 On 4th 59205 6C31 09.20 Theale-Whatley at 11.17

Bridgwater On 26th October 68007/88007 6M67 Bridgwater-Crewe CLS at 14:47
 On 30th 88007/68007 6V74 01.58 Crewe-Bridgwater at 06.36
 On 10th November 68033+68004 6M63 12.00 Bridgwater-Crewe.

Taunton On 28th October 66113/66097 3J11 17.36 St Blazey-Westbury at 01.09
 On 1st November 66614 6C28 Exeter Riverside Yard-Whatley at 16.25
 On 3rd 37116 3Q62 19.58 Exeter Riverside Yard-Derby RTC at 20.41
 (Stock: 96609 99666 72630 9806 62384 9701)

The **Somerset & Dorset Railway** Heritage Trust (SDHT) has announced the purchase of a section of the trackbed of the Somerset & Dorset main line, ensuring that the land will remain available for railway use in the future and safeguarding it from any prospect of redevelopment. The Trust has purchased the section running from just south of the Chilcompton Tunnels to the Redan Bridge, a length of some 750 yards, together with several acres of adjacent former agricultural land which had to form part of the purchase

GWR Castle HSTs. From the timetable change on 10 December GWR 2+4 HSTs will no longer appear at Temple Meads as they will be diagrammed to work only between Exeter and Penzance. The last booked HST north of Exeter is 2C91 19.54 Cardiff – Bristol TM due at 20.47 on Saturday 9 December.

New passenger figures have shown that 550,000 passenger journeys have taken place on the **Okehampton to Exeter** line in its first two years of operation far exceeding the expectations on the route

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

Date	Tour	Destination	Haulage	Pick-up	Fare	Operator
Sat 25 Nov	Winchester Excursion	Salisbury	40145	BPW 10.10	£129	Pathfinder
Sat 25 Nov	Cheshireman	Chester	44871	TM 07.16	£119	RYTC
Sat 9 Dec	Christmas Cromptons	Chester	33X2	BTH, FAW 09.15	£129	Pathfinder

Sat 25 Nov	Bath Market	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.29/15.54	67	Belmond
Sat 25 Nov	Bath Christmas	Chesterfield-Reading-Swindon-Bath 12.42/16.30	47X2	Statesman
Tue 28 Nov	Bath Market	Victoria-Woking-Salisbury-Bath 13.00/16.54	34046	STDR
Wed 29 Nov	Bath Christmas	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56	67	Belmond
Wed 29 Nov	Bath Christmas	Hull-Peterborough-Bath	47X2	Statesman
Thu 30 Nov	Bath Christmas	Ulverston-Preston-Warrington-Bath 11.55/15.55	HST	LSL
Fri 1 Dec	Bath Market	Ipswich-Reading-Newbury-Bath 13.30/16.50	34046	STDR
Sat 2 Dec	Bath Market	Hove-Worthing-Salisbury-Bath-TM 13.20/16.10	44871	RYTC
Mon 4 Dec	Bath Christmas	Newcastle-York-Bath 11.54/15.57	HST	LSL
Tue 5 Dec	GW Envoy	Solihull-Banbury-W London-Bath-TM 13.15/17.32	Steam	Saphos
Tue 5 Dec	Merchant Venturer	Solihull-Oxford-Bath-TM 12.35/16.30	Castle	Vintage
Wed 6 Dec	Bath Christmas	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56	67	Belmond
Wed 6 Dec	Bath Christmas	Norwich-Shenfield-Bath	47X2	Statesman
Sat 16 Dec	Christmas Lunch	Gloucester-Cheltenham-TM 12.30/17.10	47/57	WCRC

Dates for your Diary

Sat 2 Dec Carols & Steam - Bitton 18.45 Adults £10 Book on the AVR website
Fri 15 Dec Christmas Buffet & Members' Evening – Presentations of up to 20 slides or images
Fri 5 Jan 'Hugh Ballantyne's Somerset & Dorset Railway', presented by Richard Pelham

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