Fri 2 Feb   **'Steam & Semaphores to Penzance'** We continue the journey from Weston-Super-Mare with Maurice Dudman's slides, presented by his son Nick.

Bristol Temple Meads On 16th December 57601 "Windsor Castle"/57313 "Scarborough Castle" 1Z29 11.24 Bristol Temple Meads-Oxford.
On 3rd January 37610/37612 3Q07 22:51 Exeter Riverside Yard-Kingsland Road at 01.51
(Stock: 6117 9801 999605 6262 5995)
On 4th 43357/43272 1Q18 19.33 Derby-Paddington via Bedminster / Severn Beach
(Stock: 6263 72631 975091 72612)
On 8th 37425 0Z37 08.17 Crewe Gresty Bridge-Taunton at 12.46 then 0Z38 15.34 Taunton-Bristol TM
On 10th 37425 0Z42 08.19 Bristol Temple Meads-Worcester Yard
On 26th Chiltern Railways 165034 5C65 07.28 Banbury TMD-Bristol Barton Hill at 10.15

Bristol East Depot On 4th January 66759 6Z59 04.01 Tytherington-Appleford at 04:39,
On 5th 66759 6Z59 04.01 Tytherington-Appleford at 03.52

Bristol Kingsland Road On 4th January 37610/37612 3Z07 10.37 Bristol Kingsland Road-Derby RTC

Dr Day's Jct On 11th January 66105 6A08 Tytherington-Appleford at 14.13
On 14th 66593/66598 6Y40 07.25 Croes Newydd North Folk-Westbury at 12.19
On 15th DR79105-DR75102 6Q01 12.16 Canton Taff Vale Sidings-Paddock Wood at 13.22
On 25th 43257/43274 1Z23 07.10 Bristol Kingsland Road-Derby RTC via Newport / Bristol TM / Swindon / Evesham / Tyseley at 08.09 (Stock: 9523 977969 999550 6260).

Stapleton Road On 18th January 66545 4O57 13.29 Wentloog-Maritime at 14.23

Filton On 16th December 66151 6C03 09.28 Northolt Sidings-Severnside Sita at 14.04
On 29th 70005 4O57 13.29 Wentloog-Maritime at 14.18, 66175 *"Rail Riders"* 6C03 09.55 Northolt Sidings-Severnside at 15.25. On 3rd January 66175 6C03 09.55 Northolt Sidings-Severnside at 14.39
On 4th 66519 4V47 02.41 Tilbury-Wentloog at 07.25, 66557 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.32, 66518 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.03
On 12th 66105 6A08 13.06 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.59
On 13th 66172 6C03 09.28 Northolt Sidings-Severnside Sita at 14.51
On 18th 60029 6Z52 06.50 Tytherington-Quainton Railhead at 07.57, 66154 4C95 06.39 Westbury-Tytherington at 08.04. On 23rd 66546 4O57 13.29 Wentloog-Maritime at 14.20.

Pilning On 6th January 66150 6M81 04.26 Margam-Round Oak at 07.20, 66596 4O51 10.40 Wentloog-Maritime at 12.26. On 8th 20142+20189 6Z24 14.10 Cardiff Pengam-Kidderminster SVR at 13.42
On 18th 66545 4V51 03.13 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.55
On 19th 66419 4V50 04.24 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.44
On 20th 66531 4O51 10.40 Wentloog-Maritime at 12.25
On 22nd 66555 4V53 03.27 Maritime-Wentloog at 08.10
On 24th 66416 4O57 13:29 Wentloog to Maritime at 14.13 (Failed at Dr Days Jct blocking all lines. Noted as dangerous goods and had leaking coolant from of a hole that could not be repaired. 66587 was dispatched on 1Z99). On 27th 66615 6C80 14.10 Machen-Stoke Gifford at 13.42

Westerleigh Jct On 11th January 66105 6A08 13.06 Tytherington-Appleford at 13:37
On 15th 66553+66546 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.36
On 19th 68033+68017 6V74 02.00 Crewe-Bridgwater at 07.07
On 22nd 60028 6Z52 06.50 Tytherington-Quainton Railhead at 07.45, 66555 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.38

Patchway On 16th December 66553 4O51 10.40 Wentloog-Maritime at 12.19, 66105 6O12 11.06 Margam-Westbury at 13.23. On 17th 66541 6Z85 16.04 East Usk Yard-Stoke Gifford at 16.11
On 27th 66566 4V50 03.57 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.01, 387143+387142 Cardiff-Ealing Broadway at 11.13
On 4th January 66536 6B80 08.50 Stoke Gifford-Machen Quarry at 09.00, 66557 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.29, 43274/43257 1Z23 06.45 Bristol Kingsland Road-Derby RTC at 09.33.
On 11th 66553 4V53 03.27 Maritime-Wentloog at 06.57, 66531 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway.
On 12th 66536 6C52 09.48 West Drayton-East Usk Yard at 13.52
On 13th 66615 6Z92 09.15 Theale-East Usk Yard at 11.50, 66531 4O51 10.40 Wentloog-Maritime at 12.22, 66606 6C80 14.10 Machen-Stoke Gifford at 15.29.On 21st 70009 6Y97 08.10 Pyle-Westbury at 09.47
On 24th 66525 6C53 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk at 12.57, 66524 6C52 West Drayton-East Usk at 13.46, 756116 3Q39 Swindon-Newport at 13.50.

Bristol Parkway On 29th December 66957 *"Stephenson Locomotive Society 1909-2009"* 4Z36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.20, 66545 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.27
On 2nd January 68033+68017 6V74 04.33 Crewe-Bridgwater at 07.45
On 5th 66165 6V73 15.06 Stoke Cliffe Vale-Exeter Riverside Yard at 20.51
On 6th 66150 6V07 Round Oak-Margam at 15.19, 66122 4V38 Daventry-Wentloog at 15.52
On 10th 66539 4V50 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.37, D1015 *"Western Champion"* 06.20 Kidderminster-Avonmouth at 08.00 then with 66714 6M52 09.15 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 10.15 (D1015 detached at Gloucester Yard then returned to Kidderminster), 66144 4C95 Westbury-Tytherington at 09.07, 60028 6Z52 Tytherington-Quainton Road at 09.17, 66593 4L36 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.27, 165022 5C65 07.28 Banbury Depot-Bristol Barton Hill at 09.46, 37219 0Z20 09.01 Exeter St Davids-Kingsland Road via Kings Norton at 10.54, 66531 4L33 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.25
On 11th 66539 4V47 02.41 Tilbury-Wentloog at 07.31, 60046 6Z52 08.28 Tytherington-Quainton Railhead
On 12th 60046 6Z52 08.28 Tytherington-Quainton Railhead at 09.46
On 15th 66531 4V50 04.33 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.31, 60046 6Z52 06.50 Tytherington-Quainton Railhead at 07.52, 66172 6C03 09.55 Northolt Sidings-Severnside at 13.34, 66068 6B52 15.45 Swindon Stores-Llanwern at 15.30. On 22nd 66154 6C03 09.55 Northolt Sidings-Severnside at 13.54
On 23rd 66514 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.23, 66555 4L33 10.00 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.25, 66525 6V53 10.38 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard at 13.12, 66035 6A08 12.50 Tytherington-Appleford at 14.34, 66051+66053 6C03 09.55 Northolt-Severnside at 14.01, 66536 6M81 13.17 Machen Quarry-Lawley Street Aggregates at 15.36, 66057 6B33 13.53 Theale -Robeston at 16.26, 60029 5Z23 14.12 Willesden-Tytherington at 18.31, 66616 6V54 12.54 Radlett-Stoke Gifford Yard at 19.14
On 24th 60028 6Z52 06.50 Tytherington-Quainton Railhead at 07.57, 66539+37884 5Q76 07.58 Northampton EMD-Newport Docks Sims arrived at 12.26 and departed at 13.43 (37884 failed here with an oil pressure fault. Train was rescued by 66539 from Stoke Gifford) (Stock: 319433+319457)
On 26th 20189/20142 6Q21 15.38 Old Dalby-Cardiff Pengam sidings at 21.09 (Stock: 398005)
On 27th 37901 0W76 08.11 Derby RTC-Newport Docks at 10.48 then 0M57 12.37 Newport Docks to Leicester LIP at 13.33 (37901 sent to rescue 37884 which failed here yesterday)
20189+20142 6Z24 12.22 Cardiff Pengam-Kings Norton at 12.55

Stoke Gifford (FLHH) On 12th January 66606 6B80 07.45 Stoke Gifford-Machen at 07.45, 66616 6C81 Stoke Gifford Yard-Avonmouth at 09.58.
On 19th 59101 6C48 12.49 Appleford-Stoke Gifford at 17.50
On 20th 66616 6Z93 09.15 Theale-Stoke Gifford at 12.32

Yate On 29th December 66720 0T90 07.03 Bristol East Depot-Tytherington at 0723 (Route Learning)
On 3rd January 153376 2Q02 07.00 Kingsland Road-Derby RTC at 07.47, 60029 6Z23 14.12 Willesden-Tytherington at 18.40. On 5th 68017+68033 6V74 04.33 Crewe-Bridgwater at 07.47.

Kingsland Road On 11th January 37219 0Z37 08.03 Kingsland Road-Kings Norton OTP.

Bristol East Depot On 13th January 60029 6Z25 13.17 Bristol East Yard-Willesden DCR.

Keynsham On 20th December 66759 02.36 Tytherington-Appleford at 09.20

Bath Spa On 4th January 66084 6B24 05.07 Cardiff Tidal-Swindon Cocklebury at 07.13
On 8th 66021 6A08 13.05 Tytherington-Appleford at 14.32. On 11th 66614 6C79 09.58 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.48. On 19th 66536 6C52 10.04 West Drayton-East Usk Yard at 12.58
On 26th 66021 6V73 15.06 Cliffe Vale-Exeter Riverside Yard at 22.02

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Brentry On 18th December 66151 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside at 14.11, 66751 6V84 Clitheroe-Severnside at 16.22. On 19th 66120 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside at 14.07
On 20th 66717 6M42 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.34, 66751 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.23
On 27th 66120 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside at 14.08
On 28th 66175 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside at 15.14 and again on 2nd January at 14.33
On 3rd January 66767 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.04, 43257/43274 1Z22 Derby RTC-Kingsland Rd towards Avonmouth at 20.26 then towards Bristol at 20.46
On 4th 66070 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside at 15.04
On 5th 66717 6M42 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.16
On 10th 66767 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.30, 66714 6M41 Penyffordd-Avonmouth at 23.48
On 11th 66006 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside at 14.32
On 12th 66616 6A83 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 14.53
On 15th 66614 6C79 Avonmouth-Whatley at 09.45,
On 18th 66034 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside at 14.54
On 19th 66714 6M42 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 08.59
On 21st 66714 6V41 Penyffordd-Avonmouth at 20.35
On 24th 66053 6C03 Northolt-Severnside at 14.23, 66765 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 15.02
On 26th 66128 6C03 Northolt-Severnside at 13.58

Avonmouth On 10th January, Severn Valley Railway based diesel-hydraulic D1015 Western Champion worked 0Z10 06.20 Kidderminster-Avonmouth Hanson's light-loco passing Hallen Marsh at 08.08 to carry out a second mainline load test (the first operating in similar conditions back on 17th September 2021 which sadly on the day high-lighted an engine problem) again using 6M42 09.20 cement empties to Penyffordd (with train loco this time 66714 dead in train and a 12 PGA bogie-tank consist). The train was later noted passing Hallen Moor at 09.12, but having passed Filton West junction was delayed by a points failure close to the mainline junction near Bristol Parkway station, the working eventually later departing here from platform 4 at 11.12, passing Yate at 11.23, but it was pleasing to report on the return to the Severn Valley Railway the test run this time round was an operating success.
On 15th 66614 6C79 09.58 Avonmouth-Westbury Lafarge at 09.36
On 24th 66606 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 10.28

Chippenham On 3rd January 70802 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot at 08.01
On 4th 70003 4V53 03.15 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.25, 70802 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm at 12.06

Swindon On 16th December 40013/47805 1Z88 06.31 Gloucester-Canterbury West at 07.49
(Stock: 3330 3140 3107 1863 3125 3148 3100 80044 3122 3045 17013)
On 4th January 60074 6V15 20.21 Boston Sleaford Sidings-Swindon Stores at 06.54, 60029 6Z23 13.54 Appleford-Tytherington at 17.22. On 5th 66759 4Z60 16.40 Appleford-Bristol East Yard at 17.57
On 6th 59206 6V31 09.06 Wembley Yard-Merehead at 11.43, 60028 6Z55 13.45 Willesden-Bristol East Yard at 16.07. On 8th 66021 4C96 06.38 Appleford-Tytherington at 07.42
On 10th 66176 6C03 09.33 Northolt-Severnside at 13.07, 59201 7B12 Merehead-Wotton Bassett at 13.35, 756114/115 3Q38 Cardiff-Swindon at 14.14, 59004 6C48 Appleford-Whatley at 14.49, 66756 3F01 Marchwood-Kineton at 15.25, 66144 6A08 Tytherington-Appleford at 15.30
On 11th 60074 6V15 20.21 Boston Sleaford Sidings-Swindon Stores at 06.35, 66006 6C03 09.55 Northolt - Severnside at 13.31. On 12th 66546 6V53 10.38 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard at 11.18, 70805/70009 6Z50 15.28 Swindon Transfer-Westbury at 15.37
On 15th 66068 6B51 04.48 Llanwern-Swindon Stores at 06.45
On 16th 66597 6A83 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 13.38, 66060 6C03 09.55 Northolt-Severnside at 14.12
On 20th 166203 5Q81 08.50 Wolverton CS-Bristol St Phillips Marsh at 11.44
On 24th 59104 6Z16 07.44 Whatley-West Drayton at 09.18, 165020 5C65 07.28 Banbury Depot-Bristol Barton Hill at 09.46, 59101 7B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 14.29.

Bradford Jct On 5th January 66554+66545 6A40 08.40 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 10.27, 66519 4Z71 14.54 Bathampton Loop-Maritime via Salisbury at 14.58
On 7th 66057/66060 6W01 07.45 Clarbeston Road-Westbury at 13.48.
On 15th 59005 7B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.40. On 18th 66524 6A16 07.44 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 08.32
On 23rd 66849 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot at 07.31.
On 24th 66502 6A18 09.18 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 10.57

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Trowbridge On 8th January 60028 6Z52 08.28 Tytherington-Quainton Railhead at 10.19
On 27th 66539 6Y43 08.50 Westbury-Bristol TM at 08.54

Westbury On 27th December 70805+66848 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot, 70802 6X25 09.23 Westbury-Reading, 70803/66849 6C24 10.45 Westbury-Reading via Newbury
On 28th 66594/66588 6Y45 05.25 Westbury-Pontypridd, 66847+70805 6M50 08.00 Westbury-Bescot
On 4th January 66846 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot. On 5th 70802 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm
On 6th 66846 6C20 21.28 Westbury-Eggsford. On 7th 70802+70803 6C21 20.47 Westbury-Eggsford
On 8th 66784/66787 6G71 02.33 Westbury-Eggsford, 59104 6C27 04.50 Whatley-Exeter Riverside at 05.34, 66597 6O68 09.11 Westbury Lafarge-Crawley at 08.49 (This is the first time a Class 66 has featured on this working having been operated by Class 59s since the start in December)
On 10th 66787/66784 6G72 02.13 Westbury-Eggsford, 59104 6C27 05.36 Westbury Lafarge-Exeter Riverside Yard, 70802 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot
On 11th 66105 4C95 07.32 Westbury-Tytherington, 43013/43257 1Q23 05.56 Reading-Salisbury via Exeter at 14.53 (Stock: 977984 975814 977993 977994 975984)
On 12th 66105 4C95 07.32 Westbury-Tytherington.
On 15th 70805 6X21 02.00 Uffington-Westbury at 06.47
On 16th 59205+59102 6C27 05.36 Westbury Lafarge-Exeter Riverside, 66846+66849 6C40 21.27 Westbury-Okehampton-Westbury.
On 18th 70009 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot, 59101 6C27 05.36 Westbury Lafarge-Exeter Riverside Yard
On 19th 66614 6A16 07.36 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 08.02, 59206 6O02 05.51 Westbury Lafarge-Woking Down Yard at 08.31.
On 21st 66614 6Y98 08.15 Gloucester Yard Jct-Westbury at 09.02
On 22nd 59205 6C27 05.36 Westbury Lafarge-Exeter Riverside Yard, 66502 6A16 07.44 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 08.15
On 24th 37116 3Q60 22.42 Reading Triangle Sidings-Westbury via Cardiff Central at 07.15
(Stock: 96606 6261 9810 999606 9702)
On 25th 37116 3Q39 22.42 Westbury-Kingsland Road via Lymington Pier.
On 27th 66775 6G97 18.54 Westbury-Honeybourne via Worcester, 66597/66604 6Y42 20.44 Westbury-Westbury via Ferryside.

Fairwood Jct On 20th December 66604 (on hire to Colas) 6C45 20.32 Westbury-Plymouth-Westbury at 06.21. On 5th January 66606 6A50 10.26 Whatley-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 11.28
On 6th 59005 7V98 05.04 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 07.02
On 8th 59004 6A18 09.18 Whatley-Appleford at 09.45, 59104 6T53 15.29 Westbury Lafarge-Whatley at 15.23. On 9th 59104 6C27 05.36 Westbury Lafarge-Exeter Riverside Yard at 05.20
On 11th 59206 6V75 02.38 Crawley-Merehead at 06.59, 66416 6C84 08.40 Fairwater Yard-Westbury at 10.03. On 12th 59001 7V97 02.57 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 04.51, 59103 6V76 02.38 Crawley-Merehead at 07.28, 59102 6A18 09.18 Whatley-Appleford at 10.00, 59001 7A60 10.50 Merehead-Colnbrook at 11.29. On 15th 59204 6T53 15.29 Westbury Lafarge-Whatley at 15.47
On 18th 59201 6V97 04.27 Eastleigh-Merehead at 07.28, 66505 6V75 04.02 Crawley-Merehead at 08.33
On 19th 59103+59206 6T00 04.21 Merehead-Westbury Lafarge at 04.59. On 23rd 59201 7V98 03.26 Eastleigh-Merehead at 05.34, 59102 6T53 15.29 Westbury Lafarge-Whatley at 15.00.

Bridgwater On 28th December 68033+68017 6V74 02.00 Crewe-Bridgwater at 06.26
On 5th January 68033+68017 6M67 Bridgwater-Crewe at 14.07

Castle Cary On 16th December 66728/66719 6G97 Westbury-Eggsford at 20.56
On 23rd 59102 6C28 12.48 Exeter Riverside Yard-Westbury Lafarge at 13.35

Taunton On 17th December 66728/66719 6G97 08.37 Eggsford-Westbury at 10.46
On 10th January 59104 6C28 12.48 Exeter Riverside Yard-Westbury Lafarge at 13.03

Fairwater Yard On 27th December 66546 6Z42 11.38 Theale Loop-Fairwater at 14.19, 66536/66567 6Z41 13.40 Slough Up Goods Loop-Fairwater Yard at 16.47

Bristol-Taunton line Engineering works between Bristol West Junction and Bedminster areas from 20th-28th January, resulted in the mainline being closed to Weston-super-Mare with Cross-Country diversions via Westbury in place and road bus connections operating between the affected North Somerset stations. GWR however used Nailsea & Backwell station as a starting point for a single morning and afternoon service these being 06.37 from Taunton then 08.04 return to Plymouth and 14.55 from Weston-super-Mare returning 15.45 to Exeter St. Davids from 22nd-26th. It was interesting to record that 'wrong line' operation was in use between Worle Junction and Nailsea, with the daily trains being hand signalled from the crossing box at Puxton & Worle by the keeper using a lamp in the morning (due to darkness) and a green flag in the afternoon. Noted working these trains were: 165102 (24th being recorded passing the crossing up at 15.08 on the down line with on this date, having used platform 1 at Worle and using platform 1 at Yatton, 25th and 26th) with 166207 (23rd) and 166221 (22nd), and working to Plymouth throughout being unusual for this unit type.

Bristol to Oxford Direct Service GWR plans to run direct services between Bristol and Oxford, calling at Bath Spa, Chippenham, and Swindon for the first time in more than 20 years. Two return Saturday services between the cities from 14 September are planned in a trial, as a response to an increase in demand.

MetroWest success Passenger numbers between Bristol and Gloucester rose by 15.6% year-on-year and by 14.4% between Bristol and Westbury. This was following the introduction of more frequent services on the routes, thanks to £7 million of funding provided by the West of England Combined Authority.

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

Date	Tour	Destination	Haulage	Pick-up	Fare	Operator
Sat 24 Feb	S & C Express	Carlisle	66**, 34067**	TM 05.25	£129	Pathfinder
Sat 9 Mar	Cwm & Glo	Cwmbargoed	66 TnT	BPW 09.35	£129	Pathfinder

Wed 14 Feb	Historic Bath	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56	67	Belmond
Sat 17 Feb	Historic Bath	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.00/16.00	67	Belmond
Wed 28 Feb	Historic Bath	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56	67	Belmond
Sat 2 Mar	Statesman	Whitchurch-STJ-BPW 10.48-Swindon-Portsmouth H	47X2	Statesman
Wed 6 Mar	Bath Express	Victoria-Woking-Salisbury-Bath 13.05/16.55	**60007**	STDR

Dates for your Diary

Fri 1 March   **After a short AGM, Branch President Arthur Turner will present 'My Early Years', with Black & White pictures from the 1950s.**