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Portbury Branch With 99007 arriving solo, and collected by 57305 on 30th April, 99008 and 99009 were the next to be off loaded at the port during the morning period of 14th May having set out from Spain on 9th May aboard the 'Amphitrite Highway'. The locos then remained until 20th with 99004 running 0V57 04.23 Leicester LIP-Portbury Auto-terminal light-loco passing Pill Village at 08.26, to collect the two new arrivals and form 0M57 09.39 Portbury-Leicester LIP passing Pill at 10.01, arriving Ashton Junction signal BL2192 (token point) at 10.15, departing at 10.26 (27 minutes late) following a crossing barrier issue, then departing Temple Meads at 10.33 and passing Cam & Dursley close to time at 11.07. The import steel traffic also continues to run with 66786 being noted near Ashton Gate on 11.12 working 22 KEA wagon empties as 6C92 07.41 ex-Margam, 66770 having also appeared recently.

Bristol Engineering Work With a further Severn Tunnel blockade from 23rd May-9th June (with a full timetable being reinstated from 14th) as internal electrical cabling replacement and anti-corrosion work with track replacement in the Patchway and Filton areas took place including part of the North Bristol, Henbury line, diversions via Gloucester operated with road buses in use replacing trains between Bristol Parkway and Newport during the closure period. It was interesting also to record that with the Bristol Temple Meads-Filton Abbey Wood 'locals' (later to be extended onwards to new stations at Brabazon and Henbury) suspended to create more paths, the recently opened Ashley Down along with Stapleton Road and Lawrence Hill were served by Class 1, Bristol Parkway-Farnham services as well as for the latter two, their Class 2 'locals' to and from Severn Beach.

Bristol Temple Meads On 18th May 66786 6C92 07.41 Margam-Portbury at 10.37
On 19th 37610 3Q20 21.00 Derby RTC-Kingsland Road at 03.46 (Stock: 96609 5995 62287 977974 9703),
66786 6C92 07.41 Margam-Portbury at 10.50. On 20th 66786 6C92 07.41 Margam-Portbury at 10.48
On 27th 66310/66712 3Q98 20.31 Fairwater-Kings Norton OTP at 23.44
On 28th 66770 6C92 07.41 Margam-Portbury via Gloucester at 10.50, 66735 6M53 11.46 Parkandillack-Cliffe Vale at 20.03

Dr Days Jct On 18th May 66616 6C79 09.58 Avonmouth-Whatley at 11.06
On 29th 66551/70811 6C28 09.46 Horfield Jct-Westbury at 09.39

Ashley Hill On 13th May 61306 'Mayflower'/47810 1Z61 Bournemouth-Shrewsbury at 09.38

Filton On 3rd May 70802/70809 6C20 08.45 Filton West Jct-Westbury via Fairwater Yard at 08.11
On 19th 66610 6Z61 05.21 Tytherington-West Drayton at 07.20
On 21st 66953 6A83 14.38 Avonmouth-West Drayton via Newbury at 15.00

Brentry On 6th May 66585 6C79 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.18
On 8th 66738 6V35 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 18.19
On 13th 66557 6C81 Stoke Gifford Yard-Avonmouth at 11.18, 66708 6C77 Avonmouth-Pengam at 20.23
On 21st 66953 6C81 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 10.02 then 6A83 to West Drayton at 14.00
On 22nd 59205 6C79 Avonmouth-Whatley at 10.33. On 27th 66738 6V84 Clitheroe-Avonmouth at 16.27

Pilning On 7th May 66617 6C52 10.04 West Drayton-East Usk Yard at 13.32

Patchway On 6th May 66150 6C50 Machen-Appleford at 12.02, 66618 6V53 Oxford Banbury Rd-East Usk at 13.19, 66617 6C52 West Drayton-East Usk at 13.28

Stoke Gifford Yard On 7th May 66614 6C20 06.47 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 06.47, 66563 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford Yard-Avonmouth at 09.55.
On 8th 66589 6V47 07.45 Stoke Gifford Yard-East Usk Yard at 07.45
On 19th 66618 6C20 06.48 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 06.48. On 21st 66616 6C20 06.48 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 06.48. On 28th 66414 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 10.55

Bristol Parkway On 3rd May 66953/66557 6Y40 07.35 Marshfield-Westbury via Swindon at 08.30, 66849 6C97 09.10 Hereford-Hinksey Yard at 11.17, 66316 6V45 15.30 Ketton Ward-Avonmouth at 22.22
On 4th 66316 6F95 09.05 Avonmouth-Ketton Ward at 09.21, 66044/66074 6C03 10.40 Acton Yard-Sevenside at 14.02, 66748/66744 1V00 15.48 London Victoria-Haverfordwest at 19.21, 66736 6G97 16.13 Hinksey Yard-Llanharan at 20.34
On 5th 66084 6B24 05.13 Cardiff Tidal-Swindon Cocklebury at 06.57, 66568 4L33 09.59 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.01. On 8th 66610 6A18 06.54 Tytherington-Oxford Banbury Road at 07.49, 66614 6Z42 10.52 Tytherington-Appleford Sidings at 12.00
On 18th 66301 6F95 09.05 Avonmouth-Ketton Ward at 09.11, 66116 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.05. On 19th 66413 6M50 14.47 East Usk Yard-Lawley Street via Oxford at 16.01
On 20th 66764 6V45 16.08 Ketton Yard-Avonmouth at 01.24 then on 6F95 to Ketton Ward at 09.54, 66610 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 09.55, 66562 6B30 08.59 Theale-East Usk Yard at 10.20, 99004+99008+99009 0M57 09.39 Portbury-Leicester LIP at 10.45, 66567 4L33 09.59 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.00. On 21st 66100 6C03 09:57 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.58
On 22nd 43014/43301 1Q20 05.34 Paddington-Leicester LIP at 06.52 towards Swansea then 12.23 towards Leicester (Stock: 977984 975814 977993 975984)
On 28th 66617 6C20 06.48 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 07.43, 66610 6Z52 10.30 Stoke Gifford-East Usk Yard via Gloucester at 12.29, 66125 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.55, 66735 6V73 14.27 Cliffe Vale-Lostwithiel Down Goods Loop at 19.36, 66546/66420 6F21 15.16 Westbury-Patchway via Newbury / Didcot / Swindon at 21.07

Westerleigh Jct On 5th May 66127 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.58
On 7th 66512 4L33 09.59 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.06, 66004 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.49. On 28th 66615 6A18 06.54 Tytherington-Oxford Banbury Road at 07.46
On 29th 66617 6Z42 10.57 Tytherington-Appleford Sidings at 11.41

Yate On 4th May 66656 6B13 05.00 Robeston-Westerleigh at 12.52
On 18th 66651 6B13 05.00 Robeston-Westerleigh at 12.55
On 21st 66616 6Z42 10.52 Tytherington-Appleford Sidings at 11.31

Bristol Kingsland Road On 15th May 37419 3Q21 22.37 Kingsland Road-Derby RTC at 22.27
On 19th 37610 3Q22 23.14 Kingsland Road-Canton Taff Vale via Exeter St Davids at 23.14
(Stock: 96609 5995 62287 977974 9703)

Bath On 18th May 66589 6Z61 06.08 East Usk Yard-West Drayton at 07.20
On 19th 66613 6C52 10.04 West Drayton-East Usk Yard at 13.26
On 20th 47805/47810 1Z71 06.10 Bristol TM-Canterbury West at 06.28 (Stock: 3091 3140 80043 3107 3125 3148 3100 80044 3122 3045 17013)
On 21st 66610 6Z61 05.21 Tytherington-West Drayton via Newbury at 07.19
On 29th 67024 1V80 09.47 London Victoria-Bath at 13.00 then 5C80 13.07 Bath Spa-Bristol East Yard at 13.07 (Stock: 99545 99536 99543 99534 99531 99532 99539 99546 99530 99537 99593)

Swindon On 7th May 37419 3Q64 10.24 Canton Taff Vale-Canton Taff Vale via Gloucester and Swindon (Stock: 99666 72630 62387 9807 9714) arriving at 15.17 departing at 15.41, 66004 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 13.16. On 8th 66542 4L33 09.59 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.29
On 13th 37419 3Q60 22.42 Reading Triangle Sidings-Cardiff via Westbury at 00.38
On 15th 66136 6V32 Tilbury-Troste at 14.50
On 19th 66136 4B24 05.13 Cardiff Tidal-Swindon Cocklebury at 07.27
On 20th 66790 6M84 07.38 Bicester MoD-Donnington RFT via Hereford at 09.50
On 21st 59004 6C48 12.50 Appleford-Whatley at 14.27
On 26th 66618 6A16 08.07 Westbury Lafarge-Oxford Banbury Road at 09.24, 70811 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot at 08.29, 59201 6C48 12.50 Appleford Sidings-Whatley at 14.44, 66610 6Z62 14.20 West Drayton-Stoke Gifford at 16.48, 66050 6B24 05.13 Cardiff Tidal-Swindon Cocklebury at 07.30 then 6V29 18.05 Swindon Cocklebury-Cardiff Tidal at 18.09, 66739/66790 4V45 15.09 Quainton-Tytherington at 19.48, 66617 6Z42 10.57 Tytherington-Appleford Sidings at 14.24 then 6Z27 18.52 Appleford Sidings-Stoke Gifford at 20.48, 66021 6A03 20.40 Sevenside-Brentford at 22.29
On 29th 66504 4L33 09.10 Wentloog-London Gateway via Gloucester at 11.32

Bathampton Jct On 8th May 66131 6C50 09.33 Machen-Westbury at 12.32

Chippenham On 19th May 66790 4V44 12.18 Marchwood MoD-Bicester MoD at 15.05, 59004 6C48 15.06 Appleford-Whatley Quarry at 15.06. On 21st 66762 6M53 11.46 Parkandillack-Cliffe Vale via Oxford 22.50

Wootton Bassett On 21st May 66952 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 08.54

Trowbridge On 16th May 71000 *"Duke of Gloucester"* 1Z71 07.10 Ashford International-Bath Spa at 12.39

Westbury On 5th May 60099 6M28 09.45 Merehead-Quainton at 11.17

On 9th 45118/47593 1Z07 05.32 Northampton-Kingswear at 09.33

On 14th 66671+66751 6G79 19.37 Westbury-St Budeaux at 19.40

On 18th 70802 6M50 07.13 Westbury-Bescot at 07.15, 60099 6M51 09.45 Merehead-Quainton at 11.12, 60029 6M18 16.49 Merehead-Willesden at 17.32

On 19th 60099 6M51 09.45 Merehead-Quainton Railhead at 11.17, 66559 6Y60 19.18 Westbury-Westbury via Truro (Delayed at Totnes due to a fallen tree)

On 20th 60099 6M51 09.45 Merehead-Quainton at 11.03

On 21st 59203 6V20 06.13 Wembley-Merehead at 08.52, 60099 6M51 09.45 Merehead-Quainton at 11.28, 70802 6M40 11.34 Westbury-Stud Farm at 11.34, 59102 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.32, 70814 6C98 19.19 Westbury-Ivybridge via Plymouth at 19.17

On 22nd D1015 1Z33 09.55 London Paddington-Plymouth at 11.57 then 1Z30 to London Waterloo at 16.38 (Stock: 5177 5198 9101 17018 99361 99971 5191)

(Stock: 17096 3350 3345 99712 3364 3397 3325 5929 6024 9527))

On 24th 66414/66563 6Y97 09.10 Kemble-Westbury via Newbury at 10.27

On 26th 60055 6M51 09.45 Merehead-Quainton at 11.26

On 28th 66778 6G70 20.22 Westbury-Westbury via Fairwater Yard at 06.18

On 29th 66622 6V20 06.13 Wembley-Merehead at 08.50

60055 6M51 09.45 Merehead-Quainton at 11.10

Fairwood Jct On 4th May 66744/66748 1O00 06.05 Cranmore-London Victoria at 07.05

On 5th 59204 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.23

On 7th 59204 6V98 04.27 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 06.33, 66557/59203 6A40 08.40 Merehead-Hanwell Bridge Loops at 09.37, 60099 6M28 09.45 Merehead-Quainton at 10.40

On 8th 59206 6V97 03.56 Botley Aggregates-Merehead at 06.40, 60099 6M28 09.45 Merehead-Quainton at 09.21, 59203 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.22,

60029 6M18 16.49 Merehead-Willesden at 17.41, 66748/66744 1V01 15.48 London Victoria-Bishops Lydeard at 18.53

On 18th 59001/66957 6V50 14.21 Wembley-Merehead Quarry at 17.32

On 19th 70806 6C40 21.32 Westbury-Westbury via Plymouth at 06.41, 59102 6V98 05.03 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 06.54, 59001 6V71 18.51 Wembley-Whatley at 21.54

On 20th 66557 6A18 09.18 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 09.11, 60029 6V95 10.08 Willesden-Merehead at 13.45, 60029 6M18 16.49 Merehead-Willesden at 17.30

On 21st 70802 6C97 04.30 Totnes-Westbury at 06.02, 66310/66712 3Q98 22.33 Fairwater Yard-Fairwater Yard via Frome / Taunton / Highbridge Loop / Norton Fitzwarren at 22.33

On 22nd 66310/66712 3Q98 23.07 Fairwater Yard-Fairwater Yard via Paignton / Plymouth at 23.07

On 28th 59101 6V98 03.27 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead at 04.48, 59206 6T02 06.38 Merehead-Westbury Cement Works at 07.11, 66622 6V20 06.13 Wembley-Merehead at 09.18, 59201 6A12 09.18 Whatley-Appleford Sidings via Newbury at 09.43

On 29th 66778 6G71 22.28 Westbury-Westbury via Bristol / Fairwater / Castle Cary at 05.09, 59204 6T02 06.38 Merehead-Westbury Cement Works at 07.14, 60029 6V95 10.08 Willesden-Merehead at 13.41

Taunton On 3rd May 66744/66748 1C06 10.50 Fowey Docks-Bruton at 16.43

(Stock: 99101-99110 in reverse order)

On 5th 37057 3Q06 14.28 Derby RTC-Exeter Riverside at 02.02

(Stock: 9701 999602 977985 977986 96606), 802015 1A50 21.45 Penzance-Paddington at 02.18

(57604 failed at Penzance), 57301+57605+57604 5Z50 10.00 Penzance TRSMD-Reading TCD at 14.33

(Stock: 10589 10584 10590 10612 10225 12100 17174, 57301 attached at Highbridge Loop), 66594 6Y97 15.42 Hinksey Sidings-Ivybridge at 21.48

On 7th 800030 1A50 21.45 Penzance-Paddington at 01.39, 802016 1C50 23.45 Paddington-Penzance at 03.34.

On 8th 37057 3Q13 20.28 Exeter Riverside-Westbury via Windsor & Eton Riverside at 21.30 (Stock same as on 5th)

On 9th 66744/66748 1C02 09.05 Bishops Lydeard-Penzance at 10.04 (Stock as on 3rd)

45118 "Royal Artilleryman"/47593 "Galloway Princess" 1Z07 05.52 Northampton-Kingswear at 11.09

(45118 swapped for 60007 at Taunton), 60007 "Sir Nigel Gresley"/47593 1Z08 16.35 Kingswear-Northampton "English Riviera Express

(Stock: 35451 3091 3140 80043 3107 3125 3148 3100 80044 3122 3045 17056) at 19.32 (60007 swapped for 45118 at Norton Fitzwarren), 66783 "The Flying Dustman" 6G70 19.46 Westbury-East Somerset Jct (Witham) at 20.06

On 13th 70806 6C41 20.33 Westbury-Westbury via Par at 01.41, 66751/66671 6G71 21:29 Westbury-Westbury via Barnstaple at 02.05

On 14th 43058/43059 1Z12 06.35 York-Penzance at 12.55 returning on 15th as 1Z16 09.20 Penzance-York at 12.31 (Stock: 44078 41187 40804 41166 41160)

On 21st 66310/66712 3Q98 22.31 Kings Norton OTP-Fairwater Yard at 02.47, 43049/43055 1Z21 15.37 Paignton-Nottingham at 16.46 (Stock: 41149 41108 40802 41160 41166 40804 41187 44078)

On 22nd D1015 1Z33 09.55 Paddington-Plymouth at 12.49 returning on 1Z37 at 18.46 (Stock: 5177 5198 9101 17018 99361 99971 5191), 35028 "Clan Line"/47802 1Z30 16.04 Exeter St Davids-London Waterloo at 16.38 (Stock: 17096 3350 3345 99712 3364 3397 3325 5929 6024 9527)

On 29th 43014/43062 1Q18 05.43 Reading Triangle Sidings-Paignton via Penzance / Dawlish Warren at 07.43, 1Q18 15.39 Paignton-Taunton via Bristol East Yard at 16.53, 1Q19 18.38 Taunton-Paddington at 18.46 (Stock: 977984 975814 977993 975984), 70802 6C97 04:30 Totnes-Westbury at 07.58

66744/66748 1V01 15.48 London Victoria-Bishops Lydeard at 19.35 (Stock: 99101-99110)

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

| Date | Tour | Destination | Haulage | Pick-up | Fare | Operator |
|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Sun 31 May | Royal Duchy | Par | 34028 | TM 08.47 | £149 | RYTC |
| Wed 24 Jun | Welsh Marches | Shrewsbury | Steam | TM 09.15 | £245 | Saphos |
| Sat 27 Jun | Mazey Day | Penzance | 37X2 | TM 08.48 | £115 | RYTC |
| Sat 27 Jun | Mazey Day | Penzance | 47X2 | BPW 08.00 | Full | Statesman |

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| Fri 5 Jun | British Pullman | Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56 | 67 | Belmond |
| Thu 18 Jun | British Pullman | Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56 | 67 | Belmond |
| Sat 20 Jun | Riviera Express | Hastings-Reading-Westbury-Exeter-Paignton | DEMU | HDL |

Dates for your Diary

4-7 June West Somerset Railway Diesel Gala. Locos Booked: D2133, 08401, 09019, 33048, 33057, D7017, 37250, 47714.

6/7 & 20/21 June Bristol Harbour Railway Running Days with P1940 Henbury

Thu 11 June Observation Day at Stafford Station

Wed 8 July Observation Day at Swindon Station

**Fri 4 Sep Railways in a Cornish Landscape by Stephen Gay
"Last night I dreamt I went on a sleeping car train to Penzance again ..."**