



# BRISTOL BULLETIN

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**Fri 3 May 'Railway Holidays in the West Country – Devon & Somerset'. Stuart Warr returns to continue his reminiscences of Railway Holidays in the West Country, this time visiting Devon & Somerset.**

**Bristol Temple Meads** On 1st April 43055/43049 1Z43 05.51 Hull-Paignton at 11.08 (Stock: 44081 41169 40801 41183 41059 41176 40802 41108 41149) then 1Z44 16.05 Paignton-Hull at 17.53  
On 6th "Horsham & Chichester-Bath Spa & Bristol Steam Dreams" 61306 1Z06 08.14 Horsham-Bristol Temple Meads at 13.14 then 1Z07 18.36 Bristol Temple Meads-Horsham at 18.36  
On 12th 43047/43055 1Z62 07.42 Berwick-upon-Tweed-Penzance at 14.43  
On 18th 68033+88006 6V74 Crewe-Bridgwater at 08.19  
On 20th 61306 "Mayflower"/47805 1Z06 08.14 Horsham-Bristol Temple Meads at 14.44 (Stock: 35479 3330 3140 3107 1863 3125 3148 3100 80044 3122 3045 17013)

**Bedminster** On 20th April 61306 Mayflower + Mk1 35479 5Z07 13.40 Bristol West -Bishops Lydeard 15.07

**Kingsland Road** On 24th April 43274/43357 1Z22 07.47 Derby RTC-Bristol Kingsland Road at 22.58

**Bristol East Depot** On 3rd April 66744 6Z59 04.22 Tytherington-Appleford at 05.07  
On 6th 60029 6Z24 13.43 Willesden DCR-Bristol East Yard at 17.06  
On 11th 66749 6Z59 02.36 Tytherington-Appleford at 02.38  
On 27th 60046 6Z52 07.14 Bristol East Depot-Tytherington at 07.14 then 6Z53 10.12 Tytherington-Didcot Milton Siding passing at 11.38

**North Somerset Jct** On 2nd April 66744 6Z58 04.22 Tytherington-West Drayton at 05.30, 60046 6Z51 07.16 Tytherington-Appleford at 09.11

**Barton Hill** On 22nd March, the first mainline loco repaints to take place here, 20901+20905 departed at 12.58 as 0Z20 a return light-loco move to Barrow Road Lip, having arrived from there in a shabby 'de-branded' GBRf blue/orange livery and now released in a new Balfour Beatty lower blue band and higher white body livery with company lettering, complete with yellow ends. Only depot pilot 08516 has been painted here into a new Arriva Train-care livery alongside a large number of DMUs, some having received vinyl applications. On this date, 165003 and 165013 were noted as the two Chiltern Railway's Turbos undergoing cab equipment 'mods'.

**Dr Day's Jct** On 9th April 66014/66057 6W97 07.27 Margam-Westbury at 10.53  
On 10th 66616 6B80 08.42 East Usk Yard-Whatley at 09.35  
On 20th 66518 4O51 10.40 Wentloog-Maritime at 12.28  
On 23rd 66510 6B80 East Usk Yard-Whatley at 09.39, 66543 6Z27 East Usk Yard-Westbury at 09.42, 150216 5H70 10.30 St Philips Marsh HSTD-Wolverton Centre Sidings at 10.41  
On 26th 66590 6A01 Westbury-Heath High Level at 20.48, 66561/66621 6Y43 Westbury-Westbury via Pengam at 21.29

**Pilning** On 3rd April 66953 4V51 03.17 Maritime-Wentloog at 06.32, 66522 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.10  
On 9th 66525 4V51 03.13 Maritime-Wentloog at 06.05, 66616 6V53 10.38 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard at 13.29, 66508 6C52 10.04 West Drayton-East Usk Yard at 13.34  
On 11th 66590 4V51 03.13 Maritime-Wentloog at 05.49

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**Severn Beach Branch Line** Following problems with Sea Mills viaduct during March with high Spring tides along the River Avon, further issues saw more service suspensions with trains again stopping and restarting at Clifton Down (for onward road bus connections) during early April with closures over 8th and 9th, the timetable returning to normal at the start of the morning of the 10th. On 8th, 166207 which was working the 20.01 Severn Beach-Bristol Temple Meads was terminated at Avonmouth at 20.10 and remained here overnight (returning empty during the afternoon of 9th) and also during the following evening 66087 working Severnside-Brentford being diverted via the Henbury loop to Filton and onwards via Bristol Parkway. Network Rail are applying for planning permission to position a number of loaded bags of stone around the bridge support bases to protect from on going water erosion.

**Filton** On 17th April 165035+165003 3M65 11:38 Barton Hill-Banbury Depot at 11.29, 66588 6X18 15.34 Stapleford-Fairwater Yard at 20.49  
On 18th 950001 2Q08 11.09 Kingsland Road-Cardiff Taff Vale at 11.21, 66587 6A83 14.38 Avonmouth-West Drayton via Newbury at 14.59

**Patchway** On 3rd April 66502 4V50 03.55 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.46  
On 4th 175106+175102 5Q46 08.14 Landore T.M.D.-Ely Papworth Siding at 09.43  
On 23rd 66105/66076 6W99 Haverfordwest-Westbury at 10.43

**Bristol Parkway** On 1st April 66715 6M42 09.06 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.19, 66158 6C03 10.38 Acton Yard-Severnside at 13.30  
On 2nd 37219/37175 1Z58 09.17 Derby RTC-Cardiff Taff Vale at 13.11 (Stock: 6260 999550 1256 9523), 66115 6C03 10.16 Acton Yard-Severnside at 13.58, 60029 6Z23 13.56 Appleford-Tytherington at 18.33  
On 5th 66101 6V73 15.06 Cliffe Vale-Exeter Riverside at 20.25  
On 8th 66952 4V50 04:33 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.30, 60029 6Z51 07.16 Tytherington-Appleford at 08.19  
On 9th 60029 6Z51 07.16 Tytherington-Appleford at 08.17, 60046 6Z23 13.56 Appleford-Tytherington at 18.33, 66087 6A03 Severnside-Didcot at 21.31 (diverted via Bristol Parkway)  
On 10th 66715 6M42 09.20 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.29  
On 11th 66517 6V47 05.06 Lawley Street-Stoke Gifford at 07.49, 60046 6Z23 13.56 Appleford-Tytherington at 18.36  
On 17th 60046 6Z51 07.16 Tytherington-Appleford at 08.22, 950001 2Q08 08.56 Derby RTC-Bristol Kingsland Road at 16.01  
On 18th 60046 6Z51 07.16 Tytherington-Appleford at 08.08  
On 19th 60029 6Z23 16.08 Appleford-Tytherington at 18.35  
On 27th 66614 6Z92 09.15 Theale-East Usk Yard at 11.49

**Stoke Gifford** On 7th April 66531/66563 6B81 08.25 Stoke Gifford-Port Talbot Grange Siding at 08.25  
On 10th 66503 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 09.55  
On 18th 66587 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 09.55

**Westerleigh Jct** On 6th April 60046 6Z52 07.14 Bristol East Yard-Tytherington at 07.20  
On 10th 66546 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.27  
On 19th 60046 6Z51 06.49 Tytherington-Appleford at 07.05

**Yate** On 18th April 66114+66047 6B13 05.00 Robeston-Westerleigh at 12.05, 60029 6Z23 13.56 Appleford-Tytherington at 18.43, 66101 6M53 11.51 Parkandillack-Stoke Cliffe Vale at 23.15

**Bath Spa** On 6th April 60046 6Z25 10.29 Tytherington-Didcot at 11.55  
On 7th 67006/67021 1Z80 09.22 London Victoria-Bath at 12.16 then 1Z82 15.54 Bath-London Victoria at 15.54 (Stock: 99545 99532 99537 99534 99530 99535 99539 99546 99536 9502)  
On 10th 60029 6Z51 07.16 Tytherington-Appleford at 09.05  
On 17th 67006 1V80 09.47 London Victoria-Bath Spa at 12.50  
(Stock: 9502 99536 99546 99539 99535 99530 99534 99534 99537 99532 99545)  
On 24th 67006 1V80 09.47 London Victoria-Bath Spa at 13.05 then 1O92 15.56 Bath Spa-London Victoria at 15.56. On 27th 35028 "Clan Line" 1Z21 09.14 London Victoria-Bath at 12.57 Stock: 17096 "Mercator" 6313 99545 "Baggage Car No.11" 99532 "Cygnus" 99537 "Audrey" 99534 "Ibis" 99530 "Perseus" 99535 "Minerva" 99539 "Ione" 99546 "Gwen" 99536 "Zena" 9502) then 1Z24 16.54 Bath-London Victoria at 16.54, 60029 "Ben Nevis" 6Z24 13.55 Willesden-Bristol East Depot at 16.43

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**Brentry** On 1st April 66158 6C03 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.36  
On 7th 66715 6V41 Penyffordd-Avonmouth at 20.33  
On 8th 59005 6C79 Avonmouth-Whatley at 09.57, 37254 3Q58 18.47 Derby RTC-Bristol Kingsland Road at 11.10 (over 2 hrs early)  
On 10th 66503 6C85 Avonmouth-Stoke Gifford Yard at 14.02  
On 11th 66176 6C03 Acton-Sevenside at 13.58, 66517 6A83 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 14.40  
On 14th 66715 6V41 Penyffordd-Avonmouth at 20.28  
On 15th 66131 6C03 Acton-Sevenside at 14.09, 66777 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 15.37, 59104 6B51 Whatley-Avonmouth at 17.39  
On 16th 66587 6C81 Stoke Gifford Yard-Avonmouth at 09.58, 59104 6C79 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.50  
On 17th 66604 6A77 Avonmouth-Theale at 11.47  
On 18th 66587 6A83 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 14.22, 66151 6C03 Acton-Sevenside at 14.35  
On 19th 66606 6C79 Avonmouth-Whatley at 09.57  
On 21st 66768 6V41 Penyffordd-Avonmouth at 20.35  
On 22nd 66768 6M42 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 08.46, 66106 6C03 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.12, 66714 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 15.46, 66614 6B51 Whatley-Avonmouth at 19.39  
On 24th 66106 6C03 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.05  
On 26th 66768 6M42 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.05, 66618 6C79 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.01

**Keynsham** On 6th April 66952 4O51 10.40 Wentloog-Maritime at 12.04  
On 27th 1Z27 44871/47746 "Chris Fudge 29.7.70-22.6.10" 07.01 London Paddington-Gloucester 'Bath & Gloucester' at 11.17 (Stock: 35508 9493 6115 6724 3395 3431 3326 1961 3352 3392), 66515 4O51 10.40 Wentloog-Maritime at 12.44, 35028 "Clan Line" 3Z24 16.34 Bristol East Depot-Bath VSOE ECS, 60029 13.55 Willesden-Bristol East Yard at 16.48

**Bathampton Jct** On 11th April 66503 6Y61 04.35 Kemble-Westbury at 07.48

**Chippenham** On 10th April 59203 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 14.22

**Wootton Bassett** On 9th April 66087 6C03 10.23 Acton Yard-Sevenside at 13.27

**Swindon** On 2nd April 37901/37611 5Q49 11.48 Bicester MoD-Dean Forest Railway (Lydney) at 13.42 (Stock: 6340 + 360202 + 6344)  
On 6th 66503 6V18 12.17 Oxford Banbury Road-Whatley at 11.32  
On 8th 66030 6B51 04.48 Llanwern-Swindon Stores at 06.34  
On 11th 47828/47712 1Z60 05.22 Stafford-Windsor & Eton Riverside at 09.47 then 1Z62 15.40 Windsor & Eton Riverside-Stafford at 18.53 (Stock: 3344 3384 3348 1211 3229 3231 80043 3188 3312 17056), 59101 6C48 12.49 Appleford-Whatley at 14.32  
On 17th 59101 6C54 16.36 Oxford Banbury Road-Whatley at 18.02  
On 18th 66061 6V15 20.21 Boston Sleaford Sidings-Swindon Stores at 06.39 then 6M53 16.16 Swindon Stores-Toton Up Yard at 16.36  
On 26th 66506 6V53 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk at 11.48, 66515 4L33 Wentloog-London Gateway at 12.13, 70805 6M40 Westbury-Stud Farm at 12.33, 66025 6C03 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.14, 59202 7B12 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 13.35

**Bradford Jct** On 8th April 66549 6A16 07.44 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 08.30  
On 11th 66508 6C52 10.04 West Drayton-East Usk Yard at 13.19  
On 17th 66415 6A16 07.44 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 08.10  
On 18th 66714 6Z59 02.35 Tytherington-Appleford at 09.48

**Heywood Road Jct** On 3rd April 66744 6Z59 04.22 Tytherington-Appleford at 09.28, 66614/66549 6A50 10.26 Whatley-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 10.55  
On 9th 66587 6A50 10.26 Whatley-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 10.52

**Westbury Lafarge** On 4th April 66620 6O55 07.09 Westbury Cement Works-Southampton Up Yard  
On 19th 59101 6O55 07.09 Westbury Lafarge-Southampton Up Yard

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**Westbury** On 1st April 66846 6V27 12.55 Westbury-Hinksey Yard at 12.30  
On 2nd 66589/66592 6Y98 05.00 Risca South Jct-Westbury at 06.59, 66589 6C73 12.18 Westbury-Fairwater at 12.08  
On 8th 66846 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot, 59102 7B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.36  
On 9th 66734 6G73 04.40 Swindon-Westbury at 06.06, 59101 6C31 10.14 Theale-Whatley at 12.57  
On 11th 70805+66846 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot, 66734 6G72 20.24 Westbury-Castle Cary at 20.11  
On 17th 66152/66009 6W60 21.23 Westbury-Fairwood Jn via Fairwater Yard  
On 18th 70805 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm, 59202 7B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.32  
On 23rd 59003 on 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot  
On 25th 70805 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm  
On 26th 66561/66621 6Y43 20.19 Westbury-Westbury then on 27th 0Y43 08.49 Westbury -Stoke Gifford

**Fairwood Jct** On 3rd April 66592 6B80 08.42 East Usk Yard-Whatley at 10.26, 59101 7A60 10.50 Merehead-Colnbrook at 11.34  
On 8th 59202/59201 6A40 08.40 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 09.27  
On 11th 59102 6T02 05.46 Merehead-Westbury Lafarge at 05.59, 59004 6V98 05.05 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 07.08, 59204 6V75 04.20 Crawley-Merehead at 07.49  
On 17th 59202 7V97 02.57 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 05.12, 59101 6A18 09.18 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 09.45, 60028 6Z60 10.40 Willesden-Merehead at 13.38, 66587 6A70 14.08 Whatley-Dawley Loop at 14.24  
On 18th 66618 7V98 03.26 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 04.41, 59204 6T02 05.46 Merehead-Westbury Lafarge at 07.05, 66588 6C72 08.30 Fairwater Yard-Westbury at 08.47, 66616 6A18 09.18 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 09.13, 59102+59101 6T53 15.29 Westbury Lafarge-Whatley at 15.48

**Bridgwater** On 11th April 68002+68017 6V74 02.00 Crewe-Bridgwater at 06.35

**Castle Cary** On 2nd April 59202 6C28 12.48 Exeter Riverside-Westbury Lafarge at 13.36  
On 7th 66514 6Y42 10.30 Castle Cary-Westbury at 11.07  
On 9th 66001 6W50 06.20 Athelney-Westbury at 07.43

**Taunton** On 5th April 43274/43257 1Z18 15.39 Paignton-Taunton at 18.06 then 1Q18 18.37 Taunton-Paddington at 18.25 (Stock: 6263, 72631, 975091, 72612)  
On 6th Hastings DEMU 60116 60119 60529 70262 69337 60528 60118 "Cogload Climber" 1Z14 06.30 Hastings-Exeter Central at 12.03, 43055/43049 5Z79 14.35 Plymouth-Crewe at 16.23 (Stock: 44081 41169 40801 41059 41176 40802 41108 41149)  
On 17th 59104 6C27 04.48 Whatley-Exeter Riverside at 07.42  
On 19th 66532 6C27 04.48 Whatley-Exeter Riverside at 07.27, 66791 6C43 21.24 Westbury-Westbury via Plymouth at 07.37  
On 24th 66508 6Y60 17.13 Westbury-Westbury via Penzance at 18.09  
On 26th 43257 0Z43 16.55 Chaddesden Sidings-Laira T&RSMD (Single Power Car only) at 22.10, 66130 6V73 15.06 Cliffe Vale-Exeter Riverside at 22.41

**Heathfield Branch** Investigations are ongoing as to whether the four-mile disused Heathfield branch line from Newton Abbot, which was last used by timber trains in 2017, could be used as a test route for the Revolution Very Light Rail (RVLR) vehicle.

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

Date	Tour	Destination	Haulage	Pick-up	Fare	Operator
Sat 4 May	Cornish Explorer	Penzance	37X2	TM 08.55	£129	Pathfinder
Sat 4 May	Riviera Express	Kingswear	47, <b>Steam</b>	TM 08.20	Full	Saphos
Sun 5 May	Royal Duchy	Par	<b>44871</b>	TM 08.48	£144	RYTC
Tue 14 May	Welsh Marches	Shrewsbury	<b>Steam</b>	BTH 08.20, TM 09.10	£165	Saphos
Sun 19 May	Pembroke Coast	Tenby	<b>45596</b>	TM 08.18	£129	RYTC
Thu 30 May	Welsh Marches	Shrewsbury	<b>Steam</b>	TM 09.10	£165	Saphos
Fri 31 May	Northern Belle	Cardiff	67	TM 11.50	£375	WCRC

Fri 3 May	The Shedi	Eastleigh-Gloucester-Cardiff-Bath	19.50-Eastleigh	66 FL	BLS
Sat 4 May	The Fourth	Eastleigh-Bath	10.45-Exeter-Waterloo-Eastleigh	59X2	BLS
Fri 10 May	1Z48	Snow Hill-Oxford-TM-Exeter-Plymouth		<b>7029</b>	Vintage
Sat 11 May	1Z48	Plymouth-Exeter-Tm-Paddington-Snowhill		<b>7029</b>	Vintage
Wed 15 May	Historic Bath	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath	13.03/15.56	67	Belmond
Thu 23 May	Statesman	Shrewsbury-STJn-TM	07.55/20.00-Exeter-Penzance	47X2	Statesman
Fri 31 May	Pullman	Carlisle-Crewe-TM	11.48/19.00-Exeter-Paignton	HST	LSL
Wed 12 Jun	Historic Bath	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath	13.03/15.56	67	Belmond

**Dates for your Diary**

**3-6 May WSR Steam Gala Locomotives booked - LNWR 1054, 6695, 6990, 7828, 9351, 9466, 61306**

**10/11 May GWS Didcot Steam Gala Locomotives booked - L&Y 752, 1340, 4144**

**25-27 May Glos Works Railway Steam Gala Locomotives booked - 2807,2999,6880,7820,7903.9351,35006**

**Friday 10 May** The SLS is holding its Annual General Meeting weekend in Swindon next month, and members of the Bristol branch are invited to the evening presentation on Friday 10th May being given by David Maidment entitled "The Great Western Railway and its Locomotives". The meeting will be held at The Leonardo Hotel, Fleming Way, Swindon, SN1 2NG, from 19:00, with the presentation commencing at 19:30. There will be an opportunity for Q&A following the presentation, with a finish time of 22:00 at the latest. There will be no charge for the event, but voluntary donations to the SLS would be welcome. Anyone interested in coming along, would they please email [secretary@stephensonloco.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stephensonloco.org.uk) by Monday 6th May at the latest, in order that the appropriate level of refreshments can be organised.

**Tuesday 11 June Observation Day at Eastleigh Station**

**Thursday 4 July Observation Day at Nuneaton Station**

**Friday 6 Sep 'End of Steam on British Railways 1966-67' presented by Michael Smyth**

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