

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

Avonmouth There were further Avonmouth Dock freight diversions via Clifton Down as work continued at Charlton Tunnel on the direct Henbury loop link to Filton and Bristol Parkway with 66590+66601 on return stone box wagon empties (off a previous evening inward stone working via Clifton Down) as 6C79 10.56 Avonmouth Hansons-Whatley Quarry passing Sea Mills at 11.29 on 20th August. With 66619+66588 being allocated 6C81 09.24 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth Hansons (via Bristol East yard) stone empties during the following day, the move was cancelled as a point had been run through and damaged by a returning 6F07 'wrong line' ballast working for Hallen Marsh junction (and Westbury) top n' tailed by 66561+66531 late on the 20th (or early 21st). All Severn Beach services were also affected, passenger trains being stopped terminated and restarted at Clifton Down with onward road bus connections, normal services were expected to have returned on the 22nd following completed repair work.

Bristol Temple Meads On 25th August D213 "Andania"/45118 "THE ROYAL ARTILLERYMAN" 1Z55 07.22 Crewe-Cardiff Central at 11.00 (Stock: 11077 11075 11091 11076 10411 11098 11068 11070 9513) returning with 45118 "THE ROYAL ARTILLERYMAN" 1Z56 15.00 Cardiff Central-Crewe at 16.41 (45118 Cardiff Central-Bristol TM, 45118/D1015 Bristol TM-Gloucester New Yard, D213 and 45118 Gloucester New Yard-Crewe), 66658 6Z57 10.07 Portbury-Margam at 12.30, D1015 0Z52 13.38 Kidderminster SVR-Bristol TM at 16.17

On 28th 66654 6Z56 02.26 Margam-Portbury at 06.26 then 6Z57 10.07 Portbury-Margam at 12.30

On 29th 66028 6Z56 02.26 Margam-Portbury at 06.35 then 6Z57 10.07 Portbury-Margam at 11.30

On 31st 165126+165123+165120 20.00 Bristol Temple Meads-Paddington at 20.00 (Service was terminated at Reading)

On 1st September 68001/68009 6V74 02.00 Crewe-Bridgwater at 05.33, 66199 6Z56 03.01 Margam-Portbury at 06.25 returning on 6Z57 at 11.35

On 2nd 57602 5Z50 11.30 Reading Traincare Depot-Penzance T.& R.S.M.D at 12.58

(Stock: 17173 12161 10225 10616 10589 10534 10601 10563)

On 3rd 57602 5Z50 07.30 Penzance T.& R.S.M.D.- Reading Traincare Depot at 12.07

On 10th 68003/68034 6V74 03.01 Crewe-Bridgwater at 06.48

On 17th 153379 2Q44 11.07 Derby RTC-Bristol High Level Siding via at 22.13

On 25th 66176/66096 3S59 09.14 Hereford-Swindon Transfer via Weston-super-Mare at 11.58

On 27th 33025+33207/47812 5Z30 10.13 Southall WCR-Bristol Kingsland Road at 13.39

(Stock: 3340 3390 99712 3278 3314 6724 6176 9526)

Dr Days Jct On 24th August 153385 2Q13 12.45 Derby RTC-Bristol High Level Siding via Westbury at 21.21 then on 25th formed 2Q23 13.16 Bristol High Level Siding-Shrewsbury via Severn Tunnel Jct at 13.24

On 30th 66136/66054 6W97 19.04 Westbury-Kidwelly at 20.17

On 31st 66054/66136 6W97 07.15 Llanelli-Westbury at 11.51

On 25th September 66621 6A83 14.38 Avonmouth-West Drayton at 15.02

Stoke Gifford Yard On 27th August 66588 6C71 10.29 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 10.29

On 29th 66617 6C20 07.06 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 07.06

On 31st 66598 6Z50 12.30 Stoke Gifford Yard-East Usk at 13.26

On 9th September 66621 6C20 07.50 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 07.50

On 15th 66621 6A83 14.55 Stoke Gifford-West Drayton via Newbury at 14.55

On 25th 66619 6C20 07.06 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 07.06

On 26th 66604 6C20 07.06 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 07.06

On 27th 66598 6C86 06.12 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 06.50

Brentry On 26th August 66601 6B51 18.00 Whatley-Avonmouth at 20.15
On 27th 66798 6M42 09.36 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.56, 66601 6C79 09.58 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.05, 66728 6V84 07.45 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 17.02
On 29th 66798 6M42 09.36 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.32, 66614 6C79 09.58 Avonmouth-Whatley at 09.51. On 2nd September 66179 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.24
On 3rd 66798 6M42 09.36 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.33, 66555 6C81 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 10.03, 66555 6C85 Avonmouth-Stoke Gifford at 14.01, 66179 6C03 09.55 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.19
On 4th 66588 6C81 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 10.02 then 6A83 at 15.47, 66601 6C79 Avonmouth-Whatley at 11.19. On 5th 66102 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.15
On 6th 66179 6C03 09.28 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.50. On 9th 66601 6B51 Whatley-Avonmouth at 20.19
On 10th 66798 6M42 09.36 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.34, 66185 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.53. On 12th 66751 6V35 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 18.18
On 15th 66179 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.10
On 20th 66174 6C03 09.28 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.07
On 22nd 66312 6M42 09.36 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.14
On 24th 66312 6M42 09.36 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.20

Pilning On 4th September 66542 4L33 09.59 Wentloog-London Gateway at 10.50
On 9th 66531/66522 4V51 03.13 Maritime-Wentloog at 05.58
On 14th 66767/66749 6G74 12.00 Maindee North Jct-Westbury at 11.04
On 25th 66513 4V51 02.55 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.37
On 26th 66539 6C52 10.04 West Drayton-East Usk at 13.36

Patchway On 29th August 66953 4V50 04.24 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.35
On 1st September 66302 6C92 07.52 Margam-Portbury at 09.44
On 14th 66561 6Y97 07.50 Patchway-Westbury via East Usk at 07.50
On 14th 70813/70811 6C22 17.40 Maindee West Jct-Westbury at 19.19
On 15th 97302 6Z04 10.10 Coleham LMD-Swindon Transfer at 13.30

Bristol Parkway On 24th August 60046 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 08.03
On 25th 66104 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 15.30, 37425 3Q58 17.12 Derby RTC-Landore TMD via Kidderminster, Bristol East Depot and Severn Beach at 22.49 (Stock: 96604 977986 977985 999602 9708)
On 26th 43062/43013 1Q15 06.44 Derby RTC-Landore TMD arriving at 13.23 then departing at 13.39 via Gloucester (Stock: 977984 975814 977993 975984), 68004/68034 6V74 02.26 Crewe-Bridgwater at 06.05
On 28th 60028 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.59. On 29th 60046 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.49, 66728 6V35 08.45 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 18.10
On 30th 47812/47802 5Z30 10.13 Southall WCR-Bristol Kingsland Road at 13.31 (Stock: 3340 3336 99712 3278 3314 6176 9526), 66140 6C03 09.28 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.03
On 1st September 60055 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.12, 37800 5Q86 10.35 Wimbledon Park-Newport Docks at 14.42 (Stock: 455853+455848)
On 3rd 60055 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.51.
On 4th 66617 6C20 07.06 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 07.06
On 5th 66506 4V50 04.24 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.45, 66617 6C20 07.06 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 07.45, 60028 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 08.00, 66139 6V73 15.07 Cliffe Vale-Westbury at 22.37
On 6th 60046 6M52 08.44 Tytherington-Willesden at 09.32
On 8th 60055 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.17
On 9th 60055 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 09.31
On 10th 70815 6V14 22.33 Stud Farm-Westbury at 07.41, 60028 6M02 07.32 Tytherington-Quainton at 08.33, 70813 6C45 06.00 Standish Jct-Westbury at 08.57, 66548 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.22, 66798 6M42 09.36 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 10.13, 66601 6C79 09.58 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.30, 66557 4L33 09.59 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.05, 66621 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 12.58, 68034/68003 6M63 12.00 Bridgwater-Crewe at 13.22, 37884 5Q88 08.57 Gillingham EMUD-Newport Docks at 14.55 (Stock: 466015 and 466028), 66185 6V84 07.45 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.57, 66055+60046 6V37 09.53 Quainton-Tytherington at 18.34. On 12th 43013/43062 3Z20 06:20 Kingsland Road-Bristol Parkway at 06.50 then 1Q20 to Derby RTC via Swansea at 06.59 (Stock: 975984 977993 975814 977984), 70815 6V14 22.33 Stud Farm-Westbury at 07.44
On 13th 66179 6C03 09.28 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.06

On 14th 66619 6C20 06.23 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 07.02 then 6Z42 to Appleford at 12.33, 60055 6M02 06.27 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.24, 66514 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.22, 66605 6C79 09.58 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.30, 66541 4L33 09.59 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.05, 37116+37667 1Z75 09.25 Derby RTC-Cardiff Taff Vale at 12.30, 66057 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Severnside at 14.01, 66531 6M50 13.19 Machen-Lawley Street Aggregates at 15.32, 66652 6B33 13.52 Theale-Robeston at 16.25, 60029 6V37 10.34 Aylesbury North Loop-Tytherington at 18.34 then 6M29 return to Willesden at 22.22, 66421 4M36 19.21 Wentloog-Daventry at 20.17, 66619 6Z27 17.47 Appleford-Stoke Gifford at 21.38, 66309/66749 4V45 15.09 Quainton-Tytherington at 22.41. On 15th 60055 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.41, 66751 6V84 07.45 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.03
 On 16th 60055 6M02 06.27 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.21, 37667/37116 1Z75 09.25 Derby RTC-Canton Taff Vale at 12.31 (Stock: 6264 977983 5981 9481)
 On 17th 66601 6B30 08.59 Theale-East Usk at 11.50, 37844 5Q86 10.35 Wimbledon Park EMUD-Newport Docks at 14.26 (Stock: 455913+455911). On 18th 66063 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Severnside at 14.01
 On 24th 37884 5Q76 10.35 Wimbledon Park EMUD-Newport Docks at 14.40 (Stock: 455920+455910)
 On 25th 60029 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.58, 66536 6M50 13.19 Machen-Lawley Street at 15.32, 66082 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Severnside at 16.42. On 26th 66519 4V50 04.09 Maritime-Wentloog at 07.31, 60055 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.59
 On 27th 66534 6Y58 09.18 Hinksey Yard-Llanelli at 11.58, 66154 6W03 10.12 Hinksey Yard-Llanelli at 12.15, 66598 6C85 13.09 Avonmouth-Stoke Gifford at 13.14
 East Midlands Railway 158783 5V81 09.14 Derby Etches Park-Bristol Barton Hill at 13.24, 66051+66097 6W05 11.56 Hinksey Yard-Llanelli at 16.23

Westerleigh Jct On 28th August 66518 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 09.27
 On 4th September 66617 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.27 and again on 5th at 13.12
 On 18th 60028 6M02 06.29 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.11

Yate On 1st September 66798 6M42 09.05 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.42
 On 3rd 66657 6B13 05.00 Robeston-Westerleigh at 12.48
 On 4th A road accident on the bridge by the station blocked the road and threw debris onto the line. The 17.38 Bristol TM-Worcester Foregate Street passed Westerleigh Jct, was held just before the station, and then sent back to Bristol Parkway. 1M65 18.00 Bristol Temple Meads-Birmingham New Street went via Severn Tunnel Jct. The line re-opened with the first train north being 60046 6V37 09.53 Quainton-Tytherington at 19.14, then 800036 19.08 Bristol Temple Meads-Gloucester at 19.20
 On 6th 37240+37418 1Z43 06.04 Birmingham New Street-Plymouth at 07.41 7029 (Stock: 14060 35470 17018 3110 99971 99361 99349 9101 5198 5177 98696) (37's removed at Bristol East Depot and replaced by 7029 "*Clun Castle*" and 45596 "*Bahamas*") The Class 37's then continued as 0Z45 09.37 Bristol East Depot-Plymouth) all returning on 1Z48 16.38 Plymouth-Birmingham New Street at 20.54 (7029+45596 removed at Bristol TM). On 17th 68034+68002 6V74 02.00 Crewe-Bridgwater at 06.38, 60055 6M02 06.27 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.20
 On 18th 66619 6C20 06.23 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 07.27
 On 24th 66619 6C20 07.06 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 08.00

Tytherington Quarry Branch line Follow up work to a recent engineering blockade of the line saw track work taking place at the Quarry (including the approach tunnel) on Bank Holiday Monday 25th August, with unusually 3 Class 70 locos 70809, 70811 with another present (the latter two on an auto-ballaster working). Several road rail machines were also in attendance, with track machine DR75406 also in use. A recent press release by DC Rail stated on 24th September the 1,000,000 tonnes of aggregate for HS2 use was loaded and formed part of the 6M29 21.36 departure to Willesden DC Rail sidings headed by 60055. The company commenced their rail operations from here with their first HS2 project departure take place in September 2021.

Bath On 4th September 67023 6Z67 10.39 Bristol Kingsland Road-Swindon Transfer at 10.48
 On 5th 45596 "*Bahamas*" + 7029 "*Clun Castle*" 5Z41 09.50 Tyseley Steam Trust-Bristol St Phillips Marsh at 13.55. On 14th 70809/70806 6C21 07.45 Maindee West Jct-Westbury at 09.48
 On 24th 67021 1V80 09.47 London Victoria-Bath at 13.01 (Stock: 6313 99536 99532 99543 99534 99531 99535 99539 99546 99530 99541 99545) then 5O92 15.37 Bristol East Yard-Bath Spa at 15.48 then 1O92 15.56 Bath Spa-Victoria at 15.56

Chippenham On 5th September 66614 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 08.40
On 9th 70815 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm at 11.58.
On 10th 70809 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot at 07.47. On 15th 66539 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 08.52, 59101 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 13.04

Wootton Bassett Jct On 9th September 66731/66754 6A66 04.40 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.26
On 16th 66619 6Z42 10.26 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.37
On 17th 66619 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.40
On 24th 66155 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.26
On 25th 66619 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.36
On 26th 66604 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.36

Swindon On 24th August 66702 6G97 08.10 Tuffley Jct-Westbury at 09.21
On 25th 66429 4V44 Daventry-Wentloog at 13.45. On 26th 70815+70813+70811 6M50 07.15 Westbury-Bescot at 08.30, 66605 6F03 Hinksey-Rodbourn at 09.50
On 28th 66104 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.32. On 29th 59206 6C54 Oxford-Whatley at 18.05
On 4th September 66190 6V15 18.58 Boston Sleaford-Swindon Stores at 06.35
On 10th 66557 4V30 22.09 London Gateway-Wentloog at 02.06 then 4L33 at 12.24, 60028/60055 6V54 18.34 Quainton-Bristol East Depot at 02.56, 66593 6A52 01.38 East Usk-West Drayton at 03.41, 66548 4V36 22.45 Felixstowe-Wentloog at 04.02 then 4L36 at 10.14, 66522 4V51 03.13 Maritime-Wentloog at 05.19, 66731/66754 6A66 04.40 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.07 then 4V45 at 19.48, 70809 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot Yard at 08.29, 66614 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 09.24, 43047/43055 1Z32 06.09 Norwich-Paignton at 11.33 (Stock: 41149 41108 40802 41176 41059 41162 40801 44081), 66185 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.19 then 6A03 at 22.29, 67023 6Z68 13.30 Swindon Transfer-Port Talbot at 13.40, 66621 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 14.27 then 6Z27 at 20.44, 59201 6C48 12.50 Appleford-Whatley at 14.44, 60055 6M29 21.36 Tytherington-Willesden at 23.38
On 9th 66532 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 10.15.
On 10th 60028 6M02 07.04 Tytherington-Quainton at 11.25
On 13th 66731 6G70 14.37 Hinksey Yard-East Somerset Jct via Bath / Fairwater Yard at 15.31, 66754 6G71 15.46 Hinksey Yard-Castle Cary via Bath / Fairwater Yard at 16.42
On 15th 37800 5Q76 10.35 Wimbledon Park EMUD-Newport Docks at 13.42 (Stock: 455851+455724)
On 16th 66514 4L36 08.12 Wentloog-Felixstowe at 10.00, 66555 6A16 Wheatley-Oxford at 11.00, 70811 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm at 12.32, 66531/66621 6M50 13.19 Machen-Lawley Street Aggregates at 17.16. On 17th 66706 6V70 23.48 Liverpool EMR-Swindon EMR at 06.36
On 22nd 66096 6M50 Westbury-Bescot at 08.15
On 23rd 66176/66096 3J41 14.12 Swindon Transfer-Swindon Transfer at 14.17
On 24th 66728 6V70 23.48 Liverpool EMR-Swindon EMR at 06.55, 66604 6B30 08.59 Theale-East Usk Yard at 10.52, 66619 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 14.27
On 26th 66621 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 09.05, 67027/67023 3S32 11.11 Cheltenham Lansdown Loop-Swindon Transfer via Severn Tunnel Jct at 13.42, 66604 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.44, 66176/66096 3J41 14.12 Swindon Transfer-Swindon Transfer via Didcot / Newbury / Westbury at 14.26. On 27th 66604 6Y56 06.19 Hinksey Yard-Llanelli at 07.08, 66418 6Y57 05.38 Hinksey Yard-Llanelli at 08.00, 66534 6Y58 09.18 Hinksey-Llanelli at 10.40

Westbury Cement Works On 1st September 59203 6O68 09.11 Westbury Cement Works-Crawley.

Trowbridge On 27th August 47593/47805 1Z50 05.33 Bournemouth-Shrewsbury at 08.18

Westbury On 25th August 66736 6Z47 12.18 Marchwood MoD-Carlisle Yard at 14.55
On 28th 70813 6F09 04.46 Standish Jct-Westbury at 07.19, 66598 6Y60 22.45 Westbury-Westbury via Gloucester New Yard at 07.46, 66587 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.28
On 29th 66767 6G70 21.26 Westbury-Westbury via Gloucester New Yard at 05.04, 66139 6V73 15.07 Cliffe Vale-Westbury at 23.23
On 1st September 66744/66748 1Z66 05.58 Cranmore-London Victoria at 07.17, 70809 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm, 66561 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.40, 60096 6M18 16.24 Merehead-Willesden at 17.37
On 4th 70813 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot, 66124 6M53 11.20 Par Harbour-Cliffe Vale at 22.49
On 6th 66054 6V76 10.35 Westbury-Goonbarrow Jct. On 8th 70809+70811 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot
On 13th 66054 6V76 10.35 Westbury-Lostwithiel Down Goods Loop at 10.21
On 15th 70809 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot.

On 16th 70813 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot, 59205 6O68 09.11 Westbury Cement Works-Crawley, 66555 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road via Swindon at 10.06, 59206 6C31 10.14 Theale-Whatley at 11.46. On 17th 70811+66846 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot, 67024 5Z82 12.33 Newbury Racecourse-Salisbury East Yard at 13.40. On 18th 70811/70009 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot, 57311/47593 1Z50 05.58 Woking-Shrewsbury at 08.08 (Stock: 17013 3045 3122 80044 3100 3148 3125 3107 1666 3140), 59101 6O68 09.11 Westbury Cement Works-Crawley, 70813 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm, 66601 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.36
 On 21st 66704/66701 5Z70 17.21 Bridgwater-Cranmore via Bristol TM at 21.49
 On 24th 66598 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road via Swindon at 08.08
 On 25th 70811 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot, 70813 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm, 66054 6M53 11.46 Treviscoe-Cliffe Vale at 21.07
 On 26th 66614 6O55 07.09 Westbury Cement Works-Southampton Up Yard, 66519 4O57 13.28 Wentloog-Maritime at 15.41, 66100 6V73 15.07 Stoke Cliffe-Westbury at 23.59

Fairwood Jct On 24th August 70801 6C97 13.33 Westbury-Largin via Penzance at 13.18
 On 29th 59102 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 11.52
 On 1st September 59205 6V98 03.27 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 04.56, 60096 6V23 05.01 Willesden-Merehead at 07.51. On 4th 66524 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 11.47
 On 5th 59102 6T02 06.46 Merehead-Westbury Cement Works at 07.17
 On 6th 66054 6V76 10.35 Westbury-Goonbarrow at 10.33
 On 8th 59104 6V98 03.26 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 05.18, 59102 6T02 06.46 Merehead-Westbury Cement Works at 07.27, 66598 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 11.57, 56045+56103 6V23 10.34 Willesden-Merehead at 14.18 returning as 6M18 to Willesden at 18.04, 66555 6A70 14.08 Whatley-Dawley Loop at 14.43. On 9th 66559 6Z61 05.45 Whatley-West Drayton at 05.42
 On 10th 59205 6T02 06.46 Merehead-Westbury Cement Works at 07.22, 66614 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road via Swindon at 08.02, 66601 6C79 09.58 Avonmouth-Whatley at 11.15, 66555 6A70 14.08 Whatley-Dawley Loop at 15.22. On 13th 59001 6C31 09.20 Theale-Whatley at 10.59
 On 14th 66731 6G70 08.00 Fairwood Jct-Westbury at 08.54, 66754 6G71 13.00 Fairwood Jct-Westbury at 13.00, 66309 6G72 16.00 Fairwood Jct-Westbury at 15.27
 On 16th 59101+59103 6A40 08.40 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 09.25, 66604 6O98 06.06 Whatley-Allington at 09.33, 66605 6C79 09.58 Avonmouth-Whatley at 11.23, 66614+66539 6A50 10.26 Whatley-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 11.37
 On 18th 59101+59205 6T02 06.38 Merehead-Westbury Cement Works at 07.24, 66536 6C52 10.31 West Drayton-Whatley at 13.00, 43013/43062 1Q23 05.53 Reading-Salisbury at 14.53 (Stock: 975984 977993 975814 977984)
 On 19th 56045+56103 6V23 09.10 Willesden-Merehead at 12.26 then 6M18 return at 16.56
 On 24th 59103 6V97 04.10 Botley-Merehead at 06.46, 59204 6T02 06.38 Merehead-Westbury Cement Works at 07.28, 57303/57310 3S13 07.08 Westbury-Fairwater at 09.18 (RHTT), 59103 6A40 08.40 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 09.22, 59005 6A60 10.45 Merehead-Colnbrook at 11.31, 59004 6A61 12.24 Whatley-West Drayton at 12.56, 66621 6A70 14.08 Whatley-Dawley Loop at 14.29, 66614 6T57 14.21 Westbury Cement Works-Whatley at 14.55
 On 25th 59205 6T02 06.38 Merehead-Westbury Cement Works at 07.20, 59103 6A40 08.40 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 09.28, 66601+66559 6A50 10.26 Whatley-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 10.59, 66951 6C52 10.04 West Drayton-Whatley at 13.00
 On 26th 59102 6V97 04.10 Botley Aggregates-Merehead at 07.01, 66559 6A18 09.18 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 09.19, 66605 6C31 10.14 Theale-Whatley at 12.23, 59204 6V31 09.06 Wembley Yard-Merehead at 12.37, 66951 6A61 12.24 Whatley-West Drayton at 12.50, 66518 6V40 12.21 Wembley Yard-Merehead at 15.14, 66614 6T53 15.27 Westbury Cement Works-Whatley at 15.33, 59202 6C48 12.50 Appleford-Whatley at 15.37. On 27th 66054 6V76 10.35 Westbury-Goonbarrow Jct at 10.20

Bridgwater On 31st August 47812/47802 1Z33 08.48 Bristol Temple Meads-Par at 09.32 (Stock: 9526 6176 3314 3278 99712 3336 3340)
 On 26th September 68004+68003 6V74 01.12 Crewe-Bridgwater at 06.24

Flooding: On 3rd August Trains Journeys between Weston-super-Mare and Taunton were cancelled, delayed or diverted throughout this afternoon. Great Western Railway said some lines were blocked. Train services through these stations were cancelled, delayed or diverted. Some stations between Bristol Temple Meads and Taunton were not served. Normal services resumed by 17.30.

Taunton On 29th August 66748/66744 1Z10 15.48 London Victoria-Bishops Lydeard at 19.43 (Stock: 99110 99109 99108 99107 99106 99105 99103 99102 99101)
 On 30th 66748/66744 1Z62 09.00 Bishops Lydeard-Penzance at 09.29 (Stock: Details same as 29th August), 57002/47593 1Z70 05.29 Bedford-Kingswear at 10.50 (Stock: 35451 17013 3045 3122 80044 3100 3148 3125 3107 1666 3140 3330. 57002 was removed at Taunton), 66124 6V76 10.35 Westbury-Goonbarrow at 11.38. On 3rd September 70807 6C45 Westbury-Westbury at 08.29
 On 6th 47712 "*Lady Diana Spencer*"/57311 "*The Institution of Mechanical Engineers*" 1Z49 05.44 High Wycombe-Kingswear at 11.00 (Stock: 35451 3330 3140 1666 3107 3125 3148 3100 80044 312 3045 17013) (47712 was removed at Taunton and replaced by 5029 "*Nunney Castle*") then 5029/57311 1Z52 16.35 Kingswear-High Wycombe at 19.44 (5029 swapped for 47712 at Taunton)
 On 12th 47802/47812 1Z25 07.13 London Paddington-Minehead at 10.17
 On 13th 47812/47802 1Z26 15.35 Minehead-London Paddington at 16.55
 On 18th 153379 2Q84 10.18 Bristol High Level Sidings-Reading Triangle Sidings via Taunton at 17.50. On 19th 66704/66701 1Z10 15.48 London Victoria-Bishops Lydeard at 19.39 (Stock: 99101 99102 99103 99105 99106 99107 99108 99109 99110), 43013/43062 1Q18 05.43 Reading Triangle Sidings-Paignton at 07.49 then 1Z18 15.39 Paignton-Taunton at 18.21 then 1Q19 18.38 Taunton-London Paddington at 18.38, 34046 "*Braunton*" 5Z61 09.57 Bishops Lydeard-Bristol TM at 10.11 (Stock: 35479). 57315/57313 1Z10 10.35 Cardiff Central-Par "*Cornish Lunch via Dawlish*" at 12.39
 On 20th 66704/66701 1Z62 09.00 Bishops Lydeard-Penzance at 09.33
 On 21st 66704/66701 1Z70 09.06 Fowey Dock Carne Point-Bridgwater at 17.00
 On 22nd 37116 3Q06 14.28 Derby RTC-Exeter Riverside at 02.00

GW Line Closure 27th to 30th October the line from Bristol East Depot to Bath Spa will be closed for engineering work. Trains will run hourly from platform 1 to Portsmouth Harbour and Platform 2 to Paddington. Busses will run to Temple Meads calling at Oldfield Park Lower Bristol Road and Keynsham Church taking just under an hour (depending on traffic).

TfW Rail plan to start serving Temple Meads from September 2026 By extending nine trains from Milford Haven/Fishguard Harbour which currently terminate at Cardiff Central. Two additional trains from Carmarthen will run in the morning to provide a two-hourly service. Two-car Class 197/0 DMUs being built by CAF at Newport will be used on this new service.

The Avon Valley Railway has hired in Ex GWR 0-6-2T 6695 to run the line's steam trains. The loco should also feature in the BLS 10th October 'The Great Bitton' all lines tour of the railway.

Pathfinder Railtours has announced they will cease trading in December, bringing a 52-year history of charter operations to an end. They propose to run the last-ever Pathfinder Railtours excursion on 20th December 2025, with the itinerary to be announced shortly. Subject to availability, it will feature 'Western' No. D1015 Western Champion, courtesy of the Diesel Traction Group.

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

Date	Tour	Destination	Haulage	Pick-up	Fare	Operator
Fri 24 Oct	Midland Pullman	Fort William	HST	BTH 08.55, BPW 09.30	£450	LSL

Sat 11 Oct	British Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56	67	Belmond
Tue 14 Oct	Cornish Riviera	Dorridge-Oxford-Westbury-Plymouth-Penzance	47X2	Statesman
Wed 22 Oct	British Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56	67	Belmond
Sat 1 Nov	British Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56	67	Belmond
Sat 1 Nov	Steam Farewell	New St-Paddington-TM 17.24/18.24 New St	7029	Vintage
Sat 8 Nov	Exe-Parrett	Dorridge-Cheltenham-Swindon-Exeter-TM	34028	Pathfinder

Dates for your Diary

Fri 10 Oct 'The Great Bitton' – BLS 'all available lines' charter at the Avon Valley Railway. Fixture is open to all – full details on the BLS website Fixtures page.

Fri 7 Nov 'That Was The Year That Was 1966', by Geoff Plumb.