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Portbury Branchline DBC and GBRf continue to move imported steel slab, although the specialized magnetic loading equipment does continue to cause load problems, for example the first 7 wagons on the DBC 10.30 departure to Margam on 10th July were noted passing Pill empty at 10.47 behind 66656. Other locos recorded in recent weeks on steel work have included 66011, 66136, 66177, 66199, 66305, 66654, 66657, 66659, 66722 and 66768. The booked Colas HST test train visit formed with power cars 43272+43357 (and coaches 72612 9810 72631 6261) did not take place on 10th July with the train departing Kingsland Road over 60 minutes late and only reaching Bedminster being terminated here for the return which also failed to reach Newport on route back to Derby via Oxford

Bristol Temple Meads On 8th July 66657 6Z53 12.43 Portbury-Margam at 13.28
On 9th 43272/43357 1Q22 07.46 Derby RTC-Kingsland Road via Weymouth at 22.38
(Stock: 6261 72631 9810 72612)
On 16th 66003+60103 "*Flying Scotsman*" 5Z81 10.00 Bishops Lydeard-Kidderminster S.V.R. at 12.00
(Stock: 35468). On 26th 47812 5Z30 10.13 Southall WCR-Bristol Kingsland Road at 13.27-14.03
(Stock: 9523 6176 3314 3278 99712 3336 3340)

Dr Days Jct On 8th July 66414 6A83 13.45 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 14.37, 66513 6M50 14.17
Machen-Lawley Street at 15.47, 60026 6V25 09.53 Quainton-Tytherington at 18.25
On 10th 66750 6B77 10.45 Colnbrook-Avonmouth at 15.24, 66555 6A83 14.38 Avonmouth-West Drayton
at 15.26. On 16th 70817 6C25 07.51 Cowbridge Road-Westbury at 12.39

Stapleton Road On 13th July 66792 6C97 08.10 Kemble-Westbury Down at 10.00

Filton On 5th 66593 4O51 10.57 Wentloog-Maritime at 12.31
On 8th 66561 4V53 03.27 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.04, 66655 6A11 22.37 Robeston-Theale at 07.25
On 10th 66610 6C79 09.58 Avonmouth-Whatley at 11.00
On 17th 60029 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 08.05
On 20th 70813 6C23 21.00 Rumney River Bridge Jct-Westbury via Margam at 22.54
On 24th 66558 6A83 14:38 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 14.55
On 25th 60029 6V25 09.53 Quainton-Tytherington at 18.30

Brentry On 3rd July 66207 6C03 09.55 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.09
On 7th 66619 6B68 03.51 Westbury Tarmac-Avonmouth at 05.22, 66619 6C79 Avonmouth-Whatley at
10.06, 66761 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.14
On 8th 66414 6C81 10.05 Stoke Gifford Yard-Avonmouth at 10.05, 66619 6C79 Avonmouth-Whatley at
10.12, 66096 6C03 09.55 Northolt-Sevenside at 15.05
On 9th 43272/43357 1Q22 07.46 Derby RTC-Bristol Kingsland Road at 21.36 to Avonmouth then to Bristol
Kingsland Road at 22.14 (Stock: 6261 72631 9810 72612)
On 10th 66753 6V41 Penyffordd-Avonmouth at 23.41.
On 11th 66186 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 17.54
On 14th 66605 6A77 Avonmouth-Theale at 11.14.
On 16th 66730 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.00
On 21st 66604 6C11 05.33 East Usk-Avonmouth at 06.16, 66174 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at
13.59, 66726 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.58
On 22nd 66555 6A83 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 13.45, 66185 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.08
On 23rd 66753 6M42 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.16.
On 25th 66605 6C79 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.05
On 26th 66524 6C86 06.12 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 06.21

Patchway On 24th 66034 6B24 05.13 Cardiff Tidal-Swindon Cocklebury at 06.35

Pilning On 1st July 66569 4V51 02.50 Maritime-Wentloog at 06.06.,
On 6th 66557 6Y97 08.05 Carmarthen Jct-Westbury at 14.38, 70807 6C20 11.07 Bridgend-Westbury via Margam at 16.08, 70814 6C21 19.10 Bridgend-Westbury at 22.21
On 7th 70813 6C22 22.41 Bridgend-Westbury at 03.53, 66604 6C11 05.33 East Usk-Avonmouth at 06.00
On 9th 66561 4V53 03.27 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.13 then 4O57 13.28 Wentloog-Maritime at 14.10
On 17th 66516 4V51 03.13 Maritime-Wentloog at 06.23.
On 24th 66951 4V53 03.27 Maritime-Wentloog at 06.32

Stoke Gifford Yard On 1st July 66605 6C20 06.57 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 06.57, 66567 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 09.55. On 5th 66567 6B18 08.18 Stoke Gifford-Machen at 08.18
On 8th 66614 6C20 06.43 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 06.43, 66414 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 09.55. On 9th 66614 6C20 06.43 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 06.43
On 17th 66614 6C20 07.06 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 07.06
On 21st 66513 6C55 13.53 Stoke Gifford-Machen at 13.53.
On 24th 66558 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 09.49

Bristol Parkway On 2nd July 66605 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 10.52, 37800 5Q86 11.58 Wimbledon Park-Newport Docks at 16.03 (Stock: 455857+455905)
On 8th 60029 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 08.33
On 9th 60028 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 08.33
On 10th 60026 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 08.19
On 11th 60029 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 08.33
On 12th 60029/57303 1Z58 Tytherington Quarrier Railtour (Branch Line Society) 08.50 Acton Yard-Tytherington at 14.03 ((Stock: 5919 6046 6173 5937 1220 3295 3385 9805) (Service suffered a hot axle box on a coach, as well as a late departure from Acton and points failure near Tytherington. Service was later cancelled at Yate))
On 16th 60026 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.59, 66122 6A08 12.05 Tytherington-Westbury at 12.54, 66547 6V53 10.48 Appleford-East Usk at 13.15, 66112 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.07, 37800 5Q86 10.55 Wimbledon Park Depot-Newport Docks at 16.20 (Stock: 455858 and 455901)
On 17th 66614 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 11.52, 43013 "*Mark Carne CBE*" 43062 "*John Armitt*" 1Q17 17.33 Derby RTC-Paddington via Avonmouth at 02.00. On 18th 60028 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.51, 66513 6V53 10.48 Appleford-East Usk at 13.45
On 19th 47805/57311 1Z50 05.18 Crewe-Kingswear at 09.33
(Stock: 3330 3140 1666 3107 3125 3148 3100 80044 3122 3045 17013 35465), 60028 6M52 08.44 Tytherington-Willesden at 09.35. On 21st 60029 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.50
On 23rd 60029 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.59, 66610 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 11.52. On 25th 66951 4V50 04.24 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.10, 60028 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.59, 66610 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 11.52, 66028 6V73 15.07 Cliffe Vale-Westbury at 22.15. On 26th 45118/47712 1Z14 06.55 Derby-Kingswear at 09.30
(Stock: 35185 3112 3150 1730 5991 1863 5366), 66722 6C92 07.30 Margam-Portbury at 10.35, 66162 6C03 09.28 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.01

Westerleigh Jct On 1st July 66511 4V50 04.07 Maritime-Barry Docks at 07.03
On 10th 66614 6Z42 11.25 Tytherington-Appleford at 12.22
On 17th 66614 6Z42 11.25 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.09. On 18th 66614 6Z42 11.25 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.16, 66186 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.48

Yate On 8th July 66614 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 12.26
On 9th 66656 6B17 21.19 Robeston-Westerleigh at 06.14
On 12th 57303/60029 1Z59 16.04 Yate-Bristol Temple Meads at 16.04
On 16th 66122 6Z72 07.00 Westbury-Tytherington at 08.28
On 17th 66659 6B41 11.45 Westerleigh-Robeston at 12.00

Kingsland Road On 1st July 153311 2Q30 09.00 Bristol Kingsland Road-Long Marston at 09.07
On 3rd 57601/57313 5Z27 04.00 Steamtown Carnforth-Bristol Kingsland Road at 13.23
(Stock: 3275 3273 1953 3267 3174 3247 325 17167 10734 10729)

Bath On 8th July 66762 5Z43 17.24 Hamilton-Eastleigh Arlington at 06.49 (Stock: Britannic Mk3 99105)
On 9th 67006 Historic Bath: Belmond British Pullman 1V80 09.47 London Victoria-Bath at 13.05 then 5C80
13.09 Bath-Bristol East Yard at 13.09 then 5O92 15.37 Bristol East Depot-Bath Spa at 15.53 then 1O92
15.56 Bath Spa-London Victoria at 15.56
(Stock: 6313 99536 99532 99543 99534 99531 99535 99539 99546 99530 99541 99545)

Chippenham On 1st July 66619 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 08.42
On 7th 66542 4V51 03.13 Maritime-Wentloog at 05.44
On 8th 66539 6Y60 05.10 Stroud-Westbury at 06.49
On 9th 66610 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 08.46
On 10th 66614 6Z42 11.25 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.44, 66185 6C03 09.57 Northolt Sidings-Sevenside at 13.48

Wootton Bassett Jct On 1st July 70815/70807 6C41 Westbury-West Drayton at 19.47 (Diverted via Swindon), 66751/66711 4V45 Quainton-Tytherington at 19.59
On 3rd 59101 6A16 Westbury Tarmac-Oxford Banbury Road at 09.00, 66512 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.45, 66557 6B12 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 13.25, 66605 6Z42 11.42 Tytherington-Appleford at 14.10, 59001 6C48 Appleford-Whatley Quarry at 14.50, 66077 6V32 Trostre-Tilbury at 14.58, 66555 6B33 Theale-Robeston at 15.27. On 11th 59203 6B12 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 13.28
On 13th 66587/66588 6Y97 Acton West-Westbury at 10.45

Swindon On 7th July 59202 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 14.11
On 8th 66096 6C03 09.57 Northolt Sidings-Sevenside via Bath at 13.30
On 9th 66773 6V70 23.48 Liverpool EMR-Swindon EMR at 06.10, 66614 6Z42 11.25 Tytherington-Appleford at 14.55
On 10th 66525 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 10.23, 43272/43357 1Q23 Bristol Kingsland Road-Derby RTC at 10.46, D1015+46045+D821 0Q42 08.38 Kidderminster-Ascot at 10.50, 66542 4L33 Wentloog-London Gateway at 12.25, 66587 6B12 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 14.10
On 11th 66028 6M53 11.46 Parkandillack-Cliffe Vale at 00.31 (Diverted via Westbury)
On 14th 70815 6M40 Westbury-Cliffe Vale at 12.34, 66074 6V32 Tilbury-Trostre at 15.06
On 15th 66957 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 10.22, 66614 6Z42 Tytherington-Appleford at 14.26, 66077 6B33 Theale-Robeston at 15.20
On 16th 66554 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 10.00, 66605 6B30 Theale-East Usk at 11.40
66520 4L33 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.50, 66547 6V53 Appleford-East Usk at 12.27
On 17th 66563 4V50 04.24 Maritime-Barry Docks at 06.48, 59001 6C57 Appleford-Whatley at 18.06
On 20th 66744 6G97 07.11 Southall-Eastleigh Yard via Westbury at 10.24
On 21st 66567 6B12 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 11.32, 66520 4L33 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.55. On 22nd 66416 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 10.02, 66522 4L33 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.52, 66513 6V53 Appleford-East Usk at 11.53, 70806 6M40 Westbury-Cliffe Hill at 12.30, D1015+46045+D821 0Z52 08.22 Alton-Kidderminster at 13.05, 66185 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.20, 59103 6B12 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 13.30, 66605 6Z42 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.50, 66655 6B33 Theale-Robeston at 15.20, 66545 6M50 Machen-Lawley Street at 17.00
On 23rd 70817+70815 6M50 07.12 Westbury-Bescot at 08.30, 66606 6A16 Westbury-Oxford at 09.25, 66514 4L36 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 10.05, 66604 6B30 Theale-East Usk at 10.48, 66547 6V53 Appleford-East Usk at 12.03, 66516 4L33 Wentloog-London Gateway at 12.05, 66185 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 12.40, 66507 6B12 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 13.35, 66509 6Z42 Tytherington-Appleford at 14.20. On 24th 66547 6V53 Appleford-East Usk at 12.03, 66522 4L33 Wentloog-London Gateway at 12.04, 66034 6V29 Swindon-Cardiff Tidal

Westbury Tarmac On 1st July 59102 6O68 09.11 Westbury Tarmac-Crawley.
On 9th 59001 6V16 11.55 Fareham-Westbury Tarmac at 13.59
On 10th 59102 6O68 09.11 Westbury Tarmac-Crawley at 08.36
On 11th 59202 6O68 09.11 Westbury Tarmac-Crawley at 08.30
On 15th 59206 6O68 09.11 Westbury Tarmac -Crawley.
On 17th 59204 6O55 07.09 Westbury Tarmac-Southampton Up Yard.
On 21st 59005 6O68 09.11 Westbury Tarmac-Crawley.
On 25th 59102 6O68 09.11 Westbury Tarmac-Crawley.

Westbury On 1st July 70807/70815 6C41 04.10 Dolphin Jct-Westbury at 05.33, 59201 6A16 07.43
Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 08.03, 59201 6A18 09.42 Westbury Tarmac-Oxford Banbury Road. 9.27

On 2nd 70807 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm, 66420 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.27
 On 7th 59204 6O70 12.01 Westbury Tarmac-Eastleigh Aggregates at 12.13, 70814/70813 6C40 21.14 Westbury-Goring & Streatley at 21.23
 On 8th 70814 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm, 66588 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.26, 59202 6A77 12.26 Merehead-Theale at 13.29, 59001 6C31 10.14 Theale-Whatley at 14.41
 On 9th 66539 6Y60 05.10 Standish Jct-Westbury at 06.54
 On 10th 59005 6O70 11.15 Westbury Tarmac-Eastleigh Aggregates at 10.53
 On 11th 66122 6V73 15.07 Cliffe Vale-Westbury at 23.29
 On 16th 70810 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm
 On 17th 59102 6O68 09.11 Westbury Tarmac-Crawley at 08.06, 66034 6M53 12.17 Par Harbour-Cliffe Vale at 22.22. On 18th 59102 6O68 09.11 Westbury Tarmac-Crawley at 08.47, 70810 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm, 66028 6V73 15.07 Cliffe Vale-Westbury at 00.11
 On 19th 45212/47812 1Z25 07.13 London Paddington-Minehead at 10.21
 (Stock: 35508 3340 3336 99712 3278 3314 3390 6724 6176 9526)
 On 21st 70817 7M50 07.12 Westbury-Bescot.
 On 24th 70813+70806 6C42 05.30 Theale Loop-Westbury at 06.43
 59202 6O68 09.11 Westbury Tarmac-Crawley at 08.03, 70806 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm, 66567 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.28, 43013/43062 1Q23 05.53 Reading-Salisbury via Exeter at 14.53 (Stock: 977984 975814 977993 975984 977994)
 On 26th 66063 6V76 10.35 Westbury-Goonbarrow at 10.33

Fairwood Jct On 1st July 59202 6V98 04.39 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 06.51, 59203 6V97 04.33 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 06.55
 On 7th 59104/66588 6A40 08.40 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 09.22
 66539 6A16 07.43 Whatley to Oxford Banbury Road via Swindon up Fairwood Jn 07:59
 On 9th 59101 6V98 03.27 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 05.50, 59206 6A60 10.45 Merehead-Colnbrook at 11.28, 66555 6A70 14.08 Whatley-Dawley Loop at 14.23
 On 10th 66122 6Z66 04.10 Somerton-Westbury via Taunton at 05.23, 59203 6A40 08.40 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 09.22, 66619/66414 6A50 10.26 Whatley-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 10.58
 On 11th 59201 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road via Swindon at 07.58, 66619/66555 6A50 10.26 Whatley-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 10.57
 On 16th 59103+66587 6A40 08.40 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 09.15, 59202 6A60 10.45 Merehead-Colnbrook at 11.24, 59201+59204 6C31 10.14 Theale-Whatley at 11.53, 59102 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.31, 66524 6A70 14.08 Whatley-Dawley Loop at 14.33
 On 17th 66587 6A40 08.40 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loop at 09.24
 59001 6A12 09.18 Whatley-Appleford via Newbury at 09.34
 On 18th 59101+66587 6A40 08.40 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 09.24,
 66610+66524 6A50 10.26 Whatley-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 10.55, 59202 6A60 10.45 Merehead-Colnbrook at 11.30, 60096 6M18 16.24 Merehead-Willesden at 16.57
 On 19th 59204 6C31 09.20 Theale-Whatley at 11.08
 On 20th 66124 6W98 09.00 Blatchbridge Jct-Westbury at 08.42
 On 21st 66539 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road via Swindon at 07.59
 66587 6A40 08.40 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 09.18, 59204 6A12 09.18 Whatley -Appleford via Newbury at 09.30, 66567 6B12 09.45 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 10.28, 66610 6A50 10.26 Whatley-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 10.53, 66524 6A70 14.08 Whatley-Dawley Loop at 14.23
 On 24th 59005 6V97 02.57 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 07.23, 59202 6T02 06.46 Merehead-Westbury Tarmac at 07.23, 59104 6A12 09.18 Whatley-Appleford via Newbury at 09.29, 66539 6A50 10.26 Whatley-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 10.49
 On 25th 66524 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road via Swindon at 08.17, 66588+59202 6A40 08.40 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 10.12, 66539+59204 6A50 10.26 Whatley-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 11.15, 59005 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 13.18, 66605 6A70 14.08 Whatley-Dawley Loop at 14.37, 60096 6M18 16.24 Merehead-Willesden at 17.35
 On 26th 59203 6V98 05.13 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 06.30

Bridgwater On 24th July 68017+68003 6V74 02.00 Crewe-Bridgwater at 06.19

Fairwater Yard On 24th July 7Z41 08.27 Fairwater Yard-Wolverton Centre Sidings ZZA plough 965217+37405+37116+ZZA plough 965240 at 12.27

Taunton On 11th July 70817 6C97 05.18 Totnes-Westbury at 08.27, D213 0Z40 12.12 Crewe Holding Sidings-Taunton at 16.38

On 12th 47805 "*Roger Hosking MA 1925-2013*"/57311 "*The Institution of Mechanical Engineers*" 1Z29 06.15 Three Bridges-Kingswear at 11.12

(47805 swapped for D213 "*Andania*")

On 19th 47805 "*Roger Hosking MA 1925-2013*"/57311 "*The Institution of Mechanical Engineers*" 1Z50 05.18 Crewe-Kingswear at 11.03 (47805 swapped for 5029 "*Nunney Castle*" at Taunton) returning on 1Z51 at 19.21) , 45212/47812 1Z25 07.23 London Paddington-Minehead at 11.30 then 1Z26 to London Paddington at 17.10

(Stock: 35508 3340 3336 99712 3278 3314 3390 6724 6176 9526), 66003 6V76 10.35 Westbury-Goonbarrow at 11.38,

On 25th 43013/43062 1Q18 05.43 Reading Triangle Sidings-Paignton via Penzance at 07.45, then 1Z18 15.39 Paignton-Taunton via Bristol East Yard at 16.49, then 1Q19 18.38 Taunton-Paddington at 18.37 (Stock: 977984 975814 977993 975984 977994)

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

Date	Tour	Destination	Haulage	Pick-up	Fare	Operator
Sat 2 Aug	Bicentennial	Barrow Hill	33X2	BPW 07.55	£135	Pathfinder
Sat 2 Aug	Riviera Express	Minehead	Steam	BPW 09.01	Full	Saphos
Sat 9 Aug	Heart of Wales	Shrewsbury	37X2	BPW 08.40	£135	Pathfinder
Sun 31 Aug	Royal Duchy	Par	60163	TM 08.50	£149	RYTC
Sat 6 Sep	Mayflower	Plymouth	7029, 45596	TM 09.50	£165	Vintage

Wed 30 Jul	British Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56	67	Belmond
Wed 6 Aug	British Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56	67	Belmond
Wed 13 Aug	Torbay Pullman	Barrow-Preston-TM-Paignton	HST	LSL
Wed 20 Aug	British Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56	67	Belmond
Mon 25 Aug	Western Wanderer	Crewe-TM-Cardiff-TM-Bath-Crewe	45, 40, 52	LSL

Dates for your Diary

Fri 5 Sep 'South Wales Railways in the 21st Century' by Stuart Warr.

Fri 3 Oct 'The Advanced Passenger Train' by APT Tilt System Engineer, Kit Spackman.